

# W1 Jun | EN | Story of the week: Ransomware on the Darkweb

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SoW (Story of the Week) publishes a report summarizing ransomware's activity on the Darkweb. The report includes summary of victimized firms, Top 5 targeted countries and industrial sectors, status of

dark web forum posts by ransomware operators, etc.

## Executive Summary

- Compared to SoW 5 months ago (W1 Jan), the number of victimized firms increased by about 2.6 times, and the ransomware threat groups increased by 1.6 times, requiring attention to ransomware attacks.
- The United States was mostly positioned at top in terms of the rate of victim infection, but as the number of active ransomware threat groups increased, the percentage of victimized firms' country locations also varied.
- Users who worked as affiliate partners with Darkside (as a pentester) claiming to the admin of XSS forum as Darkside did not pay their portion properly, which accepted and permanently suspended the Darkside account.
- Babuk ransomware rebranded as Payload Bin and their first victim was CD PROJEKT.
- The CD PROJEKT's source code leak is an incident found to be related to HelloKitty ransomware as Babuk ransomware announced last week planning to integrate a platform by gathering ransomware partners who did not operate their own data leak site.

## 1. Weekly Status

### A. Status of the victimized firms (5/24 ~ 5/30)

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Name	Date updated	HQ	Industry	Adversary
	May 29, 2021	Switzerland	manufacturer	nefilm
	May 26, 2021	Germany	media	nefilm
	May 26, 2021	Germany	e-commerce	nefilm
	May 31, 2021	United states	Education	marketo
	May 30, 2021	Indonesia	Agricultural	marketo
	May 28, 2021	United states	Health Care	marketo
	May 27, 2021	United states	manufacturer	marketo
	May 24, 2021	Swedish	Security	marketo
	May 24, 2021	United states	Retail	marketo
	May 27, 2021	France	manufacturer	LV Ransomware
	May 28, 2021	United states	manufacturer	LV Ransomware
	May 30, 2021	United states	Law	LV Ransomware
	May 27, 2021	United states	Education	LV Ransomware
	May 28, 2021	United states	manufacturer	revil
	May 28, 2021	United Kingdom	Financial	revil
	May 27, 2021	Germany	Store	revil
	May 24, 2021	china	Financial	revil
	May 30, 2021	Mexico	Hotel	revil
	May 24, 2021	United Kingdom	Education	conti
	May 24, 2021	India	manufacturer	conti
	May 24, 2021	Germany	Education	conti
	May 24, 2021	France	Hotel	conti
	May 25, 2021	Luxembourg	manufacturer	conti
	May 25, 2021	France	Consultancy	conti
	May 25, 2021	United states	education	conti
	May 25, 2021	France	Real estate	conti
	May 25, 2021	Taiwan	manufacturer	avaddon
	May 25, 2021	France	Consultancy	avaddon
	May 25, 2021	Germany	manufacturer	avaddon
	May 25, 2021	Brazil	Agricultural	avaddon
	May 25, 2021	United states	Health Care	avaddon
	May 25, 2021	Portugal	manufacturer	avaddon
	May 25, 2021	Australia	Telecommunication	avaddon
	May 25, 2021	Vietnam	manufacturer	avaddon
	May 25, 2021	Ireland	Telecommunication	avaddon
	May 25, 2021	czech	Industrials	avaddon
	May 25, 2021	czech	Industrials	avaddon
	May 25, 2021	Romania	Industrials	avaddon
	May 25, 2021	Australia	Construction	avaddon

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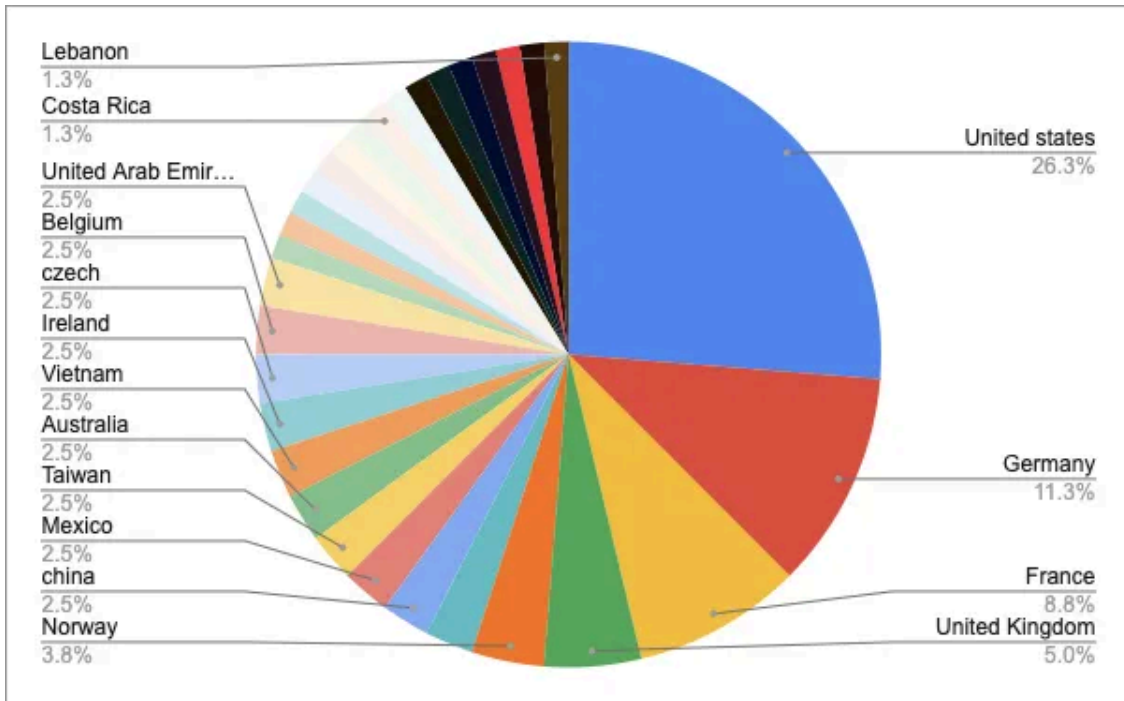
May 26, 2021	Ireland	Financial	avaddon
May 26, 2021	Taiwan	manufacturer	avaddon
May 26, 2021	Belgium	Consultancy	avaddon
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May 26, 2021	Germany	Industrials	avaddon
May 26, 2021	Costa Rica	Store	avaddon
May 26, 2021	United states	manufacturer	avaddon
May 28, 2021	Jamaica	Financial	avaddon
May 28, 2021	Vietnam	Transportation	avaddon
May 28, 2021	Germany	Consultancy	avaddon
May 28, 2021	Germany	manufacturer	avaddon
May 28, 2021	Mexico	Gamble	avaddon
May 28, 2021	Kuwait	Service	avaddon
May 28, 2021	United states	Financial	avaddon
May 30, 2021	United states	Construction	avaddon
May 30, 2021	Italy	Transportation	avaddon
May 30, 2021	Canada	Industrials	avaddon
May 30, 2021	China	Real estate	avaddon
May 30, 2021	United states	Service	avaddon
May 30, 2021	Switzerland	Service	avaddon
May 30, 2021	United Kingdom	Law	avaddon
May 25, 2021	France	Consultancy	Ragnar Locker
May 26, 2021	Germany	Industrials	Ragnar Locker
May 24, 2021	United states	Education	xing locker
May 24, 2021	United states	Health Care	xing locker
May 27, 2021	United Arab Emirates	Real estate	xing locker
May 30, 2021	United Kingdom	manufacturer	Grief
May 27, 2021	Italy	Government	Grief
May 27, 2021	Spain	Store	Grief
May 28, 2021	Dominica	Real estate	Grief
May 27, 2021	United states	Government	Grief
May 29, 2021	Norway	Store	Prometheus
May 29, 2021	United states	Hotel	Prometheus
May 27, 2021	Lebanon	Agricultural	Prometheus
May 27, 2021	United Arab Emirates	Service	Prometheus
May 27, 2021	Norway	Service	Prometheus
May 27, 2021	Norway	Construction	Prometheus
May 26, 2021	United states	Health care	Prometheus
May 28, 2021	United states	Education	doppelpaymer
May 30, 2021	United states	Automotive	doppelpaymer

- For a week, a total of 80 victimized firms were mentioned and a change in the state of the data leaked from the victims in the ransomware site was detected.
- 11 threat groups’ activities were detected.
- Compared to previous statistics 5 months ago, the number of victims increased by about 2.6 times, and the ransomware threat groups increased by 1.6 times that needs to raise awareness about ransomware attacks.

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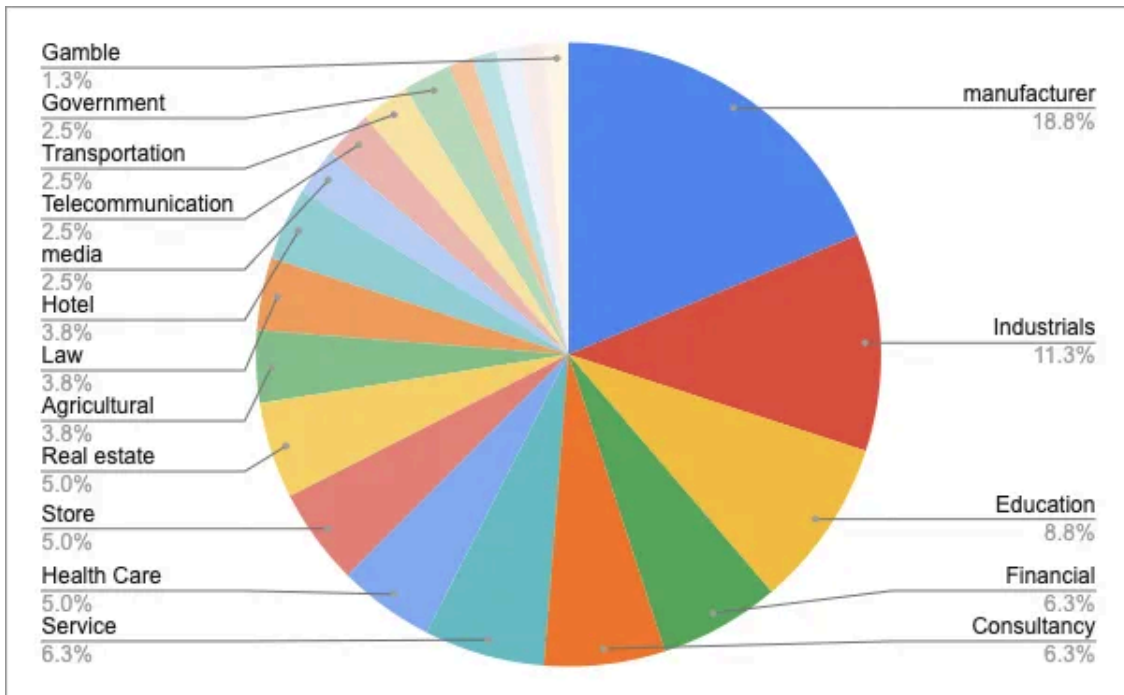
## B. TOP 5 targeted countries

The United States was mostly positioned at top in terms of the rate of victim infection, but as the number of active ransomware threat groups increased, the percentage of victimized firms’ country locations also varied.



1. United States — 26.3%
2. Germany — 11.3%
3. France — 8.8%
4. United Kingdom — 5.0%
5. Norway — 3.8%

### C. TOP 5 targeted industrial sectors



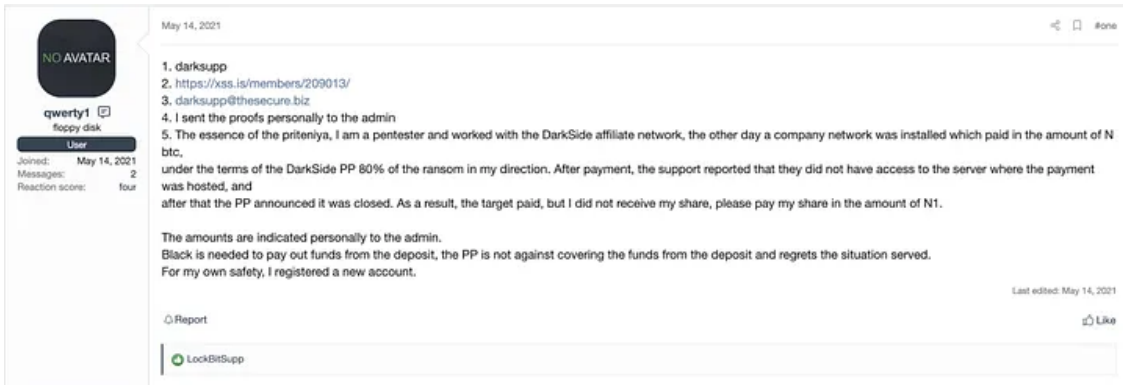
1. Manufacturer — 18.8%
2. industrial — 11.3%

- 3. Education — 8.8%
- 4. Financial & Consultancy & Service — 6.3%
- 5. Health Care & Store & Real estate — 5.0%

## 2. Posts related to Ransomware threat actors @Dark Web

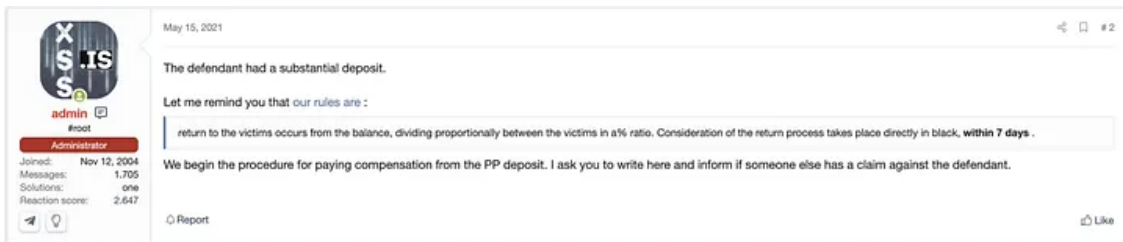
### A. Darkside permanently banned from XSS forum

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On May 14th, the user (qwerty1) of the XSS Forum claimed to the admin that the user did not receive any amount working as a pentester participating with the affiliate program of DarkSide Ransomware.

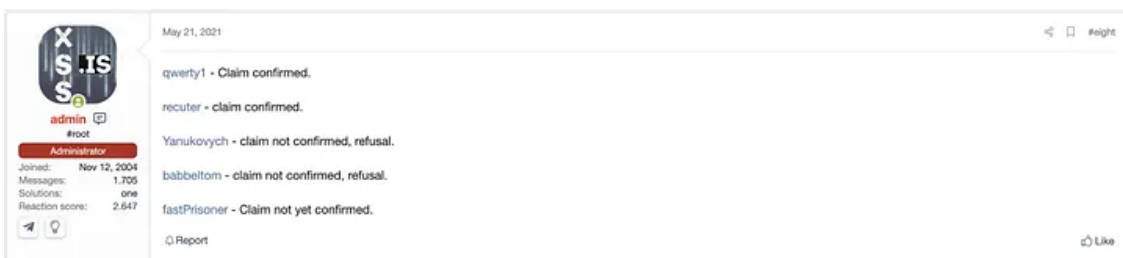
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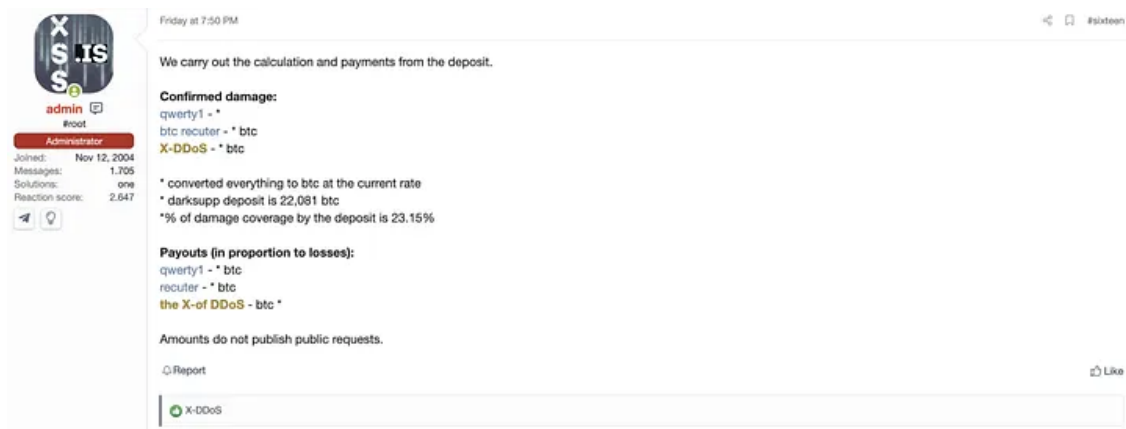
The administrator of the XSS Forum mentioned they begin the procedure for paying compensation with the rule of XSS Forum as below.

return to the victims occurs from the balance, dividing proportionally between the victims in a% rat.

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The administrator started reviewing proofs for 6 asserting users of participated in Darkside ransomware affiliate program. After that, 3 users were confirmed and compensated its loss by admin.

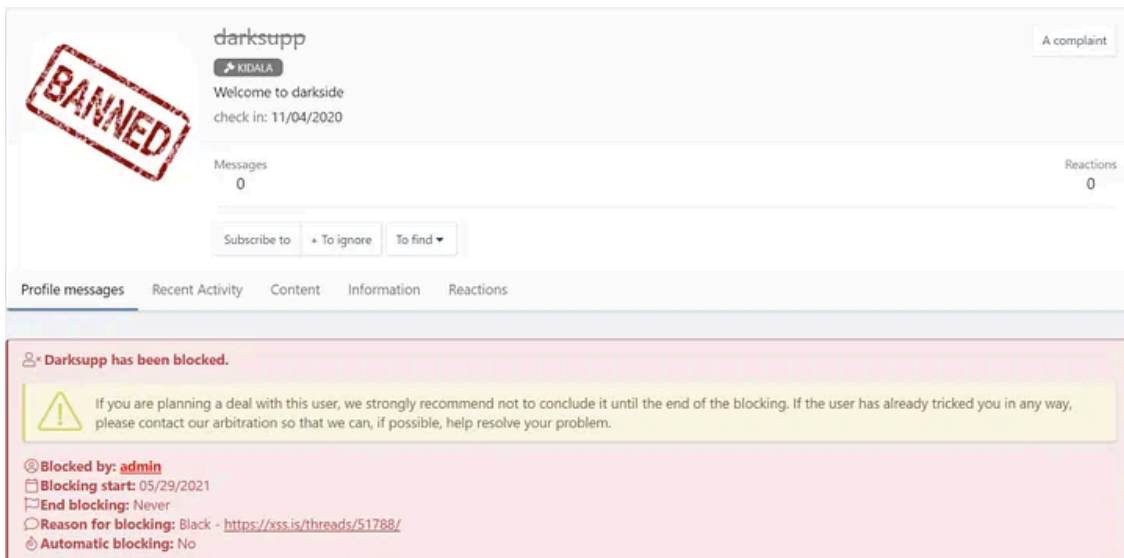
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XSS.IS adminThanks to all. The question is closed.  
darksupp(Darkside ransomware's Operator) - the status is set. But I want to emphasize that the status is set purely on a formal basis. Appeared faded> there was a "cut" of the deposit> the status is set. This is the observance of the procedure, nothing more. Since I do not know anything, I am not ready to take responsibility for any loud statements and will not hang labels. My job is just to follow the rules honestly, clearly and correctly.

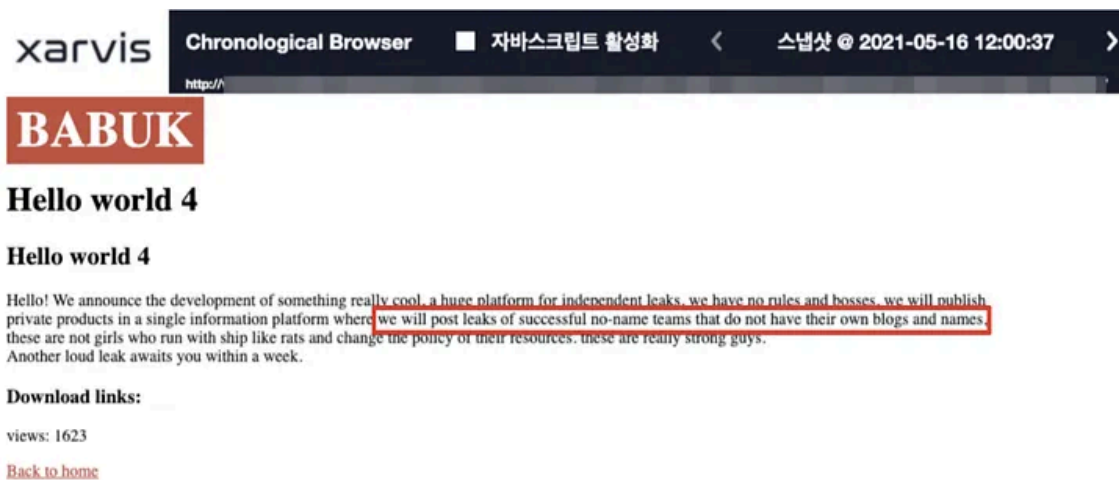
As a consequence, Darkside is banned by administrator violating the forum policy as a scammer.

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## B. Babuk ransomware rebranded as Payload[.]bin

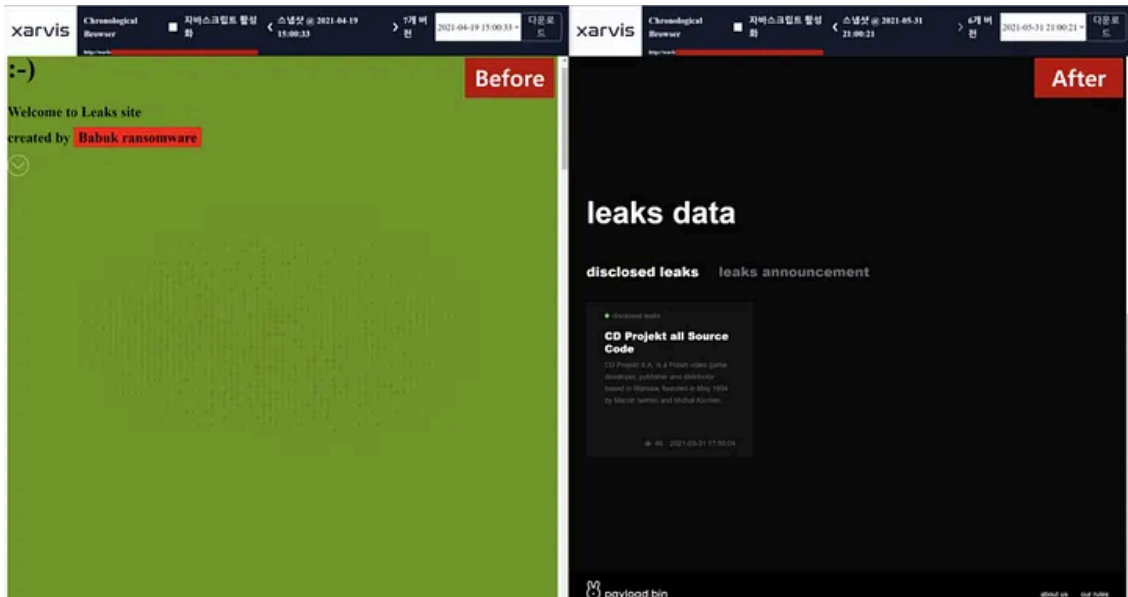
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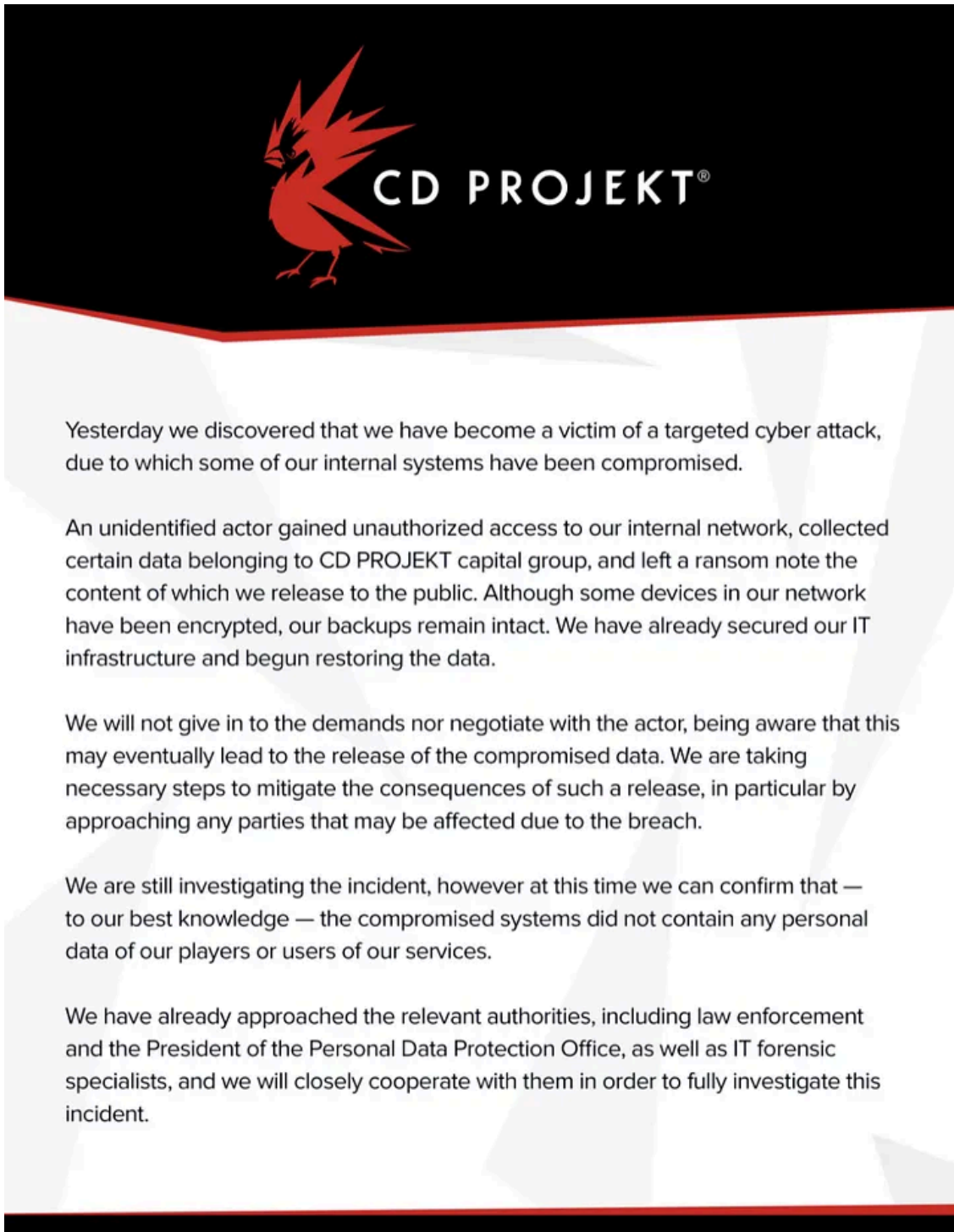
Last week, we covered a post where the Babuk ransomware launch an integrated platform gathering partners who don't have a data leak site, and operate them instead. On May 31, the Babuk ransomware rebranded as Payload Bin and re-organised the homepage.

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All leaks data previously disclosed by the Babuk ransomware disappeared with renewal but CD Projekt's source code data. The CD PROJEKT's source code leak is an incident found to be related to HelloKitty ransomware on Feb 9.

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Yesterday we discovered that we have become a victim of a targeted cyber attack, due to which some of our internal systems have been compromised.

An unidentified actor gained unauthorized access to our internal network, collected certain data belonging to CD PROJEKT capital group, and left a ransom note the content of which we release to the public. Although some devices in our network have been encrypted, our backups remain intact. We have already secured our IT infrastructure and begun restoring the data.

We will not give in to the demands nor negotiate with the actor, being aware that this may eventually lead to the release of the compromised data. We are taking necessary steps to mitigate the consequences of such a release, in particular by approaching any parties that may be affected due to the breach.

We are still investigating the incident, however at this time we can confirm that — to our best knowledge — the compromised systems did not contain any personal data of our players or users of our services.

We have already approached the relevant authorities, including law enforcement and the President of the Personal Data Protection Office, as well as IT forensic specialists, and we will closely cooperate with them in order to fully investigate this incident.

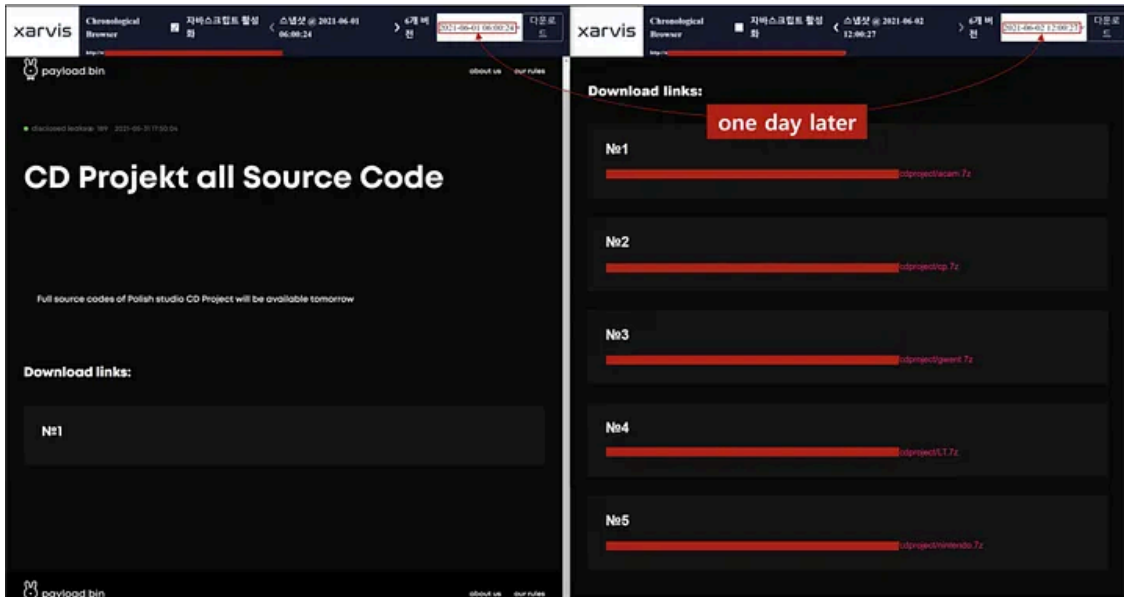
Ransomware damage announced by CD Projekt

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However, there wasn't any free sharing page on DDW, rather a seller appeared trying to sell the source code of CD Projekt on DDW as a form of auction.

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As Babuk announced, the data appears to be CD Projekt's data which was stolen by HelloKitty ransomware regarding previous incident, and they seem to be partnered with Babuk ransomware now rebranded as Payload Bin.

## Conclusion

- The number of victims mentioned on data leak site operated by ransomware is rapidly increasing compared to 5 months ago, so it needs to be vigilant
- Babuk ransomware rebranded as Payload Bin, appears to strengthen its strategy of threatening victims by focusing on exfiltrating the data by partnering with the previously active ransomware groups who did not have their own data leak page.



- Homepage: <https://www.s2wlab.com>
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