

# Threat Group Cards: A Threat Actor Encyclopedia

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## ↪ Tool: POWERSTAR

Names	POWERSTAR CharmPower GorjolEcho
Category	<a href="#">Malware</a>
Type	<a href="#">Backdoor</a>
Description	<a href="#">(Volexity)</a> Volexity found the latest POWERSTAR variant to be more complex and assesses that it is likely supported by a custom server-side component, which automates simple actions for the malware operator. It is also notable that this latest version of the malware has a variety of interesting features, including the use of the InterPlanetary File System (IPFS), as well as remotely hosting its decryption function and configuration details on publicly accessible cloud hosting.
Information	< <a href="https://www.volexity.com/blog/2023/06/28/charming-kitten-updates-powerstar-with-an-interplanetary-twist/">https://www.volexity.com/blog/2023/06/28/charming-kitten-updates-powerstar-with-an-interplanetary-twist/</a> > < <a href="https://www.volexity.com/blog/2024/02/13/charmingcypress-innovating-persistence/">https://www.volexity.com/blog/2024/02/13/charmingcypress-innovating-persistence/</a> >
Malpedia	< <a href="https://malpedia.caad.fkie.fraunhofer.de/details/ps1.powerstar">https://malpedia.caad.fkie.fraunhofer.de/details/ps1.powerstar</a> >

Last change to this tool card: 27 December 2024

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## All groups using tool POWERSTAR

Changed	Name	Country	Observed	
<b>APT groups</b>				
	<a href="#">GreenCharlie</a>		2020	
	<a href="#">Magic Hound, APT 35, Cobalt Illusion, Charming Kitten</a>		2012-Jun 2025	

*2 groups listed (2 APT, 0 other, 0 unknown)*

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Source: <https://apt.etda.or.th/cgi-bin/listgroups.cgi?u=34ed82b9-8973-4d20-81a9-5f116c1e21a4>