

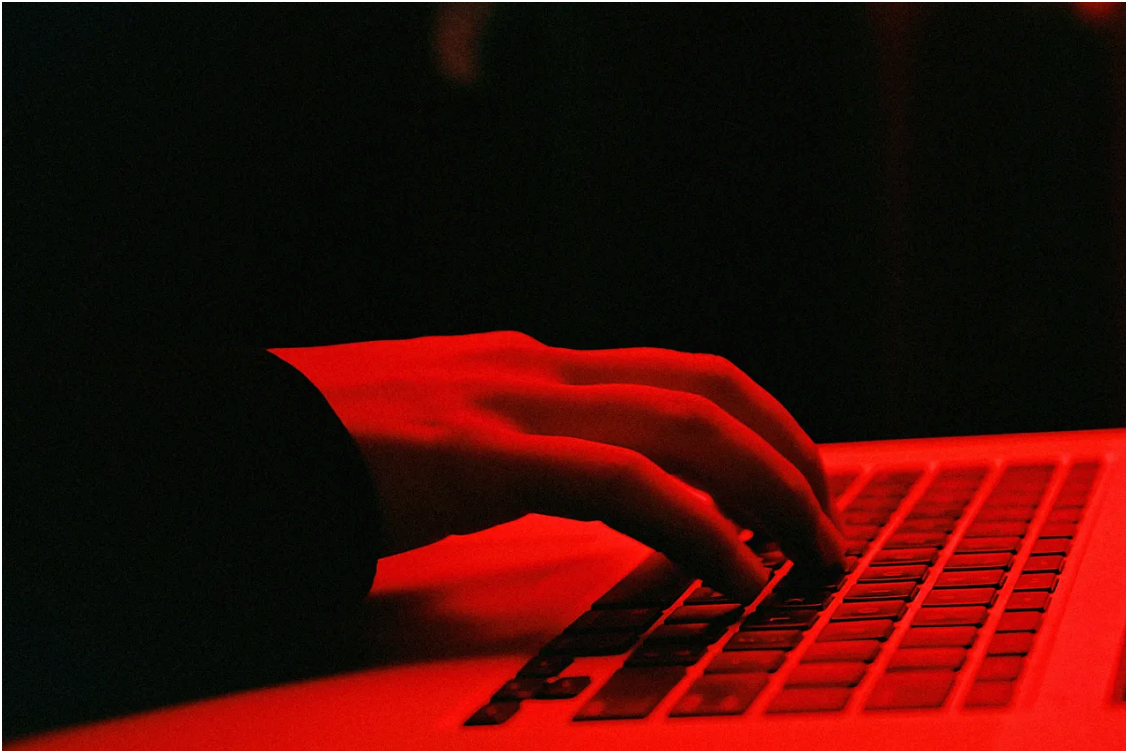
Inside Trickbot, Russia's Notorious Ransomware Gang

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Internal messages WIRED has viewed shed new light on the operators of one of the world's biggest botnets.



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When the phones and computer networks went down at Ridgeview Medical Center's three hospitals on October 24, 2020, the medical group resorted to a Facebook [post](#) to warn its patients about the disruption. One local volunteer-run fire department [said](#) ambulances were being diverted to other hospitals; officials [reported](#) patients and staff were safe. The downtime at the Minnesota medical facilities was no technical glitch; [reports](#) quickly linked the activity to one of Russia's most notorious ransomware gangs.

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