

# Threat Group Cards: A Threat Actor Encyclopedia

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## Tool: CryptoWall

Names	CryptoWall
Category	<a href="#">Malware</a>
Type	<a href="#">Ransomware</a>
Description	<p>(<a href="#">SecureWorks</a>) After the emergence of the infamous <a href="#">CryptoLocker</a> ransomware in September 2013, CTU researchers observed an increasing number of ransomware families that destroyed data in addition to demanding payment from victims. While similar threats have existed for years, this tactic did not become widespread until CryptoLocker's considerable success. Traditionally, ransomware disabled victims' access to their computers through non-destructive means until the victims paid for the computers' release.</p> <p>Early CryptoWall variants closely mimicked both the behavior and appearance of the genuine CryptoLocker. The exact infection vector of these early infections is not known as of this publication, but anecdotal reports from victims suggest the malware arrived as an email attachment or drive-by download. Evidence collected by CTU researchers in the first several days of the February 2014 campaign showed at least several thousand global infections.</p>
Information	< <a href="https://www.secureworks.com/research/cryptowall-ransomware">https://www.secureworks.com/research/cryptowall-ransomware</a> >
Malpedia	< <a href="https://malpedia.caad.fkie.fraunhofer.de/details/win.cryptowall">https://malpedia.caad.fkie.fraunhofer.de/details/win.cryptowall</a> >

Last change to this tool card: 23 April 2020

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### All groups using tool CryptoWall

Changed	Name	Country	Observed
<b>APT groups</b>			
	<a href="#">TA530</a>	[Unknown]	2016-Nov 2016

*1 group listed (1 APT, 0 other, 0 unknown)*

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Source: <https://apt.eta.da.or.th/cgi-bin/listgroups.cgi?u=8f6a401d-bf9b-42d0-8faf-57e65ba63149>