

XPan, I am your father

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While we have previously written on the now [infamous XPan ransomware family](#), some of its variants are still affecting users primarily located in Brazil. Harvesting victims via weakly protected RDP (remote desktop protocol) connections, criminals are manually installing the ransomware and encrypting any files which can be found on the system.

Interestingly, this XPan variant is not necessarily new in the malware ecosystem. However, someone has chosen to keep on infecting victims with it, encouraging security researchers to hunt for samples related to the increasing number of incident reports. This sample is what could be considered as the “father” of other XPan ransomware variants. A considerable amount of indicators within the source code depict the early origins of this sample.



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Following

#Ransomware Hunt: extension ".one", email "one@proxy.tg", note "Recupere seus arquivos aqui.txt" - pastebin.com/7YvzufEX

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“Recupere seus arquivos aqui.txt” loosely translated to “recover your files here” is a phrase that not many Brazilian users are eager to see in their desktops.

The ransomware author left a message for Kaspersky in other versions and has done the same in this one, with traces to the NMoreira “CrypterApp.cpp” there’s a clear link between different variants among this malware family.

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00403697 |> C74424 08 0F MOV     DWORD PTR [ESP+8],40F
0040369F |. C74424 04 90 MOV     DWORD PTR [ESP+4],XPan.004D9590 C:\zCr\NMoreira\NMoreira_Crypter\src\CrypterApp.cpp
004036A7 |. C70424 F8954 MOV     DWORD PTR [ESP],XPan.004D95F8 erro == 0
004036AE |. E8 3D490100 CALL  XPan.00417FF0
004036B3 |.^ E9 DFEFFFF JMP   XPan.00403595
004036B8 |> C74424 08 11 MOV     DWORD PTR [ESP+8],411
004036C0 |. C74424 04 90 MOV     DWORD PTR [ESP+4],XPan.004D9590 C:\zCr\NMoreira\NMoreira_Crypter\src\CrypterApp.cpp
004036C8 |. C70424 F8954 MOV     DWORD PTR [ESP],XPan.004D95F8 erro == 0
004036CF |. E8 1C490100 CALL  XPan.00417FF0
004036D4 |.^ E9 D8FEFFFF JMP   XPan.004035B1
004036D9 |> C74424 08 13 MOV     DWORD PTR [ESP+8],413
004036E1 |. C74424 04 90 MOV     DWORD PTR [ESP+4],XPan.004D9590 C:\zCr\NMoreira\NMoreira_Crypter\src\CrypterApp.cpp
004036E9 |. C70424 F8954 MOV     DWORD PTR [ESP],XPan.004D95F8 erro == 0

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NMoreira, XPan, TeamXRat, different names but same author.

Even though many Brazilian-Portuguese strings are present upon initial analysis, there were a couple that caught our attention. Firstly, the ransomware uses a batch file which will pass a command line parameter to an invoked executable file, this parameter is “eusoudejesus” which means “I’m from Jesus”. Developers tend to leave tiny breadcrumbs of their personality behind in each one of their creations, and in this sample we found many of them.

00403D7F	. E8 BC390A00	CALL XPan.004A7740	
00403D84	. 83EC 0C	SUB ESP,0C	
00403D87	. C70424 449744	MOV DWORD PTR [ESP],XPan.004D9744	eusoudejesus
00403D8E	. E8 7D390200	CALL <JMP.&msvcrt.wcslen>	wcslen
00403D93	. BA FFFFFFF3F	MOV EDX,3FFFFFFF	
00403D98	. 2B55 E0	SUB EDX,DWORD PTR [EBP-20]	
00403D9B	. 39D0	CMP EAX,EDX	
00403D9D	~ 77 15	JA SHORT XPan.00403DB4	
00403D9F	. 894424 04	MOV DWORD PTR [ESP+4],EAX	
00403DA3	. C70424 449744	MOV DWORD PTR [ESP],XPan.004D9744	eusoudejesus
00403DAA	. 8D4D DC	LEA ECX,DWORD PTR [EBP-24]	
00403DAD	. E8 5E540A00	CALL XPan.004A9210	XPan.004A9210
00403DB2	~ EB 28	JMP SHORT XPan.00403DDC	
00403DB4	> C70424 849444	MOV DWORD PTR [ESP],XPan.004D9484	basic_string::append
00403DBB	. E8 40480C00	CALL XPan.004C8600	

A brief religious reference found in this XPan variant.

Secondly, a reference to a Brazilian celebrity is done, albeit indirectly. “Computador da Xuxa” was a toy computer sold in Brazil during the nineties, however it’s also a popular expression which is used to make fun of very old computers with limited power.



This is what cybercriminals think of your encrypted computer: just a toy they can control.

“Muito bichado” equals to finding a lot of problems in these type of systems, in this case meaning that the environment in which is XPan is executing is not playing fair and the execution is quite buggy.

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00405FF7 | . E8 E41B0C00 CALL XPan.004C7BE0
00405FFC | . 893C24     MOV  DWORD PTR [ESP],EDI
00405FFF | . B9 E08C4D00 MOV  ECX,XPan.004D8CE0
00406004 | . E8 C7C00800 CALL XPan.004920D0
00406009 | . 83EC 04     SUB  ESP,4
0040600C | . 890424     MOV  DWORD PTR [ESP],EAX
0040600F | . E8 DC380C00 CALL XPan.004C98F0
00406014 | . 89C3       MOV  EBX,EAX
00406016 | . C70424 C09E41 MOV  DWORD PTR [ESP],XPan.004D9EC0
0040601D | . E8 EE160200 CALL <JMP.&msvcrt.wcslen>

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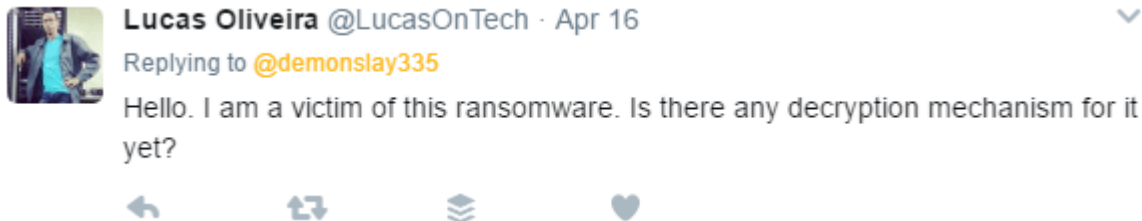
Computador da Xuxa ou muito bichado.
wcslen

Lastly, we have the ransomware note demanding the victim to send an email to the account ‘one@proxy.tg’. Considering that the extension for all the encrypted files in this variant is ‘.one’ this seems like a pretty straightforward naming convention for the criminals’ campaigns.

will be encrypted using the criminals' RSA public key from the configuration block and stored in the beginning of the encrypted file.

According to one of the victims that contacted us, criminals were asking for **0.3 bitcoin** to provide the recovery key, using the same approach as they did with before: the user sends a message to a mailbox with his unique ID and patiently awaits for further instructions.

The victims so far are small and medium businesses in Brazil: ranging from a dentist clinic to a driving school, demonstrating once again that ransomware makes no distinctions and everyone is at risk. As long as there are victims, assisting them and providing decryption tools whenever possible is necessary, no matter the ransomware family or when it was created.



Victims: we can help

This time luck is on the victims' side! Upon thorough investigation and reverse engineering of the sample of ".one" version of Xpan, we discovered that the criminals used a vulnerable cryptographic algorithm implementation. It allowed us to break encryption as with the [previously described](#) Xpan version.

We successfully helped a driving school and a dentist clinic to recover their files for free and as usual we encourage victims of this ransomware to not pay the ransom and to contact our [technical support](#) for assistance in decryption.

Brazilian cybercriminals are focusing their efforts in creating new and local ransomware families, attacking small companies and unprotected users. We believe this is the next step in the ransomware fight: going from global scale attacks to a more localized scenario, where local cybercriminals will create new families from scratch, in their own language, and resorting to RaaS (Ransomware-as-a-service) as a way to monetize their attacks.

MD5 reference

dd7033bc36615c0fe0be7413457dccbf – Trojan-Ransom.Win32.Xpan.e (encrypted file extension: ".one")

54217c1ea3e1d4d3dc024fc740a47757 – Trojan-Ransom.Win32.Xpan.d (encrypted file extension:

"._AiraCropEncrypted!")