

## Magecart Group Compromises Plugin Used in Thousands of Stores, Makes Rookie Mistake

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A group behind recent Magecart campaigns made a mistake that could have cost thousands of web stores the payment card data of their customers when they checked out.

The cybercriminals managed to compromise the popular Shopper Approved plugin used by online merchants to collect customer reviews and ratings. The plugin helps increase visibility by displaying the reviews in strategic locations through advertising networks from Google or Microsoft.

Security researchers from digital risk management company RiskIQ received an alert on September 15 from their systems for positive identification of the Magecart skimming code in the *certificate.js* script of the Shopper Approved seal code.





Shopper Approved identified clients that loaded the compromised script and contacted them to help remediate the issues.

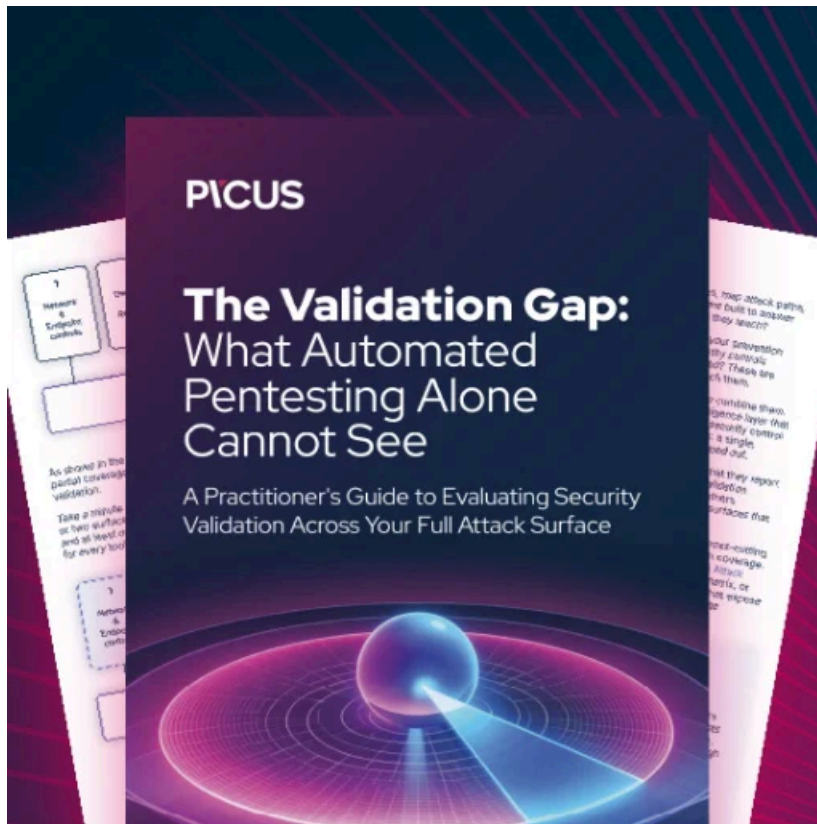
## At least seven groups associated with Magecart campaigns

Magecart is the term used for multiple groups that either compromise shopping websites directly or go further up the stream and infect plugins used by a large number of online stores, in an attempt to score big.

At the moment, RiskIQ distinguishes between seven groups, some of them responsible for the [Ticketmaster](#), [British Airways](#), Feedify, and [Newegg](#) breaches.

The recommendation from the experts is to remove third-party code from checkout pages. Many payment service providers have already adopted this practice, RiskIQ informs.

The Magecart threat is unlikely to disappear any time soon. In fact, a [sharp increase](#) in the number of attacks has been spotted in September by multiple security outfits.



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