

Threat Group Cards: A Threat Actor Encyclopedia

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Tool: MQsTTang

Names	MQsTTang QMAGENT
Category	Malware
Type	Backdoor
Description	(ESET) MQsTTang is a barebones backdoor that allows the attacker to execute arbitrary commands on a victim's machine and get the output. Even so, it does present some interesting characteristics. Chief among these is its use of the MQTT protocol for C&C communication. MQTT is typically used for communication between IoT devices and controllers, and the protocol hasn't been used in many publicly documented malware families.
Information	< https://www.welivesecurity.com/2023/03/02/mqsttang-mustang-panda-latest-backdoor-treads-new-ground-qt-mqtt/ >
Malpedia	< https://malpedia.caad.fkie.fraunhofer.de/details/win.mqsttang >

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All groups using tool MQsTTang

Changed	Name	Country	Observed
APT groups			
	Mustang Panda, Bronze President		2012-Jun 2025

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