

Threat Group Cards: A Threat Actor Encyclopedia

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APT group: Deceptikons, DeathStalker

Names	Deceptikons (<i>Kaspersky</i>) DeathStalker (<i>Kaspersky</i>)	
Country	[Unknown]	
Motivation	Information theft and espionage	
First seen	2012	
Description	<p>(Kaspersky) In this blog post, we'll be focusing on DeathStalker: a unique threat group that appears to target law firms and companies in the financial sector (although we've occasionally seen them in other verticals as well). As far as we can tell, this actor isn't motivated by financial gain. They don't deploy ransomware, steal payment information to resell it, or engage in any type of activity commonly associated with the cybercrime underworld. Their interest in gathering sensitive business information leads us to believe that DeathStalker is a group of mercenaries offering hacking-for-hire services, or acting as some sort of information broker in financial circles.</p> <p>DeathStalker first came to our attention through a PowerShell-based implant called Powersing. By unraveling this thread, we were able to identify activities dating back to 2018, and possibly even 2012.</p> <p>There is activity overlap with Evilnum.</p>	
Observed	Sectors: Financial and law firms. Countries: Argentina , China , Cyprus , India , Israel , Jordan , Lebanon , Russia , Switzerland , Taiwan , Turkey , UAE , UK .	
Tools used	Evilnum , Janicab , PowerPepper , Powersing , VileRAT .	
Operations performed	2020	DeathStalker targets legal entities with new Janicab variant < https://securelist.com/deathstalker-targets-legal-entities-with-new-janicab-variant/108131/ >

	May 2020	Meet PowerPepper: the spicy implant that your bland scripts setup needed < https://securelist.com/what-did-deathstalker-hide-between-two-ferns/99616/ >
	Jun 2020	VileRAT: DeathStalker's continuous strike at foreign and cryptocurrency exchanges < https://securelist.com/vilerat-deathstalkers-continuous-strike/107075/ >
Information		< https://securelist.com/deathstalker-mercenary-triumvirate/98177/ > < https://securelist.com/apt-trends-report-q2-2020/97937/ >

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