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Russia Fends Off 25 Million Cyber-Attacks During World Cup^

Russia prevented nearly 25 million cyber-attacks and other criminal acts during the football World Cup, according to the Kremlin. The Moscow Times reported that Russian President Vladimir Putin praised the world of the country's security forces, along with international cooperation, ensuring a safe tournament.

"I expect that your close and constructive interaction will continue and will contribute to ensuring the security of our states and our citizens in the future," Putin was cited as saying.

Ahead of the World Cup, a cooperation center staffed by law enforcement officers from 34 countries was opened to monitor potential fan violence. Facilitating coordination between officers from 32 countries - those which qualified for the tournament - the center hosted at least six British police officers, and the hosts of the next World Cup 2022, Qatar.

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New macOS Malware Targets Crypto-Currency Users*

A new piece of macOS malware has been observed being distributed via crypto-currency related Slack or Discord chat groups, security researchers warn.

First detailed late last month, the malware is being distributed by malicious actors who impersonate admins or key people. The actors share small snippets of code with the members of said chat groups and attempt to convince them into running the code in a terminal.

Upon execution of the code, a malicious binary is downloaded and executed onto the victim's machine. Although the social engineering trick isn't as sophisticated, some users apparently fall for it.

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Malware Delivers Cryptor or Miner, Trojan's Choice**

A long-existing Trojan family still functioning today has spawned new malicious samples of malware, which infects its victims with either a cryptor or a miner, according to Kaspersky Lab.

Distributed through spam emails with documents attached, the samples are related to the Trojan-Ransom.Win32.Rakhni family. "After opening the email attachment, the victim is prompted to save the document and enable editing. The victim is expected to double-click on the embedded PDF file. But instead of opening a PDF the victim launches a malicious executable," researchers wrote.

The Trojan decides which payload should be downloaded onto the victim's PC at the moment the malicious executable is launched. "The fact that the malware can decide which payload it uses to infect the victim provides yet another example of the opportunistic tactics used by cybercriminals," said Orkhan Mamedov, malware analyst, Kaspersky Lab.

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