# Ransomware

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### AGENDA

- What is RansomWare
- History of RansomWare
- How RansomWare is Deployed
- Strategies to Combat RansomWare
- What to do if you are infected

RANSOMWARE IS A TYPE OF MALWARE THAT RESTRICTS ACCESS TO THE INFECTED COMPUTER SYSTEM IN SOME WAY, AND DEMANDS THE USER PAY.

#### TYPES OF RANSOMWARE

- THE MOST COMMON TYPE DISPLAYS MESSAGES INTENDED TO COAX THE USER INTO PAYING (EX. YOUR MACHINE IS INFECTED!)
- MORE DESTRUCTIVE TYPES ENCRYPT FILES ON THE SYSTEM'S HARD DRIVE

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 A NEW RELEASED VERSION ACTUALLY LOCKS THE OPERATING SYSTEM

#### HISTORY OF CRYPTO RANSOMWARE

FIRST REPORTED OCCURRENCE: CRYPTOLOCKER IN 2013

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- INITIALLY POPULAR IN RUSSIA BUT QUICKLY WENT INTERNATIONAL
- THE ORIGINAL CRYPTOLOCKER IN 2013 MADE AN ESTIMATED \$3 MILLION
- VARIANTS SINCE 2013 HAVE MADE AN ESTIMATED \$30 MILLION

#### HOW RANSOMWARE IS DEPLOYED

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#### **ATTACHMENTS**

Most come through as ZIP files or "invoices"

#### **Banner Ads**

#### **ADVERTISEMENTS**

Ad Networks are often targeted and exploited for these types of attacks.



#### **SECURITY HOLES**

Java, Flash, Macros (Word, Excel)

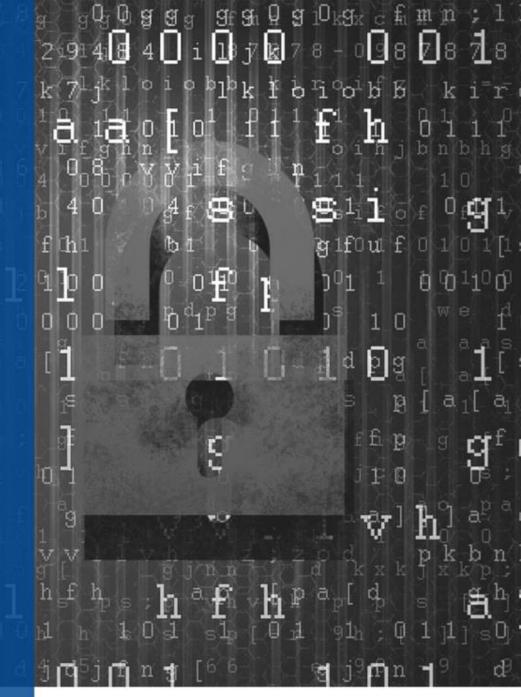
# WHAT DOES IT ENCRYPT?

This can vary depending on the variant but usually:

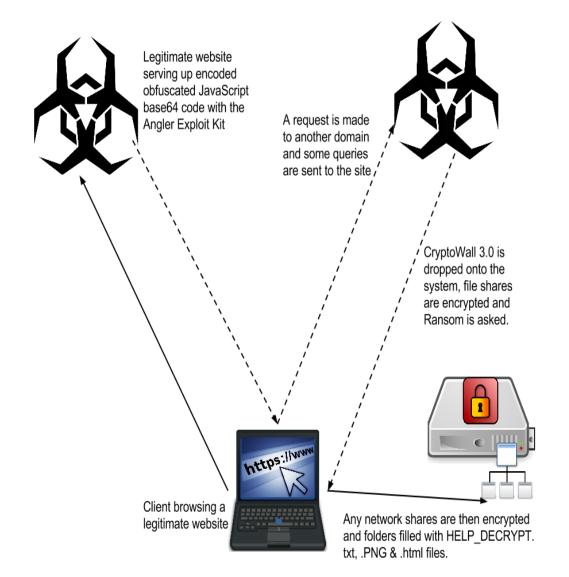
- Documents
- File Drives
- Network Shares

It has been known to Encrypt

- Operating Systems
- Cloud Sync Files
- Backups



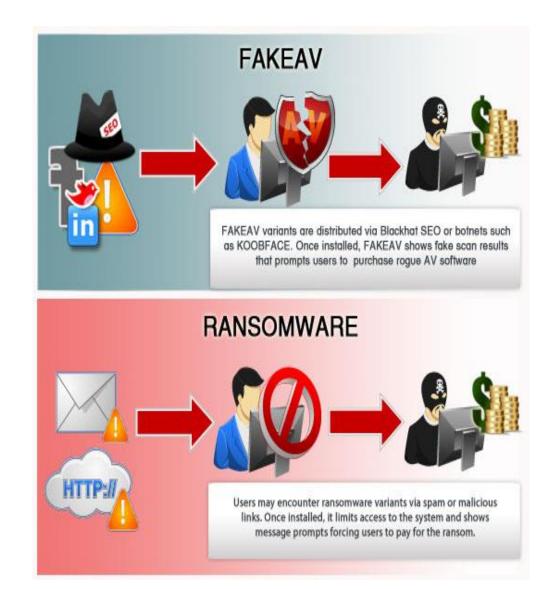
#### Angler Exploit Kit to Ransomware



# CBT-Locker (Critoni-Onion Ransomware)



#### Fake AV to Ransomware



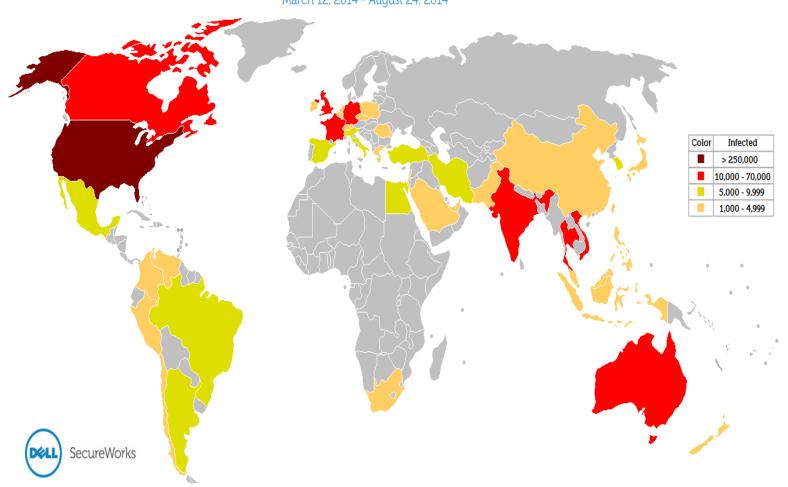
#### Ways of Getting Ransomware



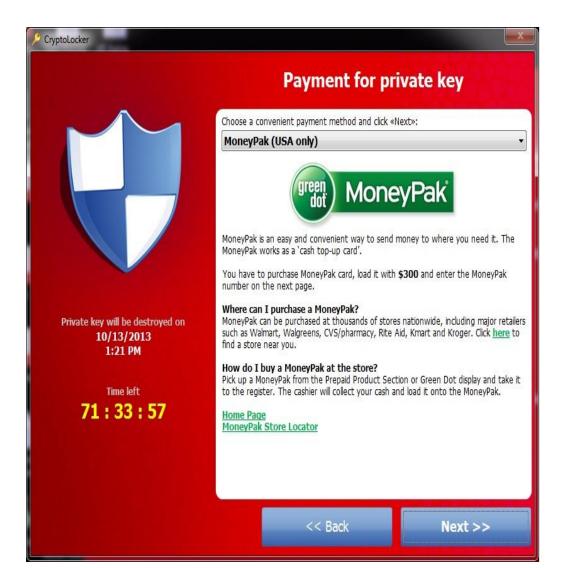
### Global CryptoWall infections



March 12, 2014 - August 24, 2014



#### MoneyPak Ransomware



## WHY DOES IT SUCCEED?

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## DOES NOT ACT LIKE A VIRUS

- Runs as a logged in user
- Morphs quickly so AV cannot detect



## **BACKUPS**

Honestly, How often do you backup?

How often do you test your backup?



## SECURITY HOLES

If you are using a computer you have to keep up with software updates.

That includes but not limited to:

- Windows
- Office
- Flash
- Java
- Silverlight



**01** Power Down

Power off your computer immediately.

**02** Call For Help

Call Person in Charge of IT

**03** Describe

Everyone makes mistakes BE HONEST about what happened, what you saw and what you were doing.





# TRAINING

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HOW TO SPOT THREATS

# ATTACHMENTS

ONLY OPEN THEM IF YOU WERE EXPECTING THEM.

## BACKUP

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- . FULL BACK UP WITH ROTATION OFFSITE
- CLOUD BACKUP WITH "VERSIONING" TURNED ON
- . EXTERNAL HARD DRIVE ONLY PLUGGED IN WHEN BACKING UP

# UPDATES

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IF YOU ARE USING FLASH OR JAVA DON'T IGNORE YOUR UPDATES!

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#### ANTI - VIRUS & MALWARE

THE FREE STUFF IS GREAT JUST MAKE SURE IT'S ENABLED AND UPDATED.

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#### **FIREWALL**

A FIREWALL IS YOUR FIRST LINE OF DEFENSE AGAINST ANY ATTACK.

