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Phone: 1-855-292-3937

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IP Addresses and Domains Used by Likely Iran-Based Cyber Actors to Attack Victims Worldwide

Summary

The FBI assesses a group of malicious cyber actors—likely located in Iran—use Virtual Private Server infrastructure hosted in the United States to compromise government, corporate, and academic computer networks based in the Middle East, Europe and the United States. This infrastructure is used in conjunction with identified malicious domains to support a broad cyber campaign which likely includes the use of e-mail spear phishing, social engineering, and malicious Web sites ("watering hole attack"). These cyber actors almost certainly have been involved in this activity since at least early-2015.

Through a combination of FBI and private sector analysis, it is likely the actors involved with this activity are located in Iran. At least some victim information from this cyber activity transits US-based infrastructure to IP addresses located in Iran. At least one identified malicious domain was registered by a presumed Iranian national connected to a physical address in Tehran, Iran. The majority of the victims were located in Middle Eastern countries known to be traditional adversaries of the Iranian regime.





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Technical Details

Attached to this FLASH is a list of 87 IP addresses and 136 domain names associated with this cyber activity. Activity related to these IPs and domains detected on a network should be considered an indication of compromise requiring mitigation.

Recommended Mitigations

Precautionary measures to mitigate this activity are:

- Prepare an incident response plan to be rapidly implemented in case of a cyber intrusion.
- Patch all systems for critical vulnerabilities, prioritizing timely patching of Internet-connected servers and software that processes Internet data such as Web browsers, browser plugins, and document readers.
- Scrutinize links contained in e-mails, and do not open attachments included in unsolicited e-mails.
- Implement application whitelisting to block execution of malware, or at least block execution of files from TEMP directories where most malware attempts to execute from.

Reporting Notice

The FBI encourages recipients of this document to report information concerning suspicious or criminal activity to their local FBI field office or the FBI's 24/7 Cyber Watch (CyWatch). Field office contacts can be identified at www.fbi.gov/contact-us/field. CyWatch can be contacted by phone at (855) 292-3937 or by e-mail at CyWatch@ic.fbi.gov. When available, each report submitted should include the date, time, location, type of activity, number of people, and type of equipment used for the activity, the name of the submitting company or organization, and a designated point of contact. Press inquiries should be directed to the FBI's National Press Office at npo@ic.fbi.gov or (202) 324-3691.





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