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Attacks, Vulnerabilities, and Actors

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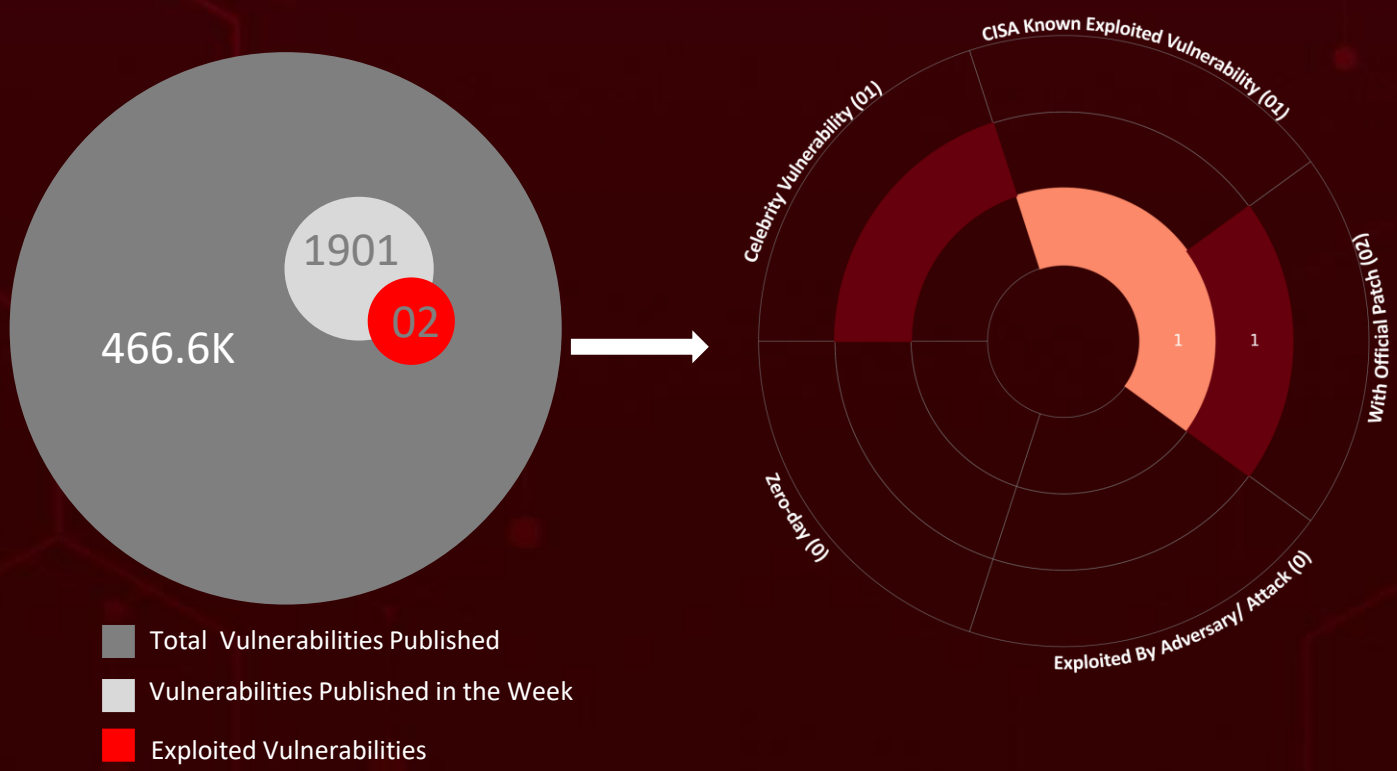
Summary

HiveForce Labs has reported a sharp rise in cybersecurity threats, highlighting the growing complexity and frequency of global cyber incidents. Over the past week, **seven** major attacks were detected, **two** vulnerabilities were identified, and **one** threat actor group was closely monitored, signaling a concerning escalation in malicious activity worldwide.

A newly disclosed information disclosure vulnerability, **CVE-2026-47729**, dubbed **Squidbleed**, affects the widely used Squid web proxy. Rooted in a decades-old parsing bug in Squid's FTP gateway, the flaw allows a malicious FTP server to trigger an out-of-bounds memory read, potentially exposing sensitive fragments of previously processed data, such as HTTP requests and authentication headers, to remote attackers.

A critical unauthenticated remote code execution vulnerability, **CVE-2026-12569**, has been identified in PTC Windchill PDMLink and FlexPLM, stemming from unsafe deserialization of untrusted input. Active exploitation has been confirmed in the wild and given the platform's deep integration into manufacturing and supply-chain environments, immediate remediation is strongly advised.

The **Edgecution** campaign represents a sophisticated browser-based intrusion chain targeting enterprise environments through social engineering. Threat actors impersonate IT support staff via Microsoft Teams, directing victims to a fake Outlook update portal that silently deploys a malicious Microsoft Edge browser extension. Together, these incidents underscore a growing trend of hybrid cyber operations that combine technical exploitation with social engineering, reinforcing the need for timely patching, continuous monitoring, and layered security defenses.



High Level Statistics

7

Attacks
Executed

2

Vulnerabilities
Exploited

1

Adversaries in
Action

- [Potemkin](#)
 - [RMMProject](#)
 - [EtherRAT](#)
 - [BabaDeda Loader](#)
 - [Lorem Ipsum Loader](#)
 - [Edgecution](#)
 - [Gaslight](#)
- [CVE-2026-47729](#)
 - [CVE-2026-12569](#)
- [Rapid Brigantine](#)



Insights

WhatsApp as a Weapon: Inside the VBScript Campaign Hijacking Business Conversations

ClickFix Under the Microscope: Potemkin, BabaDeda, and Lorem Ipsum Unpacked

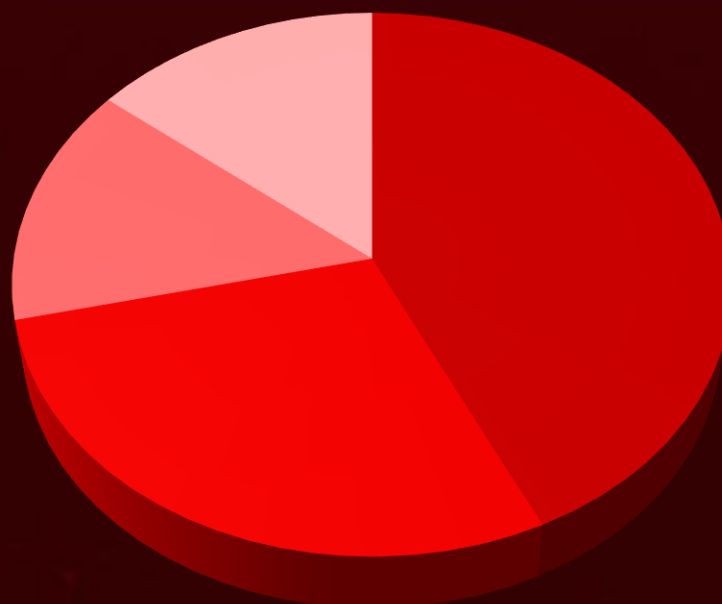
13 Linux Flaws That Attackers Are Already Eyeing This June

North Korea Built Malware That Gaslights Your AI Security Tools

Supply Chain Attack Surface Expanded: CVE-2026-12569's Reach Into Integrated Environments

Edgecution
Weaponizes a Trusted Browser Protocol to Bypass Endpoint Defenses

Threat Distribution



■ Loader ■ RAT ■ Browser Hijacker ■ Infostealer

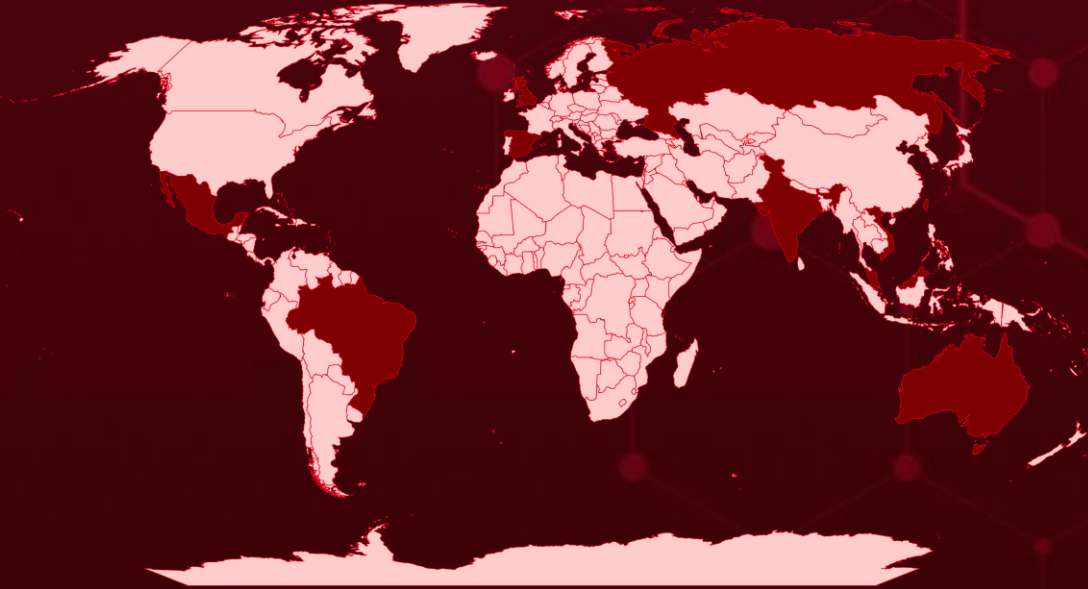


Targeted Countries

Most



Least

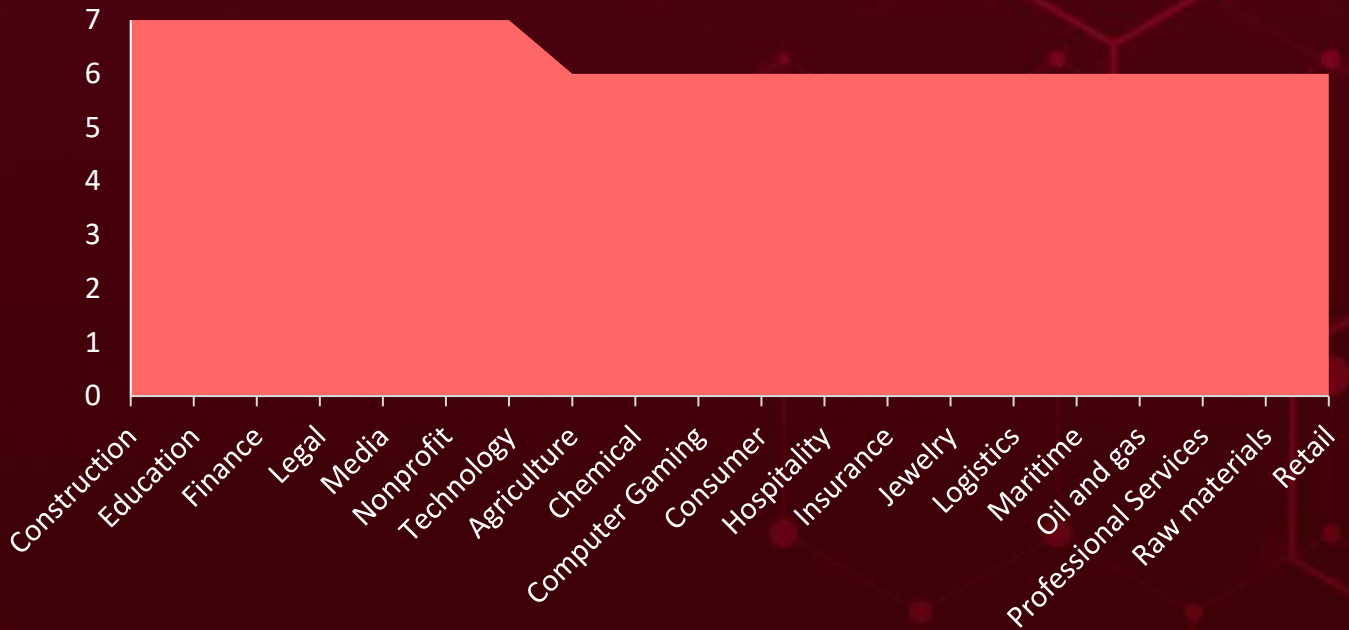


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Countries	Countries	Countries	Countries
Russia	Nigeria	Suriname	Comoros
Malaysia	Barbados	Bulgaria	Poland
Spain	Puerto Rico	Thailand	Congo-Brazzaville
Australia	Belarus	Burkina Faso	Republic of Ireland
Mexico	Senegal	Turkey	Costa Rica
Brazil	Belgium	Burundi	Saba
Singapore	Syria	Lesotho	Croatia
India	Belize	Cambodia	Saint Maarten
Taiwan	Ukraine	Lithuania	Cuba
Vietnam	Benin	Cameroon	Saudi Arabia
United Kingdom	Macau	Madagascar	Curacao
Namibia	Bermuda	Canada	Seychelles
Tokelau	Martinique	Mali	Cyprus
Saint Kitts and Nevis	Bhutan	Canada Quebec	Slovenia
Akrotiri and Dhekelia	Montserrat	Mauritius	Czech Republic
Andorra	Bolivia	Cape Verde	Sri Lanka
Austria	Netherlands	Mongolia	Democratic Republic of Congo
Palestine	Bonaire	Cayman Islands	Sweden
Azerbaijan	Northern Ireland	Mozambique	Denmark
South Korea	Bosnia and Herzegovina	Central African Republic	Tajikistan
Bahamas	Peru	Nepal	Djibouti
Libya	Botswana	Chad	Timor-Leste
Bahrain	Anguilla	Nicaragua	Dominica
Moldova	Albania	Chile	Trinidad and Tobago
Bangladesh	Samoa	North Macedonia	
	British Virgin Islands	China	
	Antigua and Barbuda	Oman	
	Brunei	Colombia	
		Papua New Guinea	

Targeted Industries



TOP MITRE ATT&CK TTPs

T1059

Command and Scripting Interpreter

T1204

User Execution

T1036

Masquerading

T1071

Application Layer Protocol

T1112

Modify Registry

T1057

Process Discovery

T1102

Web Service

T1027

Obfuscated Files or Information

T1082

System Information Discovery

T1140

Deobfuscate/Decode Files or Information

T1036.005

Match Legitimate Name or Location

T1071.001

Web Protocols

T1059.006

Python

T1218

System Binary Proxy Execution

T1564

Hide Artifacts

T1212

Exploitation for Credential Access

T1588

Obtain Capabilities

T1105

Ingress Tool Transfer

T1573

Encrypted Channel

T1566

Phishing



Attacks Executed

NAME	OVERVIEW	DELIVERY METHOD	TARGETED CVE
<u>Potemkin</u>	Potemkin loader which is a purpose-built loader with a deterministic Domain Generation Algorithm (DGA), a custom byte cipher, and a reflective module loader, but its entire command vocabulary is a single task code.	ClickFix	-
TYPE		IMPACT	AFFECTED PLATFORM
Loader		Resilient C2 communication, Modular extensibility	Microsoft Windows
ASSOCIATED ACTOR			PATCH LINK
-			-
IOC TYPE	VALUE		
SHA256	2abe5dd3a057fdef935722e50e9251c272d29fd26113187b853a1f9a9cb89d9b, 79f7b67ce8b39070f3e1c2b90fce0ce84134782a7dedcccc1edac197ee9e089b		

The IOCs (Indicators of Compromise) for the attacks executed are listed in the appendix section at the end of the report.

NAME	OVERVIEW	DELIVERY METHOD	TARGETED CVE
<u>RMMProject</u>	RMMProject is a remote access trojan (RAT) built around an embedded LuaJIT scripting engine, giving operators a flexible, programmable platform for executing malicious tasks. It supports 15 distinct task types, making it a versatile tool for a wide range of intrusion activities.	ClickFix	-
TYPE		IMPACT	AFFECTED PLATFORM
RAT		Full remote compromise, Browser credential and cookie theft	Microsoft Windows
ASSOCIATED ACTOR			PATCH LINK
-			-
IOC TYPE	VALUE		
SHA256	3b7ae925e2d64522b4f69b56285b05aeca8c5aab5ab46a9c02c4fafb69d881ce		

NAME	OVERVIEW	DELIVERY METHOD	TARGETED CVE
<u>EtherRAT</u>	EtherRAT serves as the resilient backbone of an intrusion: a blockchain-anchored backdoor designed to survive domain takedowns and other disruption efforts that would typically sever an attacker's foothold.	ClickFix	-
TYPE		IMPACT	AFFECTED PLATFORM
RAT		Takedown-resistant C2, Persistent remote access	Microsoft Windows
ASSOCIATED ACTOR			PATCH LINK
-			-

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NAME	OVERVIEW	DELIVERY METHOD	TARGETED CVE
<u>BabaDeda Loader</u>	BabaDeda was previously known for hiding malicious payloads inside legitimate-looking installer packages, disguising its activity as trustworthy software. This new framework preserves that same underlying code lineage but evolves it into a far more capable loader—engineered for stealth, evasion, and flexible payload delivery.	ClickFix	-
TYPE		IMPACT	AFFECTED PLATFORM
Loader		Deceptive delivery, Stealth and evasion	Microsoft Windows
ASSOCIATED ACTOR			PATCH LINK
-			-
IOC TYPE	VALUE		
SHA256	0098b2c38a69132bfde02d329d6c1c6e2b529d32d7b775a2ac78a369c0d10853, 062f019515bff366fcbf49cca3f776c21e2beb81c043a45eea81044a9391fd97		

NAME	OVERVIEW	DELIVERY METHOD	TARGETED CVE
<u>Lorem Ipsum Loader</u>	The Lorem Ipsum Loader is a multi-stage malware loader operated by the financially motivated threat group Rapid Brigantine (a.k.a. Vanilla Tempest). Its defining technical signature is a substitution-cipher routine that reconstructs executable payloads at runtime from encoded text strings of innocuous-looking words mapped to byte values making static and signature-based detection difficult.	ClickFix	-
TYPE		IMPACT	AFFECTED PLATFORM
Loader		Registry persistence, Backdoor deployment, Credential theft	Microsoft Windows
ASSOCIATED ACTOR			PATCH LINK
Rapid Brigantine			-

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NAME	OVERVIEW	DELIVERY METHOD	TARGETED CVE
<u>Edgecution</u>	<p>Edgecution is a malicious Microsoft Edge browser extension that abuses the Chrome native messaging protocol to escape the browser sandbox and interact directly with the host system. It has two components: the Edge extension, which beacons to a C2 server over WebSockets, and a Python-based backdoor that handles privileged host-level operations including filesystem access, arbitrary code execution, and PowerShell command execution.</p>	Social Engineering	-
TYPE		IMPACT	AFFECTED PLATFORM
Browser Hijacker		Sandbox escape, Code execution, Credential harvesting	Microsoft Edge, Microsoft Teams, Microsoft Outlook
ASSOCIATED ACTOR			PATCH LINK
-			-
IOC TYPE	VALUE		
SHA256	a08d8e63b0cd3638fb40b8e6da546e26da69439597565827f9ceec87915f78568, 3d1158884fb339b3328bd330fcc27598e1f1c94bcac39e75d1a272afa4deee1a		




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NAME	OVERVIEW	DELIVERY METHOD	TARGETED CVE
<u>Gaslight</u>	<p>Gaslight is a Rust-based macOS implant and information stealer attributed with high confidence to DPRK-aligned activity. Its defining feature is an embedded 3.5 KB Markdown-fenced payload of 38 fabricated "system" messages designed as a prompt-injection cascade that targets LLM-assisted malware triage pipelines rather than conventional sandboxes, attempting to make the analyst's AI tooling abort, truncate, or refuse analysis.</p>	-	-
TYPE		IMPACT	AFFECTED PLATFORM
Infostealer		<p>Persistent backdoor, Browser harvesting, Credential exfiltration</p>	macOS
ASSOCIATED ACTOR			PATCH LINK
-			-
IOC TYPE	VALUE		
SHA256	6328567511d88fdc2ae0939c5ef17b7a63d2a833881900de018a4f12f4982525		


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Vulnerabilities Exploited

CVE ID	CELEBRITY VULNERABILITY	AFFECTED PRODUCT	ASSOCIATED ACTORS
CVE-2026-47729	Squidbleed	Squid Web Proxy (all versions in default configuration prior to the upstream fix)	-
	ZERO-DAY		
		AFFECTED CPE	ASSOCIATED ATTACKS/RANSOMWARE
NAME	CISA KEV	cpe:2.3:a:squid-cache:squid:*:*:*:*:*:*	-
Squid Proxy Memory Leak Vulnerability			
	CWE ID	ASSOCIATED TTPs	PATCH LINK
	CWE-125	T1212: Exploitation for Credential Access, T1528: Steal Application Access Token, T1588: Obtain Capabilities, T1588.006: Vulnerabilities	https://github.com/squid-cache/squid/releases

CVE ID	CELEBRITY VULNERABILITY	AFFECTED PRODUCT	ASSOCIATED ACTORS
<u>CVE-2026-12569</u>		PTC Windchill PDMLink and FlexPLM - all CPS (Critical Patch Set) versions, including releases prior to 11.0 M030	-
	ZERO-DAY		
		AFFECTED CPE	ASSOCIATED ATTACKS/RANSOMWARE
NAME	CISA KEY	cpe:2.3:a:ptc:windchill_pdmlink: *.*.*.*.*.*.*.*	-
PTC Windchill and FlexPLM Improper Input Validation Vulnerability		cpe:2.3:a:ptc:flexplm:.*.*.*.*.*.*: *.*	
	CWE ID	ASSOCIATED TTPs	PATCH LINK
	CWE-20 CWE-502	T1190: Exploit Public-Facing Application,T1059: Command and Scripting Interpreter,T1505: Server Software Component,T1505.003: Web Shell	https://www.ptc.com/en/support/article/CS473270 , https://support.ptc.com/appserver/cs/view/solution.jsp?n=CS473270

Adversaries in Action

NAME	ORIGIN	TARGETED INDUSTRIES	TARGETED REGIONS
 <p>Rapid Brigantine (aka Vanilla Tempest, Vice Society, Vice Spider, DEV-0832)</p>	-	Education, Financial Services, Architecture, Legal Services, Non-profit, Construction Technology, Content Publishing	Worldwide
	MOTIVE		
	Financial Gains		
	TARGETED CVE	ASSOCIATED ATTACKS/RANSOM WARE	AFFECTED PRODUCT
	-	Lorem Ipsum Loader, Oyster, Supper, MeowBackConn, Rhysida Ransomware	Google Chrome, Mozilla Firefox, Microsoft Edge, Microsoft Defender, WordPress

TTPs

TA0043: Resource Development; TA0001: Initial Access; TA0002: Execution; TA0003: Persistence; TA0004: Privilege Escalation; TA0005: Defense Evasion; TA0006: Credential Access; TA0007: Discovery; TA0008: Lateral Movement; TA0009: Collection; TA0011: Command and Control; TA0040: Impact; T1584: Compromise Infrastructure; T1584.006: Web Services; T1608: Stage Capabilities; T1608.004: Drive-by Target; T1608.001: Upload Malware; T1583: Acquire Infrastructure; T1583.008: Malvertising; T1588: Obtain Capabilities; T1588.003: Code Signing Certificates; T1189: Drive-by Compromise; T1204: User Execution; T1204.004: Malicious Copy and Paste; T1059: Command and Scripting Interpreter; T1059.001: PowerShell; T1059.007: JavaScript; T1059.003: Windows Command Shell; T1218: System Binary Proxy Execution; T1218.005: Mshta; T1218.007: Msiexec; T1106: Native API; T1547: Boot or Logon Autostart Execution; T1547.001: Registry Run Keys / Startup Folder; T1053: Scheduled Task/Job; T1053.005: Scheduled Task; T1134: Access Token Manipulation; T1134.001: Token Impersonation/Theft; T1562: Impair Defenses T1562.001: Disable or Modify Tools; T1112: Modify Registry; T1140: Deobfuscate/Decode Files or Information; T1027: Obfuscated Files or Information; T1620: Reflective Code Loading; T1574: Hijack Execution Flow; T1574.001: DLL; T1055: Process Injection; T1055.001: Dynamic-link Library Injection; T1218: System Binary Proxy Execution; T1218.011: Rundll32; T1036: Masquerading; T1036.005: Match Legitimate Name or Location; T1497: Virtualization/Sandbox Evasion; T1480: Execution Guardrails; T1555: Credentials from Password Stores; T1555.003: Credentials from Web Browsers; T1539: Steal Web Session Cookie; T1518: Software Discovery; T1518.001: Security Software Discovery; T1082: System Information Discovery; T1087: Account Discovery; T1057: Process Discovery; T1021: Remote Services; T1021.002: SMB/Windows Admin Shares; T1021.006: Windows Remote Management; T1047: Windows Management Instrumentation; T1570: Lateral Tool Transfer; T1113: Screen Capture; T1560: Archive Collected Data; T1005: Data from Local System; T1071: Application Layer Protocol; T1071.001: Web Protocols; T1568: Dynamic Resolution; T1568.002: Domain Generation Algorithms; T1102: Web Service; T1102.001: Dead Drop Resolver; T1102.002: Bidirectional Communication; T1572: Protocol Tunneling; T1090: Proxy; T1573: Encrypted Channel; T1105: Ingress Tool Transfer; T1486: Data Encrypted for Impact

Recommendations

Security Teams

This digest can be utilized as a drive to force security teams to prioritize the **two exploited vulnerabilities** and block the indicators related to the threat actor **Rapid Brigantine** and malware **Potemkin, RMMProject, EtherRAT, BabaDeda Loader, Lorem Ipsum Loader, Edgecution, and Gaslight**.

Uni5 Users

This is an actionable threat digest for HivePro Uni5 customers, and they can get comprehensive insights into their threat exposure and can take action on it effortlessly over the HivePro Uni5 dashboard by

- Run a Scan to discover the assets impacted by the **two exploited vulnerabilities**.
- Testing the efficacy of their security controls by simulating the attacks related to the threat actor **Rapid Brigantine** and malware **Potemkin Loader, RMMProject, Edgecution, and Gaslight** in Breach and Attack Simulation(BAS).

Threat Advisories

[WhatsApp Campaign Turns Victims into Remotely Managed Hosts](#)

[Squidbleed: Decades-Old Parser Flaw Exposes Sensitive Proxy Data](#)

[ClickFix Campaigns Deliver BabaDeda, Lorem Ipsum, and Potemkin Loaders](#)

[June 2026 Linux Patch Roundup](#)

[Edgecution: Malicious Edge Extension Opens the Door to Host Compromise](#)

[Gaslight: The Rust-Powered macOS Implant Designed to Mislead AI Tools](#)

[Critical PTC Windchill and FlexPLM Deserialization RCE Actively Exploited](#)

Appendix

Known Exploited Vulnerabilities (KEV): Software vulnerabilities for which there are public exploits or proof-of-concept (PoC) code available, and for which there is a high risk of potential harm to an organization's systems or data if left unaddressed.

Celebrity Vulnerabilities: Software vulnerabilities that have gained significant attention and have been branded with catchy names and logos due to their profound and multifaceted impact. These vulnerabilities provide threat actors with opportunities to breach sensitive systems, potentially resulting in unauthorized access and the compromise of critical information.

✂ Indicators of Compromise (IOCs)

Attack Name	TYPE	VALUE
<u>Potemkin</u>	SHA256	2abe5dd3a057fdef935722e50e9251c272d29fd26113187b853a1f9a9cb89d9b, 79f7b67ce8b39070f3e1c2b90fce0ce84134782a7dedcccc1edac197ee9e089b
<u>RMMProject</u>	SHA256	3b7ae925e2d64522b4f69b56285b05aeca8c5aab5ab46a9c02c4fafb69d881ce
<u>BabaDeda Loader</u>	SHA256	0098b2c38a69132bfde02d329d6c1c6e2b529d32d7b775a2ac78a369c0d10853, 062f019515bff366fcbf49cca3f776c21e2beb81c043a45eea81044a9391fd97
<u>Edgecution</u>	SHA256	a08d8e63b0cd3638fb40b8e6da546e26da69439597565827f9cec87915f78568, 3d1158884fb339b3328bd330fcc27598e1f1c94bcac39e75d1a272afa4deee1a
<u>Gaslight</u>	SHA256	6328567511d88fdc2ae0939c5ef17b7a63d2a833881900de018a4f12f4982525

A comprehensive list of IOCs (Indicators of Compromise) associated with the executed attacks is available on the Uni5Xposure platform.

What Next?

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