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Intelligence Report

A multi-stage banking Trojan abusing the Squirrel installer

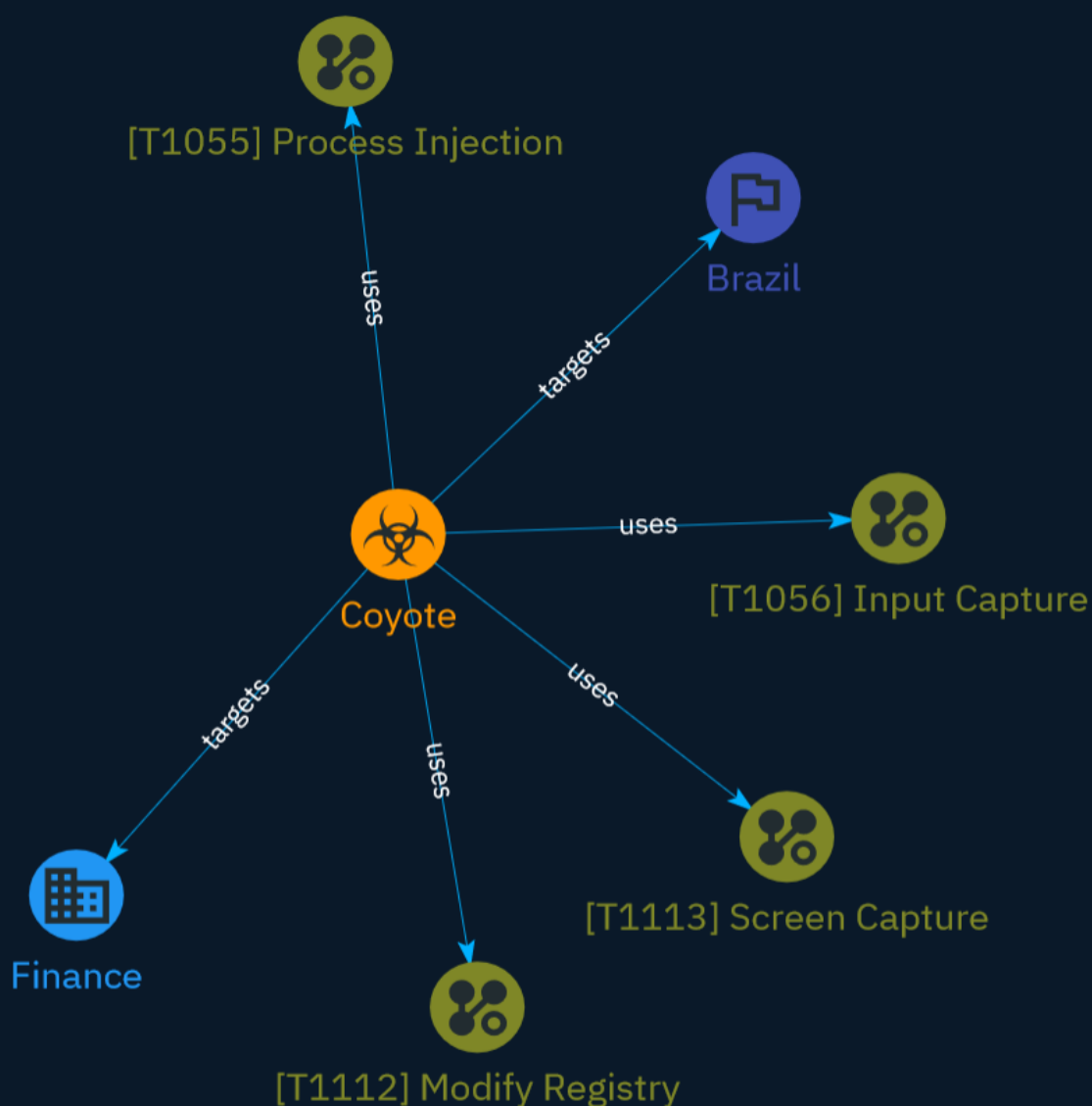


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Overview

Description

A new banking Trojan called Coyote utilizes the Squirrel installer for distribution and leverages NodeJS and the Nim programming language as a loader to infect victims. It specifically targets users of over 60 banking institutions in Brazil. Coyote achieves persistence by abusing Windows logon scripts and monitors banking applications, sending info to C2 servers which respond with actions like keylogging and screenshots.

Confidence

This value represents the confidence in the correctness of the data contained within this report.

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Content

N/A

Malware

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Coyote

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Attack-Pattern

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Input Capture

ID

T1056

Description

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Name

Modify Registry

ID

T1112

Description

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Process Injection

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Description

Adversaries may inject code into processes in order to evade process-based defenses as well as possibly elevate privileges. Process injection is a method of executing arbitrary code in the address space of a separate live process. Running code in the context of another process may allow access to the process's memory, system/network resources, and possibly elevated privileges. Execution via process injection may also evade detection from security products since the execution is masked under a legitimate process. There are many different ways to inject code into a process, many of which abuse legitimate functionalities. These implementations exist for every major OS but are typically platform specific. More sophisticated samples may perform multiple process injections to segment modules and further evade detection, utilizing named pipes or other inter-process communication (IPC) mechanisms as a communication channel.

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