

Security Concerns for Flash-Based Storage

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Flash Memory An Organizational Nightmare





W32.Stuxnet Dossier

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While the bulk of the analysis is complete. Stuxnet is an incredibly large and complex threat. The authors expect to make revisions to this document shortly after release as new information is uncovered or may be publicly disclosed. This paper is the work of numerous individuals on the Symantec Security Response team over the last three months well beyond the cited authors. Without their assistance, this paper would not be possible.

Introduction

W32.Stuxnet has gained a lot of attention from researchers and media recently. There is good reason for this. Stuxnet is one of the most complex threats we have analyzed. In this paper we take a detailed look at Stuxnet and its various components and particularly focus on the final goal of Stuxnet, which is to reprogram industrial control systems. Stuxnet is a large, complex piece of malware with many different components and functionalities. We have already covered some of these components in our blog series on the topic. While some of the information from those blogs is included here, this paper is a more comprehensive and in-depth look at the threat.

Stuxnet is a threat that was primarily written to target an industrial control system or set of similar systems. Industrial control systems are used in gas pipelines and power plants. Its final goal is to reprogram industrial control systems (ICS) by modifying code on programmable logic controllers (PLCs) to make them work in a manner the attacker intended and to hide those changes from the operator of the equipment. In order to achieve this goal the creators amassed a vast array of components to increase their chances of success. This includes zero-day exploits, a Windows rootkit, the first ever PLC rootkit, antivirus evasion



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All About Protecting Data from Loss and Breach

Keeping out of the Headlines

• 46 U.S. states now have mandatory data breach notification laws

Avoiding Escalation and Lost Business Costs

 An average data breach costs \$214/record in the U.S., £64/record in the U.K., and €138 in Germany

Avoiding Government Fines and Criminal Charges

- \$1.5M HITECH Act maximum fine by U.S. HHS and FTC
- £3M HSBC fined by U.K. FSA
- £500K U.K. Data Protection Act (ICO) maximum fine

Avoiding Lawsuits

\$1,000+/customer/breach – Massachusetts and Nevada encryption laws



Self-Encrypting Devices: Part of the Solution







Information-Centric Security is Required



- Where is the sensitive data?
- How is it being used?



- Who should have access to sensitive data?
- Who shouldn't have access?



- How to enforce data policies?
- How to prevent breach?



Flash Memory Information-Centric Approach





Content- and Context-Aware DLP







User Identification and Authentication











Messaging Encryption



Device Encryption





