



CASE STUDY

Sangfor Incident Response (IR)

Well-known Vehicle Dealers

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Executive Summary

Location: Indonesia

Employees: >500

Industry: Retail

Date & Time: July 2020

Customer Background

This customer is one of the most well-known vehicle dealers in Indonesia, operating in Jakarta and West Java. As a vehicle retailer, they didn't pay much attention to cyber security.

When they suffered a ransomware attack, they found they had no way to recover from it - leading them to Sangfor for help.



Overview

6 server applications were unavailable and were encrypted. The ransomware was confirmed to be Crysis through the content of the ransomware information and the encryption suffix. There is no public decryption tool at this time.

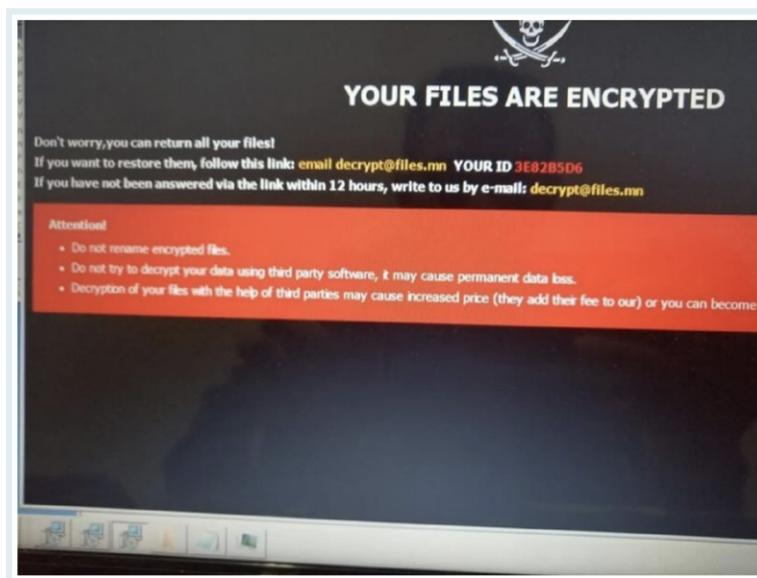
• Technical Details

Affected Server	Server (88.88.XX.XXX, 88.88.XX.XXX, etc.)
Server Functions	Database servers, etc.
Server Numbers	6 servers (5 virtual machines, 1 physical machine)
Ransomware Family	CrySis
Incident Description	<p>The server was attacked by ransomware, encrypting the files with the suffix "ROGER". The ransomware family is CrySis, and there was no public decryption tool. The attack method was to manually run the ransomware file after a successful RDP brute force attack.</p> <p>The Sangfor Security Team traced back the external network invasion to IP 10.100.X.XXX.</p>

Incident Response Process

• Anomaly Observation

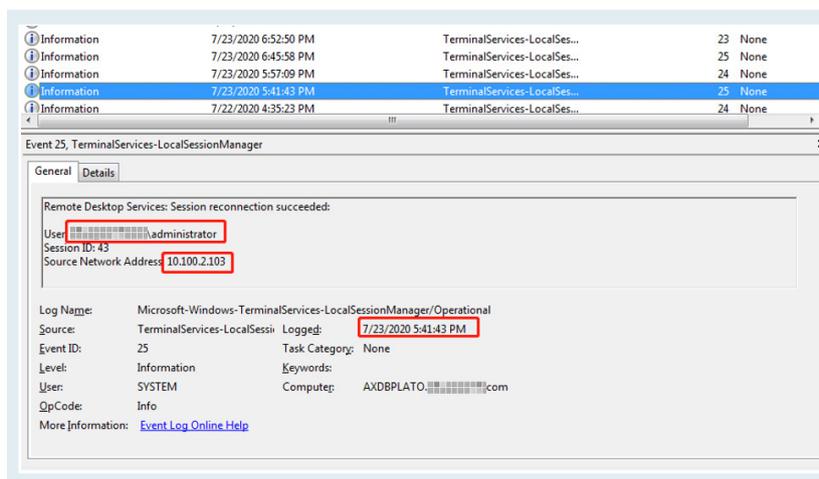
Readme file was noticed on the desktop.



• Investigation and Analysis Process

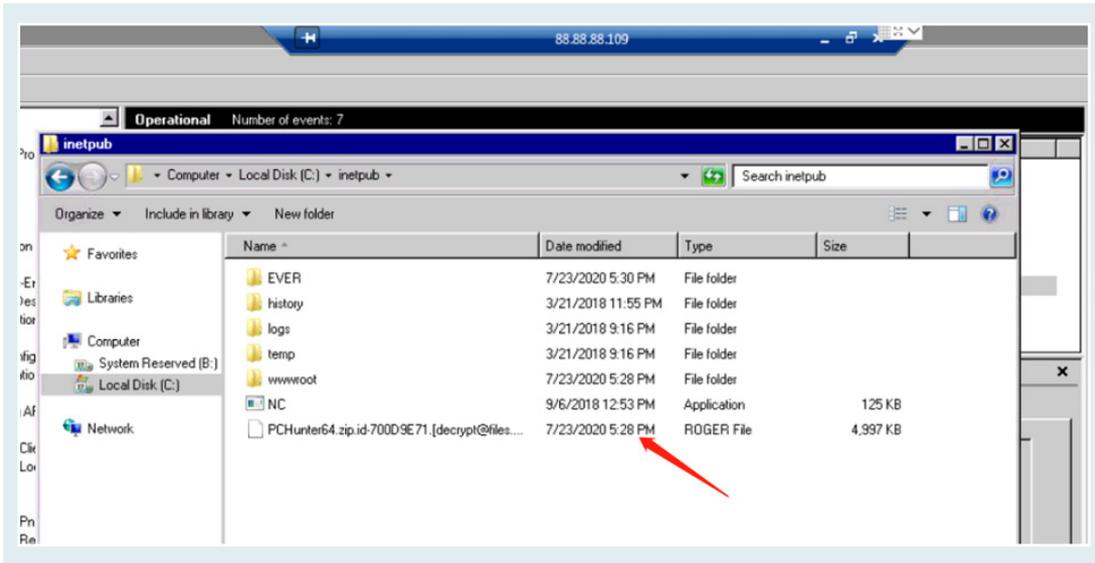
The investigation log found that there was an RDP login record at 5:41:43 pm on July 23, 2020, with the login IP of 10.100.X.XXX. The login account was XXXXXXXX\administrator.

They believe that the hacker logged in through 10.100.X.XXX and executed his ransomware file:



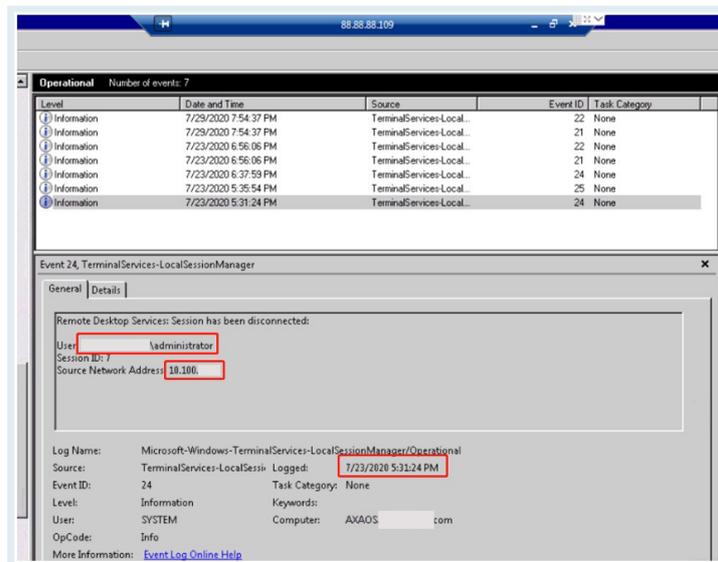
• 88.88.XX.XXX

According to the modified encrypted file time, the ransomware encryption was around 5:28 pm on July 23, 2020:



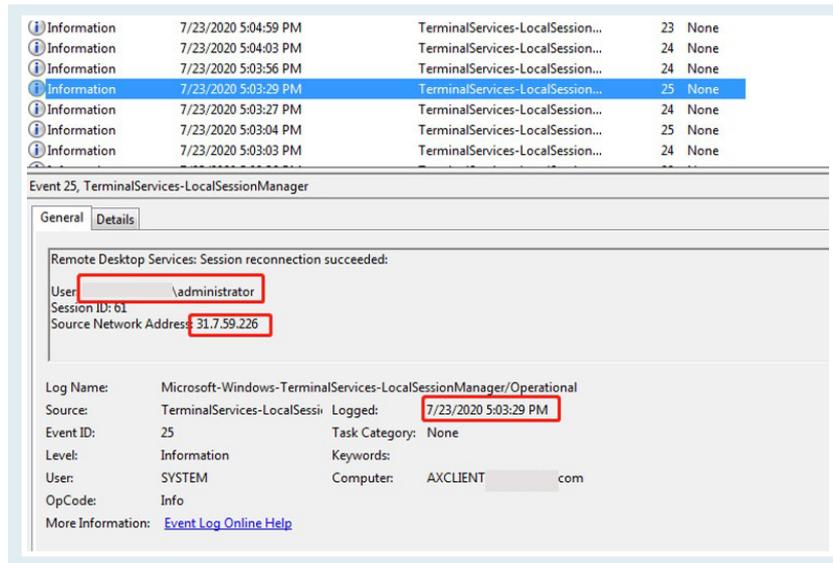
The investigation log found an RDP logout record at 5:31:24 PM on July 23, 2020.

The login IP was 10.100.X.XXX, and the login account was XXXXXXX\administrator. They believed that the hacker was logged in and executed his ransomware file through 10.100.X.XXX and cleared the login system log:

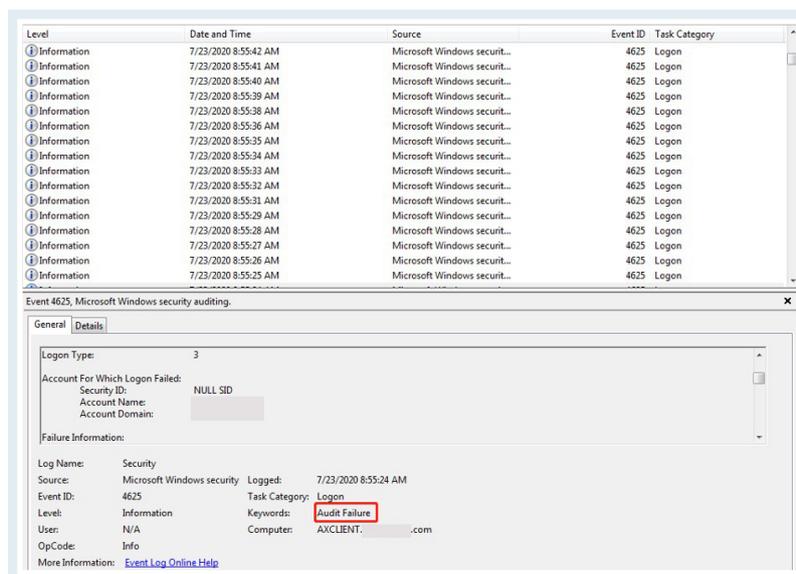


• 10.100.X.XXX

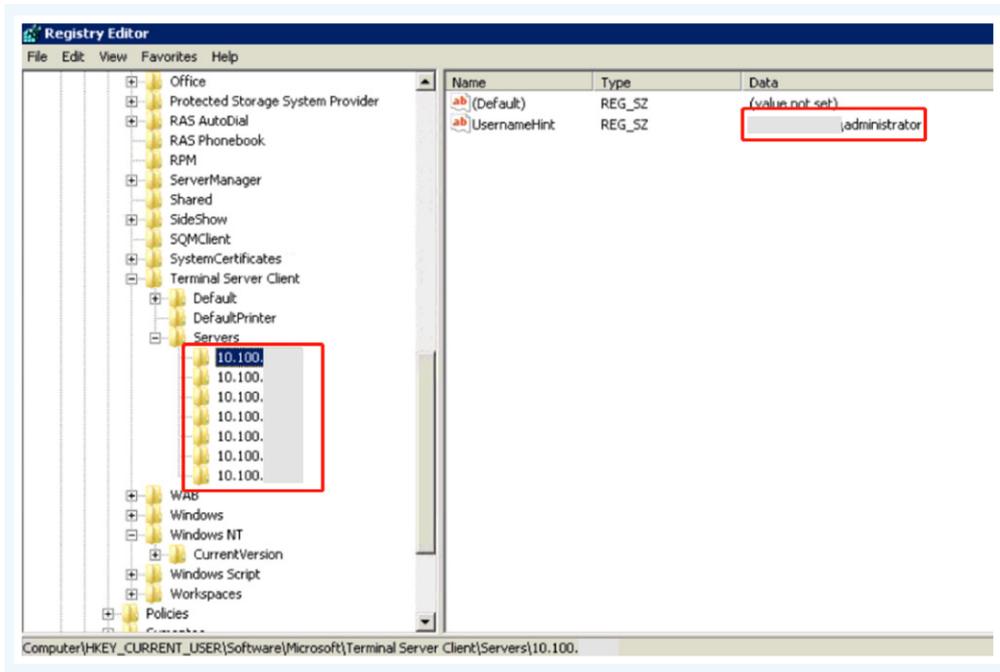
This host was not encrypted, but suspicious logs were found. The host was logged in using IP 31.7.XX.XXX (Zurich, Switzerland) at 5:03:29 PM on July 23, 2020. The login account was XXXXXXXX\administrator:



Looking at the security log, you can see a large number of login failure records. It can be inferred that the hacker invaded 10.100.X.XXX from the external network through brute force attack:



You can see that 10.100.X.XXX has remotely logged into several hosts. Except for 10.100.X.XXX and 10.100.X.XXX, all data has been encrypted. Therefore, it can be inferred that hackers logged into 10.100.X.XXX from the external network using RDP. They used it as a jumping off point to encrypt other hosts on the intranet:



Conclusions

• According to Investigation Results

01 The ransomware family is CrySis, and there is currently no public decryption tool.

02 Hackers logged into 10.100.X.XXX through brute force cracking from the external network, then used it as a platform to log onto other hosts on the internal network and manually run the ransomware.

Overall Improvement Recommendations



Use VLAN segregation to ensure that all servers are separated based on the role and functionality of the servers



Perform server hardening before migrating to the production environment



Perform vulnerability assessments and penetration tests to identify possible threats and hidden risks on a regular basis



Perform server and network security product configuration reviews to ensure that all settings and configurations are secure



Ensure that the server, firmware and software are updated to the latest version on a regular basis



Ensure high availability and redundancy on servers that support critical business operation



Make sure business data is backed-up on a regular basis



Ensure no unnecessary ports are listening externally and exposed to Internet

Sangfor Solution

Ensure that network security devices are properly installed and deployed to protect against both internal and external threats

1.1 - Firewall



Protect the network perimeter from external threats and attacks (NGAF)

1.2 - SSL-VPN



Restrict unauthorized users from accessing the internal network (*NGAF*)

1.3 - Anti-virus



Protect endpoints from both known and unknown malware and viruses (*Endpoint Secure*)

1.4. URL and Application Filtering



Ensure only authorized URL and applications are accessible by authorized employees (*NGAF*)

Ensure Continuous Monitoring of Any Possible Attacks and Threats, Early Detection and Proactive Response

1.1. Real-Time Monitoring



To continuously monitor for attack attempts, security incidents and events (*Platform X, Cyber Command*)

1.2. Security Assessment



Allow Managed Security Service Providers (MSSP) to assess the organization assets for vulnerabilities, threats and risks (*Vulnerability Assessment, Cyber Command*)

1.3. Product Integration



Should an attack attempt is discovered, an active response can be made automatically (*NGAF, Endpoint Secure, Cyber Command*)

1.4. Incident Management



Prepare standard operation procedures and incident management plans according to different scenarios (*Incident Response*)

Customer Feedback



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Sangfor Indonesia office left us with an indelible impression. When we were attacked by ransomware encryption, we first asked our SI for help. They helped us contact Sangfor.

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In the beginning, we did not trust this Chinese vendor very much, because we have never heard of its name. But their enthusiasm, professionalism and efficiency have won our trust. In the end, with everyone's cooperation, the viruses in our network have been cleaned up, the protection has also been strengthened, and the business is recovered within one day.

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We have never paid much attention to the investment in network security. After this incident, we decided to purchase a batch of Sangfor firewalls and other equipment, hoping to stop being hacked again.

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