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Executive Summary

In FY2017Q2, we witnessed that banking Trojans gained additional functions and expanding target scope. These banking Trojans increase direct damage of stolen information as well as make incident response cumbersome and complicated; the cost of incident response grows considerable as well as damage and opportunity loss cannot be neglected. New banking Trojans also got to aim at cryptocurrency. NTTDATA-CERT anticipates that banking Trojans will go for reward points of loyalty programs as a new target.

This report provides timeline of security-related events that happened in FY2017Q2. Some events are aggregated on the basis of relevance, such as “Supply chain contamination” and “Data breach due to configuration error of Amazon S3.”
I. Overview (1/3)

Global

- **Ransomware and banking Trojan gained additional functions and expanded targets.** *(Timeline [A])*

  Two points to focus: one is additional functions and the other is expanding targets. Trojan Trickbot (*1-1) and Emotet (*1-2) have capability to spread infection automatically, for instance. We consider it happened due to WannaCry and NotPetya was broadly epidemic in the previous quarter. Banking Trojan also expanded targets: Dreambot started targeting cryptocurrency exchanges and wallets. (*1-3)

- **Contamination of software supply chain increased.** *(Timeline [B])*

  The contaminated version of CCleaner was distributed (*1-4). It contained malware despite legitimate signature appended. Software distributed by Korean company NetSarang Computer also contained malware (*1-5). Some Google Chrome Extensions were circulated containing malware due to the developer had been phished (*1-6).

- **Cryptocurrency miners on the rise.** *(Timeline [C])*

  According to Kaspersky, the number of users that have encountered miners has increased from 205,000 in 2013 to 1.65 million in 8 months of 2017. (*1-7) In another report, 61% of miner detection is in Asia. (*1-8) People who cannot afford millions of dollars were possibly victimized by abstraction of computing powers. (*1-9)
I. Overview (2/3)

- **Users’ carelessness and security misconfiguration caused data breach.** (Timeline [F])

  14 millions records of Verizon customers were published from Amazon S3 storage due to misconfigured security setting. (*1-10) Many dumped files of SQL database were confirmed to be accessible from the Internet by simply typing typical filenames. (*1-11) Some Google Groups were discovered exposing messages publicly that contain sensitive information. (*1-12)

- **145.5 millions of PII breached at Equifax.**

  Criminals exploited a known vulnerability of Apache Struts2, CVE-2017-5638, which was already fixed last March. (*1-13)

**Japan**

- **Password reuse attack aims at loyalty programs.** (Timeline [I])

  38 thousand-JPY-worth reward points Tokyo Gas loyalty program were stolen. (*1-14) One reason password reuse attack is effective is many users reuse ID and password. TrendMicro says 85.2% of Japanese users reuse passwords. (*1-15)

- **Compromise of EC software packages increased.** (Timeline [J])

  10 thousand credit card data were breached at 18 websites constructed with EC software Genesis-EC. Breach was first recognized last May. Data were stored inappropriately on the servers. (*1-16)
I. Overview (3/3)

- **Online extortion campaigns in rise.** (Timeline [K])

  Ransom DDoS (RDoS) continuously occurred since last quarter. On Sep 21, JPCERT/CC publicly alerted that multiple organizations received extortion emails by Phantom Squad, who requests money to stop DDoS. Multiple DDoS were observed in Japan since Sep 14, which JPCERT/CC did not confirm to be related to the extortions. Targets were banks and brokerages last June, Foreign Exchange operators and cryptocurrency exchanges in Sep, respectively. In these business the magnitude of loss in short-time service suspension is huge, thus they pay the ransom in higher probability.

- **Japan government enforces IoT security.** (Timeline [L])

  Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications reportedly plans to introduce a security certification system for IoT devices which are manufactured domestically. (*1-18)(*1-19) MIAC is also supposed to assess vulnerabilities of IoT devices in current use. (*1-19)(*1-20) Likewise in the United States, a new bill was introduced that sets baseline security standards for the US government’s purchase of IoT devices. (*1-21)

  Since mid June, domestically-originated traffic to 22/tcp was increasingly observed; it is considered due to vulnerability exploit of Wi-Fi routers provided by NTT Docomo broadly. (*1-22)
II. Hot Topic (1/2)
Emergence of banking Trojan capable of spread infection automatically

How badly would you be affected in case your organization becomes infected with malware that is able to spread infection like a worm?

NTTDATA-CERT watch out for worm-like function of malware, which requires no user’s operations, regardless of the Internet connectivity, when expanding infection. Once a single computer of your organization infected, it spreads among the intranet. Damage can be significant for corporates that have a number of computers in the intranet.

Recently this worm-like function is added to banking Trojans. Most Trojans of late such as DreamBot have key-logging function (*2-1) so various data which are entered across the whole organization can be stolen including login credentials of multiple services. You would have not only to reset banking service credentials but to reset all login credentials of other services. You would also need identify information possibly stolen from all infected computers. Financial cost, damage and opportunity loss through possible service suspension could be larger.

![Image 1: Worm-like function of malware](image-url)
II. Hot Topic (2/2)
Emergence of banking Trojan capable of spread infection automatically

How does malware spread infection?

There are two ways to spread infection: by exploiting vulnerabilities and by leveraging legitimate tools\(^{(1)}\) with stolen credentials. New trojans witnessed in this quarter use the latter. The former method is avoidable by simply applying patches and it is also highly detectable as time passes. Banking Trojans want to hide as persistently as possible until information is gained.

\(^{(1)}\) such as file share and remote management tools like PsExec and WMIC

To avoid infection, you should apply patches in a timely manner, disallow unnecessary file share, limit usage of remote management tools such as PsExec and WMIC, do appropriate authorization and access control, not reuse passwords, introduce behavior analysis, etc.

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\(^{(2)}\) Trickbot is reported to try to add a worm-like function
Banking Trojans targeting cryptocurrency. (Timeline [A])

Japan Cybercrime Control Center alerted last August that they are witnessing the shift of banking Trojans’ target (*1-3)(*3-1): **Cybercriminals seemingly expand their target out of money.** In Japan the amount of money transferred maliciously is decreasing due to introduction of two-factor authentication (2FA) by users and anomaly detection by financial institutions. (*3-2) According to the fact that 87% of cryptocurrency wallets accessed maliciously did not leverage 2FA in the first half of 2017 (*3-2), cryptocurrency users are not used to 2FA. Additionally, cryptocurrency has been booming since 2016. (*3-1) No wonder cybercriminals are aiming at cryptocurrency now.

Password reuse attacks continuously aim at reward points. (Timeline[I])

On the other hand, not a few press releases were seen last September in Japan such as Tokyo Gas, Bic Camera, and Rakuten. (*3-3) Password reuse by users cause the damage in such attacks: in order to login to Services A, attacker reuses ID/PW which were gained from Services B. Stolen points were actually exchanged to other kinds of points or e-cash and used to purchase items. Seeing this situation that those attacks have been reported since more than 4 years (*3-4) ago and never ceased, **users tend to have less sense of risk on reward points** than on money.

What is the next target of banking Trojan?

NTTDATA-CERT forecasts that we will see a **banking Trojan that aims at reward points** in the near future. If your computer is infected by such a malware and you login to any loyalty services, your credential is stolen and reward points are gone. Users should enable 2FA on loyalty service sites as a precaution. Services providers of loyalty service sites should prepare functions that enables users to check by themselves if there is any recent suspicious login.
IV. Timeline (1/6)

Threats

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- 7/27 Banking Trojan Trickbot gained worm-like function.
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- 7/31 Smartphone of BLU were again reported having spyware.
- 8/1 Banking Trojan Trickbot gained a function to steal info from browsers and Outlook.
- 8/3 Ransomware Cerber targets Bitcoin wallets.
- 8/7/8/14 Other Chrome extensions were reported compromised.
- 8/21 Android's SDK Igexin gained spyware functions.
- 8/29 Banking Trojan Trickbot targets cryptocurrency wallet site Coinbase users.

[B] Supply chain contamination of customer-trusted software

- 8/15 NetSarang's Server management software was injected backdoor.
- 9/13 WordPress's plugin Display Widgets was injected backdoor.
- 9/18 System cleaner software CCleaner was injected malware.
- 9/21 MitM attack method reported to infect spyware FinFisher between computers managed by ISP.

Supply chain compromise of software

- 8/3 Repository of Node.js's package management software npm was hijacked.
- 8/21 Android's SDK Igexin gained spyware functions.
- 8/17 Brazilian companies were forced to install malicious extensions from Google Web store and had account info stolen.
- 8/30 US government website distributed malicious JavaScript downloader.

Worm-like functions

- 7/31 Android Trojan Svpeng gained key-logging function.
- 8/8/1 Bankin Xiaoxi gained a function to steal credentials and key-logging.
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## IV. Timeline (2/6)

### [D] Threats on critical infrastructure
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- **7/6** FBI-DHS warned of attacks on nuke plant operators.
- **7/13** Floodgate management system connecting the Internet had glitches enabling remote hacking.

### [E] Various ransomware appeared and caused damage
- **7/5** Azer, a family of cryptomix reported.
- **7/7** Android ransomware Locker resumed.
- **7/7** Oni reported.
- **7/11** Android ransomware LeakerLocker reportedly threatening to breach data.
- **8/9** A family of Locky using extension of ".diablo6"
- **8/15** Cerber bypassing anti-virus.
- **8/24** Android app for generating mobile ransomware.
- **8/21** Fileless Coinminer appeared, spreading via EternalBlue and mining with WMI script.
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- **9/5** Attacker increasingly infected SynAck by RDP brute force attack.
- **9/9** A family of Locky used extension of ".ykcol"
- **9/12** Kaspersky reported increase of detection of miners: 200,000 in 2013, 1,65m in 8month in 2017.
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- **7/31** Most devices using MQTT protocol were reported not equipping encryption and password protection.
- **8/6** EirGrid, Ireland power grid was maliciously accessed.
- **8/7** Attackers could reportedly shut down power grids by abusing solar panel flaws (Horus Scenario).
- **8/9** A family of Locky using extension of ".lukitus"
- **8/15** Cerber bypassing anti-virus.
- **8/24** Android app for generating mobile ransomware.
- **8/31** Campaign spreading ransomware Princess via RIG exploit kit.
- **8/4** A family of Locky using extension of ".lukitus"
- **8/4** Ransomware Troll encrypts all files on the infected machine.

- **8/9** Companies in Brazil and Saudi Arabia intruded and attacked by Mamba.
- **8/9** Transmission plant of AW North Carolina had the production line locked up by ransomware.
- **8/31** Regional parliament at Saxony-Anhalt, Germany, was offline due to ransomware infection via email.
- **9/6** Attack campaign by Dragonfly aiming at energy sectors.
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- **Jun**
  - 7/4 Self-Service Food Kiosk Vendor Avanti hacked.
  - 7/11 Adwind spread via spams: a RAT JavaScript-implemented and running on various OS.
- **Jul**
  - 7/11 120m customers’ data breached at Indian communication provider Reliance Jio.
- **Aug**
  - 8/1 ICS-CERT warned of Controller Area Network (CAN) bus vulnerability.
  - 8/14 Disdain, new strain of exploit kit reported.
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**Cyber attacks**

- **Jun**
  - 7/11 Kaspersky omitted from federal supplier of US government.
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- **Aug**
  - 8/11 APT28 using EternalBlue to attack hotels in Europe and Middle East.
  - 8/16 Brute force attack against Scottish parliament.
  - 8/22 Customers’ data breached at Swedish hosting company Loopia.
- **Sep**
  - 9/1 Secret email address and tel numbers breached at Instagram due to code errors.
  - 9/5 US bans use of Kaspersky software in federal agencies.

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- **Sep**
  - 9/7 EU defense ministers hold first exercises with NATO on cyber security.

**[G] Attacks loading malicious contents from outside for bypass.**

- 8/22 Ropemaker reported: forging received email via CSS located outside server.

**[H] SMS phishing (Smishing)**

- 8/14 Smishing campaign against US online banking users.
  - 8/28 Smishing campaign against Korean users infecting Android banking Trojan MoQHao.
  - 9/20 SEC discloses hackers penetrated internal system and profited in trading.
  - 9/25 Email platform and clients’ data of Deloitte hacked.

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[Jun - Aug - Sep]

**Threats**

- **Online extortion**
  - 7/31 US broadcaster HBO had confidential data stolen and blackmailed.

- **DDoS**
  - 9/14 Money Partners DDoS-ed.
  - 9/16 FX Trade Financial DDoS-ed.
  - 9/18 Hirose Tusyo DDoS-ed.
  - 9/20 bitFlyer DDoS-ed.
  - 9/21 5 FX trading site DDoS-ed.
  - 9/21 JPCERT/CC warned of DDoS by Phantom Squad.

- **Doxing**
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- **Government**
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  - 9/5 Japan government plans to assess vulnerabilities of existing IoT devices.
  - 8/29 Medical device maker Abbott found vulnerabilities in pacemakers and voluntarily recalled.
  - 8/12 JPCERT/CC warned of vulnerability of Wi-Fi STATION L-02F of NTT docomo.

**Cyber attacks**

- 7/7 FBI warned of internet-connected toys. They could breach privacy.
- 7/19 US casino intruded via internet-connected fish tank.
- 7/25 Huge infection of IoT malware BrickerBot in India caused 60,000 routers offline.
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