

# *The Rise of Ransomware*

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# FBI Says Threat From 'Ransomware' Is Expected to Grow

THE WALL STREET JOURNAL.



## Hollywood Hospital Hit By Ransomware Attack, FBI Investigates

InformationWeek  
**DARK**Reading

Ransomware Warning Issued After Triad Company's Files Held  
Hostage

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**NEWS 2**

## *What is Ransomware*

Ransomware is not a single family of malware, but a ***criminal business model*** in which malicious software is used to hold something of value for ransom



# The First Ransomware Attack – AIDS Trojan

Dear Customer:

It is time to pay for your software lease from PC Cyborg Corporation. Complete the INVOICE and attach payment for the lease option of your choice. If you don't use the printed INVOICE, then be sure to refer to the important reference numbers below in all correspondence. In return you will receive:

- a renewal software package with easy-to-follow, complete instructions;
- an automatic, self-installing diskette that anyone can apply in minutes.

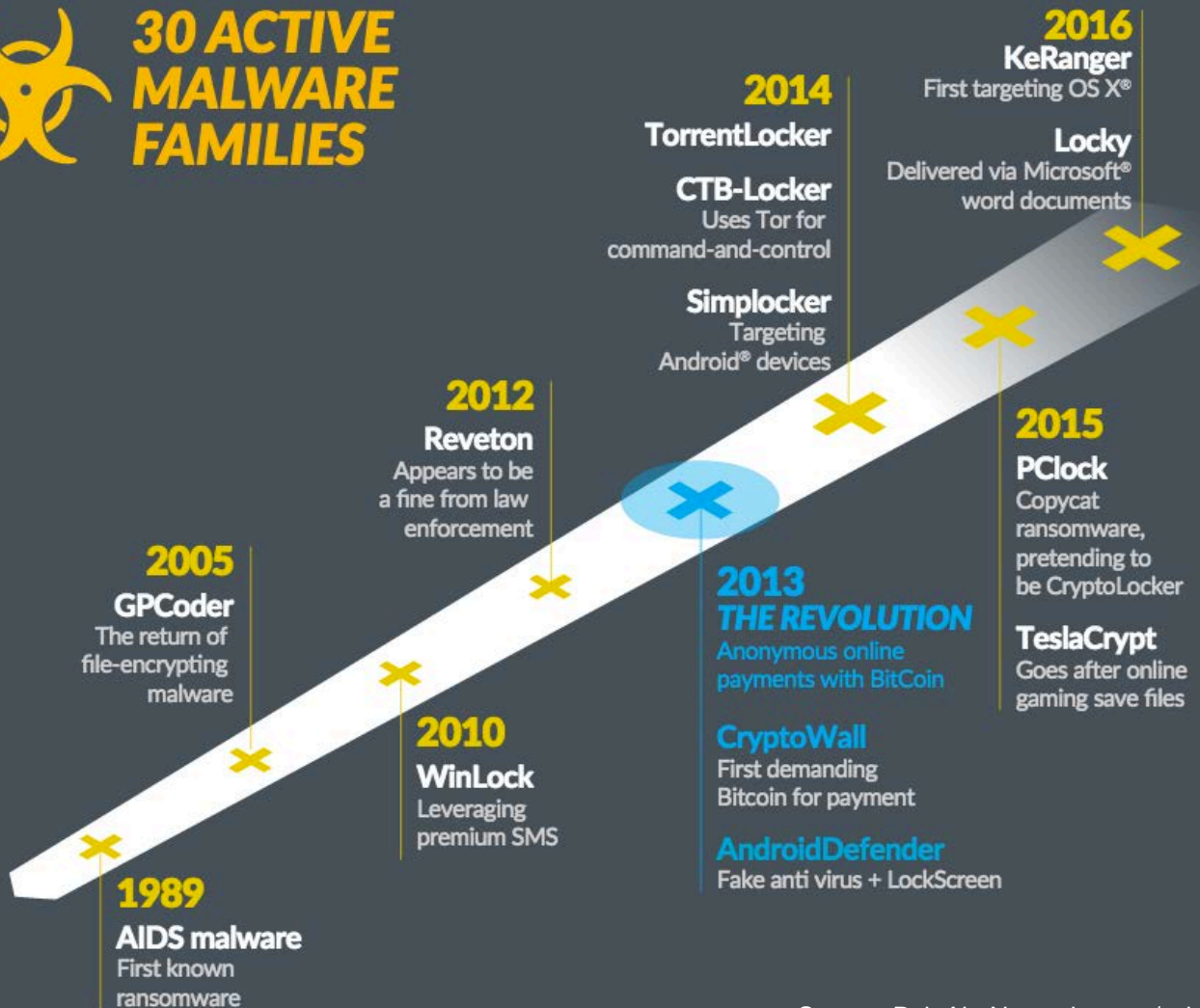
Important reference numbers: A5599796-2695577-

The price of 365 user applications is US\$189. The price of a lease for the lifetime of your hard disk is US\$378. You must enclose a bankers draft, cashier's check or international money order payable to PC CYBORG CORPORATION for the full amount of \$189 or \$378 with your order. Include your name, company, address, city, state, country, zip or postal code. Mail your order to PC Cyborg Corporation, P.O. Box 87-17-44, Panama 7, Panama.

Press ENTER to continue



# 30 ACTIVE MALWARE FAMILIES





# CryptoWall v3 Investigation

Co-Founded by

**Palo Alto Networks**

**Intel Security**

**Symantec**

**Fortinet**

**\$325M**

*Estimated Damages  
Across the Globe*

**44%**

*Victims Paid Up*

**30.7%**

*Exploit Delivery*

*Source: <http://go.paloaltonetworks.com/cryptowall>*

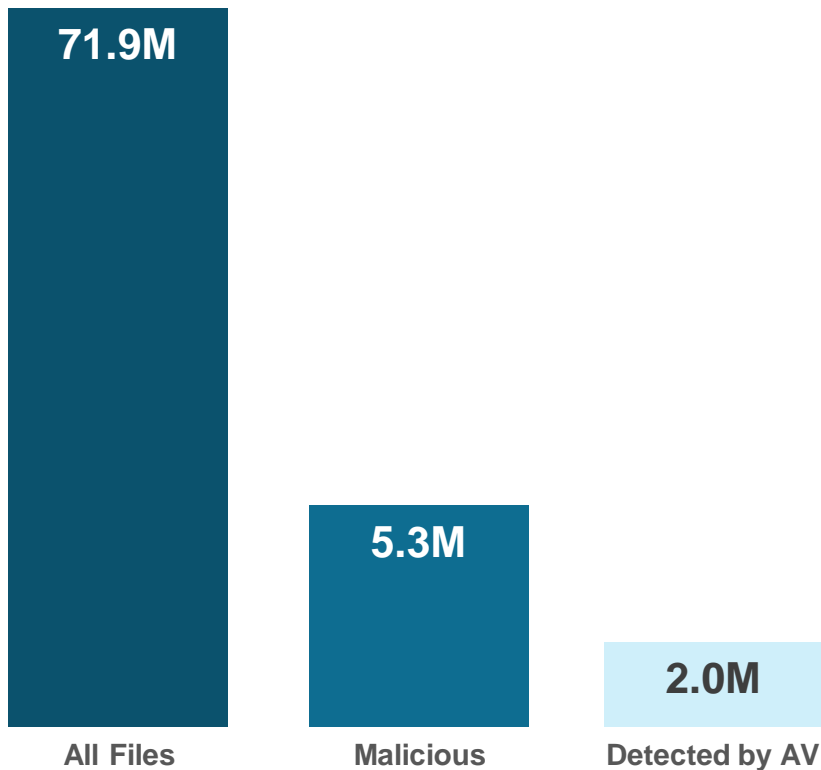
**1M+**

**Unique samples of  
crypto ransomware  
collected in Palo Alto  
Networks WildFire  
Threat Intelligence  
Cloud.**

**30+**

**Families of crypto  
ransomware tracked  
in Palo Alto Networks  
AutoFocus threat  
analysis service.**

# *WildFire Demonstrates the Shortcomings of Current Approach*



**37.5%**

**Of the malware files seen by WildFire each month are detected by the top 6 enterprise AV vendors\*.**

\*Average monthly values as of January 2016. Source: Palo Alto Networks WildFire and Multi-Scanner





# *Dealing with Ransomware*



***Preparation***



***Prevention***



***Response***

# *To Prevent Ransomware:*

- 1. Attack Vectors*
- 2. Delivery Methods*
- 3. How to Block*

# 1. Attack Vectors



**Exploits**



**Macros**



**Exec**

## 2. Delivery Methods



**Exploit  
Kits**



**Email  
Attachments**



**Drive-by  
Downloads**

# *A Ransomware Email That I Received on my Personal Email*

FW-INVOICE



Spam x



**APPLIANCE MART PVT Ltd** <ritssie2012@gmail.com>

4:52 PM (55 minutes ago)



to bcc: me



**Why is this message in Spam?** You clicked "Report phishing" for this message. [Learn more](#)

Dear,

Please find attached draft for the order .

Kindly check and advise.

**ORIGINAL DOCS.scr**

# More Sophisticated Ransomware Examples

Subject: FW: Vice President - Human Resources, [REDACTED] Draft documents enclosed for your review (0 [REDACTED])

Message [REDACTED].doc (28 KB)

**From:** Brian Grimes [<mailto:raymond172@verizon.net>]

**Sent:** Monday, August 29, 2016 11:33 AM

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** Vice President - Human Resources, [REDACTED], Draft documents enclosed for your review (0 [REDACTED])

Hello [REDACTED],

Thank you for opting for [REDACTED] Ltd for evaluation. I am sure that you'll be extremely fulfilled about our services.

Enclosed please find our Nondisclosure agreement ([REDACTED]). If this Contract is admissible to you, kindly sign and send to us via e-mail or post. When we receive the signed Settlement from you, we will expedite your request.

FYI: We posted a copy to: [REDACTED]

Should you have other queries, please don't hesitate to contact me. I can be reached at (877)-388-9039 ext. 90.

Again, thanks for trusting [REDACTED] Ltd.

Cheers,

Brian Grimes

Corporate financing manager

[REDACTED] Ltd

# 3. How to Block

**Multiple Attack Vectors**

**Multiple Delivery Methods**



 **Perimeter**

 **Cloud/SaaS**

 **Endpoints**

### 3. How to Block

1

**Reduce  
Attack  
Surface**

2

**Prevent  
Known  
Threats**

3

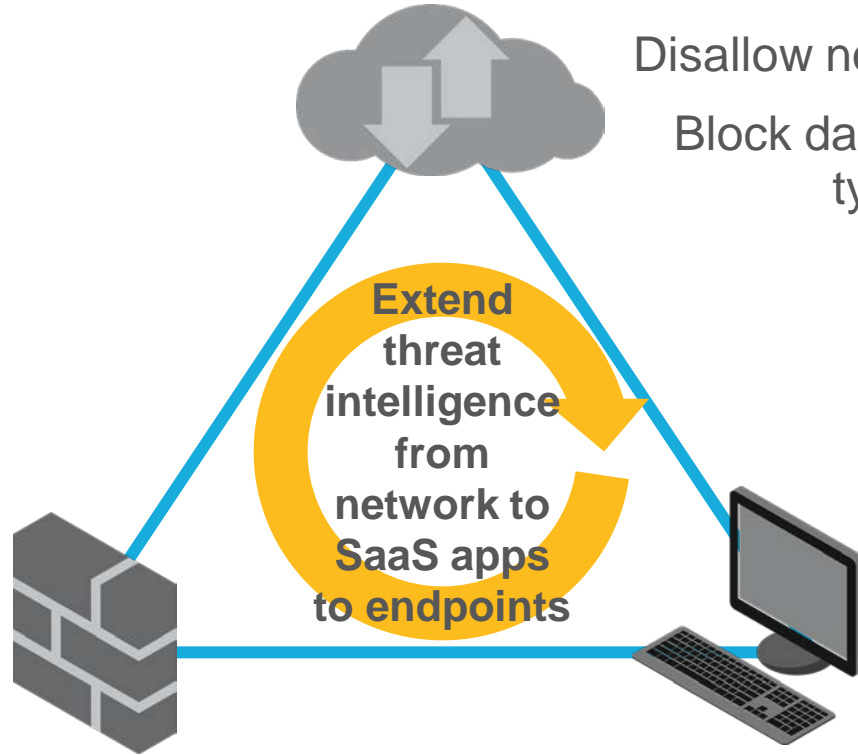
**Prevent  
Unknown  
Threats**



1

Reduce  
Attack  
Surface

Block unknown traffic  
Block malicious URLs  
Evaluate encrypted traffic  
Stop dangerous file types



Disallow non-org access  
Block dangerous file types

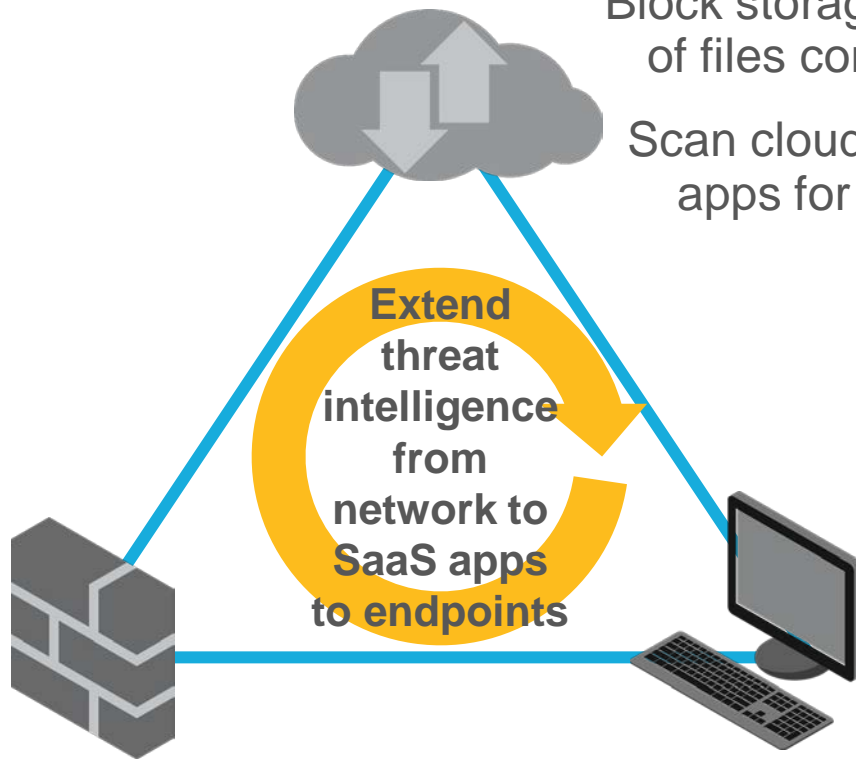
Extend zero-trust policies to endpoints

2

Prevent  
Known  
Threats

Block malicious URLs

Stop known exploits,  
malware & command-  
and-control traffic



Block storage or transmission  
of files containing exploits

Scan cloud storage & SaaS  
apps for malicious files

Block execution of  
known malware

Block all known  
exploits

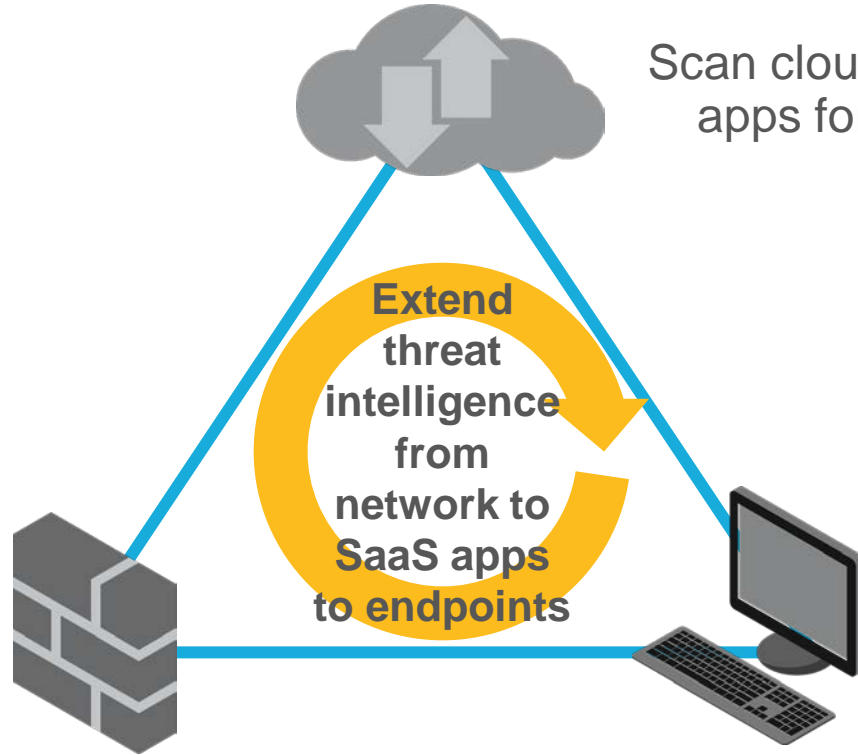
3

Prevent  
Unknown  
Threats

Scan cloud storage & SaaS  
apps for malicious files

Extend  
threat  
intelligence  
from  
network  
to  
SaaS apps  
to endpoints

Block execution of  
unknown malware  
  
Block all unknown  
and zero-day exploits



Control unknown traffic

Add context to threats  
and create proactive  
protections

Detect and prevent  
threats in unknown  
files and URLs



Exploit Kits



Email Attachments



Drive-by Download



Network & Perimeter



SaaS Applications



Endpoint

Automated Ransomware  
Prevention Across  
Multiple Attack Vectors  
and Delivery Methods is Only  
Possible with an Integrated  
Security Platform

# *Looking at Another Industry Trying to Protect Their Assets*

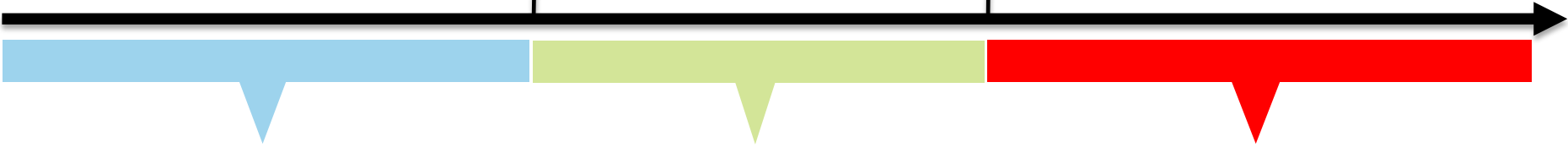




Someone breaks  
into your safe



Alarm turns on



Stop Thief from entering

Pray you made the  
right choice

Contain



Ransomware attack  
succeeds

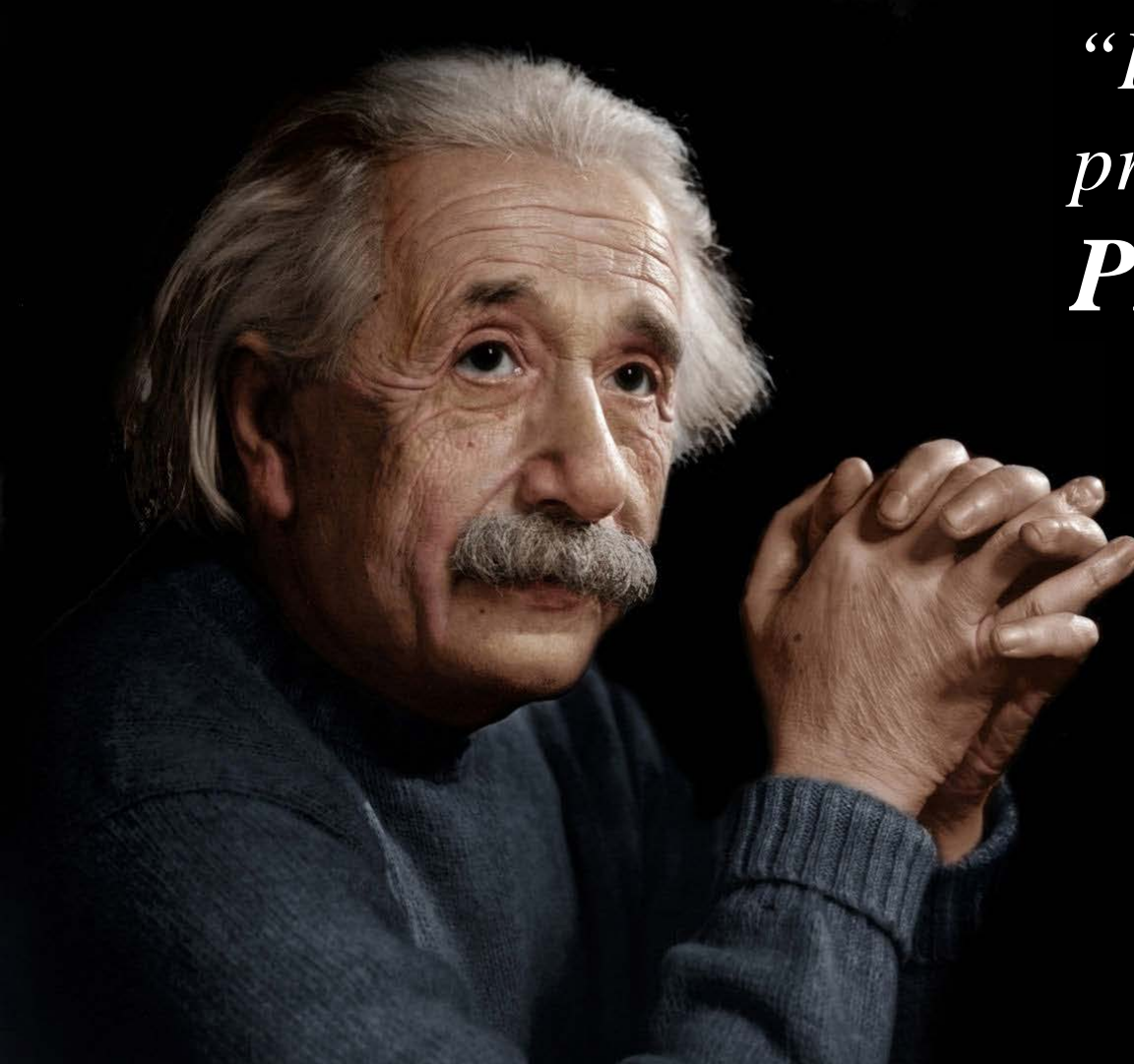
You find out that  
files are  
encrypted

Prevention

It's only a matter of  
time to find out

Remediation

Where would you prefer to be?



*“Intellectuals solve  
problems. Geniuses  
**PREVENT** them.”*

*-Albert Einstein*



*THANK YOU*

