

Bolster your defences, Conti is attacking your backups, says ProLion

Ransomware group Conti's latest attacks spell the end for hopes of restoring data from backups.

The latest tactics used by prominent ransomware groups prove that restoring data from backups is an insufficient counter to sophisticated attacks. This is according to [ProLion](#), a best-in-class proactive ransomware and data protection solution for any ONTAP storage.

A [report](#) published by cyber-risk prevention firm Advance Intelligence this week has revealed that a Russian ransomware group known as Conti has mastered the art of demolishing backups. The ransomware gang has developed new tactics that eliminate the possibility to restore data from backups, specifically targeting recovery software such as Veeam.

The report found that the group can access, exfiltrate, remove and encrypt backups to ensure ransomware breaches are effective. The news is a worrying revelation for organisations without further protection in place. In fact, the group actively recruits attackers that possess experience related to back-up identification, localisation, and deactivation.

Commenting on the report's findings, Steve Arlin, VP Sales, UK, Americas & APAC, ProLion said that the strongest solution remains the implementation of dedicated protection for central storage.

"The findings of the report prove what has been widely known for some time, relying on backups alone is a recipe for disaster. Ransomware attacks backups and disables their functionality. Organisations that depend on backups alone are leaving themselves vulnerable to significant damage," Arlin explained.

"Strengthening storage protection should be top of the priority list for many businesses. It is essential to protect Central Storage Systems whether in the local data centre, NAS or in the Cloud through the use of proactive ransomware solutions," he said.

The report follows the group's latest attack on multinational electronics organisation JVCKenwood. Attackers claim to have stolen 1.7 tb of data, demanding \$7 million for its return. The group were also responsible for an attack on Ireland's health service in May, the recovery from which could reportedly cost up to \$600m.

“Whether on premises or utilising cloud storage services, proactive and layered protection with several mitigations at each layer is the best way to avoid the devastation that we’ve already seen in 2021. Dedicated protection is essential,” said Arlin.

Notes to editors

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Founded in Austria, ProLion’s best-of-breed CryptoSpike solution eliminates system downtime and data loss risk ensures that an organisations’ data remains secure, compliant, manageable and accessible.

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