Cybercriminals Continue to Follow the Money

Cybercriminals employ malware to use a victim's computing power to mine for coins (without their permission) or to locate and steal the user's cryptocurrency.

Cybercriminals

$232B+

Size of Bitcoin Market

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$500–$1,000

Cost of a dedicated mining machine.

Check Your Bill on Google Play

The AsiaHitGroup Gang used several hijacked apps on Google Play— including a ringtone of the popular song "Despacito"— to steal money from unsuspecting victims.

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After decreasing significantly over the last 3 quarters, new JavaScript malware surged up 204% in Q2. More than 7 million new samples marks a record high, up from around 2 million in Q1.

Mobile malware

New mobile malware samples rose by 27% in Q2.

McAfee Global Threat Intelligence

McAfee GTI received on average 49 billion queries per day in Q2.

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Ransomware

New ransomware samples continued to decrease in Q2, falling 32%.

The total number of ransomware samples continues to grow, increasing 57% over the past four quarters to more than 17 million samples.

365,000

McAfee GTI protections against malicious URLs reported 365,000 (0.5%) of them risky in Q2, out of 73 million tested URLs.

86,000

McAfee GTI protections against malicious files reported 86,000 (0.1%) of them risky in Q2, out of 86 million tested files.

268,000

McAfee GTI protections against malicious IP addresses reported 268,000 (0.4%) of them risky in Q2, out of 67 million tested IP addresses.

