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Thread: [RAT or Keylogger](#)

RedeemTheBad - August 10, 2024, 8:40 pm

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T3n - August 11, 2024, 1:34 am

Personally i never thought about using any of those. But you can reverse shell RATs, for the keyloggers if you manage to find it, you can try and get the direction of where all the data is sent.

DramaKing - August 11, 2024, 5:57 am

(Aug 10, 2024 08:40 PM)RedeemTheBad Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) It's been years since I have used a keylogger or Remote access tool. Out of all curiosity what are the major differences between pro's and con's? Recommendations for beginning from scratch!

You can't directly compare them. A RAT can contain a keylogger, but they are generally very different.

Biggy_Asian - September 20, 2024, 2:47 am

(Aug 10, 2024 08:40 PM)RedeemTheBad Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) It's been years since I have used a keylogger or Remote access tool. Out of all curiosity what are the major differences between pro's and con's? Recommendations for beginning from scratch!

To sum it up it depends on your goal. If you want to be as incognito as possible and just gather info like keystrokes then a keylogger is best bet unless you're wanting access and control over the system whenever.

I dont recommend making your own rat from scratch. It can be a lengthy process for some and in the end lead to burnout for most. You could use a base from some other rats on github but those only really workout if you actually change things about them like the payload for example etc. Its a lot of work either way if you want to make your own rat from scratch.

Rats Pros:

Access to the target at any time

Execute commands/tasks remotely usually without much input

Many rats include HVNC which is like an RDP (you might know but viewers may not)

Cons:

Requires constant connection Cli <-> Server

Requires ports to be open for connection

Packet data could be analyzed if not using TLS encryption or insecure networking