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BPName - December 3, 2024, 3:35 am

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For many years, "Crimenetwork" was one of the central trading places of the German-speaking underground economy. Stolen data, drugs and forged documents were traded there, among other things. Most recently, more than 100,000 users were registered on the trading platform. According to the BKA, the platform's customers came predominantly from German-speaking countries.

Payments via the platform were made using the cryptocurrencies Bitcoin and Monero. The alleged operators - including the administrator who has now been arrested - are said to have received commission payments of one to five percent of the sales value for processing the sales. They generated additional income by charging the sellers monthly fees.

As part of the police measures that were taken, which were supported by international law enforcement authorities, the BKA was able to secure extensive user and transaction data, which provide valuable investigative approaches for further clarification of the criminal structures behind the platform.

Logo of the CC measure's success banner

Other successes of the BKA in the fight against cybercrime

In order to combat cybercrime in the long term, personal investigations, i.e. the identification and successful prosecution of criminals, are an important and effective approach. However, since cybercriminals often reside abroad and are tolerated or even protected by some countries, they often remain inaccessible to German law enforcement. The measures taken by the German law enforcement authorities are therefore also aimed at weakening or destroying the technical infrastructure of cybercriminals. This infrastructure approach has already enabled considerable success in the fight against organized cybercrime. In addition, considerable financial resources were withdrawn from the so-called underground economy in the course of the investigations. In addition, IT systems and data were repeatedly seized, which led to further investigations.

The success of "Operation Endgame" in 2024 can be seen as the biggest blow to date against global cybercrime actors. Numerous international partners worked together under the leadership of the BKA. As part of the operation, several of the most dangerous malware families were neutralized, ten international arrest warrants were issued and four people were provisionally arrested.

Also this year, 47 digital currency exchange services hosted in Germany, also known as "exchange services", which were used for criminal purposes, were shut down. These were platforms on which conventional currencies and cryptocurrencies could be exchanged.

In addition, two arrests in Germany and the shutdown of the online platform "Dstat.CC" contributed to the international operation "PowerOff". This was a central scene platform that, with a list and evaluation of stresser services, made it possible to carry out DDoS attacks quickly and easily, among other things.

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ZLOY - December 3, 2024, 3:30 pm

A sad day for crime. ?

But the sun will shine again tomorrow. ?

Goose Gladwell - December 3, 2024, 5:24 pm

It's amazing how those platforms always seem to enable authorities to confiscate enormous amounts of crypto currency.

Just a thought.

Jamika - December 4, 2024, 12:43 am

(Dec 3, 2024 04:35 AM)BPName Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#)

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This is bad how fed arrested him , hope is will be let free soon though

BPName - December 4, 2024, 9:07 am

An alle User: Geht auf keine fremden Seiten und schreibt keinen fremden Usern in Messengern. Warnt andere User, die ihr in der Kontaktliste habt, dass wir mehrere Tage offline sind und alle aufräumen sollen. Sichert alle Daten zu laufenden Trades und THs auf einem verschlüsselten Gerät. Die Behörden werden bei jeder Aktion schneller. Seid wachsam.

wtf

Binance - December 4, 2024, 9:07 am

People need to recognize the patterns happening this year... operation endgame, operation magnus, cybercriminal takedowns like J.P Morgan, scattered spider, Mikhail Pavlovich/wazawaka... it's everywhere.

even some of our own being extradited to USA, xVulnerable, Sammy, Litmus, Corruption/Firebird, Aegis... so many have gone.

it is a bad time to be a criminal. I would suggest you get out while you can.

Fluxplant - December 4, 2024, 6:40 pm

As a fed prisoner myself i can tell you that it is surely a bad time to be a criminal. It sux

RangoWorld - December 5, 2024, 3:26 am

RIP.

Screws are being tighten up online.