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**Stanley** - February 13, 2026, 7:20 pm

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Threat hunters have disclosed details of a new, stealthy malware campaign dubbed DEAD#VAX that employs a mix of "disciplined tradecraft and clever abuse of legitimate system features" to bypass traditional detection mechanisms and deploy a remote access trojan (RAT) known as AsyncRAT.

"The attack leverages IPFS-hosted VHD files, extreme script obfuscation, runtime decryption, and in-memory

<https://thehackernews.com/2026/02/deadvax-malware-campaign-deploys.html>

**Moookie** - February 22, 2026, 4:51 pm

Seeing attackers using async again isn't shocking, but the ipfs hosting angle makes it a little tougher to shut down as quickly

**shakur123** - February 22, 2026, 6:41 pm

IPFS + VHD is clever — harder takedowns, easier evasion.

AsyncRAT is old, but the delivery chain is the real weapon. Behavior-based detection or you lose.