

Ransomware: The Reality

It's here, it's sophisticated—and it's shifty!



Loss of sensitive, proprietary data



Disruption



Financial losses



Harm to reputation

Malware with a hefty price tag.



Recognize the accelerating threat



NUMBER 3 on the FBI's "Hot Topics for 2015" list¹

\$24 million extorted in more than 2400 complaints to the FBI²

\$60 million campaign of Angler Exploit Kit thwarted³

2015

Gaining momentum



2016

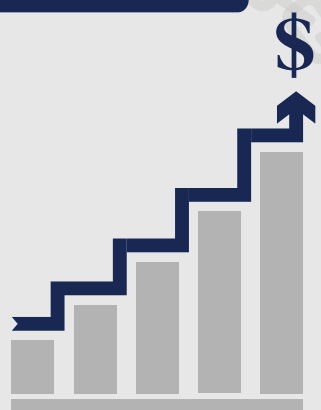
The "year of the ransom"

\$209 million extorted in first 3 months⁴



\$1 BILLION in profit expected in 2016⁵

6-fold increase in corporate user targets⁶



Know the Attack Vectors

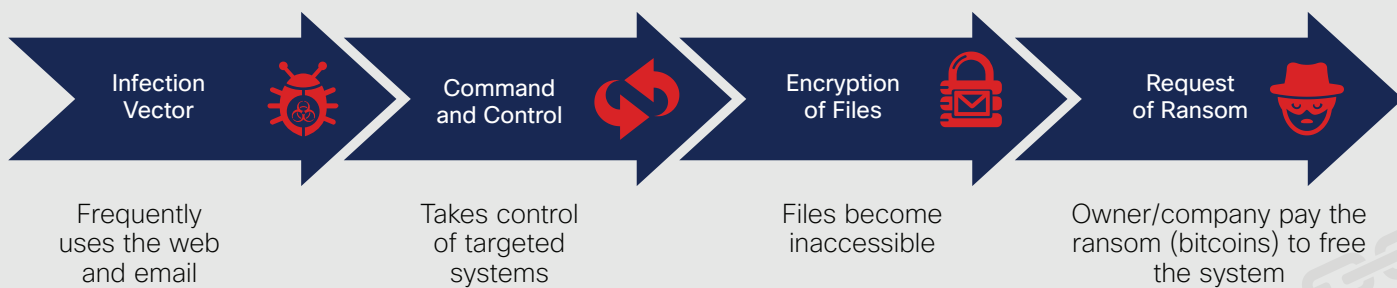
Exploit kits are tools used by attackers to distribute malware. They are often delivered through:

Email: phishing messages and spam with malicious links or attachments

Web servers: entry points for access into the network

Web-based apps: encrypted files spread through social media and instant messaging

Malvertising: drive-by downloads from an infected site



Prevent attacks with an architectural approach:

- Protection across DNS layer, endpoints, email, web, and network
- Secure devices on and off the network
- Be prepared to detect and contain movement of malware quickly

Detect and Disrupt Ransomware

Cisco Talos disrupts a **\$60 million** annual ransomware attack⁷

- One of the largest and most advanced exploit kits, known as Angler, was used in targeted malvertising campaigns
- Exploitation of **90,000 victims** a day for **\$30 million** annually through nearly **150 proxy servers** was stopped

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