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Monkey Pox-Themed Phishing Campaign

Executive Summary

HC3 has been made aware of a monkepox-themed malspam campaign that is currently targeting healthcare providers. The campaign has a subject of “Data from (Victim Organization Abbreviation): "Important read about -Monkey Pox– (Victim Organization) (Reference Number)” and utilizes an “Important read about Monkey Pox” theme. Inside of the email is a PDF with a malicious link which lures the recipient to a Lark Docs site. The site is Adobe Doc cloud-themed and offers a secure fax MonkeyPox PDF download. Clicking the download attempts to harvest Outlook, 0365, or Other Mail credentials. This campaign may have leveraged business email compromises (BECs) of HPH-related and possibly non-HPH entities.

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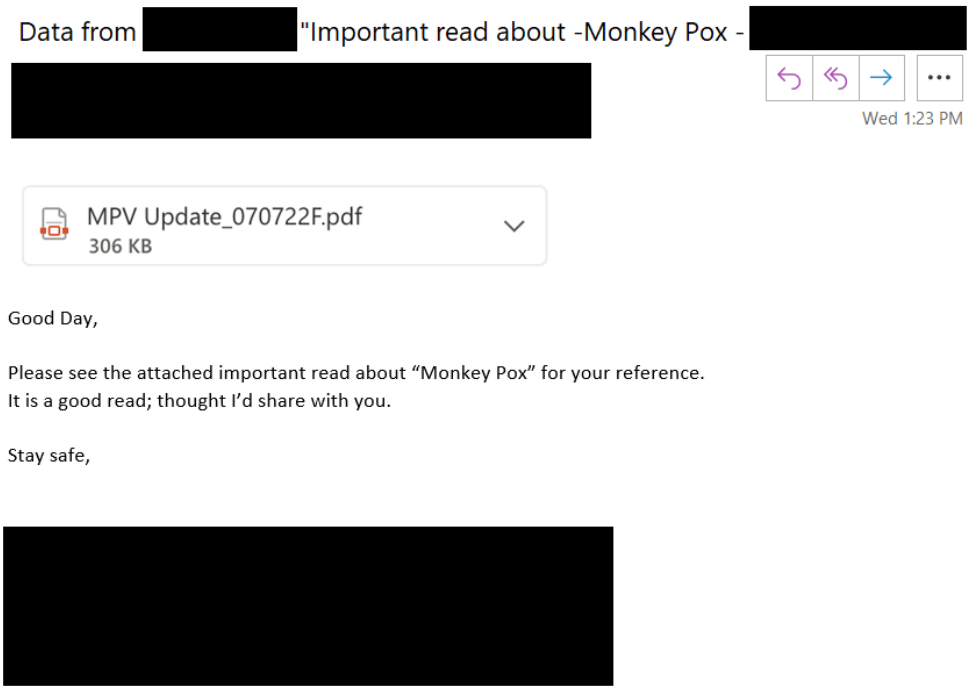

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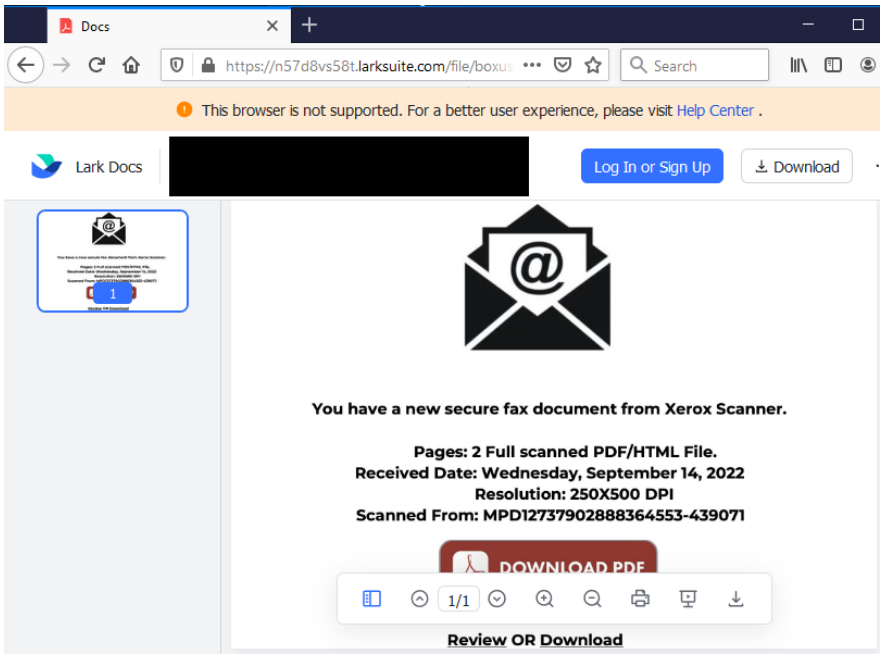

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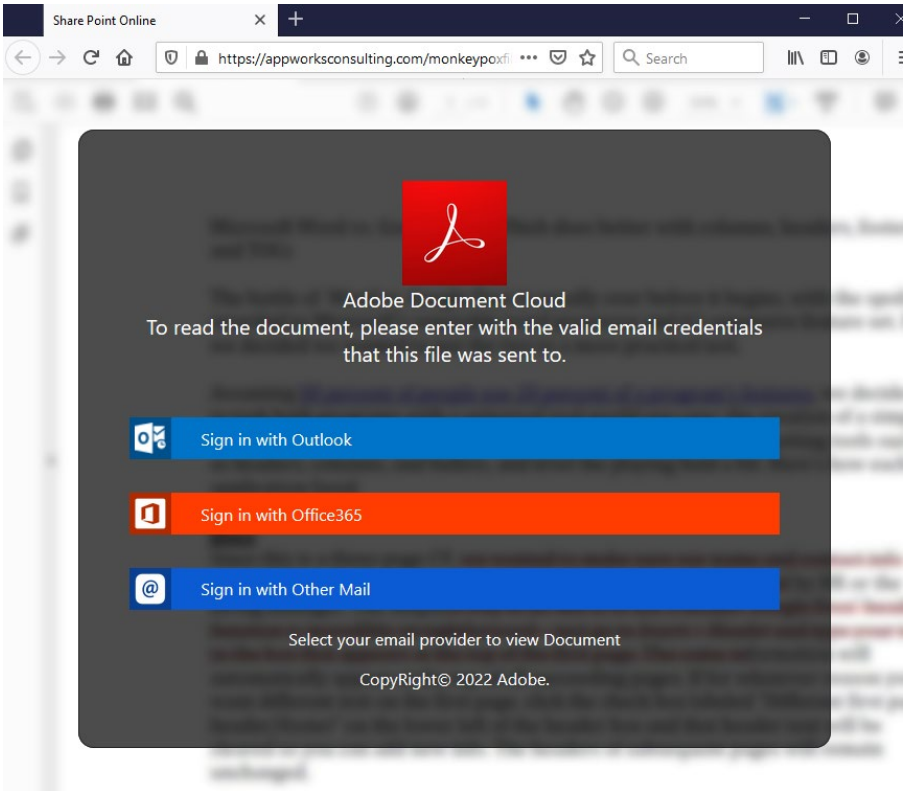

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HC3 Observed IOCs:

Subject Format:

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Site:

hxxps://is.gd/sB5WaT

Redirects to:

hxxps://n57d8vs58t.larksuite.com/file/boxuscyFa0hnj2mpYGSSEBFhshf

Lures to:

hxxps://security.feishu.cn/link/safety?target=https%3A%2F%2Fis.gd%2FTnzqDX&scene=ccm&logParams=%7B%22location%22%3A%22ccm_drive%22%7D&lang=en-US

Redirects to:

hxxps://appworksconsulting.com/monkeypoxfile/NewFolder/

Post:

hxxps://appworksconsulting.com/monkeypoxfile/NewFolder/next.php

Malicious File Attachments Names:

MPV Update_070722F.pdf

Patches, Mitigations, and Workarounds

The following actions should be taken to help protect your organization:

- Protect each account with complex, unique passwords. Use a passphrase and/or a complex combination of letters, numbers, and symbols.
- In general, avoid opening unsolicited emails from senders you do not know.
- Do not open a link or an attachment in an email unless you're confident it comes from a legitimate source.
- Do not download or install programs if you do not have complete trust in the publisher.
- Do not visit unsafe websites and do not click on pop-up windows that promise free programs that perform useful tasks.

References

Johansen, Alison Grace. "What is a Trojan? Is it a virus or is it malware?," Norton. 24 July 2020. https://us.norton.com/internetsecurity-malware-what-is-a-trojan.html#

Contact Information

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