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Title	**The BrainCipher_Ransomware**
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Indicator of Compromise	INDICATOR TYPE: INDICATORS
	Domain: • http[:]//mybmtbgd7aprdnw2ekxht5qap5daam2wch25coqerrq2zdioanob34ad[.]onion
	IP: • 199.232.214.172 • 224.0.0.252
	File Hash: • eb82946fa0de261e92f8f60aa878c9fef9ebb34fdababa66995403b110118b12
Recommendations	• Implementing robust email security solutions to detect and block phishing attempts. • Regularly training employees to recognize and report phishing emails. • Deploying advanced endpoint protection to detect and prevent malware execution. • Segregating critical systems and data to limit the spread of ransomware. • Maintaining regular backups of critical data and ensuring that backups are stored securely and offline. • Developing and regularly updating incident response plans to ensure a swift and effective response to ransomware attacks. **NOTE: The recommended settings/controls should be implemented after due shall be tested on Pre -Prod or test environment before implementing. diligence and impact analysis.**
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