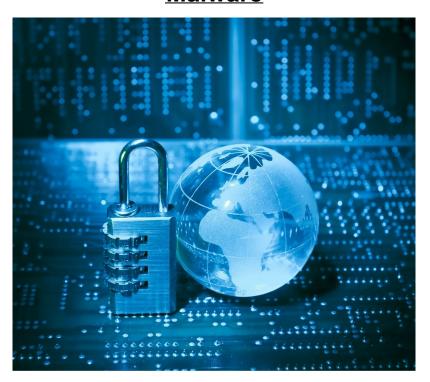


# **The Investigator Newsletter**

## **Malware**



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### **Summary**

Malware is a common way for <a href="hackers">hackers</a> to gain information or access devices; however, malware is a very broad term with many different subtypes. Trojans are a very common type of malware that will infiltrate a device while disguised as a legitimate application. It will then steal as much intelligence from your device as it can, causing other forms of disruption in the device. Another similar type of malware is Spyware, which, like trojans, will run quietly in the background to gather sensitive information and reveal it to third parties. Ransomware is a type of malware that will lock down the use of a device, leaving the hacker entirely in control. Once they have done this, they demand payment for the device to be released from the lockdown. Malware is a very broad term, and there are multitudes of types and variations to be aware of.

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#### **How Can It Affect Me?**

Malware can affect people in various ways, but the biggest gain for hackers is typically the financial gain. Malware can leave its victims vulnerable by stealing banking or other sensitive information. The hackers will utilize this information to steal your <u>identity</u> or extort you.

#### What Can I Do About It?

If malware has caused you financial loss or emotional distress, be sure to run anti-malware software and contact the police. You can also contact **BCSI Investigations** for a free consultation with one of our seasoned investigators. BCSI Investigations is specially equipped to deal with malware-related crimes with our cutting-edge forensic specialists.

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