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Rietspoof spreads through spam messages containing automated downloads of malicious code. When users click on the spam link, Rietspoof will penetrate deep inside the victim's computer, then continue to download other dangerous malware at the discretion of the hacker.



In order to bypass antivirus, Windows Defender or protection applications on the victim's computer, Rietspoof will create a shortcut file in the Windows startup folder, and create a certificate for the computer to believe this is a part. legal soft.

Avast said that hackers are still completing this kind of malicious code because since Rietspoof has discovered a few changes.

Currently, Avast is working to find out how to deal with this new malware.

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