

# SteelFox Trojan: Malware Turns PCs Into Cryptocurrency Mining Zombies

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Software piracy is a pretty bad idea. There are a lot of bad actors online who are looking to take advantage of people who want to get paid apps for free, and cracking tools are no exception. This malware infects people who are trying to avoid paying for the product, steals their personal information, and turns their computers into cryptocurrency mining zombies.

## SteelFox Trojan has started appearing on pirated websites

### 3.1 Win JetBrains Family Bucket Activation

Click to download: [jetbrains-activator.exe](#)

Directions:

1. Go to the official website to download the IDE software you need to use.
2. After installation, record the installation path
3. Open the downloaded activation tool
4. Select the corresponding IDE in the lower left corner
5. If the installation is by default, the path will be automatically identified. If the installation is custom, you can manually select the path you just installed `xxxxx.exe`. For example, `idea64.exe`
6. After making your selection, `active` if the "patch succeed" message does not pop up, go to step 4 and reactivate until the "patch succeed" message appears, then click " `code` Copy the activation code".
7. Open the installed IDE and `code` copy the activation code from the previous step into the corresponding activation code input box to complete the activation.

According to Kaspersky's report on SecureList, SteelFox Trojan is a new type of malware that began appearing last August. The security company found that SteelFox mainly lurks on websites, forums, and torrent services that support software piracy:

*Our investigation led us to the fact that the initial attack vector for SteelFox consisted of several different posts on forums and torrent trackers. These posts referred to the SteelFox dropper as an effective way to activate a legitimate software product for free. We saw the dropper pretending to be a crack for Foxit PDF Editor, JetBrains, and AutoCAD.*

Kaspersky notes that the cracking tool does exactly what it promises, tricking pirates into trusting the source and sharing the malicious app with their friends. However, the cracking tool also installs SteelFox, which sets up a cryptojacking service on the target computer. It then scans the device for installed browsers and attempts to steal personal information stored on it.

This is another example of the risks of using cracked software. If you want to keep your personal information safe and your PC safe from cryptojackers, don't use pirated software. Remember, if you get something for free, there's a good chance you're getting something in return, especially if you're doing something shady.

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