TeslaCrypt Creators Give Up Malware Master Key

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Security firm ESET has good news for victims of TeslaCrypt-- the creators of the ransomware have given up the master key required to decrypt files infected by the malware.

TeslaCrypt first appeared in early 2015, and gained infamy by targeting game-related content such as save files and custom maps as well as the more traditional documents and pictures. In total it affects 185 different file extensions, and it reportedly earned its creators $76522 in less than two months.

However, the operators behind TeslaCrypt claim to have closed the ransomware project, and in what seems to be an act of repentance the group provided an ESET researcher with a universal decryption key.

Last month Cisco managed to create a decryption tool for some variants of the ransomeware, but thanks to the universal decryption key ESET can offer a decrypting tool able to unlock all files affected by all TeslaCrypt variants (including newer 3.0 versions and higher). The tool can recover TeslaCrypt-encrypted files with extensions changed to .xxx, .ttt, .micro and .mp3, as well as files without a modified extension.

Instructions for downloading and using the tool can be find on the ESET website.

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