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Story:

Scammers do this to mine cryptocurrency without a device user's knowledge. This can slow down a device & drain battery as a result.

Script:

LEIGH GARNER

THIS MORNING, IF YOUR PHONE OR COMPUTER SEEMS TO RUN OUT OF BATTERY MORE OFTEN OR RUN MORE SLOWLY LATELY... YOU MAY BE A VICTIM OF CRYPTOJACKING.

CBS 42 NEWS REPORTER ARIANA GARZA JOINS US IN STUDIO WITH DETAILS ON HOW YOU CAN PROTECT YOURSELF...AND ACTUALLY HELP CATCH THE PEOPLE BEHIND IT.

ARIANA GARZA

“GOOD MORNING LEIGH, CRYPTOJACKING IS A BILLION DOLLAR INDUSTRY AND MANY PEOPLE HAVE NEVER HEARD OF IT AND MOST OF THE VICTIMS DON'T EVEN KNOW IT'S HAPPENING TO THEM.

HERE'S HOW IT WORKS... THE SCAMMERS USE A HARMFUL CODE THAT'S HIDDEN IN A WEBSITE, AN ADVERTISEMENT OR AN EMAIL TO INFECT YOUR COMPUTER OR YOUR PHONE. ONCE YOUR DEVICE IS INFECTED...THEY CAN START USING YOUR DEVICE'S PROCESSOR TO MINE FOR CRYPTOCURRENCY. THIS MEANS YOUR DEVICE CAN SLOW DOWN...LOSE BATTERY POWER... OR EVEN CRASH.

I SPOKE TO A LOCAL COMPUTER TECHNICIAN WHO IS ALSO A CERTIFIED ETHICAL HACKER ABOUT THIS. HE SAYS TO PROTECT YOURSELF YOU NEED TO HAVE A SOLID ANTIVIRUS OR ANTI MALWARE PROGRAM INSTALLED ON YOUR DEVICE. YOU CAN ALSO INSTALL AD BLOCKERS AND STAY UP TO DATE ON SOFTWARE UPDATES OR PATCHES EVEN FOR YOUR APPS.”

WILSON PENNINGTON

“ Without the patches, it's kind of like your internet is a dirty river and you are in a boat. Without the patches, stuff is coming in through those holes. So you've got to have the patches in order to protect yourself.”

ARIANA GARZA

“AND CRYPTOJACKING IS HARD TO DIAGNOSE. BUT SINCE IT CAN SLOW YOUR DEVICE DOWN YOU CAN CHECK YOUR BATTERY SETTINGS, CLOSE WHATEVER WEBSITES OR APPS ARE SLOWING YOUR DEVICE DOWN OR DRAINING THE BATTERY.

NOW THE FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION HAS TAKEN ACTION AGAINST THE DEVELOPER BEHIND THE APP KNOWN AS "PRIZED" FOR CRYPTOJACKING. IF YOU THINK YOU'RE A VICTIM OF CRYPTOJACKING EVEN THOUGH... EVEN THROUGH ANOTHER APP OR WEBSITE YOU CAN FILE A REPORT WITH THE F.T.C.”

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