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Short Communication

Monitoring cryptocurrencies exchanges to trace cybercrime activities

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Abstract

Cybercrime is a growing threat. No industry is safe from such threat, in particular ransomware that represented about a quarter of the cyberattacks in 2020. With the exploding double-extortion ransomware attack, the attackers demand a ransom not just to decrypt the stolen data but to refrain from releasing it publicly.

Cybercriminals are more and more often asking for payment through bitcoins. With an increasing bitcoin price, the number of ransomware infections is expected to explode in 2021.

How to trace these payments to collect evidence on the cybercrime organizations behind these?

Biography

Over the last thirty years, Eric Barenzung has worked across four continents on delivering large scale projects among other roles. From aeronautics to PayTV industry, including retail, he moved to the cybersecurity domain in 2014.

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