

Drainer-as-a-Service (DaaS) Operations: Medusa Drainer Under-the-radar asset draining from unsuspecting Web3 users



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DeepCode & AMLBot Joint Investigation Overview

This investigation is the result of a collaborative effort between the **Deepcode** and **AMLBot** teams, combining expertise in blockchain forensics, cybercrime intelligence, and Web3 infrastructure analysis. Our joint mission was not only to uncover the inner workings of the Medusa Drainer operation and associated networks, but also to translate findings into actionable advice.

The investigation aims to provide an in-depth, multi-faceted analysis of the Medusa Drainer operation within the broader context of Drainer-as-a-Service (DaaS) model. We will conduct a deep dive into various key components of the operation to uncover how Medusa Drainer exploits unsuspecting Web3 users. The investigation will include the following:

■ Social Media Analysis:

We will examine the digital footprint of the Medusa Drainer operation, focusing on social media channels, including Telegram and other platforms, to trace the communication patterns, promotional tactics, and connections to other criminal activities.

On-Chain Advanced Investigation:

Led by AMLBot's subject-matter experts, we will analyze the blockchain transactions related to Medusa Drainer. By tracing the flow of stolen assets, we aim to uncover patterns of movement, identify key addresses, and expose the methods used to obfuscate the origin and destination of these illicit funds.

Domain and Infrastructure Providers Analysis:

A detailed investigation will be conducted into the domain names, and infrastructure supporting Medusa Drainer's phishing operations. This will include a thorough examination of any associated phishing websites.

Source-Code Analysis of Phishing Sites:

We will conduct a deep analysis of the phishing site code to uncover its underlying structure, techniques for deceiving users, and how it interacts with blockchain protocols.

⊗ Connections to Other Drainers:

We will explore the potential links between Medusa Drainer and other notorious drainer operations, such as Pink Drainer, Inferno Drainer, Angel Drainer. By examining shared tactics, infrastructure, and operators involved, we will determine whether Medusa Drainer is part of a larger coordinated effort.

This multi-pronged investigation seeks to identify and expose the full scale of Medusa Drainer's operations, its links to the broader drainer ecosystem, and the methods used to drain assets from Web3 users. Through this effort, we aim to contribute valuable insights into the fight against Web3-based cybercrime and phishing operations.

• What are Crypto Drainers?

Crypto drainers have become a major threat in the Web3 ecosystem, responsible for substantial financial losses amounting to millions of dollars stolen from both individuals and organizations. These drainers function as phishing tools that impersonate legitimate crypto platforms, tricking users into signing malicious transactions that silently drain their wallets.

Beneath this broad definition lies a variety of deceptive techniques, often disguised as:

- airdrops
- free mint offers
- smart contracts containing tokens but requiring no gas

These tactics are highly lucrative for scammers because they target Web3 brands and projects directly—resulting not in stolen credentials or database leaks, but in the direct theft of cryptocurrency.

Once funds are drained from victims' wallets, attackers typically engage in laundering to reduce traceability and facilitate conversion to fiat currency. This process often involves routing stolen assets through mixers (hence the term "mixing"), decentralized exchanges, DeFi platforms, gambling sites, and similar services. By 2023, DeFi platforms had emerged as the dominant channel for such laundering operations.

Drainer-as-a-Service (DaaS) is a malicious business model where these tools are leased out to less technically skilled attackers. Similar to Ransomware-as-a-Service (RaaS), DaaS providers offer user-friendly dashboards, custom phishing kits, and even customer support—making wallet theft more accessible to novice cybercriminals.

The earliest crypto drainers emerged on underground forums around 2021, with a primary focus on compromising MetaMask wallet users. Since then, the landscape has evolved significantly. Today, many drainers operate under a "Drainer-as-a-Service" (DaaS) model, where experienced developers and cybercriminals offer turnkey infrastructure to affiliates for a one-time payment or a recurring subscription fee.

This model dramatically lowers the barrier to entry for would-be scammers. Every stage of the fraud operation—ranging from phishing page deployment to wallet-draining scripts—is pre-packaged and ready for use, requiring little to no technical expertise or upfront investment. In return, the service providers, or "operators", typically take a cut of the profits, earning between 5% and 25% of the stolen funds.

Market Penetration and Reach of Crypto Drainers

Drainers have seen a sharp rise in popularity in recent years. According to <u>Chainalysis</u>, the industry's quarterly growth rate in early 2023 even outpaced that of ransomware.

In 2024, <u>ScamSniffer</u> reported that the total amount of funds stolen by drainers reached approximately **\$494 million**—a **67% increase** compared to the previous year. Interestingly, the number of victims only grew by **3.7%**, indicating that attackers are now extracting significantly larger sums per target.

This surge in drainer activity has been accompanied by increased chatter on underground forums. <u>Kaspersky Labs</u> notes that the number of darknet resources discussing drainer tools rose from **55 in 2022** to **129 in 2024**.

Among blockchain networks, Ethereum suffered the most severe losses. According to <u>Scam Sniffer</u>, the Ethereum network saw **\$156.2 million** in total stolen funds, concentrated in some of the largest individual thefts.

The drainer ecosystem itself began to consolidate and shift throughout 2024. In the first half of the year, three major players dominated the landscape:

- Angel Drainer 42% market share
- Pink Drainer 28%
- Inferno Drainer 22%

By the end of May, **Pink Drainer** exited the market and was absorbed by **Inferno Drainer**. This led to a head-to-head competition in Q3 between **Inferno** (43%) and **Angel** (25%).

In a significant move at the end of October, **Angel Drainer absorbed Inferno**, consolidating their operations. Despite the merger, both entities remained active, now holding a **combined 45%** market share.

In the final quarter of 2024, the market share was distributed as follows:



While drainers were traditionally deployed via phishing websites, 2024 saw their expansion into mobile platforms. In March, a malicious app mimicking **WalletConnect** was discovered on the Google Play Store, targeting Android users as a new vector for drainer-based attacks.

Key Players in the Crypto Drainer Ecosystem

The crypto drainer landscape is shaped by a handful of dominant actors, many of whom have undergone shifts, rebrands, or consolidations over time. Below is an overview of the most prominent players, along with relevant investigations and references.

Inferno Drainer

- Initial Activity: Debuted in November 2022.
- Code: Likely developed by a Russian programmer based in Astrakhan.
- First Exit: Ceased operations after stealing ~\$80 million by November 2023.
- **Return & Merger:** Re-emerged in **May 2024**, and was later **acquired by Angel Drainer** in October 2024.
- Modus Operandi: Injects malicious JavaScript into phishing sites, exploiting integrations with Seaport, WalletConnect, Coinbase, and others.
- Targeted Brands: PEPE, COLAB.LAND, zkSync, MetaMask, and more.
- **Current Status:** Merged with Angel; the two now operate as a single entity "**Angelferno**" and collectively hold the **largest share of funds stolen** in recent high-profile thefts.

Angel Drainer / AngelX / Angelferno

- Original Focus: Operated across EVM-compatible chains, deploying smart contracts and targeting NFTs
- **Expansion:** Recently added support for **Solana, TON, and Tron**, capitalizing on their relatively weak security tooling.
- High-Profile Attack: Gained attention after involvement in a Ledger Connect Kit phishing incident.
- Rebrand: On 31 August 2024, relaunched as AngelX, introducing improved obfuscation and easier deployment.
- **Security Evasion:** Analysts report that AngelX has a significantly **higher evasion rate**, making detection by security vendors more difficult.
- **Operational Risk:** On **16 July 2024**, the team announced plans to shut down due to fears of their identities being exposed.
- Merger: On 20 October 2024 Angel Drainer acquired Inferno Drainer's infrastructure for \$501,000,000, and rebranded as Angelferno. As of Q4 2024, Angel and Inferno together hold 45% market share.

OSINT Links:

Angelferno has been traced to Russia and is suspected to have ties to the <u>Crazy Evil</u> cybercrime group. One of the key <u>Angelferno</u> Telegram channels, <u>@avolneeupd</u>, is managed by <u>@avolnee</u> (ID: 7876081384), who is allegedly named "<u>Nikolai</u>". This user is

- further linked to the website angelferno[.]com. Posts by @avolnee have been observed in both English and Russian.
- The previous X.com account "AngelDrainer" has been linked to the Telegram user
 @Stopppmeeee (ID: 7202038529, display name: "Drakan | AngelX (Only Real Account)"), who appears to act as the 'CEO' or lead operator of Angelferno.
- This same user has also been connected to a Solana (SOL) address:
 5rigLyzJa6vVDRzkWFntuSm1HJsnRtLh4SkiTWnTXEvx, based on Telegram-linked wallet tracking.

A deeper analysis of this address can be found on Arkham.com.

Pink Drainer

- Launch: April 2023, with an early theft of 156 ETH.
- **Developer Identity:** Allegedly created by a solo actor known as **PinkDeveloper**, previously active as "Blockdev" on **X.com** and **Discord**, posing as a crypto security researcher.
- Social Media Presence:
 - "pinkdrainer_" on X.com / Twitter linked to pink-drainer.eth
 - "pinkdrainer" on Instagram (display name: "Ace") and Discord (ID: 1185102766440452161; registered: 15 December 2023)
- Target Audience: Initially aimed at Chinese users, whom the developer controversially criticized.
- Milestones: Became multi-chain within a month; passed \$1 million in stolen funds by July 2023.
- Exit: Ceased activity on 17 March 2024, accounting for 28% of major thefts that year.
- Downfall: Fell victim to an address poisoning scam in June 2024, losing 10 ETH to lookalike wallet addresses.

Ace Drainer

- First Seen: January 2024
- Social Media Presence:
 - Facebook account "acedrainer" links to a previous Telegram account of Inferno Drainer
 (t.me/mr inferno drainer) on 16 October 2023
 - Instagram account "acedrainer" (display name: "Drake") connects to Inferno Drainer logo
- Notable Attack: In October 2024, compromised over 400 DApps by targeting the Lottie Player npm package, executing a supply chain attack.
- Tactics: Injected malicious scripts via third-party components used across decentralized apps.
- Current Status: Remains active alongside Angel, retaining a 20% market share in Q4 2024.

Other Known Drainers

- Cerberus
- Nova (maintained by CryptoGrab, likely operated from Russia)
- Medusa
- MS Drainer (developed by a Russian programmer)
- Venom
- Pussy
- Monkey (devildrainer.eth)

In-Depth Analysis of Medusa Drainer: Uncovering Connections and Origins

The goal of this investigation is to identify the potential owners of **Medusa Drainer** and uncover any links to other prominent drainers in the ecosystem.

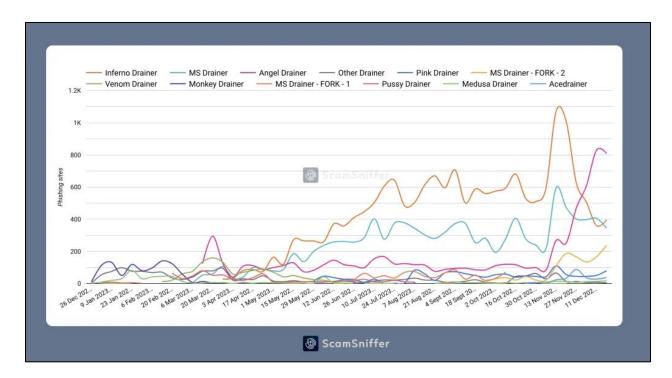
This section explores who the **Medusa Drainer** actors are, their origins, and what entities or operations have since replaced or absorbed them.

Medusa Drainer emerged on the exact day that Inferno Drainer announced their exit in November 2023, positioning itself as a successor—and an alternative to Monkey, Venom, and Inferno itself. In early January 2024, Medusa claimed to have drained over \$5 million from victims, according to quetzal.bitso.com. For a deep dive into Inferno Drainer, refer to the comprehensive analysis by Group-IB

Medusa Drainer and Its High-Profile Mentions

Medusa Drainer stands out as one of the key players in the 2024 drainer landscape, yet, compared to others, it has been less frequently observed in large-scale phishing attacks.

The chart below, sourced from ScamSniffer, illustrates this trend—the green line represents phishing sites confirmed to be associated with Medusa Drainer, rarely surpassing 100 domains.



Target Audience and Attack Method:

Medusa Drainer primarily targeted **regular users**, avoiding large-scale, well-known hacks like **Angel** and **Inferno**. Infections often occurred through phishing sites or social engineering tactics. The drainer was frequently disguised as a token distribution (airdrop), prompting users to authorize the flow of funds via **Approval** or **Permit2** functions. This type of fraud is categorized as a **permission scam**.

Case Example:

An automated scam report detailing one of Medusa Drainer's operations can be found here. Another notable instance of Medusa Drainer's activity involved scams spreading via **Reddit**, particularly in the UniSwap thread. A screenshot is provided below.

For authorities

Data and addresses that are apparently relevant to this robbery:

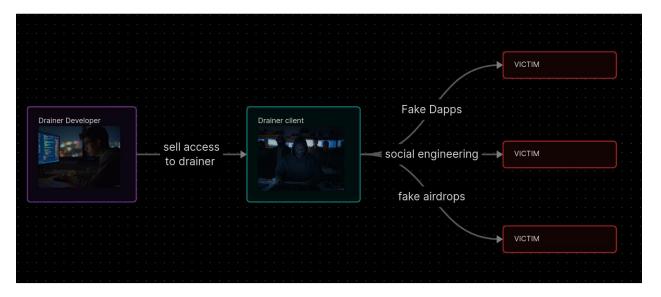
- 1st of March, 2024, I linked my wallet to the scammer at the website: air swap dot trade
- 3 stealings took place: 1st of March, 2nd of March and 24th of April 2024
- Each stealing, contract was initiated from: 0x244EA7FeFe2D66Fb6Da2eD374351D1bf4161A3e4
- Each time, tokens were exchanged to ETH through Uniswap Permit 2 and sent to: 0xFa7575CaA049e5cFD96a2783da2C85663f0Da817
- · Total value lost is about 8000 USD

Please take necessary actions to prevent this from happening to someone else.

Thank you

DaaS Model Evolution:

The most prominent drainer operators have transitioned to the **Drainer as a Service (DaaS)** model, marking the next stage in fraud evolution. Developers now act as service providers, offering access to drainers, control panels, operational proxies, and accounts on major platforms. Rather than interacting directly with victims, these developers profit by charging other scammers subscription fees for initial access and ongoing services. This model benefits developers in multiple ways, including broader scalability and reduced risk. The diagram below illustrates the Drainer-as-a-Service (DaaS) model used by Medusa.



How Crypto Drainers Reach Clients

Drainer developers typically acquire customers through three primary channels:

- Telegram-themed chats
- Discord thread-based servers
- Clear Web, Deep Web and Dark Web forums

These platforms host both public and private communities, where a wide range of fraud-enabling services are openly traded. These include:

- Rental of crypto-themed domain names
- Proxy server access
- Purchase of KYC-verified documents
- Hacked or newly registered accounts on platforms popular in the Web3 space (e.g., Telegram, Discord tokens, compromised Twitter/X accounts)

In effect, scammers can gain access to a complete toolkit with minimal effort—simply by joining a few key chat rooms. Developers, in turn, gain both a steady client base and ties to other malicious operators.

Medusa Drainer operated similarly

The developer promoted their services via a public Telegram channel, @MedusaDrainer (ID: 1784643705), first detected on 1 February 2024, by the Telemetr.io monitoring system. At the time of discovery, the channel already had around 1,500 subscribers. The last post was made on 13 August 2024. Medusa Drainer reached its peak activity in March 2024, when it was associated with the creation of 100 to 200 phishing domains containing its malicious code.

We found several user complaints and comparisons posted in other channels, suggesting that **Medusa Drainer lagged behind competitors like Angel Drainer** for multiple reasons:

• **Angel Drainer** only takes a **percentage of stolen funds** as payment, while Medusa charges upfront fees for access to files and control panels.

Report

This list exposes a concerning network of individuals and groups involved in cryptocurrency fraud, primarily through simswapping and draining techniques. Simswapping involves hijacking a victim's phone number to gain access to their cryptocurrency accounts. Drainers, on the other hand, exploit vulnerabilities in platforms to steal funds.

Notable Individuals and Groups:

- @swat, @dare, @june, @dead, @crazy: These individuals are known Coinbase sim-swappers, with confirmed thefts ranging from over \$100,000 to over \$5 million.
- @goth, @perc, @kill, @meth, @dislike: These individuals are also Coinbase sim-swappers, with confirmed thefts exceeding \$100,000 and reaching over \$500,000.
- @griddy, @larp, @lonely: These individuals are classified as drainers, with confirmed thefts ranging from \$100,000 to \$200,000.
- @yeah, @virgin, @dirty: This team of drainers has stolen over \$1 million.
- @zombie, @villain: This team of Coinbase simswappers has stolen over \$1 million.
- @pateico: This individual engages in both bank fraud and sim-swapping, with confirmed thefts exceeding \$200,000.
- @twink, @happy, @rumor: These individuals are Coinbase sim-swappers, with confirmed thefts ranging from \$100,000 to \$200,000.
- Selepy, @insecure, @favorite, @fate, @cuter, @fate, @cuter, @demise, @PermBigSir, @stand, @regret: These individuals are known to be involved in simswapping but with varying degrees of confirmed stolen amounts.
- @stop: The developer of the "angel drainer" tool, with over \$50 million in confirmed thefts.
 @infernoDrainerSupport: The developer of the "inferno drainer" tool, with over \$200 million in confirmed thefts.
- @bigego: A Coinbase sim-swapper with confirmed thefts exceeding \$200,000.
- @tempt, @offthat: Developers of illegal simswapping and automated tools, with unknown stolen amounts.

Illegal Tools Facilitating Fraud:

These individuals and groups rely on tools specifically designed for illegal sim-swapping and draining activities:

 @breachly, @carrier, @suite, @ogbluvouches, @gorillacallbot, @kittymailer, @infernoReborn:
 These are the names of tools or services that facilitate the illegal activities mentioned above.



- Users reported **poor support** from the Medusa team, citing "stupidity and unprofessionalism" (source).
- Some alleged that **Medusa's developers defrauded their own customers**, disappearing with their money (<u>source</u>).

Studying these discussions also yields valuable OSINT about members of adjacent Telegram communities and the nature of their operations. For example, the top-right analysis posted on Telegram shows various Telegram users involved in cryptocurrency fraud.

TaoMazov – Alleged Creator of Medusa Drainer

The primary operator behind Medusa Drainer goes by the alias "Tao", active on Telegram since at least August 2023. Previous usernames include "taomazov" and "ycmarginal", both tied to Telegram ID: 6695770377. Tao's current username is "mazovdusa" (ID: 109327337), who has been linked to at least 26 Farsi-speaking or Iran-based Telegram groups.

These Telegram groups show signs of suspicious and potentially harmful activity. Many pretend to offer financial help, jobs, or rewards for adding members, often using names of well-known Iranian figures to seem credible. Others promote temporary marriage or adult services disguised with religious language. Some groups use strange or random usernames (e.g., "jdjdjdbbrbrb", "dkcfkddksk", "jkgfddyii9") suggesting they might be run by bots or used for spam or scams. Taken together, these groups appear to be part of a wider network that takes advantage of people's financial needs, religious beliefs, or curiosity to deceive or exploit them.

User "Tao" (ID: 6695770377) first appeared on 19 August 2023, in the Telegram group @curvefi (ID: 1357982180), introducing themselves with:

"hi i'm a beginner, can someone tell me whats the benefit to stake funds into a curve pool? sorry for dumb questions hehe".

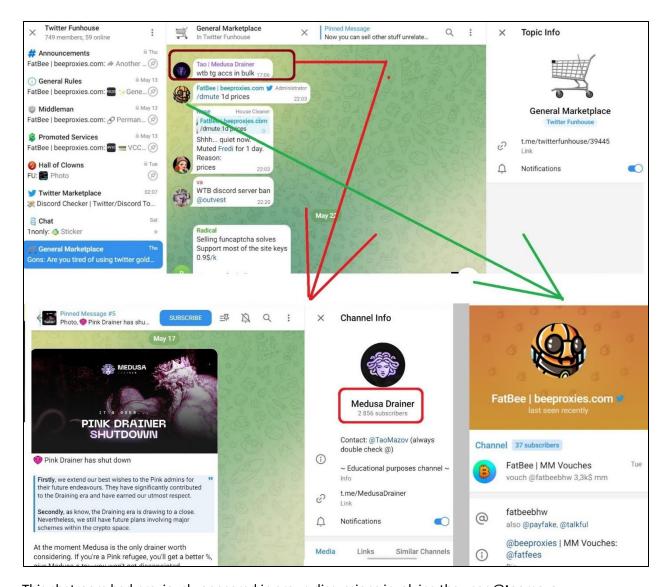
Interestingly, **Curve Finance** (curve.fi) was identified as one of the decentralized liquidity pools through which Medusa Drainer received transactions. A day later, on **20 August**, "**Tao**" (ID: **6695770377**) posted:

"I heard about **conic.fi** hack but you refunded ppls/gonna then its all good, and I have many friends investing in pools".

Archived data from the Medusa Drainer Telegram channel (ID: 1784643705) also lists @taomazov (ID: 6695770377) as the official support and developer account. The account @taomazov is currently either deleted or banned, likely due to violation of Telegram's TOS. Message history indicates that the user was active between 19 August 2023, and 4 August 2024—a timeframe that aligns with the decline in activity on the @MedusaDrainer channel (ID: 1784643705).

Further investigations show that @mazovdusa is a member of a private Telegram group named "Drainer's Heaven" (ID: 2398309960), which has 1,002 members. Among the participants is @Angelferno_Admin (ID: 7578452222), who claimed that Inferno Drainer was sold and rebranded as Angel Drainer, now operating under the name Angelferno.

Additionally, a Telegram search disclosed a discussion within the ETHSecurityCommunity chatroom (ID: 1001372269197) about an investigation into another drainer—Pink Drainer—and its connections to the account and proxy provider FatBee (@fatbeebhw; beeproxies.com). A screenshot is provided below.



This chatroom had previously appeared in group discussions involving the user @taomazov.

Additional analysis of Telegram messages referencing Medusa Drainer—particularly in groups like "Drainer's Heaven" (ID: 2398309960) and "Twitter Funhouse" (ID: 2014336909)—has uncovered further insights into the group's operational methods. Relevant screenshots are included below.

17.04.2024 17:10:06 [Image] AAA MEDUSA DRAINER SCAMMER ALLERTAAA 17.04.2024 17:10:06 MELLY who backdoor 1.2m (Diego Guichard) actually owns medusa drainer and the retard spread fake infos about ace drainer that diego owns it . Melly is that retarded and acustic that he was so lazy to change the bot name and logs, he have same logs as his old drainer that backdoor 1.2m. Spread it everywhere this message to everyone so no one will use ever again [Image] 17.04.2024 17:10:06 [Image] 17.04.2024 17:10:06 [Image] 17.04.2024 17:09:46 https://t.me/medusadrainerbackdoor [Web link] 04.02.2024 10:53:32 I want to take @verifys Happy new year from MEDUSA DRAINER. We wish you a 31.12.2023 22:46:47 successful new year and one with BIG HITS!!

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| Message YC @bighittler | |
| Join MEDUSA and drain like TITAN not a PAJEET [Image] | |
| Join us | 27.11.2023 06:34:55 |

The messages initially point to two individuals—Diego Guichard and Melly

Based on the context, Melly is suggested to be the true operator behind Medusa Drainer. Allegedly, Melly previously compromised Diego's account and falsely accused him of being the owner of **Ace Drainer**, another major drainer that remains active in the ecosystem. If this narrative holds true, it lends additional credibility to reports that Medusa Drainer vanished after defrauding its own customers. Alternatively, this could represent a targeted disinformation campaign by the **MedusaDrainerSupport** (ID: 5545771645) account aimed at discrediting Melly.

Further analysis of a promotional post reveals similarities in writing style between @MedusaDrainerSupport and @TaoMazov, suggesting a likely link between the two. This is reinforced by overlapping Telegram group activity, with both accounts appearing in the same clusters of drainer-related chats.

The account's history of usernames and aliases also reflects ideological views and offers direct ties to common scam tactics, including fake airdrop giveaways used to distribute drainer malware.

In a broader context, the **ETHSecurityCommunity** group (ID: -1001372269197) published an investigation exposing connections between scam infrastructure providers and key drainer developers—including ties to **Pink Drainer**. This indicates that drainer communities are aware of active investigations, which may explain why the original Medium article detailing this case has since been taken down. It remains accessible only via the WebArchive.org. Following this exposure, several drainer-themed Telegram chats—including **Twitter Funhouse** (ID: 2014336909), which is referenced in the report—have gone private or switched to restricted-access modes.

Mapping Online Activity of Medusa Drainer

The table below presents a summary of online accounts linked to Medusa Drainer.

| Telegram | mazovdusa / 109327337 | Name: "Tao" Historic Name: "Fatme tvkli" Account: Premium Profile photo uploaded on 20 October 2024 at 17.00 UTC +5. Member of at least 29 Telegram groups / channels 26 Telegram groups have content in Farsi language or are operated from Iran Relevant cryptocurrency-related groups: t.me/c/2398309960 ("Drainer's Heaven") 14 messages |
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| Telegram | taomazov / 6695770377 | t.me/scamsniffer (3 messages) t.me/ETHSecurity Registration: 16 October 2023 Historic username 1: ycmarginal Historic Names: "Tao Medusa Drainer" "YC" Account: Premium Member of over 9 Telegram groups / channels Relevant cryptocurrency-related groups: t.me/crypto4domain (2 messages) t.me/extorters t.me/c/2014336909 (1 message) t.me/CryptoInsightPumpHub t.me/scamsniffer (33 messages) t.me/hypercycle_ai t.me/GlobalPumpSyndicate t.me/LayerZeroOfficialChat t.me/curvefi (12 messages) t.me/c/2068592120 (Sim land) – 14 |
| Discord | taomazov | messages |
| Telegram (Channel – historic; inactive) | Medusadrainer / 1784643705 | N/AAdmin: taomazov |
| Telegram (account; historic; inactive) | MedusaDrainerSupport / 5545771645 | Historic display names: 16.01.2024 -> Hitler Medusa drainer 16.01.2024 -> Medusa drainer 30.12.2023 -> Hitler (Medusa drainer support team) Older display names: Mr.BigBagsOnly(active) Star d king |

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| | | | Mr.Money(active) |
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| | | _ | Historic usernames: |
| | | | @bighittler |
| | | | o @MrBBonly |
| | | | o @mrbigbags |
| | | | o @ebetins |
| | | | @grokcommunityairdrop |
| | | _ | Member of over 20 Telegram groups / channels |
| | | _ | Relevant cryptocurrency-related groups: |
| | | | o t.me/c/1841068709 (33 messages) |
| | | | o t.me/+Zn84U2JSMGMxZDMx (Angel X |
| | | | Drainer) – 271 messages |
| | | | t.me/nftdrainers2 (21 messages) |
| | | | t.me/ChangeNOW_chat (3 messages) |
| | | | o t.me/verifys (1 message) |
| Telegram | Ycmarginal / - | _ | Name: "MEDUSA DRAINER SCAM" |
| (Channel – | 1002203693502 | _ | 1 subscriber |
| historic) | | | |
| Telegram | Ycmacn / -1001851253491 | _ | Registration: 26 August 2023 |
| (Channel – | | _ | Name: "YC" |
| historic) | | _ | 4 subscribers |
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§ Estimated Number of Victims and Total Funds Stolen by Medusa Drainer Public Reports and Alerts:

Several credible alerts have documented major thefts attributed to Medusa Drainer:

- \$792,496 (USDC) reported by MistTrack (MistTrack.io) on 11 January 2024
- <u>~\$900,000 (299 ETH)</u> reported by MistTrack (MistTrack.io) on 11 January 2024
- \$808,304 (USDC) reported by MistTrack (MistTrack.io) on 11 January 2024
- <u>~\$300,000</u> reported by Quetzal article published on 3 May 2024

According to the creators, they claimed to have stolen over \$5 million in the first week alone.

Associated Medusa Drainer Tags and Smart Contracts:

We identified several addresses tagged to Medusa Drainer activity:

- Medusa Drainer 1: 0xFa757575CaA049e5cFD96a2783da2C85663f0Da817
 - Refer to the metasleuth.io report for a summary.
 - This wallet is also linked to accounts on Rarible and OpenSea.
- Medusa Drainer 2: 0x111117d0c05573b49B32eF30Dc031dD9eD022099
 - o Refer to the <u>metasleuth.io</u> report for a summary

- This wallet has active accounts on both Rarible and OpenSea.
- This address was actively used to funnel phishing contracts. Interestingly, it sometimes returned leftover gas ("change") from transactions.
- Fake_Phishing26988: 0x1x1a42605d92c210e4be47a6363046c591659ab444
 - Referenced in MistTrack's <u>malicious activity report</u>.
- Fake_Phishing268902: 0x009515EfabCccdBAfA485f3919d94C85Ff23Ba75D
 - Mentioned in <u>Quetzal's drainer report</u>.
- Fake_Phishing328573: 0xaC65360aF5a8AE5ec45AD0Bf2A7Ec063a38e2161
 - Flagged by CryptoEvgen for involvement in Medusa Drainer withdrawals.
- Fake_Phishing328557: 0xda2dF35CDDA2C26D2473AAB2Ca1d6C15d58Ddd96e
 - o Participated in a known Medusa Drainer-linked withdrawal.

☼¥ Transaction and Victim Analysis via AMLBot.com

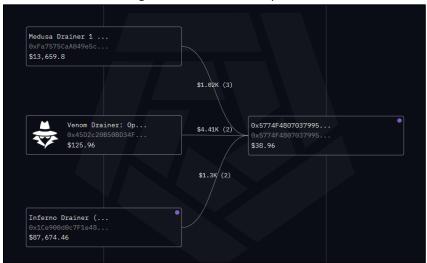
An on-chain analysis of incoming transactions to the known addresses reveals the following:

- **Total stolen funds**: ~\$5,500,000 USD (calculated based on token value at the time of each transaction).
 - This figure casts doubt on the creators' claim of earning over \$5 million in their first week, unless a significant number of additional, untagged addresses were used.
 - In particular, the wallet [663f0da817] interacted with Bybit Thief 2025, who routed
 0.67467505 BTC (approximately \$56,208.85 USD) through the same address.
- Median value per transaction: ~\$3,800 USD
 - The distribution is highly skewed, with a few large hacks contributing the majority of the stolen funds.
- Total number of incoming transactions per address: ~1,547
 - o Represents an upper bound of potential victim interactions with the drainer.
- Estimated number of unique victims: ~870 unique sender addresses were identified.
 - o Suggests a more conservative but realistic victim count.

On-Chain Links – Inferno, Venom, and Medusa Drainers

Blockchain analysis through Arkham.com has revealed that the **Inferno**, **Venom**, and **Medusa** drainers have conducted transactions with the wallet address **0x5774F4807037995f56604e3AA1Efc4fe06D478Ea**, which is likely associated with the **eXch[.]ch** non-KYC exchange.

A screenshot illustrating these interactions is provided below.



On-Chain Transaction Flow Analysis – Medusa Drainer

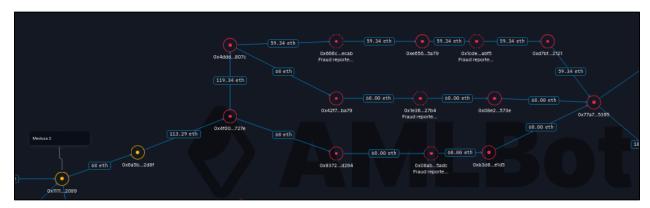
AMLBot team conducted an in-depth on-chain investigation using <u>AMLBot Pro</u>, focusing primarily on two key addresses labeled as Medusa Drainer 1 and Medusa Drainer 2. These tags were previously identified in scam analysis reports.

Tracked Addresses:

- Medusa Drainer 1: 0xFa7575CaA049e5cFD96a2783da2C85663f0Da817 (NFT listed: Unidentified contract 97322167-c8bc-4828-9c87-ec9f7058fdd2 linked to the phishing domain pendlev2.top)
- Medusa Drainer 2: 0x111117d0c05573b49B32eF30Dc031dD9eD022099
 - Used extensively for deploying phishing smart contracts and initializing malicious transactions.

Medusa Drainer 2: Fund Movement Overview

A transaction graph was built to trace how funds flowed through the Medusa Drainer 2 address. According to a <u>report by @CryptoEvgen</u>, the address served as a collection hub for victim funds, pooling approximately **180 ETH** before dispersing them through intermediaries.

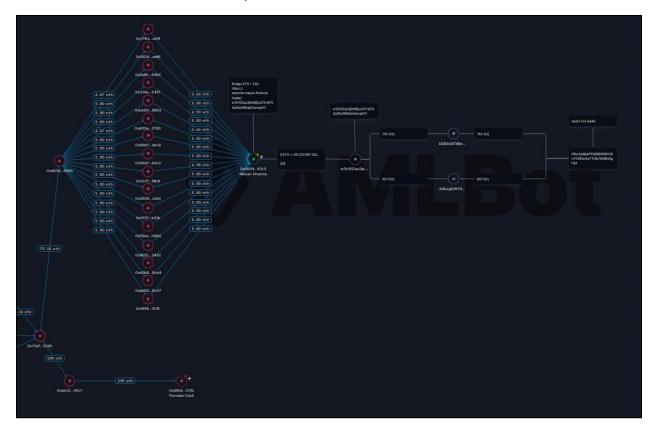


Note: Transaction graph for **Medusa Drainer 2** built using <u>AMLBot Pro</u>.

Key Steps in the Transaction Flow:

- Funds first routed through a disposable address:
 - o 0x77a78d9e12b94825c02595aebc208915df495395
- On **18 October 2024**, the total amount was split:
 - o **100 ETH** sent to **Tornado Cash** anonymized and untraceable beyond this point.
 - 80 ETH sent through Mayan Finance Bridge, migrating assets to the Solana blockchain.
 - Final destination: 1350 SOL deposited into the EXOLIX exchange.
- At this point, further tracing ends due to a lack of public transparency from EXOLIX.

An additional transaction flow chart is provided below.



Note: Transaction graph for **Medusa Drainer 2** built using <u>AMLBot Pro</u>.

A Medusa Drainer 1: Continued Movement and Laundering

While Medusa Drainer 2 was used for early-stage phishing contract deployment, Medusa Drainer 1 remains active with sporadic withdrawal patterns. A notable portion of the ETH has been routed through various services for laundering and obfuscation:

Notable Transfers & Services Used:

• ~312 ETH transferred to TradeOgre and Railgun — Railgun being a well-known privacy protocol.

- **COW Protocol** frequently used to swap tokens before withdrawals.
- Final destinations include **gambling platforms** such as **Stake**, and exchanges like **Bybit** and **TradeOgre**.

Transaction Flow Summary:

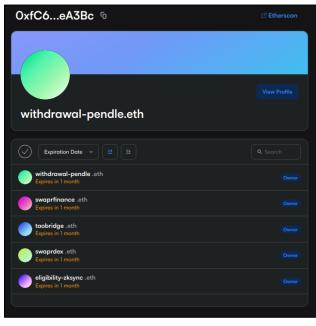
- 22 February 23 May 2024:
 - ~300 ETH moved to TradeOgre via intermediate wallets.
- 24 May 18 October 2024:
 - ~180 ETH laundered through Tornado Cash and Mayan Finance Bridge.
- Smaller amounts (e.g., **8 ETH**) routed through intermediaries to **Bybit**, which saw outgoing transactions from **21 April to 30 August**.

Cross-Linking Clues: ENS Domains and Medusa Drainer Overlap in a Key Intermediate Wallet

Further investigation into one of the intermediate wallets has revealed valuable insights into the fund transfer trail following interactions with the **Stake gambling platform**. This address received funds from **OxfC6C479CBB9dB178E5F959CFc56d790B1D3eA3Bc**, a wallet tied to several **ENS (Ethereum Name Service) domains**.

For context, **ENS domains** function similarly to web domains in traditional Web2 systems—e.g., "google.com"—but are instead mapped to blockchain addresses. These human-readable names are often registered temporarily and can help identify behavioral patterns or track affiliations between threat actors.

ENS Domains Linked to 0xfC6C479CBB9dB178E5F959CFc56d790B1D3eA3Bc (registered on Opensea.io):



- withdrawal-pendle.eth (registered on 25 April 2024)
- swapdex.eth (registered on 19 September 2021)
- taobridge.eth (registered on 26 April 2024)
- Archived version redirects to taobridge.org (inactive)
- Further investigation revealed a likely structurally similar site: taobridge.xyz
- o Publicly reported as malicious: Scam Report
- swapfinance.eth
- eligibility-zksync.eth (registered on 21 May 2024)

Transaction Footprint & Ties:

- This wallet received funds from TradeOgre, similar to other addresses in the Medusa Drainer laundering chain.
- It also interacted with fatfeemiffleman.eth—not to be confused with fatfee.eth—a known guarantor (trusted person) in the TwitterFunhouse community (a 'marketplace' for illegal, cracked, and stolen accounts).
 - This operator was previously linked to Pink Drainer and exposed in a prior investigation, which traced their identity back to a Macedonian developer.
 - Their role extended beyond guarantor services, suggesting deeper involvement in scam facilitation.
 - Full background: Heiner's Pink Drainer investigation (Archived)



Broader Drainer Ecosystem Ties:

This intermediate address appears consistently connected to multiple major drainer groups, including:

- Angel Drainer
- Inferno Drainer
- **Pink Drainer**
- **Ace Drainer**

The convergence of these interactions, ENS registrations, and service overlaps points to a shared infrastructure or close-knit operational network among the top-tier drainer operators.

(§) Final Trace: Latest Known Destination of Medusa Drainer Proceeds

Tracing the transaction flow to Bybit and TradeOgre reveals that, via the intermediate address 0x8fc43d983a8e807705120f5ec6493c561f6db33c, an additional 25 ETH was transferred to the wallet 0xb83b5790f2bb98f72cf7294e71d56e3c0ba5363b.

This later address remains active and is currently holding approximately 50 ETH, while around 445 weETH (~\$973,000) and 178 wstETH (~\$441,000) have passed through it. A substantial share of these funds specifically the 178 wstETH—was deposited into the Zircuit Restaking Pool, marking this address as the latest confirmed location of Medusa Drainer's stolen assets.

Behavior Consistency:

The transactional pattern closely mirrors that of **Medusa Drainer 1**, — receiving ETH via the **COW Protocol** and subsequently converting it through a sequence of ETH derivatives in ERC-20 form. The systematic conversion and rewrapping of Ethereum includes:

ETH \rightarrow eETH \rightarrow weETH / wstETH \rightarrow stETH \rightarrow wstETH

These token swaps likely aim to obfuscate traceability while maintaining liquidity and minimizing slippage—typical tactics in professional laundering operations.

Key Transactions:

- 445 weETH to Zircuit (TX)
- 178 wstETH to Zircuit (TX)

Suspect Address:

 Wallet 0xb83b5790f2bb98f72cf7294e71d56e3c0ba5363b (registered on Opensea.io; linked to t.me/ClaimCake (display name: "PancakeSwap - CAKE")

This address should be monitored closely as it may either serve as a final destination before off-ramping or as a temporary holding point pending further laundering activity.

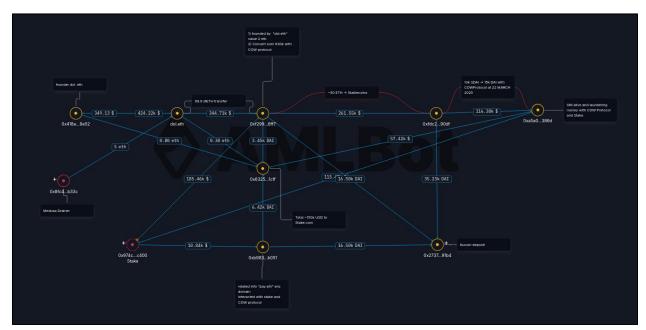
Connections Between Medusa Drainer 1 and dol.eth



The address **0x775b404e48ff523032ce9cc5483de2fef7690345** (registered on **Opensea.io** in **April 2024**), which is involved in a transaction chain with **Medusa Drainer 2**, is also the registrant of the ENS domain **dol.eth**. This address has shown significant activity on the **COW Protocol**, where it consistently converted **ETH** and **stETH** into stablecoins such as **USDT**, **USDC**, **sDAI**, and **DAI**.

It was also involved in the transfer of approximately **100 stETH**, suspected to be illicitly obtained. These funds were sent to **0xf2999210f49f5210ffcbdb07b14d3b8792236ff7**, where they were split evenly: one half was routed through the **COW Protocol**, was sent to an intermediate address

0xfdc2790f3c0186f914b43c3be47bcbffabb290df. From there, the funds ultimately reached a previously identified wallet (**0xFdc2790f3c0186f914B43C3bE47BcBFFAbb290df**) in the form of **stablecoins**.



Note: Transaction graph showing connections between Medusa Drainer 1 and dol.eth built using <u>AMLBot Pro</u>.



As part of the on-chain investigation, a data request was submitted to **Stake** to obtain information about withdrawals from deposit addresses linked to **Medusa Drainer 1**. The request returned detailed records for two specific Ethereum addresses:

Deposit Address 1: 0x8261f516b0221633f2343baa5944f9f67874dbda

• **Blockchain:** Ethereum

Withdrawal Assets: ETH, USDT

• Approximate Withdrawal Volume: ~\$300,000

• Activity Window: 26 July 2024 –20 January 2025

Connected Recipient Addresses:

0xA5A062cEadC6C212b04C76987354372327be386D

0xf2999210F49F5210FfcBDb07b14d3b8792236FF7

0xE4e2620d05D4B2004A6EE3E183b94D0DEB881B98

0x5022F184b7E9E05A0cc60811806Ad7Bc6A972b61

o 0xB98310E85D68b888eEc216cDFb9Ce1Ef545cB051

0xb09e1335aE962c6a88C7018e3393784b760638B2

0x0DDbAb11Aac0301f32964F76a029Bdef0c92f6f5

o 0x6cB33dF933eC7aac60F2640D07a5E744317651Af

Deposit Address 2: 0xe7d6bd1b2a8a764ef2722f41e939db4936ff048b

• Blockchain: Ethereum

Withdrawal Assets: TRON, Monero (XMR), ETH, BTC

Approximate Withdrawal Volume: ~\$650,000 (in USDT, DAI, USDC) and ~\$450,000 in XMR

Activity Window: 6 October 2024 –14 December 2024

Connected Recipient Addresses:

o Ethereum:

0x86e5d3c1edfe442bd276508ad897e6154cb05c39

0x0CB6aa8C9fBe844ba979Fa6DAD1473bD394a2db1

0xa3442e789768C43Bd6DA036d1F6F26998432dc58

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o Tron:

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- TNN36i7aD4c26wJTZLtUS2tUFVV2WW5dLz
- TM2KGMRG5KzsMbQWSdDh9ByShknm1zkh5j
- TYmmUt6R4db6oW8DNwUxMGb18VNgbUD6MH
- TQuvUgiipVEu1wTonkh1sRgjAqJwN48R5i

o Monero:

- rffGCKC7Mk4cQ5aUGg8pfRe3MPC7Cy8gfe:661320
- rdPeCfko28cCLNbY8noXGV4ycZ3TGCSnM:0
- rffGCKC7Mk4cQ5aUGg8pfRe3MPC7Cy8gfe:441743

Bitcoin:

- bc1qvg7nrph4pgqpjrlpj6rqf8hnamsvg3r6k0yvrm
- bc1qv0y2d8vcnu38tcf0xu8v7nx2xhtzzdcl94s3xf
- bc1q0fztyvvf6lr35serala4g8tg54uav3w9azds50

The withdrawal figures shown above reflect the total outflows from the analyzed Stake deposit addresses associated with Medusa Drainer, not the full scope of stolen assets. Due to fund cycling (e.g., routing through liquidity pools, bridges, and swaps), the same wallet could receive assets multiple times in different forms or denominations.

Key Findings

Initial Fund Flow:

The stolen assets were initially routed directly to **TradeOgre** and **Binance**. However, over time — likely for operational security — the laundering strategy evolved. Funds began to split into two (occasionally three) distinct paths:

- One branch typically passes through the COW Protocol before reaching Stake, often via multiple intermediate wallets.
- The other branches frequently loop through the COW Protocol to convert into stablecoins or native ETH, then either settle in final destinations or return to Stake for further laundering cycles.

• 24 May 2024 – Cross-Drainer Fund Mixing:

On this date, assets from **Medusa Drainer 2** were mixed with funds from victims associated with the **PINK Drainer**. The mixed funds were divided into three parts of **60 ETH** each and sent to a single address: 0x77a78d9e12b94825c02595aebc208915df495395.

From there, a portion was bridged via **Mayan Finance** to the **Solana** blockchain and later deposited into the **Exolix** exchange through a Solana wallet.

• Latest Stake Withdrawals:

Withdrawals from **Stake** were last observed at the below address:

0xa5a062ceadc6c212b04c76987354372327be386d, totaling 445 weETH and 178 wstETH. These funds were then deposited into the Zircuit Restaking Pool.

Active Address Highlight:

The address 0xa5a062ceadc6c212b04c76987354372327be386d remains active and is currently the most operational wallet linked to the laundering operation.

Notable Identity Clue – dol.eth:

A key address appearing in the fund flow chain, 0x775b404e48ff523032ce9cc5483de2fef7690345 — is registered under the ENS domain **dol.eth**, making it the most personalized entity identified so far. It also received a **direct transfer of 5 ETH** from **Medusa Drainer 2**, further linking it to the laundering network.

■ Social Media and On-Chain Analysis Summary

MedusaDrainer follows patterns commonly seen in similar crypto threat actors — making a sudden appearance, operating intensively for a short period, and then vanishing. Telegram accounts directly tied to the operation (e.g., @taomazov, @medusadrainersupport, @mazovdusa) were active in prominent drainer development Telegram chats like Drainer's Heaven. Based on recent posts from @mazovdusa, the group has ceased operations and is not expected to return. However, the medusa.services website remains online, and indicators suggest they may not be entirely dormant—activity continues both on Telegram and through on-chain transactions, pointing to the possibility of a future reactivation or rebrand under a different identity.

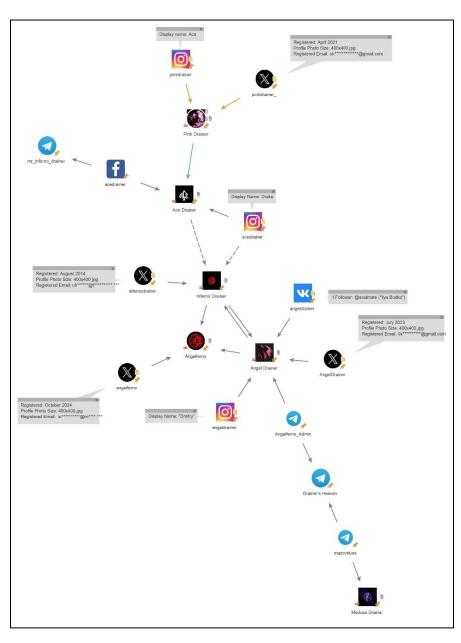
According to **ScamSniffer's 2024 drainer activity data**, phishing domains associated with Medusa Drainer have steadily declined since their peak in March. This downturn aligns with the appearance of the "**Medusa Drainer Scammer Alert**" message, signaling the start of their decline.

An in-depth investigation published in the **ETHSecurityCommunity** Telegram group uncovered direct ties between scam service providers, various drainer developers, and one of the most prominent entities in this ecosystem — **Pink Drainer**. The drainer community has clearly taken notice: the original Medium link to the investigation has been deleted and is now only accessible via **Webarchive.org**. Following this, several related Telegram channels, including **Twitter Funhouse** (mentioned in the report), switched to restricted or private modes.

Notably, there are several overlapping connections between **Medusa**, **Pink**, **Ace**, **Inferno**, and **Angel** Drainers. The Instagram account "**pinkdrainer**" uses the display name "**Ace**", which aligns with a Facebook account named "**acedrainer**"—this Facebook profile is linked to a previous Telegram handle associated with **Inferno Drainer** (**t.me/mr_inferno_drainer**). Additionally, another Instagram profile with the handle "**acedrainer**" and display name "**Drake**" is visually linked to **Inferno Drainer** through its use of the group's logo.

Our social media investigation also found that @mazovdusa is a member of a private Telegram group named "Drainer's Heaven" (ID: 2398309960), which is also joined by @Angelferno_Admin (User ID: 7578452222), further indicating cross-collaboration or shared infrastructure between these actors.

Below is a graph depicting the social media relationships between Medusa, Pink, Ace, Inferno, and Angel Drainers.



The **on-chain investigation** confirmed that the stolen assets ultimately flowed to several known services: TornadoCash, Exolix, Bybit, Railgun, TradeOgre, and Stake.

Notably, a substantial portion of funds — approximately \$445,000 — was transferred to Zircuit, originating from wallet 0xb83b5790f2bb98f72cf7294e71d56e3c0ba5363b, which still holds around 50 ETH. On the path to Zircuit, the assets were frequently routed through **COW Protocol** for token swaps. Additionally, Medusa Drainer 2 withdrawals included 180 ETH linked to another actor affiliated with Pink Drainer.



The primary domain associated with the Medusa Drainer operation is medusa.services, registered on 25 October 2024 via PDR Ltd. d/b/a PublicDomainRegistry.com. The domain is protected by Cloudflare, and its favicon hash is 435747183.

Server banner analysis reveals a Cache-Status: "Netlify Edge", indicating the use of Netlify (netlify.com) a platform commonly used for building and deploying websites. The website lists a Telegram Premium contact under the handle @mazovdusa.

The jQuery script located at "assets/js/script.js" on medusa.services includes inline comments in Russian, potentially suggesting the developer's origin or linguistic background.

Further infrastructure analysis via fofa.info identified:

- 20 unique IPs across 16 subnets, all hosted on Amazon Web Services (AWS)
- 17 servers located in Ashburn, Virginia
- 1 server in Columbus, Ohio
- 1 server in Mumbai, India

A detailed summary table of the infrastructure findings is provided below.

| Servers | IP Geolocation | Notes | |
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| 3.5.25.152, AMAZON-AES | Ashburn | https://medusa.services-s3bucket petadoption cb20dce5- gbcn430m9d7n.s3.amazonaws.com |
| | | X-Amz-Id-2: KNNee4YlbCTqHFxCpxJvGrazmG+x0fauc3kM9b+1524ak/FYeDrq1 oUafE9nXt53p5MnTOOrlMI= |
| | | X-Amz-Request-Id: 86YHTTTP6NVVXXED |
| 3.5.25.147, AMAZON-AES | Ashburn | medusa.services-s3bucket petadoption cb20dce5- 1v45rsfb6i0ng.s3.amazonaws.com X-Amz-Id-2: |
| | | l9H5ZeYLNKt/AiAx7MfxWoJxtEPxx7hOi/ZH1R9k0TtONwukQTML ElJ/n42wjcCB2xVDHlm1/do= X-Amz-Request-Id: B03RQGQKQQ2YZ8AZ |
| 54.231.199.41, | Ashburn | medusa.services-s3bucket petadoption cb20dce5- |
| AMAZON-02 | | gbcn430m9d7n.s3.amazonaws.com X-Amz-Id-2: |
| | | 31y+s7i5jgB4txhhMdBWS3vaO8D4ord55RSMmlfbTbo4cVh3Lxro 5QAno2l7A2DGS2CqeYgHUqI= |

| | | X-Amz-Request-Id: 3VFT18F9NHZ7BQX5 | |
|----------------|---------|--|--|
| 52.217.160.73, | Ashburn | https://medusa.services.s3.amazonaws.com | |
| AMAZON-02 | | X-Amz-Id-2: | |
| | | 6ALaT4zm7S6wpxL7Nq/lk/nYPIYtgrkJXDCoxhFlQEvz8Ob5DF9tr5 | |
| | | MT+FQVp67ZaRRt3HAeFpM= | |
| | | X-Amz-Request-Id: 1Y52XF3HG60ZGJ7V | |
| 3.5.27.148, | Ashburn | medusa.services.s3.amazonaws.com | |
| AMAZON-AES | | X-Amz-Id-2: | |
| | | ro+00W9ULTwWFblxps3E7qIf+7sVxz2ENsvoxjabr2KtxrYsH9UYmo | |
| | | ecCXOOgfiDjkkx8OPslTBEn0dQ91VJf9i3r3a3fvwi | |
| | | X-Amz-Request-Id: ZYEPJA1C23M726BS | |
| | | | |

NFT Phishing Activity Linked to Medusa Drainer Ethereum Address 1

We have analysed the NFT domains (transfers) made by the Medusa Drainer ETH Address 1 via etherscan.io.

Our analysis of NFT-related domain transfers linked to **Medusa Drainer Ethereum Address 1** (via <u>etherscan.io</u>) reveals phishing infrastructure tied to the following wallet:

0x111117d0c05573b49b32ef30dc031dd9ed022099

We identified **9 domains** associated with this address, which redirect to **8 distinct active phishing** websites. These domains are designed to impersonate and target well-known brands and blockchain protocols, as outlined below.

| Protocol / Project | Official Domain | Phishing Domains |
|--------------------|---|---|
| Lido (stETH / DAO) | <u>lido.fi</u> | foundation-lido.netfoundation-lido.comreward-steth.orgreward-steth.com |
| Aave | <u>aave.com</u> | - aave-gift.net |
| BlazeStake | stake.solblaze.org | - airdrop-blaze.org |
| PoolStake | peetdefi.gitbook.io peetdecentralized.finance | - poolstake-hub.org |
| Origin Protocol | originprotocol.com | - get-originether.com |

Our investigation uncovered **8 historical domains** previously associated with Medusa Drainer activity. These domains **currently redirect to 7 distinct active phishing websites**.

A summary of the mappings between historic domains and their corresponding active phishing sites is presented in the table below.

| NTF Transfer | Redirected Domain | |
|----------------|---------------------|--|
| bzeth.org | airdrop-blaze.org | |
| stethprize.org | foundation-lido.com | |

| staave.net | aave-gift.net | |
|------------------|---------------------|--|
| poolstaked.com | poolstake-hub.org | |
| getstether.com | reward-steth.org | |
| coinsteth.net | reward-steth.com | |
| originethers.com | Inactive | |
| oeth.ai | get-originether.com | |

Additional WHOIS record analysis is presented in the table below. Five domains were registered in **February 2025**, while three were registered in **March 2025**.

| Phishing Domain | Registration Details | Further Investigation |
|---------------------|--|----------------------------|
| foundation-lido.net | Registrar: NICENIC INTERNATIONAL | |
| | GROUP CO., LIMITED | |
| | Registered: 14 th February 2025 | |
| bzeth.org | Registrar: NICENIC INTERNATIONAL | whoxy.com/company/59220668 |
| | GROUP CO., LIMITED | |
| | Registered: 8 th March 2025 | |
| | Registrant Name: Francoise Rivas | |
| | Registrant Country: French Polynesia | |
| airdrop-blaze.org | Registrar: NICENIC INTERNATIONAL | whoxy.com/company/74076404 |
| | GROUP CO., LIMITED | |
| | Registered: 10 th March 2025 | |
| | Registrant Company: Jacobs Ltd PLC | |
| foundation- | Registrar: NICENIC INTERNATIONAL | |
| lido.com | GROUP CO., LIMITED | |
| | Registered: 14 th February 2025 | |
| stethprize.org | Registrar: NICENIC INTERNATIONAL | whoxy.com/company/58959170 |
| | GROUP CO., LIMITED | |
| | Registered: 8 th February 2025 | |
| | Registrant Name: Bryce Hickman | |
| | Registrant Country: Korea Democratic | |
| | Republic | |
| aave-gift.net | Registrar: NICENIC INTERNATIONAL | |
| | GROUP CO., LIMITED | |
| | Registered: 7 th February 2025 | |
| staave.net | Registrar: NICENIC INTERNATIONAL | |
| | GROUP CO., LIMITED | |
| | Registered: 9 th December 2024 | |
| poolstaked.com | Registrar: NICENIC INTERNATIONAL | |
| | GROUP CO., LIMITED | |
| | Registered: 3 rd October 2024 | |
| poolstake-hub.org | Registrar: NICENIC INTERNATIONAL | |
| _ | GROUP CO., LIMITED | |
| | Registered: 15 th January 2025 | |
| | Registrant company: Jacobs Ltd PLC | |
| getstether.com | Registrar: NICENIC INTERNATIONAL | |
| - | GROUP CO., LIMITED | |
| | Registered: 20 th August 2024 | |

| reward-steth.org | Registrar: NICENIC INTERNATIONAL | |
|---------------------|--|----------------------------|
| | GROUP CO., LIMITED | |
| | Registered: 14 th December 2024 | |
| | Registrant company: Jacobs Ltd PLC | |
| coinsteth.net | Registrar: NICENIC INTERNATIONAL | whoxy.com/company/58565918 |
| | GROUP CO., LIMITED | |
| | Registered: 6 th June 2024 | |
| | Registrant company: Julien Maddox (<u>5</u> | |
| | domains) | |
| | Registrant country: Guinea-bissau | |
| reward-steth.com | Registrar: NICENIC INTERNATIONAL | |
| | GROUP CO., LIMITED | |
| | Registered: 14 th December 2024 | |
| originethers.com | Registrar: NICENIC INTERNATIONAL | |
| | GROUP CO., LIMITED | |
| | Registered: 11 th May 2024 | |
| oeth.ai | Registrar: NICENIC INTERNATIONAL | whoxy.com/company/67543715 |
| | GROUP CO., LIMITED | |
| | Registered: 16 April 2024 | |
| | Registrant Name: Bryan Kaiser | |
| | Registrant Organization: lolita llc | |
| | Registrant Street: 37 Charles Street | |
| | Registrant City: Manchester | |
| | Registrant State/Province: Michigan | |
| | Registrant Postal Code: 48158 | |
| | Registrant Country: US | |
| | Registrant Phone: +1.7344280917 | |
| | Registrant Email: | |
| | montorerielz4@mail.com | |
| | | |
| get-originether.com | Registrar: NICENIC INTERNATIONAL | |
| get-originether.com | - | |

NFT Phishing Activity Linked to Medusa Drainer Ethereum Address 2

• 0xfa7575caa049e5cfd96a2783da2c85663f0da817

An investigation into NFT tokens linked to the above Ethereum address revealed a total of **64 domains**. Among them, **12 domains are currently inactive**, while the remaining **52 actively redirect to various phishing websites**.

After removing duplicates, we identified **40 unique active phishing domains** targeting the following brands and blockchain protocols.

| Brand / Protocol | Official Domain | # of Phishing Domains | Phishing Domains |
|------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|---|
| Lido (stETH) | lido.fi | 5 | foundation-lido.net, foundation-lido.com, |
| | | | liquideth-claim.org, network-stether.net, |
| | | | steth-finance.com |

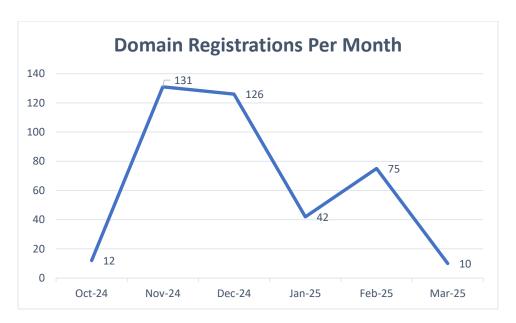
| Chainlink | chain.link | 4 | link-awards.org, get-linktoken.net, airdrop- clink.org, gifts-linktoken.net |
|-----------------|----------------------|---|--|
| Injective | injective.com | 3 | gifts-injective.net, award-injective.net, injconnect.com |
| Ondo Finance | ondo.finance | 3 | awards-ondo.com, ondo-airdrop.com, event-ondo.net |
| ENS | ens.domains | 2 | rewards-ens.org, ens-network.net |
| Beam | beam.mw | 2 | beam-giveaway.net, giveaway-beam.com |
| Quant | quant.network | 2 | app-quant.net, event-quant.com |
| Synthetix | synthetix.io | 2 | airdrop-synthetix.org, event-snx.net |
| Aave | aave.com | 1 | protocol-aave.net |
| BlazeStake | stake.solblaze.org | 1 | giveaway-blaze.com |
| Compound | compound.finance | 1 | dashboard-compound.com |
| Fetch.ai | fetch.ai | 1 | fetch-foundation.com |
| Gala Games | gala.com | 1 | galagames-network.net |
| HEX | hex.com | 1 | app-hex.com |
| Origin Protocol | originprotocol.com | 1 | event-origineth.net |
| Realio | realio.fund | 1 | app-realio.org |
| Mantra | mantrachain.io | 1 | mantra-finance.net |
| SingularityNET | singularitynet.io | 1 | agix-gifts.com |
| PoolStake | peetdefi.gitbook.io | 1 | reward-poolstake.net, app-pooledeth.io, app- |
| | peetdecentralized.fi | | pooledeth.net |
| | nance | | |
| Shiba Inu | shibatoken.com | 1 | claim-shib.org |
| Render Network | rendernetwork.io | 1 | dashboard-render.com |
| dYdX | dydx.exchange | 1 | network-dydx.net |
| | | | |

Although the registrant information appears to be false or intentionally misleading, our investigation uncovered **two key pivot data points** linked to **fake company names** used during domain registration:

- Jacobs Ltd PLC (fake registrant name generated via <u>fauxid.com</u>)
- **lolita llc** (fake registrant name)

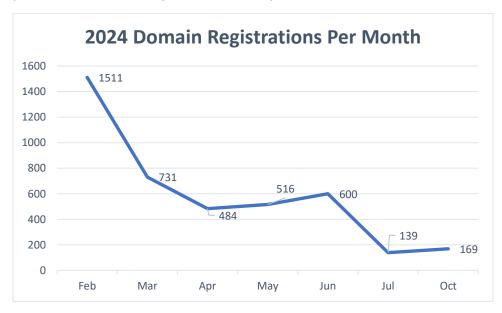
A reverse WHOIS search for "Jacobs Ltd PLC" on whoxy.com revealed 162 registered domains, while a search on silentpush.com uncovered 423 domains tied to the same name. All of these domains were registered through NICENIC INTERNATIONAL GROUP CO., LIMITED.

A summary chart illustrating monthly domain registration activity is included below.



Data from whoxy.com reveals that "lolita llc" is the registrant for a total of 16,318 domain names. However, searches on silentpush.com indicate that 4,149 domains are registered under this name, with 4,138 of these domains being registered through NICENIC INTERNATIONAL GROUP CO., LIMITED. The remaining 11 domains were registered via 1API GmbH.

All of these domains were registered in **2024**, and a summary chart showing monthly domain registration patterns, based on **Silentpush.com** data, is provided below.



The two identified registrant data points— "Jacobs Ltd PLC" and "lolita Ilc"—should be closely monitored for any new phishing domain registrations.

NFT Phishing Activity Linked to Fake_Phishing328573:

0xaC65360aF5a8AE5ec45AD0Bf2A7Ec063a38e2161

We identified 7 domains associated with this address, which redirect to 6 distinct active phishing websites. These domains are designed to impersonate and target well-known brands and blockchain protocols, as outlined below.

| Protocol / Project | Official Domain | Initial Phishing Domains | Redirected Phishing Domain |
|-----------------------|---|--|--|
| BlazeStake | stake.solblaze.org | genesis-eth.net | blaze-airdrop.com |
| Lido (stETH / DAO) | <u>lido.fi</u> | stethprize.orggetstether.comclaimsteth.orgstethgift.net | foundation-lido.com reward-steth.org reward-steth.com stether-finance.org |
| PoolStake | peetdefi.gitbook.io peetdecentralized.finance | poolstaked.com | poolstake-hub.org |
| Origin Protocol | <u>originprotocol.com</u> | originethers.com | Inactive |







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Analysis

Through further analysis via Fofa.info, we examined the unique snippets linked to phishing domains. This helped us expand the infrastructure monitoring and potentially develop rules for identifying new phishing domains.

The following snippets, associated with various brand protocols and potential phishing servers, were identified during this analysis.

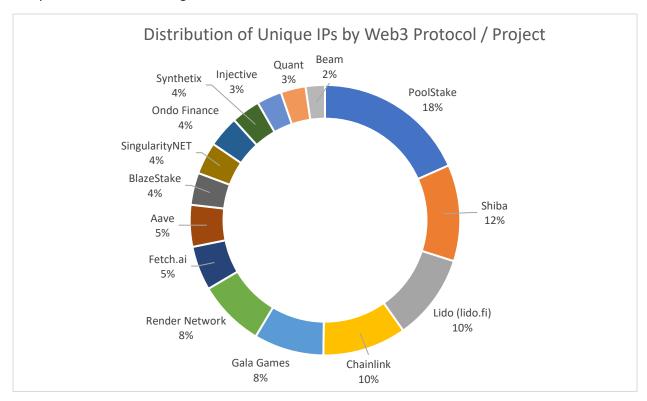
| Unique Snippets | Protocol Brand | Number of Servers |
|--|-----------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1681484233 (favicon hash) | Lido (lido.fi) | 290 servers detected |
| | | 282 (US); 2 (BG); 2 (HK); 2 |
| | | (ZA); 1 (RU) |
| | | 107 unique IP addresses |
| title=="Blaze - Liquid Staking" | BlazeStake | 104 servers detected |
| | | (Cloudflare, US) |
| | | 40 unique IP addresses |
| 0xae7ab96520DE3A18E5e111B5EaAb095312D7fE84 | BlazeStake | 64 servers detected |
| (Lido Staked Ether address) && title=="Blaze - | | (Cloudflare, US) |
| Liquid Staking" | | 26 unique IP addresses |
| 2017642785 (favicon hash) | Aave | 10 servers detected (US) |
| title=="Aave - Open Source Liquidity Protocol" | Aave | 124 servers detected (US) |
| | | 95 (US); UK (10); MD (6); |
| | | NL (4); RU (4) |
| | | 52 unique IP addresses |
| 1230563828 (favicon hash) | PoolStake | 614 servers detected |
| | | (Cloudflare, US) |
| | | 191 unique IP addresses |

| | | Pooled Staking for |
|---|-----------------|--------------------------------|
| | | Ethereum - PoolStaked |
| | | (353 results) |
| | | Liquid Staking for |
| | | Ethereum - LiquidEther |
| | | (261 results) |
| -1523901802 (favicon hash) | Origin Protocol | 6 servers detected |
| · | · · | 4 (US); 2 (RU) |
| | | 4 unique IP addresses |
| 1720176043 (favicon hash) | Chainlink | 549 servers |
| , | | 457 (US), 63 (HK), 7 (UK), |
| | | 2 (JP), 1 (BG) |
| | | 104 unique IP addresses |
| | | Blockchain Oracles for |
| | | Hybrid Smart Contracts |
| | | Chainlink (464 results) |
| | | Chainlink: Airdrop Event |
| | | |
| | | has already started (7 |
| | | results) |
| 404004004 /6 : 1 1) | | ChainLink (4 results) |
| -1049881231 (favicon hash) | Injective | 97 servers |
| | | 74 (US), 19 (DE), 4 (SG) |
| | | 31 unique IP addresses |
| | | Injective Hub - Access |
| | | <u>Unlimited DeFi Markets</u> |
| | | (61 results) |
| 1758103197 (favicon hash) | Ondo Finance | 98 servers |
| | | 97 (US) 1 (MY) |
| | | 39 unique IP addresses |
| 1535523138 (favicon hash) | ENS | 33 servers (Cloudflare, |
| | | US) |
| | | 13 unique IP addresses |
| title=="Beam Airdrop is Here! Merit Circle" | Beam | 98 servers (Cloudflare, |
| | | US) |
| | | 24 unique IP addresses |
| 1641416809 (favicon hash) | Quant | 114 servers (Cloudflare, |
| • | | US) |
| | | 31 unique IP addresses |
| -776987632 (favicon hash) | Synthetix | 77 servers |
| , | - / | 62 (US), 6 (RO), 4 (AU), 2 |
| | | (DE), 1 (CA) |
| | | 36 unique IP addresses |
| -617263435 (favicon hash) | Compound | 75 servers (Cloudflare, |
| -01/203733 (lavicoli liasil) | Compound | US) |
| | | |
| 107CF2FC11 (fouriers hash) | Fotob o: | 23 unique IP addresses |
| 1076535611 (favicon hash) | Fetch.ai | 227 servers |
| | | 178 (US), 49 (UK) |

| | | 55 unique IP addresses |
|--|-----------------|---------------------------------|
| | | Fetch AI: Open platform |
| | | to build AI Apps & amp; |
| | | Services (211 results) |
| | | Access 1 Million Al Agents |
| | | (2 results) |
| | | BlockAgent - AI Agents |
| | | platform for Blockchain |
| | | Observability (2 results) |
| -511910750 (favicon hash) | Gala Games | 317 servers (Cloudflare, |
| , | | US) |
| | | 87 unique IP addresses |
| -1602356927 (favicon hash) | HEX | 54 servers (Cloudflare, |
| | | US) |
| | | 16 unique IP addresses |
| 1246193725 (favicon hash) | Realio | 6 servers |
| 12-10133723 (10110011 110311) | reano | 4 (LT), 2 (US) |
| | | 2 unique IP addresses |
| "mantra-finance.net" | Mantra | 18 servers (US) |
| mantia-mante.net | ivialitia | 5 unique IP addresses |
| "MANTRA - A Security First L1 Blockchain for Real | Mantra | 37 servers |
| World Assets" | ivialitia | |
| World Assets | | 28 (US), 4 (UK), 2 (HK), 2 |
| | | (JP), 1 (SE) |
| | | A Security First L1 |
| | | Blockchain for Real World |
| | | Assets MANTRA (27 |
| 14C21000F7 (foreign back) | Cincularity NET | results) |
| 1462188057 (favicon hash) | SingularityNET | 72 servers |
| | | 62 (US), 5 (DE), 2 (HK), 1 |
| | | (IN), 1 (JP) |
| and the late are as a fine of the control of the co | C: 1 : NET | 40 unique IP addresses |
| title=="SingularityNET - Next Generation of | SingularityNET | 11 servers (US) |
| Decentralized AI" | -1.1 | 4 unique IP addresses |
| Shib D3 - Official Identity "Shib D3 - Official | Shiba | 391 servers |
| Identity Service For Top Web3 Communities" | | 390 (US), 1 (SE) |
| | | 120 unique IP addresses |
| -1325884221 (favicon hash) | Shiba | 31 servers |
| | | 20 (US), 8 (HK), 3 (IN) |
| | | 23 unique IP addresses |
| title=="Render Network" | Render Network | 178 servers |
| | | 161 (US), 11 (KR), 6 (FR) |
| | | 67 unique IP addresses |
| -537092978 (favicon hash) | Render Network | 27 servers |
| | | 17 (US), 6 (FR), 3 (KR), 1 |
| | | (HK) |
| | | 16 unique IP addresses |
| title=="Airdrop dYdX" | dYdX | 13 servers (US) |
| | | |

| | | 5 unique IP addresses |
|----------------------------|------|------------------------------|
| -1119305046 (favicon hash) | dYdX | 22 servers (US) |
| , | | 11 unique IP addresses |

A chart illustrating the distribution of unique IP addresses by protocol / project is provided below. The analysis was conducted using relevant criteria, such as **favicon hash**, selected from the table above.



Source-Code Analysis of Phishing Domains

Our analysis of the source code within the phishing domains revealed significant code similarities. We identified **11** relevant JavaScript files and **1** stylesheet (CSS). These phishing domains employ random names for the JavaScript files, which differ across various domains. For example, the phishing domain foundation-lido.net contains the following JavaScript files:

| JavaScript snippet | Description |
|-------------------------|--|
| uSRXQAtPVGZyQJYwaPNFv.j | a JavaScript (or TypeScript) configuration that defines metadata |
| S | and access endpoints for multiple EVM-compatible blockchains . |
| | The code acts as a registry or lookup object that allows a |
| | blockchain-related application (like a wallet, explorer, dApp |
| | frontend, or SDK) to interface with different EVM-compatible |
| | chains. |
| | Some chains use Etherscan clones, others use BlockScout or |
| | custom tools |
| bXBRBXGzYLxvPXS.js | The code provides the developer Session ID for contact: |
| | 05c78f6352a461383a0ee289d33d41c3bdc8c752509d92f88e13c |
| | 515edccd9f704 |
| | This Session ID is provided across all the phishing domains |

| UQrHstcEWN.js | _ | The code provides the developer Session ID for contact: 05c78f6352a461383a0ee289d33d41c3bdc8c752509d92f88e13c 515edccd9f704 |
|---------------------------------|---|---|
| UYydzVpUvvDWvNA.js | _ | The code provides the developer Session ID for contact: 05c78f6352a461383a0ee289d33d41c3bdc8c752509d92f88e13c 515edccd9f704 |
| KEKOmeCX.js | _ | The code provides the developer Session ID for contact: 05c78f6352a461383a0ee289d33d41c3bdc8c752509d92f88e13c 515edccd9f704 |
| PHOABBXfWSVGyyUE.js | _ | The code provides the developer Session ID for contact: 05c78f6352a461383a0ee289d33d41c3bdc8c752509d92f88e13c 515edccd9f704 |
| gFSxvSxVv.js | _ | The code provides the developer Session ID for contact: 05c78f6352a461383a0ee289d33d41c3bdc8c752509d92f88e13c 515edccd9f704 |
| EKRhKuADnMxOTMvE.js | _ | The code provides the developer Session ID for contact: 05c78f6352a461383a0ee289d33d41c3bdc8c752509d92f88e13c 515edccd9f704 |
| KziWNJ.js | _ | The code provides the developer Session ID for contact: 05c78f6352a461383a0ee289d33d41c3bdc8c752509d92f88e13c 515edccd9f704 |
| YjXIUtpKRM.js | _ | The code provides the developer Session ID for contact: 05c78f6352a461383a0ee289d33d41c3bdc8c752509d92f88e13c 515edccd9f704 |
| tmkUInnzBZAwNMMvCwCV vtWE.js | _ | The code provides the developer Session ID for contact: 05c78f6352a461383a0ee289d33d41c3bdc8c752509d92f88e13c 515edccd9f704 |

We conducted a similar analysis on the source code of **airdrop-blaze.org**. A summary of the findings is provided below.

| Javascript snippet | Description |
|-------------------------------|--|
| vaoxGn.js | The code defines configurations for various EVM-compatible blockchain networks, including Ethereum Mainnet, Layer 2s (Arbitrum, Optimism, zkSync), sidechains (Polygon, BSC, etc.), and alternative L1s (Avalanche, Fantom, Celo, etc.) The multicall3 contract is reused across nearly all networks, always at the same address: Oxca11ca11. It's a standard contract with a known deployment, used for batching JSON-RPC calls. |
| FAoIvQbRGNvnTxwypHZUm .js | a JavaScript (or TypeScript) SDK dealing with Web3-related functionality, WalletConnect. |
| NwYSHBVDCJzUZIIRLQncJG.j s | The code enables a Web3Modal wallet explorer that allows users to search, filter, and connect to various wallets, including injected, manual, and recommended wallets. It uses debounce for real-time search, infinite scroll with IntersectionObserver, and preloads wallet icons. The system supports WalletConnect integration for Web3 wallet connections, with mobile and |

| | desktop platform support. It also handles connection errors, retries, and dynamic wallet fetching. | , |
|---------------------------------|---|------|
| SIPSdM.js | The code provides the developer Session ID for contact: 05c78f6352a461383a0ee289d33d41c3bdc8c752509d92f886515edccd9f704 | e13c |
| ou Ks DOV s I meqt DIr. js | The code provides the developer Session ID for contact: 05c78f6352a461383a0ee289d33d41c3bdc8c752509d92f886515edccd9f704 | e13c |
| KxYMfOmoTSBWuKmnKrPA. js | The code provides the developer Session ID for contact: 05c78f6352a461383a0ee289d33d41c3bdc8c752509d92f886515edccd9f704 | e13c |
| AMBqDnryCyrFgEzJBRRzyAo n.js | The code provides the developer Session ID for contact: 05c78f6352a461383a0ee289d33d41c3bdc8c752509d92f886515edccd9f704 | e13c |
| TuJyhKtwzXHwoqwtJ.js | The code provides the developer Session ID for contact: 05c78f6352a461383a0ee289d33d41c3bdc8c752509d92f886515edccd9f704 | e13c |
| QuZMZBDCRFmOiwxAwuLw SpYs.js | The code provides the developer Session ID for contact: 05c78f6352a461383a0ee289d33d41c3bdc8c752509d92f886515edccd9f704 | e13c |
| WvUjnwRSMszOr.js | The code provides the developer Session ID for contact: 05c78f6352a461383a0ee289d33d41c3bdc8c752509d92f886515edccd9f704 | e13c |
| UrkzDYoXurNuN.js | The code provides the developer Session ID for contact: 05c78f6352a461383a0ee289d33d41c3bdc8c752509d92f886515edccd9f704 | e13c |

Additional searches were conducted to examine snippets within the source code of phishing sites. A search for the contract "0xae7ab96520DE3A18E5e111B5EaAb095312D7fE84", which appears across several phishing sites, yielded 840 results (covering 378 unique IP addresses) via <u>fofa.info</u>. These results are distributed across the following website titles:

- <u>Lido Airdrop Liquid Ethereum (ETH) Rewards</u> (279 results)
- Blaze Liquid Staking (64 results)
- Synth Metronome Synthesizing the Future of DeFi (39 results)
- <u>Vesper App | Pools | Ethereum</u> (34 results)

This analysis can help identify additional phishing sites linked to these servers.

The **Ethereum contract "0xae7ab96520DE3A18E5e111B5EaAb095312D7fE84"**, found in the source code of the phishing site **airdrop-blaze.org**, is associated with **"DRAINER_CHAINS"** and interacts with this specific contract.

The source code of the malicious sites also contains the snippet "id="drainer-button". A search for this snippet across the source-code search engine <u>publicwww.com</u> revealed **122 websites** that contain this specific snippet.



CryptoGrab Drainer maintains an extensive social media presence, presenting itself as a legitimate company registered in both **London**, **UK**, and **Ontario**, **Canada**. However, their UK-based company was dissolved on **4 March 2025**. The company had been registered through a proxy individual.

An in-depth analysis of CryptoGrab was conducted by <u>Certik</u>. CryptoGrab is known for offering various phishing services targeting cryptocurrency users, including the **Nova Drainer** and more traditional seed phrase phishing techniques. Certik's investigation suggests that CryptoGrab is likely managed from **Russia**.

CryptoGrab operates an affiliate network and provides its affiliates with a wide range of phishing attack methods. The group also maintains a wallet drainer, the **Nova Drainer**, which has been estimated to have stolen at least **\$3 million** at current valuations.

Certik's analysis identified the **Nova Drainer modal phishing contract**:

0x000003845129254E67E3EcEf365c8c4fA0600000 ("CG_Magic")

Additionally, two **NFT** assets were found to be associated with this contract.

| NFT Asset / Domain | Redirected Phishing Domain | Notes |
|------------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| genesis-eth.org blaze-ethereum.org | | Same source-code as Medusa |
| | | Drainer |
| StakeEther.net | liquideth-claim.org | Same source-code as Medusa |
| | | Drainer |

The address **0x000003845129254E67E3EcEf365c8c4fA0600000** ("CG_Magic") has been found to be interacting with another known Drainer, identified as **"devildrainer.eth"** or **"monkeydrainer"** (according to **RootOne**). A transaction analysis of these interactions is available via **Arkham** <u>here</u>.

For more advanced analysis, users are advised to consult AMLBot.com.

Further investigation revealed that the **contract creator** of **0x000003845129254E67E3EcEf365c8c4fA0600000** is associated with the address:

 0x79fF3EcA7E54222761C0a070bda2b4f119A90897 (funded by Fake_Phishing322870 on etherscan.io)

Fake_Phishing322870 has been linked to **21 NFTs** tied to phishing domains similar to those used by **Medusa Drainer**. Below is a summary table.

| NTF Transfer | Redirected Domain | Used by Medusa Drainer |
|-----------------|-----------------------|------------------------|
| /ieldeth.net | blaze-network.net | NO |
| tethcoin.net | foundation-lido.net | YES |
| ıniv4lab.net | Inactive | |
| ooolstaked.org | reward-poolstake.net | YES |
| -ether.org | airdrop-origineth.net | NO |
| etstether.org | reward-steth.org | YES |
| tethreward.org | reward-steth.org | YES |
| tethnetwork.org | reward-steth.com | YES |
| | | |

| univ4labs.net | app.uniswap.org/swap (not phishing) | YES | |
|-------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|--|
| stakingreward.org | steth-finance.com YES | | |
| reward-link.net | airdrop-linktoken.org | airdrop-linktoken.org NO | |
| wsteth.net | app-lidonetwork.org | NO | |
| stether.net | reward-steth.com | YES | |
| stethclaims.org | reward-steth.org YES | | |
| coinsteth.org | steth-finance.com | YES | |
| stethevent.com | steth-finance.com | YES | |
| etherfi.gift | Inactive | | |
| StakeEther.net | liquideth-claim.org YES | | |
| ldosteth.com | Inactive | | |
| | | | |

An additional address identified by Certik.com is:

0x00000751E8310fE25912aFD7B347C2612b400000 ("CG_Contract")

The address **0x00000751E8310fE25912aFD7B347C2612b400000** was found to have received a transaction from **angel-drainer.eth**. A screenshot of this interaction is provided below, based on **Arkham.com** analysis.



An **NFT domain** was identified as being connected to the address **[612b400000]**: **fund-eth.org**, which redirects to **blaze-ethereum.org**.

This address [612b400000] is funded by 0x35647496bc5a7770f17b9ce160ace56c89e60df7 (Fake_Phishing228342 on etherscan.io).

Fake_Phishing228342 was found to be linked to the following NFT phishing domains.

| NTF Transfer | Redirected Domain | Used by Medusa Drainer |
|------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|
| yield-eth.net | reward-blaze.com | NO |
| link-rewards.org | Inactive | |
| ink-get.com | hub-linktoken.org | NO |
| apylink.org | gift-clink.org | NO |
| ink-protocol.net | app-linktoken.net | NO |
| ink-gift.org | airdrop-linktoken.org | NO |
| earn-link.com | app-link.io | NO |
| quant.gift | Inactive | |

Interestingly, the phishing sites tied to the Fake Phishing addresses above all use the same source code and layout found in Medusa Drainer NFT phishing sites.

Investigating the Background of CryptoGrab

A brief investigation into **CryptoGrab** reveals potential connections to **Russia** and **Iran**, with affiliates operating in multiple countries.

Our analysis identified **8 unique email addresses** potentially associated with the **CryptoGrab** entity. A summary of these email addresses is provided in the table below.

| Email Address | Source | Notes |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| cryptograb-forums@outlook.com | Slivup.net, 2022 (Russian | Associated with username |
| | forum dedicated to the | "CryptoGrab" |
| | exchange of private courses on | Registered IP: 45.93.11.129 |
| | earnings, business and much | (ASN AS44477: (STARK |
| | more) | INDUSTRIES SOLUTIONS LTD); |
| | | ISP: Perviy TSOD LLC; IP |
| | | Geolocation: Warsaw, Poland) |
| cryptograb-forums@outlook.com | Osint.industries | Skype ID: |
| | | live:.cid.b9537e51ae74a978 |
| | | Name: Arseniy Pilotov |
| | | (Арсений Пилотов) |
| | | Microsoft ID: |
| | | B9537E51AE74A978 |
| | | Location: Russia |
| | | Email hints: cr *** @mail.ua |
| masoomkaramianfar@gmail.com | BreachForums.to, 2022 | Associated with username |
| | | "CryptoGrab" |
| | | IP address: 176.53.134.183 |
| | | (XServer Europe; IP |
| | | Geolocation: Paris, France; |
| | | using VPN service Troywell VPN |
| | | (Poland)) |
| Bulletproofmask7@yahoo.com | Twitter, 2022 | Associated with username |
| | | "Cryptograb" on Twitter |
| | | Display Name: "Mardzhori |
| | | Klark" |
| Bulletproofmask7@gmail.com | Recovery email for | |
| | Bulletproofmask7@yahoo.com | |
| cryptograb_auto@proton.me | stopforumspam.com, June | Associated with username |
| | 2024 | "CryptoGrab" and IP address: |
| | | 23.106.56.11 (ISP: Leaseweb |
| | | UK Limited, London, United |
| | | Kingdom) |
| cryptograb_auto@proton.me | Osint.industries | Linked to Medium.com accoun |
| - | | "Cryptograb" (username: |
| | | cryptograb_auto) |
| cryptograb_auto@proton.me | Osint.industries | Registered account on |
| - · | | Pedsovet.su (Russian platform) |
| cryptograb2@outlook.com | stopforumspam.com, January | Associated with username |
| 0 0 111 | 2025 | "cryptograb", and IP address: |
| | - | 710 7 20 10 20-20-0001 |

| | | 118.179.44.67 (ISP: AmberIT |
|--------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| | | Limited, Farīdpur, Dhaka |
| | | Division, Bangladesh) |
| cryptograb2@outlook.com | Osint.industries | Registered accounts on |
| | | Bandlab, Doctissimo (France), |
| | | Mastodon, Hackernoon, |
| | | Lichess.org, GitHub, Tumblr |
| cryptograb09@outlook.com | stopforumspam.com, January | Associated with username |
| | 2025 | "cryptograb1" and IP address: |
| | | 203.190.14.173 (ISP: Daffodil |
| | | Online Ltd, Purbadhala, |
| | | Mymensingh Division, |
| | | Bangladesh) |
| cryptograb09@outlook.com | Osint.industries | Registered accounts on |
| | | Microsoft (ID: |
| | | BA81BB628A86410D), Bandlab, |
| | | Roll20, Mastodon, Gaia Online |
| cryptograb7@outlook.com | stopforumspam.com, | Associated with username |
| | December 2024 | "cryptograb" and IP address: |
| | | 118.179.44.67 (ISP: AmberIT |
| | | Limited, Farīdpur, Dhaka |
| | | Division, Bangladesh) |
| cryptograb7@outlook.com | Osint.industries | Registered accounts on |
| | | BeatStars (ID: MR7283630; |
| | | Location: Russia); Microsoft |
| | | (ID: 2CEA1CCA3B1B187C; |
| | | Location: Russia), Roll20, |
| | | Replit, Band.us |

Further analysis of the username "cryptograb" has revealed the online accounts listed below.

| Platform | Username | Notes |
|----------------|------------|--|
| letterboxd.com | cryptograb | Location: Russia |
| | | Website: cryptograb.io |
| github.com | cryptograb | Repository: exodus |
| about.me | cryptograb | Bradley Robertson (officer of CryptoGrab Limited |
| | | dissolved in March 2025); |
| | | Bio: Web Developer, Software Engineer, and Project |
| | | Manager in London |
| pastebin.com | cryptograb | Location: Russia |
| telegram.org | cryptograb | Website: cryptograb.io |
| | | Channel: cryptograb_info |
| Opensea.io | cryptograb | 0x6F6D0118c8b5C20e75E798f4C5320E57842823E3 |

A **Telegram group** named **"crypto_life_chat"** ([Chat] CryptoGrab; ID: -1001414162744) was found to be owned by the **Telegram username Sezar_mr** (display name: "Omid"; ID: 568330379). This user was linked to multiple **Iranian Telegram groups and channels**. Further investigation revealed his **Iranian phone number** (989374036051, **Irancell, Iran**), associated with the name **"Kaveh Delbandi, Faridokht**"

Dibay" (کاوه دلبندی, فریدخت دیبای). The name displayed on **CallApp** is **"Seyyed Mohammad Reza"** (محمد رضا).

Additional findings uncovered a **Telegram channel** under the username "MedusaDrainer_scam" (ID: -1001916540595), created on **15 December 2023**. The channel has **333 subscribers** as of **9 April 2025** and contains content related to **CryptoGrab**, with links to their website **cryptograb[.]io** and a reviews channel **cryptograb_reviws** (display name: "Payments|Review CryptoGrab Affilate"; ID: -1001534115465).

In particular, two messages in the "MedusaDrainer_scam" channel were forwarded by a Telegram user named "Drainer Crypto | Angel | Inferno".



On 21 December 2023, Scamsniffer.io published an article titled "From Google to X Ads: Tracing the Crypto Wallet Drainer's \$58 Million Trail", in which they identified the developer of MS Drainer, a tool highly used in phishing ads. According to their findings, 10,072 phishing websites using MS Drainer code were active between March and December 2023, targeting brands and protocols like Zapper, Lido, and Radiant.

The article also highlighted a victim address:

• 0x13e382dfe53207e9ce2eeeab330f69da2794179e, which was found to interact with NFT phishing domains similar or identical to those used by CryptoGrab and Medusa Drainers (e.g., stethclaims.org, which redirects to reward-steth.org).

The **MS Drainer code** was first advertised on a forum on **22 January 2023**, distinct from other wallet drainers that typically charge a **20% fee**, including **Medusa Drainer**.

The developer of **MS Drainer**, initially identified as **"pakulichev"**, later changed their username to **"Phishlab"**. Code similarities, integrations, and modules within the **MS Drainer** were found to match the code used by **NFT phishing domains** linked to **Medusa** or **CryptoGrab**.

Pakulichev provided a link to their Telegram account under the same username (ID: 349286731, name: "Pavel"). Their Telegram account was registered via 79227987912, which was linked to Akulichev Pavel Alekseevich, based out of Surgut, Russia.

While the code similarities between **MS Drainer** and the **Medusa Drainer** are evident, it is possible that **Medusa Drainer** was developed by a different individual/team.

As the Web3 ecosystem continues to evolve, so too does the sophistication of malicious actors who target users through phishing sites and other deceptive tactics. The rise of phishing domains impersonating legitimate protocols, as well as the complex network of wallet drainers, underscores the importance of awareness and proactive security measures. To protect both individuals and businesses in the Web3 space, the following actions are highly suggested:

1. For Web3 Users:

Be Aware of Phishing Sites Impersonating Protocols

Phishing sites targeting Web3 users have become increasingly sophisticated, with many sites now imitating well-known brands and protocols. These sites often redirect to malicious domains designed to steal private keys, seed phrases, or drain crypto wallets. Users need to be aware when clicking on unfamiliar sites or links, especially those sent through unsolicited messages, social media promotions, or fake airdrop announcements.

Adopt a **zero-trust** approach. Only use verified links and official domains cross-checked with social media channels. Suspicious links should be tested in sandboxed environments such as <u>Browser.lol</u>, <u>any.run</u>, or scanned with <u>VirusTotal</u> or <u>urlscan.io</u>.

Double-Check All Addresses

Clipboard hijackers may alter addresses while copying. Always verify the full wallet address before confirming a transaction. Be cautious with QR codes—they can link to drainers disguised as payment requests.

Employ Web3 Security Tools for Wallet Verification and Protection

Web3 users should use available tools to ensure their wallets are secure. **Blockchain explorers** (such as **Etherscan.io**) can help trace transactions and the addresses interacting with their wallets. Additionally, wallet protection tools such as hardware wallets (e.g., Ledger, Trezor) and browser extensions that monitor suspicious activity or services like **ScamSniffer** or **Revoke.cash** to identify and revoke malicious token approvals. Tools like **AMLBot.com** are essential for identifying malicious addresses, tracking stolen funds, and blocking potentially fraudulent transactions before they occur.

Diversify Wallets and Devices

Don't keep all assets in one wallet. Spread funds across different wallets or even devices. Use different browsers or isolated containers like **Firefox Multi-Account Containers** for higher-risk interactions.

Multisignature Wallets

Set up multisig wallets requiring multiple approvals for transfers. Even if one signer is compromised, unauthorized fund movements are blocked.

• Enable 2FA Everywhere

Use robust 2FA—preferably app-based (e.g., Authy, Google Authenticator). Avoid SMS or call-based 2FA, as they're vulnerable to **SIM swapping**.

Use Strong Passwords and Managers

Create long, complex passwords with varied characters and manage them via trusted password managers (e.g., Bitwarden, 1Password).

• Keep Software Updated

Ensure that your OS, browser, wallet apps, and plugins are always up to date to prevent exploitation via known vulnerabilities.

2. For Businesses:

Continuous Blockchain Monitoring

Businesses operating in the Web3 space need to continuously monitor blockchain activity to identify and respond to malicious actors targeting their users. Regular **blockchain analysis** can help detect suspicious transactions and flag interactions with **malicious addresses** tied to phishing campaigns or wallet draining activities. Platforms like **AMLBot.com** enables businesses to identify malicious wallet interactions, flag stolen assets, and visualize fund movement.

Implement Full-Spectrum Investigation Services

For a more comprehensive approach to security, businesses should partner with services that specialize in investigating the full scope of phishing attacks and identifying related actors. Investigations can reveal hidden connections between multiple malicious domains, wallets, and social media activity, helping businesses understand the tactics and infrastructure used by these attackers. This type of deep investigation is crucial for responding to threats within a reasonable timeframe and preparing for future incidents.

Blockchain Transaction Blocking

By integrating advanced tools and services, businesses can block or filter transactions originating from known malicious addresses. **Smart contract monitoring**, combined with **real-time transaction blocking** systems, can prevent funds from reaching fraudsters' wallets. Blockchain analytics platforms like **AMLBot.com** can assist with identifying these addresses in advance and alerting businesses to take immediate action, such as blacklisting addresses or freezing funds.

Segment Internal Systems

For service providers and exchanges, isolate wallet infrastructure and implement role-based access control (RBAC) with strict key management policies to reduce insider risk.

3. Phishing Domain Enforcement

Beyond individual protections and transaction monitoring, businesses and users must focus on enforcement against phishing domains. **Online enforcement services** can help take down phishing websites by submitting reports to relevant authorities, domain registrars, registries, CDNs, hosting and upstream providers. Taking these sites down from the internet helps prevent them from deceiving users and minimizes the overall risk to the Web3 ecosystem.

4. Recovery Services via AMLBot.com

For users and businesses that fall victim to a phishing attack, recovery options are available. **AMLBot.com** offers services to track stolen funds, monitor transactions, and potentially recover assets lost to phishing schemes. This includes working with exchanges, bridges, and enforcement bodies to potentially freeze and recover funds. Using blockchain analytics tools for real-time monitoring can improve the likelihood of asset recovery and provide a safety net for Web3 participants.

Conclusion

In the rapidly evolving world of Web3, security remains a top priority. By remaining alert, using Web3 security tools, and partnering with blockchain analytics providers, users and businesses can protect themselves against malicious phishing attacks. Proactive monitoring, investigation services, and enforcement actions against phishing domains can help mitigate the risks associated with these types of attacks, ensuring a safer environment for all participants in the decentralized ecosystem.