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macOS Malware Increased by 270%

In 2017, Apple's desktop operating system experienced malware growth of 270% last year, according to an analysis from Malwarebytes, and a total of four different major vulnerabilities were discovered only in the first months of this year. In other words, there's a chance macOS malware's growth continues throughout 2018, and users need to pay more attention to their cyber-security. The security vendor highlights the OSX.MaMi malware, which was discovered by users themselves and which attempted to highjack DNS settings in order to direct Internet traffic to phishing sites. Then, macOS was targeted by Dark Caracal, OSX.CreativeUpdate, and OSX.Coldroot, which once again compromised the security of macOS to confirm that no matter if they're running Apple's desktop operating system or a different platform, users should be more cautious when opening content from untrusted sources or visiting websites they don't know. "The average Mac user has no effective protection to prevent them from being infected with malware, much less the far more common threats posed by adware and PUPs. Worse, because they believe that there are no threats, they often do not exercise the same caution online that they would on a Windows machine," Thomas Reed of Malwarebytes explains.