

Supplemental Material to Discovering Signals from Web Sources to Predict Cyber Attacks

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1 Cyber Terms

The following list of cyber related terms was used in this study: 0day, 0-day, account, acrobat, adobe, blackmail, botnet, breach, breaches, cpe, crypto, cve, databreach, ddos, dhcp, dns, exploit, exploits, explorer, extortion, hack, hacker, hijacked, hijacking, intel, ios, iot, linux, malware, malwares, microsoft, ms16-, ms17-, oracle, password, phishing, ransomware, ransomwares, rootkit, trojan, trojans, udp, usb, vpn, vulnerabilities, vulnerability, win7, windows, windows7, zeroday.

2 ARIMAX Plots

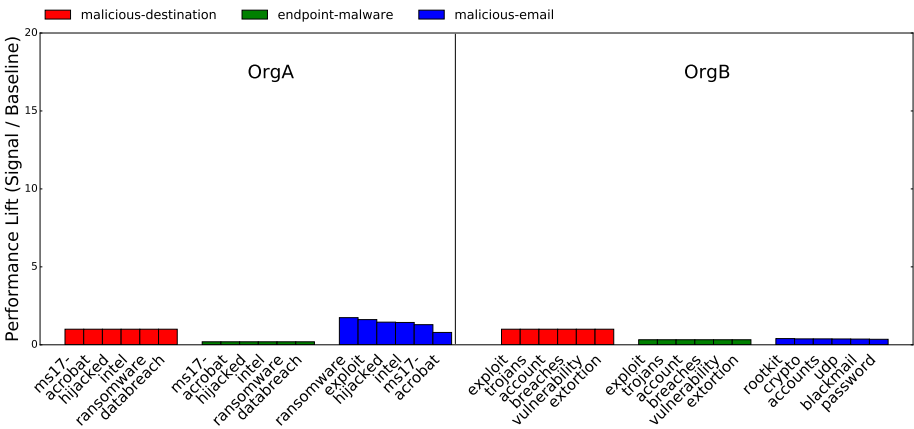


Figure 1: Weekly ARIMAX F1 performance of Twitter signals.

3 Mean RMSE Lifts

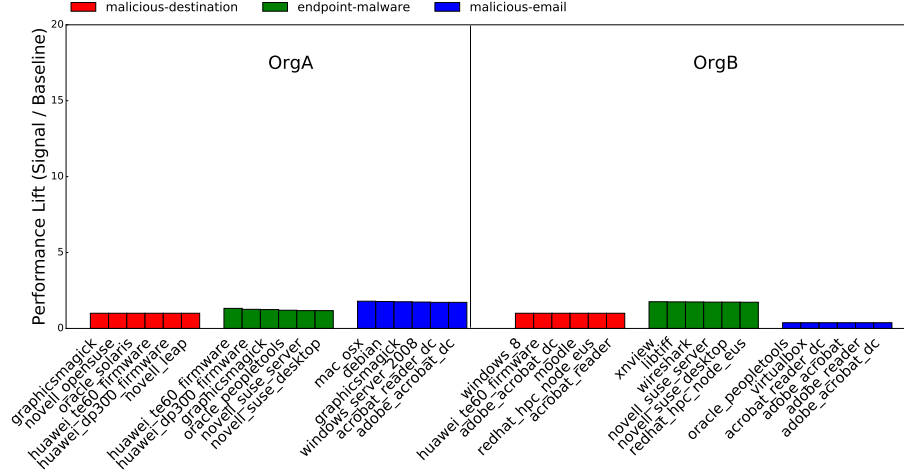


Figure 2: Weekly ARIMAX F1 performance of vulnerability signals.

Table 1: Mean RMSE Lift of GRU model trained on a single signal across seven months for an individual endpoint. Evaluated on OrgA.

| Event Type | Signal | Source | Relative Lift |
|------------|-----------------|---------------|---------------|
| ep-malware | win_server_2008 | vulnerability | 1.03 |
| ep-malware | cpe | twitter | 1.02 |
| ep-malware | trojan | blogs | 1.02 |
| ep-malware | iot | d2web | 1.01 |
| ep-malware | hp10_ctr | honeypots | 0.96 |
| mal-dest. | iphone_os | vulnerability | 1.01 |
| mal-dest. | linux | twitter | 0.99 |
| mal-dest. | hijacking | blogs | 0.97 |
| mal-dest. | trojans | d2web | 0.99 |
| mal-dest. | hp1_ctr | honeypots | 1.28 |
| mal-email | fedora_project | vulnerability | 1.02 |
| mal-email | breach | twitter | 1.02 |
| mal-email | exploits | blogs | 1.03 |
| mal-email | exploits | d2web | 1.02 |
| mal-email | hp10_clicks | honeypots | 1.54 |

Table 2: Mean RMSE Lift of GRU model trained on a single signal across seven months for an individual endpoint. Evaluated on OrgB.

| Event Type | Signal | Source | Relative Lift |
|------------|-----------------|---------------|---------------|
| ep-malware | imagemagick | vulnerability | 0.62 |
| ep-malware | account | twitter | 0.72 |
| ep-malware | ios | blogs | 0.69 |
| ep-malware | ms17- | d2web | 0.68 |
| ep-malware | hp1_impressions | honeypots | 1.13 |
| mal-dest. | ntp | vulnerability | 0.81 |
| mal-dest. | usb | twitter | 0.81 |
| mal-dest. | breaches | blogs | 0.81 |
| mal-dest. | iot | d2web | 0.81 |
| mal-dest. | hp10_ctr | honeypots | 1.00 |
| mal-email | windows_vista | vulnerability | 0.51 |
| mal-email | udp | twitter | 0.53 |
| mal-email | windows7 | blogs | 0.54 |
| mal-email | hacker | d2web | 0.53 |
| mal-email | hp1_clicks | honeypots | 1.02 |

Table 3: Mean RMSE Lift of GRU model trained on a single signal across 28 weeks for an individual endpoint. Evaluated on OrgA.

| Event Type | Signal | Source | Relative Lift |
|------------|-----------------|---------------|---------------|
| ep-malware | win_server_2008 | vulnerability | 0.99 |
| ep-malware | blackmail | twitter | 1.03 |
| ep-malware | dhcp | blogs | 1.03 |
| ep-malware | ms17- | d2web | 1.02 |
| ep-malware | hp10_clicks | honeypots | 0.95 |
| mal-dest. | iphone_os | vulnerability | 0.99 |
| mal-dest. | dhcp | twitter | 0.98 |
| mal-dest. | cve | blogs | 0.98 |
| mal-dest. | trojans | d2web | 0.98 |
| mal-dest. | hp1_ctr | honeypots | 1.27 |
| mal-email | redhat_desktop | vulnerability | 1.00 |
| mal-email | dhcp | twitter | 1.01 |
| mal-email | usb | blogs | 1.00 |
| mal-email | zeroday | d2web | 1.01 |
| mal-email | hp1_ctr | honeypots | 0.97 |

Table 4: Mean RMSE Lift of GRU model trained on a single signal across 28 weeks for an individual endpoint. Evaluated on OrgB.

| Event Type | Signal | Source | Relative Lift |
|------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| ep-malware | msoft_win_10 | vulnerability | 1.04 |
| ep-malware | crypto | twitter | 1.20 |
| ep-malware | cve | blogs | 1.04 |
| ep-malware | ms17- | d2web | 1.14 |
| ep-malware | hp10_ctr | honeypots | 2.19 |
| mal-dest. | adobe_reader | vulnerability | 1.00 |
| mal-dest. | malware | twitter | 1.00 |
| mal-dest. | hijacked | d2web | 1.00 |
| mal-dest. | intel | blogs | 1.01 |
| mal-dest. | hp1_ctr | honeypots | 1.28 |
| mal-email | adobe_acrobat | vulnerability | 1.06 |
| mal-email | breaches | twitter | 1.02 |
| mal-email | ms17- | blogs | 1.11 |
| mal-email | 0day | d2web | 1.08 |
| mal-email | hp1_ctr | honeypots | 5.20 |

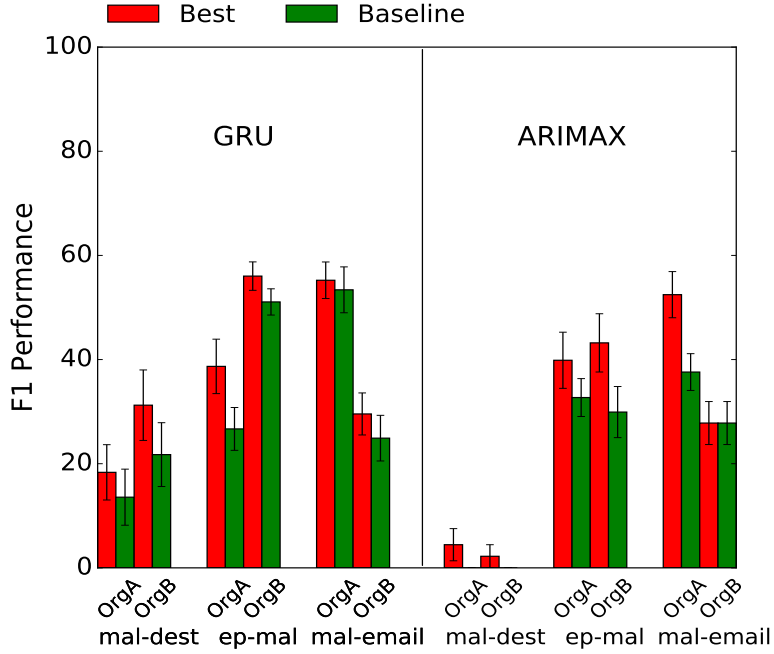


Figure 3: Comparing weekly models trained on the best signal for each configuration against baseline.

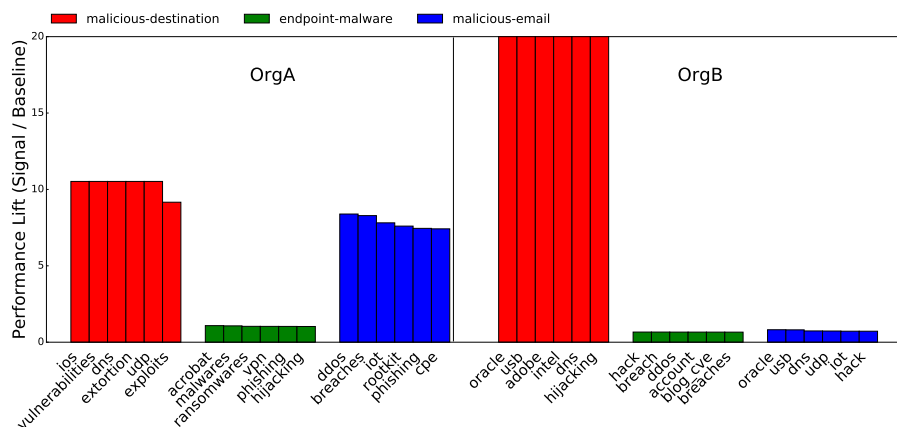


Figure 4: Monthly ARIMAX F1 performance on blog signals.

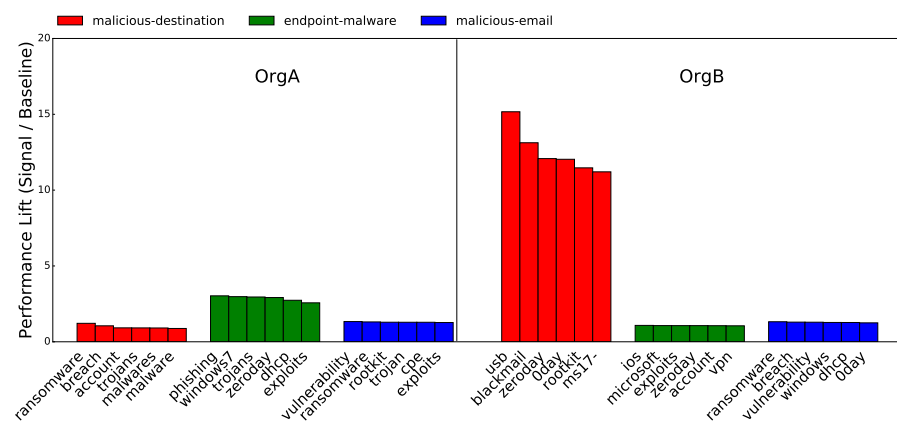


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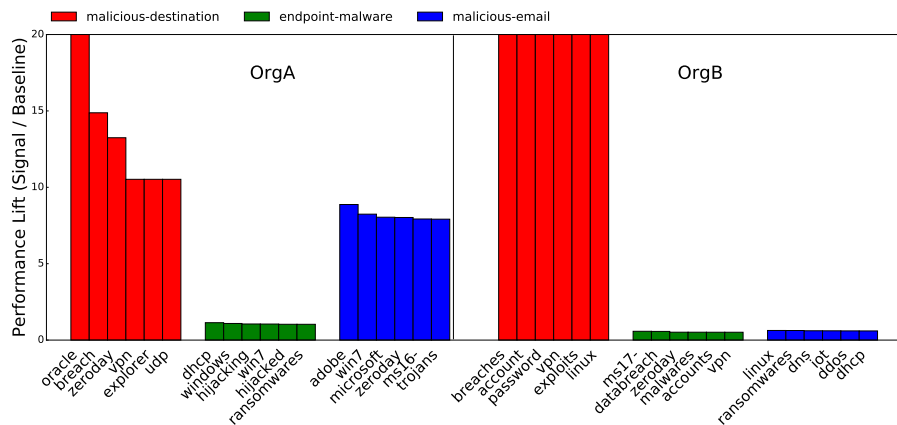


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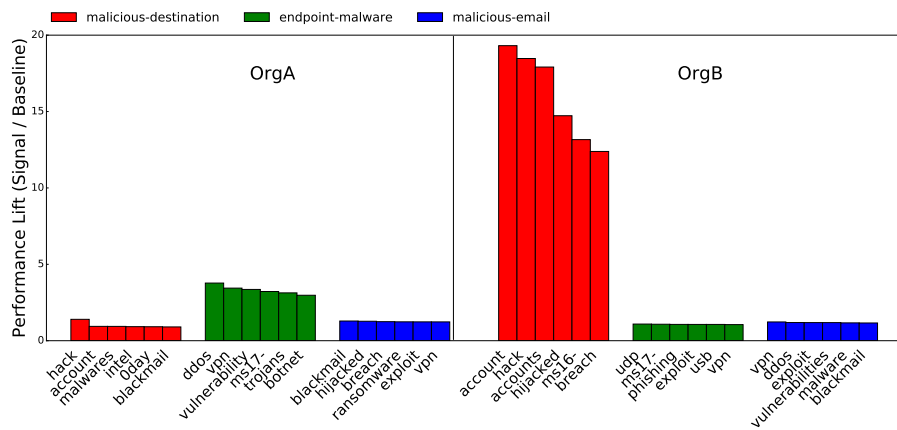
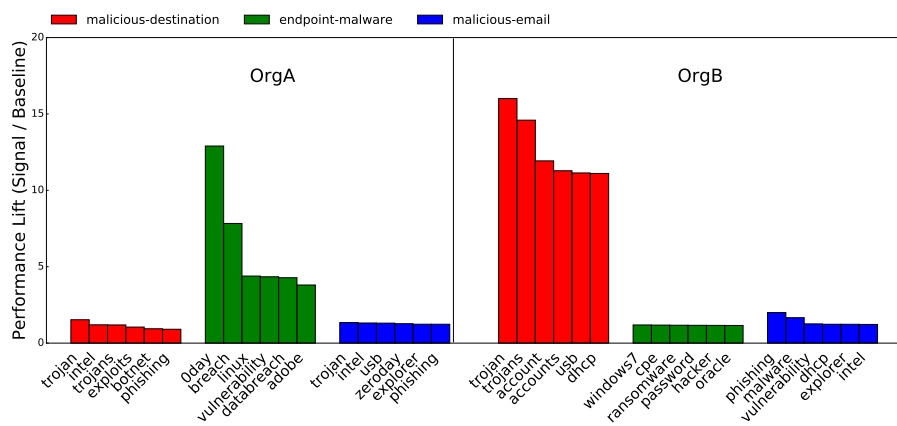
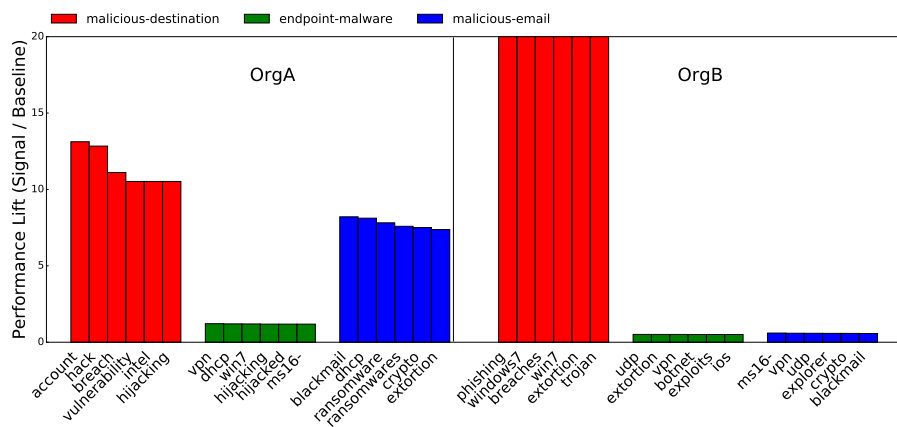


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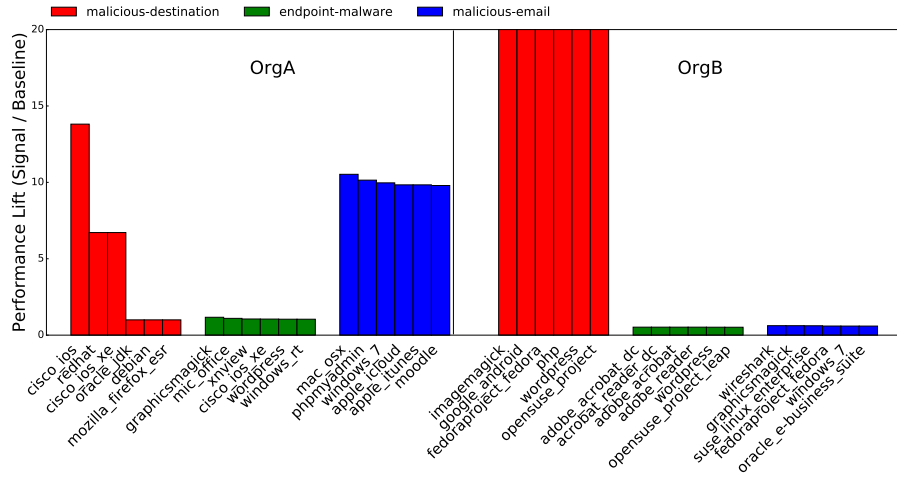


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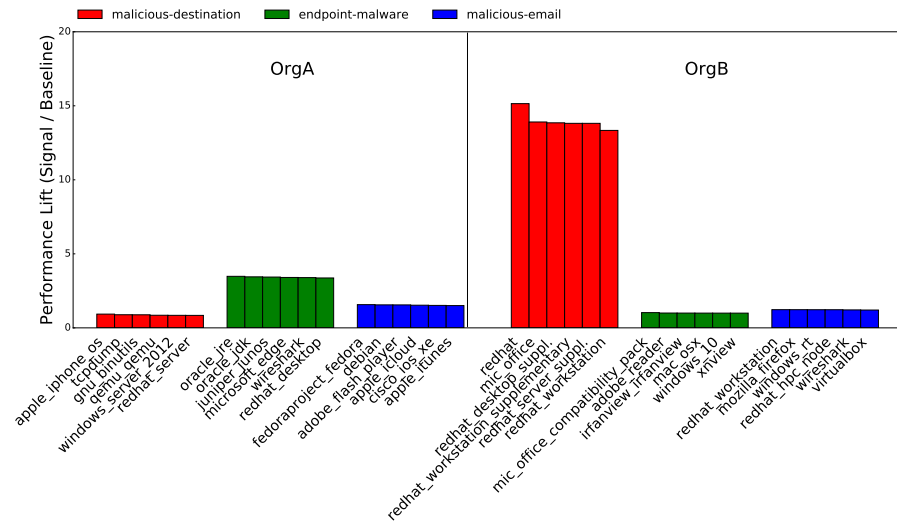


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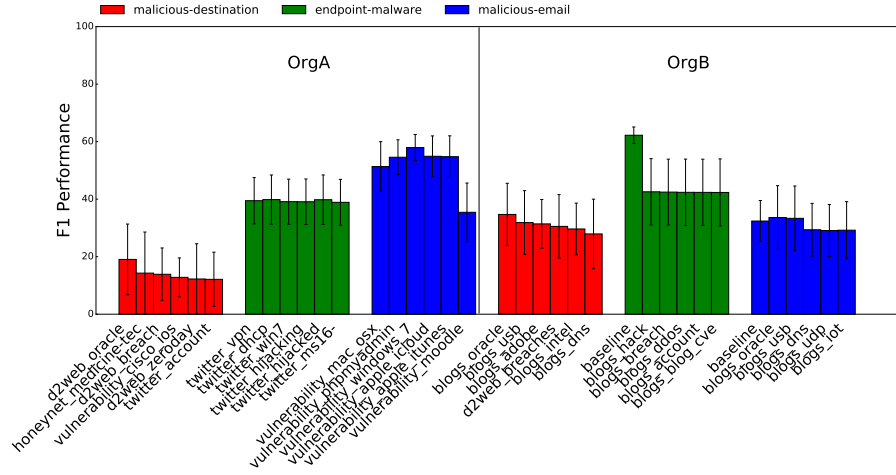


Figure 12: F1 Performance of best signals for ARIMAX Monthly

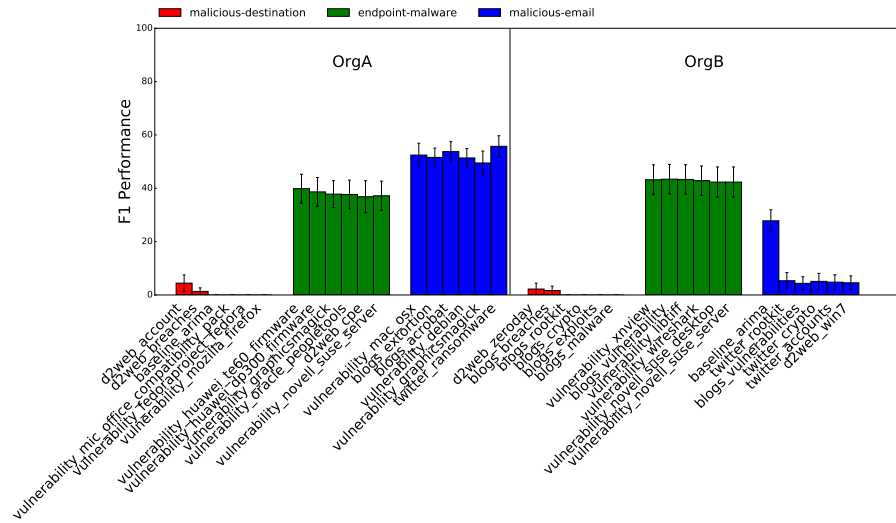


Figure 13: F1 Performance of best signals for ARIMAX Weekly

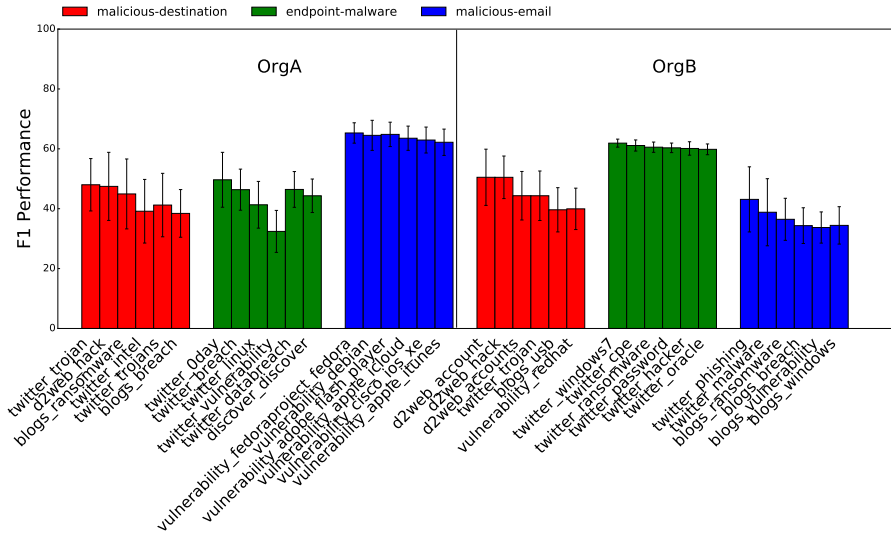


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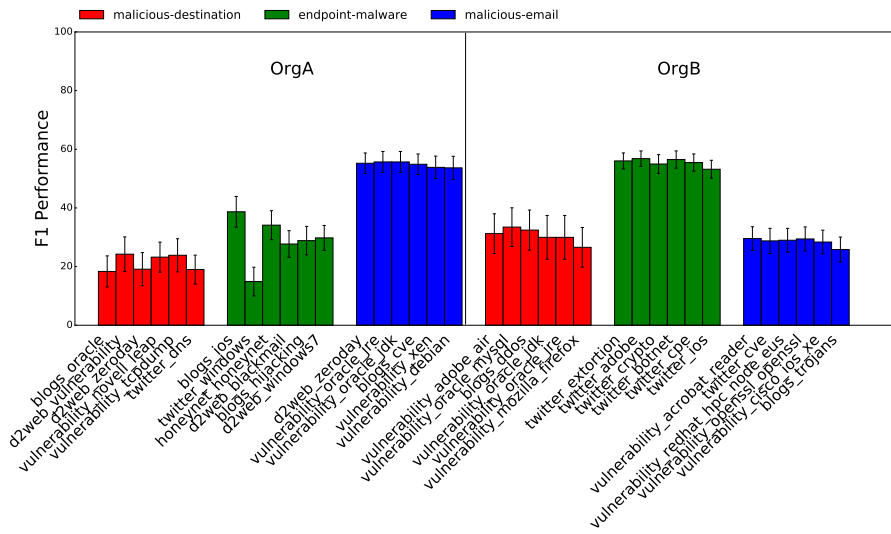


Figure 15: F1 Performance of best signals for GRU Weekly