

Whats to see in BlackStar?

On November 2nd 2012, the Ghostshell hacker group released a rather large dump of records from various Russian companies. The original link is <http://pastebin.com/yXN7uc6r>, but in case it disappears, here is the gist of it:

The image is a screenshot of a social media post. At the top, there's a header with a blue profile picture icon, the title "#ProjectBlackStar - GhostShell declares war on Russia!", and a blue button with a Facebook 'f' logo and the number "491". Below the title, it says "BY: TEAMGHOSTSHELL ON NOV 2ND, 2012 | SYNTAX: NONE | SIZE: 54.75 KB | HITS: 107,264 | EXPIRES: NEVER". There are three buttons: "DOWNLOAD", "RAW", and "EMBED", and a red "REPORT ABUSE" link. On the right, there's a blue button with a Twitter bird logo and the number "422". The main content area has a light gray background with a toolbar at the top containing icons for list, code, and image. The content is a mix of ASCII art and text. The ASCII art is a stylized figure made of lines and spaces. The text is a paragraph starting with "For far too long Russia has been a state of tyranny and regret. The average citizen is forced to live an isolated life from the rest of the world imposed by it's politicians and leaders. A way of thinking outdated for well over 100 years now. The still present communism feeling has fused with today's capitalism and bred together a level of corruption and lack of decency of which we've never seen before. People getting silenced from standing up to their own morals and values; such as journalists/reporters conveniently gone missing after criticizing those in power; so called 'spontaneous protests' having no real impact besides the purpose of showing the rest of the world that Russia is a democratic place; and public meetings to poorer neighborhoods with empty promises, where after, they get in their expensive cars and drive to their luxurious yachts for a well deserved rest."

So being the inquisitive sort, I figured let me take a look at this dump and see what I could see. First off I had to get the data, a combination of *wget* and *links* helped with that. Then I started looking around. Now please bear in mind, this is what I found. In all probability I missed some items just due to the sheer amount of data to work through. With that out of the way..

Email addresses

I wondered about the email addresses in use according to these dumps. I found a total of 234498 email addresses, there are of course a lot of .ru domains (duh) and the normal contenders:

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Top 20 email domains:
 374 pochta.ru
 376 yandex.com
 385 ukr.net
 593 gawab.com
 636 mawpinkow.konin.pl
 654 o2.pl
 892 yahoo.co.uk
 893 yahoo.com
 900 hotmail.com
1021 ourstorereviews.org
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1550 ya.ru
3717 inbox.ru
4502 list.ru
5426 aol.com
5692 bk.ru
5917 gold-standard.ru
11233 rambler.ru
28006 yandex.ru
39156 gmail.com
73466 mail.ru

Then I thought, what about the always interesting *.edu* / *.gov* / *.mil* addresses?

1 astillero.gba.gov
1 az4871.spb.edu
1 cc.tpu.edu
1 crimea.edu
1 dhe.tpu.edu
1 fnsm.tpu.edu
1 gatech.edu
1 indiana.edu
1 nowy.lorenz.edu
1 nw.ksaa.edu
1 ruvkmoeki.edu
1 supersada.edu
1 us.army.mil
1 yrbkmoehf.edu
2 seo.lorenz.edu
2 sjsu.edu
6 istu.edu
10 phystech.edu

What about funny stuff? Things like:

1 ringl68b02-platinum-gmail.com
1 ringwlanhccvmuxc-platinum-gmail.com
1 ringwljy2399-platinum-gmail.com
1 ringwxmhwadhvih-platinum-gmail.com
7 googlemails.net

1 mazila-firefox.org.ua
1 mozilla-firefox-ru.ru

1 freeemailyahoo.com
1 yyahoo.es

1 adobe-acrobat-reader.ru
1 adobe-reader-acrobat.ru

1 findpharmasolutions2010.co.cc
1 makizpharma.ru
1 mdpharmacy.net
1 pharmaceuticalprocesssystems.co.cc
1 pharmacy-city.com
1 pharmacy-ed.info
1 pharmagarant.ru
1 pharmateca.ru

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1 polpharma.ru
1 resopharma.fr
1 xenopharmacophilia.com
2 canonpharma.ru
3 conventpharma.ru
3 friendpharmacy.com
4 pharmaLin.com
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As a case in point, lets look at *yyahoo.es*:

Yyahoo.es Server Details

IP address: 46.105.140.156

Server Location: France

ISP: Ovh Systems

IP address : 46.105.140.156

IP country code: FR

IP address country: France

IP address state: n/a

IP address city: n/a

IP address latitude: 46.0000

IP address longitude: 2.0000

ISP of this IP : Ovh Systems

Organization: Servidores vps

Host of this IP: parking1.cathedralsoft.com

..so not looking as if yahoo has anything to do with that domain. Here is the sorted and counted list of email domains ([here](#)) if you want to take a look.

Unencrypted passwords

The next step was to see if there were any passwords in the dumps. But here i mean plaintext passwords, you know, when the company or site did not even do hashing but just wrote it straight to a database field. Well I found 52393 unique passwords, needless to say there were many repeats before I did the sort. The list is [here](#), but I also ran a dictionary analyzer (*pipal*) against it:

Top 10 base words

qwerty = 35 (0.07%)

password = 25 (0.05%)

alex = 21 (0.04%)

melto = 17 (0.03%)

skills = 13 (0.02%)

pass = 13 (0.02%)

mama = 12 (0.02%)

olga = 12 (0.02%)

qwert = 11 (0.02%)

qwer = 10 (0.02%)

Password length (length ordered)

1 = 9 (0.02%)

2 = 19 (0.04%)

3 = 137 (0.26%)

4 = 573 (1.09%)

5 = 627 (1.2%)

6 = 3217 (6.14%)

7 = 2874 (5.49%)

8 = 4245 (8.1%)

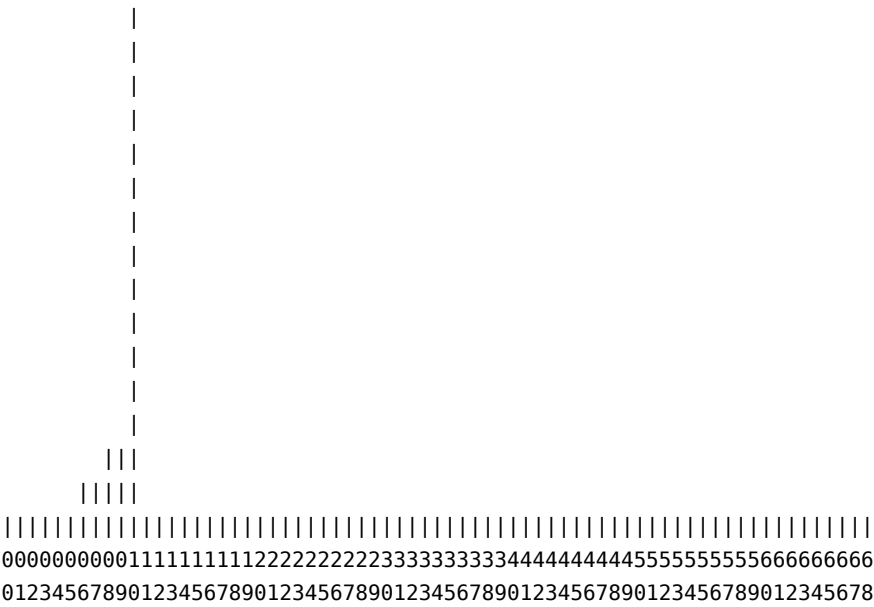
9 = 4833 (9.22%)

10 = 32520 (62.07%)
11 = 1174 (2.24%)
12 = 839 (1.6%)
13 = 499 (0.95%)
14 = 295 (0.56%)
15 = 162 (0.31%)
16 = 150 (0.29%)
17 = 54 (0.1%)
18 = 54 (0.1%)
19 = 15 (0.03%)
20 = 40 (0.08%)
21 = 6 (0.01%)
22 = 14 (0.03%)
23 = 2 (0.0%)
24 = 5 (0.01%)
26 = 4 (0.01%)
27 = 2 (0.0%)
28 = 2 (0.0%)
30 = 1 (0.0%)
32 = 3 (0.01%)
33 = 1 (0.0%)
34 = 5 (0.01%)
35 = 1 (0.0%)
36 = 1 (0.0%)
37 = 2 (0.0%)
38 = 2 (0.0%)
40 = 2 (0.0%)
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26 = 4 (0.01%)
32 = 3 (0.01%)
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28 = 2 (0.0%)
37 = 2 (0.0%)
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One to six characters = 4582 (8.75%)
One to eight characters = 11701 (22.33%)
More than eight characters = 40692 (77.67%)

Only lowercase alpha = 5949 (11.35%)
Only uppercase alpha = 324 (0.62%)
Only alpha = 6273 (11.97%)
Only numeric = 2055 (3.92%)

First capital last symbol = 16 (0.03%)
First capital last number = 8376 (15.99%)

Months
march = 4 (0.01%)
april = 2 (0.0%)
may = 16 (0.03%)
july = 3 (0.01%)
august = 1 (0.0%)
september = 1 (0.0%)

october = 1 (0.0%)

Days

None found

Months (Abbreviated)

jan = 23 (0.04%)

feb = 5 (0.01%)

mar = 142 (0.27%)

apr = 31 (0.06%)

may = 16 (0.03%)

jun = 19 (0.04%)

jul = 28 (0.05%)

aug = 7 (0.01%)

sept = 2 (0.0%)

oct = 9 (0.02%)

nov = 55 (0.1%)

dec = 10 (0.02%)

Days (Abbreviated)

mon = 48 (0.09%)

wed = 9 (0.02%)

fri = 15 (0.03%)

sat = 22 (0.04%)

sun = 19 (0.04%)

Includes years

1975 = 11 (0.02%)

1976 = 19 (0.04%)

1977 = 24 (0.05%)

1978 = 20 (0.04%)

1979 = 28 (0.05%)

1980 = 36 (0.07%)

1981 = 21 (0.04%)

1982 = 27 (0.05%)

1983 = 23 (0.04%)

1984 = 42 (0.08%)

1985 = 25 (0.05%)

1986 = 25 (0.05%)

1987 = 34 (0.06%)

1988 = 24 (0.05%)

1989 = 18 (0.03%)

1990 = 11 (0.02%)

1991 = 18 (0.03%)

1992 = 8 (0.02%)

1993 = 4 (0.01%)

1994 = 11 (0.02%)

1995 = 3 (0.01%)

1996 = 2 (0.0%)

1997 = 8 (0.02%)

1998 = 4 (0.01%)

1999 = 2 (0.0%)

2000 = 14 (0.03%)

2001 = 16 (0.03%)

2002 = 7 (0.01%)

2003 = 7 (0.01%)

2004 = 13 (0.02%)
2005 = 24 (0.05%)
2006 = 20 (0.04%)
2007 = 23 (0.04%)
2008 = 20 (0.04%)
2009 = 29 (0.06%)
2010 = 52 (0.1%)
2011 = 61 (0.12%)
2012 = 29 (0.06%)
2013 = 2 (0.0%)
2014 = 2 (0.0%)
2015 = 4 (0.01%)
2017 = 2 (0.0%)
2018 = 2 (0.0%)
2019 = 2 (0.0%)
2020 = 5 (0.01%)

Years (Top 10)

2011 = 61 (0.12%)
2010 = 52 (0.1%)
1984 = 42 (0.08%)
1980 = 36 (0.07%)
1987 = 34 (0.06%)
2012 = 29 (0.06%)
2009 = 29 (0.06%)
1979 = 28 (0.05%)
1982 = 27 (0.05%)
1985 = 25 (0.05%)

Colours

black = 10 (0.02%)
blue = 3 (0.01%)
green = 11 (0.02%)
orange = 1 (0.0%)
pink = 3 (0.01%)
red = 46 (0.09%)
white = 4 (0.01%)
violet = 1 (0.0%)
indigo = 1 (0.0%)

Single digit on the end = 1493 (2.85%)

Two digits on the end = 1607 (3.07%)

Three digits on the end = 16176 (30.87%)

Last number

0 = 619 (1.18%)
1 = 3021 (5.77%)
2 = 2774 (5.29%)
3 = 2932 (5.6%)
4 = 2791 (5.33%)
5 = 2819 (5.38%)
6 = 2651 (5.06%)
7 = 2738 (5.23%)
8 = 2825 (5.39%)
9 = 2691 (5.14%)

2011 = 47 (0.09%)
2345 = 46 (0.09%)
3456 = 45 (0.09%)
2010 = 43 (0.08%)
1984 = 36 (0.07%)
1980 = 30 (0.06%)
1987 = 27 (0.05%)
2009 = 26 (0.05%)
1979 = 24 (0.05%)

Last 5 digits (Top 10)

23456 = 41 (0.08%)
12345 = 35 (0.07%)
54321 = 12 (0.02%)
56789 = 12 (0.02%)
23123 = 10 (0.02%)
34567 = 10 (0.02%)
11111 = 9 (0.02%)
45678 = 7 (0.01%)
77777 = 7 (0.01%)
55555 = 6 (0.01%)

US Area Codes

234 = NE Ohio: Canton, Akron (OH)
345 = Cayman Islands (--)
321 = Florida: Brevard County, Cape Canaveral area; Metro Orlando (FL)
456 = Inbound International (--)
984 = E North Carolina: Raleigh (NC)

Character sets

mixedalphanum: 33894 (64.69%)
loweralphanum: 7361 (14.05%)
loweralpha: 5949 (11.35%)
numeric: 2055 (3.92%)
mixedalpha: 1455 (2.78%)
upperalphanum: 535 (1.02%)
upperalpha: 324 (0.62%)
loweralphaspecial: 129 (0.25%)
loweralphaspecialnum: 91 (0.17%)
mixedalphaspecialnum: 66 (0.13%)
specialnum: 46 (0.09%)
upperalphaspecial: 20 (0.04%)
mixedalphaspecial: 17 (0.03%)
upperalphaspecialnum: 11 (0.02%)
special: 1 (0.0%)

Character set ordering

othermask: 25614 (48.89%)
stringdigit: 10588 (20.21%)
allstring: 7728 (14.75%)
stringdigitstring: 3357 (6.41%)
alldigit: 2055 (3.92%)
digitstringdigit: 1910 (3.65%)
digitstring: 944 (1.8%)
stringspecialstring: 118 (0.23%)
stringspecialdigit: 44 (0.08%)

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stringspecial: 24 (0.05%)
specialstring: 8 (0.02%)
specialstringspecial: 2 (0.0%)
allspecial: 1 (0.0%)

Hashcat masks (Top 10)
?l?l?l?l?l?l: 1252 (2.39%)
?l?l?l?l?l?l?l?l: 1058 (2.02%)
?l?l?l?l?l?l?l?l: 1037 (1.98%)
?l?l?l?l?l?l?l: 972 (1.86%)
?d?d?d?d?d?d: 788 (1.5%)
?d?d?d?d?d?d?d: 500 (0.95%)
?l?l?l?l?l: 401 (0.77%)
?l?l?l?l?l?l?l?l?l?l: 354 (0.68%)
?l?l?l?l: 266 (0.51%)
?d?d?d?d?d?d?d: 225 (0.43%)

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Encrypted passwords

Lastly, I looked for passwords hashes. I found three types *MD5* / *SHA1* / *MYSQL*, more specifically:

MD5	3555	blackstar-encode-1.hash (get it here)
SHA1	2389	blackstar-encode-2.hash (get it here)
MYSQL	4262	blackstar-encode-3.hash (get it here)
10206 total		

I had a quick run through the hashes to see what I could quickly crack:

MD5	1261 left of 3555
SHA1	1131 left of 2389
MYSQL	486 left of 4262
7328 out 10206 done, 71% done	

I will do the dictionary analysis when I get to more then 80% on them. But if you want the dictionary file of progress so far, get it [here](#).

More coming as I get through more of the hashes.

Update - 12-Dec-2012:

I have moved all new progress to a page specifically for hashdumps and cracking them. Please go [there](#) for the latest progress and dictionary.