

# Phishing for a title

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## ABSTRACT

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## 1 INTRODUCTION

## 2 BACKGROUND

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### 2.3 Tracking phishing in the wild

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#### 3.4.3 MDN APIs.

#### 3.4.4 Kit identification.

## 4 RESULTS

### 4.1 Browser API trends

#### 4.1.1 Fingerprinting APIs.

- The usage of seed APIs used by Su at el.[[fptechniques-www23](#)] (well know APIs that trackers use) has been steadily decreasing from 30% of the daily traffic to 15%.

#### 4.1.2 MDN API groups.

- We collected **134** MDN API categories
- TODO: Compresison to real tranco pages
- TODO: Compresison to target pages
- HDBSCAN clustering of MDN API categories over time

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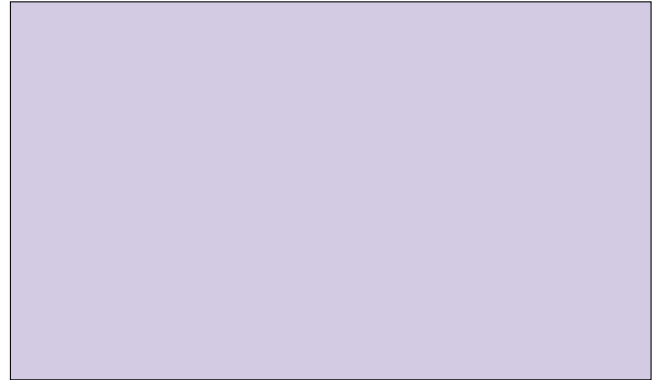


Figure 1: Crawling infrastructure

Table 1: The usage of WASM related Browser APIs

Month	Total WASM API calls
August 2023	61
September 2023	369
October 2023	337
November 2023	261
December 2023	350
January 2024	371
February 2024	302
March 2024	428

#### 4.1.3 Experimental APIs and WASM.

- We discover presese of 14 experimental MDN categories s
- TODO: Do these categories go up or down over time?
- We observe a constant number of WASM API calls over the span of the 6 months.
- We observed using WASM modules for client-side bot detection via captchas

#### 4.1.4 Interactive JS logs.

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#### 4.1.5 Client-side cloaking tactics.

- Cloaking APIs
- APIs that are conditioned on
- User interaction API popularity

#### 4.1.6 First Party/Third Party embedded/Third Party Scripts.

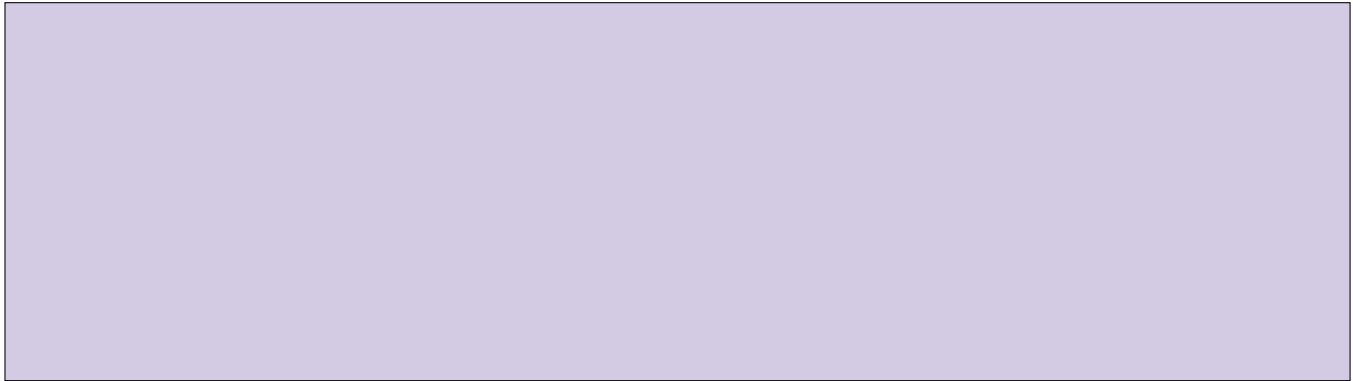


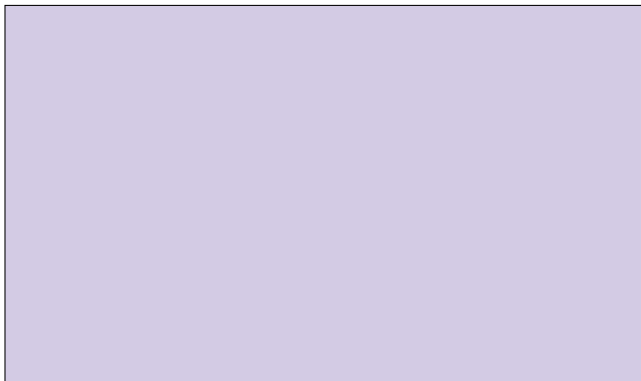
Figure 2: Server-side and Client-side cloaking over time



Figure 3: Crypto.getRandomValues API call over time



Figure 5: Clusters of seen kits

Figure 4: Seed FP APIs vs all FP APIs discovered by Su *et al.*

## 4.2 Kit families

- Overview of how many kits, how many de-duped with hash, how many de-duped with jaccard

### 4.2.1 Offline evaluation of detector.

- We evaluate the detector on 70% of the domains that have a phishing kit attached
- We evaluate it on accuracy and ability to distinguish new

kits. TODO THIS IS WHAT WE NEED TO DO

### 4.2.2 Kit fragments and inheritance.

- Using the SHA hash of scripts, we can detect scripts that some pages embed as first party while other load from a third party source.

## 4.3 Kit detection

### 4.3.1 Kit detection via javascript.

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## 5 CASE STUDIES

### 5.1 Open Source client components

- Git directories in phishing kits
- Finding OSS components in client-side javascript via Github API

### 5.2 Mobile targets

- MDN distribution v. other sources
- APIs specific to mobile devices

### 5.3 Comparison to target pages

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## 6 RELATED WORK

**Measurement studies of phishing sites:** Recent work in analyzing phishing websites from phishing feeds includes Crawlphish [3], which uses a modified webkit engine to force execute all the paths in client-side javascript to identify cloaking behavior, Rods with Laser Beams [2] which uses an extension to capture set list of fingerprinting APIs, and identified the user of third party fingerprinting scripts in phishing pages that are not of the original target page, and Catching Phishers By Their Bait [1], which studied and identified phishing kits via manually crafted DOM and Javascript fingerprints.

**Phishing kit analysis:** Prior work has examined phishing kits to identify tradecraft within the ecosystem, studying similarity of kits observed, or in order to identify pages targetting a particular theme.

**Phishing page identification:** Everyone under the sun has thrown ML at this problem, some state of the art work has looked at constructing knowledge based detection tools, and ofc, someone has done LLM. To our knowlage, we are the first paper to automatically isolate, and craft detection fingerprints, and we are first to do it at

the level that VV8 lets us do it.

## 7 LIMITATIONS AND FUTURE WORK

### 7.1 Obfuscation and Flow analysis

### 7.2 Automated submissions

## 8 CONCLUSION

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