FIVE DAYS IN THE LIFE OF A CMS BRUTE FORCING MALWARE

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WHATTHIS TALK IS ABOUT?

WHAT THIS TALK IS NOT ABOUT?

POPULAR TARGET

~5% of the Internet websites built with WordPress



AUTHENTICATION METHOD



/wp-login.php /xmlrpc.php



/administrator/index.php

`?option=com login



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/?q=user
/?q=user/login
/xmlrpc.php
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BRUTE FORCING ATTACK

Trying different credentials until the correct one found

SIMPLE AUTOMATED WORKS

SATHURBOT



Members 12 posts OFFLINE

2013-05-04 08:00:49 3/46

Posted 28 June 2013 - 09:41 PM

My girlfriend downloaded and ran this file "x264 Video Codecs XP-Win7.exe" on her windows 7 computer. She got it from a torrent and the file results the following on virus total scan

https://www.virustotal.com/it/file/b19e0a4855ce7af346ae67a2479a3826d54909793f923bf48498394e2c02dfb0/analysis/

I am sure that is not a "safe" file to run on a windows computer.

☐ File information \times 1 Identification Details Analyses Submissions ITW ⊞ Behaviour Comments Content ByteHero 1.0.0.1 2013042 CAT-QuickHeal 12.00 20130430 2013-05-01 15:28:22 2/46 0.97.3.0 ClamAV 20130501 2013-05-01 19:54:10 2/46 Commtouch 5.4.1.7 20130501 2013-05-04 03:51:01 4/46 Comodo 16126 20130501

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DrWeb

BackDoor.HydraLoader.origin

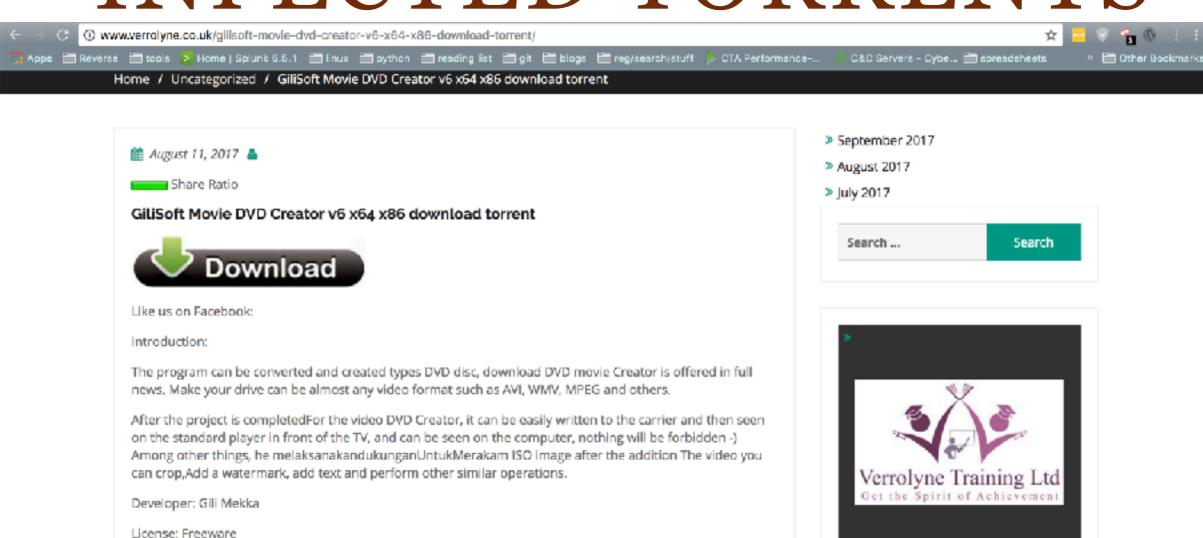
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2013-05-05 09:41:07 3/46	F-Secure	-	11.0.19020.35	20130501
	Fortinet	-	5.0.43.0	20130501

 Download file C Re-scan file Close

MODULAR BOTNET

- backdoor
- downloader
- web crawler
- brute forcer

URL PATTERN OF THE INFECTED TORRENTS





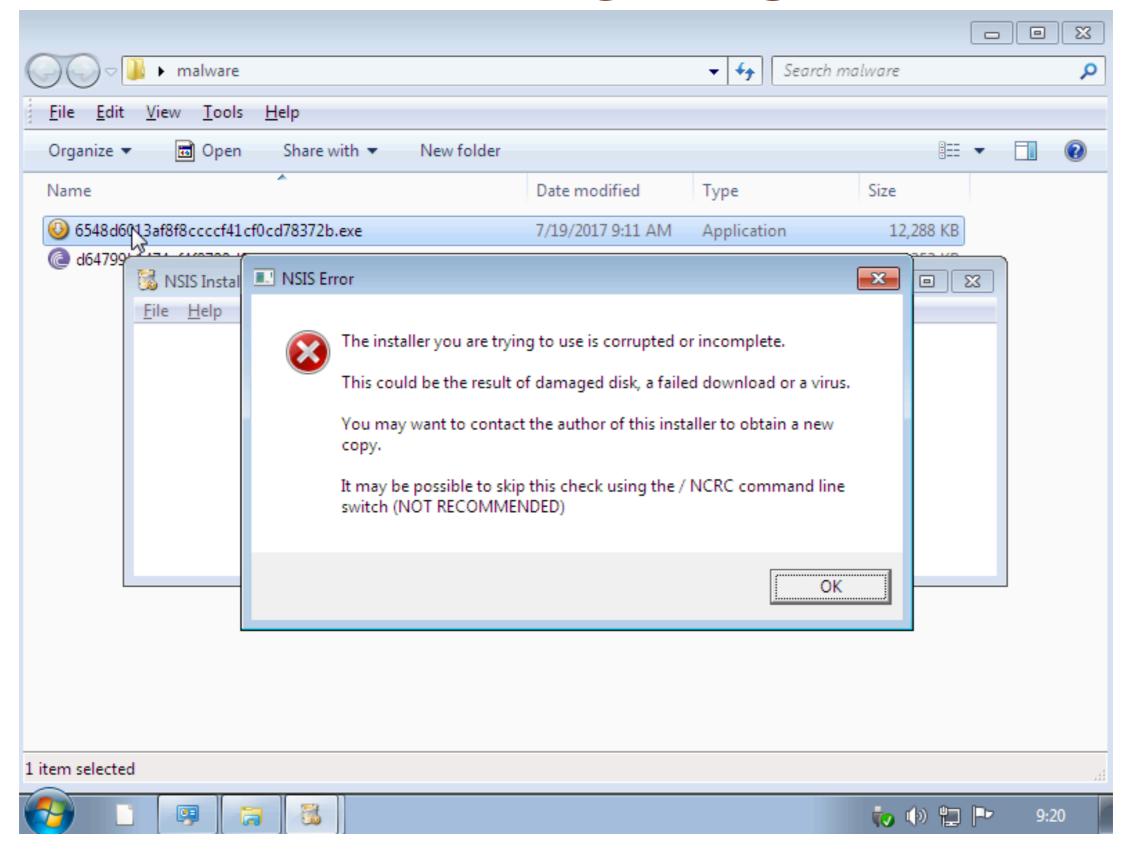
English

Size: MB

How to install:

Operating System: Windows

INFECTION



CRAWLER

SEARCH ENGINES QUERY



http://www.bing.com/search?q=makers%20manage%20manual



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Vandex

g,e,n,t

e,q,d,i

p,k,c,a	r,j,g,q	t,e,d,o	f,c,m,t
g,g,k,o	d,p,b,r	k,n,q,b	k,o,j,l
n,q,j,i	g,d,j,e	e,k,s,m	1,1,j,1
p,p,o,c	o,c,1,1	f,h,b,s	r,c,s,h
p,l,b,b	q,i,d,t	o,i,k,e	l,h,t,b
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t,c,g,p	n,t,m,k	j,s,j,i	e,k,o,e

r,i,e,b

c,g,h,d

WORDPRESS FRAMEWORK CHECK

http://[domain_name]/wp-login.php

BRUTE FORCE MODULE

ATTACK WITH XML-RPC

POST /xmlrpc.php HTTP/1.1

Connection: Keep-Alive

Accept: */*

User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 6.1; WOW64; rv:40.0) Gecko/20100101 Firefox/40.1

Content-Length: 231

Host: www.venuscursos[REDACTED].com.br

STANDARD CREDENTIAL'S COMBO

User name[domain_name]Password

POST /wp-login.php HTTP/1.1

Connection: Keep-Alive

Content-Type: application/x-www-form-urlencoded

Accept: */*

User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 6.1; WOW64; rv:40.0) Gecko/20100101 Firefox/40.1

Content-Length: 232

Host: www.sanat[REDACTED].org

log=sanat[REDACTED]

&pwd=magic&wp-submit=Log+In&testcookie=1

NON STANDARD CREDENTIAL'S COMBO

User name[special_name]Password

POST /xmlrpc.php HTTP/1.1

Connection: Keep-Alive

Accept: */*

User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 6.1; WOW64; rv:40.0) Gecko/20100101 Firefox/40.1

Content-Length: 227

Host: www.vodokanal[REDACTED].ru

ENUMERATION SCAN

Requesting numerical user IDs to reveal usernames

MORE THAN ONE TRY & PASSWORD

TIME:02:17:11.265496

POST /xmlrpc.php HTTP/1.1

Connection: Keep-Alive

Accept: */*

User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 6.1; WOW64; rv:40.0)

Gecko/20100101 Firefox/40.1

Content-Length: 226

Host: www.raduapostol[REDACTED].ro

TIME:06:15:32.848090

POST /xmlrpc.php HTTP/1.1

Connection: Keep-Alive

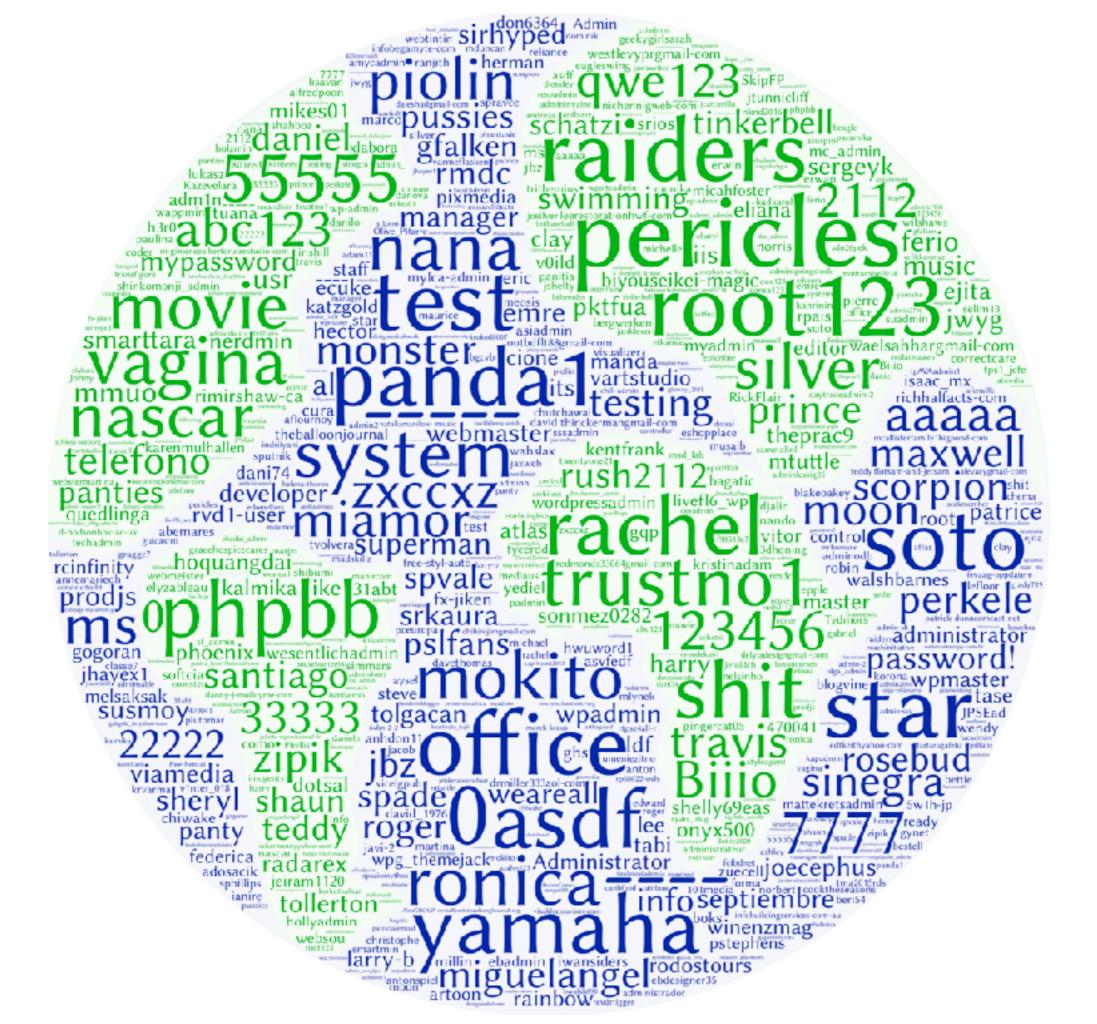
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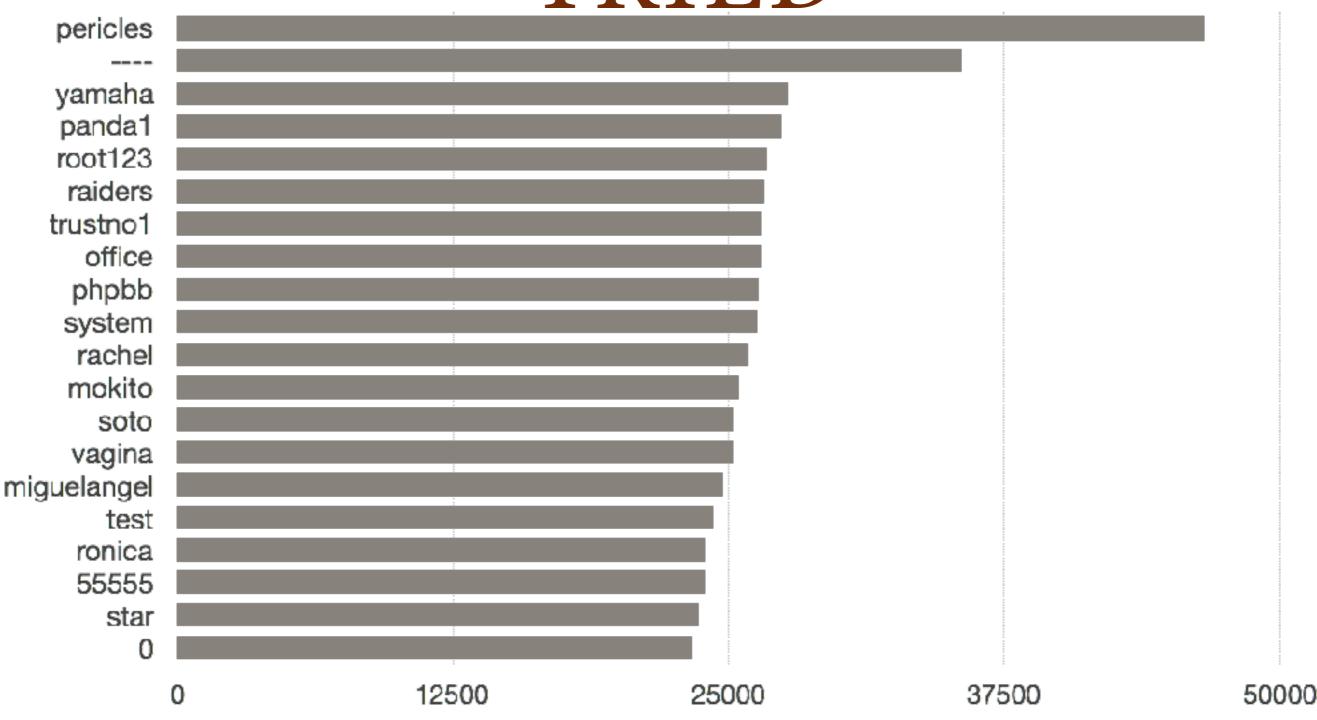
Gecko/20100101 Firefox/40.1

Content-Length: 226

Host: www.raduapostol[REDACTED].ro



TOP 20 PASSWORDS TRIED



TRIES TO BRUTE FORCE

QUORA:

GET http://www.quora.com/wp-login.php

GIPHY:

GET http://giphy.com/wp-login.php

SNAPCHAT:

GET http://snapchat.com/wp-login.php

TWITTER:

GET http://twitter.com/wp-login.php

SOUNDCLOUD:

GET http://soundcloud.com/wp-login.php

SHOPIFY:

GET http://www.shopify.com/wp-login.php

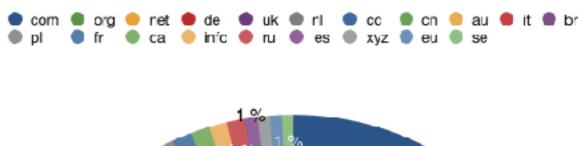
MOST COMMON TLDS TARGETED

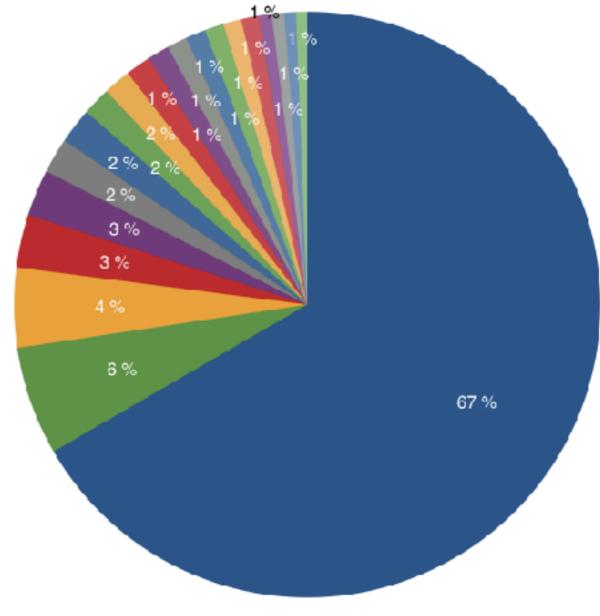
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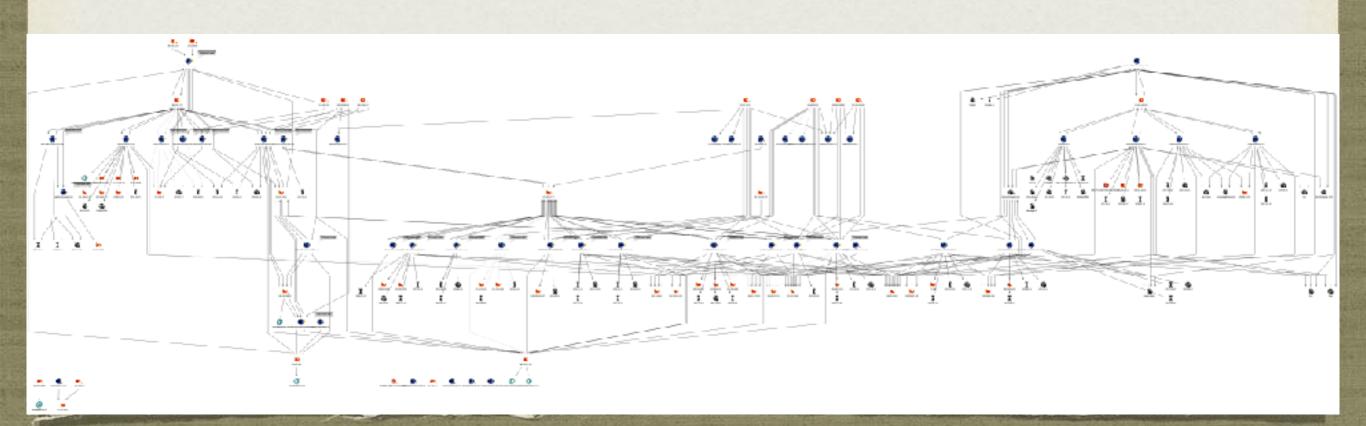
ccTLD

de 68078 59681 uk n1 45528 45419 CC36527 cn 35410 au 32400 it 28158 br 26216 pl fr 25319 24766 ca 21802 **r**11 17372 es 14284 se





INFRASTRUCTURE



DIFFERENT VERSIONS

2015

SHA-256:

28f1cb771de05473b0c1cc2c21f3c437dc50cc6ab3c4c15ceefb21ea6e6b95fa

URL:

asdas2qw2aswasasdasd.in/wordpress.php?g=4bc87ed0379a11e5acf3080027535333&b=0&v=1

2016

SHA-256: -

URL:

edasdfdfwedzsczxczxcawaw1.xyz/wordpress.php?g=5f64c9690c7911e68d7c00155d0a1117&b=0&v=1

2017

SHA-256:

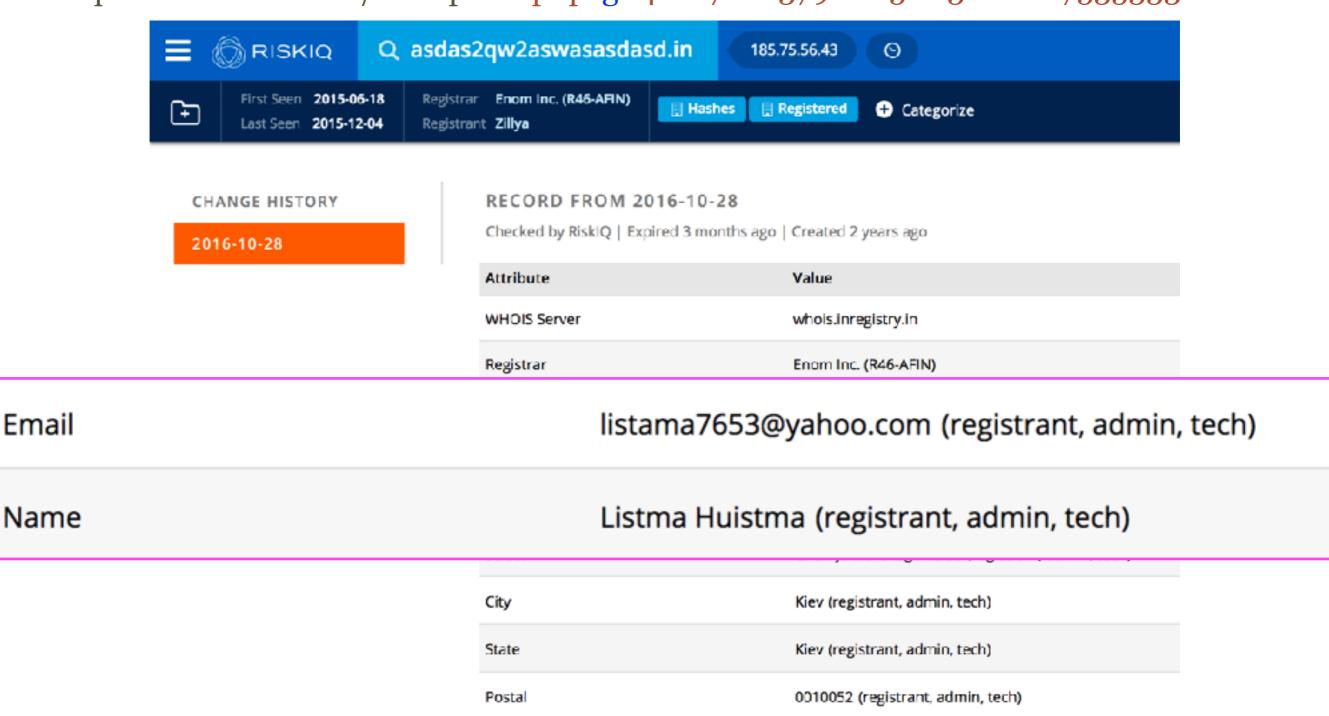
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URL:

forcedsharetraktor.live/cocos/driver.php?g=e71847216cbc11e7b4e0080027e1e38a&v=3

LINKED EMAIL

URL:



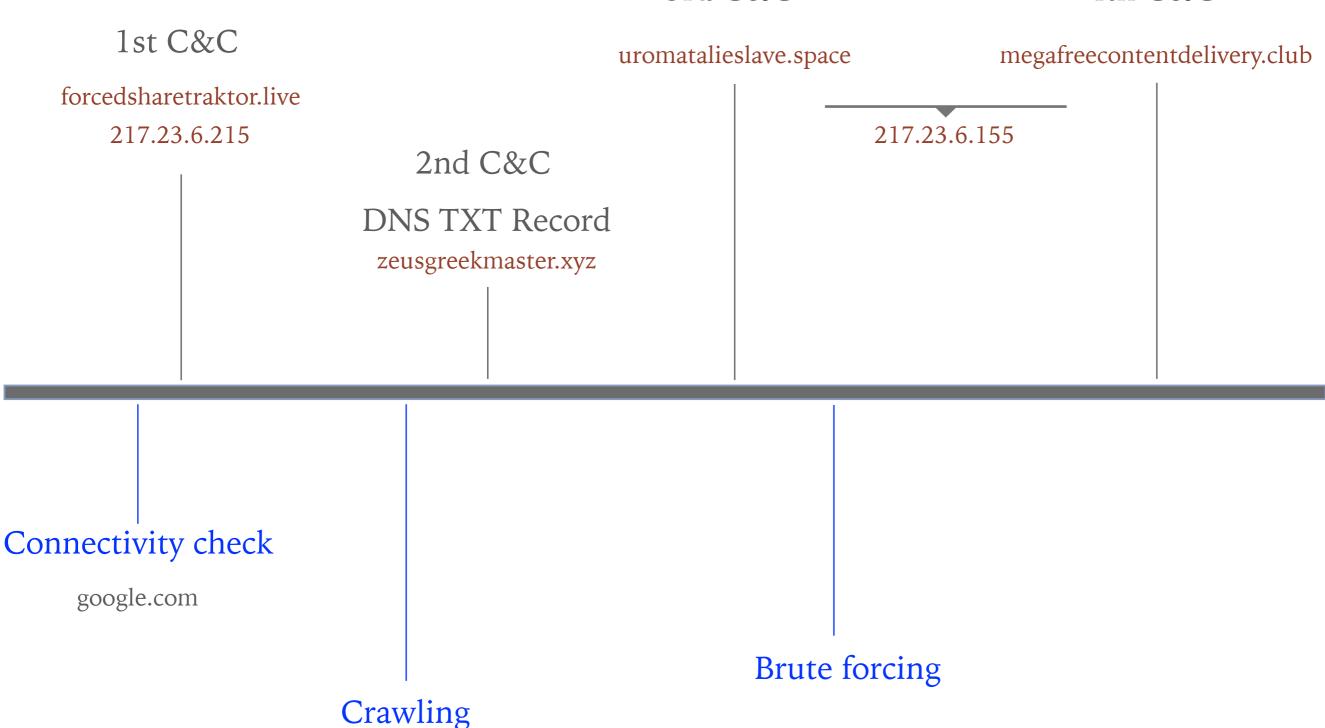
UA (registrant, admin, tech)

Country

CONNECTION SEQUENCE

3rd C&C

4th C&C



DOMAINS

FORCE

asdkjnasdiu3kadsomiljsdforce.xyz forcedsharedtraktor.live newforceddomainsherenow.club justanotherforceddomain.xyz

SLAVE

uromatalieslave.space mrslavelemmiwinkstwo.xyz artemisoslave.xyz crazyfuckingslavemudak.xyz

MASTER

zeusgreek**master**.xyz apollogreek**master**.xyz jhasdkjanskdjnahsn**master**.xyz jhasdkjanskdjnahsn**master**.info

BOOM

boomboomboomway.xyz badaboommail.xyz badaboomsharetracker.xyz

DOMAINS

OTHER

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mozilladownloadsharespace.xyz
jhkabmasdjm2asdu7gjaysgddasd.xyz
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updateservicesharedspace.xyz
adq3asdasda3adfkunssssss.space
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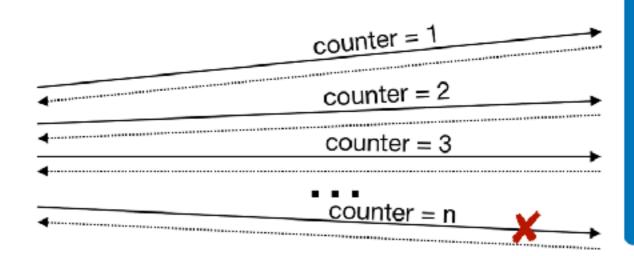
TORRENT TRACKERS

megafreesharetracker.club
blablablablablablatraffic.xyz
webdatasourcetraffic.xyz
happynewyeartraffic.xyz
webtrafficsuccess.xyz
freemplemediatracker.xyz
sharetorrentsonlinetracker.xyz
coolfastcheaptracker.link
coolfastcheaptracker.xyz
meganewblablablan.in

DETECTION

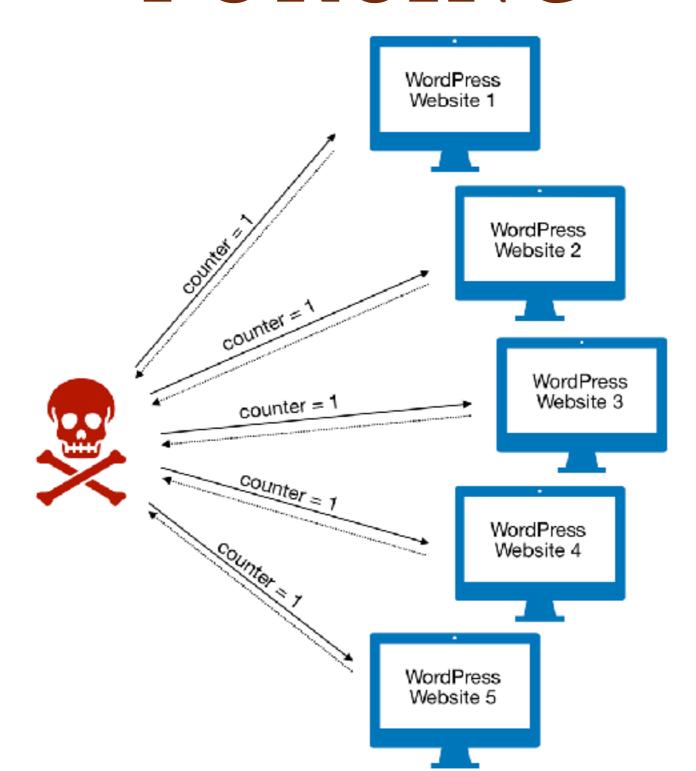
VERTICAL BRUTE FORCING





WordPress Website

HORIZONTAL BRUTE FORCING



WHYITIS IMPORTANT?

QUESTIONS?

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THANK YOU!