### **AIL Project**

Practical and Efficient Data-Mining of Chats, Suspicious Websites, Forums and Tor Hidden-Services



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### Background

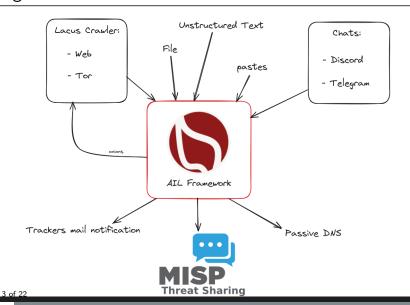
- Over the past five years, we have developed the AIL project<sup>1</sup> to fulfill our needs at CIRCL in intelligence gathering and analysis.
- AIL features an extensible Python-based framework for the analysis of unstructured information, collected either through an advanced Crawler manager or from various feeders, including social networks and custom feeders.
- The AIL Project is an **open-source** framework<sup>2</sup> comprising various modules designed for the **collection**, **crawling**, **digging**, **and analysis of unstructured data**.



<sup>1</sup>https://www.ail-project.org/

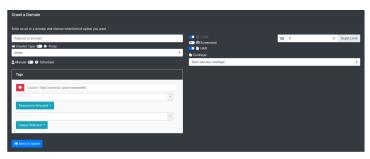
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### High Level Overview



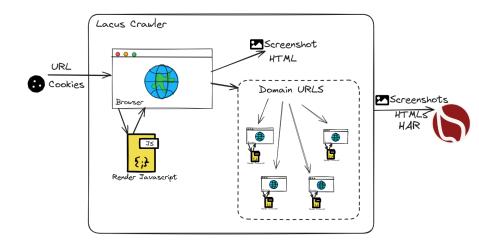
### Collection - automate crawling

- Crawling can be a challenging task, for example, gathering all the blog posts from ransomware groups<sup>3</sup>, which can be demanding for an analyst.
- AIL offers a crawling feature that can initiate regular crawls using a standard spawned browser.



<sup>3</sup>https://www.ransomlook.io/

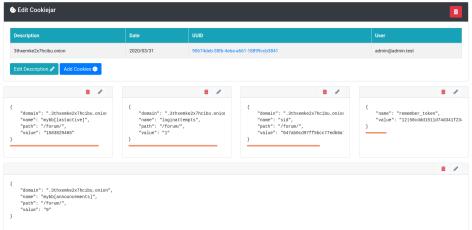
### Collection - Lacus Crawler<sup>4</sup>



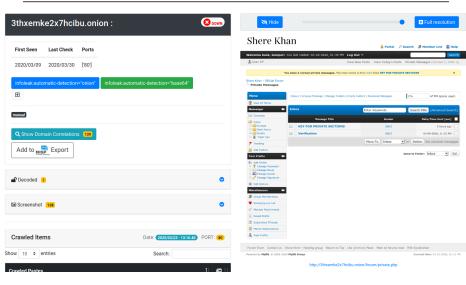
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### Crawler: Cookiejar

Use your cookies to login and bypass captcha

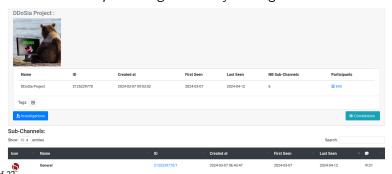


### Crawler: Cookiejar



#### Collection - automate collection

- Collecting data from various chat sources can be a tedious task for analysts.
- AIL offers a set of feeders (e.g., Telegram, Discord, etc.) that can be used to subscribe to chat channels.
- All the **collected messages are then processed and analyzed** within the AlL's *processing* and *analysis* stages.



### Processing - OCR - Next Release v5.5



#### Иринка

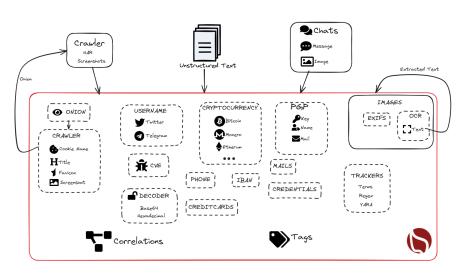
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#### Trinka

Everything that flies from Russia LET IT FLY BACK IT WILL MULTIPLY A HUNDRED TIMES! LET YOURS BE YOURS! LET IT BE SO 01.01



### Analysis of unstructured information



#### AIL Framework: Current features

- Extracting credit cards numbers, credentials, phone numbers,
  ...
- Extracting and validating potential hostnames
- Keeps track of duplicates
- Submission to threat sharing and incident response platform (MISP and TheHive)
- Full-text indexer to index unstructured information
- Tagging for classification and searches
- Terms, sets, regex and YARA tracking and occurrences
- Archives, files and raw submission from the UI
- PGP, Cryptocurrency, Decoded (Base64, ...) and username Correlation
- And many more

### Trackers - Retro Hunt

- Search and monitor specific keywords/patterns
  - Automatic Tagging
  - Email Notifications
- Track Word
  - o ddos
- Track Set
  - o booter,ddos,stresser;2
- Track Regex
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- YARA rules
  - https://github.com/ail-project/ail-yara-rules

## Live Demo

#### YARA Tracker



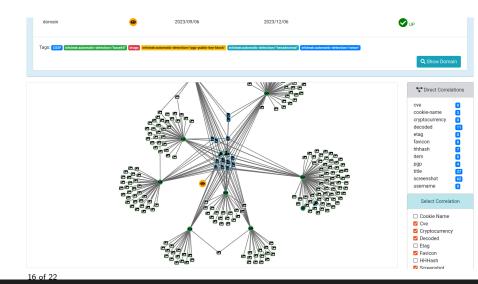


#### Retro Hunt

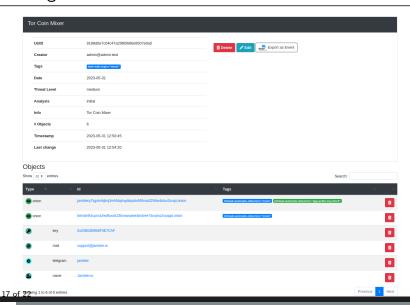
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                                                                     info = "Part of PasteHunter"
                                                                     reference = "https://github.com/kevthehermit/PasteHunter"
   Description None
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                                                                     $dsa priv = "BEGIN DSA PRIVATE KEY" wide ascii nocase
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                                                                     Spop priv = "BEGIN PGP PRIVATE KEY" wide ascii nocase
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                        "date to": "20230601"
                                                                 condition:
                                                                     any of them
 Objects Match
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## Correlations and relationship



### Investigations



### AIL Framework: Current capabilities

- Extending AIL to add a new analysis module can be done in 50 lines of Python
- The framework supports multi-processors/cores by default.
  Any analysis module can be started multiple times to support faster processing during peak times or bulk import
- Multiple concurrent data input
- Tor Crawler (handle cookies authentication)
- Feeders: Discord, Telegram, ...

#### MISP - LEA

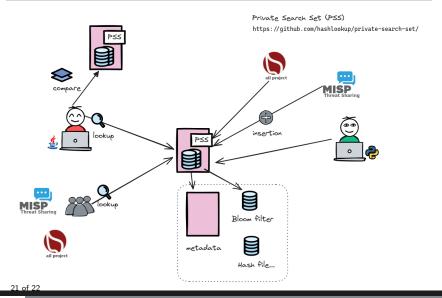
- Law enforcement agency information sharing community
- AIL-LEA instance hosted by CIRCL
- Request access by sending a mail to info@misp-lea.org or info@circl.lu
- Request for free training info@misp-lea.org or info@circl.lu



### Ongoing developments

- 2FA OTP
- OCR extraction
- Bloom filter filtering PSS
- Relationships between Chats: message forwards, replies, ...

# Private Search Set (PSS)



#### Links

- AIL project https://ail-project.org
- Open Source https://github.com/ail-project
- Training materials
  https://github.com/ail-project/ail-training
- Online chat https://gitter.im/ail-project/community

