

Appendix

Part 1: Initial Infection & File Transfer

- When did the initial malicious HTTP connection occur? (Provide the date and time in yyyy-mm-dd hh:mm:ss format).

Ans:

No.	Time	Source	Destination	Protocol	Length	Info
1628	2021-09-24 16:44:38.3090102	10.9.23.102	239.255.255.250	SSDP	215	M-SEARCH * HTTP/1.1
1735	2021-09-24 16:44:38.990412Z	10.9.23.102	85.187.128.24	HTTP	514	GET /incident-consequatur/documents.zip HTTP/1.1
1779	2021-09-24 16:44:39.310926Z	10.9.23.102	239.255.255.250	SSDP	215	M-SEARCH * HTTP/1.1
1834	2021-09-24 16:44:40.311221Z	10.9.23.102	239.255.255.250	SSDP	215	M-SEARCH * HTTP/1.1
1966	2021-09-24 16:44:41.312093Z	10.9.23.102	239.255.255.250	SSDP	215	M-SEARCH * HTTP/1.1
3631	2021-09-24 16:45:52.722204Z	10.9.23.102	239.255.255.250	SSDP	179	M-SEARCH * HTTP/1.1
3632	2021-09-24 16:45:52.776068Z	10.9.23.102	239.255.255.250	SSDP	179	M-SEARCH * HTTP/1.1
3633	2021-09-24 16:45:52.986023Z	10.9.23.102	239.255.255.250	SSDP	179	M-SEARCH * HTTP/1.1
3634	2021-09-24 16:45:52.986023Z	10.9.23.102	239.255.255.250	SSDP	179	M-SEARCH * HTTP/1.1
3635	2021-09-24 16:45:55.812740Z	10.9.23.102	239.255.255.250	SSDP	179	M-SEARCH * HTTP/1.1
3640	2021-09-24 16:45:56.000835Z	10.9.23.102	239.255.255.250	SSDP	179	M-SEARCH * HTTP/1.1
3734	2021-09-24 16:45:58.721049Z	10.9.23.102	239.255.255.250	SSDP	179	M-SEARCH * HTTP/1.1
3737	2021-09-24 16:45:58.813363Z	10.9.23.102	239.255.255.250	SSDP	179	M-SEARCH * HTTP/1.1
3822	2021-09-24 16:46:16.395080Z	10.9.23.102	208.91.128.6	HTTP	281	POST /2L1sQRWZ19/QoQaa0ixHTgtfjMkGypGenpldWf5ewV9F3k= HTTP/1.1 Continuation
3908	2021-09-24 16:46:41.509097Z	10.9.23.102	208.91.128.6	HTTP	285	POST /2L1sQRWZ19/AS5Kc05SPB813jf5e5eTgGkM6fGfyZH1/XyG6eQ== HTTP/1.1 Continuation
3996	2021-09-24 16:47:06.571342Z	10.9.23.102	208.91.128.6	HTTP	285	POST /2L1sQRWZ19/XMKNGbnKzN/DA15DggBT0M6fGfyZH1/XyG6eQ== HTTP/1.1 Continuation
4086	2021-09-24 16:47:31.584345Z	10.9.23.102	208.91.128.6	HTTP	273	POST /2L1sQRWZ19/OKKAAbhTn9Rpz6Xvhx11fx95/ HTTP/1.1 Continuation
4017	2021-09-24 16:47:56.779130Z	10.9.23.102	208.91.128.6	HTTP	293	POST /2L1sQRWZ19/Jt+7SoqJQ1BiyAhR7KngvHgopKbfFnkcaJ9eGR6f0#= HTTP/1.1 Continuation
4037	2021-09-24 16:48:31.806973Z	10.9.23.102	208.91.128.6	HTTP	280	POST /2L1sQRWZ19/okm077uAALewyEFCuA/TTEDB7e2uUWV17V1/... HTTP/1.1 Continuation

1735 2021-09-24 16:44:38.990412Z 10.9.23.102 85.187.128.24 HTTP 514
GET /incident-consequatur/documents.zip HTTP/1.1

UTC Arrival Time: Sep 24, 2021 16:44:38.309010000 UTC

2021-09-24 16:44:38

- What is the name of the compressed file that the victim downloaded?

Ans:

No.	Time	Source	Destination	Protocol	Length	Info
1735	2021-09-24 16:44:38.3090102	10.9.23.102	85.187.128.24	HTTP	514	GET /incident-consequatur/documents.zip HTTP/1.1
4232	2021-09-24 16:53:24.948187Z	10.9.23.102	184.83.124.33	HTTP	169	GET / HTTP/1.1
4243	2021-09-24 16:53:26.423085Z	10.9.23.102	184.83.124.33	HTTP	169	GET / HTTP/1.1
6326	2021-09-24 16:55:08.593562Z	10.9.23.102	185.186.96.158	HTTP	306	GET /spfooh/cacerts.crl HTTP/1.1
6516	2021-09-24 16:55:11.844112Z	10.9.23.102	185.186.96.158	HTTP	569	GET /gscp.R/oapnlpmcnipgfpgmhdahhbbhjigcmfgekipdla...cedhacmaghdehcdaajhnkogb1p
7179	2021-09-24 16:55:52.531330Z	10.9.23.102	185.186.96.158	HTTP	569	GET /gscp.R/oapnlpmcnipgfpgmhdahhbbhjigcmfgekipdla...cedhacmaghdehcdaajhnkogb1p
10285	2021-09-24 16:56:49.641452Z	10.9.23.102	185.186.96.158	HTTP	569	GET /gscp.R/oapnlpmcnipgfpgmhdahhbbhjigcmfgekipdla...cedhacmaghdehcdaajhnkogb1p
10479	2021-09-24 16:56:53.484082Z	10.9.23.102	185.186.96.158	HTTP	569	GET /gscp.R/oapnlpmcnipgfpgmhdahhbbhjigcmfgekipdla...cedhacmaghdehcdaajhnkogb1p
10542	2021-09-24 16:56:58.607463Z	10.9.23.102	185.186.96.158	HTTP	569	GET /gscp.R/oapnlpmcnipgfpgmhdahhbbhjigcmfgekipdla...cedhacmaghdehcdaajhnkogb1p
10643	2021-09-24 16:57:02.877726Z	10.9.23.102	185.186.96.158	HTTP	569	GET /gscp.R/oapnlpmcnipgfpgmhdahhbbhjigcmfgekipdla...cedhacmaghdehcdaajhnkogb1p
13196	2021-09-24 16:57:15.329440Z	10.9.23.102	185.186.96.158	HTTP	569	GET /gscp.R/oapnlpmcnipgfpgmhdahhbbhjigcmfgekipdla...cedhacmaghdehcdaajhnkogb1p
13216	2021-09-24 16:57:21.401344Z	10.9.23.102	185.186.96.158	HTTP	569	GET /gscp.R/oapnlpmcnipgfpgmhdahhbbhjigcmfgekipdla...cedhacmaghdehcdaajhnkogb1p

[Full request URI: http://attirenepal.com/incidunt-consequatur/documents.zip]

documents.zip

- Which domain hosted the malicious compressed file?

Ans:

attirenepal.com

4. What is the name of the file located inside the compressed archive?

Ans:

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ragma: public  
transfer-encoding: chunked  
ate: Fri, 24 Sep 2021 16:44:06 GMT  
erver: LiteSpeed  
strict-transport-security: max-age=63072000; includeSubDomains  
-frame-options: SAMEORIGIN  
-content-type-options: nosniff  
  
0000  
K.....d8S.a.../.chart-1530076591.xlsUT .....Ma..Maux.....[w\...>..[  
.5....c.4.4.g...X.^H4..Q1.#..n.I...^.....sfY.....8.s.y..<.).sfgv..j.....+h.  
..8.U~[....  
....K,...h.0B...>..x.?..a.;..p....40.tn.gsc?..'^..  
<.....^/X..@.h.<..MX.B.+.....x7&....g.!..Hkjkj..h7ox..1....~..w;..].8r..s....kp.~..ft..  
Q>..f.8.N..G<....n=....@p...../N..[.....[.1..#......C  
... .tF.....t..f.bxt.....Zo.;..f.g....s....N.".....kl.....na`.....p.[.....  
.D.11../.n....$.S..Pb..O;..C.wk.....(w..w....N.Gv..v.....J..$.>.6..~T....K..p..$  
..X.....b.b..z.....,.S]....j....~....#R.....d/).Q.AK..{G:+..  
....",..8,,y7R...8.....v/m....f.I.Yp..n.....^*....t.3.;.....$. HR  
...f0;..z.A.....v...VOh...NO;....^0;..w.!....6....@t.*9..<U.C@49A...p....".1Q.D. b.  
..V ..7.....7.....^.....`.....^.....f.....@
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chart-1530076591.xls

5. Identify the specific web server software (Server header) running on the malicious IP address that served the compressed file.

Ans:

```
transfer-encoding: chunked  
date: Fri, 24 Sep 2021 16:44:06 GMT  
server: LiteSpeed  
strict-transport-security: max-age=63072000; includeSubDomains  
x-frame-options: SAMEORIGIN  
x-content-type-options: nosniff  
  
10000  
PK.....d8S.a./.....chart-1530076591.xlsUT  
..5....c.4.4.g..X.`H4.Ql#.n.I...^.....sfY...  
..8.U.....[.....  
..K,...h.OB....>..x.?..a.;..p..40.tn.gsc?..^..  
Q<.....^/X..@.h.<..MX.B.+.....x&....g..!.Hkjkj..  
.Q`>..f.8.N..G<....n=....@p...../N.[....[.1.  
....$tF.....t..f.bxt.....Zo.;..f.g...=..s..N...  
..D.11..../..n..$.S..Pb..O;..C.wk.....(..w..w...  
:..X.....b..b..z.....,..S.]..j..~..~..  
..",..8..v7R.....8.....v/m.....f..I..Yp..n..  
  
client pkt(s), 148 server pkt(s), 1 turn(s).
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LiteSpeed

6. What is the version number of the web server identified in the previous question?

Ans:

PHP/7.2.34

7. Identify the three additional domains that were involved in downloading malicious files to the victim host.

Hint: Inspect HTTPS traffic and focus on the time window between 16:45:11 and 16:45:30. Note this range is in UTC, not BST.

Ans:

2427	2021-09-24	16:45:11.840716Z	10.9.23.102	148.72.192.206	TLSv1.2	247 Client Hello (SNI=finejewels.com.au)
2646	2021-09-24	16:45:17.228469Z	10.9.23.102	13.69.109.131	TLSv1.2	242 Client Hello (SNI=self.events.data.microsoft.com)
2909	2021-09-24	16:45:20.389994Z	10.9.23.102	20.54.36.229	TLSv1.2	238 Client Hello (SNI=client.wns.windows.com)
3009	2021-09-24	16:45:21.314012Z	10.9.23.102	218.245.90.247	TLSv1.2	244 Client Hello (SNI=thietbiagt.com)
3229	2021-09-24	16:45:25.731116Z	10.9.23.102	148.72.53.144	TLSv1.2	247 Client Hello (SNI=new.americold.com)

finejewels.com.au

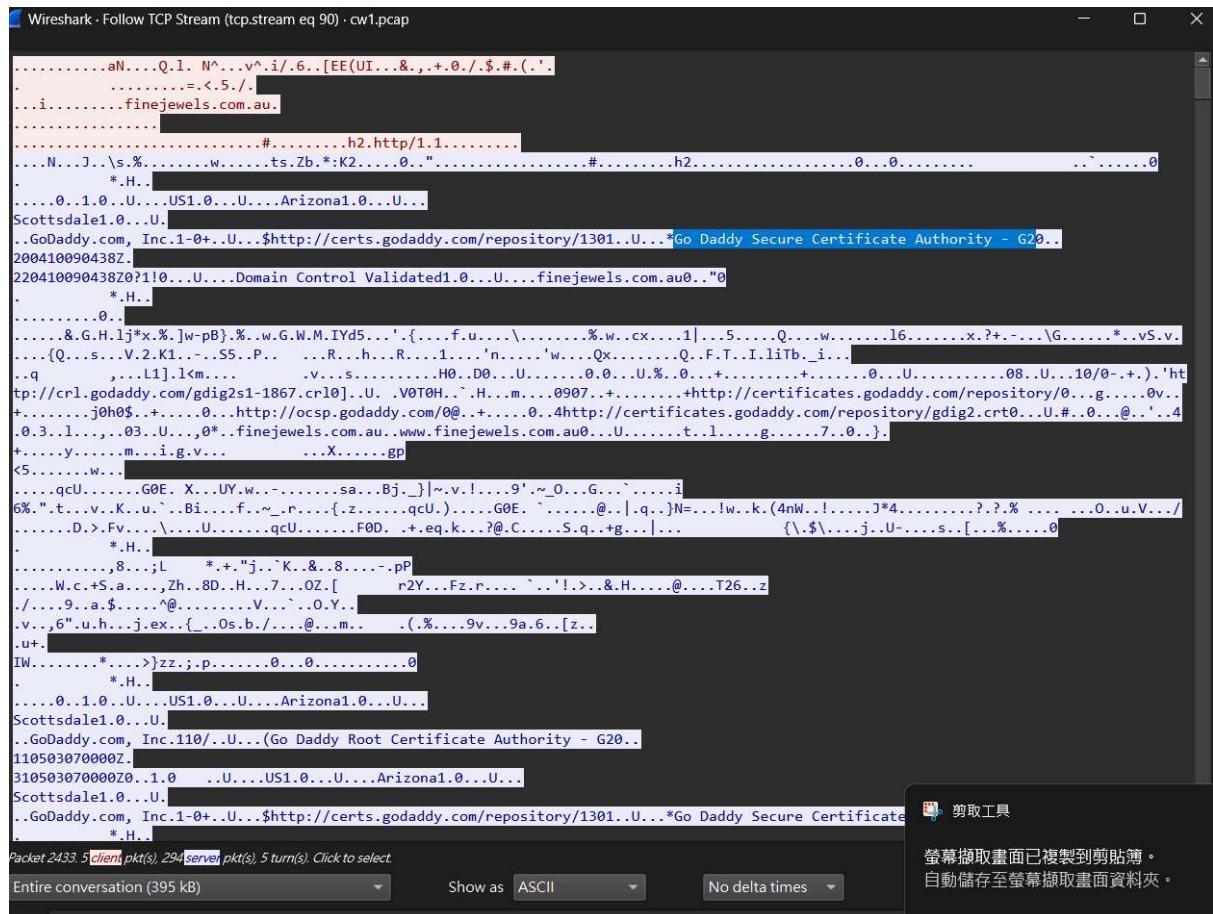
thietbiagt.com

new.americold.com

Part 2: Command and Control (C2) Activity

8. Which Certificate Authority (CA) issued the SSL certificate for the first domain identified in question 7?

Ans:



GoDaddy

9. What are the two IP addresses of the Cobalt Strike servers? (Provide them in sequential order).

Hint: Inspect the Conversations menu option

Ans:

Address A	Port A	Address B	Port B	Packets	Bytes
10.9.23.102	63557	23.111.114.52	65400	18,002	16 MB
10.9.23.102	63555	104.83.84.137	443	9,074	10 MB
10.9.23.102	63465	185.125.204.174	8080	1,375	1 MB
10.9.23.102	63507	185.106.96.158	80	1,074	997 kB
10.9.23.102	63439	136.232.34.70	443	1,002	990 kB
10.9.23.102	63571	136.232.34.70	443	953	911 kB

Virustotal

This screenshot shows the Virustotal analysis interface for the IP address 185.106.96.158. The search bar at the top contains the IP address. Below the search bar, a message states: "This IP carried out Apache Log4j RCE attempt(s) (also known as CVE-2021-44228 or Log4Shell). For more information, or to report interesting/intrusive behavior, please visit https://www.virustotal.com/gui/explore/185.106.96.158".

A post by user "drb_ra" from 4 years ago is displayed, containing the following findings:

- Cobalt Strike Server Found
- C2: HTTPS @ 185[.]106[.]96[.]158:8888
- C2 Server: survmeter[.]live./gscp[.]R/185[.]106[.]96[.]158./gscp[.]R/
- POST URI: /supprq/sa/
- Country: United States
- ASN: DediPath
- Host Header: ocsp[.]verisign[.]com
- #c2 #cobaltstrike

This screenshot shows the Virustotal analysis interface for the IP address 185.125.204.174. The search bar at the top contains the IP address. Below the search bar, a message states: "This IP carried out Apache Log4j RCE attempt(s) (also known as CVE-2021-44228 or Log4Shell). For more information, or to report interesting/intrusive behavior, please visit https://www.virustotal.com/gui/explore/185.125.204.174".

A post by user "drb_ra" from 4 years ago is displayed, containing the following findings:

- Cobalt Strike Server Found
- C2: HTTPS @ 185[.]125[.]204[.]174:4444
- C2 Server: securitybusinpufff[.]com./jquery-3[.]3[.]1[.]min[.]js,185[.]125[.]204[.]174./jquery-3[.]3[.]1[.]min[.]js
- POST URI: /jquery-3[.]3[.]2[.]min[.]js
- Country: N/A
- ASN: Hydra Communications Ltd
- #c2 #cobaltstrike

185.106.96.158

185.125.204.174

10.What is the value of the Host header for the first Cobalt Strike IP address?

Hint: Apply a filter to isolate DNS queries.

Ans:

ocsp.verisign.com

11.What is the domain name associated with the first Cobalt Strike IP address?

Hint: Take a closer look at HTTPS (443)

Ans:

survmeter.live

12.What is the domain name associated with the second Cobalt Strike IP address?

Hint: Apply a filter to capture HTTP POST requests.

Ans:

securitybusinpuff.com

13.What is the domain name used for the post-infection traffic?

Ans:

maldivehost.net

14.What are the first eleven characters of the data the victim host sends to the malicious domain identified in the previous question?

Ans:

zLIisQRWZI9

15.What was the length of the first packet the victim sent to the C2 server?

Ans:

281

16.What was the Server header value for the malicious domain from question 13?

Ans:

Apache/2.4.49 (cPanel) OpenSSL/1.1.1l mod_bwlimited/1.4

Part 3: Final Exfiltration/Check-in

17.What was the date and time (in yyyy-mm-dd hh:mm:ss UTC format) when the DNS query occurred for the domain used by the malware to check the victim's external IP address?

Ans:

2021-09-24 17:00:04

18.What was the domain name in the DNS query from the previous question?

Ans:

api.ipify.org

19.What was the first email address observed in the SMTP traffic in the pcap file (the MAIL FROM address)?

Ans:

28576 2021-09-24 17:02:46.778017Z 10.9.23.102 185.4.29.135 SMTP 86 C:
MAIL FROM:<farshin@mailfa.com>

farshin@mailfa.com

20.Follow the stream from Q19. What is ho3ein.sharifi's password?

Ans:

220 mail.mailfa.com

EHLO localhost

250-mail.mailfa.com

250-SIZE 30000000

250 AUTH LOGIN

AUTH LOGIN

334 VXNlcem5hbWU6

ZmFyc2hpbkBtYWlsZmEuY29t

334 UGFzc3dvcmQ6

ZGluYW1pdA==

235 authenticated.

MAIL FROM:<farshin@mailfa.com>

550 Your SMTP Service is disable please check by your mailservice provider.

Due to the communication using BASE64, which is decryptable, the password was found in the decrypt output.

Password:**13691369**