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Visualizing Domain Reputation & Attribution

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Motivation

- Malicious domains are agile.
  - Avoid takedown.
  - Avoid blacklisting.

- Leverage DNS agility for reputation & attribution.
  - Cluster domains on their network relationships.
  - Visualize the most important relationships.

Data – Passive DNS

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qrl89y666z.tang.la
p5ctnvqyd3.myftp.org
5opskttv3y.serveblog.net
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2ndk2swdma.madhacker.biz
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seqkhgd4pj.logout.us
zkycgbn8es.serveblog.net
a4669k3.spacetechnology.net
s45223a.tang.la
0098.no-ip.info
Sbdat.servevlog.net
0few3kd4yv.mooo.info
…
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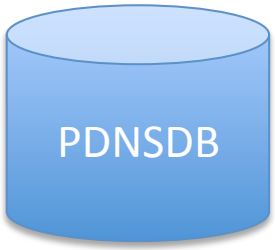
- Numbers
  - **22 Billion** per day.
  - **8 Trillion** per year.
- DNS Records
  - ISPs
  - Telcos
  - Enterprises

pDNSDB - Related Historic IP Addresses

tfe632.no-ip.info
192.168.1.124



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10.10.9.7
172.18.45.1
192.168.128.154
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172.168.20.3
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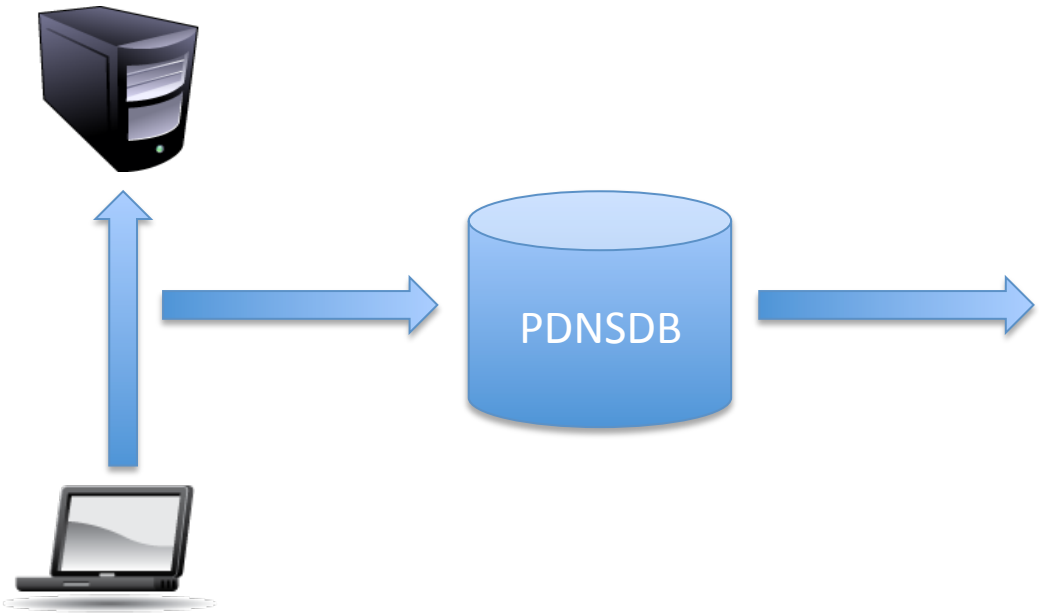

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2ndk2swdma.madhacker.biz
pe4d0t35bs.no-ip.info
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seqkhgd4pj.logout.us
zkycgbn8es.serveblog.net
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Clustering

- Features.
  - Total IPs & networks.
  - IP address, BGP prefix, ASN, country code.
- Algorithm.
  - K-means.
  - sparse matrix.
- Domain annotation.
  - Identify cluster with domain of interest.
  - Label blacklist domains.
  - Euclidean distance from domains in cluster.

Visualization Demo

Evaluation

- Pulled 9 “unlabeled” domains to investigate
- Using clustering and statistics about clusters to make a decision about “unlabeled” domain
- Looked up these domains in 5+ reference sources: hpHosts, Damballa, Google, Sucuri and Honeypot
- Compared decisions of analyst to these reference sources to determine accuracy
- Results: 1 False Negative and 1 False Positive, All others matched correctly

Conclusion

- Initial evaluation led analyst to correctly classify approximately 80% of the “unlabeled” domains
- Generally, clustering and visualization is a good approach for this problem:
  - Only mechanism to communicate & analyze inordinately large, complex structures, i.e. IP networks
    - More levels of indirection exponentially increases the number of nodes in the graph
  - Helps to improve accuracy, reliability of blacklists. [Blacklists are created for different purposes; seeing blacklisted firms in or near one cluster is helpful.]
  - Reveal new, potentially interesting features: hyphenated names, # of total blacklist / # of domains in combined cluster

Future Work

- More evaluation!
  - Needs to encompass larger evaluation data set
- Build infrastructure to handle 2 additional levels of indirection for a given domain of interest
  - This adds MM of nodes to the graph
- More features based on network structure needed like different measures of centrality
  - Agility of attacks lends itself to examining network-based features

Thank You!

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