

## Proactive Final Project

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## Project Steps

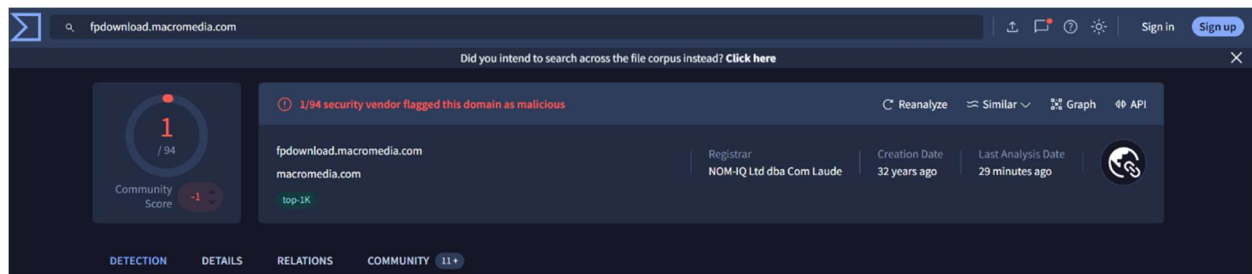
1. Execute Zeus banking trojan.
2. Check wireshark traffic for c2 communication indicators.

```
Wireshark - Follow HTTP Stream (tcp.stream eq 9) - Ethernet

GET /get/flashplayer/update/current/install/install_all_win_cab_64_ax_sgn.z HTTP/1.1
User-Agent: Flash Player Seed/3.0
Host: fpdownload.macromedia.com
Cache-Control: no-cache

HTTP/1.1 404 Not Found
Server: Apache/2.4.37 (Red Hat Enterprise Linux) OpenSSL/1.1.1k
Content-Length: 196
Content-Type: text/html; charset=iso-8859-1
Date: Fri, 20 Dec 2024 12:47:09 GMT
Connection: keep-alive

<!DOCTYPE HTML PUBLIC "-//IETF//DTD HTML 2.0//EN">
<html><head>
<title>404 Not Found</title>
</head><body>
<h1>Not Found</h1>
<p>The requested URL was not found on this server.</p>
</body></html>
```



### 3. Create suricata rules to detect C2 communication

- Detect the Specific URI Request: This rule looks for the specific URI path used in the Zeus communication:

```
alert http any any -> any any (msg:"Zeus C2 - Specific URI Request";  
content:"/get/flashplayer/update/current/install/install_all_win_cab_64_  
ax_sgn.z"; http_uri; classtype:trojan-activity; sid:1000001; rev:1;)
```

- Detect the Specific User-Agent: This rule identifies HTTP requests with the specific User-Agent used in the request:

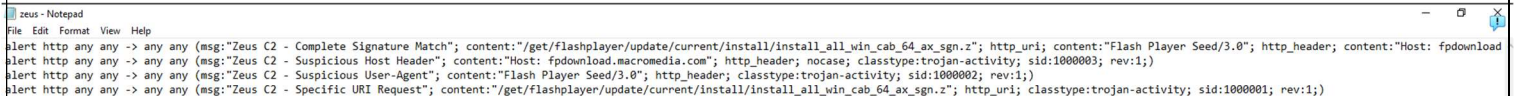
```
alert http any any -> any any (msg:"Zeus C2 - Suspicious User-Agent";  
content:"Flash Player Seed/3.0"; http_header; classtype:trojan-activity;  
sid:1000002; rev:1;)
```

- Detect Host Header: This rule matches requests sent to the suspicious Host:

```
alert http any any -> any any (msg:"Zeus C2 - Suspicious Host Header";  
content:"Host: fpdownload.macromedia.com"; http_header; nocase;  
classtype:trojan-activity; sid:1000003; rev:1;)
```

- Comprehensive Detection (All Conditions): To ensure the rule fires only if all conditions (URI, User-Agent, and Host) are met, you can combine these conditions:

```
alert http any any -> any any (msg:"Zeus C2 - Complete Signature Match";  
content:"/get/flashplayer/update/current/install/install_all_win_cab_64_  
ax_sgn.z"; http_uri; content:"Flash Player Seed/3.0"; http_header;  
content:"Host: fpdownload.macromedia.com"; http_header; nocase;  
classtype:trojan-activity; sid:1000004; rev:1;)
```



```
zeus - Notepad  
File Edit Format View Help  
alert http any any -> any any (msg:"Zeus C2 - Complete Signature Match"; content:"/get/flashplayer/update/current/install/install_all_win_cab_64_ax_sgn.z"; http_uri; content:"Flash Player Seed/3.0"; http_header; content:"Host: fpdownload  
alert http any any -> any any (msg:"Zeus C2 - Suspicious Host Header"; content:"Host: fpdownload.macromedia.com"; http_header; nocase; classtype:trojan-activity; sid:1000003; rev:1;)  
alert http any any -> any any (msg:"Zeus C2 - Suspicious User-Agent"; content:"Flash Player Seed/3.0"; http_header; classtype:trojan-activity; sid:1000002; rev:1;)  
alert http any any -> any any (msg:"Zeus C2 - Specific URI Request"; content:"/get/flashplayer/update/current/install/install_all_win_cab_64_ax_sgn.z"; http_uri; classtype:trojan-activity; sid:1000001; rev:1;)
```

### 4. Download “emerging-all.rules” for common threat detection via this link:

<https://rules.emergingthreats.net/open/>

## 5. Add “zeus.rules” and “emerging-all.rules” to “suricata.yaml”

```
suricata - Notepad
File Edit Format View Help
# See Napatech NTPL documentation other hashmodes and details on their use.
#
# This parameter has no effect if auto-config is disabled.
#
hashmode: hash5tuplesorted

##
## Configure Suricata to load Suricata-Update managed rules.
##

default-rule-path: C:\\Program Files\\Suricata\\rules\\

rule-files:
- emerging-all.rules
- zeus.rules
#- botcc.rules
#- botcc.portgrouped.rules
#- ciarmy.rules
#- compromised.rules
#- drop.rules
#- dshield.rules
```

## 6. Start suricata:

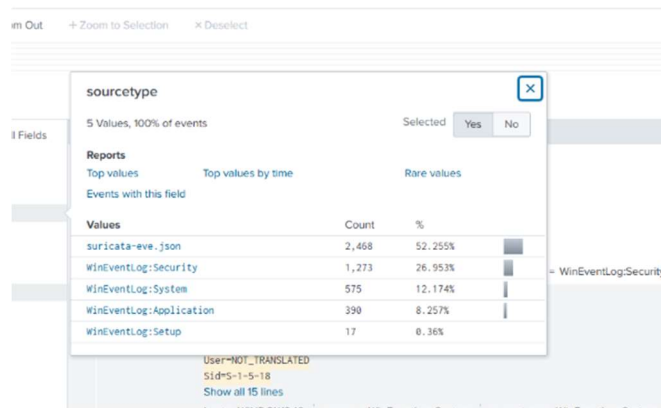
*suricata.exe -c suricata.yaml -i 10.0.2.15*

```
Administrator: Command Prompt - suricata.exe -c suricata.yaml -i 10.0.2.15
C:\Windows\system32>cd c:\program files\suricata
C:\Program Files\Suricata>suricata.exe -c suricata.yaml -i 10.0.2.15
Info: win32-service: Running as service: no
Info: suricata: translated 10.0.2.15 to pcap device \Device\NPF_{43E2B5DD-04D9-4B1C-BC6C-308C8AEA6B32}
i: suricata: This is Suricata version 7.0.8 RELEASE running in SYSTEM mode
i: runmodes: thread stack size of 0 to too small: setting to 512k
W: threshold-config: Error opening file: "C:\Program Files\Suricata\\threshold.config": No such file or directory
W: suricata: setrlimit unavailable.
i: threads: Threads created -> RX: 1 W: 1 FM: 1 FR: 1 Engine started.
```

## 7. Check Suricata logs for alerts.

```
Windows-10 (Freshly Installed) (Running) - Oracle VM VirtualBox
File Machine View Input Devices Help
Fast - Notepad
File Edit Format View Help
12/20/2024-16:52:36.972662 [**] [1:2015474:2] ET MALWARE ZeroAccess udp traffic detected [**] [Classification: A Network Trojan was detected] [Priority: 1] {UDP} 10.0.2.15:50276 -> 85.114.128.127:53
12/20/2024-16:52:36.973606 [**] [1:2015474:2] ET MALWARE ZeroAccess udp traffic detected [**] [Classification: A Network Trojan was detected] [Priority: 1] {UDP} 10.0.2.15:50277 -> 85.114.128.127:53
12/20/2024-16:52:36.975412 [**] [1:2015474:2] ET MALWARE ZeroAccess udp traffic detected [**] [Classification: A Network Trojan was detected] [Priority: 1] {UDP} 10.0.2.15:50278 -> 85.114.128.127:53
12/20/2024-16:52:36.984855 [**] [1:2015474:2] ET MALWARE ZeroAccess udp traffic detected [**] [Classification: A Network Trojan was detected] [Priority: 1] {UDP} 10.0.2.15:50279 -> 85.114.128.127:53
12/20/2024-16:52:40.780519 [**] [1:2015474:2] ET MALWARE ZeroAccess udp traffic detected [**] [Classification: A Network Trojan was detected] [Priority: 1] {UDP} 10.0.2.15:50280 -> 85.114.128.127:53
12/20/2024-16:52:41.629317 [**] [1:2015474:2] ET MALWARE ZeroAccess udp traffic detected [**] [Classification: A Network Trojan was detected] [Priority: 1] {UDP} 10.0.2.15:50281 -> 85.114.128.127:53
12/20/2024-16:52:43.767307 [**] [1:1000001:1] Zeus C2 - Specific URI Request [**] [Classification: A Network Trojan was detected] [Priority: 1] {TCP} 10.0.2.15:51966 -> 23.39.69.211:80
12/20/2024-16:52:43.767307 [**] [1:1000002:1] Zeus C2 - Suspicious User-Agent [**] [Classification: A Network Trojan was detected] [Priority: 1] {TCP} 10.0.2.15:51966 -> 23.39.69.211:80
12/20/2024-16:52:43.767307 [**] [1:1000003:1] Zeus C2 - Suspicious Host Header [**] [Classification: A Network Trojan was detected] [Priority: 1] {TCP} 10.0.2.15:51966 -> 23.39.69.211:80
12/20/2024-16:52:43.767307 [**] [1:1000004:1] Zeus C2 - Complete Signature Match [**] [Classification: A Network Trojan was detected] [Priority: 1] {TCP} 10.0.2.15:51966 -> 23.39.69.211:80
12/20/2024-16:52:46.298701 [**] [1:1000001:1] Zeus C2 - Specific URI Request [**] [Classification: A Network Trojan was detected] [Priority: 1] {TCP} 10.0.2.15:51966 -> 23.39.69.211:80
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12/20/2024-16:52:47.945765 [**] [1:1000001:1] Zeus C2 - Specific URI Request [**] [Classification: A Network Trojan was detected] [Priority: 1] {TCP} 10.0.2.15:51967 -> 23.39.69.211:80
12/20/2024-16:52:47.945765 [**] [1:1000002:1] Zeus C2 - Suspicious User-Agent [**] [Classification: A Network Trojan was detected] [Priority: 1] {TCP} 10.0.2.15:51967 -> 23.39.69.211:80
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12/20/2024-16:52:47.945765 [**] [1:1000004:1] Zeus C2 - Complete Signature Match [**] [Classification: A Network Trojan was detected] [Priority: 1] {TCP} 10.0.2.15:51967 -> 23.39.69.211:80
12/20/2024-18:28:59.808066 [**] [1:2015474:2] ET MALWARE ZeroAccess udp traffic detected [**] [Classification: A Network Trojan was detected] [Priority: 1] {UDP} 10.0.2.15:61555 -> 85.114.128.127:53
12/20/2024-18:28:59.808066 [**] [1:2015474:2] ET MALWARE ZeroAccess udp traffic detected [**] [Classification: A Network Trojan was detected] [Priority: 1] {UDP} 10.0.2.15:61556 -> 85.114.128.127:53
12/20/2024-18:28:59.808066 [**] [1:2015474:2] ET MALWARE ZeroAccess udp traffic detected [**] [Classification: A Network Trojan was detected] [Priority: 1] {UDP} 10.0.2.15:61557 -> 85.114.128.127:53
12/20/2024-18:28:59.808066 [**] [1:2015474:2] ET MALWARE ZeroAccess udp traffic detected [**] [Classification: A Network Trojan was detected] [Priority: 1] {UDP} 10.0.2.15:61558 -> 85.114.128.127:53
12/20/2024-18:29:04.750473 [**] [1:2015474:2] ET MALWARE ZeroAccess udp traffic detected [**] [Classification: A Network Trojan was detected] [Priority: 1] {UDP} 10.0.2.15:61559 -> 85.114.128.127:53
12/20/2024-18:29:06.297893 [**] [1:2015474:2] ET MALWARE ZeroAccess udp traffic detected [**] [Classification: A Network Trojan was detected] [Priority: 1] {UDP} 10.0.2.15:61560 -> 85.114.128.127:53
12/20/2024-18:29:07.957189 [**] [1:1000001:1] Zeus C2 - Specific URI Request [**] [Classification: A Network Trojan was detected] [Priority: 1] {TCP} 10.0.2.15:52860 -> 23.39.69.211:80
12/20/2024-18:29:07.957189 [**] [1:1000002:1] Zeus C2 - Suspicious User-Agent [**] [Classification: A Network Trojan was detected] [Priority: 1] {TCP} 10.0.2.15:52860 -> 23.39.69.211:80
12/20/2024-18:29:07.957189 [**] [1:1000003:1] Zeus C2 - Suspicious Host Header [**] [Classification: A Network Trojan was detected] [Priority: 1] {TCP} 10.0.2.15:52860 -> 23.39.69.211:80
12/20/2024-18:29:07.957189 [**] [1:1000004:1] Zeus C2 - Complete Signature Match [**] [Classification: A Network Trojan was detected] [Priority: 1] {TCP} 10.0.2.15:52860 -> 23.39.69.211:80
```

## 8. Import Suricata and System Logs to Splunk (details are shown in the video)

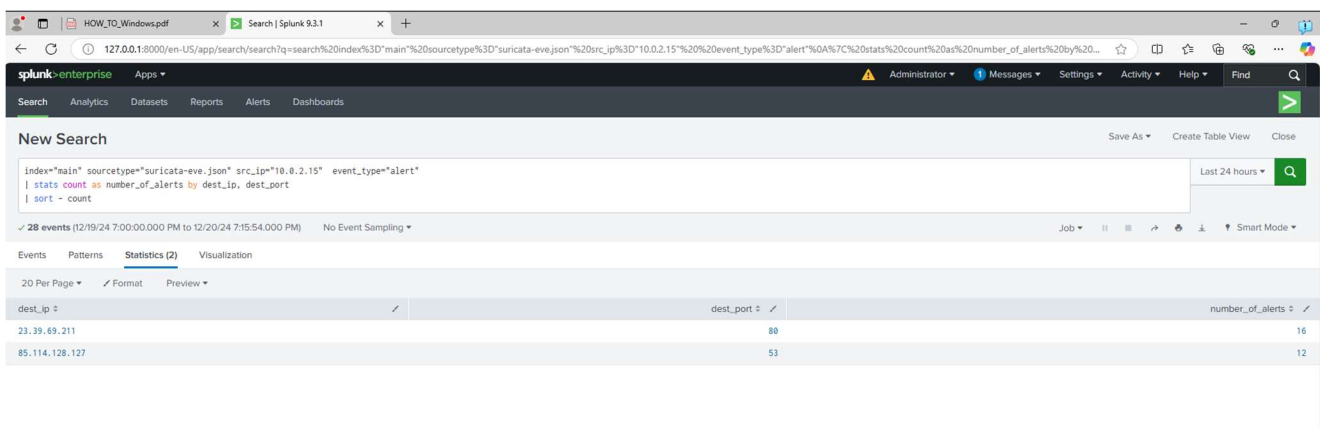


## 9. Splunk Correlation Rules:

### a. Detecting abnormal outbound traffic:

```
index="main" sourcetype="suricata-eve.json" src_ip="10.0.2.15"  
event_type="alert"  
| stats count as number_of_alerts by dest_ip, dest_port  
| sort - count
```

This search query helps identify **abnormal outbound traffic** by focusing on alerts generated for traffic coming from a specific source IP. It aggregates these alerts by destination IP and port, and by sorting the results, it highlights the destinations with the most suspicious or unusual activity. This can point to potential malicious behavior, such as data exfiltration, command-and-control communication, or the device attempting to contact unauthorized external resources.



b. Linking Network Anomalies With System Activities

```
index="main" (sourcetype="suricata-eve.json" event_type="alert") OR  
(sourcetype!="suricata-eve.json")  
| eval type=if (event_type="alert", "Network Anomaly", "System Activity")  
| table _time, src_ip, dest_ip, type, alert.signature, TaskCategory
```

This query links network anomalies and system activities by combining Suricata alerts with other system logs into a unified view. It classifies events as either "Network Anomaly" (for Suricata alerts) or "System Activity" (for other system logs) using an eval statement. By displaying key fields such as the timestamp, source IP, destination IP, alert signature, and system activity category, it enables correlation between suspicious network behavior and corresponding system-level changes. This helps identify patterns, such as a network alert followed by suspicious process creation, providing a clear timeline of potential malicious activity for deeper investigation.

The screenshot shows the Splunk Enterprise web interface. At the top, there's a navigation bar with 'Search', 'Analytics', 'Datasets', 'Reports', 'Alerts', and 'Dashboards'. Below this, a 'New Search' panel displays the query: `index="main" (sourcetype="suricata-eve.json" event_type="alert") OR (sourcetype!="suricata-eve.json") | eval type=if (event_type="alert", "Network Anomaly", "System Activity") | table _time, src_ip, dest_ip, type, alert.signature, TaskCategory`. The search results show 2,412 events. The table below has columns: `_time`, `src_ip`, `dest_ip`, `type`, `alert.signature`, and `TaskCategory`. The data rows show a sequence of system activities over time, including 'User Account Management', 'Special Logon', 'Logon', 'System Integrity', and 'Other System Events'. The last row shows 'Activate Windows' and 'Settings to activate Windows'.

| _time               | src_ip | dest_ip | type            | alert.signature | TaskCategory                                      |
|---------------------|--------|---------|-----------------|-----------------|---|
| 2024-12-20 18:25:35 |        |         | System Activity |                 | User Account Management                           |
| 2024-12-20 18:25:34 |        |         | System Activity |                 | Special Logon                                     |
| 2024-12-20 18:25:34 |        |         | System Activity |                 | Logon   |
| 2024-12-20 18:25:30 |        |         | System Activity |                 | System Integrity                                  |
| 2024-12-20 18:25:30 |        |         | System Activity |                 | Other System Events                               |
| 2024-12-20 18:25:29 |        |         | System Activity |                 | System Integrity                                  |
| 2024-12-20 18:25:29 |        |         | System Activity |                 | Other System Events                               |
| 2024-12-20 18:25:29 |        |         | System Activity |                 | System Integrity                                  |
| 2024-12-20 18:25:29 |        |         | System Activity |                 | Other System Events                               |
| 2024-12-20 18:25:29 |        |         | System Activity |                 | System Integrity                                  |
| 2024-12-20 18:25:29 |        |         | System Activity |                 | Activate Windows                                  |
| 2024-12-20 18:25:29 |        |         | System Activity |                 | Other System Events Settings to activate Windows. |





## 10. use volatility to

- Identify active and injected processes related to Zeus
- Identify the running processes

```
menna@kali:~$ python3 ~/volatility3/vol.py -f ~/Downloads/zeus2x4.vmem windows.pslist

Volatility 3 Framework 2.13.0
WARNING volatility3.framework.layers.vmem: No metadata file found alongside VMEM file. A VMSS or VMSN file may be required to correctly process a VMEM file. The
se should be placed in the same directory with the same file name, e.g. zeus2x4.vmem and zeus2x4.vmss.
Progress: 100.00 PDB scanning finished

PID PPID ImageFileName Offset(V) Threads Handles SessionId Wow64 CreateTime ExitTime File output
4 0 System 0x823c8a00 57 671 N/A False N/A N/A Disabled
596 4 smss.exe 0x82292da0 3 19 N/A False 2010-09-02 12:25:18.000000 UTC N/A Disabled
668 596 csrss.exe 0x821f2978 14 471 0 False 2010-09-02 12:25:21.000000 UTC N/A Disabled
692 596 winlogon.exe 0x822c09f8 21 588 0 False 2010-09-02 12:25:22.000000 UTC N/A Disabled
744 692 services.exe 0x821a5da0 15 279 0 False 2010-09-02 12:25:22.000000 UTC N/A Disabled
756 692 lsass.exe 0x822c8798 24 437 0 False 2010-09-02 12:25:22.000000 UTC N/A Disabled
912 744 svchost.exe 0x82150b90 20 202 0 False 2010-09-02 12:25:22.000000 UTC N/A Disabled
992 744 svchost.exe 0x822c8bf8 10 277 0 False 2010-09-02 12:25:22.000000 UTC N/A Disabled
1084 744 svchost.exe 0x82151da0 58 1327 0 False 2010-09-02 12:25:22.000000 UTC N/A Disabled
1140 744 svchost.exe 0x821521b0 6 81 0 False 2010-09-02 12:25:22.000000 UTC N/A Disabled
1192 744 svchost.exe 0x8214f488 13 175 0 False 2010-09-02 12:25:23.000000 UTC N/A Disabled
1436 744 iscsisexe.exe 0x8221e278 6 78 0 False 2010-09-02 12:25:24.000000 UTC N/A Disabled
1616 744 spoolsv.exe 0x82095500 13 140 0 False 2010-09-02 12:25:24.000000 UTC N/A Disabled
1752 1720 explorer.exe 0x821b2020 22 520 0 False 2010-09-02 12:25:25.000000 UTC N/A Disabled
1900 1752 SharedIntApp.exe 0x822b96c0 3 75 0 False 2010-09-02 12:25:25.000000 UTC N/A Disabled
1908 1752 prl_cc.exe 0x820ee580 14 133 0 False 2010-09-02 12:25:25.000000 UTC N/A Disabled
1936 1752 jusched.exe 0x8212ada0 1 43 0 False 2010-09-02 12:25:26.000000 UTC N/A Disabled
364 744 svchost.exe 0x82129370 4 88 0 False 2010-09-02 12:25:33.000000 UTC N/A Disabled
472 744 jqs.exe 0x82089558 5 146 0 False 2010-09-02 12:25:33.000000 UTC N/A Disabled
488 744 sqlservr.exe 0x8208abf0 25 306 0 False 2010-09-02 12:25:33.000000 UTC N/A Disabled
572 744 coherence.exe 0x82077da0 4 51 0 False 2010-09-02 12:25:36.000000 UTC N/A Disabled
436 744 prl_tools_servi 0x82189530 3 78 0 False 2010-09-02 12:25:36.000000 UTC N/A Disabled
632 436 prl_tools.exe 0x82086798 9 107 0 False 2010-09-02 12:25:36.000000 UTC N/A Disabled
```

| File   | Actions | Edit | View | Help |
|--|---------|------|------|------|
| 1140 744 svchost.exe 0x821521b0 6 81 0 False 2010-09-02 12:25:22.000000 UTC N/A Disabled       |         |      |      |      |
| 1192 744 svchost.exe 0x8214f488 13 175 0 False 2010-09-02 12:25:23.000000 UTC N/A Disabled     |         |      |      |      |
| 1436 744 iscsisexe.exe 0x8221e278 6 78 0 False 2010-09-02 12:25:24.000000 UTC N/A Disabled     |         |      |      |      |
| 1616 744 spoolsv.exe 0x82095500 13 140 0 False 2010-09-02 12:25:24.000000 UTC N/A Disabled     |         |      |      |      |
| 1752 1720 explorer.exe 0x821b2020 22 520 0 False 2010-09-02 12:25:25.000000 UTC N/A Disabled   |         |      |      |      |
| 1900 1752 SharedIntApp.exe 0x822b96c0 3 75 0 False 2010-09-02 12:25:25.000000 UTC N/A Disabled |         |      |      |      |
| 1908 1752 prl_cc.exe 0x820ee580 14 133 0 False 2010-09-02 12:25:25.000000 UTC N/A Disabled     |         |      |      |      |
| 1936 1752 jusched.exe 0x8212ada0 1 43 0 False 2010-09-02 12:25:26.000000 UTC N/A Disabled      |         |      |      |      |
| 364 744 svchost.exe 0x82129370 4 88 0 False 2010-09-02 12:25:33.000000 UTC N/A Disabled        |         |      |      |      |
| 472 744 jqs.exe 0x82089558 5 146 0 False 2010-09-02 12:25:33.000000 UTC N/A Disabled           |         |      |      |      |
| 488 744 sqlservr.exe 0x8208abf0 25 306 0 False 2010-09-02 12:25:33.000000 UTC N/A Disabled     |         |      |      |      |
| 572 744 coherence.exe 0x82077da0 4 51 0 False 2010-09-02 12:25:36.000000 UTC N/A Disabled      |         |      |      |      |
| 436 744 prl_tools_servi 0x82189530 3 78 0 False 2010-09-02 12:25:36.000000 UTC N/A Disabled    |         |      |      |      |
| 632 436 prl_tools.exe 0x82086798 9 107 0 False 2010-09-02 12:25:36.000000 UTC N/A Disabled     |         |      |      |      |
| 660 744 sqlwriter.exe 0x821aa7e8 4 84 0 False 2010-09-02 12:25:36.000000 UTC N/A Disabled      |         |      |      |      |
| 2180 1084 wscntfy.exe 0x8213dda0 3 48 0 False 2010-09-02 12:25:41.000000 UTC N/A Disabled      |         |      |      |      |
| 2588 744 alg.exe 0x81e8a368 6 107 0 False 2010-09-02 12:25:44.000000 UTC N/A Disabled          |         |      |      |      |
| 940 1084 wuaclt.exe 0x8205dda0 4 126 0 False 2010-09-02 12:26:40.000000 UTC N/A Disabled       |         |      |      |      |
| 2972 1752 ImmunityDebugge 0x82001ad0 2 87 0 False 2010-09-08 19:14:36.000000 UTC N/A Disabled  |         |      |      |      |
| 2204 2972 nifek_locked.ex 0x8207bda0 2 38 0 False 2010-09-08 19:14:36.000000 UTC N/A Disabled  |         |      |      |      |
| 1932 1752 ImmunityDebugge 0x82282380 2 86 0 False 2010-09-08 19:23:02.000000 UTC N/A Disabled  |         |      |      |      |
| 952 1932 vaelh.exe 0x8223c020 2 40 0 False 2010-09-08 19:23:02.000000 UTC N/A Disabled         |         |      |      |      |
| 3788 1752 ImmunityDebugge 0x81ffb6d8 2 103 0 False 2010-09-08 22:39:40.000000 UTC N/A Disabled |         |      |      |      |
| 3508 3788 anaxu.exe 0x8219e5c8 2 54 0 False 2010-09-08 22:39:40.000000 UTC N/A Disabled        |         |      |      |      |
| 3984 1084 wuaclt.exe 0x81eab2f8 8 325 0 False 2010-09-09 19:52:45.000000 UTC N/A Disabled      |         |      |      |      |
| 2404 1752 ImmunityDebugge 0x82066478 2 85 0 False 2010-09-09 19:56:19.000000 UTC N/A Disabled  |         |      |      |      |
| 3772 2404 b98679df6defbb3 0x81f4bb28 1 46 0 False 2010-09-09 19:56:19.000000 UTC N/A Disabled  |         |      |      |      |
| 3276 3772 ihah.exe 0x81e87da0 1 45 0 False 2010-09-09 19:56:32.000000 UTC N/A Disabled         |         |      |      |      |
| 3768 1084 rundll32.exe 0x82311648 1 53 0 False 2010-09-09 19:56:33.000000 UTC N/A Disabled     |         |      |      |      |

### Immunity Debugger Processes (ImmunityDebugge):

- These processes (e.g., ImmunityDebugge with child processes like nifek\_locked.exe, vaelh.exe, anaxu.exe, ihah.exe) are potentially malicious. Immunity Debugger is a popular debugger used in reverse engineering and analysis of malware. If these processes are running on an infected machine, they could indicate the presence of malware being debugged or analyzed, which is a sign of the malware's operation or testing phase.

### Suspicious Executables (e.g., nifek\_locked.exe, vaelh.exe, anaxu.exe, ihah.exe):

- These processes do not appear to be legitimate Windows system processes. The names of these executables (e.g., `nifek_locked.exe`, `vaelh.exe`) are suspicious and could be custom or obfuscated names used by the Trojan to avoid detection. Such names are often associated with malware running on the system.

## Rundll32.exe:

- The `rundll32.exe` process is a legitimate Windows process used to run DLL files. However, it is often abused by malware to execute malicious code from DLLs. In this case, if it is running from a suspicious location or executing a non-system DLL, it could be malicious.

### High Number of Threads and Handles in Certain Processes:

- Some processes like `svchost.exe` have a large number of threads and handles. While `svchost.exe` is a legitimate process, malware often hijacks this process for persistence or to run malicious code. The fact that multiple instances of `svchost.exe` are running may warrant closer inspection.

- identify injected processes

```
menna@kali: ~  
File Actions Edit View Help  
3768 1084 rundll32.exe 0x82311648 1 53 0 False 2010-09-09 19:56:33.000000 UTC N/A Disabled  
  
menna@kali: ~  
$ python3 ~/volatility3/vol.py -f ~/Downloads/zeus2x4.vmem windows.malfind  
  
Volatility 3 Framework 2.13.0  
WARNING: volatility3.framework.layers.vmemware: No metadata file found alongside VMEM file. A VMSS or VMFN file may be required to correctly process a VMEM file. The  
ss should be placed in the same directory with the same file name, e.g. zeus2x4.vmem and zeus2x4.vms.  
Progress: 100.0% PDB scanning finished  
PID Process Start VPN End VPN Tag Protection CommitCharge PrivateMemory File output Notes Hexdump Disasm  
WARNING: volatility3.plugins.windows.malfind: [proc_id 668] Found suspicious DIRTY + PAGE_EXECUTE_READ page at 0x86c000  
  
668 csrss.exe 0x850000 0xc5ffff Vad PAGE_EXECUTE_READ 0 0 Disabled N/A  
c1 00 00 00 01 00 00 ff ee ff ee 09 00 00 00 .....  
09 00 00 00 fe 00 00 00 10 00 00 20 00 .....  
00 02 00 00 20 00 00 b0 0c 00 00 ff ef fd 7f .....  
00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 .....  
00 00 02 00 00 20 00 00 50 33 00 00 ff ef fd 7f .....  
00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 .....  
00 00 00 00 01 00 00 ff ee ff ee 09 00 00 09 00 00 00 fe 00 00 00 10 00 00 20 0  
nd suspicious DIRTY + PAGE_EXECUTE_READ page at 0xbe0000  
  
668 csrss.exe 0xb00000 0xc5ffff Vad PAGE_EXECUTE_READ 0 0 Disabled N/A  
c1 00 00 00 01 00 00 ff ee ff ee 09 00 00 00 .....  
09 00 00 00 fe 00 00 00 10 00 00 20 00 .....  
00 02 00 00 20 00 00 b0 0c 00 00 ff ef fd 7f .....  
00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 .....  
00 00 00 00 01 00 00 ff ee ff ee 09 00 00 09 00 00 00 fe 00 00 00 10 00 00 20 0  
00 00 02 00 00 20 00 00 50 33 00 00 ff ef fd 7f .....  
00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 .....  
00 00 00 00 01 00 00 ff ee ff ee 09 00 00 09 00 00 00 fe 00 00 00 10 00 00 20 0  
nd suspicious DIRTY + PAGE_EXECUTE_READ page at 0xbe0000  
  
668 csrss.exe 0x7f6f0000 0x7f70ffff Vad PAGE_EXECUTE_READWRITE 0 0 Disabled N/A  
c8 00 00 00 13 01 00 ff ee ff ee 08 70 00 00 .....  
08 00 00 00 fe 00 00 00 10 00 00 20 00 .....  
00 02 00 00 20 00 00 b0 0c 00 00 ff ef fd 7f .....  
00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 .....  
00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 .....  
00 00 00 00 01 00 00 ff ee ff ee 09 00 00 09 00 00 00 fe 00 00 00 10 00 00 20 0
```



## Key Elements of the Output:

### 1. DIRTY + PAGE\_EXECUTE\_READ:

- **DIRTY**: This means that the memory page has been modified after it was loaded. It's not in its original state, suggesting it has been altered or injected with new code.
- **PAGE\_EXECUTE\_READ**: This means the memory page is both **readable** and **executable**. This is a key flag because code that can execute from a page like this is commonly used by malicious software to run injected code (e.g., malware exploits).

- Analyze Zeus-related network connections.

```
(menna@kali)-[~/volatility]
$ python2 vol.py -f ~/Downloads/zeus2x4.vmem --profile=WinXPSP3x86 connscan
```

| Offset(P)  | Local Address    | Remote Address   | Pid  |
|------------|------------------|------------------|------|
| 0x020f5410 | 10.211.55.5:1427 | 65.54.81.89:80   | 1084 |
| 0x02125008 | 10.211.55.5:1423 | 207.46.21.123:80 | 1084 |
| 0x022ace08 | 10.211.55.5:1432 | 193.43.134.14:80 | 1752 |

-The **connscan** plugin scans memory for network connections and will help identify all active TCP/UDP connections, including those made by the Zeus Trojan for C&C communication.

-10.211.55.5 is the local IP address.

- local machine is connected to a remote server at IP 65.54.81.89, 207.46.21.123:80 and 193.43.134.14:80.

```
File Actions Edit View Help
(menna@kali)-[~/volatility]
$ python2 vol.py -f ~/Downloads/zeus2x4.vmem --profile=WinXPSP3x86 connections
```

| Offset(V)  | Local Address    | Remote Address   | Pid  |
|------------|------------------|------------------|------|
| 0x822ace08 | 10.211.55.5:1432 | 193.43.134.14:80 | 1752 |

The output shows:

Local Address: IP and port on the local machine.(10.211.55.5)

Remote Address: IP and port of the external machine(193.43.134.14).

PID: Process ID of the process using the connection.

```
(menna@kali)-[~/volatility]
$ python2 vol.py -f ~/Downloads/zeus2x4.vmem --profile=WinXPSP3x86 sockets
```

| Volatility Foundation<br>Offset(V) | PID  | Port  | Proto | Protocol | Address     | Create Time                  |
|------------------------------------|------|-------|-------|----------|-------------|------------------------------|
| 0x81f0cc90                         | 1192 | 1900  | 17    | UDP      | 10.211.55.5 | 2010-09-09 19:52:48 UTC+0000 |
| 0x820046e0                         | 756  | 500   | 17    | UDP      | 0.0.0.0     | 2010-09-02 12:25:37 UTC+0000 |
| 0x81e7c548                         | 4    | 139   | 6     | TCP      | 10.211.55.5 | 2010-09-09 19:52:48 UTC+0000 |
| 0x81f358f0                         | 1752 | 16441 | 6     | TCP      | 0.0.0.0     | 2010-09-09 19:56:32 UTC+0000 |
| 0x821715f8                         | 4    | 445   | 6     | TCP      | 0.0.0.0     | 2010-09-02 12:25:18 UTC+0000 |
| 0x82154e98                         | 992  | 135   | 6     | TCP      | 0.0.0.0     | 2010-09-02 12:25:22 UTC+0000 |
| 0x81e7e458                         | 4    | 137   | 17    | UDP      | 10.211.55.5 | 2010-09-09 19:52:48 UTC+0000 |
| 0x81eafe98                         | 2588 | 1033  | 6     | TCP      | 127.0.0.1   | 2010-09-02 12:25:44 UTC+0000 |
| 0x82078798                         | 756  | 0     | 255   | Reserved | 0.0.0.0     | 2010-09-02 12:25:37 UTC+0000 |
| 0x8223fb90                         | 1084 | 123   | 17    | UDP      | 127.0.0.1   | 2010-09-09 19:52:48 UTC+0000 |
| 0x81eea480                         | 4    | 138   | 17    | UDP      | 10.211.55.5 | 2010-09-09 19:52:48 UTC+0000 |
| 0x820596d0                         | 1084 | 123   | 17    | UDP      | 10.211.55.5 | 2010-09-09 19:52:48 UTC+0000 |
| 0x8205ae98                         | 1752 | 1432  | 6     | TCP      | 0.0.0.0     | 2010-09-09 19:56:34 UTC+0000 |
| 0x81e7ed30                         | 1192 | 1900  | 17    | UDP      | 127.0.0.1   | 2010-09-09 19:52:48 UTC+0000 |
| 0x81ffdb18                         | 756  | 4500  | 17    | UDP      | 0.0.0.0     | 2010-09-02 12:25:37 UTC+0000 |

The sockets command revealed multiple active connections over ports such as 1900, 16444, 445, which could indicate Zeus-related activity.

Suspicious UDP and TCP traffic from processes like PID 1192 and 1752 suggested communication to external servers potentially linked to data exfiltration.

**The network connections identified in the memory analysis reveal that the infected VM was actively communicating with external servers over common HTTP ports (port 80), a tactic used by Zeus to send stolen data to C2 servers.**

**The use of specific ports and external IP addresses can be directly correlated with Zeus malware activity, confirming the malware's presence and its external communication.**

**Multiple suspicious connections suggest that Zeus was attempting to exfiltrate data or communicate with a malicious server.**

## 11. Detect Zeus Using Yara Rules

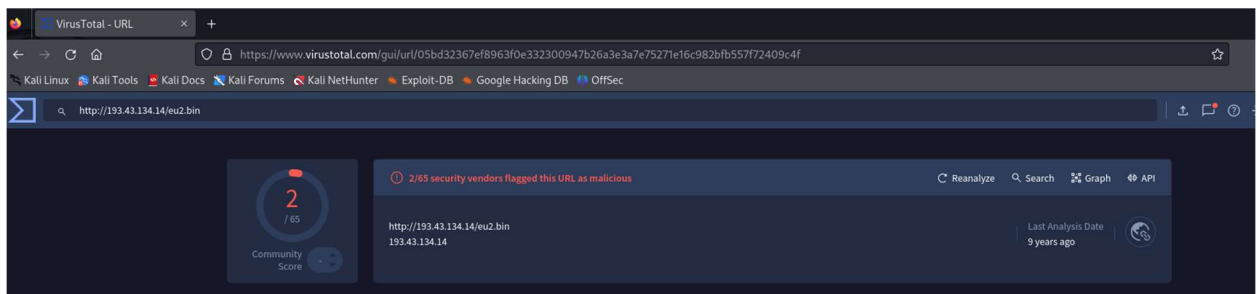
### 1. Extract urls from “zeus2x4.vmem”

```
(kali㉿kali)-[~]
$ strings ~/Downloads/zeus2x4.vmem | grep -Eo 'https?://[^\ ]+'
http://ocsp.verisign.com0
http://crl.verisign.com/tss-ca.crl0
http://crl.microsoft.com/pki/crl/products/CodeSignPCA2.crl00
http://www.microsoft.com/pki/certs/CodeSignPCA2.crt0
http://office.microsoft.com
http://+:80/Temporary_Listen_Addresses/
http://cdn.eyewonder.com/100125/760579/1206329/bannerInc.js"></scr'+ 'ipt>');
http://www.hardware-update.com
http://auth.immunityinc.com/ImmunityDebugger/ID_auth.py
http://auth.immunityinc.com/immauth.html
http://auth.immunityinc.com/ImmunityDebugger/ID_auth.py
http://auth.immunityinc.com/immauth.html
http://auth.immunityinc.com/immauth.html
http://auth.immunityinc.com/ImmunityDebugger/ID_reg.py
http://a
http://home.netscape.com/NC-rdf#
http://www.w3.org/1999/02/22-rdf-syntax-ns#>
http://www.w3.org/1999/02/22-rdf-syntax-ns#
http://home.netscape.com/NC-rdf#
http://www.w3.org/1999/02/22-rdf-syntax-ns#>
http://dl.javafx.com/javafx-cache.jnlp
http://dl.javafx.com/1.3/javafx-rt.jnlp
http://www.w3.org/xmlns/2000/
http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/wsdl/soap/
http://mscrl.microsoft.com/pki/mscorp/crl/Microsoft%20Secure%20Server%20Authority(8).crl0zf
http://crl.microsoft.com/pki/mscorp/crl/Microsoft%20Secure%20Server%20Authority(8).crl1vg
```

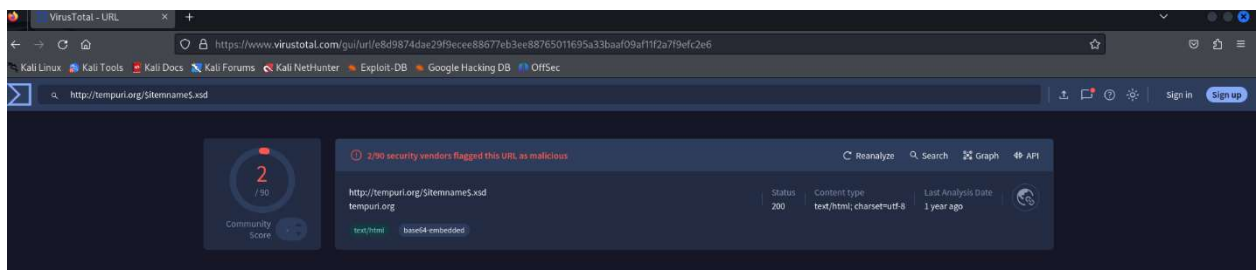
Mutant key: 0x90B1B841  
XOR key: 0x569EBC1F  
Registry: HKEY\_CURRENT\_USER  
Value 1: ImmIase  
Value 2: 0aofl  
Value 3: Izsuuqex  
Executable: Ammaax\vaeih.exe  
Data file: Xuuf\otsip.dat  
-----  
Process: anaku.exe  
Pid: 3588  
Address: 0x400000  
URL:  
Identifier: PENNY\_740EB1E33B  
Mutant key: 0x2CB173C4  
XOR key: 0xD60F77DA  
Registry: HKEY\_CURRENT\_USER  
Value 1: Paygo

### 2. Detect suspicious URLs using virustotal

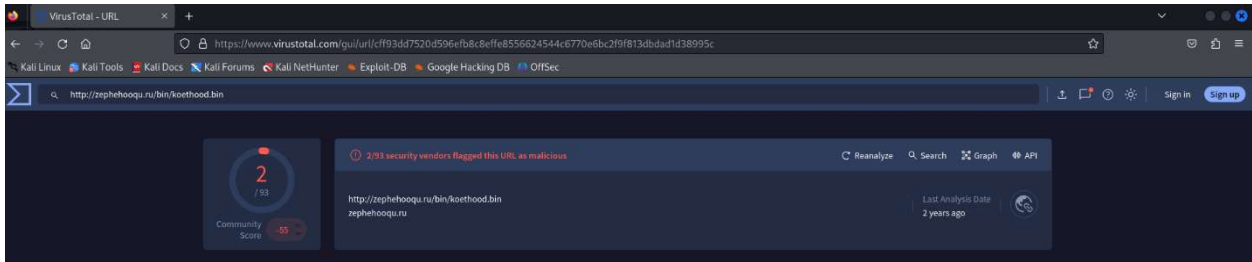
- <http://193.43.134.14/eu2.bin>



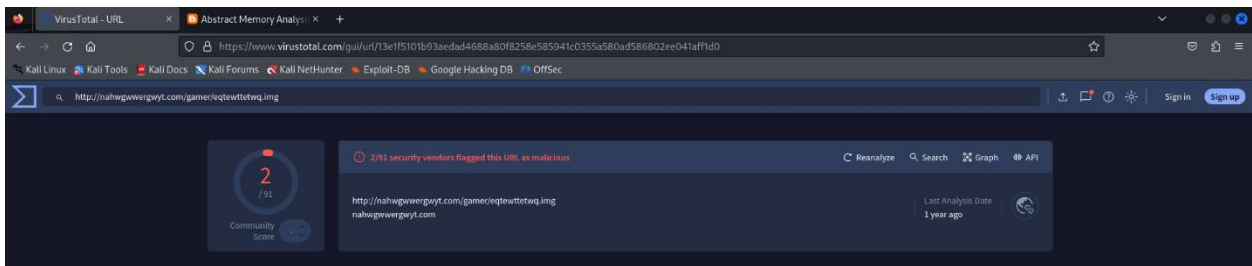
- [http://tempuri.org/\\$itemname\\$.xsd](http://tempuri.org/$itemname$.xsd)



- <http://zephheooqu.ru/bin/koethood.bin>



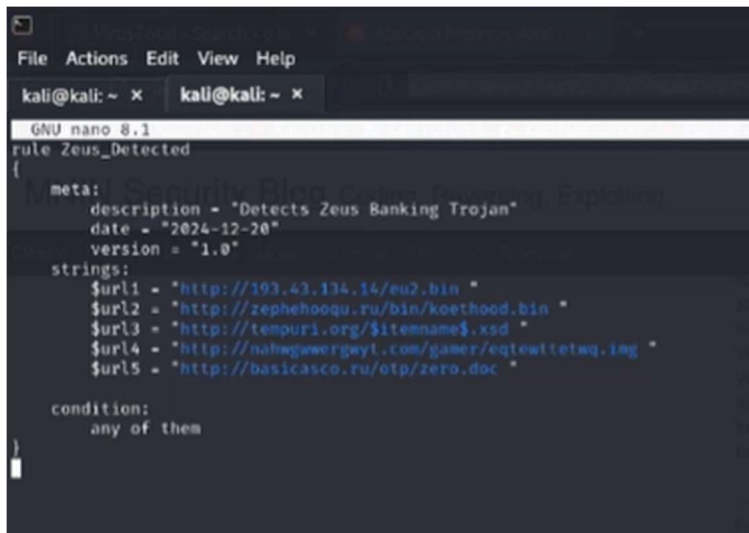
- <http://nahwgwwergwyt.com/gamer/eqtewttetwq.img>



- <http://basicasco.ru/otp/zero.doc> -> Zeus Related

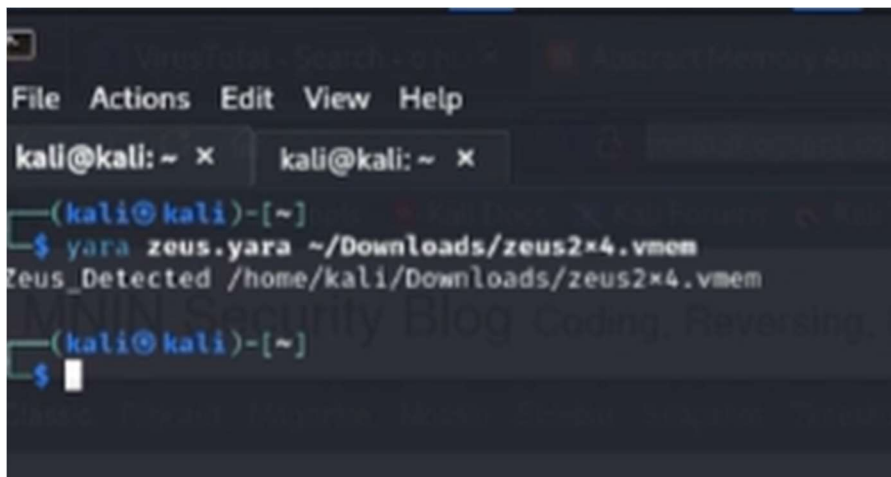
References: <http://mnin.blogspot.com/2011/09/abstract-memory-analysis-zeus.html>

### 3. Create Yara Rules





#### 4. Test Yara Rules

A screenshot of a terminal window with a dark background. At the top, there's a menu bar with 'File', 'Actions', 'Edit', 'View', and 'Help'. Below the menu bar, there are two tabs, both labeled 'kali@kali: ~'. The terminal shows a prompt '(kali@kali)-[~]' followed by the command '\$ yara zeus.yara ~/Downloads/zeus2x4.vmem'. The output of the command is 'Zeus\_Detected /home/kali/Downloads/zeus2x4.vmem'. Below the output, the prompt '(kali@kali)-[~]' is shown again, followed by a new '\$' prompt with a cursor. There is a faint watermark in the background that reads 'PentestBlog Coding, Reversing, ...'.