

ntopng scripting how-to

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Setting up the environment



Examples and Sources



<https://github.com/simonemainardi/ntopng-docker>

Docker Installation

```
$ sudo apt-get install docker
```

```
$ sudo usermod -a -G docker emanuele
```

```
$ newgrp docker
```



ntopng Docker Setup

```
$ git clone https://github.com/simonemainardi/ntopng-docker
```

```
$ cd ntopng-docker
```

```
$ docker build -t ntopng-docker -f Dockerfile.ntopng .
```



Running ntopng

Docker

```
$ docker run -p 3000:3000 -u root -v `pwd`/workspace:/home/ntopng/workspace --rm -it ntopng-docker workspace
```

or Locally

```
$ sudo ./ntopng -s -i wlan0
```



Lua Scripting Basics

A Script Skeleton

<http://127.0.0.1:3000/lua/myscripts/skeleton.lua>

```
1  local dirs = ntop.getDirs()
2  package.path = dirs.installdir .. "/scripts/lua/modules/?.lua;" .. package.path
3
4  require "lua_utils"
5
6  sendHTTPContentTypeHeader('text/html')
7  ntop.dumpFile(dirs.installdir .. "/httpdocs/inc/header.inc")
8  dofile(dirs.installdir .. "/scripts/lua/inc/menu.lua")
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11
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Packages path and includes

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HTTP headers, page header and navigation menu



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Footer



Docker

- `ntopng-docker/workspace/scripts`

or Locally

- `ntopng/scripts`

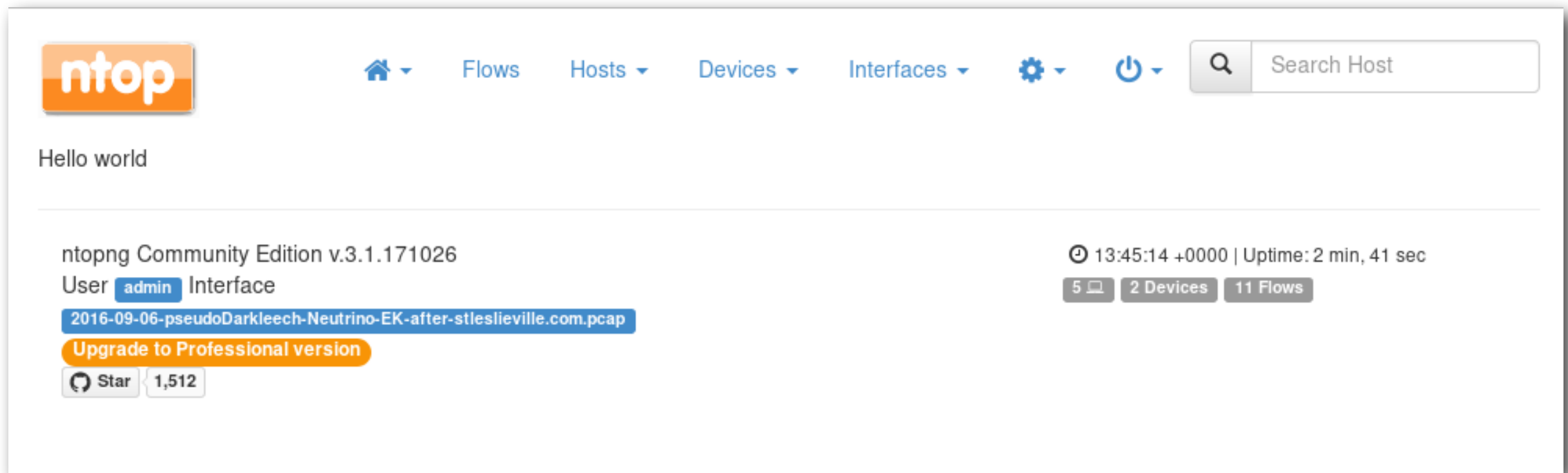
Examples presented in this how-to can be found at

`ntopng-docker/workspace/myscripts`



Hello World script

<http://127.0.0.1:3000/lua/myscripts/hello.lua>



The screenshot shows the ntopng web interface. At the top left is the ntop logo. To its right is a navigation bar with icons and labels for Home, Flows, Hosts, Devices, Interfaces, Settings, and Power. Further right is a search bar labeled 'Search Host'. Below the navigation bar, the main content area displays 'Hello world' in a large font. Below this, there is a status bar showing 'ntopng Community Edition v.3.1.171026', the user 'admin', and the interface 'Interface'. A blue button labeled 'Upgrade to Professional version' is visible. On the right side of the status bar, there is a clock icon showing '13:45:14 +0000' and 'Uptime: 2 min, 41 sec'. Below the clock, there are three buttons: '5' (with a laptop icon), '2 Devices', and '11 Flows'. At the bottom left of the status bar, there is a 'Star' button and the number '1,512'.



Script example: Devices in my network



Lua C Api

```
6207  /* Mac */
6208  { "getMacInfo", ntop_get_interface_mac_info },
6209  { "getMacInfo", ntop_get_interface_mac_info },
6210  { "getMacManufacturers", ntop_get_interface_macs_manufacturers },
6211  { "getTopMacsProtos", ntop_get_top_macs_protos },
6212  { "setMacOperatingSystem", ntop_set_mac_operating_system },
6213  { "setMacDeviceType", ntop_set_mac_device_type },
6214  { "getMacDeviceTypes", ntop_get_mac_device_types },|
6215
```

interface.getMacInfo

```
764
765  if(lua_type(vm, 1) == LUA_TSTRING) sortColumn = (char*)lua_tostring(vm, 1);
766  if(lua_type(vm, 2) == LUA_TNUMBER) maxHits = (u_int16_t)lua_tonumber(vm, 2);
767  if(lua_type(vm, 3) == LUA_TNUMBER) toSkip = (u_int16_t)lua_tonumber(vm, 3);
768  if(lua_type(vm, 4) == LUA_TBOOLEAN) a2zSortOrder = lua_toboolean(vm, 4);
769  if(lua_type(vm, 5) == LUA_TNUMBER) vlan_id = (u_int16_t)lua_tonumber(vm, 5);
770  if(lua_type(vm, 6) == LUA_TBOOLEAN) sourceMacsOnly = lua_toboolean(vm, 6);
771  if(lua_type(vm, 7) == LUA_TBOOLEAN) hostMacsOnly = lua_toboolean(vm, 7);
772  if(lua_type(vm, 8) == LUA_TSTRING) manufacturer = lua_tostring(vm, 8);
773  if(lua_type(vm, 9) == LUA_TNUMBER) pool_filter = (u_int16_t)lua_tonumber(vm, 9);
774  if(lua_type(vm, 10) == LUA_TNUMBER) devtype_filter = (u_int8_t)lua_tonumber(vm, 10);
775  if(lua_type(vm, 11) == LUA_TSTRING) location_filter = str_2_location(lua_tostring(vm, 11));
776  if(lua_type(vm, 12) == LUA_TBOOLEAN) dhcpMacsOnly = lua_toboolean(vm, 12);
777
```



Retrieving devices data

<http://127.0.0.1:3000/lua/myscripts/devices.lua>

```
12 local devices = interface.getMacsInfo(nil, nil, nil, nil, nil,  
13     true, -- sourceMacsOnly - only devices which have begun at lease one flow  
14     true -- hostsMacsOnly - only devices which are associated to an L3 host  
15 )  
16  
17 print("<pre>")  
18  
19 for _, device in pairs(devices.macs) do  
20     print(device.mac)  
21     print("\tHosts: " .. device["num_hosts"])  
22     print("\tBytes Sent: " .. bytesToSize(device["bytes.sent"]))  
23     print("\tBytes Received: " .. bytesToSize(device["bytes.rcvd"]))  
24     print("\n")  
25 end  
26  
27 print("</pre>")
```



Final Result

<http://127.0.0.1:3000/lua/myscripts/devices.lua>



Flows

Hosts ▾

Devices ▾

Interfaces ▾



Search Host

| | | | |
|-------------------|----------|----------------------|--------------------------|
| 02:42:AC:11:00:02 | Hosts: 1 | Bytes Sent: 4.68 KB | Bytes Received: 79.64 KB |
| 02:42:AD:94:5A:F3 | Hosts: 3 | Bytes Sent: 79.64 KB | Bytes Received: 4.68 KB |

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User **nologin** Interface

sample_malware_sites.pcap

Upgrade to Professional version

Star 1,514

🕒 08:16:27 +0000 | Uptime: 10 min, 30 sec

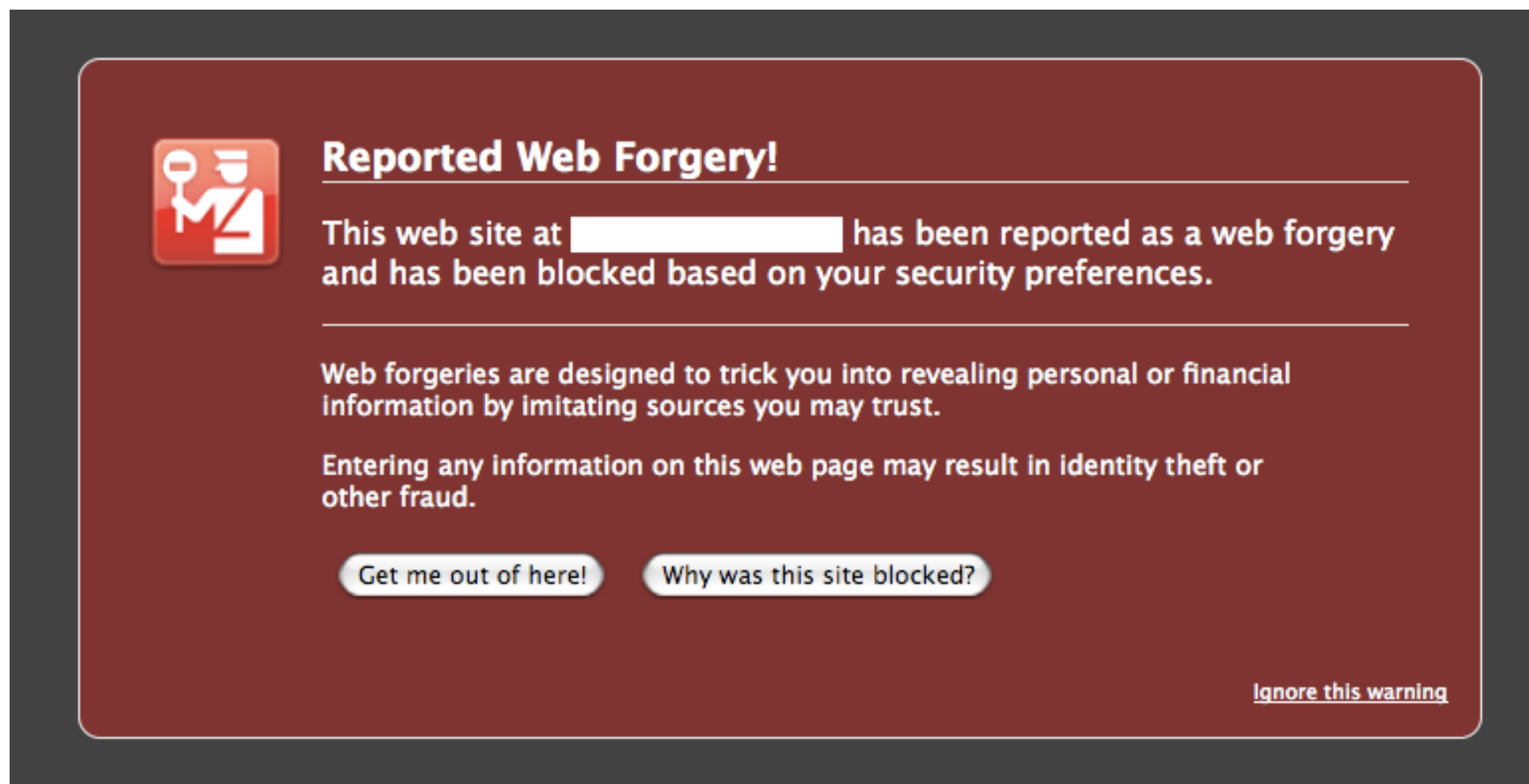
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Script example: Processing flows for walware analysis



Google Safe Browsing



- Deployed in Chrome, Safari, Firefox, Android
- Provides an API to performs queries
- Note: with Lookup API v4 URLs are not hashed so the server knows which URLs you look up



<https://developers.google.com/safe-browsing/v4/lookup-api>

- POST <https://safebrowsing.googleapis.com/v4/threatMatches:find>
- URL parameter "key=API_KEY"
- JSON body contains request data



Sample Request

```
1  {
2    "threatInfo":{
3      "threatTypes":[
4        "MALWARE",
5        "SOCIAL_ENGINEERING",
6        "POTENTIALLY_HARMFUL_APPLICATION",
7        "UNWANTED_SOFTWARE"
8      ],
9      "threatEntryTypes":[
10       "URL"
11     ],
12     "platformTypes":[
13       "WINDOWS"
14     ],
15     "threatEntries":[
16       {
17         "url":"www.kasterborous.com",
18         "url":"www.abcd.com",
19       }
20     ]
21   }
22 }
```



Sample Request

Threat information of interest

```
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19       }
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URLs to categorize



Query Active HTTP Flows

http://127.0.0.1:3000/lua/myscripts/safe_browsing_simple.lua

```
31  -- Get the active HTTP flows
32  local flows = interface.getFlowsInfo(nil, {
33      l7protoFilter = interface.getnDPIProtoId("HTTP"), -- only get HTTP flows
34      detailsLevel = "max", -- get all the flow details
35  })
```

```
6162 { "getHostInfo",      ntop_get_interface_host_info },
6163 { "getGroupedHosts",  ntop_get_grouped_interface_hosts },
6164 { "addMacsIpAddresses", ntop_add_macs_ip_addresses },
6165 { "getNetworksStats", ntop_get_interface_networks_stats },
6166 { "restoreHost",      ntop_restore_interface_host },
6167 { "getFlowsInfo",     ntop_get_interface_flows_info },
6168 { "getGroupedFlows",  ntop_get_interface_get_grouped_flows },
6169 { "getFlowsStats",    ntop_get_interface_flows_stats },
6170 { "getFlowKey",       ntop_get_interface_flow_key },
6171 { "findFlowByKey",    ntop_get_interface_find_flow_by_key },
6172 { "dropFlowTraffic",  ntop_drop_flow_traffic },
6173 { "dumpFlowTraffic",  ntop_dump_flow_traffic },
6174 { "dumpLocalHosts2redis", ntop_dump_local_hosts_2_redis },
```

```
1930 if(lua_type(vm, 1) == LUA_TSTRING) {
1931     get_host_vlan_info((char*)lua_tostring(vm, 1), &host_ip, &vlan_id, buf, sizeof(buf));
1932     host = ntop_interface->getHost(host_ip, vlan_id);
1933 }
1934
1935 if(lua_type(vm, 2) == LUA_TTABLE)
1936     p->readOptions(vm, 2);
```



Paginator Options

Paginator.cpp

```
146     case LUA_TNUMBER:
147         if(!strcmp(key, "maxHits"))
148             max_hits = lua_tointeger(L, -1);
149         else if(!strcmp(key, "toSkip"))
150             to_skip = lua_tointeger(L, -1);
151         else if(!strcmp(key, "l7protoFilter"))
152             l7proto_filter = lua_tointeger(L, -1);
153         else if(!strcmp(key, "portFilter"))
154             port_filter = lua_tointeger(L, -1);
155         else if(!strcmp(key, "LocalNetworkFilter"))
```

```
122     } else if(!strcmp(key, "detailsLevel")) {
123         const char* value = lua_tostring(L, -1);
124         if(!strcmp(value, "normal")) {
125             details_level = details_normal;
126             details_level_set = true;
127         } else if(!strcmp(value, "high")) {
128             details_level = details_high;
129             details_level_set = true;
130         } else if(!strcmp(value, "higher")) {
131             details_level = details_higher;
132             details_level_set = true;
133         } else if(!strcmp(value, "max")) {
134             details_level = details_max;
135             details_level_set = true;
136         }
```



Send Request Data

http://127.0.0.1:3000/lua/myscripts/safe_browsing_simple.lua

```
37 -- URLs to check
38 local urls = {}
39
40 for _, flow in pairs(flows.flows) do
41     urls[#urls + 1] = {url=flow.host_server_name}
42 end
43
44 -- Build the request
45 local request = {
46     threatInfo = {
47         threatTypes = { "MALWARE", "SOCIAL_ENGINEERING",
48             "POTENTIALLY_HARMFUL_APPLICATION", "UNWANTED_SOFTWARE"},
49         platformTypes = { "WINDOWS", },
50         threatEntryTypes = { "URL", },
51         threatEntries = urls, -- the URL to check
52     }
53 }
54
55 -- Format lua table into JSON data
56 local json_request = json.encode(request)
57
58 -- Perform the actual POST request
59 local response_data = exec_command(
60     "curl -H 'Content-Type: application/json' -s --data '" .. json_request ..
61     "' " .. SAFE_BROWSING_FULL_URL)
62
```



Sample Reply

It's a Windows malware!

```
1  {
2    "matches":[
3      {
4        "threatType":"MALWARE",
5        "platformType":"WINDOWS",
6        "threat":{
7          "url":"www.kasterborous.com"
8        },
9        "cacheDuration":"300s",
10       "threatEntryType":"URL"
11     }
12   ]
13 }
```



Get Response Data

http://127.0.0.1:3000/lua/myscripts/safe_browsing_simple.lua

```
66 -- Parse the result
67 local response = json.decode(response_data)
68
69 if (response ~= nil) and (response.matches ~= nil) then
70     print("<h2>Malware sites detected</h2>")
71     print("<pre>")
72
73     for _, match in pairs(response.matches) do
74         print(match.threat.url .. " : " .. match.threatType .. "\n")
75     end
76
77     print("</pre>")
78 else
79     print("<h2>No malware sites found</h2>")
80 end
```



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Malware sites detected

www.kasterborous.com : MALWARE

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User [nlogin](#) Interface

[sample_malware_sites.pcap](#)

[Upgrade to Professional version](#)

Star 1,515

🕒 18:25:08 +0000 | Uptime: 3 min, 22 sec

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Adding Hosts Information

http://127.0.0.1:3000/lua/myscripts/safe_browsing_full.lua

```
76  = for _, match in pairs(response.matches) do
77      print(match.threat.url .. " : " .. match.threatType)
78
79      -- Who has contacted that malware?
80  = for _, flow in pairs(flows.flows) do
81  =     if (flow.host_server_name == match.threat.url) then
82          local host = interface.getHostInfo(flow["cli.ip"])
83
84  =         if host ~= nil then
85             -- Check if the administrator has configured a custom host
86             local name = getHostAltName(host.ip)
87
88  =             if isEmptyString(name) then
89                 -- Otherwise just use its name
90                 name = host.name
91             end
92
93  =             print(" contacted by " .. host.name .. " (" ..
94                 discover.devtype2string(host.devtype) .. ")")
95         end
96     end
97 end
98
99 print("\n")
100 end
```



Final Result

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JSON request

```
{ "threatInfo": { "threatTypes":  
  ["MALWARE", "SOCIAL_ENGINEERING", "POTENTIALLY_HARMFUL_APPLICATION", "UNWANTED_SOFTWARE"], "threatEntryTypes":  
  ["URL"], "platformTypes": ["WINDOWS"], "threatEntries":  
  [{"url": "www.kasterborous.com"}] } }
```

JSON response

```
{  
  "matches": [  
    {  
      "threatType": "MALWARE",  
      "platformType": "WINDOWS",  
      "threat": {  
        "url": "www.kasterborous.com"  
      }  
    }  
  ]  
}
```

Malware sites detected

www.kasterborous.com : MALWARE contacted by DEKSTOP-ULJ721



Thank you for your attention

Happy Scripting

<https://github.com/ntop/ntopng>

