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Examining Ursnif Infections

Ursnif malware, also known as Gozi/ IFSB, is one of the most widely spread banking Trojan malware. That is effectively delivered through malicious spam campaigns. This spam attachment is a Microsoft office document that instructs the user to enable macro. The Ursnif family of malware has been active for years, and current samples generate distinct traffic patterns.

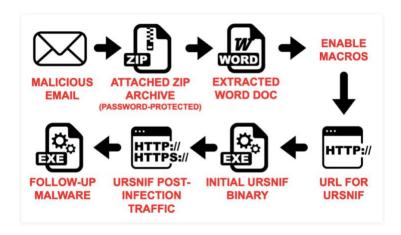
This report shows reviews of packet captures (pcaps) of infection Ursnif traffic using Wireshark. Understanding these traffic patterns can be critical for security professionals when detecting and investigating Ursnif infections.

This report covers the following:

- ⇒ Ursnif distribution methods
- ⇒ Categories of Ursnif traffic
- ⇒ Five examples of pcaps from Ursnif infections

After executing the instructions of the tutorial in this link, https://unit42.paloaltonetworks.com/wireshark-tutorial-examining-ursnif-infections/, the following sections shows the steps and screenshots.

Ursnif Distribution Methods

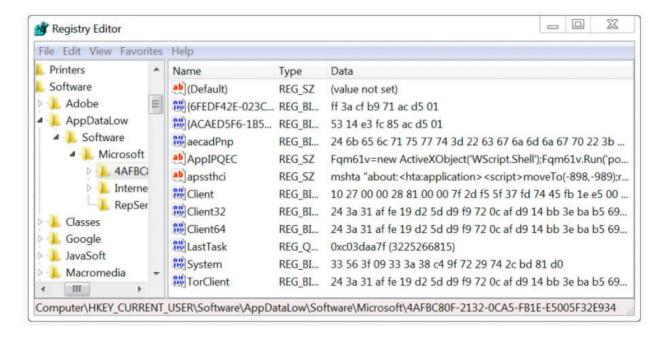


Categories of Ursnif Traffic

This report covers two categories of Ursnif infection traffic:

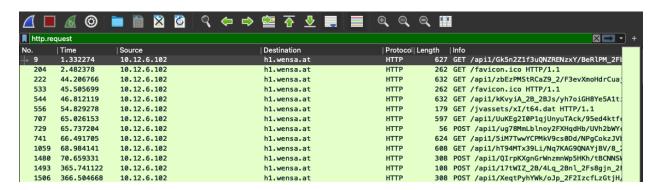
- Ursnif without HTTPS post-infection traffic
- Ursnif with HTTPS post-infection traffic

Malware samples from either of these categories create the same type of artifacts **on an infected Windows host.** For example, both types of Ursnif remain persistent on a Windows host by updating the Windows registry, such as the example shown in Figure 2.



Example 1: Ursnif without HTTPS

Open the pcap in Wireshark and filter on http.request.



In this example, the Ursnif-infected host generates post-infection traffic to 8.208.24 [.] 139 (Destination) using various domain names ending with .at.

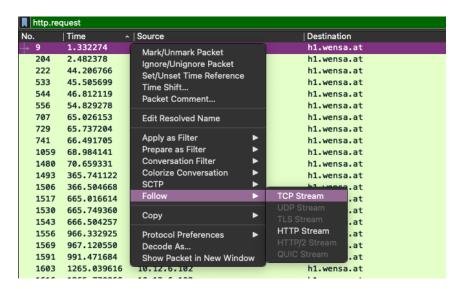
This category of Ursnif causes the following **traffic**:

- HTTP GET requests caused by the initial Ursnif binary
- HTTP GET request for follow-up data, with the URL ending in .dat
- HTTP GET and POST requests after Ursnif is persistent in the Windows registry

The following **HTTP data** is used during the traffic in our first example:

- Domain for initial GET requests: w8.wensa[.]at
- Request for follow-up data: hxxp://api2.casys[.]at/jvassets/xI/t64.dat
- Domain for GET and POST requests after Ursnif is persistent: h1.wensa[.]at

Follow the TCP stream for the very first HTTP GET request at 20:13:09 UTC.



The TCP stream window shows the full URL. Note how the GET request starts with /apil/ and is followed by a long string of alpha-numeric characters with backslashes and underscores.

```
GET /api1/Gk5n2Z1f3uQNZRENzxY/BeRlPM_2FbyOTq4aK_2FIp/Dcf3zrOuZ613w/_2Fhq1Z5/yoxosmdDTxp9Df8gT15FbeP/OsS35tjtdS/pG4Ea0Dugz9Ebe3MH/y5mC9bRgxZqo/fwI3ZuQUVgj/JTT_ZBCNRVL47G/Sn4OiLXUssnrQlch1AIfy/fVs5UZordH_ZF4JX/VHN3v9rJEXrQciq/FioGSOAvDEVWsPDBsW/hdabxOoBP/aFTak3JuZQkyahGQ2Dm6/G6fFPHEke56BRc_0A_0/D1H57FB2I6Y_2FZRwi1G8N/C4nUcv3 HTTP/1.1
Accept: text/html, application/xhtml+xml, */*
Host: w8.wensa.at
Accept—Language: en—US
User—Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 6.1; WOW64; Trident/7.0; rv:11.0) like Gecko
Accept—Encoding: gzip, deflate
DNT: 1
Connection: Keep—Alive
```

We can find the same pattern from Ursnif activity caused by a Hancitor infection on December 10,2019.

```
GET /webstore/MXLiOmC@u5dhdKr/NLpVmz4BdejgpgL_2B/G3uY2n_2F/XQTJJZwL018NDf7hACPi/dQzBldXdJHGynu0_2Fn/ldzAKv61Rh10dE42cvhZqM/K2m089aA6_2Bw/eiry019n/rA6D4FF_2BPwIUVPU2l3oKO/No89rIVydY/CAvSD1ufu_2B9H8dv/V5IxTliZ4_2B/B9qyf0ul58F/M0e5AERHuRGk4z/JHc89nqzYd0EoJAOtU5wf/
2ctWwmqtpgC9WAUA/HXFbWoC9_2FXKQF/SQEUz_0A_0D_2BhRDC/WCEVMYhO/uassyZGs1/rx_2Fl HTTP/1.1
Accept: text/html, application/xhtml+xml, */*
Host: foo.fulldin.at
Accept—Language: en—US
User—Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 6.1; WOW64; Trident/7.0; rv:11.0) like Gecko
Accept—Encoding: gzip, deflate
DNT: 1
Connection: Keep—Alive
```

Mixed with the other malware activity, on December 10th example contains the following indicators for Ursnif:

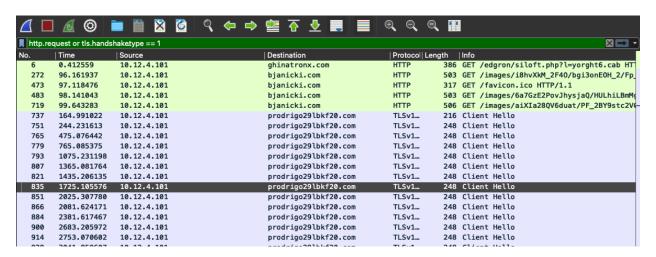
- Domain for initial GET requests: foo.fulldin[.]at
- Request for follow-up data: hxxp://one.ahah100[.]at/jvassets/o1/s64.dat
- Domain for GET and POST requests after Ursnif is persistent: api.ahah100[.]at

Note how patterns from Ursnif traffic in the December 10th example are similar to the patterns we find in example 1. These patterns are commonly seen from Ursnif samples that do not use HTTPS traffic.

Example 2: Ursnif with HTTPS

Like our first pcap, this one has also been stripped of any traffic not related to the Ursnif infection.

Open the pcap in Wireshark and filter on *http.request or ssl.handshake.type* == 1. For Wireshark 3.0 or newer, filter on *http.request or tls.handshake.type* == 1 for the correct results.



This example has the following sequence of events:

- HTTP GET request that returns an initial Ursnif binary
- HTTP GET requests caused by the initial Ursnif binary
- HTTPS traffic after Ursnif is persistent in the Windows registry

Follow the TCP stream for the first HTTP GET request to ghinatronx[.]com.

```
GET /edgron/siloft.php?l=yorght6.cab HTTP/1.1
Accept: */*
Accept: */*
Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate
User-Agent: Mozilla/4.0 (compatible; MSIE 7.0; Windows NT 6.1; WOW64; Trident/7.0; SLCC2; .NET CLR 2.0.50727; .NET CLR 3.5.30729; .NET CLR 3.0.30729; Media Center PC 6.0; .NET4.0C; .NET4.0E)
Host: ghinatronx.com
Connection: Keep-Alive
```

```
MZ.....@....!.L.!This program cannot be run in DOS mode.

$..... lA_M
/.M
/.M
/.S_..W
/.S_..\
/.S_...
/.Du..L
/.Du..L
```

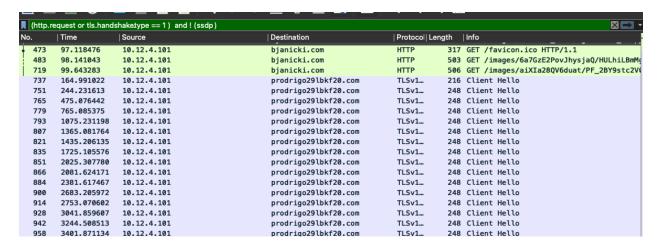
This TCP stream reveals a Windows executable or DLL file. As shown, MZ are two bytes of Windows EXE or DLL represented in ASCII format.

The next four HTTP requests to <code>bjanicki[.]com</code> were caused by the Ursnif binary. Follow the TCP stream for the first HTTP GET request to <code>bjanicki[.]com</code> at 18:46:21 UTC.

```
GET /images/i8hvXkM_2F40/bgi3onEOH_2/Fp_2FNWip7iwXT/I9ec6aw1_2BGhXbPixQHw/P7LK5Q_2Ft0TxcvC/wFLVNn_2By_2Fb2/WPHYci0rdY2dogSODh/YnkcDRKqk/sQG3_2BH_2FAoIu482kg/4rkH7uEXf_2FnP0QxkH/sP_2BvAuw9PjX/ugTn.avi HTTP/1.1
Accept: text/html, application/xhtml+xml, */*
Accept-Language: en-US
User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 6.1; WOW64; Trident/7.0; rv:11.0) like Gecko
Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate
Host: bjanicki.com
DNT: 1
Connection: Keep-Alive
```

This TCP stream shows the full URL. Note how the GET request starts with <code>/images/</code> and is followed by a long string of alpha-numeric characters with backslashes and underscores before ending with <code>.avi</code>. This URL pattern is somewhat similar to Ursnif traffic from our first example. Unlike our first example, Ursnif in this second pcap generates <code>HTTPS</code> traffic after it becomes persistent on an infected Windows host.

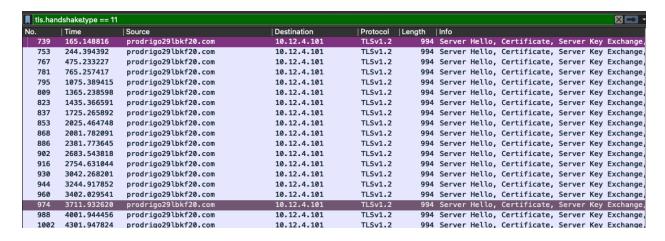
Use your *basic* web filter for a quick review of the HTTPS traffic. Note the HTTPS traffic to prodrigo29lbkf20[.]com.



As shown, these are the http traffic caused by Ursnif.

HTTPS traffic generated by this Ursnif variant reveals distinct characteristics in certificates used to establish encrypted communications.

To get a closer look, filter on **ssl.handshake.type** == **11** (or **tls.handshake.type** == **11** in Wireshark 3.0 or newer).



Select the first frame in the results and go to the frame details window. There we can expand lines and work our way to the certificate issuer data.

```
tls.handshake.type == 11
739 165.148816 prodrigo29lbkf20.com
No.
                                                       Destination
                                                                          |Protocol | Length | Info
                                                                                        994 Server Hello, Certificate,
                                                        10.12.4.101
                                                                           TLSv1.2
                                                        10.12.4.101
                                                                           TLSv1.2
                                                                                         994 Server Hello, Certificate,
  767 475.233227
                      prodrigo29lbkf20.com
                                                        10.12.4.101
                                                                           TLSv1.2
                                                                                         994 Server Hello, Certificate, S
        765.257417
                      prodrigo29lbkf20.com
                                                        10.12.4.101
                                                                           TLSv1.2
   781
                                                                                         994 Server Hello, Certificate, S
 > Frame 739: 994 bytes on wire (7952 bits), 994 bytes captured (7952 bits)
 > Ethernet II, Src: Netgear_b6:93:f1 (20:e5:2a:b6:93:f1), Dst: HewlettP_1c:47:ae (00:08:02:1c:47:ae)
 > Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: prodrigo29lbkf20.com (194.61.1.178), Dst: 10.12.4.101 (10.12.4.101)
 > Transmission Control Protocol, Src Port: https (443), Dst Port: 49169 (49169), Seq: 1, Ack: 163, Len: 940
 Transport Layer Security
   > TLSv1.2 Record Layer: Handshake Protocol: Server Hello
   ∨ TLSv1.2 Record Layer: Handshake Protocol: Certificate
       Content Type: Handshake (22)
       Version: TLS 1.2 (0x0303)
       Length: 622
      Handshake Protocol: Certificate
          Handshake Type: Certificate (11)
          Length: 618
          Certificates Length: 615
        > Certificates (615 bytes)
   > TLSv1.2 Record Layer: Handshake Protocol: Server Key Exchange
   > TLSv1.2 Record Layer: Handshake Protocol: Server Hello Done
```

As shown, we expand the line for *nsport Layer Security*in the frame details window. Then we expand the line labeled *TLSv1.2 Record Layer: Handshake Protocol: Certificate*. Then we expand the line labeled *Handshake Protocol: Certificate*. We keep expanding, until we find our way to the certificate issuer data as shown:

Individual items under the *rdnSequence* line show properties of the certificate issuer. These reveal the following characteristics:

- countryName=XX
- stateOrProvinceName=1
- localityName=1
- organizationName=1
- organizationalUnitName=1
- commonName=*

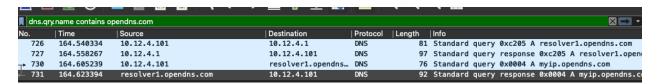
This issuer data is not valid, and these patterns are commonly seen in Ursnif infections.

But what does legitimate certificate data look like? Below is a valid data from a certificate issued by DigiCert.

- countryName=US
- organizationName=DigiCert Inc
- commonName= DifiCert SHA2 Secure Server CA

One last thing about Ursnif is the IP address check by an Ursnif-infected host. This happens over DNS using a resolver at opendns [.] com. Like other IP address identifiers, this is a legitimate service. However, these services are commonly used by malware.

To see this IP address check, filter on **dns.qry.name contains opendns.com** and review the results.



```
Domain Name System (response)
    Transaction ID: 0x0004

> Flags: 0x8180 Standard query response, No error
    Questions: 1
    Answer RRs: 1
    Authority RRs: 0
    Additional RRs: 0

> Queries

> Answers

> myip.opendns.com: type A, class IN, addr 173.66.46.112
    [Request In: 730]
    [Time: 0.018155000 seconds]
```

This is the IP address of the infected Windows host.

As shown in the Figure:

- ⇒ The Window host generated a dns query for resolver1.opendns[.]com
- ⇒ This is followed by a DNS query to 208.67.222[.]222 for myip.opendns[.]com.
- ⇒ The DNS query to myip.opendns[.]com returned the public IP address of the infected Windows host.

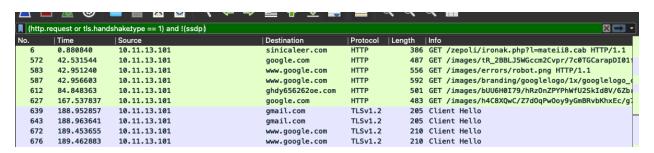
Example 3: Ursnif with Follow-up Malware

This pcap also has unrelated activity stripped from the traffic, but it builds on our last example. Our third pcap includes what appears to be decoy traffic, and it also includes an HTTP GET request for follow-up malware.

The sequence of events is:

- HTTP GET request that returns an initial Ursnif binary
- HTTP GET requests caused by the initial Ursnif binary, including decoy URLs
- HTTPS traffic after Ursnif is persistent in the Windows registry
- HTTP GET request for follow-up malware

Use your basic web filter for a quick review of the web-based traffic.



In Figure, the initial HTTP request to sinicaleer[.]com returned a Windows executable for Ursnif. The remaining traffic was caused by the Ursnif executable until it became persistent.

- ⇒ Three HTTP requests to <code>google[.]com</code> follow similar URL patterns as Ursnif traffic to an actual malicious domain of <code>ghdy6562620e[.]com</code>.
- ⇒ These HTTP GET requests to <code>google[.]com</code> appear to be decoy traffic, because they do not assist the infection.
- ⇒ HTTPS traffic over TCP port 443 to gmail[.]com and www.google[.]com also serves no direct purpose for the infection, and that activity could also be classified as decoy traffic.

The Figure shows an example of the decoy HTTP GET requests to <code>google[.]com</code>:

```
GET /images/tR_2BBLJ5WGccm2Cvpr/7c0TGCarapDI01fwF90LUt/zBeIa00d1csb6/mKuc06Xs/0rQo1mpBwMzMhGYaWP5cGba/6cKKPu7M4k/upkGRgHtjyo_2FnIA/
YtgX2e1eVWz4/_2FIsETqwUK/i_2BnMfk/Yg85BsECNX/NAhr9.avi HTTP/1.1
Accept: text/html, application/xhtml+xml, */*
Accept-Language: en-US
User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 6.1; WOW64; Trident/7.0; rv:11.0) like Gecko
Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate
Host: google.com
DNT: 1
Connection: Keep-Alive
```

Note the HTTP traffic to ghdy6562620e[.]com.

The first two GET requests to ghdy6562620e [.] com return a 404 Not Found response as shown:

```
HTTP/1.0 404 Not Found
Date: Wed, 13 Nov 2019 14:37:37 GMT
Server: Apache/2.4.6 (CentOS) PHP/5.4.16
X-Powered-By: PHP/5.4.16
Set-Cookie: PHPSESSID=l7cer7uotsdfksqkr27mdvu2k3; path=/; domain=.ghdy656262oe.com
Expires: Thu, 19 Nov 1981 08:52:00 GMT
Cache-Control: no-store, no-cache, must-revalidate, post-check=0, pre-check=0
Pragma: no-cache
Set-Cookie: lang=en; expires=Fri, 13-Dec-2019 14:37:37 GMT; path=/; domain=.ghdy656262oe.com
Content-Length: 0
Connection: close
Content-Type: text/html; charset=UTF-8
```

The third HTTP GET request returns a **200 OK** response, and the infection continues as shown:

```
HTTP/1.1 200 0K
Date: Wed, 13 Nov 2019 14:41:50 GMT
Server: Apache/2.4.6 (CentOS) PHP/5.4.16
X-Powered-By: PHP/5.4.16
Set-Cookie: PHPSESSID=f0hg6i0oqe50v6e0q31e7f9bu4; path=/; domain=.ghdy656262oe.com
Expires: Thu, 19 Nov 1981 08:52:00 GMT
Cache-Control: no-store, no-cache, must-revalidate, post-check=0, pre-check=0
Pragma: no-cache
Keep-Alive: timeout=5, max=100
Connection: Keep-Alive
Transfer-Encoding: chunked
Content-Type: text/html; charset=UTF-8
```

Since the first HTTP GET request to <code>ghdy656262oe[.]com</code> was not a 200 OK, the infected Windows host cycled through other malicious domains to continue the infection. These two domains are <code>tnzf3380au[.]top</code> and <code>xijamaalj[.]com</code>.

However, the DNS queries for these domains returned a "No such name" in response, so the infected Windows host went back to trying <code>ghdy6562620e[.]com</code>.

Use the following Wireshark filter to better see this sequence of events: ((http.request or http.response) and ip.addr eq 194.1.236.191) or dns.qry.name contains tnzf3380au or dns.qry.name contains xijamaalj

((htt	p.request or http.re	sponse) and ip.addr eq 194.1.23	6.191) or dns.qry.name contains tnzf3	380au or di	ns.qry.name	contains xijamaalj
No.	Time	Source	Destination	Protocol	Length	Info
612	84.848363	10.11.13.101	ghdy656262oe.com	HTTP	501	GET /images/bUU6H0I79/hRzOnZPYPhWfU2SkId8V/6Zbr_
614	85.149236	ghdy656262oe.com	10.11.13.101	HTTP	578	HTTP/1.0 404 Not Found
618	106.409326	10.11.13.101	10.11.13.1	DNS	74	Standard query 0x2f94 A tnzf3380au.top
619	106.604433	10.11.13.1	10.11.13.101	DNS	144	Standard query response 0x2f94 No such name A tn
620	136.907407	10.11.13.101	10.11.13.1	DNS	73	Standard query 0x7871 A xijamaalj.com
621	137.087900	10.11.13.1	10.11.13.101	DNS	146	Standard query response 0x7871 No such name A xi
→ 72 3	211.209492	10.11.13.101	ghdy656262oe.com	HTTP	507	GET /images/CodzxTtiCg4nrPiJ51ry/uxx1fhPtfuqXbTk
→ 725	211.515593	ghdy656262oe.com	10.11.13.101	HTTP	484	HTTP/1.0 404 Not Found
783	338.290772	10.11.13.101	ghdy656262oe.com	HTTP	516	GET /images/qMY4GHlb/4hvJbIBd5m3ZUaqnXz4nNWS/kWc
106	5 339.552040	ghdy656262oe.com	10.11.13.101	HTTP	1245	HTTP/1.1 200 OK (text/html)
106	7 339.574903	10.11.13.101	ghdy656262oe.com	HTTP	321	GET /favicon.ico HTTP/1.1
107	4 339.884669	ghdy656262oe.com	10.11.13.101	HTTP	225	HTTP/1.1 200 OK (image/vnd.microsoft.icon)
107	9 341.870548	10.11.13.101	ghdy656262oe.com	HTTP	504	GET /images/i3i00QaV0382xXNupBTPME/vSCSw5eRjs2Wh
144	0 343.573363	ghdy656262oe.com	10.11.13.101	HTTP	1055	HTTP/1.1 200 OK (text/html)
144	2 344.635499	10.11.13.101	ghdy656262oe.com	HTTP	519	GET /images/fbF27qOoXF/9Nlp42ISAcE_2BLWS/nbzeBPN
144	8 344.792610	10.11.13.101	ghdy656262oe.com	HTTP	519	GET /images/fbF27qOoXF/9Nlp42ISAcE_2BLWS/nbzeBPN
145	2 345.036504	ghdy656262oe.com	10.11.13.101	HTTP	147	HTTP/1.1 200 OK (text/html)

To review the rest of the infection, use your *basic* web filter and scroll to the end of the results. The Figure shows the post-infection traffic after Ursnif becomes **persistent**:

1468	410.491568	10.11.13.101	google.com	TLSv1.2	206 Client Hello
1489	410.845632	10.11.13.101	gmail.com	TLSv1.2	205 Client Hello
1510	458.093907	10.11.13.101	vnt69tnjacynthe.c	TLSv1.2	215 Client Hello
1525	459.732083	10.11.13.101	vnt69tnjacynthe.c	TLSv1.2	247 Client Hello
1544	461.494749	10.11.13.101	vnt69tnjacynthe.c	TLSv1.2	247 Client Hello
1563	463.123988	10.11.13.101	vnt69tnjacynthe.c	TLSv1.2	247 Client Hello
1597	711.121036	10.11.13.101	vnt69tnjacynthe.c	TLSv1.2	247 Client Hello
1614	712.845799	10.11.13.101	carresqautomotive	HTTP :	236 GET /jjwekr.rar HTTP/1.1

After five HTTP GET requests to ghdy6562620e[.]com, we find traffic generated by the infected Windows host after Ursnif becomes persistent. This includes HTTPS traffic to google[.]com and gmail[.]com.

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783	338.290772	10.11.13.101	ghdy656262oe.com	HTTP	516 GET /images/qMY4GHlb/4hvJbIBd5m3
1067	339.574903	10.11.13.101	ghdy656262oe.com	HTTP	321 GET /favicon.ico HTTP/1.1
1079	341.870548	10.11.13.101	ghdy656262oe.com	HTTP	504 GET /images/i3i00QaV0382xXNupBTP
1442	344.635499	10.11.13.101	ghdy656262oe.com	HTTP	519 GET /images/fbF27q0oXF/9Nlp42ISA
1448	344.792610	10.11.13.101	ghdy656262oe.com	HTTP	519 GET /images/fbF27qOoXF/9Nlp42ISA
1468	410.491568	10.11.13.101	google.com	TLSv1.2	206 Client Hello
1489	410.845632	10.11.13.101	gmail.com	TLSv1.2	205 Client Hello
1510	458.093907	10.11.13.101	vnt69tnjacynthe.c	TLSv1.2	215 Client Hello
1525	459.732083	10.11.13.101	vnt69tnjacynthe.c	TLSv1.2	247 Client Hello
1544	461.494749	10.11.13.101	vnt69tnjacynthe.c	TLSv1.2	247 Client Hello
1563	463.123988	10.11.13.101	vnt69tnjacynthe.c	TLSv1.2	247 Client Hello
1597	711.121036	10.11.13.101	vnt69tnjacynthe.c	TLSv1.2	247 Client Hello
1614	712.845799	10.11.13.101	carresqautomotive	HTTP	236 GET /jjwekr.rar HTTP/1.1

Traffic to vnt69tnjacynthe[.]com should have the same type of certificate issuer data we witnessed in our second pcap.

But this traffic includes an HTTP GET request to <code>carresqautomotive[.]com</code> ending with <code>.rar</code>. This URL ending in <code>.rar</code> returned follow-up malware. However, this follow-up malware is encoded or otherwise encrypted when sent over the network. The binary decoded on the infected Windows host, which is not seen in the infection traffic.

Follow the TCP stream for the HTTP GET request to carresquatomotive[.]com.

```
GET /jjwekr.rar HTTP/1.1
User-Agent: Mozilla/4.0 (compatible; MSIE 8.0; Windows NT 6.1; Win64; x64)
Host: carresqautomotive.com
Connection: Keep-Alive
Cache-Control: no-cache

HTTP/1.1 200 OK
Date: Wed, 13 Nov 2019 14:48:05 GMT
Server: Apache
Last-Modified: Wed, 13 Nov 2019 12:17:18 GMT
Accept-Ranges: bytes
Content-Length: 196679
Content-Type: application/x-rar-compressed
```

It shows that it is compressed, but the binary is encoded or encrypted data and not a rar archive, as shown below:

This data is encrypted, so we cannot export a copy of the follow-up malware from the pcap. Therefore, we must **rely on other post-infection traffic** to determine what type of malware was sent to the Ursnif-infected host. We have seen various types of follow-up malware from Ursnif infections, including <u>Dridex</u>, <u>IcedID</u>, <u>Nymain</u>, <u>Pushdo</u>, and <u>Trickbot</u>. Our next example is an Ursnif infection with Dridex as the follow-up malware.

Example 4: Ursnif Infection with Dridex

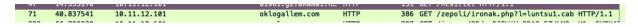
Unlike our first three examples, this pcap example does not have unrelated activity stripped from the traffic. Use your *basic* web filter to get a better idea of the traffic.



This pcap has the same sequence of events as our previous example, but **it adds post-infection activity** from the follow-up malware:

- HTTP GET request that returns an initial Ursnif binary
- HTTP GET requests caused by the initial Ursnif binary, including decoy URLs
- HTTPS traffic after Ursnif is persistent in the Windows registry
- HTTP GET request for follow-up malware
- Post-infection activity from the follow-up malware

In this fourth example, the HTTP GET request for an initial Ursnif binary is to oklogallem[.]com.



Ursnif causes HTTP GET requests to kh27141db[.]com before the infection becomes persistent.

553	109.150569	10.11.12.101	kh2714ldb.com	HTTP	516 GET /images/58HuD8Vcxh0H06K/eUWS28C7Jfyw4oHXzL/
557	109.690919	10.11.12.101	kh2714ldb.com	HTTP	318 GET /favicon.ico HTTP/1.1

Ursnif causes HTTPS traffic to s9971kbjjessie[.]com, as the activity after Ursnif is persistent.

12/1	3341773303	101111111111	gillatercom	ILJVIIZ Z	.03	CLICITE HELLO
1299	406.395002	10.11.12.101	s9971kbjjessie.com	TLSv1.2 2	214 (Client Hello
1336	694.881808	10.11.12.101	s9971kbjjessie.com	TLSv1.2 2	246 (Client Hello
1468	994.883997	10.11.12.101	s9971kbjjessie.com	TLSv1.2 2	246 (Client Hello
1483	996.202643	10.11.12.101	s9971kbjjessie.com	TLSv1.2 2	246 (Client Hello

We then see an HTTP GET request to startuptshirt[.]my for the follow-up malware. And the post-infection traffic caused by the follow-up malware.

⊳ 1500	998.793496	10.11.12.101	startuptshirt.my	HTTP	261 GET /wp-content/uploads/2019/11/jjasndeqw.rar
1755	1003.587254	10.11.12.101	94.140.114.6	TLSv1.2	187 Client Hello
1779	1005.913527	10.11.12.101	94.140.114.6	TLSv1.2	219 Client Hello
2287	1009.772737	10.11.12.101	94.140.114.6	TLSv1.2	219 Client Hello
2312	1015.802697	10.11.12.101	94.140.114.6	TLSv1.2	219 Client Hello
2359	1267.232396	10.11.12.101	5.61.34.51	TLSv1	187 Client Hello
2388	1283.283478	10.11.12.101	5.61.34.51	TLSv1	181 Client Hello
2417	1287.505576	10.11.12.101	5.61.34.51	TLSv1	181 Client Hello
2436	1290.849854	10.11.12.101	5.61.34.51	TLSv1	181 Client Hello

Our fourth example follows the same infection patterns as our third pcap, but now we also have HTTPS/SSL/TLS traffic to 94.140.114[.]6 and 5.61.34[.]51 without any associated domain name. This is **Dridex post-infection traffic**. Certificate issuer data for **Dridex** is different than certificate issuer data for **Ursnif**.

Use the following filter to review the **Dridex certificate data** in our fourth pcap: *(ip.addr eq 94.140.114.6 or ip.addr eq 5.61.34.51) and tls.handshake.type eq 11*



Select the first frame in the results, go to the frame details window, and expand the certificate-related lines.

```
v issuer: rdnSequence (0)

v rdnSequence: 5 items (id-at-commonName=ndltman-dsamutb.spiegel,id-at-organizationalUnitName=Olfo Du

RDNSequence item: 1 item (id-at-countryName=NP)

RDNSequence item: 1 item (id-at-localityName=Kathmandu)

RDNSequence item: 1 item (id-at-organizationName=Buvecoww Fftaites 0.V.E.E.)

RDNSequence item: 1 item (id-at-organizationalUnitName=Olfo Dusar Latha)

RDNSequence item: 1 item (id-at-commonName=ndltman-dsamutb.spiegel)
```

Under the *rdnSequence* line, we find properties of the certificate issuer.

Certificate issuer characteristics for HTTPS/SSL/TLS traffic at 94.140.114 [.] 6 follows:

- countryName=NP
- localityName=Kathmandu
- organizationName=Buvecoww Fftaites O.V.E.E.
- organizationalUnitName=Olfo Dusar Latha
- commonName=ndltman-dsamutb.spiegel

Certificate issuer data is different for 5.61.34[.]51:

```
v issuer: rdnSequence (0)

v rdnSequence: 5 items (id-at-commonName=plledsaprell.Byargt9wailen.voting,id-at-organizationalUnitName=i

> RDNSequence item: 1 item (id-at-countryName=MU)

> RDNSequence item: 1 item (id-at-localityName=Port Louis)

> RDNSequence item: 1 item (id-at-organizationName=Poffi Sourinop Cooperative)

> RDNSequence item: 1 item (id-at-organizationalUnitName=ipeepstha and thicioi)

> RDNSequence item: 1 item (id-at-commonName=plledsaprell.Byargt9wailen.voting)
```

But it follows a similar style:

- countryName=MU
- localityName=Port Louis
- organizationName=Ppoffi Sourinop Cooperative
- organizationalUnitName=ipeepstha and thicioi
- commonName=plledsaprell.Byargt9wailen.voting

This type of issuer data is commonly seen for **Dridex post-infection traffic**. In our next example, we can further practice reviewing certificate issuer data for **Dridex**.

Example 5: Evaluation

Like our previous example, this pcap example has an **Ursnif infection followed by Dridex**, so we can practice the skills described so far in this tutorial.

Based on what we have learned so far, open the fifth pcap in Wireshark, and answer the following questions:

For the initial Ursnif binary, which URL returned a Windows executable file?

⇒ The only Windows executable file in this pcap is the initial Windows executable file for Ursnif. We can use the following Wireshark search filter to quickly find this executable: *ip contains "This program"*



This filter should provide only one frame in the results. Follow the TCP stream for this frame.

⇒ This is the URL info for this HTTP request

```
GET /obedle/zarref.php?l=sopopf8.cab HTTP/1.1
Host: ritalislum.com
Connection: Keep-Alive
```

⇒ This is an indicate that the URL returned a Windows executable file.

⇒ So, the URL is hxxp://**ritalislum[.]com**/obedle/zarref.php?l=sopopf8.cab

After the initial Ursnif binary was sent, the infected Windows host contacted different domains for the HTTP GET requests. Which domain was the traffic successful and allowed the infection to proceed?

By using the *basic* web filter for an overview of the web traffic to find HTTP requests caused by this variant of Ursnif that start with GET /images/ the result as follow:

The first HTTP request to k55gaisi[.]com returns a 404 Not Found as the response.

Also, the next HTTP GET request for an Ursnif-style URL is to bon11ljgarry[.]com and other request to leinwqoa[.]com, both reveals a redirect to a URL at www.searcherror[.]com.

But all the other requests for k55gaisi[.] com as shown below returns 200 ok.

			•				
	(http.re	quest or tls.hand	Ishaketype == 1) and !(ssdp)				
No).	Time	Source	Destination	Protocol	Length	Info
	3253	349.283246	10.11.21.101	www.google.c	TLSv1	210	Client Hello
	3255	349.283763	10.11.21.101	www.google.c	TLSv1	210	Client Hello
	3317	378.810482	10.11.21.101	cs9.wpc.v0cd	TLSv1	218	Client Hello
	3318	378.810583	10.11.21.101	cs9.wpc.v0cd	TLSv1	218	Client Hello
-	3401	391.789065	10.11.21.101	k55gaisi.com	HTTP	517	GET /images/We26kfzMbrKgMuVj7zer/DchzzyrBal
+	3681	393.366546	10.11.21.101	k55gaisi.com	HTTP	317	GET /favicon.ico HTTP/1.1
1	3693	394.552758	10.11.21.101	k55gaisi.com	HTTP	516	GET /images/dDLX6lmidgTeKCTVKI/UoQGzWDBJ/NI
İ	4053	396.978706	10.11.21.101	k55gaisi.com	HTTP	505	GET /images/KTzhfa0qX_2F0P9lbo/Hmw5XXIMC/t_

⇒ the domain is k55gaisi[.]com. So, from this point, the Ursnif infection proceeds, and we find no further Ursnif-style HTTP requests that start with GET /images/.

What domain was used in HTTPS traffic **after Ursnif became persistent** on the infected Windows host?

When Ursnif is persistent, we no longer see Ursnif-style HTTP requests starting with GET /images/. Instead, we find Ursnif-related HTTPS traffic. Shortly after the final Ursnif-style HTTP GET request, HTTPS traffic to n9maryjanef[.]com begins as highlighted in the Figure.

					,,
4053	396.978706	10.11.21.101	k55gaisi.com	НТТР	505 GET /images/KTzhfaOqX_2FOP9lbo/Hmw5XXIMC/t_2B0DvhVp3JL0UV.
4078	420.537733	10.11.21.101	cs9.wpc.v0cd	TLSv1	218 Client Hello
4080	420.537847	10.11.21.101	cs9.wpc.v0cd	TLSv1	218 Client Hello
4169	461.258839	10.11.21.101	gmail.com	TLSv1	205 Client Hello
4190	461.644308	10.11.21.101	google.com	TLSv1	206 Client Hello
4218	472.514251	10.11.21.101	n9maryjanef	TLSv1	211 Client Hello
4232	473.135660	10.11.21.101	cs11.wpc.v0c	HTTP	355 GET /msdownload/update/v3/static/trustedr/en/authrootstl
4330	761.805751	10.11.21.101	n9maryjanef	TLSv1	243 Client Hello
4365	1061.864327	10.11.21.101	n9maryjanef	TLSv1	243 Client Hello
4380	1063.649246	10.11.21.101	n9maryjanef	TLSv1	243 Client Hello
4397	1065.445678	10.11.21.101	testedsoluti	HTTP	269 GET /wp-content/plugins/apikey/uaasdqweeeeqsd.rar HTTP/1

⇒ This is Ursnif traffic. The domain is n9maryjanef[.]com.

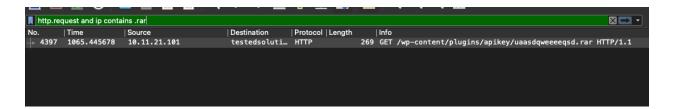
We can confirm this is Ursnif traffic by filtering on *ip.addr eq 185.118.165.109 and ssl.handshake.type* == 11.

```
p.addr eq 185.118.165.109 and ssl.handshaketype == 11
       | Time
                    Source
                                          Destination
                                                        |Protocol | Length
 4220 472.737350 n9maryjanef.com
                                          10.11.21.101 TLSv1... 994 Server Hello, Certificate, S
  4332 762.043011 n9maryjanef.com
                                           10.11.21.101 TLSv1... 994 Server Hello, Certificate, S
  4367 1062.214763 n9maryjanef.com
                                          10.11.21.101 TLSv1... 994 Server Hello, Certificate, S
                                          10.11.21.101 TLSv1...
10.11.21.101 TLSv1...
  4382 1063.925797 n9maryjanef.com
                                                                    994 Server Hello, Certificate, S
  5556 1363.816974 n9maryjanef.com
                                                                      994 Server Hello, Certificate, S
  5571 1375.703233 n9maryjanef.com
                                         10.11.21.101 TLSv1...
                                                                    994 Server Hello, Certificate, S
```

By reviewing the certificate issuer data, it looks the same as our second example.

What URL ending in .rar was **used to send follow-up malware** to the infected Windows host?

HTTP GET requests caused by Ursnif for follow-up malware end in .rar, so we can use the following filter to find this URL in our pcap: *http.request and ip contains .rar*



The results are as follow:

```
GET /wp-content/plugins/apikey/uaasdqweeeeqsd.rar HTTP/1.1
User-Agent: Mozilla/4.0 (compatible; MSIE 8.0; Windows NT 6.1; Win64; x64)
Host: testedsolutionbe.com
Connection: Keep-Alive
Cache-Control: no-cache
```

```
HTTP/1.1 301 Moved Permanently
Date: Thu, 21 Nov 2019 15:51:44 GMT
Transfer-Encoding: chunked
Connection: keep-alive
Cache-Control: max-age=3600
Expires: Thu, 21 Nov 2019 16:51:44 GMT
Location: https://testedsolutionbe.com/wp-content/plugins/apikey/uaasdqweeeeqsd.rar
Server: cloudflare
CF-RAY: 5393d3a4fbbd2645-DFW
```

As shown, the HTTP GET request in Figure 30 redirects to an HTTPS URL.

What IP addresses were used for the Dridex post-infection traffic?

One of these IP addresses is the same as Dridex in our fourth pcap, and it has the same certificate issuer data.

```
185.99.133.38 and 5.61.34.51
```

Dridex traffic to 185.99.133 [.] 38 has the same style of certificate issuer data as seen in example 4. Traffic to both IP addresses does not involve a domain name.

The Dridex post-infection traffic is easy to spot in this example if we look for any HTTPS/SSL/TLS traffic without a domain after the HTTP GET request ending in .rar as shown in the Figure below:

(http.r	equest or tls.hand	shaketype == 1) and ! (ssdp)			×
No.	Time	Source	Destination	Protocol Length	h Info
4232	4/3.133000	10.11.21.101	CSII.wpc.vec		333 GET /MSuownroad/update/v3/static/trustedr/en/authrootstt
4330	761.805751	10.11.21.101	n9maryjanef		243 Client Hello
4365	1061.864327	10.11.21.101	n9maryjanef		243 Client Hello
4380	1063.649246	10.11.21.101	n9maryjanef		243 Client Hello
→ 4397	1065.445678	10.11.21.101	testedsoluti		269 GET /wp-content/plugins/apikey/uaasdqweeeeqsd.rar HTTP/1
4404	1065.651923	10.11.21.101	testedsoluti		216 Client Hello
4735	1069.239420	10.11.21.101	185.99.133.38	TLSv1	187 Client Hello
4761	1072.612262	10.11.21.101	185.99.133.38	TLSv1	219 Client Hello
5418	1078.294136	10.11.21.101	185.99.133.38	TLSv1	219 Client Hello
5441	1084.914602	10.11.21.101	185.99.133.38	TLSv1	219 Client Hello
5482	1291.788515	10.11.21.101	5.61.34.51	TLSv1	187 Client Hello
5511	1312.129488	10.11.21.101	5.61.34.51	TLSv1	181 Client Hello
5532	1316.100405	10.11.21.101	5.61.34.51	TLSv1	181 Client Hello
5554	1363.583851	10.11.21.101	n9maryjanef	TLSv1	243 Client Hello
5569	1375.452868	10.11.21.101	n9maryjanef	TLSv1	243 Client Hello
5601	1662.820744	10.11.21.101	n9maryjanef	TLSv1	243 Client Hello
5616	1665.738158	10.11.21.101	n9maryjanef	TLSv1	243 Client Hello
5659	1965.680582	10.11.21.101	n9maryjanef	TLSv1	243 Client Hello
5682	2035.393452	10.11.21.101	gmail.com	TLSv1	237 Client Hello
5699	2038.013034	10.11.21.101	google.com	TLSv1	238 Client Hello
5715	2038.453729	10.11.21.101	n9maryjanef	TLSv1	243 Client Hello
5734	2044.608283	10.11.21.101	n9maryjanef	TLSv1	243 Client Hello
5771	2261.890170	10.11.21.101	n9maryjanef		243 Client Hello
5786	2265.786248	10.11.21.101	n9maryjanef		243 Client Hello
5808	2279.913605	10.11.21.101	n9maryjanef		243 Client Hello
5841	2566.211297	10.11.21.101	n9maryjanef		243 Client Hello
5056	2627 120202	10 11 21 101	E 61 34 E1	TI C. 1	101 Client Helle

After the request with the URL that ends with .rar, the upper part is traffic caused by Dridex, while the lower part is HTTPS traffic caused by Ursnif.

Conclusion & References

This tutorial provided tips for examining Windows infections with Ursnif malware.

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