# Assignment3 SEC-Lab

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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.

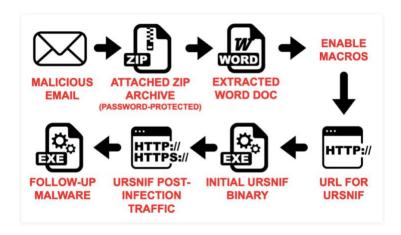
This report shows reviews of packet captures (pcaps) of infection Ursnif traffic using Wireshark. Understanding these traffic patterns can be critical for security professionals when detecting and investigating Ursnif infections.

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, <a href="https://unit42.paloaltonetworks.com/wireshark-tutorial-examining-ursnif-infections/">https://unit42.paloaltonetworks.com/wireshark-tutorial-examining-ursnif-infections/</a>, the following sections shows the steps and screenshots.

# **Ursnif Distribution Methods**

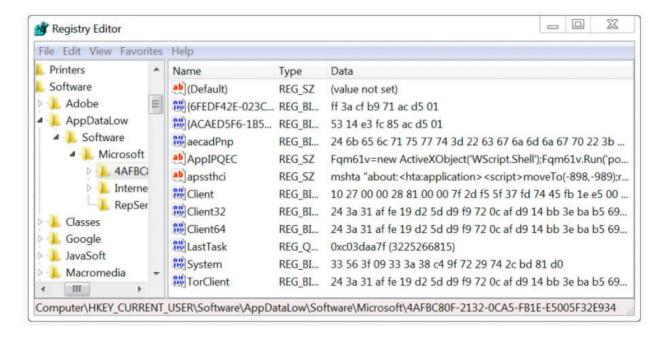


## **Categories of Ursnif Traffic**

This report covers two categories of Ursnif infection traffic:

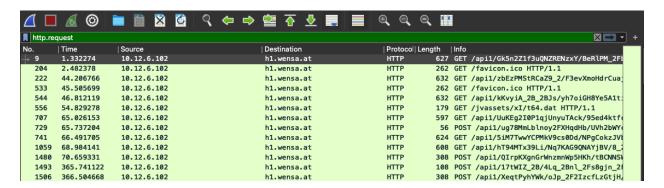
- Ursnif without HTTPS post-infection traffic
- Ursnif with HTTPS post-infection traffic

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.

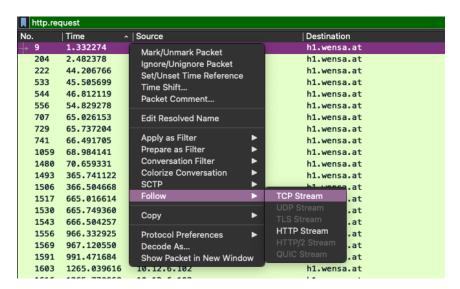
This category of Ursnif causes the following **traffic**:

- 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/XQTJJZwLO18NDf7hACPi/dQzBldXdJHGynuO_2Fn/ldzAKv61Rh10dE42cvhZqM/K2m@89aA6_2Bw/eiry@19n/rA6D4FF_2BPwIUVPU2l3oKO/No89rIVydY/CAvSD1ufu_2B9H8dv/V5IxTliZ4_2B/B9qyfOul58F/M@e5AERHuRGk4z/JHc89nqzYd@EoJAOtU5wf/
2ctWwmqtpgC9WAUA/HXFbWoC9_2FXKQF/SQEUz_@A_@D_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:

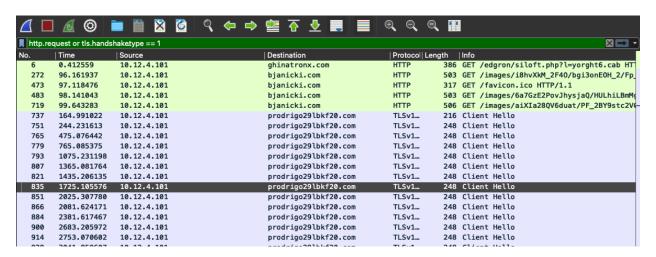
- Domain for initial GET requests: foo.fulldin.at
- Request for follow-up data: hxxp://one.ahah100.at/jvassets/o1/s64.dat
- Domain for GET and POST requests after Ursnif is persistent: api.ahah100.at

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
/.Du..L
```

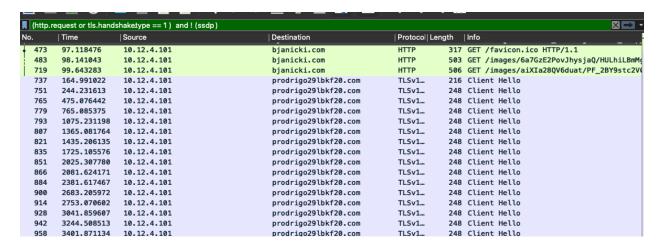
This TCP stream reveals a Windows executable or DLL file. As shown, MZ are two bytes of Windows EXE or DLL represented in ASCII format.

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

```
GET /images/i8hvXkM_2F40/bgi3onE0H_2/Fp_2FNWip7iwXT/I9ec6aw1_2BGhXbPixQHw/P7LK5Q_2Ft0TxcvC/wFLVNn_2By_2Fb2/WPHYci0rdY2dogSODh/YnkcDRKqk/sQ63_2BH_2FA0Iu48Zkg/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.

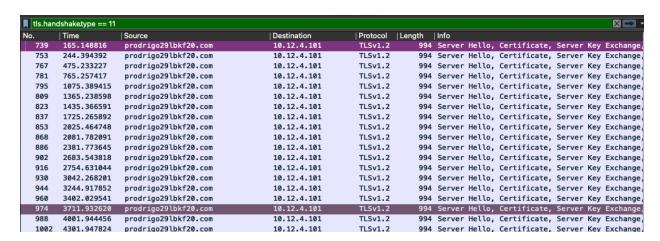
Use your *basic* web filter for a quick review of the HTTPS traffic. Note the HTTPS traffic to prodrigo29lbkf20.com.



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=\*

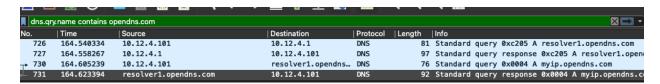
This issuer data is not valid, and these patterns are commonly seen in Ursnif infections.

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.

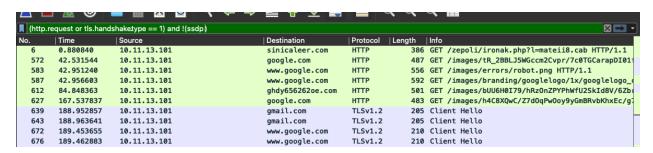
#### **Example 3: Ursnif with Follow-up Malware**

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>ghdy656262oe.com</code>.
- ⇒ These HTTP GET requests to google.com 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 google.com:

```
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>ghdy656262oe.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

|     | -<br>((http.r | equest or http.res | sponse) and ip.addr eq 194.1. | 236.191) or dns.qry.name contains tnzf3 | 3380au or d | ins.qry.name | contains xijamaalj  |
|-----|---------------|--------------------|-------------------------------|---|-------------|--------------|---|
| No. |               | Time               | Source                        | Destination                             | Protocol    | Length       | Info  |
|     | 612           | 84.848363          | 10.11.13.101                  | ghdy656262oe.com                        | HTTP        | 501          | <pre>GET /images/bUU6H0I79/hRzOnZPYPhWfU2SkId8V/6Zbr_</pre> |
|     | 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            |
| -   | 723           | 211.209492         | 10.11.13.101                  | ghdy656262oe.com                        | HTTP        | 507          | <pre>GET /images/CodzxTtiCg4nrPiJ51ry/uxx1fhPtfuqXbTk</pre> |
| 4   | 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            |
|     | 1065          | 339.552040         | ghdy656262oe.com              | 10.11.13.101                            | HTTP        | 1245         | HTTP/1.1 200 OK (text/html)                                 |
|     | 1067          | 339.574903         | 10.11.13.101                  | ghdy656262oe.com                        | HTTP        | 321          | GET /favicon.ico HTTP/1.1                                   |
|     | 1074          | 339.884669         | ghdy656262oe.com              | 10.11.13.101                            | HTTP        | 225          | HTTP/1.1 200 OK (image/vnd.microsoft.icon)                  |
|     | 1079          | 341.870548         | 10.11.13.101                  | ghdy656262oe.com                        | HTTP        | 504          | GET /images/i3i00QaV0382xXNupBTPME/vSCSw5eRjs2Wh            |
|     | 1440          | 343.573363         | ghdy656262oe.com              | 10.11.13.101                            | HTTP        | 1055         | HTTP/1.1 200 OK (text/html)                                 |
|     | 1442          | 344.635499         | 10.11.13.101                  | ghdy656262oe.com                        | HTTP        | 519          | GET /images/fbF27qOoXF/9Nlp42ISAcE_2BLWS/nbzeBPN            |
|     | 1448          | 344.792610         | 10.11.13.101                  | ghdy656262oe.com                        | HTTP        | 519          | GET /images/fbF27qOoXF/9Nlp42ISAcE_2BLWS/nbzeBPN            |
|     | 1452          | 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 <code>ghdy656262oe.com</code>, we find traffic generated by the infected Windows host after Ursnif becomes persistent. This includes HTTPS traffic to <code>google.com</code> and <code>gmail.com</code>.

|      |            |              | -                 |         |                                      |
|------|------------|--------------|-------------------|---------|--------------------------------------|
| 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.

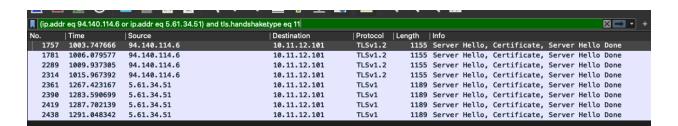
| - 1 | 14/1 | 3371773303 | 101111111111 | gmarticom          | 127712  | 200 | CCICIIC IICCCO |
|-----|------|------------|--------------|--------------------|---------|-----|----------------|
|     | 1299 | 406.395002 | 10.11.12.101 | s9971kbjjessie.com | TLSv1.2 | 214 | Client Hello   |
|     | 1336 | 694.881808 | 10.11.12.101 | s9971kbjjessie.com | TLSv1.2 | 246 | Client Hello   |
|     | 1468 | 994.883997 | 10.11.12.101 | s9971kbjjessie.com | TLSv1.2 | 246 | Client Hello   |
|     | 1483 | 996.202643 | 10.11.12.101 | s9971kbijessie.com | TLSv1.2 | 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.

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:

```
vissuer: rdnSequence (0)
v rdnSequence: 5 items (id-at-commonName=plledsaprell.Byargt9wailen.voting,id-at-organizationalUnitName=ip
> 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

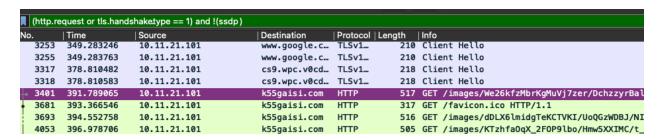
After the initial Ursnif binary was sent, the infected Windows host contacted different domains for the HTTP GET requests. Which domain was the traffic successful and allowed the infection to proceed?

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 bon111jgarry.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.



⇒ 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

      10.11.21.101
      TLSv1...
      994
      Server Hello, Certificate, S

      10.11.21.101
      TLSv1...
      994
      Server Hello, Certificate, S

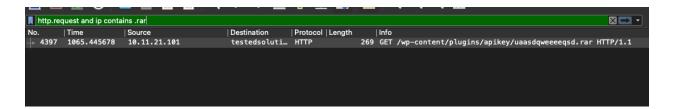
      10.11.21.101
      TLSv1...
      994
      Server Hello, Certificate, S

   4367 1062.214763 n9maryjanef.com
   4382 1063.925797 n9maryjanef.com
   5556 1363.816974 n9maryjanef.com
   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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