

Challenge: [HawkEye Lab](#)

Platform: CyberDefenders

Category: Network Forensics

Difficulty: Medium

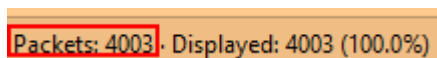
Tools Used: Wireshark, Zui, NetworkMiner, VirusTotal

Summary: This lab involved investigating a PCAP from a compromised host. It began with a phishing email that contained a download link for a keylogger. The primary tools used were Wireshark and NetworkMiner, although, you could easily complete this challenge through using only Wireshark. I found this lab to be enjoyable, as it walks you through a lot of Wireshark features that can be super helpful when baselining network traffic.

Scenario: An accountant at your organization received an email regarding an invoice with a download link. Suspicious network traffic was observed shortly after opening the email. As a SOC analyst, investigate the network trace and analyze exfiltration attempts.

How many packets does the capture have?

If you open the PCAP file with Wireshark, you can find the number of packets contained within the PCAP near the bottom right-hand corner:

A screenshot of the Wireshark status bar at the bottom of the interface. It shows the text "Packets: 4003 · Displayed: 4003 (100.0%)". The "Packets: 4003" portion is highlighted with a red rectangular box.

Packets: 4003 · Displayed: 4003 (100.0%)

Answer: 4003

At what time was the first packet captured?

You can see when the first packet was captured by looking at the value under the Time column. However, make sure you have the time set to UTC, you can do so by navigating to View > Time Display Format:

View Go Capture Analyze Statistics Telephony Wireless Tools Help

☒ Main Toolbar
☒ Filter Toolbar
☒ Status Bar
☐ Full Screen F11
☒ Packet List
☒ Packet Details
☒ Packet Bytes
☐ Packet Diagram
 Time Display Format
 Name Resolution
 Zoom
 Expand Subtrees Shift+Right
 Collapse Subtrees Shift+Left
 Expand All Ctrl+Right
 Collapse All Ctrl+Left
 Colorize Packet List

Destination	Destination Port	Protocol	Info
10.4.10.4	88	TCP	49190 → 88
10.4.10.132	49190	TCP	88 → 49190
10.4.10.4	88	TCP	49190 → 88
10.4.10.4	88	KRB5	AS-REQ
10.4.10.132	49190	TCP	88 → 49190
10.4.10.132	49190	KRB5	AS-REP

Time	Source	Destination	Destination Port	Protocol	Info
2019-04-10 20:37:07	10.4.10.132	10.4.10.4	88	TCP	49190 → 88 [SYN] Seq=0 Win=8192 Len=0 MSS=1460 WS=256 SACK_PERM

Answer: 2019-04-10 20:37

What is the duration of the capture?

You can find the duration of the capture by navigating to Statistics > Capture File Properties:

Time	
First packet:	2019-04-11 06:37:07
Last packet:	2019-04-11 07:40:48
Elapsed:	01:03:41

The elapsed time shows the time between the first and last packet being captured.

Answer: 01:03:41

What is the most active computer at the link level?

To find the most active computer at the link level, we can navigate to Statistics > Endpoints > Ethernet, and filter the Packets column in descending order:

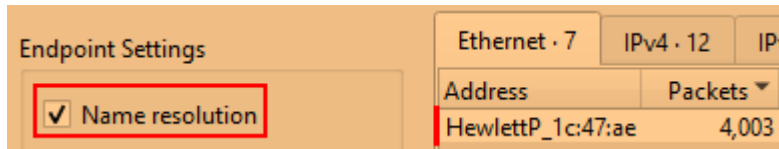
Ethernet · 7		IPv4 · 12	IPv6	TCP · 48	UDP · 58		
Address	Packets ▼	Bytes	Tx Packets	Tx Bytes	Rx Packets	Rx Bytes	
00:08:02:1c:47:ae	4,003	2 MB	1,993	212 kB	2,010	2 MB	
20:e5:2a:b6:93:f1	3,352	2 MB	1,776	2 MB	1,576	110 kB	
a4:1f:72:c2:09:6a	513	114 kB	234	46 kB	279	68 kB	
01:00:5e:7f:ff:fa	74	29 kB	0	0 bytes	74	29 kB	
ff:ff:ff:ff:ff:ff	31	4 kB	0	0 bytes	31	4 kB	
01:00:5e:00:00:16	23	1 kB	0	0 bytes	23	1 kB	
01:00:5e:00:00:fc	10	750 bytes	0	0 bytes	10	750 bytes	

As the name suggests, the Endpoints statistics shows statistics about the endpoints captured.

Answer: 00:08:02:1c:47:ae

Manufacturer of the NIC of the most active system at the link level?

If you tick the Name resolution box in the Endpoints statistics tab, you can resolve the OUI of the MAC address:

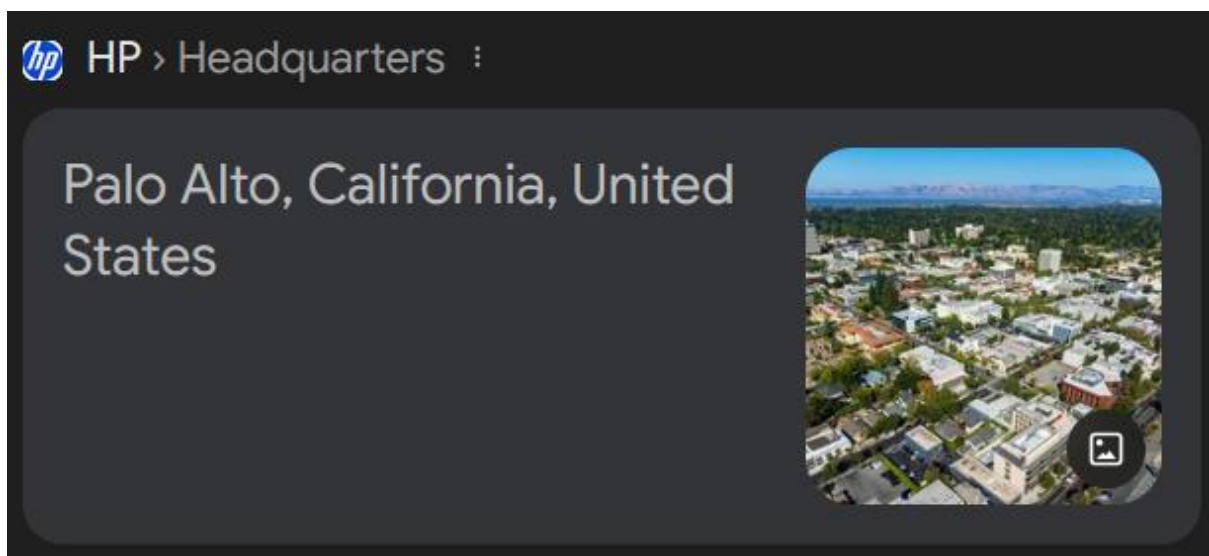


Upon researching HewlettP, you can find results for Hewlett-Packard (i.e., HP).

Answer: Hewlett-Packard

Where is the headquarter of the company that manufactured the NIC of the most active computer at the link level?

If you search for the headquarters of Hewlett-Packard, you can see that it is located in Palo Alto:



Answer: Palo Alto

The organization works with private addressing and netmask /24. How many computers in the organization are involved in the capture?

If you switch to the IPv4 tab in Endpoint statistics, we can see that 3 hosts are within a private IP address range. The reason 10.4.10.255 is not included in the total is because this is the broadcast address for the subnet /24 and does not count as a separate computer.

Ethernet · 7		IPv4 · 12	
Address ▲		Packets	
10.4.10.2		42	
10.4.10.4		513	
10.4.10.132		4,003	
10.4.10.255		30	

Answer: 3

What is the name of the most active computer at the network level?

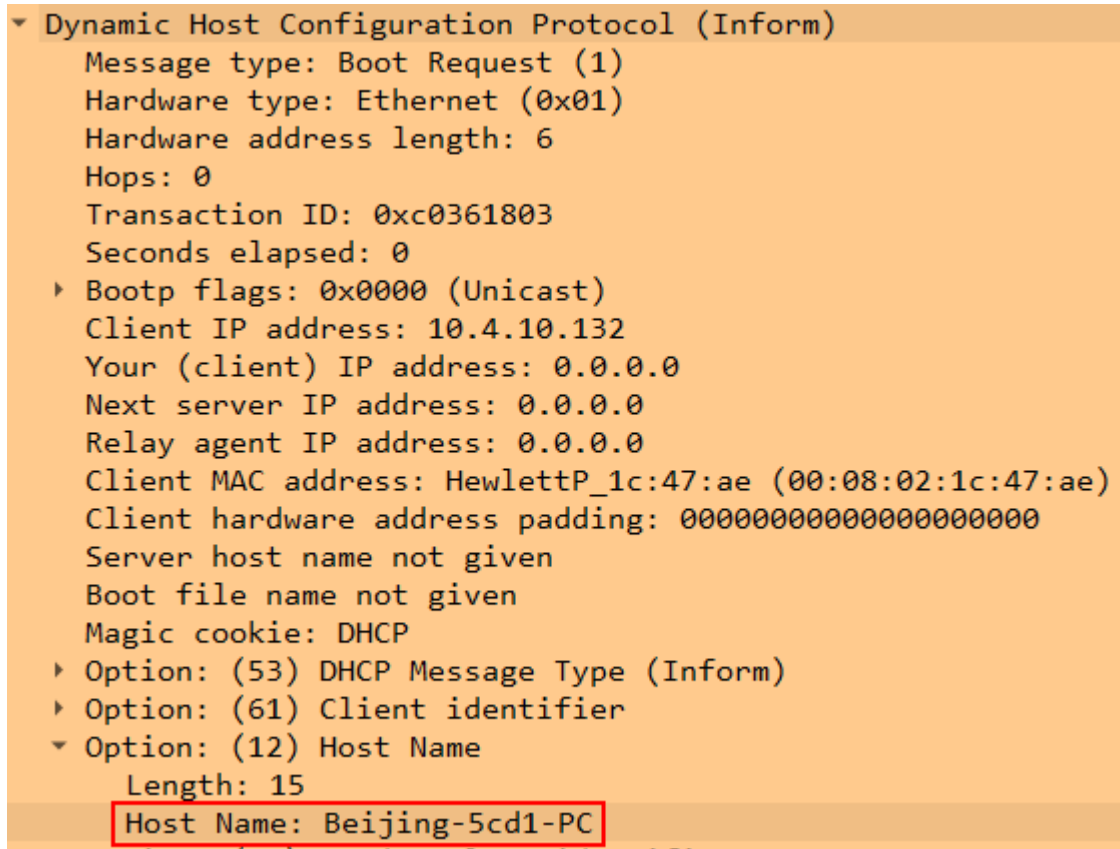
Staying within the IPv4 tab in Endpoint statistics, we can see that 10.4.10.132 is the most active:

Ethernet · 7		IPv4 · 12	
Address		Packets ▼	
10.4.10.132		4,003	
217.182.138.150		2,947	
10.4.10.4		513	
23.229.162.69		280	
239.255.255.250		74	
66.171.248.178		63	
10.4.10.2		42	
10.4.10.255		30	
224.0.0.22		23	
216.58.193.131		20	
224.0.0.252		10	
255.255.255.255		1	

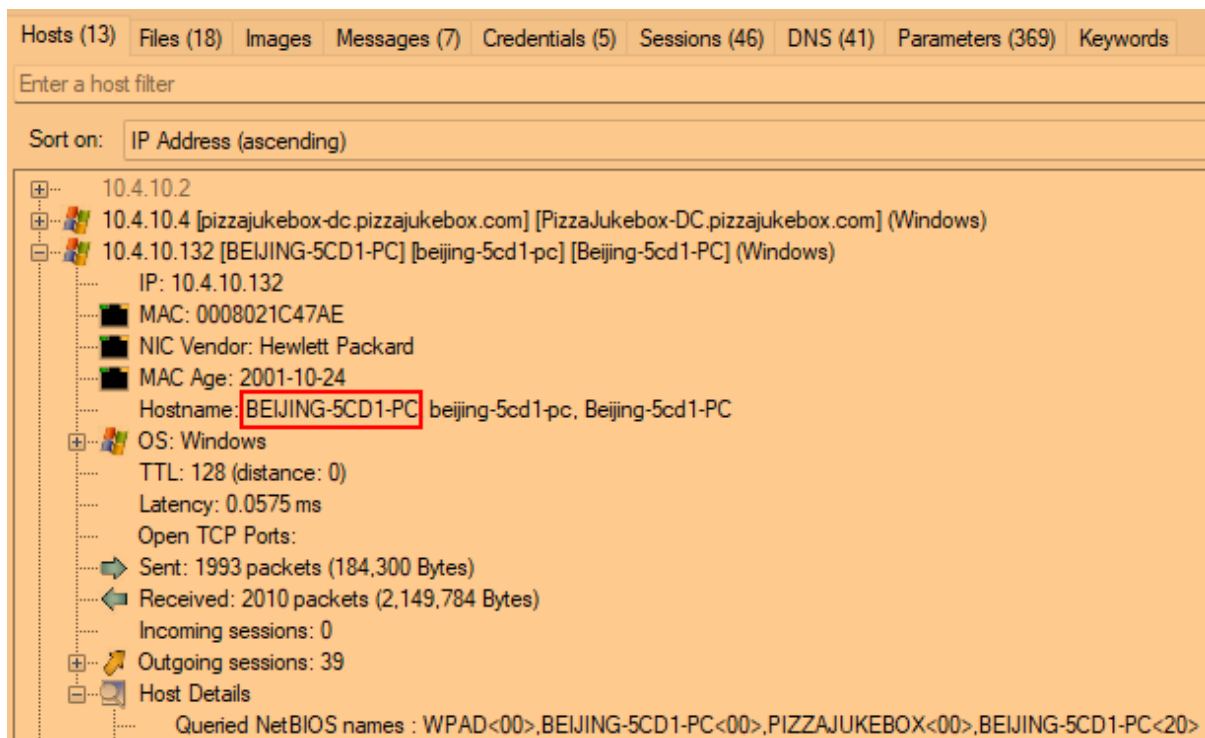
A great resource from Unit42 talks about how to [identify hosts and users using Wirehark](#). In my case, I used the following display filter to find DHCP traffic associated with this host:

- `(ip.addr==10.4.10.132) && (dhcp)`

In the packet details pane, you can expand the DHCP dropdown to find the Host Name:



Alternatively, using a tool like NetworkMiner makes this much easier, as you can find the host name for this computer among other key information under the Hosts tab:



Answer: Beijing-5cd1-PC

What is the IP of the organization's DNS server?

If you use the dns display filter in Wireshark, you can see that all queries are sent to 10.4.10.4. This indicates that the DNS server is 10.4.10.4. Within Zui, you can use the following query to also see that the resp_h for DNS queries is 10.4.10.4:

- `_path=="dns"`

_path	ts	uid	id
dns	2019-04-10T21:24:46.601691Z	CSLrOb4mfixyoJ5mW3	<div>▼ { orig_h: 10.4.10.132, orig_p: 50231, resp_h: 10.4.10.4, resp_p: 53 }</div>

Answer: 10.4.10.4

What domain is the victim asking about in packet 204?

If you scroll down the dns display filter output, packet number 204 is very close to the top of the results. We can see that the victim is querying proforma-invoices.com:

204 2019-04-10 20:37:53 10.4.10.132 10.4.10.4 53 DNS Standard query 0xa002 A		proforma-invoices.com	
▶ Frame 204: 81 bytes on wire (648 bits), 81 bytes captured (648 bits)		0000	a4 1f 72 c2 09 6a 00 08
▶ Ethernet II, Src: HewlettP_1c:47:ae (00:08:02:1c:47:ae), Dst: Dell_c2:09:6a (a4:1f:72:c2:09:6a)		0010	00 43 01 9f 00 00 80 11
▶ Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 10.4.10.132, Dst: 10.4.10.4		0020	0a 04 d5 86 00 35 00 2f
▶ User Datagram Protocol, Src Port: 54662, Dst Port: 53		0030	00 00 00 00 00 00 11 70
▼ Domain Name System (query)		0040	69 6e 76 6f 69 63 65 73
Transaction ID: 0xa002		0050	01
▶ Flags: 0x0100 Standard query			
Questions: 1			
Answer RRs: 0			
Authority RRs: 0			
Additional RRs: 0			
▼ Queries			
▼ proforma-invoices.com: type A, class IN			
Name: proforma-invoices.com			
[Name Length: 21]			
[Label Count: 2]			
Type: A (1) (Host Address)			
Class: IN (0x0001)			

Answer: proforma-invoices.com

What is the IP of the domain in the previous question?

If you look at the query response from the query found in the previous question, we can see that it responded with 217.182.138.150:

Queries

▸ proforma-invoices.com: type A, class IN

Answers

▸ proforma-invoices.com: type A, class IN, addr 217.182.138.150

Answer: 217.182.138.150

Indicate the country to which the IP in the previous section belongs.

Fortunately for me, I have the Maxmind GeoIP databases installed, which shows GeoIP information. Using the following filter, I could see that the IP in question geolocates to France:

- ip.addr==217.182.138.150

Destination Address: 217.182.138.150
[Destination GeoIP: FR, ASN 16276, OVH SAS]
[Destination GeoIP Country: France]

You could also use a tool like [IPinfo](#) to get the same answer:

217.182.138.150

📍 Dunkerque, Hauts-de-France, FR 🇫🇷

🌐 hosting

Answer: France

What operating system does the victim's computer run?

The user-agent field can provide a wealth of information, including the host OS behind the request (note, this can be spoofed/changed, so take it with a grain of salt). Using the following display filter, we can find HTTP requests associated with the victim host:

- ip.addr==10.4.10.132 && http

If you click on any of the GET requests and expand HTTP within the protocol details pane, you can find the OS and version:

User-Agent: Mozilla/4.0 (compatible; MSIE 7.0; Windows NT 6.1; WOW64;

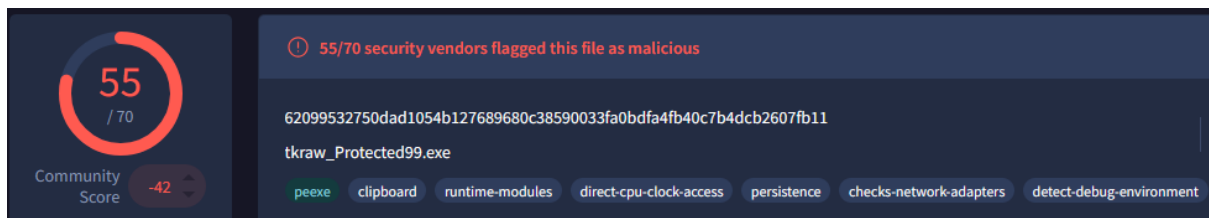
Answer: Windows NT 6.1

What is the name of the malicious file downloaded by the accountant?

Using the same filter as the previous question, we can see that a file called tkraw_Protected99.exe was downloaded:

Source	Destination	Destination Port	Protocol	Info
10.4.10.132	217.182.138.150	80	HTTP	GET /proforma/tkraw_Protected99.exe HTTP/1.1

If you export this HTTP object via File > Export Objects > HTTP, hash the file, and submit it to VirusTotal, we can see that it received 55/70 detections:



Answer: tkraw_Protected99.exe

What is the md5 hash of the downloaded file?

To generate the MD5 hash of the file, we can use the Get-FileHash cmdlet in PowerShell like as follows:

- Get-FileHash -algorithm MD5 .\tkraw_Protected99.exe

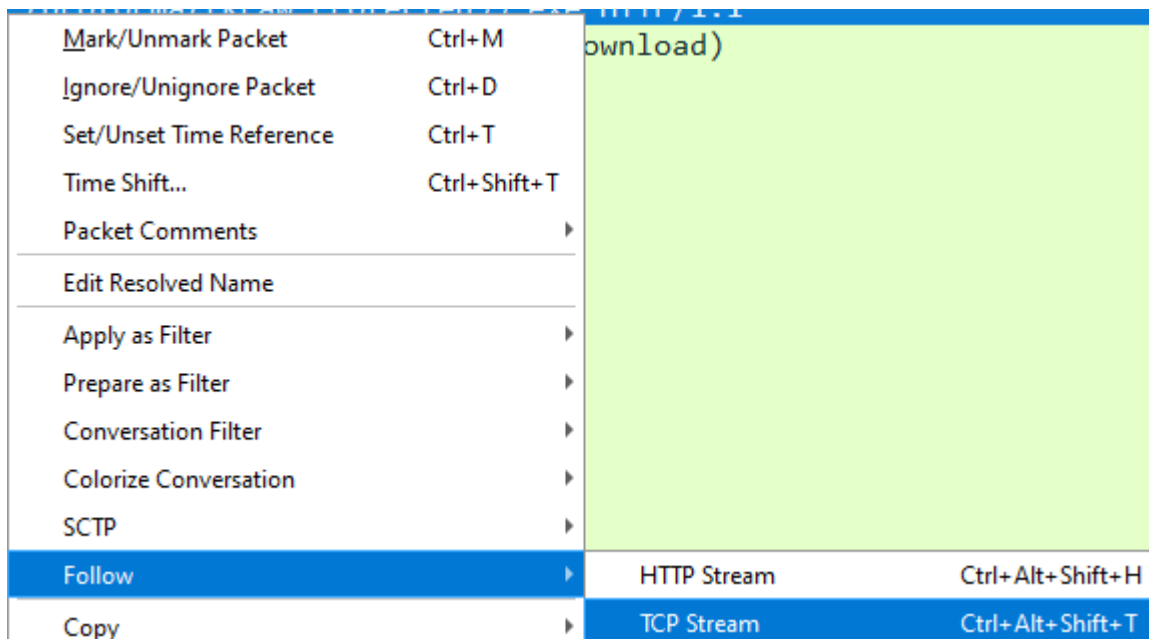
Alternatively, if you used another hashing algorithm, you could submit it to VirusTotal and find the MD5 hash in the Details tab:

Basic properties ⓘ	
MD5	71826ba081e303866ce2a2534491a2f7

Answer: 71826BA081E303866CE2A2534491A2F7

What software runs the webserver that hosts the malware?

If you follow the TCP stream of the GET request to download the binary, we can find information about the webserver via its HTTP headers:



```
HTTP/1.1 200 OK
Last-Modified: Wed, 10 Apr 2019 04:44:31 GMT
Content-Type: application/x-msdownload
Content-Length: 2025472
Accept-Ranges: bytes
Date: Wed, 10 Apr 2019 20:37:54 GMT
Server: LiteSpeed
Connection: Keep-Alive
```

The blue text indicates responses from the server, as you can see in the above image, LiteSpeed is the software behind the webserver.

Answer: LiteSpeed

What is the public IP of the victim's computer?

If you expand the Host Details section for 10.4.10.132 in NetworkMiner, we can see the public IP address of the victim's host:

```

Host Details
.....
Queried NetBIOS names : WPAD<00>.BEIJING-5CD1-PC<00>.PI
Queried DNS names : _ldap._tcp.Default-First-Site-Name._sites.PI
Domain Name 1 : PIZZAJUKEBOX.COM
Domain Name 2 : PIZZAJUKEBOX
Web Browser User-Agent 1 : Mozilla/4.0 (compatible; MSIE 7.0; V
DHCP Vendor Code 1 : MSFT 5.0
UPnP field : 01-NLS : 2fe35d763f66b25faab17b8d8c41a995
UPnP field : Cache-Control : max-age=1800
UPnP field : Host:239.255.255.250 : 1900
UPnP field : Location:http://10.4.10.132:2869/upnphost/udhisap
UPnP field : Man:"ssdp:discover"
UPnP field : M-SEARCH * HTTP/1.1.NOTIFY * HTTP/1.1
UPnP field : MX : 3
UPnP field : NT:upnp : rootdevice
UPnP field : NT:um:schemas-upnp-org:device:MediaRenderer : 1
UPnP field : NT:um:schemas-upnp-org:service:RenderingControl :
UPnP field : NT:uuid : fa6dfe4c-09eb-4d09-9534-fcdfe55a878d
UPnP field : NTS:ssdp : alive.byebye
UPnP field : OPT:"http://schemas.upnp.org/upnp/1/0/"; ns=01
UPnP field : Server : Microsoft-Windows-NT/5.1 UPnP/1.0 UPnP
UPnP field : ST:um:schemas-upnp-org:device:InternetGatewayDe
UPnP field : USN:uuid : fa6dfe4c-09eb-4d09-9534-fcdfe55a878d
UPnP field : USN:uuid:fa6dfe4c-09eb-4d09-9534-fcdfe55a878d:u
UPnP field : USN:uuid:fa6dfe4c-09eb-4d09-9534-fcdfe55a878d:u
UPnP field : USN:uuid:fa6dfe4c-09eb-4d09-9534-fcdfe55a878d:u
UPnP field : USN:uuid:fa6dfe4c-09eb-4d09-9534-fcdfe55a878d:u
Accepted SMB dialects : PC NETWORK PROGRAM 1.0,LANMA
Device Family : Axis Communications
Device Category : Windows
JA3 Hash 1 : 1d095e68489d3c535297cd8dfb06cb9 = Tofsee
JA4 Fingerprint 1 : t10d120400_d94e65cdb899_f8ec56bc740a
Default Gateway : 10.4.10.2
Public IP address 1 : 173.66.146.112
TCP MSS 1 : 1460
User 1 : roman.mcguire

```

Alternatively, shortly after the malicious binary was downloaded, we can see several requests to bot.whatismyipaddress.com, this will likely return the user's public IP address:

Source	Destination	Destination Port	Protocol	Host
10.4.10.132	217.182.138.150	80	HTTP	proforma-invoices.com
217.182.138.150	10.4.10.132	49204	HTTP	
10.4.10.132	66.171.248.178	80	HTTP	bot.whatismyipaddress.com
66.171.248.178	10.4.10.132	49205	HTTP	
10.4.10.132	66.171.248.178	80	HTTP	bot.whatismyipaddress.com
66.171.248.178	10.4.10.132	49210	HTTP	
10.4.10.132	66.171.248.178	80	HTTP	bot.whatismyipaddress.com
66.171.248.178	10.4.10.132	49213	HTTP	
10.4.10.132	66.171.248.178	80	HTTP	bot.whatismyipaddress.com
66.171.248.178	10.4.10.132	49216	HTTP	
10.4.10.132	66.171.248.178	80	HTTP	bot.whatismyipaddress.com
66.171.248.178	10.4.10.132	49218	HTTP	
10.4.10.132	66.171.248.178	80	HTTP	bot.whatismyipaddress.com
66.171.248.178	10.4.10.132	49224	HTTP	
10.4.10.132	66.171.248.178	80	HTTP	bot.whatismyipaddress.com
66.171.248.178	10.4.10.132	49226	HTTP	

If you follow the TCP stream of one of these requests, we can find the public IP address of the victim in the response:

```
GET / HTTP/1.1
Host: bot.whatismyipaddress.com
Connection: Keep-Alive

HTTP/1.1 200 OK
Cache-Control: private
Content-Type: text/html
Server:
Date: Wed, 10 Apr 2019 20:38:15 GMT
Connection: close
Content-Length: 14

173.66.146.112
```

Answer: 173.66.146.112

In which country is the email server to which the stolen information is sent?

If you filter for the compromised host, and navigate to Statistics > Protocol Hierarchy, we can see some SMTP traffic:

- `ip.addr==10.4.10.132`

Simple Mail Transfer Protocol	3.7	147
Internet Message Format	0.2	7

Using the following display filter, we can look for SMTP packets:

- `(ip.addr==10.4.10.132) && (smtp)`

If you followed the first packet's TCP stream, we can see a message being sent from sales.del@macwinlogistics.in to sales.del@macwinlogistics.in that contains a Base64 encoded payload:

[illegible][illegible]

Output

HawkEye Keylogger - Reborn v9 - Passwords Logs - roman.mcguire \ BEIJING-5CD1-PC - 173.66.146.112

```
Destination Address: 23.229.162.69  
[Destination GeoIP: US, ASN 398101, GO-DADDY-COM-LLC]  
[Destination GeoIP Country: United States]
```

This also shows that this IP is associated with GoDaddy.com.

Answer: United States

Analyzing the first extraction of information. What software runs the email server to which the stolen data is sent?

If you follow the TCP traffic like done previously, we can see in the server's response that it is running Exim 4.91:

```
220-p3plcpnl0413.prod.phx3.secureserver.net ESMTP Exim 4.91 #1 Wed, 10 Apr 2019 13:38:15 -0700
```

Answer: Exim 4.91

To which email account is the stolen information sent?

As mentioned previously, the email header shows that the to address is sales.del@macwinlogistics.in:

```
MIME-Version: 1.0  
From: sales.del@macwinlogistics.in  
To: sales.del@macwinlogistics.in  
Date: 10 Apr 2019 20:38:08 +0000  
Subject: =?utf-8?B?SGF3a0V5ZSBLZXlsb2dnZX  
YuMTQ2LjExMg==?=  
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=utf-8  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: base64
```

Answer: sales.del@macwinlogistics.in

What is the password used by the malware to send the email?

Within the TCP stream, we can see the command AUTH login, where the client sends the username encoded in Base64 followed by the client sending a password after being prompted by the server:

```
AUTH login c2FsZXMuZGVsQG1hY3dpbmhvZ2lzdGljcy5pbG==  
334 UGFzc3dvcmQ6  
U2FsZXNAMjM= Base64 Encoded Password  
235 Authentication succeeded
```

We can use CyberChef to decode this string and find the password:

Recipe

From Base64

Alphabet
A-Za-z0-9+/=

☐ Strict mode

☒ Remove non-alphabet chars

Input

U2FsZXNAjH=

REC 12 1 10→11 (1 selected)

Output

Sales@23

Answer: Sales@23

Which malware variant exfiltrated the data?

Within the decoded email body and subject, we can see that the malware variant is Reborn V9.

[illegible]

Answer: Reborn V9

What are the bankofamerica access credentials? (username:password)

You can find the credentials in the decoded Base64 email body:

```

=====
URL           : https://www.bankofamerica.com/
Web Browser   : Chrome
User Name     : roman.mcguire
Password      : P@ssw0rd$
Password Strength : Very Strong
User Name Field : onlineId1
Password Field : passcode1
Created Time  : 4/10/2019 2:35:17 AM
Modified Time :
Filename      : C:\Users\roman.mcguire\AppData\Local\Google\Chrome\User Data\Default>Login Data
=====

```

Answer: roman.mcguire:P@ssw0rd\$

Every how many minutes does the collected data get exfiltrated?

Using the following filter, we can see that the data is exfiltrated every 10 minutes:

- (ip.addr==10.4.10.132) && (smtp.req.command == EHLO)

Time	Source	Destination	Destination Port	Protocol	Host	Info
2019-04-10 20:38:16	10.4.10.132	23.229.162.69	587	SMTP		C: EHLO Beijing-5cd1-PC
2019-04-10 20:48:20	10.4.10.132	23.229.162.69	587	SMTP		C: EHLO Beijing-5cd1-PC
2019-04-10 20:58:24	10.4.10.132	23.229.162.69	587	SMTP		C: EHLO Beijing-5cd1-PC
2019-04-10 21:08:30	10.4.10.132	23.229.162.69	587	SMTP		C: EHLO Beijing-5cd1-PC
2019-04-10 21:18:34	10.4.10.132	23.229.162.69	587	SMTP		C: EHLO Beijing-5cd1-PC
2019-04-10 21:28:38	10.4.10.132	23.229.162.69	587	SMTP		C: EHLO Beijing-5cd1-PC
2019-04-10 21:38:42	10.4.10.132	23.229.162.69	587	SMTP		C: EHLO Beijing-5cd1-PC

Answer: 10