## Using certificate transparency streams to hunt down phishing sites

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## Certificate data, and why it's great for OSINT

- More phishing sites are using SSL certs, other tools to evade filters
- LetsEncrypt is free, programmatic, as is cPanel
  - which auto-cert registers new domains
- While DNS holds domain names of sites, don't identify malicious domains in DNS until they go active.
- Phishing domains may have already switched by the time activity is detected.
- Certificate data can be scanned actively to discover phishing sites before they go live, and used to proactively collect forensic data on kits, etc. while the sites are still being set up.

## Certificate Transparency Logs

- Were created to help track the validity of SSL certificates issued by the major certificate authorities
- Data helps detect mistakenly issued certificates, stolen or otherwise maliciously acquired certs, among other things.
- Each CA logs each new certificate, flags revocations, etc.

### The "Certstream"

- Service created by Ryan Sears of Cali Dog
   Security that generates a near-realtime data feed
   from all of the major certificate authorities'
   transparency logs.
- Data is published over a web socket, can be directly accessed via a command line interface published in pip (pip install certstream)
- Gives you a timestamp for an event, the source url for the log it came from, and the domain associated with the certificate.
- This by itself, with a little grepping with regular expressions, or minor coding, could be used to hunt for threats spoofing specific domain name patterns.

### The Certstream

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### Targeted hunting in CTL

Censys.io stores certificate log data so it can be used for searching against recent and historical certificate registration.



For all fields, see Data Definitions

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Currently Trusted

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### Issuer:

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### Certificates

Page: 1/1 Results: 7 Time: 1414ms

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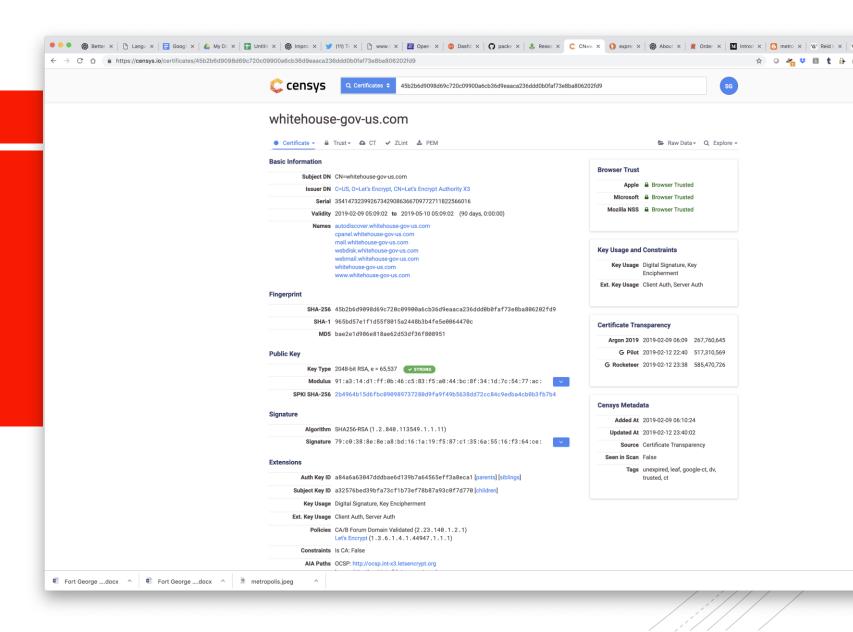
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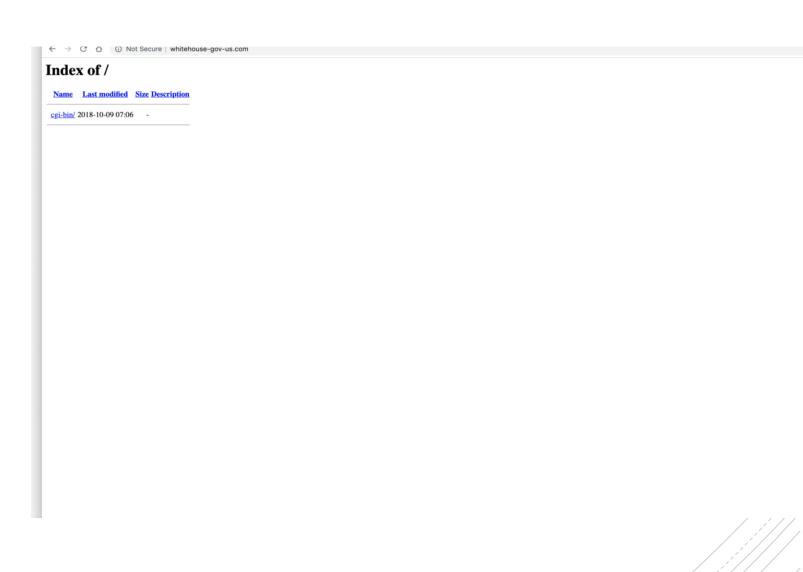
## Targeted hunting in CTL: certificate history



# Targeted hunting in CTL: whois

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Targeted hunting in CTL: browsing/capture



### Using ML to scan: StreamingPhish

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                               by Wes Connell
                                  Quesleyraptor
1. Deploy phishing classifier against certstream feed.
2. Operate phishing classifier in manual mode.

    Manage classifiers (list active classifier and show available classifiers).

4. Train a new classifier.
5. Print configuration.
6. Exit.
Please make a selection [1-6]: 4
[*] Loading benign data.
[*] Loading malicious data.
[+] Completed loading training data.
[*] Computing features...
[+] Training complete.
[*] Computing classifier metrics...
[+] Classifier metrics available.
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### StreamingPhish

- StreamingPhish:
  <a href="https://github.com/wesleyraptor/streamingphish">https://github.com/wesleyraptor/streamingphish</a>
- Wes Connell works in threat detection at Uberdeveloped this ML tool
- Uses training sets of data, including brands and TLDs, and editable set of malicious domains- to build an algorithm to spot potentially malicious domains as they appear in certstream.
- Docker based, can run in cloud

## StreamingPhish CLI output

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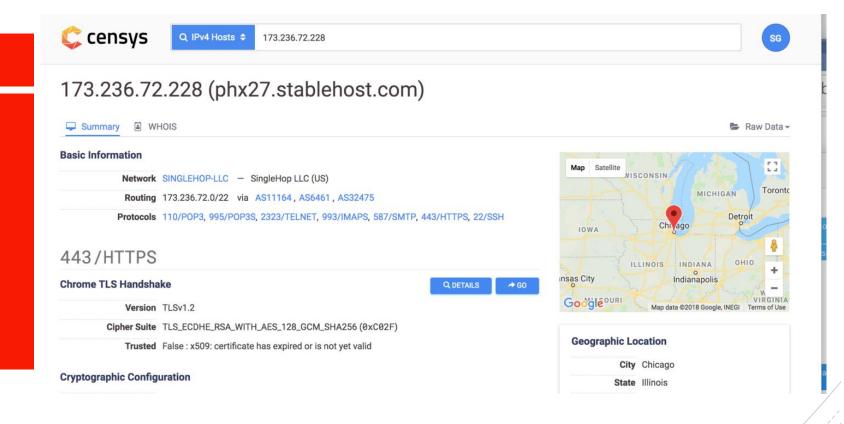
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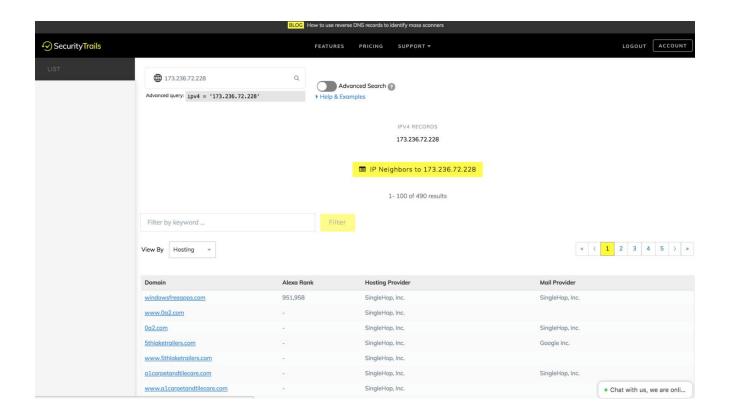
## Next steps and further automation

- Censys Whois dig, DomainTools,
   SecurityTrails, ViewDNSinfo
  - Neighboring IPs
  - Additional domains at host
- Kit and shell hunting
- Lookout is automating the rest of kill chain with ML – download kits, analyze screens, block

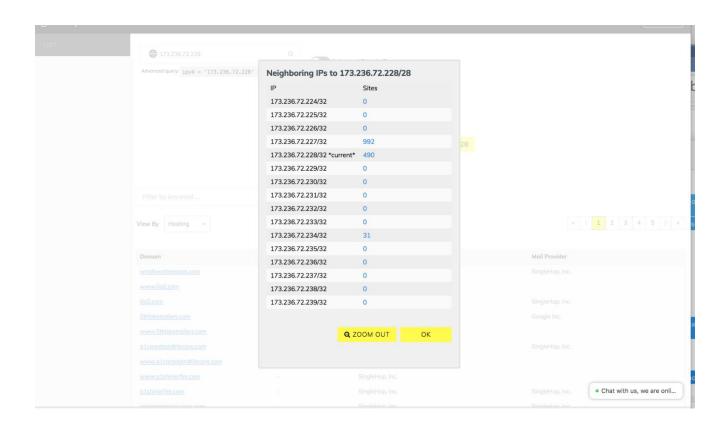
### Digging for phish: Censys Whois Dig



Digging for phish:
SecurityTrails



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SecurityTrails



# Digging for phish: ViewDNS.info





<u>ViewDNS.info</u> > <u>Tools</u> > **Reverse IP Lookup** 

Takes a domain or IP address and does a reverse lookup to quickly shows all other domains hosted from the same server. Useful for finding phishing sites or identifying other sites on the same shared hosting server.

Domain / IP:

**Tools** API Research

Reverse IP results for 192.169.154.123

There are 42 domains hosted on this server. The complete listing of these is below:

Domain	Last Resolved Date
gsadfgareqsdr.club	2018-07-11
gsadfgareqsdr.com	2018-07-11
gsadfgareqsdr.online	2018-07-11
gsadfgareqsdr.org	2018-07-11
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- Sample kits found:
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- Twitter: @thepacketrat