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# Threat Hunting Techniques at Scale

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# Agenda

Intelligence cycle at scale

Big data challenges

Spike detection and classification

Co-occurrences

Tracking Malspam: combining techniques

SSL Data mining

Conclusion

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# Day in the life of a SOC

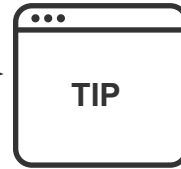
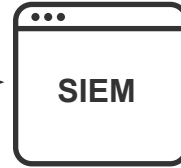


**Internal Feed:**

- **Security controls**
  - Firewall, IDS/IPS
  - other network security
  - Web security/proxy
  - Endpoint security (AV, EDR, VPN, etc.)
- **Network Infrastructure**
  - Routers/switches
  - Domain controllers
  - Wireless, Access pts

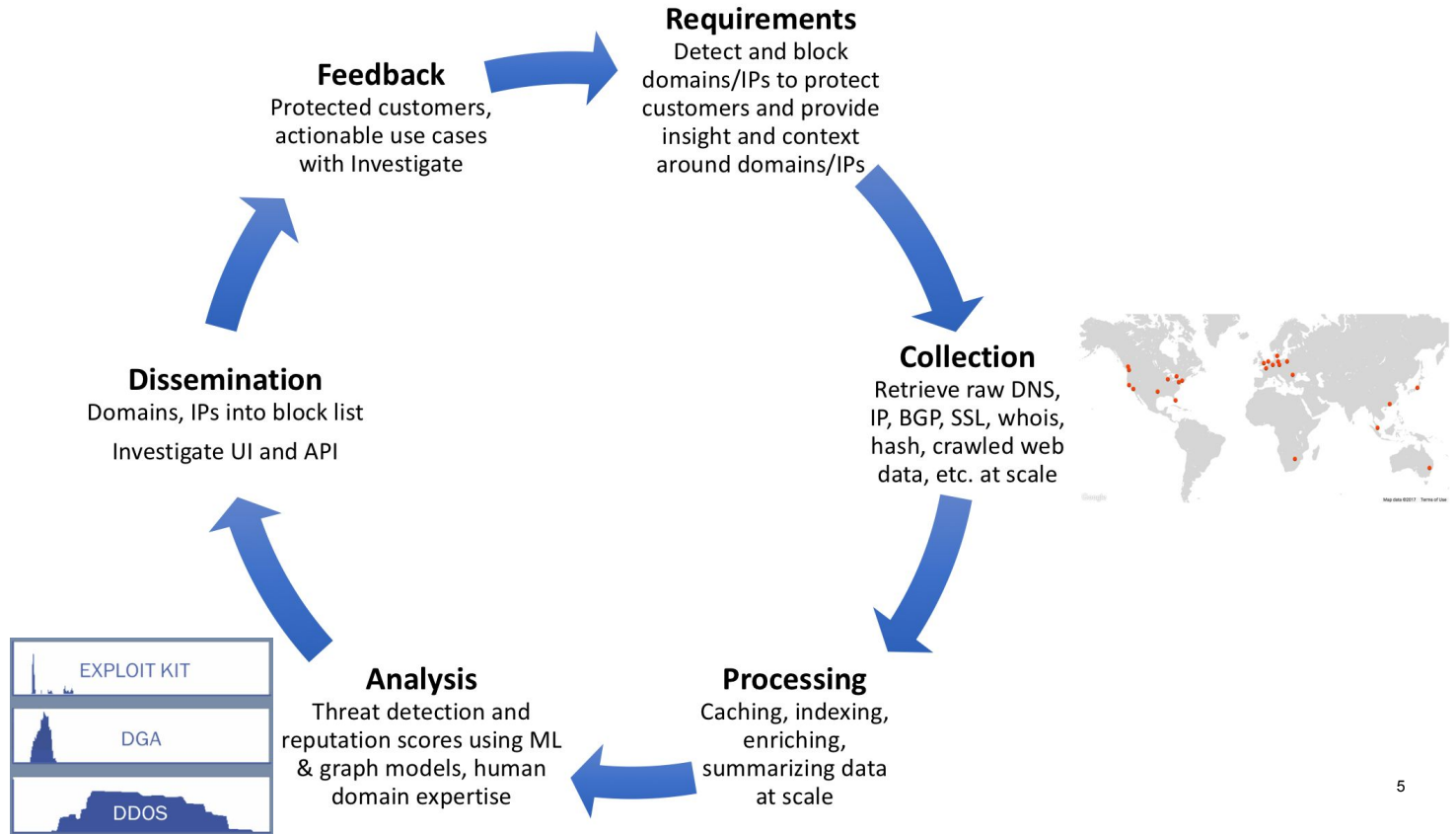
**External Feed:**

- Domain ownership
- Relationships with IPs and ASNs
- Passive DNS
- WHOIS record data
- Co-occurrences
- Reputation scores

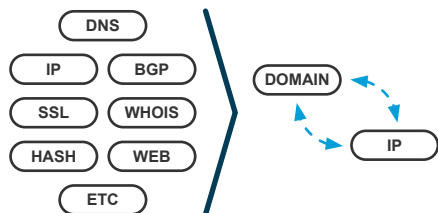


Threat Intelligence

# Umbrella Investigate Intel Production Cycle



# What makes us different



<https://www.exploit-db.com>

Lexical ●

Live DGA prediction

Anomaly detection ●



Newly seen domains



Spike rank model

Predictive IP ●



Predictive IP space monitoring

Graph-based ●



Co-occurrence model



Botnet ● ● ●



Crimeware ● ●



Exploit Kit ● ● ●



Phishing ● ● ●



Ransomware ● ● ●



Spam ● ●



Trojan ● ● ●

Umbrella



Investigate



Malspam/Hancitor

Cybercrime sites

Criminal hosting  
space

# Path of a malspam attack

- 1 Phishing email sent from delta@performanceair.com



- 2 Victims click on malicious URLs



- 3 Malicious word doc drops Hancitor



- 6 Infection on device & positioned for data extraction



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mebelucci.com.ua  
uneventrendi.com  
lycasofrep.com  
rinbetarrab.com



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Последнее: Fixox, 8 мин. назад  
Вопросы на разные темы (без карт...) Брут палки и ебей  
Последнее: ark, Сегодня, в 01:10  
Флэйм / Off topic PayPal Обсуждение брут PayPal  
Последнее: Жидокабра, Сегодня, ...  
PayPal Сервис дизайна от Mister Draw  
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Последнее: DWade, Вчера, в 21:49  
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# Zbot Fast Flux BPH operation

Introduced at Black Hat 2014,  
Botconf 2014, Defcon 2017



Actor(s) grow and maintain FF network  
\*FF service offered in underground forums



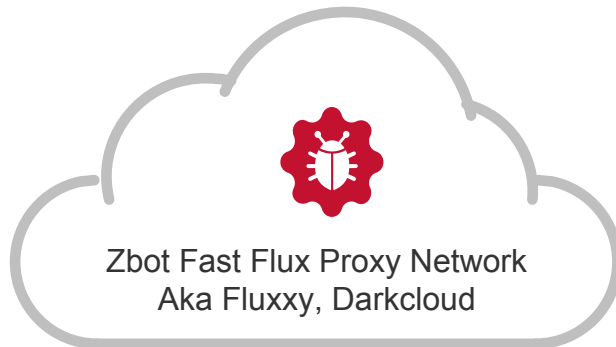
Victim



Crimeware consumer

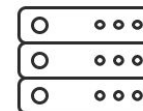


Researcher



Botnet comprised of 30-40K  
compromised residential IPs,  
mainly in UA, RU

40-50 bot IPs  
provisioned per domain



Criminal customer's  
site origin IP

## Content delivered

Short lifetime: malware, ransomware

Medium lifetime: phishing

Long lifetime: carding, cybercrime forums

# Data Collection

# Working with Big Data

## Challenges and Uses

- Large datasets give researchers possibility to uncover widespread network threats
- When working with large data sets - traditional threat-hunting methods have to be modified
- We will explore:
  - Pivoting
  - Classification

# Working with Big Data

## Pivoting

- Pivoting is useful for analysts when given seeds of information
- Want to convert some seed information into further information about a malicious campaign
  - Difficult to connect multiple data sets together
  - Scale of data can make look-ups difficult

# Working with Big Data

## Classification

- Classification is the most self-explanatory challenge
- Revolves around sifting through a dataset and classifying threats
- Challenges arise when dealing with scale and class-imbalance problem
  - For example, at Cisco Umbrella we produce around 4 TB of hourly data that needs to be processed in near real-time
  - Class-imbalance refers to the percentage of benign to malicious domains that can be found

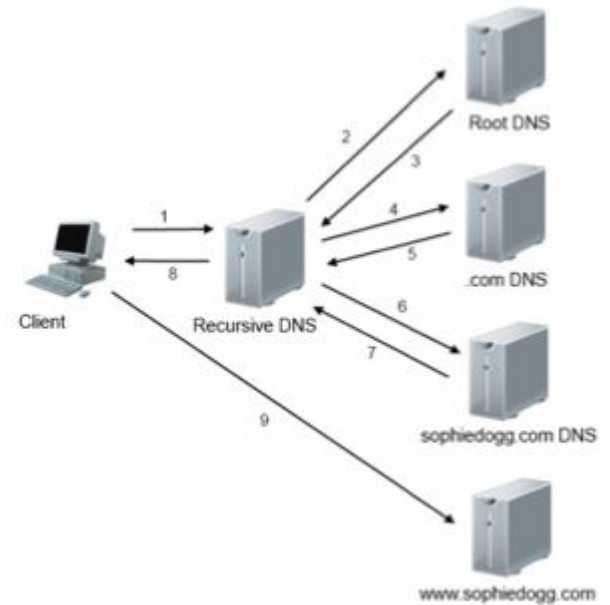
# Case-Studies

- We will be examining some successful use-cases we worked on on dayjob involving classifier design, and designing a platform for pivoting
- Two datasets:
  - Recursive Layer DNS Traffic
  - IPv4 SSL scans

# Cisco Umbrella Datasets

## Recursive DNS Data

- 28 data centers worldwide
- ~150 billion queries a day
- Translates to around 24 TB a day
- Valuable client query information





# Cisco Umbrella data center locations



# Open source Datasets

## SSL Data

- SSL data collected from internet wide scan of IPv4 space
- Store and retrieve over 2 TB of total data
  - Scalability
  - Speed
  - Flexibility
- Primary source of data (scans.io)
  - Secondary – active scanning

# Processing

# Challenges Working at Cisco Umbrella Scale

1. Logs are big:
  - We've peaked at over 150 billion user queries per day and growing
2. Interesting algorithms are slow:
  - Always worse than linear, and sometimes far worse
3. Event horizons move:
  - the data you need to make your new idea work is always one day past the current retention window

# Lessons Learned

- Currently somewhere between the 4th and 5th iteration of our systems
- Algorithms are always improving and systems are always getting faster, but...

The most cost effective way to improve your search performance is almost always to reduce the size of your search space

# The Internet Is...

## Noisy

- People doing scans and scraping expeditions
- Misconfigured search domains
- Infrastructure chattering away
- Low value/inconsequential entities fighting each other

# The Internet Is...

## Repetitive

- Content distribution networks - everyone needs to download that latest javascript framework
- Low TTLs to aid fault tolerance mean clients need to constantly ask the same questions
- The incessant push to move everything to "the cloud"

# The Internet Is...

## Boring (for the most part)

- Typically, only 5-10% of our raw logs are useful for threat hunting purposes
- Need to strike a balance between cost effective scaling and losing a small amount of signal



# Analysis

# Spike Detection

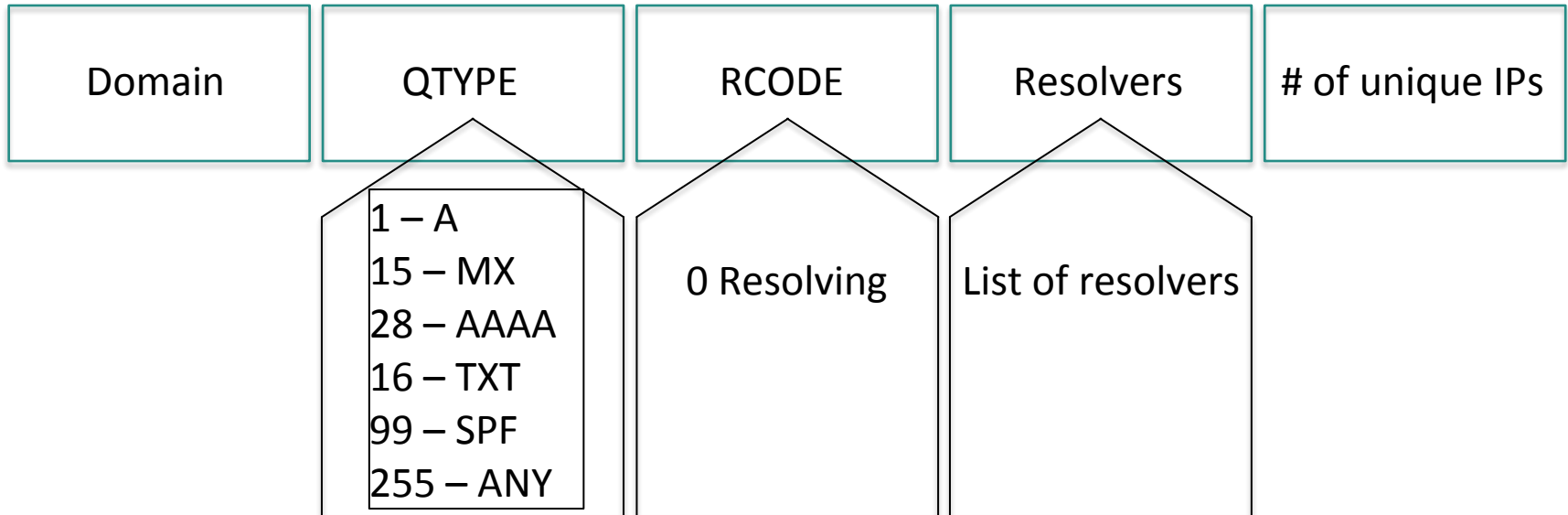
# Datasets

## Goals - Recursive DNS Data

- Can we identify exploit kit and ransomware domains from DNS client traffic?
- Examine traffic logs for possible signals

# Datasets

## Recursive DNS data



# DNS Features Taxonomy

## Assigned

- Lexical
- DGA setup
- Hosting
- Registration

## Inherent

- DNS query trends
- Diversity of clients across geography and IP space
- DNS query volume
- Query types
- Number of querying IPs
- Distribution of queries across resolvers

**Harder to obfuscate and change by actors at global scale**

# Classification

## Recursive DNS Data

- Classify domains based on two sets of features:
  - Spike DNS data
  - Historical query volume patterns
- Spike DNS data
  - Qtype distributions
  - Resolver distributions
- Historical query data:
  - Volatility
  - Sparsity

# Classification

## Recursive DNS Data



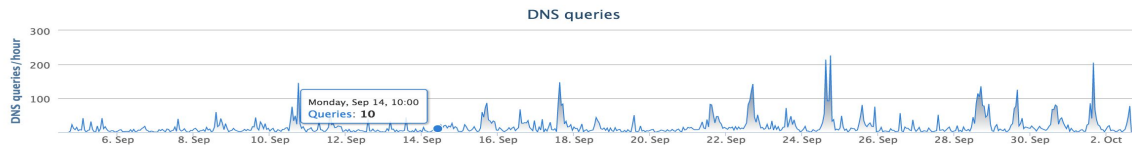
### DETAILS FOR HUBBA.COM

Classifier prediction: benign

OpenDNS Security Graph Score: **+100**

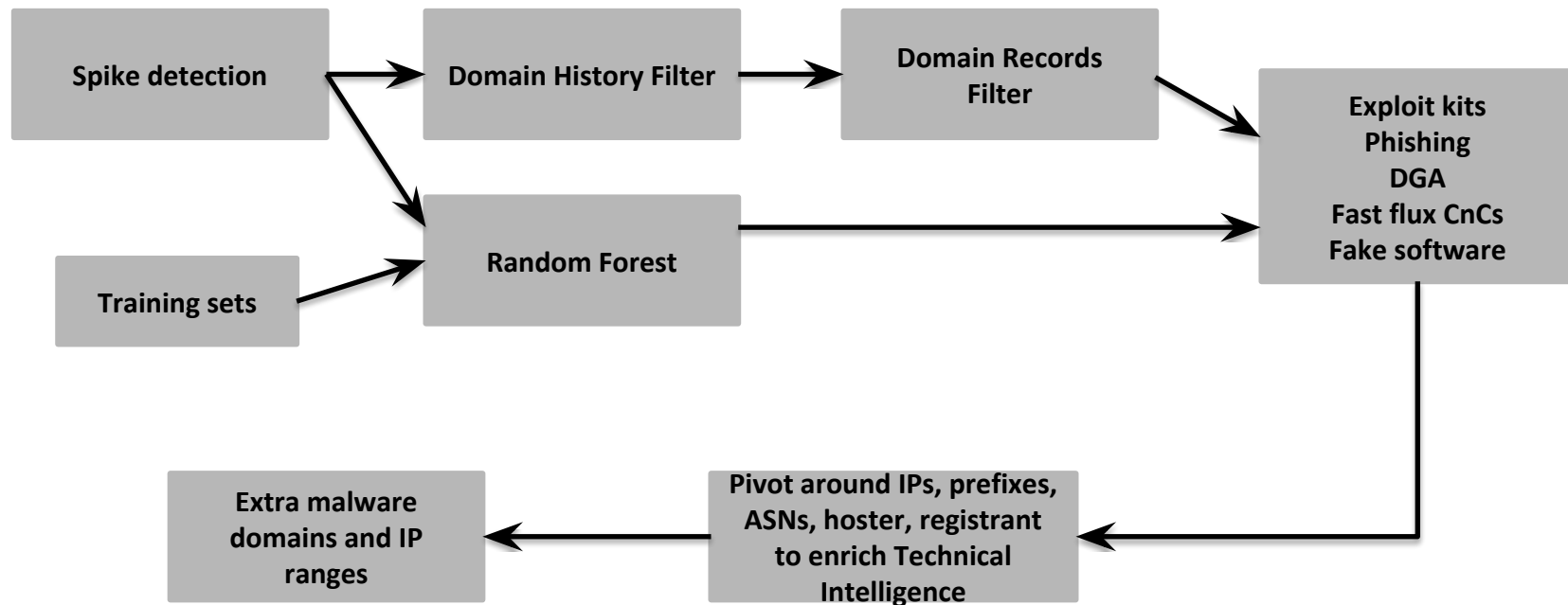
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# Spike Detection pipeline

Recursive DNS Data





# Classification

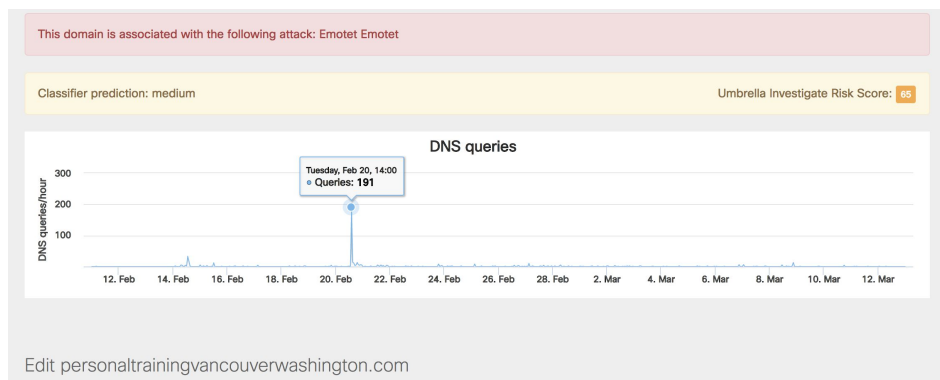
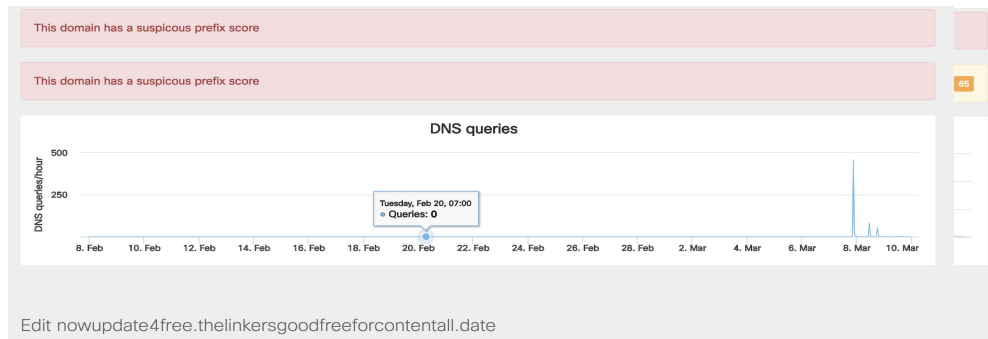
## Random Forests

- Use random forest for classification step
  - Random forests parallelize easily
  - Non-parametric model
  - Handle non-linear boundaries
- Feed in spike domain feature vectors hourly to classify spiked domains
- Out-of-bag error at 3%

# Classification

## Results

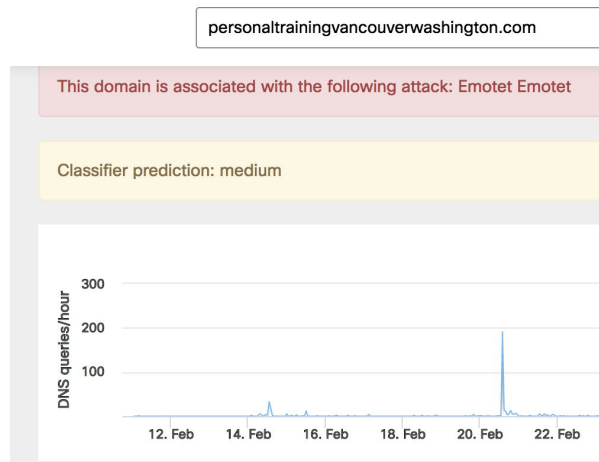
- Two types of domains caught:
  - Dedicated
  - Compromised
- Have different time series for the two classes
- Compromised domains more difficult to detect due to the presence of additional noise
- 'nowupdate4free.thelinkersgoodfreeforcontentall.date'
- 'vancouverwashingtonpersonaltraining.com'



# Classification

## Results

- Layering of signals post initial classification
- Good method for identifying compromised domains



# Classification

## Results

- Use available WHOIS data to pivot
  - Search through other registrant domains
  - Look for similar signal patterns
- Pivoting done through a combination of manual and automated work
- A whole set of compromised domains are found
  - Able to block these compromised domains ahead of going live

| Domain Name                             | Security Categories | Cont |
|---|---------------------|------|
| camaspersonaltrainer.com                | Malware             |      |
| exercisepersonaltraining.com            | Malware             |      |
| personaltrainercamas.com                | Malware             |      |
| personaltrainercamaswa.com              | Malware             |      |
| personaltrainercamaswashington.com      | Malware             |      |
| personaltrainervancouverwashington.com  | Malware             |      |
| personaltrainingvancouverwa.com         | Malware             |      |
| personaltrainingvancouverwashington.com | Malware             |      |
| vancouverwashingtonpersonaltraining.com | Malware             |      |

popularity\_3month

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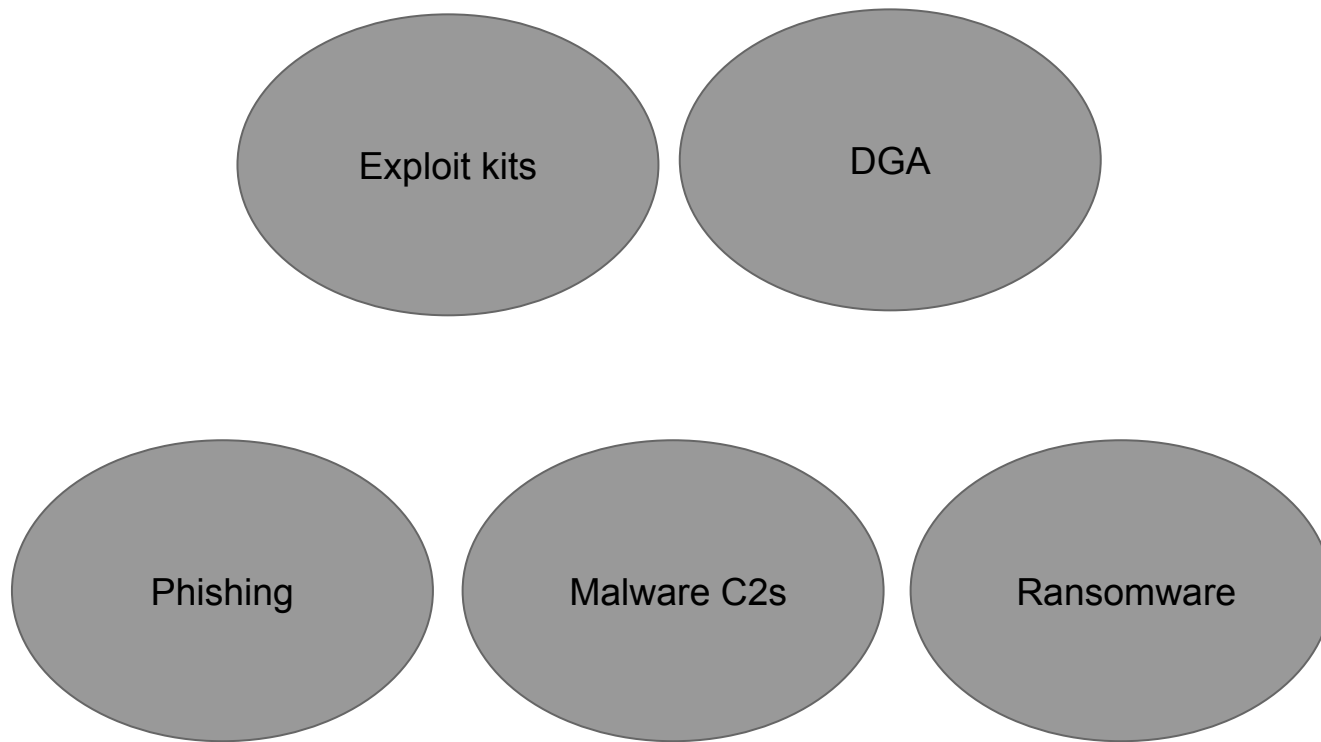
WHOIS Record Data

Registrar Name: GODADDY.COM, LLC IANAID: 146

Created: January, 15, 2016 Updated: January, 15, 2016 Expi

| Email Address          | Associated Domains                            |
|------------------------|---|
| kisardhillon@gmail.com | Greater than 100 Total - At least 9 malicious |

# Detected Threats



# Track Malspam; Combining techniques

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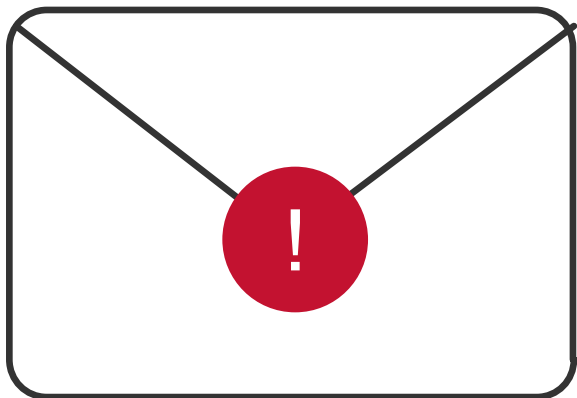


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ketofonerof.ru  
thettertrefbab.ru



# Malicious malspam campaign



From Delta Airlines Inc. <delta@performanceair.com> ☆  
Subject **Your order DELTA64377537 has been approved!** 1:08 PM  
To [redacted] ☆

Dear client,

Your order has been processed and your credit card has been charged.  
Please download and print your ticket by clicking [h ere](#).

Please find your order details below.

FLIGHT NUMBER : DT3547138446US  
ORDER# : DELTA64377537  
DATE : Wed, 30 Aug 2017 13:08:26 -0400  
CARD NUMBER : 4XXX-XXXX-XXXX-5741  
CARD TYPE : VISA  
AMOUNT CHARGED : 958.50

**MALDOC URL**

[hxxp://myhearthstonehomes\[.\]org/i.php?d=](http://hxxp://myhearthstonehomes[.]org/i.php?d=)

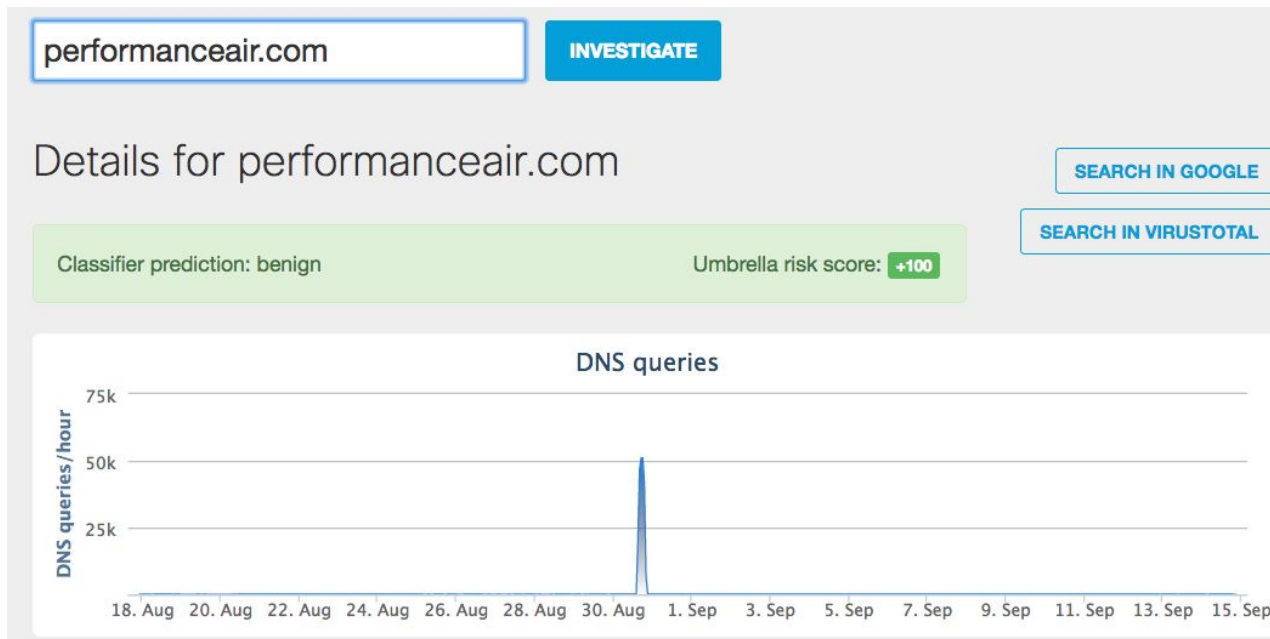
For more information regarding your order, contact us by visitng <http://www.delta.com>.

Thank you for flying with us  
Delta Airlines

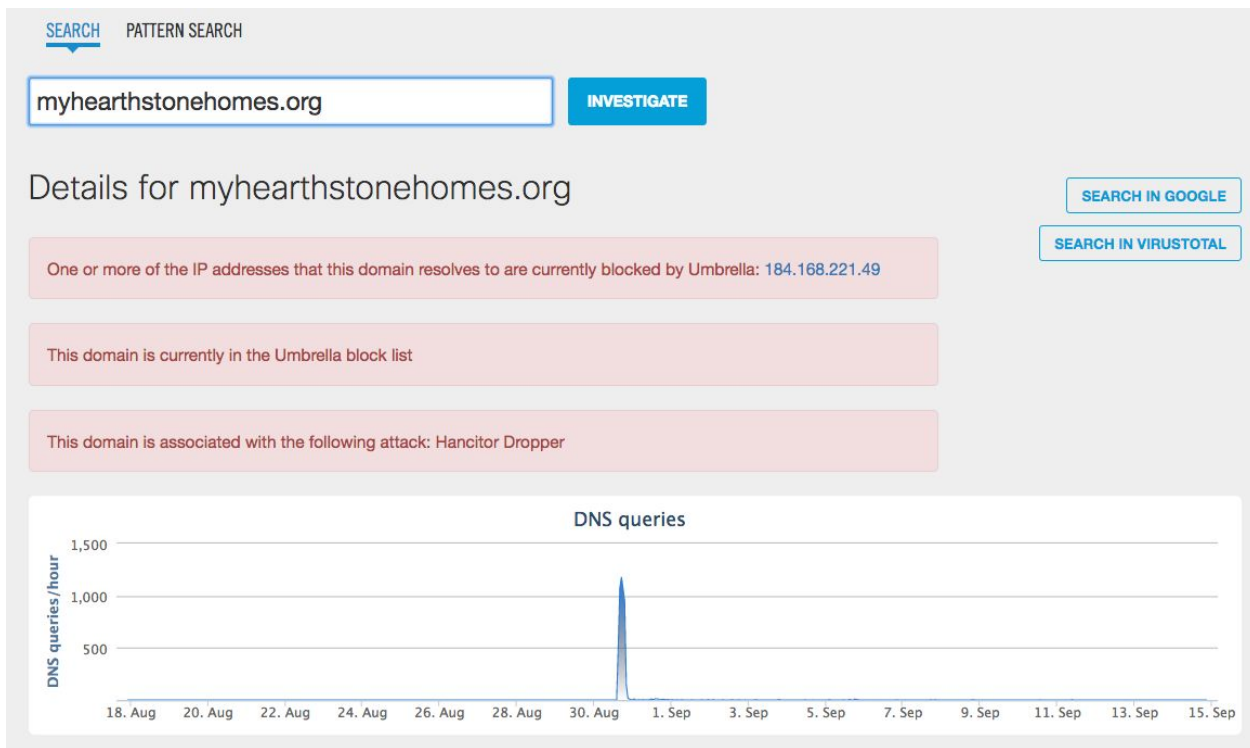


# performanceair.com

Spoofer email used in mails spam attack

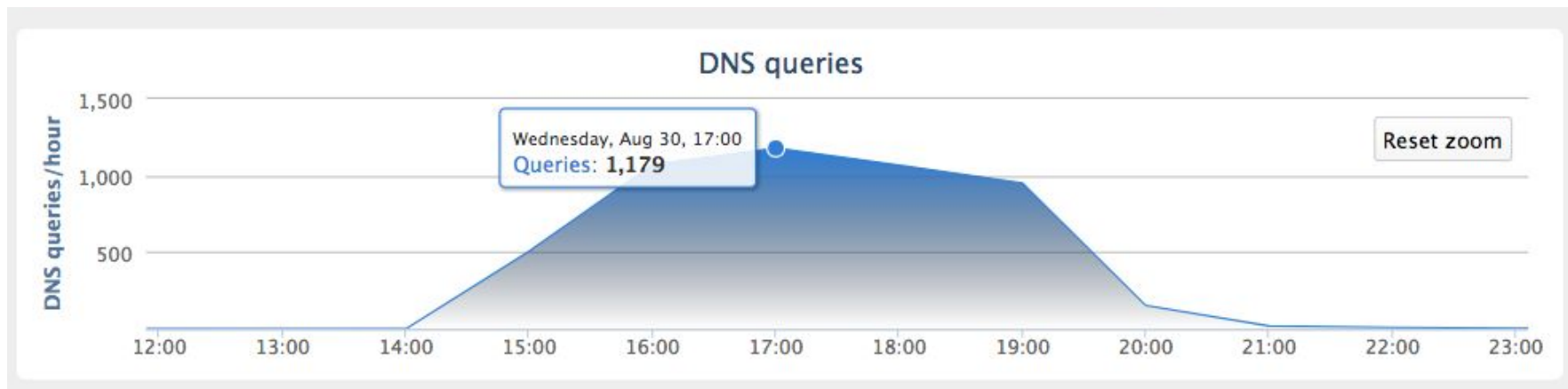


# August 30: Peak of malicious redirect



# Duration: 7 hour period

Attack took place between 14:00-21:00 UTC



# Insight into the IP network

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## IP Addresses

| First seen | Last seen | IPs                       |
|------------|-----------|---------------------------|
| 9/14/17    | 9/14/17   | 184.168.221.49 (TTL: )    |
| 8/31/17    | 9/13/17   | 184.168.221.49 (TTL: 600) |
| 8/30/17    | 8/30/17   | 52.14.244.225 (TTL: 600)  |

# Known malicious domains on the same IP

Known domains hosted by 52.14.244.225

[agentssellingtips.info](#) [antoineandmuse.com](#) [apadriana.com](#) [brookestonehousevalue.info](#) [centralflhousevalue.info](#)  
[heymamaradio.com](#) [imap.antoineandmuse.com](#) [imap.centralflhousevalue.info](#) [imap.vetstuff.com](#) [myoutdoorchild.com](#)  
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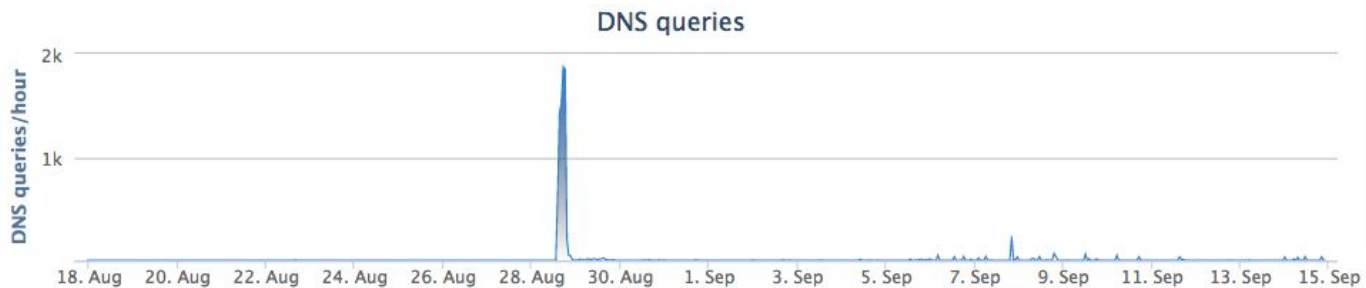
This domain is associated with the following attack: Hancitor Dropper

This domain has a suspicious prefix score

This domain has a suspicious RIP score

Classifier prediction: suspicious

Umbrella risk score: **-83**



# WHOIS information of myearthstronehomes.org

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## WHOIS Record Data

Registrar Name: GoDaddy.com, LLC IANAID: 146

Last retrieved August 31, 2017

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Created: November 16, 2015

Updated: August 30, 2017

Expires: November 16, 2018

| Email Address  | Associated Domains     | Email Type                            | Last Observed |
|--|------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------|
| <a href="mailto:john@liveingarnetvalley.net">john@liveingarnetvalley.net</a> | 17 Total - 7 malicious | Administrative, Registrant, Technical | Current       |

| Nameserver  | Associated Domains     | Last Observed |
|---|------------------------|---------------|
| <a href="https://ns70.domaincontrol.com">ns70.domaincontrol.com</a> | Greater than 500 Total | Current       |
| <a href="https://ns69.domaincontrol.com">ns69.domaincontrol.com</a> | Greater than 500 Total | Current       |

[Show past data](#)

Showing 2 of 4 Results

[Show more WHOIS data ▼](#)

## Domains Associated with john@liveingarnetvalley.net

| Domain Name  | Security Categories | Conte |
|--|---------------------|-------|
| <a href="http://myhearthstonehomes.info">myhearthstonehomes.info</a> | Malware             |       |
| <a href="http://myhearthstonehomes.net">myhearthstonehomes.net</a>   | Malware             |       |
| <a href="http://myhearthstonehomes.org">myhearthstonehomes.org</a>   | Malware             |       |
| <a href="http://ourrealtyguy.info">ourrealtyguy.info</a>             | Malware             |       |
| <a href="http://ourrealtyguy.net">ourrealtyguy.net</a>               | Malware             |       |
| <a href="http://ourrealtyguy.org">ourrealtyguy.org</a>               | Malware             |       |
| <a href="http://ourrealtyguy.us">ourrealtyguy.us</a>                 | Malware             |       |



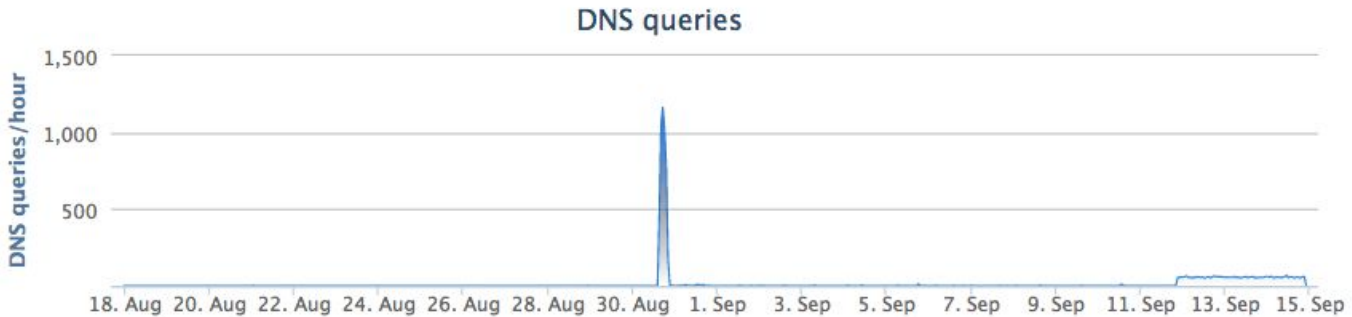
# Details for ourrealtyguy.info

This domain is currently in the Umbrella block list

This domain is associated with the following attack: Locky Ransomware

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# Co-occurring domains tied to the same malspam campaign

myhearthstonehomes.org

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## Co-occurrences

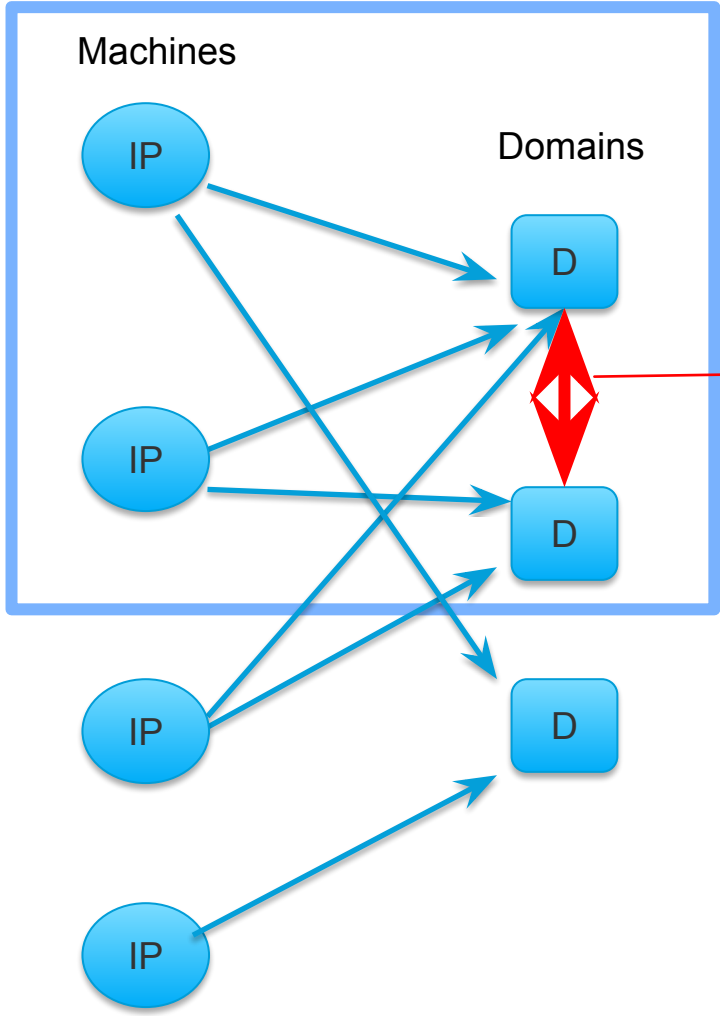
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# Co-occurrences

- Find domains queried by clients in close temporal proximity
- Data is one hour of querylog traffic - 2TB of raw data
- Identify domains looked up by same clients within one minute window of one another
- Output {domain: [List of Domains]}
- Example:  
100luimg.361lu.com. -> {"ucsec1.ucweb.com":3.0,"d2.avgc.us":3.0,"home.1100lu.info":4.0}

# Co-occurrences

Time window



Edge in the co-occurrence graph

- The closer in time, the higher the co-occurrence score
- The more clients exhibiting this behavior, the higher the score

# Co-occurrences

- Domains having similar topic, e.g. security sites, hacking, carding sites
  - Visited by users with related interest
- Example: [first.org](https://www.first.org)

## Co-occurrences

[nakedsecurity.sophos.com](https://nakedsecurity.sophos.com) (92.14) [www.bleepingcomputer.com](https://www.bleepingcomputer.com) (7.86)

- Botnet CnC domains, e.g. DGAs
- Infection chains: compromised sites -> Exploit kit landing domains

# Scaling Up co-occurrence detection algorithms

| <b>Before</b>  | <b>After</b>   |
|--|--|
| job ran daily  | job runs hourly  |
| job used heavily sampled logs  | no sampling apart from initial "algorithm relevant" cleaning |
| heuristics used to further cut down data size to help catch initial compromise/infection | no further data size reduction necessary                     |

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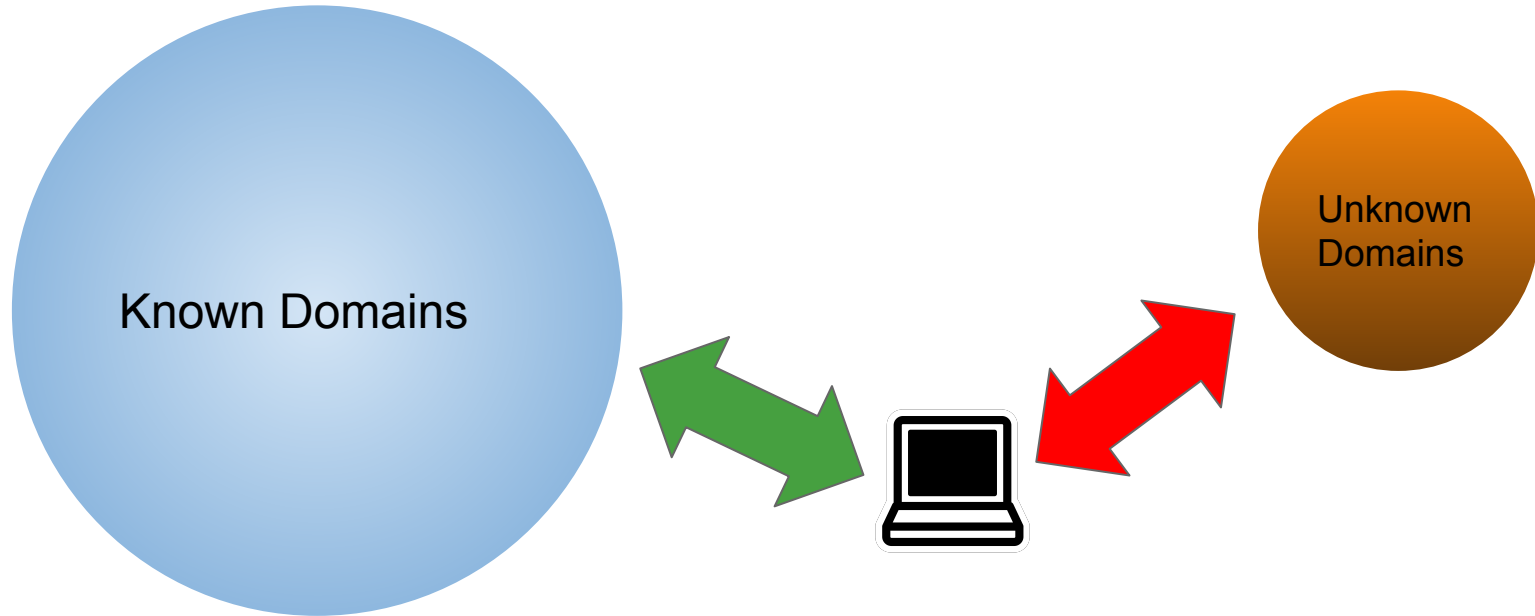
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**Newly seen domains**

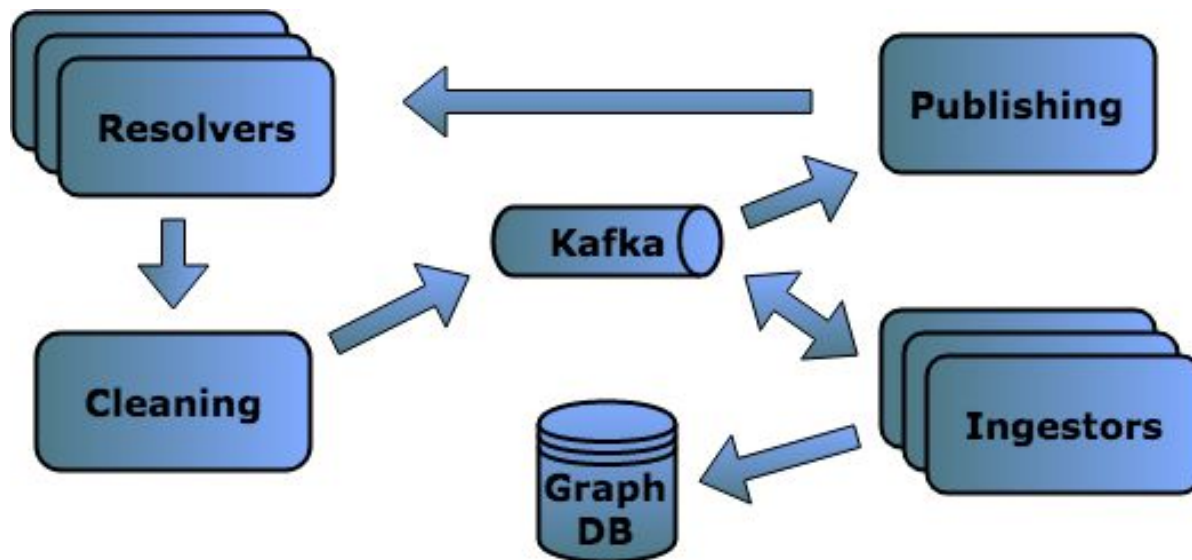


# Newly Seen Domains: A real-time Stream

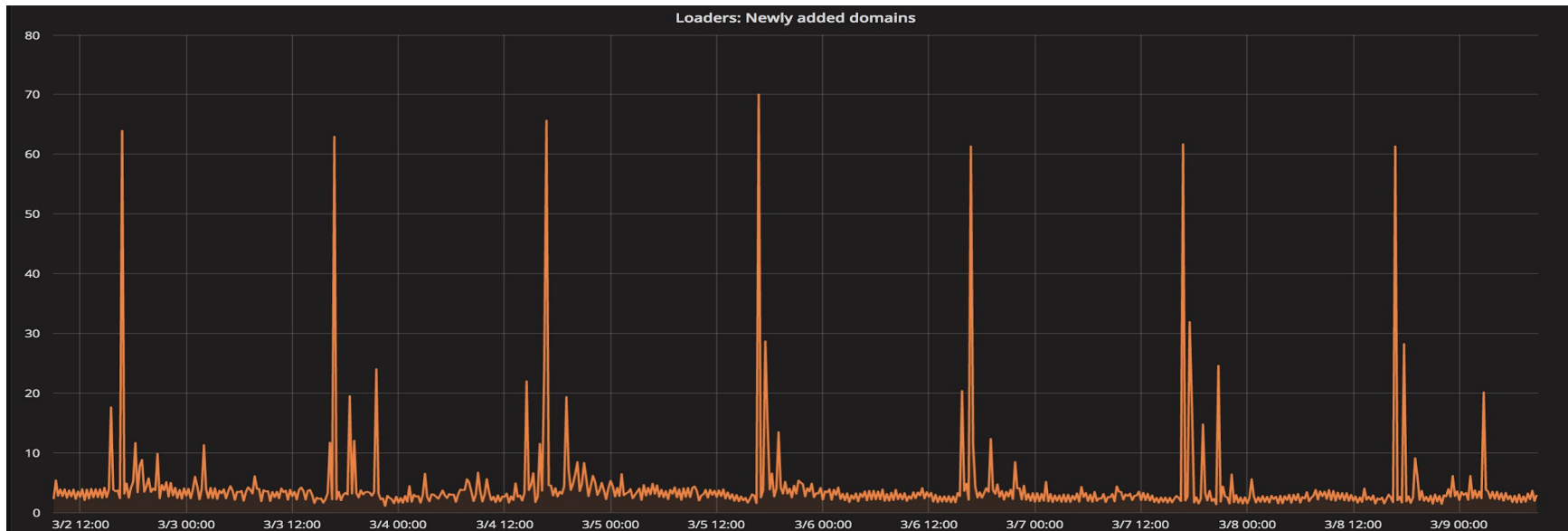




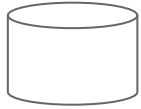
# Overview of Newly Seen Domains System



# Clear Patterns Emerge



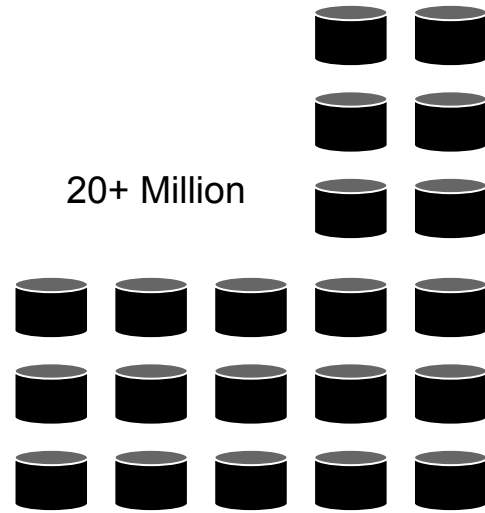
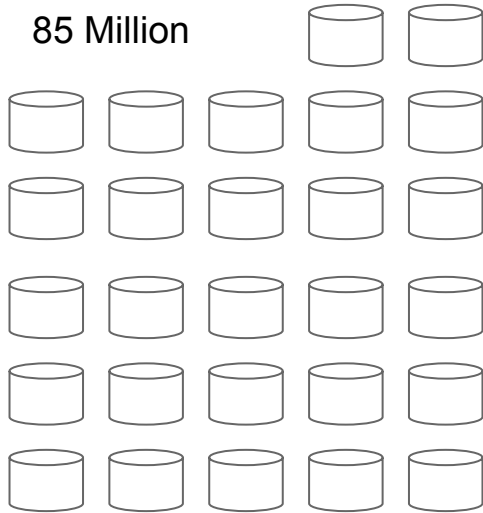
# Cybercrime sites



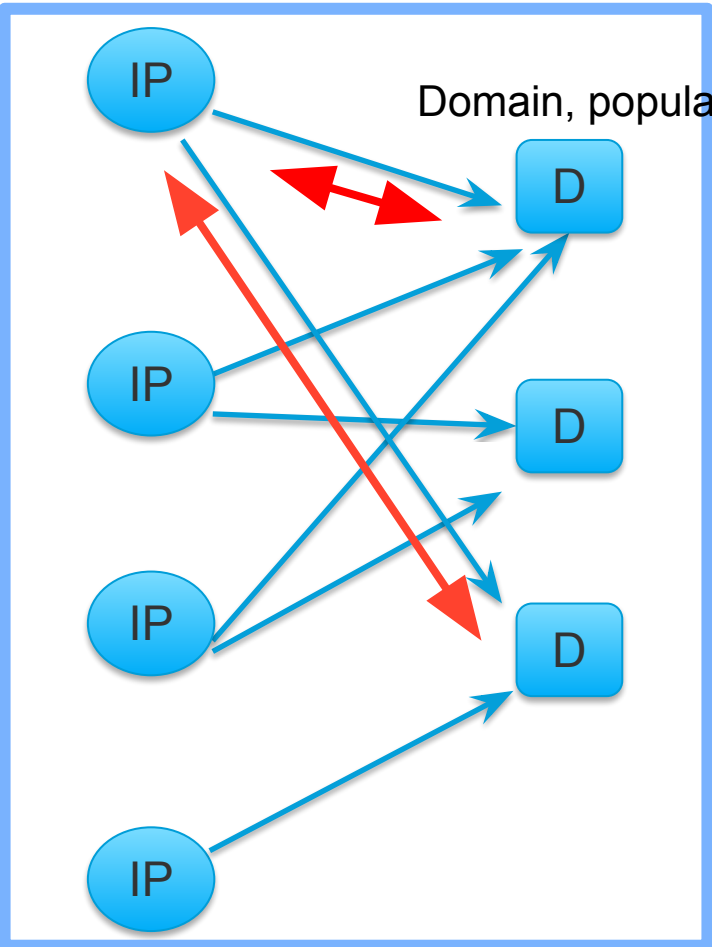
Client IP



Hosting IP



# Machine, chattiness



# Amplify through signals using seeds

For every 1 hour of traffic, we define:

- Chattiness: # unique domains a machine queries
- Popularity: # unique machines that queried the domain
- amplify dom domain chattiness popularity nbhourspast level
- Pivot through domains and machines by keeping a threshold of chattiness and popularity



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Ревизор **Anakisuto**  
Лектор

Пользователи онлайн

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Новые сообщения

 Кто что знает про ssl.n? (кодаль...  
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# Amplify through signals using seeds

Pivot from [procrd.co](https://procrd.co) -> other crimeware sites

amplify.sh dom domain chattiness popularity nbhourspast level

amplify.sh dom procrd.co 10 10 120 2

Carding/dump shops: [carder007.org](https://carder007.org), [carder.site](https://carder.site), [cardx.biz](https://cardx.biz), [mastercvv.in](https://mastercvv.in), [trump-dumps.ru](https://trump-dumps.ru)

Crimeware forums: [fuckav.ru](https://fuckav.ru)

Jabber/chat servers used by criminals: [jabber.ru](https://jabber.ru), [blah.im](https://blah.im)

Anonymous, vpn, proxy, socks: [doublevpn.com](https://doublevpn.com), [hidemevpn.de](https://hidemevpn.de), [vpmmonster.ru](https://vpmmonster.ru), [hidevpn.me](https://hidevpn.me)

Stolen accounts, shell, RDP: [dedicrdp.ru](https://dedicrdp.ru)

# Criminal hosting space



# Zbot Fast Flux BPH operation

Introduced at Black Hat 2014,  
Botconf 2014, Defcon 2017



Actor(s) grow and maintain FF network  
\*FF service offered in underground forums



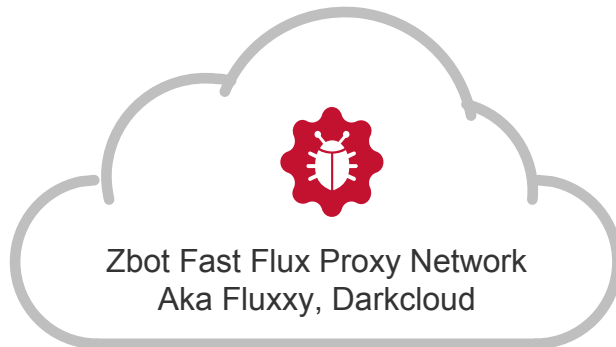
Victim



Crimeware consumer

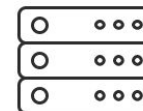


Researcher



Botnet comprised of 30-40K  
compromised residential IPs,  
mainly in UA, RU

40-50 bot IPs  
provisioned per domain



Criminal customer's  
site origin IP

## Content delivered

Short lifetime: malware, ransomware

Medium lifetime: phishing

Long lifetime: carding, cybercrime forums

# SSL Data mining

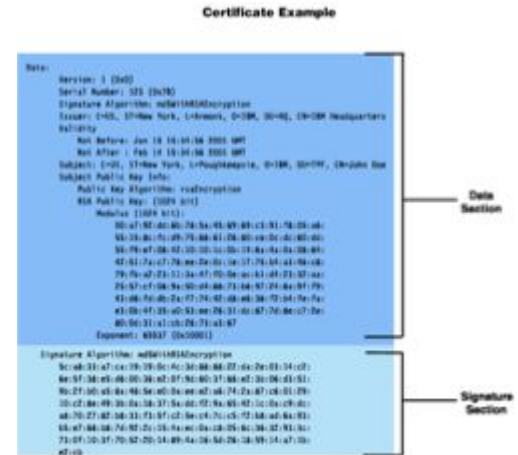
# SSL

## Goals

- What questions will we ask?
  - How can we connect domain, IP data with SSL
- IPv4 SSL scans: 2TB of data - a few million IPs and a few million SHAs

# SSL Backend Architecture - Data Format

- Two separate data formats
  - x509 certificate
  - IP  $\leftrightarrow$  SSL SHA mappings
- Require different forms of indexing
  - Document store
  - Key/Value store
- Communication between data stores

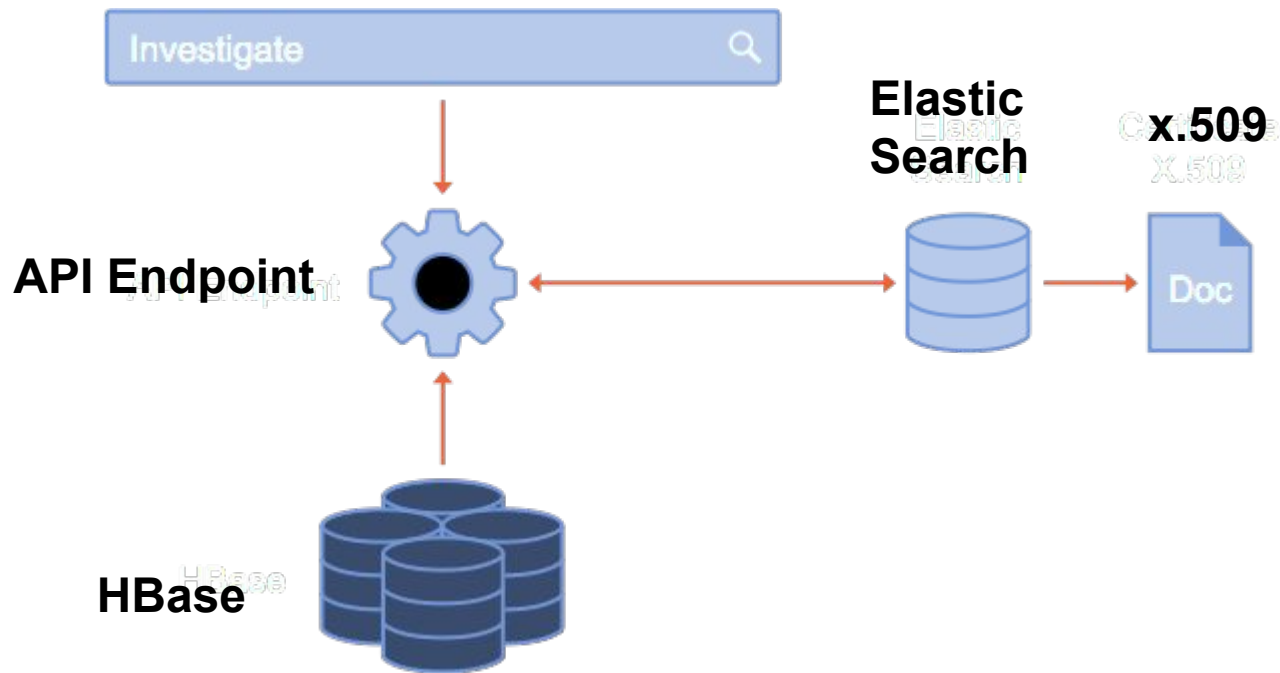


# SSL Backend Architecture

## Data Challenges

- Different data stores for different data types
  - Documents don't store well in traditional RDBMS
  - X509 certs are sparse documents
- Combination of big data technologies
  - HBASE
  - ElasticSearch

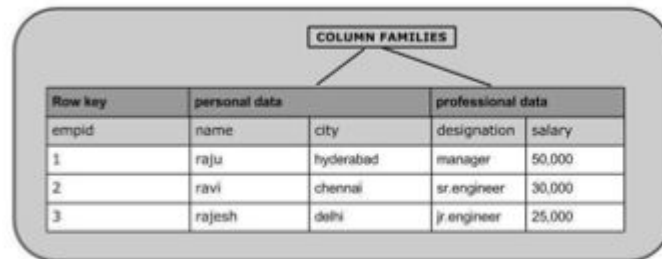
# SSL Backend Architecture



# SSL Backend Architecture

## HBase and Elastic Search Table Design

- 4 HBase major components:
  - Rowkey
  - Column Family
  - Column Qualifier
  - Cell
- Design of the rowkey most important
  - Use RK to match SHAs to IP spaces
- Elasticsearch stores parsed x509 docs
  - Indexed on fields; e.g. search on CNs



# Reveal origin IP of domains hiding behind reverse proxies

- darkmoney.cc, a cybercrime forum hides behind Cloudflare

```
darkmoney.cc. 299 IN A 104.31.1.166
```

```
darkmoney.cc. 299 IN A 104.31.0.166
```

- Search CN=darkmoney.cc in SSL data base

```
33b64e11a6e8529d9b719bf9e91bf8b9fd0ad6fa,darkmoney.cc
```

- Search the sha in SSL data base

```
33b64e11a6e8529d9b719bf9e91bf8b9fd0ad6fa 2016-06-27 181.174.164.101
```

- Confirm content is hosted on the hidden IP

```
curl --header 'Host: darkmoney.cc' http://181.174.164.101
```



# Conclusion

Dealing with large scale threat intel problems, you need to:

- Know your requirements: what are you looking for?
- Know what to collect
- Know how to store and process the data at scale
- Know what analysis to apply: human or machine based at scale or a combination
- What is your final product: discrete IOCs, or trends and TTPs

# Some of our related work

- Hack in the Box 2018 [https://youtu.be/co2cvi\\_5Flc](https://youtu.be/co2cvi_5Flc)
- SANS CTI Summit 2018  
<https://www.sans.org/summit-archives/file/summit-archive-1517343456.pdf>
- Flocon 2018 [https://schd.ws/hosted\\_files/flocon2018/d7/2.%20FloCon%202018\\_.pdf](https://schd.ws/hosted_files/flocon2018/d7/2.%20FloCon%202018_.pdf)
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- Virus Bulletin 2017 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sbzvZ8ChTiU>
- Defcon 2017 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AbJCOVLQbjs>
- Black Hat 2017 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PGTTRN6Vs-Y&feature=youtu.be>
- Usenix Enigma 2017 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ep2gHQgjYTs&t=818s>
- Black Hat 2016 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m9yqnuwqdSk>
- RSA 2016  
<https://www.rsaconference.com/events/us16/agenda/sessions/2336/using-large-scale-data-to-provide-attacker>
- BruCon 2015 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8edBgoHXnwg>
- Virus Bulletin 2014 <https://www.virusbtn.com/conference/vb2014/abstracts/Mahjoub.xml>
- Black Hat 2014 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UG4ZUaWDXSs>

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