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Is AI the Answer to Reducing Cyberattack Risks?

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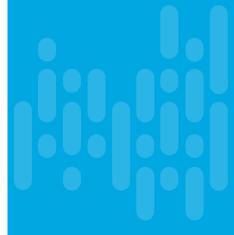


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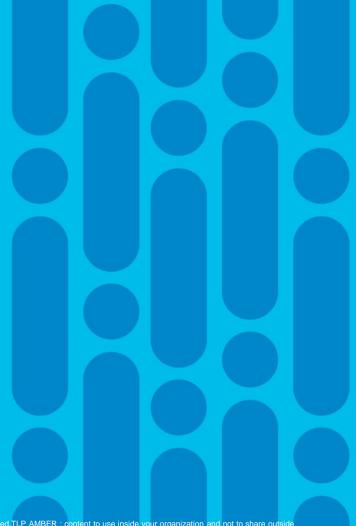


Agenda

- Global visibility, threat detection at scale, threat intel
- Classes of threat problems to solve with ML
- Various use cases: NLP, graph analysis, anomaly detection, clustering
- Takeaways
- Q&A



Introduction

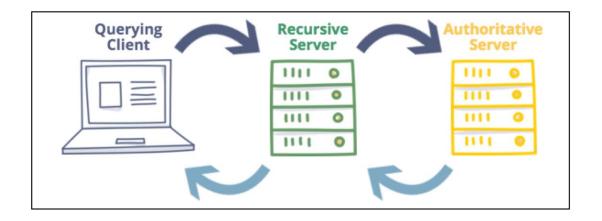




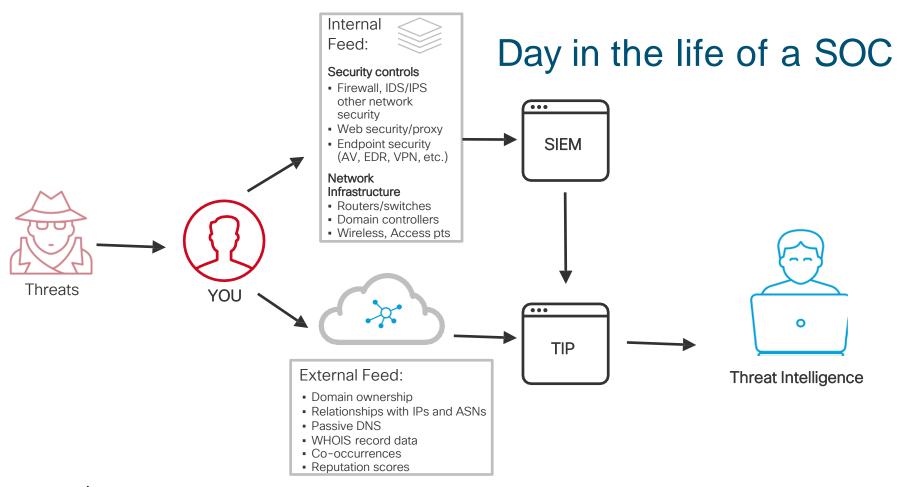
Data centers co-located at major IXPs



Recursive and Authoritative DNS







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Our threat intel production cycle

Scale

Automation

Efficacy

Context

Feedback

Protected customers, actionable use cases with Investigate



Dissemination

Domains, IPs into block list Investigate UI and API



Detect and block domains/IPs to protect customers and provide insight and context around domains/IPs

Collection

Retrieve raw DNS, IP, BGP, SSL, whois, hash, crawled web data, etc. at scale



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Analysis

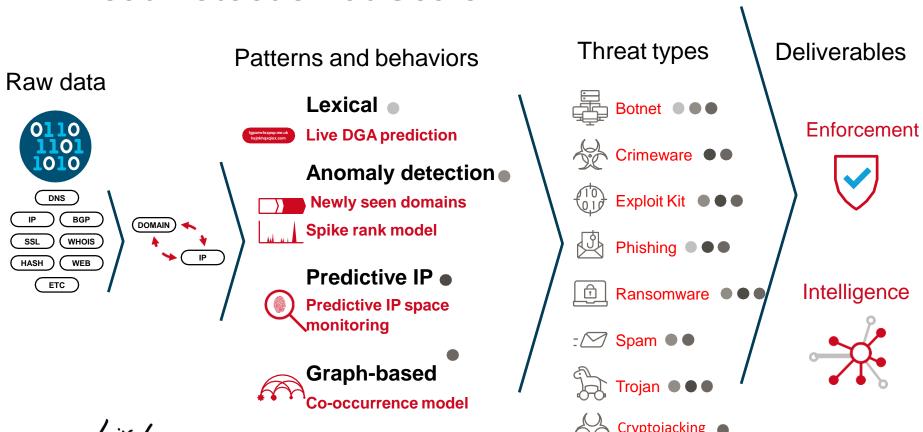
Threat detection and reputation scores using ML & graph models, human domain expertise

Processing

Caching, indexing, enriching, summarizing data at scale

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Threat Detection at Scale



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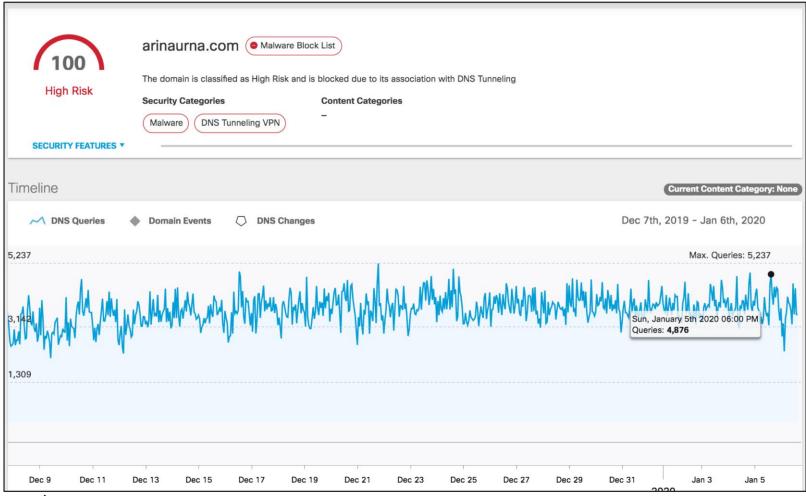
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Graph analysis Cybercrime goods and services DGA botnets

Anomaly detection Cryptomining pools Crimeware

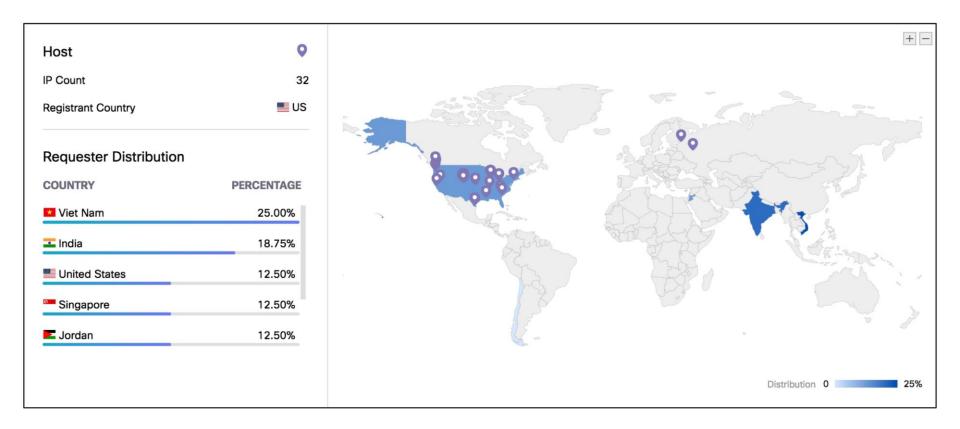




Subdomains

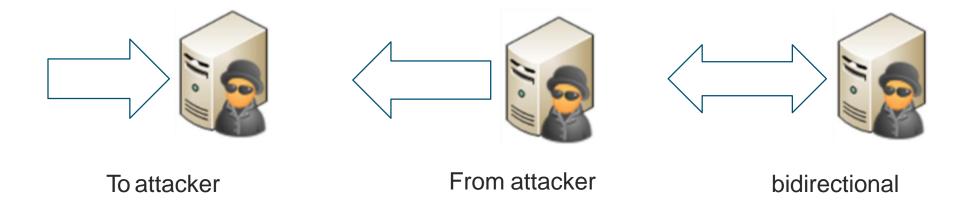
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0-pt09wmiulavzgb.arinaurna.com	2019/06/19 21:10	Malware, DNS Tunneling VPN
02j2dojivhbgqqhz.arinaurna.com	2019/06/24 02:52	Malware, DNS Tunneling VPN
02sdakp2jferyube.arinaurna.com	2019/04/22 20:30	Malware, DNS Tunneling VPN
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Data transfer direction

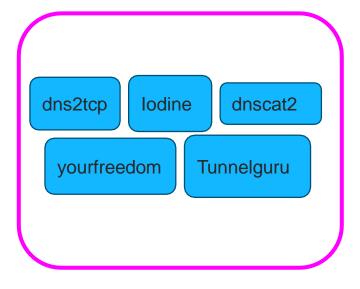


Attacker controls an authoritative name server



DNS Tunneling in the wild





Legit or undesirable tools

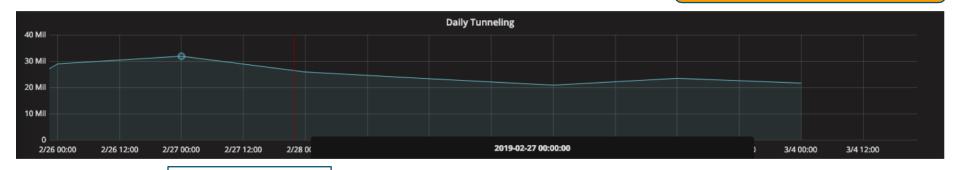
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DNS Tunneling stats

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Less than 1% of global traffic



Ocean Lotus

1198 nsquery.net 1198 jessicajoshua.com 1198 facebook-cdn.net 1197 phillippcliche.com 1193 thomaswaechter.com 1170 charlotteagnes.com 1168 poppyranken.com 1167 gl-appspot.org 1165 lotteagnesar.com 1153 tonholding.com 1150 teriava.com 875 tulationeva.com 486 5t2.be 406 notificeva.com 380 vieweva.com 41 getbring.de 35 shervin.org 31 89u.uk

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1000 voanews.hk

1000 nowpublic.us

1000 <u>nowpablic.us</u>

1000 microsoftner.com

1000 micorsoff.com

995 micrrsoft.net

733 flashplayerget.com

520 facebookcdn.com

319 microselver.com

PlugX

100 UK orgs surveyed in 2017 21% impacted by data exfil via DNS tunneling*

*https://www.infosecurityeurope.com/ novadocuments/445880?v=636554279131430000

DNS Tunneling and ATT&CK

T1071 -> Standard Application Layer Protocol

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Standard Application Layer Protocol

Adversaries may communicate using a common, standardized application layer protocol such as HTTP, HTTPS, SMTP, or DNS to avoid detection by blending in with existing traffic. Commands to the remote system, and often the results of those commands, will be embedded within the protocol traffic between the client and server.

For connections that occur internally within an enclave (such as those between a proxy or pivot node and other nodes), commonly used protocols are RPC, SSH, or RDP.

ID: T1071

Tactic: Command And Control

Platform: Linux, macOS, Windows

Data Sources: Packet capture, Netflow/Enclave netflow, Process use of network, Malware reverse

engineering, Process monitoring

Requires Network: Yes

Version: 1.0

Enterprise	T1071	Standard Application Layer Protocol	Cobalt Group has used HTTPS and DNS tunneling for C2. The group has also used the Plink utility to create SSH tunnels. [1][3][4]
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Enterprise

T1071

Standard Application Layer Protocol OilRig has used HTTP and DNS for C2. The group has also used the Plink utility and other tools to create tunnels to C2 servers. [5][7]



DNS Tunneling and APT groups

Groups	Software	Abused DNS QTypes	
Cobalt group	Cobalt Strike	NULL A AAAA TXT etc.	
OceanLotus/APT32	Denis SOUNDBIT E Goopy		
OilRig	ISMDoor ISMAgent Helminth ALMA		
Multiple Chinese APT groups	PlugX		
Darkhydrus	RogueRobin	Google Drive	



Lexical feature selection and Clustering

- Interested in lexical features of subdomains
 - Subdomains contain the 'payload' of the message
- Look at the following feature sets:
 - Number of subdomains
 - Length of subdomains
 - Number of consecutive numeric characters
 - Existence of particular trigrams
 - Frequency of switching between numbers and characters
 - Compressibility of feature sets



Cluster: Ocean Lotus/APT32

- A cluster containing many Ocean Lotus domains
- The payload contained in the 2nd level subdomain
- Not necessarily all malware

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Cluster: PlugX and Benign Traffic

- Cluster contains malware and benign tunneling
 PlugX
- Similar tunneling encoding structure
- Example of how clustering does not cleanly split into groups

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OilRIG group, ALMA communicator

Host	•		+
P Count	0		
Geo Distance (sum, mean)	0, 0 km		
Registrant Country	■ US		
Requester Distribution			
COUNTRY	PERCENTAGE		
Saudi Arabia	40.00%		
United States	20.00%		
United Arab Emirates	20.00%		
Bahrain	20.00%		
		Distribution 0	4



Subdomains Name First Seen Category 6190id4a5b753459-0-2d-2d.prosalar.com 2017/11/02 19:13 2721id4a5b753489-0-2d-2d.prosalar.com 2017/11/02 19:13 5310id4a5b753473-0-2d-2d.prosalar.com 2017/11/02 19:13 6646id4a5b753455-0-2d-2d.prosalar.com 2017/11/02 19:13 1138id0b25c0f5120-0-2d-2d.prosalar.com 2017/11/13 15:57 3658id4a5b753493-0-2d-2d.prosalar.com 2017/11/02 19:13 1190id4a5b753486-0-2d-2d.prosalar.com 2017/11/02 19:13 9315id4a5b753446-0-2d-2d.prosalar.com 2017/11/02 19:13 3025id4a5b753432-0-2d-2d.prosalar.com 2017/11/02 19:13 7860id4a5b75348-0-2d-2d.prosalar.com 2017/11/02 19:13 1393id4a5b753414-27-3a5265706561743a2045-2017/11/02 19:15 5f446e73496e6974.prosalar.com 5076id4a5b753496-0-2d-2d.prosalar.com 2017/11/02 19:13 7291id4a5b753457-0-2d-2d.prosalar.com 2017/11/02 19:13

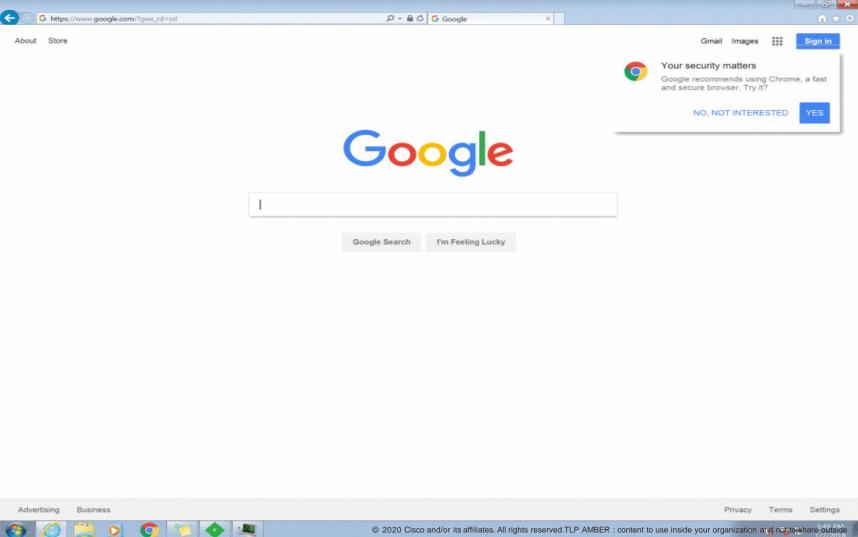


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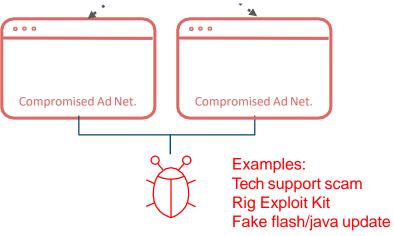
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Ad campaign flow



Publisher site includes ad network javascript



Ad network fingerprints and sends user to malvertisement



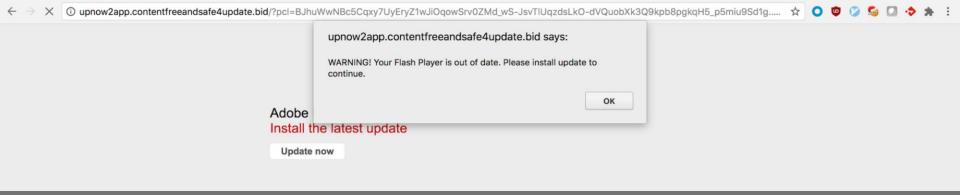


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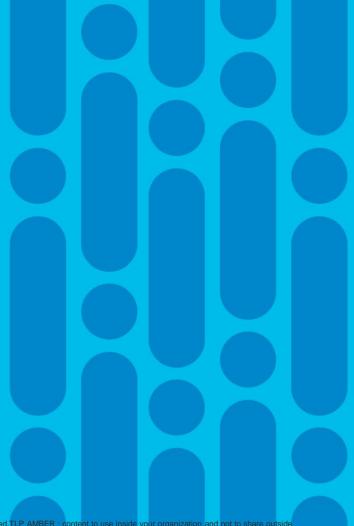
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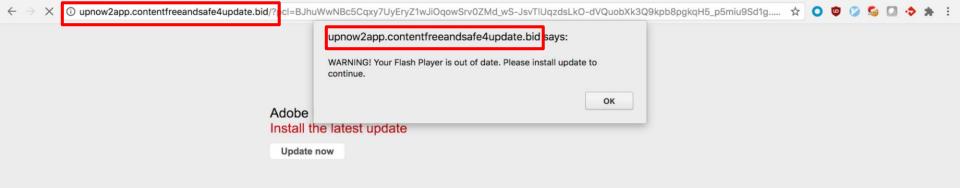
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Lexical Clustering





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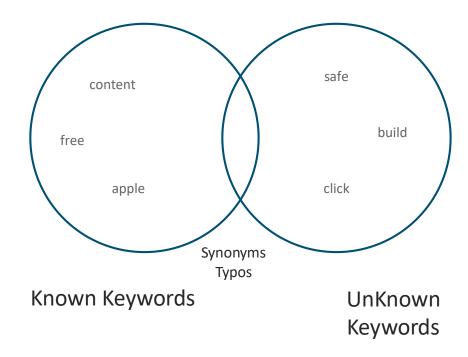
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contentfreeandsafe4updating.date	Newly Seen Do	December 13, 2017, 3:00pm
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Regular expressions

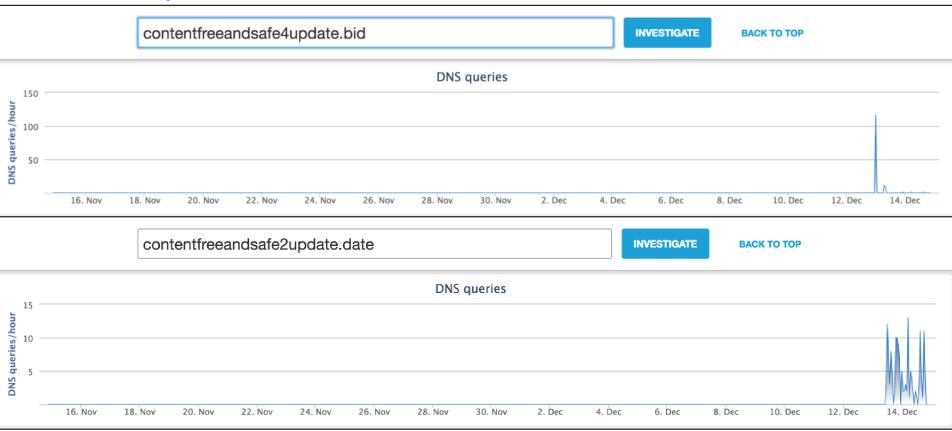




Regular expressions



Traffic patterns



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Traffic patterns

Look ion burst in traffic



Shingling Fake Java and Flash Updates

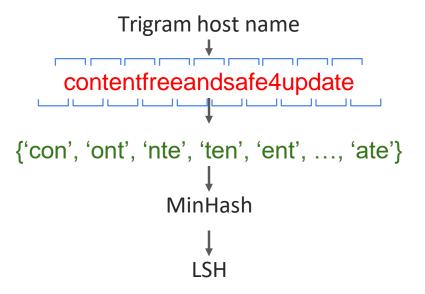
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Trigram host name

contentfreeandsafe4update

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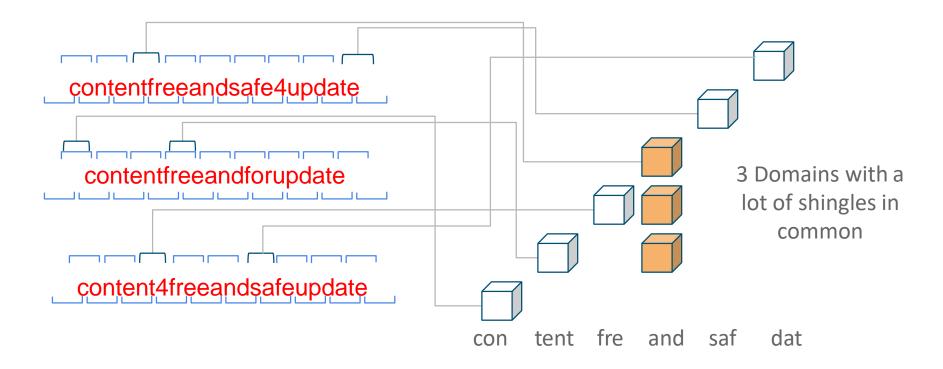


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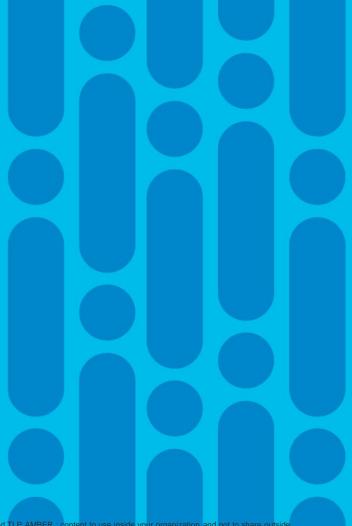


Locality Sensitive Hashing Fake Flash





Results



Fake Flash and Java Update lexical clustering

cluster_1: goodnewcontentssafe.download goodnewfreecontentsload.date goodnewfreecontentall.trade

cluster_3: artificialintelligencesweden.se artificialintelligencechip.com artificialintelligence.net.cm

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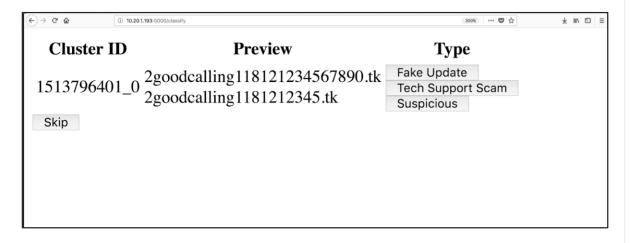
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Tagging dashboard



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for j, domain in enumerate(entry['domains']):
                 entry['domains'][j] = {'domain': domain, 'timestamp': entry['ti
34
             entry.pop('timestamps')
36
        for i, idx in enumerate(date_changes):
             n = date_changes[i+1] if i < len(date_changes) - 1 else None
38
             r[idx:n] = sorted(r[idx:n], key=lambda x: x['c_num'])
39
    @app.route("/clusters/attribution", methods=['POST'])
41 def attribution():
        if not request. ison:
            return "Error!"
44
        resp = \{\}
        for cluster id in request. ison:
46
             attr = request.json[cluster_id]
             ret = add_attribution(cluster_id, attr)
48
             resp[cluster_id] = ret
50
            if ret == 'success' and BLOCKING:
                 domains = m.get_cluster_domains(cluster_id)['domains']
                 block description = "Domain showed similarities to {0} malverti
                 print "Blocking domains: {0}".format(", ".join(domains))
                 block(domains, block description=block description)
56
        return jsonify(resp)
     @app.route("/clusters/attribution/<string:cluster_id>")
    def get_attribution(cluster_id):
         return jsonify(m.get_attribution(cluster_id))
    @app.route("/clusters/uncategorized")
63 def get_uncategorized():
         r = [entry for entry in m.get_uncategorized()]
65
        if not r or len(r) == 1:
66
67
            return jsonify(results=r)
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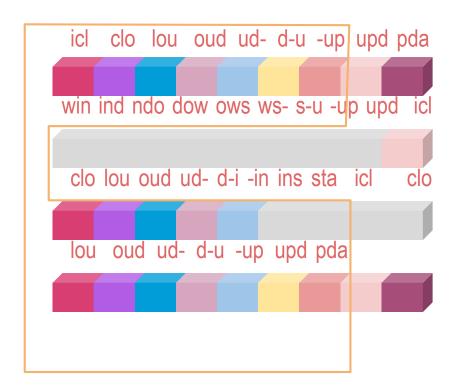
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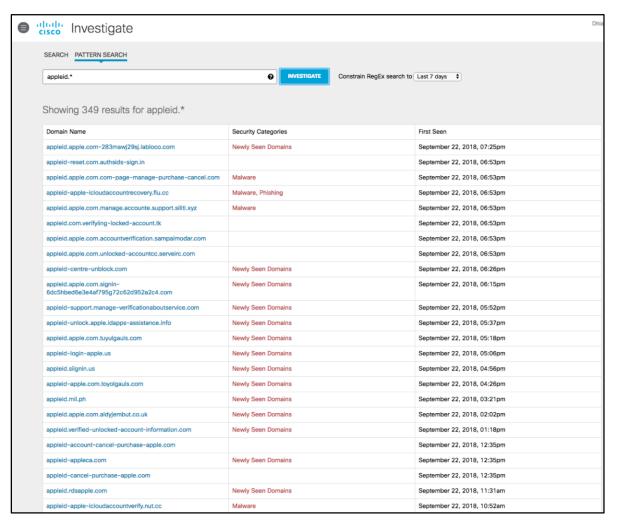
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icloud-install-usa.com

icloud-update-now.com











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3 Classes of ML algos to solve threat detection

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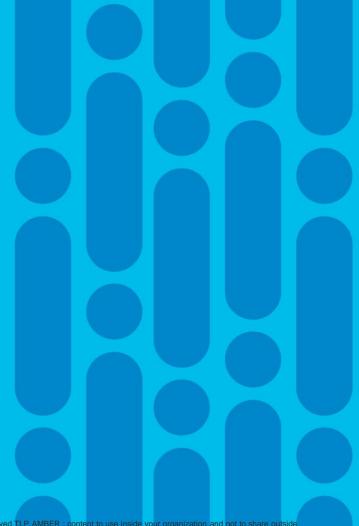
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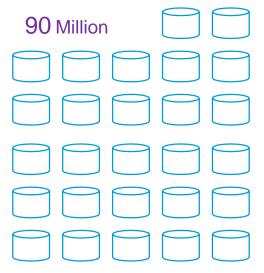
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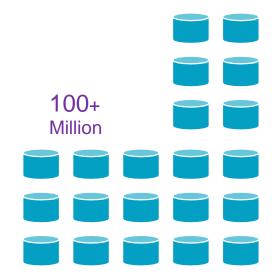


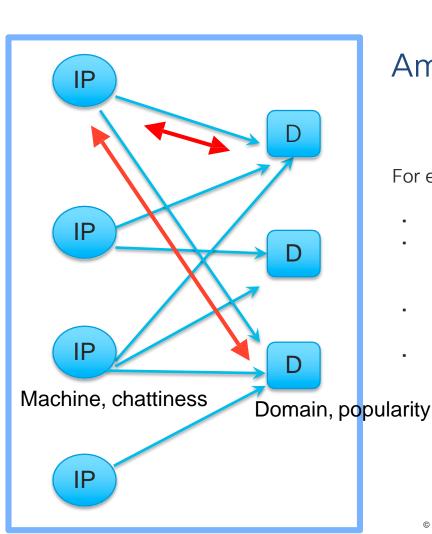




Hosting IP







Amplifying signals through seeds

For every 1 hour of traffic, we define:

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

Cybercrime, Fraud Management & Cybercrime, PCI Standards

Joker's Stash Advertises More Stolen **Payment Card Data**

Carder Forum Listing Appears Tied to Breaches at Four Restaurant Chains

Scott Ferguson (Ferguson Writes) · November 27, 2019











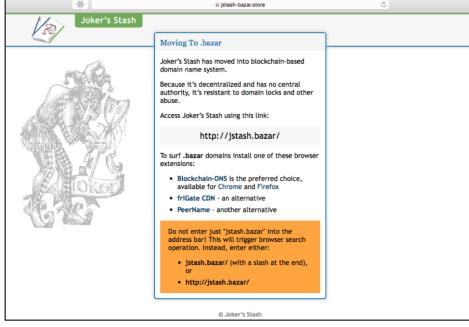




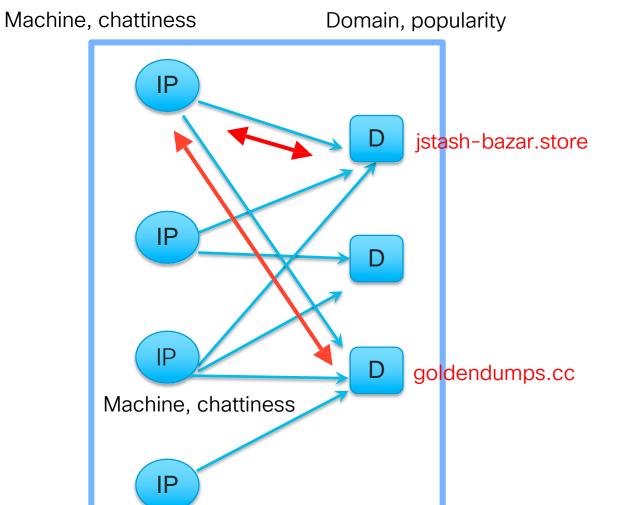


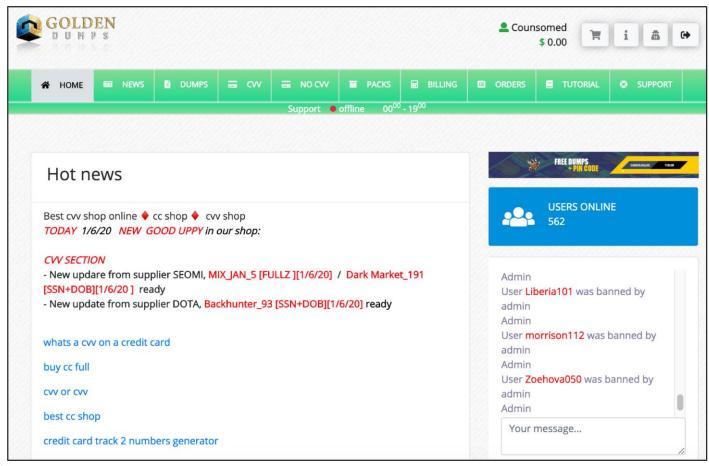












Amplifying signals through seeds

Pivot from jstash-bazar.store, jstashbazar.link, jstash-bazar.link, jstash03.link -> other cybercrime sites

amplify.sh dom jstash_list 100 10 [degree = 100, 10 days]

- -Carding/dump shops: gocvv.biz, mastercvv.ru, cardmafia.cc, cardmafia.pw, cardmafia.ws, cardx.biz, cardx.ws, dumpswithpin.ru, goldendumps.cc, realdumppin.biz, trump-dump.bz, trump-dump.ru
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Be sure, check your files here

This is a place where you can check content for quick detection of viruses, worms, trojans, and all kinds of malware. Also you can scan web-pages and domain. Check out our ovideo tours if you have any questions!

High speed get partial and full results the scan. Special superfast methods for server-side usage.

% Full anonymity

All cloud services are disabled manually. All scanned objects are removed immediately.

Usable report

Most informative results page, both antivirus and for each of the objects to be scanned.

© Clever API

Crafted API, giving wide scope when using server-side checks. More info..

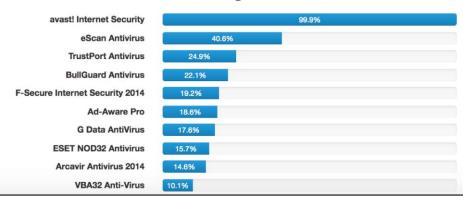
C Smart auto scans

No runs by cron! Rescan immediately after antivirus was updated. Complete statistics for all time watching an object.

■ Many great apps

Variety of clients, from simple CLI module, ending DLL library and plugin for OllyDBG.

TOP 10 Ranking Antiviruses



Amplifying signals through seeds

Pivot from viruscheckmate.com -> other crimeware sites

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vkpro.biz

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mybot.su

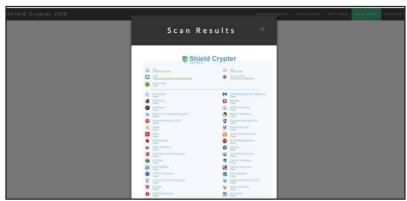
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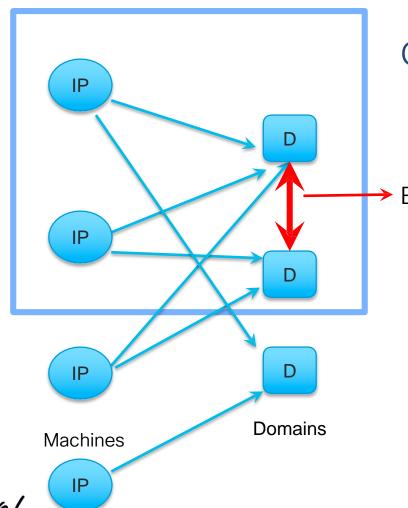
market.com b-p.sale

shieldcrypter.com









Time window

Co-occurrences

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

Patended

- Domains having similar topic, e.g. security sites, hacking, carding sites
 Visited by users with related interest
- Example: <u>first.org</u>

Co-occurrences

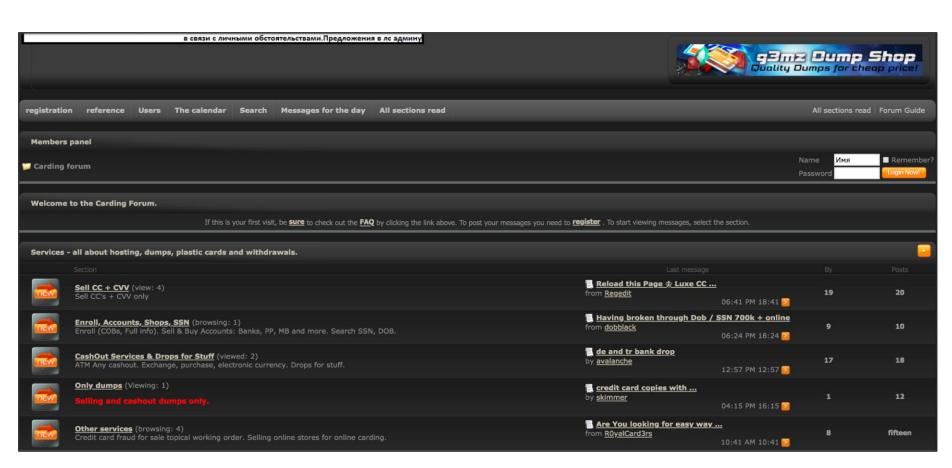
nakedsecurity.sophos.com (92.14) www.bleepingcomputer.com (7.86)

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

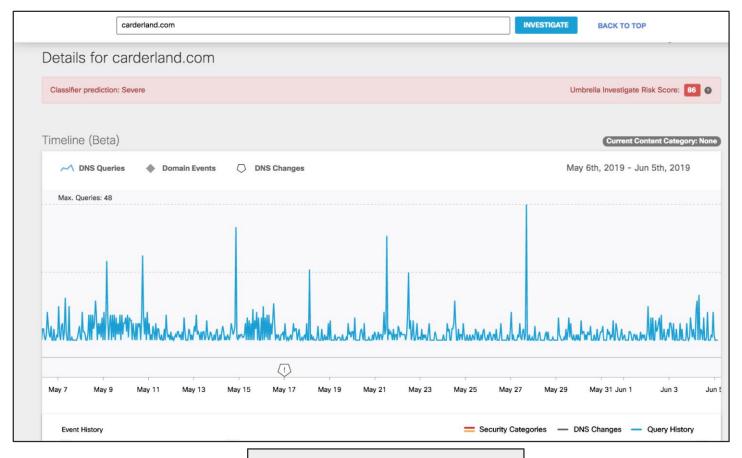


- carderland.com carding site
- izzvbczwk.info
- cashback.bazar









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Co-occurrences

darkmarket.li (67.62) blackforum.cc (32.38)

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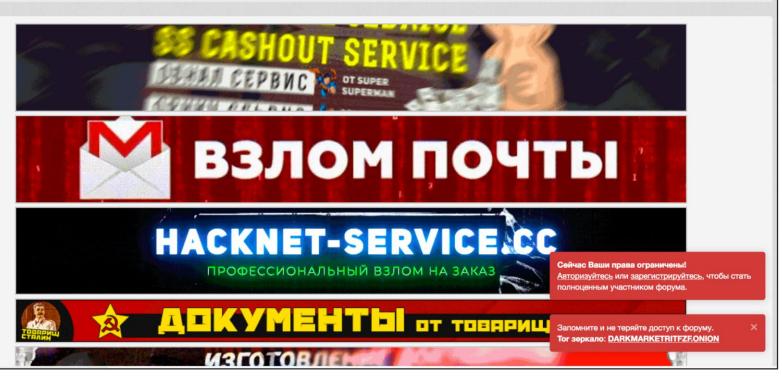
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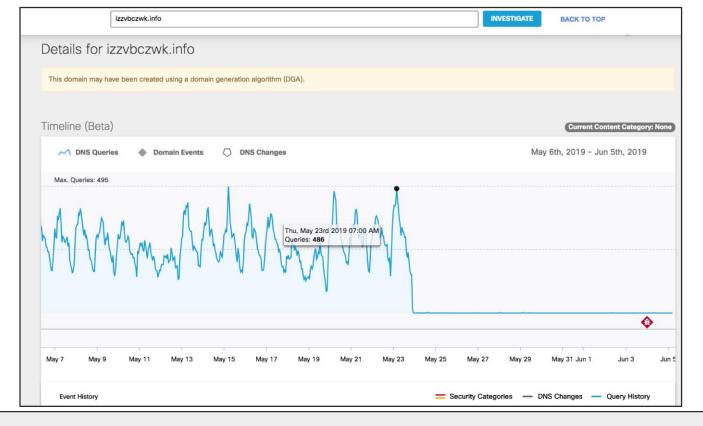


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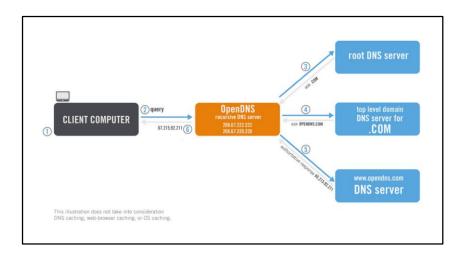


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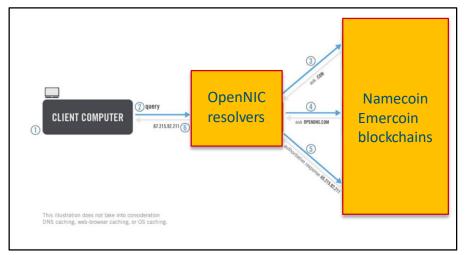


Blockchain and DNS



- Mapping domain->hosting IPs is tamperproof
- Countering censorship and domain take down

- Blockchain DNS is even more decentralized than current DNS
- Does not depend on registrars, registries, root DNS servers, regular DNS hierarchy
- Namecoin and emercoin blockchains
- DNS managed by the p2p network of the underlying blockchain

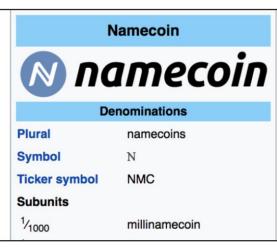




Namecoin (Symbol: N or **NMC**) is a cryptocurrency originally forked from bitcoin software. It is based on the code of bitcoin and uses the same proof-of-work algorithm. Like bitcoin, it is limited to 21 million coins.^[2]

Unlike bitcoin, Namecoin can store data within its own blockchain transaction database. The original proposal for Namecoin called for Namecoin to insert data into bitcoin's blockchain directly. Anticipating scaling difficulties with this approach, a shared proof-of-work (POW) system was proposed to secure new cryptocurrencies with different use cases.

Namecoin's flagship use case is the censorship-resistant top level domain .bit , which is functionally similar to .com or .net domains but is independent of ICANN, the main governing body for domain names.[3]

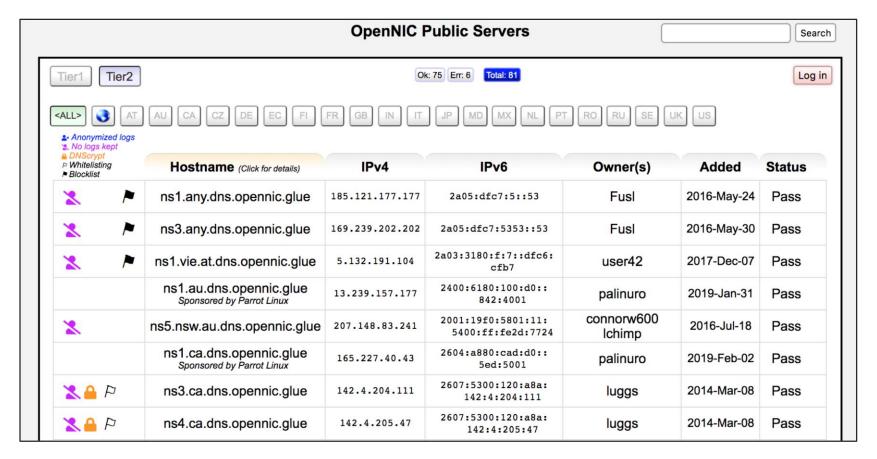


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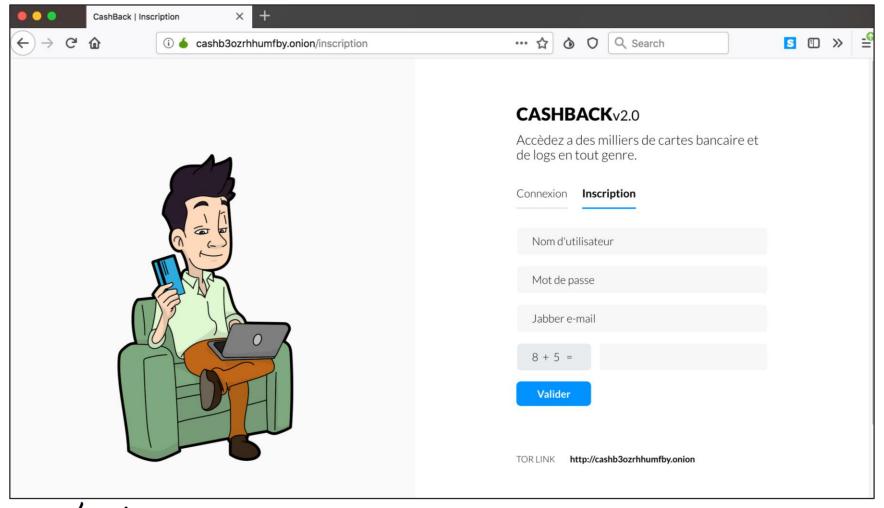
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Co-occurrences

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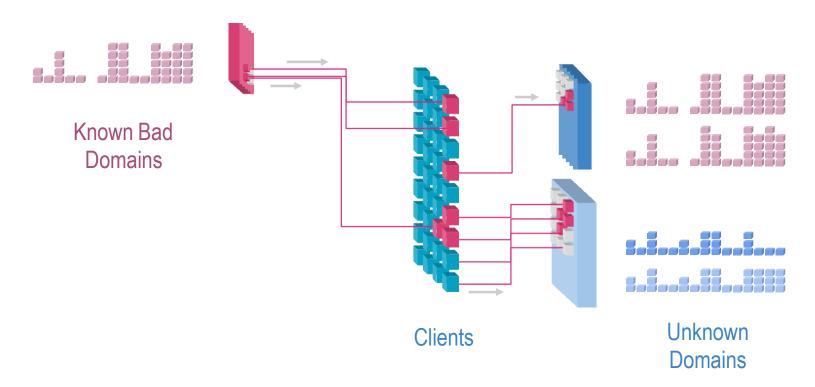
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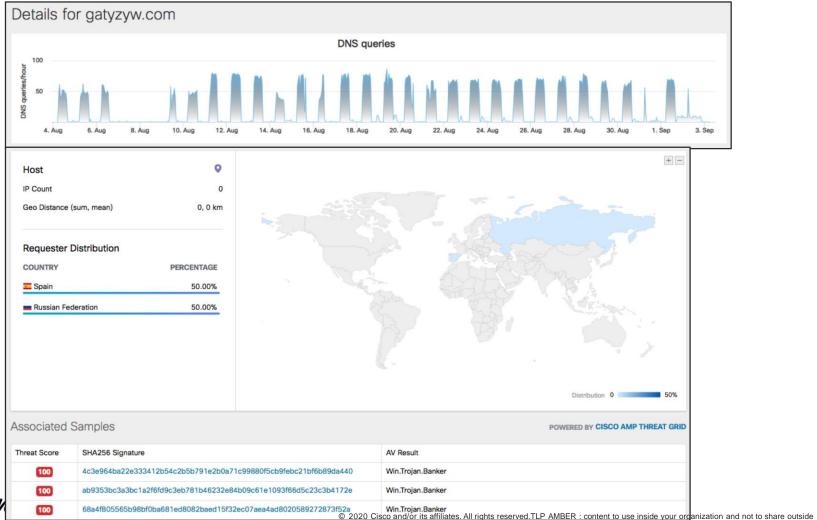
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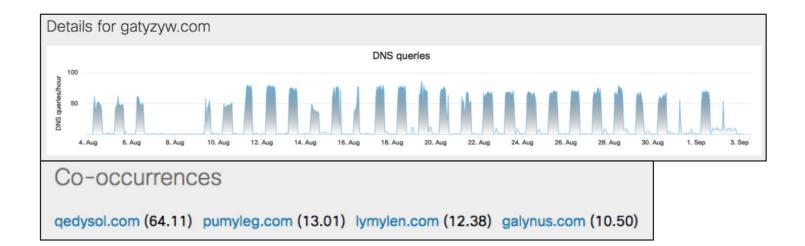
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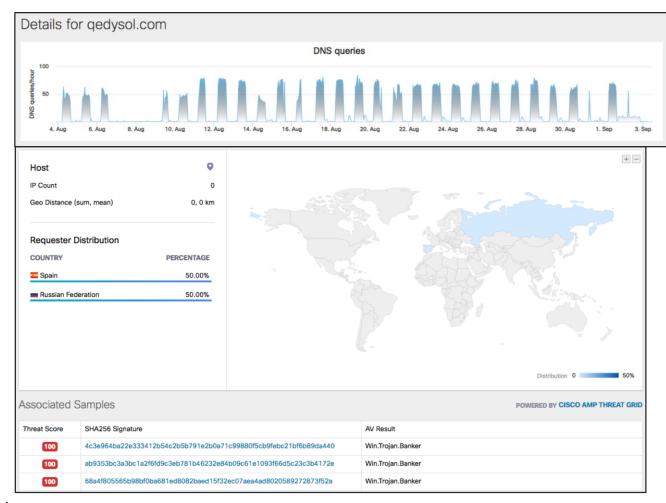


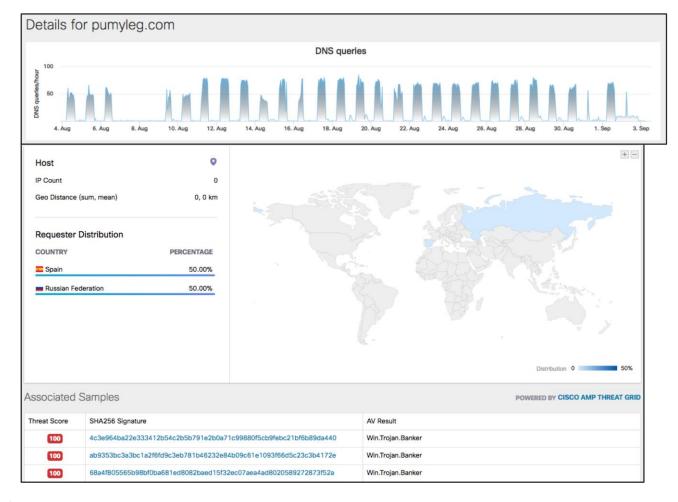




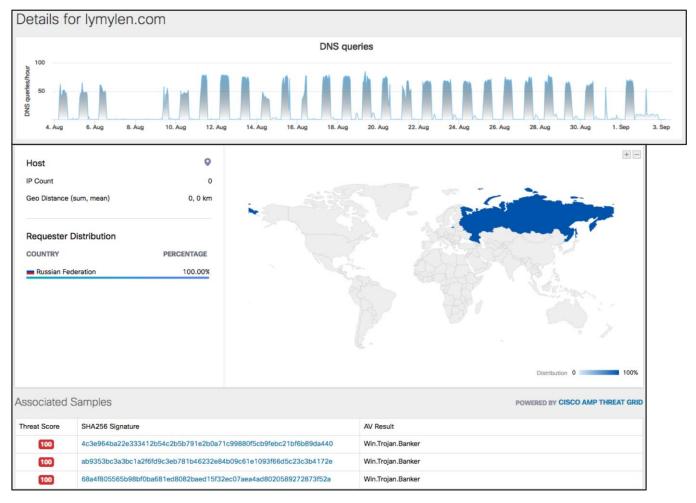


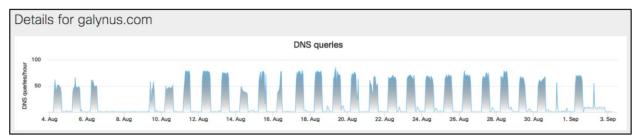


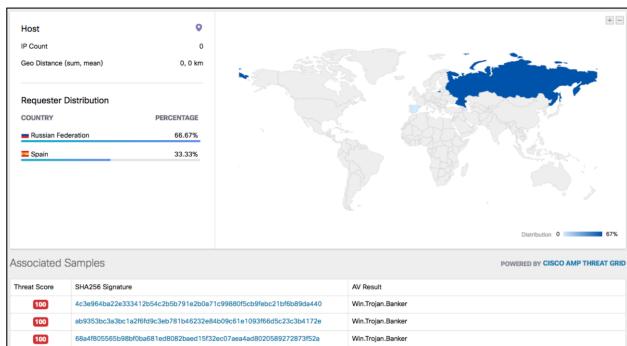










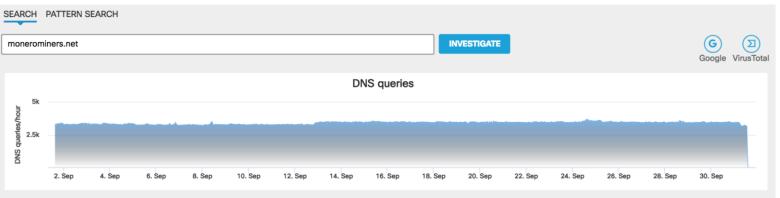


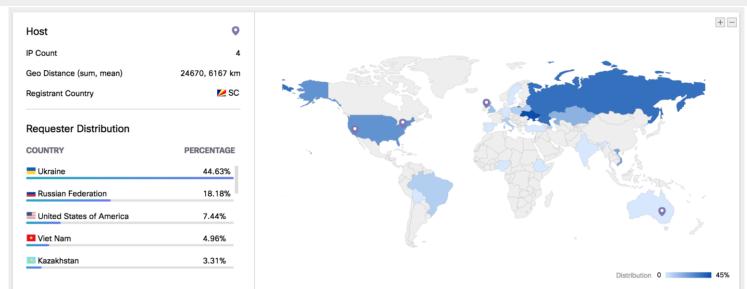
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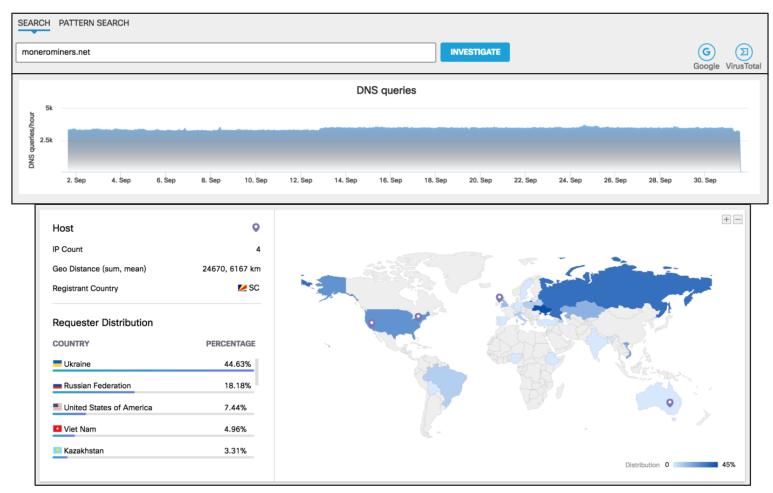




Anomaly detection with global traffic analysis

- Track domains with consistent high volume traffic
- Coefficient of variation: standard deviation / mean
- Track when it's close to zero





Associated malware samples and co-occurrences

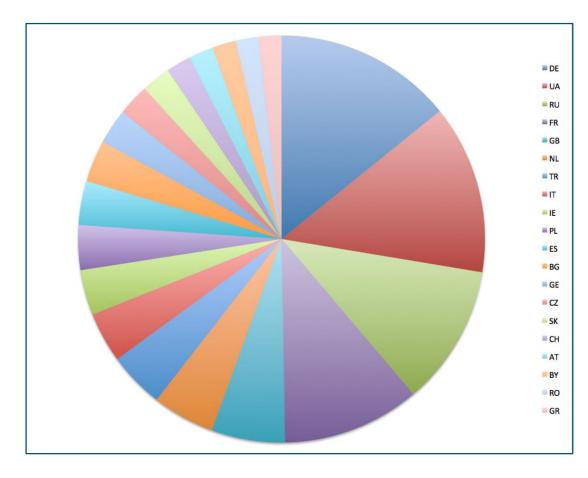
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Co-occurrences

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 Top European countries communicating with cryptomining pools



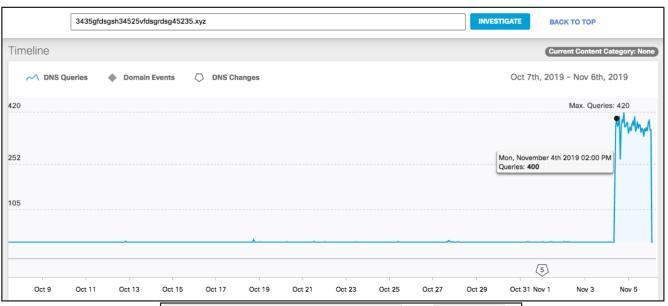


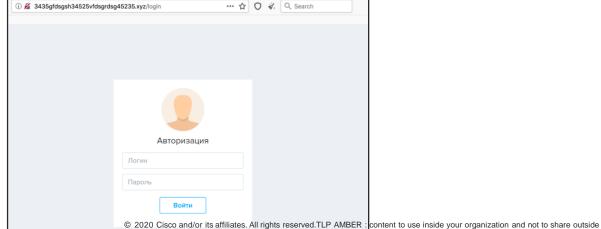
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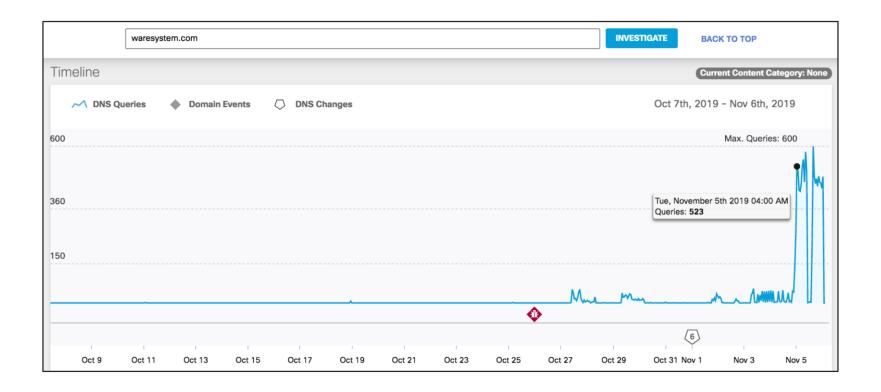
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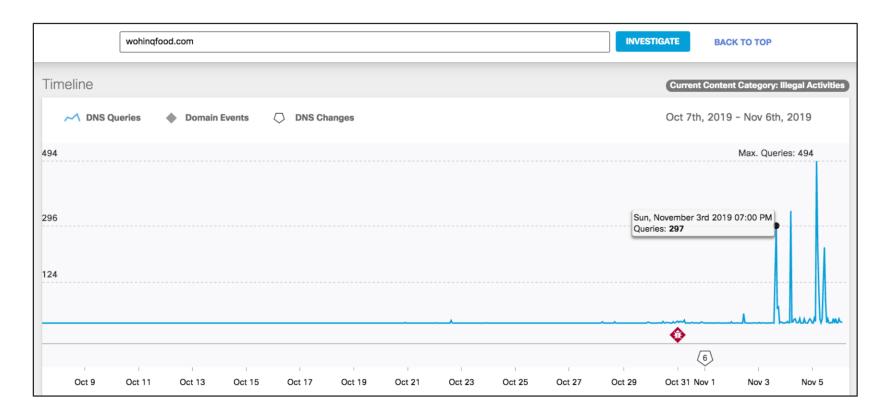
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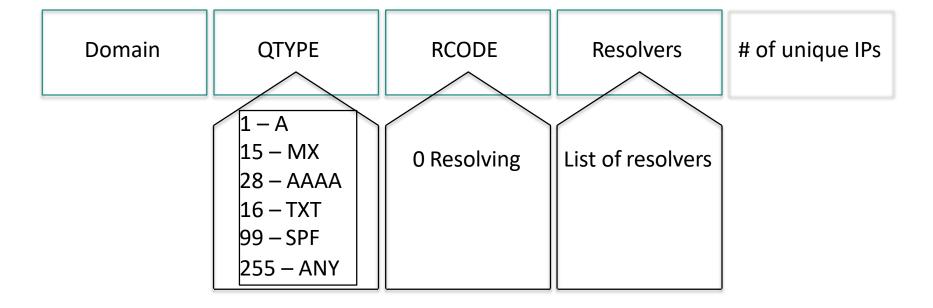


Anomaly detection with global traffic analysis

- Identify threats such as malware panels, malware C2s, ransomware, malspam, phishing domains from recursive DNS traffic
- Observation: these threat domains always show a spike in traffic
- Examine traffic logs for possible signals



Recursive DNS features





Taxonomy of DNS features

Assigned

- Lexical
- DGA setup
- Hosting
- Registration

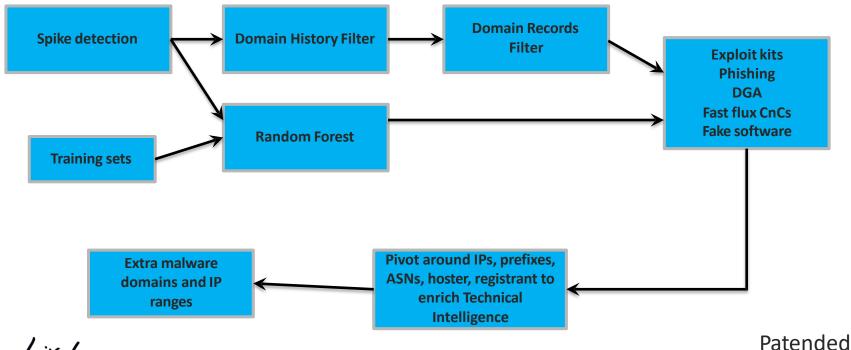
Inherent

- 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

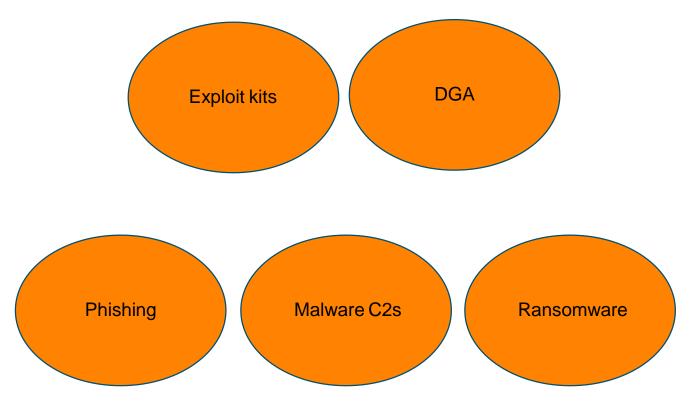
Harder to obfuscate and change by actors at global scale



Spike Detection Pipeline



Detected Threats





Takeaways

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
- Before applying AI/ML, know your data, problem and features
- What is your final product: discrete IOCs, or trends and TTPs



Our Related Work

- FIRST 2018 https://www.first.org/resources/papers/conf2018/Mahjoub-Dhia_FIRST_20180712.pdf
- Hack in the Box 2018 https://youtu.be/co2cvi_5Flc
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