

Spampots Project

Mapping the Abuse of Internet Infrastructure by Spammers

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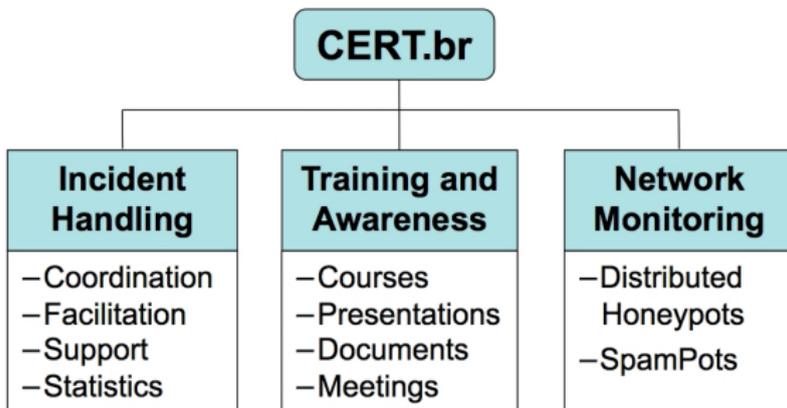
CERT.br – Computer Emergency Response Team Brazil

NIC.br – Network Information Center Brazil

CGI.br – Brazilian Internet Steering Committee

About CERT.br

Created in 1997 as the national focal point to handle computer security incident reports and activities related to networks connected to the Internet in Brazil.



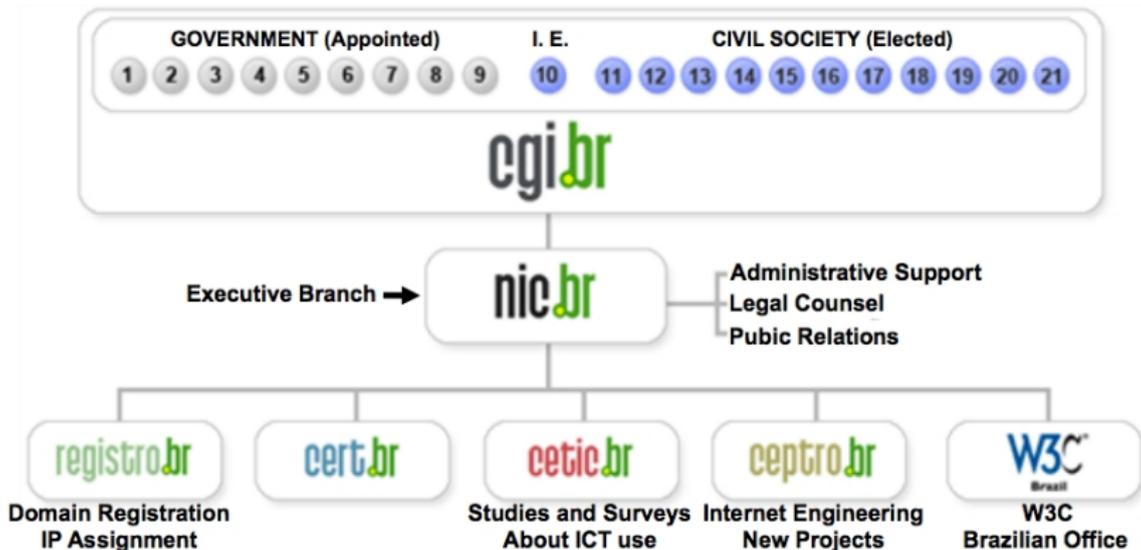
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Our Parent Organization: CGI.br

Among the diverse responsibilities of The Brazilian Internet Steering Committee – CGI.br, the main attributions are:

- to propose policies and procedures related to the regulation of the Internet activities
- to recommend standards for technical and operational procedures
- to establish strategic directives related to the use and development of Internet in Brazil
- **to promote studies and technical standards for the network and services' security in the country**
- to coordinate the allocation of Internet addresses (IPs) and the registration of domain names using <.br>
- **to collect, organize and disseminate information on Internet services, including indicators and statistics**

CGI.br/NIC.br Structure



- 01- Ministry of Science and Technology
- 02- Ministry of Communications
- 03- Presidential Cabinet
- 04- Ministry of Defense
- 05- Ministry of Development, Industry and Foreign Trade
- 06- Ministry of Planning, Budget and Management
- 07- National Telecommunications Agency
- 08- National Council of Scientific and Technological Development
- 09- National Forum of Estate Science and Technology Secretaries
- 10- Internet Expert

- 11- Internet Service Providers
- 12- Telecom Infrastructure Providers
- 13- Hardware and Software Industries
- 14- General Business Sector Users
- 15- Non-governmental Entity
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Mining Spam Campaigns

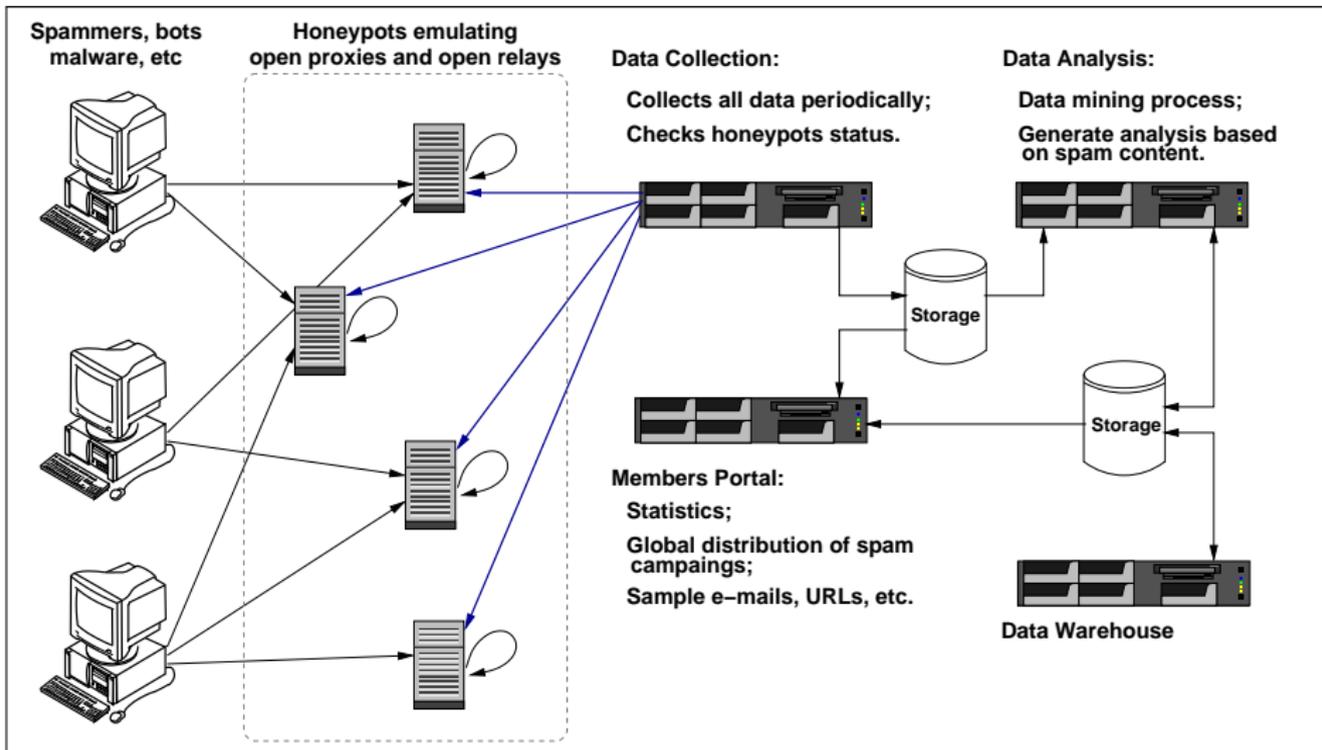
Ongoing Work

SpamPots Project Objectives

Better understand the abuse of the Internet infrastructure by spammers

- measure the problem from a different point of view: abuse of infrastructure X spams received at the destination
- Help develop the spam characterization research
- Measure the abuse of end-user machines to send spam
- Use the spam collected to improve antispam filters
- Develop better ways to
 - identify phishing and malware
 - identify botnets via the abuse of open proxies and relays

Architecture Overview



Partners Hosting Sensors

- Sensors hosted by:
 - **AT**: CERT.at
 - **AU**: AusCERT
 - **BR**: CERT.br
 - **BR**: CSIRT-USP
 - **CL**: CLCERT
 - **NL**: SURFcert
 - **TW**: TWCERT/CC
 - **US**: Univ. of Washington Tacoma
 - **UY**: CSIRT Antel
- Coming soon: **AE** (aeCERT), **AR** (CSIRT Banelco and Univ. de La Plata), **DE** (Telekom-CERT), **EC** (Univ. de Loja), **GR** (FORTH, ICS), **MY** (MyCERT), **PL** (CERT Polska), **UK** (OX-CERT) and two others in **US** (Univ. of Alabama at Birmingham and IBM)
- And maybe one in **ZA**
Thanks to SURFcert!

Improving cooperation in spam fighting

Provide data to trusted parties

- Help the constituency to identify infected machines
- Identify malware and scams targeting their constituency
- Currently providing data about spams coming from networks assigned to
 - JP - to JADAC / IJ / JPCERT/CC / Min. of Communications had a workshop in Brazil with representatives from these organizations and local ISPs and network providers to discuss how to reduce spam and network abuse
 - TW - to NCC-TW they are using the data to shutdown spammers infrastructures

New Developments

Data capture and collection software rewritten:

- spamsinkd
 - non-forking multi-threaded event based design
 - ▶ using POE framework
 - collect more details about each message
 - store messages in mbox format
 - IPv6 ready
- spamtestd
 - faster response
 - more control over responses to test messages
- better data storage design
 - better disk usage
 - facilitate data donation
 - facilitate archival

Case Study

- IP from Nigeria
- abuse SOCKS Proxy in Brazil
- connects at an ISP in Germany
- to authenticate with a stolen credential
- to send a phishing to .uk victims
- with a link to a phony Egg bank site
- using a South Africa domain
- hosted at an IP address allocated to *“UK’s largest web hosting company based in Gloucester”*

Case Study (cont.)

```
From: "Egg Bank Plc"<onlinesecure@egg.com>  
Subject: Online Banking Secure Message Alert!  
Date: Mon, 19 Apr 2010 14:46:29 +0100  
X-SMTP-Proto: ESMTPA  
X-Ehlo: user  
X-Mail-From: onlinesecure@egg.com  
X-Rcpt-To: <victim1>@yahoo.co.uk  
X-Rcpt-To: <victim2>@yahoo.com  
X-Rcpt-To: <victim3>@yahoo.co.uk  
X-Rcpt-To: <victim4>@hotmail.co.uk  
(...)  
X-Rcpt-To: <victimN>@aol.com
```

Case Study (cont.)

```
X-Sensor-Dstport: 1080
X-Src-Proto: SOCKS 5
X-Src-IP: 41.155.50.138
X-Src-Hostname: dial-pool50.lg.starcomms.net
X-Src-ASN: 33776
X-Src-OS: unknown
X-Src-RIR: afrinic
X-Src-CC: NG
X-Src-Dnsbl: zen=PBL (Spamhaus)
X-Dst-IP: 195.4.92.9
X-Dst-Hostname: virtual0.mx.freenet.de
X-Dst-ASN: 5430
X-Dst-Dstport: 25
X-Dst-RIR: ripenc
X-Dst-CC: DE
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Case Study (cont.)

```
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    You have 1 new Security Message Alert!
  <br><br>
  Log In into your account to review the new credit limit
  terms and conditions..<br>
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Egg bank Online Service<br> </font></p>

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Department</font></font></td></tr></tbody></table>
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Case Study (cont.)

Egg Security Login

http://www.mosaic.org.za/images/index.html

Google

open all hours **egg**™

Ever log in using a shared PC?
It might be in an Internet cafe or at a university. Wherever, always try to ensure the latest antivirus, firewall and browser software is installed.

If in doubt, we recommend you don't use the PC. You can get more info from our 'Security and privacy' pages.

Once logged in, if a session is inactive longer than 15 minutes, we'll automatically log you out.

Secure account log in.

Personal details

first name only

surname

date of birth / /

postcode

remember these details [tell me about this ▶](#)

Security details

mother's maiden name

password

email address

email password

Your security

Security alert

We have become aware of renewed attempts to encourage customers to provide their personal details in response to spoof security request emails ('phishing'). If you receive an email you believe is suspicious, please send it to spoof@egg.com

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Using Honeypots to Measure the Abuse of End-User Machines to Send Spam

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Legend:

Statistics last 15 minutes

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All

Last 15-minute snapshot: all spampots

Period: 2010-05-17 (21h30) to 2010-05-17 (21h45) GMT

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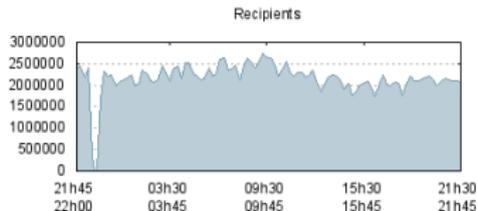
Summary

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spampot	CCs	ASNs	CIDRs	IPs	emails (%)	recipients (%)	connections	proto	ports		
AT-01	34	85	207	275	6,503	10.00	232,968	11.28	1,961	HTTP, SMTP, S4, S5	multi (5)
AU-01	8	14	33	39	5,414	8.33	200,636	9.72	1,514	HTTP, SMTP, S4, S5	multi (5)
BR-01	7	17	42	96	8,637	13.28	106,012	5.13	2,588	HTTP, SMTP, S4, S5	multi (5)
BR-02	20	49	101	153	6,474	9.96	325,919	15.78	2,185	HTTP, SMTP, S4, S5	multi (4)
CL-01	23	53	82	170	8,097	12.45	247,625	11.99	3,868	HTTP, SMTP, S4, S4a, S5	multi (10)
NL-01	4	5	23	72	11,003	16.92	384,735	18.63	2,676	HTTP, SMTP, S4, S5	multi (4)
TW-01	31	83	185	204	4,151	6.38	163,261	7.91	1,117	HTTP, SMTP, S4, S5	multi (4)
US-01	32	85	186	241	12,392	19.06	330,895	16.02	2,671	HTTP, SMTP, S4, S5	1080, 25, 808
UY-01	13	26	35	124	2,357	3.62	72,955	3.53	1,318	HTTP, SMTP, S4, S5	multi (21)
All	41	128	333	546	65,028	100.00	2,065,006	100.00	19,898	HTTP, SMTP, S4, S4a, S5	multi (21)

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Graphics showing the number of emails & recipients over the last 24 hours (in chunks of 15 minutes).



Statistics last 15 minutes – Country Codes

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Top 15 Country Codes sorted by emails

#	CC	description	emails (%)		recipients (%)		connections	proto	spampots
1	US	United States	33,338	51.27	1,600,942	77.53	8,989	HTTP, SMTP, S4, S5	9
2	TW	Taiwan, Province of China	13,071	20.10	292,557	14.17	6,726	HTTP, SMTP, S4, S4a, S5	8
3	CN	China	11,869	18.25	50,535	2.45	992	HTTP, SMTP, S4, S5	9
4	HK	Hong Kong	2,477	3.81	39,537	1.91	1,280	HTTP, SMTP, S4, S5	9
5	JP	Japan	2,048	3.15	2,131	0.10	944	S4, S5	1
6	BR	Brazil	851	1.31	30,607	1.48	358	SMTP	7
7	IN	India	208	0.32	7,333	0.36	87	SMTP	7
8	RU	Russian Federation	182	0.28	7,858	0.38	89	SMTP, S5	7
9	TH	Thailand	151	0.23	5,236	0.25	65	SMTP	6
10	AR	Argentina	140	0.22	4,534	0.22	64	SMTP	5
11	ID	Indonesia	115	0.18	3,622	0.18	50	SMTP	5
12	CO	Colombia	106	0.16	3,743	0.18	42	SMTP	5
13	ZA	South Africa	56	0.09	1,809	0.09	25	SMTP	6
14	CL	Chile	46	0.07	1,507	0.07	17	SMTP	5
15	RO	Romania	32	0.05	877	0.04	14	SMTP	4
16	others (26)		338	0.52	12,178	0.59	156	SMTP, S5	—
Total			65,028	100.00	2,065,006	100.00	19,898		

Top 15 Country Codes sorted by recipients

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1	US	United States	1,600,942	77.53	33,338	51.27	8,989	HTTP, SMTP, S4, S5	9
2	TW	Taiwan, Province of China	292,557	14.17	13,071	20.10	6,726	HTTP, SMTP, S4, S4a, S5	8
3	CN	China	50,535	2.45	11,869	18.25	992	HTTP, SMTP, S4, S5	9
4	HK	Hong Kong	39,537	1.91	2,477	3.81	1,280	HTTP, SMTP, S4, S5	9
5	BR	Brazil	30,607	1.48	851	1.31	358	SMTP	7
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7	IN	India	7,333	0.36	208	0.32	87	SMTP	7
8	TH	Thailand	5,236	0.25	151	0.23	65	SMTP	6

Statistics last 15 minutes – ASes

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Top 15 AS Numbers sorted by emails

#	ASN	description	CC	emails (%)	recipients (%)	connections	proto	spampots		
1	29761	OC3-NETWORKS-AS-NUMBER - OC3 Networ...	US	27,952	42.98	1,128,677	54.66	6,343	HTTP, S4, S5	7
2	3462	HINET Data Communication Business G...	TW	12,431	19.12	280,502	13.58	6,436	HTTP, SMTP, S4, S4a, S5	8
3	4134	CHINANET-BACKBONE No.31,Jin-rong St...	CN	11,065	17.02	31,257	1.51	772	HTTP, SMTP, S5	9
4	27645	ASN-NA-MSG-01 - Managed Solutions G...	US	5,295	8.14	470,924	22.80	2,633	HTTP, S4, S5	7
5	38186	FTG-AS-AP Forewin Telecom Group Lim...	HK	2,453	3.77	38,653	1.87	1,270	HTTP, S4, S5	6
6	2519	VECTANT VECTANT Ltd.	JP	1,604	2.47	1,604	0.08	500	S4, S5	1
7	17506	UCOM UCOM Corp.	JP	365	0.56	395	0.02	365	S4	1
8	4808	CHINA169-BJ CNCGROUP IP network Chi...	CN	347	0.53	1,305	0.06	20	SMTP, S4	6
9	4837	CHINA169-BACKBONE CNCGROUP China169...	CN	292	0.45	11,430	0.55	128	SMTP, S4	8
10	17809	MONAD-TW-AP Monad Digitnamic Corp.	TW	275	0.42	4,947	0.24	166	S4, S5	1
11	28573	NET Servicos de Comunicacao S.A.	BR	219	0.34	7,260	0.35	87	SMTP	6
12	9924	TFN-TW Taiwan Fixed Network, Telco ...	TW	204	0.31	3,413	0.17	72	SMTP, S4, S5	2
13	27699	TELECOMUNICACOES DE SAO PAULO S/A -...	BR	184	0.28	6,430	0.31	77	SMTP	6
14	17552	TRUE-AS-AP True Corporation Co.,Ltd...	TH	127	0.20	4,441	0.22	55	SMTP	6
15	8167	TELESC - Telecomunicacoes de Santa ...	BR	95	0.15	3,371	0.16	39	SMTP	5
16	others (113)			2,120	3.26	70,397	3.41	935	SMTP, S4, S5	—
Total				65,028	100.00	2,065,006	100.00	19,898		

Top 15 AS Numbers sorted by recipients

Statistics last 15 minutes – ports

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Destination ports sorted by emails

#	port	proto	bytes	emails (%)	recipients (%)	connections
1	1080	S4, S4a, S5	154.58 MB	28,235	43.42	860,155
2	8080	HTTP	79.99 MB	12,908	19.85	478,568
3	3128	HTTP	39.93 MB	9,726	14.96	400,972
4	25	SMTP	32.08 MB	5,884	9.05	176,451
5	808	HTTP	29.76 MB	2,989	4.60	22,663
6	6588	HTTP	3.77 MB	926	1.42	22,450
7	4480	HTTP	3.81 MB	916	1.41	23,186
8	8000	HTTP	3.63 MB	893	1.37	23,097
9	8888	HTTP	3.17 MB	768	1.18	17,788
10	80	HTTP	2.19 MB	556	0.86	9,893
11	3127	HTTP	619.17 kB	148	0.23	3,725
12	23422	HTTP	572.40 kB	136	0.21	2,932
13	17327	HTTP	504.53 kB	129	0.20	2,915
14	25552	HTTP	563.90 kB	128	0.20	3,593
15	32000	HTTP	518.81 kB	127	0.20	2,967
16	553	HTTP	482.05 kB	118	0.18	3,091
17	12678	HTTP	482.06 kB	118	0.18	2,799
18	8889	HTTP	449.64 kB	113	0.17	2,652
19	27778	HTTP	414.52 kB	104	0.16	2,241
20	50050	HTTP	449.02 kB	103	0.16	2,865
21	8081	HTTP	3.69 kB	3	0.00	3
Total			357.95 MB	65,028	100.00	2,065,006

Destination ports sorted by recipients

#	port	proto	bytes	recipients (%)	emails (%)	connections
1	1080	S4, S4a, S5	154.58 MB	860,155	41.65	28,235

Statistics last 15 minutes – CIDRs

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CIDR Blocks

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Top 15 CIDR Blocks sorted by emails

#	CIDR block	ASN	CC	emails (%)	recipients (%)	connections	proto	spampots		
1	67.215.224.0/19	29761	US	6,934	10.66	288,764	13.98	1,400	HTTP, S4, S5	7
2	205.209.160.0/19	27645	US	5,295	8.14	470,924	22.80	2,633	HTTP, S4, S5	7
3	204.152.214.0/24	29761	US	5,191	7.98	211,353	10.23	1,140	HTTP, S4, S5	7
4	118.168.0.0/16	3462	TW	4,238	6.52	109,459	5.30	2,347	HTTP, SMTP, S4, S5	7
5	204.152.192.0/19	29761	US	3,252	5.00	143,712	6.96	693	HTTP, S4, S5	7
6	222.241.144.0/20	4134	CN	2,524	3.88	2,524	0.12	130	HTTP, S5	4
7	58.48.0.0/15	4134	CN	2,503	3.85	2,503	0.12	127	HTTP, S5	4
8	222.191.0.0/16	4134	CN	2,501	3.85	2,501	0.12	126	HTTP, S5	4
9	220.136.0.0/16	3462	TW	2,474	3.80	59,812	2.90	1,395	HTTP, S4, S4a, S5	2
10	117.41.160.0/19	4134	CN	2,344	3.60	2,344	0.11	116	HTTP, S5	4
11	98.143.144.0/20	29761	US	1,928	2.96	67,632	3.28	460	HTTP, S4, S5	7
12	216.45.58.0/24	29761	US	1,922	2.96	67,378	3.26	453	HTTP, S4, S5	7
13	204.152.213.0/24	29761	US	1,916	2.95	66,164	3.20	627	HTTP, S4, S5	7
14	216.45.48.0/20	29761	US	1,910	2.94	66,677	3.23	585	HTTP, S4, S5	7
15	204.152.198.0/24	29761	US	1,646	2.53	72,682	3.52	315	HTTP, S4, S5	7
16	others (318)			18,450	28.37	430,577	20.85	7,351	HTTP, SMTP, S4, S5	—
Total				65,028	100.00	2,065,006	100.00	19,898		

Top 15 CIDR Blocks sorted by recipients

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1	205.209.160.0/19	27645	US	470,924	22.80	5,295	8.14	2,633	HTTP, S4, S5	7
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3	204.152.214.0/24	29761	US	211,353	10.23	5,191	7.98	1,140	HTTP, S4, S5	7
4	204.152.192.0/19	29761	US	143,712	6.96	3,252	5.00	693	HTTP, S4, S5	7
5	118.168.0.0/16	3462	TW	109,459	5.30	4,238	6.52	2,347	HTTP, SMTP, S4, S5	7
6	204.152.207.0/24	29761	US	73,028	2.54	1,646	2.53	207	HTTP, S4, S5	7

Statistics last 15 minutes – IPs

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Top 15 IP addresses sorted by emails

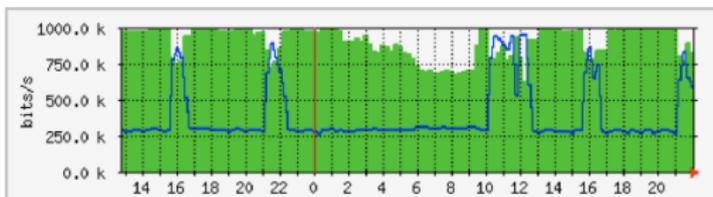
#	IP address	CIDR block	ASN	CC	OS	emails (%)		recipients (%)		connections	proto	spampots	block lists
1	222.241.150.149	222.241.144.0/20	4134	CN	Win-XP-SP1/Win-2k-SP4	2,524	3.88	2,524	0.12	130	HTTP, S5	4	Spamhaus/PBL (Spamhaus)
2	58.49.58.20	58.48.0.0/15	4134	CN	Win-XP-SP1/Win-2k-SP4	2,503	3.85	2,503	0.12	127	HTTP, S5	4	Spamhaus/PBL (Spamhaus)
3	222.191.251.223	222.191.0.0/16	4134	CN	Win-XP-SP1/Win-2k-SP4	2,501	3.85	2,501	0.12	126	HTTP, S5	4	---
4	117.41.181.113	117.41.180.0/19	4134	CN	Win-XP-SP1/Win-2k-SP4	2,344	3.60	2,344	0.11	116	HTTP, S5	4	Spamhaus/PBL (Spamhaus)
5	67.215.231.114	67.215.224.0/19	29761	US	Win-XP-SP1/Win-2k-SP4	1,933	2.97	67,683	3.28	462	HTTP, S4, S5	7	---
6	98.143.145.250	98.143.144.0/20	29761	US	Win-XP-SP1/Win-2k-SP4	1,928	2.96	67,632	3.28	460	HTTP, S4, S5	7	---
7	216.45.58.242	216.45.58.0/24	29761	US	Win-XP-SP1/Win-2k-SP4	1,922	2.96	67,378	3.26	453	HTTP, S4, S5	7	---
8	204.152.213.242	204.152.213.0/24	29761	US	Win-XP-SP1/Win-2k-SP4	1,916	2.95	66,164	3.20	627	HTTP, S4, S5	7	---
9	216.45.48.66	216.45.48.0/20	29761	US	Win-XP-SP1/Win-2k-SP2+	1,910	2.94	66,677	3.23	585	HTTP, S4, S5	7	---
10	204.152.214.50	204.152.214.0/24	29761	US	Win-XP-SP1/Win-2k-SP4	1,907	2.93	66,929	3.24	455	HTTP, S4, S5	7	---
11	67.215.247.210	67.215.224.0/19	29761	US	Win-XP-SP1/Win-2k-SP4	1,671	2.57	73,682	3.57	316	HTTP, S4, S5	7	---
12	67.215.231.50	67.215.224.0/19	29761	US	Win-XP-SP1/Win-2k-SP4	1,668	2.57	73,599	3.56	311	HTTP, S4, S5	7	---

Statistics – MRTG

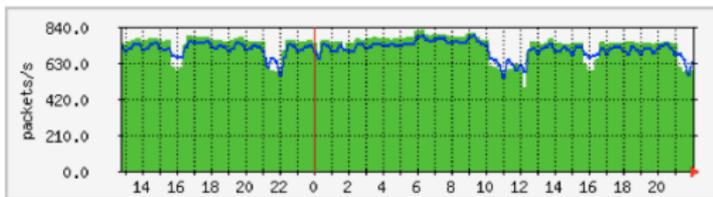
SpamPots Project – MRTG Statistics

Traffic

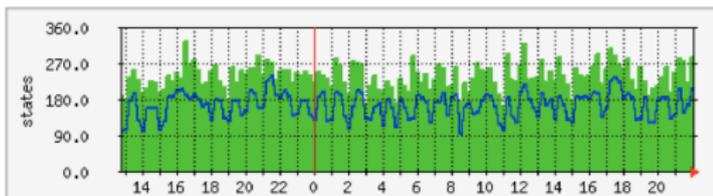
Bits/s



Packets/s



States Table



Statistics – Country Codes Daily

SpamPots Project – Statistics

#	CC	description	emails (%)	recipients (%)	connections	proto	spampots	
1	US	United States	3,315,279	51.35	154,874,994	76.90	836,977 HTTP, SMTP, S4, S4a, S5	8
2	TW	Taiwan, Province of China	1,361,503	21.09	31,760,766	15.77	683,307 HTTP, SMTP, S4, S4a, S5	8
3	CN	China	1,114,050	17.25	4,925,335	2.45	101,717 HTTP, SMTP, S4, S5	7
4	HK	Hong Kong	275,327	4.26	4,333,383	2.15	139,566 HTTP, SMTP, S4, S4a, S5	8
5	JP	Japan	218,358	3.38	236,508	0.12	106,476 HTTP, SMTP, S4, S5	6
6	BR	Brazil	55,346	0.86	1,739,851	0.86	21,504 SMTP	8
7	IN	India	23,608	0.37	755,316	0.38	9,415 SMTP	6
8	RU	Russian Federation	12,602	0.20	391,564	0.19	4,936 SMTP	7
9	ID	Indonesia	11,097	0.17	328,018	0.16	4,393 SMTP	7
10	TH	Thailand	8,183	0.13	264,049	0.13	3,278 SMTP	6
11	AR	Argentina	8,133	0.13	260,159	0.13	3,213 SMTP, S4, S5	7
12	CO	Colombia	6,400	0.10	214,540	0.11	2,580 SMTP	7
13	MY	Malaysia	5,356	0.08	80,295	0.04	4,814 SMTP	7
14	KR	Korea, Republic of	2,949	0.05	86,476	0.04	1,124 SMTP	7
15	PL	Poland	2,699	0.04	85,836	0.04	1,017 SMTP	6
16	TR	Turkey	2,539	0.04	86,441	0.04	1,002 SMTP	6
17	FR	France	2,449	0.04	80,192	0.04	943 SMTP, S4	6
18	IL	Israel	2,372	0.04	82,411	0.04	911 SMTP	5
19	PK	Pakistan	2,339	0.04	80,231	0.04	932 SMTP	5
20	ZA	South Africa	2,180	0.03	69,573	0.03	868 SMTP	6
21	UA	Ukraine	2,084	0.03	61,584	0.03	813 SMTP	6
22	VN	Vietnam	1,650	0.03	47,129	0.02	626 SMTP	6
23	CZ	Czech Republic	1,609	0.02	44,291	0.02	569 SMTP	6
24	GR	Greece	1,275	0.02	42,509	0.02	513 SMTP	7
25	GT	Guatemala	1,178	0.02	38,354	0.02	481 SMTP	6
26	CL	Chile	1,177	0.02	30,406	0.02	428 SMTP	6
27	HU	Hungary	1,116	0.02	38,568	0.02	452 SMTP	5
28	GB	United Kingdom	985	0.02	19,559	0.01	326 SMTP	7
29	NP	Nepal	919	0.01	31,028	0.02	383 SMTP	5
30	NG	Nigeria	753	0.01	22,659	0.01	494 SMTP, S4, S5	4
31	others (48)		11,143	0.17	288,835	0.14	4,533 HTTP, SMTP, S5	—
Total			6,456,658	100.00	201,400,860	100.00	1,938,591	

Mining Spam Campaigns

Motivation

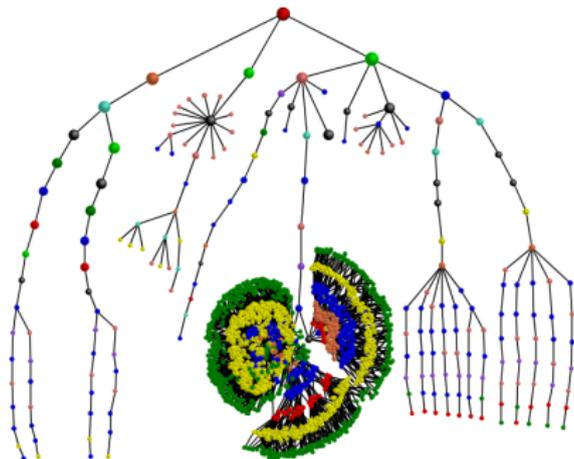


- Spampots collect a huge volume of spams (7+ million spams/day)
- How to make sense of all this data?
 - Data Mining!
 - Cluster spam messages into Spam Campaigns to isolate the traffic associated to each spammer
 - Correlate spam campaign attributes to unveil different spamming strategies

Data Mining research conducted by the e-Speed Lab,
DCC/UFMG

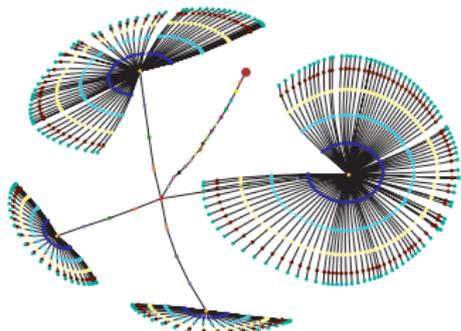
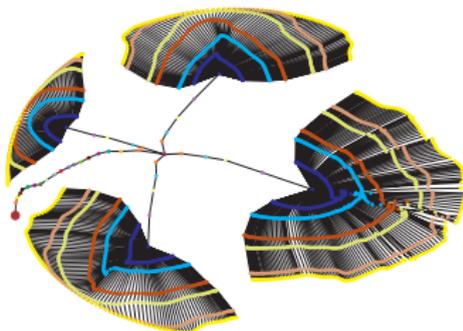
The Pattern Tree Approach

- Features are extracted from spam messages (subject, URLs, layout etc)
- We organize them hierarquically inserting more frequent features on the top levels of the tree
- Campaigns delimited by sequence of invariants



Data reduction

- The Pattern Tree grouped 350M spam messages into 60K spam campaigns;
- Obfuscation patterns are naturally discovered!
- Automatically deals with new and unknown campaign obfuscation techniques



Ongoing Work



- comparing the views provided from different spampots
 - differences according to region/country
 - type of network (academic, commercial, broadband, etc)
- factorial design experiment to determine effects of spampots' parameters
- investigating the connection between bots and open proxies / open relays

Looking for Partners Interested in...

- Hosting a sensor
 - requirements: 1 public IP address, low-end server (or VM), \approx 1Mb/s, no filtering
 - All partners will have access to all data if they want
- Receiving data
 - spams, URLs, IPs abusing the sensors, etc
- Helping to improve the technology
 - Analysis, capture, collection, correlation with other data sources, etc



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