

ProActive DNS Blacklisting

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The Basics of DNS

Hostname to IP mapping and back

Host aliases

Mail server locations

Services

Security records



What is DNS Blacklisting?

DNS Blacklist also known as a DNS Blackhole.

Local server fakes zones know to contain:

- Malware

- Spyware

- Command/Control

- Advertising

- Political Issues



What are DNS Blacklist Benefits

Preventing hosts from getting to bad stuff.

If you are not presented with the malware,
Chances are you are not going to be infected.

Estimates are that blocking Advertising sites stops 85%
of infections.



DNS Blacklist Sources of information

MalwareDomains

CyberFedModel

Abuse.CH

JC3

SpyEyeTracker

Tipppers

ZeusTracker

Radar

Dshield

Master Blocking List



Bad News about DNS Blacklisting

Typically It's ReActive.

Entries are added AFTER something happened.

Some machines have already been

- Infected

- Inspected

- Dissected

- Reported



How to become PROactive

Zeus Tracker posting several new sites daily

What is common about these sites

- Hostnames look like randomsplatter.com

- Typically registered days before use

- Registered by one of several people

 - Nmajjd Nbvjaa, Yamir Jayantila, Dik Loren

- Common Registrar of BIZCN.COM Inc



Track changes at the Registrar

Tracking sources

TasteReports

DailyChanges

Between 3 and 50 new domains a day.

now 100's to 1000's/day



Checking New Entry Usage

Few if any hits from lab machines

Commonly incidental hits off

- news sites (mostly foreign)

- blogs

- wikis

Within a week several sites added to

- Zeustracker

- MalwareDomains



More Registrars

CNMSN.com (97,000 domains)

DNS-DIY.net (300,000 domains)

CSCdns.net (176,000 domains)



Tracking DNS Servers

FreeWebDNS.com (32 domains)

HoperJoper.ru (11 domains)

Internet.bs (73 domains)

Registerdomain.name (78 domains)



You're now asking: Does it work?

Jan 24, Weekly "632" JC3 Site Call

Details on digging into "new" malware.

Hosting and/or C&C indicated 28 hosts

27 were already blacklisted at ANL

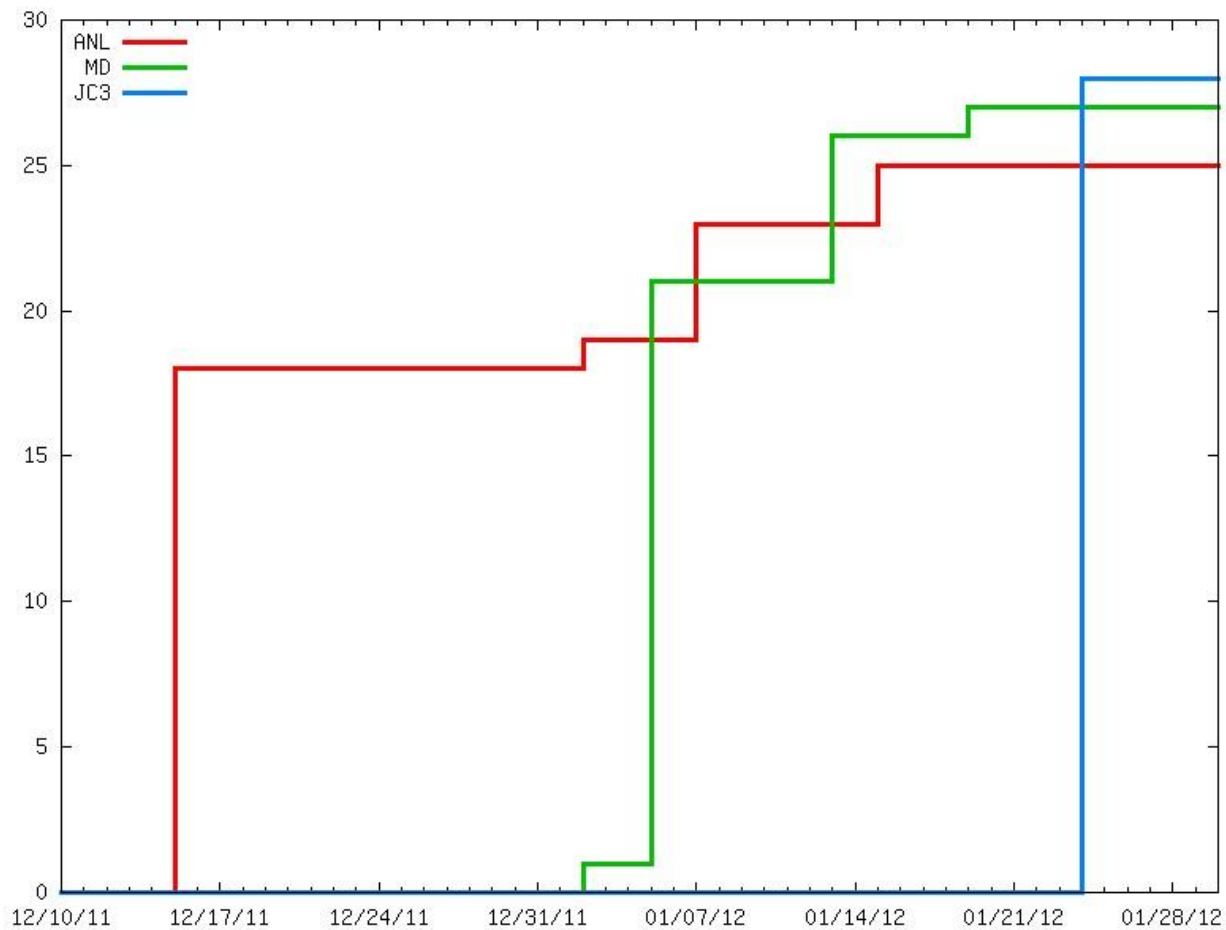
25 from Registrar diving

2 additional from other sources

Only 1 "new" host



Blocking Timeline



Tipper 1 on April 2.

Details

Malicious IP:

65[.]75[.]146[.]185

Domain Names:

Sweepstakeslovers[.]com

Nickelbackre[.]com

Yelowardoneye[.]com

Sendprefic[.]com

Malicious Code:

Generic FakeAlert.bz, a variant of Win32/Kryptik.ANDY,
Suspicious.cloud.5, or Heuristic.LooksLike.Win32.Winwebsed.B

Last 3 domains Blocked on Mar 22



Tipper 2 on April 2

Details

Malicious IP:

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188[.]62[.]171[.]7  
64[.]120[.]207[.]106  
64[.]120[.]207[.]99  
66[.]33[.]197[.]137
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Domain Names of Attacker:

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Familymoney[.]net  
Golddefence[.]net  
Homeworkingnow[.]net  
Moneymakingeasy[.]net
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2 Domains Blocked on March 28



Sharing the Data

Details being pushed to

Cyber Fed Model

Master Blocking List



Questions?

Comments?

Nap Time?

