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Abstract

The botnet is one of the biggest threats to computer machines and systems. The main challenge of the botnet is that this type of malware has developed to avoid detection. Many of the computer users use anti-virus tools that do not detect the botnet existence in the computer system. The botnet infects a computer then connects the computer to the command and control server to join. The botnet runs in the background and communicates with the (C&C) server to receive instruction that typically involves being part of malicious activities performed against other organisations. The malicious activities typically performed without the knowledge of the owner of the computer machine is being part of the malicious activities. The victims of the botnet are usually in the millions of infected hosts.

A secure laboratory environment made this research to be able to examine actions close to a real botnet event. The Dionaea honeypot used to be able to collect the samples of the malware including the botnet samples. Then, the downloaded botnet samples submitted into two external sandbox services to be able to analyse the samples. After that, the samples were analysed by a malware analysis tool to be able to have a clear picture of the botnet malware samples. In addition, the downloaded botnet samples by Dionaea then used to infect the Virtual machine (VM) host in the experiment. Each botnet sample used to infect the host, then, the host formatted to its original status for fresh infects on with other bots downloaded by Dionaea. The focus of this research is to be able to find the possible evidence in the infected host as well as the communication of the host with the C&C server.

The findings from the laboratory experiment show evidence that related to a botnet event. The research was able to locate the evidence of the existence of the botnet in the infected host in the registry, file system, network and the physical memory of the infected host. The research found that there were a large number of changes, which have performed to the infected host. The research was also able to find that the infected host was communicating with the suspicious C&C server. The infected host connects to the suspicious C&C straightaway after the infection of the bot sample. The infected host by the IRC bot was requesting more than 200 domain names and IP addresses within a short period of the infection of the bot.
The sniffer tools were able to show the domain names and the IP addresses that have requested by the infected host. The research was able to find the instructions sent to and from the suspicious C&C server. The research was able to find that the instructions of the IRC bot usually sent in a plain text using the TCP protocol. However, the checking of the status of the bot in the infected host performed by using the ICMP checked channel that encrypted.

The research recommendations discuss the cross-border-issues as one of the challenges that stop the international effort to track down the botnet master. The botnet master is difficult to locate due to the complexity of the techniques they use to hide their location. Furthermore, the detection of the botnet needs to be improved as the current detection techniques of a botnet are still evolving. However, this research recommends that in order to shut down the C&C server future work should also consider the destruction of the C&C server. The contribution of this research is on better understanding of the C&C communicating and hence evidence that can be used to disrupt a botnet.
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Chapter 1

Introduction

1.0 BACKGROUND

Malware in general is pre-programed and designed in order perform an activity in an infected machine. The main aim for all types of malware is to disrupt damage or perform activities in the infected machine that is unwanted by the owner of the machine. The “mal” word in Latin means “bad”, this means that by replacing the “mal” with “bad” will make the word as “badware” that harm the computer system. There are many type of malware that area a threat to the computer machines and internet security, for example Viruses, Worms, Trojans, Horses, Spywares and Botnets (TechTerms, n.d.). The botnet is one specific threat to the computer machine or internet security and is a high level of threat. The botnet is a most significant threat in network security. The botnet is the collection or a large network of compromised computers (Ullah, Khan, & Aboalsamh, 2013) that increases each time a new host has been infected joins. The increasing of the number of the infected hosts creates an army of compromised computers that are called “Zombies”. These compromised computers and systems (infected hosts) are used by the botnet-master to perform suspicious activities on other computer systems (Ullah et al., 2013). In addition, the botnet itself can be called as a network of hosts that are infected by malware (bots) that are controlled by a botnet master (Stone-Gross et al., 2009).

The botnets control the infected host by a bot, which is a program that runs in the infected host to control it remotely without the owner of the machine being aware of it. In order for the bot to infect the machine, the bot finds its way into the machine by using the vulnerabilities of the machine. Most of the malware are designed for the Windows based operating system for many reasons such as known vulnerabilities and the high number of users (Bächer, Holz, Kötter, & Wicherski, n.d.). The purpose of using a botnet is for the bot to create a large network of compromised computers that connected to hosts. The host that is the agent between the bot and the botnet-master is typically a large number of hosts that indicates the high number of possible machines that could be infected by the botnets (Stone-Gross et al., 2009). The botnet usually aims to find vulnerabilities
throughout the internet for more victims by many methods such as scanning the IP addresses, and the broadband users are preferable for the botnets to perform their malicious activities against other computer systems. One of the interesting studies on the botnets shows that more than 4 million computers have been infected by TDL4 botnets in just a 3 month period which indicates that extent of the threat that faces the security vendors to fight this type of malware (Greengard, 2012).

There are many types of malwares that identified by previous researchers. The most popular botnets are IRC botnets, which are the first developed, these followed by HTTP, and P2P designs. The easiest type of botnet to detect is the IRC bot whereas the most difficult one to detect is the P2P bot. The P2P bot is most difficult one to detect, however, the botnets-master has limited control in the design, as the botnets-master cannot locate the entire infected host. In addition, the IRC bot is easier to detect and sniffer tools can sniff the traffic easily. However, it is still one of the favourite bots for attackers as it is easy to set up as well many attackers have been using this type of bot for years and have great experience with it (Bächer, Holz, Kötter, & Wicherski, n.d.).

The bot infects the machine then it connects to a large network of hosts through what is called the command and control (C&C) channels. The botnets C&C server is the agent that receives the instructions from the botnet master and sends it to the bot that are controlling the infected host. The infected hosts is then used as an army to perform an attack to other computer systems such as banks and other organisations (Greengard, 2012). The attractive part for attackers about the C&C server is that when one of C&C server hosts is taken down and blocked, then, the botnet master (attacker) needs to register the new domain list to take back the control of the bots that belong to the C&C server that has been taken down. This means that the bots in the infected hosts can be re-control by the new C&C server without losing the control of these hosts (Stone-Gross et al., 2009).
The Figure 1.1 shows the challenges that face the internet security when protecting against botnet threats. It is not a national specific problem but the issue of the is an international issue which the figure 1.1 shows when the TDL4 botnets infected more than 4 million computers around the global. The 4,524,448 computers that were infected by the TDL4 became the army of the TDL4 botnets (Zombies) that perform different types of malicious activities and most of the owners of these infected machines are probably not aware that their machines are infected by the botnets (Greengard, 2012).

1.1 Motivation

The motivation for botnet activities is typically to gain a financial benefit out of these activities for different purposes. A botnets survey shows that the damage from this malicious activities have cost US $35 billion in 2007. This indicates that the botnet is driven by cybercrime organisations for financial gain. In addition, the majority of the spam email are sent by botnets. This is one of the malicious malware that spreads spam as well as is responsible for DoS and DDoS attacks using the bots (Greengard, 2012). The botnets steal sensitive information from the
infected host and send the sensitive information back to the server, then, this sensitive information is on sold by the attackers. The sensitive information could be personal bank details, private information or other information that an unauthorised person should not have the right to (Stone-Gross et al., 2009).

The botnet event is one of the fastest growing malware threats that faces the security community (Li, Jiang, & Zou, 2009). Surveys show that the botnet events have been growing rapidly since 1993 when the botnets first noticed and detected such as Eggdrop found in December 1993. After that there were many types of botnet that have been detected such as PrettyPark 1999, Agobot 2002, SDbot 2002, SpyBot 2003 and many other botnetss (Li et al., 2009). It is estimated the number of botnet members on the internet are between 16 to 25% of the users (Silva, Silva, Pinto, & Salles, 2013). Figure 1.2 also shows that the number of publications from research is also growing progressively over a ten year sample period (Silva et al., 2013).

![Figure 1.2 Number of publications on botnetss per year (Silva et al, 2013, p. 379)](image_url)

The Figure 1.2 shows the number of publications on botnets started to grow in 2005. The Number of publications on 2009 almost doubled the number of publications in 2008. In addition, many publications have been focusing on the botnet behaviour especially inside the infected host that includes the computer
machines and the network system (Shahrestani, Feily, Masood, & Muniandy, 2012).

The motivation for this research is to focus on the forensic evidence from botnets that collected from the infected host machine. The evidence that looked for in this research is from the infected host where the unauthorised changes to the infected host are located and ascribed to the botnet attack. Furthermore, the contribution is to focus on the C&C server communications between the infected hosts (bots) and the C&C servers as there are not many publications in this area. The communications between the bots and the C&C server could provide information in regards to the activities of the botnets. The lack numbers of publication in this area encouraged the researcher to study the C&C communications as well as the evidence on the infected host.

1.2 THE RESEARCH APPROACH

This research has reviewed and analysed previous publications on the botnet area to be able to perform research in a new research area. This research reviewed four previous studies on botnets to achieve the goal of having an effective research methodology. The research has developed seven sub-questions to guide the direction of the research. Furthermore, there are four asserted hypothesis that the sub-questions will support.

In addition to the sub-questions and the asserted hypothesis, the research designed into five phases. Phase one, is the stage of building the database of the malware binaries signature using the Dionaea honeypot. Phase two, is the infection of the host by the binaries of the bots that have been collecting using Dionaea in phase one. The forensic investigation will performed in this phase to be able to locate the forensic evidence in the infected host. Phase three is the stage when the research will analyse the malware binaries by extracting and to be able to understand the behaviour of the bots using malware analysis tools. Phase four, of the research will identify the involvement of the botnets in the infected host incident. In addition, the infected host will monitored to be able to identify any C&C server communication in the infected host using sniffer tools. In phase five the research will present the binary evidences, the C&C communications as well as the report of possible evidences that have been found in the infected host.
1.3 THE RESEARCH FINDINGS

The research will be setting up a secure and isolated laboratory environment of machines running Linux operating systems. In addition, the machine will be running a Virtual Machine (VMs) that has a Windows operating system installed in it to be able to perform the testing. The VMs environment is the most efficient, safe and flexible method to test the botnets in a laboratory. In addition, the cost of this research is limited and must keep within the budget for this research. The main operating system, which is Linux, runs the Dionaea honeypot. The VM uses a Windows operating system to test the behaviour of the botnet including the C&C communications inside the Windows operating system. Furthermore, another VM uses Windows to analyse the binaries of the botnet.

This research will be running a Dionaea honeypot to be able to download malware signatures as well as building a database that contains the information about the malware. The research will then identify the botnet binary signature from the malware binaries downloaded to be able to study the botnet behaviour. Identifying the botnets will be performing by using an external service such as sandboxes which also provide an analysis of the malware. This research will be using malware analysis tools and sniffer tools in top of the sandboxes to be able to understand the behaviour of the botnets. The existence of the botnets in the infected host would found. The activities of the botnets would found in the registry, file systems, network activity as well as the physical memory of the infected host. The evidence that would found in the infected host must preserve including the physical memory of the infected host.

In addition, one of the most important parts of the findings in this research is to capture the C&C communications between the bot in the infected host and the C&C server. The sniffer tools will be installing in the infected host prior to the infection to be able to listen to the communication and capture them. The communications that this research is aiming for is at the infection time as well as the steps of joining the C&C server. This research is to observe and record behaviours and not to involve attacks. It is conducted in an isolated and safe network environment with no harm to other people.

1.4 STRUCTURE OF THE THESIS

This research organized into six chapters starting with the introduction and conclusions in chapter 1 and 6 respectively. Chapter 1 is the introduction that
gives a brief introduction to the botnet and the threat that the botnets have caused to the internet community. What is more, chapter 1 describes the motivation of this research on studying the botnets in depth.

Chapter 2 provides a comprehensive literature review in the research area to be able to gather more knowledge about botnet research. The previous publications studied look at the botnets in different areas of impact, which means that looking, and reviewing them is one of the most important parts of this research to be able to gain previous learning. Chapter 2 also reviews the problems and issues in the botnets area in order to develop researchable questions.

Chapter 3 is the chapter where the methodology of this research is developed. Reviewing the relevant previous research is the starting point of understanding and developing successful methodology. Furthermore, the data requirements identified and presented in this chapter along with the limitations of the research.

Chapter 4 is the presentation of the findings of this research. The experiments that have performed, reported in chapter 4. It begins with the review of the data collection, data processing, data analysis and presentations. Then the information about the honeypot that has used during this experiment listed. A brief description of the Dionaea honeypot in regards to the malware binaries collections during the 22 days that it was running. The information that has gathered from the external sandboxes and some of the analysis results that have provided by these sandboxes is given. Chapter 4 then will present the capture of the suspicious C&C server data captured from the infected host as well as the live monitoring of the infected host that locates the domain names and IP address that have requested by the infected host to the suspicious C&C server.

Chapter 5 is the discussion of the findings presented in chapter 4. Chapter 5 presented the answers of the sub-questions that have presented in chapter 3. In addition, the chapter 5 discusses the asserted hypothesis with the arguments for or against, and, conclusions. Then chapter 5 will discuss the Environment of the infected host, Data Acquisition and Extraction from the infected host, Reconstruction & Analysis, Command and Control Communication and the recommendations for tracking botnets. The recommendation for the tracking of botnets including the cross border issues, tracking the botnet master and improving the detection of the botnets are noted.
Chapter 6 draws the conclusion and suggests the future research directions for researchers to understand the botnet in depth. The suggestion for future works includes the improvements of the detection techniques, and disrupting the C&C server. In addition, the tracking of the botnet master to be able to locate the botnet master. In addition, the references and the appendix presented after chapter 6. The appendix research allows the readers to be able to view the additional results that have gathered from the experiments in this research.
Chapter 2

Literature Review

2.0 INTRODUCTION

The botnets are a growing threat to the Internet since the first known botnets that found in the early 90s. The IRC channel established in 1988 to support the owner of the computer and allow the owner to perform something in the computer while busy doing something else. The botnet has taken advantage of this channel to use it with the communication between the botnet master and the bot in the victim’s machine. This research will focus on understanding botnets in regards to the architecture, components and actions.

The reason for studying the botnets in depth is that the cybercrime has grown in the last few years to obtain confidential information that stored in the target’s machine or more important is to obtain a financial profit. The botnet has taken a lead in cybercrime because of the functionality and the difficulty of detection. The challenge for the researchers is that the botnet is developing hiding capability along with the development of the technology, and this leads to the difficulty of the detection of the botnets. The previous researchers have addressed different types of techniques that have used to detect the botnets. The challenge is that botnets usually avoid these techniques to find new techniques to avoid detection. In addition, the high standards of the code of botnets are another challenge. The reason for that is that some parts of the botnet hidden and it are difficult for the researchers to access and analyse.

This chapter introduces the definition of the botnets with the features and history in section 2.1. In section 2.2 gives an overview of the architectures that have used in botnets. In section 2.3 introduces the components of the botnets, section 2.4 illustrates the action of the botnets that include the propagation and the defence mechanisms. Section 2.5 illustrates the information security and the forensic investigation against the botnets attacks. Section 2.6 outlines the issues and challenges that faces the researcher and finally the conclusion for this chapter is in section 2.7.
2.1 DEFINITION OF BOTNETS

This section designed to define botnets. The botnet is a serious threat to the computer environment and that is why it is important to understand it. This section will define the botnets, explain the motivation for making them and then elaborate the botnet role in cybercrime.

2.1.1 Definition Of Term

A Botnet is a collection of computers or a large network of compromised computers (Ullah, Khan, & Aboalsamh, 2013). A bot refers to malicious software that runs on an infected computer. A bot provides a control to the attacker (Rajab, Zarfoss, Monrose, & Terzis, 2006). A bot is also known as a virus of viruses (Clark, Chaffin, Chuvakin, Paladino, Dunkel, Fogie, Gregg, Grossman, Hansen, Petkov, Rager, & Schiller, 2008). The attacker has control of the bots by using the C&C command channel, which exchanges the command between the attacker and the bots that receive instructions from the attacker (Correia, Rocha, Nogueira, & Salvador, 2012). The attacker usually uses one or more servers in order to allow the attacker to control the bots (Zahid, Belmekki, & Mezrioui, 2012). The command received through the C&C server executed autonomously and automatically without the end user’s consent. The botnet is also known as an army of zombies and the reason for that is that they hide themselves until they become activated by an instruction (Choo, 2007). In addition, the bot network and botnets referred to as connection of networks for communication with each other. Also the attacker who controls the C&C server is called the botnet master (Rajab et al., 2006).

A bot is a completely different from other type of malicious software that harms the computer or a network. A bot is program that acts like an agent for any type of illegitimate activity (Rouse, 2005). Therefore, a bot can be independent software. A bot software executes the commands without making any communication with its operator (Grizzard, Sharma, & Nunnery, 2007). Some of the researchers have defined the botnet as a collection of bots that connected to each other through a malicious network which are using a computer technology resources for their criminal activity (Grizzard et al., 2007). There are many types of botnet communications such as C&C and Peer-to-Peer (P2P). However, with
the continued development of computer technology new types of botnet can also be developing.

Botnets started to appear to the world in the late nineties. Botnets started to target ecommerce as well as the government’s websites (Heron, 2007). The botnet started with Internet Relay Chat (IRC). Also, The first botnets that is well known is an Eggdrop which was published in 1993 (Silva, Silva, Pinto, & Salles, 2013). The growth of the computer capacity, storage, and high process speed, has supported the growth of the Botnets. In addition, the increase of the internet speed have made the communication between bots and the botnet master even easier and faster (Heron, 2007). Nevertheless, the IRC channel established in 1988 and the reason for inventing this channel is that to support the owner of the computer multitask. As mentioned above this channel was first started to be used in a malicious software in 1999 (Clark et al., 2008).

2.1.2 Botnets In Cybercrime

The Crime-space for cybercrime is a communication between two places using the internet communications. (Britz, 2009) has defined computer crime as “any criminal act committed via computer”. The computer related crime defined as “any criminal act in which a computer is involved”. The cybercrime usually attempts to find out a way to get unauthorised access to any computer or system to steal any sensitive data for different type or purposes such as stealing money.

The motivation of the cybercrime has been totally changed from been just for curiosity to being a financial purpose (Choo, 2007). In addition, cybercrime includes any criminal activity against any type of data or the content of that data as well as breaching any copyright infringement (Gordon & Ford, 2006). In New Zealand a study by the New Zealand National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC) has been shown that the purpose of the attacks that occurred in 2012 has been targeting the private sector which means that the cybercrime motivations have been focusing on the financial gain ((NCSC), 2012).

One of the main issues that face the governments and its agencies is that the response to the cybercrime is slow. What is more, the governments have asked its agencies to develop a software that meets the requirement of the legal compliance and forensic investigation (Britz, 2009).
The figure 2.1 shows that the main target of cybercrime in New Zealand was targeting the private sector with the percentage of 47% of the incident reported in 2012. The second target for the cybercrime in New Zealand in 2012 was individuals with the percentage of 26%. It can be seen that the target for the cybercrime in 2012 was making up to 73% against private sector and individuals (NCSC, 2012). The intention of the cybercrime organisation is the purpose of financial gain, which the graph above shows. The botnet cybercrime in New Zealand NCSC has showed that there is an increase number of the botnet related incidents reported in New Zealand. The report shows that the highest incident that occurred in 2011 related to computer incidents was Botnets and related incidents. This means that the botnet is one of the biggest threat to the internet community. The percentage of the Botnets and related incidents in New Zealand in 2011 made up to 23% (NCSC, 2011).

2.1.3 Botnets Feature
Botnets defined in the previous section as malicious software that installed into the victim machine has and send information without the consent of the owner. Therefore, this section will discuss the feature of the botnets in term of the
network features and the software features. The best way to have a clear picture about botnets is to compare bots that are running on the infected system with the other malicious elements such as virus and worms. First, this section will discuss the network feature of the botnets. Botnets have different types of software that develops a more botnets. The software that develops a botnets is called the “killer Web App” that allows management and propagation (Clark et al., 2008). One of the features is that after an attacker programs a large number of bots they will give an opportunity to an attacker to transmit thousands of spam emails in a short time. Each bot will be sending only a few emails (Xie et al., 2008).

One of the features that make botnets more powerful is that botnets can propagate based on a mathematical algorithm modelling. This feature support a botnet attack by spreading bots through a specific network (Rrushi, Mokhtari, & Ghorbani, 2011). Botnets are able to have propagation just like other types of malware and may be self-replicating. The attack effect will be dependent on the measures of network infection rates and network susceptibility either directly or indirectly (Rrushi et al., 2011). Bots usually achieve control of the target’s computer without having the attacker to log into the target’s computer. In fact the bots communicate with each other using the C&C server to receive an instruction from the attacker to achieve the same goal (Schiller et al., 2007). The main challenge with a botnet server is that one or more servers could be linked to each other to control a few hundreds if not thousands of bots client (called zombies), for the previous reason this research will classified the botnets depends on the C&C (refer to section 2.1.5) channel.

The second part of the botnet features is the botnets software features. One feature is that the attacker cannot be reachable meaning that the attacker is hidden by using many IP addresses flooding a single target (Heron, 2007). This feature does not only hide the identity of the attacker it also hides the way that the attacker comes to the target’s machine (Heron, 2007). The bots receives the instruction from the botnet master through the C&C control channel, and then the bots will perform the task that the botnet master asked for and report the result through the C&C control channel. This means that the bots are able to adapt with any environment as well as being accurate and targetable (Dietrich, Rossow, & Pohlmann, 2013). Botnets classified into two phases that required being consider.
The first phase is the infection phase, which is the process of spreading bots over networks and machines. The infection phase is including the collection of the different kind of malicious code, trying to expand the army of the bots to get more and more victims. Expanding bots army has different techniques such as looking for software vulnerabilities as well as scanning for open ports. Once the machine of the target has successfully compromised then the remote controllable software will be downloading from the botnet server to the target’s machine.

Figure 2.2 The infection phase (Wang, Huang, Lin, & Lin, 2011, p. 3277)
The second phase is the attacking phase, in this phase the attacker will send a command to bots in the compromised machine to perform a specific task that the attacker send through the C&C. In this stage the attacker is able to collect any type of data that the attacker is valuable for the attacker using bots which will report any data that the attacker collects (Wang, Huang, Lin, & Lin, 2011).

In addition, bots in the target’s machine will have a different type of mission to do which means that bots in the target’s machine are unemployed to
have a similar purpose. For example there will be a module that looks for vulnerabilities in the target machine, another one stops any type of security in the target’s machine that would detect bots such as firewall and antivirus (Song, Jin, & Sun, 2011). What is more, bots missions do not stop in the target’s machine. After installing the botnets software and compromising the machine of the target, bots look for a new target to increase the number of compromised machines and having more and more bot agents to increase bot numbers as well as having bots survive longer (Schiller et al., 2007). Botnet attacks can target into a specific sector such as an organisation or a business. In addition, botnets are targeting private enterprises such as businesses and individuals for a financial gain, therefore, botnets can be customised to target these sectors in order to achieve their goals (Schiller et al., 2007; Song et al., 2011). In addition, bots take an advantage of a backdoor left by other types of malicious code (Bailey, Cooke, Jahanian, Xu, & Karir, 2009).

2.1.4 Building Of Botnets And Its Lifecycle

In this section, the review will be looking at building the botnet in order to understand the process of building. The creation of the botnets as well as maintained them can typically classify into 5 phases. The five phases are initial infection, secondary injection, connection, malicious command and control, update and maintenance (Feily & Shahrestani, 2009). The first phase of building a botnet is the most important phase as an attacker tries to take an advantage of known vulnerabilities to infect the target’s machine. In this phase an attacker will scan the target’s machine for known vulnerabilities in order to infect the target’s machine (Feily & Shahrestani, 2009). There are many ways for the bots to be installed in the victim’s machine such as opening a malicious attachments through a spam email or connecting to a malicious server (Lu, Rammidi, & Ghorbani, 2011). In addition, the bots will be looking for another new victim as part of the propagation process by looking for known vulnerabilities in a new machine. Bots look for a new host or target randomly or by looking for a specific host and scan it in order to achieve an advantage of one of its vulnerabilities to expand their activities by downloading the malicious bot code using social engineering techniques as well as Trojan insertion (Feily & Shahrestani, 2009). When the initial injection successfully achieved then the secondary injection starts by
executing shell-code that known as a script. The shell-code fetches the image that contains the bot binary form an exact location through a File Transfer Protocol (FTP), HTTP or Peer to Peer (P2P) (Feily & Shahrestani, 2009). Once the bot binary (software) is installed in the victim’s machine, then, the machine of the victim becomes an army of Zombies that will run a malicious code in the target’s machine (Bailey et al., 2009). The attacker then launch the C&C server and the reason for that is that this connection channel will communicate the attacker with the bots and the attacker will have the control of these zombies’ armies. After that, the fourth phase begins when the attacker is able to send commands to the bots through the C&C server to execute it in the victim’s machine when the bots received the commands. This channel will enable the attacker to control the large number of bots (Feily & Shahrestani, 2009).

![Diagram of botnet architecture](image)

**Figure 2.4 Building a botnets. The 5 phases that have been mentioned in this section in details (Feily & Shahrestani, 2009, p. 269)**

The last phase of the building a botnet server is the update and maintenance phase when the attacker is able to update its software (bots in the victim’s machine) for
different types of reasons. For example, the botnet master needs to update the binary of the bots to avoid the detection of the bots.

In addition, the botnet master may need to adopt or add new features to the functionality of the bots as well as relocate the C&C server that connects to the bots. This means that the IP address of the server that controls a number of bots will change but the server will keep the same name. The bots will updated with the IP address for the new server as soon as the server launches as the short time-to-live (TTL) values the name sets by the DDNS provider. The main purpose of changing the C&C server to a new one is that this approach will keep the server and the bots alive as the IP address of the server can blocked due to the detection. Therefore, in order to keep them alive the C&C server and the IP address need to be changed so they last longer (Feily & Shahrestani, 2009). Figure 2.4 summarises the botnet phases that have been mentioned in this section. It can be seen clearly that the botnet master communicates with the bots thorough the C&C server.

### 2.1.5 Brief History Of The Botnets

As the machines and internet have developed overtime and made it even easier for people to use the machine and the internet. Botnets have also incredibly developed over time just like the machines and internet. People are relying on the machines and the internet for almost everything in their lives such as shopping and online banking. The uses of the machines and the internet have encouraged the attackers to use their ability to develop malicious software that would assist them to steal sensitive information such credit card numbers. Surprisingly botnets have used new techniques in the recent years as well as the functionality of the botnets has developed to a higher standard to prevent them from detection.
One of the malicious botnets that used the IRC discovered in May 1999. The name of the botnet was Pretty Park, according to (Schiller et al., 2007). The botnet Pretty Park used to have many of the functions and concepts that most of the botnets have. The Pretty Park botnet written in the Delphi that provides so many capabilities to the botnets. The Pretty Park provides many features including retrieval of the operating system of the target’s machine as well as the version of the operating system, user information and other basic information. In addition, the Pretty Park provides the capabilities of searching through the email, retrieves username and password, upload and download files as well as update the functionality of the bots in the target’s machine. What is more, the Pretty Park provides the capabilities of launching many DoS attacks, redirects the traffic as well as incorporation of its own IRC client (Schiller et al., 2007).
Just a few months later in May 1999 there was another botnet that discovered which called The SubSeven. The SubSeven was also written in Delphi. The version 2.1 of the SubSeven was discovered in June which enabled the attacker to remote control the bots via the IRC server connection (Schiller et al., 2007). The main challenge for this botnet was that it created a backdoor in the victim’s machine by running the SubSeven server. This type of botnet received a command via an IRC channel which was popular at that time and many botnets has taken advantage of the SubSeven design (Lee, 2009).

In 2000, another botnet was discovered which is called a Global Threat (GT) Bot (Lee, 2009; Schiller et al., 2007). The Microsoft Internet Relay Chat (mIRC) can run scripting interface that respond to IRC events. In addition, it supported raw TCP and UDP socket connection, which allowed a variety of spoofing for an open port as well as denial-of-service (DDoS). The GTBot has high functionality in regards of the bots age that perform a port scanning, packet flooding, an IRC cloning as well as enabled the botletclient to access an IRC server anonymously (Schiller et al., 2007).

In addition, another bot appeared in 2002 called SDBot, which written by a Russian programmer. The program was written in C++ program and was a huge a step up for the botnets history (Schiller et al., 2007). The SDBot written in 2000 lines of the C++ and released to the internet by the Russian programmer that, made it easy for the attackers to access to it. The source of code gave the ability to create a web page and provide e-mail and ICQ contact information. The easy access to the code let other attackers add modification and maintenance. Similar to other botnets, this botnet provided a remote control backdoor just like the rest of other malicious software. However, the SDBot code was not really modular or clean, even though the code was released to the attackers community (Lee, 2009; Schiller et al., 2007).

AgoBot (Aka Gaobot) that arrived to the internet community in 2002. AgoBot has increased the botnets performance due to the modular design and the significantly high build functionality with around 20,000 lines of C/C++. The AgoBot does not infect a system with only one bot as the infect phase has three modules to be performed. The first module is to contain the IRC bot client to remote access backdoor. The second module is stopping the antivirus of system from working. The third module is to stop the victim from accessing a list of
websites which are usually antiviruses websites (Lee, 2009; Schiller et al., 2007). This type of bot can contain of various components for different purposes such as propagation, communication, harvesting sensitive information and attacking targets (Lee, 2009). In addition, some other types of bots that related to this bot include Phatbot, Forbot, Polybot and XtremBot. Phatbot use WASTE P2P file sharing protocol to extend the control of botnets (Lee, 2009; Schiller et al., 2007).

Many other types of malicious codes have used different kinds of techniques to obfuscate the binary payload in order to avoid signature-based IDS system (Lee, 2009). For instance the Rbot introduced the use of runtime software package encryption tools such as Morphine, UPX, ASPack and PESpin (Schiller et al., 2007). Polybot, which appeared in 2004, used the code base of the AgoBot and its name for its use polymorphism. This bot modified its code whenever there is a new machine infected by the bot. In addition, Mytob discovered in 2005 and used source code from My Doom. This type of code used social engineering and spoofed email addresses. As the source of botnet, code became modular as they use different open source licences for their code. The antivirus vendors are attempting to identify the botnets by its functionality such as spam e-mail and launching a DDoS attack rather than identifying the overall bot (Schiller et al., 2007).

2.2 BOTNETS ARCHITECTURE

This section will review the previous works that have published on botnet architecture. The activity and the behaviour acts differently depend on the type of the botnets. This section will discuss some of those popular botnet architectures.

2.2.1 Centralized C&C

Control and command C&C server is what makes the botnets more powerful than other type of malicious malwares. The botnets protocols based on the C&C server can be classified into IRC, P2P, HTTP and TCP (Correia et al., 2012; Lu et al., 2011). The centralized topology is classified as a central point which is responsible for the communication between the clients by forwarding the messages between them (Bailey et al., 2009). The communication between the bots and the centralized server requires a password, therefore, the bots would be programmed to have this password in order to authenticate and communicate with
the server (Schiller et al., 2007). The centralized system use a low latency that means the transition only needs a few recognised hops. However, the centralized C&C has some major issues. The first main issue is that the detection of it can be easy as many clients connect to it. The second main issue is that the discovering of the central location means it can be shut down all the clients simply by blocking the whole server (Bailey et al., 2009).

In next few sections (2.2.2, 2.2.3, 2.2.4 and 2.2.5), this research will discuss different types of protocols that are used for communication between the C&C server and the bots. In addition, it describes how the Domain Name system (DNS) used with these protocols.

**2.2.2 IRC Internet**

IRC is the most popular protocols used between the bots and the C&C server. The Internet Relay Chat (IRC) originally designed to for large users and network of servers to support them in case of any failures by providing scalability and resilience. The IRC protocol provides a communication between the botnet master and the bots via either a private message or a broadcast. The IRC has been used since 2001 in cybercrime, however, recent studies shows that the IRC protocols has been used in many botnets which means that this protocol still exists in the botnets as a source of communication between the botnet master and the bots (Kharouni, 2009; Zhuge, Holz, Han, Guo, & Zou, 2007).

The bots connects to the IRC server channel using a unique nickname in order for the server to identify each bot. This makes sure that the bots are an authentic member of the botnets server (Lu et al., 2011). The IRC provides an encryption communication between the botnet master and the bots (Choi, Liu, & Seo, 2010). After setting up the nick name and successfully authenticating the communication between the bot server and the bots, then, each bot will be waiting and listening for the command to be received from the botnet master to execute them on the victim’s machine (Lu et al., 2011). However, there is a disadvantage for the IRC based protocol which is that the IRC server can be affected by shutting down due to the vulnerable based on highly centralized architectures (Zhao et al., 2013). Furthermore, detecting and blocking the IRC server is not difficult as it can be filtering and a list of them in the blacklisting of the filter of the firewall of the machine or firewall (Lu et al., 2011).
2.2.3 HTTP

HyperText Transfer protocol (HTTP), The C&C server has moved to use HTTP protocol to communicate with the bots (Chiang & Lloyd, 2007). The reason for that is that it allows more flexibility. In addition, using the HTTP protocol allows the C&C server to avoid any weakness if having a single point of failure (Lu et al., 2011). For example Social engineering is being involve with a tempting of people interest in order to encourage people to open the malicious attachment or link that contain malicious website (Lu et al., 2011). One of the main reasons for the botnets to use such a HTTP protocol is that the http protocol is a firewall friendly protocol which means that the chance of the detection is more difficult than the previous protocol (IRC) (Jang, Kim, Jung, & Noh, 2009).

In addition, the bots on the victim’s machine can focus to run within the applications’ process of the victim’s machine including web browsers such as Internet Explorer (IE) (Daswani & Stoppelman, 2007). A previous case study shows that the http communication classified into two phases based on HTTP POST form. The two phases are key exchange and instruction. The key change is similar to the C&C server communication, this phase use the POST form of the HTTP protocol. The second phase is the instruction include a valuable number from the client’s side which respond to the server instruction (Chiang & Lloyd, 2007). The POST form allows joining messages send between the server and the bots by identifying the operating system of the victim’s machine in order use a specific port for this communication (Chiang & Lloyd, 2007). This communication known as Rustock shows the backdoor rootkit that Chiang and Lloyd explains in their case study.

The main issue with the HTTP and IRC protocol is that they can be detected even though they both are able to provide a great communication tool to the botnet master (Lu et al., 2011). Attackers who use IRC and HTTP protocol for their bots have noted that there are a drawback on C&C communication (Grizzard et al., 2007). The HTTP and IRC detected by systems, however, the IRC is easier to detect than HTTP. The main thing that the botnet master will lose if the C&C is blocked is the central point of control as it contains most of the client’s information that the botnet master need (Wang et al., 2011).
2.2.4 P2P

Peer-to-peer (P2P) is a network when any node in the network can act as both a client and a server. This research mentioned in the section 2.2.3 that the IRC and HTTP detected and blocked by the system. However, the P2P protocol is really difficult to detect (Wang et al., 2011). One of the features in using P2P protocol is that the botnet master does not have to rely on a central server as the P2P communication is able to manage the communication between the botnet master and the bots without using the central server. In addition, the botnet master will be able to manage to upgrade and control the bots on the client’s machine while not being detected (Grizzard et al., 2007).

What is more, the botnet master does not have to worry about the control server. This means if one of the servers related to a specific bot is blocked, then the bot will be able to connect to another server as each bot act as a client and a server. The drawback and the centralized network gives more features and flexibilities to encourage the attacker to use the P2P protocol rather than other types of protocols (Grizzard et al., 2007). The C&C communications are really difficult to detect and the reason for that is that the design for the P2P is complex which makes it undetectable in the network layer (Yan, Ha, & Eidenbenz, 2011).

2.2.5 DNS

Domain Name system (DNS), the botnet master uses the DNS to have more flexibility of controlling the bots. The DNS is not a communication protocol to the botnet and master uses the DNS to avoid detection (Lu et al., 2011). The DNS deals with the domain name with a set of IP addresses while the URL shortening service (USS) deals with the domain name with the URL. The USS does not allow the registration of a domain to modify as well as the USS allows only one URL for each alias. On the other hand, the DNS allows the registration of a domain name to be modified as well as several IP addresses for each domain name (Lee & Kim, 2013). An example of that is that when a host is willing to connect to google.com, then, it has to obtain the IP address for google.com for instance XX.XX.XXX.XXX from the DNS.

When a bot tried to connect to the C&C server, it looks for an IP address which can be obtained by using the DNS query (Silva et al., 2013). The bots try to hide the IP address of the DNS server so that the server is not blocked. This
means that the bots will take the advantage of the compromised sever such as phishing website, therefore, the IP address of the bots’ server does not get blocked. In addition, the botnet master will have the advantage of hiding his identity, as the phishing website will work as a proxy between the bots and the botnet master. There is one disadvantage of redirecting the communication between the botnet master and the bots which is tracking down the command pathway can be difficult (Lee & Kim, 2013).

The main challenge for the botnet master is to keep the C&C server to last longer as many security vendors block down and track the IP addresses of these servers. Therefore, the botnet master creates a new method that assists them to keep the C&C last longer by changing the IP address of the C&C server frequently. One of the methods that the botnet master uses called fast flux domain flux (FFDF) which is changes a set of IP address of the C&C server frequently. The main purpose of this method is to hide the real IP address of the C&C servers. The FFDF makes it difficult to detect the IP address of the C&C server as the bots connect to a server that change frequently which means shutting down or blocking the C&C server is not an appropriate solution of fighting against the botnets (Lee & Kim, 2013).

2.3 BOTNET COMPONENTS

This section will discuss the botnet components and describe the work of botnets. The botnet components can be categorised as botnet master, command and control channel, bot and victim.

2.3.1 Botnet Master

A botnet master (attacker) is the person who drives the collection of bots and responsible for all the operations going between the server and the bots. A botnet master is responsible for all the social communications between the bots as well as the communication between the bots and the server. Botnet master components, which, classified into three main categories: a botworker, a botupdater and a C&C engine. In the first category, a botnet master builds and maintains the bots to be able to infect different types of machine as well as the communication between them (Boshmaf, Muslukhov, Beznosov, & Ripeanu, 2013). The developer of the botnets can be a person or a group of people who build and design the botnet.
However, the developer of the botnet does not have to be the owner (botnet master) of the botnet as the code and the hackers’ community can deploy the design of the botnets. In addition, the developers of the botnet could gain a financial support to implement and design a particular botnets. There are many of malware tool kits that are available online for anyone interested on this type of malware to download that allows them to build and administer the botnets (Gomez, Andez, & García-Teodoro, 2013).

Botupdater is the second category; in this category, the botnet master updates the bots, updating the bots to new software, updating the bots with new software, updating the bots with a new command from the botnet master. In addition the botnet master can update the bots with a new C&C engine due to the blocking of the previous C&C engine or for detection purposes (Boshmaf et al., 2013).

Finally, the C&C engine, C&C engine (channel) works like a warehouse of the botnet master command as well as is responsible of the controlling the bots by the botnet master. The C&C server will forward all the messages from the botnet master to the bots. In addition, authenticate the new bots to the zombies’ army (Boshmaf et al., 2013). The next section will discuss more about the command and control (C&C) channel.

2.3.2 Command And Control (C&C) Channel

The command and control (C&C) channel is the interaction in the botnets. The C&C server grouped into three characteristics: Type of messages, direction of the information and communication protocols. Type of the message classified as a command sent by the botnet master that could be an order for the bots to perform a particular action in the victim’s machine. In addition, the type of message could be controlling the bots by the botnet master. Controlling provides information about the botnets such as the number of bots that are active in a particular botnet. What is more, the direction of the message classified by either pulls or pushes. The bot usually requests information in pull C&C messages. However, the information gets received in passive manner, and the bots do not send the previous request as is the case in the push case. The communication protocols play an important part of the communication between the bots and the server. The most
common protocols that are used in the C&C communication is the IRC, HTTP and the P2P protocols (Gomez et al., 2013).

**Figure 2.6 The configuration option for the IRC (Lee, 2009, p. 51)**

Firstly, the IRC-based control model is central to a particular IRC server or channel. The IRC listens to the command that the botnet master sends through a post in a chat room. The bots listen to the messages in the chat room and perform the action. The configuration parameters of the IRC component shown in the figure 2.6. The server has the IP address of the IRC server, port means the port number of the IRC server, channel means the chat room to exchange the messages, admin means botnet master that may include nicks to accept the command and the callback means function that process each line of the input by the admin (Lee, 2009).

**Figure 2.7 The configuration option for the HTTP (Lee, 2009, p. 51)**

Secondly, the HTTP-based control model is continuously accessing a website to obtain new instructions. When the page successfully downloaded then the page would contains a callback function. the configuration of the HTTP component would be similar to figure 2.7 url containing the URL for the web site to obtain new instructions, interval is the rate time to polls of the web page and the callback function is called whenever a new web page is downloaded. Finally, the Peer-to-Peer (P2P) protocol control model are complex, however, P2P is popular to use in how they maintain their network. The P2P grouped into three groups: Peer Management, Message Passing, Search/Publish and Presentation. Peer Management has the responsibility of tracking the active connection and select different peers for different task. Message Passing is responsible for passing the messages between the botnet master and the bots. Message passing usually
contains commands; however, Message Passing does not carry any stolen information or updates. Search/Publish, this handles the searching for resources in the P2P network, and publishes handles searching for links to update the spam. Presentation is responsible for formatting the messages and request from and to the other three subcomponent and the network (Lee, 2009).

As mentioned in the section 2.2.5 (DNS) the C&C server uses the method fast flux domain flux (FFDF) to change the server the IP address of the sever frequently. In the C&C server uses the alias flux method that is similar to DNS fast flux method but the difference is that the alias flux method in the C&C servers is that it changes the alias of IP addresses of C&C servers instead of their domain name (Lee & Kim, 2013).

2.3.3 Bot

The bot is the software that installed in the victim’s machine without the awareness of the owner. The bot is usually malicious software that is capable of performing an action in the victim’s machine. The bot usually installed in the victim’s machine in a different way such as opening an email attachment or accessing untrusted or malicious website. Usually the configuration of the bot is to be launch whenever the victim’s boots their machines. After the bot launch in the victim’s machine then the bot will be ready to receive an instruction from the botnet master through the command and control channel (Silva et al., 2013). Then the bot can act as an agent for the botnet master in the victim’s machine (Schiller et al., 2007).

The bot group depends on the protocol they are using to communicate with the C&C server. Botnets usually use IRC, HTTP and P2P, which is the most popular protocols for botnets. For example, the IRC bot use ping-pong mechanism to stay alive. The ping-pong is usually a small size file as the C&C server will not be able to handle a large size file. The IRC bot usually customized to wait between 30 and 600 seconds. On the other hand, the HTTP bot is different from the IRC bot as the HTTP bot does not use any persistent TCP connection to stay alive in the C&C sever. The HTTP bot connects to the C&C server from time to time to get new commands or new instructions. This means that the HTTP bot does not receive the command instantly as the HTTP bot connects to the server from time to time. Another difference between the IRC bot and the HTTP bot is
that unlike IRC bot, the HTTP sends a command in a very large file. The size of the file is about 1000 bytes and the reason for that is that the HTTP bot has to establish a new TCP connection that contains a three way handshake (Zhao et al., 2012).

### 2.3.4 Victim

The victim is the target of the botnet where the intention is to infect the victim’s machine with the bots to be able to control the machine via the C&C server. The victim could be the system, person or network, which is the object where the attack executed. The victim is vary and depends on the purpose of the attack, and the botnets. For example a user who receives a spam or confidential information that has been stolen. Another example is that the company who loses several millions dollars due to the DoS attack (Gomez et al., 2013).

The victim usually selected for different reasons but mainly to gain a financial profit. When the bot installs itself successfully in the victim’s machine, then, the bot will destroy the entire program that will defend the victim’s machine. The reason for that is that the bot usually stays hidden in the victim’s machine. The botnet master is able to distinguish the victim’s as each bot is uniquely identified so the botnet master knows which one of the bots can be used in the victim’s machine (Schiller et al., 2007).

### 2.4 BOTNET ACTIONS

This section will discuss the action that the botnets perform including the propagation of the botnet to increase the army size. This section reviews the propagation, Bot Terminated Process and compromised machine.

#### 2.4.1 Propagation

There are different methods of the propagation method of the botnets. This section will discuss some of the propagation methods of well-known botnets. The SDBot usually counts on the vulnerabilities of the security on the target system. In addition, the SDBot can take the advantage of the user to connect to with other network resources. The right of the access and privilege of the user who logged into the system assumes by the SDBot to be the same. The SDBot will the take advantage of default administrative to make the connection and spread the bot.
The results can be found in a typical windows system such as PRINT$, C$, D$, E$ or ADMIN$. In addition, the SDBot is known to scan the SQL server installation looking for any vulnerabilities in the administrator password or a security issues in the configuration of the SQL server (Schiller et al., 2007).

Another botnet propagation method is the RBot, which scans the windows network for an open port in either 139 or 445 to connect to it. The aim of the scan is to get the IPC$ administrative share on that system. Then the RBot will try to get a list of the usernames and passwords if the connection to the IPC$ administrative share is successful. The interest of the list of the usernames and the passwords in the systems is to get access to it. If the list of the usernames and passwords is not successful, then, it will simply try a preconfigured list of usernames that is in the malware (Schiller et al., 2007).

- Microsoft Windows LSASS buffer overflow vulnerability (TCP port 445)
- Microsoft Windows ntdll.dll buffer overflow vulnerability (Webdav vulnerability) (TCP port 80)
- Microsoft Windows RPC malformed message buffer overflow vulnerability (TCP ports 135, 445, 1025)
- Microsoft Windows RPCSS malformed DCOM message buffer overflow vulnerabilities (TCP port 135)
- Exploiting weak passwords on MS SQL servers, including Microsoft SQL Server Desktop Engine blank sa password vulnerability (TCP port 1433)
- Microsoft Universal Plug and Play (UPnP) NOTIFY directive buffer overflow and DoS vulnerabilities (TCP port 5000)
- DameWare Mini Remote Control buffer overflow (TCP port 6129)
- Microsoft Windows Workstation service malformed message buffer overflow vulnerability (TCP port 445)
- Microsoft Windows WINS replication packet memory overwrite vulnerability (TCP port 42)
- RealSystem Server SETUP buffer overflow vulnerability
- Microsoft SQL Server 2000 Resolution service buffer overflow vulnerability
- Microsoft Windows Plug and Play service buffer overflow vulnerability

**Figure 2.8 The Known Vulnerabilities Commonly Exploited by Rbot Variants (Schiller et al., 2007, p. 110, 111)**

The figure 2.8 Shows that thee known vulnerabilities commonly exploited by Rbot Variants. The Rbot used this list of vulnerabilities to propagate itself. If one of the vulnerabilities found in one of the target machines, then, the RBot executes a small program that instructs the target machine to go to the remote server and download the full code of the RBot. The connection back to the RBot source might use a different port for connection such as port 81 which indicates HTTP and port 69 which indicates TFTP (Schiller et al., 2007).

Another example of the botnet propagation is the Agobot family. The Agobot family spread the bot army in P2P network using WASTE. AOL designs
P2P protocol. WASTE designed to use an encryption algorithm during the transfer of the file in P2P for a security reasons. However, there is a disadvantage for the WASTE as the WASTE only manages between 50 and 100 clients’ nodes, which means that the bot army can be limited in P2P network. The Agobot spread the bot through open network shares until the target machine infected, then, the bot will seek to get the username and password. In addition, the bot will attempt to search for administrative information to be able to get the username and the password. The Agobot is preconfigured and the bot has a list of common usernames and passwords.

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<th>Vulnerability</th>
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<td>• DCOM RPC vulnerability</td>
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<td>MS03-026</td>
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<tr>
<td>• LSASS vulnerability</td>
<td>TCP ports 135, 139, 445</td>
<td>MS04-011</td>
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<td>• SQL Server and MSDE 2000 vulnerabilities</td>
<td>UDP 1434</td>
<td>MS02-061</td>
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<td>• WebDav vulnerability</td>
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<td>• ULPN NOTIFY buffer overflow vulnerability</td>
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<td>• Workstation Service buffer overrun vulnerability</td>
<td>TCP 445</td>
<td>MS03-049</td>
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<td>• Microsoft Windows SSL Library DoS vulnerability</td>
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<td>• Microsoft Windows Plug and Play buffer overflow vulnerability</td>
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<td>• Microsoft Windows Server Service remote buffer overflow vulnerability</td>
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Figure 2.9 Vulnerabilities Exploited by Spybot Variants to Help it Propagate (Schiller et all, 2007, p. 122, 123)

In addition, the Spybot has similar propagation method to rest of the bot families. The Spybot looks for open or poorly secured networks, which able to spread and compromised other systems. Figure 2.9 show the vulnerabilities that the Spybot is looking for. The Spybot usually scans the target systems to be able to identify one of the vulnerabilities shown in the figure 2.9. The Spybot aims to achieve the username and the password in the targets systems with a bot that is preconfigured with a list of common usernames and passwords and similar to the other bots.

Figure 2.10 The File Extensions Known to Be Commonly Targeted by Mytob for Harvesting E-mail Addresses (Schiller et all, 2007, p. 126)
The figure 2.10 Shows the files extension that the Mytob is interested to find in order to execute the bot in the target's machine. Mytob known as an email bot because it spreads the bot through an email attachment. Mybot find the extension shows in the figure 2.11 to infect the target machine by those extensions.

| .gov | hotmail | mydomain |
| .mil | iama | nodomain |
| abuse | ibm.com | panda |
| account | icrosof | pgp |
| arin | letf | ripe |
| avp | lnpris | rids |
| berkeley | isc.o | secur |
| bsd | isi.e | sendmail |
| example | kernel | sopho |
| fido | linux | syma |
| foo | math | tansford.e |
| fsf | mit.e | unix |
| gnu | mozilla | usenet |
| google | ms | utgers.ed |

Figure 2.11 Mytob Eliminates Harvested E-mail Addresses with the Following Domains (Schiller et al., 2007, p. 126, 127)

The figure 2.11 shows the domain that Mytob targeting to spread the bots and execute it in the target's machine. Mybot uses those domains to propagate the bots through an email attachment (Schiller et al., 2007).

2.4.2 Bot Terminated Process

The botnets goal is to stay undetected all the time and in order to achieve that the botnets need to be able to remove any program that detected its bot.

| regedit.exe | MSBLAST.exe |
| mconfig.exe | teekids.exe |
| netstat.exe | Penis32.exe |
| msblast.exe | bbeagle.exe |
| zapro.exe | SysMonXP.exe |
| navw32.exe | winupd.exe |
| navapw32.exe | winsys.exe |
| zonealarm.exe | ssate.exe |
| wincfg32.exe | rate.exe |
| taskmon.exe | d3dupate.exe |
| PandaAVEngine.exe | lrun4.exe |
| sysinfo.exe | i11r54n4.exe |
| msvcbl32.exe |

Figure 2.12 A Sample of Processes Sometimes Terminated by RBot (Schiller et all, 2007, p. 106, 107)

The botnets first attention is to use the bot to be able to remove any program that would detect the bot such as antivirus program. The reason for that is that program such as antivirus might remove the bot after detecting it. The Figure 2.12
shows the processes sometimes terminated by RBot. For example, regedit.exe indicates the registration editor in windows, which enables the user to modify registry entries, and msconfig.exe is executable file or a program in the Microsoft windows operating systems. In addition, some of the botnets families such as Agobot target some of programs and services to terminate. Mainly, the programs and the services, which Agobot targets are associating with antivirus and other security software. Also botnets can shut down any process that associates with computing malware (Schiller et al., 2007).

2.4.3 Compromised Machines

There are many signs of compromised machines that affect the machine of the victim. The botnets is like the rest of the malicious software, which means that there will be many signs that would indicate the machine of the victim’s is under a threat. Botnets can place a file of itself in the system folder. The botnets such as SDBot can use the variable %System% to be able to place the system folder then place a file of itself in the system folder. The name of the botnets can be different and hard to keep track of it. Some of the well-known botnets files name that used for backdoor shown in the figure 2.13

In addition, other botnets will have different names for the system files. For example, the RBot will have different filenames such as wuamgrd.exe; most of the botnets will use the %System% directory to copy the file into the file system with a read only hidden. What is more, the botnets uses some of the machine files system details such as the timestamp and the date of the files botnets files system

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<td>Sys3f2.exe</td>
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<td>IEXPLOR.EXE</td>
<td>Syscfg32.exe</td>
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<td>iexplore.exe</td>
<td>Sysmon16.exe</td>
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<td>ipc32.exe</td>
<td>syslog32.exe</td>
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<td>Mssql.exe</td>
<td>vcvw.exe</td>
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<td>MSTasks.exe</td>
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Figure 2.13 A Known Filenames Used by Backdoor for SDBot
(Schiller et all, 2007, p. 100, 101)
to match the details of the system’s files. Details such as matching the timestamp and date of the explorer.exe file so the victim thinks that the files have installed with the system files and have not changed since then. Other botnets such as Agobot can use following filename syschk.exe, svchost.exe, sysmgr.exe, and sysldr32.exe (Schiller et al., 2007). Likewise, botnets can modify the registry entries of the targeted machine. The main point of modify the registry of the target’s machine is that whenever the victim turns the machine on such as the machine the botnets will automatically started whenever the operating system such as windows started. In addition, some of the botnets are preprogramed to check the registry value in case the value has changed, deleted or changed. Also some of the botnets run only one copy of the registry value which has different value from one machine to the others.

In addition, botnets can have additional files in the system files in order to improve the functionality of the botnets. For example there are two files have been noticed in the SDBot, which are SVKP.sys and msdirectx.sys. The first file SVKP.sys is a protection of the software of the machine that give a prevention to the software from being revers-engineered. The botnets uses some techniques that prevent the security program from identifying it. The second file is msdirectx.sys, which provides a higher functionality for the botnets that guarantee a full control and access to the victim’s machine. In addition, some of the botnets such as Agobot prevent any attempt to access any of the security and antivirus website in order to prevent detection of it. The Agobot redirect any attempt to access to this website to a different website that set by the botnets developer(s).

Unexpected traffic is another sign of compromised machines that uses open port to access and communicate. For example, the SDBot uses the port 6667 that uses TCP and 7000. Usually the bot tried to connect to the IRC server and uses some open port in the victim’s machine, which identified by analysing the traffic of the network. The IRC configured to connect to the IRC server that requires channel, port number and password along with other information that the server required (Schiller et al., 2007).

2.5 BOTNET COLLECTION AND ANALYSIS

This section will discuss the collection and the analysis of the botnets performed by the previous researchers. This section will discuss collecting malware,
detecting botnets, honeypots used to collect malware, analysis of botnets malware and live vs static forensics.

2.5.1 Collecting Botnets

With the increasing of the botnets researchers become interested to analysis the bot and collect as many botnets as they can so they can analysis, and understand how it works. The botnets have developed in a high standard and quality especially the large botnets. The researchers have faced a difficulty analysing the code of the bot due to the professional way of writing the code as well as some of the code is hidden to make it complicated for the researchers to analysis it. The main challenge that faces the researchers is that the researchers do not want the code of the botnets to get into a wrong hands, therefore, the researchers find it difficult to collect the full version of the botnets as part of it is hidden by the developer(s) of the botnets (Lee, 2009).

In addition, collecting the binaries code of the bot is the main goal of collecting the botnets as well as collecting as many bots as possible. The main issue that may appear when collecting the botnets is that developing scalable and robust infrastructure. Any malware collection infrastructure must be able to support the wide array of data collection endpoints as well as it should be highly scalable. Therefore, the research was facing a challenge of finding a special implementation to avoid participating in malfeasance. Therefore, the research has found an approached that uses a honeypot that developed by professionals, which they found it safe to collect malware. The approach is basically based on automated malware collection, the reason for that is that the automatic way of collection assist the research of reducing the overload of deploying and maintaining honeypots. The result of the research has come with result that improves the understanding of the botnets and the result will help the researchers to have better information about the attack patterns, attack trends and attack rates of malicious network traffic. The research has also shown that it is possible to investigate each piece of malware. The malware collected can be identified as possible evidence and also provide a fingerprint of the attack which can be useful for the investigation (Rajab et al., 2006).

In addition, other research shows that as understanding the botnets code can be quite difficult to understand as the developers of the botnets attempts to
hide part of the code to make it complicated for the researchers to examine. Lee (2009) has found a way of understanding more about the code of the botnets. After a few attempts the researcher managed to find a botnet master community website that provides a hint about some parts of the code sample (Lee, 2009).

2.5.2 Detecting Botnets

There are several methods, which, have introduced by previous researchers to detect the botnets. The detection of the botnet mainly based on monitoring the traffic. Many open source tools support monitoring of the network to detect any malicious traffic. For example, the netflow-based tools (Schiller et al., 2007). The network traffic has different type of traffic content and monitoring the traffic may result of finding different type of botnets such as HTTP-based botnets and IRC-based botnets (Lu et al., 2011).

Lu et al (2011) have classified the detection of the botnets into two categories, the first one is the supervised botnets detection and the second one is unsupervised botnets detection. The supervised botnets detection uses a labelled dataset to create the profiles of system or network. The drawback of these detection techniques is that it needs to label the training data, which means there could be an error-prone. In addition to the error-prone, there will be a cost involves as well as the time consuming to label the training data. On the other hand, unsupervised botnets detection uses the unlabelled data to identify the behaviours of the bot. This means that the drawback of the supervised botnets detection does not appear in this techniques as the training base on unlabelled dataset which improve the detection accuracy of the botnets (Lu et al., 2011).

Most of the existing botnets uses a centralized architecture, where the decentralized botnets have identified and detected more and more recently. Usually in botnets, one or a few compromised machines would configure as a command and control server such as IRC server. However, the main issue with the centralized architecture is that it can be easily detected as the C&C server is a central point of failure (Silva et al., 2013). One of the tradition ways of detecting a botnet is the signature-based detection, as Lu et al (2011) experiment discussed that 40% of the network flow cannot identified in a signature-based approach. This means that 60% of the traffic in the public WIFI can be identified based on the signature. Therefore, the new researchers are focusing on unknown signature
detection to improve the chance of detecting the botnets. Honeypot detection is one of the popular detection techniques that have used in detecting the botnets. The next section 2.5.3 will be discussing this detection technique. However, this detection technique will only work for the existing botnets and will not detect a new botnet which is known as a zero-day attack (Silva et al., 2013).

In addition, there is a host-based detection where is each host is monitoring for any suspicious traffic activity including accessing files. However, the important thing about this approach is that all machines in the network have to have a tool installed in them called monitoring tool for this detection technique to be effective. What is more, other detection techniques are network-based techniques. These techniques involve monitoring the traffic either if it’s active or passive. Packets to see the active network response such as a botprobe can inject the network. The downside about network-based techniques is that the traffic would increase which means that more traffic will be added to the network traffic (Silva et al., 2013). The main challenge for the botnets detection is that the botnets traffic does not have any difference than a normal traffic, which means that it requires time consumption to analyse it. In addition, the botnet traffic uses encryption techniques in order to hide itself from detected, which means that the analysis of the traffic as well as have knowledge about the different type of encryption algorithm is required to analyse the traffic. In addition, the botnet uses a fast-flux method to avoid detection mechanisms as mentioned in section 2.2.5. Also with a lot of load of traffic data passing through in a real time, it is really difficult to analysis the traffic data on a real time, this means a delay of detecting a malicious traffic passing through in a real time (Silva et al., 2013).

2.5.3 Honeypot

As mentioned in the section 2.5.2, the honeypot is one of the most popular detection techniques that used by many of the recent researchers. The main reason that many of the researchers uses the Honeypot and Honeynet is that they are effective detection techniques as well as the cost of setting them up and running the tests is reasonable. The most important point of using the Honeypot and Honeynet is that they do not have a false positive, which gathers more researchers to use it. One consists of the Honeywall and honeypot network that deployed the architecture. There is Chinese version of honeypot called HoneyBow that a tool
that collects malware in high interaction. In addition, Tang and Chen presented a novel “double-honeypot” the main interaction about this honeypot is that it detects internet worm attacks effectively. Bothunter that has a set of communication flows that exchanged between the internal host and the external entities has introduced another modelled. The main use of this modelled is to point out the difference between the suspected infection event (Li, Jiang, & Zou, 2009).

Pham and Dacier (2011) have presented another technique of using a honeypot. Their approach is to identify the botnets, however, the focus of their approach is to identify and study the size of the botnet army or zombies as well as the lifetime. Therefore, their focus is the size and lifetime of the botnet army. They are assuming that there could be different bots that related to different botnets, and in another words there could be more than one botnet in the dataset. They are interested in promoting their approach without any complication in use so it used widely. Their approach is a bit different from the other honeypot approaches as the honeypot usually installed in the network to detect the botnets whereas their approach targets of the attack. The datasets were located in different countries and have been running for more than 800 days with the maximum of 10 times that the dataset has downloaded. They have noticed that there were 2 attacks from the same botnet and they realised that by analysis the IP address as they have so many IP addresses and they looked really similar (Pham & Dacier, 2011).

2.5.4 Analysis Of Botnets Malware

The analysis of the botnets malware should include two major ways to analyse the malware, examining the code and its behaviour. The botnets developer(s) try to avoid the detection of the botnets as well as the analysis of the botnets code. Therefore, the botnets developer(s) use some techniques to avoid analysis of the botnets such as hiding part of the botnets code as well as uses encryption techniques. The issue that increases when the researchers tries to decrypt the botnets is that the decryption form in stored in the memory of the bot and only for a short period of time (Lee, 2009).
The bot can stay active in the victim’s machine for a long period without detected in some cases. Some of them stayed active for more than 200 days and other stayed active for almost a 700 days. The figure 2.14 shows that cumulative distribution the lifetime of the botnets army and the country. The long-time indicates that the bot takes long time to compromised machines or the botnets army are able to stay active for a long time. This means that the victim’s machine will infect with a new bot and that when one of the army becomes inactive another bot replaces it with an active status. In addition, the number of attacks gives a chance to the botnets malware to propagate, this means that the botnets will launch more than one attack to the same machine to increase the chance of increasing the number of infected machines. One of the main jobs that the bot is asked to do is to focus on the vulnerabilities as well as test for other vulnerabilities, however, testing for another vulnerabilities is a small subset that is asked by the botnet master to the bot to do (Pham & Dacier, 2011).
Figure 2.15 The spam e-mail enticing the victim to click and become infected (Lee, 2009, p. 26)

The figure 2.15 Shows an example of a storm in Europe that sends a link to the victims to click on it, then, the link will direct the victim to the website that contain a malicious JavaScript. The malicious JavaScript shown in figure 2.16

Figure 2.16 Malicious encoded JavaScript code to lead the victim to download ecard.exe (Lee, 2009, p. 27)
After that, the victim’s machine will forced to download the primary infection binary as shown in the figure 2.17

Figure 2.17 The decode JavaScript with shell-code and instruction to install ecard.exe (Lee, 2009, p. 27)

The botnets uses the encryption method to hide the information and the code from being analysed as mentioned earlier which makes it hard to analysis the code (Lee, 2009).

2.5.5 Live And Static Forensic

Live and static forensic is the process of the investigation of any type of cybercrime. There is advantages and disadvantages for both steps of the forensic investigation. The important thing about the forensic investigation is preserve the evidence of any type of cybercrime for prosecution. Firstly, the live forensic is imaging the infected machine when the machine is up and running. The forensic investigator will be collecting the evidence from the machine without making any changes to the data. The live forensics includes documenting all possible steps that have taken during the image of the infected machine. The important step in live forensics is to take as much information as possible from the memory of the infected machine. However, in some cases the machine could be shut down which means that the forensic investigator has only one option which is running the machine using a live DVD or USB so there will not be any changes to the hard disk of the infected machine (Yen, Yang, & Ahn, 2009).
On the other hand the static forensic also called (traditional static analysis techniques) in another important process of the forensic investigation. The static forensics means that after taking the part of the live forensics and imaging the infected machine, then, the forensic investigator will take the imaging to the forensic lab for the examination. The static forensics is usually analysis in the forensic lab which means taking the evidence away from the scene (Yen et al., 2009). The static forensic investigation is where the evidence stored in the media storage and analysis using forensic software. The most known forensic software is Encase and FTK which have the ability to analysis the data an advance way. The analysis includes electronic document, browsing history, email records, installed program and more importantly the files that the users have deleted and they think it has gone from their machines. The most important part of the forensic investigation especially the static forensic investigation is that during the imaging of the infected machine the blocking devices need to be used in order to prevent any changes of the evidence. The reason for that is that any changes of the evidence means that the evidence will not be accepted in court for prosecution (Hay & Nance, 2008).

2.6 REVIEW OF ISSUES AND PROBLEMS

The botnet is one of the biggest threats to the information security and the Internet. The botnet hides its army in the target’s machine. Unfortunately, botnets have become a threat since 1991; researchers have been studying the botnets and focus on this threat only in the last few years. This means that the botnet has increased in regards to advanced coding as well as the functionality of performance. There are issues and challenges that faced the forensic investigation during the investigation of the botnets. This section will address some of the issues and challenges that make it hard to explain and understand.

The propagation is one of the challenges in botnets as the propagation of the botnets can change its plan and behaviour. The botnets have advanced rapidly with its propagation techniques. For example the push-based model and pull-based model, this causes a significant issue of the infection phase which means that the different type of social engineering techniques is used in order to increase the number of victims and machines infected (Gomez et al., 2013). The other issue that faced the forensic investigator is that the attacker sends a link to random
number of people that direct them to a particular website that download a malicious software into the victim’s machine with the permission or the awareness of the owner of the machine (victim). In addition, the process scan of the scanning the victim’s machine for known or unknown vulnerabilities could be another challenge, the reason for that is that each bot pre-programed to scan the target’s machine for vulnerabilities. The main issue that faces the botnet researchers is that the botnet army (bot) is unable to be analysed as the developer of the botnet destroys the bot if the code of the bot has been breached to prevent the researchers from analysing the bot (Lu et al., 2011).

In addition, the detection of the botnets is another challenge that the researchers faced. The reason for that is that the botnets main goal is hide its identity. Therefore, the botnets change the IP addresses of the bot continuously as well as change the IP address of the server using the method fast-flux that changes the nickname of the server as well as changing the IP address of the server continuously (Lee & Kim, 2013). In addition, the signature-based techniques does not seem to work for the current botnets, the reason for that is that the botnets can easily change the signature of its bot which means that the antivirus cannot detect the new signature. A bundle software called Rootkit that hide the botnets from detection, implemention to modify the data flow and identifying the operating system of the victim’s machine. Identifying the operating system will assist the botnets to hide the bot activity and existence the victim’s machine. As mentioned in the section 2.4.2 the botnets has the ability to modify the infected host including the registry of the victim’s machine without displaying the modification date on the victim’s machine. What is more, the botnets has the ability to disappear some of the important information that the forensic investigation is willing to find the victim’s machine.

Likewise, the forensic investigation is the most important part of any botnets attack. The regular process of the forensic investigation is to gather information from the machine’s disk, memory when the machine is up, and running. In some cases, this is not possible because the machine has switched off for different reasons that mean that the information in the memory of the machine has gone and it is nearly impossible to retrieve. In addition, the live forensic investigation in the infected machine is not repeatable as the forensic investigator has only one go at the infected machine. The reason for that is that the forensic
investigator will change the state of the machines after examining the infected machine in the first time. Therefore, the forensic investigator can only rely on the read only software that guarantees there will not be any changed made to the targeted machine.

2.7 Conclusion

In chapter 2, the context of botnets, the place of the botnets in the cybercrime, botnets feature, building the botnets and lifecycle as well as the history of the botnets has reviewed. The section 2.1 the overview of the botnets in cybercrime, that has reviewed from previous research. Then this chapter shows the different types of botnet architectures that have used in the internet either for a communication between the botnet master and the botnets’s army through the botnets’s server or managing the communication between the botnet master and the botnets’s army. In section 2.3, the components of the botnets that are involved in the botnet attack. The components of the botnets include the botnet server, botnet master, bots and the victim of the botnet attack. Then this chapter gives an overview of the capabilities of the botnets in propagation, defence mechanisms that assist the botnets from detection and fighting against the security software as well as the compromised machines that the botnets controls after infecting them.

After the overview of the botnet and having a better understanding, this chapter addresses also the botnet actions in how they propagate the defence mechanism and the action taken in the compromised machine. Then this chapter point out the previous work of the detection, collection and analysis of the botnets malware. In addition, the forensic investigation that taken when a machine is being attacked by the botnets is reviewed.

The next chapter 3 will present the methodology that this research will use. The chapter 3 will establish methodology from previous researchers, presenting the research questions, sub-questions and the hypothesis. The laboratory environment will be defined to be able understand how this research is to be performed.
Chapter 3

Research Methodology

3.0 INTRODUCTION

The botnets are a serious threat and require investigation. The forensic investigation of botnets is part of the requirement for investigating cybercrime. Therefore, the evidence of the incident that involves botnets is to examine forensically to preserve the evidence in an infected host that contains valuable information about the incident. The focus for the forensic investigator in an incident is not letting the system or the network to shut down until the valuable information gathered from the infected host. Therefore, a live forensic investigation needed in order to perform memory examination. The forensic investigator has only one chance to perform and it is not a repeatable step. The forensic investigator will be responsible to investigate the cause of the incident and the reason of how the incident happened that includes the vulnerabilities in the system. This research will address the issues found during the investigation of the botnet events and the difficulties that the forensic investigator will face during the investigation of a malicious activity.

In Chapter 3 the method to be used in this research will be developed in order to perform a forensic investigation in the infected host. The research question and the sub questions will defin. In chapter 2, the research has reviewed previous works that have done by researchers who have researched botnets. The literature published has reviewed in order to focus on specific issues as the botnet field is a large area and this research will not be able to cover it all. Therefore, the research will focus on an incident involving botnets on the infected host side.

3.1 REVIEW OF SIMILAR RESEARCH

This section reviews previous studies on the botnets to observe how did they perform their studies as well as report the achievements they have made. This section will review four previous studies to identify the methodologies used.
3.1.1 Visualization Of Invariant Bot Behaviour

This study has done by Shahrestani, Feily, Masood, Muniandy, (2012). It focuses on the botnet behaviour in an infected host. According to their survey, the botnet has five phases, which are initial infection, secondary infection, connection, malicious command and control and update and maintenance. However, they have concentrated on the Connection, Malicious Command and Control, Maintenance and update.

The researchers focused on the botnet behaviour that involved the Fast Response Time, which is the time the bot takes to response to the botnet masters command. It uses a Small Size Command that is the size of the command and is usually a small packets size typically 1KB or less. The Instant Execution of Commands is the application that the bot launches in the infected host and is typically after the infection of the host. Their goal is to detect the existence of the botnet with evidence. They proposed “Visual Threat Monitor” VTM to identify the botnet behaviours in a monitored network. Their data source focused on the session data level. The characteristics that reflect the bot behaviours involve the following:

Figure 3.1 Three phases of botnets life-cycle considered for Invariant bot behaviour identification (Shahrestani, et all, 2012, p. 326)
• The Response Time should be fast to consider as a command and that is a speed of 100ms for incoming packets and 3sec for outgoing packets.

• The size of the session should be small to reflect the small size of the command, which is less than 1KB.

• The Time Interval, which is the time between receiving the command and the time for the application to launched in the infected host.

• The Session Count and the Destination Count should be low; however, the Average Count should be low which indicated that the machine is in the propagation process of the bot software.

They have used different techniques in their study to find out more about the bot behaviors. They have analyzed the overview of the traffic for both ongoing and outgoing traffic. The traffic was record either hourly or daily depending on the volume of the network traffic. The techniques they have used is a graph visualization of traffic overview, scatter plot of time intervals and parallel histogram visualization for time series. The graph visualization of traffic overview is monitoring the traffic that going on and out of the network. The scatter plot of time interval assists to identify the destination of the traffic and the source, which provides the IP address for both the destination and the source. The parallel histogram visualization for time series focuses on the ongoing traffic to provide an evidence of an existing bot in the network.

The techniques that have used in their study were focusing on detecting the behaviour of the bot in the infected host. Therefore, this study does not expected to detect any threat of attack. An experts and non-experts of the network examined the effectiveness of the proposed visualization. They both agree that this visualization increases the visibility of the network traffic. The percentage this visualization got 78.57% in the assessment from the experts and non-experts.

3.1.2 Real-Time Botnets Command And Control Characterization At The Host Level

This study has done by Etemad and Vahdani, (2006). The Focus of their study was to detect the botnets in the host level as well as filtering the outgoing traffic. Their approach is to detect the existence of the botnets C&C communications in the host by analysing the inbound and outbound traffic. Their proposed detection of the botnets can classified into two categories, which are protocol classifier and
communication patterns interpreter. Their proposed detection has two main components, which are the IRC part and the HTTP part that redirected to the protocol classifier. The IRC part is responsible for detecting the IRC communication with the C&C server.

![Figure 3.2 Architecture overview of our proposed approach (Etemad & Vahdani, 2012, p. 1006)](image)

In addition, the HTTP part is responsible for detecting the HTTP communication with the C&C server and that based on Periodic Repeatability of messages. The malicious communication pattern then filtered from the normal traffic that is filtering in the firewall of the host.

In order for Etemad and Vahdani (2006) to detect the botnets based on the characterization of bot’s C&C traffic. They have to separate the IRC and HTTP from the other protocols, as they are the most common protocols that used for the
communication between the C&C and the bot. The rest of the packets passed to the communication pattern interpreter components. The detection of the IRC traffic performs by inspecting the content of the packets for strings that indicate the communication between the C&C server and the bot. In order to recognize it, they looked for a NICK that is indicating the nickname of the clients, PASS for password, USER for username. In addition, they looked for JOIN for joining the channel as well as PRVIMSG for private message between the C&C server and the bot. Their aim was not to decrypt the IRC communication traffic as the botnet master uses this method to avoid detection. In addition, the detection of the HTTP traffic performed by inspecting the bytes of the early packets. They look for a specific pattern or keyword in the request message of the http. The client starts the connection to the server by sending a HTTP request to establish a connection, then, the server response to the request of the client by HTTP response message (i.e. “here is the file”, then the file attached in the end of the contents). Then the HTTP becomes stateless which means is difficult to get the information of the transaction. Therefore, Etemad and Vahdani (2006) look for keywords from the outgoing traffic such as “GET”, “POST” and “HEAD”.

The communication between the C&C server and the bot usually done by using a “PULL” style and “PUSH” style based on the way a bot receives the command from the botnet master. What is more, they have categorized the IRC bot into two phases, which are the Phase 1 that indicates the period before the bot joins the IRC channel and Phase 2 that indicates the time after the bot has joined the channel. The HTTP bot usually is harder to distinguish, as they have to separate between the normal HTTP traffic and malicious HTTP traffic.

3.1.3 Collaborative Architecture For Malware Detection And Analysis

This study has done by Colajanni, Gozzi and Marchetti (2008). They have shown a collaborative architecture that aims to analyse an early detection as well as deployment of countermeasures. Their honeypot has a multiple sensors that records the malicious attempts from its location and collects the payloads of the offending worms. Some of the infection could be slow due to the firewall of some organizations that block some of inbound protocol connections. The sensor of their honeypot project monitors the malware spread, however, the local stored malware needs to be analysed for some behaviour and safe supervision. The low
interaction honeypots such as Nepenthes are able to collect the malware payload while the operation is not affected.

Figure 3.3 Cooperative architecture for malware detection and analysis (Colajanni et al, 2008, p. 83)

Then, there is a Manager, which collects alerts and payloads from the sensors. One of the challenges that they faced is that the sensor does not display the information about the transfer facility of the Intrusion Detection Message Exchange Format (IDMEF), therefore, they have installed a script that assists to capture them and retrieves them with an unknown MD5 hash. The number of the payloads transferees kept to the minimum by transferring the new malware only to the manager. Each of the sensors has its local manager which manages the collection of the malware if a new malware is found then the local manager will transfer it to the higher level manager until it gets to the collector which is the highest level in this project.

The collector is the top of the hierarchical architecture that receives the new malware from the managers of each sensor. The process of the malware has two steps; the first step is identifying the signature of the malware by different antivirus engines. The second step is executed the malware in a protected environment such as sandboxing. The communication security is an important fact
the researchers have addressed to prevent a single node from polluting the set of collected data. They have used a public key cryptographic to solve this issue, as they had to trace back every alert to its origin.

3.1.4 Insight From The Analysis Of The Mariposa Botnets

This study has done by Sinha, Boukhtouta, Belarde & Debbabi (2010). Their study performed to understand the new technology of the P2P botnets. They have run their experiments on Windows XP using VMware 2.0.3 that allows the running of multiple virtual machines in an isolated environment. They also have used a Live CD for network security. The main purpose of their study is to analyse the bot behaviour as well as the analysis of the code of the bot. First, the host infected by the bot, then, the initialization phase takes place when the bot sends a request to join the server and register the IP address of the infected host. The latest message of the bot will include the some important information about the infected host such as the operating system and the country code of the infected host.

![Figure 3.4 Overview of Mariposa Bot (Sinha et all, 2010, p. 4)](image-url)
Then, the server checks the bot is still alive by sending a packet and waiting for the acknowledgment packet to receive, to make sure that the bot is alive. The action phase aims to send a request to the bot in the infected host to perform an action. They have analysed the Mariposa statically and dynamically as an important step because most of the botnets use a reverse engineering Sysanalyzer. Their purpose of the analyser is to get a bit deeper into the obfuscation and anti-debugging techniques as well as part of the code that executes the bot features. They found the code is confusing, as well as they found a loop that goes for 889,976,605 times and in the end of the loop, it goes over to an address that is located in the EAX register. The anti-debugging techniques are able to detect whether it runs in a controlled environment or a debugger.

In addition, they have also looked into the encryption techniques of the Mariposa botnets as it has three layers of encryption. They have reach part of the code that contains encryption routines, which is the second, third and fourth layers. They have found that the code of the Mariposa botnets code injected into the explorer.exe, which slows down the machine. The botnet master usually tries not to run more than one bot because that could crash the system.

Their study shows that the Mariposa botnets used to send emails spams and perform a DDoS Attacks. An encryption key generation algorithm usually does the communication between peers.

3.2 RESEARCH DESIGN

Section 3.1 has reviewed some of the past research that has done in investigating and studying the botnets in depth. Their studies will be an advantage to this study to develop an effective research methodology and to adapt them to suit this study. This research aims to investigate the botnets at the host level. The main challenge of the botnets studies is that there are much network traffic and logs that need to be investigated and analysed, which require a huge amount of time and resources including equipment to set up a network as well as different computer systems to achieve it. The infected host typically has valuable information that should gathered by the forensic investigator. The information that gathered in the laboratory environment should not have much difference from the information that gathered in a real incident.
3.2.1 Summary Of Similar Studies

The four similar studies have reviewed in section 3.1 and the information that gathered from the previous studies used to identify guidance for doing research in this area. Shahrestani, Feily, Masood & Muniandy (2012) have monitored the traffic of a network to detect the behaviour of the bot while it is in the network. They have analysed the incoming and outgoing traffic in regards to the speed of the botnet communication packets. In addition, they believe that the command and control server should send a command of a size of 1KB or less to the bots in the infected host. Their focus was to prove the existence of the bot in the infected host, which means that the detection of the bot is not their aim and they did not expect to achieve that.

The second study has done by Etemad & Vahdani (2012), and their study focuses on the protocols of the communications between the bot in the infected host and the command and control server. They have analysed the two most common protocols (IRC and HTTP) that have used in the communication between the bot and the C&C server. Their proposal is aiming to filter the normal traffic from the malicious traffic in a real network environment for the inbound and outbound traffic. The proposal aims to allow the normal traffic to go through while the malicious traffic dropped.

The third study has done by Colajanni, Gozzi & Marchetti (2008), and they have used the honeypot in their project in order to collect different type of malware. As there are many honeypot projects that have involved different types of honeypot, this study used a version of honeypot called Nepenthes. The honeypot that Colajanni, Gozzi & Marchetti (2008) used in their research, which had a number of sensors that records each malware and send it to the malware collector if it catches a new malware. Then the malware executes in a protected environment such as sandboxing.

The fourth study done by Sinha, Boukhtouta, Belarde & Debbabi (2010), they have used one of the most popular botnets, which is Mariposa. The malware have infected more than 8 million hosts. Analysing such a popular botnet is a challenge that Sinha, Boukhtouta, Belarde & Debbabi took a step into finding out the secret of infecting a large number of machines. The aim for them was to study the behaviour of the Mariposa Botnets as well as the analysing the code for it.
They have analysed the Mariposa botnets statically and dynamically due to the reverse engineering.

3.2.2 Review Of The Problem Areas

Chapter 2 has discussed some of the issues and the problems that face most of the research in this area in section 2.6, as well as the section 2.5 discusses investigating botnets such as the detection of the existence of the botnets. The honeypot is one of the safe environments to collect malware so the malware does not spread throughout the network. As a forensic investigator, the first step to done when arriving to an incident is collecting information from the memory of the machine. The reason for that is that there is valuable information that stored temporary in the memory of the machine and once the machine turns off all the information in the memory will be gone and impossible to retrieve. Therefore, the forensic investigator needs to know what information to look for when examining the memory of the machine. The physical memory of the infected host will support the evidence that gathered is from the entire host; therefore, the entire host of the machine will be examined.

In addition, the propagation of the botnets is another challenge as they have different techniques to spread out the malicious software. One of the techniques that C&C server uses is a method called fast-flux, which changes the IP address of the server when the IP of the server identified. In addition, the signature based method of detecting the botnets is not an efficient method of detecting the botnets as they have a new signature, which may identified once the botnets has made damage to the system. What is more, the botnets behaviour inside the network is another issue that face the researchers, as they need to be analysed to discover them from the normal network traffic. Monitoring the traffic of the network is a huge amount of work that in order to be able to detect the existence of the botnets.

3.2.3 The Research Question & Hypothesis

The aim of this research is to identify the digital evidence in the infected host that is stored in the machine. In addition, the researcher will provide a proposal of the procedure for digital forensic investigation that is involving botnets.
The main research question based on the problem as well as the aim for this research presented as follows:

Q: What is the digital evidence that can be gathered from the infected-host in a botnet event?

After the main question there are sub questions that will assist the research to answer the main question.

Sub Question 1 (SQ1)
How many bots binaries were downloaded during the malware collection?

Sub Question 2 (SQ2)
Does the physical memory of the infected host contain any information in regards to the botnets event?

Sub Question 3 (SQ3)
Can the information of the physical memory be gathered and preserved?

Sub Question 4 (SQ4)
How the behaviour of the bot can be detect in the infected-host

Sub Question 5 (SQ5)
What is the behaviour of the bot inside the network of an infected-host?

Sub Question 6 (SQ6)
What is the suspicious activity of the command and control that can be found in the network traffic?

Sub Question 7 (SQ7)
Is the command and control instructions set encrypted?

Sub Question 8 (SQ8)
Is the command and control attack instructions set encrypted?

Sub Question 9 (SQ9)
Has the research been able to capture any sensitive information sent to the C&C server?

From the research sub-questions. Hypotheses are established accordingly as follows:

Hypothesis 1 (H1):
The infected host contains the information that was changed after the malicious activity of the infected machine.
Hypothesis 2 (H2):

The researcher’s network has vulnerabilities that allowed the botnets to be downloaded.

Hypothesis 3 (H3):

The host is infected and it contains the information about the C&C server.

Hypothesis 4 (H4):

The bot in the infected host communicates with the command and control channel

3.2.4 Research Phases

The research proposal has divided into 5 phases. The Figure 3.5 shows the 5 phases that will use in this research in order to achieve the goal of the research.

The first phase that this research will take is to build up a database of the signature of the malware that have collected. The information about the malware that has collected and the result of the investigation of the dynamic analysis will perform by using an external service provider.

The second phase that this research will take is to select appropriate forensic tools from the previous studies, as well as to preserve the possible evidence in an infected host as forensic evidence of an incident. This step is mainly for the acquisition and preservation of the possible evidence in an infected host.

The third phase that this research will take is that the analysis of the malicious binaries of the botnets. In this steps the extraction of the data after the malicious binaries have identified for its activity in order to perform a static and dynamic method of analysis in infected host. The images that have taken from the infected host will be analysed forensically. The forensic investigator needs to classify whether if the malicious malware is involved or not.

The fourth phase that this research will take is that the dynamic analysis could assist the forensic investigator identify how the malicious malware is involve in the incident. In addition, the forensic investigator may analyse the memory of the infected host that may provide information about the incident. In addition, a live monitoring of the infected host will perform using malware tools, sniffer tools to be able to identify the C&C server communication existence in the infected host.
The fifth phase that this research will take is that presenting all the information about the investigation process and procedure that has taken during this research. The location of the evidence should identify as well as the type of the information to achieve the goal of this research.

**Figure 3.5 Research Phases**

### 3.2.5 Data Map

The Data map has been presented on page 58.
Figure 3.6 Proposed Research Data Map

- Malware collection
  - Running low interaction honeypot
  - Sample Malware
  - Submit the malware to the analysis service provider
  - Malware signature database

- Acquisition
  - Infecting the target machine
  - Imaging the disk and the memory of the infected machine
  - Dumping the memory of the infected machine
  - Store the image

- Extraction
  - Static information extraction
  - Execute the binaries of the bot
  - PE Header Examining
  - Pure malicious executable

- Memory analysis
  - Extracting the Registry
  - Extracting loaded files
  - Extracting Network traffic
  - Extracting the memory

- Static Analysis
  - Reverse Engineering
  - Detecting External function
  - Analysing string

- Possible Evidence
  - Malware Signature
  - Change registry (create, modify and delete)
  - Change file (create, modify and delete)
  - Loaded Libraries
  - Network status and Communication between the bot and the server including instructions
  - Process list
3.3 DATA REQUIREMENTS

There are several sources of data, which are required for the proposed research including setting up the network and collecting malware. Section 3.5 will discuss the techniques that use to collect the data.

3.3.1 Data Type

This research will be looking mainly for three types of data. The first data type that this research will be looking for is the malware signature and building up a database that contains all the malware that has collected during the experiment of this research. The malware collection will contain the botnets signature as well as the other malware signature and the primary focus of this research will be the botnets malicious signature. The botnets signature will be determined using an external service that will provide the researcher whether the signature is relating to a botnets or bot.

In addition, this research will be looking for all the possible digital evidence in the infected host in regards to the botnets event. This research is focusing on investigating the infected host from a forensic point view, which means that all the possible evidence must be preserve and this type of data is one of the goals that this research needs to achieve.

The third type of data that the C&C server instructions between the C&C server and the infected host. The botnets typically uses the C&C server to perform malicious activities using the infected hosts. The isolated internet server connection will required to perform this step. However, the internet connection will be available for a short period to be able to capture the joining stage of the botnets army and connecting the C&C server. The internet connection then disconnected to disabled the abilities of harming other people.

3.3.1.1 Malware Signature

This research will be collecting malware by the signature of the malware. The reason for that is that the aim for this research is to examine the activity of the malware in an infected host. Most of the botnets attacks are targeting organizations and businesses to gain a financial benefit, therefore, the botnets activities localized and have a specific target (NCSC, 2012). The forensic investigator can use several information sources in order to detect an existence of
the botnets. In addition, the malware collection system may find one of the malicious malware have a similar signature of different malware.

The honeypot generates information in regards to the malware attacks and stores it in the system. In addition, the system stores all the logged remote access into the database system. The MD5 hash values of the malware identified by the honeypot and downloads, which the binaries of the malware in order to submit into the external analysis provider.

3.3.1.2 Digital Evidence

The digital evidence is important information that the forensic investigator needs to store for the procedure of the investigation. The information that the forensic investigator collects from the infected host is able to provide the cause of the incident after analysing the malware in an infected host. There are some challenges that the forensic investigator may experience during the collecting of the possible evidence for instance the information in the physical memory needs to be examined with a special care to preserve the evidence of the incident especially the physical memory of the infected host.

In addition, the research will be looking for possible communications between the C&C server and the infected host. The instructions that expected to capture the joining stage of the infected host. The instructions of performing attacks will not use to harm other people.

3.3.2 Data Collection

This section will discuss the collection of the data that this research will use to analyse the malware. There are different tools that need to use in this research in order to carry out the research and they describe in this section.

3.3.2.1 Laboratory Environment

The implementation of the laboratory environment in this research based on a physical machines and Virtual machines (VMs). The software that will use in this research will provide an efficient way to analyse the botnets and provide a flexible method to deploy a botnets laboratory analysis. The laboratory environment will be composed of several computers. The main reason for this research to use a VMs environment is that the physical computers to analysis the botnets will
increase the cost of the research. The purpose of having a VM is to be able to restore the computer into its original state in the case of the VM infected. This will reduce the time of the researcher repeating the experiment multiple times. In addition, some of the malware does not executed in a VM environment, which means the physical computers that, is host with Linux operating system can use to execute this type of malware. This will provide the research with a high accuracy of results and safety.

![Diagram](image)

**Figure 3.6 Laboratory Component**

As this research will be analysing a malicious activity this means that the research’s network will be considering the security of the other machines connecting to the research’s network. The researcher will use DMZ (Demilitarized Zone) to forward the malicious traffic to the experimental machine and everything will be in isolation from the university network.

### 3.3.2.2 Laboratory Component

This section will describe the components in the laboratory that for the experiment of this research. There are physical computers that contain the host operating system of Linux. Also the Linux operating system contains a Virtual operating
system of Windows XP. The target in this experiment will be the physical and the virtual machine, the controller installs in the Linux operating system where the honeypot installed as well. There will be tools that will use to carry out the static analysis.

- **Honeypot:** The tool that the research has used in order to collect the malware samples from the internet. This tool is the safest way to collect the malware. The physical computer directly connected to the internet to expose the vulnerabilities. The honeypot that has chosen for this research is Dionaea, which is a low interaction honeypot.

- **Controller:** This Linux based operating system runs multiple tools and software to monitor the activities on the virtual windows machines. The Controller will be monitoring the network activity as well as simulate the network access. The controller will have a database that contains all the signatures of the malware.

- **Virtual Target:** This is Windows 7 based virtual machine malware analysis tools, which used to examine the bot.

- **Physical Target:** This is where the bot executed in the Windows XP and Windows 7 where the hard disk of the machine formatted in order to use it for the forensic imaging. The hard disk is working fine and the operating system installed properly in the machine. In addition, the machine monitored to capture the traffic of the suspicious C&C server instructions.

- **Static analysis:** This is a Virtual machine that Windows XP and Windows 7 will be installed in it, and the static analysis will be carried out and the memory will be examine by the forensic investigator. This research will be carrying on the static analysis separated from the dynamic analysis and the reason for that is that most of the reverse engineering tools support windows based operating systems only.

### 3.3.3 Data Processing

One of the aims of this research is have a collection of unique signatures of the malware from the internet and create a database that contains all the malware signatures found during the experiment. Another part of this research is to investigate the botnet event. The investigation carried out in four steps in order to
get high accuracy. There will be an acquisition, extraction and memory, and static analysis.

The first phase that this research will take is to build up a database of the signature of the malware that has collected through Dionaea Honeypot. The information about the malware that has collected and the result of the investigation of the dynamic analysis, that performed by using an external service provider.

The second phase is to select appropriate forensic tools from the previous studies, as well as to preserve the possible evidence in an infected host as forensic evidence of an incident. This step is mainly for the acquisition and preservation of the possible evidence in an infected host.

The third phase is that the analysis of the malicious binaries of the botnets that downloaded through Dionaea honeypot. In this step the extractions of the data after the malicious binaries have identified and its activity in order to perform static and dynamic methods of analysis in an infected host. The images that have taken from the infected host will be analysed forensically. The forensic investigator needs to classify whether if the malicious malware is involved or not.

The fourth phase is that the dynamic analysis could assist the forensic investigator to identify how the malicious malware is involved in the incident. In addition, the forensic investigator may analyse the memory of the infected host that may provide information about the incident. In addition, a live monitoring of the infected host performed using malware tools, sniffer tools to be able to identify the C&C server communication existence in the infected host.

The fifth phase is that presenting all the information about the investigation process and procedures that have taken during this research. The location of the evidence identified as well as the type of the information to achieve the goal of this research.

3.3.4 Data Analysis

The analysis for this research will be performing a memory analysis and a static analysis. The reason for this research to take them both is that the host including memory contains valuable information about the incident that involves botnets, however, the memory will not provide all the information needed for the incident to investigate. Therefore, the host analysis, the memory analysis and the static
analysis is needed both to be able to have a full picture about the incident and the cause of the incident. In addition, the suspicious C&C server instructions from and to the infected host collected.

3.3.4.1 Memory Analysis

In this step, the analysis of the host of the infected host examined and all the processes that are running in the physical memory displayed with open registry, open files and loaded libraries. The memory image of the infected host taken. In this research, the memory will be analysed using the Volatility Framework.

3.3.4.2 Static Analysis

The static analysis is an important step for this research as this research will be analysing and executing the binary code of the botnets. The reason for that is that executing the binary code of the botnets will provide a better understanding of the techniques and functionality of this malicious malware. Most of the botnets involve reverse engineering techniques, therefore, this research needs to use a reverse engineering tools to analyse the malicious code to analysis the data structure and extract readable string.

3.3.4.3 Analysis tools

(The Purpose of the tools have been quoted from the Vendors’ Websites)

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<tr>
<td>The Sysinternals</td>
<td>SysinternalsSuite: Troubleshooting Utilities by Microsoft</td>
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<tr>
<td>Troubleshooting Utilities</td>
<td>Regshot: an open-source (LGPL) registry compare utility</td>
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<tr>
<td>Network utility</td>
<td>Netcat: Is a featured networking utility which reads and writes data across network connections, using the TCP/IP protocols</td>
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</table>

**Table 3.1 Analysis Tools**

### 3.4 LIMITATIONS

The aim of this research is to achieve the goal and answer the research questions. However, the botnet field is a large area of study and this research will not be able to cover everything about the analysis of the botnets. The limitation of the proposed research stated in this section.
The first limitation in this research is that the honeypot that is been chosen for this research is a low interaction honeypot. There are differences between low interaction honeypots and high interaction honeypots. The security risk of the low interaction is less than the high interaction. In addition, in regards to the deployment and the maintenance is less in low interaction honeypots than the high interaction honeypots.

This research aims to run the experiment in a safe environment, which means that the network will not be effected by this malicious malware; therefore, the experiment will be running in isolation and with the connection to the internet in an isolated server only. The connection outside of the secure network prevented by physical isolation. However, the activity between the bot and the C&C server needs to monitor to achieve one of the research goals; therefore, the controller will monitor this activity by a software that installed in it. The software will be able to locate the origin of the server.

Another limitation of this research is that most of the analysis tools provided for windows based systems. Therefore, this research will be using some selected tools in order to analyse the memory of the infected host. This research chooses to have the experiment in Windows XP even though it is an older version of Windows because the computers that provided do not support the new version and most of the analysis tools support windows mainly, therefore, Windows XP and Windows 7 were the best option for this research.

This research will not be analysing the botnet code. The reason for that is that analysing the code of the botnets is a time consuming to be able to understand the concept of the code as well as the code of the botnets is usually thousands of lines. The time that is provided to submit this research is limited, therefore, analysing the code of the botnets will need to be longer to be able analysis the host as well as the code of the botnets. Therefore, the depth analysis of the code of the botnets will not be included in this research.

3.5 CONCLUSION

This Chapter 3 has presented the methodology that the research will take in order to achieve the goal. This research states earlier that any infected host by the malicious botnets activity provides valuable information that the forensic investigator needs to examine in order to preserve the evidence out of the
machines of an infected host. Therefore, the aim for this research is to investigate the botnet event in the infected host side, as well as preserve the evidence and the valuable information in the memory of the infected host.

The research question for this research has identified and the sub questions of the research have identified to be able to investigate the infected host of the botnets event forensically. The answer for the research question and the sub questions achieved after the experiment of this research has carried out and the malware collection and malware analysis has performed.

The infected host of the botnets event connected to the internet for security reasons; however, the laboratory environment has been set up in using standard forensic procedures in order to perform the forensic investigation. The results of the testing and investigation reported in the next chapter five.
Chapter 4

Research Findings and Analysis

4.0 INTRODUCTION

Chapter 4 reports the findings of the experiment defined in chapter 3. The previous chapter derived the research plan to investigate and analyse the malware in the infected host using the low interaction honeypot called “Dionaea”. The machine that collected the malware was running for 22 days, and the binaries of the malware downloaded into a separate file with the unique MD5. The forensic investigator performed a host investigation to locate any possible evidence related to the botnets. The findings reported in this chapter. There are two bots that have been selected because of their behaviour is similar to the other. The two IRC bots that selected are 0a278f8d72e4d3d2d44485764398c84d and a650c67e14cfb2787999036741478d5.

4.1 VARIATIONS ENCOUNTERED

This section 4.1 will provide information about how the experiment defined in chapter 3 had to alter in practice so that the data collected.

4.1.1 Data Collection

The collection of malware used in this research, have downloaded through the Low interaction honeypot, which called Dionaea Honeypot. The Dionaea installed in the physical machine that has Linux Ubuntu operation installed in it as a host operating system. The reason for choosing Linux Ubuntu is that the Dionaea honeypot has tested and implemented for Linux Ubuntu, which improves the functionality of the honeypot. In addition, not having to deal with any technical issue that would face the research if using another operating system. The Dionaea honeypot was installed in the physical machine and was running for 22 days, and had more than 1000 attacks. The Dionaea used using the DMZ (Demilitarized Zone) that protects the other machines that connected to the researcher’s network from attacked and protected from spreading the malware throughout the researcher’s network. The malware kept in a file that called Binaries with the
name of each binary with its MD5 values to make it easier for the user to identifying each binary.

The Windows XP and Windows 7 that have used in this research to be infected used as Virtual Machines using VMware Workstation. Windows, which are in this case (Windows XP and Windows 7) were both infected with each of the malware that have been downloaded using the Dionaea honeypot and the behaviour of the Windows Operating system was monitored. All the changes that have occurred to the Windows Operating system have collected. Then compare with its original statues to be able to determine the changes that have performed in the Windows Operating system.

In addition, another Windows host operating system has been installed in a different physical machine to be able to analyse the malware using the malware analysis tools that is been implemented for Windows users. The purposes of having another Windows Physical host it to be able to analyse the malware with a host that is not infected and to be able to have deeper details about each malware. The purpose of this research is to study the bot; therefore, the analysis of the other malware might be present but the result of its analysis not to presented in this chapter 4.

4.1.2 Data Processing

The Hardware write-blocker used to copy all the files of the infected host to the researcher Windows analysing VM machine. The malware binaries that have used in this research have downloaded through Dionaea honeypot. Then, the malware binaries will be analysis using the external service to identify the bot from these malware binaries. The binaries of the bot infected to the Windows XP and Windows 7 VM to be able to study the behaviour of the bot in the infected host. The analysis of the infected host as well as the malware binaries using the malware analysis tools to be able to have a better understanding of the malware especially the botnets. Furthermore, all the evidence in the infected host preserved as a forensic requirement.

4.1.3 Data Analysis And Presentation

The screen shots of some of the results presented in this chapter 4 to provide information about the botnets. There are large amounts of repeated works that
have done in the infected host by the botnets. The most important results found in the experiment presented in chapter four.

4.2 MALWARE COLLECTION AND THE ANALYSIS OF THE MALWARE

This section will present the information that has gathered by the Dionaea honeypot that collected malware and download the binary of the malwares into a secure database with other information including the attackers’ IP addresses.

4.2.1 Low Interaction Honeypot (Dionaea)

This research used the low interaction honeypot (Dionaea) to collect and capture malware. In addition, download the binaries of the malware in a separate file; each malware that Dionaea downloaded named with its MD5 and stored safely in a file. The malware that Dionaea download including all types of malware such as Virus, Worm and Trojan and so on.

Nepenthes developed by Markus Kotter and other developers and Dionaea is considered as the successor of nepenthes. Markus Kotter took a part of developing Dionaea as part of the Honey Project’s Summer of Code 2009. Dionaea collect the samples of the malware and reply to the attacks over HTTP. Dionaea has been written in C and Python, however, it has a Python interface which means that any new modules can be developed without having to recompiling the base. In addition, Dionaea supports IPv6 and TLS and ultimately it logs all information about attacks on an SQLite3 database which makes is it easier for the researchers to develop graph statistics. Dionaea uses port 445 and mail protocol is SMB and other protocols such as HTTPs, MSSQL, FTP, MYSQL and SIP. What makes Dionaea useful is that it takes the advantage of libemu to be able to analyse the shellcode of the malware. Libemu is a library that is small, written in C language that offers basic x86 emulation and shellcode detection using GetPC heuristics. The purpose of designing the Libemu is to use it in the honeypot and other network purposes (libemux86.emu, n.d.). It works by running the shellcode inside the libemu VM and API and then the call of it recorded. The information that provided by the Dionaea database will be useful for this research for further analysis of the bot. As Dionaea collects different types of malware,
therefore, by determining the MD5 of the malware the researcher will be able to distinguish the botnet signature to analyse further as this research focuses on the botnets.

Dionaea was connecting to the internet with a static IP to be able to receive high infection rate. The machine that has used for the experiment is located outside the network with the DMZ (Demilitarized Zone). The malware samples that will download through Dionaea will be analysed by an external service that will be able to analyse the malware samples and gives more information about the downloaded malware samples.

There are variety of sandboxes service that allows the user to execute the malware to have more detail about the malware. These sandboxes will provide information about the behaviour of the malware including the files that the malware will access once it gets the host of the victim infected. In addition, the sandboxes will provide information about the malware access to the network, crypto operations dynamic code loading and information leaks. Sandboxes will support this research by providing static analysis and dynamic analysis of the malware that will give the result of the researchers experiment.

Dionaea was running for 22 days and have downloaded 59 unique malware binaries downloads. The Dionaea honeypot dealt with many connections that has been either accepted or rejected. The malware binaries will keep in a secure file in the Dionaea honeypot that named binaries. Each of the binary will be kept in the binary file with the size of named as the unique MD5 hash value of the binary which is actually help to identify what type is it and makes it easier to analysis. The Dionaea also downloaded a binary of the malware that classified as unknown and the size of them is 0 bytes. This researcher was not able to analysis these malware binaries by either of the sandboxes that have used in this research and hence are not included in the report.
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<td>Win32.Virus.Gen.4</td>
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<td>AntiLabV3</td>
<td>Win32/Virus.B</td>
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<td>Avast</td>
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The binaries have been analysed by multiple external services such as virusTotal that provides a scan for the malware from different anti-virus engines Kaspersky and McAfee, as well as providing information about the malware from the Microsoft. The virusTotal search for information about the malware from up to 52 engines and provide the detection rate out of the 52 engines. VirusTotal is free online service that is able to scan a file or a URL to identify any possibility of malicious content (virusTotal, n.d.).

After the submission of the malicious file, virusTotal provides an overview of the file submitted that include the SHA256 and the MD5. The purpose of using the SHA256 and the MD5 is to use them to be able to find the information about the malware in the database. Furthermore, another purpose of using the SHA256 and the MD5 is that the virusTotal verify the submitted file to prevent any changes to the malware binary (virusTotal, n.d.). In addition, the detection rate and the analysis date is provided in the report that are shown in figure 4.1. The file that has been submitted to virusTotal shows that the detection rate of the Rbot are really high with the detection rate of 48 out of the 52 engines that the virusTotal searched. The Report in figure 4.1 shows that the name of the Rbot is different from one engine to another. Some of the engine shows that the
Rbot is a virus or Trojan and other shows that the file submitted is belong to Rbot. Four of the engines out of the 52, shows that the file is not malicious such as ByteHero and Malwarebytes.

The virusTotal has determined that the malicious malware classified as a win32 threat. VirusTotal used different types of tools that are able to gather information about the malware for different purposes. For example, the tools are able to determine some information structure about the Microsoft Windows portable executables (PEs) to be able to signed software that identified.

4.2.2 Threat Expert

ThreatExpert is a public service that provides information about the behaviour of the malware. The ThreatExpert is advanced automated threat analysis system (ATAS), and the ThreatExpert reports the behaviour of the malware including worm, virus and Trojan in a fully automated mode. The ThreatExpert is a free service that allows uploading any samples to its database to be able to analysis it then reports the behaviour of the malware to the customers in just 2 to 3 minutes (ThreatExpert, 2009).

The ThreatExpert provides an important analysis step of any type of new malware that could threaten any computer system. The reason for that is that the anti-virus vendors could take up to 48 hours depending on the complexity of the malware to be able to analysis the malware and update their database in the customer’s end. In this time it could infect many computer systems, however, not all the systems will be updated straight away after updating the database of the anti-virus vendors which could result of the infection being spread out to more victims that may result on loss of personal and businesses information. Therefore, the ThreatExpert provides information about the analysed malware in a few minutes, which saves more time analysing the malware and decreases the number of compromised systems (ThreatExpert, 2009).
Figure 4.2 The scan result of the IRC bot from ThreatExpert

The Figure 4.2 shows that the analysed report of the IRC bot from the ThreatExpert. The result shows that the MD5 of the malware (IRC bot) that has been analysed with the file size. Then, the ThreatExpert shows the alias of the malware from the biggest anti-virus vendors. The figure 4.2 shows also that the information that the ThreatExpert has found after analysing the malware such as the malware is able to duplicate itself after exploit itself in a network system. This means that the victims in the network will face a threat of having their machine
compromised. The malware will scan for vulnerabilities throughout the network to find more and more victims. One of the examples of the duplication of the network system and scanning for vulnerabilities is the attack that occurred to the Saudi Aramco that occurred from an external source and affected about 30,000 workstations. The malware was able to duplicate itself throughout the network and infect more workstations (Reuters, 2012). In addition, Figure 4.2 shows that the malware that has been analysed is using the TCP protocol to duplicate and is common for some of the IRC bots such as Blaster and Spybot. Then, ThreatExpert shows that this malware can communicate with the IRC server as well as the ThreatExpert report shows that it is been identified that some of the information in the malware contains a security threat. Overall, figure 4.2 shows that the security threat of the malware is a high level of security threat.

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<th>Possible Security Risk</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<td>BackdoorIRCBot Trojan</td>
<td>A malicious backdoor Trojan that runs in the background and allows remote access to the compromised system.</td>
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**Figure 4.3 The scan result of the IRC bot from ThreatExpert**

Figure 4.3 is the IRC bot that has been analysed in figure 4.3, which shows the IRC bot allowed remote access to the infected host to take control of the host. The Figure 4.3 shows also the malware that has been analysed, which able to duplicate itself as mentioned earlier as well as allowing the malware to be remotely controlled. This means that the botnet master is able to control the machine and perform any type of malicious activities without the knowledge of the owner of the machine.
Figure 4.4 The scan result of the IRC bot from ThreatExpert

In addition, figure 4.4 shows that the file system changes on the infected host and the information about the file name, file size, file hash and the alias of the botnets from different security engines.

Figure 4.5 The scan result of the IRC bot from ThreatExpert

Figure 4.5 shows that the information of the new process that the ThreatExpert has found by analysing the malware. The figure shows that a new process has created with the process name, process filename and size of it in the victim’s machine to be able to investigate it in the infected host. In addition, the report also shows that the original value of the registry key and the new value of registry key that has created by the malware.
The following Registry Keys were created:

- HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SYSTEM\ControlSet001\Enum\Root\LEGACY_WINSPOOLSVC
- HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SYSTEM\ControlSet001\Enum\Root\LEGACY_WINSPOOLSVC\0000
- HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SYSTEM\ControlSet001\Enum\Root\LEGACY_WINSPOOLSVC\0000\Control
- HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SYSTEM\ControlSet001\Services\WinSpoolSvc
- HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SYSTEM\ControlSet001\Services\WinSpoolSvc\Security
- HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SYSTEM\ControlSet001\Services\WinSpoolSvc\Enum
- HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\Enum\Root\LEGACY_WINSPOOLSVC
- HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\Enum\Root\LEGACY_WINSPOOLSVC\0000
- HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\Enum\Root\LEGACY_WINSPOOLSVC\0000\Control
- HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\Services\\WinSpoolSvc
- HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\Services\WinSpoolSvc\Security
- HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\Services\WinSpoolSvc\Enum

The newly created Registry Values are:

- [HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SYSTEM\ControlSet001\Enum\Root\LEGACY_WINSPOOLSVC\0000\Control]
  - *NewlyCreated* = 0x00000000
  - ActiveService = "WinSpoolSvc"
- [HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SYSTEM\ControlSet001\Enum\Root\LEGACY_WINSPOOLSVC\0000]
  - Service = "WinSpoolSvc"
  - Legacy = 0x00000001
  - ConfigFlags = 0x00000000
  - Class = "LegacyDriver"
  - ClassGUID = "{8ECC055D-047F-11D1-A537-0000F8753ED1}"
  - DeviceDesc = "Windows Spool Services"
- [HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SYSTEM\ControlSet001\Enum\Root\LEGACY_WINSPOOLSVC]
  - NextInstance = 0x00000001
- [HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SYSTEM\ControlSet001\Services\WinSpoolSvc\Enum]
  - 0 = "Root\LEGACY_WINSPOOLSVC\0000"
  - Count = 0x00000001
NextInstance = 0x00000001

- [HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SYSTEM\ControlSet001\Services\WinSpoolSvc\Security]
  - Security = 01 00 14 80 90 00 00 00 9C 00 00 00 14 00 00
    00 30 00 00 00 02 00 1C 00 01 00 00 00 02 80 14 00 FF 01
    0F 00 01 01 00 00 00 00 01 00 00 00 00 02 00 60 00 04
    00 00 00 00 14 00 FD 01 02 00 01 01 00 00 00 00 00 05
    12 00 00 00 00 00 18 00 FF 01 0F 0

- [HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SYSTEM\ControlSet001\Services\WinSpoolSvc]
  - Type = 0x00000110
  - Start = 0x00000002
  - ErrorControl = 0x00000000
  -ImagePath = "%System%\csrsc.exe"
  - DisplayName = "Windows Spool Services"
  -ObjectName = "LocalSystem"
  -FailureActions = 0A 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 01
    00 00 00 00 00 00 00 01 00 00 00 B8 0B 00 00
  - Description = "Windows Spool Services"

- [HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\Enum\Root\LEGACY_WINSPOOLSVCS\0000\Control]
  - *NewlyCreated* = 0x00000000
  - ActiveService = "WinSpoolSvc"

- [HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\Enum\Root\LEGACY_WINSPOOLSVCS\0000]
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- [HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\Enum\Root\LEGACY_WINSPOOLSVCS]
  - NextInstance = 0x00000001

- [HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\Services\WinSpoolSvc\Enum]
  - 0 = "Root\LEGACY_WINSPOOLSVCS\0000"
  - Count = 0x00000001
  - NextInstance = 0x00000001

- [HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\Services\WinSpoolSvc\Security]
  - Security = 01 00 14 80 90 00 00 00 9C 00 00 00 14 00 00
    00 30 00 00 00 02 00 1C 00 01 00 00 00 02 80 14 00 FF 01
    0F 00 01 01 00 00 00 00 01 00 00 00 00 02 00 60 00 04
    00 00 00 00 14 00 FD 01 02 00 01 01 00 00 00 00 00 05
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- [HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\Services\WinSpoolSvc]
  - Type = 0x00000110
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- Description = "Windows Spool Services"

- The following Registry Values were modified:
  - [HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SYSTEM\ControlSet001\Control]  
    - WaitToKillServiceTimeout =
  - [HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SYSTEM\ControlSet001\Control\ServiceCurrent]
    - (Default) =
  - [HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\Control]  
    - WaitToKillServiceTimeout =
  - [HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\Control\ServiceCurrent]
    - (Default) =
  - [HKEY_USERS\.DEFAULT\Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Explorer\Shell Folders]
    - Cookies =
    - History =

**Table 4.1 The scan result of the IRC bot from ThreatExpert**

Table 4.1 shows that the new created values of the registry as well as the modified values in the infected host. The analysis of the IRC bot shows that this bot is capable of creating these new values in the infected host without the knowledge of the owner of the machine. The ThreatExpert presented in the table 4.1 all the new registry values created by the submitted IRC bot. It shows the path of the registry and the information about the key that created by the IRC bot. For example one of the registry keys is created in the path [HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SYSTEM\ControlSet001\Services\WinSpoolSvc] followed by the type and the start of the value key. The table 4.1 shows also the error control of 0x00000000 and the ImagePath of it which is ""%System%\csrsc.exe"". In addition, the DisplayName that shows it is a Windows Spool Services, an ObjectName of LocalSystem, a FailureActions of 0A 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 01 00 00 00 00 00 00 01 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 B8 0B 00 00 and Description shows in the infected host as Windows Spool Services.
Table 4.1 shows that the list of modified values of the registry. The report of the ThreatExpert shows that the IRC bot is capable of modifying the value of the registry value in the infected host.

![Table 4.1](image)

Other details

- To mark the presence in the system, the following Mutex objects were created:
  - Xx8K78xP
  - DesktopCleanupMutex

- The following Host Names were requested from a host database:
  - 127.0.0.0
  - 127.0.0.2

- There were registered attempts to establish connection with the remote hosts. The connection details are:

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<td>127.0.0.11</td>
<td>445</td>
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**Figure 4.6 The scan result of the IRC bot from ThreatExpert**

Figure 4.6 show that the other details that have been analysed from the binaries of the IRC bot. The ThreatExpert report shows that the mutex object Xx8K78xP and DesktopCleanupMutex created in the infected host. In addition, the IP addresses 127.0.0.0 and 127.0.0.2 requested from the host names. What is more, there were attempts to establish a connection with the remote host, the report of the ThreatExpert shows that the IP addresses from 127.0.0.2 to 127.0.0.11 were the IP addresses that the IRC bot server attempted to establish a connection using the port 445. As Dionaea Honeypot uses the port 445, this means that the IRC bot attempted to uses the vulnerabilities of 445 that Dionaea honeypot set it up as a vulnerability to be able to communicate and reply to the attack using this port.
4.2.3 Anubis

Analysis Report for 0a278f8d72e4d3d2d44485764398c84d
MD5: 0a278f8d72e4d3d2d44485764398c84d

Summary:

<table>
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<th>Description</th>
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<tr>
<td>Write to foreign memory areas: This executable tampers with the execution of another process.</td>
<td>high</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Changes Windows Firewall settings: This executable changes some settings of windows firewall.</td>
<td>high</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Performs Address Scan: The executable scans a range of IP Addresses. In most cases these scans identify more potential vulnerable targets.</td>
<td>high</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Performs File Modification and Destruction: The executable modifies and destroys files which are not temporary.</td>
<td>low</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>AV Hit: This executable is detected by an antivirus software.</td>
<td>high</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Packed Bifury: This executable is protected with a packer in order to prevent it from being reverse engineered.</td>
<td>medium</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Autostart capabilities: This executable registers processes to be executed at system start. This could result in unwanted actions to be performed automatically.</td>
<td>medium</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Changes security settings of Internet Explorer: This system alteration could seriously affect safety surfing the World Wide Web.</td>
<td>low</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Creates files in the Windows system directory: Malware often keeps copies of itself in the Windows directory to stay undetected by users.</td>
<td>medium</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Modifies system files: This executable modifies files in the windows system directories.</td>
<td>medium</td>
</tr>
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<td>Performs Registry Activities: The executable creates and/or modifies registry entries.</td>
<td>low</td>
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Figure 4.7 The scan result of the IRC bot from Anubis
The Anubis developed by the international Secure Systems Lab with the professional security of small number of them whom are interested in security and analysing malware. Their aim to provide a free service that involves tools that are useful for advanced computer users to be able to gather information and analysing malware to learn and have more knowledge about malware. The aim of the Anubis is to analyse the malware and the behaviour of Windows PE-executables. The tool in Anubis provides information about submitted binaries in a report that is useful for humans to learn about the malware. The information that generated the report includes details about the modified data in the registry or the file system, as well as the information about the process (Anubis, 2014). The report from one of the malware that has been analysed by Anubis shows that the IRC bot is capable of performing different types of activities in the host side. Figure 4.7 shows that this IRC bot is able to write in the infected host’s memory, change the firewall setting as well as performing a scan of the IP address with a risk being set to high. In addition, the report shows that the AV anti-virus is set to be high in regards to the risk level. This means that the anti-virus will not be able to detect this IRC bot. What is more, the report shows that the binaries are packet binary, which means the binary is ant-reverse engineering with the risk being medium. In addition to auto-start capabilities, create files in the windows system directory and modify system files with the risk being medium. Furthermore, There are three low risks that the report shows which are performs file modification and destruction, changes security setting of Internet Explorer and performs registry activities.

The report by the Anubis form the binary of the MD5: 0a278f8d72e4d3d2d44485764398c84d that contains 42 pages of report includes the dependency overview with the 19 exe files being analysed which shows the registry activities, file activities and network activities for each of the dependency. The report shows more of what this bot binary is capable of, each binary that has downloaded by the Dionaea honeypot have been analysed by the Anubis.
Figure 4.8 The scan result of the IRC bot Dependency from Anubis

Figure 4.8 shows the dependency with one primary dependency and six dependencies that have found inside the primary binary that has been analysed. The report shows that this particular IRC bot is able to perform many activities in the infected host to be able to gain control of the host as well as staying undetected and anonymous in the infected host. Figure 4.8 shows that there are five of dependency that are targeting svchost.exe; svchost.exe is a process that runs internal windows service as there are many services that runs in windows operating system. Therefore, having five dependencies make sense in botnets developers’ prospective as it guarantees to get most of the infected host to be able to perform the activities by the botnet master.
The list of loaded libraries from Anubis

Figure 4.9 shows the list of the loading libraries in the infected host. Figure 4.10 shows that list of the running libraries in the infected host. The developer of the malicious malware uses these external libraries to improve the functionality of the infected host.
Running the libraries would enable the botnet master to run the infected host in a standalone mode, which called static linking. In addition, the decrease of the binaries size is another approach that the developer of the botnets is aiming, therefore, the static linking will achieve this goal by using the libraries.

Figure 4.11 shows the Registry that has created in the infected host as well as the modified value of the Registry. In addition, the report shows that this IRC bot read 51 of the registry have affected by the IRC bot and either have created or modified. The binary of the IRC bot programmed to perform these actions to be able to get a full control of the host and to be able to be remote control by the botnet master.
Figure 4.11 The list of the Registry affected by the IRC bot
Figure 4.12 The list of files affected by the IRC bot

Figure 4.12 shows the list of the files that effected by the IRC bot that perform unauthorised change to the infected host. The total files in the infected host that have been change is 11 files from the binary of the malware MD5 650c67e14cfb2787999036741478d5. Figure 4.8 shows those dependencies for this binary, which are a650c67e14.exe, services.exe, csrsc.exe, Explorer.EXE and dwwin.exe. The Explorer.EXE and csrsc.exe has been performed an action in the list of the files. The file csrsc.exe has been placed into the system file which able the bot to be able to achieve the change to the infected host.

4.2.4 Wireshark

Wireshark has installed in the machine to be able to capture any data travelled inbound or outbound of the system. The First aim for the botnets is to scan the system to find any vulnerabilities in the system that would able the bot to inject the system. The Figure 4.6 shows that the IP address 127.0.0.0 and 127.0.0.2 requested from the host database as well as the botnets server tried to establish a connection by scanning the IP address 127.0.0.2 to 127.0.0.11. The botnets scans all the possible IP address to establish a connection with the server by injecting the host. The port that attempted to use was 445, which is the port of Dionaea honeypot that attempts the malware to use this port, as it is a vulnerability for the system to be able to download the binaries of the malware. After the scanning process, the botnet attempts to authenticate with the host to complete the injection.
process. During the experiment, the Wireshark has been able to collect some of the database that has been connecting to the machine.

**Figure 4.13 The scan result of the IRC bot from Anubis**

| 75 Standard query 0xed0a A gg.arrancar.org | 135 Standard query response Oxed0a A 128.111.73.201 |

**Figure 4.14 The DNS indicates of a suspicious IRC bot server from Wireshark**

The wire shark has been able to capture some of the data that are going inbound and outbound of the infected host. There was the domain name server (DNS), which has requested from the infected machine as shown in figure 4.14. Therefore, after searching in google for the domain name, as it shown dangerous to access the website for security reasons; hence the result came out with results of this website being malicious. One of the results was from Windows Corporation that shows that the website is a worm.

**Figure 4.15 The search result of the IRC bot from Windows**

The Windows search in figure 4.15 shows that the search for the DNS gg.arrancar.org is a malicious website that backdoor which allows the IRC bot to be able to perform unauthorised access and control of the infected host. Figure 4.15 shows that the attempt to find a vulnerabilities in the host to be able to exploit the malicious binaries in the infected host. This supports the ThreatExpert in figure 4.6, which shows the IRC bot attempted to establish a connection with
the Dionaea honeypot port 445. Also Supports the Wireshark monitoring of the traffic shows that the IRC bot attempted to scan the host to be able to exploit the binaries in the host.

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**Figure 4.16 The TCP Traffic of the suspicious IRC bot from Wireshark**

The IRC bot attempted to make a connection to the IP address of the DNS 128.111.73.201. The result of the TCP traffic shows that the connection going between the malicious DNS and the infected machine. The researcher believes that the DNS for this malware is not the primary DNS for the bot. After further searching to get access to the DNS to analysis it further, the domain did not exist anymore and it appears that the DNS `www.arrancar.xxx` is not owned by anyone and it is for sale.

**Figure 4.17 The DNS indicates of a suspicious IRC bot server from Wireshark**

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<td>ICMP</td>
<td>47</td>
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**Figure 4.18 The checking statues of the bot from Wireshark**

Figure 4.18 show that the suspicious C&C is checking the statues of the bot in the infected host. The checking statues performed by using Internet control message protocol (ICMP). The traffic that captured in figure 4.18 is encrypted the contained information could not be read.

The Wireshark has also identified another possible malicious DNS that has connected to the machine. The malicious website has been scanned by the
virusTotal that points out that the website is malicious which is identified by 3 of the security engines out of the 37.

Figure 4.19 The DNS result of the IRC bot from virusTotal

The Figure 4.19 shows that the site has identified as a malicious site. However, this result of the scan does not guarantee that the site is actually a malicious, the reason for that is that there are 34 engines do not indicate that the site is malicious. There are various reasons that explain why the site is not identified by the other 34 engines including that the site has not been scanned yet by the engine. In addition, there has been no report of the site submitted to the engine as well as the site might be taken down and no longer available for the bot is programmed to check this site first. Therefore, the three of the engines that indicate the site is malicious have a reason of the detection of the malicious activity of this site. In addition, Figure 4.19 shows the IP address of the suspicious site by searching for the IP address the domain name server http://xiaoruiip.3322.xxx came with the same result that shown in figure 4.19. This research has been able to identify another site that has the same result as the result of the figure 4.17.
Figure 4.20 The DNS result of the IRC bot from virusTotal

Figure 4.20 shows that the scan of the site has resulted in that the site is a malware site, malicious site, clean site and unrated site. In Regards to the communication between the servers of the botnets, which called Command, and Control server (C&C) it is believed that the command that send to the infected host by the botnet master is sent usually by a plain-text message. The only issue that faces this step of analysing is that the aim of this research is to analysis the traffic and the bot without any harm to others. Connecting to the C&C server may result of an attack to another organisation or host, which this research goal is to avoid. Therefore, the internet server connection to the infected host will be connecting to the isolated Internet for a short period. The downside of this is that the research will not be able to get further information to analysis to be able to understand the botnets deeper. As mentioned earlier the research has been able to collect some suspicious domains that are supported by Windows or virusTotal.
Figure 4.21 shows the running process in the physical memory of the infected host after the infection of the IRC bot. These processes have been targeting by the IRC bot to be able to make use of the infected host. The bot will notify the C&C server about the running process in the infected host. Out of all the malware that have
collected by Dionaea Honeypot, the main targeting processes in most of the malware are the system, svchost.exe and explorer.exe. The physical memory of the infected host has preserved as evidence by the Dumpit software that makes a copy of the physical memory of the infected host. Then the infected host’s physical memory have been examined using the Volatility software that scans the running process in the infected host, perform a network scan as well as performing the open files scan in the infected host. After examining the physical memory of the infected host, the results have saved into a text file to preserve the results of the physical memory. The examination of the copy of the physical memory by Dumpit has examined again and the results were exactly similar to the first copy of the physical memory of the infected host.

4.2.3 Live Monitoring

This research has been able to download a number of malware binaries through Dionaea honeypot especially those malware that is using by botnets. The binaries of the botnets that have downloaded have used again for further analysis to be able to get an accurate result. The each binary has injected to the Virtual Machine multiple times to be able to study the changes that have made to the infected host. There are number of tools that have been useful for this live experiment. The binary of the bot will be injected to the host and then monitoring the changes that have been done to the infected host. This experiment was performing for a short period. The tool (Regshot) will fist take a shot of the files of the system. The reason for that is that the Regshot is able to take two shots of the files of the system and compare the changes that have occurred to the system between the first shot and the second shot then compare them and display the changes that occurred in the system. The Windows installed as “out of the box” which means that the windows files system is in its original setting. Then the Regshot took the shot of the files of Windows system. After injected the host an IRC bot binary signature of a650c67e14cfb27879999036741478d5 there were number of changes that have occurred in the system. The keys added to the system of the Registry were 143 as well as there were 792 values added to the system. In addition to 72 values have modified which leads to 1007 total changes to the system. When the experiment has repeated, again with another IRC bot, which has the signature of
the total changes have occurred to the system, were 112475 changes. It is clear that the second IRC bot was more active than the first IRC bot, which implies that the Second IRC bot is still active.

After that, the ApateDNS opened to be able to collect all the requested domain names from the machine. This tool will provide a live capture of all the domain names that has requested by the infected host. This will provide either the domain names that have requested or the IP address of the domain names. Google.com has accessed by the browser before the injection to insure an accurate result and only a google domain name was displaying in the program. Then after the injection of the system the domain name that has been requested in figure 4.1 has been requested again after the injection of the IRC bot a650c67e14cfe27879999036741478d5 signature then there were random selections of domain names with IP addresses which is the bot pre-programmed to connect to and exploit the binary which is shown in figure 4.22.

Figure 4.22 The DNS requested by an IRC bot

The figure 4.22 shows the domain name that has requested straight after the injection of the system. Then more than 200 IP addresses have requested within a minute of the injection of the system. The IRC bot with a signature of 0a278f8d72e4d3d2d44485764398c84d was acting a bit different as shown in figure 4.22
Figure 4.23 The DNS requested by an IRC bot 0a278f8d72e4d3d2d44485764398c84d

Figure 4.23 shows the behaviour of the IRC, which is requested 2.0.0.0.1.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.f.f.ip6.arpa, then, google.com for five times then behaved just like the first IRC bot in figure 4.22. Requested random IP addresses for domains to connect to, within a minute there were twice the amount of the IP addresses that have been requested than the IRC bot in figure 4.23.

In addition, The Process Monitor by Windows shows that the activity of running the first IRC bot with the Signature of a650c67e14cfb27879999036741478d5 has made up to 1346 active process that have been done to the system. There has been 890 activities in the Registry, 407 in the file system and 49 process and thread. Figure 4.24 shows sensitive information sent to the suspicious C&C server captured by Wireshark.

Figure 4.24 Sensitive information sent to the suspicious C&C server

Figure 4.25 shows the list of the external libraries that have been loaded after the exploitation of the binary a650c67e14cfb27879999036741478d5 which is an IRC bot. The time between the exploit of the binary and the loading of the external libraries was within a second, which is a short time. The IRC bot pre-programmed to call these libraries and perform changes to the victim’s machine to be able to have control of the system. The IRC bot activity started the process and exited the process within 15 seconds.
Figure 4.25 The list of loaded external libraries

4.3 ANALYSIS

In the previous sections, this research has presented evidence that that has been found in the infected machine. The binary of bots were analysed by using both an external service such as ThreatExpert and Anubis and other tools that are designed
to analysis the malware. This subsection will report 4.4.1 Propagation, 4.4.2 Infection and 4.4.3 connecting to the Botnets Server

4.3.1 Propagation

The botnets typically search for any vulnerability in a system to be able to propagate the botnet and have more victims involved in the army of the bot. The mechanism of the propagation is downloading in the database of the malware collection software that has used in this research, which called “Dionaea”. The infected machine (IP address 118.92.13.71) was injected by the remote host (IP address 220.135.173.144). The injection of the malware using the port 445 and the using the vulnerabilities of the Microsoft Server Message Block (SMB). The SMB vulnerability allowed the attacker to use it to be able to remote injection of the binary using the shellcode for the binary. Table 4.2 shows one of the shellcodes that has downloaded.

```json
[

{,
   "call": "_lcreat",
   "args": [
      ".exe",
      "6"
   ],
   "return": "4711"
},

{,
   "call": "LoadLibraryA",
   "args": [
      "ws2_32.dll"
   ],
   "return": "0x71a10000"
},

{,
   "call": "socket",
   "args": [
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"2",
"1",
"6"
],
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},
{
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"65",
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"args": [
"65",
"16"
].
"return": "0"
}
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Table 4.2 Shellcode downloaded by Dionaea honeypot
4.3.2 Infection

This is the step when the binary of the botnet exploit the system of the victim’s machine to be able to join the army of the botnets. The infection of the system of the victim’s machine ables the bot to copy all the files that are in the malicious bot to the machine. Typically, the bot copies all the files into the C:\Windows\System\. These files enable the bot to be booted whenever the victim’s machine is booted. The first aim for the bot after the exploitation of the binary is to disabled the firewall, the Security Centre Service as well as an Anti-virus software.

4.3.3 Connecting To The Botnets Server

A bot is believed to be pre-programmed to be able to perform some of the activity in the host side before joining the botnets server that known as command and control server (C&C). The activities that performed in the host side prior to joining the C&C server to guarantee that the communication between the bot and C&C stays undetected by disabling the firewall as well as the security service that has mentioned in the infection process. Then the bot will control the host and communicate with the server of the botnets to join the server as a new member and wait for instructions from the botnet master. The live monitoring of the infected-machine that has monitored in this research shows that the machine connected to more than 200 IP addresses within a minute of the infection by the IRC bot. In addition, another IRC bot connected to more than 400 IP addresses within a minute. This means that the bot pre-programmed to communicate to these IP addresses to join the server and wait for instruction.

4.3.4 Summary Of The Analysis

Table 4.3 is the Summary of the findings that have been presented in chapter 4. The results of the experiments have been presented in the figures and tables in this chapter 4. However, the table 4.3 shows the evidence found as well as how the researcher found them. The experiments of this research were performed by using external sandboxes services, malware analysis tools and live monitoring of the infected host. The malware analysis is when the malware was analyzed using the malware analysis tool and the live monitoring is when the host that infected by the bot is monitored using different tools such as sniffer tools, registry tools, SysinternalsSuite and other tools to monitored the infected host.
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<th>How</th>
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<td>Registry changes</td>
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<tr>
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<td>Found</td>
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<td>Found</td>
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<td>Found</td>
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4.4 CONCLUSION

Chapter 4 has reported the findings of the malware collection and analysis by using an external analysis services as well as tools that developed for analysis of the malware. Binaries that has used in this research has been downloaded by Dionaea honeypot over a period of 22 days. The machine of the researcher has connected to the isolated internet server using Virtualization Technology and located DMZ inside the researcher network. The DMZ used to prevent the malware spreading out throughout the researcher network and affecting other machines that are connected to the network of the researcher. The researcher was able to download bots using the Dionaea honeypot and other malware that has classified as unknown. Using the external service sandboxes such as ThreatExpert and Anubis, which are a service that is, designed to analysis the malware samples that have been submitted online to their service and create a full report of the submitted malware sample.

In addition, other tools used in the machine of the researcher to be able to perform a further analysis of the bot sample. All the bot samples that have downloaded through Dionaea honeypot were used to inject the machine of the researcher to study the behaviour of the bot inside the machine and the network of the researcher machine. The bots monitored after the injection using several tools such as ApateDNS, Regshot, Wireshark, NC and SysinternalsSuite to be able to monitor the behaviour of the bot after the injection of the machine.

The result of chapter 4 as well as other results that have been gathered by the Dionaea honeypot, which has offered a large amount of information regarding the downloaded malware binaries, shellcode, IP addresses of attackers as well as other useful information that has been stored in a database. In addition, the collected malwares have been analysis by an analysis malware software as well as an external service that offered useful information about the malware. Furthermore, the downloaded malware binaries have injected to a machine to be
able to monitor the behaviour of the malware inside the infected machine. All the information and the analysis of the malware are about the malware activities in the registry files, files system as well as the network behaviour of the malware. The analysis information use in chapter 5 to answer the main research question as well as the sub-questions.
Chapter 5

Research Discussion

5.0 INTRODUCTION

Chapter 4 reported on the findings of the research according to the research design that presented in chapter 3. The findings of the experiment show further knowledge about the malicious malware especially the botnets, which is the main aim for this research. The findings of the experiment that have been presented in chapter 4 which has been performed in a forensic investigation manner and it will able the researcher to answer the research questions and the hypothesis that was presented in section 3.2.3. In addition, the chapter 4 findings will assist to answer the main question as well as the sub-question that relate to the hypothesis.

Section 5.1 is to gather the findings from Chapter 4 and answer the research question in which the hypotheses will be tested. The main question of this research and the sub-questions specified in section 3.2.3, the sub-questions will be answered and will be discussed first in order to be able to determine the arguments made for or against for each derived hypothesis in section 3.2.3. Associated hypotheses in section 5.1.2 and the main research hypothesis in section 5.1.3 each of them will presented in a table form. The justification of the hypothesis will made as accepted, rejected or indeterminate, which based on the arguments made in regards to the research findings. The discussion of the research findings in chapter 4 from the experiment will be presented in section 5.2 and the expectations set from the literature review in chapter 2. Finally, the conclusion of chapter 5 will be in section 5.3.

5.1 ANSWERING THE RESEARCH QUESTION

This section tests the research hypotheses established in section 3.2.3 with the findings that were collected from the section 4.3 and 4.4 in order to have an appraisal of the arguments in relation to the research hypotheses. The presentation of this section is as follows; section 5.1.1 is to answer the sub-question of the research from collected evidence that has collected from the experimental testing
in this research. Section 5.1.2 tests the main hypotheses and the associated hypotheses of this research with arguments for and arguments against in a table form. The arguments for is the argument that supports the hypotheses, nevertheless, the argument against is the argument is that which refutes the asserted hypothesis. Ultimately, the main question of this research will be answered in section 5.1.3.

5.1.1 Sub-Question Answers

The ability of answering the hypothesis will rely on the answer of the sub-questions that presented in section 3.2.3. Therefore, the sub-questions of this research will need to be answered first which will be presented in table form.

**Table 5.1: Sub-Question 1 and Answer**

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<th>Sub-Question 1 (SQ1):</th>
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<td>How many bots binaries were downloaded during the malware collection?</td>
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<td>13 IRC botnet binaries signatures. 59 malware binaries.</td>
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<th>Summary:</th>
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<td>The software that has used in this research for the collection of the malware was Dionaea honeypot. Dionaea honeypot is a tool that has developed in order to collect malware from the internet; Dionaea installed. Dionaea was running for 22 days and was able to download 59 binaries of malware signatures. The malware binaries downloaded into a separate file. The binaries of the downloaded malware were then analysed by an external service sandboxes to be able to distinguish the type of the malwares that have downloaded. The scan of the external sandboxes that have used in this research provides the information from different anti-virus vendors to have an accurate result of the analysis. However, the binaries that had been downloading using Dionaea were different types of malwares such as backdoor malware, Trojan, bots and others. The Dionaea’s development is to download different types of malware including the botnets binaries. Therefore, the malware that has been downloaded using Dionaea are not all botnet binaries but all types of malwares have been downloaded including an unknown one. The total of the botnet binaries that have downloaded using</td>
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Dionaea are 13 with all of botnet binaries being IRC botnet binaries.

### Table 5.2: Sub-Question 2 and Answer

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<th><strong>Sub-Question 2 (SQ2):</strong></th>
<th>Does the physical memory of the infected host contain any information in regards to the botnets event?</th>
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<td><strong>Answer:</strong></td>
<td>Yes</td>
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<td><strong>Summary:</strong></td>
<td>The information that is extracted from the physical memory of the infected host is valuable information that could be gathered from the infected host. The information of the physical memory can be extracted only when the machine has not turned off. The reason for that is that once the machine is turned off the information that is in the physical memory will be deleted as the information is temporary saved until the machine is turned off. The information that has extracted from the physical memory is the running processes in the infected machine as the time of the extraction. In addition to the researcher performed a network scan that provides the information about the network activity at the time of the extraction of the physical memory. Furthermore, the opening files can be extracted from the physical memory of the infected machine. The information that has extracted from the physical memory in the infected host does provide information about the active process, network and files. However, the researcher is not able to investigate the information in further detail as the physical memory of the infected machine does not provide more detail. In additional to the information apart from the extracted information that has been mentioned earlier.</td>
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### Table 5.3: Sub-Question 3 and Answer

| **Sub-Question 3 (SQ3):** | Can the information of the physical memory be gathered and preserved? |
**Answer:**
Yes

**Summary:**
The information that has extracted from the physical memory of the infected host is by using the Dumpit software. Dumpit is a tool that dumps the information of the physical memory into a file with that file extension as .raw. Then the information of the physical memory of the infected host can be investigated using the Volatility tool that provides a scan to the dumpit .raw file. The information that will be provided to the investigation will be the running process, network and open files. The Dumpit tool provides the ability to preserve the information of the physical memory, which will be available to the investigator to be able to repeat the investigation of the physical memory again. Ultimately, the information of the physical memory will be preserved as evidence for additional action.

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**Table 5.4: Sub-Question 4 and Answer**

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<th><strong>Sub-Question 4 (SQ4):</strong></th>
<th>How can the behaviour of the bot can be detect in the infected-host?</th>
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<td><strong>Answer:</strong></td>
<td>The Registry Activity, Network Activity and File Activity can detect the behaviour of the bot.</td>
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**Summary:**
The detection of the bot inside the infected host can be challenging, as there is no guaranteed detection techniques that have found yet. Even the tools that are provided by the biggest operating system corporation such as Microsoft that are developed to remove the malicious malware are not efficient enough. Each bot has a different activity inside the infected host as shown in the chapter four. Even the IRC bots can behave differently from each other. Therefore, monitoring the traffic going inbound and outbound of the host is still one of the efficient ways to detect the existence of the bot inside the host. In addition, the bot usually scans the other network machines to be able to find vulnerabilities in another machine to get infected by the same bot. The Figure 4.7 shows how the IRC bot scans the IP addresses from 127.0.0.2 to 127.0.0.11 to find
vulnerabilities and establish a connection with one of these addresses. Prior to the infections, which will be the traffic that the security should look at. The bot usually tries to scan the whole network IP addresses to be able to infect them. Therefore, monitoring the live traffic is the sufficient way to detect the behaviour of the bot inside the network. However, the Registry activity can be monitored as well because the bot creates, modifies and deletes registry files at the time of the infection. In addition to the file activities it is another way of monitored the activity of the bot. The bot usually creates, modifies and deletes files in the infected host.

Table 5.5: Sub-Question 5 and Answer

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<th>Sub-Question 5 (SQ5):</th>
<th>What is the behaviour of the bot inside the network of an infected-host?</th>
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<td><strong>Answer:</strong></td>
<td>Disable the Firewall, Security Centre and anti-virus software</td>
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**Summary:**
The behaviour of all bot in the infected host is typically the same by all bots. The first aim by the bot to perform in the infected host is to disabled the Windows Firewall, Security Windows Centre in the infected host as well as the anti-virus software. Changing the value of the Registry key of the related keys as well as file systems to be able to avoid detection. Changing the value of these keys would enable the bot to have a full control of the host as well as being undetected because the Windows Firewall, Security Windows Centre and Anti-virus software have had changed their values. Then, the bot will run itself as a Windows process in the host and connect to the server of the bot to update its statues and join the botnets communication channel.

Table 5.6: Sub-Question 6 and Answer

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<th>Sub-Question 6 (SQ6):</th>
<th>What is the suspicious activity of the command and control that can be found in the network traffic?</th>
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<td><strong>Answer:</strong></td>
<td>Kernal32, GetUserName, UserName, Password and other commands</td>
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Summary:
There were suspicious command and control channel instructions that have found during the experiment of this research. There was little traffic that has been connected to the command and control channel. The Domain Name System (DNS) sends a query to the machine then the connection established between the infected host and the server. The command instructions seem to be sent in a plain-text format and can be seen clearly by monitoring the traffic. By following the TCP connection traffic we can see that the C&C server has been sent instructions to the infected host. NewUserName, NewPassword, InternalPort, RemoteHost, SetConnectionType, NewConnectionType, GetNewConnectionTypeInfo, RequestConnection, GetStatusInfo, NewConnectionStatues, NewInternetClient, NewUpstreamMaxBitRate, NewDownstreamMaxBitRate and GetExternalIPAddress. These suspicious instructions sent to and from the infected host seem to set the infected host to be part of the C&C server. Therefore, the C&C server have the information about the infected host then establish a connection that is undetected with the C&C server then the infected machine will be linked as the instructions http://192.168.1.1:80, http://192.168.1.1:2555 was set to link the C&C with the infected host. The suspicious C&C server seems to set new settings to the infected host to adopt it with its activities. It can be seen that the port 80 and 2555 was used in the linking process.

Table 5.7: Sub-Question 7 and Answer

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<th>Sub-Question 7 (SQ7):</th>
<th>Is the command and control instructions set encrypted?</th>
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<td><strong>Answer:</strong></td>
<td>Not for the IRC bot. However, the HTTP bot uses encryption methods.</td>
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Summary:
SQ6 have found instructions that found in the traffic of the infected host. The instructions that sent by the C&C server to the bot in the infected host seems to be sent in a plain-text format. The information followed in the infected host by the traffic sniffer tools and was able to detect suspicious instructions from different malicious domains. However, checking the statuses of the bot in the...
infected host were unable to achieve. The checking statues of the bot by the C&C seems to be encrypted and the sniffers tools were unable to read these instructions. The infected host were disconnected and then connected after a few days later and the checking statues also unable to achieve recognition. There was a ping request and a ping reply sent in Internet Control Message Protocol (ICMP). The IP address is different than the IP address of the malicious DNS that sent the query. The reason for that is that the botnets seems to have different servers in different locations which the report by Anubis shows that one of the IRC bot have more than 200 DNSs requested. Clearly the command is sent by one of these servers but checking the statues of the command is the challenging part as this research connects to the server for a really short time with each connection being less than a minute to prevent the bot to performing an attack to others. Therefore, The researcher believes that checking the statues of the bot, is being encrypted by the botnet master.

**Table 5.8: Sub-Question 8 and Answer**

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<th>Sub-Question 8 (SQ8):</th>
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<td>Is the command and control attack instructions set encrypted?</td>
<td>Not for the IRC bot. However, the HTTP bot uses encryption methods.</td>
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**Summary:**
The attack instructions send to the infected host in plain-text for the IRC bot. The IRC disadvantage is that the instructions usually send in a plain text to the infected host. However, the instructions for the HTTP botnet is encrypted.

**Table 5.9: Sub-Question 9 and Answer**

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<th>Sub-Question 9 (SQ9):</th>
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<td>Has the research been able to capture any sensitive information sent to the C&amp;C server?</td>
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**Summary:**
The research was able to capture information about the infected host sent to the
suspicious C&C server. The information that has captured using the sniffer tool (wireshark) such as the username and password. This information captured using the Wireshark that has sent from the infected host to the C&C server in plain text.

5.1.2 Hypothesis Tests

There are three associated hypotheses to be tested in order is verifying the validity of the research findings and to answer the research main question. These hypotheses tests with arguments made for and against to prove or refute the tested hypothesis with the supporting evidence that obtained from the experimental results. The tested hypothesis presented from Table 5.10 to Table 5.12.

Table 5.10: Tested Hypothesis 1

<table>
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<th>Hypothesis 1 (H1):</th>
<th>The researcher’s network has vulnerabilities that allowed the botnets to be downloaded.</th>
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<td>TESTED RESULT:</td>
<td>Accepted</td>
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<tr>
<td>ARGUMENT FOR:</td>
<td>The Dionaea honeypot was installed which developed for the purpose of malware collection. The traffic coming from the internet directed to the honeypot without any filtering rules. The technique that used for directing traffic to the Dionaea honeypot is Demilitarized Zone (DMZ). The Dionaea emulate the known Microsoft vulnerabilities to be able to exploit it and download each the binary captured into a file named with its MD5 value. Therefore, the malware exists in the researcher’s network and the malwares have been downloading through the</td>
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<td>ARGUMENT AGAINST:</td>
<td>The DMZ technique used to forward all the unhandled traffic to the honeypot. The malwares captured inside the honeypot. The collected malwares were not captured inside the computers that have been connected to the researcher’s network as well as all the computers that are connected to the researcher’s network is protected by firewall and an anti-virus software. However, malwares captured by the Dionaea honeypot then the malware transferred to an experiment computer, which means that the malware does not exist in the researcher’s network but it has</td>
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researcher’s network using Dionaea. | downloaded by Dionaea honeypot in isolation.

**SUMMARY:**
The collection of this research performed inside a secure server local network. There are few other networks around the local researcher’s network, which they might have a malware exist inside them. In addition, the researcher’s local isolate network is not as large as originations’ network. Therefore, the result of this research might achieve the purpose of this research; however, the result would be a lot better if it had been experimented in a large origination’s network. There was a separate access to the internet was set to this research in the origination, nevertheless, the result was not impressed as only 14 unknown binaries were downloaded in a duration of 22 days. Therefore, the researcher performed the collection of the malware from the researcher’s private network. The researcher believes that the issue with the honeypot running the origination’s network and not downloading the malware binaries is that the firewall of the origination does not allow all the traffic to get through. In addition, the researcher believes that setting more computers in different location would achieve a higher number and be able to achieve more results and further analysis of these malwares.

Table 5.11 Tested Hypothesis 2

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<th><strong>Hypothesis 2 (H2):</strong></th>
<th>The host is infected and it contains the information about the C&amp;C server.</th>
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<td><strong>TESTED RESULT:</strong></td>
<td>Accepted</td>
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ARGUMENT FOR:
The Chapter 4 has presented the malware evidence that have found in the infected host. The host infected by the malware that have downloaded by Dionaea honeypot and monitored before and after the infection to report the changes in the infected host. The infected host connected to many domain names and IP addresses, which is believed to be the suspicious C&C. The bot malware binary itself does not provide information about the C&C server. However, infecting the host would help to be able to gather information about the C&C. The figure 4.23 shows that the IRC bot requested more than 300 domain names and IP addresses which requires a large amount of work to be able to gather all the hosts requested. In addition, the information that the infected host will provide is that the domain name or the IP address of the C&C server.

ARGUMENT AGAINST:
It is easier for the researcher to navigate the activity of the bot as the bot named as the signature of the binary of the bot. Furthermore, the bot is tested and examined in an original windows operating system, which called “out of the box”. There was not any browser opened in the infected host, which means that the research was able to sniff the information transferred inbound and outbound the infected host easily. The information about the C&C was not accessible. In addition, the only information that gathered from the infected host was the domain names and IP addresses.

SUMMARY:
The research was able to infect the host in order for the host to communicate with the C&C server. The infected host communicated with the suspicious C&C servers within seconds of the infection of the bot. The domain names and the IP addresses of the suspicious C&C servers requested from the infected host. The ApateDNS was able to show the requested domain names and IP addresses as shown in figure 4.22 and 4.23. The Wireshark was able to capture the information transferred to the suspicious C&C server. The existence of the bot identified and the communication with the suspicious C&C server was able to be seen. The
infected host shows the domain names and IP addresses requested. However, further detail about the C&C servers was not accessible.

Table 5.12: Tested Hypothesis 3

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<th>Hypothesis 3 (H3):</th>
<th>Tested Result:</th>
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<td>The bot in the infected host communicates with the command and control channel</td>
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**Argument For:**
During the experiments, the infected host has been communicating to different domains with one of the IRC bot connected to more than 200 domains and IP addresses whereas another IRC connect to more than 400 domains and IP address with both IRC bot being connection to secure internet server. The communication to the domains and IP addresses believes to update the C&C server that a new host has infected and joining the botnets. Then the bot will be ready to receive any instruction from the botnet master. During this short period, the IRC bot communicates with a suspicious C&C server continuously until the internet is disconnected. The traffic of the infected host has been analysed and found some of the instructions found received in the infected host by the C&C server.

**Argument Against:**
The domains that have found in the infected host are not malicious as some of the security engines found. In addition, some of the domains that have been found in the infected host were not accessible and in another words do not exist. The communication to a particular domains and IP addresses do not mean that the domains and the IP addresses are malicious. What is more, these domains and IP addresses could be the domain name of the targeted websites that the IRC bot attempts to attack and the main development of this IRC bot is to perform an attack from each individual host that is infected by the IRC bot.
IRC bot believes to pre-program to communicate a list of IP addresses that is including domains once the host has infected. Some of the domains have scanned by a virusTotal and found malicious by some of the security engines. However, without the connection of the internet the infected host tried to connect to the IP addresses continuously even though the internet was not connected.

**SUMMARY:**
The infected host monitored using a network sniffer tools that would enable the researcher to monitor the traffic that is going inbound or outbound of the infected host. The sniffer tools have captured domains that have been involved in the communication with the suspicious C&C server. In addition, the sniffer tools have captured IP addresses that have been involved in the communication with the suspicious C&C server. The infected host connects to the suspicious C&C server straightway after the infection of the host. The communication lasts for up to a minute with the communications was going inbound and outbound until the infected host disconnected from the secure internet server. The assumption was that the suspicious C&C server as the infected host not connected to any domains and the browser of the internet not launched. The only tools that were running in the infected host were the sniffer tools and other malware analysis tools, the domains and IP addresses requested in the background without the authorization of the owner of the infected host. The IP addresses that have requested in the infected host were from different countries, which means that the C&C servers were actually in different locations. For example, an IP address looked up, which shows the IP address is from China while the other shows the IP address is from USA. The ApateDNS shows the domains and IP addresses that were requested, whereas Wireshark shows same domains and IP addresses being requested which both approves that the suspicious C&C server is exists in the infected host after the infection of the host. The requested domain names and IP addresses were
running in the background even after the internet server disconnected. This means that the infected host controls by the bot tries to connect to the domain names and IP addresses even though the internet was not connected.

5.1.3 The Research Question Answer

The following Table 5.11 is the research main question and the main hypothesis that is to be tested based on the answer gathered from research sub-questions and the tested associate hypothesis in section 5.1.1 and section 5.1.2 respectively.

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<th>Table 5.13: Research Main Question and Tested Hypothesis</th>
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<td><strong>Main Question:</strong> What is the digital evidence that gathered from the infected-host in a botnets event?</td>
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<td><strong>Main Hypothesis:</strong> The infected host contains the information that was changed after the malicious activity of the infected machine</td>
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<td><strong>TESTED RESULT:</strong> Accepted</td>
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<td><strong>ARGUMENT FOR:</strong> The aim of this research is to find out the evidence that found in the infected host by the Botnet event. The experiment shows the large amount of activities that the bot performed in the infected host. The evidence in the infected host divided into five categories, which are file system activity, registry activity, network activity, loaded libraries and running process in the physical memory. The files system activity shows that there were a large amount of files being changed (created, modified, read and deleted) by the IRC bot. The total</td>
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<td><strong>ARGUMENT AGAINST:</strong> The evidence that found in the infected host does not provide much information about the activity of the botnets in the infected host. The experiment shows the changes in the infected host that include file activity, registry activity, network activity, process activity and physical memory. The experiment results show the changes of the infected host that have performed by the IRC bot but does not show the illegal activities that the infected host performed in the internet. The experiment shows the performed activities, however, the information that</td>
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amounts of files that have changed in the infected host were 3,790. Most of the files that were changes were in the system files with the majority of these changes created then closed. In addition, surprisingly the registry activity shows that the huge amount of activity performed with 112,475 changes (created, modified, read and deleted). The infected host were connected for up to a minute long and the registry were kept changing per second which makes is it hard to monitored. The network activity described into 2 parts. The first part is the domain names that have discussed in Hypothesis 3 and other part is the connection that being captured by the process monitored by Windows corporation tools, which shows that the infected host were connected and disconnected to different IP addresses that believe to be a suspicious C&C server. The IRC bot clearly run in a background without the notice of the owner of the infected host. What is more, the process activity monitored shows that the IRC bot was loading libraries in order to improve the functionality to improve the use of the infected host. In addition, the IRC bot was creating more than 100 threads then either loading or exiting them. The has changed not performed clearly in detail. In addition to the physical memory of the infected host does not provide information that called as forensic evidence against the botnet master. The attacks that the botnets performs using the infected host has not identified and experimented in this research.
physical memory of the infected host shows that running process that the physical memory of the machine is running at the time of the infection. However, the physical memory does not provide any evidence about the infection of the bot but it does support the other evidence such as the file, registry and network activities of the malware in general and bot in particular.

**SUMMARY:**
The researcher has examined the infected host and the outcome of the investigations of this research shows that the evidence found in the infected host found regards to the activities of the bot. In this research, the result shows that the evidence divided into five sections Files activities, Registry activities, Network activities, loading libraries and physical memory activities. The result shows that with no doubt that the bot performs unauthorized changes to the infected host to be able to control the host without the consent of the owner. The majority of the file activities have been perform in the file system of the windows operating system. In addition, the Registry activities created, modified, read and deleted. The tools that have been used in this research shows the amount of changes that have done in the Registry were a huge amount. Surprisingly, when the infected host by the IRC bot were connected to the secure internet server the Registry were changing continuously and did not stop until the secure internet server was disconnected from the infected host, which the activities were mostly creating and deleting Registry values. The network activities show that the infected host were communicating with the C&C server using the TCP protocol for sending command from the infected host and receiving command from the C&C server. The infected host monitored with sniffer tools that captured commands that have received from the C&C server. The commands that have captured were mainly identifying the operating system of the host as well as other information related to the host such as running process and open ports. The commands of performing
unauthorized activities did not happen for the research as the communications enabled for a short time. The reason for that is that the research is not willing to be part of performing an attack to another host. Therefore, the commands that meant to perform unauthorized activities has not been part of this research. In addition, the research shows the bot loaded a number of libraries that improve the functionality of the infected host, which the bot loaded at the time of the infection. What is more, The physical memory of the infected host has been preserved and examined the running process in it, however, the physical memory does not support enough evidence about the bot because the activities of its process cannot be viewed but it does show the running process which is to support the other infected host evidence.

5.2 DISCUSSION

This section will be focusing on the important findings that have found in the experimental test results of the infected host. Section 5.2.1 will discuss the infected host environment, section 5.2.2 will discuss the data acquisition and extraction from the infected host, and section 5.2.3 will discuss the reconstruction and analysis; and section 5.2.4 will discuss the recommendations for tracking botnets.

5.2.1 Discussion Of The Infected Host Environment

The experiment of this research was very similar to the real botnets event. The design systems of the infected host used in this research were Windows XP and Windows 7. The reason for choosing the Windows operating system in particular is that the majority of the malware are targeting Windows operating systems. Both version of Windows operating system used as Virtual machines through VMware Workstation (VM). The host infected with many IRC bot and the behaviour of them were mostly similar. However, there were some difference between them such as the number of domains and IP addresses that have connected to, two of the IRC forced the Windows 7 to restart as well as two required the program, which is the bot to run as administrator. The Windows operating system (Windows XP and Windows 7) have not been turned off after the infection of the host and
the operating system have been examined including the physical memory of the infected host. The reason for not turning off the machine is that the physical memory of the infected host deleted at the time of the infection if the host has turned off, when the Windows installed in the VM. The First image of the registry files have taken by Regshot to be able to determine the changes that have done to the infected host. Then the infection of the host takes place and has monitored by the malware tools and other tools that provided by Windows Corporation.

The behaviour of the bot in the infected machine has monitored. The Sniffer tools have monitored the communication traffic of the infected host such as Wireshark and ApeateDNS. In addition, the system have been monitored by other tools such as SysinternalsSuite by Windows and the second shot have been taken by the Regshot to compare it with the first shot and identify the changes of the infected host. It is obvious that the investigation of the infected host is time consuming and it takes a large amount of time to be able to determine the signatures and the damage that has done by the botnets. The time of the investigation in a single VM host has taken a large amount of time to collect the data at first and then examine all the data that has gathered from the infected host. Therefore, this could reflect the time that the forensic investigator has to spend in the infected host to collect the data and in a real scenario of a botnet event. The forensic investigator will be require to examine typically more than one single machine such as the Aramco attacks when the total machines that have been infected were more than 30,000 machines (Reuters, 2012). Therefore, the other challenge will be the time of collecting data from those machines, then, examining the data, which requires a large group of Forensic Investigators as well as the time to reach the outcome of the attack and the damage. Overall, the result of this experiment does not reflect resource requirements for the real botnet even; however, it does reflect the time that the forensic investigator procedures take in the single host to be able to collect the data and to be able to examine them later on.
5.2.2 Discussion On Data Acquisition And Extraction From The Infected Host

The malware that have used in this research have collected by the Dionaea honeypot that have installed in the physical machine that have used in this research. The collected malware binaries have been analysed by two methods, which are an external service malware analysis that called Sandbox. The sandboxes that have used in this research were Anubis and ThreatExpert. All the binaries have submitted to those sandboxes except the unknown malware as most of them have 0 KB size. Both sand boxes provide information about the malware, however, they report could be slightly different information about the malware. The Anubis sandbox provided information about the malware in regards to the dependencies that have been found in the malware binary as well as the file, registry and network activities of the malware. The reports that have been created by the Anubis were downloaded in a PDF format that contains at least 40 pages of information about the submitted malware binary. The ThreatExpert was also been participated in this research by submitting all the binaries files to it. Some of the information that have been found in the ThreatExpert were slightly different information in regards to the type of the malware and the threat that the malware cause to the host such as the host can be remotely controlled.

5.2.3 Discussion On Reconstruction & Analysis

The analysis of the malware binaries that have collected by Dionaea honeypot was analysed by the malware analysis tools to be able to understand the nature and the behaviour of the botnets inside the infected host. The malware analysis tools used to be able to analysis the effect and damage to the infected host to be able to have another result that would be useful to compare it to the results that have provided by the sandboxes. The malware analysis tools have provided useful information about the malware, the information was provided that the language that the malware was written on which shows that most of the binaries have been written in C++ language. This means that the developers of the botnets are an advance programmer as the C++ one of the most challenging program languages. In addition, as mentioned earlier that the sniffer tools were installed in the infected host which shows there is a similarity of the information that have been captured
by the sniffer tools and the malware analysis. For example, the malware analysis shows what the malware, which is the bot, in this case pre-programmed to perform in the infected host once the host is infected. The bot transferred the information about the infected host operating system and process A which is a programming variable that is meant to perform a list of actions that the bot is familiar with. The sniffer tools have captured this information that has been transferred by the bot to the suspicious C&C server that is shown by the analysis of the malware analysis.

Furthermore, the live monitored of the infected host was monitored after the infection with being connected to the secure internet server for less than a minute to be able to view the behaviour of the bot with a connection to the isolated internet server and without a connection to the real internet. It was vital to notice that the bot was not performing any suspicious behaviour in the infected host. The infected host was responding to the user as well as there was not any program running after the infection of the bot. Furthermore, the infected host was communicating to different domains and IP addresses in the background without the knowledge of the owner of the machine, which have identified by the sniffer tools that have installed in the infected host prior to the infection of the host. On the other hand, the host that has infected without the connection of the internet, which was trying to connect to the domains and IP addresses but obviously was not able to as the host disconnected from the internet. The infected host then followed by a forensic investigation procedure as the physical memory of the infected host examined without turning the machine off, and dumped it into a file by a tool called Dumpit. Then the physical memory of the infected host examined using Volatility tool that gathered all the information such as running process in the physical memory at the time of the extraction. Other tools have been involved in the investigation of the host such as AparateDNS, Wireshark, Regshot and other tools that are meant to be used in this research to analyse the bot in dynamic as well as live monitored which provided more information about the bot behaviour in the infected host.
5.2.4 Command And Control Communication

The command and control channel C&C communication is the one of the features of the botnets that makes it even more harmful than the other type of the malwares. The C&C server is one of the powerful distinctions of the botnets as the activities of the botnets is unpredictable as the activities and the targets usually rely on the purposes of the botnet master. This research shows the instructions that are sent from the infected host to the suspicious C&C server even though the connection to the secure internet server was for up to a minute. The communications captured by the sniffer tools showed how the bot notified the suspicious C&C server then to the botnet master about the operating system of the infected host. In addition, the bot notified the suspicious C&C server about the other information that the bot is pre-programmed to perform at the time of the infection. The infected host shows that the suspicious C&C notified about the running processes, browsers and other information. The bot also disabled the firewall of the operating system as well as the anti-virus software to be able to stay undetected. This means that the communications will not be able to identified by the owner of the machine unless the owner of the machine has a high computer skills to be able to investigate whether the machine is part of the botnet army or not. A study shows that millions of people that are part of the botnets are not aware of themselves being part of the botnets army.

The C&C communications channel is one of the most complicated parts of the botnets threat because they can be used different methods to encrypt the communications that disabled others to identify the content of them. However, the sniffer tools shows that the botnets tried to scan the network IP addresses of the infected host after the infection that may lead to infect other machine. The researcher’s network was 192.XXX.XX.1. The bot tried to scan the network of the researcher from 192.XXX.XX.2 to 192.XXX.XX.12. These scans of the researcher’s network captured on domain name service (DNS) on the Wireshark tool.

The IRC bot that this research performed the experiment on, which shows that the IRC bot was using the TCP protocol to communicate with the suspicious C&C server. The instructions sent in plain text format. The researcher then disconnects the infected host from the secure internet server for a while then
connected again. The purpose of this step is to try to capture the checking the statues of the bot in the infected host. The previous research that was reviewed in chapter 2 shows that the C&C server checks the statues of the bot in the infected host. The sniffer tools could not capture this stage and there was no information leading to the suspicious C&C server-checking statues sent in a plain text like the instructions that captured. This means that the checking process of the statues of the bot in the infected host encrypted and it is difficult to be able to capture this type of information using the sniffer tools.

5.2.5 Recommendation On Tracking Botnets

This section will discuss the possible steps that should be taken into consideration to be able to track botnets and bot masters.

5.2.5.1 Cross Border Issues

The name botnet event usually involves international incidents where the victims of the botnet attack would be from many countries on different continents. The main issues and challenge that would face the effort of stopping this type of incident is that there are still countries that do not have a cybercrime law, which means that performing the attack or cybercrime activities is not a crime in these countries. There are many examples of botnets events where the botnet master prosecution would require an international effort such as Aramco Oil Company that is located in Saudi Arabia that have been attacked by a botnet masters group. The internal investigation of the incident shows that the damage that caused by the event were severe with more than 30,000 were damage and the attack were performed from four countries in four continents (Reuters, 2012). Another example of the Cross Border Issues is that when the Mariposa botnet masters managed to steal sensitive information from 800,000 users across 190 countries. These two examples show just how the international effort should be gathered to be able to stop this type of cybercrime from destroying the internet environment by implementing an international cybercrime law to be able to stop these computing criminal from keep performing their cyber activities. The joint international effort was able to arrest the three Mariposa botnet masters in Spain, however, the effort is still needs a long way to go as many countries do not have
cybercrime law. Overall, the cross-border-issue is one of the challenges to the international effort to stop this type of crime as many of these hackers would think again before performing a cyber-attack as the consequences would stop some of them from being part of these electronic crimes.

5.2.5.2 Tracking The Botnet Master

It is obvious now that the command and control channel (C&C) can be located by its domains and IP addresses and could be blocked. This would not stop the C&C server as the fast-flux is a new technology that enables the C&C server to change its IP frequently. Furthermore, the botnet master usually have more than 200 servers that being hosts from different providers. Therefore, blocking or tracking the C&C server is not a useful step to be taken anymore to stop this type of event from occurring. The only way to stop the botnets from having more victims involved in the botnet army is to take down the botnet master. The reason for that is that examining the botnet master machine would enable the forensic investigators to be to locate all the possible C&C servers and take them down. For example when the police in Spain arrested the three Mariposa botnet masters whose have compromised more than 12 million hosts.

Overall, in order to be able to take down the botnet master the international effort should be placed to be able to arrest the botnet master and take down the botnets. The cross-border issue has to be resolved to be able to take down the botnet master and take down the botnets.

5.2.5.3 Improving The Detection Of The Botnets

As there are many researchers that are studying parts of the botnet challenge. The detection of the botnets is not effective enough to be able to detect all the botnets. Most of the detection techniques that are used are monitoring the traffic of the system to be able to identify any possible existence of the botnets. However, many people who use the computers have a lack of knowledge of dealing with malware and the botnets. Therefore, as the botnet aims to be undetected in the host, this means that the owner of the machines will not be able to detect the existence of the botnets in the machine. This may lead to the machine used in performing attacks to the other host as well as assisting to spread out the botnets.
and increase the botnet army. In addition, the anti-virus and firewall is able to detect the other types of malware, nevertheless, the existence of the bot in the host will block the anti-virus and firewalls and any other security program to be able to control the host. Therefore, the security of the host should be improved to be able to detect botnets in the host.

5.3 CONCLUSION

This chapter discussed the findings of this research that presented in chapter 4. The findings of the research, enabled the researcher to answer the main research question and the sub-questions. The main research question and the sub-questions of this research have presented in chapter 3 and relevant findings presented in sections 4.3 and 4.4. The asserted hypotheses were tested accordingly with the arguments made for and against in order to justify the asserted hypothesis as accepted, rejected or indeterminate. The limitations of this research and the challenges have discussed.

The research aims to find the evidence that could be found in the infected host from the bot. The research also was aiming to identify the communication between the infected host and the command and control channel which is the server that sends the instruction to the bot in the infected host. The research was able to find the evidence of the existence of the bot in the infected host as well as the changes that have been performing the infected host without the knowledge of the owner of the host. The research also was able to identify the suspicious command and control channel that captured by the sniffer tools installed in the infected host prior to the infection.

Overall, this chapter has answered the main research question and sub-questions. In addition, the evidence was collected must be kept for further analysis and for further forensic investigation. However, the next chapter, Chapter 6 will present a conclusion of this research that outlines the significant research findings. What is more, the importance of the future research work that will assist to improve the detection of this type of malware.
Chapter 6
Conclusion

6.0 INTRODUCTION

This chapter is the conclusion of the entire thesis project and presents the final conclusions and suggestions for further research. The conclusion is mainly based on the chapter 4 the findings and chapter 5 the discussion of the findings. The gap in botnet research has been identified and presented in the problem identification in chapter 2 and the chapter 3 methodology development. This chapter will present the possibilities for future work that could be under-taken.

Two external sandbox services were used for this research to be able to analyze the malware of the botnet. The Anubis and ThreatExpert exploits the malware in a safe environment and reports back the analysis report. The malware analysis tools were able to provide information about the activities that the bot needs to perform at the time of the infection of the host. The malware analysis shows that the information gathered by the external sandboxes services were almost 90% similar. In addition, the malware analysis shows the loading libraries that the bot loaded in the infected host to improve the functionality in the infected host.

The live monitoring of the infected host shows how the domain names and the IP address from the infected host may be observed. In addition, the instructions sent from and to the infected host have been captured with the sniffer tools. However, the connection to the secure internet server was for a really short time to prevent the possibilities of using the host to perform an attack other people. The Kernel 32 and other information were captured which provides information about the host to the C&C server then to the botnet master. The host was changing continuously while it was connected to the secure internet server. The changes to the host were surprisingly large with registry changes totalling 112,475, the files system changes total of 3,709, the network activities total of 8,303 and the process activities total of 466. The activities of the network in this situation means when the infected host connects and disconnects from domains names or IP addresses. The changes show what the botnet is capable of performing in the infected host.
The inbound and outbound traffic captured by Wireshark showed that there was information sent to and from the infected host. Furthermore, the research was able to capture sensitive information being transferred to the suspicious C&C server.

Overall, the evidence that was found in the infected host was found in the registry activities, file system, network activities and the physical memory of the infected host. Some of bots did not let the researcher to perform an examination of the physical memory of the infected host as the bot forced the host to reboot straight after the infection. The analysis malware tools and sniffer tools shows that the existence of the botnets is proved and the communication with the C&C server is involved in the infected host. The communications between the C&C server and the infected host were captured and the infected host were changing continuously during the connection as well as connecting to more than 200 hosts in a really short period of time.

Nevertheless, this experiment shows what the botnet is capable of performing in the infected host and this is only a single host. The issues of the botnets typically have an army of millions of infected hosts. In addition, it is often driven by cybercrime organizations that intend to harm the internet security and to gain a financial reward.

6.1 LIMITATIONS OF THE RESEARCH

The research limitations have been discussed in chapter 3 section 3.4 addressing the areas that are out of the scope of this research. The limitations are presented in section 3.4 and in addition to the limitation that has been found during the experiment of this research will be presented in this section 6.1.

The thesis project managed to capture the traffic between the C&C server and the infected host. However, the thesis project did not manage to capture the instructions of the infected host performing an attack to other targets such as organizations. The reason for not reaching the attacks instructions stage is that it becomes a threat to other people and the research aims to prevent the attack and not to be part of the attacks. Therefore, the C&C server attack instructions are still a limitation of this research.

In addition, the research was able to analysis most of the bots captured through Dionaea honeypot, however, most of the bots captured were IRC bots. This means that the other types of bots needs to be studied in order to achieve a
better understanding of botnets. For example the P2P bot has not been examined in this research due to the limited budget for this thesis project.

The code of the botnets was one of the limitations of this thesis project. The reason for that is that the botnet code is one of the hardest codes to understand for many reasons. Firstly, it is typically written in more than 15,000 of lines which is a time consumption to understand, therefore, this thesis project has a limited time to be completed which means that the analysis of the botnets code needs to be studied in a separate research project.

6.2 FUTURE RESEARCH

This research has performed a malware collection to be able to collect malware for the experiment purpose of this research. In addition, this research analyses the malwares that have been collecting using Dionaea honeypot and has uploaded them into the external sandboxes services. The external sandboxes (ThreatExpert and Anubis) services provided analysis of the malware uploaded with different information that assist this research to have a better understanding of the botnets. Furthermore, this research performed an analysis of the malware collected using malware analysis. The information gathered from the external sandboxes services and malware analysis tools provided a higher level of understanding of what the botnet is capable of. In addition, this research was able to capture the C&C server communications between the C&C server and the infected host.

The detection techniques of the botnets is still needs to be improving to be able to detect the botnet existence in the host. The signature of the botnets detection techniques works for the detected malware but it does not work for the new botnet signatures. This means that the zero attack is the opportunity for the botnet master to be able to infect many victims. The reason for that is that by the time of detecting the botnet signature, then updating the database and then updating the database in the end user side, the end user might be already be being infected by the botnets. Therefore, the detection of the botnets prior to the infection of the botnets is essential to be able to prevent millions of machines infected by the botnets. This is one of the most difficult future studies of the botnets as there are many research projects focused in this area. However, the
detection of the botnets needs to more research effort put into it to be able to improve the detection of the botnet.

The command and control (C&C) channel is one of the most complicated parts of the botnet area. The C&C server needs to be studied in a completely separate research project. The reason for that is that the C&C server has many areas involved in it. The C&C server is the leader of the bot army, which means that controlling millions of infected hosts using this server. The research needs to study the number of hosts that are typically involved in the hosting of the C&C communication. In addition, the type of communications used by each type of botnet such as IRC bot, HTTP bot and P2P bot. What is more, the destruction of the C&C server is another work that required to be performed by other future researchers. This is a higher-level research work that needs to be able to destroy the C&C server. The destruction of the C&C server is the most recommended future research to be able to shut down the C&C server easily. However, this is a large future research work as the number of C&C servers could be hosting more than 200 hosts.

In addition, tracking the botnet master is another work for a higher budget research work. Tracking the botnet master and being able to locate the botnet master rather than the C&C server. The reason for that is that the C&C server is hosted by a large number of hosts and taking the effort to block the C&C is not an appropriate solution anymore. The botnet master is able to create a new C&C server in a different host and then register a new host as the previous C&C and re-join the bots to the new C&C server. Tracking the botnet master is the solution to be able to take down the botnets completely as this approach is able to shut down all the hosts of the C&C server.
REFERENCES


APPENDICES

Appendix 1

Dionaea Installation Script.

(The installation script has copied from the Dionaea’s Website. The reason for listing mentioning the script is to show how the Dionaea has been installed for this research)

Ubuntu

aptitude install libudns-dev libglib2.0-dev libssl-dev libcurl4-openssl-dev \
libreadline-dev libsqlite3-dev python-dev \
litool automake autoconf build-essential \
subversion git-core \nlit flex bison \npkg-config

tar xzf ...

libglib (debian <= etch)

liblcfg (all)

git clone git://git.carnivore.it/liblcfg.git liblcfg
cd liblcfg/code
autoreconf -vi
./configure --prefix=/opt/dionaea
make install
cd ..
cd ..

libemu (all)

git clone git://git.carnivore.it/libemu.git libemu
cd libemu
autoreconf -vi
./configure --prefix=/opt/dionaea
make install
cd ..

libnl (linux && optional)

apt-get install libnl-3-dev libnl-genl-3-dev libnl-nf-3-dev libnl-route-3-
dev

else install it from git.

git clone git://git.infradead.org/users/tgr/libnl.git
cd libnl
autoreconf -vi
export LDFLAGS=-Wl,-rpath,/opt/dionaea/lib
./configure --prefix=/opt/dionaea
make
make install
cd ..

libev (all)

wget http://dist.schmorp.de/libev/Attic/libev-4.04.tar.gz
tar xzf libev-4.04.tar.gz
cd libev-4.04
./configure --prefix=/opt/dionaea
make install
cd ..

Python

wget http://www.python.org/ftp/python/3.2.2/Python-3.2.2.tgz
tar xzf Python-3.2.2.tgz
cd Python-3.2.2/
./configure --enable-shared --prefix=/opt/dionaea --with-computed-gotos
   --enable-ipv6 LDFLAGS="-Wl,-rpath=/opt/dionaea/lib/ -L/usr/lib/x86_64-linux-gnu/"
make
make install

Cython (all)

We have to use cython >= 0.15 as previous releases do not support Python3.2
__hash__’s Py_Hash_type for x86.
wget http://cython.org/release/Cython-0.15.tar.gz
tar xzf Cython-0.15.tar.gz
cd Cython-0.15
/opt/dionaea/bin/python3 setup.py install
cd ..

udns (?!ubuntu)

wget http://www.corpit.ru/mjt/udns/old/udns_0.0.9.tar.gz
tar xzf udns_0.0.9.tar.gz
cd udns-0.0.9/
There is no make install, so we copy the header to our include directory.
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cp udns.h /opt/dionaea/include/
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and the lib to our library directory.
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cp *.so* /opt/dionaea/lib/
cd /opt/dionaea/lib
ln -s libudns.so.0 libudns.so
cd -
cd ..
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### libpcap (most)

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wget http://www.tcpdump.org/release/libpcap-1.1.1.tar.gz
tar xzf libpcap-1.1.1.tar.gz
cd libpcap-1.1.1
./configure --prefix=/opt/dionaea
make
make install
cd ..
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### Compiling dionaea

```
git clone git://git.carnivore.it/dionaea.git dionaea
then ..
cd dionaea
autoreconf -vi
./configure --with-lcfg-include=/opt/dionaea/include/
  --with-lcfg-lib=/opt/dionaea/lib/
  --with-python=/opt/dionaea/bin/python3.2
  --with-cython-dir=/opt/dionaea/bin
  --with-udns-include=/opt/dionaea/include/
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## Appendix 6

Some of threads – effected

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*Note: The table above displays the threads that were affected along with the process names and details.*
1.a) - Network Activity

TCP Scans:
48 IPs on Port 445
24.31.0.0/16
48 IPs on Port 139
24.31.0.0/16

Unknown TCP Traffic:
From ANUBIS:1065 to 193.166.255.170:80
State: Normal establishment and termination - Transferred outbound Bytes: 71 - Transferred inbound Bytes: 0

From ANUBIS:1179 to 24.31.55.181:445
State: Connection established, not terminated - Transferred outbound Bytes: 172 - Transferred inbound Bytes: 0

Data sent:
0000 00a8 ff53 4d42 7200 0000 0008 0140 .....SMBr......@
0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 a804 ............
0000 2000 0085 0002 5043 204e 4554 574f ..........PC NETW
524b 2050 524f 4752 2031 2e30 0002 RK PROGRAM 1.0..
4d49 4352 4f53 4f46 5420 4e45 574f 524b MICROSOFT NETWOR
4b53 2031 2e30 3300 024d 4943 524f KS 1.03..MICROSO
4654 204e 4554 574f 524b 5320 3000 FT NETWORKS 3.0.
024e 414e 4d41 4e31 2e30 0002 4e54 204e 4554 574f MICROSOFT
4b53 2031 2e30 3300 024d 4943 524f 5320 3000 .LANMAN1.0..LM1.
3258 3030 3200 024c 414e 4d41 4e32 2e31 2X002..LANMAN2.1
0002 4e54 204e 4d41 4e20 312e 3000 ..NT LANMAN 1.0.
024e 5420 4c4d 2030 2e31 3200 .NT LM 0.12.
From ANUBIS:1189 to 24.31.20.110:445
State: Connection established, not terminated - Transferred outbound Bytes: 172 - Transferred inbound Bytes: 0

Data sent:
0000 00a8 ff53 4d42 7200 0000 0008 0140 .....SMBr......@
0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 a804 ............
0000 2000 0085 0002 524b 524f 4752 2031 2e30 0002 RK PROGRAM 1.0..
4d49 4352 4f53 4f46 5420 4e45 574f 524b MICROSOFT NETWOR
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0002 4e54 204e 4d41 4e20 312e 3000 ..NT LANMAN 1.0.
024e 5420 4c4d 2030 2e31 3200 .NT LM 0.12.
From ANUBIS:1221 to 24.31.19.200:445
State: Connection established, not terminated - Transferred outbound Bytes: 172 - Transferred inbound Bytes: 0

Data sent:
From ANUBIS:1151 to 24.31.29.52:445
State: Connection established, not terminated - Transferred outbound Bytes: 172 - Transferred inbound Bytes: 0
Analysis Report for 251616a9205e376778b261330b11da9b - submitted on 10/30/13, 15:38:16 UTC
Unknown TCP Traffic:
Data sent:
0000 00a8 ff53 4d42 7200 0000 0008 0140 .....SMBr......@
0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 a804 ............
0000 3000 0085 0002 5043 204e 4554 574f ..0.....PC NETWO
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4b53 2031 2e30 3000 024d 4943 524f 534f KS 1.03..MICROSO
4654 204e 4554 574f 524b 5320 332e 3000 FT NETWORKS 3.0.
024c 414e 4d41 4e31 2e30 0002 4c4d 312e .LANMAN1.0..LM1.
3258 3030 3200 024c 414e 4d41 4e32 2e31 2X002..LANMAN2.1
0002 4e54 204c 414e 4d41 4e20 312e 3000 ..NT LANMAN 1.0.
024e 5420 4c4d 2030 2e31 3200 .NT LM 0.12.
From ANUBIS:1151 to 24.31.29.52:445
State: Connection established, not terminated - Transferred outbound Bytes: 0
Analysis Report for 251616a9205e376778b261330b11da9b - submitted on 10/30/13, 15:38:16 UTC
Unknown TCP Traffic:
Data sent:
0000 00a8 ff53 4d42 7200 0000 0008 0140 .....SMBr......@
0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 a804 ............
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0000 2000 0085 0002 5043 204e 4554 574f ..0.....PC NETWO
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0002 4e54 204c 414e 4d41 4e20 312e 3000 ..NT LANMAN 1.0.
024e 5420 4c4d 2030 2e31 3200 .NT LM 0.12.
From ANUBIS:1184 to 24.31.19.30:445
State: Connection established, not terminated - Transferred outbound Bytes: 172 - Transferred inbound Bytes: 0
Analysis Report for 251616a9205e376778b261330b11da9b - submitted on 10/30/13, 15:38:16 UTC
Unknown TCP Traffic:
Data sent:
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0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 a804 ............
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0002 4e54 204c 414e 4d41 4e20 312e 3000 ..NT LANMAN 1.0.
024e 5420 4c4d 2030 2e31 3200 .NT LM 0.12.
From ANUBIS:1184 to 24.31.19.30:445
State: Connection established, not terminated - Transferred outbound Bytes: 172 - Transferred inbound Bytes: 0
Analysis Report for 251616a9205e376778b261330b11da9b - submitted on 10/30/13, 15:38:16 UTC
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0002 4e54 204c 414e 4d41 4e31 2e30 332e 3000 .NT LANMAN 1.0.
024c 5420 4c4d 2030 2e31 3200 .NT LM 0.12.
From ANUBIS:1180 to 24.31.246.162:445
State: Connection established, not terminated - Transferred outbound Bytes:
172 - Transferred inbound Bytes: 0
Data sent:
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0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 a804 ..........
0000 2000 0085 0002 5043 204e 4554 574f .. ..PC NETWO
524b 2050 524f 4752 414d 2031 2e30 0002 RK PROGRAM 1.0..
4d49 4352 4f53 4f46 5420 4e45 5457 4f52 MICROSOFT NETWOR
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0002 4e54 204c 414e 4d41 4e32 2e31 3200 ..NT LANMAN 1.0.
024c 5420 4c4d 2030 2e31 3200 .NT LM 0.12.
From ANUBIS:1193 to 24.31.155.221:445
State: Connection established, not terminated - Transferred outbound Bytes:
172 - Transferred inbound Bytes: 0
Data sent:
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0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 a804 ..........
0000 1000 0085 0002 5043 204e 4554 574f .. ..PC NETWO
524b 2050 524f 4752 414d 2031 2e30 0002 RK PROGRAM 1.0..
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3258 3030 3200 024c 414e 4d41 4e32 2e31 2X002..LANMAN2.1
0002 4e54 204c 414e 4d41 4e32 2e31 3200 ..NT LANMAN 1.0.
024c 5420 4c4d 2030 2e31 3200 .NT LM 0.12.
From ANUBIS:1202 to 24.31.164.186:445
State: Connection established, not terminated - Transferred outbound Bytes:
172 - Transferred inbound Bytes: 0
Data sent:
0000 00a8 ff53 4d42 7200 0000 0008 0140 .....SMBr......@
0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 a804 ..........
0002 4e54 204c 414e 4d41 4e20 312e 3000 ..NT LANMAN 1.0.
024e 5420 4c4d 2030 2e31 3200 .NT LM 0.12.
From ANUBIS:1185 to 24.31.61.83:445
State: Connection established, not terminated - Transferred outbound Bytes: 172 - Transferred inbound Bytes: 0
Data sent:
0000 00a8 ff53 4d42 7200 0000 0008 0140 .....SMBr......@
0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 a804 ............
0000 2000 0085 0002 5043 204e 4554 574f .. ..PC NETWO
524b 2050 524f 4752 414d 2031 2e30 0002 RK PROGRAM 1.0..
Analysis Report for 251616a9205e376778b261330b11da9b - submitted on 10/30/13, 15:38:16 UTC
Unknown TCP Traffic:
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4b53 2031 2e30 024d 4943 524e 574f KS 1.03..MICROSO
4654 204e 4554 574f 524b 5320 3000 FT NETWORKS 3.0.
024e 4d41 4e31 2e30 0002 4d4d 312e ..LANMAN1.0..LM1.
3258 3030 3200 024e 4d41 4e31 2e31 2X002..LANMAN2.1
0002 4e54 204e 4d41 4e31 2e30 3000 ..NT LANMAN 1.0.
024e 5420 4e4d 2030 2e31 3200 .NT LM 0.12.
From ANUBIS:1203 to 24.31.249.50:445
State: Connection established, not terminated - Transferred outbound Bytes: 172 - Transferred inbound Bytes: 0
Data sent:
0000 00a8 ff53 4d42 7200 0000 0008 0140 .....SMBr......@
0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 a804 ............
0000 1000 0085 0002 5043 204e 4554 574f .. ..PC NETWO
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024e 4d41 4d41 4e31 2e30 0002 4d4d 312e ..LANMAN1.0..LM1.
3258 3030 3200 024e 4d41 4d41 4e31 2e31 2X002..LANMAN2.1
0002 4e54 204e 4d41 4e31 2e30 3000 ..NT LANMAN 1.0.
024e 5420 4e4d 2030 2e31 3200 .NT LM 0.12.
From ANUBIS:1209 to 24.31.211.10:445
State: Connection established, not terminated - Transferred outbound Bytes: 172 - Transferred inbound Bytes: 0
Data sent:
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3258 3030 3200 024e 4d41 4d41 4e31 2e31 2X002..LANMAN2.1
0002 4e54 204e 4d41 4e31 2e30 3000 ..NT LANMAN 1.0.
From ANUBIS:1195 to 24.31.179.36:445
State: Connection established, not terminated - Transferred outbound Bytes: 172 - Transferred inbound Bytes: 0
Data sent:
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0000 1000 0085 0002 5043 204e 4554 574f .........PC NETWO
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3258 3030 3200 024c 414e 4d41 4e32 3200 ..LANMAN2.1
0002 4e54 204c 414e 4d41 4e20 312e 3000 ..NT LANMAN 1.0.
024e 5420 4c4d 2030 3200 .NT LM 0.12.
From ANUBIS:1187 to 24.31.146.102:445
State: Connection established, not terminated - Transferred outbound Bytes: 172 - Transferred inbound Bytes: 0
Data sent:
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3258 3030 3200 024c 414e 4d41 4e32 3200 ..LANMAN2.1
0002 4e54 204c 414e 4d41 4e20 312e 3000 ..NT LANMAN 1.0.
024e 5420 4c4d 2030 3200 .NT LM 0.12.
From ANUBIS:1200 to 24.31.250.155:445
State: Connection established, not terminated - Transferred outbound Bytes: 172 - Transferred inbound Bytes: 0
Data sent:
0000 00a8 ff53 4d42 7200 0000 0008 0140 .....SMBr......@
0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 a804 ..............
0000 1000 0085 0002 5043 204e 4554 574f .........PC NETWO
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4654 204e 4554 574f 524b 5320 332e 3000 FT NETWORKS 3.0.
024c 414e 4d41 4e31 2e30 0002 4c4d 312e ..LANMAN1.0..LM1.
3258 3030 3200 024c 414e 4d41 4e32 3200 ..LANMAN2.1
0002 4e54 204c 414e 4d41 4e20 312e 3000 ..NT LANMAN 1.0.
024e 5420 4c4d 2030 3200 .NT LM 0.12.
From ANUBIS:1205 to 24.31.106.69:445
State: Connection established, not terminated - Transferred outbound Bytes:
172 - Transferred inbound Bytes: 0
Data sent:
0000 00a8 ff53 4d42 7200 0000 0008 0140 .....SMBr......@
0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 a804 ............
0000 1000 0085 0002 5043 204e 4554 574f ......PC NETWO
524b 2050 524f 4752 414d 2031 2e30 0002 RK PROGRAM 1.0..
4d49 4352 4f53 4f46 5420 4e45 5457 4f52 MICROSOFT NETWOR
4b53 2031 2e30 3300 024d 4943 524f 534f KS 1.03..MICROSO
4654 204e 4554 574f 524b 5320 3000 FT NETWORKS 3.0.
024c 414e 4d41 4e31 2e30 0002 4c4d 312e .LANMAN1.0..LM1.
3258 3030 3200 024c 414e 4d41 4e32 2e31 2X002..LANMAN2.1
0002 4e54 204c 414e 4d41 4e20 312e 3000 ..NT LANMAN 1.0.
024e 5420 4c4d 2030 2e31 3200 .NT LM 0.12.
From ANUBIS:1211 to 24.31.141.125:445
State: Connection established, not terminated - Transferred outbound Bytes: 172 - Transferred inbound Bytes: 0
Data sent:
0000 00a8 ff53 4d42 7200 0000 0008 0140 .....SMBr......@
0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 a804 ............
0000 1000 0085 0002 5043 204e 4554 574f ......PC NETWO
524b 2050 524f 4752 414d 2031 2e30 0002 RK PROGRAM 1.0..
4d49 4352 4f53 4f46 5420 4e45 5457 4f52 MICROSOFT NETWOR
4b53 2031 2e30 3300 024d 4943 524f 534f KS 1.03..MICROSO
4654 204e 4554 574f 524b 5320 3000 FT NETWORKS 3.0.
024c 414e 4d41 4e31 2e30 0002 4c4d 312e .LANMAN1.0..LM1.
3258 3030 3200 024c 414e 4d41 4e32 2e31 2X002..LANMAN2.1
0002 4e54 204c 414e 4d41 4e20 312e 3000 ..NT LANMAN 1.0.
024e 5420 4c4d 2030 2e31 3200 .NT LM 0.12.
From ANUBIS:1178 to 24.31.89.248:445
State: Connection established, not terminated - Transferred outbound Bytes: 172 - Transferred inbound Bytes: 0
Data sent:
0000 00a8 ff53 4d42 7200 0000 0008 0140 .....SMBr......@
0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 a804 ............
0000 1000 0085 0002 5043 204e 4554 574f ......PC NETWO
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4d49 4352 4f53 4f46 5420 4e45 5457 4f52 MICROSOFT NETWOR
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024c 414e 4d41 4e31 2e30 0002 4c4d 312e .LANMAN1.0..LM1.
3258 3030 3200 024c 414e 4d41 4e32 2e31 2X002..LANMAN2.1
0002 4e54 204c 414e 4d41 4e20 312e 3000 ..NT LANMAN 1.0.
024e 5420 4c4d 2030 2e31 3200 .NT LM 0.12.
From ANUBIS:1149 to 24.31.63.194:445
State: Connection established, not terminated - Transferred outbound Bytes: 172 - Transferred inbound Bytes: 0
Data sent:
0000 00a8 ff53 4d42 7200 0000 0008 0140 .....SMBr......@
0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 a804 ............
0000 1000 0085 0002 5043 204e 4554 574f ......PC NETWO
Unknown TCP Traffic:
024e 5420 4c4d 32 00 0002 0000 0000 .NT LM 0.12.
From ANUBIS:1176 to 24.31.83.9:445
State: Connection established, not terminated - Transferred outbound Bytes: 172 - Transferred inbound Bytes: 0
Data sent:
0000 00a8 ff53 4d42 7200 0000 0008 0140 .....SMBr......@
0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 a804 ............
0000 2000 0085 0002 5043 4954 574f . ......PC NETWO
524b 2050 524f 4752 414d 2031 00 0002 RK PROGRAM 1.0..
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4b53 2031 0e30 3300 024d 4943 524f 534f KS 1.03..MICROSO
4654 204e 4554 574f 524b 5230 332e 3000 FT NETWORKS 3.0.
024c 414e 4d4d 4e72 0e30 0002 4c4d 32 00 0002 .LANMAN1.0..LM1.
3258 3203 3200 0002 0000 4e54 4545 4e55 4c4d 2031 0e30 32 00 0002 .LANMAN2.1
0002 4e54 204c 4e4d 4e4d 4e72 0e30 32 00 0002 .LANMAN1.0..LM1.
State: Connection established, not terminated - Transferred outbound Bytes: 172 - Transferred inbound Bytes: 0
Data sent:
0000 00a8 ff53 4d42 7200 0000 0008 0140 .....SMBr......@
0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 a804 ............
0000 2000 0085 0002 5043 4954 574f . ......PC NETWO
524b 2050 524f 4752 414d 2031 0e30 0002 RK PROGRAM 1.0..
4d49 4352 4f53 4f46 5420 4e45 534f KS 1.03..MICROSO
4b53 2031 0e30 3300 024d 4943 524f 534f KS 1.03..MICROSO
4654 204e 4554 574f 524b 5230 332e 3000 FT NETWORKS 3.0.
024c 414e 4d4d 4e72 0e30 0002 4c4d 32 00 0002 .LANMAN1.0..LM1.
3258 3203 3200 0002 0000 4e54 4545 4e55 4c4d 2031 0e30 32 00 0002 .LANMAN2.1
0002 4e54 204c 4e4d 4e4d 4e72 0e30 32 00 0002 .LANMAN1.0..LM1.
State: Connection established, not terminated - Transferred outbound Bytes: 172 - Transferred inbound Bytes: 0
Data sent:
0000 00a8 ff53 4d42 7200 0000 0008 0140 .....SMBr......@
0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 a804 ............
0000 2000 0085 0002 5043 4954 574f . ......PC NETWO
524b 2050 524f 4752 414d 2031 0e30 0002 RK PROGRAM 1.0..
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4b53 2031 0e30 3300 024d 4943 524f 534f KS 1.03..MICROSO
4654 204e 4554 574f 524b 5230 332e 3000 FT NETWORKS 3.0.
4b53 2031 2e30 3300 024d 4943 524f 534f KS 1.03..MICROSO
4654 204e 4554 574f 532b 3200 3000 FT NETWORKS 3.0.
024c 414e 4d41 e31 2e30 0002 4c4d 312e .LANMAN1.0. LM1.
3258 3030 3200 024c 414e 4d41 e32 2e31 2X002.. .LANMAN2.1
0002 4e54 204c 414e 4d41 e420 312e 3000 ..NT LANMAN 1.0.
024e 5420 4c4d 3030 2e31 3200 .NT LM 0.12.
From ANUBIS:1210 to 24.31.15.7:445
State: Connection established, not terminated - Transferred outbound Bytes: 
172 - Transferred inbound Bytes: 0
Data sent:
0000 00a8 ff53 4d42 7200 0000 0008 0140 .....SMBr......
0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 a804 ..............
0000 1000 0000 5043 204e 4554 574f ....PC NETWO
524b 2050 524f 4752 414d 2031 2e30 0002 RK PROGRAM 1.0..
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4b53 2031 2e30 3300 024d 4943 524f 534f KS 1.03..MICROSO
4654 204e 4554 574f 532b 3200 3000 FT NETWORKS 3.0.
024c 414e 4d41 4e31 2e30 0002 4c4d 312e .LANMAN1.0. LM1.
3258 3030 3200 024c 414e 4d41 e32 2e31 2X002.. .LANMAN2.1
0002 4e54 204c 414e 4d41 e420 312e 3000 ..NT LANMAN 1.0.
024e 5420 4c4d 3030 2e31 3200 .NT LM 0.12.
From ANUBIS:1182 to 24.31.29.164:445
State: Connection established, not terminated - Transferred outbound Bytes: 
172 - Transferred inbound Bytes: 0
Data sent:
0000 00a8 ff53 4d42 7200 0000 0008 0140 .....SMBr......
0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 a804 ..............
0000 2000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 a804 ..............
524b 2050 524f 4752 414d 2031 e30 0002 RK PROGRAM 1.0..
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4b53 2031 2e30 3300 024d 4943 524f 534f KS 1.03..MICROSO
4654 204e 4554 574f 532b 3200 3000 FT NETWORKS 3.0.
024c 414e 4d41 4e31 2e30 0002 4c4d 312e .LANMAN1.0. LM1.
3258 3030 3200 024c 414e 4d41 e4d3 2e31 2X002.. .LANMAN2.1
0002 4e54 204c 414e 4d41 e420 312e 3000 ..NT LANMAN 1.0.
024e 5420 4c4d 3030 2e31 3200 .NT LM 0.12.
From ANUBIS:1182 to 24.31.29.164:445
State: Connection established, not terminated - Transferred outbound Bytes: 
172 - Transferred inbound Bytes: 0
Data sent:
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0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 a804 ..............
0000 2000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 a804 ..............
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Unknown TCP Traffic:
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024c 414e 4d41 4e31 2e30 0002 4c4d 312e .LANMAN1.0. LM1.
3258 3030 3200 024c 414e 4d41 e4d4 2e31 2X002.. .LANMAN2.1
0002 4e54 204c 414e 4d41 e420 312e 3000 ..NT LANMAN 1.0.
024e 5420 4c4d 3030 2e31 3200 .NT LM 0.12.
From ANUBIS:1208 to 24.31.146.255:445
State: Connection established, not terminated - Transferred outbound Bytes: 
172 - Transferred inbound Bytes: 0
Data sent:
0000 00a8 ff53 4d42 7200 0000 0008 0140 .....SMBr......
0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 a804 ..............
0000 2000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 a804 ..............
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Data sent:
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0000 00a8 ff53 4d42 7200 0000 0008 0140 .....SMBr......@
0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 a804 ...............0000 2000 0085 0002 5043 204e 4554 574f .. .....PC NETWO
524b 2050 524f 4752 414d 2031 2e30 0002 RK PROGRAM 1.0..
4d49 4352 4f53 4f46 5420 4e45 5457 4f52 MICROSOFT NETWOR
4b53 2031 2e30 3300 024d 4943 524f 534f KS 1.03..MICROSO
4654 204e 4554 574f 524b 5320 332e 3000 FT NETWORKS 3.0.
024c 414e 4d41 4e31 2e30 0002 4cd 312e .LANMAN1.0..LM1.
3258 3030 3200 024c 414e 4d41 2e31 2X002..LANMAN2.1
0002 4e54 204c 414e 4d41 2e20 312e 3000 ..NT LANMAN 1.0.
024e 5420 4cd4 2030 2e31 3200 .NT LM 0.12.
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From ANUBIS:1186 to 24.31.236.229:445
State: Connection established, not terminated - Transferred outbound Bytes: 172 - Transferred inbound Bytes: 0
Data sent:
```plaintext
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0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 a804 ...............0000 2000 0085 0002 5043 204e 4554 574f .. .....PC NETWO
524b 2050 524f 4752 414d 2031 2e30 0002 RK PROGRAM 1.0..
4d49 4352 4f53 4f46 5420 4e45 5457 4f52 MICROSOFT NETWOR
4b53 2031 2e30 3300 024d 4943 524f 534f KS 1.03..MICROSO
4654 204e 4554 574f 524b 5320 332e 3000 FT NETWORKS 3.0.
024c 414e 4d41 4e31 2e30 0002 4cd 312e .LANMAN1.0..LM1.
3258 3030 3200 024c 414e 4d41 2e31 2X002..LANMAN2.1
0002 4e54 204c 414e 4d41 2e20 312e 3000 ..NT LANMAN 1.0.
024e 5420 4cd4 2030 2e31 3200 .NT LM 0.12.
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From ANUBIS:1201 to 24.31.59.224:445
State: Connection established, not terminated - Transferred outbound Bytes: 172 - Transferred inbound Bytes: 0
Data sent:
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0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 a804 ...............0000 1000 0085 0002 5043 204e 4554 574f .. .....PC NETWO
524b 2050 524f 4752 414d 2031 2e30 0002 RK PROGRAM 1.0..
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3258 3030 3200 024c 414e 4d41 2e31 2X002..LANMAN2.1
0002 4e54 204c 414e 4d41 2e20 312e 3000 ..NT LANMAN 1.0.
024e 5420 4cd4 2030 2e31 3200 .NT LM 0.12.
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From ANUBIS:1181 to 24.31.4.202:445
State: Connection established, not terminated - Transferred outbound Bytes: 172 - Transferred inbound Bytes: 0
Data sent:
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Unknown TCP Traffic:
0000 00a8 ff53 4d42 7200 0000 0008 0140 .....SMBr......@
0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 a804 ...............
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4654 204e 4554 574f 524b 5320 332e 3000 FT NETWORKS 3.0.
024c 414e 4d41 4e31 2e30 0002 4c4d 312e .LANMAN1.0..LM1.
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0002 4e54 204c 414e 4d41 4e20 312e 3000 ..NT LANMAN 1.0.
024c 5420 4c4d 2030 3200 .NT LM 0.12.
From ANUBIS:1206 to 24.31.97.12:445
State: Connection established, not terminated - Transferred outbound Bytes: 172 - Transferred inbound Bytes: 0
Data sent:
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4654 204e 4554 574f 524b 5320 332e 3000 FT NETWORKS 3.0.
024c 414e 4d41 4e31 2e30 0002 4c4d 312e .LANMAN1.0..LM1.
3258 3030 3200 024c 414e 4d41 4e32 2e31 2X002..LANMAN2.1
0002 4e54 204c 414e 4d41 4e20 312e 3000 ..NT LANMAN 1.0.
024c 5420 4c4d 2030 3200 .NT LM 0.12.
From ANUBIS:1183 to 24.31.166.55:445
State: Connection established, not terminated - Transferred outbound Bytes: 172 - Transferred inbound Bytes: 0
Data sent:
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0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 a804 ...............
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524b 2050 524f 4752 414d 2031 2e30 0002 RK PROGRAM 1.0..
4d49 4352 4f53 4f46 5420 4e45 5457 4f52 MICROSOFT NETWOR
4b53 2031 2e30 3300 024d 4943 524f 534f KS 1.03..MICROSO
4654 204e 4554 574f 524b 5320 332e 3000 FT NETWORKS 3.0.
024c 414e 4d41 4e31 2e30 0002 4c4d 312e .LANMAN1.0..LM1.
3258 3030 3200 024c 414e 4d41 4e32 2e31 2X002..LANMAN2.1
0002 4e54 204c 414e 4d41 4e20 312e 3000 ..NT LANMAN 1.0.
024c 5420 4c4d 2030 3200 .NT LM 0.12.
From ANUBIS:1199 to 24.31.96.91:445
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**Unknown TCP Traffic:**
- From ANUBIS:1192 to 24.31.10.162:445
- From ANUBIS:1212 to 24.31.240.216:445

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**Data sent:**
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524b 2050 524f 4752 414d 2031 2e30 0002 RK PROGRAM 1.0..
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024c 414e 4d41 4e31 2e30 0002 4c4d 312e ..LANMAN1.0..LM1.
3258 3030 3200 024c 414e 4d41 4e32 3e31 2X002..LANMAN2.1
0002 4e54 204c 414e 4d41 4e20 312e 3000 ..NT LANAN 1.0.
024e 5420 4c4d 2030 3e31 3200 .NT LM 0.12.

From ANUBIS:1197 to 24.31.178.166:445

**State:** Connection established, not terminated - Transferred outbound Bytes: 172 - Transferred inbound Bytes: 0

Data sent:
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0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 a804 ...............
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0002 4e54 204c 414e 4d41 4e20 312e 3000 ..NT LANAN 1.0.
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**Unknown TCP Traffic:**
- From ANUBIS:1192 to 24.31.10.162:445
- From ANUBIS:1212 to 24.31.240.216:445

**State:** Connection established, not terminated - Transferred outbound Bytes: 172 - Transferred inbound Bytes: 0

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From ANUBIS:1166 to 24.31.93.208:445
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Data sent:
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024e 5420 4c4d 2030 3200 .NT LM 0.12.

From ANUBIS:1188 to 24.31.75.237:445
State: Connection established, not terminated - Transferred outbound Bytes: 172 - Transferred inbound Bytes: 0
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From ANUBIS:1194 to 24.31.20.130:445
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- ANUBIS:1056 to 24.31.89.248:139
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- ANUBIS:1069 to 24.31.236.229:139
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