D4 Project

Open and collaborative network monitoring

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https://www.d4-project.org/

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PROBLEM STATEMENT

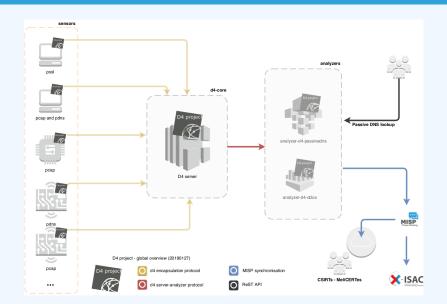
- CSIRTs (or private organisations) build their own honeypot, honeynet or blackhole monitoring network
- Designing, managing and operating such infrastructure is a tedious and resource intensive task
- Automatic sharing between monitoring networks from different organisations is missing
- Sensors and processing are often seen as blackbox or difficult to audit

OBJECTIVE

- Based on our experience with MISP¹ where sharing played an important role, we transpose the model in D4 project
- Keeping the protocol and code base simple and minimal
- Allowing every organisation to control and audit their own sensor network
- Extending D4 or encapsulating legacy monitoring protocols must be as simple as possible
- Ensuring that the sensor server has no control on the sensor (unidirectional streaming)
- Don't force users to use dedicated sensors and allow flexibility of sensor support (software, hardware, virtual)

https://github.com/MISP/MISP

D4 OVERVIEW



(SHORT) HISTORY

- D4 Project (co-funded under INEA CEF EU program) started -1st November 2018
- D4 encapsulation protocol version 1 published 1st
 December 2018
- vo.1 release of the D4 core² including a server and simple D4
 C client 21st January 2019
- First version of a golang D4 client³ running on ARM, MIPS, PPC and x86 **14th February 2019**

²https://www.github.com/D4-project/d4-core

³https://www.github.com/D4-project/d4-goclient/

(SHORT) HISTORY

Release	Date
analyzer-d4-passivedns-vo.1	Apr. 5, 2019
analyzer-d4-passivessl-0.1	Apr. 25, 2019
analyzer-d4-pibs-vo.1	Apr. 8, 2019
BGP-Ranking-1.0	Apr. 25, 2019
d4-core-vo.1	Jan. 25, 2019
d4-core-vo.2	Feb. 14, 2019
d4-core-vo.3	Apr. 8, 2019
d4-goclient-vo.1	Feb. 14, 2019
d4-goclient-vo.2	Apr. 8, 2019
d4-server-packer-0.1	Apr. 25, 2019
IPASN-History-1.0	Apr. 25, 2019
sensor-d4-tls-fingerprinting-0.1	Apr. 25, 2019

see https://github.com/D4-Project

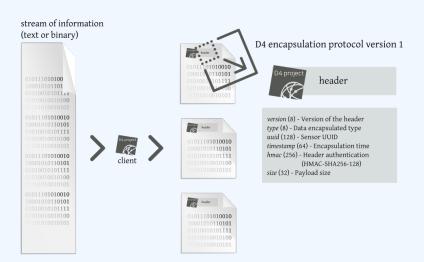
ROADMAP - OUTPUT

CIRCL will host a server instance for organisations willing to contribute to a public dataset without running their own D4 server:

- √ Blackhole DDoS
- ✓ Passive DNS
- ✓ Passive SSL
 - BGP mapping
- egress filtering mapping
- Radio-Spectrum monitoring: 802.11, BLE, etc.

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D4 ENCAPSULATION PROTOCOL





D4 HEADER

Name	bit size	Description
version	uint 8	Version of the header
type	uint 8	Data encapsulated type
uuid	uint 128	Sensor UUID
timestamp	uint 64	Encapsulation time
hmac	uint 256	Authentication header (HMAC-SHA-256-128)
size	uint 32	Payload size

D4 HEADER

Туре	Description
0	Reserved
1	pcap (libpcap 2.4)
2	meta header (JSON)
3	generic log line
4	dnscap output
5	pcapng (diagnostic)
6	generic NDJSON or JSON Lines
7	generic YAF (Yet Another Flowmeter)
8	passivedns CSV stream
254	type defined by meta header (type 2)

D4 META HEADER

D4 header includes an easy way to **extend the protocol** (via type 2) without altering the format. Within a D4 session, the initial D4 packet(s) type 2 defines the custom headers and then the following packets with type 254 is the custom data encapsulated.

```
"type": "ja3-jl",
  "encoding": "utf-8",
  "tags": [
     "tlp:white"
],
  "misp:org": "5b642239-4db4-4580-adf4-4ebd95od21of"
}
```

D4 SERVER

- D4 core server⁴ is a complete server to handle clients (sensors) including the decapsulation of the D4 protocol, control of sensor registrations, management of decoding protocols and dispatching to adequate decoders/analysers.
- D4 server is written in Python 3.6 and runs on standard GNU/Linux distribution.

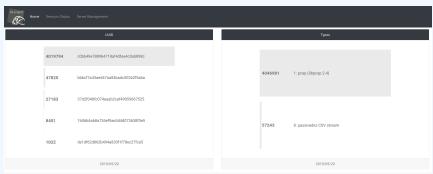
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D4 SERVER - MANAGEMENT INTERFACE

The D4 server provides a **web interface** to manage D4 sensors, sessions and analyzer.

- Get Sensors status, errors and statistics
- Get all connected sensors
- Manage Sensors (stream size limit, secret key, ...)
- Manage Accepted types
- UUID/IP blocklist
- Create Analyzer Queues

D4 SERVER - MAIN INTERFACE



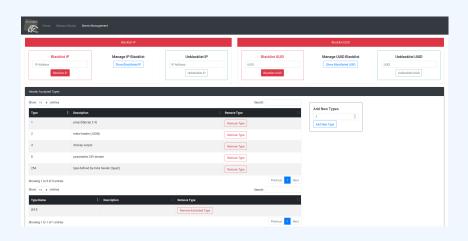


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D4 SERVER - SERVER MANAGEMENT



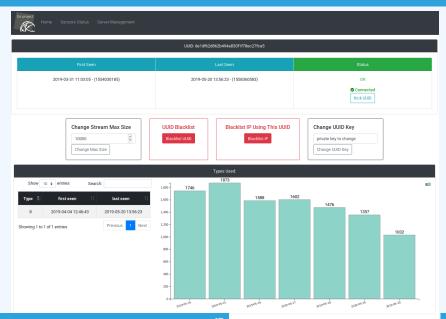
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D4 SERVER - SENSOR OVERVIEW

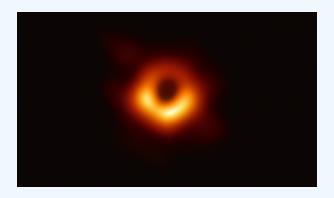


D4 SERVER - SENSOR MANAGEMENT



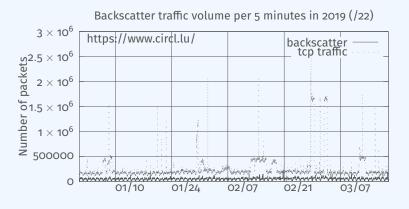
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A distributed Network telescope to observe DDoS attacks



MOTIVATION

DDoS Attacks produce an observable side-effect:



date (month / day)

WHAT CAN BE DERIVED FROM BACKSCATTER TRAFFIC?

- External point of view on ongoing Denial of Service attacks:
 - Confirm if there is a DDoS attack
 - ► **Recover** time line of attacked targets
 - **Confirm** which services (DNS, webserver, ...)
 - Observe Infrastructure changes
- Assess the state of an infrastructure under denial of service attack
 - Detect failure/addition of intermediate network equipments, firewalls, proxy servers etc
 - Detect DDoS mitigation devices
- Create models of DoS/DDoS attacks

D4 IN THIS SETTING

D4 - for data collection and processing:

- provide various points of observation in non contiguous address space,
- aggregate and mix backscatter traffic collected from D4 sensors,
- **perform** analysis on big amount of data.

D4 - from a end-user perspective:

- **provide** backscatter analysis results,
- **provide** daily updates,
- provide additional relevant (or pivotal) information (DNS, BGP, etc.),
- **provide** an API and search capabilities.

FIRST RELEASE

- ✓ analyzer-d4-pibs⁵, an analyzer for a D4 network sensor:
 - processes data produced by D4 sensors (pcaps),
 - displays potential backscatter traffic on standard output,
 - **focuses** on TCP SYN flood in this first release.

⁵https://github.com/D4-project/analyzer-d4-pibs

Passive DNS

PROBLEM STATEMENT

- CIRCL (and other CSIRTs) have their own passive DNS⁶ collection mechanisms
- Current collection models are affected with DoH⁷ and centralised DNS services
- DNS answers collection is a tedious process
- Sharing Passive DNS stream between organisation is challenging due to privacy

⁶https://www.circl.lu/services/passive-dns/

⁷DNS over HTTPS

POTENTIAL STRATEGY

- Improve Passive DNS collection diversity by being closer to the source and limit impact of DoH (e.g. at the OS resolver level)
- Increasing diversity and mixing models before sharing/storing Passive DNS records
- Simplify process and tools to install for Passive DNS collection by relying on D4 sensors instead of custom mechanisms
- Provide a distributed infrastructure for mixing streams and filtering out the sharing to the validated partners

FIRST RELEASE

- √ analyzer-d4-passivedns⁸, an analyzer for a D4 network sensor:
 - processes data produced by D4 sensors (in passivedns CSV format⁹),
 - ingests these into a Passive DNS server which can be queried later to search for the Passive DNS records,
 - provides a lookup server (using on redis-compatible backend) that is a Passive DNS REST server compliant to the Common Output Format¹⁰.

⁸https://github.com/D4-project/analyzer-d4-passivedns

⁹https://github.com/gamelinux/passivedns

¹⁰https://tools.ietf.org/html/

draft-dulaunoy-dnsop-passive-dns-cof-04

Passive SSL revamping

A PASSIVE SSL FINGERPRINTER

CSIRT's rationale for collecting TLS handshakes:

- **pivot** on additional data points,
- find owners of IP addresses,
- detect usage of CIDR blocks,
- detect vulnerable systems,
- detect compromised services,
- detect key material reuse,
- detect weak keys.

OBJECTIVES - TLS FINGERPRINTING

Keeping a log of links between:

- x509 certificates,
- ports,
- IP address,
- client (ja3),
- server (ja3s),

"JA3 is a method for creating SSL/TLS client fingerprints that should be easy to produce on any platform and can be easily shared for threat intelligence."¹¹

¹¹https://github.com/salesforce/ja3

OBJECTIVES - MIND YOUR PS AND QS

Collect and **store** x509 certificates and TLS sessions:

- Public keys type and size,
- moduli and exponents,
- curves parameters.

Detect anti patterns in crypto:

- Shared Public Keys,
- Moduli that share one prime factor,
- Moduli that share both prime factor,
- Small factors,
- Nonces reuse / common preffix or suffix, etc.

FIRST RELEASE

- ✓ sensor-d4-tls-fingerprinting ¹²: **Extracts** and **fingerprints** certificates, and **computes** TLSH fuzzy hash.
- √ analyzer-d4-passivessl ¹³: Stores Certificates / PK details in a PostgreSQL DB.
- lookup-d4-passivessl ¹⁴: Exposes the DB through a public REST API.

¹²github.com/D4-project/sensor-d4-tls-fingerprinting

¹³github.com/D4-project/analyzer-d4-passivessl

¹⁴github.com/D4-project/lookup-d4-passivessl

FUTURE

- Mixing models for passive collection streams (for privacy) in next version of D4 core server
- Interconnecting private D4 sensor networks with other D4 sensor networks (sharing to partners filtered stream)
- Previewing datasets collected in D4 sensor network and providing open data stream (if contributor agrees to share under specific conditions)
- Leverage MISP sharing communities to augment Threat Intelligence, and provide accurate metrology.

GET IN TOUCH IF YOU WANT TO JOIN THE PROJECT, HOST A SENSOR OR CONTRIBUTE

- Collaboration can include research partnership, sharing of collected streams or improving the software.
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