Analyse your weird URLs the easy way

and other boring things you'd rather not bother with



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Few notes about me

- Self employed, based in Bordeaux, France
 - Not in the suburbs of Nashville
 - Full remote \o/
- Building tools to help users make informed decisions
 - Actual intelligence is still our best bet
 - Opensource or GTFO
- Infosec trainings
 - Mostly to at-risk communities, journalists
- The tools are co-developped with (or invented by) Quinn Norton



(some of the) Tools maintained by CIRCL





















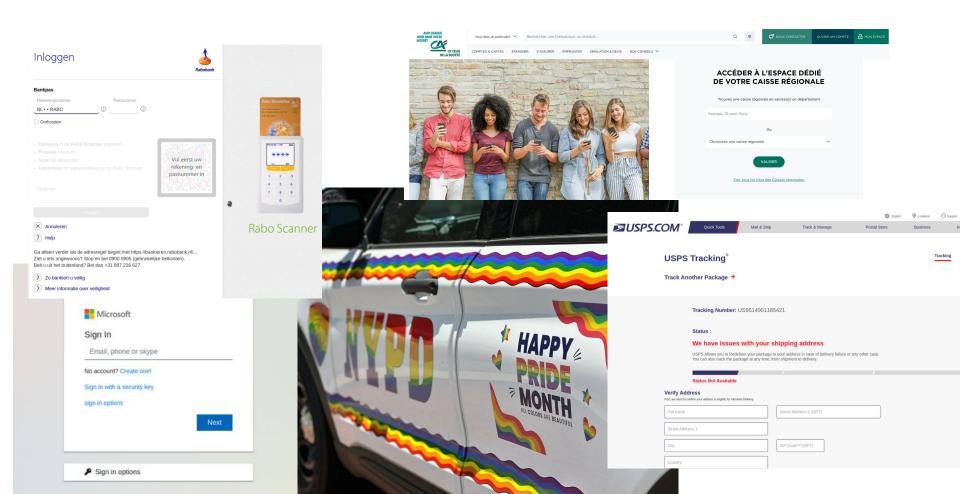






Context

- Everyone receives URLs or stuff they can open in a browser
 - o ... and y'all are curious
- Hard to know if it is legitimate or not without opening it anyway
 - Special characters, compromised websites, everything is https
- Opening everything in a sandbox isn't realistic
 - And which sandbox anyway?
- Hard to reproduce and repeat the environment
 - o Browser, IP, geolocation, user-agent, locale, timezone, referer, every other HTTP Header
- Can't do anything with a screenshot only
 - It's not what you think it means.



Context - Where does that URL comes from anyway?

- E-mails
 - HTML body
 - Attachment (PDF, Office doc, HTML page, archive with all the above)
- Logs files (firewall, proxy)
- MISP, Phishtank
- Some random webform used by your customers to send you things
- Some random vendor feeding you cyber cyber intel
 - Yes, half the URLs are down, but you still need to check
 - And they may come back up
- Your nephew, from a discord channel
- Your attorney, from their fax machine
- Emmanuel Macron, from a telegram channel



Lookyloo

- Web UI to precisely configure the settings of the browser used to capture
- Uses a HTTP Archive (HAR) to build the tree of redirects and ressources loaded by a URL
- Lets you extract artefacts from the capture
 - Screenshot of the landing page
 - Ressources, see their types (HTML, CSS, JS, images)
 - HTTP requests/responses
- Connector to 3rd party services
 - o MISP, Hashlookup, URLScan, Phishtank
 - Monitoring for changes
 - Ticketing system

Lookyloo - Examples

- Capture interface
 - https://lookyloo.circl.lu/capture
- Captures
 - Pass The Salt: https://lookyloo.circl.lu/tree/87c842bb-f9b5-4224-a96e-7706628bb6c3
 - Valeurs Actuelles: https://lookyloo.circl.lu/tree/79aebd93-7e7c-499f-88db-43651b69a339
 - o CNEWS: https://lookyloo.circl.lu/tree/336ee635-c76d-46a9-91fc-2cc00ee7321a
- Many redirects:
 - https://lookyloo.circl.lu/tree/c0ffc64f-c4a3-49ec-bc4f-e10060376635
- Phishing: https://lookyloo.circl.lu/tree/a7f3e4c4-d74f-419d-8d32-12f8a13bddf4

Lacus

- Standalone capturing service (API only, no long term storage)
 - Can be used without Lookyloo (ex. AIL Framework, talk at 11am)
- Uses actual browsers instrumended with Playwright
 - Bypasses most simple bot detections
- High throughput
- Returns complete capture
 - HTTP Archive (HAR)
 - Screenshot of the full page
 - Cookie Jar
 - Rendered HTML

Pandora - How about that URL downloads a file?

- Static analysis of a file
- Attempt to generate a preview for supported files
- Search for active content
 - o Office docs, PDFs
- Check against your own Yara Rules
- Send hashes to 3rd parties services
 - VirusTotal, Hybrid Analysis, ClamAV, Hashlookup, MalwareBazaar
 - Not the actual file!
- Extracts observables (URLs, hashes, email addresses)
- Connector so MISP, Lookyloo, manual notification to ticketing system

- Uploaded files are limited to a browser session
 - o can generate a sharable URL
- No user account (except for admin)

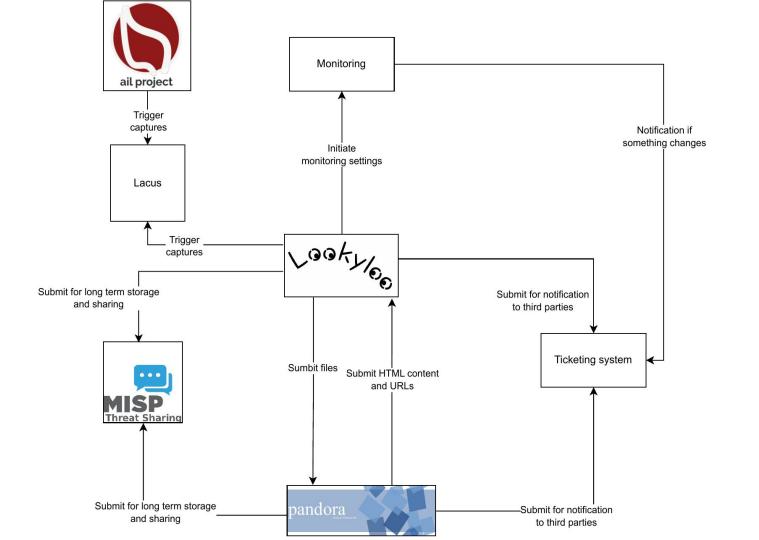
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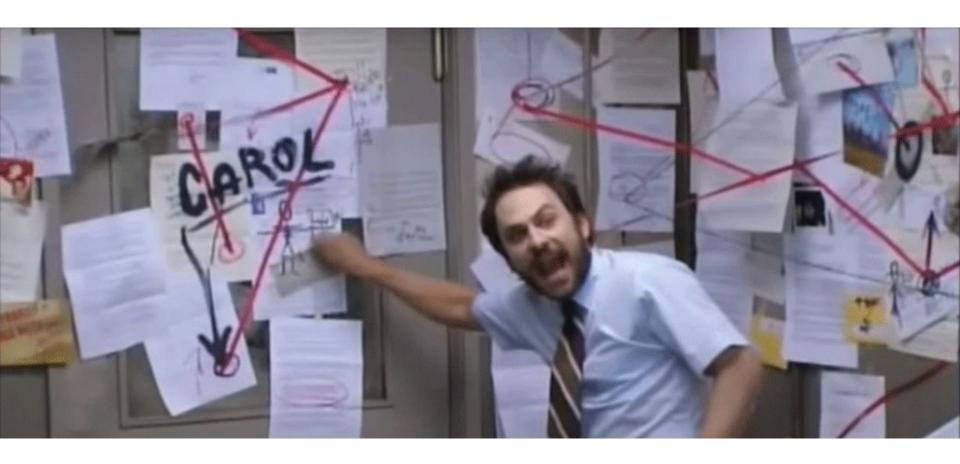
- ODT file:
 - https://pandora.circl.lu/analysis/1f1ee83c-5482-4991-914c-a91986a84618/seed-1dFFfMfzv YLqV1fC r52laig5YLql-qqbnqH4HXb9pk
- Office doc: <u>https://pandora.circl.lu/analysis/622b4635-c085-4296-8487-12febfa0661b/seed-QzRSTeXh</u> TuxfajPeRDceoY4xjc49uuPH3U-qRtpz0cw
- Email: <u>https://pandora.circl.lu/analysis/28789137-82c5-4203-9731-4a852a1dc345/seed-Vir3qBuva</u> C7zcoW14LXZxdvfLZCe5nG9VnBTP9F7CUs
- HTML & Lookyloo: https://pandora.circl.lu/analysis/20d38a73-d51b-45f7-9896-d5ea792d80fb/seed-uRWmo9fA
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Monitoring

- Is my domain that should be up really up?
 - o Technical problem, takedown, stolen domain name, DNS snafu
- I know the ressources it should be loading, do they change?
 - Buggy update, defacement
- Typosquatting
 - Tracking a takedown request
 - Initiate a takedown request on a newly used domain
 - Stay in the room for the next talk!

Comparing a capture is non-trivial





Other integrations

- Mail to pandora
 - Forward a mail to a mailbox monitored by pandora
- Phishtank
 - o Is the URL known on phishtank? And you hate the official UI?
- Hashlookup Talk at 15:10!
 - Is this hash of the file/webresource known?
- MISP
 - Sharing is caring
- Ticketing system
 - Let's not implement a mail client in everything please

- No STIX export
 - Use MISP for that, and come to Christian's talk tomorrow at 11:45!

Projects

- Lookyloo: https://github.com/Lookyloo
- Pandora: https://github.com/pandora-analysis/
- Lacus: https://github.com/ail-project/Lacus
- Monitoring: https://github.com/Lookyloo/monitoring
- Phishtank Lookup: https://github.com/Lookyloo/phishtank-lookup
- MISP: https://github.com/MISP Stix Talk at 11:45 tomorrow
- Hashlookup: https://github.com/hashlookup Talk at 15:10 Today
- AIL: https://github.com/ail-project Talk at 11:00 Today
- TypoSquatting: https://github.com/typosquatter/ail-typo-website Talk now!
- Evetything has a python module / REST API, duh.

Demo interfaces

- https://lookyloo.circl.lu
- https://pandora.circl.lu/
- https://typosquatting-finder.circl.lu/
- https://hashlookup.circl.lu/
- https://phishtankapi.circl.lu/
- https://monitor.circl.lu/

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