

Using Honeyclients for Detection and Response Against New Attacks

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Problem



We lack a proactive detection technology for client-side attacks

- Client-side exploits are a growing threat
 - Lots of client-side vulnerabilities
 - Microsoft Internet Explorer has more than 50 serious vulnerabilities in last 6 months (SecurityFocus database)
 - Lots of client-side exploits
 - 90% of all PCs harbor spyware (Webroot, 2006)
- We need to be able to proactively detect and characterize clientside attacks before we get hit



A New 'Business' Model





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From Russia With Malware May 30, 2005

An online site in Russia is using an affiliate model to spread malicious code, including back doors, other Trojans, spyware, and adware

By Gregg Keizer, *TechWeb* InformationWeek E-Mail This Article
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An online business based in Russia is paying Web sites 6 cents for each machine they infect with adware and spyware, according to security researchers who call the practice "awful."





Current Situation

- Current coverage of client-side exploits is inadequate
 - Over 50% of recent vulnerabilities are client-based (SecurityFocus)
 - Only 1.5% of Snort Intrusion Detection System signatures are based on client-side attacks (www.snort.org)
- Honeypots
 - Detect server-side attacks
 - Passive devices
- Current methods of client-side exploit detection are reactive
 - Anti-virus
 - Anti-spyware
 - Clueful users





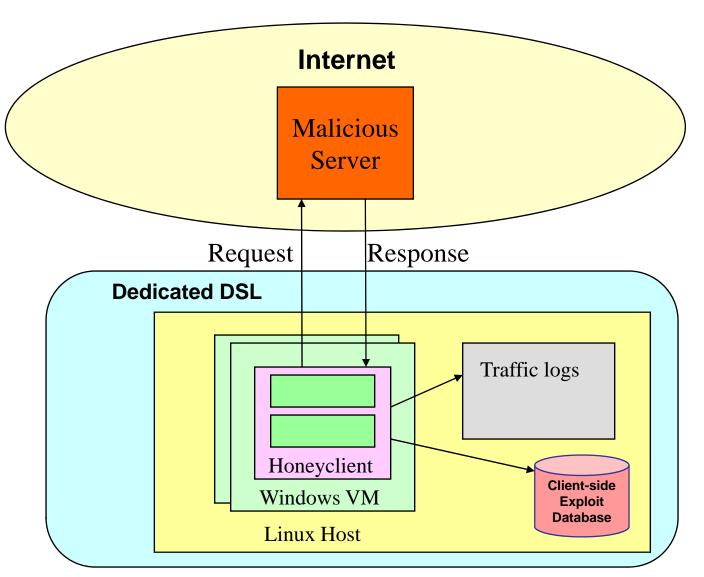
Background - Honeyclients

- Honeyclients provide capability to proactively detect client-side exploits
 - A honeyclient is a system that drives a client application to potentially malicious servers
 - Any changes made on honeyclient system are unauthorized no false positives!
 - We detect exploits even without prior signatures



Basic Honeyclient Package





Prototype Capabilities

- Integrity checks
- Drive IE
- Extract URLs
- Recurse (Internal)
- Recurse (External)
- Virtual host.
- Protective firewall
- Exploit DB
- Image rotation
- Modular clients
- Traffic history
- Secure logging
- Memory checks



New Honeyclient Project Capabilities



- Active content site module
 - Automates Macromedia Flash site spidering
- Keyword scoring module
 - More intelligent browsing of links
- Comprehensive honeyclient database module with CGI-based web front-end
 - Easy querying for malware-related activity and characteristics
 - Quick demo
- Real-time integrity checks
 - Significant integrity check time improvement
- Fully operational honeyclients
 - 7 honeyclients operating on 24/7 basis
- Extensive honeyclient project website deployed
 - SVN repository, wiki, ticketing system, weblogs
 - Google Analytics

Additional Project Information



- Our project website http://honeyclient.mitre.org
- Send us email, and we will add you to the mailing list honeyclient@mitre.org knwang@mitre.org
- We need beta testers!
 http://www.honeyclient.org/trac/wiki/download
- Developers are welcome too!SVN repository is available, let us know if you'd like access



Additional Information



Why Should You Run Honeyclients?



Operational benefits

- Increase your visibility of emerging client-side threats
- Malware collection and analysis
- Share your results, and obtain other organizations' results

Networking benefits

- Group forum meetings
- Government, industry, academic participation
- Discussion on latest trends in client-side exploits

Why Should You Run Honeyclients?



Cost benefits

- HoneyClient package and Linux OSes are open-sourced
- VMWare Server is free
- Your costs: hardware, Internet connection, Windows license, analysts

Other factors to consider

- Your private data will not be leaked
- Opportunity to provide public service through data sharing



Some Honeyclient Case Examples

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Please DO NOT go to any of the sites on the following slides unless you REALLY know what you're doing!!!)

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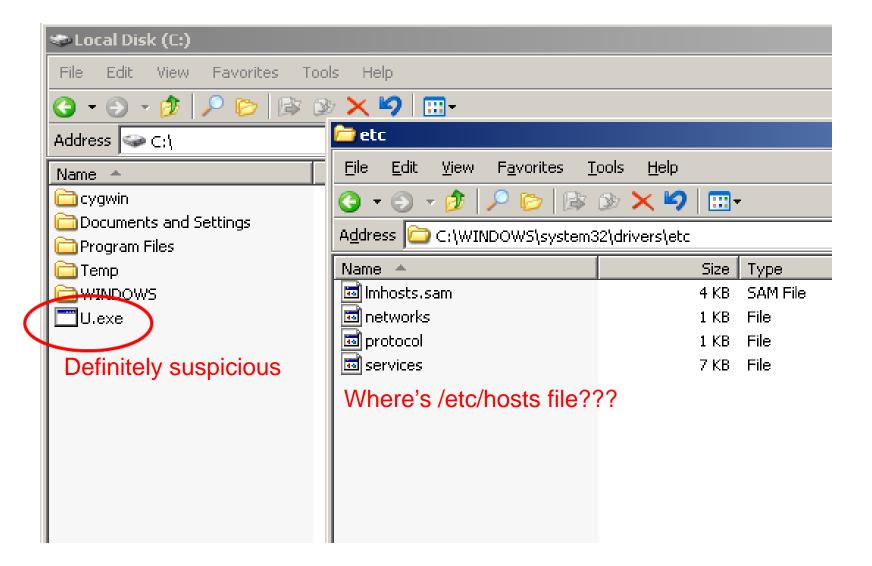
MITRE Technology Program

www.world0fwarcraft.net (Changes)

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Command Prompt to Tmp - more changes.txt
c:\cygwin\tmp>more changes.txt
  'filesystem' => [
       <u>'status' => 'changed',</u>
       'new' => ₹
          'mtime' => 1180417013,
          'name' => '/cygdrive/c',
'size' => 0
       },
'old' => {
          'mtime' => 1178642309,
'name' => '/cygdrive/c',
'size' => 0
       'status' => 'added'.
       'new' => {
          'mtime' => 1123417014,
          'name' => '/cygdrive/c/U.exe',
'size' => 15360
                                                   Suspicious file
       'status' => 'changed',
       'new' => {
          'mtime' => undef,
'name' => '/cygdrive/c/cygwin/etc/hosts',
          'size' => undef
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           mtime' => 998568000,
          'name' => '/cygdrive/c/cygwin/etc/hosts',
          'size' => 734
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www.world0fwarcraft.net (Changes)



www.world0fwarcraft.net (Scans)



Complete scanning result of "U.exe", received in VirusTotal at 05.31.2007, 22:14:47 (CET).

STATUS: FINISHED

Antivirus	Version	Update	Result
AhnLab-V3	2007.5.31.2	05.31.2007	Win-Trojan/Xema.variant
AntiVir	7.4.0.29	05.31.2007	TR/PSW.Zhengtu.O
Authentium	4.93.8	05.23.2007	no virus found
Avast	4.7.997.0	05.30.2007	no virus found
AVG	7.5.0.467	05.31.2007	no virus found
BitDefender	7.2	05.31.2007	Trojan.PWS.Zhengtu.O
CAT-QuickHeal	9.00	05.31.2007	no virus found
ClamAV	devel-20070416	05.31.2007	no virus found
DrWeb	4.33	05.31.2007	Trojan.PWS.Zhengtu
eSafe	7.0.15.0	05.31.2007	suspicious Trojan/Worm
eTrust-Vet	30.7.3679	05.31.2007	Win32/Gumbsumb!generic
Ewido	4.0	05.31.2007	Downloader.Agent.brp
FileAdvisor	1	05.31.2007	no virus found
Fortinet	2.85.0.0	05.31.2007	W32/OnLineGames.PW!tr.pws
F-Prot	4.3.2.48	05.31.2007	no virus found
F-Secure	6.70.13030.0	05.31.2007	Trojan-Downloader.Win32.Agent.brp
Ikarus	T3.1.1.8	05.31.2007	Win32.SuspectCrc
Kaspersky	4.0.2.24	05.31.2007	Trojan-Downloader.Win32.Agent.brp
McAfee	5043	05.31.2007	no virus found
Microsoft	1.2503	05.31.2007	no virus found
NOD32v2	2301	05.31.2007	Win32/TrojanDownloader.Agent.BRP
Norman	5.80.02	05.31.2007	no virus found
Panda	9.0.0.4	05.31.2007	no virus found
Prevx1	V2	05.31.2007	no virus found
Sophos	4.18.0	05.31.2007	Mal/PWS-J
Sunbelt	2.2.907.0	05.30.2007	no virus found
Symantec	10	05.31.2007	no virus found
TheHacker	6.1.6.128	05.31.2007	Trojan/Downloader.Agent.brp
VBA32	3.12.0	05.30.2007	no virus found
VirusBuster	4.3.23:9	05.31.2007	no virus found
Webwasher-Gateway	6.0.1	05.31.2007	Trojan.PSW.Zhengtu.O



www.sharky.in (Changes)



```
C:\WINDOWS\System32\sychost.exe
ky.in/adm/auth.php
2007-06-18 16:42:58
                    INFO [HoneyClient::Agent::worker] (lib/HoneyClient/Agent.pm:850) - Driving To Resource: http://shar
ky.in
2007-06-18 16:43:19
                    INFO [HoneyClient::Agent::worker] (lib/HoneyClient/Agent.pm:850) - Driving To Resource: http://shar
ky.in/spl/
                    INFO [HoneyClient::Agent::worker] (lib/HoneyClient/Agent.pm:850) - Driving To Resource: http://shar
2007-06-18 16:43:41
ky.in/spl/update.exe
                    INFO [HoneyClient::Agent::worker] (lib/HoneyClient/Agent.pm:868) - Driver targets have changed.
                    INFO [HoneyClient::Agent::worker] (lib/HoneyClient/Agent.pm:892) - Performing Integrity Checks.
                    INFO [HoneyClient::Agent::Integrity::Registry::check] (lib/HoneyClient/Agent/Integrity/Registry.pm:
1517) – Analyzing registry.
                    INFO [HoneyClient::Agent::Integrity::Registry::check] (lib/HoneyClient/Agent/Integrity/Registry.pm:
1520) - Checking for registry changes.
                    WARN [HoneyClient::Agent::Integrity::Registry::check] (lib/HoneyClient/Agent/Integrity/Registry.pm:
1545) – Registry changes found.
                    INFO [HoneyClient::Agent::Integrity::Filesystem::check] (lib/HoneyClient/Agent/Integrity/Filesystem
.pm:1360) - Analyzing filesystem.
2007-06-18 16:47:10 INFO [HoneyClient::Agent::Integrity::Filesystem::check] (lib/HoneyClient/Agent/Integrity/Filesystem
pm:1364) - Checking for filesystem changes.
2007-06-18 16:47:12 WARN [HoneyClient::Agent::Integrity::Filesystem::check] (lib/HoneyClient/Agent/Integrity/Filesystem
.pm:1371) - Filesystem changes found.
2007-06-18 16:47:12 WARN [HoneyClient::Agent::worker] (lib/HoneyClient/Agent.pm:896) - Integrity Cleck: FAILED
About to return out of child thread.
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Suspicious behavior, let's check it out further!





www.sharky.in (Changes)

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Command Prompt to Tmp - more changes.txt
c:\cygwin\tmp>more changes.txt
  'filesystem' => [
      'mtime' => '2007-06-18 20:43:03',
      'status' => 1,
      'content' => {
         'sha1' => '4c57637975ac77d8424fd0b186ea5d5303276d2f',
        'type' => 'application/x-ms-dos-executable', 'md5' => 'd747075ee7f710581bdcfb2a4b56fe6a',
        'size' => 12389
                                                             This definitely doesn't
       'name' => 'c:\\windows\\system32\\mssrv32.exe'
                                                             look good...
  'registry' => [
      'entries' => [
           'new_value' => 'dword:00000001',
           'name' => 'DisableRawSecurity',
           'old value' => undef
       'status' => 2.
      'key_name' => 'HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\\SYSTEM\\ControlSet001\\Services\\AFD\\P
arameters'
```

www.sharky.in (Scan)



Complete scanning result of "mssrv32.exe", received in VirusTotal at 06.19.2007, 23:07:30 (CET).

STATUS: FINISHED

Antivirus	Version	Update	Result
AhnLab-V3	2007.6.16.0	06.19.2007	no virus found
AntiVir	7.4.0.34	06.19.2007	TR/Pakes.A.1604
Authentium	4.93.8	06.19.2007	no virus found
Avast	4.7.997.0	06.19.2007	no virus found
AVG	7.5.0.467	06.19.2007	Generic5.SI
BitDefender	7.2	06.19.2007	no virus found
CAT-QuickHeal	9.00	06.19.2007 (Suspicious) - DNAScan	
ClamAV	devel-20070416	06.19.2007	no virus found
DrWeb	4.33	06.19.2007	no virus found
eSafe	7.0.15.0	06.19.2007	Suspicious Trojan/Worm
eTrust-Vet	30.7.3727	06.19.2007	no virus found
Ewido	4.0	06.19.2007	no virus found
FileAdvisor	1	06.19.2007	no virus found
Fortinet	2.91.0.0	06.19.2007	no virus found
F-Prot	4.3.2.48	06.19.2007	no virus found
F-Secure	6.70.13030.0	06.19.2007	Trojan.Win32.Pakes
Ikarus	T3.1.1.8	06.19.2007	Trojan.Win32.Pakes
Kaspersky	4.0.2.24	06.19.2007	Trojan.Win32.Pakes
McAfee	5056	06.19.2007	No virus found
Microsoft	1.2607	06.19.2007	no virus found
NOD32v2	2339	06.19.2007	no virus found
Norman	5.80.02	06.19.2007	no virus found Poor results
Panda	9.0.0.4	06.19.2007	Suspicious file
Sophos	4.18.0	06.12.2007	no virus found ON SCANS
Sunbelt	2.2.907.0	06.16.2007	no virus found
Symantec	10	06.19.2007	no virus found
TheHacker	6.1.6.134	06.18.2007	no virus found
VBA32	3.12.0.2	06.19.2007	no virus found
VirusBuster	4.3.23:9	06.19.2007	no virus found
Webwasher-Gateway	6.0.1	06.19.2007	Trojan.Pakes.A.1604



www.exploitoff.net (Changes)



```
C:\WINDOWS\System32\sychost.exe
Thread ID = 6
Run thread initialized.
                    INFO [HoneyClient::Agent::worker] (lib/HoneyClient/Agent.pm:847) - Driving To Resource: http://expl
oitoff.net/cs1/
2007-06-05 12:30:40
                    INFO [HoneyClient::Agent::worker] (lib/HoneyClient/Agent.pm:864) - Driver targets have changed.
2007-06-05 12:30:40 INFO [HoneyClient::Agent::worker] (lib/HoneyClient/Agent.pm:887) - Performing Integrity Checks.
2007-06-05 12:30:40 INFO [HoneyClient::Agent::Integrity::Registry::check] (lib/HoneyClient/Agent/Integrity/Registry.pm:
1448) – Analyzing registry.
2007-06-05 12:32:35 INFO [HoneyClient::Agent::Integrity::Registry::check] (lib/HoneyClient/Agent/Integrity/Registry.pm:
1451) – Checking for registry changes.
2007-06-05 12:32:53 WARN [HoneyClient::Agent::Integrity::Registry::check] (lib/HoneyClient/Agent/Integrity/Registry.pm:
1476) - Registry changes found.
2007-06-05 12:32:53 INFO [HoneyClient::Agent::Integrity::Filesystem::check] (lib/HoneyClient/Agent/Integrity/Filesystem
 pm:1018) - Analyzing filesystem.
2007-06-05 12:33:34 INFO [HoneyClient::Agent::Integrity::Filesystem::check] (lib/HoneyClient/Agent/Integrity/Filesystem
.pm:1022) - Checking for filesystem changes.
2007-06-05 12:33:37 WARN [HoneyClient::Agent::Integrity::Filesystem::check] (lib/HoneyClient/Agent/Integrity/Filesystem
.pm:1029) - Filesystem changes found.
 307-06-05 12:33:37  WARN [HoneyClient::Agent::worker] (lib/HoneyClient/Agent.pm:891) - Integrity Che€k: FAILED
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OK. Let's check this out.

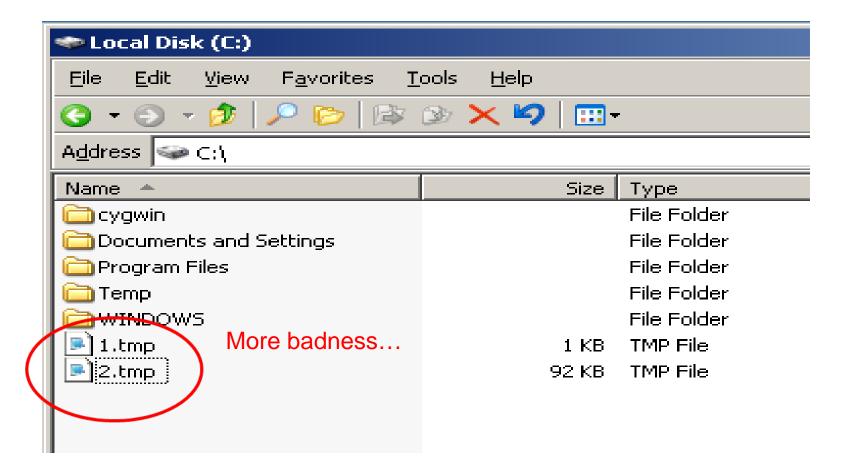


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```
Command Prompt to Tmp - more changes.txt
c:\cygwin\tmp>more changes.txt
  'filesystem' => [
      'status' => 'changed'.
      'new' => {
         'mtime' => 1181061014,
        'name' => '/cygdrive/c',
'size' => 0
       'ó1d' => {
         'mtime' => 1180037394,
         'name' => '/cygdrive/c',
         'size' => 0
      'status' => 'added',
      'new' => {
         'mtime' => 1181861016,
                                            Definitely not normal...
         'name' => //cygdrive/c/1.tmp',
         'size' => 6
      'status' => 'added',
      'new' => {
         'mtime' => 1181061017.
```







www.exploitoff.net (Scans)



Complete scanning result of "2.tmp", received in VirusTotal at 06.08.2007, 22:34:20 (CET).

STATUS: FINISHED

Antivirus	Version	Update	Result
AhnLab-V3	2007.6.9.0	06.08.2007	
AntiVir	7.4.0.32		no virus found
Authentium	4.93.8	05.23.2007	no virus found
Avast	4.7.997.0	06.08.2007	no virus found
AVG	7.5.0.467	06.08.2007	no virus found
BitDefender	7.2	06.08.2007	no virus found
CAT-QuickHeal	9.00	06.08.2007	no virus found
ClamAV	devel-20070416	06.08.2007	no virus found Note that this binary
DrWeb	4.33	06.08.2007	Ino virus found
eSafe	7.0.15.0	06.06.2007	no virus found is very poorly identified.
eTrust-Vet	30.7.3703	06.08.2007	no virus found
Ewido	4.0	06.08.2007	no virus found
FileAdvisor	1	06.08.2007	no virus found
Fortinet	2.85.0.0		no virus found
F-Prot	4.3.2.48		no virus found
F-Secure	6.70.13030.0		W32/Suspicious_U.gen.dropper
Ikarus	T3.1.1.8		MemScanTrojan.Spy.Banker.CNQ
Kaspersky	4.0.2.24		no virus found
McAfee	5049	06.08.2007	no virus found
Microsoft	1.2503		no virus found
NOD32v2	2319		probably a variant of Win32/Spy.Banker.CKW
Norman	5.80.02		W32/Malware.WGF
Panda	9.0.0.4		Suspicious file
Prevx1	V2		no virus found
Sophos	4.18.0		Mal/Behav-101
Sunbelt	2.2.907.0		Trojan.Nethell
Symantec	10		no virus found
TheHacker	6.1.6.131	I	no virus found
VBA32	3.12.0		no virus found
VirusBuster	4.3.23:9	06.08.2007	no virus found
Webwasher-Gateway	6.0.1	06.08.2007	no virus found



www.haaretz.com (Changes)

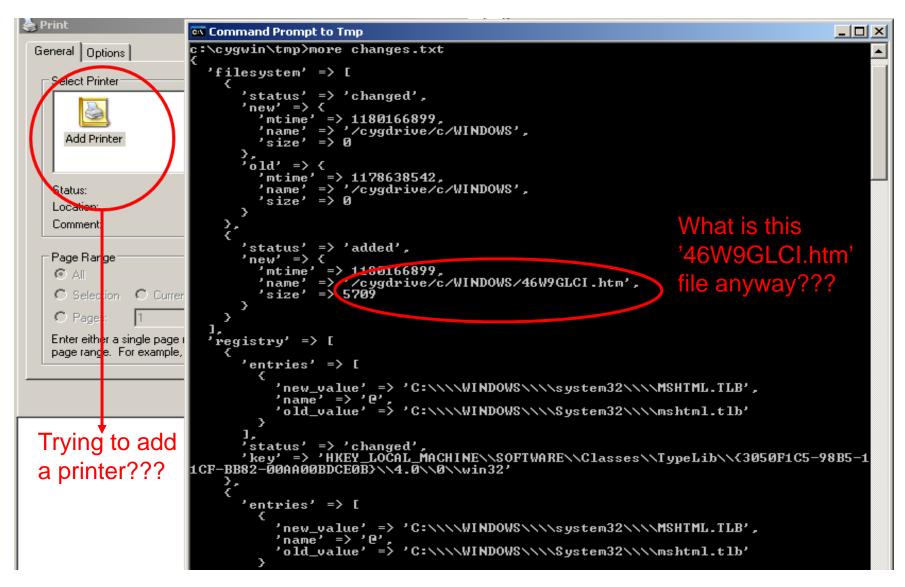


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em.pm:692) - Excluding 'c:\WINDOWS\Prefetch\GREP.EXE-32B8C419.pf' from integrity checks.
2007-05-26 04:14:20 INFO [HoneyClient::Agent::Integrity::Filesystem::_filter] (lib/HoneyClien
em.pm:692) - Excluding 'c:\WINDOWS\Prefetch\IEXPLORE.EXE-27122324.pf' from integrity checks.
2007-05-26 04:14:20 INFO [HoneyClient::Agent::Integrity::Filesystem::_filter] (lib/HoneyClien
em.pm:692) - Excluding 'c:\WINDOWS\Prefetch\PERL.EXE-2C2FEBAC.pf' from integrity checks.
2007-05-26 04:14:20 INFO [HoneyClient::Agent::Integrity::Filesystem::_filter] (lib/HoneyClien
em.pm:692) - Excluding 'c:\WINDOWS\Prefetch\REGEDIT.EXE-1B606482.pf' from integrity checks.
2007-05-26 04:14:20 INFO [HoneyClient::Agent::Integrity::Filesystem::_filter] (lib/HoneyClien
em.pm:692) - Excluding 'c:\WINDÓWS\Prefetch\RUNDLL32.EXE-268BFF96.pf' from integrity checks.
2007-05-26 04:14:20 INFO [HoneyClient::Agent::Integrity::Filesystem::_filter] (lib/HoneyClien
em.pm:692) - Excluding 'c:\WINDOWS\Prefetch\SED.EXE-050E766D.pf' from integrity checks.
em.pm:692) - Excluding 'c:\WINDOWS\Prefetch\SH.EXE-ZEA88COC.pf' from integrity checks.
2007-05-26 04:14:20 INFO [HoneyClient::Agent::Integrity::Filesystem::_filter] (lib/HoneyClien
em.pm:692) - Excluding 'c:\WINDÓWS\system32\config\software.LOG' from integrity checks.
2007-05-26 04:14:20 WARN [HoneyClient::Agent::Integrity::Filesystem::check] (lib/HoneyClient/
.pm:1027) - Filesy<del>stem c</del>hanges found.
Integrity Check: FAILED
Exiting run() thread.
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So many bad sites, so little time...

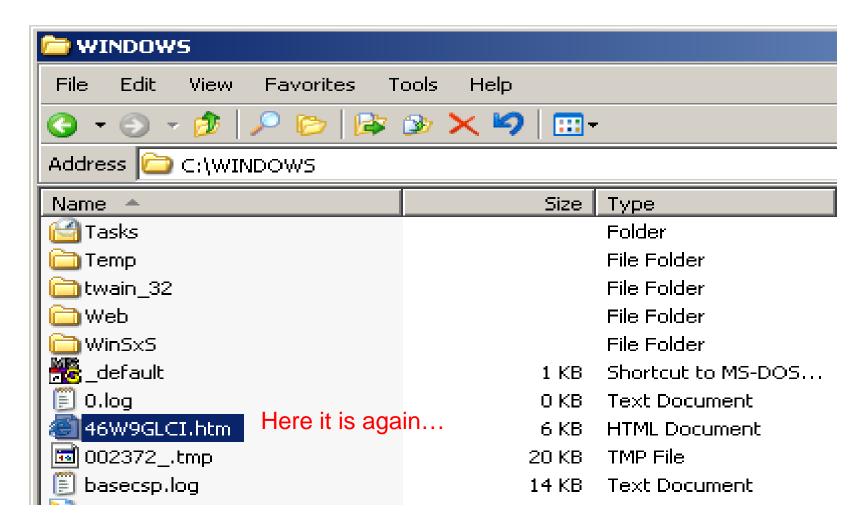
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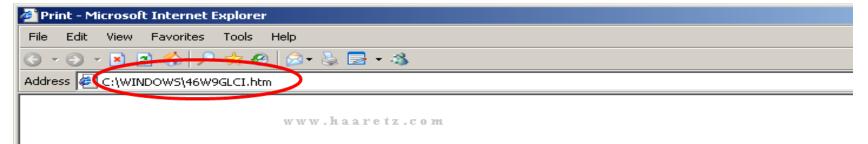






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Clearly, a hacker with a political agenda!

Last update - 10:48 12/05/2007

Siniora to Israel: Adopt Saudi peace plan, the only realistic path to peace

By Haaretz Service

Lebanese Prime Minister Fuad Siniora called on Israel Friday to adopt the Saudi peace initiative that calls for normalized ties between Israel and the Arab world in return for a full Israeli withdrawal from lands captured in the 1967 Six-Day War.

In an opinion piece published Friday in The New York Times Siniora said that the Arab world is "not interested in wiping Israel off the map, but in achieveing legitimate goals of cease-fire, safe borders and the opportunity for all area residents to live in peace and security."

Simiora has declared in the past that Lebanon would be the last Arab nation to sign a peace agreement with Israel.

"This is a high price but one the Arabs are willing to pay, as it is the only realistic path to peace," Siniora wrote.

Siniora slammed Israel for the Second Lebanon War, in which more than



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