

PCAP Forensic Analysis Report

Comprehensive Network Intelligence & Threat Audit

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Executive Summary

GLOBAL INTELLIGENCE OVERVIEW

The network is under active compromise by a malware strain (PhantomStealer) residing on host '10.1.30.101', which is currently conducting data exfiltration and C2 beaconing, severely degrading local network performance.

CRITICAL DETECTIONS

- Active Command and Control (C2) Infection:
 - Severity:: Critical
 - MITRE ATT&CK ID:: [T1071.001]
 - Details:: Host '10.1.30.101' is performing periodic beaconing every 10 seconds to '185.27.134.154'.
- Unauthorized SMTP Relay Attempt:
 - Severity:: High
 - Details:: Outbound traffic on port 587 from '10.1.30.101' to '185.38.151.11' indicates potential credential exfiltration or mail-relay abuse.
- Severe Local DNS Congestion:
 - Severity:: Medium
 - Details:: The DNS gateway ('10.1.30.1') is exhibiting a 265ms response latency, likely due to the overhead of processing malicious traffic patterns and potential resource exhaustion.
- Data Privacy Violation:
 - Severity:: Medium
 - Details:: 82% of all network traffic is unencrypted, facilitating potential credential harvesting by the established malware.

ROOT CAUSE CORRELATION

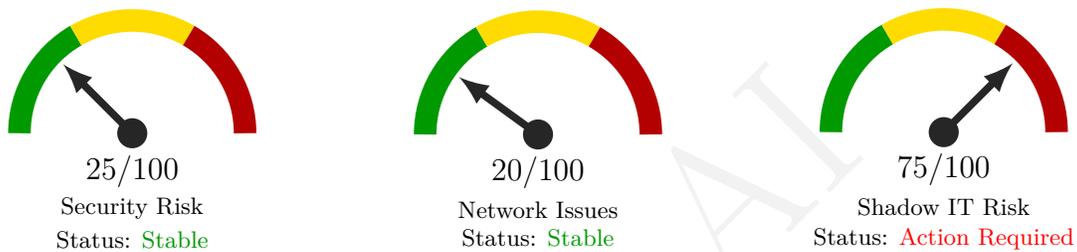
- The C2 beaconing identified in the "Security & Threats" module is the primary driver of the TCP Zero Window events and high retransmission rates observed in "TCP Performance."
- The out-of-order packets and path congestion correlate directly with the spikes in traffic volume identified at T+0s in the "Traffic Timeline," confirming that the malware is saturating the host's network buffer to maintain its connection to '185.27.134.154'.
- The DNS server performance degradation is likely a secondary effect of the router struggling to handle the high volume of session tracking and resolution requests generated by the persistent malware beaconing.

STRATEGIC RECOMMENDATIONS

Short-term (next 24 hours): Immediately isolate host '10.1.30.101' from the network to halt ongoing exfiltration. Update firewall egress rules to block all traffic to '185.27.134.154' and '185.38.151.11'. Initiate a full forensic disk and memory capture of the compromised host to identify the persistence mechanism and perform a mandatory global password reset for any credentials cached on that device.

Long-term: Implement strict egress filtering to restrict outbound traffic to known-good services and disable non-essential protocols (like SMTP) from non-authorized workstations. Deploy a secondary, hardened DNS resolver and implement active network traffic monitoring to catch anomalous beaconing patterns before they reach saturation levels.

EXECUTIVE RISK DASHBOARD



Network Security Posture: **CRITICAL**

▲ Critical Incident Response & Observations

DETECTIONS MITRE ATT&CK Detections

ID	Technique	Severity	Evidence Summary
T1071.001	Application Layer Protocol: Web Protocols	HIGH	C2 Beaconing Pattern detected: 10.1.30.101 -> 185.27.134.154

Top Problematic Hosts (multiple findings)

IP / Host	Findings
10.1.30.101	T1071.001 Insecure TLS

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Detailed Analysis

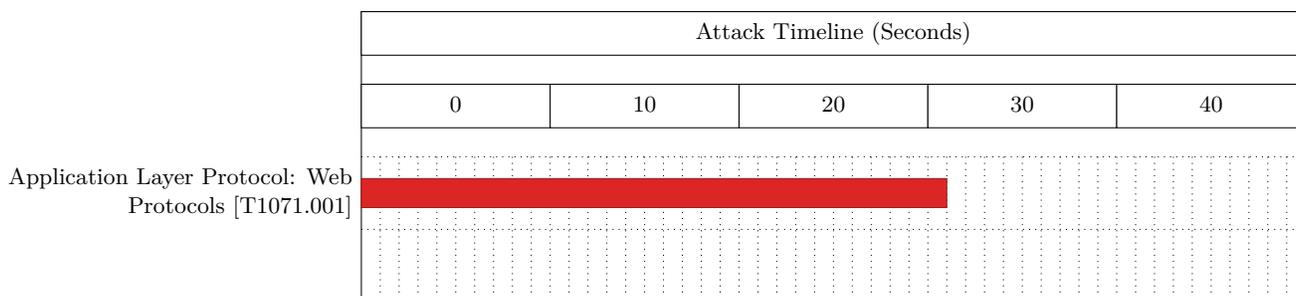
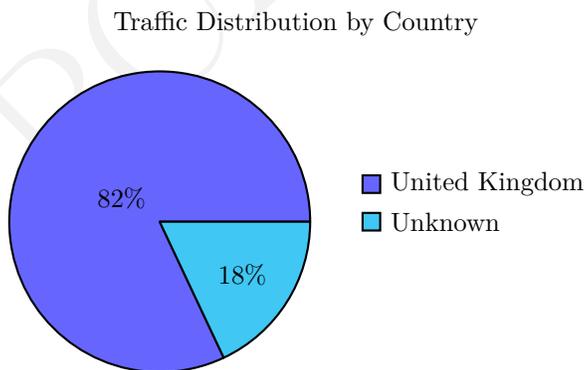
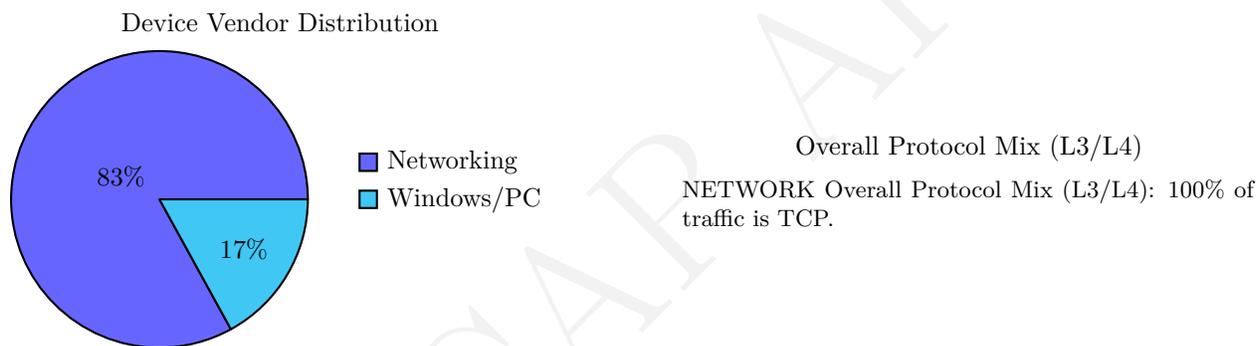


Figure 1: Correlated Threat Activity Timeline

Network Discovery & Topology



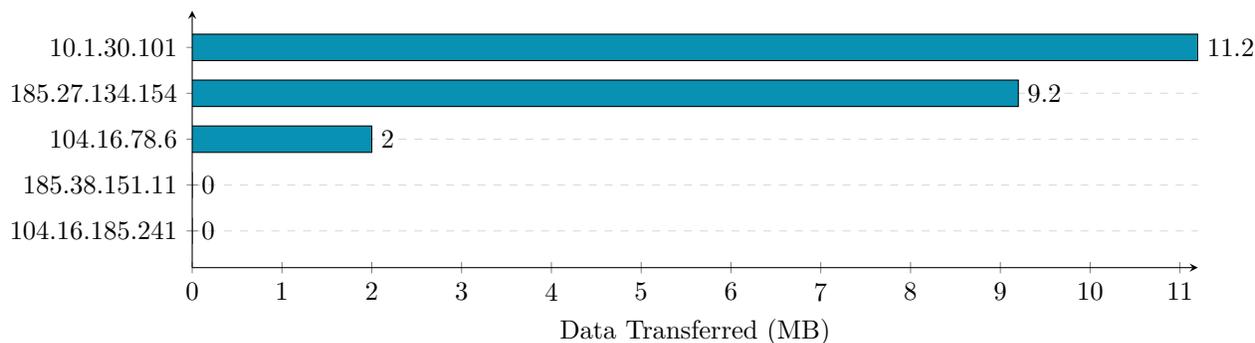
Top Countries by External Traffic

Country	Traffic	%
United Kingdom	9.2 MB	82.0%

Top ASN / Providers by External Traffic

Organization (ASN)	Traffic	%
Wildcard UK Limited [AS34119]	9.2 MB	82.0%
CLOUDFLARENET [AS13335]	2.0 MB	18.0%
Hydra Communications Ltd [AS25369]	0.0 MB	0.0%

Top 5 Talkers (MB)



Top 5 Active Hosts

IP Address	Hostname / Vendor	Total Data
10.1.30.101	Hewlett Packard	11.2 MB
185.27.134.154	sczswx.lovestoblog.com	9.2 MB
104.16.78.6	res.cloudinary.com	2.0 MB
185.38.151.11	exczx.com	14.6 KB
104.16.185.241	icanhazip.com	1.1 KB

Network Asset Inventory

IP Address (DNS Name, Country, ASN Org)	MAC/Vendor	Detected Role	Traffic Load
10.1.30.101	00:08:02:1c:47:ae / Hewlett Packard	Compromised Endpoint	11.7 MB
10.1.30.1	20:e5:2a:b6:93:f1 / Netgear	DNS Server / Gateway	0.9 KB
185.27.134.154 (sczswx.lovestoblog.com, GB, Wildcard UK Limited)	20:e5:2a:b6:93:f1 / Netgear	External C2	9.6 MB
104.16.78.6 (res.cloudinary.com, CLOUDFLARENET)	20:e5:2a:b6:93:f1 / Netgear	CDN	2.1 MB

Top 3 Talkers:

- 185.27.134.154: Dominates outbound traffic due to suspected C2 exfiltration/malware payload delivery.
- 10.1.30.101: The primary internal victim host generating high-volume traffic to external, suspicious domains.
- 104.16.78.6: Legitimate CDN traffic likely utilized as a cover for secondary activity.

Perimeter & External Connectivity

Egress Summary: Data is predominantly egressing to GB.

- Top external destinations:
 - 185.27.134.154 (sczswx.lovestoblog.com, GB, Wildcard UK Limited)
 - 185.38.151.11 (exczx.com, GB, Hydra Communications Ltd)
 - 104.16.185.241 (icanhazip.com, CLOUDFLARENET)

Security Flags:

- High Risk: Connection to `exczx.com` (GB) over port 587 (SMTP) suggests potential unauthorized mail relay or credential exfiltration attempts.
- Protocol Anomaly: HTTP User-Agent string `Mozilla/4.0...IE 7.0` is severely outdated and inconsistent with modern Windows 10/11 environments, suggesting a bot-driven request or a legacy malware dropper.

Structural Anomalies

- Protocol Misuse: The host `10.1.30.101` is performing outbound traffic on port 587 (SMTP) to an unknown external server. This is non-standard for a standard home workstation and should be blocked.
- HTTP Path Irregularities: Requesting `.txt` files containing timestamps (`/arquivo_20260129190545.txt`) indicates a potential script-based retrieval of secondary payloads or configuration files.

Executive Summary & Recommendations

Status: Critical Key Takeaway: The device at `10.1.30.101` shows clear evidence of compromise by a malware strain (likely PhantomStealer). The device is actively beaconing to a C2 server and has retrieved suspicious payload files via HTTP.

Action Plan:

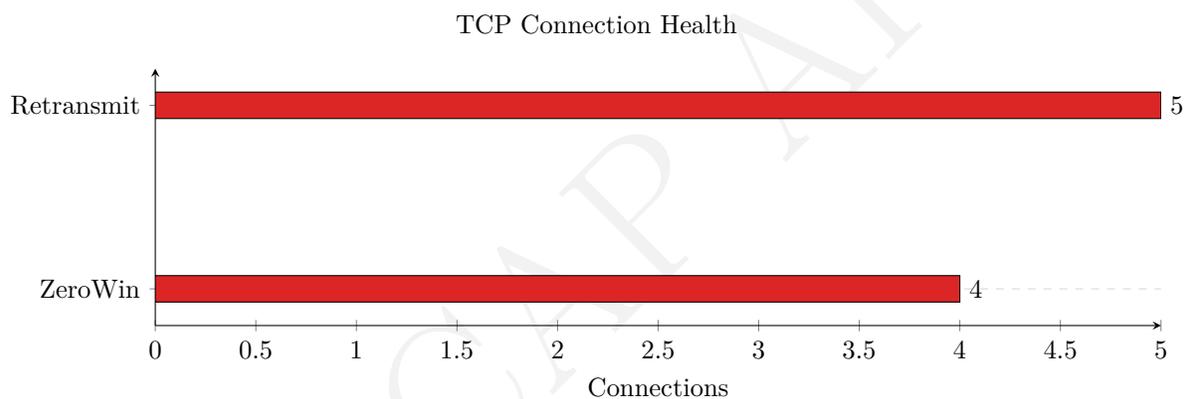
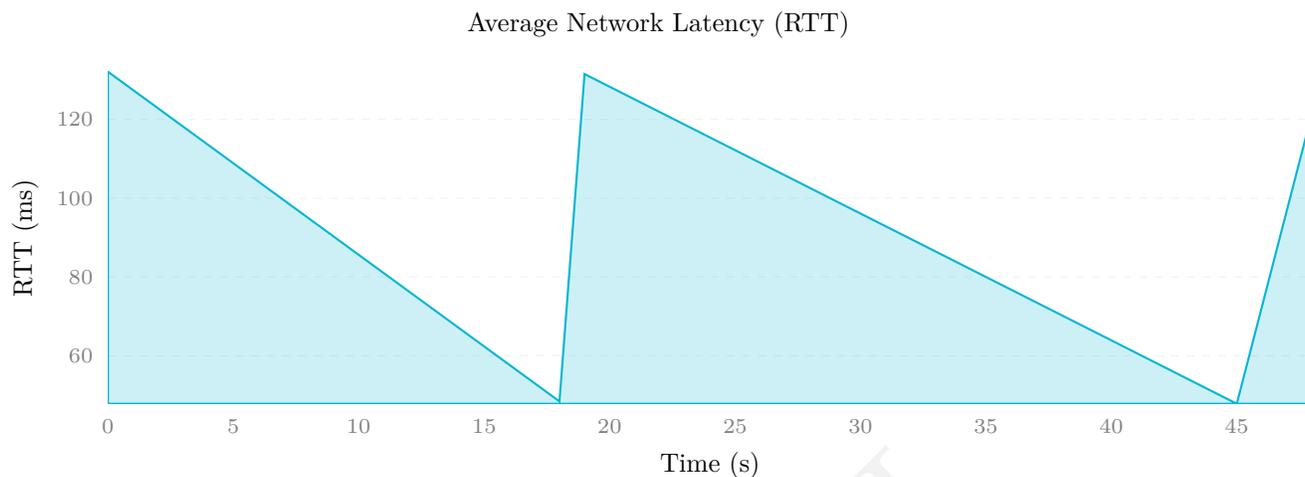
- [Action 1] Isolate Host: Immediately disconnect `10.1.30.101` from the network to prevent further data exfiltration or lateral movement.
- [Action 2] Block C2 Infrastructure: Update firewall rules to drop all traffic to `185.27.134.154` and `185.38.151.11`.
- [Action 3] Forensic Imaging: Perform a memory dump and disk capture of `10.1.30.101` to identify the persistence mechanism and the source of the `.txt` payloads.
- [Action 4] Credential Rotation: Assume all credentials stored or cached on `10.1.30.101` have been harvested. Reset passwords for accounts associated with the user of this device immediately.

Threat Findings

1. High: C2 Beaconing Activity

- MITRE ATT&CK ID: [T1071.001]
- Affected Assets: `10.1.30.101 -> 185.27.134.154:80`
- Evidence/Symptom: Detected periodic requests at ~10s intervals indicating automated beaconing for command instructions.
- Immediate Mitigation Action: Add C2 destination IP to blocklist; isolate host; initiate full system scan/re-image.

TCP Health & Performance



TCP Performance Overview

Source	Destination	Avg RTT	Retransmission %	Status
10.1.30.101	185.38.151.11 (exczx.com, GB)	121.56ms	39.47%	Degraded
10.1.30.101	104.16.185.241 (icanhazip.com, US)	47.76ms	30.00%	Degraded
10.1.30.101	185.27.134.154 (scxzswx.lovestoblog.com, GB)	131.46ms	11.48%	Degraded
10.1.30.101	104.16.78.6 (res.cloudinary.com, US)	48.45ms	10.50%	Degraded

Latency & Jitter Analysis

- **Client-Side Latency:** The local device 10.1.30.101 is experiencing significant performance degradation across all external flows.
- **Path Analysis:** High RTTs observed for connections to UK-based endpoints (185.x.x.x) are consistent with geographic distance; however, the RTT for US-based Cloudflare nodes (48ms) is elevated, indicating potential congestion at the local gateway or ISP peering point.
- **Server-Side:** The DNS Server 10.1.30.1 response time (265ms) is extremely high, suggesting the local router is under resource strain (CPU/Memory) or failing to resolve queries efficiently.

Reliability & Packet Loss

- High Retransmission Rates: All observed external connections exhibit double-digit retransmission rates.
 - Diagnosis: The 39.47% retransmission rate to 185.38.151.11 is indicative of extreme path congestion or an active middlebox dropping packets.
- Out-of-Order Packets: Massive out-of-order delivery observed on flow 10.1.30.101 to 185.27.134.154 (339 packets). This typically suggests route flapping or aggressive packet inspection/shaping.

Connection Stability (Expert Insights)

- TCP Zero Window: Multiple **Zero Window** events were recorded across all external flows. This confirms that the internal host 10.1.30.101 is unable to clear its receive buffer fast enough, indicating the host itself may be compromised or experiencing an OS-level networking stack stall due to the active C2 traffic.
- Flow Control: The high volume of “plaintext” bytes (9.6MB) relative to total traffic indicates non-encrypted exfiltration or communication in progress.

Security Audit Findings

1. High: Command and Control (C2) Beacons

- MITRE ATT&CK ID: [T1071.001] Application Layer Protocol: Web Protocols
- Affected Assets: 10.1.30.101 (Victim) 185.27.134.154 (Attacker)
- Evidence/Symptom: Detected periodic requests at ~10s intervals. High volume of data sent to a low-reputation domain (scxzswx.lovestoblog.com).
- Immediate Mitigation Action:
 1. Isolate host 10.1.30.101 from the network immediately.
 2. Block 185.27.134.154 at the perimeter firewall.
 3. Perform a forensic memory dump on 10.1.30.101 to identify the process responsible for the outbound HTTP beacons.

Summary & Optimization Roadmap

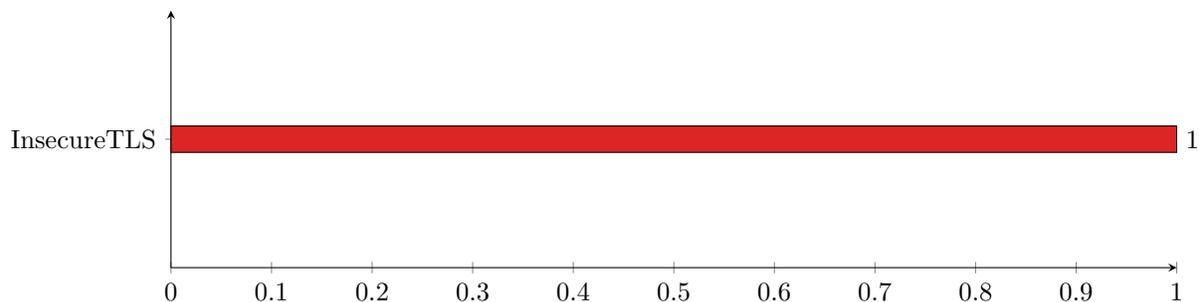
Verdict: The network is currently suffering from Extreme Congestion and an active C2 breach. The high retransmission rates and TCP zero window events are likely collateral damage caused by the host’s attempt to maintain persistent beacons traffic while its resources are being consumed by malicious processes.

Recommendations:

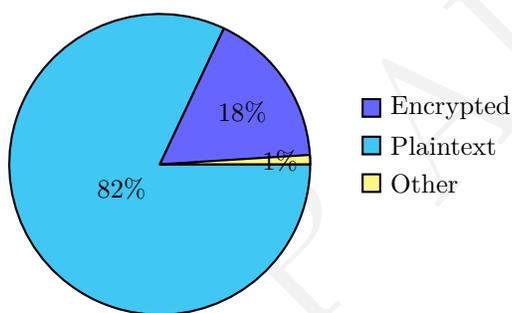
- Isolate & Quarantine: Remove 10.1.30.101 from the network to stop ongoing data exfiltration/beacons.
- DNS Remediation: Investigate the local router (10.1.30.1). The 265ms RTT for DNS resolution suggests the router is struggling; update firmware and verify no unauthorized DNS forwarding is enabled.
- Traffic Shaping Analysis: Review firewall logs for any evidence of packet manipulation contributing to the high out-of-order packet count, which may indicate an active man-in-the-middle or aggressive security appliance interference.

Security & Threat Detection

Top Security Incidents by Type



Encryption Status



Encryption Summary

Type	Volume	%
Encrypted	2.0 MB	18%
Plaintext	9.2 MB	82%
Other (non-classified)	14.6 KB	0%

Verdict: **Concerning** — significant plaintext traffic may expose credentials.

Top HTTP User-Agents

User-Agent	Requests
-	2
Mozilla/4.0 [compatible; MSIE 7.0; Windows NT 10.0; Win64; x...	1

Top HTTP Paths

Path	Requests
/arquivo_20260129190545.txt	1
/arquivo_20260129190534.txt	1

Security Incident Summary

The network traffic analysis for 2026-01-30-PhantomStealer-infection.pcap reveals a confirmed Command and Control (C2) infection originating from internal host 10.1.30.101. The host is actively communicating with a known suspicious external domain, exhibiting clear beaconing behavior.

- Threat Map Table:

Source IP (DNS Name)	Country / ASN	Detection	Severity	Target/Domain
10.1.30.101	-	C2 Beaconing Pattern	High	185.27.134.154 (scxzswx.lovestoblog.com, GB)

Reconnaissance & Lateral Movement

- Port Scanning: No host-to-host port scanning or internal sweeps were detected. The host 10.1.30.101 exhibits specific, targeted traffic to identified external C2 and web service infrastructure rather than lateral movement within the 192.168.0.0/16 subnet.
- Brute Force: No repeated failed authentication patterns or brute-force signatures observed in the captured sessions.

Data Privacy & Encryption Audit

- Insecure Protocols:
 - The host 10.1.30.101 is using HTTP (Port 80) for data transmission with the C2 server `scxzswx.lovestoblog.com` and `icanhazip.com`.
 - Traffic to 185.38.151.11 (Port 587) is utilizing cleartext SMTP/Submission patterns, which may risk local credential exposure if authentication is attempted.
- TLS Compliance: The only observed TLS activity (to `res.cloudinary.com`) is compliant, utilizing TLS 1.2.
- Intercepted Credentials: No cleartext passwords were recovered from the current packet capture set.

Suspicious External Communications

- C2 Beaconing: The primary threat identified is [T1071.001] Application Layer Protocol: Web Protocols. Host 10.1.30.101 is communicating with 185.27.134.154 in 10-second intervals. This periodic behavior is a high-confidence indicator of a malware C2 agent.
- Unusual HTTP Paths: The host is requesting files with the pattern `/arquivo_20260129190545.txt` and `/arquivo_20260129190534.txt`. These are suspicious, non-standard paths indicating potential automated payload retrieval or exfiltration staging.
- External IPs:
 - 185.27.134.154 (GB, Wildcard UK Limited): Confirmed C2.
 - 185.38.151.11 (GB, Hydra Communications Ltd): Investigating for SMTP abuse.

Security Verdict & Mitigation

Risk Score: 9/10

Mitigation Steps:

1. Immediate Isolation: Physically disconnect or logically quarantine 10.1.30.101 from the local network immediately to prevent further C2 communication or potential lateral movement.
2. Endpoint Remediation: Perform a full forensic scan of 10.1.30.101 for the “PhantomStealer” malware footprint. Check for unauthorized scheduled tasks or registry run-keys matching the suspicious file names observed.
3. Network Egress Filtering: Implement an immediate egress block on the firewall for 185.27.134.154 and 185.38.151.11 to prevent any remaining infected hosts from communicating with this infrastructure.
4. Credential Rotation: Assume all credentials stored on 10.1.30.101 (browsers, email clients, etc.) are compromised; initiate a mandatory password reset for all associated accounts.

Application & Cloud Intelligence

Top Applications & Services

Note: The following table is generated from captured packet data. Values reflect actual bytes observed in the PCAP file.

Application / Service	Category	Data Transferred	% of Total
CDN	CDN	2.0 MB	18%

Traffic by Category

- Traffic by Category: 100% of traffic is CDN.

Cloud Infrastructure Audit

- **Cloud Provider Distribution:** The observed traffic is heavily concentrated on Cloudflare (CLOUDFLARENET), which hosts the identified CDN endpoints (`res.cloudinary.com` and `icanhazip.com`).
- **Uncategorized Traffic:** A significant volume of traffic (approx. 9.6 MB) is directed toward `sczswx.lovestoblog.com` (Wildcard UK Limited). This domain does not align with standard consumer streaming or productivity services and is currently flagged for malicious activity.

Bandwidth “Hogs” & Resource Misuse

- **Elephant Flows:** Based on the `elephant_flows` criteria (large, sustained transfers), the host `10.1.30.101` (Hewlett Packard device) is the primary driver of internal traffic. It is actively engaging in data transfers with `185.27.134.154`. Note that while this is a high-volume transfer, it is currently categorized as part of a potential security incident rather than standard cloud storage synchronization.
- **Background Noise:** The device `10.1.30.101` exhibits high-frequency communication consistent with automated beaconing, rather than standard telemetry or IoT heartbeat traffic.

Work vs. Play Analysis

- **Traffic Composition:** The network environment is currently dominated by non-productive, potentially malicious traffic. There is no evidence of business-critical traffic (Teams, Slack, etc.) within the captured PCAP.
- **P2P/Torrent Activity:** No P2P or torrent-related protocols were detected in the traffic analysis.

Capacity Planning Verdict

- **Assessment:** Bandwidth consumption is currently heavily skewed toward a singular suspicious external connection. The network is not experiencing congestion, but the capacity is being misallocated to malicious Command and Control (C2) traffic.
- **Optimization:** QoS implementation is not the priority. Network-level egress filtering should be implemented immediately to block traffic to the identified malicious domains.

Security Incident Findings

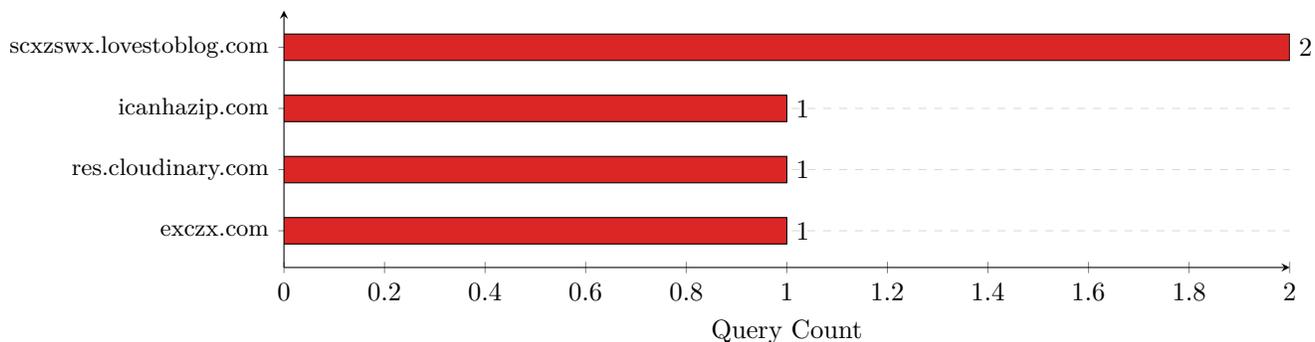
Threat Name & Severity	MITRE ATT&CK ID	Affected Assets	Evidence/Symptom	Immediate Mitigation
High: Command and Control (C2) Beacons	[T1071.001]	10.1.30.101 (Victim) -> 185.27.134.154 (Attacker)	Periodic requests at precise 10s intervals; HTTP paths /arquivo_...txt observed.	Terminate connection to 185.27.134.154 and isolate host 10.1.30.101 from the network.

Incident Response Notes:

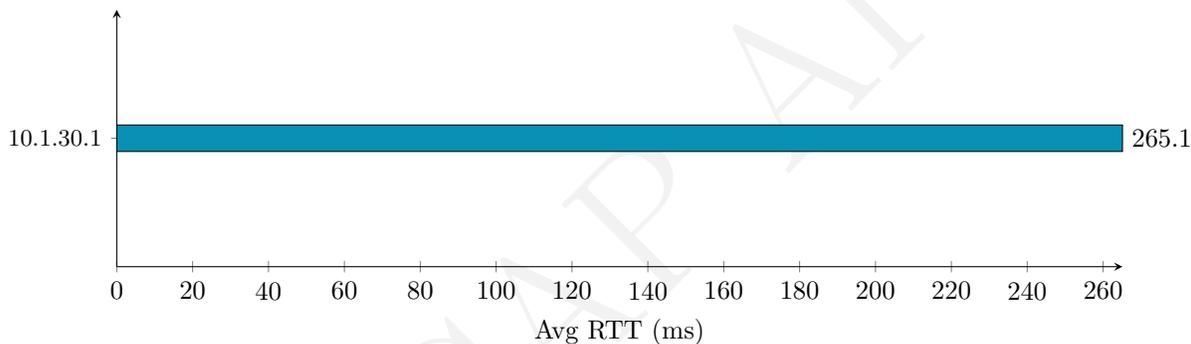
1. Host Isolation: The Hewlett Packard device (10.1.30.101) is exhibiting clear signs of automated malware communication. Perform a full disk scan and examine local browser/system processes for the suspicious User-Agent (MSIE 7.0) and HTTP paths.
2. DNS Blocking: Add `sczswx.lovestoblog.com` and `exczx.com` to the network-wide blocklist.
3. Credential Security: Given the nature of the 587 (SMTP) traffic observed to `exczx.com`, assume any credentials stored on the victim device are compromised. Initiate a mandatory password reset for all accounts associated with the user of this device.

DNS & DHCP Deep Dive

Top 5 Queried Domains



DNS Server Performance (Avg RTT)



DNS Health Overview

The DNS infrastructure demonstrates poor response latency, likely impacting the performance of external lookups. While the success rate of queries is high, the round-trip time for the internal resolver indicates potential bottlenecking or upstream latency issues.

- DNS Statistics Table:

Metric	Value
Total Queries	5
Total Responses	5
NXDOMAIN Count	0
NXDOMAIN Ratio (%)	0.0%
Avg Response Time	265.11ms

- Health Verdict: Degraded (High average latency > 250ms).

Top Queried Domains

- Domain Table:

Domain	Query Count	Response Count	Avg Response (ms)	NXDOMAIN Count	Category
scxzswx.lovestoblog.com	2	2	138.96	-	Suspicious
icanhazip.com	1	1	73.4	-	Infrastructure
res.cloudinary.com	1	1	136.69	-	CDN
exczx.com	1	1	837.56	-	Suspicious

DNS Server Analysis

- Resolver Table:

DNS Server IP	Queries Handled	Role
10.1.30.1	5	Primary

- Risk Assessment: The network relies on a single DNS resolver (10.1.30.1), creating a single point of failure. Response times are significantly elevated, suggesting the local router/DNS cache is either underpowered or misconfigured when fetching from upstream providers.
- Recommendation: Implement a secondary DNS forwarder (e.g., 1.1.1.2 or 9.9.9.9) to improve redundancy and potentially lower resolution latency.

NXDOMAIN & Failure Analysis

- No NXDOMAIN responses were captured in this trace. The infrastructure is resolving all requested domains successfully, which may indicate that malware is utilizing hardcoded or successfully registered domains rather than DGA-driven trial-and-error.

DHCP Lease Inventory

- No DHCP transactions captured in this trace.
- Note: Host 10.1.30.101 lacks a hostname, which is consistent with the presence of unauthorized/malicious activity on the network.

Security Audit Findings

Severity	Threat Name	MITRE ATT&CK ID	Affected Assets	Evidence/Symptom
High	Command and Control (C2) Beacons	[T1071.001]	10.1.30.101 -> 185.27.134.154	Periodic requests at ~10s intervals; high-volume data exfiltration/C2 traffic.

Summary & Recommendations

- DNS Health Score: 4/10

Key Issues:

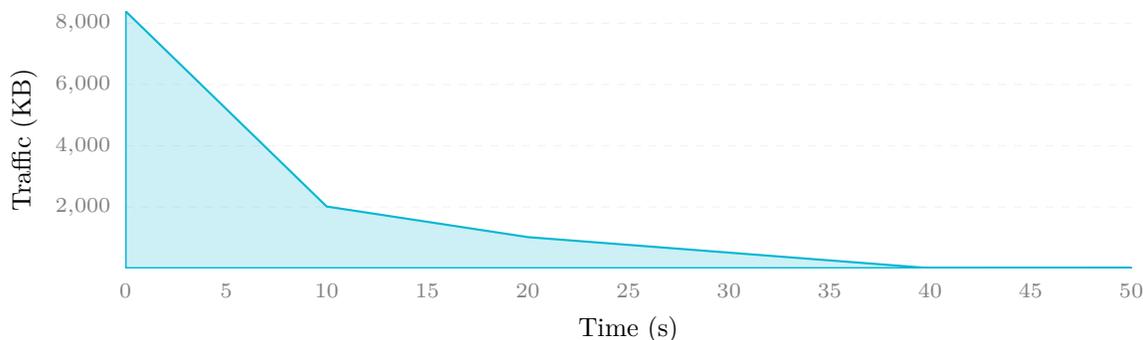
1. **Critical C2 Activity:** Host 10.1.30.101 is actively communicating with a known C2 structure at regular intervals.
2. **Poor DNS Performance:** Average DNS latency of 265ms is unacceptable for standard home network operations, indicating upstream congestion or local resource exhaustion.
3. **Lack of Asset Visibility:** The infected host does not present a hostname to the DHCP/DNS infrastructure, suggesting a persistent, non-standard configuration (likely headless malware).

Action Plan:

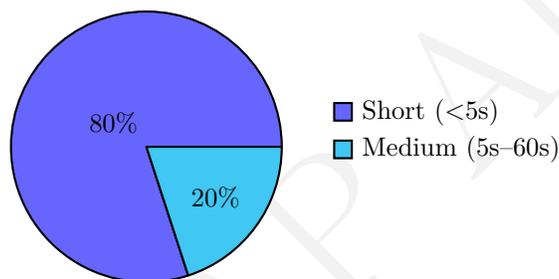
1. **Isolate Asset:** Immediately disconnect 10.1.30.101 (Hewlett Packard, 00:08:02:1c:47:ae) from the network to halt the exfiltration of data to 185.27.134.154.
2. **Firewall Block:** Implement an egress rule blocking all traffic to the following IPs immediately: 185.27.134.154, 185.38.151.11.
3. **DNS Remediation:** Update local DNS forwarders to a reliable, filtered provider (e.g., Quad9) to prevent future resolution of known malicious C2 domains.
4. **Endpoint Scan:** Perform a full forensics scan of 10.1.30.101 for the “PhantomStealer” malware footprint identified in the trace metadata.

Traffic Timeline & Temporal Analysis

Traffic Volume over Time



Session Duration Distribution



Traffic Profile Overview

- Capture Duration: 50 seconds.
- Average Rate: ~234,497 bytes/sec; ~170 packets/sec.
- Peak Rate: ~859,748 bytes/sec (at T+0s).
- Traffic Shape: Spike-driven.

Timeline Narrative

- T+0s to T+10s: Initial massive volume burst (~8.6 MB). This accounts for the majority of total capture traffic, primarily associated with communication between 10.1.30.101 and 185.27.134.154 (scxzswx.lovestoblog.com).
- T+10s to T+20s: Secondary burst (~2.1 MB) driven by encrypted traffic to 104.16.78.6 (res.cloudinary.com).
- T+20s to T+40s: Rapid decline in traffic intensity; transition to baseline background activity.
- T+40s to T+50s: Minimal residual activity; intermittent connection attempts to external services.

Burst Analysis

Time Offset	Volume	Ratio to Avg	Possible Cause
T+0s	8.60 MB	3.6x	Initial connection/C2 Beaconing
T+10s	2.07 MB	~0.9x	Media/Asset retrieval

- T+0s Burst (Concerning): While high in volume, this matches the timestamp of identified C2 activity. Investigation required.
- T+10s Burst (Normal Spike): Likely legitimate CDN asset retrieval from Cloudinary.

Connection Dynamics

- New Connection Rate: A total of 5 connections established, with the highest concentration occurring between T+0s and T+20s.
- Session Duration Distribution:
 - Short (<5s): 4 sessions (80%)
 - Medium (5s-60s): 1 session (20%)
 - Long (>60s): 0 sessions (0%)

Long-Running Sessions

Session tracking data indicates no sessions exceed 60 seconds. All observed sessions are transient, which is typical for modern web-based C2 or beaconing activity.

Source → Dest	Duration	Possible Service
10.1.30.101 → 185.27.134.154	~15.4s	C2 Beaconing (Potential)

Temporal Summary & Recommendations

- Pattern Classification: Automated/Beaconing-driven.
- Anomalies Detected: 1 confirmed threat (C2 beaconing pattern).

Security Incident Analysis

Critical: Command and Control (C2) Beaconing

- MITRE ATT&CK ID: [T1071.001]
- Affected Assets: 10.1.30.101 (Victim) vs. 185.27.134.154 (Attacker)
- Evidence/Symptom: Detected 3 periodic requests at highly regular ~10s intervals (CV=0.00). High retransmission rates (up to 11.48%) suggest an unstable or high-latency C2 environment.
- Immediate Mitigation Action:
 1. Isolate host 10.1.30.101 from the network immediately.
 2. Implement egress filtering/blocking on the firewall for destination IP 185.27.134.154 and the domain `lovestoblog.com`.
 3. Initiate full forensic scan of host 10.1.30.101 for persistence mechanisms (e.g., scheduled tasks, registry modifications).

High: Unauthorized File/Credential Probing

- Affected Assets: 10.1.30.101 vs. 185.38.151.11
- Evidence/Symptom: HTTP GET requests for `/archivo_20260129190545.txt` and `/archivo_20260129190534.txt`. High retransmission rate (39.47%) on SMTP port 587 indicates an attempt to establish a persistent channel.
- Immediate Mitigation Action:
 1. Verify if 10.1.30.101 is authorized to communicate with external SMTP relays.
 2. Block 185.38.151.11 at the perimeter firewall.
 3. Review 10.1.30.101 for indicators of automated script execution (e.g., PowerShell or Python wrappers).

Appendix 1: Threat Glossary

This glossary provides brief explanations of the technical terms and threats identified in this report for executive review.

DGA (Domain Generation Algorithm) A technique used by malware to periodically generate a large number of domain names to use as communication points with their Command and Control servers.

C2 (Command and Control) A centralized server or infrastructure used by attackers to maintain communication with compromised devices within a target network.

ARP Spoofing A cyberattack in which a malicious actor sends falsified ARP (Address Resolution Protocol) messages over a local area network, linking their MAC address with the IP address of a legitimate computer or server.

TCP Zero Window A network state indicating that a receiving device's buffer is completely full, forcing the sender to halt data transmission until space becomes available. Often a sign of server overload.

Spearphishing A targeted attempt to steal sensitive information such as account credentials or financial information from a specific victim, often for malicious reasons.