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Abstract

In a world where the cyber threat has never been higher¹², getting to know the adversary is more important than ever. While traditional computer security technologies strive to keep insiders outside the perimeter they defend, honeypots try at all cost to be the primary targets of cyber attacks. They attempt not only to detect these last but also to collect useful information about the black hat community. This thesis aims at defining strong frameworks to create and monitor efficiently the limitless technology that honeypots represent. Through two practical implementations, these frameworks will be used to create two different type of these devices. A first low interaction honeypot will simulate Microsoft's remote desktop protocol for both detection and research. The second is a medium interaction research one feigning an Elastic stack deployment. Relying on the elaborated powerful monitoring framework, efficient strategies will be elaborated using industry IT toolkit to ensure the proper monitoring of these security tools, thus drastically reducing the risk which is too often unfairly associated with them. The data accumulated by these two deployments will show that in a short amount of time, a significant quantity of valuable information, not only for the research community but also for the corporate world, can already be collected by these devices, pointing to their promising future.

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List of Acronyms and Abbreviations

API	Application Programming Interface
ARP	Address Resolution Protocol
ASN	Autonomous System Number
AS	Autonomous System
AV	Antivirus
BYOD	Bring your own Device
CAIDA	Center for Applied Internet Data Analysis
CA	Certificate Authority
CEST	Central European Summer Time
CLI	Command-Line Interface
CSP	Cloud Service Provider
DNS	Domain Name System
DoS	Denial-of-Service
FTP	File Transfer Protocol
GUI	Graphical User Interface
HTTPS	Hypertext Transfer Protocol Secure
HTTP	Hypertext Transfer Protocol
HaaS	Honeypot as a Service
IC3	Internet Crime Complaint Center
IDS	Intrusion Detection System
IP	Internet Protocol
IQR	Interquartile Range
ISP	Internet Service Provider
ITU-T	ITU Telecommunication Standardization Sector
ITU	International Telecommunication Union
IT	Information Technology
IaaS	Infrastructure as a Service
IoT	Internet of Things
L&M	Logging and Monitoring
MFA	Multi-Factor Authentication

NIB	National Internet Backbone
NIST	National Institute of Standards and Technology
OS	Operating System
PDF	Portable Document Format
PNG	Portable Network Graphics
RDP	Remote Desktop Protocol
REST	Representational State Transfer
SME	Small and Medium-Sized Enterprise
SMS	Short Message Service
SMTP	Simple Mail Transfer Protocol
SSH	Secure Shell
SSL	Secure Sockets Layer
TPDU	Transport Protocol Data Units
TPKT	Transport Packet
URL	Uniform Resource Locator
VM	Virtual Machine
VPN	Virtual Private Network
XDR	Extended Detection and Response

Appendices

A.1 Cisco Laboratory Network Architecture

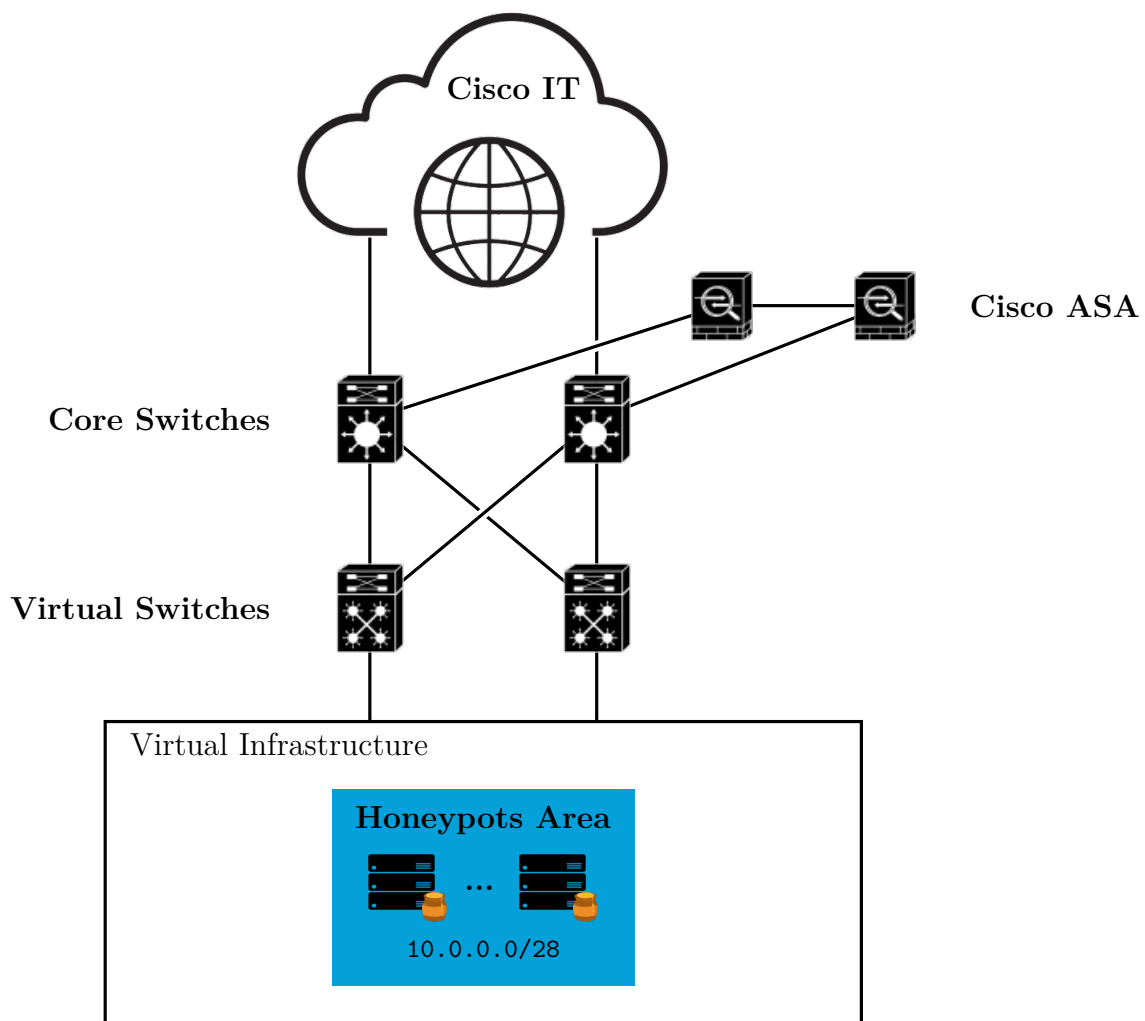


FIGURE A.1.1

Global overview of the Cisco laboratory from Diegem and the placement of the honeypots deployed for this thesis (blue zone). Cisco is its own network provider, managed by Cisco IT which handles most of the network security. Two Cisco Adaptive Security Appliance (ASA) are however also present in the lab infrastructure for this purpose.

A.2 University of Liège Network Architecture

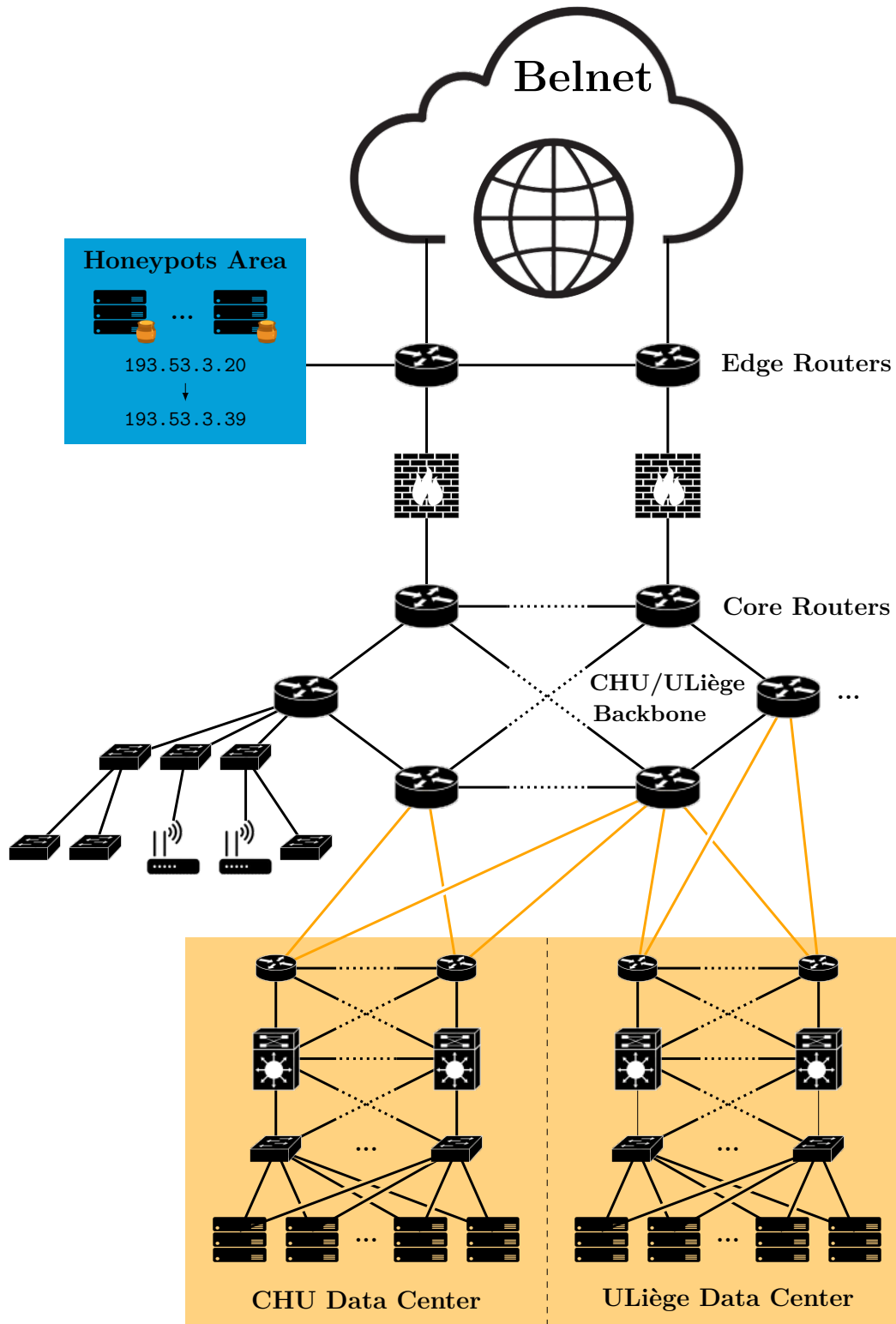


FIGURE A.2.1

Global overview of the university of Liège network and the placement of the honeypots deployed for this thesis (blue zone). Only one LAN has been illustrated here but each of the router in the backbone can be attached to several of them. The dotted lines illustrate that the exact number of devices is not represented on this diagram. In orange are voluntarily depicted ULiège's data center area and their interconnections in the university network.

A.3 University of Liège's Centralized Log Management Infrastructure

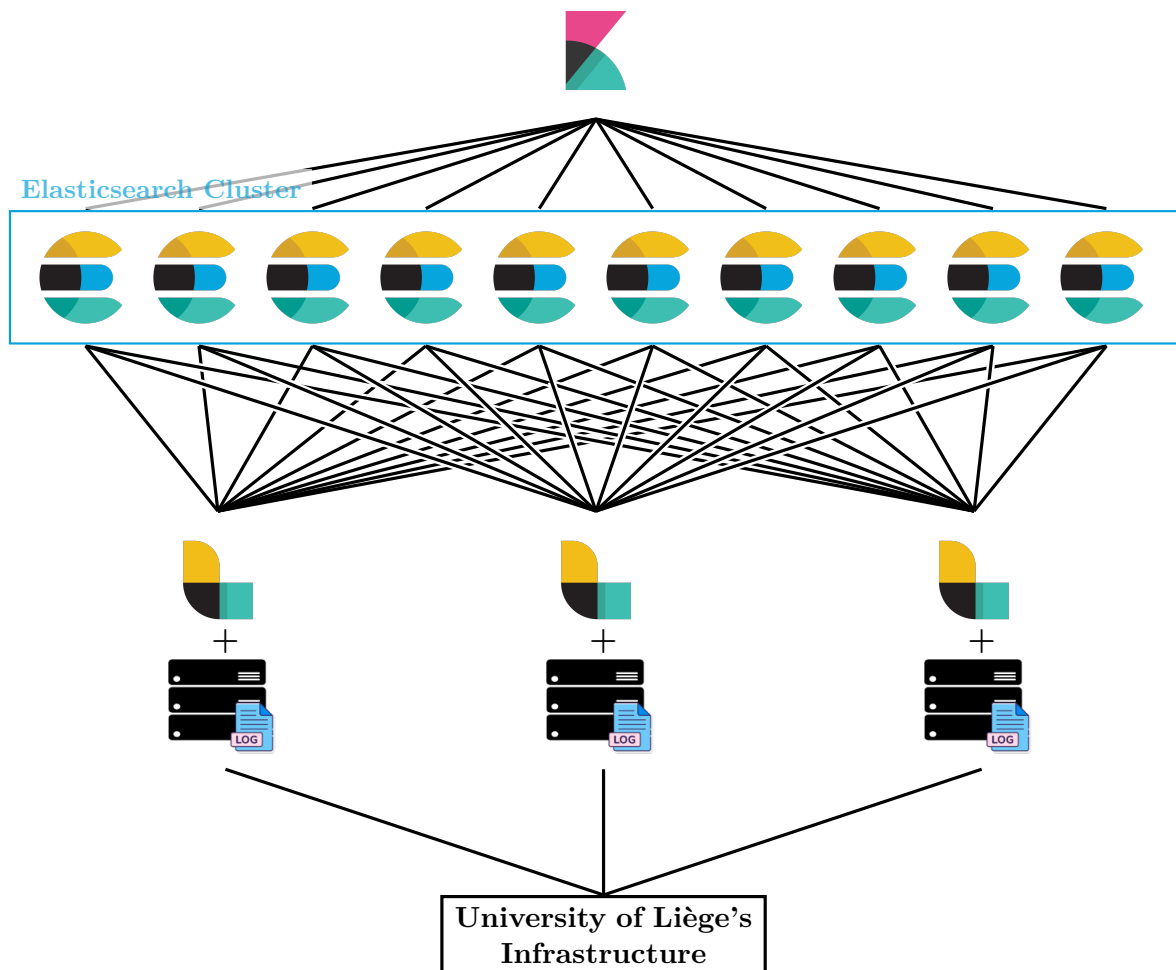


FIGURE A.3.1

Global overview of the university of Liège ELK stack deployments. Each of the syslog servers (using Rsyslog, *a.k.a.* the rocket-fast system for log processing) is fed with logs coming from devices and applications of the university of Liège's infrastructure. Logstash crawl the logs in these servers, collecting the ones matching its configured rules, reformatting them and sending them to the Elasticsearch cluster (framed in blue). This cluster is made of 10 Elasticsearch nodes storing the collected infrastructure logs, 5 placed in ULiège's data center and the 5 other in the CHU one (*cf.* FIGURE A.2.1). Finally, the single Kibana node connects to each node of the Elasticsearch cluster, offering the user friendly interface of the centralized log management infrastructure.

Data Analysis Details

B.1 Identified IP Sub-networks

Subnets	IP Address	Proportion of IP Addresses
5.253.204.0/24	5.253.204.105, 5.253.204.139	2.19%
103.128.0.0/9	103.197.196.238, 103.136.83.233	1.46%
181.214.206.0/24	181.214.206.102, 181.214.206.113, 181.214.206.131, 181.214.206.155, 181.214.206.163, 181.214.206.174, 181.214.206.185, 181.214.206.186, 181.214.206.187, 181.214.206.191, 181.214.206.200, 181.214.206.204, 181.214.206.212, 181.214.206.236, 181.214.206.243, 181.214.206.70, 181.214.206.93	12.409%
192.241.208.0/20	192.241.211.225, 192.241.212.173, 192.241.220.232, 192.241.221.151, 192.241.222.113, 192.241.222.195, 192.241.223.182, 192.241.213.94, 192.241.222.69, 192.241.223.13	7.299%
104.152.52.96/27	104.152.52.101, 104.152.52.124	1.46%
212.102.32.0/19	212.102.34.247, 212.102.35.12, 212.102.35.135, 212.102.35.139, 212.102.35.142, 212.102.35.146, 212.102.35.152, 212.102.35.153, 212.102.35.29, 212.102.35.30, 212.102.57.214	8.029%
36.93.18.216/29	36.93.18.219, 36.93.18.220	1.46%
45.144.0.0/12	45.146.164.28, 45.155.204.28	1.46%
45.93.201.0/24	45.93.201.224, 45.93.201.29	1.46%
91.128.0.0/9	91.188.10.146, 91.222.246.75	1.46%

117.224.0.0/11	117.239.226.89, 117.254.110.10, 117.254.110.11, 117.254.110.12, 117.254.110.13, 117.254.110.14, 117.254.110.15, 117.254.110.16, 117.254.110.17, 117.254.110.18, 117.254.110.19, 117.254.110.20, 117.254.110.21, 117.254.110.22, 117.254.110.23, 117.254.110.24, 117.254.110.25, 117.254.110.26, 117.254.110.27, 117.254.110.28, 117.254.110.29, 117.254.110.30, 117.254.110.31, 117.254.110.32, 117.254.110.33, 117.254.110.34, 117.254.110.35, 117.254.110.36, 117.254.110.37, 117.254.110.38, 117.254.110.39, 117.254.110.40, 117.254.110.41, 117.254.110.42, 117.254.110.43, 117.254.110.44, 117.254.110.45, 117.254.110.46, 117.254.110.47, 117.254.110.48, 117.254.110.49, 117.254.110.50, 117.254.110.51, 117.254.110.52, 117.254.110.53, 117.254.110.7, 117.254.110.8, 117.254.110.9	35.036%
185.192.0.0/11	185.193.56.25, 185.222.56.78	1.46%
191.96.168.0/24	191.96.168.176, 191.96.168.192, 191.96.168.197, 191.96.168.226, 191.96.168.254, 191.96.168.87, 191.96.168.90, 191.96.168.99	6.569%
195.78.54.0/24	195.78.54.185, 195.78.54.223, 195.78.54.225, 195.78.54.252, 195.78.54.88	4.38%

TABLE B.1.1

Identified sub-networks in the data set collected by the RDP honeypot placed in the public Internet and the respective list of IP addresses used to identify them. These sub-networks has been derived from the IP addresses having initiated a connection with the honeypot.

Subnets	IP Address	Proportion of IP Addresses
192.241.192.0/18	192.241.213.19, 192.241.222.143, 192.241.214.115, 192.241.212.81, 192.241.225.67, 192.241.225.180, 192.241.222.155, 192.241.222.91, 192.241.214.251, 192.241.213.83, 192.241.214.25, 192.241.215.230, 192.241.213.56, 192.241.212.70, 192.241.224.90, 192.241.225.82, 192.241.214.10, 192.241.226.93, 192.241.226.127, 192.241.212.191, 192.241.223.144, 192.241.202.128, 192.241.217.171, 192.241.218.80, 192.241.218.109, 192.241.216.216, 192.241.211.140, 192.241.216.163, 192.241.213.107, 192.241.223.56, 192.241.214.247, 192.241.219.60, 192.241.213.115, 192.241.219.83, 192.241.220.48, 192.241.219.66	92.308%
104.152.52.0/24	104.152.52.101, 104.152.52.153	5.128%

TABLE B.1.2

Identified sub-networks in the data set collected by the Elasticsearch node 1 of the Elastic honeypot placed in the public Internet and the respective list of IP addresses used to identify them. These sub-networks has been derived from the IP addresses having initiated a connection with the honeypot.

Subnets	IP Address	Proportion of IP Addresses
5.128.0.0/9	5.253.204.105, 5.187.49.188	2.439%
104.152.52.0/24	104.152.52.101, 104.152.52.153	2.439%
35.192.0.0/10	35.195.93.98, 35.233.62.116	2.439%

192.241.192.0/18	192.241.202.128, 192.241.207.140, 192.241.211.140, 192.241.211.188, 192.241.212.191, 192.241.212.219, 192.241.212.220, 192.241.213.107, 192.241.213.115, 192.241.213.194, 192.241.213.196, 192.241.214.115, 192.241.214.186, 192.241.214.247, 192.241.214.251, 192.241.215.106, 192.241.215.230, 192.241.216.163, 192.241.216.216, 192.241.217.104, 192.241.217.118, 192.241.217.133, 192.241.217.171, 192.241.218.109, 192.241.220.132, 192.241.220.201, 192.241.220.225, 192.241.221.137, 192.241.221.149, 192.241.222.155, 192.241.222.177, 192.241.222.231, 192.241.222.234, 192.241.223.144, 192.241.224.156, 192.241.224.198, 192.241.225.142, 192.241.225.146, 192.241.225.163, 192.241.225.180, 192.241.226.127, 192.241.212.70, 192.241.212.76, 192.241.212.81, 192.241.213.19, 192.241.213.35, 192.241.213.56, 192.241.213.83, 192.241.214.10, 192.241.214.25, 192.241.216.53, 192.241.216.55, 192.241.216.76, 192.241.218.16, 192.241.218.80, 192.241.219.60, 192.241.219.66, 192.241.219.83, 192.241.220.4, 192.241.220.48, 192.241.221.54, 192.241.222.91, 192.241.223.44, 192.241.223.56, 192.241.223.96, 192.241.224.53, 192.241.224.90, 192.241.225.67, 192.241.225.82, 192.241.226.24, 192.241.226.52, 192.241.226.93	87.805%
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TABLE B.1.3

Identified sub-networks in the data set collected by the Elasticsearch node 2 of the Elastic honeypot placed in the public Internet and the respective list of IP addresses used to identify them. These sub-networks has been derived from the IP addresses having initiated a connection with the honeypot.

Subnets	IP Address	Proportion of IP Addresses
5.184.0.0/13	5.187.189.246, 5.188.210.227	2.632%

192.241.192.0/18	192.241.207.235, 192.241.208.242, 192.241.211.133, 192.241.212.102, 192.241.212.113, 192.241.212.134, 192.241.212.160, 192.241.212.219, 192.241.212.227, 192.241.212.230, 192.241.213.143, 192.241.214.222, 192.241.214.239, 192.241.216.128, 192.241.217.154, 192.241.217.227, 192.241.219.213, 192.241.222.113, 192.241.222.195, 192.241.223.101, 192.241.223.202, 192.241.223.207, 192.241.224.191, 192.241.225.100, 192.241.225.224, 192.241.225.240, 192.241.192.34, 192.241.196.83, 192.241.209.85, 192.241.212.70, 192.241.212.75, 192.241.212.97, 192.241.213.19, 192.241.213.80, 192.241.214.40, 192.241.214.50, 192.241.214.65, 192.241.215.35, 192.241.216.32, 192.241.220.12, 192.241.221.43, 192.241.222.4, 192.241.222.90, 192.241.223.11, 192.241.223.55, 192.241.223.66, 192.241.223.72, 192.241.224.61, 192.241.224.67, 192.241.225.16, 192.241.225.29, 192.241.225.56, 192.241.225.67, 192.241.226.62, 192.241.226.77	72.368%
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TABLE B.1.4

Identified sub-networks in the data set collected by the Kibana node of the Elastic honeypot placed in the public Internet and the respective list of IP addresses used to identify them. These sub-networks has been derived from the IP addresses having initiated a connection with the honeypot.

B.2 Identified Autonomous Systems

AS Number	IP Addresses	IP Address Count	Proportion of IP Addresses
174	191.96.168.176, 191.96.168.192, 191.96.168.197, 191.96.168.226, 191.96.168.254, 191.96.168.87, 191.96.168.90, 191.96.168.99, 191.96.185.224, 195.78.54.185, 195.78.54.223, 195.78.54.225, 195.78.54.252, 195.78.54.88	14	10.219%

3257	181.214.206.102, 181.214.206.113, 181.214.206.131, 181.214.206.155, 181.214.206.163, 181.214.206.174, 181.214.206.185, 181.214.206.186, 181.214.206.187, 181.214.206.191, 181.214.206.200, 181.214.206.204, 181.214.206.212, 181.214.206.236, 181.214.206.243, 181.214.206.70, 181.214.206.93	17	12.409%
3269	80.21.180.50	1	0.73%
3462	220.128.240.221	1	0.73%
4192	129.150.99.216	1	0.73%
5384	2.50.147.164	1	0.73%
7713	36.93.18.219, 36.93.18.220	2	1.46%
7922	50.215.30.198	1	0.73%
8151	187.195.37.141, 201.103.58.1	2	1.46%
8452	41.41.117.44	1	0.73%
9009	5.253.204.105, 5.253.204.139	2	1.46%
14987	104.152.52.101, 104.152.52.124	2	1.46%
15924	195.87.254.102	1	0.73%
17623	112.91.139.237	1	0.73%
24560	106.214.116.85	1	0.73%
36352	107.172.13.161, 198.23.149.111, 23.94.255.80	3	2.19%
42398	185.193.56.25	1	0.73%
43279	91.188.10.146	1	0.73%
45102	8.214.18.137	1	0.73%
45769	114.79.151.170	1	0.73%
49505	45.146.164.28, 45.155.204.28	2	1.46%
50340	45.93.201.224, 45.93.201.29	2	1.46%
51167	207.180.210.75	1	0.73%
51447	185.222.56.78	1	0.73%
52180	91.222.246.75	1	0.73%
60068	212.102.34.247	1	0.73%
134714	103.197.196.238	1	0.73%
137678	103.136.83.233	1	0.73%
208091	87.251.75.64, 94.232.42.169	2	1.46%
211632	5.181.86.17	1	0.73%

9829	117.239.226.89, 117.254.110.10, 117.254.110.11, 117.254.110.12, 117.254.110.13, 117.254.110.14, 117.254.110.15, 117.254.110.16, 117.254.110.17, 117.254.110.18, 117.254.110.19, 117.254.110.20, 117.254.110.21, 117.254.110.22, 117.254.110.23, 117.254.110.24, 117.254.110.25, 117.254.110.26, 117.254.110.27, 117.254.110.28, 117.254.110.29, 117.254.110.30, 117.254.110.31, 117.254.110.32, 117.254.110.33, 117.254.110.34, 117.254.110.35, 117.254.110.36, 117.254.110.37, 117.254.110.38, 117.254.110.39, 117.254.110.40, 117.254.110.41, 117.254.110.42, 117.254.110.43, 117.254.110.44, 117.254.110.45, 117.254.110.46, 117.254.110.47, 117.254.110.48, 117.254.110.49, 117.254.110.50, 117.254.110.51, 117.254.110.52, 117.254.110.53, 117.254.110.7, 117.254.110.8, 117.254.110.9	48	35.036%
14061	192.241.211.225, 192.241.212.173, 192.241.220.232, 192.241.221.151, 192.241.222.113, 192.241.222.195, 192.241.223.182, 164.92.202.31, 192.241.213.94, 192.241.222.69, 192.241.223.13	11	8.029%
212238	212.102.35.12, 212.102.35.135, 212.102.35.139, 212.102.35.142, 212.102.35.146, 212.102.35.152, 212.102.35.153, 212.102.35.29, 212.102.35.30, 212.102.57.214	10	7.299%

TABLE B.2.1

Identified autonomous system numbers for the IP addresses in the data set collected by the RDP honeypot placed in the public Internet.

AS Number	IP Addresses	IP Address Count	Proportion of IP Addresses
14061	192.241.213.19, 192.241.222.143, 192.241.214.115, 192.241.212.81, 192.241.225.67, 192.241.225.180, 192.241.222.155, 192.241.222.91, 192.241.214.251, 192.241.213.83, 192.241.214.25, 192.241.215.230, 192.241.213.56, 192.241.212.70, 192.241.224.90, 192.241.225.82, 192.241.214.10, 192.241.226.93, 192.241.226.127, 192.241.212.191, 192.241.223.144, 192.241.202.128, 192.241.217.171, 192.241.218.80, 198.199.114.60, 192.241.218.109, 192.241.216.216, 192.241.211.140, 192.241.216.163, 192.241.213.107, 192.241.223.56, 192.241.214.247, 192.241.219.60, 192.241.213.115, 192.241.219.83, 192.241.220.48, 192.241.219.66	37	94.872%
14987	104.152.52.101, 104.152.52.153	2	5.128%

TABLE B.2.2

Identified autonomous system numbers for the IP addresses in the data set collected by the Elasticsearch node 1 of the Elastic honeypot placed in the public Internet.

AS Number	IP Addresses	IP Address Count	Proportion of IP Addresses
9009	5.253.204.105	1	1.22%
10439	66.240.192.138	1	1.22%
14987	104.152.52.101, 104.152.52.153	2	2.439%
15169	34.140.248.32, 35.233.62.116	2	2.439%
56048	223.71.167.163	1	1.22%
197155	5.187.49.188	1	1.22%
396982	35.195.93.98	1	1.22%

14061	192.241.202.128, 192.241.207.140, 192.241.211.140, 192.241.211.188, 192.241.212.191, 192.241.212.219, 192.241.212.220, 192.241.213.107, 192.241.213.115, 192.241.213.194, 192.241.213.196, 192.241.214.115, 192.241.214.186, 192.241.214.247, 192.241.214.251, 192.241.215.106, 192.241.215.230, 192.241.216.163, 192.241.216.216, 192.241.217.104, 192.241.217.118, 192.241.217.133, 192.241.217.171, 192.241.218.109, 192.241.220.132, 192.241.220.201, 192.241.220.225, 192.241.221.137, 192.241.221.149, 192.241.222.155, 192.241.222.177, 192.241.222.231, 192.241.222.234, 192.241.223.144, 192.241.224.156, 192.241.224.198, 192.241.225.142, 192.241.225.146, 192.241.225.163, 192.241.225.180, 192.241.226.127, 192.241.212.70, 192.241.212.76, 192.241.212.81, 192.241.213.19, 192.241.213.35, 192.241.213.56, 192.241.213.83, 192.241.214.10, 192.241.214.25, 192.241.216.53, 192.241.216.55, 192.241.216.76, 192.241.218.16, 192.241.218.80, 192.241.219.60, 192.241.219.66, 192.241.219.83, 192.241.220.4, 192.241.220.48, 192.241.221.54, 192.241.222.91, 192.241.223.44, 192.241.223.56, 192.241.223.96, 192.241.224.53, 192.241.224.90, 192.241.225.67, 192.241.225.82, 192.241.226.24, 192.241.226.52, 192.241.226.93, 198.199.114.60	73	89.024%
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TABLE B.2.3

Identified autonomous system numbers for the IP addresses in the data set collected by the Elasticsearch node 2 of the Elastic honeypot placed in the public Internet.

AS Number	IP Addresses	IP Address Count	Proportion of IP Addresses
4134	113.103.80.48, 123.52.172.151, 171.13.39.193	3	3.947%
5466	86.42.233.73	1	1.316%

5483	5.187.189.246	1	1.316%
6939	184.105.139.67	1	1.316%
9121	194.54.56.42	1	1.316%
10292	208.138.25.30	1	1.316%
14061	192.241.207.235, 192.241.208.242, 192.241.211.133, 192.241.212.102, 192.241.212.113, 192.241.212.134, 192.241.212.160, 192.241.212.219, 192.241.212.227, 192.241.212.230, 192.241.213.143, 192.241.214.222, 192.241.214.239, 192.241.216.128, 192.241.217.154, 192.241.217.227, 192.241.219.213, 192.241.222.113, 192.241.222.195, 192.241.223.101, 192.241.223.202, 192.241.223.207, 192.241.224.191, 192.241.225.100, 192.241.225.224, 192.241.225.240, 198.199.113.212, 192.241.192.34, 192.241.196.83, 192.241.209.85, 192.241.212.70, 192.241.212.75, 192.241.212.97, 192.241.213.19, 192.241.213.80, 192.241.214.40, 192.241.214.50, 192.241.214.65, 192.241.215.35, 192.241.216.32, 192.241.220.12, 192.241.221.43, 192.241.222.4, 192.241.222.90, 192.241.223.11, 192.241.223.55, 192.241.223.66, 192.241.223.72, 192.241.224.61, 192.241.224.67, 192.241.225.16, 192.241.225.29, 192.241.225.56, 192.241.225.67, 192.241.226.62, 192.241.226.77	56	73.684%
14618	44.202.76.90	1	1.316%
14987	104.152.52.124	1	1.316%
34665	5.188.210.227	1	1.316%
40913	208.93.152.31	1	1.316%
49505	45.155.204.146	1	1.316%
49544	185.189.182.234	1	1.316%
50113	185.40.4.96	1	1.316%
56040	120.239.150.213	1	1.316%
63949	172.104.15.201	1	1.316%
202425	94.102.61.8	1	1.316%
213220	109.248.6.5	1	1.316%

394695	103.76.228.216	1	1.316%
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TABLE B.2.4

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