

# Social Engineering with Web Analytics

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- I run a blog at zonksec.com.
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### Web Analytics?

- Web Analytics are the measurement, collection, analysis and reporting of web data.
- Used by tons of websites to figure out how their users are getting to their content and what they are doing while there.
- This data is typically interpreted to build better content and products.
- Top platform by far is Google Analytics, although others exist.



### Strange referrals...

- I run google analytics on my blog and I encountered some strange referrals from the following domains:
  - free-traffic.xyz
  - social-buttons-ii.xyz
  - make-money-online.7makemoneyonline.com
  - buttons-for-website.com
  - Etc.
- Clearly some sort of spam/scam.
- It got me wondering....



### How can this be used for evil?

- Being red team / penetration testing focused.
- Get malicious links in front of people for SE.
  - Sorta like phishing with analytics.





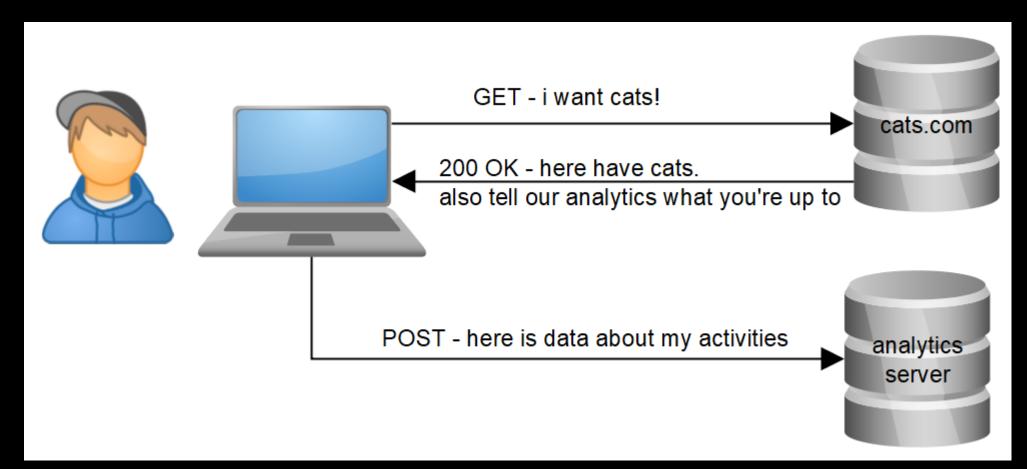
### How can this be used for evil?

- 1. OSINT on target
- 2. Buy tempting domain
  - Retail Company => Consumer Review Site
  - University => Top 10 Schools in \$State
  - Blog => Similar Topic blog
- 3. Add exploit to attacker controlled site
  - HTA attack
  - Credential Harvest (Google Analytics)
  - Known CSRF vuln
  - Browser Exploit
- 4. Generate referral traffic to target
- 5. Target visits attacker controlled site
- 6. Profit!





### How does it work?





• Given this snippet of JS on setup and asked to add to every page:

```
<script>
  (function(i,s,o,g,r
  (i[r].q=i[r].q||[])
  m=s.getElementsByn
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    o)[0];a.async=1;a.src=g, .parentNode.insertBefore(a,m)
  )(window,document, ))(i['GoogleAnalytics.com/analytics.js','ga');
  ga('create', 'UA-xxxxxxx-x', 'auto');
  ga('send', 'pageview');
</script>
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- If I can figure out how the JS requests are being made to google-analytics.com, then I can probably just spam it with "referrals".
  - I can start by reverse engineering the JS
  - I can proxy the browser and try and make sense of the request made by JS





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c=this.keys[b],d=this.get(c);d&&a(c,d)};var 0=window,M=document;var F=window,G=function(a){var
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e=c[d].match(a);e&&b.push(e[1])}return b},zc=function(a,b,c,d,e,g)
{e=G(e)?!1:eb.test(M.location.hostname)||"/"==c&&vc.test(d)?!1:!0;if(!e)return!1;b&&1200<b.length&&
</pre>



or...

- Google will have amazing documentation:
  - https://developers.google.com/analytics/devguides/collection/protocol/v1/reference
  - https://developers.google.com/analytics/devguides/collection/protocol/v1/parameters



• Required URL params

Name	Parameter	Example	Description		
Protocol Version	v	V=1	The protocol version. The value should be 1.		
Tracking ID	tid	tid=UA-123456-1	The ID that distinguishes to which Google Analytics property to send data.		
Client ID	cid	cid=xxxxx	An ID unique to a particular user.		
Hit Type	t	t=pageview	The type of interaction collected for a particular user.		
Document Path	dp	dp=/aboutme	The path portion of the page URL. Should begin with '/'.		
Document Host Name	dh	dh=http://xyz.com	Specifies the hostname from which content was hosted.		
Document Title	dt	dt=About	The title of the page / document.		
Document Referrer	dr	dr=http://fakedomain.com/	Specifies which referral source brought traffic to a website.		
Anonymize IP	aip	aip=1	When present, the IP address of the sender will be anonymized.		



• Fire up burp and test this out!

Request	Re			
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kedomain.com <sup>3</sup> 2F&dp= HTTP/1.1	Pra			
Host: www.google-analytics.com				
User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 6.3; WOW64; rv:30.0) Gecko/20100101 Firefox/30.0				
Accept: text/html,application/xhtml+xml,application/xml;q=0.9,*/*;q=0.8				
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### Response

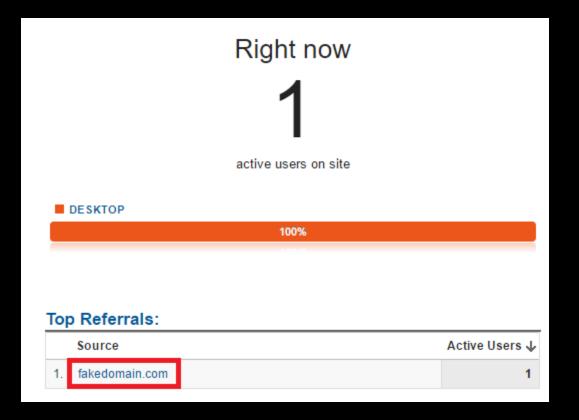
Raw Headers Hex Render

HTTP/1.1 200 OK Access-Control-Allow-Origin: \* Date: Wed, 14 Sep 2016 21:41:06 GMT Pragma: no-cache Expires: Mon, 01 Jan 1990 00:00:00 GMT Jast-Modified: Sun, 17 May 1998 03:00:00 GMT Content-Type-Options: nosniff Content-Type: image/gif Server: Golfe2 Content-Length: 35 Cache-Control: no-cache, no-store, must-revalidate Age: 172950 Alt-Svc: quic=":443"; ma=2592000; v="36,35,34,33,32" Connection: close

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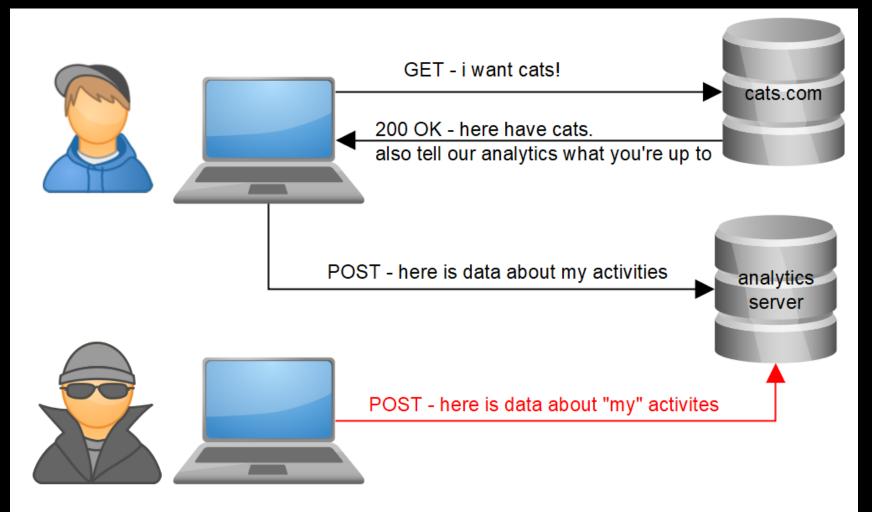


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### Automation

Welcome to the Social-Engineer Toolkit (SET). The one stop shop for all of your SE needs.

Join us on irc.freenode.net in channel #setoolkit

The Social-Engineer Toolkit is a product of TrustedSec.

Visit: https://www.trustedsec.com

It's easy to update using the PenTesters Framework! (PTF) Visit https://github.com/trustedsec/ptf to update all your tools!

> There is a new version of SET available. Your version: 7.4.3 Current version: 7.7

Please update SET to the latest before submitting any git issues.

Select from the menu:

- 1) Social-Engineering Attacks
- 2) Penetration Testing (Fast-Track)
- 3) Third Party Modules
- 4) Update the Social-Engineer Toolkit
- 5) Update SET configuration
- 6) Help, Credits, and About
- 99) Exit the Social-Engineer Toolkit
- <u>set</u>> 3
  - [-] Social-Engineer Toolkit Third Party Modules menu.
  - [-] Please read the readme/modules.txt for information on how to create your own modules.

3. Google Analytics Attack by @ZonkSec

99. Return to the previous menu

<u>set:modules</u>>3 Loading module. Please wait...

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User-Guide: http://www.zonksec.com/blog/social-engineering-google-analytics/

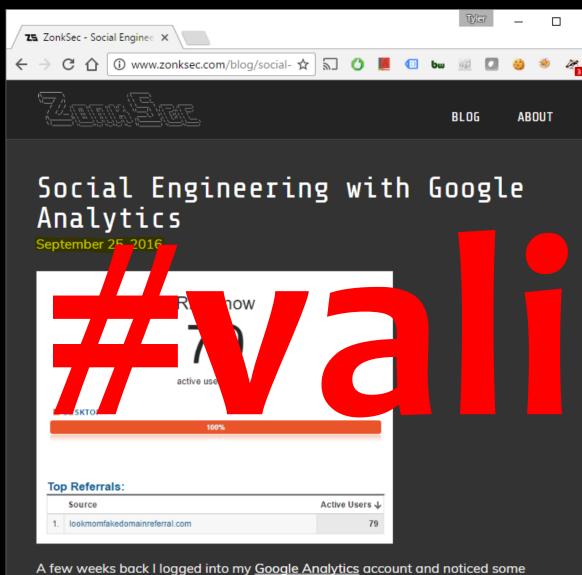


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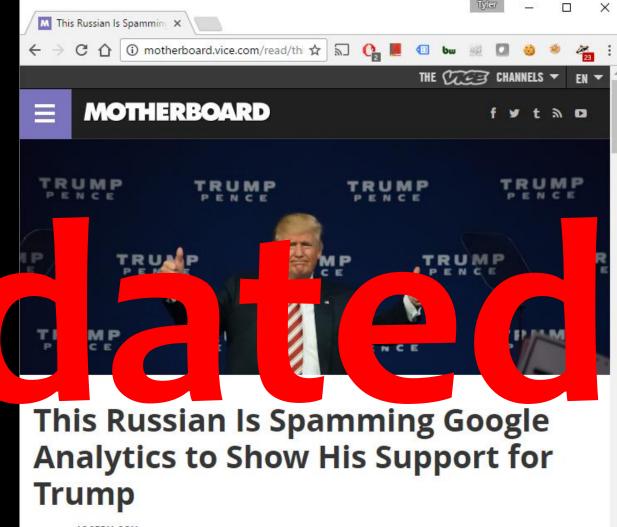
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A few weeks back I logged into my <u>Google Analytics</u> account and noticed some strange hits from domains such as 'free-traffic xvz' 'social-buttons-ii xvz' and 'eu-



Written by JOSEPH COX

December 2, 2016 // 10:00 AM EST

## ... also there is more here.

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### What else could happen?

- I need to understand how analytics is used.
- I need to talk to people who use analytics in the field.

After a handful of discussions, this is what I came up with...



### ...but first. A common theme.

- Humans love validation and reinforcement.
- Analytics traffic == validation and reinforcement of a particular page.



### therefore...

- Assuming we can control various aspects of analytics.
- Any decisions made using those analytics could be manipulated.
- Any sort of measurements where those analytics are the measuring stick, could be manipulated.



### Scenario 1 - Content Control

- Content creators may use analytics to decide to keep making content.
- To control, simply reinforce specific content.
- Could be used to reinforce specific political or social ideals.

- Also the reverse...
- Nefarious or antithetical referrals could discourage content.



### Scenario 2 - Ecommerce Control

- Ecommerce sites may use analytics to decide:
  - What new products to develop
  - What items should go on sale

• Reinforce particular products or types of products to control



### Scenario 3 - WebDev Espionage

- WebDev companies use analytics to monitor website usage, and in some cases share data with customers.
- A competitor could destroy the integrity of the data by bombarding with traffic.
- Client is disgruntled by losing insight, maybe switch WebDev.
- WebDev company can no longer use analytics gloat to persuade new clients.



### Scenario 4 - Nation State Espionage

### • Assumption:

- Nation state can subpoena analytics data of any site
- Nation state is using said analytics data to identify suspicious web sites and operators
- Analytics can be used to frame innocent sites and operators
- Analytics data could be manipulated to cloak the real bad guys

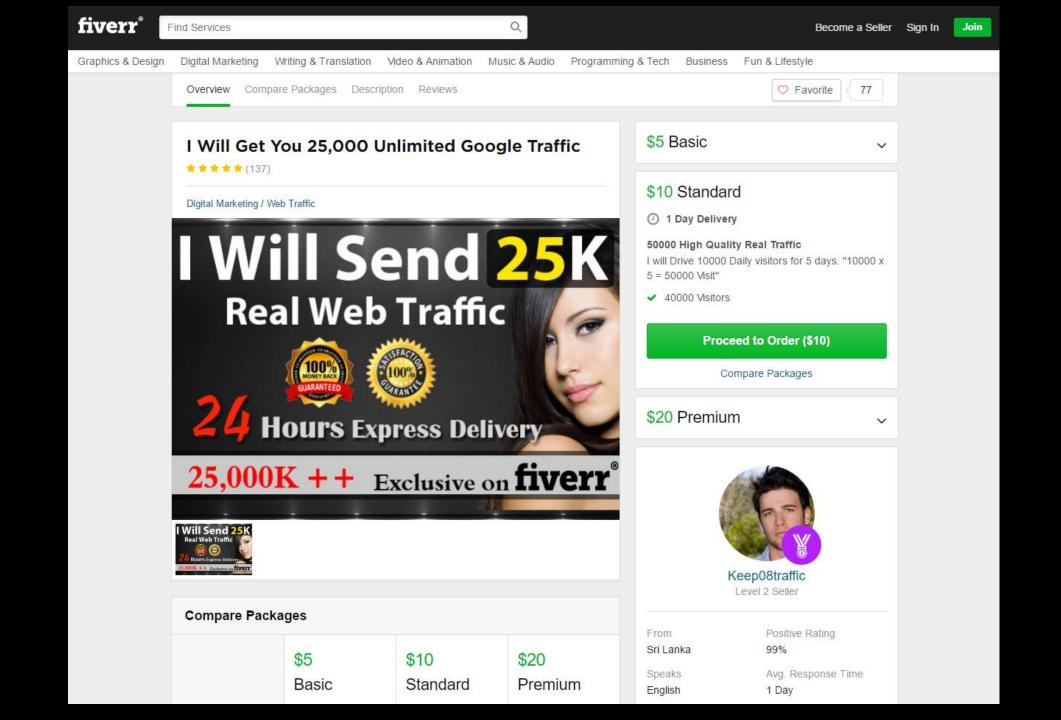




### Scenario 5 - SEO & Traffic Scam

- SEO is not affected by analytics... but people don't always understand.
- Analytics traffic != real traffic
- Many scams are possible with right clientele:
  - "Pay me and I will use SEO black magic to get you 15% increase in analytics or money back."
  - "Your sales are weak on the east coast. Pay me and I can get you more east coast visitors."
  - "Buy cheap traffic here!"







### Scenario 6 - Bad guy use it too!

- Domain-ers, ad fraud networks, malware networks, and etc have been identified to use analytics.
- Helps them decide which schemes are best. Also helps defenders in attribution. ③
- Defenders could potentially disrupt operations by manipulating analytics data or bombarding and ruining integrity.



### New attacks = New tooling!





### Failures for automation 1.0

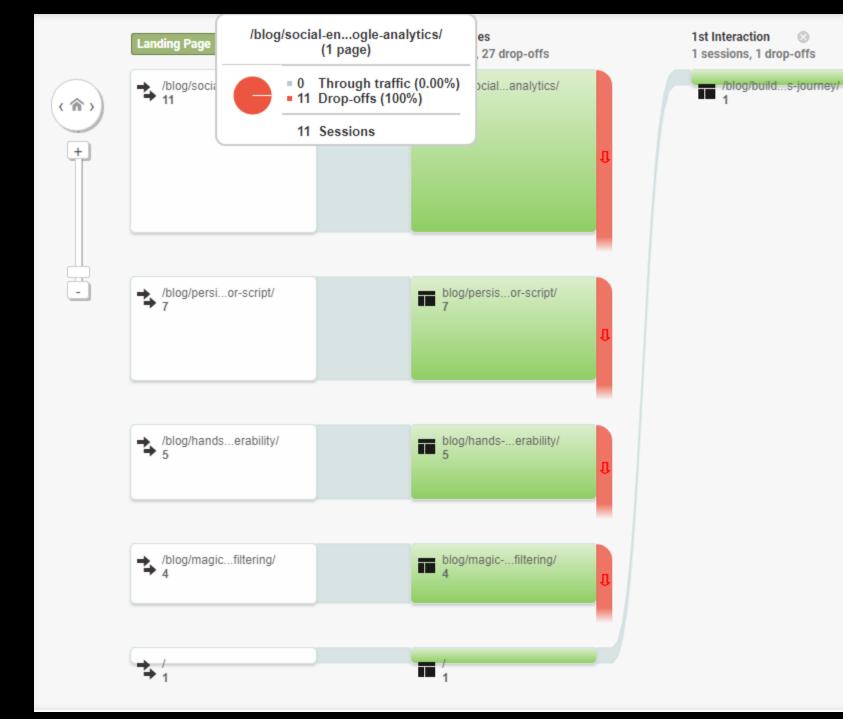
- Failed at user emulation
  - Incredibly high bounce rate
  - "users" visited one page and disappeared
  - All users came from same geographic location
- Failed at OPSEC
  - Makes request to Google Analytics and target site from attacker IP
- Failed at other perspectives
  - Only accounted for Pentest perspective
  - Could only do referrals.





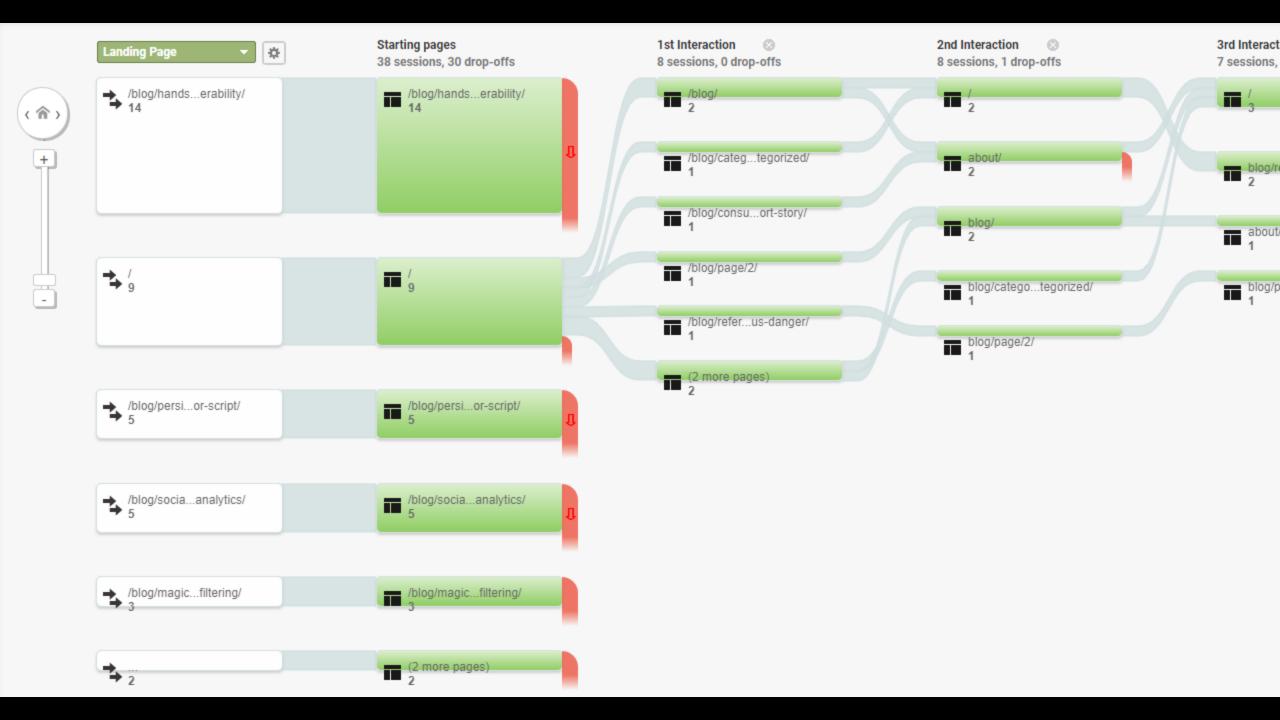
### What is good user emulation?





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	Acquisition			Behavior			
Source (?)		Sessions 🕐 🔸	% New Sessions (?)	New Users ?	Bounce Rate 🕜	Pages / Session	Avg. Session Duration 🕐
		<b>2,780</b> % of Total: 40.37% (6,887)	<b>92.84%</b> Avg for View: 94.09% (-1.33%)	<b>2,581</b> % of Total: 39.83% (6,480)	64.82% Avg for View: 83.61% (-22.47%)	<b>1.90</b> Avg for View: 1.41 (34.91%)	00:00:12 Avg for View: 00:00:12 (0.75%)
1. fakesite.com		<b>884</b> (31.80%)	94.00%	831 (32.20%)	80.32%	1.32	<00:00:01
2. lol.com		<b>807</b> (29.03%)	95.04%	767 (29.72%)	56.75%	1.72	<00:00:01
3. not.com		<b>325</b> (11.69%)	96.31%	313 (12.13%)	58.46%	1.65	00:00:00
4. github.com		<b>181</b> (6.51%)	83.98%	152 (5.89%)	86.74%	1.30	00:01:05
5. lololol.com		<b>77</b> (2.77%)	93.51%	72 (2.79%)	100.00%	1.00	00:00:00
6. badboy.com		<b>75</b> (2.70%)	97.33%	73 (2.83%)	54.67%	2.24	00:00:01
7. test.com		<b>67</b> (2.41%)	85.07%	57 (2.21%)	31.34%	3.72	00:00:12
8. fake.com		<b>53</b> (1.91%)	98.11%	52 (2.01%)	9.43%	5.34	00:00:04
9. gethackedhere.com		<b>53</b> (1.91%)	94.34%	50 (1.94%)	9.43%	3.79	00:00:47
10. hackerman.com		<b>51</b> (1.83%)	98.04%	50 (1.94%)	15.69%	3.33	00:00:10

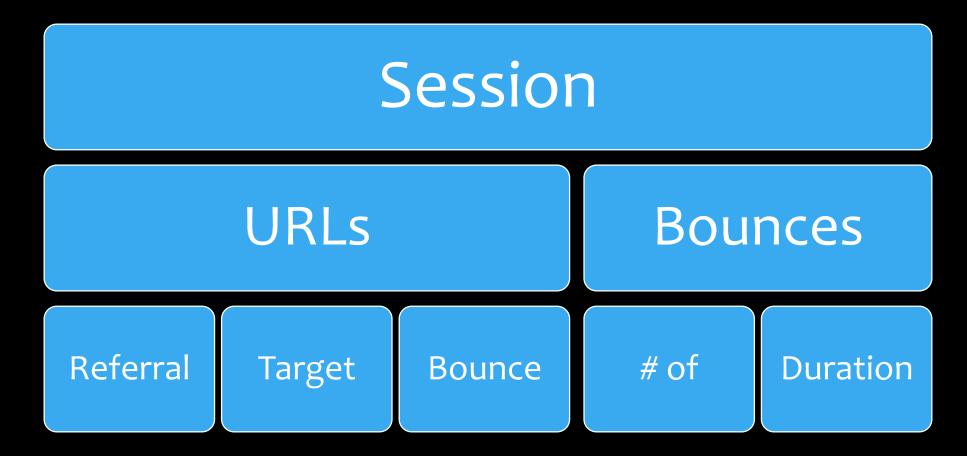


### Analytics Attack NG

- User Emulation
- Threading
- Geographical spoofing
- Auto URLs
- Proxy support (HTTP and SOCKS5)
  - yay TOR!



### User Emulation





### Auto URLs

- Automatically grabs URLs from Google if needed.
  - Referrals based on keywords.
    - "good hacker blogs" => zonksec.com
  - Additional target URLs based on "site:\$site" results
  - Additional bounce URLs based on "site:\$site" results



### Demo





# Demo gods have failed me...



 python main.py -m referral --target\_url https://zonksec.com --referral\_url https://defconiscanceled.com --bounces 2 --bounce\_delay 60 --bounce\_jitter 1 -n 10 --threads 2

C:\Users\Tyler\PycharmProjects\se-analytics-ng>python main.py -m referral --target\_url https://zonksec.com --referral\_ur l https://defconiscanceled.com --bounces 2 --bounce\_delay 60 --bounce\_jitter 1 -n 10 --threads 2





INFO:root:[\*] Starting 2 threads.

INFO:root:[\*] Waiting for threads.

INFO:root:[+] T1: Session complete. CID: 54494. GEO\_ID: 1018199 Behavior: https://defconiscanceled.com => [T] https://zo nksec.com (5 sec delay) => https://www.zonksec.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/ContradictionC2\_Final\_Paper.pdf (50 sec de lay) => https://zonksec.com/blog/keepass-eating-dog-food/

INFO:root:[\*] T1: Sleeping for 0

INFO:root:[+] T1: Session complete. CID: 10755. GEO\_ID: 1020703 Behavior: https://defconiscanceled.com => [T] https://zo nksec.com (2 sec delay) => https://zonksec.com/blog/dakotacon-talks-training-ctf-writeups/ (11 sec delay) => https://zon ksec.com/blog/page/2/

INFO:root:[\*] T1: Sleeping for 0

INFO:root:[+] T0: Session complete. CID: 77360. GEO\_ID: 1014950 Behavior: https://defconiscanceled.com => [T] https://zo nksec.com (40 sec delay) => https://zonksec.com/blog/page/2/ (31 sec delay) => https://zonksec.com/blog/page/2/

INFO:root:[\*] T0: Sleeping for 0





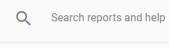
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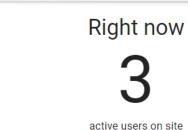
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#### Reports

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#### Overview

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- AUDIENCE -
- ACQUISITION ≻
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### **Top Referrals:**

Source		Active Users $\Psi$
1.	defconiscanceled.com	2

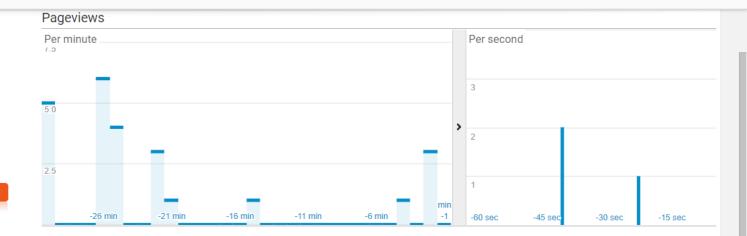
#### **Top Social Traffic:**

Source	Active Users
	There is no data for this view.

### **Top Keywords:**

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	Keyword	Active Users $\psi$
1.	(not provided)	1

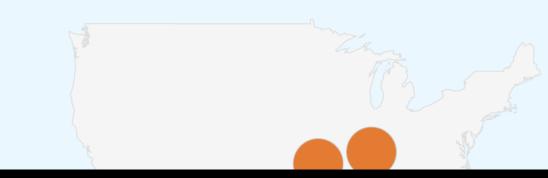


#### **Top Active Pages:**

Active Page		4	Active Users 🛛 🕁
1.	/	1	33.33%
2.	/blog/dakotacon-2017-ctf-write-ups/	1	33.33%
3.	/blog/magic-mirror-dns-filtering/	1	33.33%

#### **Top Locations:**

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 python main.py -m google\_keyword\_referral --referral\_keyword "best hacking blogs" --referral\_pool 20 --target\_url https://zonksec.com -n 10 --geo\_list 1020829 --auto\_target\_pool 20 --auto\_target\_keyword "hack"

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Website: http: Twitter: @zonl	s://zonksec.com ksec
	Referral URLs are needed. Grabbed 20 referral URLs using Google
INFO:root:[*]	trackingID not provided. attempting to automatically collect
INF0:root:[+]	trackingID found: UA-72589501-1
INFO:root:[*]	Target URLs are needed.
INF0:root:[+] (	Grabbed 5 target URLs using Google
INFO:root:[*] (	Queueing 10 sessions.
INF0:root:[*]	Starting 1 threads.
INF0:root:[*]	Waiting for threads.



INFO:root:[\*] Starting 1 threads. INFO:root:[\*] Waiting for threads. INFO:root:[+] T0: Session complete. CID: 53980. GEO\_ID: 1020829 Behavior: https://www.quora.com/Which-blogs-websites-are -best-for-latest-hacking-tutorials-and-current-scenarios-of-hacking-world => [T] https://zonksec.com/blog/referer-redire ction-inconspicuous-danger/ INFO:root:[\*] T0: Sleeping for 0 INFO:root:[+] T0: Session complete. CID: 69803. GEO ID: 1020829 Behavior: http://zack.onisko.com/50-growth-hacker-blogsto-follow/ => [T] https://zonksec.com/blog/referer-redirection-inconspicuous-danger/ INFO:root:[\*] T0: Sleeping for 0 INFO:root:[+] T0: Session complete. CID: 98092. GEO ID: 1020829 Behavior: https://blog.hubspot.com/marketing/best-growth -hacker-blogs-experts => [T] https://zonksec.com/blog/consumed-defcon-short-story/ INFO:root:[\*] T0: Sleeping for 0 INFO:root:[+] T0: Session complete. CID: 49262. GEO ID: 1020829 Behavior: http://zack.onisko.com/50-growth-hacker-blogsto-follow/ => [T] https://zonksec.com/blog/dakotacon-2017-ctf-write-ups/ INFO:root:[\*] T0: Sleeping for 0 INFO:root:[+] T0: Session complete. CID: 82206. GE0\_ID: 1020829 Behavior: https://www.optimonk.com/blog/22-best-growth-h acker-sites-videos-ebooks-tools-growth-hacking/ => [T] https://zonksec.com/blog/consumed-defcon-short-story/ INFO:root:[\*] T0: Sleeping for 0 INFO:root:[+] T0: Session complete. CID: 60545. GEO ID: 1020829 Behavior: https://www.hackerone.com/blog/hacker-blogs-we -love-reading => [T] https://zonksec.com/blog/dakotacon-2017-ctf-write-ups/ INFO:root:[\*] T0: Sleeping for 0 INFO:root:[+] T0: Session complete. CID: 44388. GEO ID: 1020829 Behavior: https://growthrocks.com/blog/ => [T] https://z onksec.com/blog/referer-redirection-inconspicuous-danger/ INFO:root:[\*] T0: Sleeping for 0 INFO:root:[+] T0: Session complete. CID: 93732. GEO ID: 1020829 Behavior: https://digitalguardian.com/blog/top-50-infose c-blogs-you-should-be-reading => [T] https://zonksec.com/blog/dakotacon-talks-training-ctf-writeups/ INFO:root:[\*] T0: Sleeping for 0 INFO:root:[+] T0: Session complete. CID: 64321. GEO ID: 1020829 Behavior: http://hackaday.com/ => [T] https://zonksec.co m/blog/building-iot-hackers-journey/ INFO:root:[\*] T0: Sleeping for 0 INFO:root:[+] T0: Session complete. CID: 59760. GEO ID: 1020829 Behavior: https://www.optimonk.com/blog/22-best-growth-h acker-sites-videos-ebooks-tools-growth-hacking/ => [T] https://zonksec.com/blog/building-iot-hackers-journey/ NFO:root: [\*] TO: Sleeping for 0

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2.	optimonk.com	2
3.	zack.onisko.com	2
4.	blog.hubspot.com	1
5.	digitalguardian.com	1

#### **Top Social Traffic:**

	Source	Active Users 🗸		
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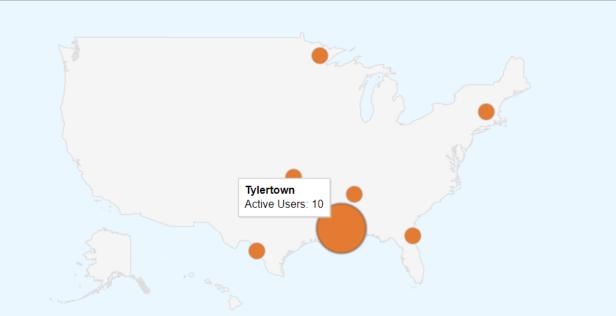
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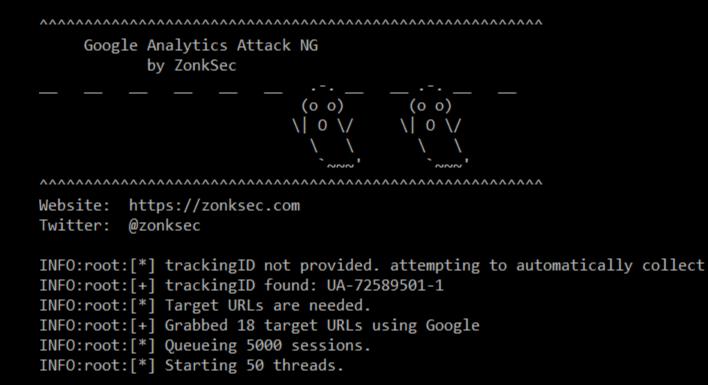
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4.	/blog/consumed-defcon-short-story/	2	11.11%
5.	/blog/dakotacon-2017-ctf-write-ups/	2	11.11%
6.	/blog/page/2/	2	11.11%
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8.	/blog/dakotacon-talks-training-ctf-writeups/	1	5.56%
9.	/blog/keepass-eating-dog-food/	1	5.56%
10.	/blog/persistence-aggressor-script/	1	5.56%

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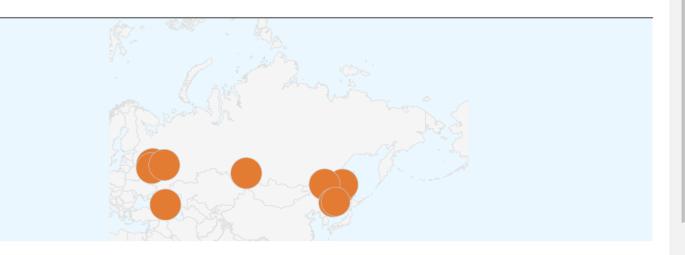
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# Possible Improvements

- CSV configs
- Social media referrals
- Random User Agent



### Bonus Content

- Denial of Service
  - Sometimes analytics portals can not handle all the data incoming = DOS.
- Covert channel
  - Using analytics for C2 (command&control) for botnets could be interest.



## Mitigation Ideas

- User Awareness
- Protect trackingID
  - Script parses server logs in real time and POSTs to analytics
- Export analytics data and corroborate with server logs



# Conclusion

- Analytics != Real Traffic
- Be careful when clicking links in google analytics
- Any decisions made using analytics could be potentially manipulated.
- Any sort of measurements where analytics are the measuring stick, could be potentially manipulated.



# Questions?

Thanks!

- Twitter: @zonksec
- Blog: zonksec.com

- Script will be on GitHub momentarily.
- Slides and user-guide will be in future blog post.

