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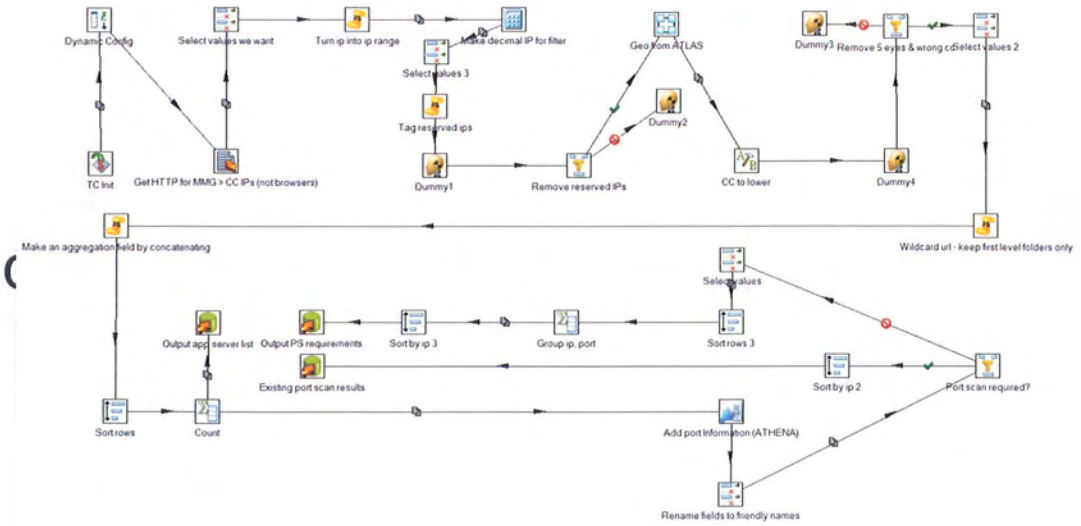

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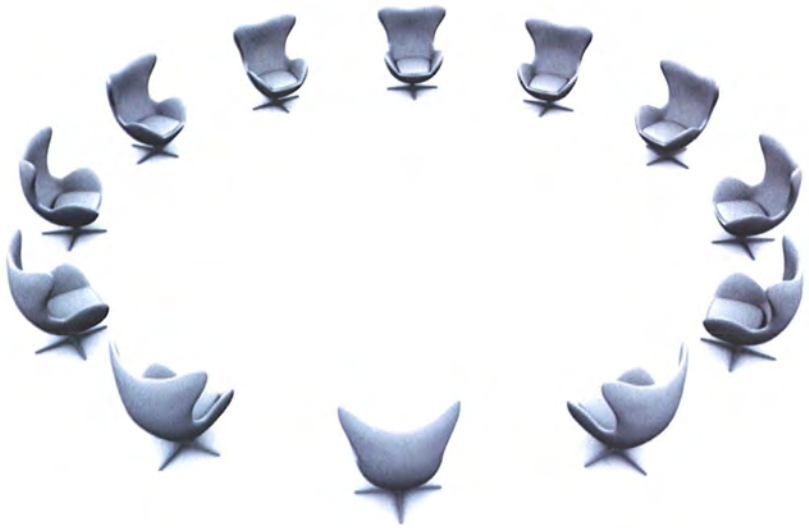

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Does the tradecraft work?

* Another Arab Spring (only this time, different countries)
* Goal: identify aggregation points for the mobile networks in the countries of interest using the tradecraft developed during the workshops
* Did it work? YES -> the team was able to identify connections from the countries to application and vendor servers in non 5-Eyes countries
* So what? We found some servers….
  - Ø Potential MiTM
  - Ø Effects
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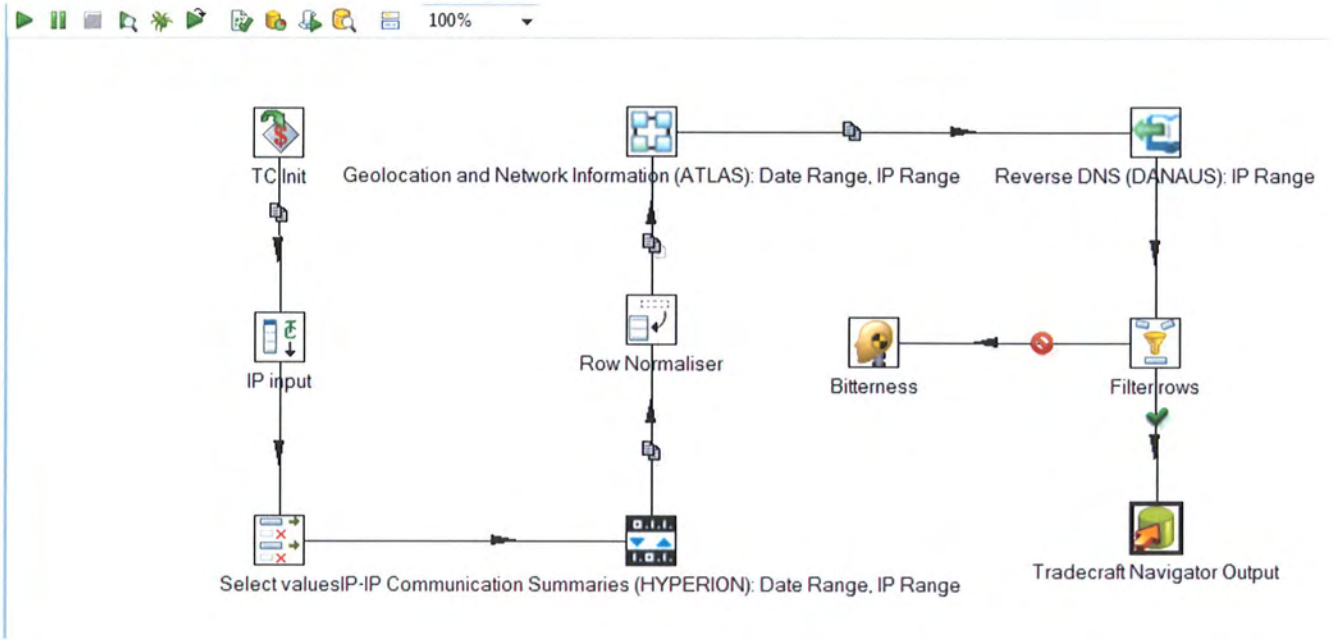

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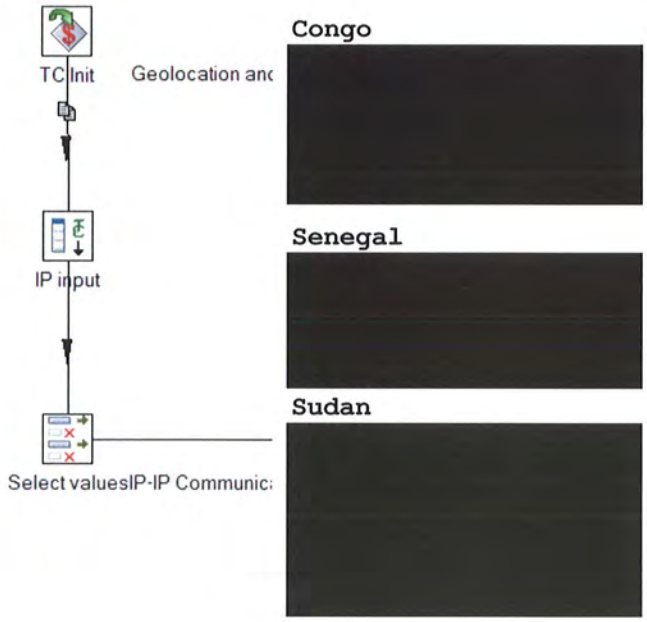

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Identify Servers communicating with a Mobile network

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Metadata

What does the tradecraft achieve?

- This tradecraft will provide a list of servers that have been seen communicating with a mobile network.

In what situations would this tradecraft be most useful?

- To identify mobile application servers for a specific network
- To identify any server that may be useful for collection purposes

Describe any problems, caveats or things to watch out for

- The list of servers returned depends on the the IP range and collection sources utilized. Success of this tradecraft may require additional research to identify other IP ranges or requesting other agencies to check their collection to identify different servers.

Links that can help you to implement this tradecraft

Created by: [redacted]
Agency: NSA
Email Address: [redacted]

Difficulty: ☆ ☆ ☆

Acceptance state: Limited

Input(s): Ontology:Network block, Ontology:Ip address **Output(s):** Ontology:Ip address, Ontology:ASN, Ontology:Network block, Ontology:Hostname, Ontology:User Agent String, Ontology:Geographic selector

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Alternatives:

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5 EYES Tradecraft Steps (document underlying analytic, do not include tools)

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The IP ranges utilized for the initial implementation of this tradecraft were the Inter PLMN Backbone IP ranges obtained from IR21 documents. For other methods of identifying mobile IP blocks, see the invoked tradecraft listed above.

Step 1) Take IP ranges or individual addresses identified as being related to mobile network communications.
Step 2) Obtain geolocation information and network ownership information for each IP address. This should include: Network Owner name, Carrier name, ASN, Continent, Country, Region, City, Lat/Long, and any other related details that your system can obtain.
Step 3) Obtain Internet communication events related to the IP addresses. These events should minimally include: source information, To IP, From IP, TCP Direction, and HTTP User-Agent.
Step 4) Sort the results and dedup them. This step depends on your collection sources.
Step 5) Filter out server communications that have user-agents that aren't useful. Further analysis is needed to identify the non-useful user-agents (cheat sheet needed). Ex: friendly-scanner
Step 6) Check the TCP Direction field:

- If Server to Client, grab the From IP information
- If Client to Server, grab the To IP information
- If Server to Server, grab both the To and From IP information
- If Unknown, capture in an error log

Step 7) Sort and dedup again based on Server IP information. TCP Direction info is no longer needed.
Step 8) Obtain geolocation information and network ownership information for each Server IP. This is done for the servers that were not in the original IP Blocks.
Step 9) Remove any servers that are not useful. This may include 5-Eyes servers.
Step 10) Output:

- List of Servers
- List of related User Agents
- List of related hostnames

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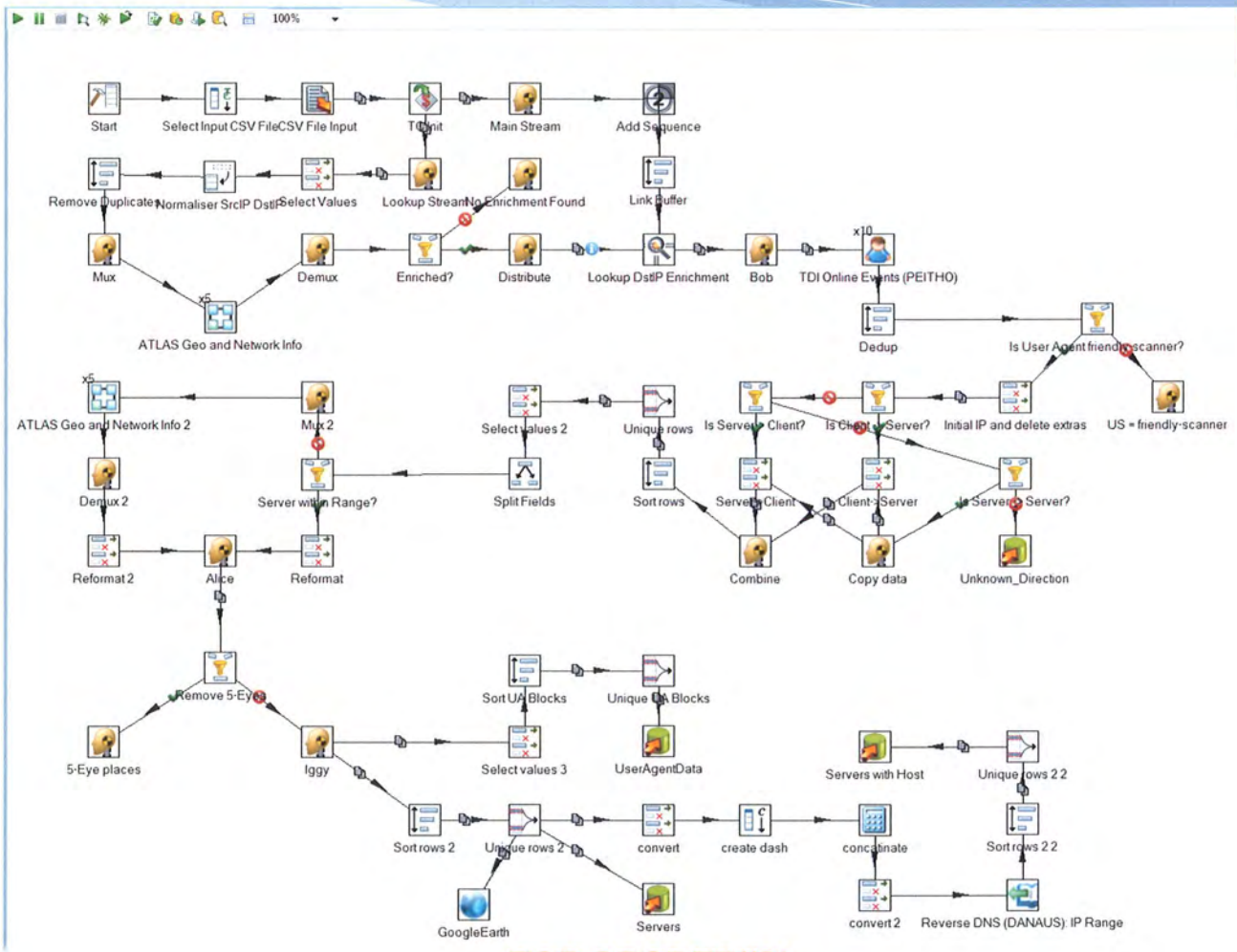

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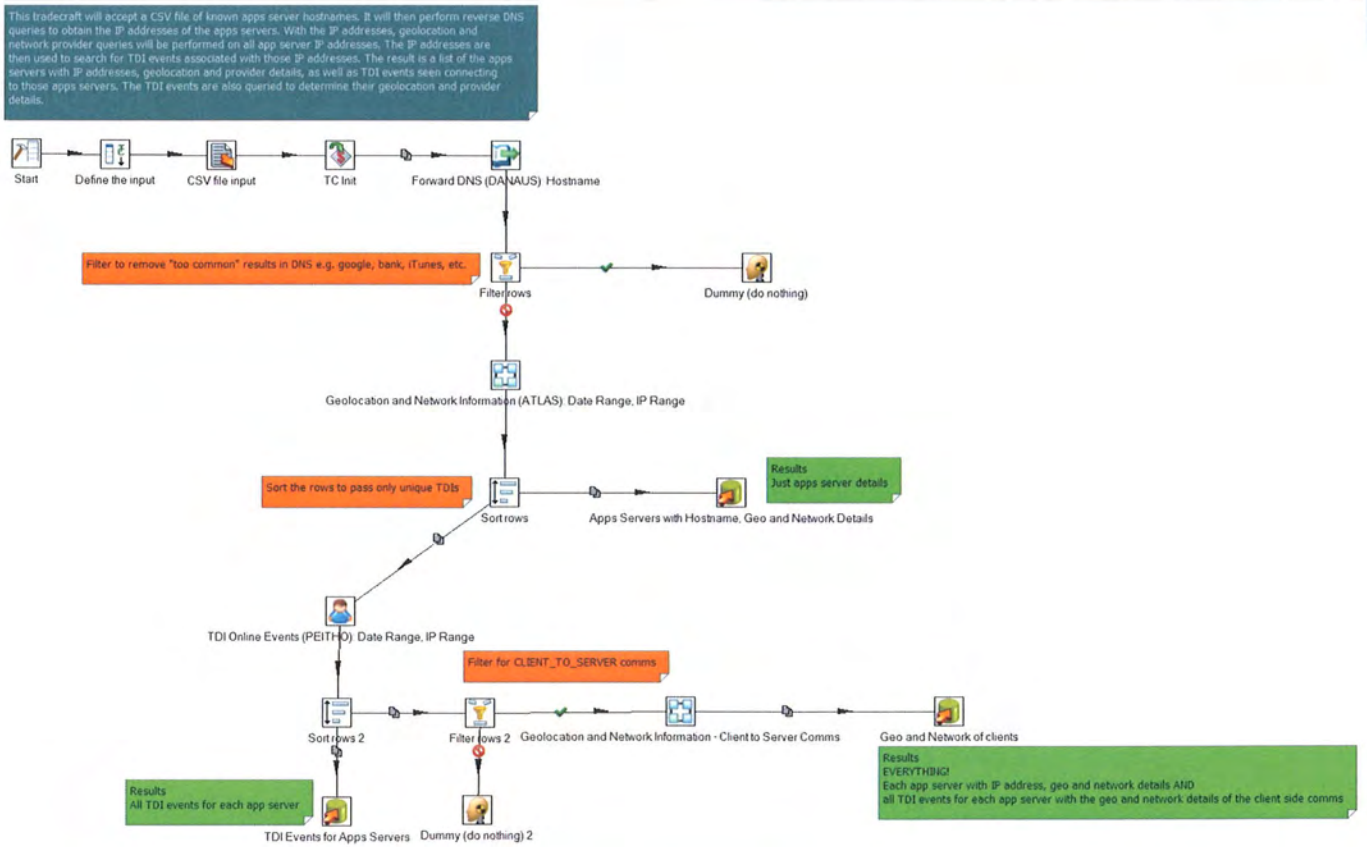

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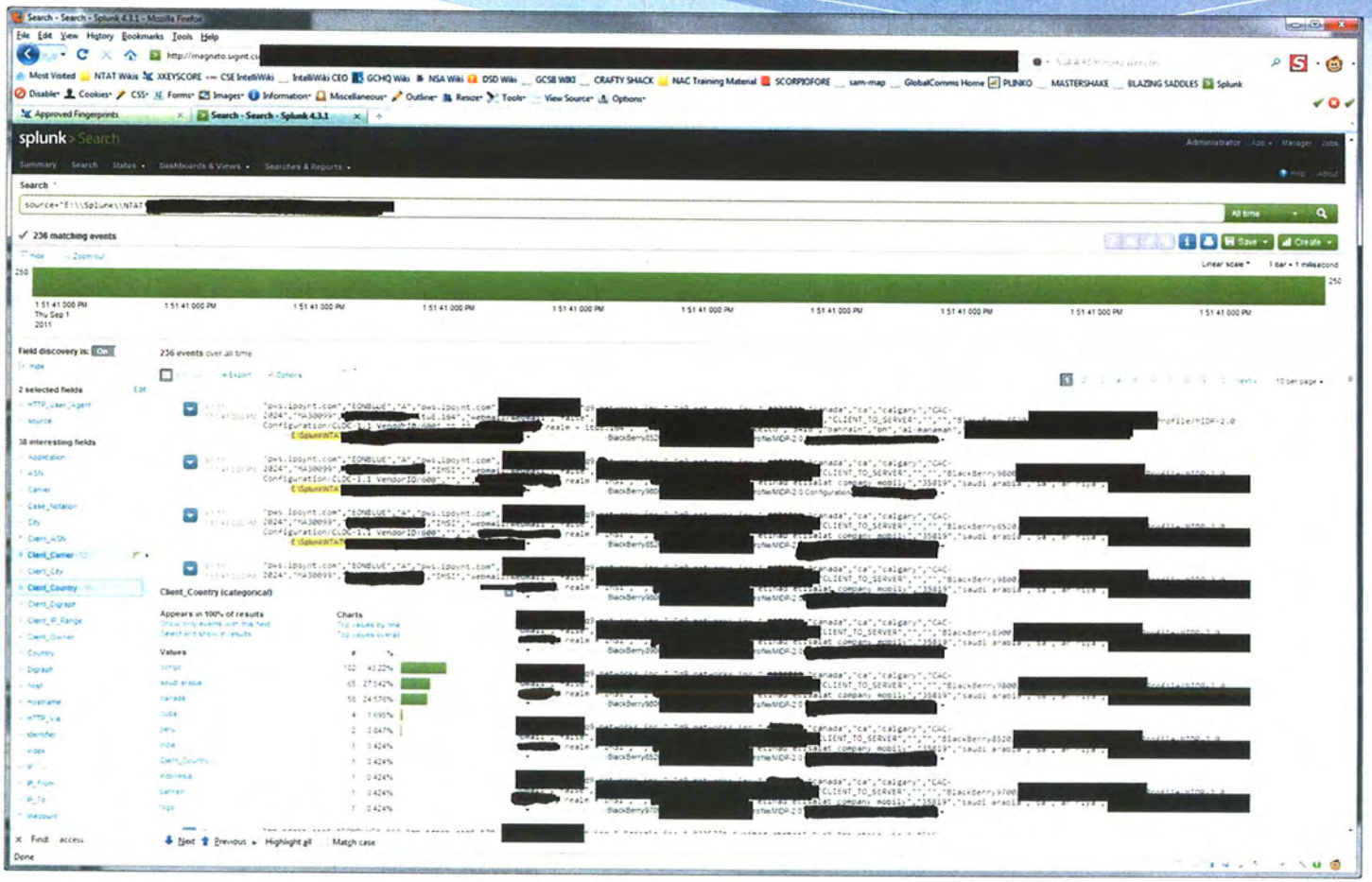

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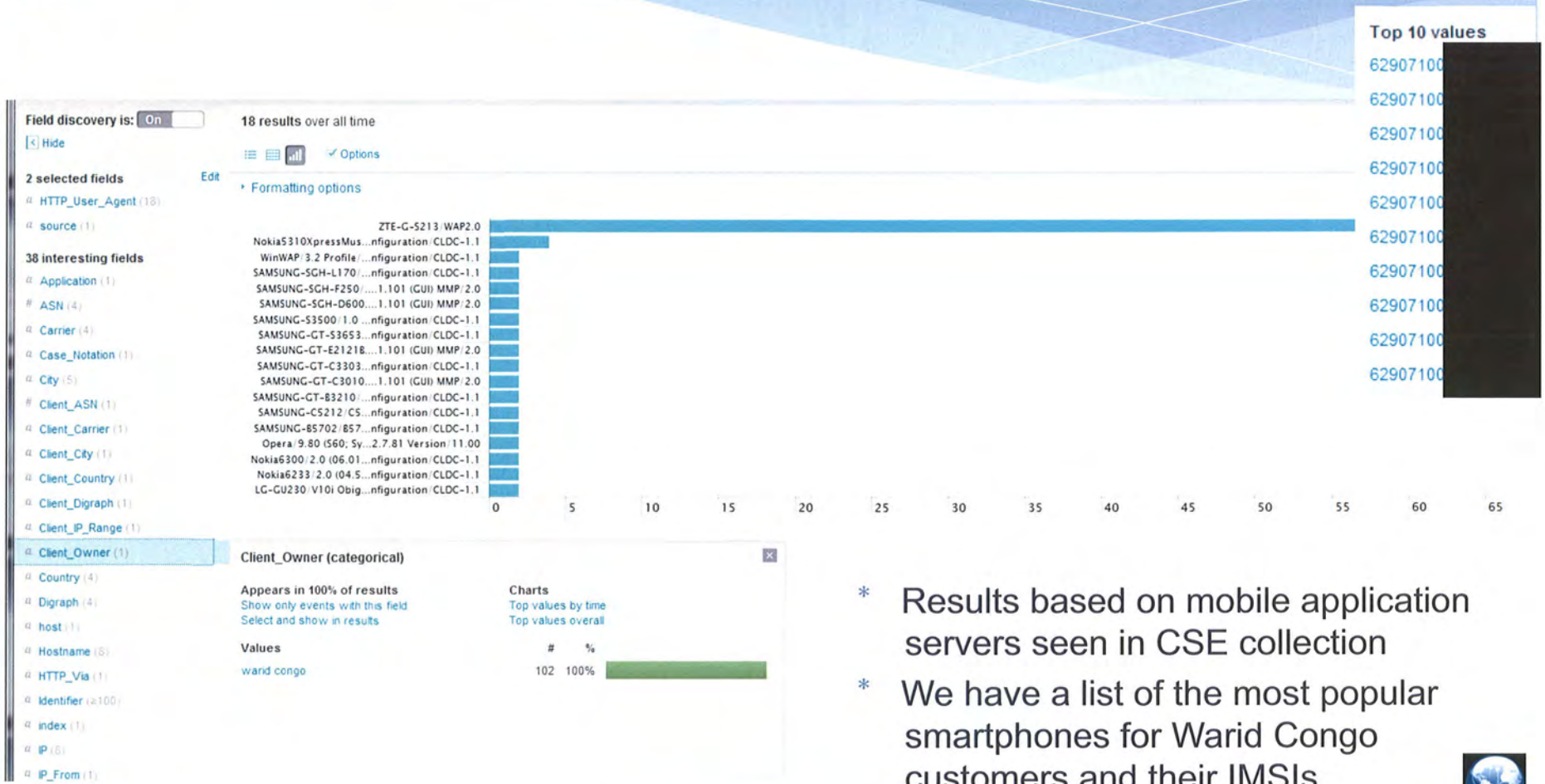

* Results based on mobile application servers seen in CSE collection
* We have a list of the most popular smartphones for Warid Congo customers and their IMSIs

Success Stories

* UCWeb mobile browser identification
  * Discovered by GCHQ analyst during DSD workshop
  * Chinese mobile web browser – leaks IMSI, MSISDN, IMEI and device characteristics

UCWeb

* Led to discovery of active comms channel from [redacted]

(S//SI//REL TO USA, FVEY) The CONVERGENCE team helped discover an active communication channel originating from [redacted] that is associated with the [redacted] as they are known within the [redacted] hierarchy area of responsibility is for covert activities in Europe, North America, and South America. The customer [redacted] leveraged a ***Convergence Discovery capability that enabled the discovery of a covert channel associated with smart phone browser activity in passive collection****. The covert channel originates from users who use UCBrowser (mobile phone compact web browser).* ***The covert channel leaks the IMSI, MSISDN, Device Characteristics, and IMEI back to server(s) in*** *[redacted] Initial investigation has determined that perhaps malware can be associated when the covert channel is established. [redacted] covert exfil activity identifies SIGINT opportunity where potentially none may have existed before. Target offices that have access to X-KEYSCORE can search within this type of traffic based on their IMSI or IMEI to determine target presence*

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UCWeb – XKS Microplugin

UCWeb

Help | Actions | Reports | View | Map View

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Vision of Success

* Shared convergence database with numerous different sources, methods & tradecraft feeding into it
* Ultimately correlating telephony and Internet TDIs with some degree of confidence

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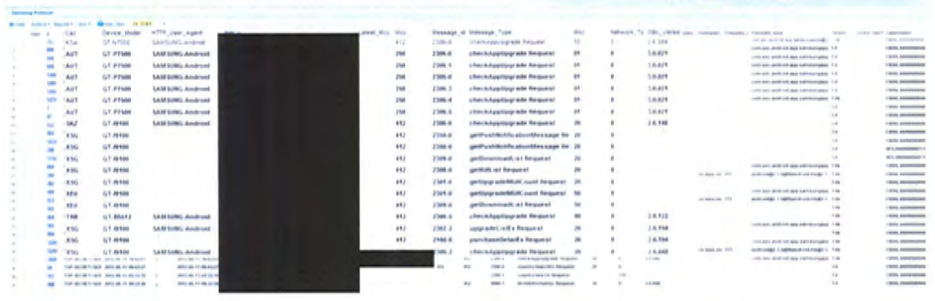

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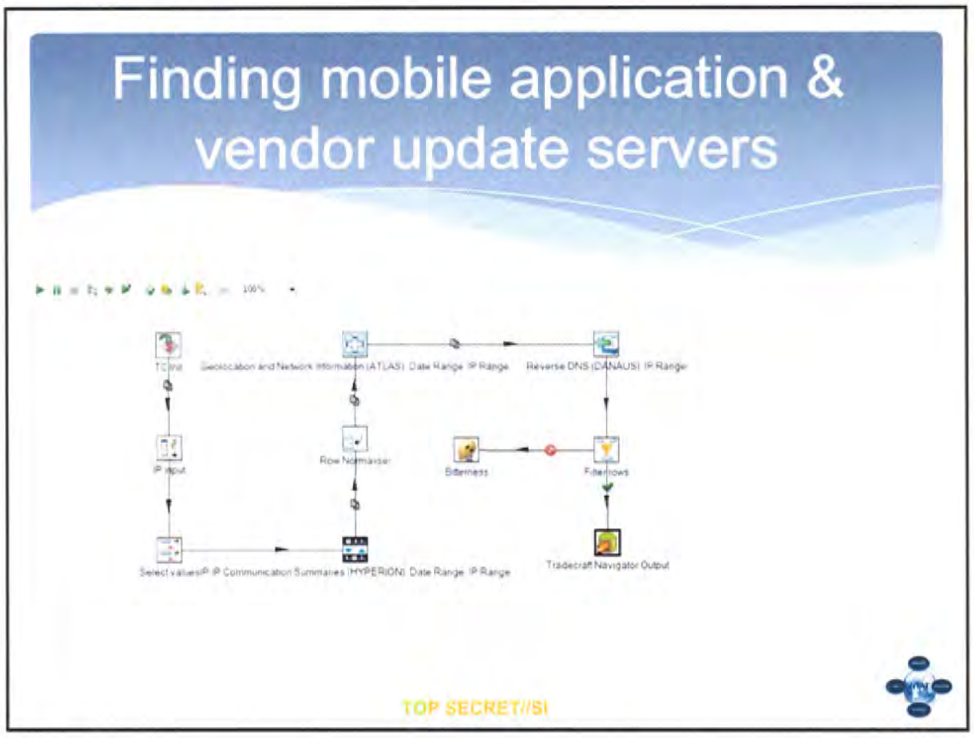
Harvesting data at rest – exploitation of the applications servers could provide access to a wealth of information at rest. The amount and usefulness of this information depends on the application in question

Harvesting data in transit – mobile applications servers often send and receive data that SIGINT agencies find useful (e.g. the Samsung protocol sending client and handset details to a server in Germany)



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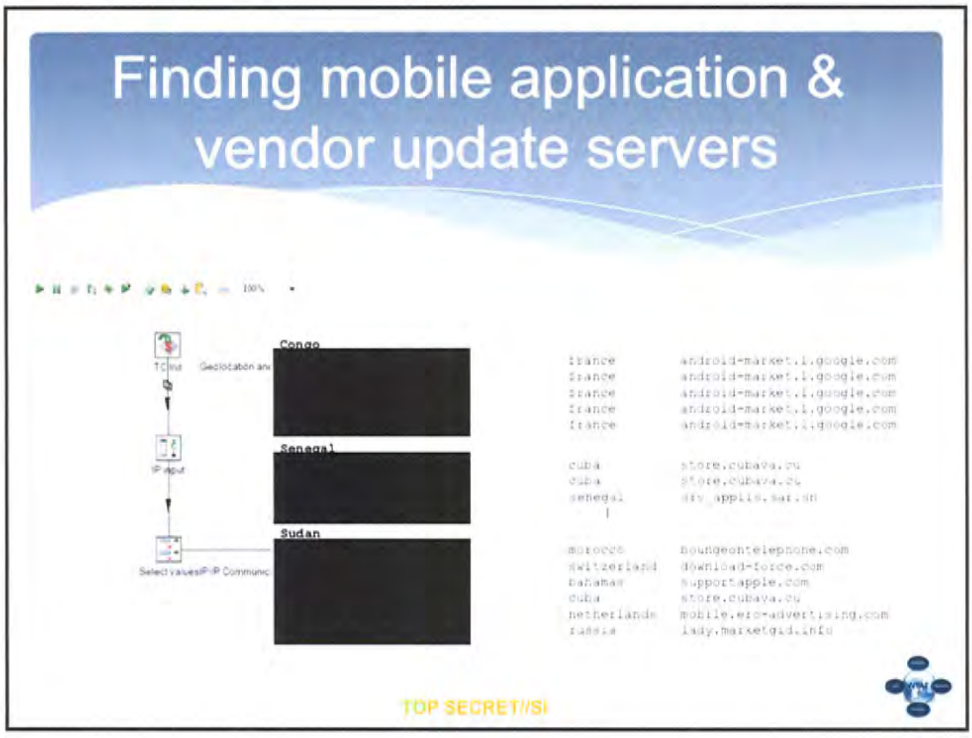

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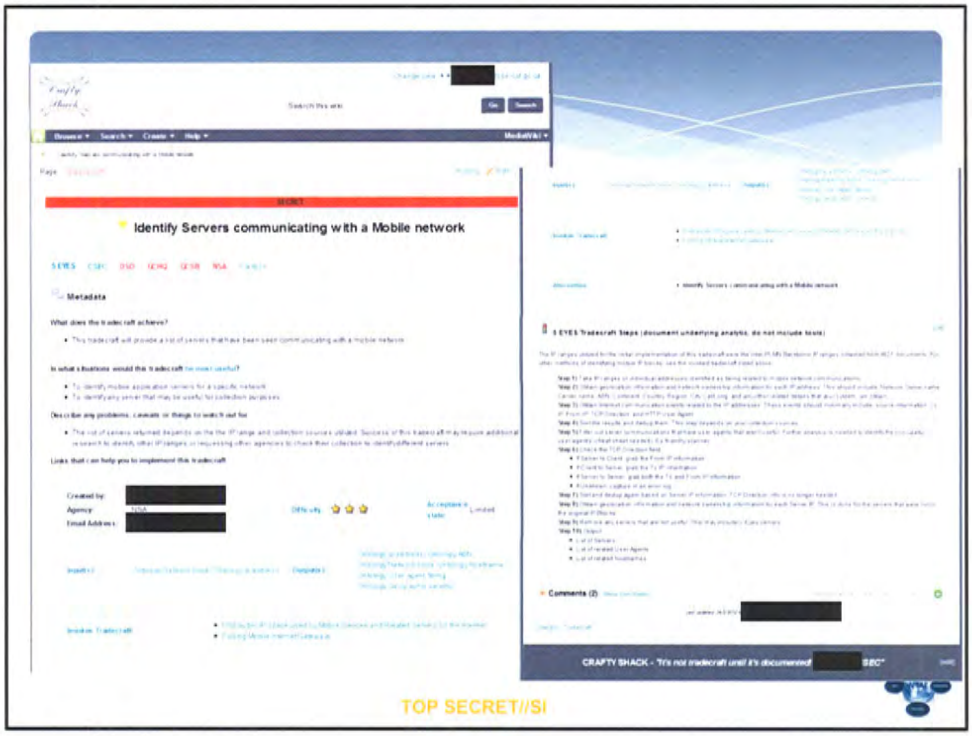
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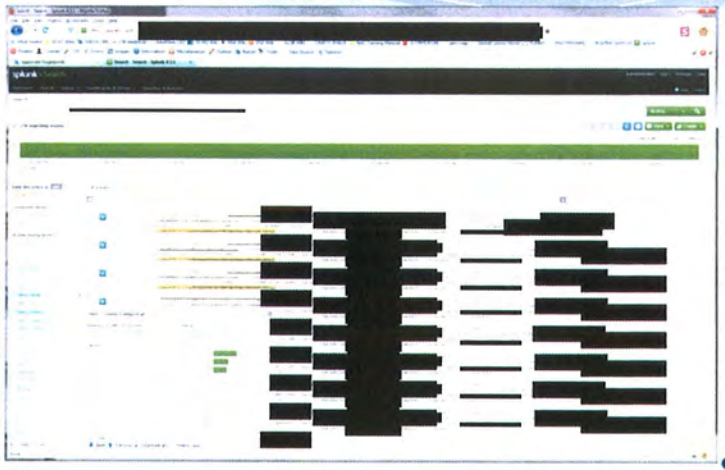

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- Results based on mobile application servers seen in CSE collection
- We have a list of the most popular smartphones for Warid Congo customers and their IMSIs

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Success Stories

- UCWeb mobile browser identification
  - Discovered by GCHQ analyst during DSD workshop
  - Chinese mobile web browser – leaks IMSI, MSISDN, IMEI and device characteristics

UCWeb

- Led to discovery of active comms channel from [redacted]

(S//SI//REL TO USA, FVEY) The CONVERGENCE team helped discover an active communication channel originating from [redacted] that is associated with the [redacted] as they are known within the [redacted] hierarchy area of responsibility is for covert activities in Europe, North America, and South America. The customer [redacted] leveraged a ***Convergence Discovery capability that enabled the discovery of a covert channel associated with smart phone browser activity in passive collection****. The covert channel originates from users who use UCBrowser (mobile phone compact web browser).* ***The covert channel leaks the IMSI, MSISDN, Device Characteristics, and IMEI back to server(s) in*** [redacted] *Initial investigation has determined that perhaps malware can be associated when the covert channel is established [redacted] covert exfil activity identifies SIGINT opportunity where potentially none may have existed before. Target offices that have access to X-KEYSCORE can search within this type of traffic based on their IMSI or IMEI to determine target presence.*

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UCWeb – XKS Microplugin

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Vision of Success

- Shared convergence database with numerous different sources, methods & tradecraft feeding into it
- Ultimately correlating telephony and Internet TDIs with some degree of confidence

Synergising Network Analysis Tradecraft

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