



Email Address vs User Activity

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Email Addresses

- The Email Address search allows you to search on:
 - Full Email Address
 - **Do not** search on/wildcard JUST the username, always include a specific domain
 - Foreign-hosted domains (e.g. @cnc.cn)
- The query searches within bodies of emails, webpages and documents for....(you guessed it)...Email Addresses
 - To, From, CC, BCC lines..
 - “Contact Us” pages on websites
 - Signature blocks



Email Address

- Email Addresses are found in many parts of traffic

A screenshot of a network analysis tool's interface showing an email header. The interface has three tabs: "DNI Display" (selected), "Raw Data", and "DNI Format". The email header fields are: Subject: RE: Malaysia Tax; From: [redacted]; To: [redacted]; Cc: [redacted]; Date: Tue Jun 23 12:41:25 GMT 2009. A red oval highlights the "From:", "To:", and "Cc:" fields. Below the header, a file attachment is visible: "001.jpg (12013 bytes)".

DNI Display	
Subject:	RE: Malaysia Tax
From:	[redacted]
To:	[redacted]
Cc:	[redacted]
Date:	Tue Jun 23 12:41:25 GMT 2009
001.jpg (12013 bytes)	

XKEYSCORE has picked up traffic with email addresses in it..



Email Address

DNI Display Raw Data DNI Format

Subject: RE: Malaysia Tax

From: [REDACTED]

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]

Date: Tue Jun 23 12:41:25 GMT 2009

Attachments: @image001.jpg (12013 bytes)

X-KEYSCORE C2C Session Viewer

Session 9 of 18

Datetime	Case Notation	From IP	To IP	From Port	To Port	Protocol	Len
2009-06-23 12:41:28	PRPA07550000000	198. [REDACTED] (United States)	219. [REDACTED] (Malaysia)	39247	25	tcp	486

Session Header (3) Attachments (5) **Meta (10)**

attribute_info.txt **email_addresses.txt** tech.html application_id.xml appproc.asdf xks_snippet.txt phone_number.html

fingerprints.xml user_activity.xml ip_lc_trie.txt

email_addresses.txt FORMATTER AUTO

Using TXT formatter

[REDACTED]

XKEYSCORE parses out everything it 'thinks' is an email address, so don't be fooled by mis-hits



Creating Email Address Queries

- Enter usernames and domains into query

Search: Email Addresses

Query Name:

Justification:

Additional Justification:

Miranda Number:

Datetime: Start: Stop:

Email Username:

@Domain:

Subject:

Multiple usernames from SAME domain can be OR'd



Creating Email Address Queries

- BE VERY CAREFUL of OR'ing domains

Search: Email Addresses

Query Name:

Justification:

aqi in iran sample

Additional Justification:

Miranda Number:

Datetime:

1 Day

Start:

2009-06-23

00:00

Stop:

2009

Email Username:

badguy or baddude1 or badguysemail

@Domain:

yahoo.com or hotmail.com

Subject:

When working with multiple domains, create separate Email Address queries for each. i.e. Group your queries by domain names.



Multiple domains means either badguy@yahoo.com or badguy@hotmail.com. **Are both your targets?**



Email Address

- Sample Search: baku@huawei.com

Search: Email Addresses

Query Name:

Justification:

azerbaijani huawei bubba

Additional Justification:

Miranda Number:

Datetime:

Start:

00:00

St

Email Username:

baku

@Domain:

huawei.com



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DNI Display

Raw Data

DNI Format

 HTTP Header Information

Content Type: HTTP/HTML

Services ▼

Fax: 0061-2-94118533

Vienna, Austria

Ezone Office Building, 4th Floor/ Top 7, Ernst-Melchior-Gasse 20, 1020 Vienna, Austria

Tel: 0043-1-3119999

Baku, Azerbaijan

Caspian Plaza Centre ,block 610-611, J.Jabbarly St., Baku Azerbaijan, Az1065

Tel: 0099412-510-5644/5744/5844

Fax: 0099412-510-5944

E-mail: baku@huawei.com

Results here are from someone viewing a website that contained the email address

Building 647, Road 2811Seef District 428Kingdom of Bahrain

Tel: 00973-17568708

Fax: 00973-17568701

Bahrain, Bahrain

Villa NO.1, Mohamedia Garden, Gate NO.36,Road No.3431,Block No.334,Bahrain

Tel: 00974-3443296/00973-9580085

Dhaka, Bangladesh

R M Centere(2nd Floor),101, gulshan Avenue Gulshan Model

Tower Dhaka 1213 Bangladesh

Minsk, Belarus

Korolya str.,51, floor-2, office-28, Minsk,Belarus

Tel: 00375-17-2048003



User Activity Query

- User Activity query is based on APPROC collection (such as chat, webmail, etc)
- Allows more flexible search criteria than Email Address query
 - Can search on: Cookies, numeric logins (e.g. web forums & OSN), VoIP selectors, webcam first images, Webmail profile information from registration (birthdays), general usernames



Creating User Activity Queries

- The fields in a User Activity query can be confusing

Datetime: Custom Start: 2009-06-23 11:00 Stop: 20

Search For:

Search Value:

Realm:

Attribute Type:

Attribute Value:

Activity:

Source:

IP Address: From

Enter target selectors/identifiers here:

-Phone No

-Cookie

-Username/EMAD (then add REALM)

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Creating User Activity Queries

- The fields in a User Activity query can be confusing

Search For	Search Value	Attribute Type	Attribute Value
username	[REDACTED]@yahoo	communicants	[REDACTED] saifdes ziad197
username	[REDACTED]@yahoo	contact_list	0920273966 999999 a_salty a_t_love_me as
username	[REDACTED]@yahoo	direction	server-to-client
username	[REDACTED]@yahoo	from	[REDACTED]
username	[REDACTED]@yahoo	previous_user	Notice partial email addresses in the "Search Value" field..
username	[REDACTED]@yahoo	raw_metadata	
username	[REDACTED]@yahoo	to	[REDACTED]
username	[REDACTED]@yahoo	user_realm	emailAddr
username	[REDACTED]@yahoo	yahoo	[REDACTED]
username	[REDACTED]	emailAddr	[REDACTED]@yahoo
username	[REDACTED]@yahoo	app_provider	YMSG



Creating User Activity Queries

- Scenario:

You have a target's email address:

- [REDACTED]@hotmail.com
 - Known: One email address
 - Unknown: Alternate ID's, IPs, Location, Photo, etc... (lots of stuff)

Where do we begin?



I want to.....

- I have an Email Address and want to see if it's being collected?
 - Do an **Email Address** query on username and domain

Email Username:	<input type="text" value="baku"/>
@Domain:	<input type="text" value="huawei.com"/>

- Do a **User Activity** query on the email address in the "Selector Value"

Search Value:	<input type="text" value="baku@huawei*"/>
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I want to.....

- I have a Cookie and want to see what other accounts access this computer
 - Do TWO separate **User Activity** query on the cookies

1.

Attribute Value:



Search For	Search Value	Attribute Type	Attribute Value
username	[REDACTED]@yahoo	yahooBcookie	dg8q0od4u0li4
username	[REDACTED]@yahoo	B_cookie	dg8q0od4u0li4
username	[REDACTED]@yahoo	B_cookie	dg8q0od4u0li4
username	[REDACTED]@yahoo	yahooBcookie	dg8q0od4u0li4
username	[REDACTED]@yahoo	yahooBcookie	dg8q0od4u0li4
username	dg8q0od4u0li4	B_cookie	dg8q0od4u0li4
username	[REDACTED]@yahoo	B_cookie	dg8q0od4u0li4
username	[REDACTED]@yahoo	B_cookie	dg8q0od4u0li4
username	[REDACTED]@yahoo	yahooBcookie	dg8q0od4u0li4
username	[REDACTED]@yahoo	yahooBcookie	dg8q0od4u0li4
username	[REDACTED]@yahoo	B_cookie	dg8q0od4u0li4

Brings back THESE results...

Notice redundancy.. So you MAY miss traffic if you select "B_cookie" or "yahooBcookie" (don't know why)



I want to.....

- I have a Cookie and want to see what other accounts access this computer
 - Do TWO separate **User Activity** query on the cookies

2.

Search Value:



Brings back THESE results...

Search For	Search Value	Attribute Type	Attribute Value
username	dg8q0od4u0li4	yahoo	[REDACTED]@yahoo
username	dg8q0od4u0li4	yahoo	[REDACTED]@yahoo
username	dg8q0od4u0li4	yahoo	[REDACTED]@yahoo
username	dg8q0od4u0li4	yahoo	[REDACTED]@yahoo
username	dg8q0od4u0li4	yahoo	[REDACTED]@yahoo
username	dg8q0od4u0li4	yahoo	[REDACTED]@yahoo
username	dg8q0od4u0li4	yahoo	[REDACTED]@yahoo
username	dg8q0od4u0li4	yahoo	[REDACTED]@yahoo
username	dg8q0od4u0li4	yahoo	[REDACTED]@yahoo
username	dg8q0od4u0li4	yahoo	[REDACTED]@yahoo

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I want to.....

- I have a Cookie and want to see what other accounts access this computer
 - Do a Marina query on the cookie as well (why not)?

Specify Date Range to

(YYYYMMDD [hhmmss]):

for User Activity by...

that...

the value(s)...

when it is reached, return... (100,000 raw metadata result limit)

where value is... active user ?

in user_a or user_b column ?

filter by...

***Enrichment Options:** All None Selected

Query Justification (optional):



I want to.....

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 - Do a Marina query on the cookie as well (why not)?

<i>USER_A</i>	<i>ACTIVITY</i>	<i>USER_B</i>	<i>COOKIE</i>
[REDACTED]	<yahoo> seen with machine ID	dg8q0od4u0li4<yahooBcookie>	dg8q0od4u0li4<yahooBcookie>
[REDACTED]	<yahoo> seen with machine ID	dg8q0od4u0li4<yahooBcookie>	dg8q0od4u0li4<yahooBcookie>
[REDACTED]	<yahoo> seen with machine ID	dg8q0od4u0li4<yahooBcookie>	dg8q0od4u0li4<yahooBcookie>



I want to.....

- So let's put the cookie query all together...
 - Between Marina and XKS, I should have an idea of all the accounts..
 - Results pulling on dg8q0od4u0li4 as a Search Value

Search For	Search Value	Attribute Type	Attribute Value
username	dg8q0od4u0li4	yahoo	[REDACTED]@yahoo
username	dg8q0od4u0li4	yahoo	[REDACTED]@yahoo
username	dg8q0od4u0li4	raw metadata	<commEventSummary> <appPr...

- Plus my Marina results

USER_A	ACTIVITY	USER_B	COOKIE
[REDACTED]<yahoo>	seen with machine ID	dg8q0od4u0li4<yahooBcookie>	dg8q0od4u0li4<yahooBcookie>
[REDACTED]<yahoo>	seen with machine ID	dg8q0od4u0li4<yahooBcookie>	dg8q0od4u0li4<yahooBcookie>
[REDACTED]<yahoo>	seen with machine ID	dg8q0od4u0li4<yahooBcookie>	dg8q0od4u0li4<yahooBcookie>

RESULTS: Three users on the a computer..



I want to.....

- I have an IP address and want to know what users/accounts are collected in that network? (I.E. a Café's IP address, or mail/web server for an organization)
 - Do an **Email Address** query on the IP address

- Do a **User Activity** query on the IP address

Email Username:	<input type="text"/>
@Domain:	<input type="text"/>
Subject:	<input type="text"/>
IP Address:	<input type="text" value="██████████"/>
	From <input type="button" value="v"/>

Search For	<input type="text"/>
Search Value	<input type="text"/>
Realm	<input type="text"/>
Attribute Type	<input type="text"/>
Attribute Value	<input type="text"/>
Activity	<input type="text"/>
Source	<input type="text"/>
IP Address:	<input type="text" value="██████████"/>



Moral of the story

- Email Address query looks for the @ symbol in traffic
- User Activity search allows you to query on more than just an email address