

# **Malware Analysis Report**

# Pygmy Goat

**TLP CLEAR** 

Network Device Backdoor.



Version 2

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## **Executive summary**

- Uses LD\_PRELOAD to get loaded into /bin/sshd and hook its accept function.
- Listens on a raw socket for incoming ICMP packets to trigger a connect back, or uses the hooked accept function to search for a sequence of magic bytes in SSH connections.
- Functionality includes remote shell, packet capture, cron tasks, and creating a reverse SOCKS proxy server.

## Introduction

Pygmy Goat is a native x86-32 ELF shared object that was discovered on Sophos XG firewall devices, providing backdoor access to the device.

The LD\_PRELOAD environment variable is used to load the shared object into the sshd (SSH daemon) binary.

- Sample creates a raw ICMP socket to monitor for incoming packets, which contain an AES encrypted TCP callback IP and port for the sample to connect into for C2 functionality.
- Sample uses its LD\_PRELOAD position to hook the socket accept function to peek at incoming traffic looking for a specific SSH protocol announcement, and then reusing that connection as an alternative means for C2.
- Sample uses a hardcoded embedded CA certificate masquerading as Fortinet to establish a TLS connection with the C2 and verify its peer.
- C2 commands enable the actor to establish a remote shell on the device, start a packet capture, create cron tasks, and create a reverse SOCKS proxy to send traffic to devices behind the firewall.

## **Malware details**

#### Metadata

Filename	libsophos.so
Description	Malicious Shared Object loaded into /bin/sshd
Size	1,759,412 bytes
MD5	c71cd27efcdb8c44ab8c29d51f033a22
SHA-1	71f70d61af00542b2e9ad64abd2dda7e437536ff
SHA-256	6455de74ae15071fa98f18cdbc3148c967755e69df7dee747bc31d0387751162

Filename	libsophos.so
Description	Earlier variant of libsophos.so, missing the reverse proxy functionality, and using VMProtect to obfuscate the binary
Size	3,056,741 bytes
MD5	3f28196675dc8cb20cf5b5f80ea29310
SHA-1	7ace663c22b3e800fc17c1477d54b533f7002833
SHA-256	823b079c75f4e6a5905d9eea9a60c62e1f0995bfc25764d1ba0407a5bd78c962

## Functionality

#### Persistence

Pygmy Goat expects to have been loaded into the /bin/sshd process using the  $LD\_PRELOAD$  environment variable, as evident by a hooked accept function, and immediate unset of the  $LD\_PRELOAD$  environment variable when the binary is loaded. This suggests that the actor achieves persistence on the victim device through setting the  $LD\_PRELOAD$  environment on boot, for example by modifying a start-up script, with similar contents to:

```
LD_PRELOAD="libsophos.so" /bin/sshd
```

This would ensure that the malicious <code>libsophos.so</code> file would be loaded into the next executed ssh daemon at system start, with the ability to overload existing functions in the <code>sshd</code> binary.

#### Backdoor

The Pygmy Goat <code>libsophos.so</code> binary has its <code>INIT\_ARRAY</code> section populated with a single entry pointing at a <code>main\_constructor</code> function (named by the embedded debug symbols left inside the binary), which is guaranteed to execute before the actual functionality of the <code>sshd</code> binary.

The main\_constructor function forks so as not to block the loading of the legitimate sshd process, and then immediately unsets the LD\_PRELOAD environment variable for itself and all future child forks; although it is worth noting the original parent sshd process would still have the LD\_PRELOAD variable in its environment at this point.

The malware checks the uptime of the host system to ensure it has been up for over 60 seconds, sleeping if not. It then attempts to acquire an exclusive lock on a single-instance pid file at '/var/run/sshd.pid', to ensure it is the only instance of the malware currently executing. The malware forks again to launch a crond daemon through a statically compiled embedded BusyBox 1.33.1 to execute later cron tasks that the actor can deploy to the device through the malware.

Finally, the malware creates an ICMP raw socket to listen for all ICMP packets received by the device, as well as a Unix socket listening for connections to '/tmp/.sshd.ipc'

As Pygmy Goat is loaded into the sshd process with LD\_PRELOAD, any symbols exported by the libsophos.so shared object will replace the functions of any symbols imported by /bin/sshd. Finding the intersection of the exports and imports of each reveals a single symbol; the accept function, effectively hooking any TCP connections made to the sshd daemon.

On being called, the hooked <code>accept</code> function uses <code>dlsym</code> to find and invoke the 'real' <code>accept</code> function. The function then does a non-consuming, non-blocking peek at the first <code>0x17</code> bytes which it repeats every 100 milliseconds for three seconds until either <code>0x17</code> bytes are seen, the connection drops, or the time elapses. If <code>0x17</code> bytes are seen, they are compared against a hardcoded string of bytes:

 $SSH-2.0-OpenSSH_5.3p1\r\n^1$ 

If these bytes are seen, the malware detects a backdoor SSH connection, establishing a connection to the /tmp/.sshd.ipc Unix socket created in the main\_constructor function, which it uses to forward all data to and from the backdoor SSH connection.

The hooked accept function also unsets the LD\_PRELOAD variable immediately when it is called.

Since the *accept* function is called in the parent *sshd* process which still had the *LD\_PRELOAD* variable set, this hides the technique from casual forensics of the device as the environment variable is only set in the *sshd* process until the first time it accepts a TCP connection. That said, if the actor doesn't attempt to connect to a Pygmy Goat victim after it first boots, or the actor uses the ICMP wake up method, the *LD\_PRELOAD* variable will never be unset in the parent *sshd* process.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Although this is a legitimate OpenSSH protocol version, it was released in 2009 and presumably deemed unlikely to appear naturally by the malware developers in 2024.

#### Commands

Once a connection has been established with its C2, Pygmy Goat has a number of commands it can execute according to a command ID byte. Each command is detailed further in C2 Tasking.

Command ID	Description
0x01	Responds with the current date and time
0x02	Responds with system details
0x03	Spawns a /bin/sh shell
0x04	Spawns a /bin/csh shell
0x05	Spawns crontab to create new scheduled tasks
0x06	Starts a packet capture
0x07	Connects back to an EarthWorm Server (see <u>EarthWorm Reverse Socks Proxy</u> ) to create a reverse SOCKS5 proxy

## Communications

Pygmy Goat has two mechanisms that the actor can use to establish a C2 connection to the backdoor on demand:

- Port knock via ICMP raw socket.
- Response to the hooked SSH accept.

#### **ICMP Port Knock**

On receiving an ICMP packet of any type, Pygmy Goat will attempt to decrypt the first 0x10 bytes in the ICMP Data section with a hardcoded IV and key, using AES-256-CBC with null padding:

IV: 43 4a fc 1c 5d 9d 77 06 67 c1 c3 0e c1 37 47 bb Key: 59 4b 6e 77 51 6a 6d 41 54 62 41 6e 52 6f 5a 6d 30 66 47 37 55 5a 57 62 32 59 55 78 55 51 50 77

Once decrypted, the first four bytes are compared to a magic byte sequence to ensure the data is in fact a C2 control packet and not a legitimate ICMP packet:

ef 12 68 45

The next four bytes are treated as a big-endian IPv4 address, followed by two bytes of a big-endian TCP port number, with the remainder of the data being ignored.

All example data in this report has been generated in a virtual environment using the Pygmy Goat sample, and as such is indicative, rather than being procured from any victim or actor data.

Encrypted ICMP packet										
00 00 cc a2 5a 9d 00 0 dd 8a	1 d7 00 9e 6c 17 c0 82	6b 95 f0 fa 5b 5b 4e								
Echo (ping) reply	ICMP code	ICMP checksum								
ICMP identifier	Sequence Number	Encrypted Data								

Decrypted packet data											
ef 12 68 45 c0 a8 06 0	1 1e 61 00 00 00 00 00	00									
Magic validation	IPv4 Address	TCP port 7777									
bytes	192.168.6.1										
	AES padding										

Once the C2 IPv4 address and TCP port have been extracted, Pygmy Goat establishes a TLS connection with the server, verifying the certificate presented by the server against a Root CA certificate embedded inside the <code>libsophos.so</code> binary (see TLS Root CA Certificate). This is somewhat noteworthy as it means the actor can send the ICMP packets from a different device to the C2 connect-back server.

The Root CA Certificate claims to have been issued by FortiGate, Fortinet Ltd., another network device vendor.

#### **SSH Accept Hook**

Once the hooked <code>accept</code> function has identified the SSH version magic bytes and delegated the connection over the Unix socket at '/tmp/.sshd.ipc', Pygmy Goat continues to perform a fake SSH handshake with hardcoded data, reading a fixed number of bytes in response, although ignoring the contents:

Fake S	Fake SSH Handshake (C2 -> Malware)																
0x0000 0x0010	53 35	53 2e	48 33	2d 70	32 31	2e 0d	30 0a	2d	4f	70	65	<b>6e</b>	53	53	48	5f	SSH-2.0-OpenSSH_ 5.3p1
5	SH	Ver	rsi	on	Exc	har	nge	(p	eek	ed	at	fo	110	wir	ng	init	ial accept)

Fake S	Fake SSH Handshake (Malware -> C2)										
0x0000	0x0000 53 53 48 2d 32 2e 30 2d 44 38 70 6a 45 0d 0a SSH-2.0-D8pjE										
SSH Version Exchange											

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Fake SS	HH	anc	dsh	ake	e (M	alv	/are	<u>)</u> – >	C2)	)							
0x0000	00	00	<b>05</b>	4c	0a	14	fd	8d	cf	7b	16	6d	de	60	6f	f4	Lý.Ï{.mÞ`oô
0x0010	1c	19	89	<b>c1</b>	93	ee	00	00	00	80	63	75	72	76	65	32	Á.îcurve2
0x0020	35	35	31	39	2d	73	68	61	32	35	36	40	6C	69	62	73	5519-sha256@libs
0x0030	73	68	<b>2e</b>	<b>6f</b>	72	67	2c	64	69	66	66	69	65	2d	68	65	sh.org,diffie-he
0x0040	6C	6 <b>c</b>	<b>6d</b>	61	<b>6e</b>	2d	67	72	<b>6f</b>	75	70	2d	65	78	63	68	llman-group-exch
0x0050	61	<b>6e</b>	67	65	2d	73	68	61	32	35	36	<b>2c</b>	64	<b>69</b>	66	66	ange-sha256,diff
0x0060	69	65	2d	68	65	6c	6c	<b>6d</b>	61	<b>6e</b>	2d	67	72	<b>6f</b>	75	70	ie-hellman-group
0x0070	2d	65	78	63	<b>68</b>	61	<b>6e</b>	67	65	2d	73	68	61	31	<b>2c</b>	64	<pre>-exchange-sha1,d</pre>
0x0080	69	66	66	69	65	2d	68	65	<b>6c</b>	6C	<b>6d</b>	61	<b>6e</b>	2d	67	72	iffie-hellman-gr
0x0090	<b>6f</b>	75	70	31	34	2d	73	68	61	31	<b>00</b>	00	00	13	73	73	oup14-sha1ss
0x00a0	68	<b>2d</b>	72	73	61	<b>2c</b>	73	73	<b>68</b>	2d	65	64	32	35	35	31	h-rsa,ssh-ed2551
0x00b0	39	00	00	00	bb	63	68	61	63	<b>68</b>	61	32	30	2d	70	<b>6f</b>	9»chacha20-po
0x00c0	6 <b>c</b>	79	31	33	30	35	40	<b>6f</b>	70	65	<b>6e</b>	73	73	68	<b>2e</b>	63	ly1305@openssh.c
0x00d0	<b>6f</b>	<b>6d</b>	<b>2c</b>	61	65	73	31	32	38	2d	63	74	72	<b>2c</b>	61	65	om,aes128-ctr,ae
0x00e0	73	31	39	32	2d	63	74	72	<b>2c</b>	61	65	73	32	35	36	2d	s192-ctr,aes256-
0x00f0	63	74	72	<b>2c</b>	61	72	63	66	<b>6f</b>	75	72	32	35	36	<b>2c</b>	61	ctr,arcfour256,a
0x0100	72	63	66	<b>6f</b>	75	72	31	32	38	<b>2c</b>	61	65	73	31	32	38	rcfour128,aes128
0x0110	2d	63	62	63	2c	33	64	65	73	2d	63	62	63	<b>2c</b>	62	6C	-cbc,3des-cbc,bl
0x0120	<b>6f</b>	77	66	69	73	68	2d	63	62	63	<b>2c</b>	63	61	73	74	31	owfish-cbc,cast1
0x0130	32	38	<b>2d</b>	63	62	63	<b>2c</b>	61	65	73	31	39	32	2d	63	62	28-cbc,aes192-cb
0x0140	63	<b>2c</b>	61	65	73	32	35	36	2d	63	62	63	<b>2c</b>	61	72	63	c,aes256-cbc,arc
0x0150	66	<b>6f</b>	75	72	<b>2c</b>	72	69	<b>6a</b>	<b>6e</b>	64	61	65	<b>6c</b>	2d	63	62	four,rijndael-cb
0x0160	63	40	6 <b>c</b>	79	73	61	74	<b>6f</b>	72	<b>2e</b>	<b>6c</b>	69	75	<b>2e</b>	73	65	<pre>c@lysator.liu.se</pre>
0x0170	00	00	00	bb	63	68	61	63	68	61	32	30	2d	70	<b>6f</b>	6C	»chacha20-pol
0x0180	79	31	33	30	35	40	6f	70	65	<b>6e</b>	73	73	68	<b>2e</b>	63	<b>6f</b>	y1305@openssh.co
0x0190	6d	<b>2c</b>	61	65	73	31	32	38	2d	63	74	72	<b>2c</b>	61	65	73	m,aes128-ctr,aes
0x01a0	31	39	32	2d	63	74	72	2c	61	65	73	32	35	36	2d	63	192-ctr,aes256-c
0x01b0	74	72	2c	61	72	63	66	<b>6f</b>	75	72	32	35	36	2c	61	72	tr,arcfour256,ar

0x01c0	63	66	6f	75	72	31	32	38	2c	61	65	73	31	32	38	2d	cfour128.aes128-
0x01d0	63	62	63	2c	33	64	65	73	2d	63	62	63	2c	62	6c	6f	cbc,3des-cbc,blo
0x01e0	77	66	69	73	68	2d	63	62	63	2c	63	61	73	74	31	32	wfish-cbc.cast12
0x01f0	38	2d	63	62	63	2c	61	65	73	31	39	32	2d	63	62	63	8-cbc.aes192-cbc
0x0200	2c	61	65	73	32	35	36	2d	63	62	63	2c	61	72	63	66	.aes256-cbc.arcf
0x0210	6f	75	72	20	72	69	6a	6e	64	61	65	60	2d	63	62	63	our.riindael-chc
0x0220	40	6c	79	73	61	74	<b>6</b> f	72	2e	6c	69	75	2e	73	65	00	@lvsator.liu.se.
0x0230	00	01	68	75	6d	61	63	2d	36	34	2d	65	74	6d	40	6f	humac-64-etm@o
0x0240	70	65	6e	73	73	68	2e	63	6f	6d	20	75	6d	61	63	2d	penssh.com.umac-
0x0250	31	32	38	2d	65	74	6d	40	6f	70	65	6e	73	73	68	2e	128-etm@openssh.
0x0260	63	6f	6d	2c	68	6d	61	63	2d	73	68	61	32	2d	32	35	com.hmac-sha2-25
0x0270	36	2d	65	74	6d	40	6f	70	65	6e	73	73	68	2e	63	6f	6-etm@openssh.co
0x0280	6d	2c	68	6d	61	63	2d	73	68	61	32	2d	35	31	32	2d	m.hmac-sha2-512-
0x0290	65	74	6d	40	6f	70	65	<b>6e</b>	73	73	68	2e	63	6f	6d	2c	etm@openssh.com.
0x02a0	68	6d	61	63	2d	73	68	61	31	2d	65	74	6d	40	6f	70	hmac-sha1-etm@op
0x02b0	65	6e	73	73	68	2e	63	6f	6d	2c	75	6d	61	63	2d	36	enssh.com.umac-6
0x02c0	34	40	6f	70	65	6e	73	73	68	2e	63	6f	6d	2c	75	6d	4@openssh.com.um
0x02d0	61	63	2d	31	32	38	40	<b>6f</b>	70	65	6e	73	73	68	2e	63	ac-128@openssh.c
0x02e0	<b>6f</b>	6d	2c	68	6d	61	63	2d	73	68	61	32	2d	32	35	36	om,hmac-sha2-256
0x02f0	2c	68	6d	61	63	2d	73	68	61	32	2d	35	31	32	2c	68	,hmac-sha2-512,h
0x0300	6d	61	63	2d	73	68	61	31	2c	68	6d	61	63	2d	6d	64	mac-sha1,hmac-md
0x0310	35	2d	65	74	6d	40	<b>6f</b>	70	65	<b>6e</b>	73	73	68	<b>2e</b>	63	6f	5-etm@openssh.co
0x0320	<b>6d</b>	2c	68	<b>6d</b>	61	63	2d	72	69	70	65	6d	64	31	36	30	m,hmac-ripemd160
0x0330	2d	65	74	6d	40	<b>6f</b>	70	65	<b>6e</b>	73	73	68	<b>2e</b>	63	<b>6f</b>	6d	-etm@openssh.com
0x0340	2c	68	6d	61	63	2d	<b>6d</b>	64	35	2d	39	36	2d	65	74	6d	,hmac-md5-96-etm
0x0350	40	<b>6f</b>	70	65	<b>6e</b>	73	73	68	2e	63	<b>6f</b>	<b>6d</b>	2c	68	6d	61	<pre>@openssh.com,hma</pre>
0x0360	63	<b>2d</b>	<b>6d</b>	64	35	<b>2c</b>	68	<b>6d</b>	61	63	2d	72	<b>69</b>	70	65	6d	c-md5,hmac-ripem
0x0370	64	31	36	30	<b>2c</b>	68	<b>6d</b>	61	63	2d	72	69	70	65	<b>6d</b>	64	d160,hmac-ripemd
0x0380	31	36	30	40	<b>6f</b>	70	65	<b>6e</b>	73	73	68	<b>2e</b>	63	<b>6f</b>	6d	2c	160@openssh.com,
0x0390	<b>68</b>	<b>6d</b>	61	63	2d	<b>6d</b>	64	35	2d	39	36	00	00	01	68	75	hmac-md5-96hu
0x03a0	<b>6d</b>	61	63	2d	36	34	<b>2d</b>	65	74	<b>6d</b>	40	<b>6f</b>	70	65	<b>6e</b>	73	mac-64-etm@opens
0x03b0	73	68	<b>2e</b>	63	<b>6f</b>	<b>6d</b>	<b>2c</b>	75	<b>6d</b>	61	63	2d	31	32	38	2d	<pre>sh.com,umac-128-</pre>
0x03c0	65	74	<b>6d</b>	40	<b>6f</b>	70	65	<b>6e</b>	73	73	68	<b>2e</b>	63	<b>6f</b>	<b>6d</b>	2c	etm@openssh.com,
0x03d0	68	<b>6d</b>	61	63	<b>2d</b>	73	68	61	32	<b>2d</b>	32	35	36	<b>2d</b>	65	74	hmac-sha2-256-et
0x03e0	<b>6d</b>	40	<b>6f</b>	70	65	<b>6e</b>	73	73	68	<b>2e</b>	63	<b>6f</b>	<b>6d</b>	<b>2c</b>	68	6d	m@openssh.com,hm
0x03f0	61	63	2d	73	68	61	32	2d	35	31	32	2d	65	74	6d	40	ac-sha2-512-etm@
0x0400	<b>6f</b>	70	65	<b>6e</b>	73	73	68	<b>2e</b>	63	<b>6f</b>	6d	<b>2c</b>	68	<b>6d</b>	61	63	openssh.com,hmac
0x0410	2d	73	68	61	31	2d	65	74	6d	40	<b>6f</b>	70	65	<b>6e</b>	73	73	-sha1-etm@openss
0x0420	68	2e	63	<b>6f</b>	6d	2c	75	6d	61	63	2d	36	34	40	<b>6f</b>	70	h.com,umac-64@op
0x0430	65	<b>6e</b>	73	73	68	2e	63	<b>6f</b>	6d	2c	75	6d	61	63	2d	31	enssh.com,umac-1
0x0440	32	38	40	<b>6f</b>	70	65	<b>6e</b>	73	73	68	<b>2e</b>	63	<b>6f</b>	6d	2c	68	28@openssh.com,h
0x0450	<b>6d</b>	61	63	2d	73	68	61	32	2d	32	35	36	<b>2c</b>	68	6d	61	mac-sha2-256,hma
0x0460	63	2d	73	68	61	32	2d	35	31	32	2c	68	6d	61	63	2d	c-sha2-512,hmac-
0x0470	73	68	61	31	2c	68	6d	61	63	2d	6d	64	35	2d	65	74	sha1,hmac-md5-et
0x0480	6d	40	<b>6f</b>	70	65	6e	73	73	68	2e	63	6†	6d	2c	68	6d	m@openssh.com,hm
0x0490	61	63	2d	72	69	70	65	6d	64	31	36	30	2d	65	74	6d	ac-ripemd160-etm
0x04a0	40	6†	70	65	6e	73	73	68	2e	63	6†	60	2C	68	60	61	<pre>@openssh.com,hma</pre>
0x04b0	63	2d	6d	64	35	2d	39	36	2d	65	74	6d	40	6f	70	65	c-md5-96-etm@ope
0x04c0	6e	73	73	68	2e	63	6†	6d	20	68	6d	61	63	2d	6d	64	nssh.com,hmac-md
0X0400	35	20	68	60	61	63	20	12	69	/0	65	60	64 24	31	36	30	5,nmac-ripemd160
0X04e0	20	68	6d	61	63	2d	/2	69	/0	65	60	64	31	36	30	40	,nmac-ripemd160@
0X04+0	61	/0	65	6e	/3	/3	68	2e	63	6†	60	20	68	60	61	63	openssh.com,hmac
0X0500	2d	60	64	35	2d	39	36	66	60	60	15	66	6†	66	65	20	-mas-96none,

0x0510	7a	6c	69	62	40	6f	70	65	6e	73	73	68	2e	63	<b>6f</b>	6d	<pre>zlib@openssh.com</pre>
0x0520	00	<b>00</b>	<b>00</b>	15	<b>6e</b>	<b>6f</b>	<b>6e</b>	65	<b>2c</b>	7a	6 <b>c</b>	<b>69</b>	62	40	<b>6f</b>	70	none,zlib@op
0x0530	65	<b>6e</b>	73	73	68	<b>2e</b>	63	<b>6f</b>	<b>6d</b>	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	enssh.com
0x0540	00	<b>00</b>	<b>00</b>	<b>00</b>	<b>00</b>	<b>00</b>	00	•••••									
	SSH Key Exchange Init																

# Fake SSH Handshake (C2 -> Malware)

0x0000 ?? \* 0x490

SSH Key Exchange Init (Contents ignored by Pygmy Goat)

#### Fake SSH Handshake (C2 -> Malware)

0x0000 ?? \* 0x30

SSH Key Exchange

Fake SSH Handshake (Malware -> C2)																	
0x0000 0x0010 0x0020 0x0030 0x0040 0x0050 0x0050 0x0060 0x0070 0x0080 0x0090 0x00a0 0x00a0	00 68 8d 83 20 88 1b 35 52 c0 cb 95	00 2d 6b 3d 52 01 00 35 19 26 f4 91	00 65 d8 74 91 8f 00 31 82 6c 66 bd	bc 64 10 de ba 3e 00 39 8e 31 d1 cb	08 32 08 60 65 3a 53 00 86 3c cb 97	1f 35 e4 bf 28 9a 00 65 5c 81 a4	00 35 91 b7 66 1f 00 42 90 4f b3	00 31 22 4b 56 3f 00 40 8c 3a 63 0f	00 39 7b 39 d4 1c 0b 29 1f 24 fd 00	33 00 94 21 cd f4 73 cc 1a 7d 4a 00	00 28 1d 7d 84 73 f0 d4 e4 fa 00	00 00 65 99 06 68 cc c3 d3 06 00	00 20 e0 1e c0 57 2d 16 a5 57 e4 00	0b 3d 00 6d 39 65 c5 b1 6d 7e 00	73 5f 7a 00 06 75 64 46 cb da 4c 00	73 84 76 00 e8 f8 32 6e fc 8e a0 00	<pre>¼</pre>
0X00C0	99	99	99	90	0a	15	66	00 55H	66 Ke	99 27	90 = X C	99 han	00 σρ	99	99	00	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •

#### Fake SSH Handshake (C2-> Malware)

0x0000 ?? \* 0x10

SSH New Keys

After the fake SSH handshake is complete, Pygmy Goat continues to establish a legitimate TLS handshake over the fake SSH TCP connection, following the same path as with the ICMP connect-back.

This is somewhat odd as TLS handshakes are typically initiated by the TCP client, whereas in this case Pygmy Goat is the TCP server but establishes the TLS handshake as though it was the client; i.e, sending the client Hello, followed by the TCP client sending the server Hello.

#### C2 Tasking

Regardless of which mechanism was used to establish the TLS connection to the C2 server, subsequent data sent from the server to Pygmy Goat follows the same code path.

Data sent over the C2 TLS channel in either direction consists of a command byte, an identifier byte, a subcommand byte, and a two-byte big-endian length, followed by an optional LZOIX compressed data section. The identifier byte is unused for simple request-response commands, and the value sent by the server is simply echoed back in the response, however for long running commands it is used to specify which instance of a previous command to interact with, e.g, to stop a previously started packet capture. The first command packet received by Pygmy Goat following the TLS handshake is expected to be another handshake containing a sequence of expected magic bytes:

All example command packets are with TLS stripped and the LZOIX data decompressed, to make the data legible. For small packets of data the LZOIX algorithm increases the length after 'compression' due to a header, hence the length being greater than the length of the uncompressed bytes in some cases. Unless otherwise stated as 'LE' (Little Endian), all numeric values are transmitted as Big Endian values.

Pygmy Goat Handshake (C2 -> Malware)												
0x0000 63 00 01 00 0c 2c 62 45 42 33 3f 3d 6f c,bEB3?=o												
Comma	nd (Handshake)	Identifier	Subco	mmand (Request)								
Comp	ressed Length	Magic Bytes										

Pygmy Goat Handshake (Malware -> C2)										
0x0000	<b>63 00 01 00 00</b>			c						
Comma	nd (Handshake)	Identifier	Subco	mmand (Response)						
		Compressed Length								

Following the handshake, Pygmy Goat will start processing subsequent packets as commands.

#### 0x01 DateTime

Pygmy Goat responds with the current date and time, formatted with the  $\tt ctime$  C function.

DateTime request (C2 -> Malware)										
0x0000	01 00 01 00 00			••••						
Comma	and (DateTime)	Identifier	Subco	ommand (Request)						
		Compressed Length								

DateTime response (Malware -> C2)																	
0x0000 0x0010 0x0020	01 31 41	00 32 54	06 3a 45	00 33 29	23 37	54 3a	75 33	65 33	20 20	4d 32	61 30	72 32	20 34	31 20	34 28	20 44	#Tue Mar 14 12:37:33 2024 (D ATE)
Command (DateTime)									Ide	ent	ifi	er			S	ubco	mmand (Response)
Compressed Length											F	or	nat	ted	da	ate	time

#### 0x02 Details

Pygmy Goat responds with the victim system details from the uname C function.

Details request (C2 -> Malware)											
0x0000	02 00 01 00 00			••••							
Comm	Command (Details) Identifier Subcommand (Request)										
Compressed Length											

Details response (Malware -> C2)																	
0x0000 0x0010 0x0020 0x0030 0x0040 0x0050 0x0060 0x0060	02 69 62 34 63 31 4d	00 6e 75 2e 0a 36 50	06 75 6e 31 56 2e 20	00 78 74 30 65 30 54	8d 0a 75 2e 72 34 68 31	53 4e 0a 30 73 2e 75	79 6f 52 2d 69 32 20	73 64 65 32 6f 2d 4a	6e 65 6c 38 6e 55 75	61 6e 65 2d 3a 62 6c	6d 61 61 20 75 20	65 6d 73 65 20 6e 32	3a 65 65 23 74 30	20 3a 3a 65 33 75 20	20 20 20 72 32 20 31	4c 75 20 69 7e 53 30	Sysname: L inux.Nodename: u buntu.Release: 4.10.0-28-generi c.Version: #32~ 16.04.2-Ubuntu S MP Thu Jul 20 10
0x0080	4d	61	63	<b>68</b>	69	6e	<b>65</b>	3a	20	20	<b>69</b>	36	38	36	57	ou	Machine: i686
Command (Details)							Identifier Subcom						mmand (Response)				
Compressed Length												S	yst	em	De	tail	S

#### 0x03 System Shell

Pygmy Goat forks a new /bin/sh process using code copied from *The Linux Programming Interface*<sup>2</sup>, passing data to/from the socket to/from the shell child process. The identifier byte is used to support opening multiple shells at once.

Shell start request (C2 -> Malware)											
0x0000	0x0000 03 7b 01 00 08 00 04 00 00 .{										
Com	Command (System Identifier (123) Subcommand (Start) Shell)										
Compressed Length Buffer window size (1024, LE)											

Shell start response (Malware -> C2)										
0x0000	03 7b 02 00 00			.{						
Com	mand (System Shell)	Identifier	Subco	ommand (Started)						
Compressed Length										

Shell output (Malware -> C2)											
0x0000	0x0000 03 7b 03 00 06 23 20 .{#										
Command	Command (System Shell) Identifier Subcommand (IO)										
Compressed Length Shell output ('# ')											

Shell input (C2 -> Malware)										
0x0000	000 03 7b 03 00 08 70 77 64 0a .{pwd.									
Com	mand (System Shell)	Identifier	Su	bcommand (IO)						
Compressed Length Shell input ('pwd\n')										

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> https[:]//man7[.]org/tlpi/code/online/dist/pty/pty\_fork.c.html

Shell output (Malware -> C2)																
0x0000 0x0010 0x0020	03 7 75 7 23 20	03 65	00 72	21 2f	70 6c	77 69	64 62	0d 73	0a 6f	2f 70	68 68	6f 6f	6d 73	65 0d	2f 0a	.{pwd/home/ user/libsophos #
Comm	Command (System Identifier Subcommand (IO) Shell)															
Compr	essec	Le	ngt	h		She ¢pwd\r\n/home/ر					he] e/u	ll ( ser	out v/l:	put ibso	phos\r\n# ')	

Shell stop request (C2 -> Malware)										
0x0000	03 7b 05 00 00			.{						
Com	mand (System Shell)	Identifier	Sub	command (Stop)						
Compressed Length										

Shell stop response (Malware -> C2)										
0x0000	03 7b 06 00 00			.{						
Command	(System Shell)	Identifier	Subco	mmand (Stopped)						
Compressed Length										

#### 0x04 CLI Shell

Pygmy Goat forks a new /bin/csh process, and otherwise operates in the same manner as the System Shell command including the command packets and control flow, with the sole exception of the Command byte being 0x04 instead of 0x03; as such, example packets have not been included.

#### 0x05 Crontab

Pygmy Goat forks a new execution of crontab using the statically compiled embedded BusyBox instance, otherwise operating similarly to the previous two commands. This provides the actor with an interactive instance of crontab, enabling them to create scheduled tasks on the victim device to execute when the actor isn't actively interacting with the system.

Cronto	Crontab CLI start request (C2 -> Malware)								
0x0000	05 7b 01 00 08 00	05 7b 01 00 08 00 04 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 2d 6c .{							
Comman	d (Crontab CLI)	Identifier	Subc	command (Start)					
Comp	ressed Length	Buffer window size (LE)		Unused					
Ado	litional args to	crontab (e.g, -l to lis crontab file)	t task	s, -e to edit					

Cronta	Crontab CLI start response (Malware -> C2)										
0x0000	05 7b 02 00 00			.{							
Comman	d (Crontab CLI)	Identifier	Subco	ommand (Started)							
	Compressed Length										

Crontab CLI output (Malware -> C2)																	
0x0000 0x0010 0x0020	05 65 65	7b 63 2f	03 68 75	00 6f 73	21 20 65	33 70 72	30 77 2f	20 6e 70	2a 64 77	20 20 6e	2a 3e 64	20 20 0d	2a 2f 0a	20 68	2a 6f	20 6d	<pre>.{!30 * * * * echo pwnd &gt; /hom e/user/pwnd</pre>
Comman	d (	Cro	nta	ıb (	CLI	)			Ide	ent	ifi	er				Su	bcommand (IO)
Compressed Length													CL	IC	out	put	

Crontab CLI stopped (Malware -> C2)											
0x0000	05 7b 06 00 00			.{							
Comman	d (Crontab CLI)	Identifier	Subco	ommand (Stopped)							
	Compressed Length										

Note, the 'Stopped' message from the malware is sent automatically when the child crontab process exits. In the above example, the C2 server sent the '-l' argument which causes crontab to list the current cron tasks and then exit; hence the 'IO' subcommand containing the standard output, followed by the Stopped 'subcommand'.

#### 0x06 Packet Capture

Pygmy Goat uses the *libpcap* library to start capturing traffic on the specified interface according to the specified filter string until a subsequent command is sent to tell it to stop.

Packet	Packet capture start request (C2 -> Malware)									
0x0000 0x0010	06 7b 01 00 11 00 6d 70	05 00 04 65 6e 73 33 33	69 63	.{ens33ic mp						
Com	mand (Packet Capture)	Identifier	Subo	command (Start)						
Comp	ressed Length	er string length								
Int	cerface name	Filter	strin	g						

Packet capture start response (Malware -> C2)																
0x0000 0x0010	06 7 00 0	b 02 0 00	00 00	1c 00	d4 00	c3 00	b2 00	a1 00	02 01	00 00	04 00	00 00	00	00	00	.{Ôò;
Com	mand Capt	(Pa ure	icke )	t				Ide	ent	ifi	er			2	Subc	ommand (Started)
Compressed Length						Capture metadata, including link type										

Packet	Packet capture data (Malware -> C2)									
0x0000	06 7b 03 00 5d bb	08 10 67 68 69		.{]»ghi						
Com	mand (Packet Capture)	Identifier	Subc	ommand (Packet)						
Comp	ressed Length	Single po	cap fr	ame						

Packet capture stop request (C2 -> Malware)											
0x0000	x0000 06 7b 05 00 00 .{										
Com	mand (System Shell)	Identifier	Sub	command (Stop)							
Compressed Length											

Packet	Packet capture response (Malware -> C2)									
0x0000	06 7b 06 00 00			.{						
Com	mand (System Shell)	Identifier	Subco	ommand (Stopped)						
		Compressed Length								

#### 0x07 EarthWorm Reverse Socks Proxy

Pygmy Goat reads a new hostname/IP address and TCP port from the compressed data, and then calls through to a copied version of the EarthWorm<sup>3</sup> source code, into the create\_rssocks\_server function<sup>4</sup>, passing the address, port, and hardcoded timeout of 10 seconds.

EarthWorm is an open-source network tunnelling tool designed for offensive capabilities, in particular offering a reverse SOCKS5 proxy server to enable penetration through firewalls. While EarthWorm isn't directly malicious, it has been used by threat actors previously, as noted in reporting by Mandiant<sup>5</sup> and CrowdStrike<sup>6</sup>. The original developer has since taken down the source code from their github page, although it remains available in mirrored repositories<sup>7</sup>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> https[:]//rootkiter[.]com/EarthWorm/en/index.html

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> https[:]//github[.]com/anhilo/xiaogongju/blob/master/rssocks\_pro.c#L3

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> https[:[//www.mandiant[.]com/resources/blog/pst-want-shell-proxyshell-exploitingmicrosoft-exchange-servers

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> https[:]//www.crowdstrike[.]com/blog/overwatch-insights-reviewing-a-new-intrusion-targeting-mac-systems/

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> https[:]//github[.]com/anhilo/xiaogongju/

Reverse	e prox	xy st	art	re	que	est	(C2	2->	Ma	IW	are	)				
0x0000 0x0010	07 7t	01	00 00	27	65 00	78 00	61 00	6d 00	70 00	6c 00	65 00	2e 00	63 00	6f 00	6d 00	.{example.com
0x0020	00 00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	•••••
0x0030 0x0040	00 00 00 00	00 6 00 6	00 00	00 00	00 00	00 00	00 00	00 00	00 00	00 00	00 00	00 00	00 00	00 00	00 00	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •
0x0050	00 00 00 00	00	00 00	00 00	00 00	00 00	00 00	00 00	00 00	00 00	00 00	00 00	00 00	00 00	00 00	•••••
0x0070	00 00	00	00	00	<b>00</b>	00	00	00	<b>00</b>	00	00	00	00	00	00	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •
0x0080 0x0090	00 00 00 00	) 00 ) 00	00 00	00 00	00 00	00 00	00 00	00 00	00 00	00 00	00 00	00 00	00 00	00 00	00 00	
0x00a0	00 00	00	<b>00</b>	<b>00</b>	<b>00</b>	<b>00</b>	<b>00</b>	<b>00</b>	<b>00</b>	<b>00</b>	<b>00</b>	<b>00</b>	<b>00</b>	<b>00</b>	<b>00</b>	•••••
0x00000 0x00c0	00 00	) 00 ) 00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00 00	•••••
0x00d0 0x00e0	00 00 00 00	) 00 ) 00	00 00	00 00	00 00	00 00	00 00	00 00	00 00	00 00	00 00	00 00	00 00	00 00	00 00	
0x00f0 0x0100	00 00 00 00	00 00	00 00	00 00	<mark>00</mark> 22	<mark>00</mark> b8	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	•••••",
Com	mand	(Pro	oxy)	)		Identifier								Subo	command (Start)	
Compressed Length							EarthWorm server address (256 bytes								artl	hWorm server TCP port (8888)

Reverse	Reverse proxy start response (Malware -> C2)									
0x0000	07 7b 02 00 00			.{						
Com	mand (Proxy)	Identifier	Subc	ommand (Started)						
		Compressed Length								

In a forked process, Pygmy Goat then establishes a new TCP connection to the address and port contained in the start request data.

Whilst the channel used to request that Pygmy Goat create a reverse SOCKS proxy is TLS-encrypted, the EarthWorm channel itself is not, and as such subsequent packet examples are raw TCP.

EarthWorm Client Request (Malware -> EarthWorm Server)								
0x0000	01 01 00 00 00 00	)	•••••					
Type (Handshake) Subtype (Request) Pool Number								

EarthWorm Server Response (EarthWorm Server -> Malware)				
0x0000 01 02 00 00 00 00				
Type (Handshake) Subtype (Response) Pool Number				

EarthWorm Assign Pool Number (EarthWorm Server -> Malware)			
0x0000	0x0000 01 03 00 00 04 d2Ò		
Type (Handshake)		Subtype (Assign Pool Num)	Pool Number

Pool numbers are used so a single EarthWorm server can distinguish between multiple clients.

Pygmy Goat then establishes a new TCP connection to the EarthWorm server, this time using the Pool Number it's just been assigned, to request a remote tunnel.

EarthWorm Request Remote Tunnel (Malware -> EarthWorm Server)			
0x0000	01 04 00 00 04 d2Ò		
Type (Handshake)		Subtype (Tunnel Request)	Pool Number

EarthWorm Remote Tunnel Created (EarthWorm Server -> Malware)				
0x0000	0x0000 01 05 00 00 04 d2Ò			
Type (Handshake)		Subtype (Tunnel Response)	Pool Number	

At this point the EarthWorm server creates a new locally listening port, which a SOCKS5 client can connect into. All raw data sent through the locally listening port is tunnelled directly through to Pygmy Goat, which behaves as a SOCKS5 server, enabling the actor to send SOCKS traffic from their local end, through the firewall device and beyond.

Of note with EarthWorm, regardless of which authentication methods the SOCKS5 client states it supports, the EarthWorm SOCKS5 server running in Pygmy Goat will always choose 'No Authentication'. EarthWorm also only

supports the remote address being specified as IPv4, and finally, after establishing the remote connection to the IPv4 address and port specified by the SOCKS5 client, the server will respond stating that its local bind address and port is x41x41x41and x41x41:

Proxiec	Proxied Curl Request, Client Greeting (Curl -> EW Server -> Malware)				
0x0000	05 <b>02 00 02</b>		• • • •		
SO	CKS Version	Num Auth	No auth & User/Pass		
Proxiec	l Curl Request, Ser	ver Choice (Malware ->	EW Server -> Curl)		
0x0000	05 00		••		
SO	CKS Version	Auth choic	ce (No auth)		
Proxiec Malwai	Proxied Curl Request, Client Connection Request (Curl -> EW Server -> Malware)				
0x0000	) 05 01 00 01 c0 a8 06 01 1a 0aÀ"		À"		
SOCKS Version		Establish TCP Connect	Reserved		
Address Type (IPv4)		Packed IPv4 Address	TCP port		
Proxied Curl Request, Server Response (Malware -> EW Server -> Curl)					
0x0000	05 00 00 01 41 41	41 41 41 41	AAAAAA		
SO	CKS Version	Request Granted	Reserved		
Addre	ss Type (TPv4)	Packed TPv4 Bind	TCP bind port		

#### **Example Network Diagram**

In the below example, the actor uses the ICMP wakeup method to establish a TLS connection to the IP and port inside the encrypted ICMP packet data. Pygmy Goat establishes a TCP & TLS connection to the C2 server, verifying the C2 server's TLS certificate against the embedded CA cert. The C2 server performs the Pygmy Goat handshake, followed by a task: to establish a reverse SOCKS5 EarthWorm connection with the IP and port inside the task data. After establishing the reverse tunnel, a SOCKS5 client can connect into the EarthWorm server on a newly opened port to send tunnelled data which will ultimately come out of the victim's network interface.



## Conclusion

While not containing any novel techniques, Pygmy Goat is quite sophisticated in how it enables the actor to interact with it on demand, while blending in with normal network traffic. The code itself is clean, with short, well-structured functions aiding future extensibility, and errors are checked throughout, suggesting it was written by a competent developer or developers.

Although Pygmy Goat has so far only been seen on Sophos XG Firewalls, design choices suggest that it could be intended for use on an array of Linux devices rather than specifically targeted. The malware has multiple methods of comms wake-up, as well as two separate remote shells, /bin/sh and /bin/csh, which would likely be considered unnecessary effort if the malware had been developed for a specific device. Pygmy Goat does not rely on any device-specific external libraries and will run on a base Ubuntu distribution.

In particular, the embedded Root CA Certificate, which claims to have been issued by 'FortiGate, Fortinet Ltd.', as well as one of the IPC Unix sockets having the filename '.fgmon\_cli.ipc', suggests that Pygmy Goat may have initially been intended to execute on FortiGate devices. Recent reporting from Mandiant shows attacks on FortiGate devices, with CASTLETAP having similar TTPs to Pygmy Goat, such as an encrypted ICMP packet containing C2 information being used to establish a reverse SSL connection<sup>8</sup>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> https[:]//www.mandiant[.]com/resources/blog/fortinet-malware-ecosystem

## Detection

## Indicators of compromise

Туре	Description	Values
Path	Copied malware path	/lib/libsophos.so
Path	IPC Unix server socket	/tmp/.sshd.ipc
Path	IPC Unix client socket	/tmp/.fgmon_cli.ipc
Path	IPC Unix server socket from older sample	/tmp/.goat.ipc
Path	Single instance pid file	/var/run/sshdd.pid
Path	Single instance pid file from older sample	/var/run/goat.pid

### **Rules and signatures**

Description	Pygmy Goat AES key built on the stack or in data		
Precision	No false positives in VirusTotal retro hunt over the previous 12 months		
Rule type	YARA		
<pre>rule pygmy_go {     meta:         authol         descr.         date         hash1     strings         \$;         \$;         \$;</pre>	<pre>Rule type YARA rule pygmy_goat_aes_key {     meta:         author = "NCSC"         description = "Pygmy Goat AES key built on the stack or in data"         date = "2024-10-22"         hash1 = "71f70d61af00542b2e9ad64abd2dda7e437536ff"     strings:         \$dword_1 = { 59 4b 6e 77 }         \$dword_2 = { 51 6a 6d 41 }         \$dword_3 = { 54 62 41 6e }         \$dword_4 = { 52 6f 5a 6d }         \$dword_5 = { 30 66 47 37 }         \$dword_6 = { 55 5a 57 62 }         \$dword_7 = { 32 59 55 78 }         \$dword_8 = { 55 51 50 77 } }</pre>		
}	uint32(0) == 0x464c457f) and all of them		

Description	Pygmy Goat magic byte sequences used in C2 comms	
Precision	No false positives in VirusTotal retro hunt over the previous 12 months	
Rule type	YARA	
<pre>rule pygmy_goat_magic_strings {     meta:         author = "NCSC"         description = "Pygmy Goat magic byte sequences used in C2 comms"         date = "2024-10-22"         hash1 = "71f70d61af00542b2e9ad64abd2dda7e437536ff"</pre>		
strings \$ \$ 65 42 8c 1f 1 6d da 8e cb f a4 b3 0f }	: c2_magic_handshake = ",bEB3?=o" fake_ssh_banner = "SSH-2.0-D8pjE" fake_ed25519_key = { 29 cc f0 cc 16 c5 46 6e 52 19 82 8e 86 a d4 c3 a5 b1 cb fc c0 26 6c 31 3c 5c 90 3a 24 7d e4 d3 57 4 66 d1 cb 81 4f 63 fd 4a fa 06 e4 7e 4c a0 95 91 bd cb 97	
conditi (	on: uint32(0) == $0x464c457f$ ) and any of them	

Description	EarthWorm pool num generation x86 assembly			
Precision	Signature is looking for use of EarthWorm in an x86 ELF binary, which may include benign uses			
Rule type	YARA			
<pre>rule earthworn {     meta:         autho:         descr:         date =         hash1     strings         \$; }</pre>	<pre>m_id_generation_x86 r = "NCSC" iption = "EarthWorm pc = "2024-10-22" = "71f70d61af00542b2e : chartoi = {</pre>	ool num genera 9ad64abd2dda7 // MOV // SHL // MOV // MOV // MOV // MOV // MOV // MOVZX // MOVZX // MOVSX // ADD // MOV // SUB	Ation x86 assembly" 2e437536ff" EAX,dword ptr [EBP + ??] EAX,0x7 ECX,EAX EDX,dword ptr [EBP + ??] EAX,dword ptr [EBP + ??] EAX,byte ptr [EAX] EAX,AL EAX,ECX dword ptr [EBP + ??],EAX dword ptr [EBP + ??],0x1	
conditio (1	on: uint32(0) == 0x464c457	'f) and all of	them	

Description	Pygmy Goat Fake SSH handshake		
Precision	Unknown, presumed high due to fake SSH protocol version		
Rule type	Snort v2		
<pre>alert tcp any 22 -&gt; any any (msg: "Pygmy Goat Fake SSH handshake" content: "SSH-2.0-D8pjE"; offset: 0; depth: 13; classtype:trojan- activity;)</pre>			

Description	Pygmy Goat Fake SSH ed25519 key		
Precision	Unknown, presumed high due to content length		
Rule type	Snort v2		
alert tcp an key"; conten " 29ccf0cc16 247de4d3576d ; offset: 12	y 22 -> any any (msg: "Pygmy Goat Fake SSH ed25519 t: c5466e5219828e8665428c1f1ad4c3a5b1cbfcc0266c313c5c903a da8ecbf466d1cb814f63fd4afa06e47e4ca09591bdcb97a4b30f " 0; depth: 64; classtype:trojan-activity;)		

## MITRE ATT&CK®

This report has been compiled with respect to the MITRE ATT&CK® framework, a globally accessible knowledge base of adversary tactics and techniques based on real-world observations.

Tactic	ID	Technique	Procedure
Persistence	<u> 11574.006</u>	Dynamic Linker Hijacking	<b>Pygmy Goat uses the</b> LD_PRELOAD <b>environment variable to inject into</b> sshd
Execution	<u>T1059.004</u>	Command and Scripting Interpreter: Unix Shell	Pygmy Goat can create a /bin/sh or /bin/csh remote shell
	<u> 11053.003</u>	Scheduled Task/Job: Cron	Pygmy Goat can create arbitrary cron tasks using crontab
	<u>11559</u>	Inter-Process Communication	Pygmy Goat uses Unix sockets for inter- process communication between parent and forked child processes
Discovery	<u>11040</u>	Network Sniffing	Pygmy Goat can use libpcap to sniff network traffic according to a BPF filter and exfiltrate it to the C2
Command and Control	<u>T1205.001</u>	Traffic Signaling: Port Knocking	Pygmy Goat listens on an ICMP raw socket for encrypted packets containing magic bytes and the C2 address to connect back to
	<u>T1001.003</u>	Data Obfuscation: Protocol Impersonation	Pygmy Goat responds to an SSH connection that sends magic bytes with a fake SSH handshake
	<u>T1573.002</u>	Encrypted Channel: Asymmetric Cryptography	Pygmy Goat encrypts C2 communications with TLS
	<u>T1572</u>	Protocol Tunneling	Pygmy Goat can create a reverse SOCKS5 proxy server to tunnel traffic through it
Collection	<u>T1560.002</u>	Archive Collected Data: Archive via Library	Pygmy Goat compresses its C2 communications with LZO1X
Exfiltration	<u>T1041</u>	Exfiltration Over C2 Channel	Pygmy Goat exfiltrates its result data over its C2 channel

## Appendix

#### **TLS Root CA Certificate**

----BEGIN CERTIFICATE-----

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X509 Certificate:
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   Algorithm ObjectId: 1.2.840.113549.1.1.11 sha256RSA
   Algorithm Parameters:
   05 00
Issuer:
   CN=FortiGate
   O=Fortinet Ltd.
 Name Hash(sha1): b87a11fc647eed1aed3543237cb1540d99ead580
 Name Hash(md5): d45eadb1d50562927512b7f545a02b65
NotBefore: 8/31/2021 1:54 AM
NotAfter: 8/29/2031 1:54 AM
Subject:
   CN=FortiGate
   O=Fortinet Ltd.
 Name Hash(shal): b87a11fc647eed1aed3543237cb1540d99ead580
 Name Hash(md5): d45eadb1d50562927512b7f545a02b65
Public Key Algorithm:
   Algorithm ObjectId: 1.2.840.113549.1.1.1 RSA (RSA SIGN)
   Algorithm Parameters:
   05 00
Public Key Length: 2048 bits
Public Key: UnusedBits = 0
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   0010 5e 20 aa 8a 61 65 79 c5 fa 09 5b 88 6c 1d 96 cc
   0020 1d 25 9e 7e e5 22 61 22 c3 96 20 43 59 5f 1e e2
   0030 10 5d 8b a9 2b 17 c6 06 19 19 0a 94 73 d9 71 f4
   0040 c7 cc 94 26 63 00 46 da 60 23 11 68 88 42 6d d9
   0050 d1 a0 f8 c0 98 e7 17 f0 74 54 06 03 4c 6d bd 56
   0060 a8 fe 3c 55 39 52 c7 24 19 e5 aa 4e 89 8a 38 5c
   0070 2e b5 ac d7 89 45 a2 70 68 f3 4c 91 2b 85 58 f6
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   0090 9e 5e 77 82 f4 38 e5 b8 73 f5 98 42 35 11 79 e8
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   00b0 cc 0f c5 ce c4 53 6f 00 94 7b 11 a6 5e 1c 06 eb
   00c0 94 2c 5b 9b 78 6d e0 c2 04 73 09 37 fb 8f e9 0e
   00d0 e4 22 ab 43 7b 7f c9 2f ca 2c 4f 45 26 19 31 1c
   00e0 40 1c 75 9a 47 3b 35 be 9d 32 06 9b 1c fa 0c 35
   00f0 66 c6 2e 5c 51 2b 16 fd f8 7d 17 1a af 9e 7d fb
   0100 85 32 bf 42 51 76 fa d0 f7 02 03 01 00 01
Certificate Extensions: 0
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   Algorithm ObjectId: 1.2.840.113549.1.1.11 sha256RSA
   Algorithm Parameters:
   05 00
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   0020 41 a4 3c 5e 10 59 ba 84 5c c9 ae 01 80 59 56 5a
   0030 b5 6e 68 bc 59 25 bb 68 67 78 bc 25 52 55 ef b8
   0040 af a6 31 14 e8 ff 84 c6 e3 9e 66 c0 2b cf 70 82
         ee 7e 3c b0 18 af d0 2d 6d b4 81 d3 11 c7 21 e8
   0050
         7f ee 31 a9 83 2f 31 e0 83 af 1b 65 d1 bd 19 1a
   0060
   0070 a8 5f 22 4f 8c 27 98 ff 83 52 c0 00 76 b6 e4 c0
   0080 0d ed 27 73 21 c2 83 7c ab ac f7 32 3b 41 38 d9
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