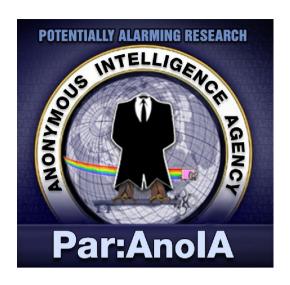# Par:AnoIA

Potentially Alarming Research:
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Par:AnoIA has released a total of 14 Gigabyte data, code and software that is related to Bank of America, Bloomberg, Thomson Reuters, TEKSystems (http://teksystems.com) and ClearForest (http://clearforest.com). You can find all details about the release and the data at the following address: http://par-anoia.net/releases2013#bofa

We consider this release noteworthy for several reasons:

- It contains detailed data about hundred of thousands of executives and employees from various corporations around the world, including salary information.
- It shows that Bank of America and others are contracting other companies to spy and collect information on private citizens.
- The overall quality of the research is poor and potentially false.
- The collected data was stored insecurely and could have been retrieved by anyone.

Especially the last point is critical. The source of this release has confirmed that the data was not acquired by a hack but because it was stored on a misconfigured server and basically open for grabs. Even more alarming, the data was retrieved from an Israeli server in Tel Aviv – while ClearForest is based in Tel Aviv it remains unclear why this huge amount of data was stored insecurely on an open server.

Looking at the data it becomes clear that Bank of America, TEKSystems and others (see origins of reports) gathered information on Anonymous and other activists' movement on various social media platforms and public Internet Relay Chat (IRC) channels.

The data clearly shows that the research was sloppy, random and valueless. Apparently a keyword list[1] was used to match for items of interest on IRC, Twitter and other social media. While the list has over 10.000 entries only 1125 keywords seem to be genuine, the rest are simply Wikipedia references.

Along with this data we also received a full version of ClearForest's text analyzing software OneCalais – the software was stored on the same server and as openly accessible as the data. Additionally we found source code that seems to be a specific version or module of the software for Bank of America (going by the naming convention). The code has not been analyzed so far but is open to anyone interested for assessment and analysis.

As an unexpected bonus 4.8 Gigabyte of data containing detailed career and salary information of hundred of thousands of executives and employees from various corporations all around the world was found on the same server. The folder was named Bloomberg which could indicate that this data belongs to Bloomberg L.P. On the otherhand the entries are tagged with "reuterscompanycontent" which would point to Thomson Reuters. In any case: What it was doing on the Israeli server is up to anyone's guess.

This incident shows how irresponsible companies handle the data of more than dubious projects. Even more alarmingly, the findings indicate that corporations like Bank of America are funding these operations. We release the received files in full to raise awareness to this issue and to send a signal to corporations and Governments that this is unacceptable.

URL Shortlist:

- Main release site: http://par-anoia.net/releases2013.html#bofa
- Main file directory: http://par-anoia.net/assessment/us/bofa/
- OneCalais software: http://par-anoia.net/assessment/us/bofa/OneCalais
- Bank of America source code: http://par-anoia.net/assessment/us/bofa/lior/
- Executive/Employee data: http://par-anoia.net/assessment/us/bofa/officers.zip

If you have any further questions you can contact us at submissions@par-anoia.se or via our webchat at http://irc.lc/voxanon/paranoia/pressr@@

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1   http://par-anoia.net/assessment/us/bofa/keywords.txt