

[PL #45348] Re: X, X., IMP, , Ticket 1546709, To AS-CS-COMM, Security-Copyright

Larry Peterson via RT [support at planet-lab.org](mailto:support@planet-lab.org)

Mon Aug 31 13:55:05 EDT 2009

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Email Recipients (see <http://www.planet-lab.org/Support>)

Owner: Nobody

Requestor: [bill_hays at unc.edu](mailto:bill_hays@unc.edu)

Ticket Ccs: [hays at cs.unc.edu](mailto:hays@cs.unc.edu), [tcline at email.unc.edu](mailto:tcline@email.unc.edu)

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This is a known false positive. There is no copyrighted material on the PlanetLab nodes. See the enclosed message I sent PlanetLab PIs at the end of last week.

We are communicating with the VPA to help them understand the situation (and to get them to stop forwarding these DMCA notices).

And yes, VPA is a suspect site.

Larry

>From Larry Peterson <[llp at cs.princeton.edu](mailto:llp@cs.princeton.edu)>
To [pis at lists.planet-lab.org](mailto:pis@lists.planet-lab.org)
CC [steers at lists.planet-lab.org](mailto:steers@lists.planet-lab.org)
Date Fri, Aug 28, 2009 at 12:27 PM
Subject recent DMCA complaints

We have received a set of complaints involving the transfer of copyrighted content over Bittorrent. The complaints were all lodged by <https://www.videoprotectionalliance.com> and they all appear to be related. I want to make sure all PIs know about the situation.

Our traffic auditing system, which logs all outgoing traffic across PlanetLab, has not recorded any such traffic. This, combined with the fact that certain ports reported in these complaints belong to PlanetLab's reserved port range has given us strong reason to believe that the no PlanetLab nodes were involved in the actual distribution of this copyrighted data. To confirm this, we contacted all researchers who had been experimenting with the Bittorrent protocol to communicate with non-PlanetLab hosts during the periods of infringement, and as expected, only random data was being used in those experiments. We also found no copyrighted material when we inspected the file system on the flagged nodes.

To further investigate the problem, we looked into CDN traffic, and came to the conclusion that CoralCDN was relaying Bittorrent 'tracker' URLs that tracked all of the copyrighted data reported in the complaints. Tracker URLs are web pages that contain a list of locations at which a certain Bittorrent file can be found. Note that *no content* was cached or hosted on PlanetLab nodes, and no PlanetLab nodes were being advertised as serving such data. All CoralCDN was doing was to efficiently relay Bittorrent meta-data.

For the time being, CoralCDN has since blacklisted the actual tracker (denis.stalker.h3q.com). On the other hand, there's a pretty compelling argument that doing so is not necessary, and this complaint should be treated as a false alarm. The PlanetLab Steering Committee will take up the question of what long-term policy we should adopt.

If any additional information comes to light, I'll be sure to pass it along.

Larry

On Mon, Aug 31, 2009 at 1:46 PM, bil via RT<[support at planet-lab.org](mailto:support@planet-lab.org)> wrote:
 > Email Recipients (see <http://www.planet-lab.org/Support>)
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 > Ticket Ccs: [hays at cs.unc.edu](mailto:hays@cs.unc.edu), [tcline at email.unc.edu](mailto:tcline@email.unc.edu)
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 > =====
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 > Mon Aug 31 13:46:35 2009: Request 45348 was acted upon.
 > Transaction: Ticket created by [bil_hays at unc.edu](mailto:bil_hays@unc.edu)
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 > Subject: Re: X, X., IMP, , Ticket 1546709, To AS-CS-COMM, Security-Copyright
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 > Tim,
 > Sure, that's planetlab2, see their webpage for more information:
 > <<http://planetflow.planet-lab.org/#planetlab>>
 >
 > Also including them so they can answer any questions. But is this for real,
 > I mean, do you all know independently of Video Protection Alliance
 > Services? If you go to their site, they want \$40 to leave you alone....
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 > bil
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 > --On August 31, 2009 1:12:30 PM -0400 UNC-CH PTR
 > <[arsys at remedy05.isis.unc.edu](mailto:arsys@remedy05.isis.unc.edu)> wrote:
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 >> 08/28/09 16:45:31 | Important
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 >> Security-Copyright | Assigned to hays
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 >> copyright 1st offense
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 >> Worklog :
 >> 08/28/09 16:45:31 tcline
 >> Client's Problem Description:
 >> copyright 1st offense
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 >> Worklog:

>> Client's Problem Description:
>> copyright 1st offense

>> Worklog:
>> 08/28/09 16:53:17 tcline
>> Greetings,

>> We received the following Notice of Claimed Infringement.

>> Can you let us know who was using the IP in question at the time
>> and date listed?

>> nfringement Source: BitTorrent
>> Infringement Timestamp: 2009-08-27 13:30:18 PST
>> Infringers IP Address: 204.85.191.11
>> Infringers Port: 32459
>> Infringement Title: Don't Let Daddy Know #8
>> Infringement Filename: Dont.Let.Daddy.Know.8.XviD-SWE6RUS
>> Infringement Hash: 0d1b79738aa8286bca9b2e47507bf5babaddb320

>> Subject: Notice of Claimed Infringement - #AB-518932
>> Date: 27 Aug 2009 15:59:42 -0700
>> From: [copyright at videoprotectionalliance.com](http://copyright.at.videoprotectionalliance.com)
>> Reply-To: [copyright at videoprotectionalliance.com](mailto:copyright@videoprotectionalliance.com)
>> To: [hostmaster at ncren.net](mailto:hostmaster@ncren.net)

>> -----BEGIN PGP SIGNED MESSAGE-----
>> Hash: SHA1

>> ***NOTE TO ISP: PLEASE FORWARD THE ENTIRE NOTICE***

>> Re: Unauthorized Use of Copyrights Owned by RLD DISTRIBUTION LLC
>> Reference#: AB-518932 (M)

>> 2009-08-27 15:00:06 PST

>> Dear Sir or Madam:

>> This notice is intended solely for the primary North Carolina
>> Research and Education Network internet service account holder. Someone
>> using this account has engaged in illegal copying or distribution
>> (downloading or uploading) of pornographic movies. This notice may
>> contain the titles of those movies, and therefore and may contain text
>> that is offensive to some readers.

>> Video Protection Alliance Services, LLC ('We') represent and are
>> agents for the following copyright owner(s) RLD DISTRIBUTION LLC. RLD
>> DISTRIBUTION LLC are the exclusive owners of copyrights for the videos
>> and/or other content listed below.

>> Evidence:

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>> Infringement Hash: 0d1b79738aa8286bca9b2e47507bf5babaddb320

>> Infringement Size: 0 Bytes
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>> The information in this notification is accurate. We have a good
>> faith belief that use of the material in the manner complained of herein
>> is not authorized by the copyright owner, its agent, or by operation of
>> law. We swear under penalty of perjury, that we are authorized to act on
>> behalf of RLD DISTRIBUTION LLC.
>> This unauthorized copying and/or distribution infringes the
>> copyrights of RLD DISTRIBUTION LLC under the U.S. Copyright Act, 17
>> U.S.C. 106. By engaging in this infringement, you may face significant
>> liability for monetary damages, the rights owners' attorneys fees, court
>> costs for this infringement.
>> You and everyone using this computer must immediately and
>> permanently cease and desist the unauthorized copying and/or distribution
>> (including, but not limited to, downloading, uploading, file sharing,
>> file 'swapping' or other similar activities) of the videos and/or other
>> content owned by RLD DISTRIBUTION LLC, including, but is not limited to,
>> the copyrighted material listed above.
>> RLD DISTRIBUTION LLC is prepared to pursue every available remedy
>> including damages, recovery of attorney's fees, costs and any and all
>> other claims that may be available to it in a lawsuit filed against you.
>> While RLD DISTRIBUTION LLC is entitled to monetary damages,
>> attorneys' fees and court costs from the infringing party under 17 U.S.C.
>> 504, RLD DISTRIBUTION LLC believes that it may be beneficial to settle
>> this matter without the need of costly and time-consuming litigation. We
>> have been authorized to offer a reasonable settlement to resolve the
>> infringement of the works listed above. To access this settlement offer,
>> please follow the directions below. Settlement Offer:
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>> To access your settlement offer please copy and paste the address
>> below into a browser and follow the instructions:
>> https://www.videoprotectionalliance.com/?n_id=AB-518932
>> Password: er65v7ih
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>> Regards,
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>> Bonnie Gadsby Copyright Enforcement Agent
>>
>> Video Protection Alliance Services, LLC
>> PO Box 322
>> Cream Ridge, NJ 08514-0322
>> United States
>> +1-866-251-2631
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>> <https://www.videoprotectionalliance.com>
>> *pgp public key is available on the key server at
>> <http://keyserver2.pgp.com>
>> ** For any correspondence regarding this case, please send your
>> emails to [info at videoprotectionalliance.com](mailto:info@videoprotectionalliance.com) and refer to Notice ID:
>> AB-518932. If you need immediate assistance or if you have general
>> questions please call the number listed above.
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