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Flambé ! U.S. used Facebook and Flame to hack the French President's Network

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According to the French Magazine "[L'Express](#)" earlier in May some computers in the offices of former France's president Nicolas Sarkozy have been victims of a targeted attack carried via a Flame variant.

What is surprising is not (only) the fact that this is the first known case of a Flame infection out of the Middle East, but most of all the fact that the malware was allegedly implanted by U.S. Hackers.

The attack was successful and, according to the French magazine, the attackers were able to get to the heart of French political power, harvesting the computers of close advisers of Nicolas Sarkozy and obtaining "secret notes" and "strategic plans".

The attack model resembles a spy story : the attacker crafted a false profile on Facebook (a bogus friend of someone who worked for the president's office) and successfully used that profile to contact (and compromise) personnel working at the President's Office (The Elysée).

After contacting the unaware victims, the attacker sent them a malicious link to a fake Elysée webpage, where they entered their real login and password details that the attacker used to hack into the network and spread the Flame variant.

The reasons of the attack are unknown.

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