

Leaky Forms: A Study of Email and Password Exfiltration Before Form Submission

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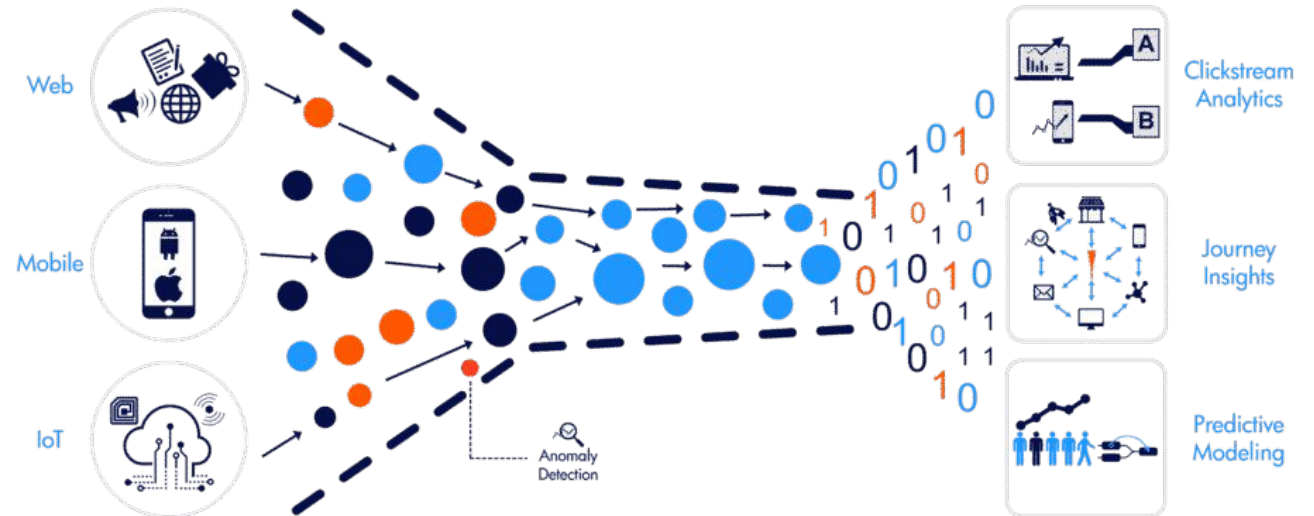
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Background

- Websites use advertising and marketing for monetization
 - built-in anti-tracking countermeasures
 - potential third-party cookie phase-out
- Tracking by email addresses
 - enables cross-site, cross-platform, persistent tracking



<https://medium.com/@ugurekmekci/real-time-user-activity-tracking-w-divolte-collector-and-kafka-d8c106313400>

Motivation

- PII collection before form submission on a mortgage calculator website (Gizmodo, 2017)
- A 2018 survey (n=502):
 - 81% abandoned forms at least once
 - 59% abandoned a form in the last month [6].

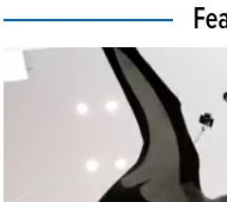
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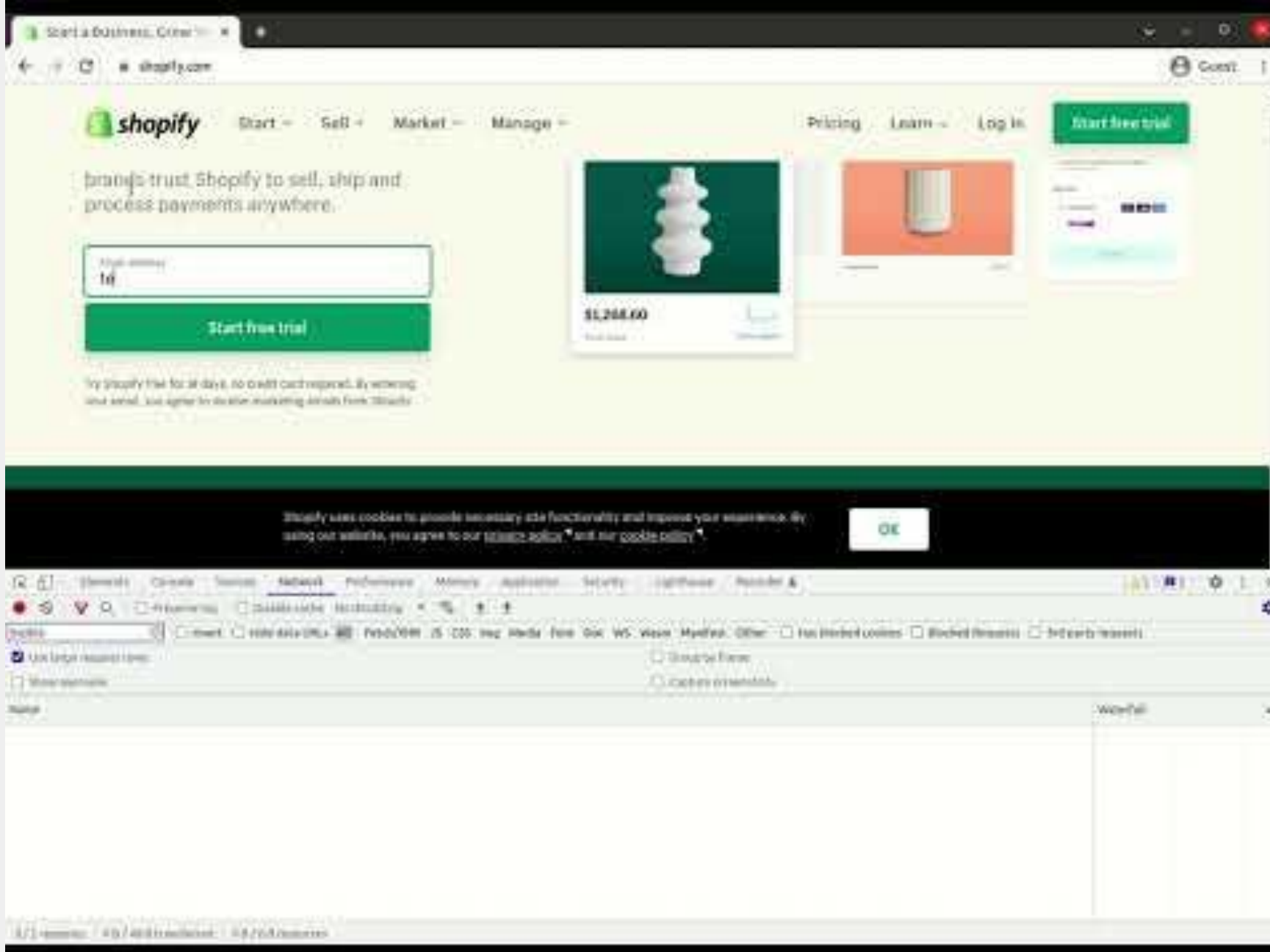
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GIZMODO ORIGINALS

Before You Hit 'Submit,' This Company Has Already Logged Your Personal Data

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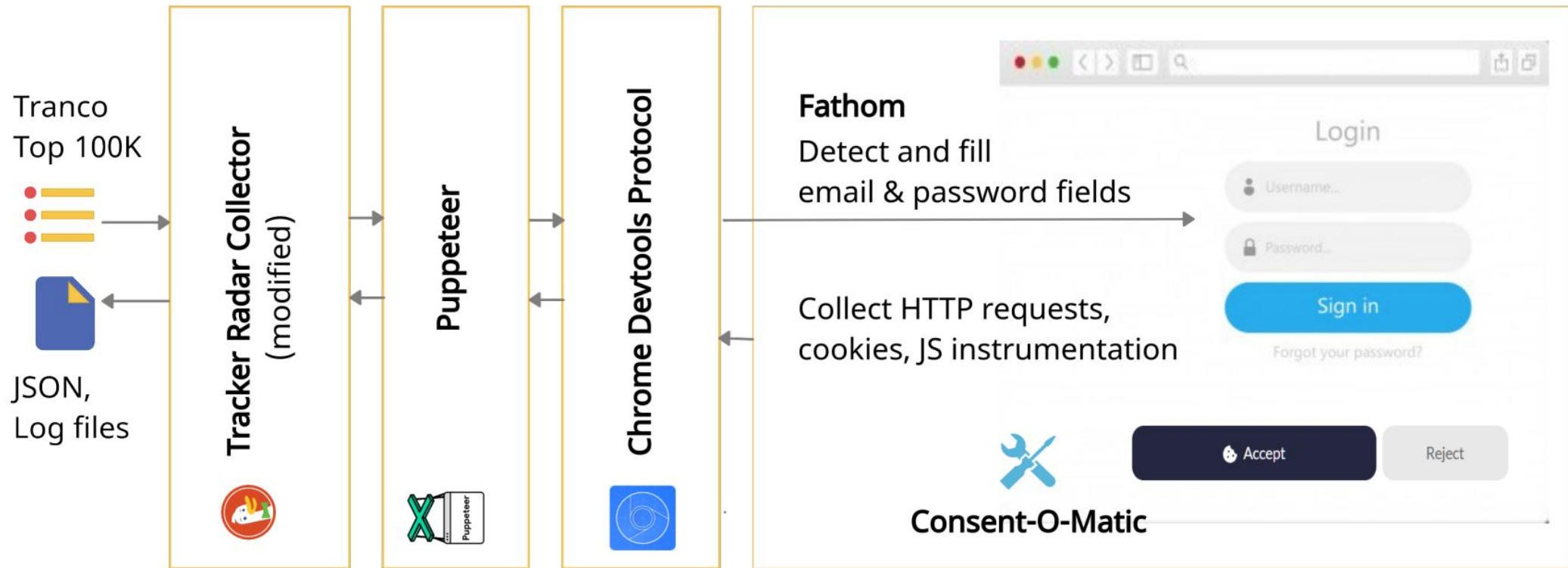


Objectives

- Measure email and password collection prior to form submission
 - effect of location: EU vs. US
 - effect of consent
 - mobile vs. desktop

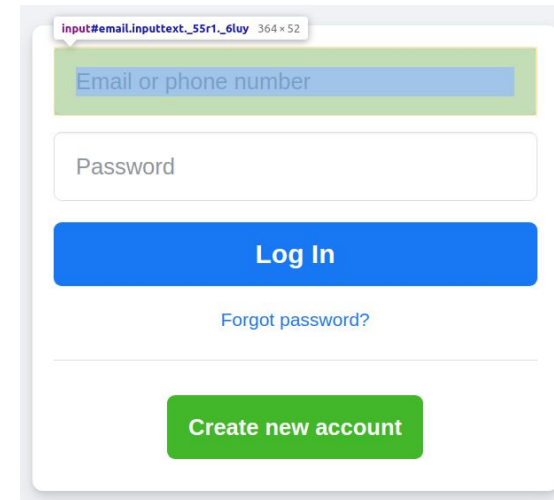
Method – Web Crawler

- Built on Tracker Radar Collector (developed by DuckDuckGo)



Method – Email field detection

- **Fathom:** A supervised learning framework specialized to detect webpage parts [8]

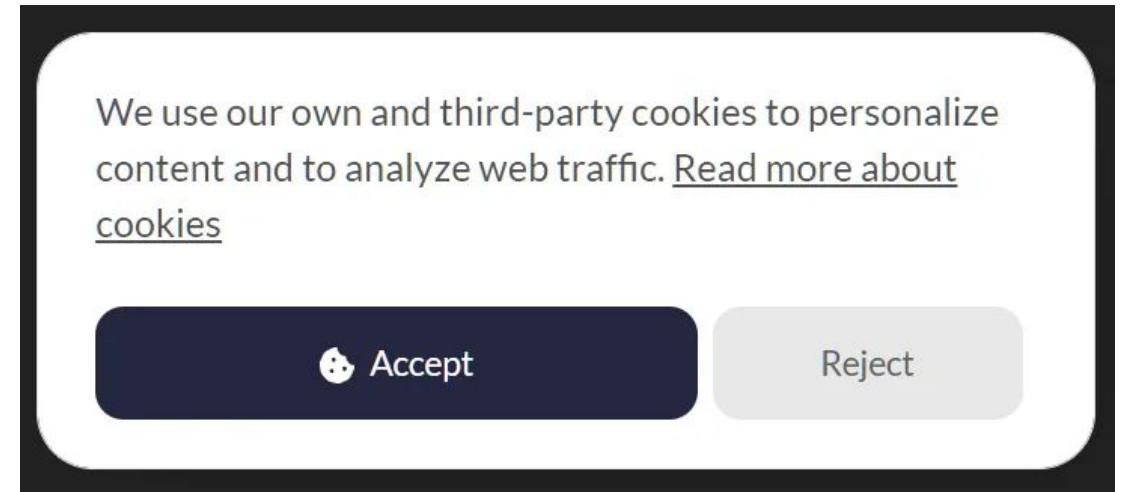


A screenshot of a login form. The form contains an input field for "Email or phone number" (highlighted in green), a "Password" field, a blue "Log In" button, a "Forgot password?" link, and a green "Create new account" button. A tooltip above the email field shows the text "input#email.inputtext_55r1_6luy 364 x 52".

```
▼ <div class="_6lux">  
  <input type="text" class="inputtext_55r1_6luy" name="email" id="email" data-testid="royal_email" placeholder="Email or phone number" autofocus="1" aria-label="Email or phone number"> == $0
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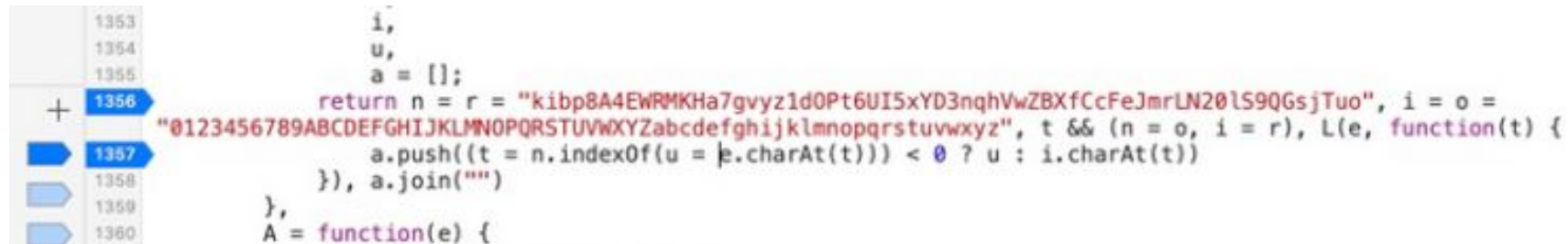
Method – CMP detection

- **Consent-O-Matic:** browser extension that can recognize and interact with Consent Management Provider (CMP) pop-ups [7]
- Consent modes:
 - No-action
 - Accept-all
 - Reject-all
- $\approx 7,700/100K$



Method – Leak Detection

- Based on Englehardt et al.'s method [3]
 - search for different encodings and hashes of search terms
- Identified two new encodings and a hashing method
 - LZString, custom mapping, hashing with a fixed salt



```
1353     i,  
1354     u,  
1355     a = [];  
+ 1356     return n = r = "kibp8A4EWRMKHa7gvyz1d0Pt6UI5xYD3nqhVwZBXfCcFeJmrLN20lS9QGsJTuo", i = o =  
1357     "0123456789ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZabcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz", t && (n = o, i = r), L(e, function(t) {  
1358         a.push((t = n.indexOf(u = |e.charAt(t))) < 0 ? u : i.charAt(t))  
1359     }), a.join("")  
1360 },  
A = function(e) {
```

Method – Tracker Labeling

- Only considered leaks to tracker domains
- Block-lists we used:
 - Disconnect
 - Whotracks.me
 - DuckDuckGo (tds.json)
 - uBlock Origin
 - + Manual labeling

Dataset & Results (No interaction with the consent dialogs)

	Email		Password	
	EU	US	EU	US
Visited websites	99,380	99,437	99,380	99,437
Websites where we filled	52,055	53,038	31,002	31,324
Leaks to 1st party	4,395	5,518	89	92
Leaks to 3rd party	2,633	3,790	87	87
Leaks to trackers	1,844	2,950	48	49

Overview of crawl statistics based on servers located in EU and the USA

Results - Email Leaks

EU							US					
Leak Type	Entity Name	Tracker Domain	Key by key	Num. sites	Prom.	Min. Rank	Entity Name	Tracker Domain	Key by key	Num. sites	Prom.	Min. Rank
email	Taboola	taboola.com	No	327	302.9	154	LiveRamp	rlcdn.com	No	524	553.8	217
	Adobe	bizable.com	Yes	160	173.0	242	Taboola	taboola.com	No	383	499.0	95
	FullStory	fullstory.com	Yes	182	75.6	1,311	Bounce Exchange	bouncex.net	No	189	224.7	191
	Awin Inc.	zenaps.com*	No	113	48.7	2,043	Adobe	bizable.com	Yes	191	212.0	242
		awin1.com*	No	112	48.5	2,043	Awin	zenaps.com*	No	119	111.2	196
	Yandex	yandex.com	Yes	121	41.9	1,688	Awin	awin1.com*	No	118	110.9	196
	AdRoll	adroll.com	No	117	39.6	3,753	FullStory	fullstory.com	Yes	230	105.6	1,311
	Glassbox	glassboxdigital.io*	Yes	6	31.9	328	Listrak	listrakbi.com	Yes	226	66.0	1,403
	Listrak	listrakbi.com	Yes	91	24.9	2,219	LiveRamp	pippio.com	No	138	65.1	567
	Oracle	bronto.com	Yes	90	24.6	2,332	SmarterHQ	smarterhq.io*	Yes	32	63.8	556
	LiveRamp	rlcdn.com	No	11	20.0	567	Verizon Media	yahoo.com*	Yes	255	62.3	4,281
	SaleCycle	salecycle.com	Yes	35	17.5	2,577	AdRoll	adroll.com	No	122	48.6	2,343
	Automattic	gravatar.com*	Yes	38	16.7	2,048	Yandex	yandex.ru	Yes	141	48.1	1,648
	Facebook	facebook.com	Yes	21	14.8	1,153	Criteo SA	criteo.com*	No	134	46.0	1,403
	Salesforce	pardot.com*	Yes	36	30.8	2,675	Neustar	agkn.com*	No	133	45.9	1,403
	Oktopost	okt.to*	Yes	31	11.4	6,589	Oracle	addthis.com	No	133	45.9	1,403



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4 If you selected a method that includes On-page detection, you must configure when ATS should detect the identifier, which element to trigger the detection, and where to find the identifier.

Use the Start Detecting Identifier on dropdown to choose the listener event type for when ATS needs to actually detect the identifier on the website:

- **Click Event:** Click event will fire off whenever a specified element is clicked .
- **Submit Event:** Submit event will fire off whenever a specified form is submitted.
- **Blur Event:** Blur event will fire off whenever a specified input field loses focus for example when a user clicks outside of the input field.

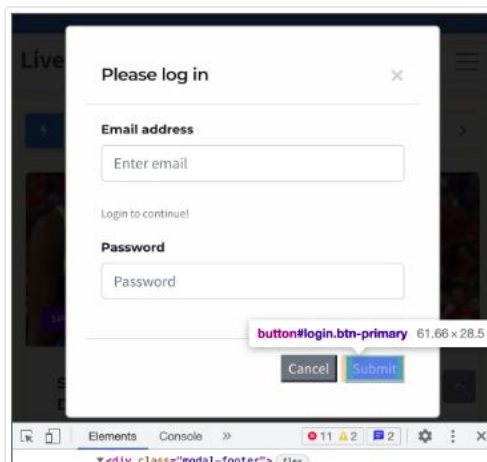
Warning

The 'Blur Event' method doesn't require human interaction for identifiers to be obtained, while other methods require users to click on a button such as "Submit" or "Ok". To your users, this may give the perception that malicious activities are happening in the background, which is not the case because ATS.js will only start detection with proper consent in place.

Blur Event detection also leaves room for incorrect identifiers because it will not wait for actions from the user like clicking on a login button. For these reasons, we recommend using Click Event or Submit Event method instead.

5 If you selected Click Event or Submit Event, add the element selectors to define which elements on your page should trigger the event.

- For Click Event: Specify the element ID or element class of the button the user needs to click. In the Enter Element Selector field, you must add a `.` at the beginning of a class, and a `#` at the beginning of an ID.



Results - Top ten websites

EU				US			
Rank	Website	Third-party	Hash/encoding/compression	Rank	Website	Third-party	Hash/encoding/compression
154	usatoday.com*	taboola.com	Hash (SHA-256)	95	issuu.com	taboola.com	Hash (SHA-256)
242	trello.com*	bizable.com	Encoded (URL)	128	businessinsider.com	taboola.com	Hash (SHA-256)
243	independent.co.uk*	taboola.com	Hash (SHA-256)	154	usatoday.com	taboola.com	Hash (SHA-256)
300	shopify.com	bizable.com	Encoded (URL)	191	time.com	bouncex.net	Compression (LZW)
328	marriott.com	glassboxdigital.io	Encoded (BASE-64)	196	udemy.com	awin1.com	Hash (SHA-256 with salt)
567	newsweek.com*	rlcdn.com	Hash (MD5, SHA-1, SHA-256)			zenaps.com	Hash (SHA-256 with salt)
705	prezi.com*	taboola.com	Hash (SHA-256)	217	healthline.com	rlcdn.com	Hash (MD5, SHA-1, SHA-256)
754	branch.io*	bizable.com	Encoded (URL)	234	foxnews.com	rlcdn.com	Hash (MD5, SHA-1, SHA-256)
1,153	prothomalo.com	facebook.com	Hash (SHA-256)	242	trello.com*	bizable.com	Encoded (URL)
1,311	codecademy.com	fullstory.com	Unencoded	278	theverge.com	rlcdn.com	Hash (MD5, SHA-1, SHA-256)
1,543	azcentral.com*	taboola.com	Hash (SHA-256)	288	webmd.com	rlcdn.com	Hash (MD5, SHA-1, SHA-256)

Results - Website Categories

Categories	EU/US		EU		US	
	Sites	Filled sites	Leaky sites	Filled sites	Leaky sites	
Fashion/Beauty	1,669	1,176	131 (11.1%)	1,179	224 (19.0%)	
Online Shopping	5,395	3,658	345 (9.4%)	3,744	567 (15.1%)	
General News	7,390	3,579	235 (6.6%)	3,848	392 (10.2%)	
Software/Hardware	4,933	2,834	138 (4.9%)	2,855	162 (5.7%)	
Business	13,462	7,805	377 (4.8%)	7,924	484 (6.1%)	
...	
Games	2,173	925	9 (1.0%)	896	11 (1.2%)	
Public Information	2,346	1,049	8 (0.8%)	1,084	27 (2.5%)	
Govern.Military	3,754	939	5 (0.5%)	974	7 (0.7%)	
Uncategorized	1,616	636	3 (0.5%)	646	2 (0.3%)	
Pornography	1,388	528	0 (0.0%)	645	0 (0.0%)	

Results - EU vs US

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60% difference

addthis.com, yahoo.com,
doubleclick.net and criteo.com



Only appear in the US crawl

Results - EU vs US

The screenshot shows the Vail Mountain Resort website (vail.com) with a login form for an Epic account. The form includes fields for 'EMAIL ADDRESS OR USERNAME*' (containing 'testuser1111111@gmail.com') and 'PASSWORD*'. Below the form is a 'CREATE AN EPIC ACCOUNT' button. The console window at the bottom shows a list of 8 errors, all of which are 'Failed to load resource: the server responded with a status of 451 ()'. A red arrow points from the console window to a callout box on the right.

rlcdn.com sends HTTP 451 error: Unavailable For Legal Reasons

Results - EU vs US

Same script (from securedvisit.com) served with **different content**

```
1 /* sv_ea082ada0bf69f160b0bc84078d230c0.js
2 THIS APPLICATION CONTAINS INFORMATION PROPRIETARY TO SECUREDVISIT.COM
3 TO USE THIS SOFTWARE, YOU MUST BE AN AUTHORIZED EMPLOYEE OR AGENT
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12 ANY PART OF THE SOFTWARE.
13 JQuery Sizzle:
14 This software consists of voluntary contributions made by many
15 individuals. For exact contribution history, see the revision history
16 available at https://github.com/jquery/sizzle
17 MD5 (Message-Digest Algorithm):
18 available at http://www.webtoolkit.info/ */
19 window.sv_DNT=true;
20 !function(e){var t,n=!e.sv_DNT,r=e.sv_px,o="https://track.securedvisit.com/citecapture",i=r&&"string"==typeo
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d",value:e.sv_cid},l=!e.sv_idq_wait&&[],f=function(e){function t(e,t,n,r){var o,i,u,a,c,l,d,v=t&&t.ownerDocu
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in the EU

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13 JQuery Sizzle:
14 This software consists of voluntary contributions made by many
15 individuals. For exact contribution history, see the revision history
16 available at https://github.com/jquery/sizzle
17 MD5 (Message-Digest Algorithm):
18 available at http://www.webtoolkit.info/ */
19 window.sv_px={"url":"https://track.securedvisit.com","domain_data":{"sid_found":false,"ver":"1.0.0","sid_va
l":""}};
20 window.c=(function(){var i="1.0.1";var e="onready";var g="fire";function f(j){if(Array.isArray){return Array.
isArray(j)}else{return Object.prototype.toString.apply(j)=== "[object Array]"}function b(j,l){var k=l?l:j;if
(typeof k=="object"){k=JSON.stringify(k)}if(l){k+="": "+k"}console.log(k)}function h(j){this.name=j;this.call
backs=[]}h.prototype.registerCallback=function(j){this.callbacks.push(j)};function d(){this.type="";this.deta
il="";this.timeStamp=Date.now()}function a(){this.dataLayer={};this.events={};this.isReady=false}a.prototype.
registerEvent=function(j){this.events[j]=new h(j)};a.prototype.on=a.prototype.addEventListener=function(j,k)
{if(!this.events.hasOwnProperty(j)){this.registerEvent(j)}this.log("listening for",j,k);this.events[j].regist
erCallback(k)};a.prototype.fire=a.prototype.dispatchEvent=function(k,j){if(this.events.hasOwnProperty(k)){for
(var l=0;l<this.events[k].callbacks.length;l++){var n=this.events[k].callbacks[l];if(n){var m=new d();m.type=
k;m.detail=j;this.log("firing",k,j);n.call(this,m)}else{this.log("dispatching event with no callback",k,n)}}}
else{this.log("dispatching an event with no registered listeners",k,j)};a.prototype.ready=function(){this.is
Ready=true;this.dispatchEvent(e,this)};a.prototype.push=function(o){var k=this,j=arguments.length;if(!f(o)){r
eturn}for(var m=0;m<j;m++){try{k[arguments[m][0]].apply(k,arguments[m].slice(1))}catch(n){}};a.prototype.log
=function(m,l,j){var k;if(this.debug){k="+" + svData.Event+"<"+l+">";b(k,j)};function c(){var k=window._svData,
j=null;if(k){if(f(k)){j=new a();if(k.hasOwnProperty("debug")){j.debug=k.debug}}.push.apply(j,k)};j.ready()}el
se{j=new a();j.ready()}return j?:k}return c})();
21 !function(e){var t,n=!e.sv_DNT,r=e.sv_px,o="https://track.securedvisit.com/citecapture",i=r&&"string"==typeo
f r.url&&"https://"===r.url.substring(0,6)?r.url:"https://track.securedvisit.com",u=i+"/identity",a={key:"sv_px_
domain_data",value:r&&r.domain_data?r.domain_data:void 0},c={key:"sv_pubid",value:e.sv_pubid},s={key:"sv_ci
d",value:e.sv_cid},l=!e.sv_idq_wait&&[],f=function(e){function t(e,t,n,r){var o,i,u,a,c,l,d,v=t&&t.ownerDocu
ment,p=t?t.nodeType:9;if(n||l),"string"!=typeof e||e||1!==p&&9!==p&&11!==p)return n;if(!r&&((t?t.ownerDocu
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in the US

Results - The Effect of Consent

Consent modes	EU	US
Accept all	239	242
Reject all	201	199
No action	202	228

0.05%

13%

Results - Mobile

	Leaky/ Filled Sites EU	Leaky/ Filled Sites US
Desktop	1,844 / 60,008 (3.0%)	2,950 / 60,999 (4.8%)
Mobile	1,745 / 55,738 (3.1%)	2,744 / 57,715 (4.8%)

Results - Received Emails

- 290 emails from 88 distinct sites

Email from: diabetes.org.uk
Tracker domain: freshaddress.biz

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Results - Received Emails

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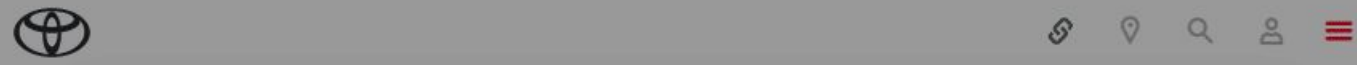


Email from: walmart.com.mx
Tracker domain: veinteractive.com

Results - Password Leaks on 52 websites

Incidental collection by

- Yandex Metrica: due to React framework (50 websites)
- Mixpanel: due to outdated SDK usage (1 website)
- LogRocket: No response (1 website)



МОЯ TOYOTA

Войти в личный кабинет

Электронная почта/Имя пользователя

Пароль

Вход

У меня нет учетной записи >
Восстановить пароль

Name	Status	Type	Initiator	Size	T...	Waterfall
44886451?wmode=0&wv-part=2&wv... mc.yandex.ru/webvisor	200	xhr	ruxitagentjs_IC... Script	145 B 43 B	7... 7...	
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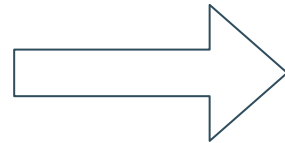
GDPR Requests

First parties: 30/58 replied



- Were not aware & removed
 - fivethirtyeight.com (via Walt Disney's DPO)
 - trello.com (Atlassian)
- Marriott: Glassbox is used for **customer care, technical support, and fraud prevention**

Third parties: 15/28 replied



- Adobe and Yandex: Referred to corresponding first parties
- Taboola: ad & content personalization, CMP misconfiguration

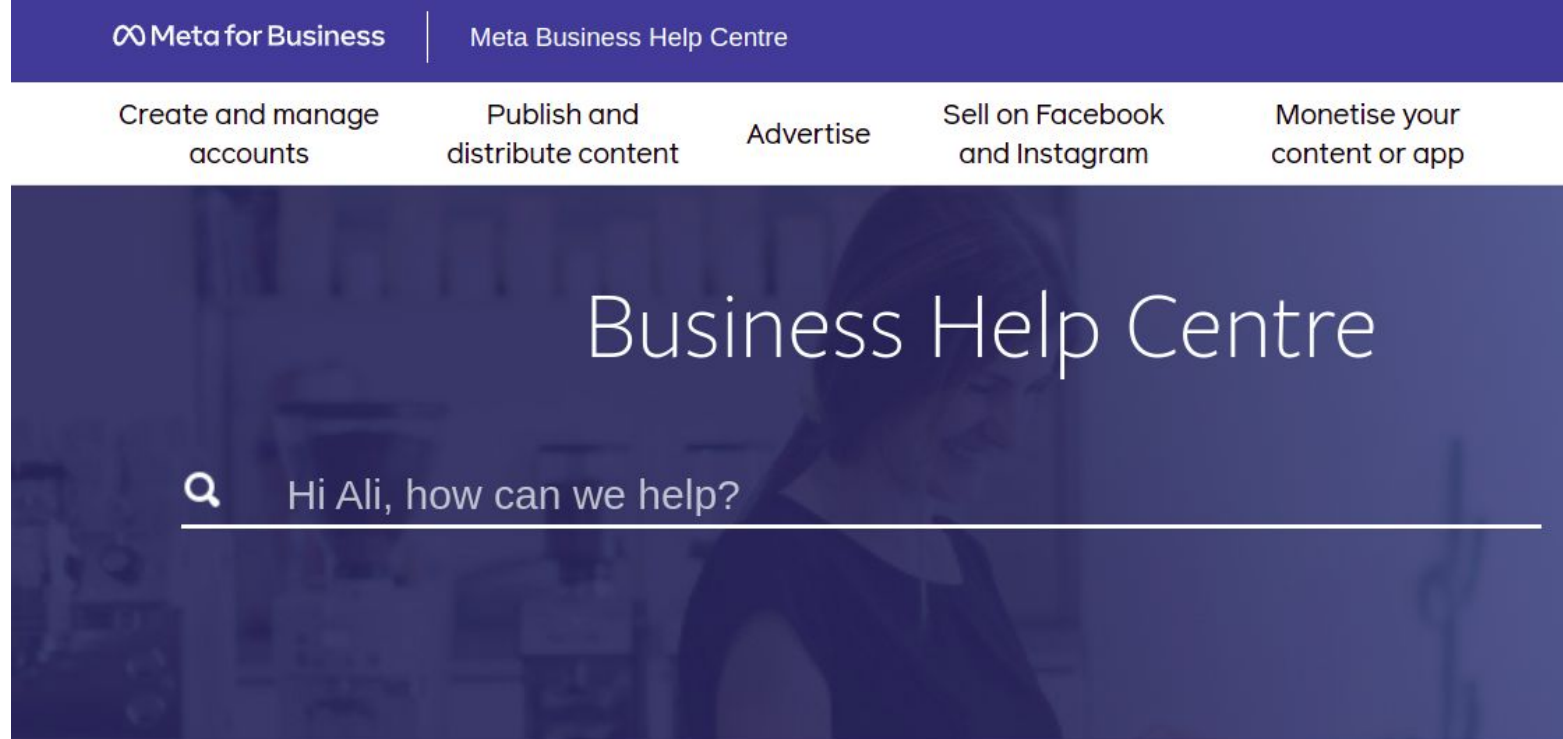
0/33 first parties replied
(Websites in the US crawl)



- No response from these 33 websites.

Leaks to Facebook & TikTok

- Due to Automatic Advanced Matching feature of Facebook/TikTok Pixel (scrapes forms)



About advanced matching for web

15,463 views

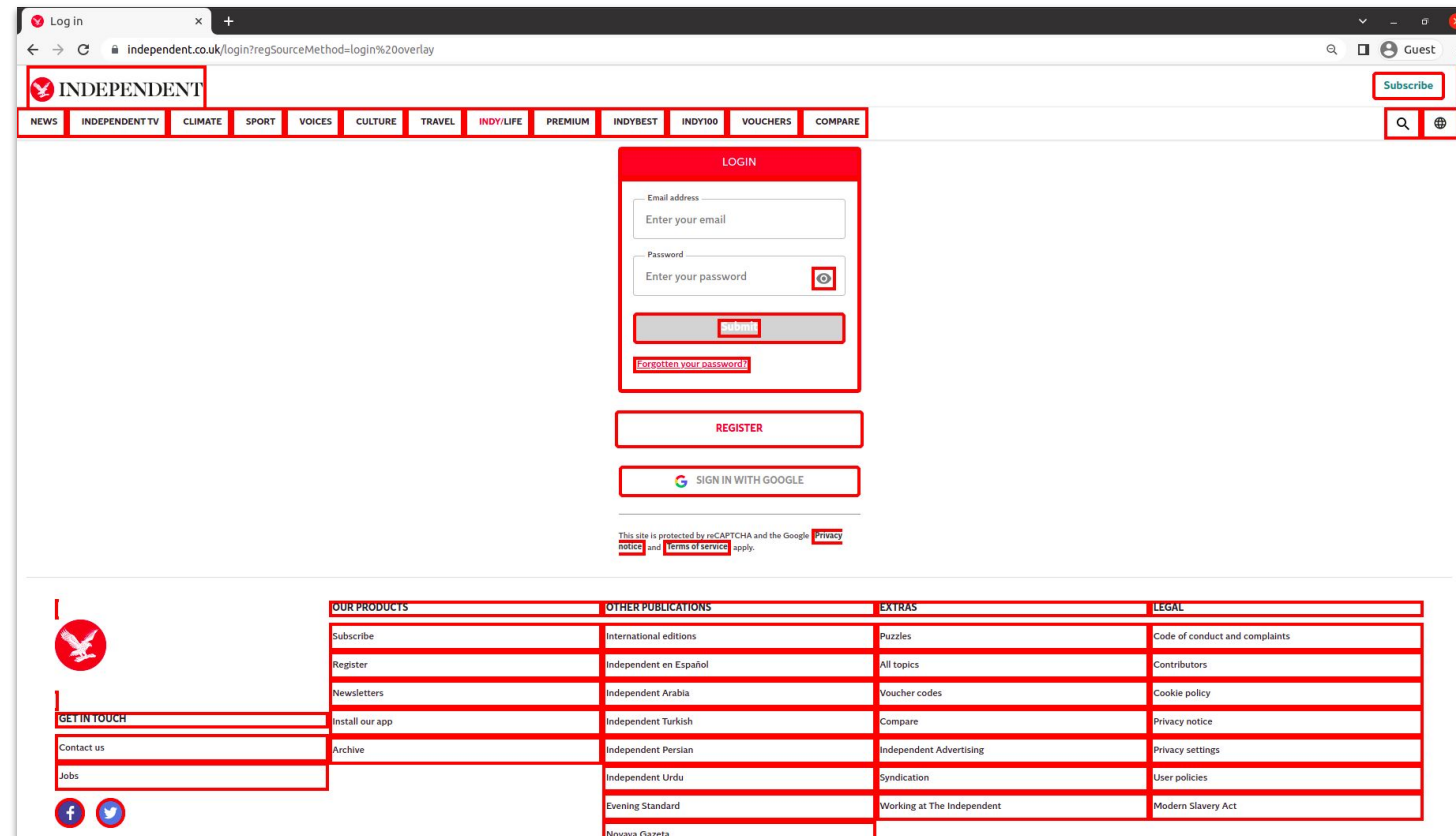
Advanced matching can help you optimise your Meta ads to drive better results. With advanced matching, you can send us **hashed customer information** along with your pixel events, which can help you attribute more conversions and reach more people. We hash the customer information on the website before they're sent to Facebook to help protect user privacy.

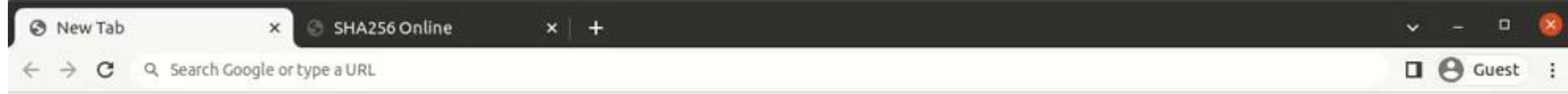
You can use advanced matching to help:

Leaks to Facebook & TikTok

- Triggered when the user clicks any link (Facebook) or button on the page.

	EU	US
Facebook	7,379	8,438
TikTok	147	154





You're browsing as a Guest

Pages you view in this window won't appear in the browser history and they won't leave other traces, like cookies, on the computer after you close all open Guest windows. Any files you download will be preserved, however.

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Recording network activity...

Perform a request or hit **Ctrl+R** to record the reload.

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Online Tools

SHA256

SHA256 online hash function

Input

Input type Text

Hash Auto Update

Output

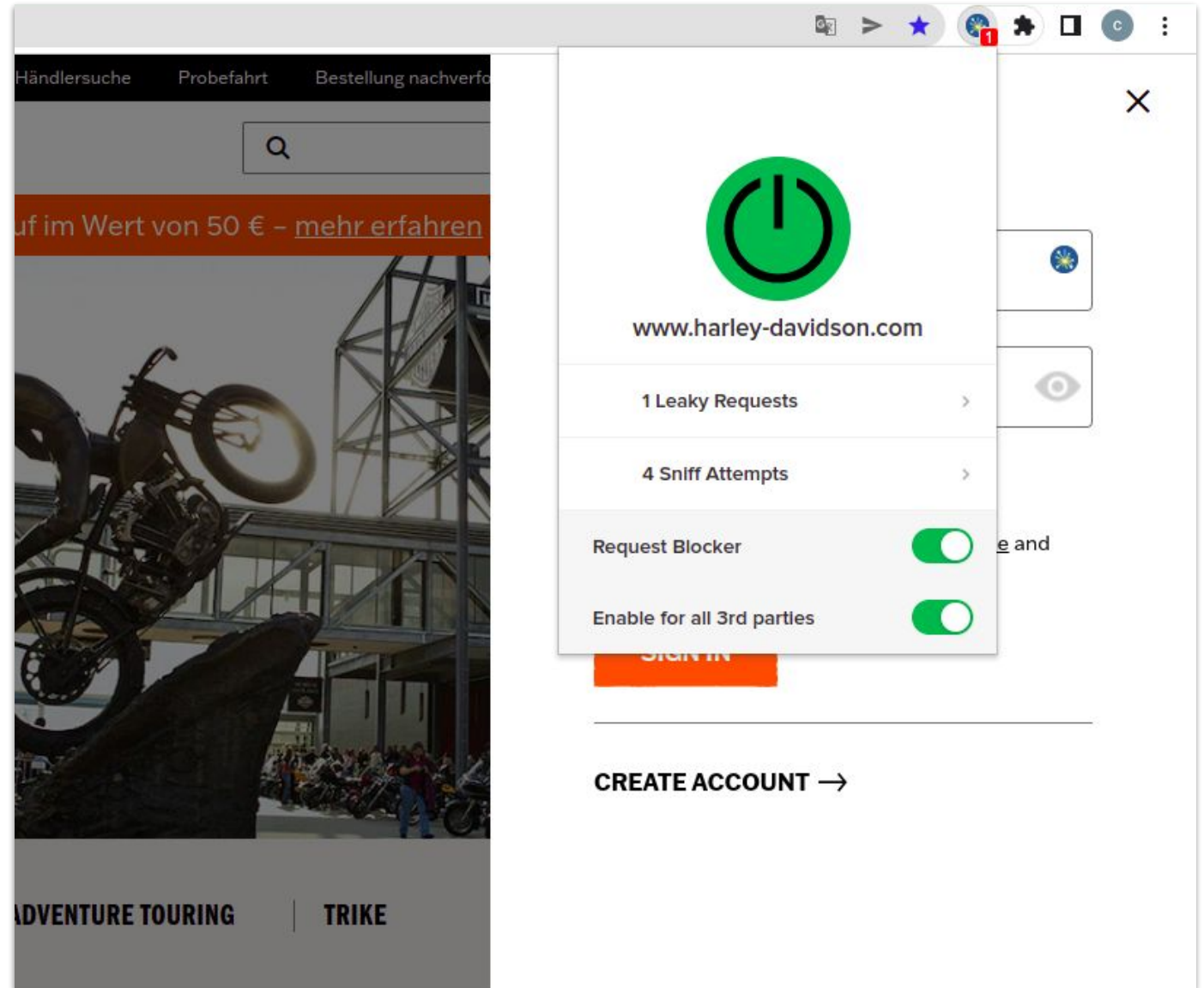
Hash	File Hash
CRC-16	CRC-16
CRC-32	CRC-32
MD1	MD1
MD4	MD4
MD5	MD5
SHA1	SHA1
SHA224	SHA224
SHA256	SHA256
SHA384	SHA384
SHA512	SHA512
SHS12034	SHS12074
SHS11008	SHS11050
SHS3-224	SHS3-224
SHS3-256	SHS3-256
SHS3-384	SHS3-384
SHS3-512	SHS3-512
Keeock-224	Keeock-224
Keeock-256	Keeock-256
Keeock-384	Keeock-384
Keeock-512	Keeock-512
Shake-128	Shake-128
Shake-256	Shake-256
Encode	Decode
Base12	Base12
Base32 File	Base32 File
Base64	Base64
Base64 File	Base64 File

Countermeasures

- Browser add-ons **block requests** to tracker domains
- Private **email relay** services hide users' emails
 - Apple, Mozilla, DuckDuckGo
 - e.g. testuser@duck.com-> testuser@gmail.com
- **NO** tool for detection and prevention of **sniff & exfiltration** on online forms

Browser add-on: LEAKINSPECTOR

- Detects sniff attempts
- Blocks leaky requests
- <https://github.com/leaky-forms/leak-inspector>



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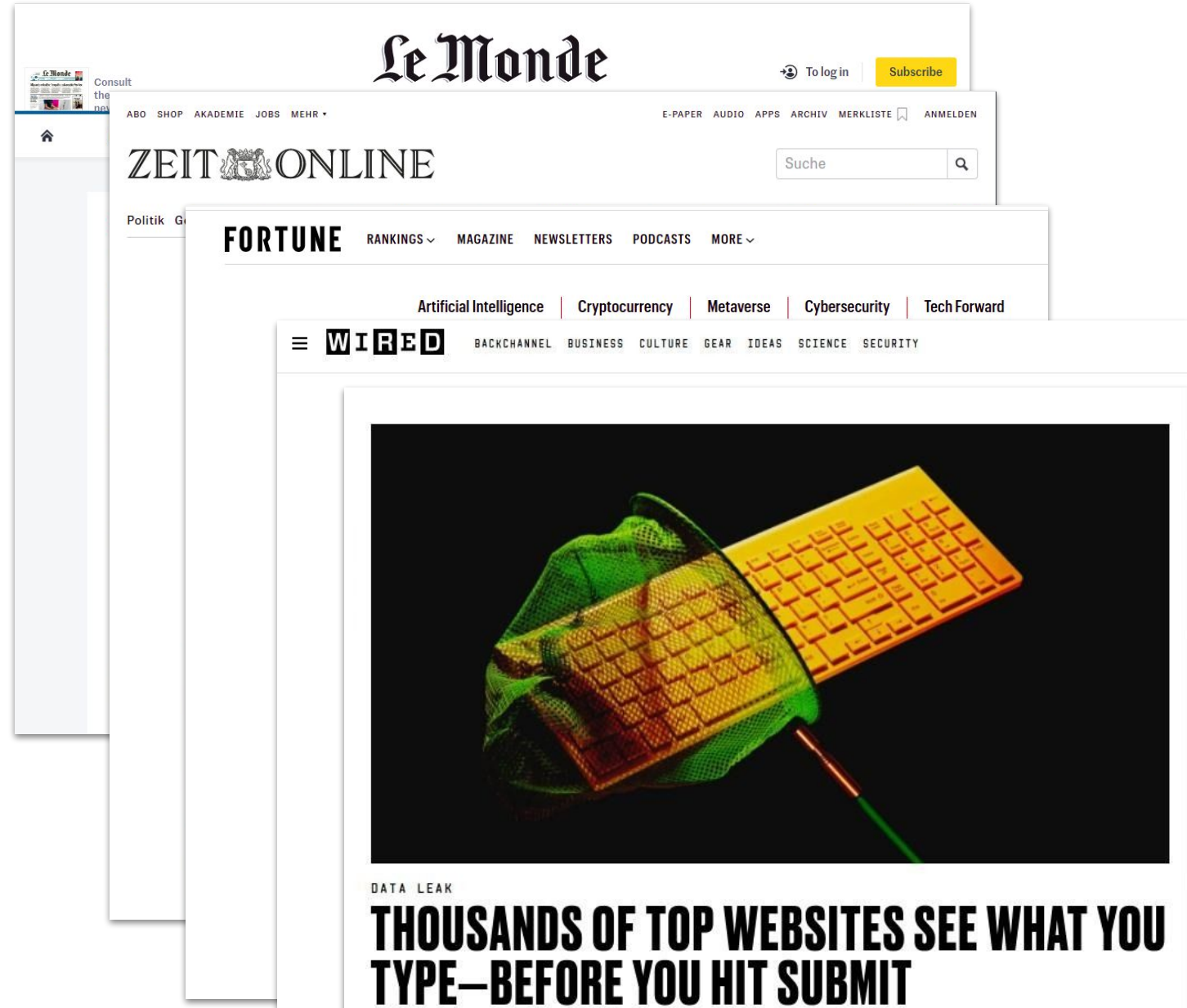
   

Summary

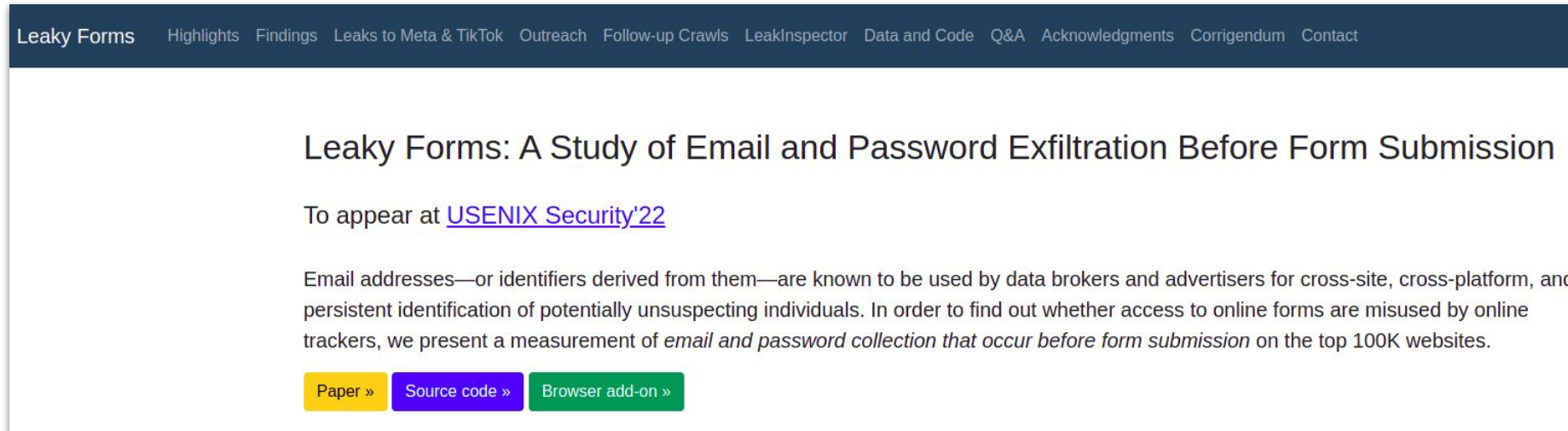
- Email leaks on 1,844 (EU), 2,950 (US) websites
- Password leaks on 52 websites due to session replay scripts
- Uncovered 41 unlisted tracking domains
- Developed a transparency browser add-on that detects and blocks personal data exfiltration from online forms

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Any Questions?

A screenshot of the Leaky Forms project website. The top navigation bar is dark blue with white text for 'Leaky Forms', 'Highlights', 'Findings', 'Leaks to Meta & TikTok', 'Outreach', 'Follow-up Crawls', 'LeakInspector', 'Data and Code', 'Q&A', 'Acknowledgments', 'Corrigendum', and 'Contact'. The main content area is white. The title 'Leaky Forms: A Study of Email and Password Exfiltration Before Form Submission' is centered. Below it, the text 'To appear at [USENIX Security'22](#)' is shown. A paragraph of text describes the study: 'Email addresses—or identifiers derived from them—are known to be used by data brokers and advertisers for cross-site, cross-platform, and persistent identification of potentially unsuspecting individuals. In order to find out whether access to online forms are misused by online trackers, we present a measurement of *email and password collection that occur before form submission* on the top 100K websites.' At the bottom, there are three buttons: 'Paper »' (yellow), 'Source code »' (purple), and 'Browser add-on »' (green).

Source code: <https://github.com/leaky-forms/leaky-forms>

Project website: <https://homes.esat.kuleuven.be/~asenol/leaky-forms>