Harassment at

NITROBA State University

The case

You are a staff member at the Nitroba University Incident Response Team.

Lily Tuckrige is teaching chemistry CHEM109 this summer at NSU.

Tuckrige has been receiving harassing email at her personal email address.

- Tuckrige's personal email is lilytuckrige@yahoo.com
- She thinks that it is from one of the students in her class.

Tuckrige contacted IT support.

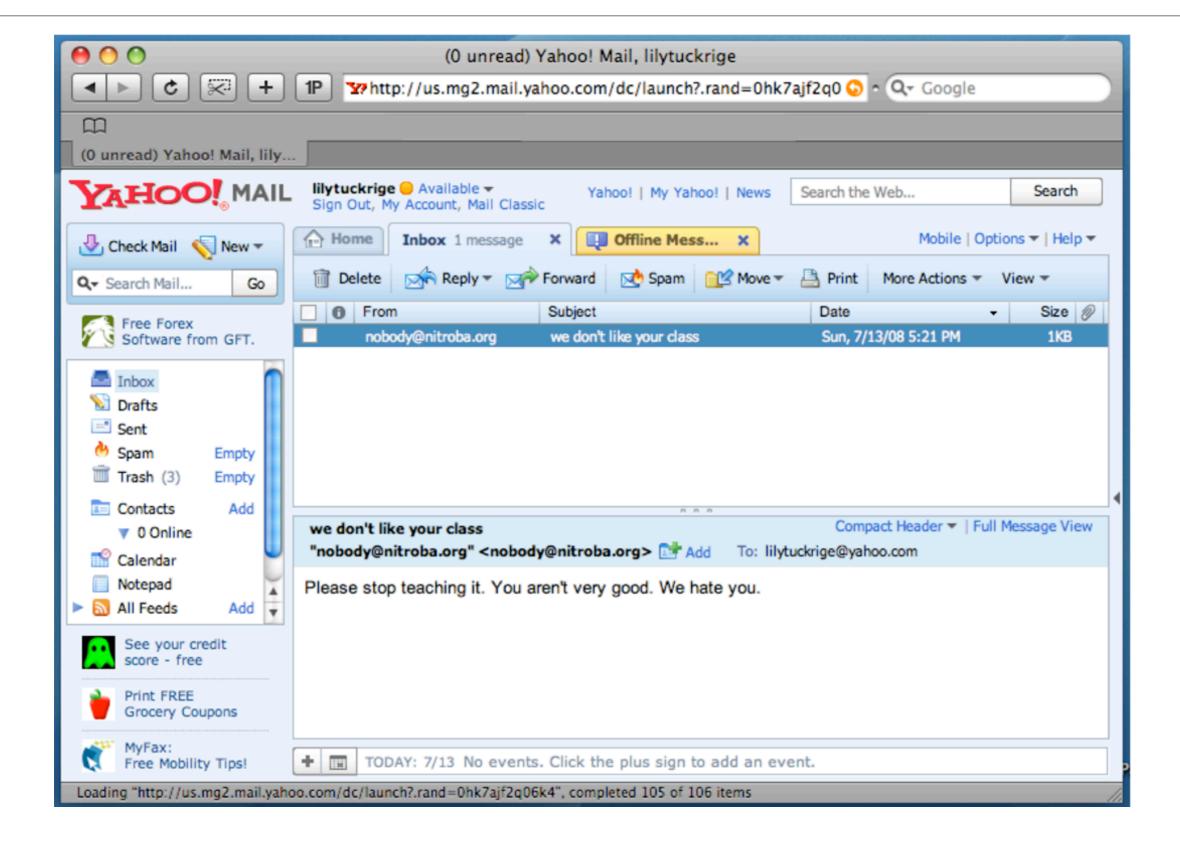
- She sent a screen shot of one of the harassing email messages.
- She wants to know who is doing it.



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The email message.



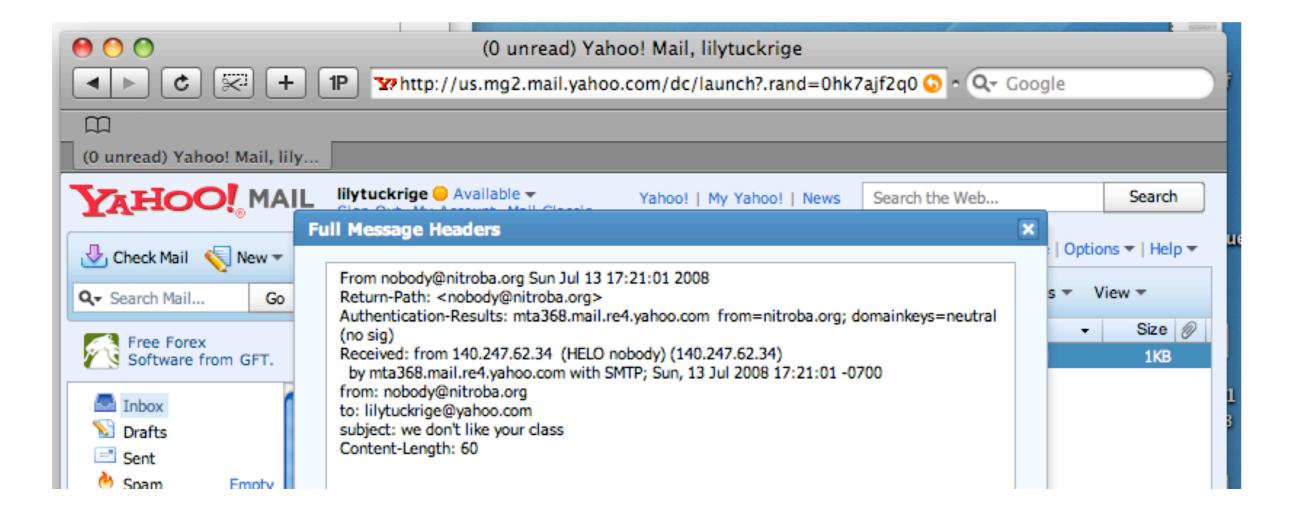


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- Can you get the full headers?

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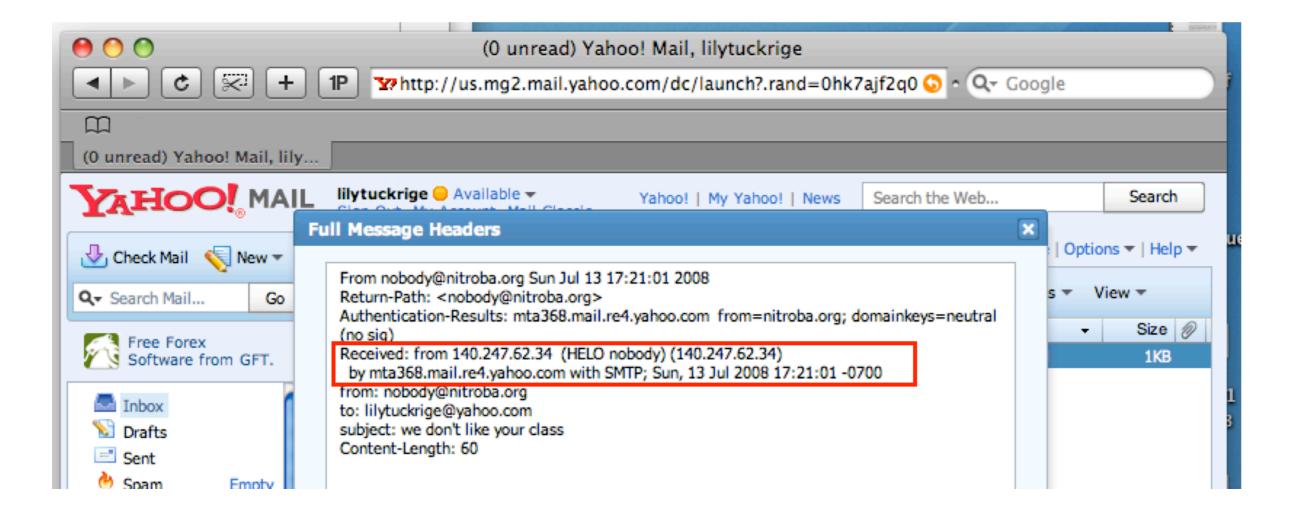


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The IP address points to a nitroba dorm room.



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$ host 140.247.62.34
34.62.247.140.in-addr.arpa domain name pointer G24.student.nitroba.org
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The Dorm Room

Three women share the room:

- Alice
- Barbara
- Candice

Nitroba provides 10mbps Ethernet in every room but no Wi-Fi.

Barbara's boyfriend Kenny installed a Wi-Fi router in the room.

There is no password on the router.

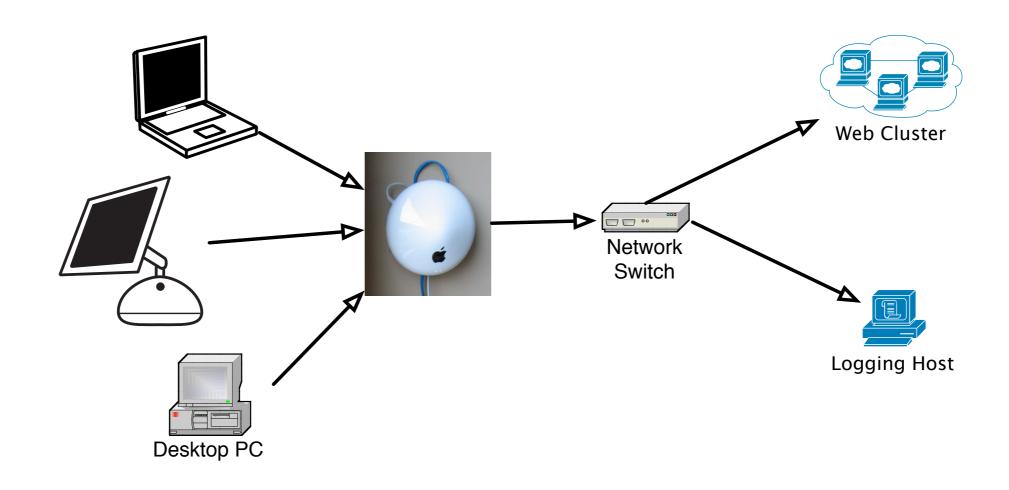




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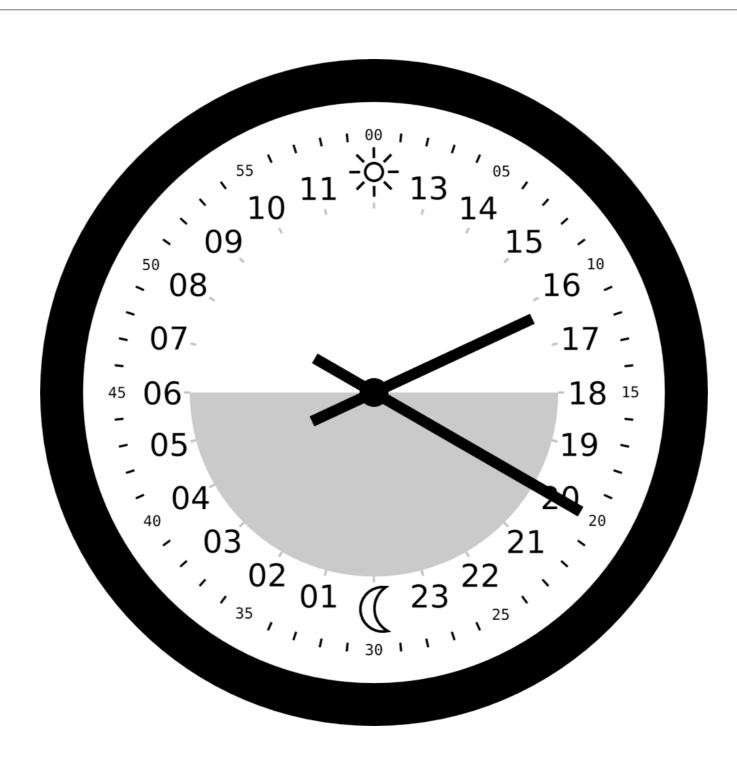
To find out what's going on, Nitroba's IT sets up a packet sniffer





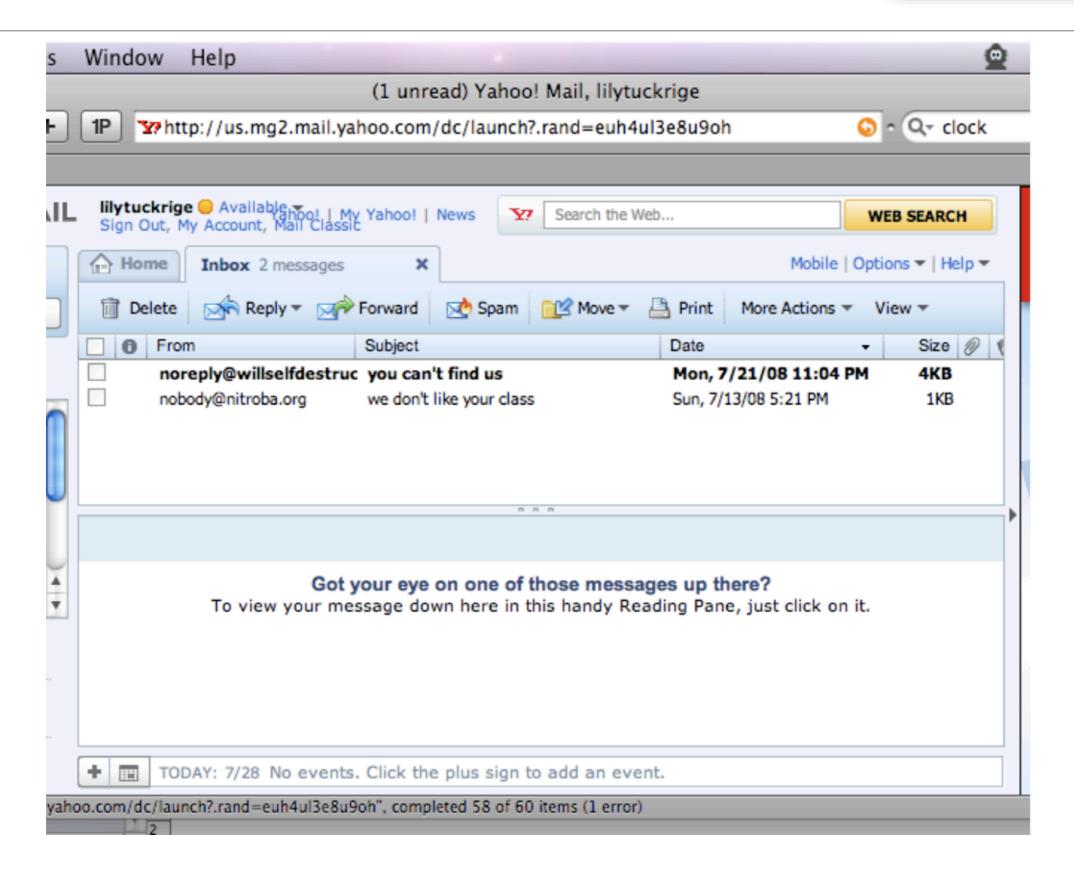
Who is sending the harassing mail?

Now we wait



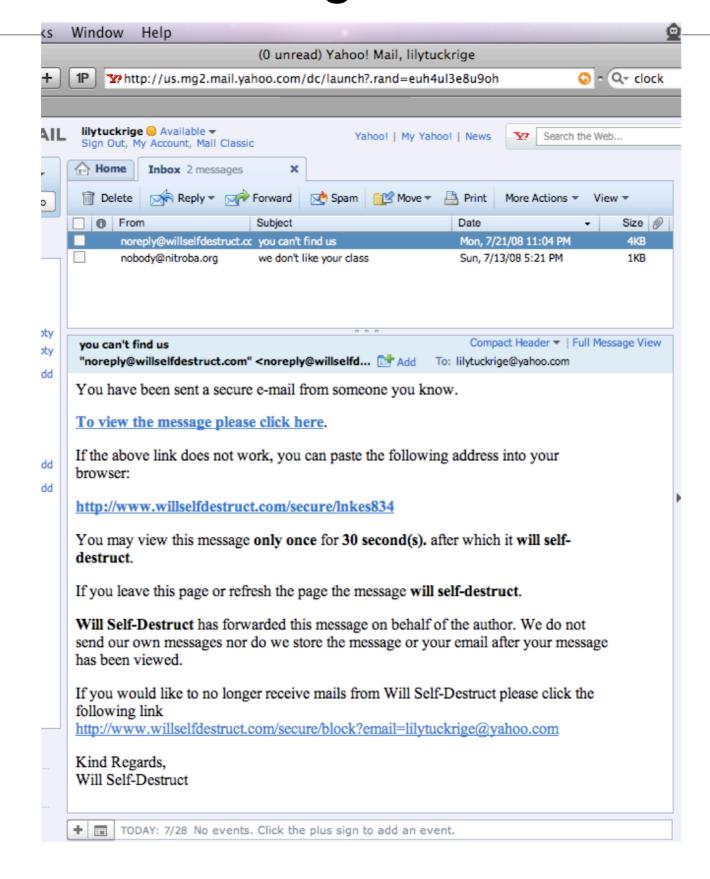


The guy attacked!





And here is the message:

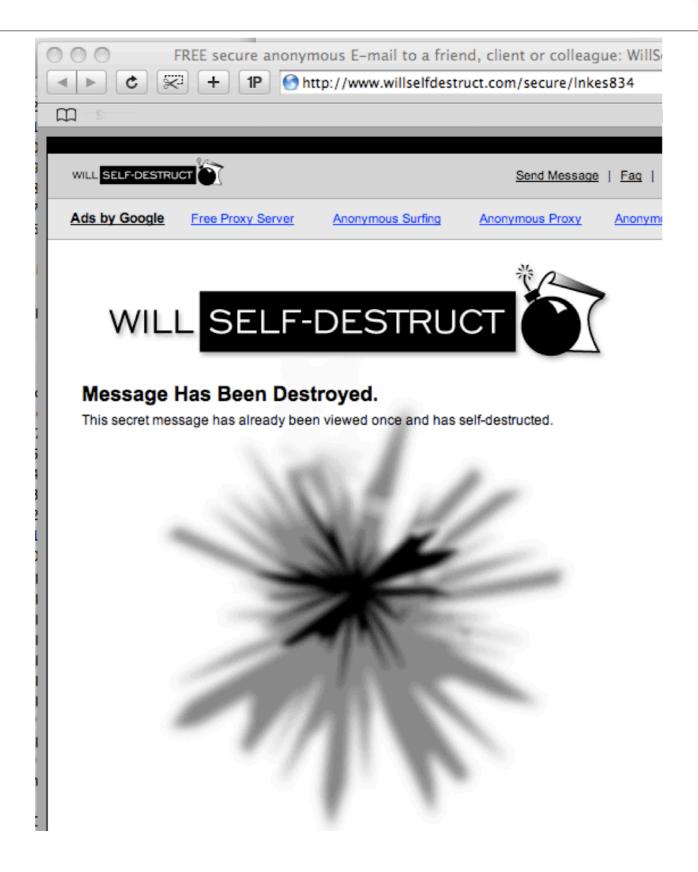


No, here is the message





And there goes the message:



So who did it?

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Chemistry 109 class list:
Teacher: Lily Tuckrige
Students:
    Amy Smith
    Burt Greedom
    Tuck Gorge
    Ava Book
    Johnny Coach
    Jeremy Ledvkin
    Nancy Colburne
    Tamara Perkins
    Esther Pringle
    Asar Misrad
    Jenny Kant
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How to solve this problem:

- 1. Map out the Nitroba dorm room network.
- 2. Find who sent email to lilytuckrige@yahoo.com
 - Look for a TCP flow that includes the hostile message
 - Find information that can tie that message to a particular web browser.
- 3. Identify the other TCP connections that below to the attacker
- 4. Find information in one of those TCP connections that IDs the attacker.