

# Visualizing PHPIDS Log Files for Better Understanding of Web Server Attacks

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# Introduction

- PHPIDS
- Log visualization

# Contributions

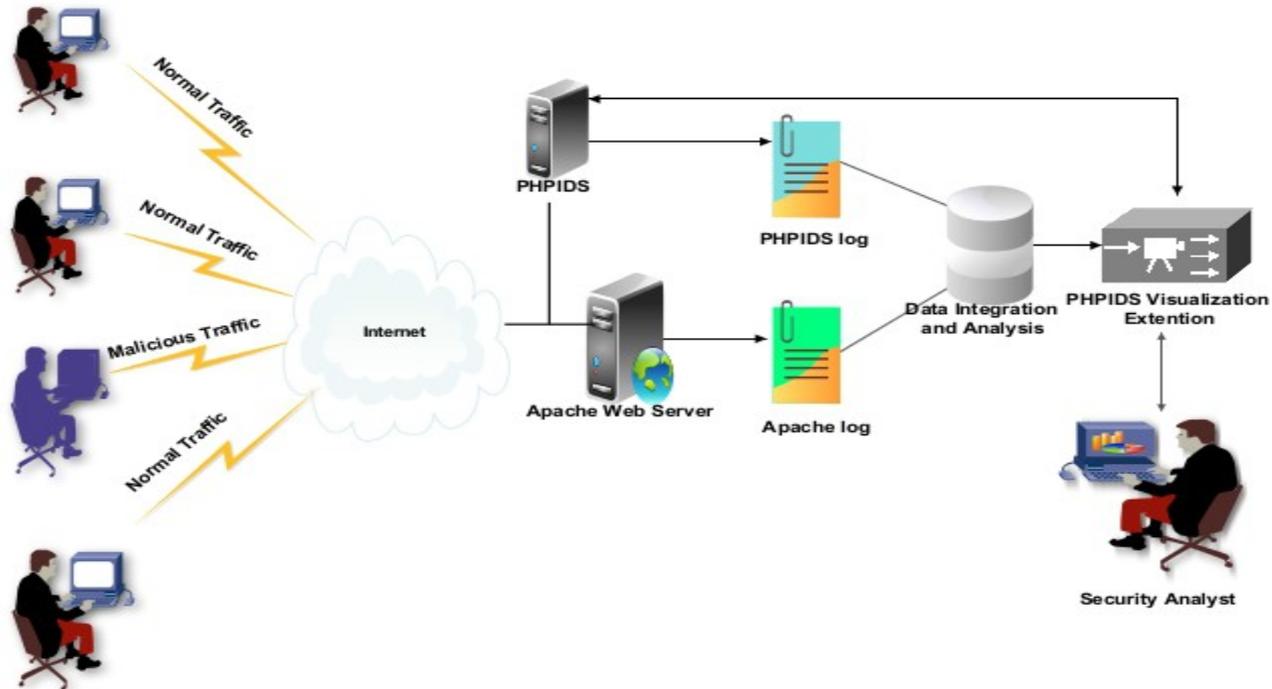
- Analysis and correlation of PHPIDS and web server logs
- PHPIDS visualization extension
- Experimentation on real-world datasets

# Datasets and methodology

- Datasets
- Prefuse toolkit
- Exploring various data visualization

# PHPIDS Visualization Extension

- System Design



# PHPIDS Visualization Extension

- Control console

**Data Set**

Upload Files  
Log Files Attack Log:   Web Log:

Select IP Range  
Server From:  To:   
Workstation From:  To:

**Observation:**

Impact

IP address

No. attacks

**Notification:**

Email:   
SMS:   
Call:

**Preferences**

**Range Of Time**

Date:  
From:   
To:   
Time:  
From:   
To:

**Attacker**

IP Address:    
Country:    
Subnet:    
Attacker Type:

**Select default Visualization Technique**

Attacker Aggregation    AttackView    ImpactView    IP Aggregation    Parallel Coordinates    Pie Chart

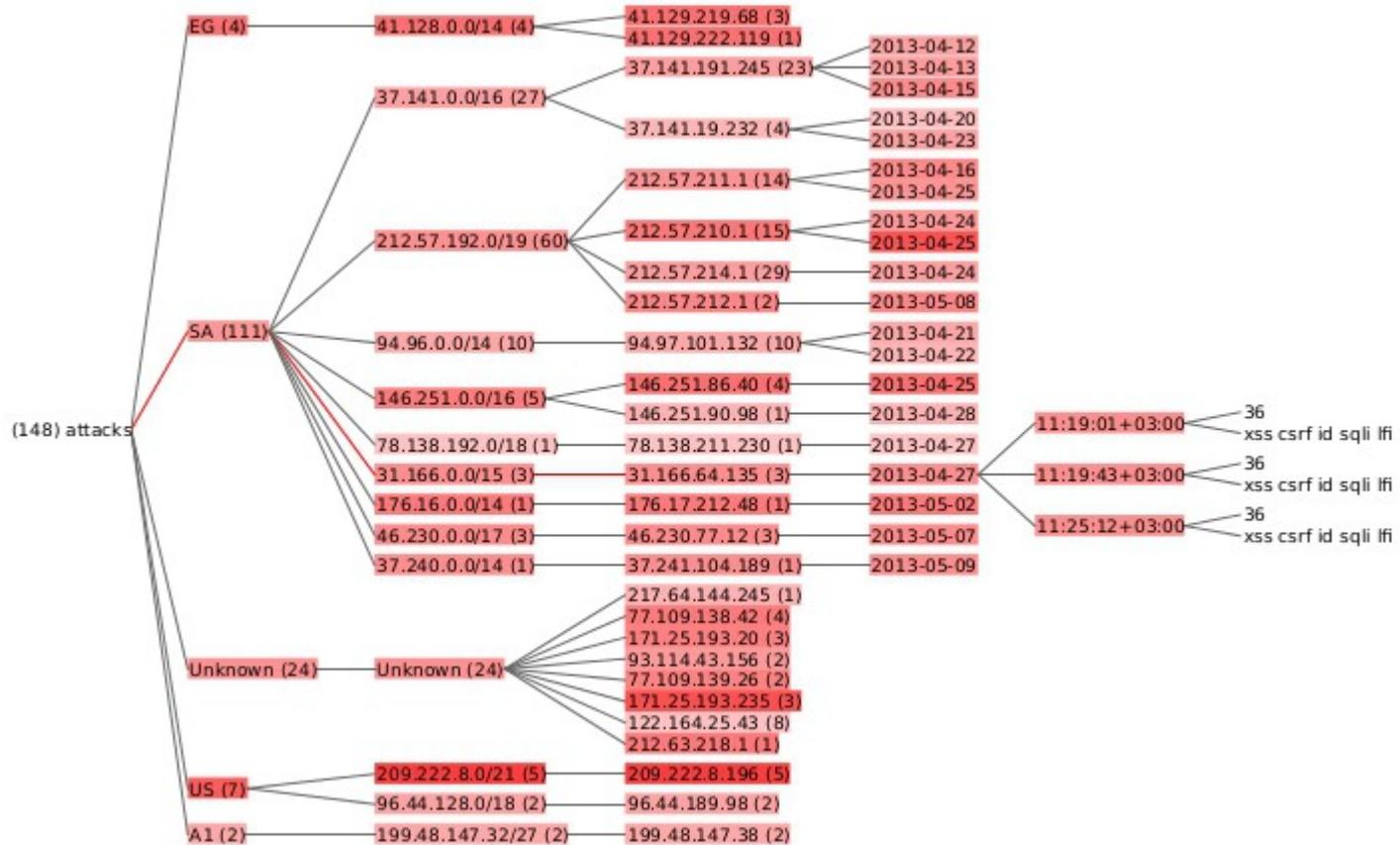
RingView    Scatter Plot    Stacked Chart    TreeMap    TreeView

**Impact Threshold**

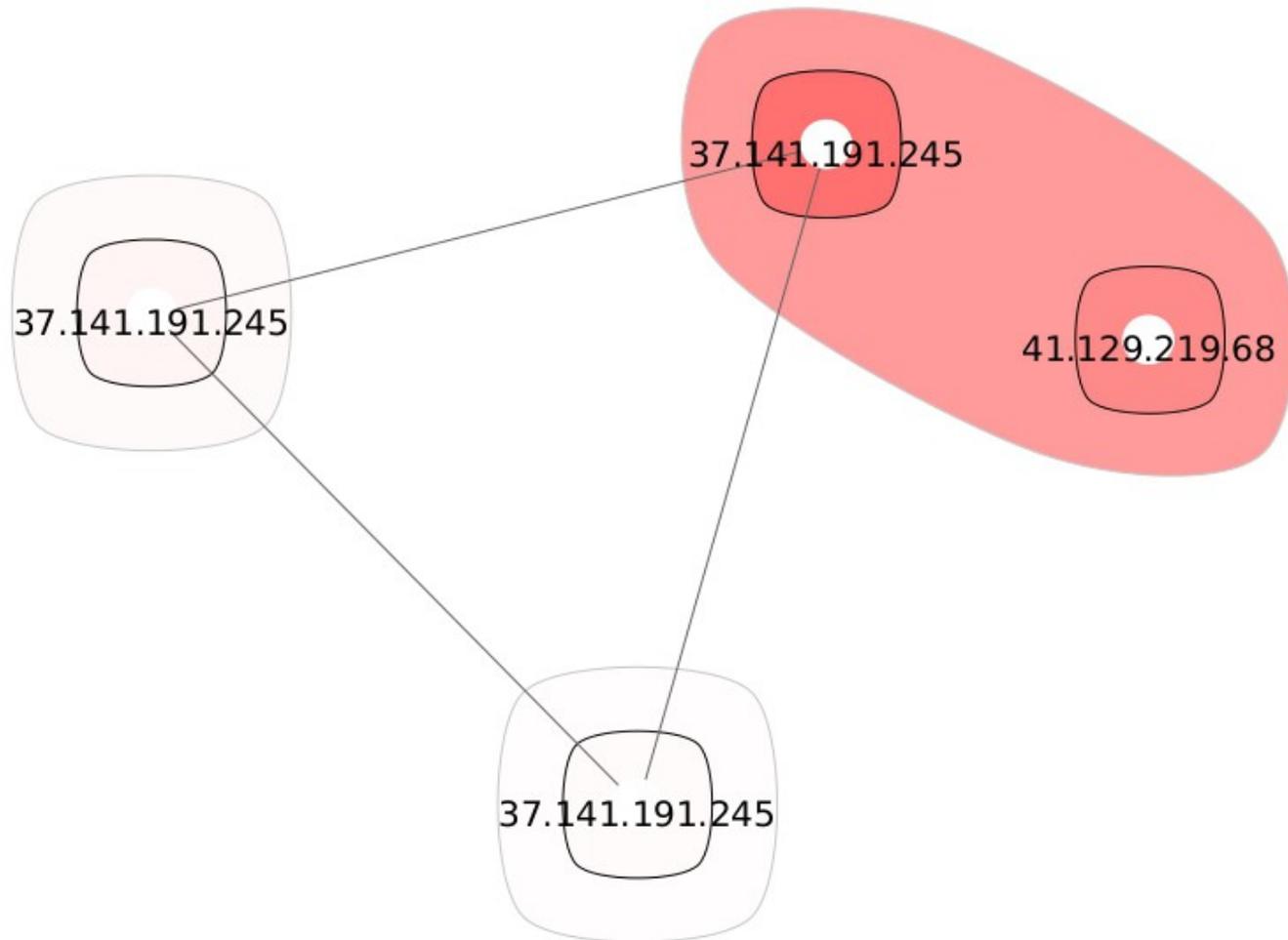
**Attacker Threshold**



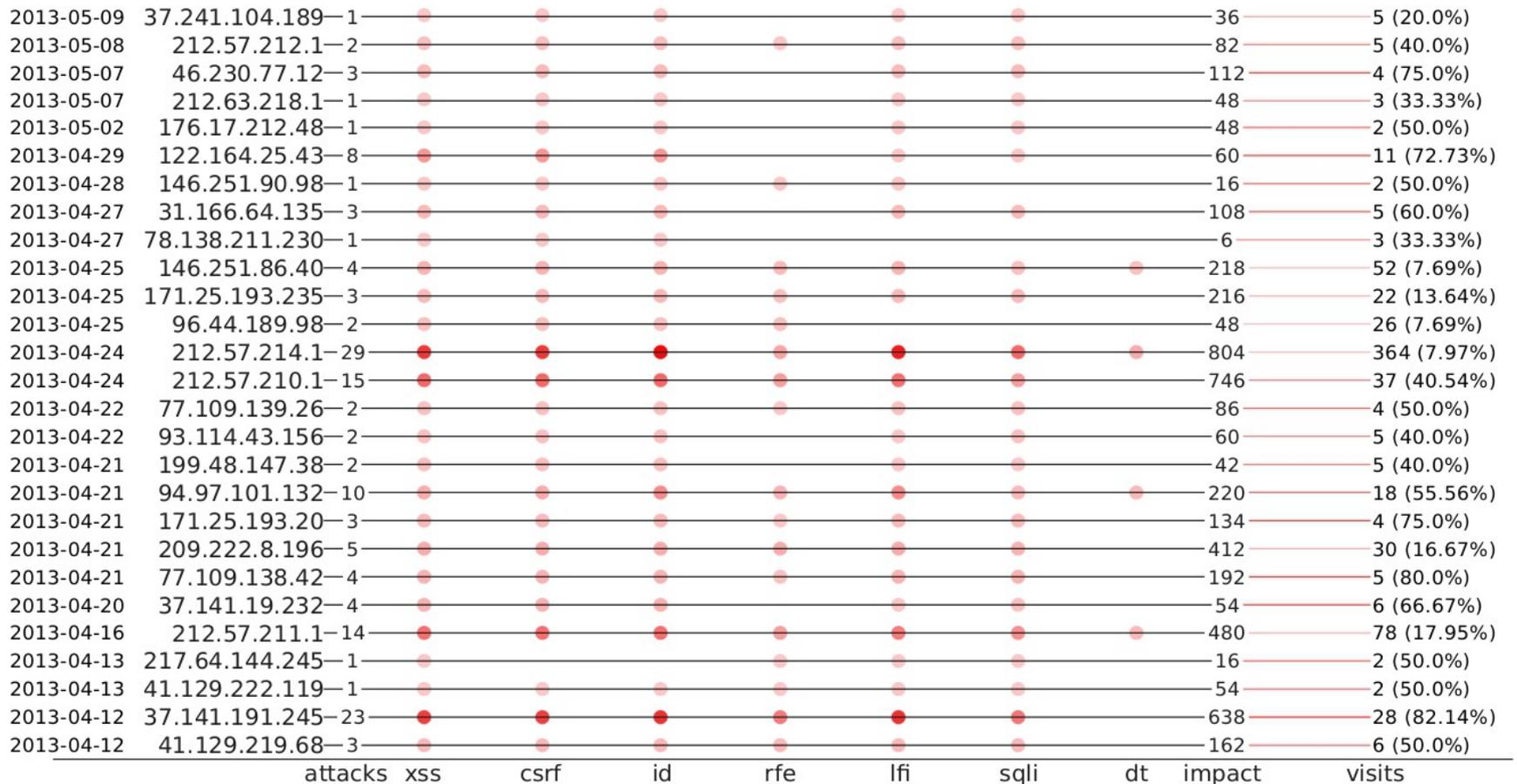
# TreeView



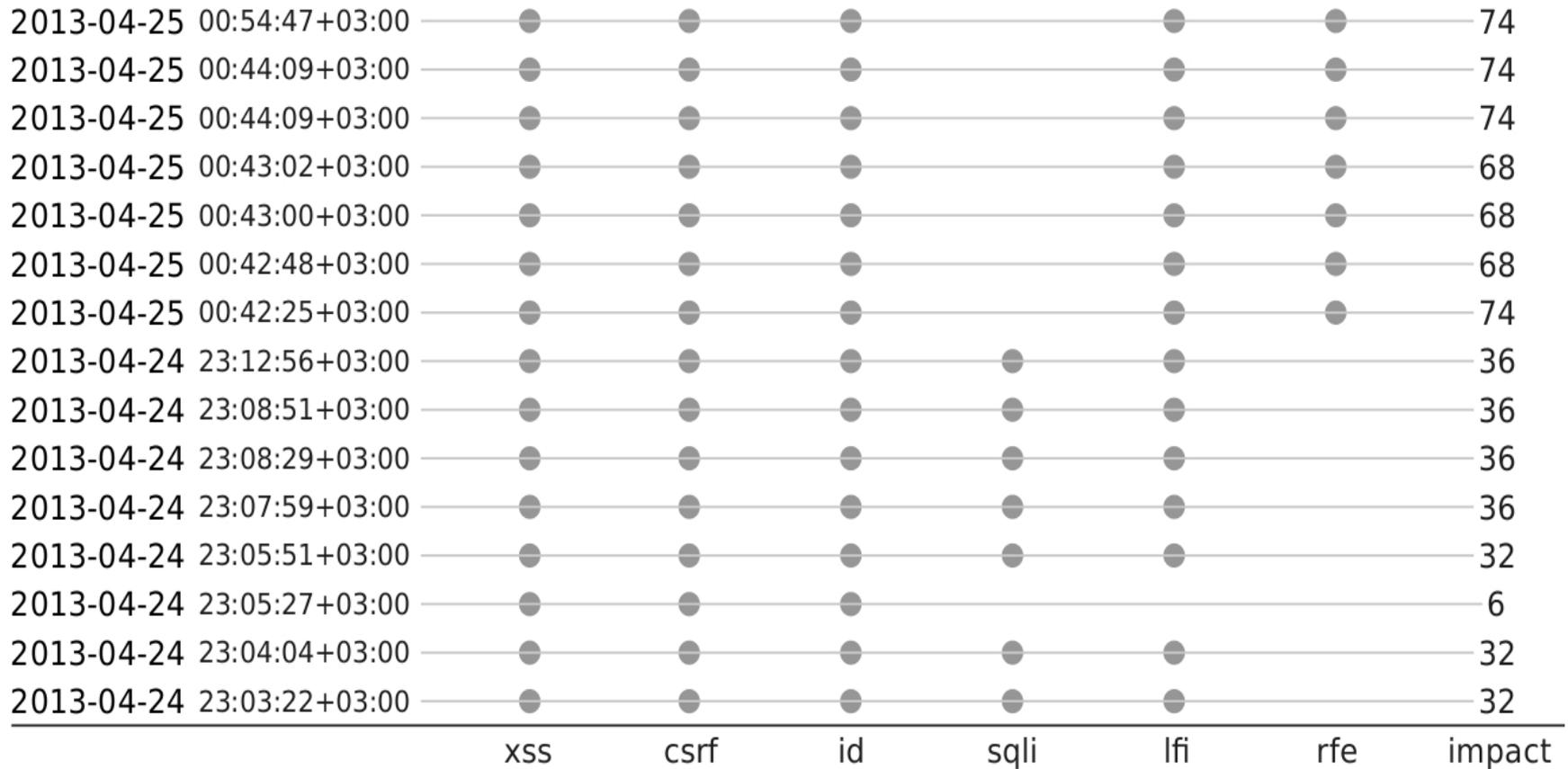
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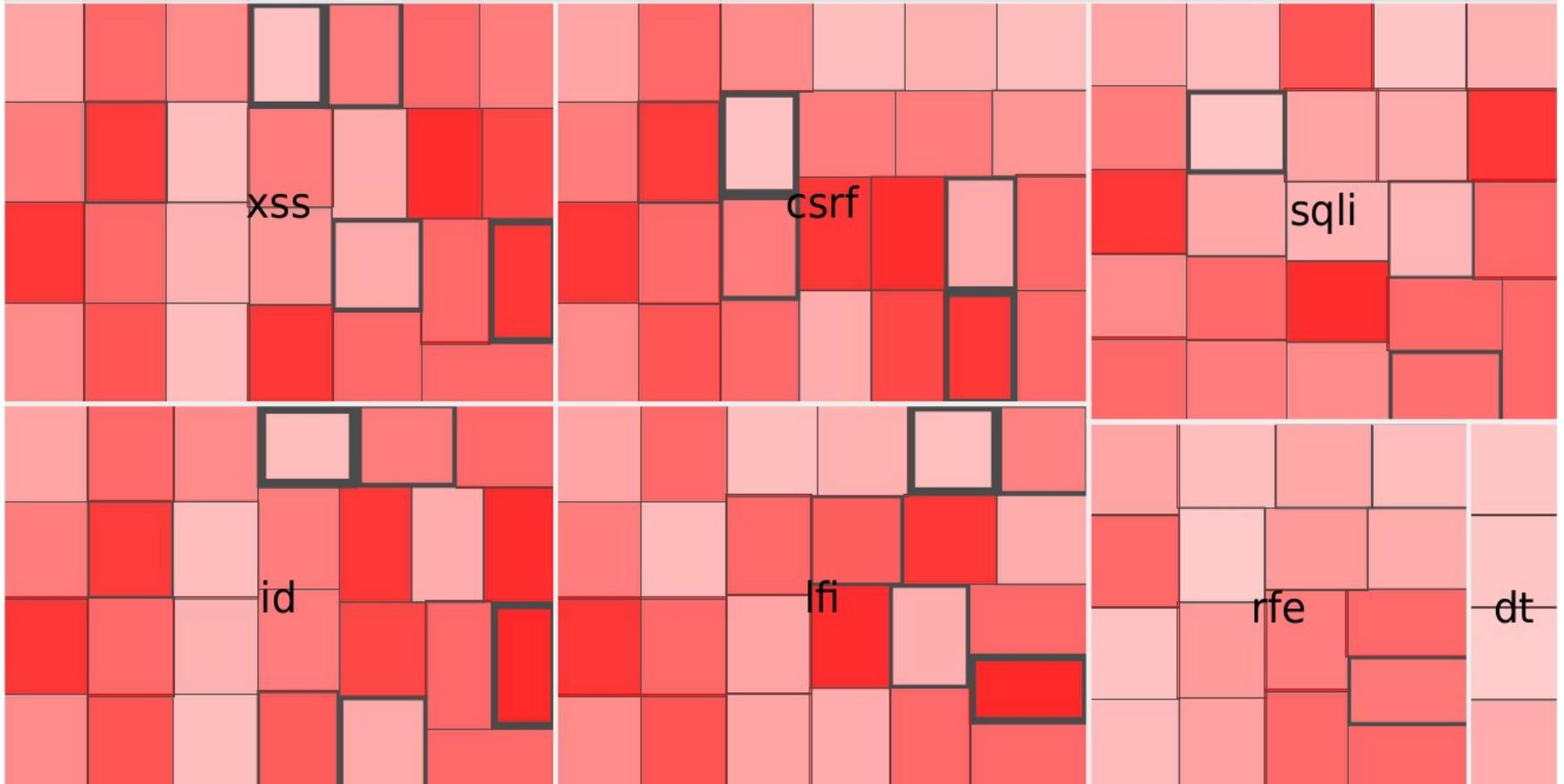
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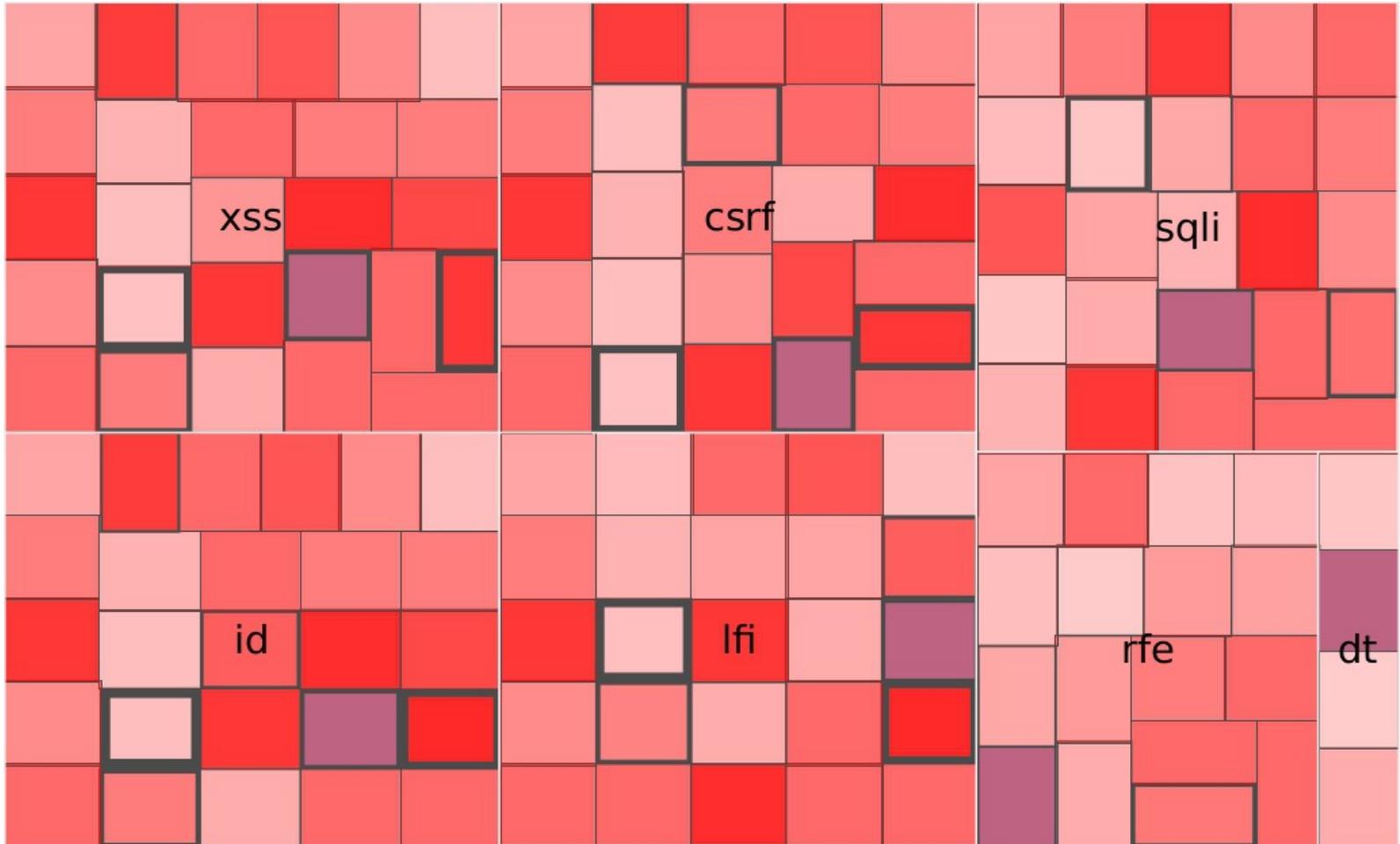
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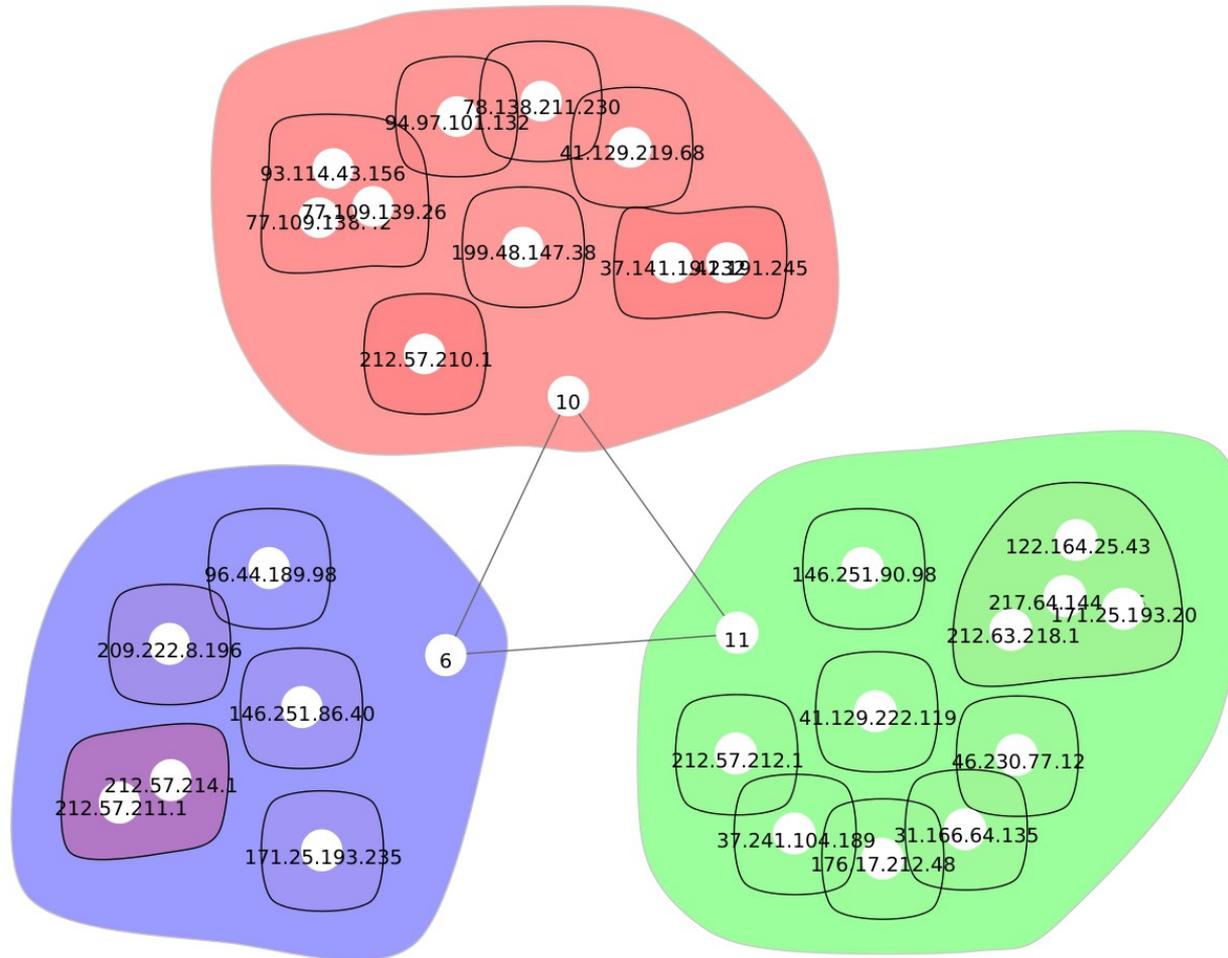
# TreeMap



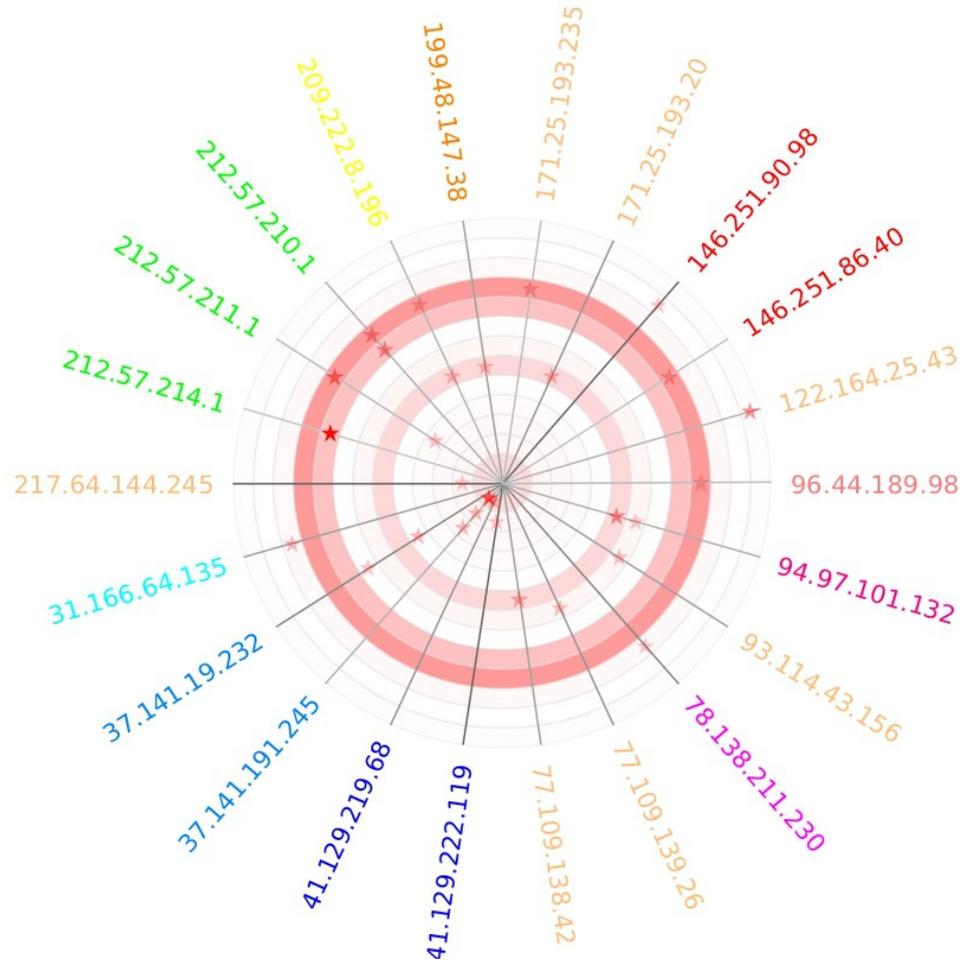
# TreeMap



# Attacker Aggregation



# RingView







# Limitations and future work

- Different visual representations
- Cluttered plots
- Correlating other logs
- Experimenting on large logs
- Gathering feedback from administrators in the field

# Conclusion

- PHPIDS visualization extension
- Analyzing and correlating PHPIDS and Apache web server log
- Using real-world PHPIDS and Apache log files
- Data visualization feature

# Questions

