Computer Security in 2016: Where are we? What to expect? Are we affected?

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Delete any You Tube video

1. Send this:

```
POST live_events_edit_status_ajax?action_delete_event=1
Host: www.youtube.com

event_id: ANY_VIDEO_ID
session_token: YOUR_TOKEN
```

2. Receive this:

```
"success": 1
}
```

3. Report to Google and get \$5'000 bounty

http://kamil.hism.ru/posts/about-vrg-and-delete-any-youtube-video-issue.html

Blunders happen to everyone

... but better to be ready to react fast

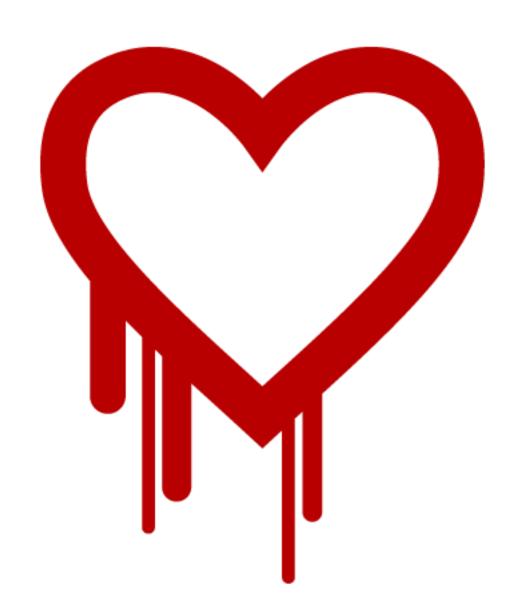
Security on the Internet?

https://ps

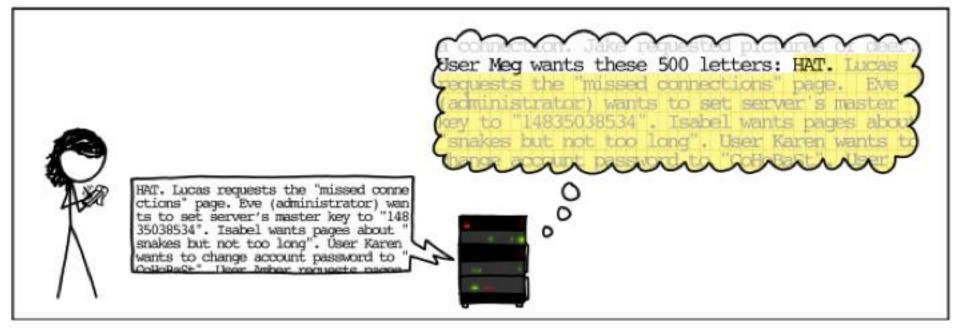
Apple's "goto fail" SSL bug (late 2012 – Feb 2014)

```
if ((err = SSLHashSHA1.update(&hashCtx, &clientRandom)) != 0)
       goto fail:
   if ((err = SSLHashSHA1.update(&hashCtx, &serverRandom)) != 0)
       goto fail:
   if ((err = SSLHashSHA1.update(&hashCtx, &signedParams)) != 0)
       goto fail;
       goto fail;
    if ((err = SSLHashShAl.final(&hashCtx, &hashOut)) != 0)
       goto fail:
                                               goto fail;
       err = sslRawVerify(ctx,
                      ctx->peerPubKey,
                      dataToSign.
                                               goto fail:
                      dataToSignLen,
                      signature,
                      signatureLen);
       if(err) {
               sslErrorLog("SSLDecodeSignedServerKeyExchange: sslRawVerify "
                   "returned %d\n", (int)err);
               goto fail:
fail:
   SSLFreeBuffer(&signedHashes);
   SSLFreeBuffer(&hashCtx):
   return err:
```

Heartbleed bug (OpenSSL)







Shellshock

(remote command execution in bash)

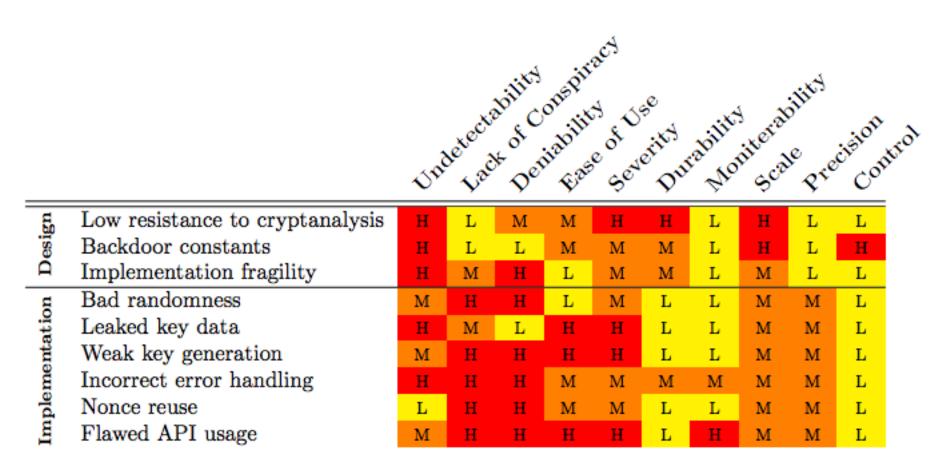


Software and protocols we all rely on are vulnerable

```
goto fail;
goto fail;
```

A simple mistake... but honest or intentional?

How to plant backdoors in encryption?



From: "Surreptitiously Weakening Cryptographic Systems" https://eprint.iacr.org/2015/097.pdf

Software and protocols we all rely on are sometimes *made* or *kept* vulnerable



"You can't have a backdoor that's only for the good guys." Tim Cook, Apple Banning encryption?



"The Second Crypto War" is ongoing

Shellshock

(remote command execution in bash)



Code from 2004, running as root

```
foreach my $f (<$_[0]/*.out>) {
    [..]
    my $nf="$f.cut";  # files are in /tmp
    system "
    head -100 $f > $nf;
    echo \"----CUT----\" >> $nf;
    tail -100 $f >> $nf";
```

Two root privilege escalation vulnerabilities:

- \$f tainted (name of user-created file, can include shell commands)
- \$nf controlled by user (can be a symbolic link to system files)

Code from 2004, still running as root

Reported by a user:

"I was in a usual boring meeting and just did ps aux in lxplus:)"

We often rely on very old code

... but who knew secure coding back in 2004?



DRAM rowhammer bug => kernel exploit

Access repeatedly a row of DRAM memory

```
code1a:

mov (X), %eax // Read from address X

mov (Y), %ebx // Read from address Y

clflush (X) // Flush cache for address X

clflush (Y) // Flush cache for address Y

jmp code1a
```

This can cause bit flips in neighboring rows

Proof-of-concepts: privilege escalation exploits

- e.g. modifying page table entries (PTEs)
- goal: gain write access to its own page table
- result: gain read-write access to all of physical memory

Attack techniques are highly sophisticated

... and they only get better

Two main attack vectors





























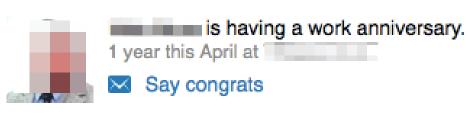
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Emilie M Bogart < Emilie. Bogart@jiscs.com>

RD78 Collaboration Meeting June 29/30 2015, Jones Institute, 1st announcement

To Stefan Lueders

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Dear Collaborator:

On the last meeting in Amsterdam we decided to have the next RD78 Collaboration meeting at Jones Institute. The date is now fixed (as we proposed in Amsterdam)

time:

Monday, June, 29. and Tuesday, June, 30. in 2015

location:

CERN, 1211 Geneva 23, Switzerland

For the Collaboration meeting you find the following information:

accomodation:

Do a reservation at the CERN hostel and send mail to Emilie.Bogart@jiscs.com or look into our web-page to find a list of other hostels in Geneva or France.

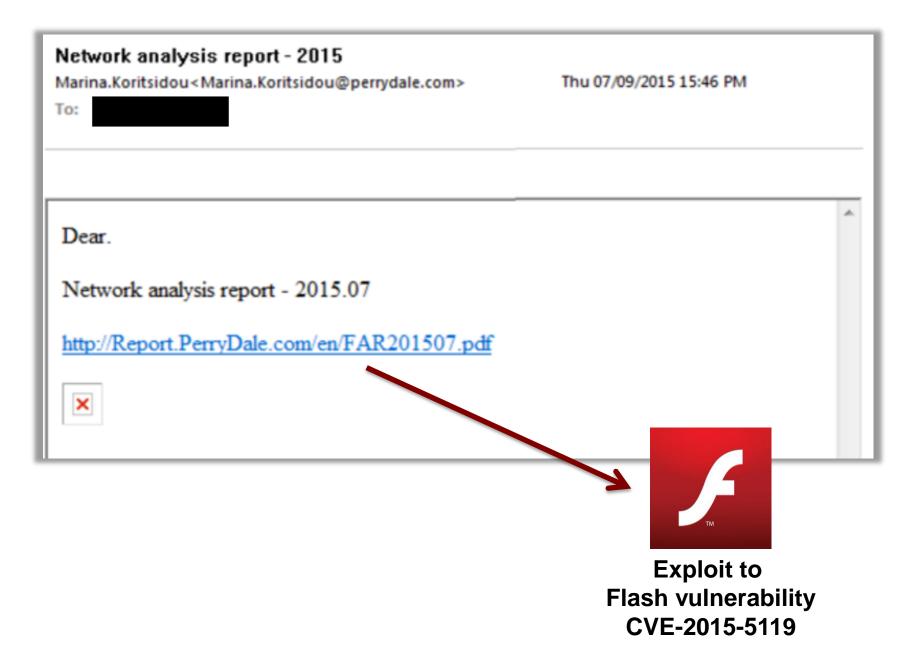
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http://RD78.JISCS.COM/RD78/RDCERN45252GL.PDF

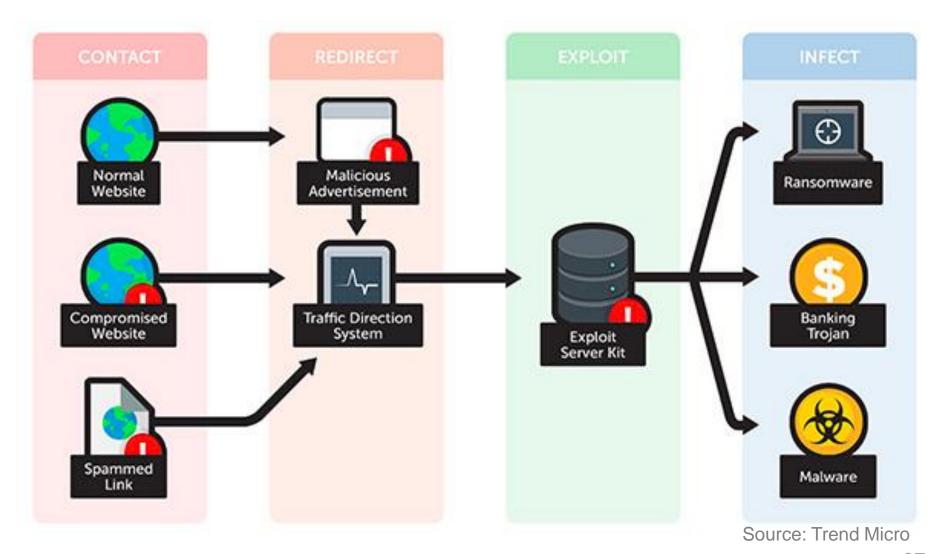
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Exploit kit infection chain



Attacking is so much easier than defending

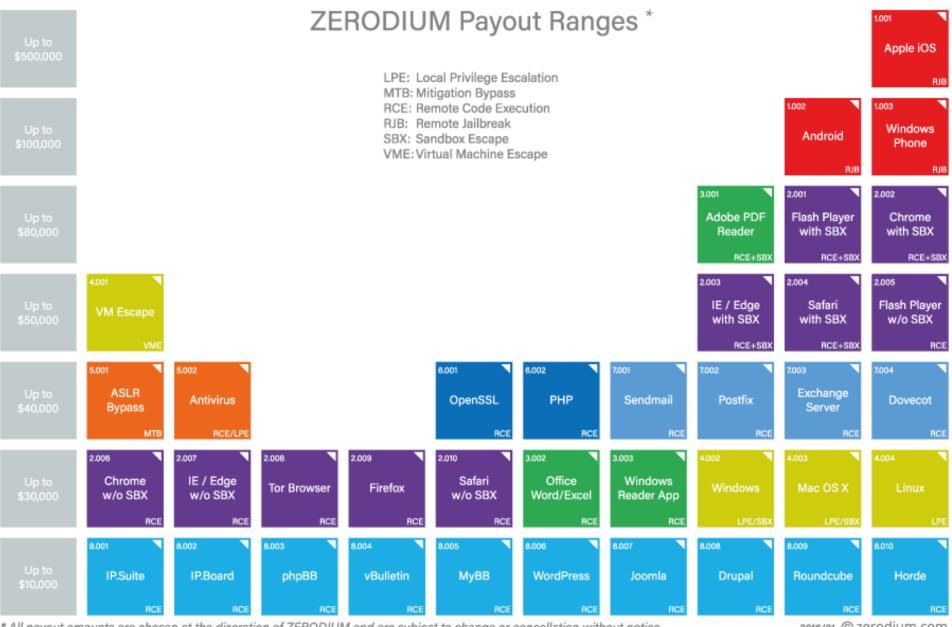
Becoming obsolete...



Firefox disables Flash by default Amazon stopped serving Flash ads



no Java browser plugin in Java 9



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iOS 9 exploit sold(?) for 1M USD



"ZERODIUM will pay out one million U.S. dollars to each individual or team who creates and submits an exclusive, browser-based, and untethered jailbreak for the latest Apple iOS 9 operating system and devices."

https://www.zerodium.com/ios9.html

Attacking is so much easier than defending

... and cheaper, too

Your personal files are encrypted by CTB-Locker.



Your personal files are encrypted by CTB-Locker.

Your documents, photos, databases and other important files have been encrypted with strongest encryption and unique key, generated for this computer.

Private decryption key is stored on a secret Internet server and nobody can decrypt your files until you pay and obtain the private key.

You only have 96 hours to submit the payment. If you do not send money within provided time, all your files will be permanently crypted and no one will be able to recover them.

Press 'View' to view the list of files that have been encrypted.

Press 'Next' for the next page.



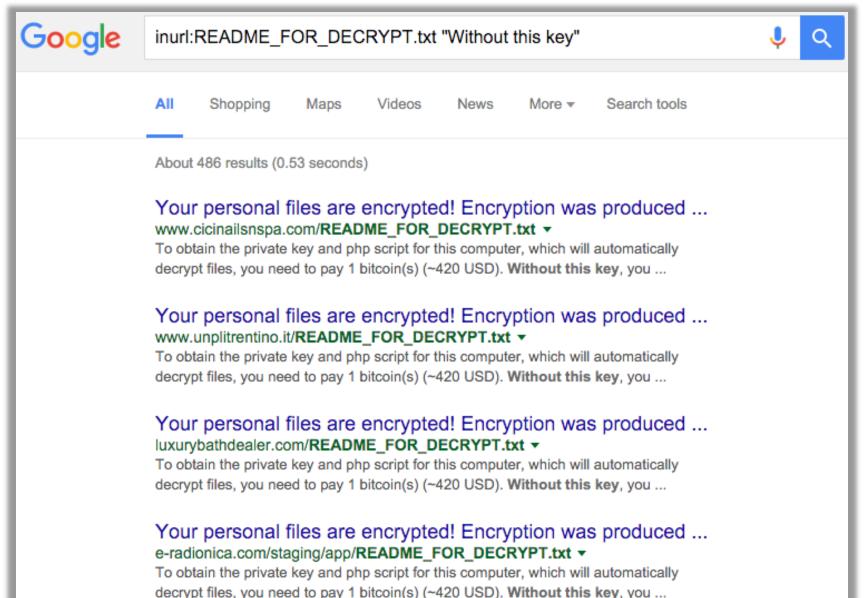
WARNING! DO NOT TRY TO GET RID OF THE PROGRAM YOURSELF, ANY ACTION TAKEN WILL RESULT IN DECRYPTION KEY BEING DESTROYED, YOU WILL LOSE YOUR FILES FOREVER, ONLY WAY TO KEEP YOUR FILES IS TO FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTION.

View

95:58:56

Next>>

Ransomware on Linux web servers



Victim of ransomware? Your data got encrypted?

"To be honest, we often advise people just to pay the ransom."

- FBI

private.key	1 700	1 311	2015-09-25 21:52
public.key	458	373	2015-09-24 20:29
decrypt.exe	67 584	28 903	2015-08-28 10:50



ANGLER REVENUE

The average life of an Angler server is one day - in that day we found ~9,000 unique IP addresses with around 3600 compromised users. The average amount per user that pays the ransom is \$300, leading to an annual revenue of more than \$34 Million.



90,000

targeted victims per day



9,000

observed served exploits in a single day



40%

of users being served exploits were compromised



62%

of Angler infections delivered Ransomware

Source: Talos Intel

Opportunistic attacks

Criminals are just after the money, so they usually chose the "easy targets"

Sony Pictures Entertainment breach



Targeted attacks Much harder to protect against, much more devastating



... but who is really behind this attack?

8 months

"Average time between intrusion and detection"



Two types of organisations:

those that know they've been hacked and those that don't know



"We are currently experiencing the largest DDoS attack in github.com's history [..] we believe the intent of this attack is to convince us to remove a specific class of content." Mar 27

© GitHub Status @githubstatus · Mar 29

The DDoS attack has evolved and we are working to mitigate

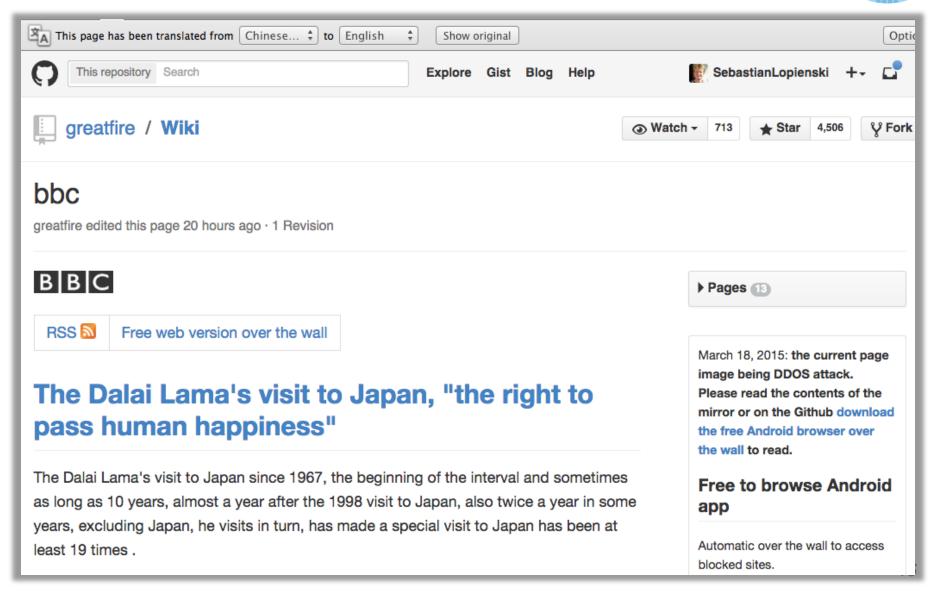
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GitHub Status @githubstatus · Mar 30

After 113 hours of sustained DDoS attacks our defenses are holding. We will keep our status at yellow until the threat has subsided.

Target: BBC and NYTimes on Github





Man-on-the-side attack



- A web site you visit loads http://hm.baidu.com/h.js

 (Baidu analytics)
- 2. Your browser requests this JavaScript file from Baidu, but gets a response from elsewhere (!)

```
192.168.70.160 61.135.185.140 0x0002 64 <- SYN (client)
61.135.185.140 192.168.70.160 0x0012 42 <- SYN+ACK (server)
192.168.70.160 61.135.185.140 0x0010 64 <- ACK (client)
192.168.70.160 61.135.185.140 0x0018 64 <- HTTP GET (client)
61.135.185.140 192.168.70.160 0x0018 227 <- Injected packet 1 (injector)
192.168.70.160 61.135.185.140 0x0010 64
61.135.185.140 192.168.70.160 0x0018 228 <- Injected packet 2 (injector)
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From http://netres.ec/?b=153DB4E

1. The injected, malicious script hammers two github projects

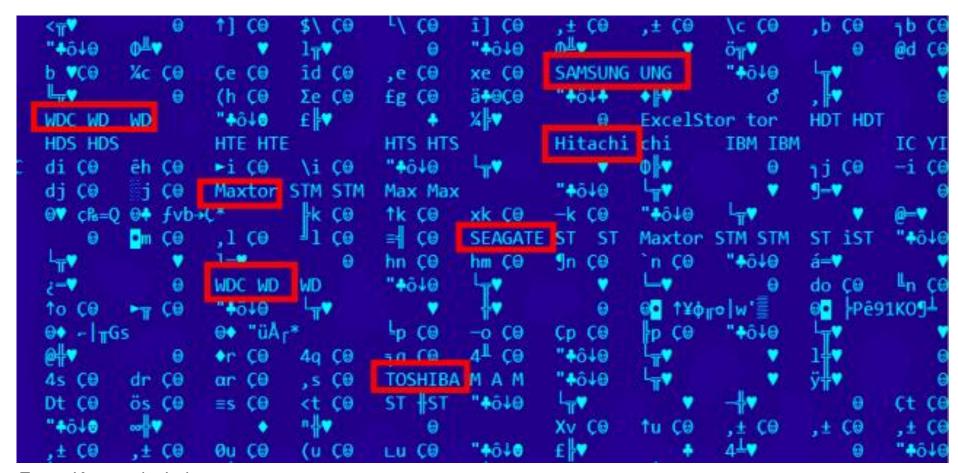
```
url_array = ["https://github.com/greatfire", "https://github.com/cn-nytimes"];
```

Github didn't give in... this time.

"Superhuman" espionage malware



Reprogramming HDD firmware



From: Kaspersky Lab

What else is out there, that we don't know about yet?



Who buys those exploits?

Who are ZERODIUM's customers?



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Activity

The following statistics are only for the English page and are provided in close to real time. To calculate the total activity for a tender notice, you will need to add the English and French statistics.

Page views

(English page)

Unique page views

(English page)

Value of Related Contract History	Award Date		
CAD 770 333.00	2015/12/15		
CAD 91 980.00	2016/01/26		

Target: 2015 light-duty pickup truck ...?



Is it possible to repel government-sponsored attacks?

]HackingTeam[

Rely on us.



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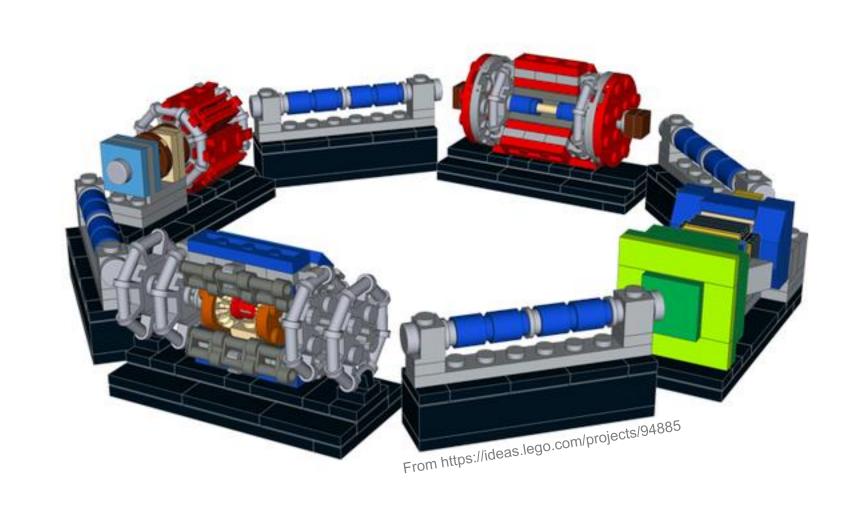
Leaked Flash exploits reused by criminals within hours(!)



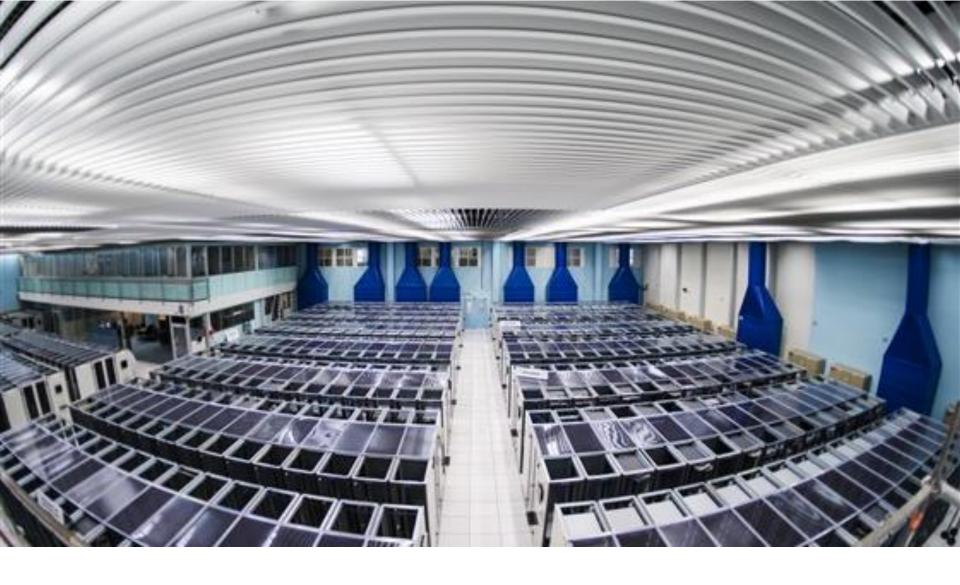




What to do when criminals or hacktivists of tomorrow use the same attacks techniques as governments of today?



How are we affected?



Resources, assets

Motivations



criminals

motivation: profit



hacktivists

motivation: ideology, revenge



governments

motivation: control, politics

"OK, so can someone make money from hacking a science lab?"

Bitcoin mining by a rouge sysadmin

Inspired (issue 18, Feb 2015)

http://www.egi.eu/news-and-media/newsletters/Inspired_Issue_18/cryptocoin.html

"[..] substantial amounts of mining jobs were submitted over the 2013 Christmas holidays before being discovered in early January. The user had attempted to masquerade the mining activities as legitimate production jobs and also tried to hide his traces by planting false evidence of external attacks on the job submission machine. He failed and was caught."

Computing power == money

"We just do fundamental research

– how can this motivate an attacker?"

CERN, "a fun real-world example"



Hacking CERN - Exploiting python-lz4 for Particles and Profit

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TL;DR

Editor's Note: The TL;DR of this long technical report can be summarized as

- · LZ4 was always critically vulnerable whether in Kernel or User-land
- Exploitation is easy regardless of the attack used (16MB or 2+MB)
- PoCs are written for python2.7 on 32bit ARM/x86 (scroll to the end)
- Updating is critical for all consumers of LZ4, not just python-lz4

Additional Note: The author of LZ4 claims that the PoC presented in the blog below was written against some ghostly alternative version of LZ4. For further proof of exploitation, the sample payload generated by the script at the end of this blog post will also crash python-lz4 (versions prior to r119) directly. The CERN software was simply used as a fun real-world example because their package depends on python-lz4. To test, call the Python bindings directly with:

http://blog.securitymouse.com/2014/07/hacking-cern-exploiting-python-lz4-for.html

LHC start-up? Death threats



"But black hole fears aside, why would someone specifically target CERN?"

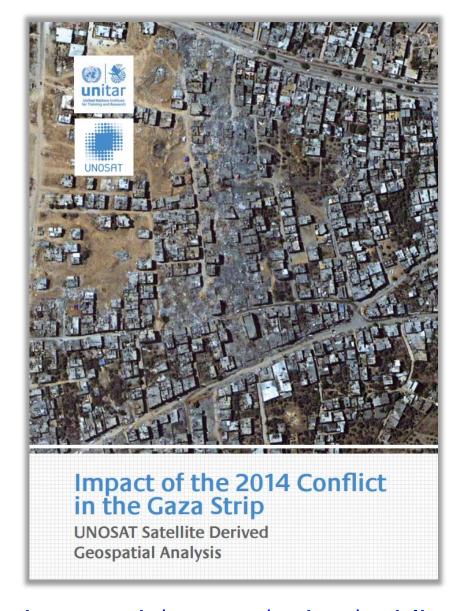
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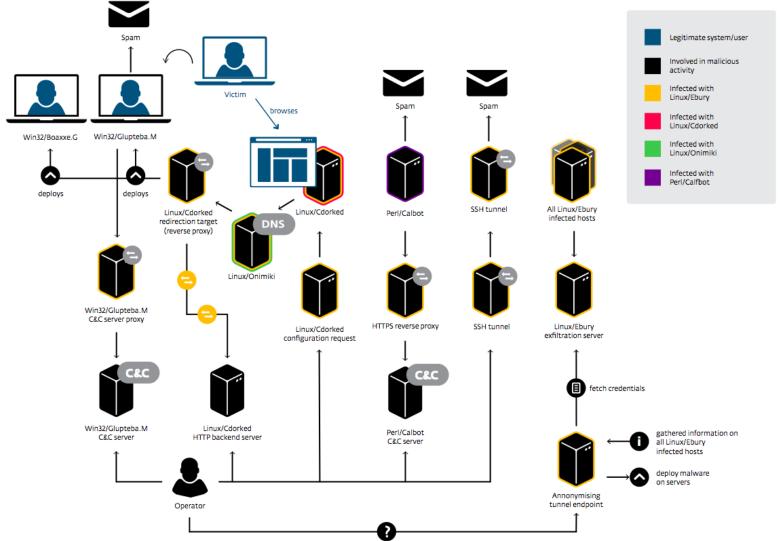
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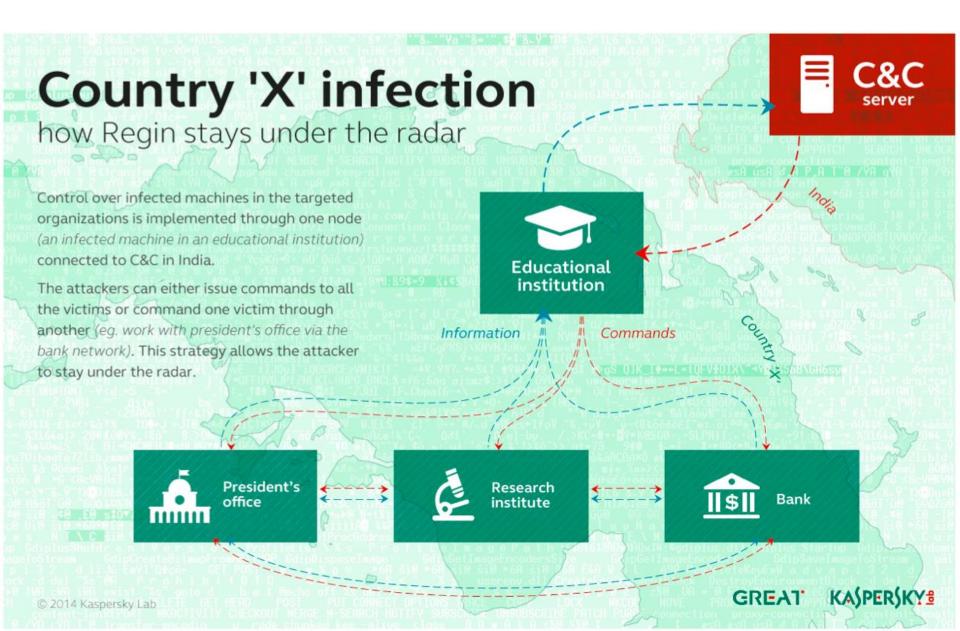
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Source: ESET

Educational/research labs as relays



Watering hole attacks



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We may be *not* the primary target

... but we may still be attacked

Conclusions?



