

# Cyber[Crime|War] Connecting the Dots

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This is "hacker" me, and my own personal opinion only. This has got nothing to do with work stuff. The "work" me is often suited and talks in acronyms and industry best practices stuff.

## Agenda

- Who am I?
- CyberWar [Attack | Defense]
- CyberCrime [Attack | Defense]
- History revisited
  - Connecting the dots...
- Future



### Who Am I



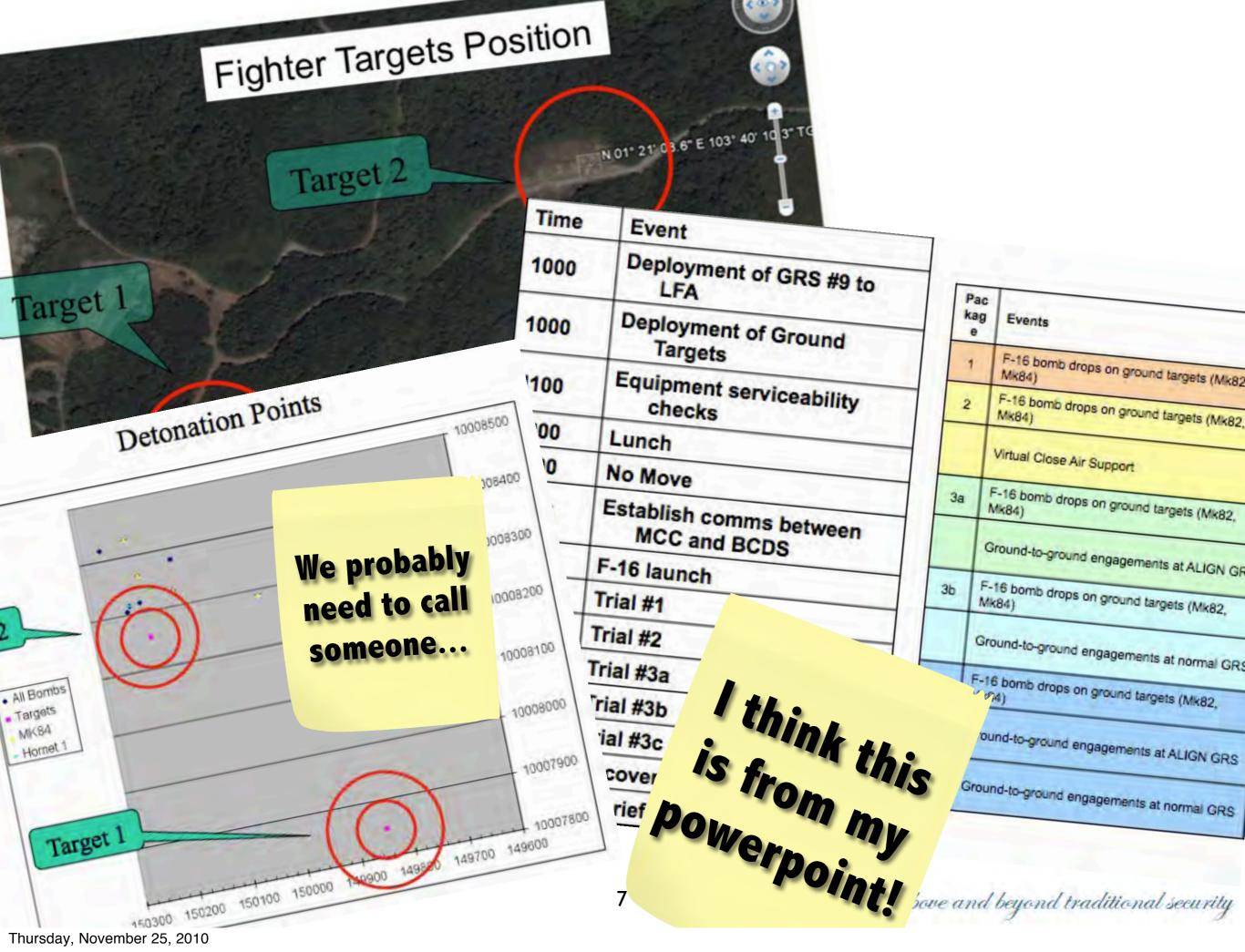
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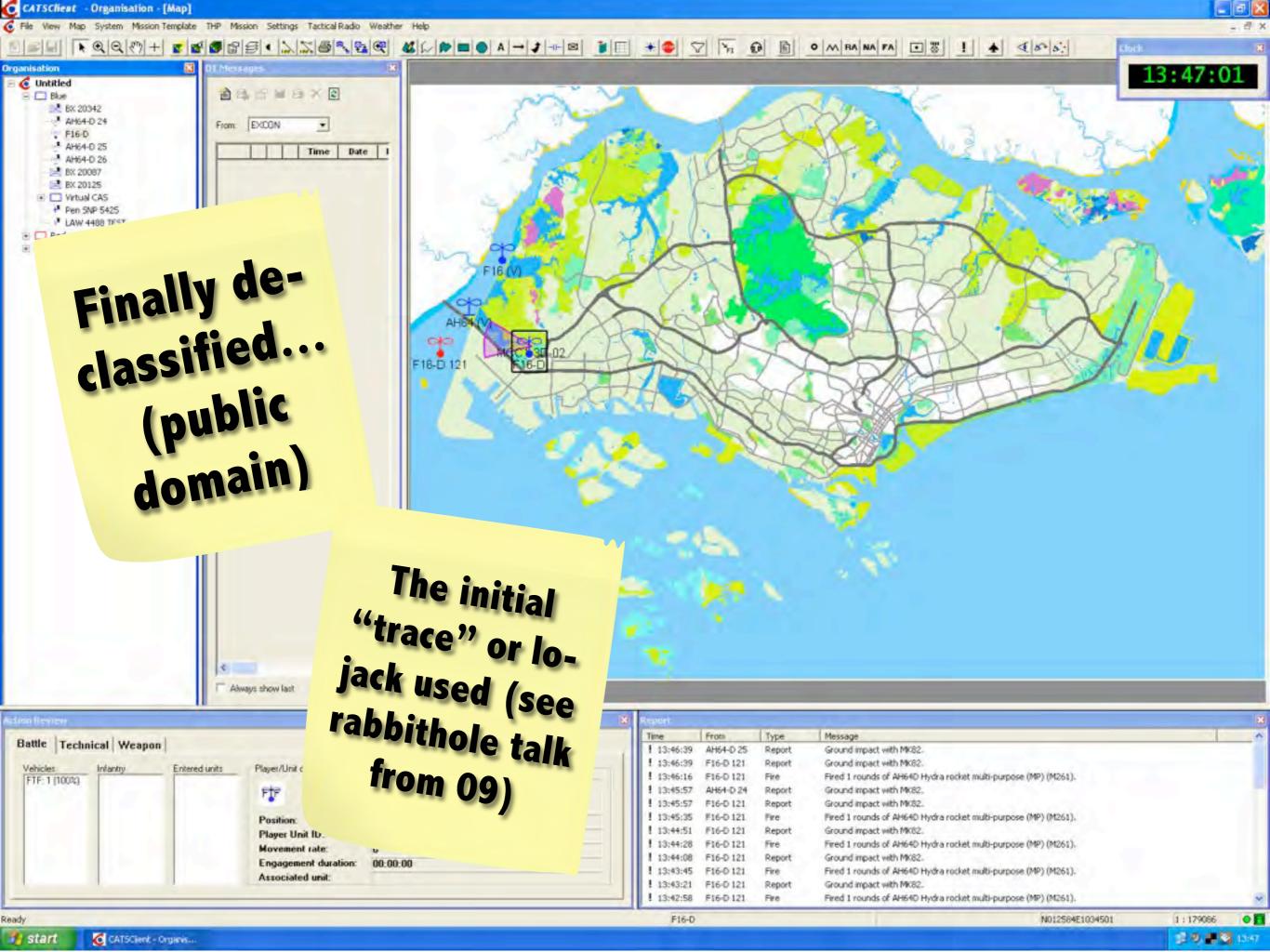


#### Picking up where we left off

At least as far as last year's research is concerned...



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#### Hungry yet?

That was just the appetizer...

#### Question I:What is this?



#### Perceptions may be deceiving...



War

Crime



#### War

#### Crime

- Government / state
- Official backing
- Official resources
- Financing
- Expertise?
- Exploits/Vulns?

- Private
- Semi-official backing (org. crime)
- Official resources
- Self financing?
- Established expertise (inhouse + outsourced)
- Market for exploits



## CyberVVar

"Cyberwarfare, (also known as cyberwar and Cyber Warfare), is the use of computers and the Internet in conducting warfare in cyberspace."

Wikipedia

## It **did not** happen yet Estonia being an exception?





This is not the **only** way!



But civilian are always at stake!



Neither is this...



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#### Many faces of how CyberWar is perceived...

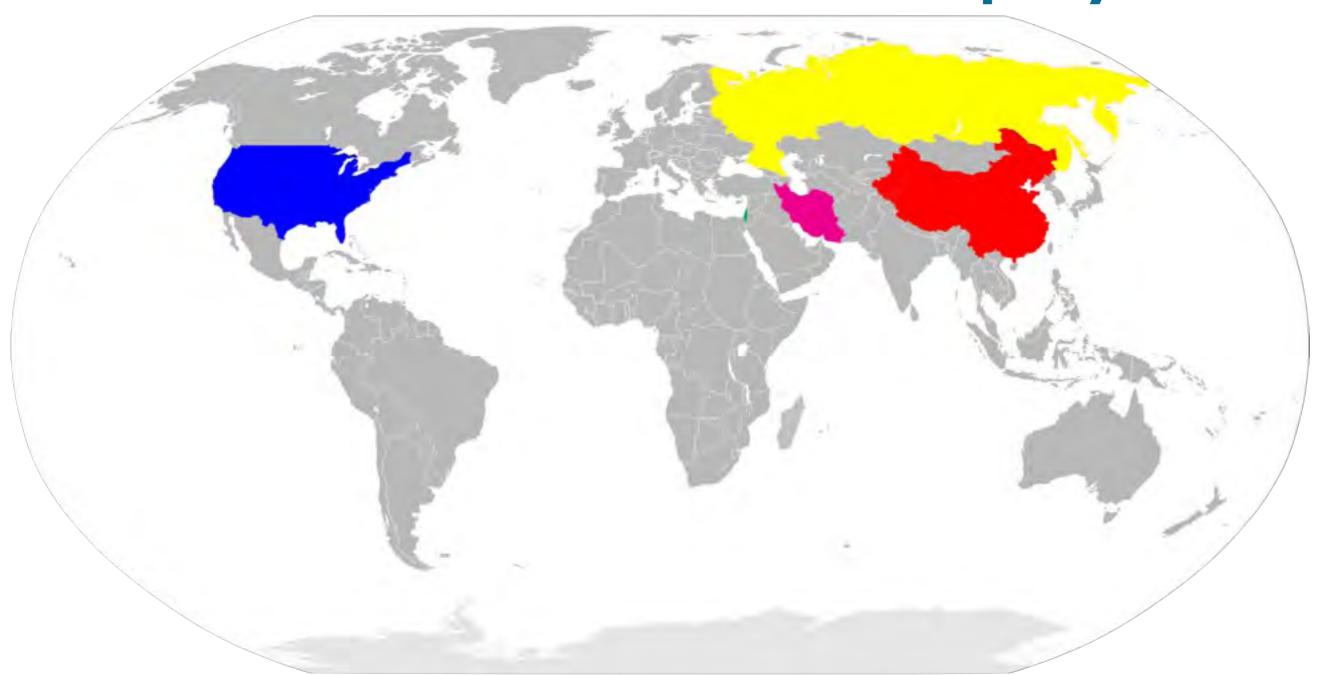


From McAfee's "Virtual Criminology Report 2009"

Image caption:
"countries developing advanced offensive cyber capabilities"



#### We'll focus on current players:



And no, here size does **NOT** matter...

#### USA

- Thoroughly documented activity around cyberwar preparedness as well as military/government agencies with readily available offensive capabilities
- Massive recruiting of professional in attack/defense for different departments:
  - USCC (United States Cyber Command includes AirForce, Marines, Navy and Army service

components)

- NSA
- Other TLA's...



#### Russia

- GRU (Main Intelligence Directorate of the Russian Armed Forces)
- SVR (Foreign Intelligence Service)
- FSB (Federal Security Services)
- Center for Research of Military Strength of Foreign Countries
- Several "National Youth Associations" (Nashi)





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#### China

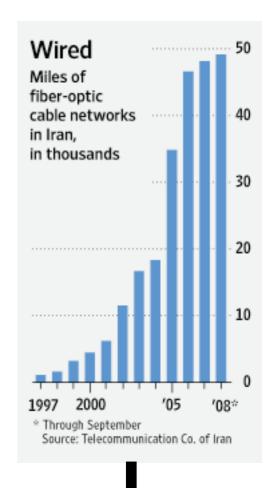
- PLA (People's Liberation Army)
  - Homework: read the Northrop Grumman report...
  - General Staff Department 4th Department -Electronic Countermeasures == Offense
  - GSD 3rd Department Signals Intelligence
     == Defense
- Yes...Titan Rain...



#### Iran

- Telecommunications Infrastructure co.
  - Government telecom monopoly

Iranian Armed Forces







#### Israel

- This is going to be very boring... Google data only :-(
- IDF (Israel Defense Forces) add cyber-attack capabilities.

  Israel Adds Cyber-Attack to IDF

Aviation Week's DTI | David Eshel | February 10, 2010

- C4I (Command, Control, Communications, Computers and Intelligence) branches in Intelligence and Air-Force commands
- Staffing is mostly homegrown trained in the army and other government agencies.
- Mossad? (check out the jobs section on mossad.gov.il...)

## CyberVVar - Attack

Highly selective targeting of military (and critical) resources

In conjunction with a **kinetic** attack





OR

Massive **DDOS** in order to "black-out" a region, **disrupt** services, and/or push political agenda (propaganda)

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### CyberVVar - Defense

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- Never just military
  - Targets will be civilian
- Physical and logical protections = last survival act
- Availability and Integrity of services
  - Can manifest in the cost of making services unavailable for most civilians

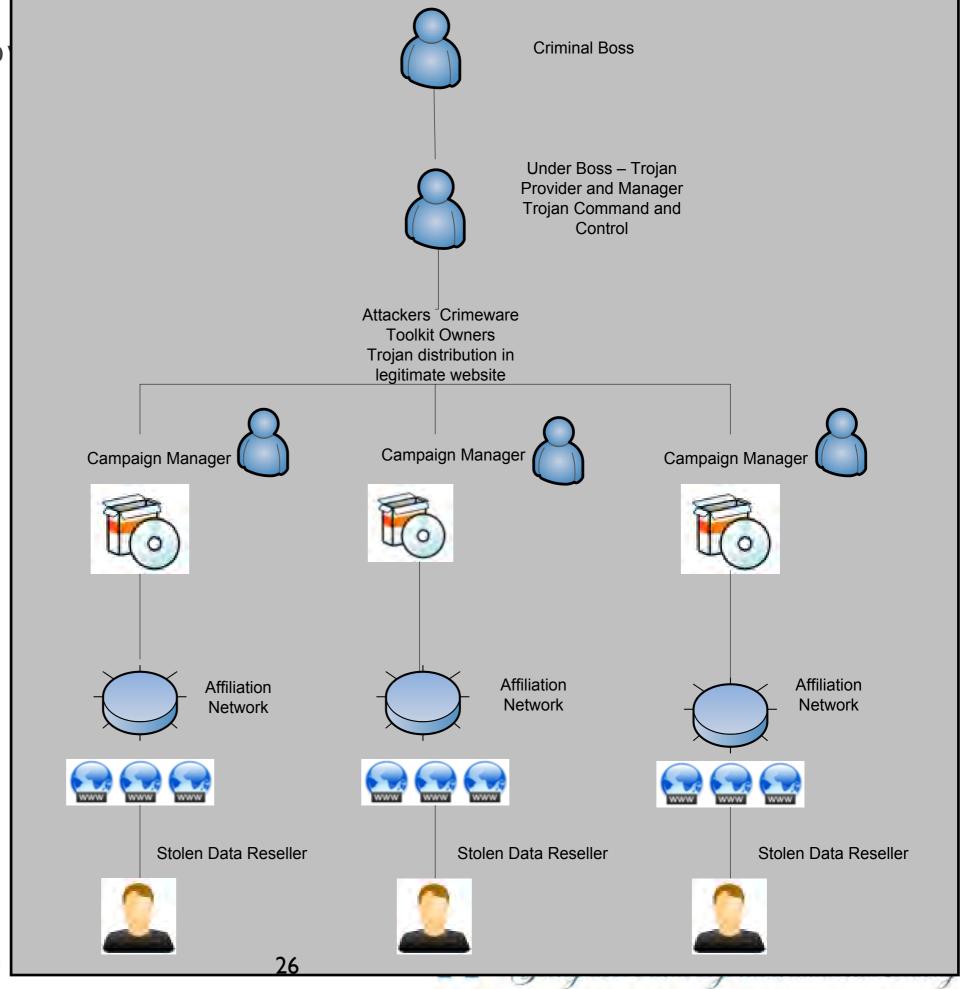






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You want money, you gotta play like the big boys do...



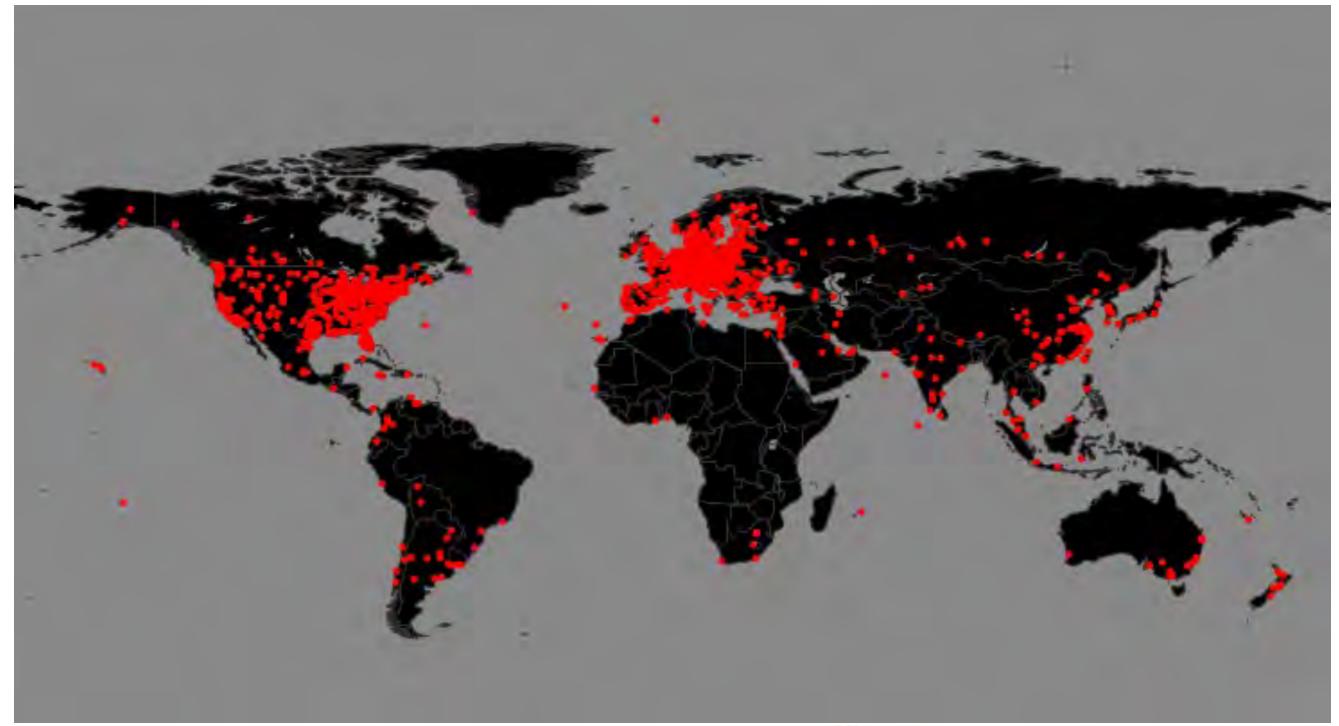
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## CyberCrime - Attack

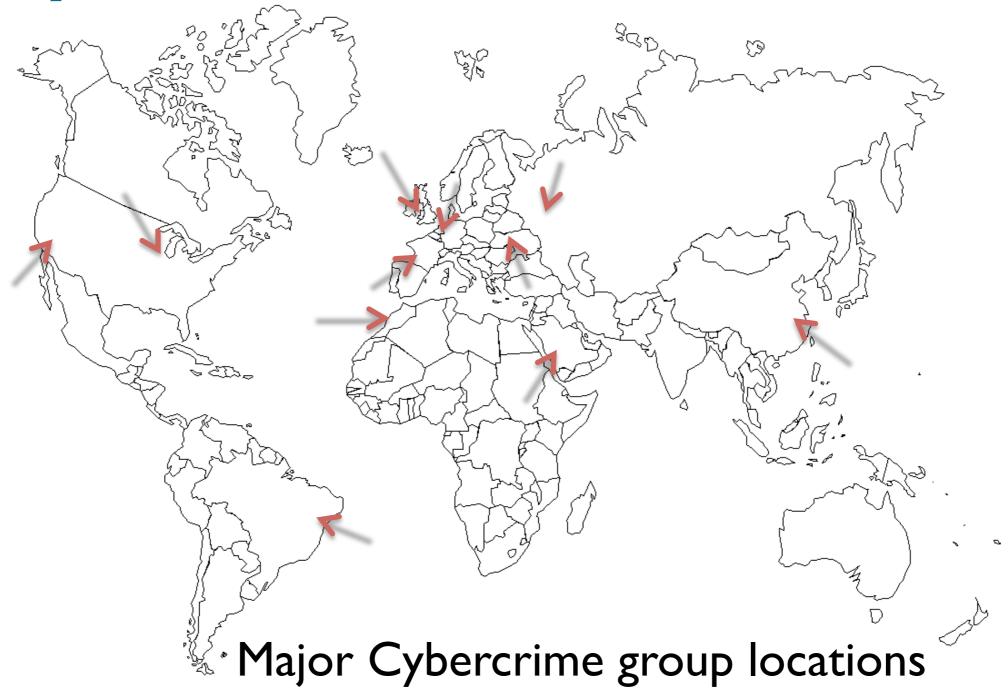
- Channels: web, mail, open services
- Targeted attacks on premium resources
  - Commissioned, or for extortion purposes
- Carpet bombing for most attacks
  - Segmenting geographical regions and market segments
- Secondary infections through controlled outposts
  - Bots, infected sites



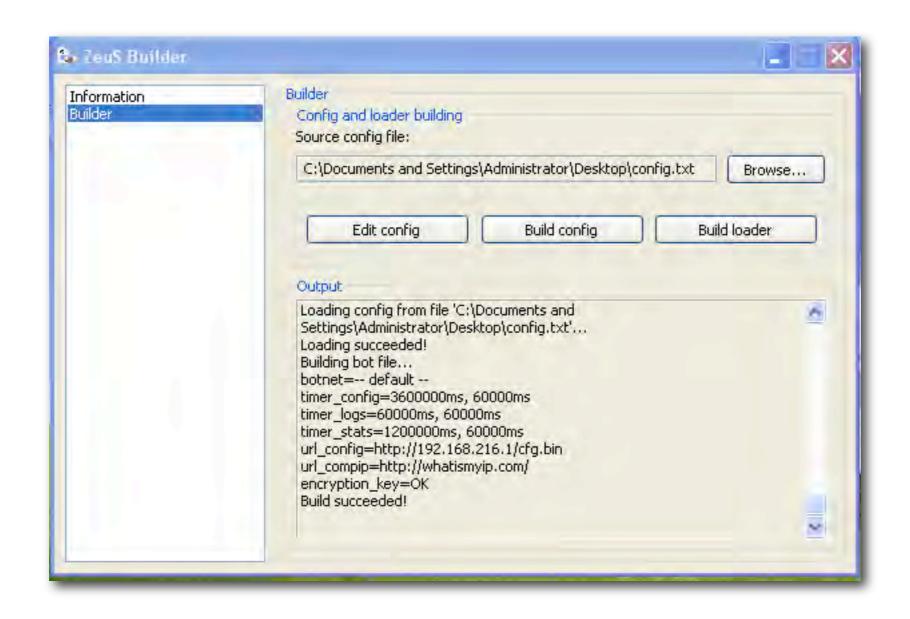
#### CyberCrime - target locations



### CyberCrime - Locations



#### CyberCrime - Ammunition





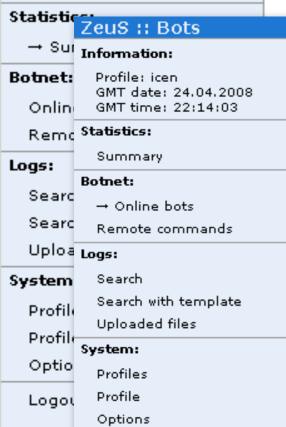
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#### ZeuS:: Statistics

#### Information:

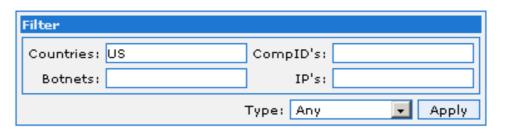
Profile: icen

GMT date: 24.04.2008 GMT time: 22:11:51



Logout

Information								
Total logs in database:	203							
Time of first install:	16:10:06 26.03.2008							
Total bots:	535							



Result:										
# CompID	Ver/Botnet	IP	Country	Socks	Proxy	Screenshot	Online time Speed			
1 home_5hm79aabb8_18ff5887	1.0.3.7/0	66.20.176.219	US	-	-	-	28:14:42 0			
2 home_00e01ec4	1.0.3.7/0	70.189.43.6	US	-	-	-	28:14:49 0			
3 e58aeb3f9a6342e_0005cf1f	1.0.3.7/0	76.6.28.134	US	-	-	-	00:59:12 1.015			
4 s0026776334_03c9bf3f	1.0.3.7/0	71.88.41.203	US	-	-	-	11:00:04 0.172			
5 home_cxl7f5jivt_3a19fa48	1.0.3.7/0	65.190.70.193	US	-	-	-	28:15:35 0			
6 gabrail_00ebef3b	1.0.3.7/0	75.187.190.246	US	-	-	-	28:15:18 0			
7 mvd_00151288	1.0.3.7/0	66.24.74.225	US	-	-	-	03:56:03 0			
8 hicks_07ca460dc_0002c847	1.0.3.7/0	74.47.178.92	US	-	-	-	28:14:55 0			
9 e519887_04d635e3	1.0.3.7/0	130.76.32.145	US	-	-	-	28:15:15 2.353			
10 home_039e4185	1.0.3.7/0	67.49.216.74	US	-	-	-	24:28:25 0			
11 your_co2y48tgdl_21540d33	1.0.3.7/0	70.180.173.188	US	-	-	-	03:28:31 0			
12 wa5117d01_007de927	1.0.3.7/0	63.164.145.198	US	-	-	-	23:19:11 0			
13 hewlett_lydtpep_000d1b7d	1.0.3.7/0	67.175.12.135	US	-	-	-	06:04:26 0			
14 e107306_00a67fc7	1.0.3.7/0	130.76.32.182	US	-	-	-	28:14:16 2.484			
15 judy_1f2c4509	1.0.3.7/0	74.227.149.82	US	-	-	-	25:44:29 0			
16 cadet64204_77f68ea1	1.0.3.7/0	68.58.242.15	US	-	-	-	00:24:09 0			
17 central_y7uq1of_03fc9672	1.0.3.7/0	206.71.208.121	US	-	-	-	07:03:20 0			
18 bryan_pc_3e13a078	1.0.3.7/0	70.88.25.241	US	-	-	-	01:52:39 0.172			
19 winxp_00023fa1	1.0.3.7/0	69.246.194.0	US	-	-	-	28:15:32 0.27			
20 wa5117d02_0027e2a1	1.0.3.7/0	63.164.145.198	US	-	-	-	28:15:34 0			
21 private_45878f3_000622ad	1.0.3.7/0	76.68.150.19	US	-	-	-	00:46:55 0			
22 rekles_xtyg9nbe_17f5b01f	1.0.3.7/0	75.178.3.31	US	-	-	-	28:14:41 0			
23 tony_f740f48227_00b21f7c	1.0.3.7/0	24.247.72.95	US	-	-	-	03:55:35 60.093			
24 owner_f835edf4c_0003ffbe	1.0.3.7/0	65.12.138.38	US	-	-	-	03:14:38 0			
25 take_2067du80ff_1c1dbf98	1.0.3.7/0	75.100.193.124	US	-	-	-	28:14:39 0			
26 s0026403620_01f62ef5	1.0.3.7/0	74.197.114.250	US	-	-	-	00:02:54 0.219			
27 lovefamily_000d186a	1.0.3.7/0	71.180.88.97	US	-	-	-	02:30:50 0			
28 hub_lab_11_0000dadf	1.0.3.7/0	68.190.65.92	US	-	-	-	00:46:12 0			
29 fariba_05744139	1.0.3.7/0	75.56.211.191	US	-	-	-	28:15:26 0			
30 dorm_0002de02	1.0.3.7/0	74.170.82.94	US	-	-	-	08:40:34 0			
31 d5wccbb1_0005840c 3	1.0.3.7/0	72.149.8.2	US	-	-	-	05:54:22 0			

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### CyberCrime - Defense

- Anti [Virus | Malware | Spyware | Rootkit | Trojan ]
  - Seriously?

File 90a4ab818f492d67a8c1d5efae8e2147f received on 2010.03.16 16:58:07 (UTC)

Current status: finished Result: 0/42 (0.00%)

- Firewalls / IDS / IPS
  - Seriously?
    - Brought to you by the numbers 80, 443, 53...
    - SSL...



#### How do these connect?

Claim: CyberCrime is being used to conduct CyberWar

Proof: Let's start with some history...



## History - Revisited...

#### Estonia

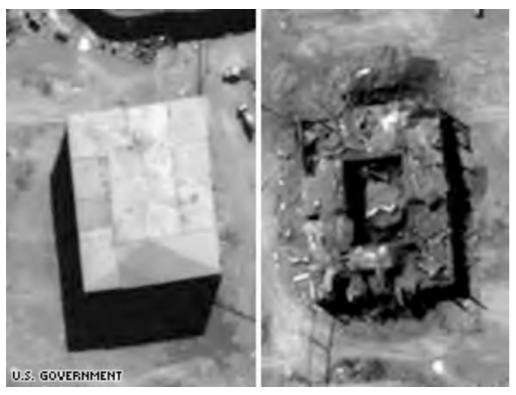
You read all about it.

Bottom line: **civilian** infrastructure was targeted Attacks originated mostly from **civilian** networks

## History - Revisited...

#### Israel

#### Operation Orchard



September 6th, 2007 Source: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/ Operation\_Orchard



Source: Der Spiegel



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## Cast-Led, 2nd Lebanon war (Israel and mid-east)

All **attacks** on Arabic lsraeli targets

are Attributed to

#### **Hacktivists**





#### Mid-east crime-war links

#### **ARHack**





Hacker forum by day

Cybercrime operations by night





#### Buying/Selling cards for 1/2 their balance

# Selling 1600 visa cards



# History - Revisited...

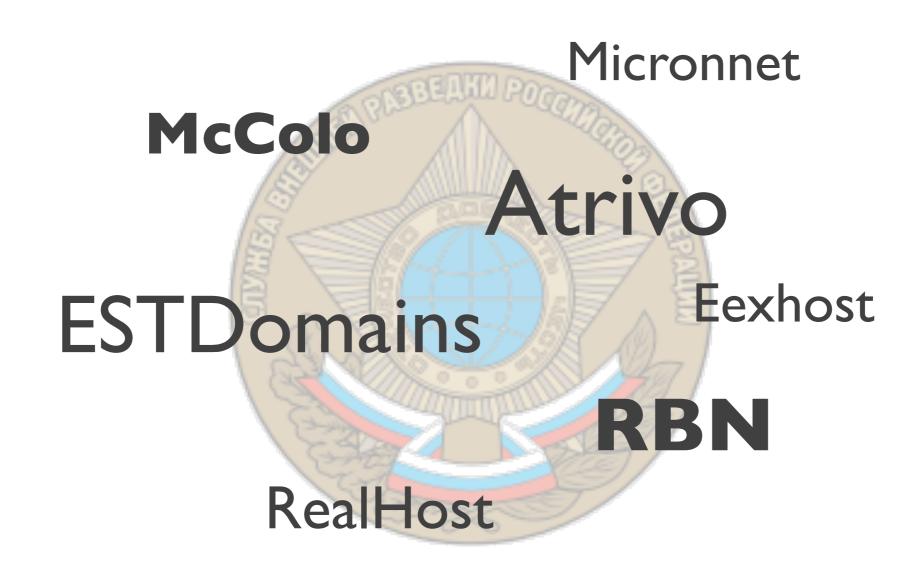
#### Georgia

More interesting...

Highly synchronized **Kinetic** and **Cyber** attacks Targets still mostly **civilian**Launched from **civilian** networks



#### Russian Crime/State Dillema



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# Remember Georgia?

Started by picking on the president...

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flood http www.president.gov.ge
flood tcp www.president.gov.ge
flood icmp www.president.gov.ge
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- Then the **C&C** used to control the botnet was shut down as:
  - Troops cross the border towards Georgia
  - A few days of silence...

# Georgia

 Six (6) new C&C servers c at additional **Georgian** sit

> www.president.gov.ge www.parliament.ge apsny.ge news.ge tbilisiweb.info newsgeorgia.ru

Homework: Look up the city of Gori in Georgia.

DDoS on media and local sites ran RIGHT BEFORE the russian attack on the city.

 BUT - the same C&C's were also used for attacks on commercial sites in order to extort them (botnetfor-hire)

#### Additional sites attacked:

- Porn sites
- Adult escort services
- Nazi/Racist sites

- Carder forums
- Gambling sites
- •Webmoney/Webgold/etc.



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### History - Revisited...

#### Iran

2009 **Twitter** DNS hack attributed to Iranian activity.

Political connections are too obvious to ignore (elections)

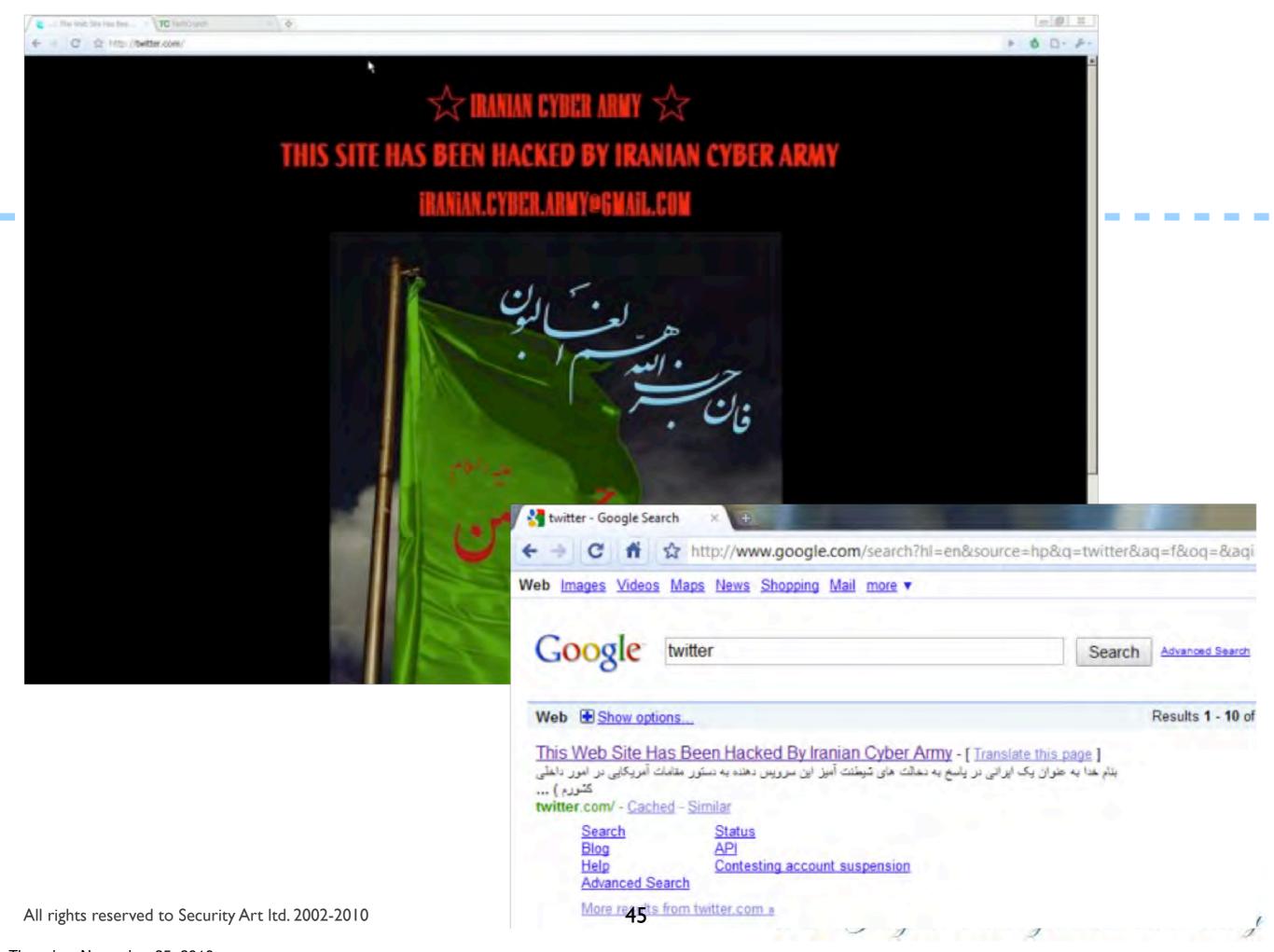
Timing was right on:

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UN Council **Decisions** 

Protests by leadership opposition in Tehran





#### Iran-Twitter connecting dots

- Twitter taken down December 18th 2009
- Attack attributed eventually to cyber-crime/ vigilante group named "Iranian Cyber Army"
- Until December 2009 there was no group known as "Iranian Cyber Army"...
- BUT "Ashiyane" (Shiite group) is from the same place as the "Iranian Cyber Army"



### Iran-Twitter - Ashiyane

- Ashiyane was using the same pro-Hezbolla messages that were used on the Twitter attack with their own attacks for some time...
- AND the "Iranian Cyber Army" seems to be a pretty active group on the Ashiyane forums <a href="https://www.ashiyane.com/forum">www.ashiyane.com/forum</a>

Let's take a look at how Ashiyane operates...



### On [Crime | War] training

# Ashiyane forums WarGames



#### Wargames targets includes:





#### Back to [Crime War] Links:

What else happened on the 18th?

Iranians seize Iraqi oil well on border, Iraq says
Baghdad in talks to decide next move with Tehran over oil well No. 4

BAGHDAD, Dec. 18, 2009

Iraq: Iranian Troops Seized Oil Well

Iraq's Foreign Minister Says Well Along Disputed Southern Border Taken by Soldiers; Spokesman Says Iran Violated Sovereignty

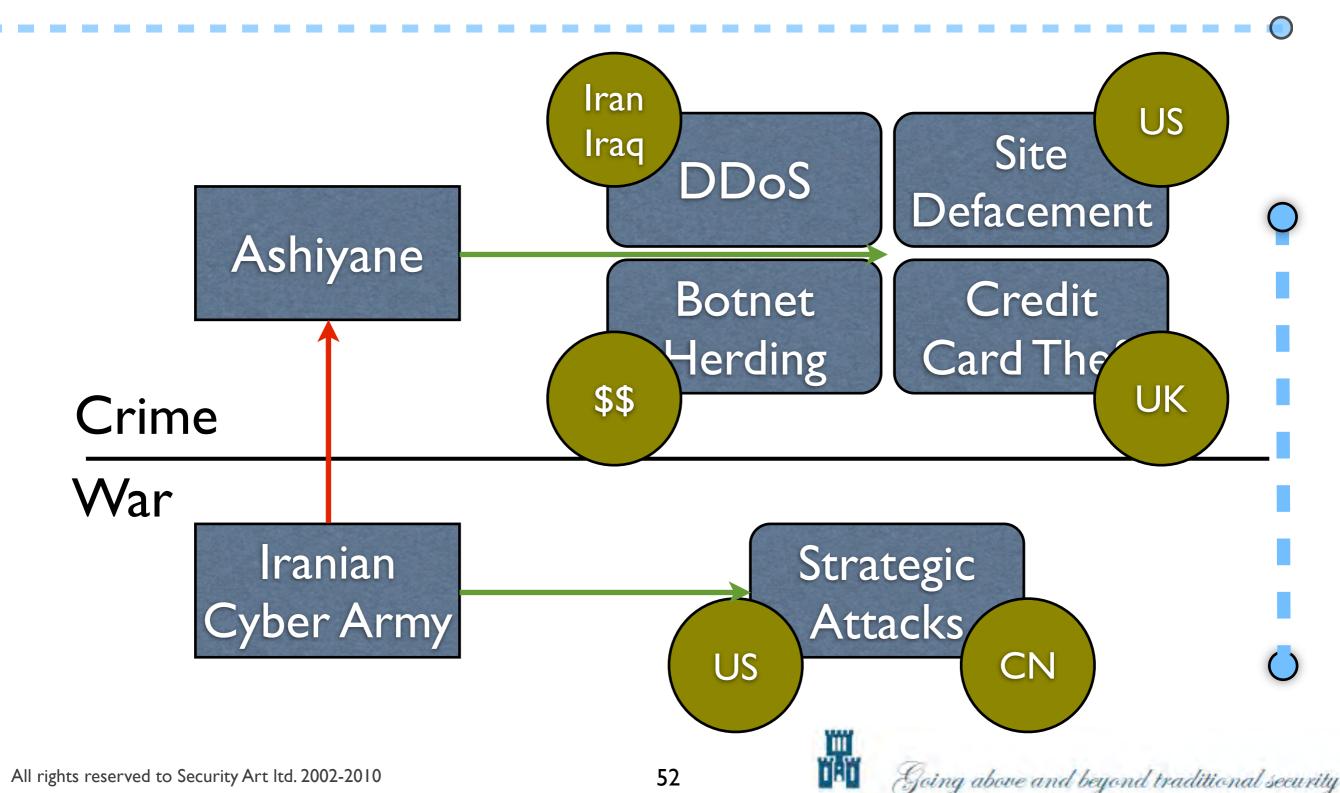
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DECEMBER 19, 2003

Iranian Troops Occupy Oil Field in Iraq, Stoking Tension

More recently - Baidu taken down with the same MO (credentials)

#### Mapping Iran's [Crime|War]



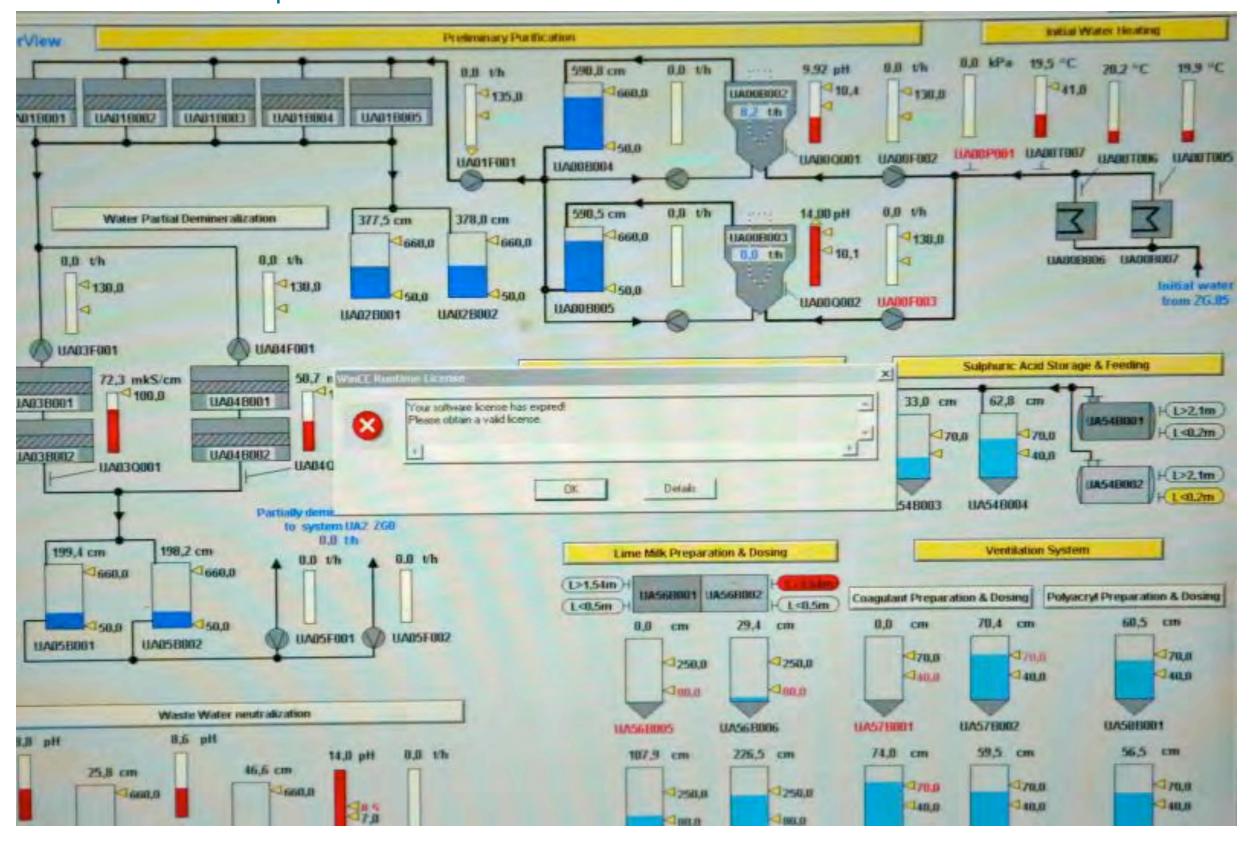
# Iran - the unspoken

Stuxnet

• There, I've said it



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# History - Revisited...

#### China

- Great Chinese Firewall doing an OK job in keeping information out.
- Proving grounds for many cyber-attackers
- Bulletpfoof hosting (after RBN temporary closure in 2008 China provided an alternative that stayed...)

### China ....connecting the dots

January 12th - Google announces it was hacked by China

Not as in the "we lost a few minutes of DNS" hacked...

"In mid-December we detected a highly sophisticated and targeted attack on our corporate infrastructure originating from China that resulted in the theft of intellectual property from Google" (David Drummond, SVP @Google)

#### China ....connecting the dots.

January 12th - Adobe gets hacked. By China.

"Adobe became aware on January 2, 2010 of a computer security incident involving a **sophisticated coordinated attack** against corporate network systems managed by Adobe and other companies" (Adobe official blog)

Same MO: 0-day in Internet Explorer to get into Google, Adobe and more than 40 additional companies

### China ....connecting the dots..

The only problem so far - the attacks all have the sign of a CyberCrime attack. All the evidence points to known crime groups so far.

"It was an attack on the technology infrastructure of major corporations in sectors as diverse as finance, technology, media, and chemical" (Google enterprise blog)

#### China ....connecting the dots...

Criminal groups attack companies in order to get to their data so they can sell it (whether it was commercial or government data!)

US Response: "We look to the Chinese government for an explanation. The ability to operate with confidence in cyberspace is critical in a modern society and economy." (Hillary Clinton, Secretary of State)



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#### China ..

Anecdote - a
professor in one of the
universities linked to the attack
admitted that the school network
is often used to anonymously
relay attacks

The China move:

Use of criminal groups to carry out the attacks provides the perfect deniability on espionage connections (just like in the past, and a perfect response to clinton).

Targets are major US companies with strategic poise to enable state interest espionage

Information sharing at its best:

STATE

Crime

Win Win

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#### THE FUTURE (Illustrated)



#### Deterrence

An **attack** agains **one** or more states, shall be considered an attack against **all member states**, who agree, to exercise their right to **assist** the attacked party, including the right to use **armed forces**.

NATO Article 5 - abridged

Think: Article 5 for the Cyber Commons!



#### Attribution?

- Technical not feasible
- Political should be obvious
- Defending state?
  - Should have the responsibility to "clean up" its portion of the Cyber Commons in order to enable a sustainable economic and civil environment.

# Summary

Good

Formal training on cybersecurity by nations

**Bad** 

Commercial development of malware still reigns

Ugly

Good meet Bad: money changes hands, less tracks to cover, criminal ops already creating the weapons...

# Summary

#### THE FUTURE

LACK OF LEGISLATION AND COOPERATION ON MULTI-NATIONAL LEVEL IS CREATING DE-FACTO "SAFE HAVEN" FOR CYBERCRIME. <- FIX THIS!

TREATIES AND ANTI-CRIME ACTIVITIES MAY PROVE TO BE BENEFICIAL. <- NUKES WILL HELP US?



# Thanks! Q & A

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