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Syrian Arab Spring (2011-2012)











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Posted on: February 23, 2012 at 7:24 pm Posted in: Malware

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The Internet has played a significant role in the current conflict in Syria. The opposition has made increasing use of platforms such as Facebook to organize and spread their message. In response, supporters of the regime like the "Syrian Electronic Army" have sought to disrupt these activities by defacing websites and spamming Facebook pages. Recently, this conflict took on a new dimension with reports that suggested targeted malware attacks were being used against supporters of the Syrian opposition movement.

Dark Comet RAT Used as "Syrian Spyware"

The malware used in the attacks reportedly spreads through *Skype* chats. Once users execute the malware, it connects to a C&C (command and control) server in Syria at *{BLOCKED}*. *{BLOCKED}*.0.28, which belongs to an IP range assigned to the *Syrian Telecommunications Establishment*. While the malware has been described as "complex" and "invisible", it turns out that





"You should probably use Skype."

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"...I'm sorry we didn't understand, or help."

The Principles We Want You to Leave With

 Listen to your users, they know their environment better than you do Listening to your users mean shutting up.

Even if it's painful.

Especially when it's painful,

and you know they're technically incorrect

and

it's driving you crazy.









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Readers of the Daily Mail's website were shown fake advertisements that linked to malware, according to a security company.

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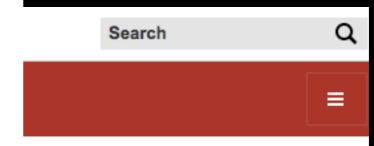
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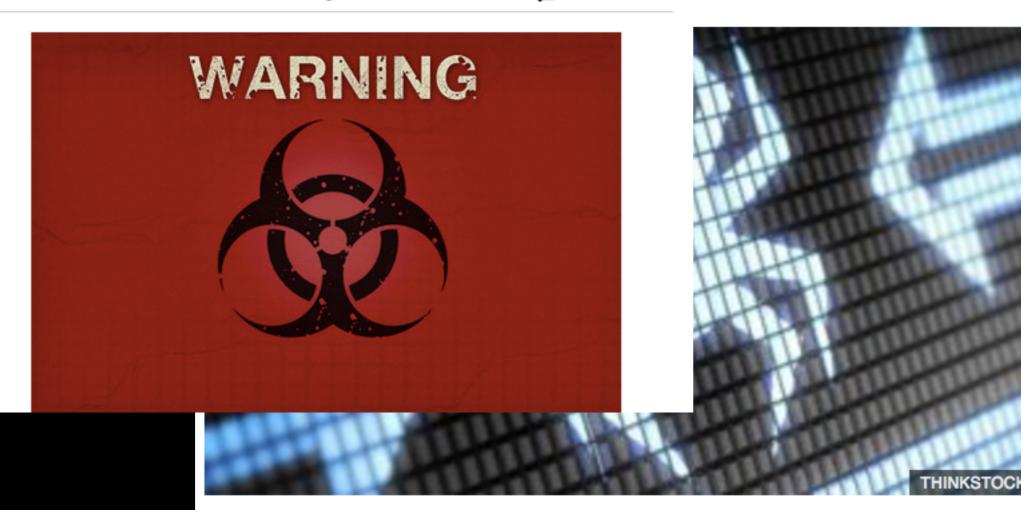
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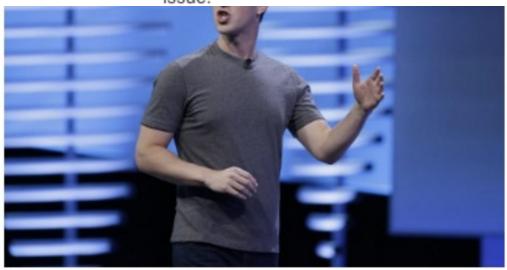
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From Sept. 8 to Sept. 15, 2015, the Forbes.com website was serving content from a third-party advertising service that had been manipulated to redirect viewers to the Neutrino and Angler exploit kits. We notified Forbes, who worked quickly to correct the issue.



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Drudge Report accused of serving malware, again

Drudge says a Senate committee has falsely accused the conservative news aggregation site of spreading malware, but a CNET reader says it's true.

BY ELINOR MILLS / MARCH 9, 2010 9:31 AM PST













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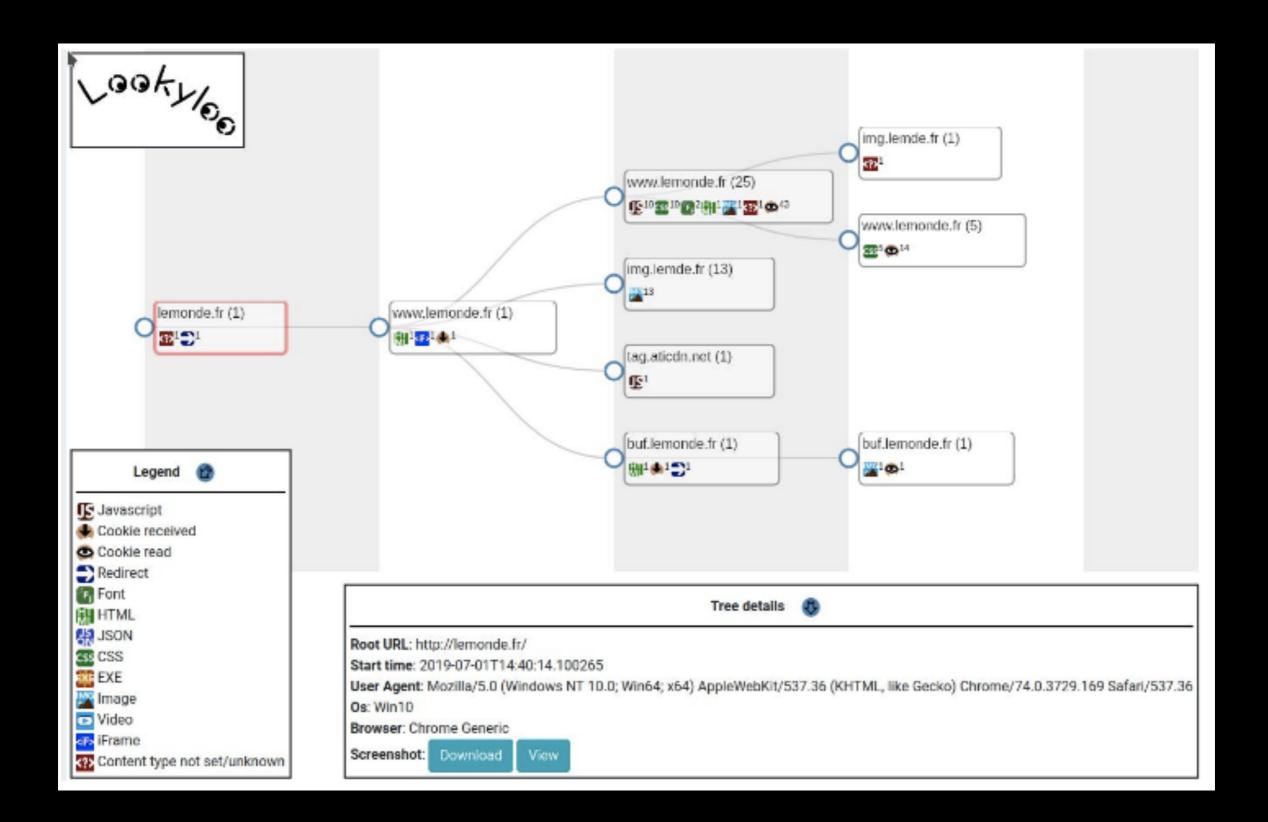


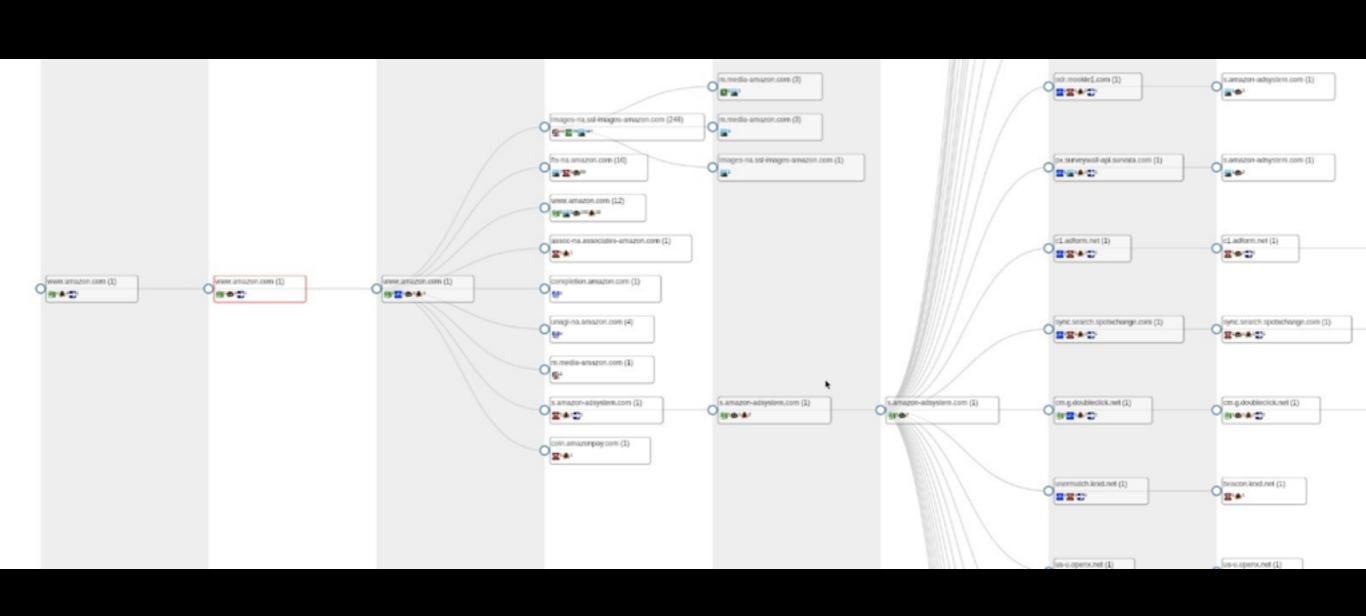
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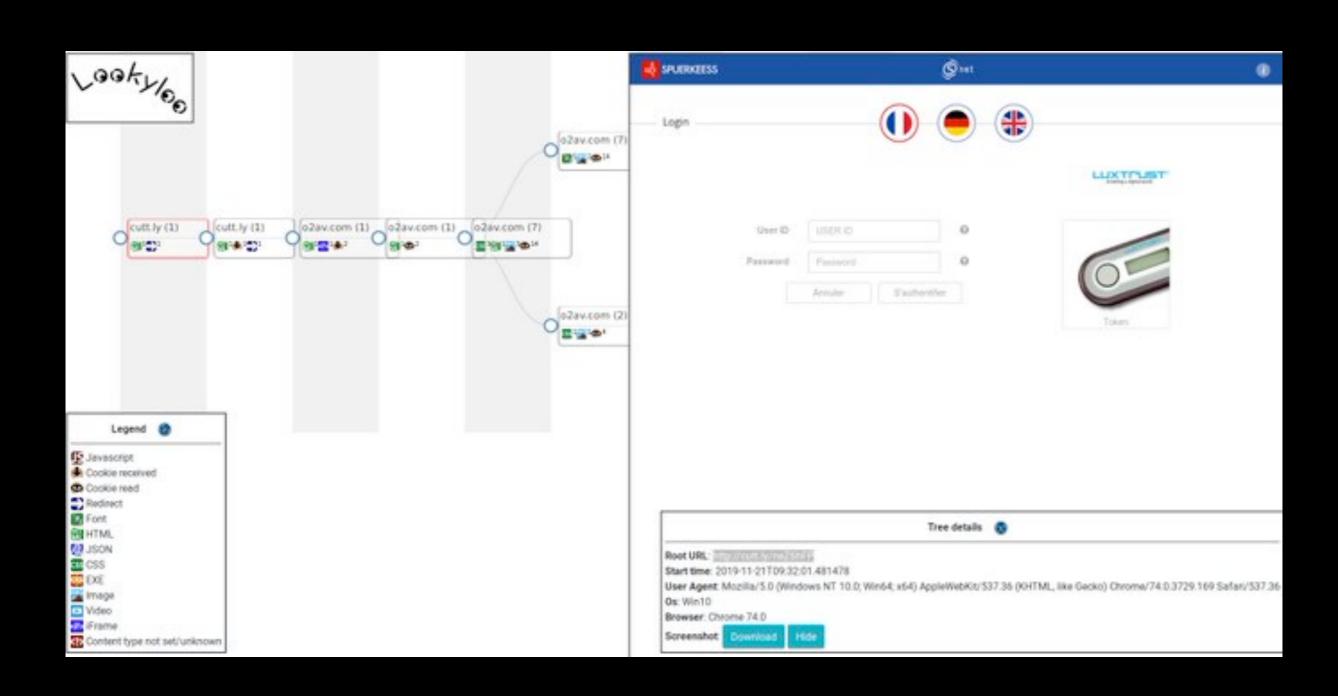


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Take notes, very possibly on paper. You will need them.

Lessons Learned from Training Company Staff in Luxembourg



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Change settings

Internet Use reports that identify specific users, sites, teams, or devices will only be made

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available to associates outside the CSIRT upon written or email request to Information Systems from a Human Resources Representative.

3.3 Internet Use Filtering System

The Information Technology Department shall block access to Internet websites and protocols that are deemed inappropriate for <Company Name>'s corporate environment. The following protocols and categories of websites should be blocked:

- Adult/Sexually Explicit Material
- Advertisements & Pop-Ups
- Chat and Instant Messaging
- Gambling
- Hacking
- Illegal Drugs
- Intimate Apparel and Swimwear
- Peer to Peer File Sharing
- Personals and Dating
- Social Network Services
- SPAM, Phishing and Fraud
- Spyware
- Tasteless and Offensive Content
- · Violence, Intolerance and Hate
- Web Based Email

3.4 Internet Use Filtering Rule Changes

The Information Technology Department shall periodically review and recommend changes to web and protocol filtering rules. Human Resources shall review these recommendations and decide if any changes are to be made. Changes to web and protocol filtering rules will be recorded in the Internet Use Monitoring and Filtering Policy.



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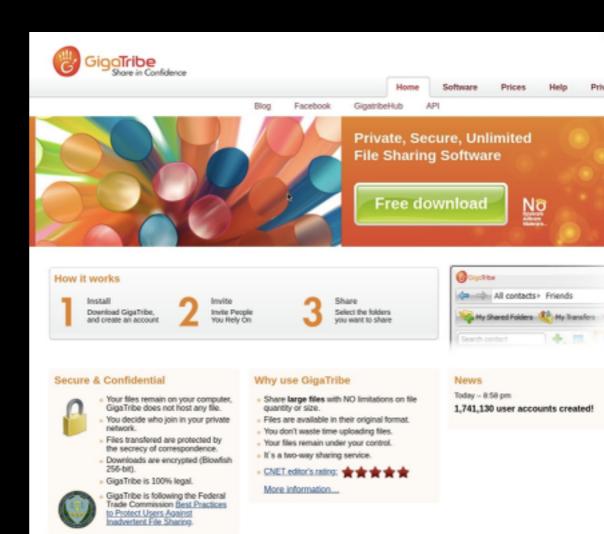
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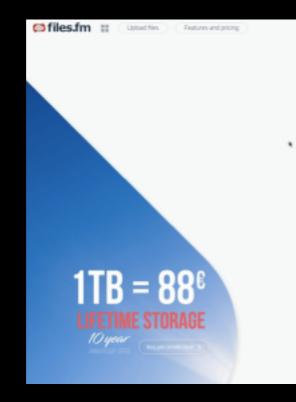
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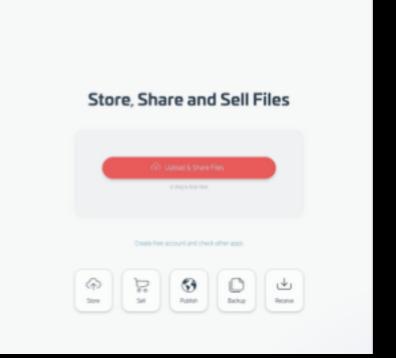
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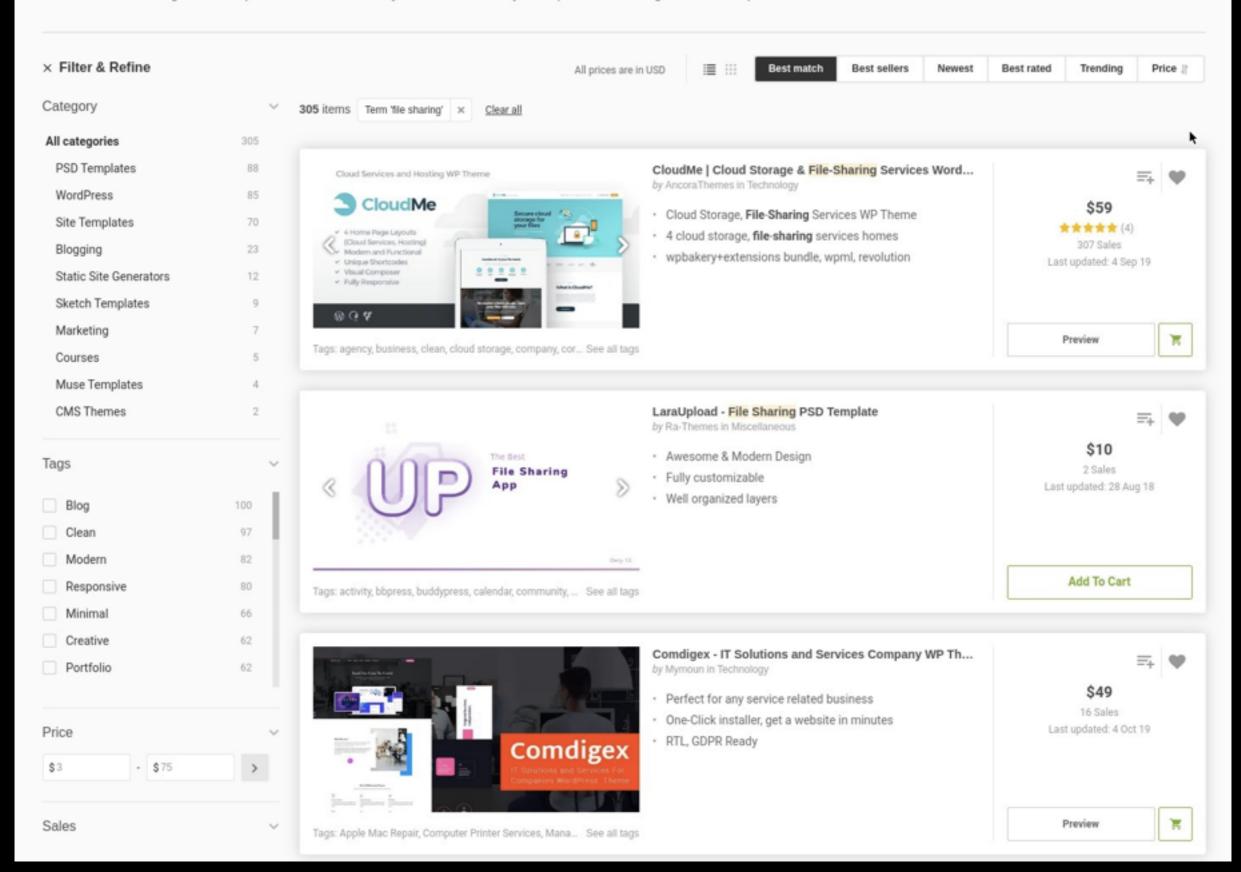
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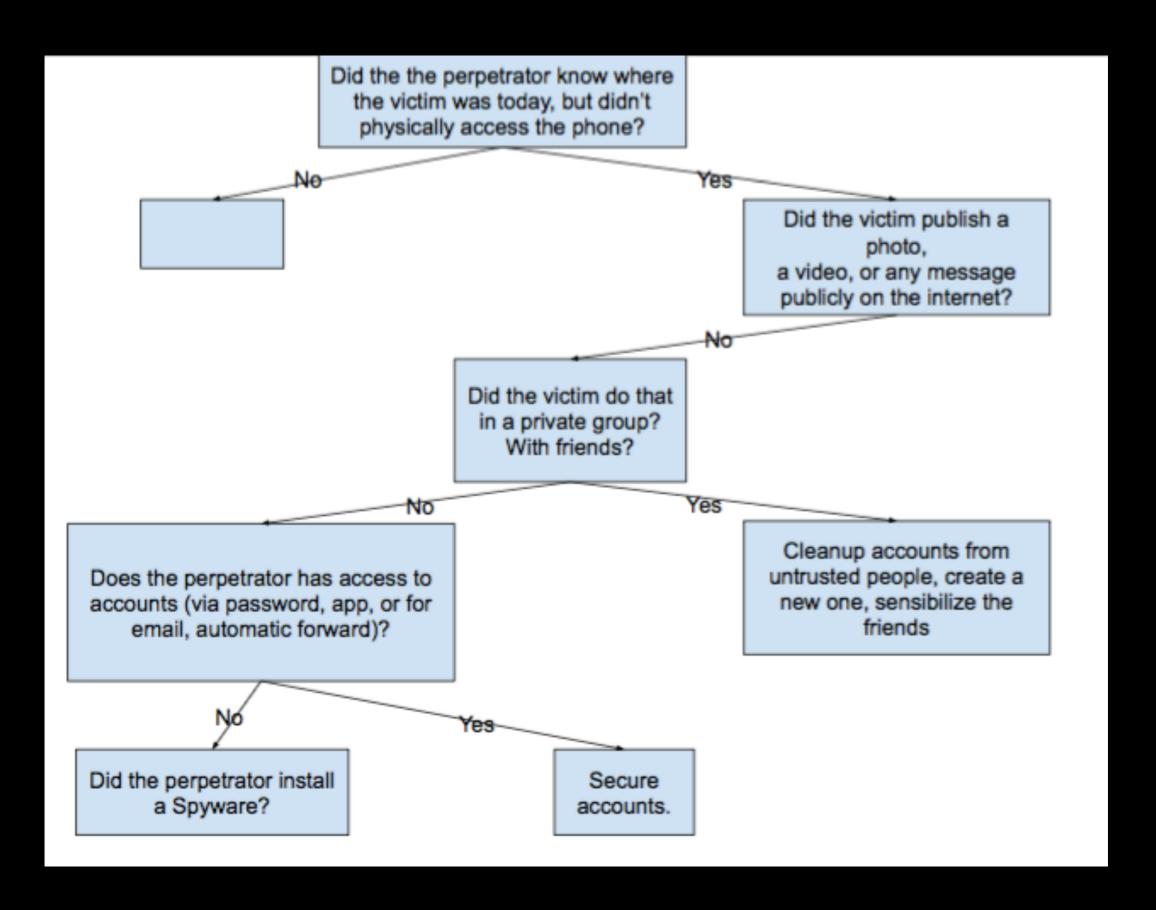
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Your Users Create Useful Mythology

"All things are true, even false things."



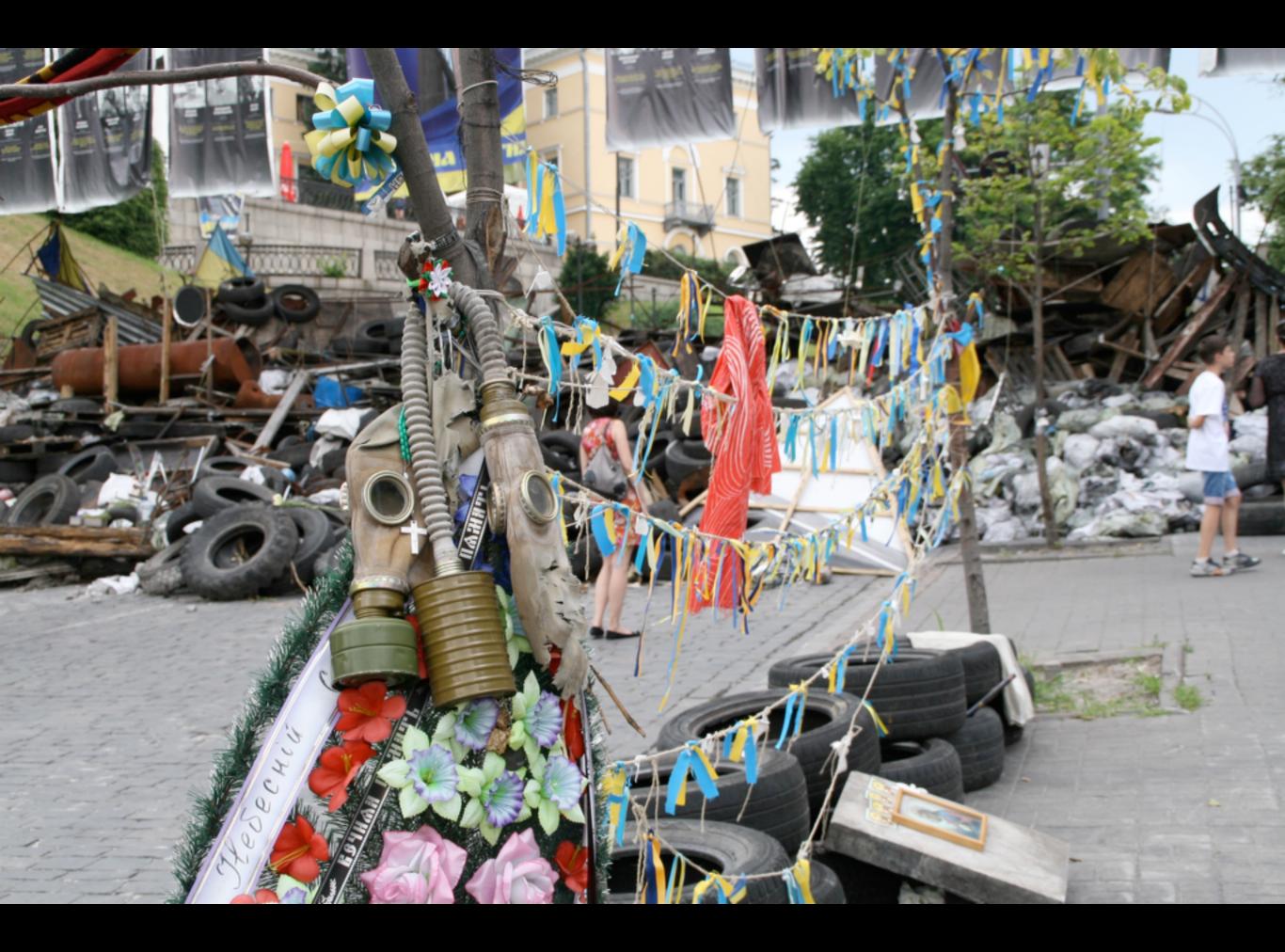
When you're explaining:

Don't tell your user what to do; tell them what it's doing

Arrive at the right answer together.

Extend their metaphors whenever you can, but gently.

Offer to go into technical details... but only if they want to.





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Don't scare your users, and don't let fear destroy your relationship with them.



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- Fear can undo all the other good things on this list.

Thanks!

If you need us to listen to you: (not on Skype, sorry)

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