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Where do security bugs come from?

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Agenda

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- What is a security bug?
- Who is looking for security bugs?
- Trust relationships
- Sample of bugs found in the wild
- Memory corruption issues
- Stuxnet
- I'm in love with security; whatever shall I do?

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What is a Security Bug?

- What is security?
- Class participation Tacos, Salsa, and Avocados (TSA)

What is security?

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"A system is secure if it behaves precisely in the manner intended – and does nothing more" – Ivan Arce

- Who knows exactly what a system is intended to do? Systems are getting more and more complex.
- What types of attacks are possible?

First steps in security: define your security model and your threat model

Threat modeling: T.S.A.

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- Logan International Airport security goal #3: prevent banned substances from entering Logan
- Class Participation: What is the threat model?
  - What are possible avenues for getting a banned substance into Logan?
  - Where are the points of entry?
- Threat modeling is also critical, you have to know what you're up against (many engineers don't)

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Who looks for security bugs?

- Criminals
- Security Researchers
- Pen Testers
- Governments
- Hacktivists
- Academics

Criminals

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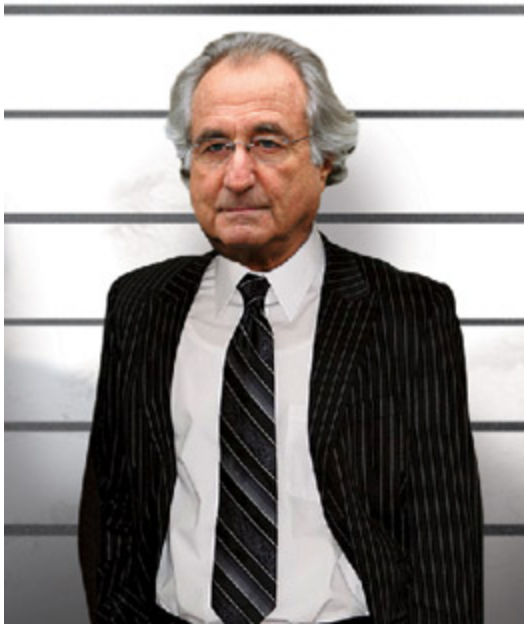
- Goals:
  - Money (botnets, CC#s, blackmail)
  - Stay out of jail
- Thoroughness:
  - Reliable exploits
  - Don't need o-days (but they sure are nice)
- Access:
  - Money
  - Blackbox testing



Security Researchers

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- Goals:
  - Column inches from press, props from friends
  - Preferably in a trendy platform
- Thoroughness:
  - Don't need to be perfect, don't want to be embarrassed
- Access:
  - Casual access to engineers
  - Source == Lawyers

Pen Testers

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- Goals:
  - Making clients and users safer
  - Finding vulns criminals would use
- Thoroughness:
  - Need coverage
  - Find low-hanging fruit
  - Find high impact vulnerabilities
  - Don't fix or fully exploit
- Access:
  - Access to Engineers
  - Access to Source
  - Permission

Governments

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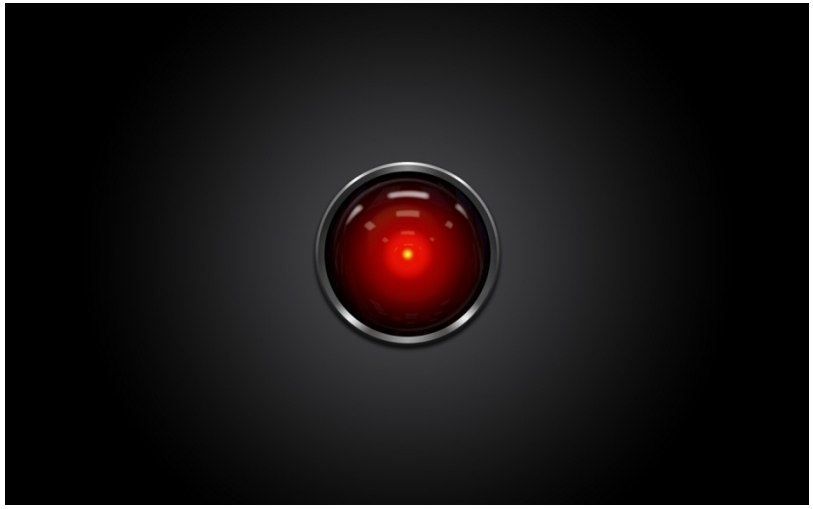
- Goals:
  - Attack/espionage
  - Defend
- Thoroughness:
  - Reliable exploits
- Access:
  - Money
  - Talent
  - Time



Hacktivists

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- Goals:
  - Doing something "good"
  - Stay out of jail
- Thoroughness:
  - Reliable exploits
  - Don't need o-days
- Access:
  - Talent
  - Plentiful targets

Academics

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- Goals:
  - Finding common flaws and other general problems
  - Developing new crypto
  - Make something cool and useful
  - Make everyone safer
- Thoroughness:
  - Depth in area of research
- Access:
  - Creating new things
  - Blackbox

Techniques

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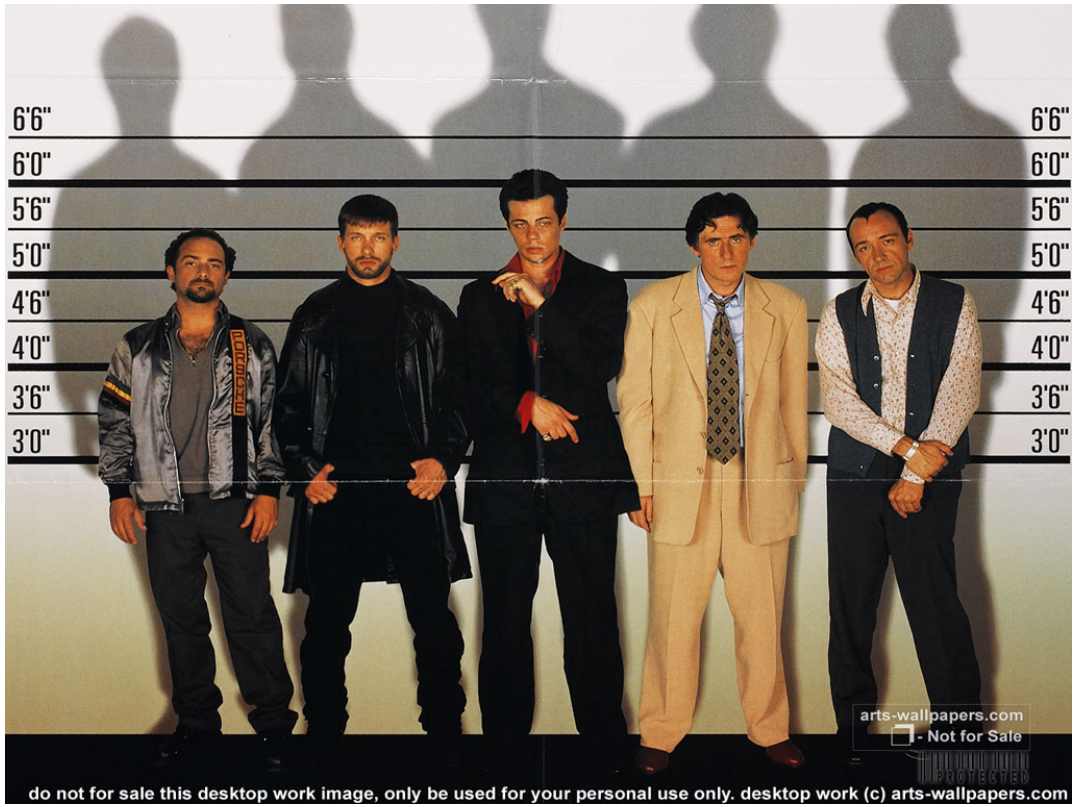
- With access:
  - Source code review
  - Engineer interviews
  - Testing in a controlled environment
- Without access:
  - Blackbox testing
  - Fuzzing (give weird inputs, see what happens)
  - Reverse Engineering
  - Social Engineering

Overall Goals

- All are looking for the similar things: vulnerable systems
- Let's dive in and look at vulns that we all look for



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Bad Engineering Assumptions

Therac-25 (the engineer)

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- Two modes of operation: image and radiation treatment
- Intended invariant: in radiation treatment mode, a protective focusing shield must be in place

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Shield code was something like:

```
//global persistent variable, single byte value
ub1  protectiveShield; //zero if shield isn't needed
…
//do we need a shield?
if(treatmentMode) then
{
        protectiveShield++;
} else {
        protectiveShield = 0;
}
…
if(protectiveShield) {
        putShieldInPlace();
} else {
        removeShield();
}
```

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- My classmate's conclusion: "I learned to never write medical software"

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Question: is your personal email account password stronger or weaker than your online banking passwords?

Designing Systems

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Think like a security researcher:

- What assumptions are being made?
- Which assumptions are wrong?
- What can you break if the assumption is wrong?

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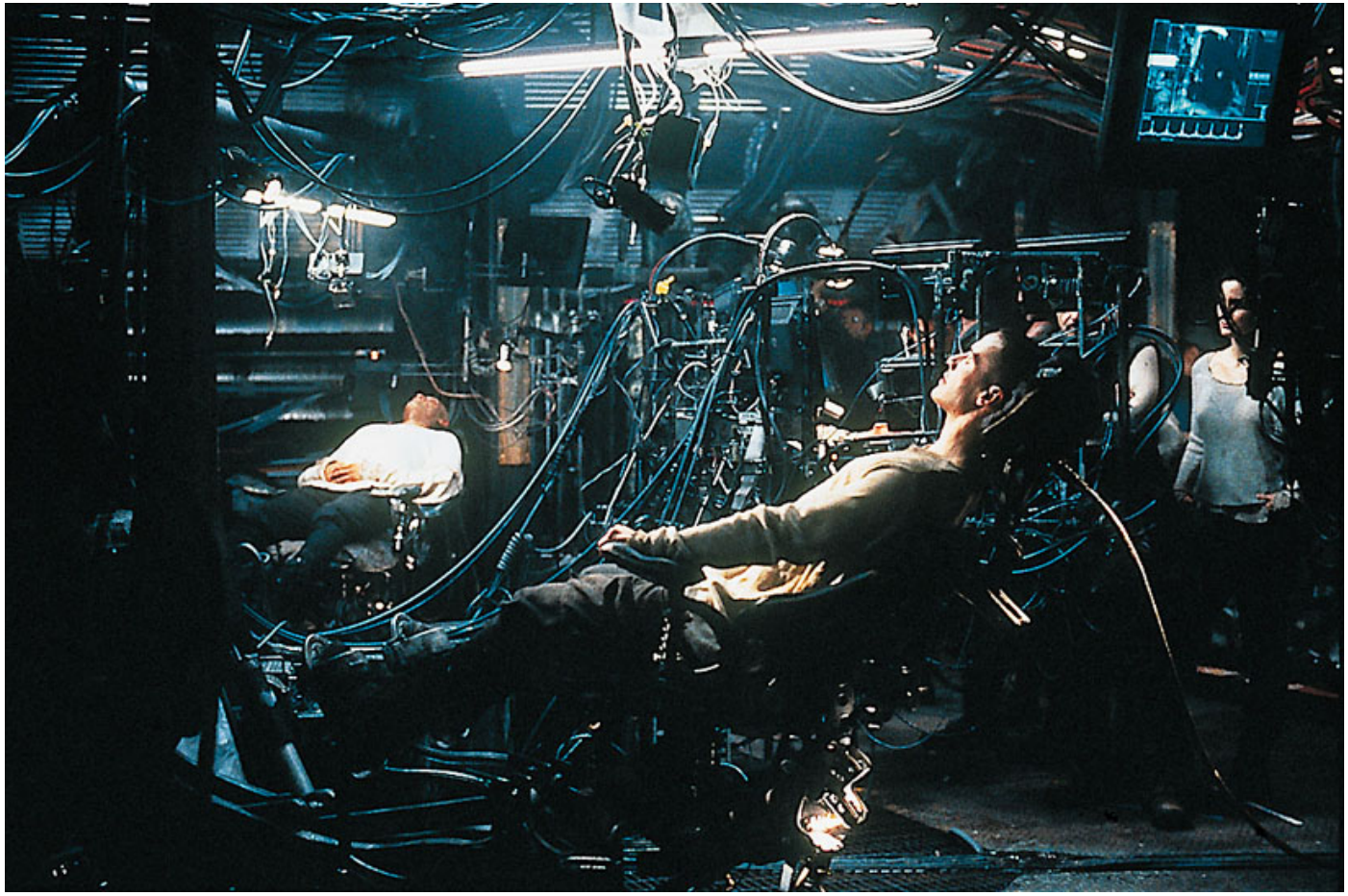
Memory Management is Hard



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High overhead security protocol:

- Avoid renegotiation
- Alice: “You there? If so, say ‘boo!’”
- Bob: “boo!”
- Alice and Bob know they’re good

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Alice sends in ping packet containing:

- Type of packet (ping)
- Length of data
- Data

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Bob parses input from Alice's provided data into:

```
typedef struct ping {
     int type;
     unsigned int length;
     unsigned char *data;
}
```

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Bob prepares a response:

```
char *response;
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What went wrong

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Bad assumptions

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- User supplied data length didn't have to match the actual data size
- Server (Bob) never checks the length is accurate
- User can read up to 64k of server memory (including private keys)

Heartbleed sucked

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What the heck do you do after you've broken the internet?

- How do you "responsibly" disclose?
- Who do you tell?

Heartbleed sucked a lot

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- No sign of exploitation
- Signs that state actors have been exploiting this for a while (monitor diffs in OpenSSL)
- What have we learned?
  - TLS keys on your most exposed boxes: not so smart
  - Fundamental protocols have problems

http://blog.existentialize.com/diagnosis-of-the-openssl-heartbleed-bug.html
http://vrt-blog.snort.org/2014/04/heartbleed-memory-disclosure-upgrade.html

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Let's steal

Crime Pays: Botnet edition

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http://www.informationweek.com/security/attacks-and-breaches/yahoo-ads-hack-spreads-malware/d/d-id/1113325

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- Improperly sanitized user input is executed as javascript in the browser on that origin.
- Yahoo: malicious ads automatically directed users to an exploit kit called "Magnitude" via the XSS vulnerability
- "Magnitude" exploited recent Java vulnerabilities
- Estimated 27,000 infections *per hour* from December 30th to January 3rd
- PSA: disable Java in your web browser and enable "click-to-play" (Chrome)

The Confused Deputy: 3s a crowd

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- Tricking an authority into letting you do something you shouldn't be able to do
- Most security problems could fall under this broad definition

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"How to Shop for Free Online"* (security researcher and academic)

- Three-party payment systems (Cashier as a Service):
  - Merchant (seller)
  - Payment provider
  - ~~Cheater~~ User
- Communication between parties go through the user

* http://research.microsoft.com/pubs/145858/caas-oakland-final.pdf

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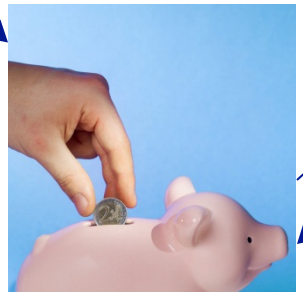

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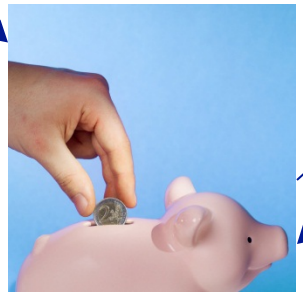

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- The merchant thinks something ties the payment amount to the transaction
- Impact: shopping for free
- Solutions?
- Read the paper, lots of things can and do go wrong

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Unexpected Interactions

Password Managers

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- Passwords attacks get better over time:
  - More computing power
  - More real passwords
- 2FA isn't ubiquitous enough
- You can generate a few good passwords
- You can't generate a good, unique, one for every website you use

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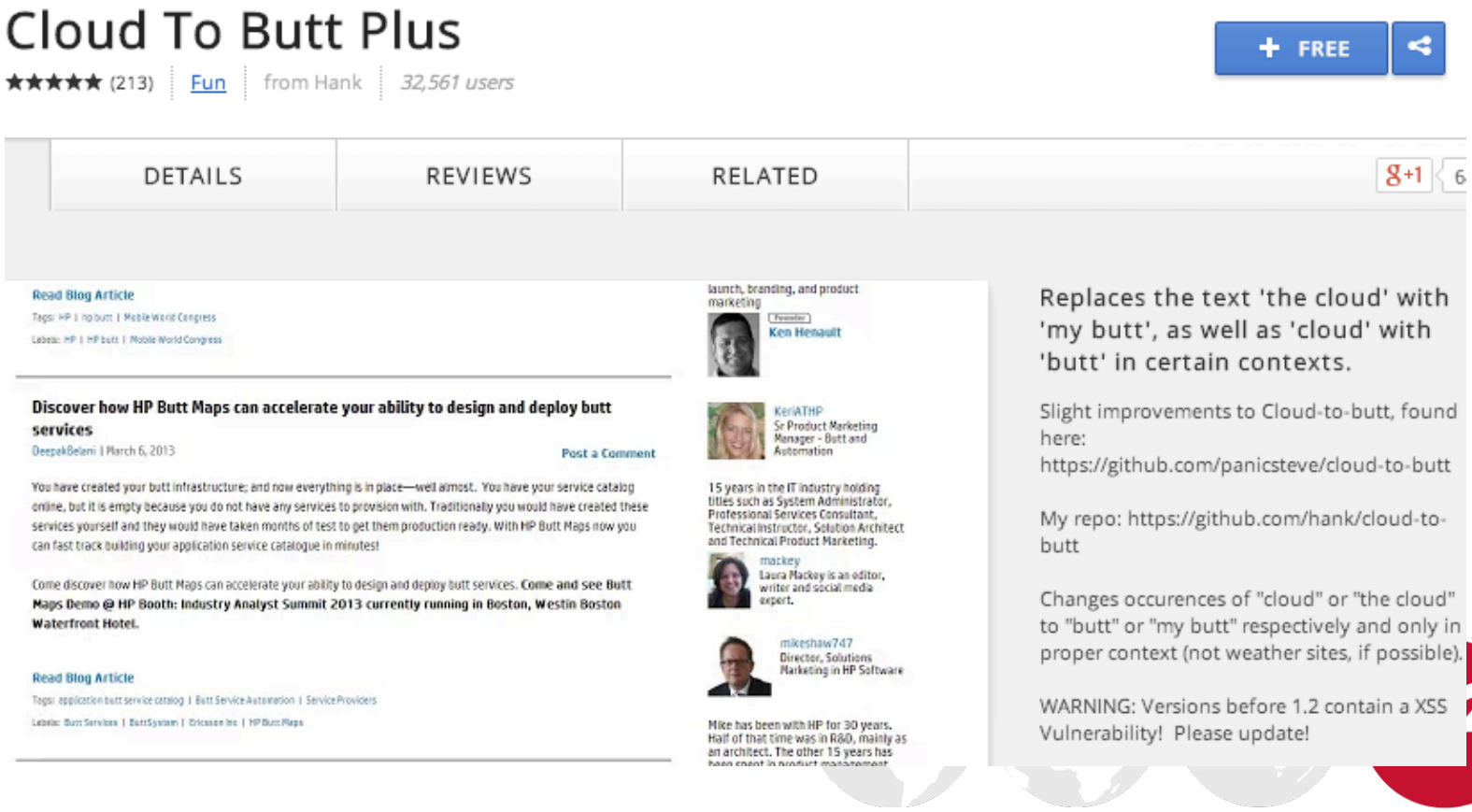
Browser Extensions



Browsers have a hard job

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- Same-origin policy:
  - Prevents different domains from interacting in a meaningful* way with other domains
  - Visiting https://www.isecpartners.com doesn't allow us to read your gmail if you're logged in and have cookies
- Browsers, Flash, ~~Java~~, Javascript all implement the same-origin policy

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- Extensions are being sold to bad guys:
  http://www.pcworld.com/article/2089580/spammers-buy-chrome-extensions-and-turn-them-into-adware.html

SECURITY security, browsers

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Lucian Constantin

Jan 20, 2014 6:31 AM

Changes in Google Chrome extension ownership can expose thousands of users to

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Oops

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- Application security fail: 1Password
- Performed silent updates over HTTP of unsigned packages
- Ran as a privileged user

Ease of "use"

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- Auto-fill and auto-submit functionality
  - MaskMe: auto-fill
  - LastPass: auto-fill and auto-submit
  - 1Password: neither
- Automation makes exploitation easier

Attack surfaces examined

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- Distinguish between HTTP and HTTPS
- Fill credentials in iframes
- Cross-domain submission
- Distinguish between subdomains
- Identify login pages

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- No examined password managers were vulnerable on Windows (later researched showed vulnerability in Safari's LastPass extension)

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- Have:
  - Password managers are willing to submit across origin
  - Password managers will fill in any login form on any subdomain encountered

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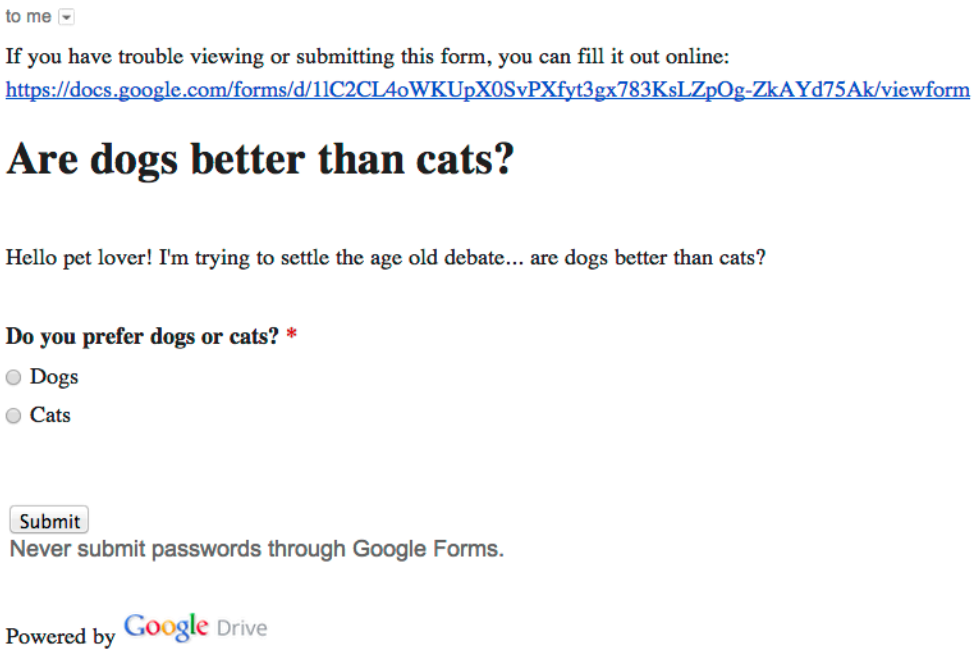
- Goal: introduce a login page that triggers auto-fill or auto-submit on a valuable domain
- Vector: HTML email
  - Google
  - Yahoo!
  - Outlook



How bad

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- Outlook (live.com):
  - Resisted the attack
  - Prevented cross-origin submissions of any kind
- Google:
  - Warned of cross origin submission
  - Stole passwords
- Yahoo!
  - Stole passwords without any warning

Even worse: mobile

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- No extensions exist
- Javascript Bookmarklets: run tricky security code on a completely hostile website (what could possibly go wrong)
- Additional academic research that followed:
  - Berkeley: http://devd.me/papers/pwdmgr-usenix14.pdf
  - Joint Stanford/U of T: http://crypto.stanford.edu/~dabo/pubs/papers/pwdmgrBrowser.pdf

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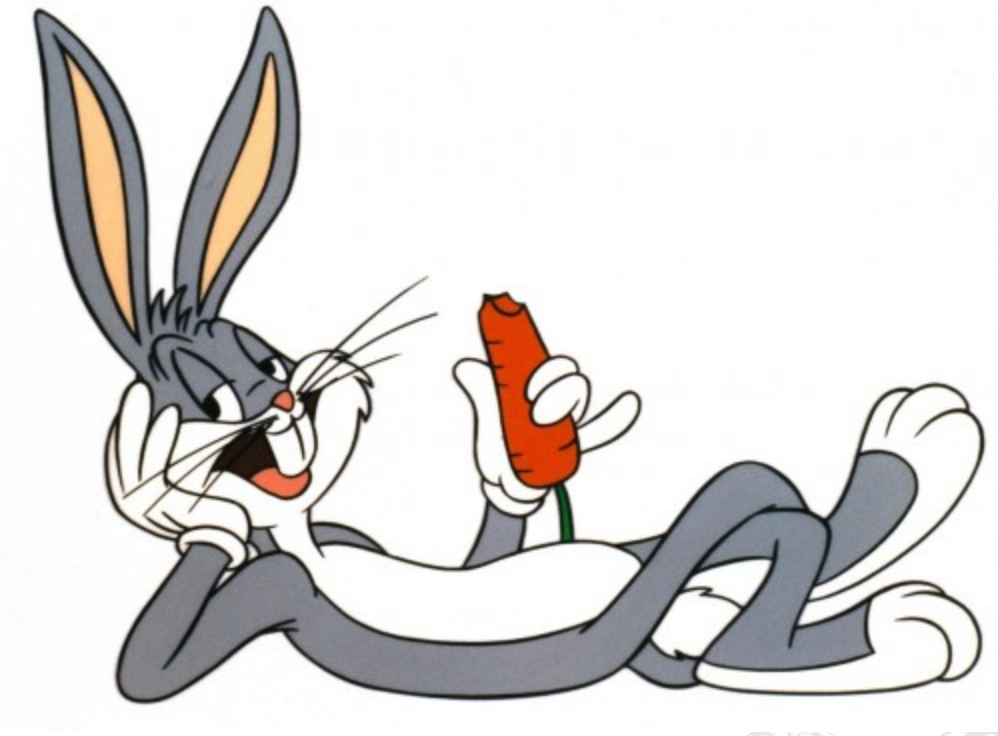
(more) Bugs you could have found



CRIME

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```
POST /target HTTP/1.1
Host: example.com
User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 6.1; WOW64; rv:14.0)
Gecko/20100101 Firefox/14.0.1
Cookie: sessionid=d8e8fca2dc0f896fd7cb4cb0031ba249

username=tom&password=hunter2
```

HTTP

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```
Offset(h)  00 01 02 03 04 05 06 07 08 09 0A 0B 0C 0D 0E 0F

00000000   50 4F 53 54 20 2F 74 61 72 67 65 74 20 48 54 54  POST /target HTT
00000010   50 2F 31 2E 31 0D 0A 48 6F 73 74 3A 20 65 78 61  P/1.1..Host: exa
00000020   6D 70 6C 65 2E 63 6F 6D 0D 0A 55 73 65 72 2D 41  mple.com..User-A
00000030   67 65 6E 74 3A 20 4D 6F 7A 69 6C 6C 61 2F 35 2E  gent: Mozilla/5.
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SSL

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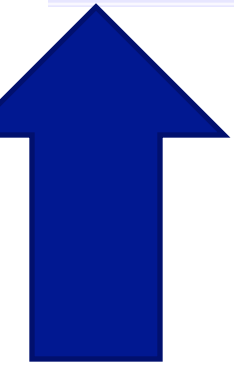

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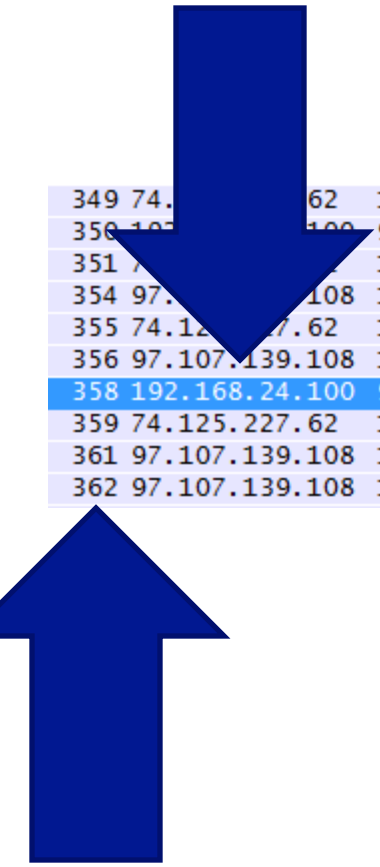

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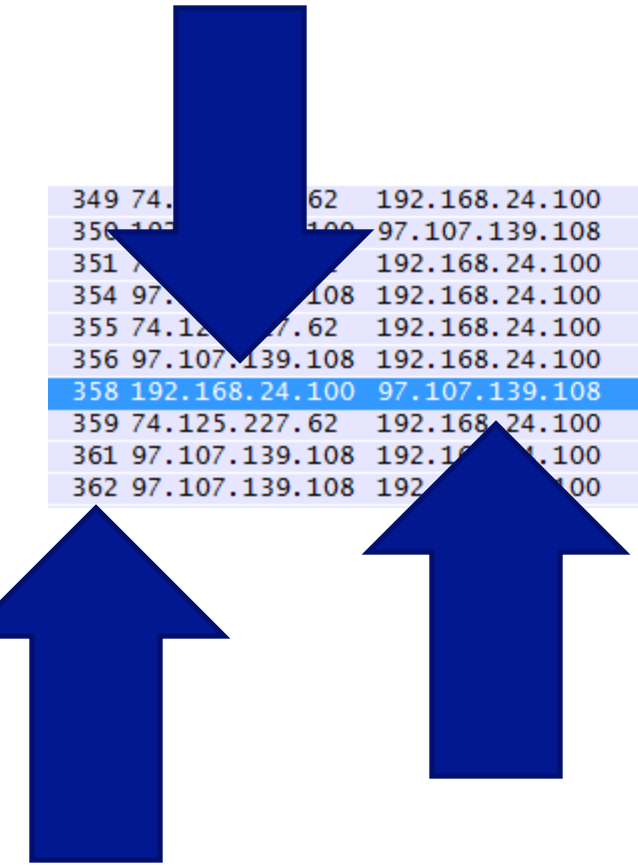

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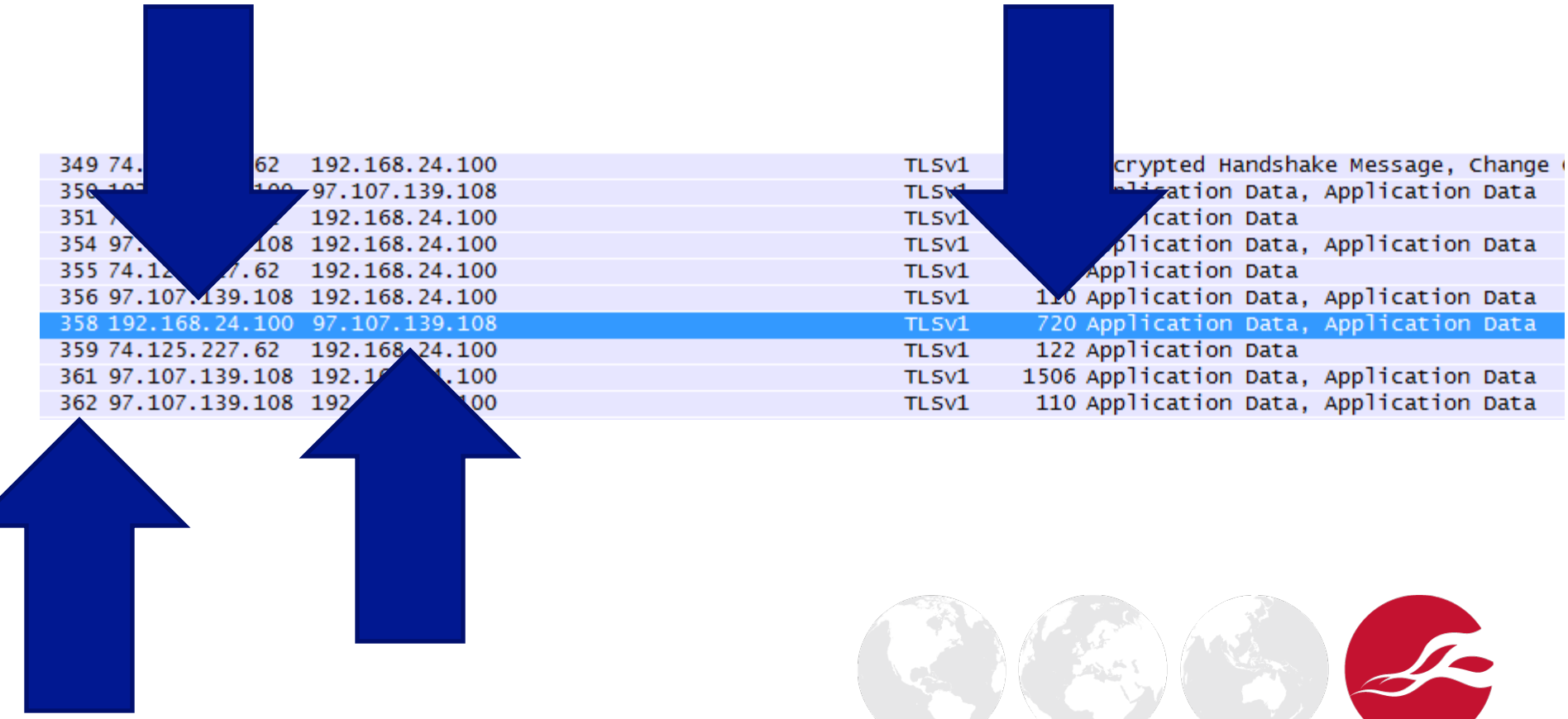

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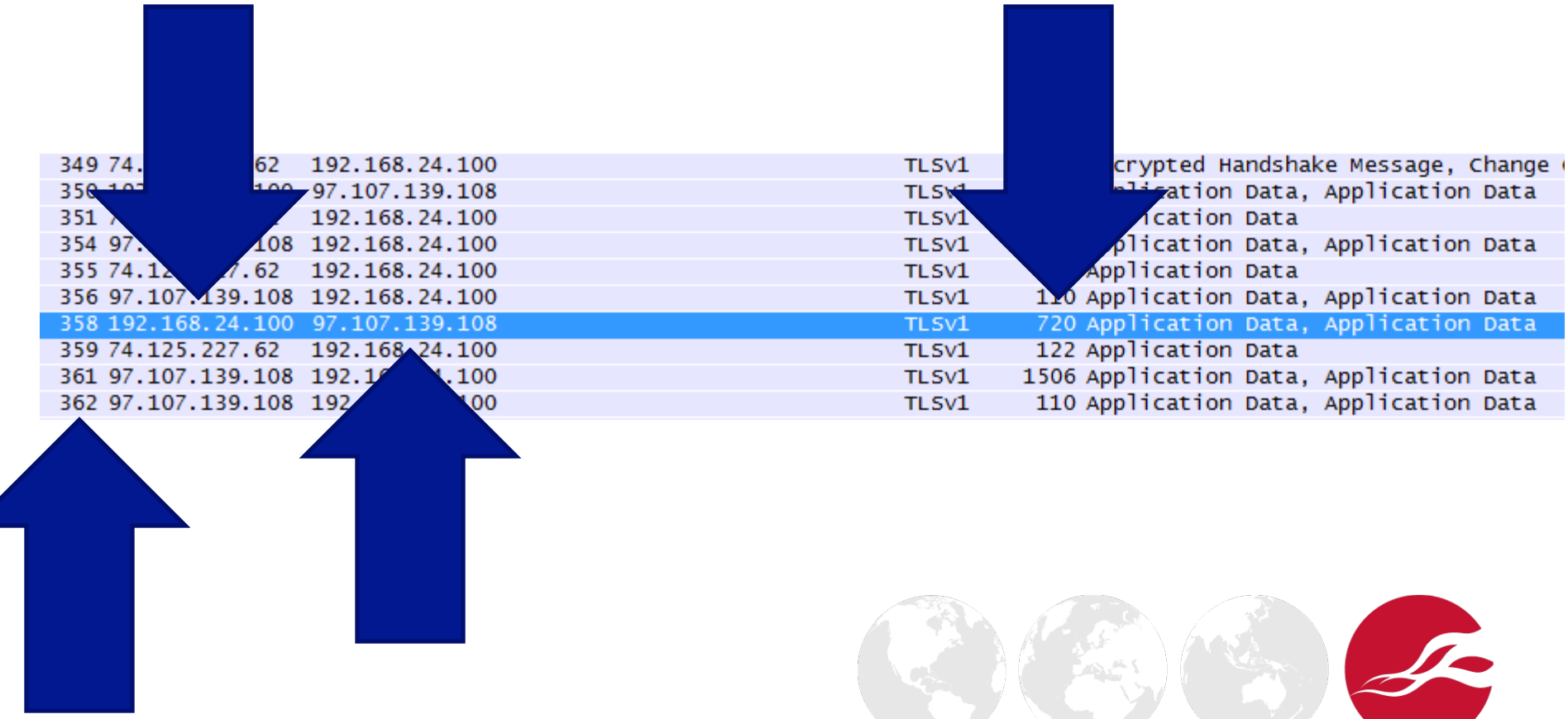

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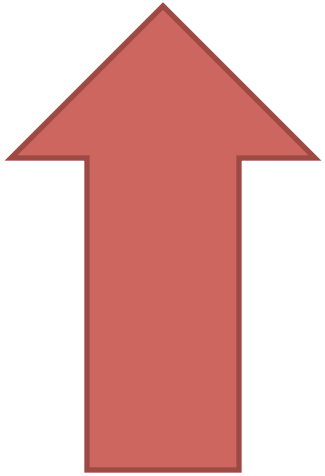

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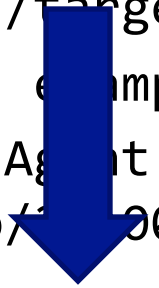
Attacker Can Control



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HTTP

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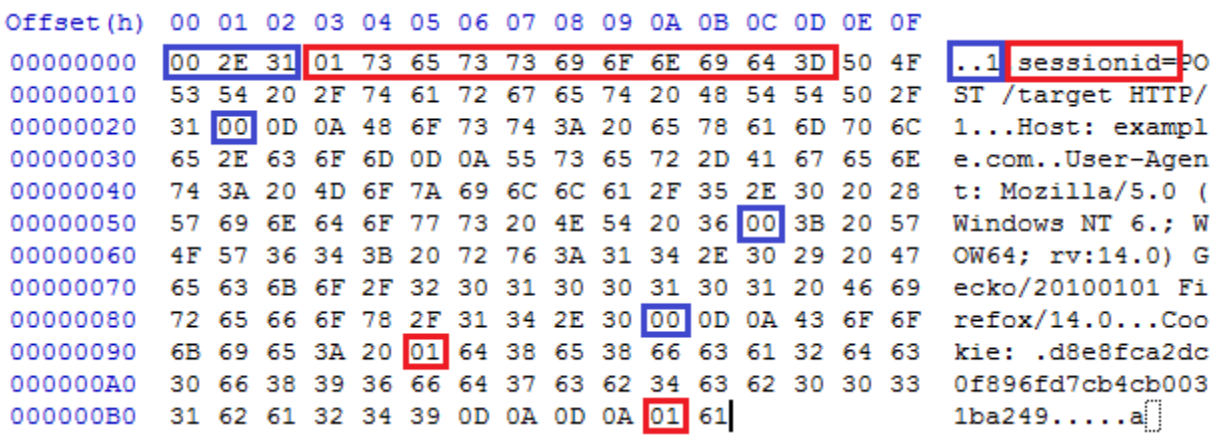

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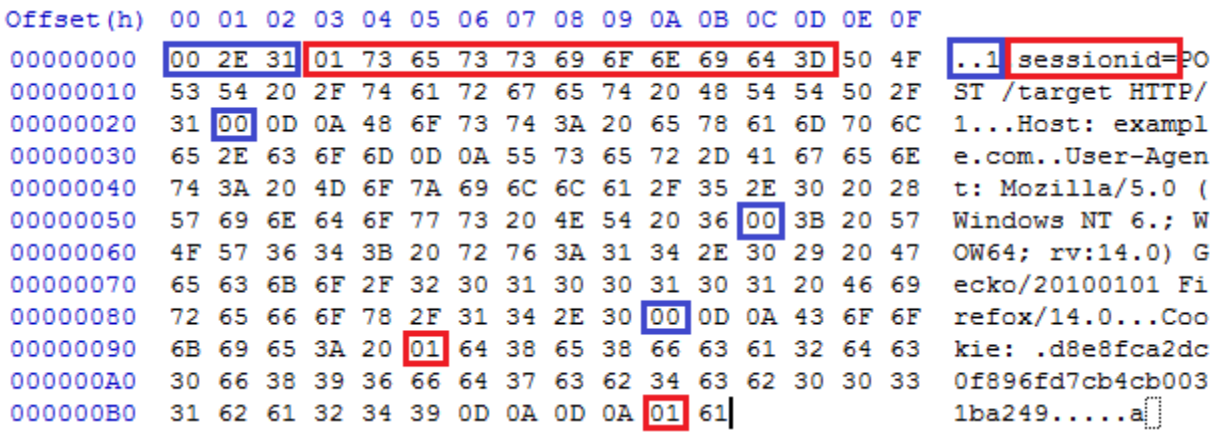

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HTTP

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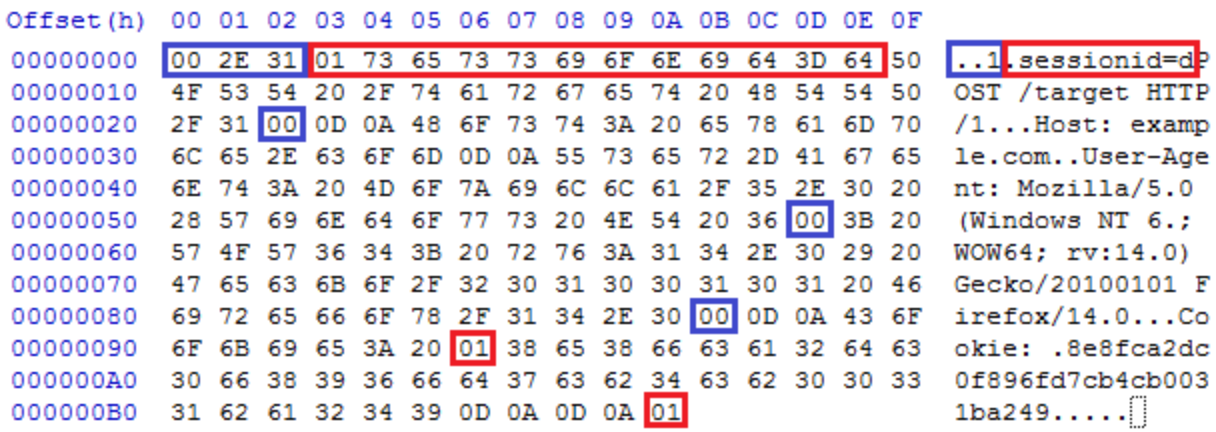

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sessionid=d8
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Fighting CRIME

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- Browsers disabled TLS compression
- SPDY revised so request secrets are compressed in a separate context

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BREACH

BREACH

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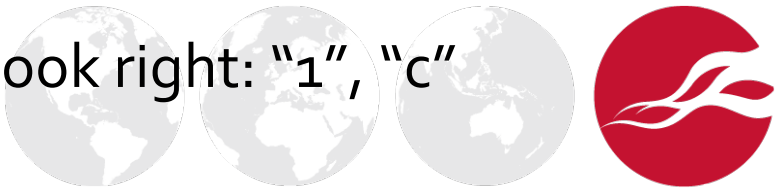
- What about secrets in HTTP responses?
  - CSRF tokens
  - Any other sensitive information
- Similar to CRIME
- Requires a known secret prefix and the ability to inject into a response
- Difficult to identify false positives:
  - Secret: abcab1
  - Partial correct guess: abcab
  - Next character guesses that look right: “1”, “c”



BREACH: Mitigations

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- Disable compression in responses (hahaha)
- Throttle the rather noisy attack (CRIME could MiTM and drop actual requests)
- Separate secrets into a separate file (such as javascript)
  - Difficult to implement
  - Hard to retrofit existing apps
- Randomize secrets per requests
  - Mainly for CSRF tokens, not for "attack at dawn"
  - Lots of performance
- Add some randomness to remove a fixed anchor

You Could Break the Internet!

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- SSL/TLS!
- DNS!
- DNSSEC (Ho Boy, DNSSEC)
- IPv6 (Ho Boy, IPv6)

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State Actors

Disclaimer

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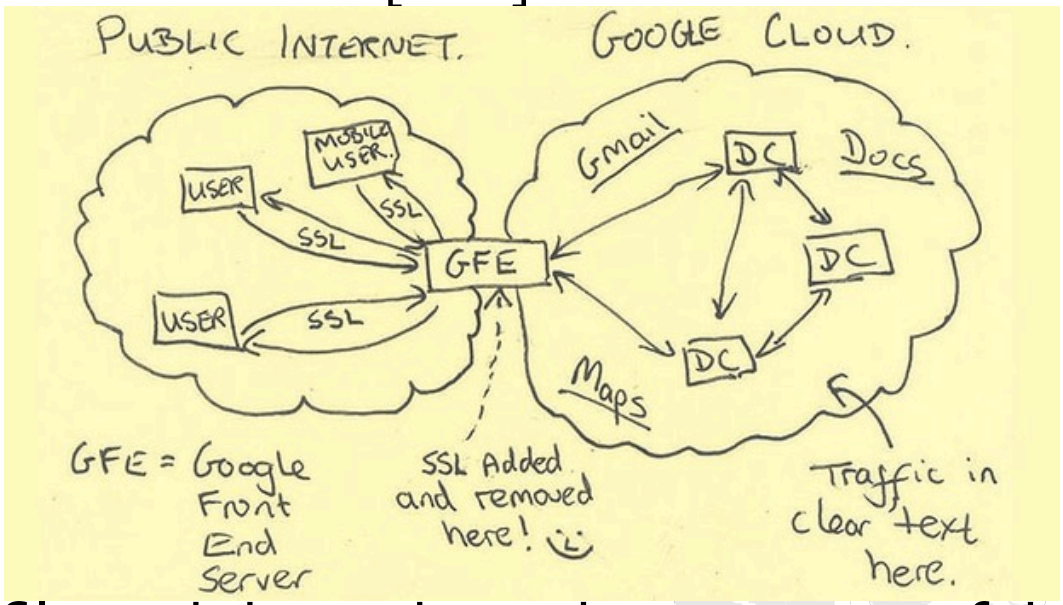
- I'm about to hate on the NSA
- The NSA people at the career fair can't change policies
  - Intellectually stimulating work
  - They (hopefully) believe in benevolent usage
  - If you yell at them at the career fair, be honest: you're doing it to make yourself feel better and not make a difference
- There are two sides to the coin, these are my opinions and not those of my employer
- I don't think these have all been officially declassified

Snowden

- Some claims have been proven true, some proven false:
  - "Direct access to Google networks" [false]
  - Equivalent access [true]



- News filtered through media, snippets of documents

Government Muscle

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- Very hard to resist cooperation:
  - LavaBit
  - Can't publicly acknowledge cooperation of any kind
  - Terms and Conditions canaries

Driver 1: Worldwide SIGINT/Defense Cryptologic Platform

High Speed Optical Cable
Covert, Clandestine or Coorperative Large Accesses

20 Access Programs Worldwide

Regional

[redacted]	Caracas	Havana	[redacted]	Kinshasa	Sofia	[redacted]	Berlin	[redacted]	Pristina
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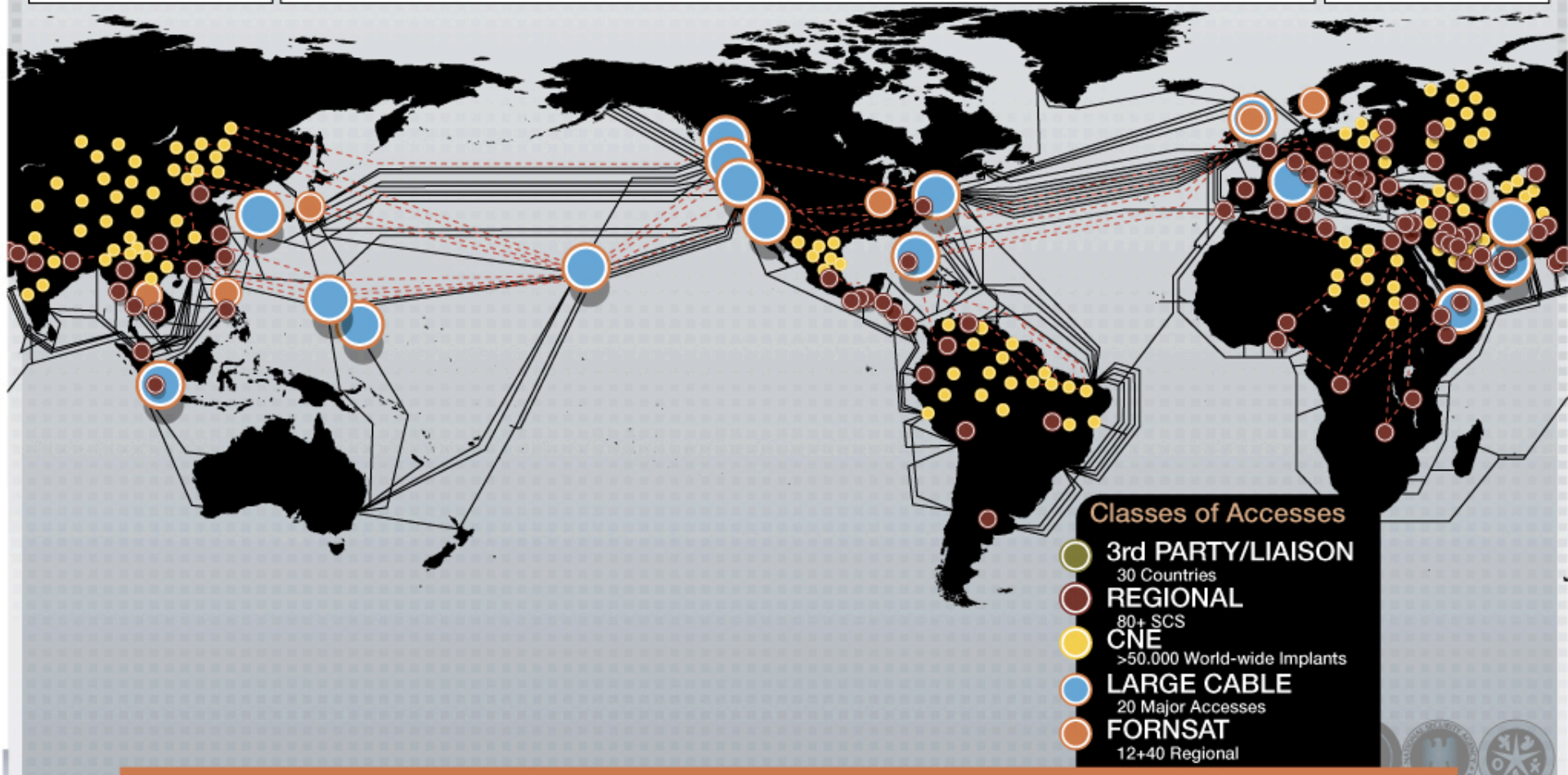

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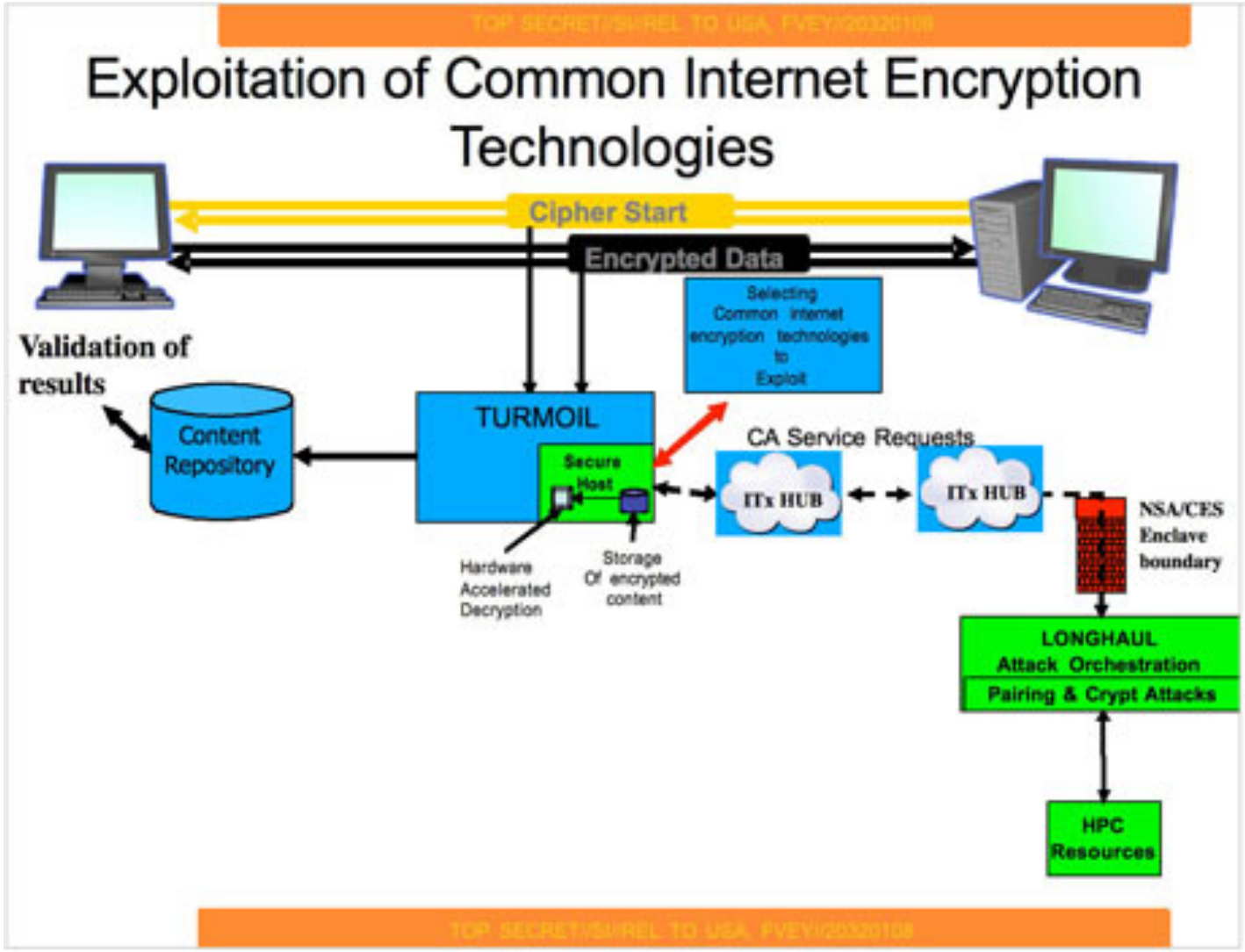
- Cooperate => direct access, don't cooperate…
- From EFF lawsuit and list of acquired information, NSA is likely using optical taps
  - Catches phone calls, MPLS, even dedicated λ
  - Prevents leakage of targeting data to carriers
- Almost all US and many overseas carriers implicated
  - One map shows collection points around the world, including in non-ally countries. Secret taps?

TLS to Save The Day?



Crypto Attacks?

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- Likely Pokemon private keys from edge servers (gah, why did we put them there)
  - Heartbleed
  - Standard network attacks
- POSSIBLE crypto attacks
  - MD5 collision used in Stuxnet (also had valid certs)
  - They have certs in your browser (noisy) and Google can detect it

Crypto Attacks?

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- NIST creates all standards for encryption used (mostly) by everyone
- DUAL_EC_PRNG used to generate random values
- Prediction resistance based on solving ONE instance of elliptic curve discrete log
- The algorithm designer knew this before
- NSA discovered novel MD5 collision attacks better than other techniques

Global impact

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Gmail facebook msn Hotmail YAHOO! Google skype paltalk.com YouTube AOL mail

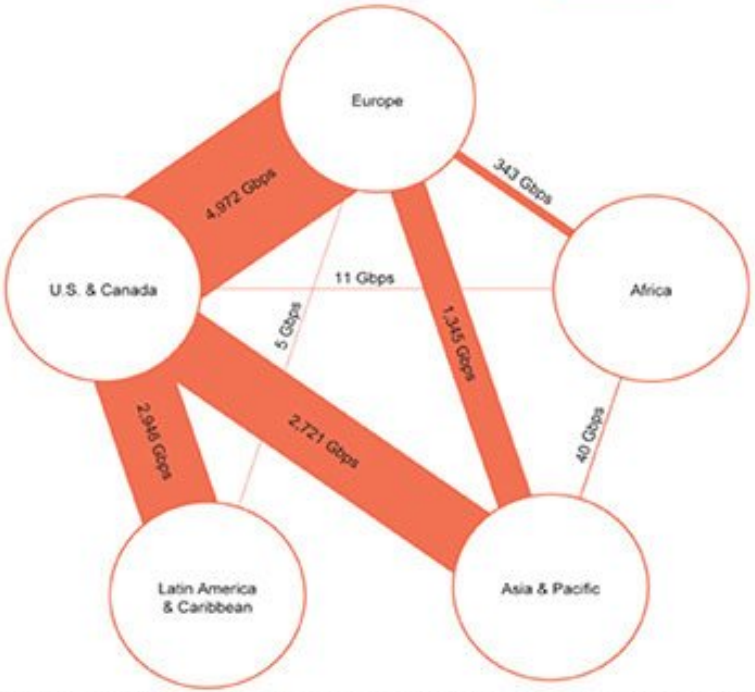
SPECIAL SOURCE OPERATIONS

(TS//SI//NF) Introduction

U.S. as World's Telecommunications Backbone

PRISM

- Much of the world's communications flow through the U.S.
- A target's phone call, e-mail or chat will take the **cheapest** path, **not the physically most direct** path – you can't always predict the path.
- Your target's communications could easily be flowing into and through the U.S.



International Internet Regional Bandwidth Capacity in 2011

Source: Telegeography Research

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Blowback

Brandon Downey
Shared publicly - Oct 30, 2013

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This is the big story in tech today:

http://www.washingtonpost.com/world/national-security/nsa-infiltrates-links-to-yahoo-google-data-centers-worldwide-snowden-documents-say/2013/10/30/e51d661e-4166-11e3-8b74-d89d714ca4dd_story.html

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I'm just going to post my thoughts on this. Standard disclaimer: They are my own thoughts, and not those of my employer.

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Fuck these guys.

Blowback

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- Hard for folks to trust US network equipment
- Hard for folks to trust US service offerings
- "If one would give me six lines written by the hand of an honest man, I would find something in them to have him hanged."
  – Cardinal Richelieu

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You're too young to get this reference

Flame (Stuxnet's Cousin)

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- Spyware
- Does crazy things like:
  - Get all the GPS tags from all your photos
  - Get your contact list from any Bluetooth attached phone
  - Screenshots, keystroke logging, audio recording

MD5 is Broken (an Interlude)

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- MD5 is broken because you can find collisions
- Specifically, chosen-prefix collision
- Demonstrated to be feasible in 2008 to generate a rogue CA (http://marc-stevens.nl/research/papers/CR09-SSALMOdW.pdf)
- Attack required 3 days running on 215 PS3s to find a collision
- Everyone panics, CAs stop using MD5 entirely

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- Microsoft forgot about one Microsoft Terminal Server still issuing MD5 certificates
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- …. Like Windows Updates

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- "Oh Hai! I'm a Windows Update server!"
- "Oh Hello, I need an update."
- "Here, have delicious delicious Flame!"
- "You silly goose, this is signed by MS! I'll install it!"

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I Love Security, What's Next?

- Ethics in security
- Possible careers

Ethics in Security

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- Big ethical debates used to be:

  Responsible vs Full Disclosure

Ethics in Security

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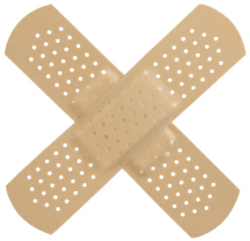
- Debate has shifted to:

  Disclosure vs Selling Weapons



Ethics in Security

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- A single iOS 0-day sold for a purported 250k, allegedly to the US government
- Think jailbreakme.com
- Most profitable way to be a hacker is likely to sell exploits
- Be afraid, be very afraid (tin foil available up front)
- But remember, there are many ways to make money by being unethical, you still shouldn't do it

Careers in Security

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- Write (more) secure software

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Pen Testing (at iSEC Partners)

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- See new companies every 2-3 weeks and touch a wide variety of technologies
- Do awesome research (be a pen tester and a security researcher)
- Have a big impact by making the world safer
- Spend most of your time being clever and thinking
- See us at the job fair on Friday!

Thanks for listening!

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See me up front, or stop by our booth at the career fair!

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