

Dr. Stuxlove_

(Or How I Learned to Stop Worrying and
Love the Worm)

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Introduction

Why worry? (The RED Threat)

Yeeeeeeah Haaaah!

AGENDA_

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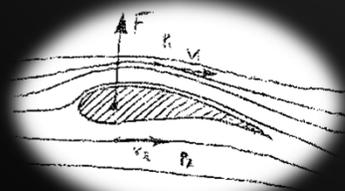
> MSc Intl History, LSE

- Who, what, where, when
- Cold War – Horn of Africa

> Seventeenth year in Cyberwar

> Veteran of Battle for Windows NT

flying?



Dr. Strangelove_

1. USAF General Declares Strike
2. Bombers Engage, Lock-Down
3. President Tries to Recall
4. Code Unknown
5. Bombers Hit by SAM
6. Recall Code Sent
7. ...one B-52 continues off-lin



Dr. Strangelove_

You can't fight in here!



This is the War Room!



USAF Special Film 1236_

Deterrence = power*

Fail-safe controls



Major Kong



“Well I've been to one world fair a picnic and a rodeo and that's the stupidest thing I ever heard come over a set of earphones.”

* <http://www.gwu.edu/~nsarchiv/nukevault/ebb304/>



w0rms and 0-days

WHY WORRY?
(THE RED THREAT)_

Risk_

Vulnerabilities

Threats

Assets

$R = (VTA)/C$

...so $(R/C)V = T\&A$



Vulnerabilities_

First time is the best...

Patches, patches and patches

> Risk-based assessment

> Prioritized list

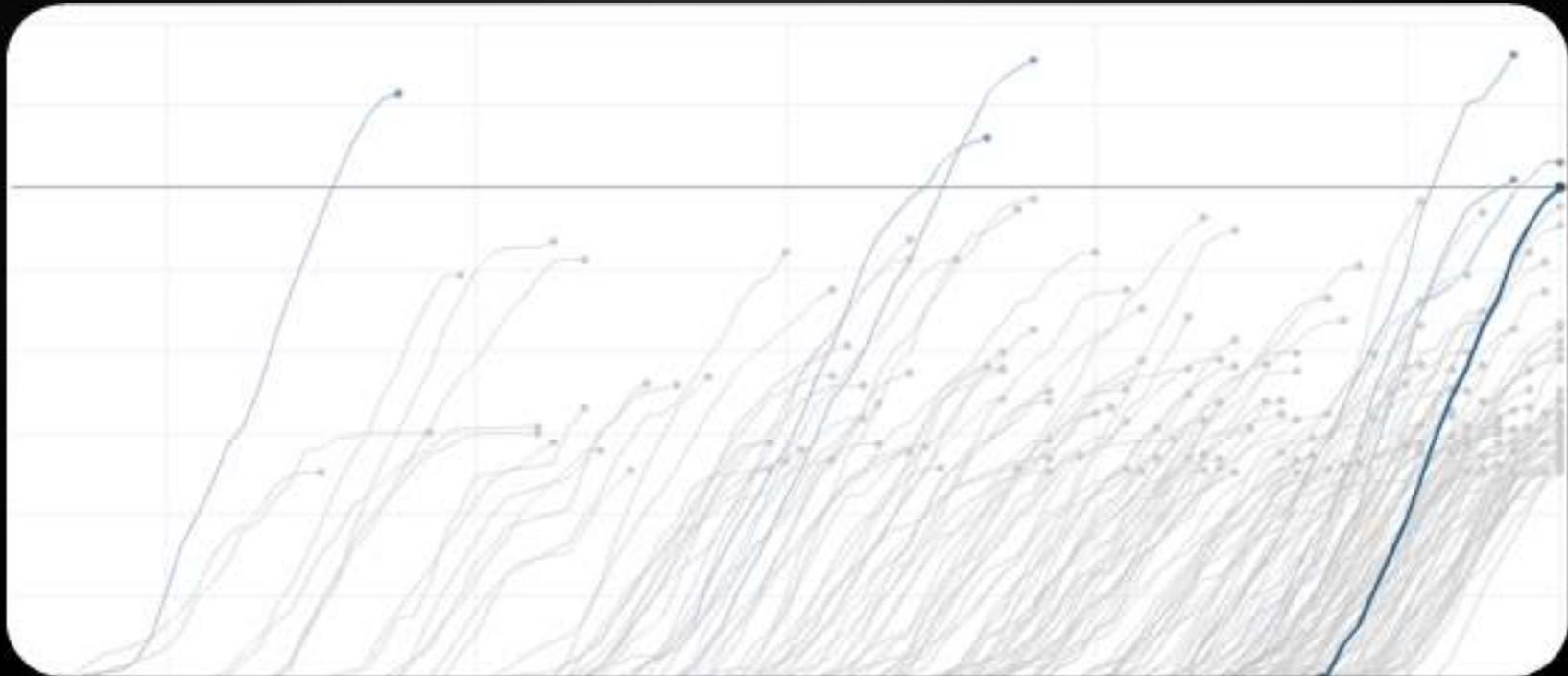
Microsoft Response Communications: "...every environment is different, we do recommend that customers evaluate accordingly..."

Have a nice 0-day



Vulnerabilities_

NIST CVE Trends <http://nvd.nist.gov/download.cfm>



Vulnerabilities_



Microsoft AutoRun/Play

- > Four of top 10 malware in 4Q/2010
- > 41% infections last 3/4 of 2010
- > 25% of worms in 2010

Patch Delayed

- > Windows 7 Back-port 2009
- > KB971029 “Optional” Update

“...give legitimate software vendors that used the feature time...”



Feb, 2011

Waldac
2.0

w0rm time

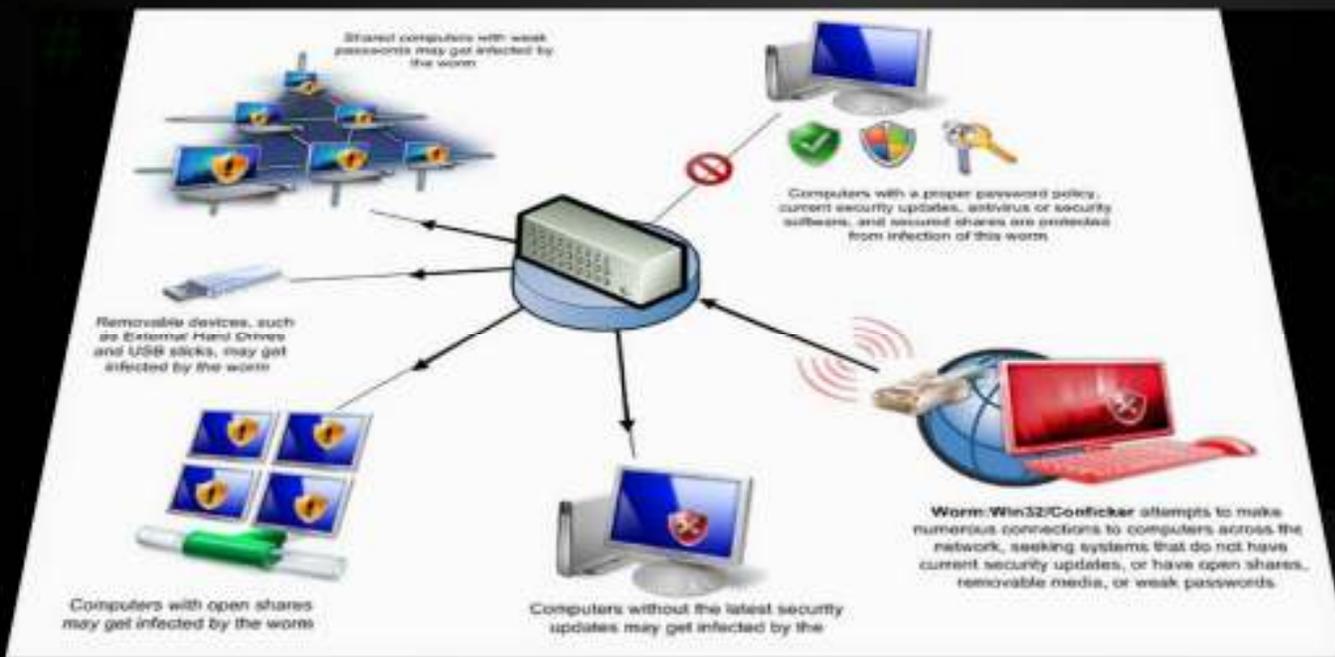
Signature?

Infections: French Navy,
UK Ministry of Defence,
Bundeswehr...

Conficker (Downup, Downadup and Kido)

- > Win32/Conficker.A November 21, 2008 (MS08-067)
- > Win32/Conficker.B December 29, 2008 (USB)
- > Win32/Conficker.C February 20, 2009
- > Win32/Conficker.D March 4, 2009
- > Win32/Conficker.E April 8, 2009

April, 2009 UAE halts
Siemens Step 7
controllers to Iran



0-Day_

Definitions

- > “0 days from discovery to attack”
- > “Unknown to developer”
- > “No opportunity to develop a fix”



- *Byte* size change
- Segmentation offset
- 80% = Success?



“Microsoft Corp. yesterday...said it had no plans to overhaul the operating system's protocol-handling technology.”²

4 Stuxnet 0-Day

1. MS10-046 Shell – Shortcut Icon
 - > MS07-61 Shell – URI Handling
 - > MS06-45 Shell – Folder GUID
2. MS10-061 Shell – Print¹
3. MS10-073 – Kernel Mode
 - > Three EoP (One for XP)
 - > MS08-025 Kernel Mode EoP



C. Köhler
"Print Your Shell"
September 2009



¹ <http://blogs.technet.com/b/msrc/archive/2010/09/13/september-2010-security-bulletin-release.aspx>

² http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9042398/Microsoft_explains_Windows_URI_patch_strategy

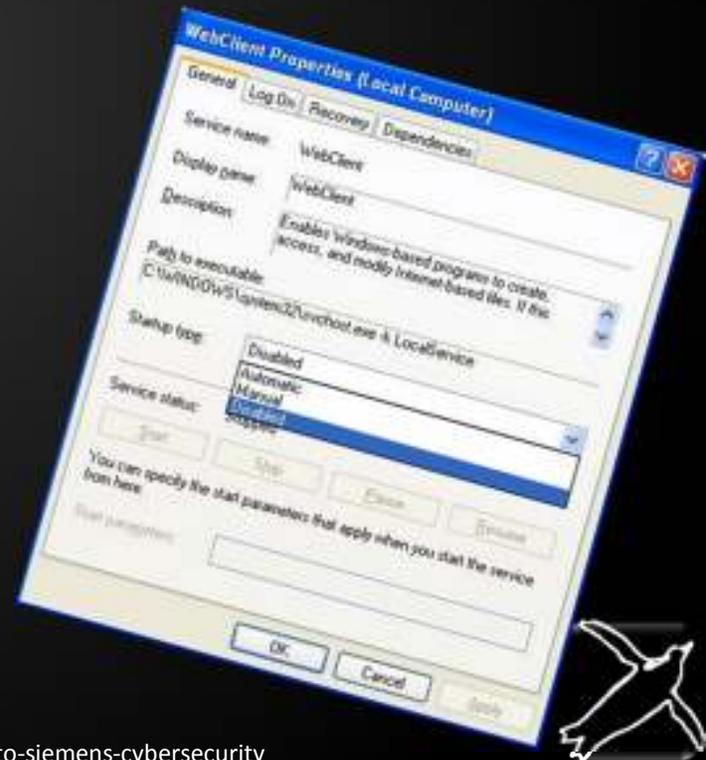
Stuxnet 0-Day_

1. MS10-046 Shell – Shortcut Icon

- > Local User Rights Only
- > WebDAV Exploit

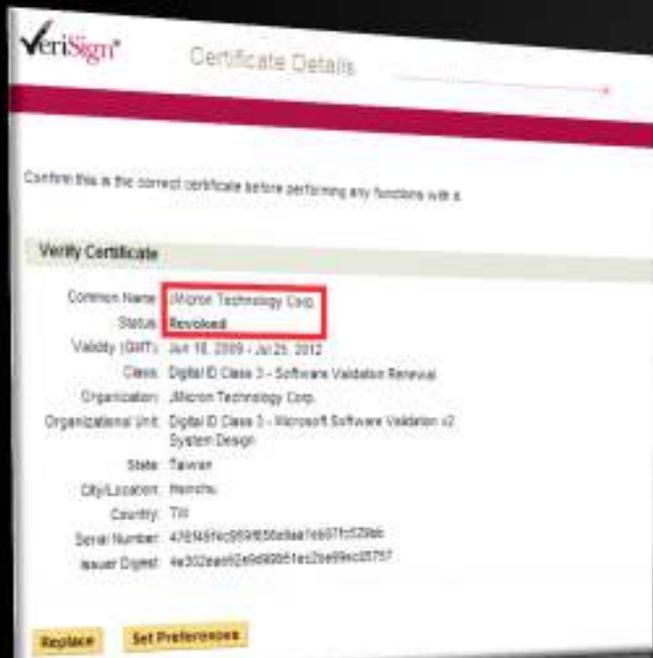
Unnecessary Services

“Microsoft wants default passwords changed...while **Siemens is telling its customers NOT to change the default passwords** as it could cause problems.”*



* <http://community.controlglobal.com/content/just-what-are-implications-siemens-vulnerability-pauto-siemens-cybersecurity>

Stuxnet Certs_



Stuxnet rootkit driver signed with stolen certificate

> JMicon Tech Co

> Realtech Semi Co



“...currently tens of thousands malicious programs that have been signed – that’s a fact”*



* http://www.securelist.com/en/blog/2236/Stuxnet_signed_certificates_frequently_asked_questions

Stuxnet Certs_

2010 Certificate Risk Study

(69 answers = “indication but not definite conclusions”)

- > 69% Sign code on dev system
- > 45% No password (or in batch file)
- > 87% Use dev system for internet
- > 12% Development system infected

“If malware authors would need certs they could get them”



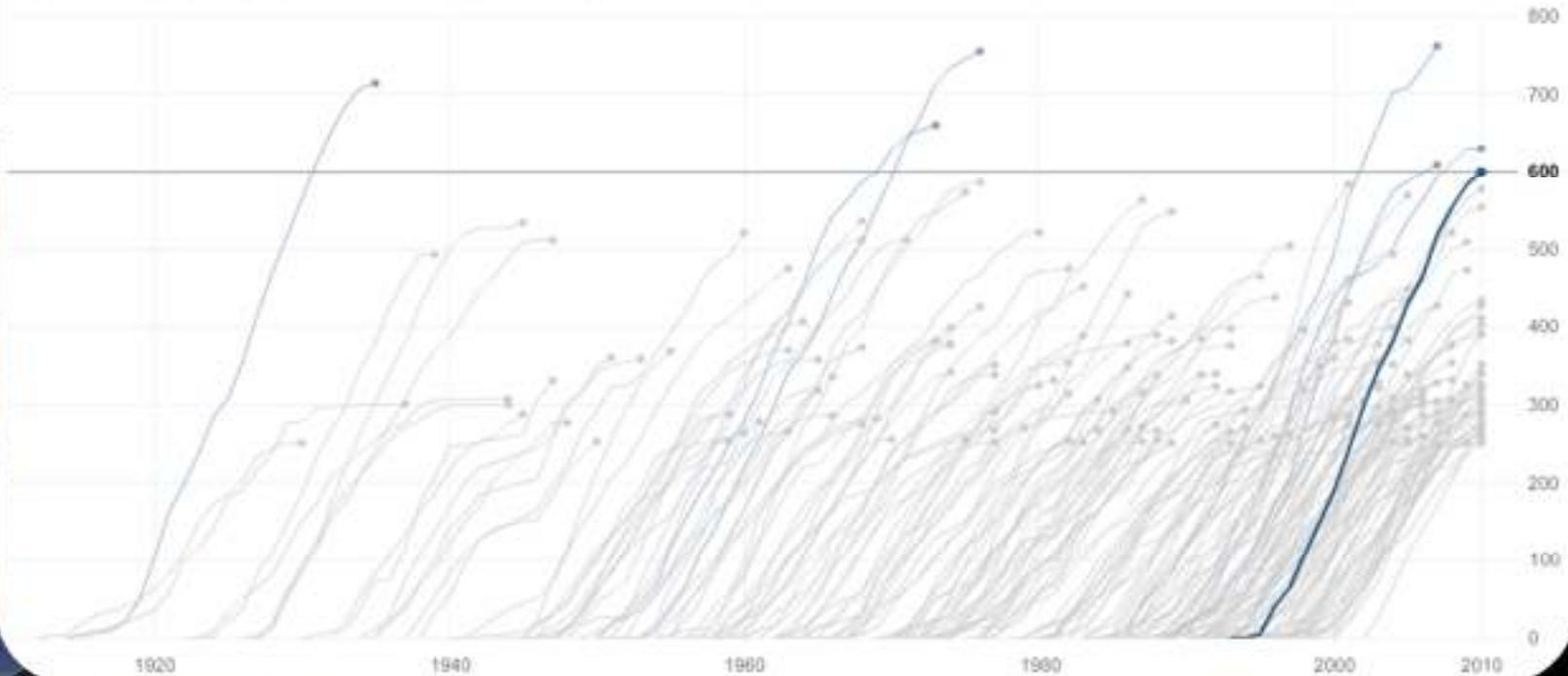
Home Run_

By Season

Jordan	Aaron	Ruth	Mays	Griffey	Sosa	Rodriguez
						
762	755	714	660	630	609	600

Alex Rodriguez

Hit 600 home runs from 1994 to 2010 with the Seattle Mariners, Texas Rangers and the New York Yankees.



Vulnerabilities_

Open Stuxnet Code

```
634     if (Length & 1) { //mean couldn't be divided by 2 (that's will be strange because
635         EntryPtr = UserBuffer;
636         UserBuffer+=NextEntryOffset;
637         (ULONG)UserBuffer |= 0x01; //mov     byte ptr [ebp+UserBuffer+3], 1
638         PrevOffset -= NextEntryOffset;
639         continue;
640     };
641     Length -= FilenameOffset; //I don't know why
642     Length /= 2; //number of characters
643     if (((FileSize.u.HighPart != -1) && (FileSize.u.LowPart != -1)) || (FileSize.u.HighPart == 0
644         if (StrCheck(L".LNK",Filename[Length-4],4) != 0){
645             memmove(UserBuffer,UserBuffer + NextEntryOffset,PrevOffset - NextEntryOffset);
646             PrevOffset -= NextEntryOffset;
647             continue;
648         };
649     if (TNPCheck(Filename,Length,FileSize.u.LowPart,FileSize.u.HighPart) ==0){
650         EntryPtr = UserBuffer;
651         UserBuffer+=NextEntryOffset;
652         (ULONG)UserBuffer |= 0x01; //mov     byte ptr [ebp+UserBuffer+3], 1
653     }else{
654         if (NextEntryOffset != 0){
655             memmove(UserBuffer,UserBuffer + NextEntryOffset,PrevOffset - NextEntryOffset);
656         }else{
657             if (EntryPtr !=0)EntryPtr = 0;
658             break;
659         };
660     };
661     PrevOffset -= NextEntryOffset;
662 }while ( PrevOffset != 0);
663 return ((ULONG)UserBuffer & 1); //cmp     byte ptr [ebp+UserBuffer+3], 0 / setns
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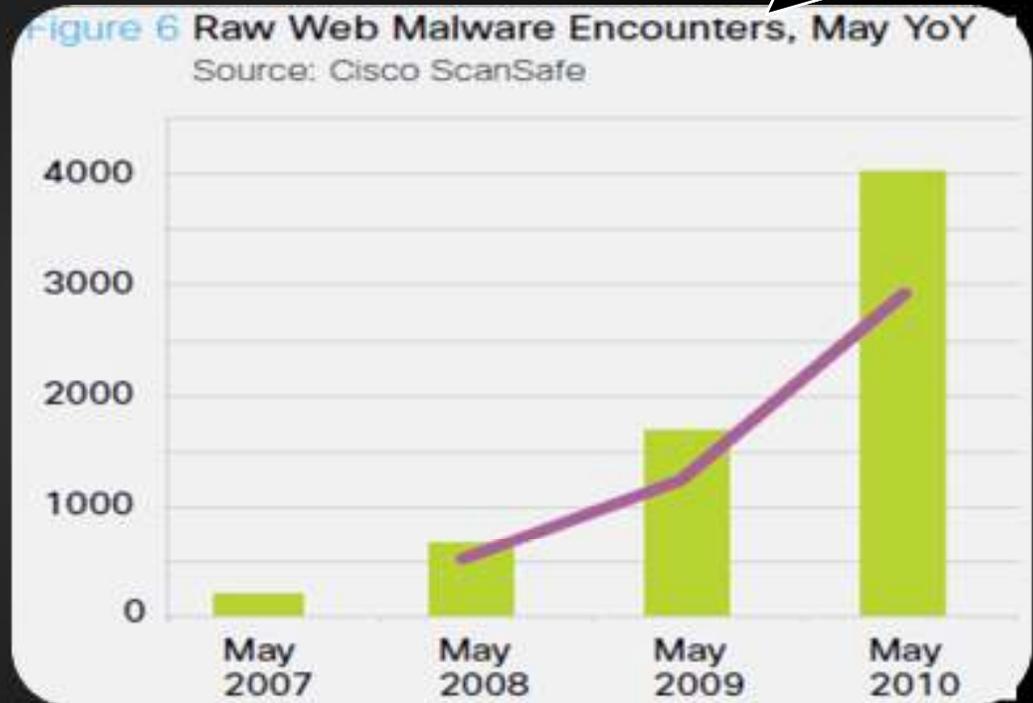


Threats_

“...the actual rate of increase is declining.”

Cisco Global Threat Report

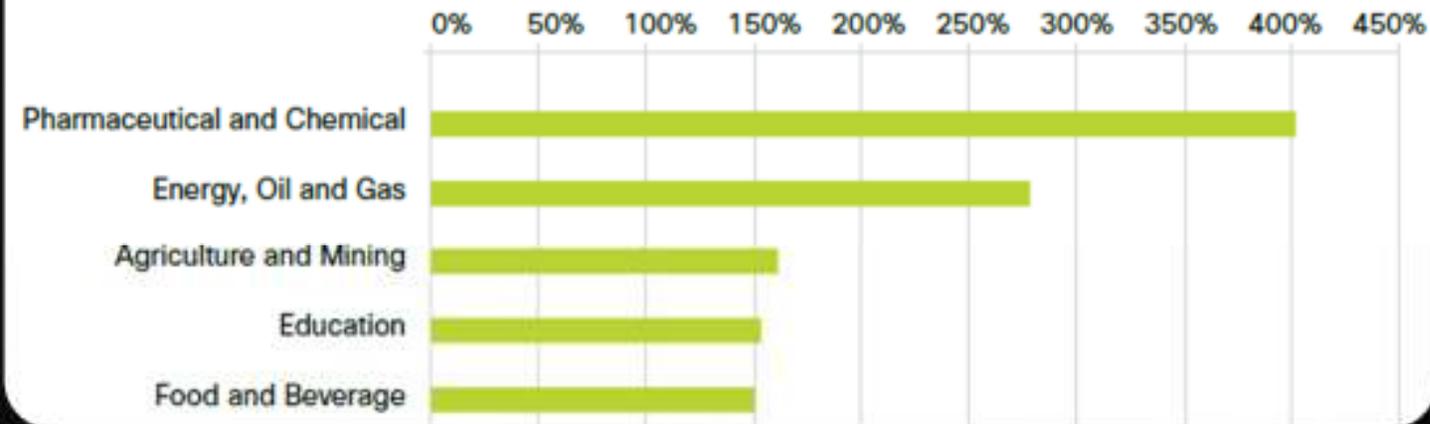
- > Four Security Products
- > 15K-node ScanSafe “Focus Customer”



Threats_

Figure 5 Vertical Risk: Web Malware, 2010

Source: Cisco ScanSafe



TrustWave

Hospitality: 38%*

Financial services: 19%

Retail: 14%

Food and beverage: 13%

Verizon

Retail: 31%

Financial services: 30%

Food and beverage: 14%

Hospitality: 6%

Other: 17%

Symantec

Education: 27%

Government: 20%

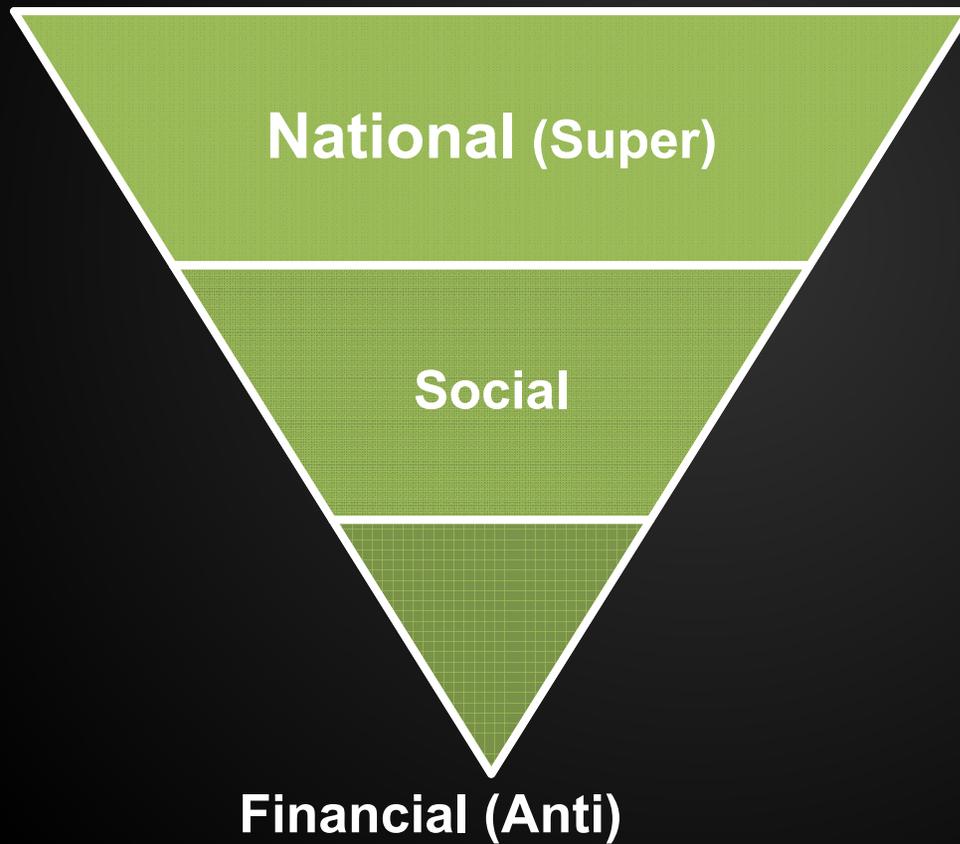
Health care: 15%

Financial: 14%



Threats_

Collaboration Levels



Threats_

Insider

Rumsfeld Certainty Principle: “There are known knowns. These are things we know that we know...”

Outsider

Gen Ripper: “Your commie has no regard for human life, not even his own. And for this reason, men, I want to impress upon you the need for **extreme watchfulness.**”



Threats_

Outsider Targets (Assets)

- > 2004 Titan Rain
- > 2006 British MPs
- > 2007 German Chancellery
- > 2007 US Pentagon Email Servers
- > 2007 Oak Ridge National Laboratory
- > 2009 Dalai Lama

“...industries should be on **high alert** and take **extraordinary measures** to first determine if they have already been compromised, and then lock down their environments.”



Threats_

Insider

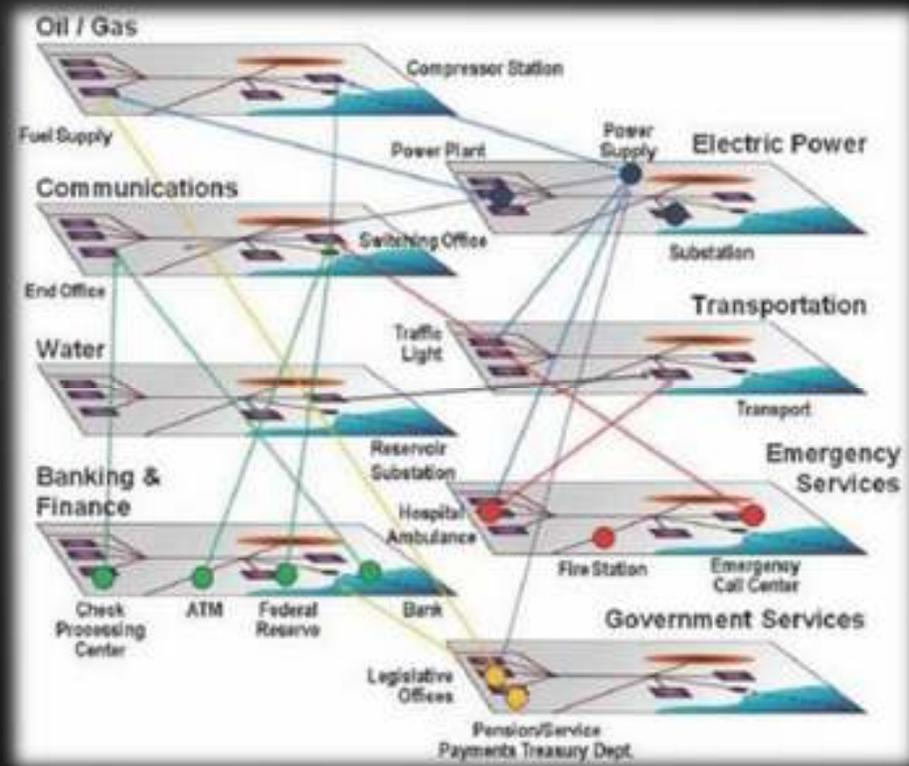
- > 2000 Vitek Boden, Maroochy Shire
- > 2002 Roger Duronio, UBS Paine Webber
- > 2005 Pune, India Call Centers
- > 2005 Vodaphone Cell Tap, Greece
- > 2008 Terry Childs, City of SF
- > 2009 Stern Hu, Rio Tinto
- > 2010 Bradley Manning, Wikileaks



Assets_

Critical Infrastructure

- > Power
- > Water
- > Monuments

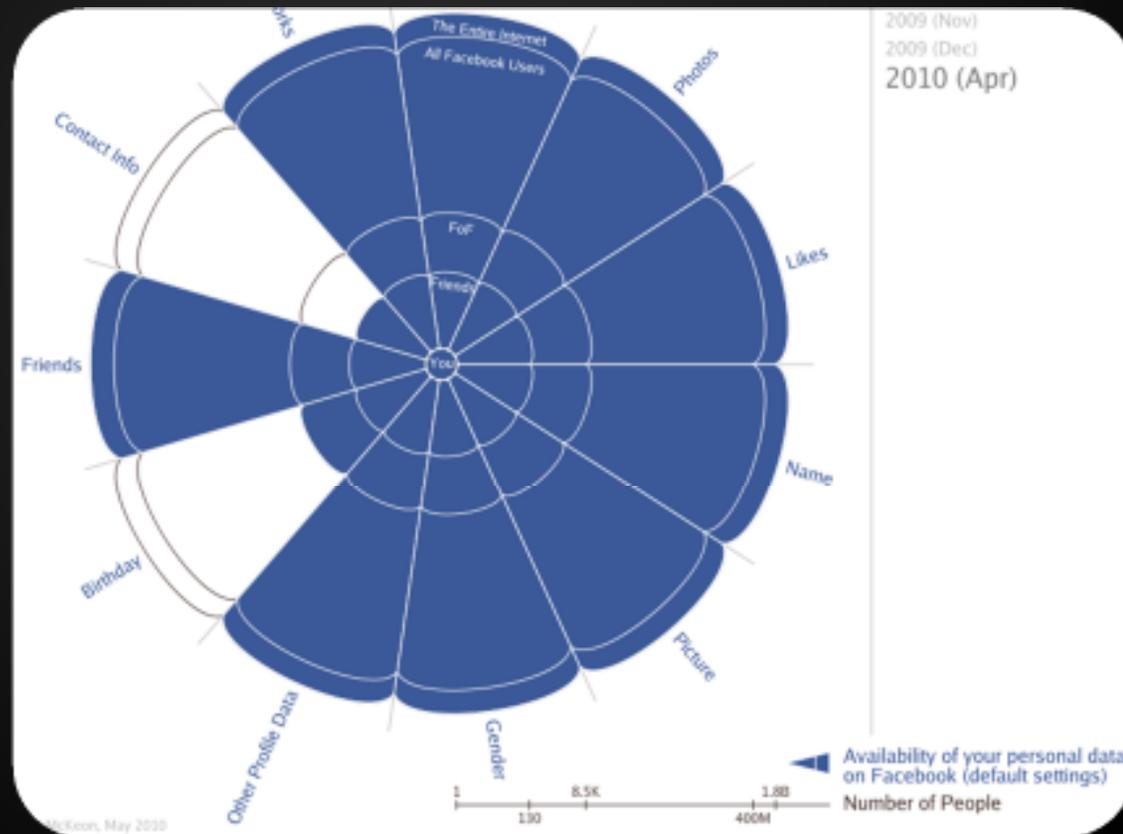


Sandia National Labs



Assets_

Privacy – Insider Information



Risk Example 1_

After 3,000 killed in 2001

- > Trillions Spent, Two Wars Started
- > Expansive Security Bureaucracy



2003
CDC - 2,827 US Children*
DoD - 2,497 US Soldiers

* http://www.childrensdefense.org/gunrpt_revised06.pdf



Example 2_

73% Admit Hack 2009-2010

74% Admit App Security Critical

88% Spend More on *Coffee...*



Pengui-matic
BFC-3000

It filters
It brews
It filters some more



Stop, Drop and Roll

WHO IS WORRIED?_

Cyber-luminati?_

Cyberwar Authors

Auditors/PenTesters

The Not-so-worried



Cyberwar Authors_

1. *Sophisticated* attacks

> San Bruno Deaths = 8

> Stuxnet Deaths = 0

“...decisions...all based
on facts that were just
plain wrong”
– NTSA Chair*

1982 Siberian Pipeline

2. Global warming all hype; *Cyberwar...real!*

* <http://www.gjel.com/blog/new-wrongful-death-lawsuit-filed-against-pge-for-pipeline-explosion.html>



Auditors / PenTesters_

1997 ...me 😊

1999 Mudge “30 Grids”

2007 Idaho National Lab

2008 Tennessee Valley Authority



“Aurora”



Auditors / PenTesters_

1999 Mudge "30 Grids"*

"...several electric companies that stood up and said 'that's impossible...blah, blah, blah'"

"Heck, the damn Y2K 'consultants' are much more dangerous than any mythical 'hacker'"



Auditors / PenTesters_

“...almost all...lacked key security patches...”

2008 Tennessee Valley Authority

“...firewalls were either bypassed or inadequately configured, passwords were either weak or not used at all, logging of certain activity was limited, configuration management policies for control systems software were not consistently implemented, and servers and workstations lacked key patches and effective virus protection.”*

* www.gao.gov/new.items/d08526.pdf



Military Leadership_

Chair, Joint Chiefs of Staff

“...cyber threat from China is significant and that the Defense Department needs to focus more on cyber warfare.”



“...U.S. has to ‘come to a place where... those threats are diminished, if not eliminated.’”*

* <http://www.military.com/news/article/senators-say-military-cyber-ops-not-disclosed.html>
<http://www.theage.com.au/news/in-depth/terrors-new-frontier-cyberspace/2008/04/18/1208025468962.html>



(Not-yet) Worried_

CFO: Investment Community

CIO: Ops Management?

Bush Administration

> Un-Regulators

Recommended Steps to Improve CyberSecurity*

1. Identify SCADA connected to network
2. Disconnect SCADA from network

> Regulators

- NERC CIP 002-009
- NIST SP 800-82

October 2001 Executive
Order 13231: President's
Critical Infrastructure
Protection Board

* <http://www.oe.netl.doe.gov/docs/prepare/21stepsbooklet.pdf>



Peace On Earth
a-ri-th f c
urity P E A C E
Of E s s e n c e
on earth

Love the Worm?

YEEEEEAH HAAAAAH!_

Reality Bytes_

Operations Dragon and Ajax

Global Risk

Suggestions

Conclusions



(Sloppy) Night Dragon_

“Company Men”

- > Beijing IPs
- > Weekday 9-5 Beijing Time
- > Chinese-made Tools



Operation Sloppy Joe

- > Time does not prove location
- > Language does not prove identity



Operation Ajax_

1953 CIA-sponsored Coup in Iran

- > Remove elected leader (Mossadegh)
- > Restore Shah to power
- > Secure Oil for UK



Operation Ajax_

1930s Anglo-Iranian Oil (BP)

- > British profit control
- > Protection from labor disputes
- > Protection from audits
- > No Iranian executives
- > No Iranian right to annul terms

(1936 Egypt Abdicates - Riots)



Operation Ajax_

1948 Venezuelan 50/50 Formula

- > Juan Pablo Pérez Alfonso

1950 Saudi 50/50 Deal

- > King Abdul Aziz Ibn Saud threat

- > Aramco splits profit

- > President Truman's "Golden Gimmick" – 50% tax break



Operation Ajax_

1951 Iran Nationalizes Oil

- > Truman pro-nat. (anti-communism)
- > Truman pro-UK (Korean War support)
- > PM Assassinated
- > Mossadegh elected to PM
- > UK Boycott/Blocade

1952 Eisenhower Elected



Operation Ajax_

Eisenhower anti-(nationalism)

- > Dulles Sec of State
- > Dulles Director of CIA

“Left to themselves, these countries will reach the point where they will welcome Communism”*

1953 Operation Ajax

- > Dismiss and Arrest Mossadegh
- > Fund protests and mobs
- > Pro-UK/US Shah – Dictator to ‘79

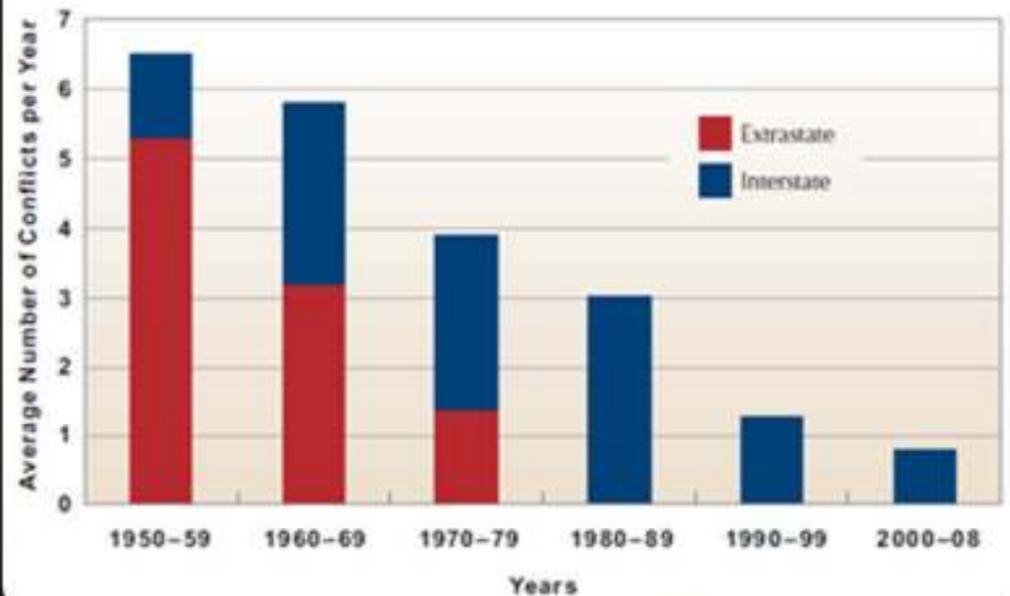
* <http://www.time.com/time/subscriber/personoftheyear/archive/stories/1951.html>



Global Conflict_

Steady Decline
“Extrastate” =
Anti-Colonial
(ended 1970s)

Figure 1.1 Average Number of International Conflicts, per Year, 1950–2008



Data Source: UCDP/PRIO

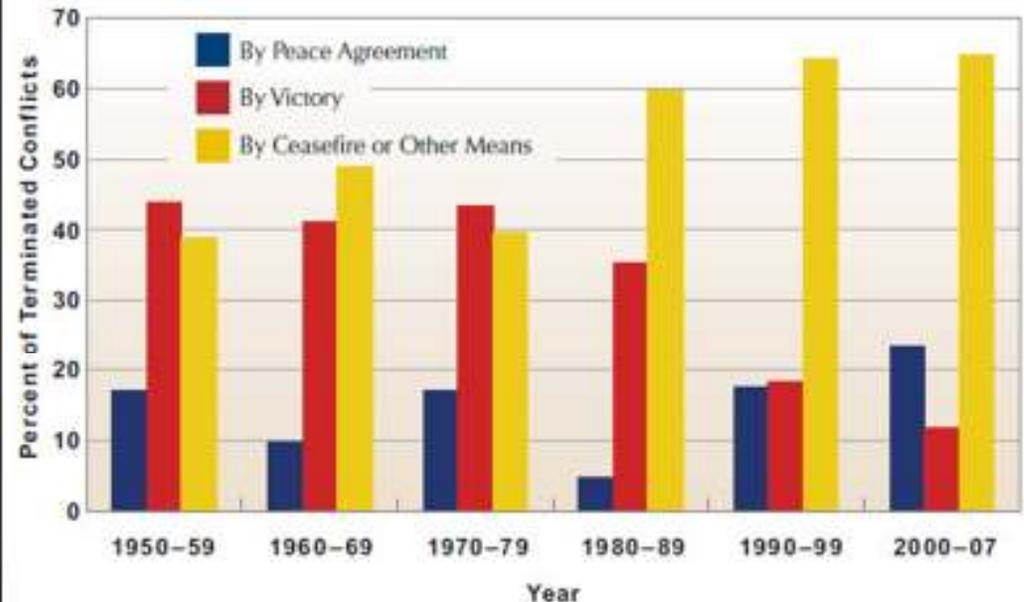


Global Conflict_

Decline in
Victory%

Increase in
Ceasefire%

Figure 4.9 Conflicts Terminated by Victory versus Conflicts Terminated by Peace Agreement, 1950–2007



Data Source: UCDP/HSRP Dataset



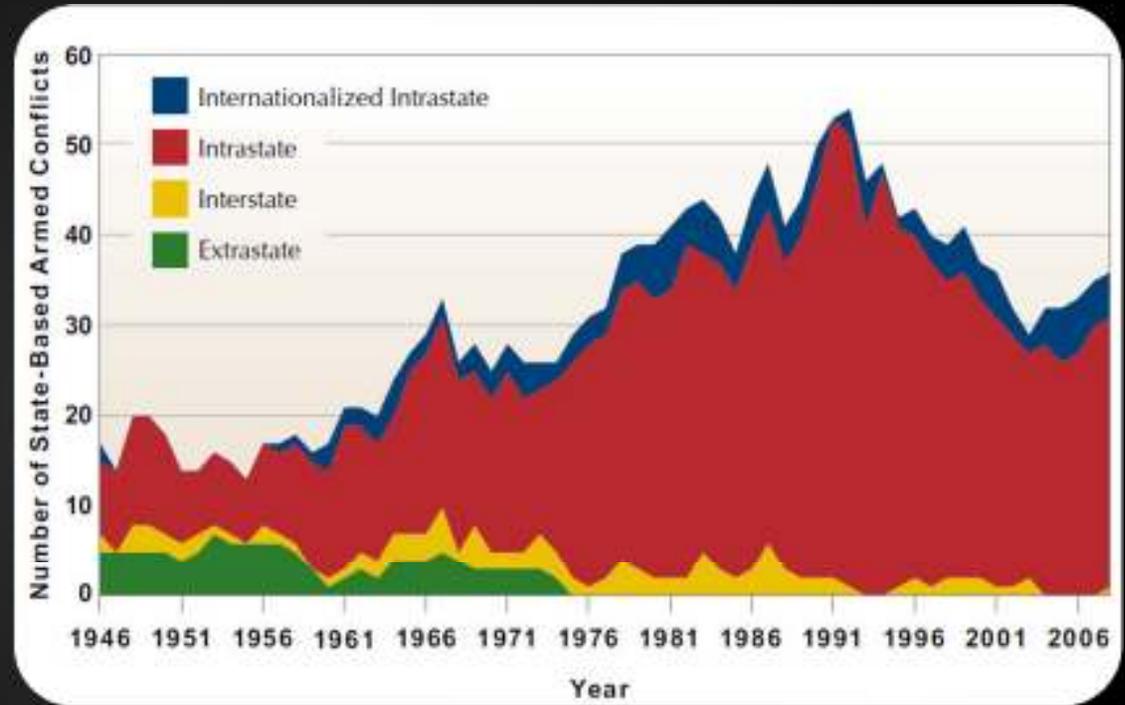
Global Conflict_

Extrastate

- > Anti-Colonial
- > 70s end

Interstate

- > Rare post 90s



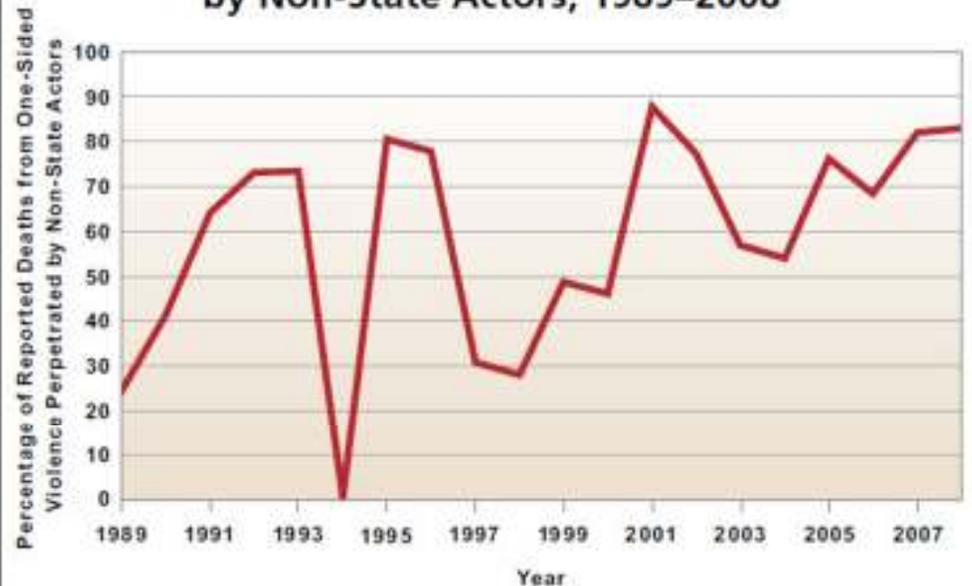
Global Conflict_

Attribution?

1989 20% of
Violent Death by
Non-State Actors

2008 increase of
80%

Figure 12.4 Percentage of Deaths
from One-Sided Violence Perpetrated
by Non-State Actors, 1989–2008



Data Source: UCDP/HSRP Dataset



Assassinations_

2007

> Ali Reza Asgari (Unknown)

2009

> Marivan Imam Joma

2010

> Massoud Ali-Mohammadi

> Majid Shahriari

> Fereydoun Abbasi



Outages_



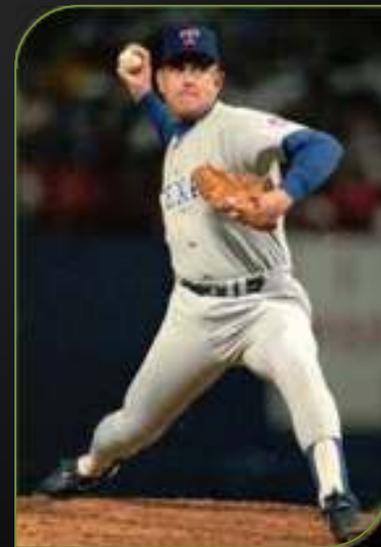
- # 2008 Iran Centrifuge Failures¹
 - > Pre-Stuxnet
 - > Trend of Success?
- # 2010 Indian Point Nuclear
- # 2010 Vermont Yankee Nuclear
- # 2010 Moscow 500K Without Power
- # 2011 Salem Township Nuclear
- # 2011 Texas *50 Power Plants Fail*

¹ http://www.isis-online.org/uploads/isis-reports/documents/IAEA_Iran_Report_Analysis_18Feb2010.pdf



Fail-Safe Controls_

1. Disable Unnecessary Services
2. Use Strong Authentication
3. Patch Known Vulnerabilities
4. Monitor/Audit Logs



Windows Flight Check_

- # Alternate Data Streams (ADS)
- # Audit Policy status
- # System file checksums
- # Local User activity, dumps
- # Open file handles
- # Modified, Access, Created times of files on system drive
- # Hidden files on the system drives
- # Temporary files and cookies
- # Associated DLLs of running processes
- # System, application, and security logs
- # Interface configuration
- # Transmission Control Protocol (TCP) and User Datagram Protocol (UDP) activity — ports opened by processes
- # Local registry hive changes
- # Rootkit detection
- # Services running
- # System information about hardware, OS, and installed software



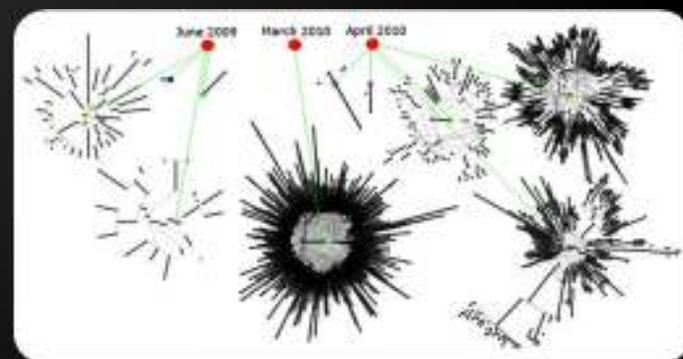
Conclusions_

V: No Silver Bullet

- > Defense in Depth *Still* Required
- > Controls *Still* Effective

T: Era of Super-Collaboration

- > Fuzzy Attribution
- > Geography Irrelevant
- > No Clear Victory



James Madison_



- # The means of defence agst. foreign danger, have been always the instruments of tyranny at home.
- # Among the Romans it was a standing maxim to excite a war, whenever a revolt was apprehended.
- # Throughout all Europe, the armies kept up under the pretext of defending, have enslaved the people.

Constitutional Convention Speech

June 29, 1787-06-29



Conclusions_

Strategic Security

- > D/N Delay - Budget “Up Front” Time
- > Learn (e.g. Fail) Faster
- > Practice Discipline

Gen Ripper: “...war is too important to be left to politicians. They have neither the time, the training, nor the inclination for **strategic** thought.”



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