



black hatBecoming the 6-million-dollar Man

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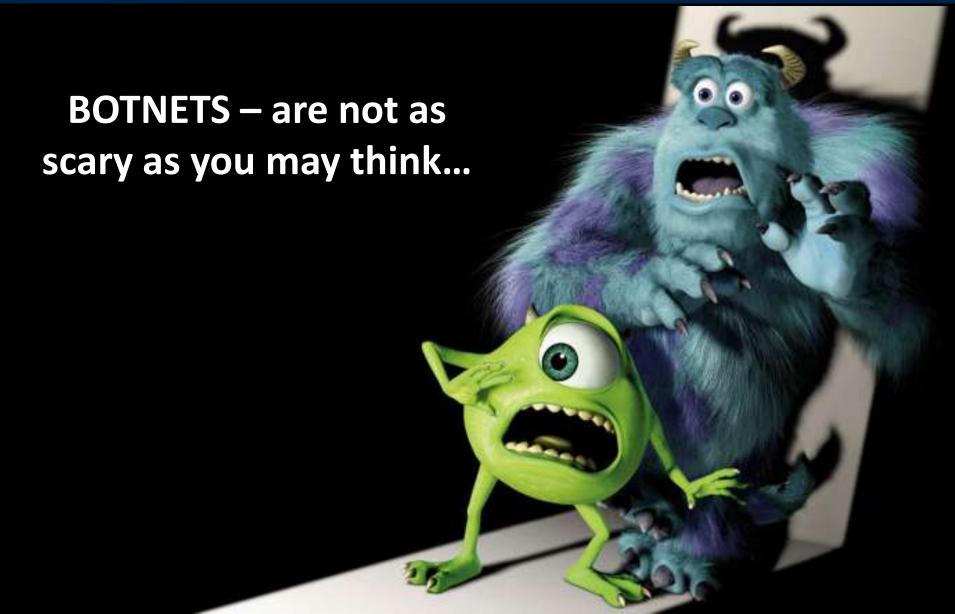
What this talk is...

- Understanding the profession
- Demystifying a sophisticated threat
- Examining monetization models

What this talk isn't...

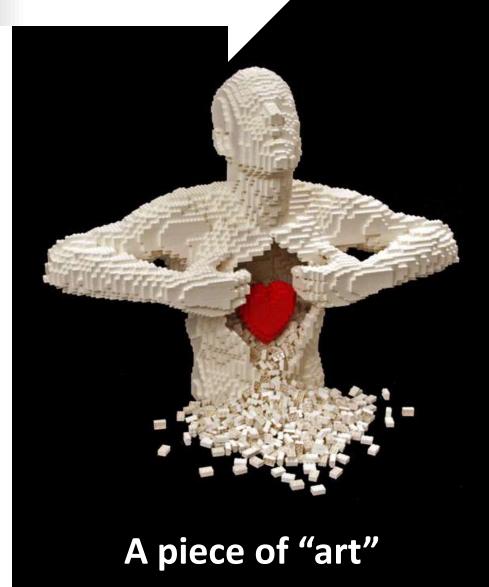
- A "how to" guide on building a better botnet
- Being a better criminal







A collection of "bits and pieces"





Key stages to becoming a millionaire

- Build a business plan,
- Execute the business plan,
- Avoid attention,
- Retire early.





How much of a criminal?

Different countries, different laws...

- Botnets may not be illegal
- Building/distributing malware may not be illegal

Building botnets for fun & profit

- Don't need to be hard-core criminal
- Tools, guides, how-to's, vendors, sponsors, etc.
- It's a "business like any other"





A Newbie Botmasters code

Don't get caught

- Take extreme care when setting things up
- Don't start any bad habits from the beginning
- Mistakes & leaks at the beginning are fatal

Don't to criminal harm

- Don't want to start a war nor be involved in deeply political events
- Don't want to case any deaths
- Don't want to get in bed with organized crime (as customers = ok)

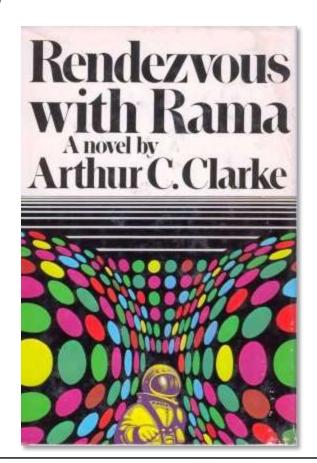




Key things to remember

Resilience is damned important

- Triple modular redundancy (TMR)
- Botnets are the tool
 - Don't blame the tool!
- Show me the money!
 - Cashless ecosystems are ok...
 - ...but you can't retire with them
- Want to be rich!
 - But want to retire rich; not in jail!





Connecting to the CnC (1)

Separate work from pleasure

 Dedicated laptop(s) for building and running the botnet business

(Un)traceability

- Change MAC addresses regularly
- Different Web browsers and turned off cookie caching.
- Use a (patched) base install machine

Encrypt all CnC traffic

– Asymmetric keys = much preferred.





Connecting to the CnC (2)

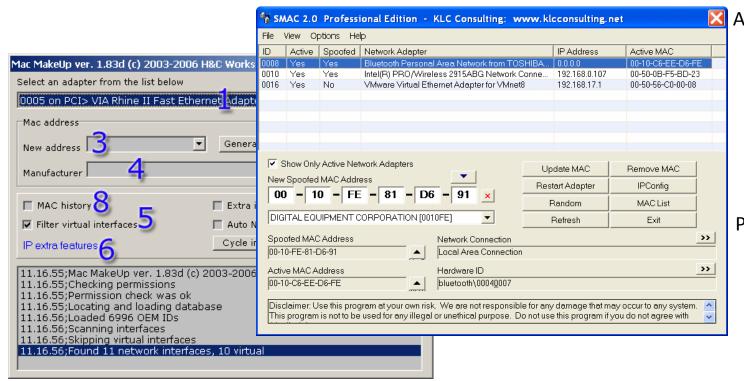
- Deniability is important -
 - Open WiFi is your friend
 - Locations that don't have CCTV
- Don't connect directly Ever!
 - Anonymous proxy and TOR networks are preferred
- Hiding in the masses
 - Academic networks + libraries





Botnet CnC Connections

- Free WiFi access points
 - Physical location changes
- Change the MAC address





Apple Stores
Atlanta Bread Company
Barnes & Noble
Border Books
Caribou Coffee
Hooters
Krystal Restaurants
McDonalds
Office Depot
Panera Bread Company
Staples
Starbucks

Etc.



The Money Framework

Don't want initial "seed money" traced

- Rebate cards and systems
 - Deniability and no trace back
- Visa rebate cards vs gift cards
 - Theft not necessary initially

Payment for initial services

- Domain, NS, hosting, proxy, etc.
- Toolkits, plug-ins, exploit packs, contractors

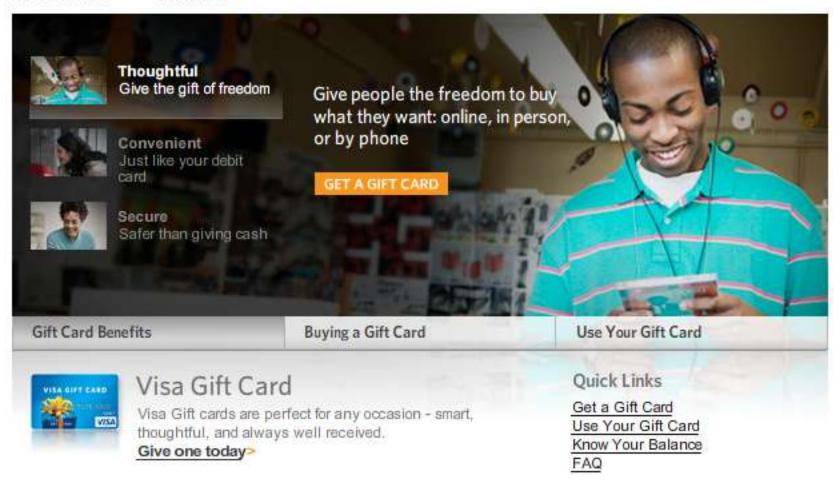




Transaction Laundering

Visa Gift Card - pick one up in person or online

In Person > Online >





Foreign Bank Accounts

Create foreign banking accounts

- "In person" account creation = less evidence
- May need a physical address



- Swiss numbered account
 - Minimum balance to open the account (plus fees)
- Cayman Island Account
- Panama Bearer Share Corporation account

Bilateral agreements covering fraud

- Disclosure of owner details
- want to stay away from the fraud aspect

Most accounts include

- Credit cards
- online banking









Retirement Planning?

- Afghanistan
- Algeria
- Andorra
- Angola
- Armenia
- Bahrain
- Bangladesh
- Bosnia and Herzegovina
- Bhutan
- Botswana
- Brunei
- Burkina Faso
- Burundi
- Cambodia
- Cameroon
- Cape Verde
- Central African Republic

- Chad
- China
- Comoros
- Cote d' Ivoire
- Congo
- Djibouti
- Equatorial Guinea
- Ethiopia
- Gabon
- Guinea
- Guinea Bissau
- Indonesia
- Iran
- Ivory Coast
- Jordan
- Kuwait
- Laos
- Lebanon
- Libya

- Madagascar
- Marshall Islands
- Mali
- Maldives
- Mauritania
- MongoliaMorocco
- Mozambique
- Nepal
- Niger
- Oman
- Philippines
- Qatar
- Russian Federation
- Rwanda
- Samoa
- Sao Tome e Principe
- Saudi Arabia
- Senegal

- Somalia
- Sudan
- Syria
- Togo
- Tunisia
- Uganda
- United Arab Emirates
- Vanuatu
- Vietnam
- Yemen
- Zaire
- Zimbabwe
 - (Plus some more...)

aka. non-extradition contries (with the USA)

A Business Plan



12 month plan

- loaded to the back end increase profit percentage
- Goal of earning \$6million within a year
 - Must be profitable
 - Don't want to be in Jail
 - Would prefer to have a robust business
 - have higher revenue (and profits) in Year 2.

12 month plan/target

- Q1 \$400k 10% (\$40k \$13.3kpm)
- Q2 \$800k 15% (\$120k \$40kpm)
- Q3 \$1.6m -20% (\$320k \$106kpm)
- Q4 \$3m 25% (\$750 \$250kpm)
- \$1.23m profit "tax free"





 Getting started in the criminal botnet business isn't for the feint-hearted.







"Off the shelf" DIY botnet construction kit

Zeus, SpyEye, Butterfly, etc.

Seeding torrents & newsgroups

- Anonymous submission
- Very difficult to trackback
- Doesn't rely upon
- Natural propagation & infection

Dynamic DNS for CnC

Free and anonymous

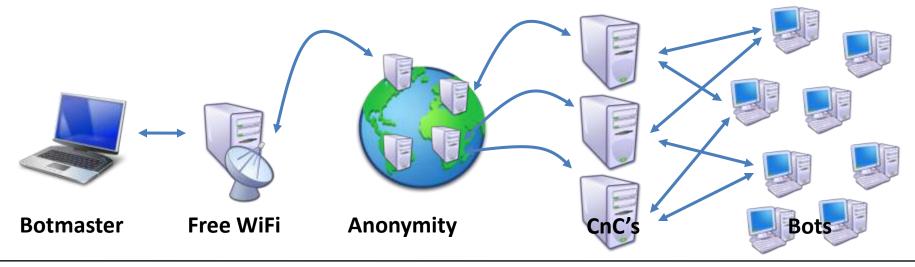




Simple Hierarchical CnC Structure

Multiple CnC servers

- Bot agent communications over HTTP
- Service paid via reward/rebate cards
- First botnet(s) = PoC
 - Validating principles
 - Default agent functions password/identity theft





Underground Newbie Reputation

Need to build a reputation...

- Peer recognition and "trust" is key
 - Initially rely upon other people vouching
- Activity on various hacker/botnet forums
 - Could use translators to hide identity origins ...but probably too much effort
- Offer a lot of data/tools for free
 - Work to establish professional reputation
 - Value often based upon "freshness" of data

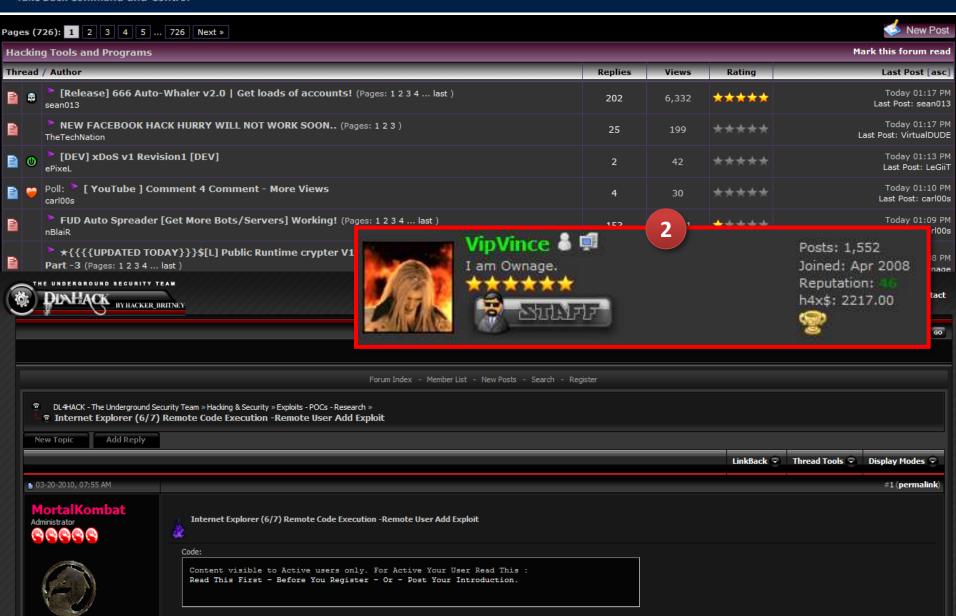
How to pay

- Non-revocable money transfers
- Volumes of stolen credentials
- Segments of a botnet





Ratings & Reputations





Evolution of the "standard" bot agent

As the botnet grows, new demands...

More bots, more spreading – more detection

Malware doing slightly more

- Pull back stored personal data
- Keylogging etc.
- Harvesting more data that may be saleable email addresses etc.

Malware components become more important

- Spend some money on additional functionality
- Add a few more malware components that will be installed with the standard deployment
- Do some serial variants with quality control
- Release a new variant every day



Build to Sell





Important factors in "build to sell" models

- Structure of the botnet
- Past use/abuse of the botnet
- Location of the botnet victims
- Robustness of malware agent
- Reputation in seller forums

Pre-processing of botnets

- Splitting and clustering of related victims
- Harvesting of system and user information
- Synchronizing malware and CnC channel





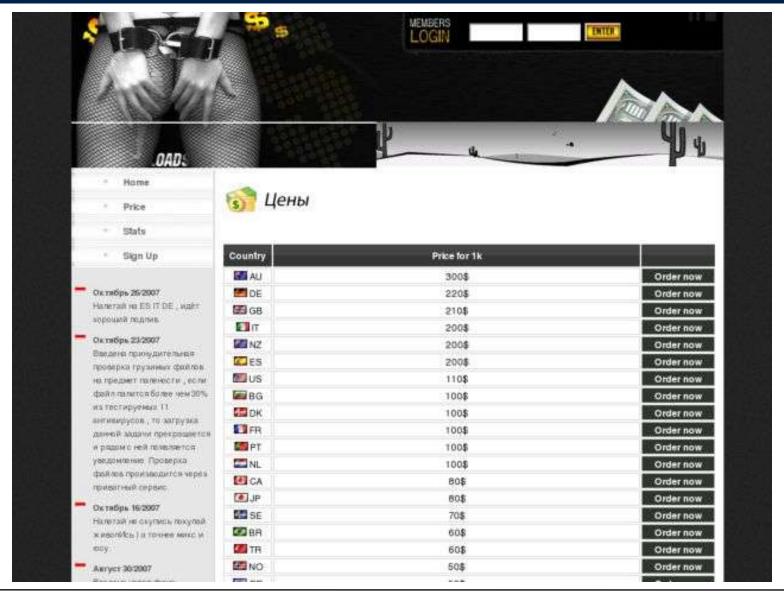
Shifting sands of botnet CnC



- Price range from \$200 (24hr use) to \$50k (to own)
- Self-build botnet provisioning
 - Off-the-shelf tools
 - Avg. 20k bots within a week (500k if optimized)
- Commissioned building of botnet
 - Target centric pricing

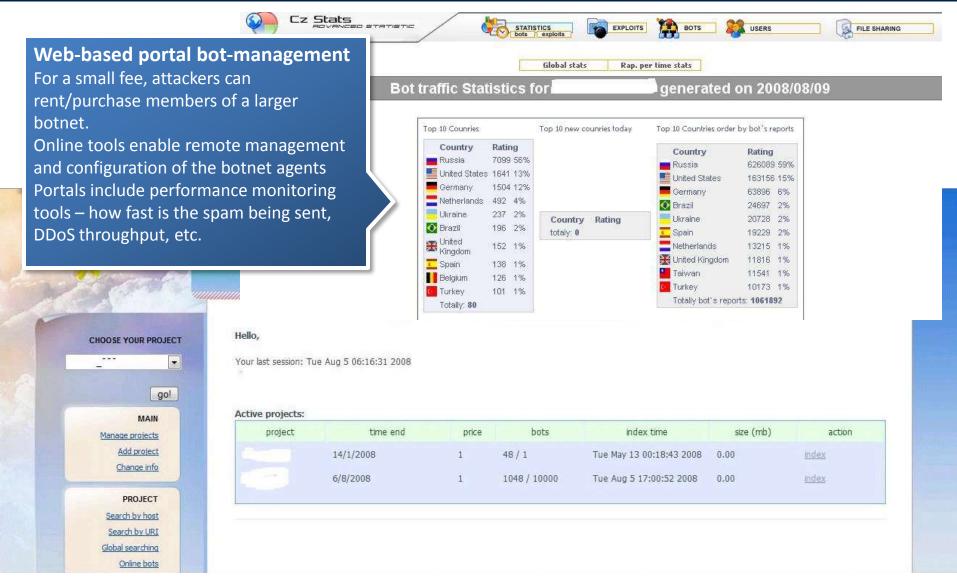


Buying Botnets





Lease (part of) an existing botnet





Advancing the malware and CnC

- "Unique" malware updates daily updates of the binary
 - QA assured malware
 - Better able to disable host defenses
 - Ability to host other malware from third-parties
- Network propagation and reconnaissance
 - higher probability of detection
 - consider sniffing and capturing local
 corporate data (e.g. internal mail addresses etc.)





Malware Construction



Serial variant production systems

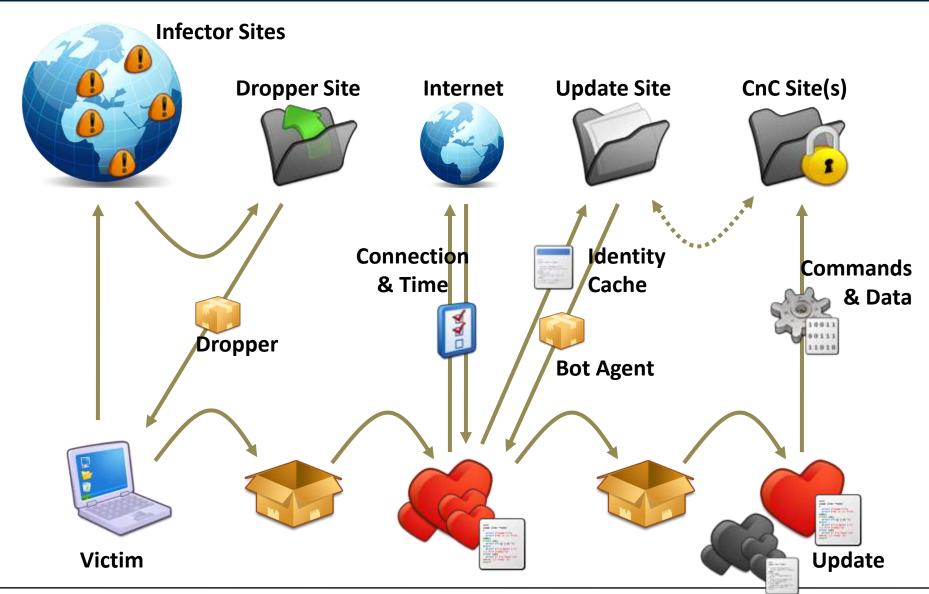
- New and unique piece of malware
- "on the fly" creation by exploit systems

New bot agent for every victim

- Frequent updates of malware agents (every 24hrs)
- Designed to avoid detection
- "Locked" to a victims machine & strong crypto



It's Done for a Reason...





Using the stolen data directly

Payment and growth

- Payment for disposable services
 - Start investing in systems that will take live payment data (paypal accounts etc.) and auto procure hosting, domain names, etc.
- Systems that allow botnets to scale
 - New domain name registrations
 - New NS provisioning

Begin to use them for personalizing infections

- Social engineering email recipients Re:
- Social Network integration
 - sending messages etc.



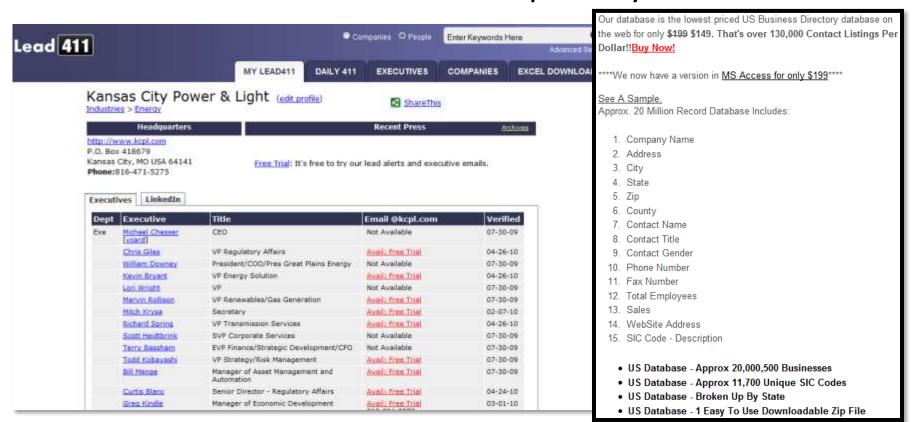




Lists of Executive Targets

Access to executive target lists

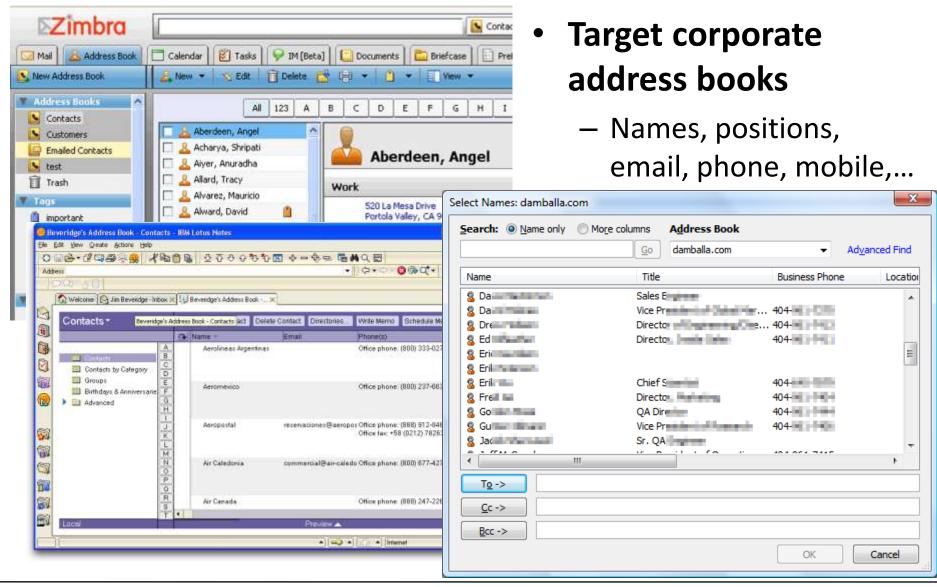
- Easy, plenty of sellers.
- Much of the information is publicly available







Corporate Address Book Scraping





Lists of Leads – i.e. "Targets"

	Take Back Command-and-Control														
	A	В	C	D	E	F	G	Н	F	J	K	L	M	N	0
1	Company Name	Address	City	State	Zip	County	WebSite	Phone	Fax	Contact	Contact Title	Gender	Employees	Sales	SIC Code - Category
2	Human Resources	112 State St # 660	Albany	NY	12207-2016	Albany	www.albanycounty.c	5184475510	5184475586	Robert Conway	Manager	Male	25	Unavailable	912103 - Government Offices-County
3	Albany Ear Nose & Throat	1375 Washington Ave # 1	Albany	NY	12206-1058	Albany	www.albanyent.com	5184721210		Debbie Elia	Manager	Female	36	7,164,000	801101 - Physicians & Surgeons
4	Albany Envelope	23 Winthrop Ave	Albany	NY	12203-1901	Albany	www.albanyenvelope	5184825481		Paul Seeney	Owner	Male	3	621,000	275202 - Printers
5	Albany Special Events	24 Eagle St # 402	Albany	NY	12207-1983	Albany	www.albanyevents.o	5184342032	5184260759	Dorothy Dack	Manager	Female	8	Unavailable	912104 - Government Offices-City, Village & Twp
6	Bixby Crable & Stiglmeier	19 Dove St # 301	Albany	NY	12210-1389	Albany	www.albanyfamilylaw	5184363404		Robert H Bixby	President	Male	5	835,000	811103 - Attorneys
7	Albany Fire Extinguisher Sale	18 Walker Way # 11	Albany	NY	12205-4991	Albany	www.albanyfire.net	5184563700	5184563979	Thomas Kretzler	Owner	Male	15	14,160,000	509903 - Fire Extinguishers (Wholesale)
8	First Assembly Of God	PO Box 8621	Albany	NY	12208-0621	Albany	www.albanyfirstag.or	5184383841	5184821394	Raymond A Sullivan	Religious Leader	Male	3	Unavailable	866107 - Churches
9	Albany Gastrienterology Cns	1375 Washington Ave # 1	Albany	NY	12206-1040	Albany	www.albanygi.com	5184384483		Karen Brimmer	Manager	Female	55	10,945,000	801101 - Physicians & Surgeons
10	Ginger Man	234 Western Ave	Albany	NY	12203-1322	Albany	www.albanygingerma	5184275963	5184271917	Michael Bryon	Owner	Male	20	800,000	581208 - Restaurants
11	Re/Max Premier	210 Washington Avenue	Albany	NY	12203-6339	Albany	www.albanyhome.com	5188698500		Dave Evans	Owner	Male	50	6,700,000	653118 - Real Estate
12	Albany Housing Authority	200 S Pearl St	Albany	NY	12202-1834	Albany	www.albanyhousing.e	5186417500	5184450725	Steven Longo	Executive Directo	male	Unavailable	Unavailable	953199 - Housing Authority
13	Kevin Cleary Government Rit	39 N Pearl St	Albany	NY	12207-2785	Albany	www.albanyinsider.co	5184632399					3	630,000	874301 - Lobbyists
14	Albany Institute-History & Art	125 Washington Ave	Albany	NY	12210-2296	Albany	www.albanyinstitute.d	5184634478	5184621522	Christine Miles	Executive Directo	Female	30	2,363,000	841201 - Museums
15	Albany IVF Fertility & Gyn	349 Northern Blvd	Albany	NY	12204-1032	Albany	www.albanyivf.com	5184349759		Michelle Scrom	Manager	Female	25	4,975,000	801101 - Physicians & Surgeons
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Lists available through black, gray and white markets

- Black = Acquired in underground forums & sellers
- Gray = Sellers with clear or probable blackhat ties
- White = Commercial leads vendors and public lists

Conveniently formatted for automated processing

- CVS and "standardized" file formats
- Direct feed in to spam email tools
- Ready for phishing template integration



Targeted Delivery



Email and/or malware delivery services

Targeted at organizations, professions or whales

Botnet rendered services

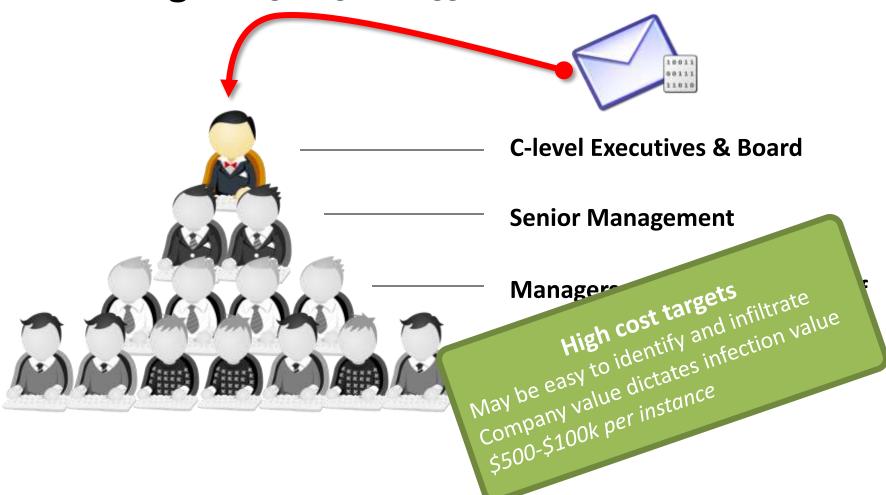
- Targeted messaging (maybe broader than email)
- Hosting of malware & infector components
- Enumeration of target organization
- Selling of existing botnet/agent access







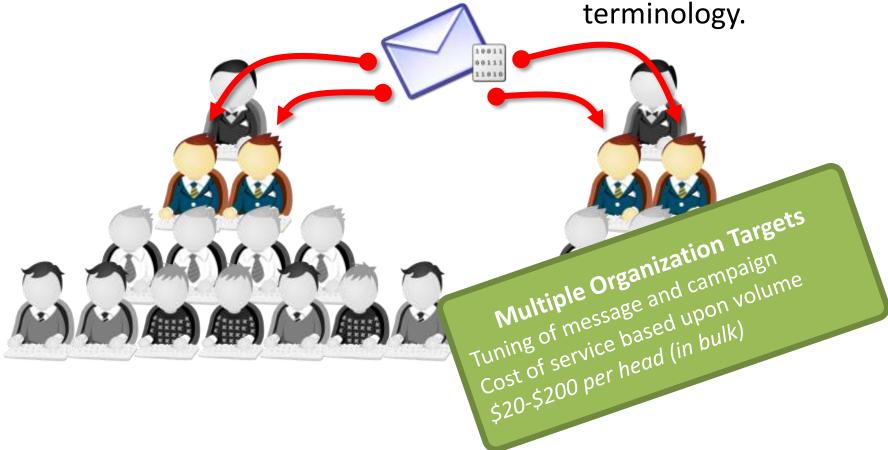
• Whaling = Targeting the biggest & most visible executives





Horizontal Spear Phishing

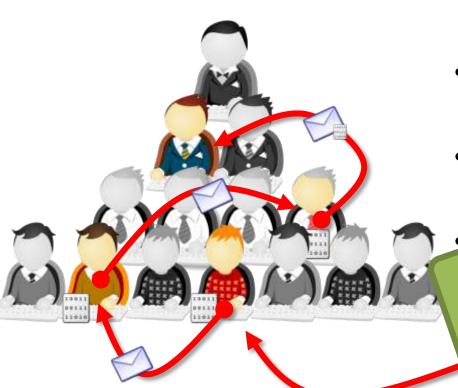
• **Horizontal Spear** = Targeting a specific role across similar industries using field-specific terminology





Vertical Spear Phishing

• **Vertical Spear** = Exploiting relationships and hierarchy within the targeted organization



- Messages reference people within the organization
- Each victim helps illuminate more of the hierarchy
- Exploitation of true relationshi
- Single Organization Target Costly to perform - manual work Cost of service based upon time \$ unknown





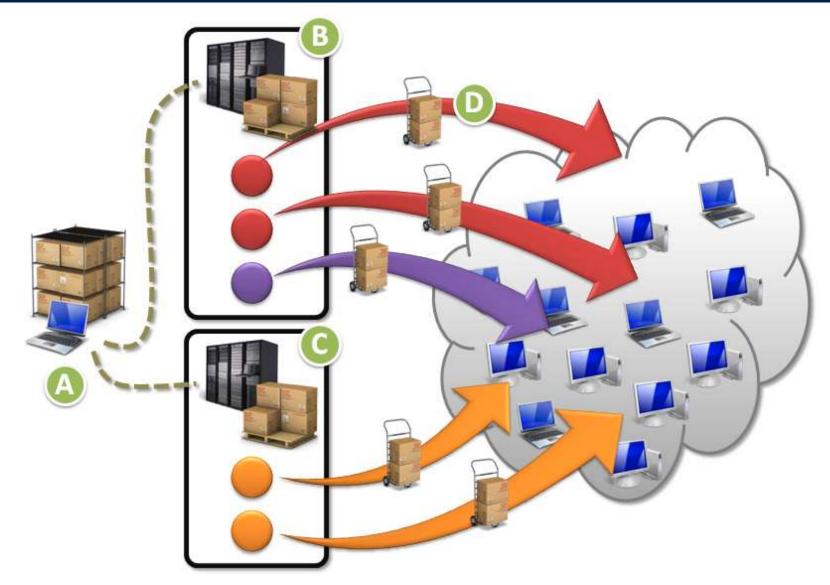
Multiple Botnets & Campaigns

- Common myth of one botnet per botmaster
 - Don't want to loose everything in one go
 - Distinct botnets for specialized services
 - Easier to manage, scale and sell
- Botnet building via Campaigns
 - Multiple waves of attack
 - Multiple vectors
 - Multiple themes
 - Different payloads
- May or may not use all/some/none of existing CnC infrastructure
- OK to infect systems multiple times





Running Campaigns





Multiple Botnets & Campaigns







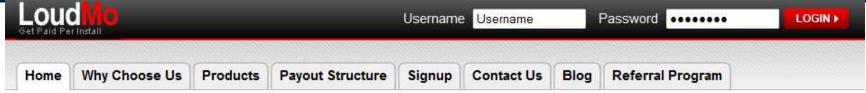
- Adobe updates, MS updates, Fake AV etc.
- Redirection to infection sites use exploit kits (off the shelf) - but will swap botnets for access to 0-day

Selling systems to other operators

- Undertake custom campaigns
- Deliver someone else's malware to a particular target









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Costs/earnings from campaign delivery

Affiliate Web Marketing/Spam





Spam on Steroids

Spam is easy...

- Default in malware agents
- Botnet of 10,000
 - 100+M standard emails p/day
 - 5+M malware email p/day

Spam is hard...

- 80% of US/EU spam generated
 by ~100 hard-core spam gangs
- Not a lot of money to be made
- EOL to most botnets

The 10 Worst Spammers

As at 15 July 2010 the world's worst spammers and spam gangs are:



Canadian Pharmacy - Ukraine

A long time running phermacy spam operation. They send tens of millions of spams per day using bothet techniques. Probably based in Eastern Europe, Ukraine/Russia, Host spammed web sites on bothets and on bulletproof Chinese web hosting.



Leo Kuvayev / BadCow - Russian Federation

Russian/American spammer. Does "OEM CD" prated software spam, oppy-oet pharmaceuticals, porn apam, porn payment collection, etc. Spams using virus-created botnets and seems to be involved in virus distribution. Partnered with Vilad - aka "Nr. Green".



Herbalking - India

Massive affilkiate spam program for snakepil Sody Part Enhancement scams. Also does replica luxury goods, pharma and porn. Spams via bothets, bulletproof hosting offshore and even sometimes uses fast flux hosting.



Rove Digital - Estonia

Sotnets, malware, spam, pharming, DDoS. Inhoster, Cernel, Esthost, Atrivo. What else needs to be said?



Pharmacy Affiliates

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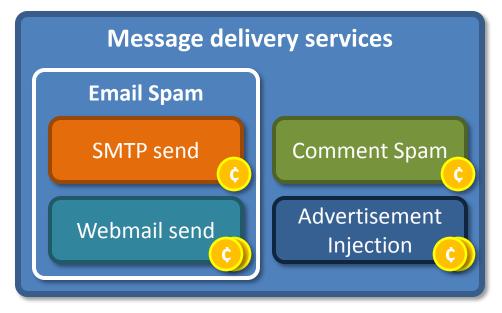
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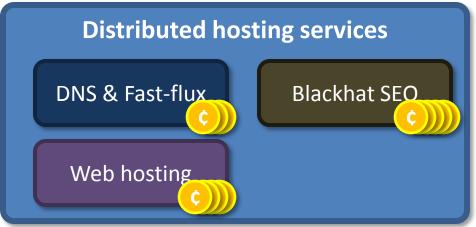


Commission Based Sales (30-40%)



Revenue Aspects

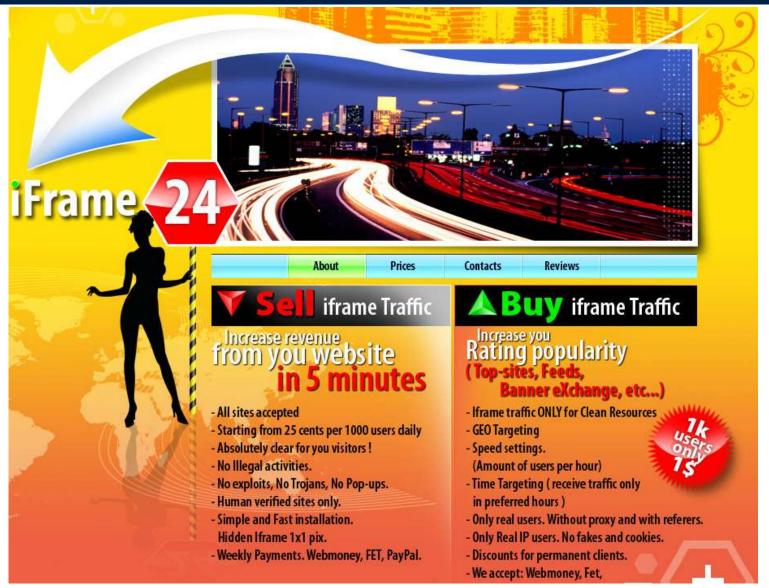




- Pharmaceutical Support
- Rates vary wildly
 - Message delivery
 - 1,000 to 25,000 per \$1
 - Ad injection
 - \$0.01 to \$0.12 per click
 - DNS/Fluxing
 - \$0.5 to \$20 per day/domain
 - Affiliate site hosting
 - \$1 to \$8 per day/domain
 - Blackhat SEO
 - \$1 to \$500 per day/domain

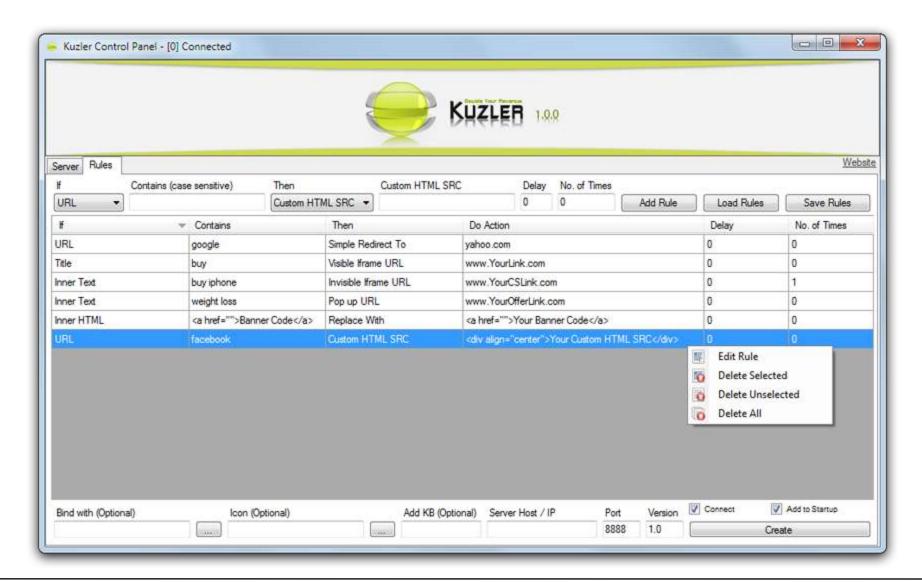


iFrame Traffic





URL Management







Identity laundering and the grey-market



- Markets for all kinds of residential and corporate PII
- Black-market routes
 - Selling of authentication credentials
 - Fraud, theft and targeted attacks
- Grey-market routes
 - Family/Corporate "units" sold together
 - Laundering of identities
- Scamming legitimate PII outlets
 - Monetizing lists en mass



Email Lists



"Send your emails to more than 2,600,000+ TARGETED potential customers EVERY DAY! That means over 78,000,000+ prospects each month (and growing!). All our Email Lists are 100% Opt-in and completely legal to be used. Your ad will reach only those prospects who have asked to be included in Opt-in Email Lists for people interested in new business opportunities, products and services."

Payment options: Paypal Western Union, Liberty Reserve...

STEP: (1) Receiver Enter Receiver Information

The first thing to do is indicate to whom you're sending and where the money will be picked up.

To send us money, since we cannot handle Western Union payments in USA (for taxes reasons) please use the following details of our branch in Thailand:

First name: MAURO

Last name: SCIACCALUGA

Phone no.: +66800800390

City: BANGKOK

Country: THAILAND

Total \$87.99 / \$157.99 / \$197.99 (depending on the list you buy)

Amount:

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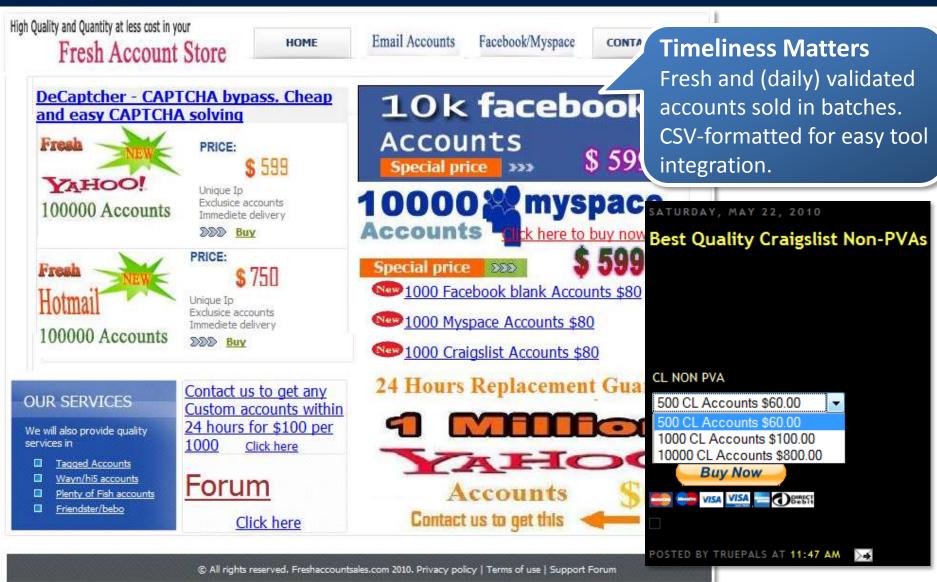
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Fresh Stolen Accounts







- Moving beyond bulk sales of stolen data
- Gray market validation of data
 - Email addresses,
 - Personal identities,
 - Corporate mailing lists and hierarchy
- Transition from a few cents per record to a few dollars...
- Hosting of web sites that take financial application submissions
 - have to be careful not to be too obvious...





Obscuring the Source



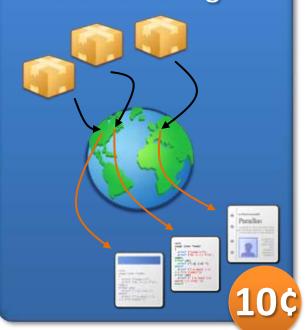
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- Hacker Forums
- Carder Forums



Reseller

- Buy/Sell in bulk
- Telemarketing lists



Proxy

- Affiliate schemes
- Vetting of lists
- Web forms





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Lead Exchanges & Portals





Grey-market Info Laundering



Screenshots

Free Trial

Affiliates

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Leads Robo (US DNC Scrubber) JUMBO Pack (US+UK+Ca) solution for your Telemarketing Leads requirement. It will pr (B2C) & Business (B2B) Leads. All leads will atleast contain and Phone Number, USA B2B leads will also have Email Add

Remove DNCs from gathered list, List updated month

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- Unlimited Leads Download. (All fresh)
- Auto-Next Option
- Text and comma separated formats

Sell Identity Profiles

Grey-market for stolen and pilfered PII.

Purchase "leads" for other scams and activities

\$680 only --> & Buy Now



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Less-grey Markets





Pricing

Consumer

Huge national Consumer database includes detailed demographic and geographic information

Qty	Price
1000	\$60.00
2500	\$146.25
5000	\$225.00
10000	\$350.00
25000	\$812.50
50000	\$1,500.00

Minimum Order: \$60.00

New Homeowner

Consumers who have recently bought a home, are new to a neighborhood and have specific purchasing needs

Qty	Price
250	\$21.25
1000	\$82.90
5000	\$404.00
10000	\$788.00
25000	\$1,920.00
50000	\$3,745.00

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Pricing Schemes

Quality, timeliness, details, clustering and volume all affect the value

Business

National Business database includes demographic and credit information, all industries and geographic regions

Qty	Price
500	\$50.00
1000	\$97.50
2500	\$184.50
5000	\$250.00
10000	\$350.00
25000	\$750.00
50000	\$1,475.00

Minimum Order: \$50.00

New Mover

Consumers who have recently moved and to establish relationships with a wide rang business

Qty	Price
250	\$21.25
1000	\$82.90
5000	\$404.00
10000	\$788.00
25000	\$1,920.00
	\$3,745.00

OK, count me in. I want to try your 100% guaranteed direct-mail mailing list of fresh, hot, responsive Opportunity Seekers names. I understand you will refund 50¢ for each undeliverable returned to you within 60 days from the date I place my order. On this basis please fill my order as follows:

Please select a quantity:

- 200 names and addresses \$25 Sale \$20
- 500 names and addresses \$40 Sale \$32 1,000 names and addresses — \$70 Sale \$56
- 2,000 names and addresses \$110 Sale \$88
- 5,000 names and addresses \$250 Sale \$200
- 10,000 names and addresses \$400 Sale \$320
- 20,000 names and addresses \$680 Sale \$544
- 30,000 names and addresses \$900 Sale \$720

Please select a format:

- Pressure sensitive (peel-n-stick) labels
- On CD (standard comma-separated text file)
- 3.5" computer disk (standard text file)
- O Via email (standard text file)

Please select a zip-sorting method:

- Random nationwide (unsorted) zip codes
- Zip-code sorted ascending zip codes (1,000 name minimum)





Identity information aging

Stolen identity info ages rapidly

Abuse frequency drives down value

Type of abuse has most affect on value

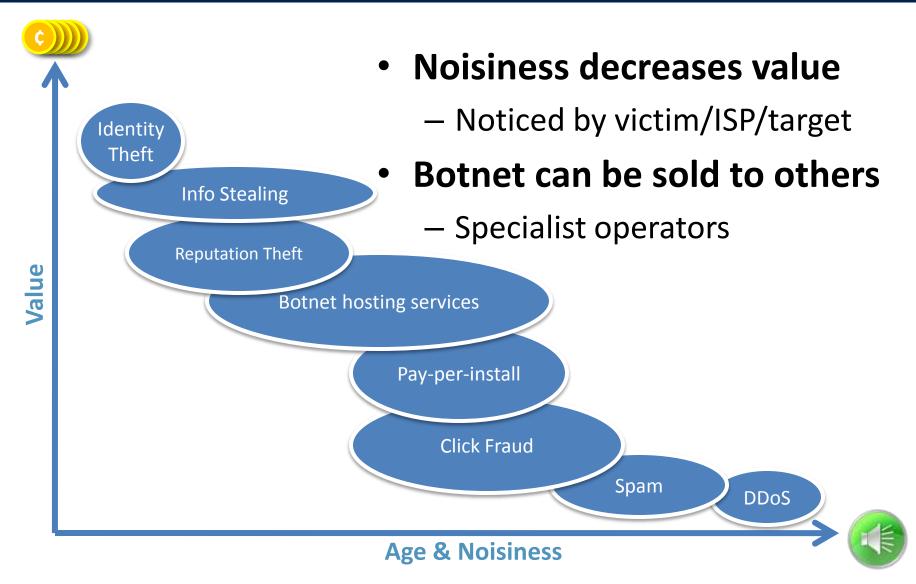
Sell aged leads

- Normal cost per lead = \$20
- Price reduces by \$5 every 7 days
- Price reduces by 20% each time it is sold
- Price for a specific state (increases by) 50%





An Aging Bot Victim







- How long do I retain access and extract info from the victim systems?
- Methods of classifying the value of the host
 - IP address certain countries are more interesting than others - trade systems with other operators
 - Corporate, hosting or residential sale value in boutique markets
 - Has data already been extracted?
 Rate of new data is limited etc.



Increased Agent Robustness

Bot Agent

- * Public-key Crypto
- * CnC config. signed
- * Multiple CnC listed
- * Unique victim ID



Updates

- * New (signed) config.
- * New "locked" agent





DNS Services

- * Multiple authoritative DNS servers
- * CnC server A record fluxing (fast-flux)
- * Domain Registrar NS updates (double-flux)



CnC Servers & Drop Sites

- * Multiple CnC servers in multiple locations
- * Unique victim ID verification
- * Symmetric key data/channel encryption



Virtual Reputations



Virtual Identity



Botnet(s) already copied/duplicated identities

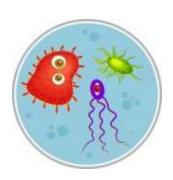
- Social networks, email relationships, family units
- 2½ multiplier "identities" versus bot installs







- Known good identity vouching for a newbie
- Duplication of live actions to virtual identities
 - Copy comments/posts to other sites/boards
 - Replay browsing actions





Virtual Virtual Identities

Abusing stolen identities

- Insert messages to drive spam, infections, actions
- Quick to get noticed & not overly scalable

The virtual virtual identity

- Bot-only derived/driven identities and groups
- Recursive feedback loop of vouching & reputation
- Email addresses, postal addresses, phone numbers, etc.





Reputation Scams

Plenty of past abuse

- Stock trading inflating/deflating prices
- "Free stuff" accounts selling & trading objects
- Sales rank selective purchasing (e.g. iTunes)
- Building groups herd mentality

Online reputation & voting systems key

- Virtual votes are increasingly important
- Can greatly influence trends and drive decisions
- Raise or sink a business





Long-term Investment



- Sizable effort in managing/refreshing identities
 - Value increases over time (reputation aging)
- Different levels of identity
 - Non-newbie member through to full family unit w/history
- Can often use a real identity
 - If the application doesn't make it clear that they've just done something

"An Army of One"



Reputation scams

- Craigslist (etc.) sellers comments on past service
- Betting agencies voting in "dancing with the stars"
- Placement guarantee "car of the year" awards
- Influencing the news million members for piracy
- Lobbying state and local "citizen" feedb

Making money

- Racketeering
 - Small vendors = \$20 to \$100 per month
- Buying votes
 - Common social platform identities = \$100 per 1,000



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Conclusions



Business models are varied

- Botnet building is easy to grasp
- Revenue models for botnet monetization = broad
- Move away from short-lived/noisy to continuous p0wn

Biggest earners on cash/reward

- Short-term = Campaign building of botnets
- Medium-term = Identity laundering
- Long-term = Virtual reputation abuse



Locating Botnets

Identification using attack output

Spam, DoS, Brute-force, etc.

Based upon CnC infrastructure

Hosting facilities, domain names,
 DNS, IP, etc.

Enumeration of victim groups

 IRC and P2P infiltration, server hijacking, etc.

Communications with CnC

 Instructions being sent/received between bot master and victim







- Lets be clear though...
- The probability that "your" botnet is illegal is high...
- If you're doing criminal things, you will be identified...
 - ...and there's a high probability you will be caught...
 - ...but not guaranteed







Thank You

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