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In The Dark: An Introduction to the Hidden World of the Dark Web

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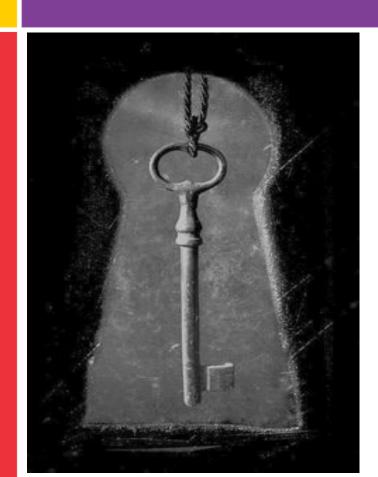
# The dark web...





### Where is it?





Not accessible via traditional browsers

Exists somewhere amongst the Surface and Deep webs

For most people it is the stuff of legend; like monsters under the bed

# Oh what a wicked web we weave...or is it?



- For some, it is a vehicle and means to an end for illicit activity
- For others, it is a vital tool in their arsenal to ensure privacy and anonymity
- Global privacy and anonymity issues will ensure it continues to grow



# Dangerous but worth the risk





Complexity is worth the value provided

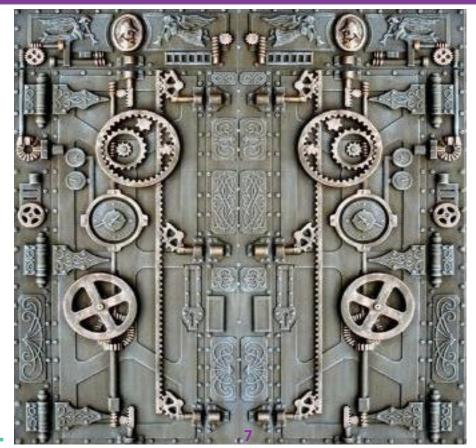
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# And so the dance begins...



# But not all is as it seems...



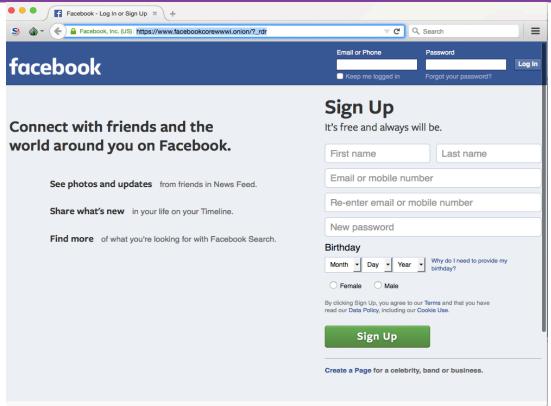


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# Legitimate uses of dark web services





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# **Dark net markets**





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# You can have anything you want, but you won't get it for free!



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#### Ransomware





# **Botnet**



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# **Exploit kit**





#### [Exploit Kit] Bleeding Life (2.0)

The Bleeding Life exploit kit is a blackhat Web application consisting of several recent exploits. Since first mentioned in October 2010 there were: two full versions (v1 and v2), Mini-Java version, Java edition, Adobe edition and the latest - Bleeding Life RELOADED seen "in-the-wild". As with other exploit kits, this one uses PHP and MySQL backend; it also utilizes AJAX technology to ...

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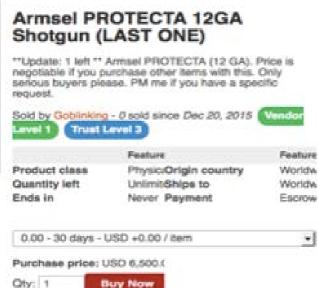
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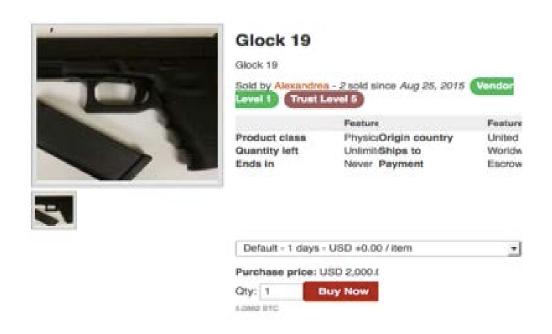




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# Weapons, continued





# Drugs







#### 1 GRAM STRAIGHT DROP CRACK COCAINE

This straight drop crack that I offer is the best on the streets, so I know it's the best on the net by far. We offer this 1988 butter cooked straight from the pearly fish scale cocaine that we offer. So you must know this this the best thing ever. If you where a big crack smoker in the 80-90's and you missed the potency look no more, you just found it. We don't stretch our crack with...



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# Currency







#### Counterfeit \$100 USD Notes -Security Features Included!

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# Take aways



- The Dark Web is not going away anytime soon; its popularity is growing
- We can embrace it or we can ignore it at our own risk
- Become familiar with it; its content, services, and denizens
- Use this knowledge to ensure that the noble reasons for its use continue while the illicit diminish

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# The rules driving evolution







## Where do we come from?



Obviously, all countries pushed to develop their capabilities.

According to their capabilities, we can make 3 categories.



# **Category 1 - "Unlimited" resources**







# Category 2 - "Middle class"





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# **Category 3 – Externalize capabilities**



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# What happens when you get public?



- Public level: Public scrutiny's power depends on democracy's health. May affect legislation and future capabilities.
- Operational level:
  - Operation burst but maybe amortized
  - Operational changes and continue as usual
  - Do nothing
- **Diplomatic** level: Obvious consequences



# **Lessons learned**



Avoid attribution (but get the job done)



# Where are we now?



- Top players have:
  - Legislation control
  - Infrastructure control
  - Relationships with partners/companies



# Only one barrier left



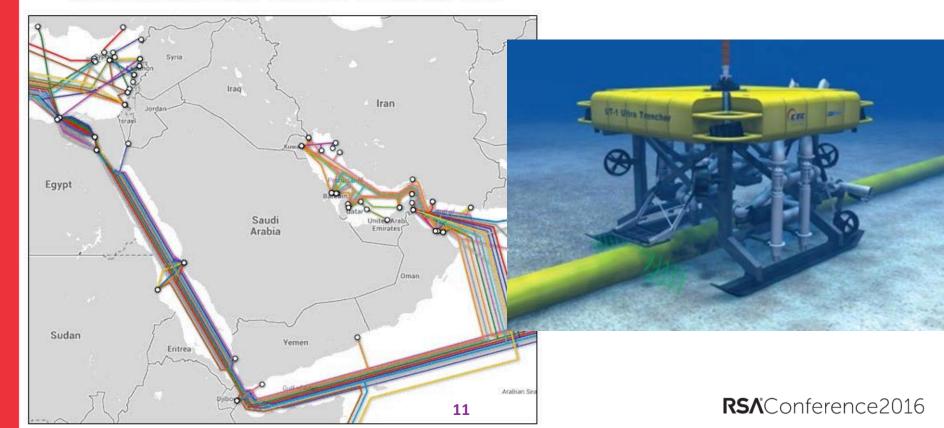
Boiten argued the prime minister may try and persuade services that use end-to-end encryption, such as Apple and WhatsApp, to introduce government backdoors to give UK spies access to private communications.



# Actually, where is the data now?



#### **Undersea Fiber-Optic Cables in the Middle East**



# Who can do that?



■ Nobody trusts other's infrastructure → Internet Balkanization



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# What will we see in the future?



- Besides espionage, control of adversary's critical systems
- "Middle class Stuxnet"

BlackEnergy Involved in Targeted Attack Against Boryspil Airport, Says Ukraine





"Middle class" operations are enough when you control the infrastructure







Assume unlimited supply of 0 days

# HACKERS CLAIM MILLION-DOLLAR BOUNTY FOR IOS ZERO DAY ATTACK





Get control of non-controlled infrastructure attacking network devices, firmware, rogue hardware, etc. Regin and Equation as early adopters.

Either way, the malware investigators at Belgacom never got a chance to study the routers. After the infection of the Cisco routers was found, the company issued an order that no one could tamper with them. Belgacom bosses insisted that only employees from Cisco could handle the routers, which caused unease among some of the investigators.





Exfiltration through non monitored protocols and devices.





# Future and present cold war



U.S. Charges Chinese Government Officials With Cyber Espionage





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# Obama: U.S. and China Reach Cyber-Espionage 'Common Understanding'





### The rules of evolution



- Rule 1: Keep sophistication low to avoid attribution
- Rule 2: Infrastructure control
- Rule 3: Improve your Cyber diplomacy
- Rule 4: "IoT" infections over "computers"



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