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Exploitation Trends: From Potential Risk to Actual Risk

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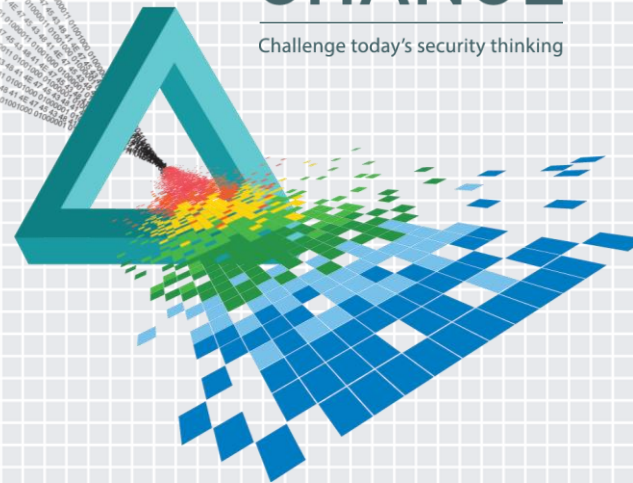
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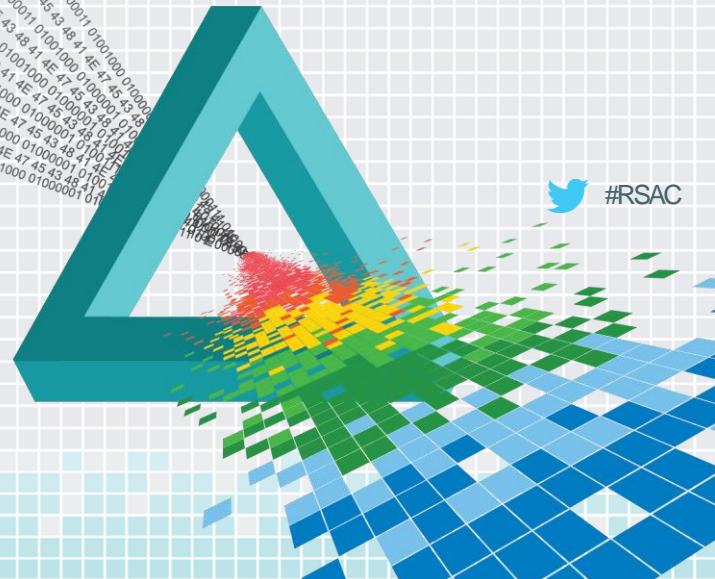
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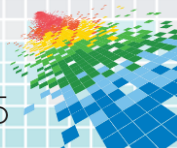
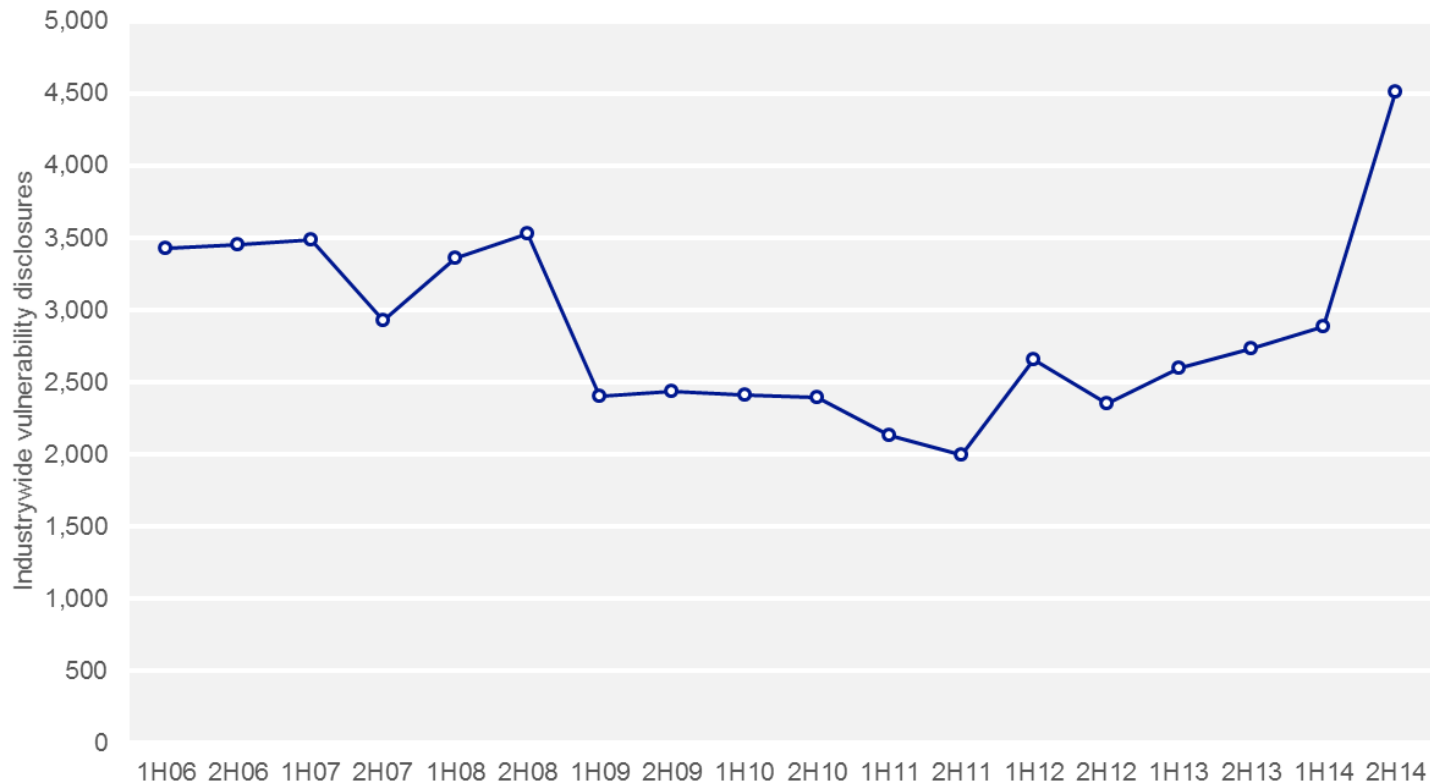
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Vulnerability trends

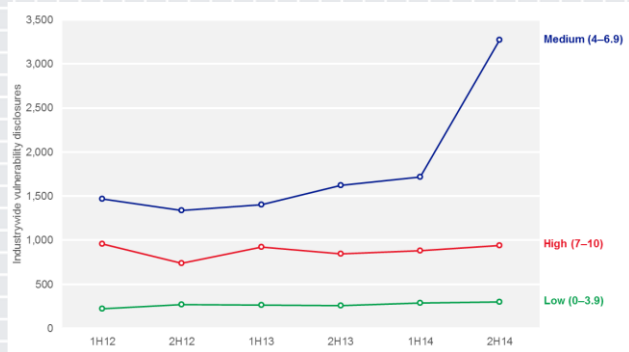


Industry-wide vulnerability disclosures

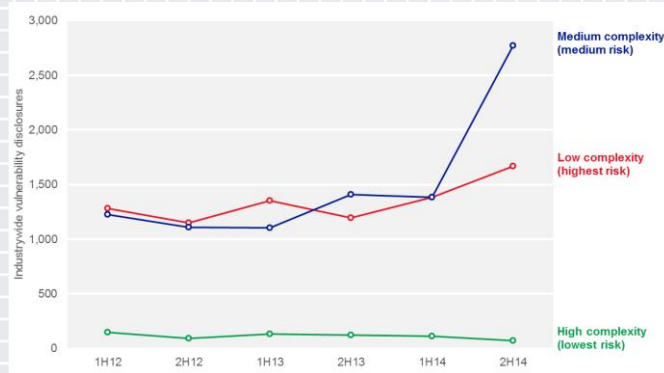


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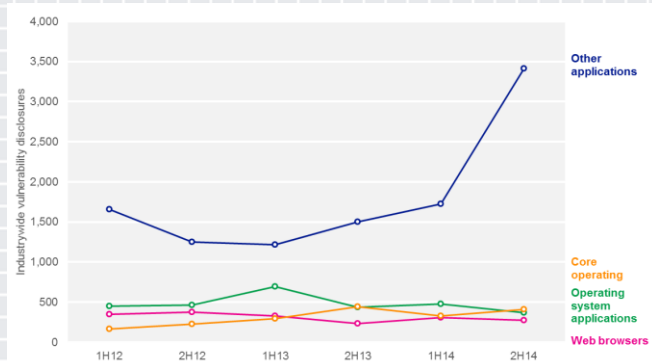
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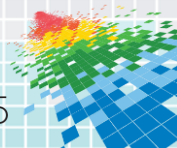
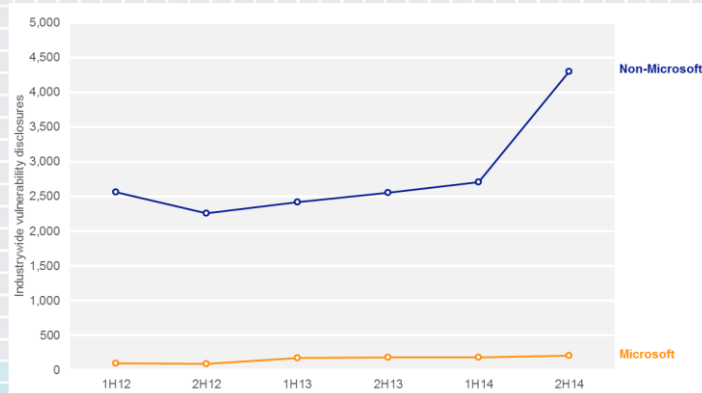
By access complexity



OS, browser, and application vulnerabilities



Industry-wide vulnerability disclosures



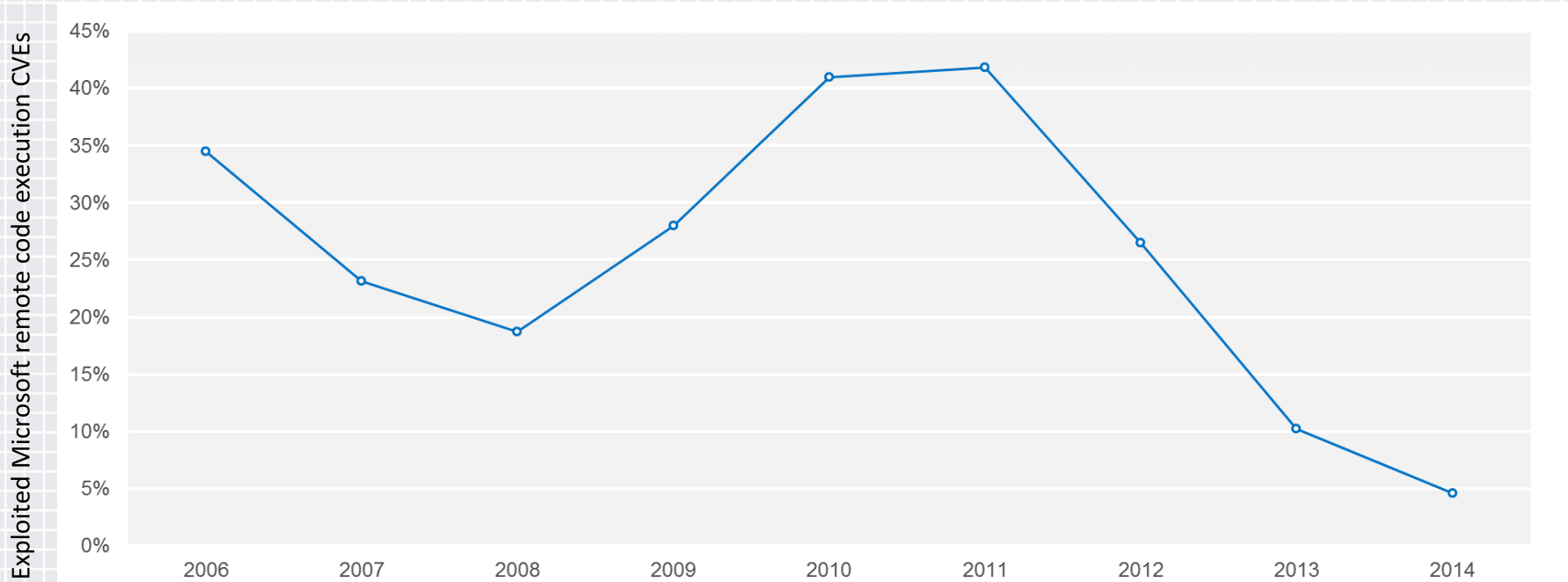
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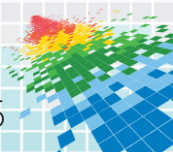
Microsoft software exploitation study



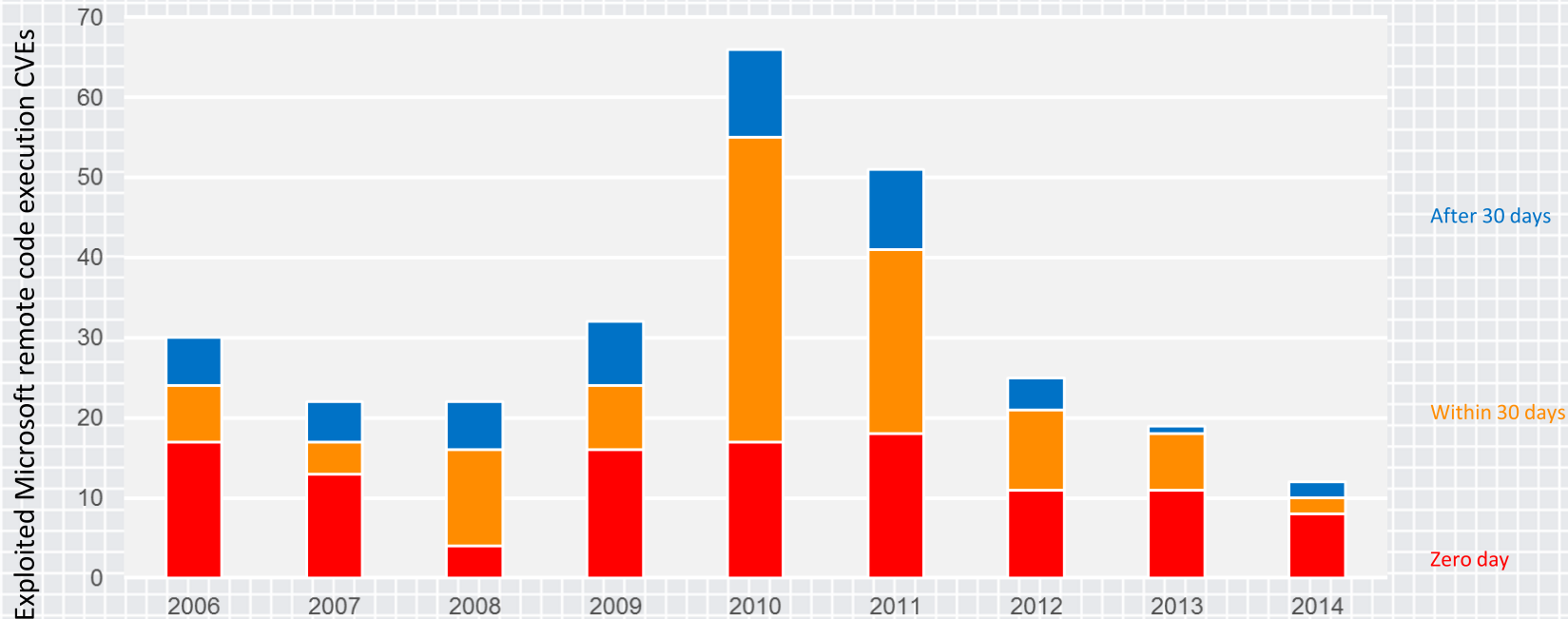
Microsoft remote code execution CVEs, by year



Remote code execution vulnerabilities are exploited in the minority of cases.

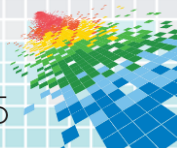


Microsoft RCE CVEs, by timing of first known exploit

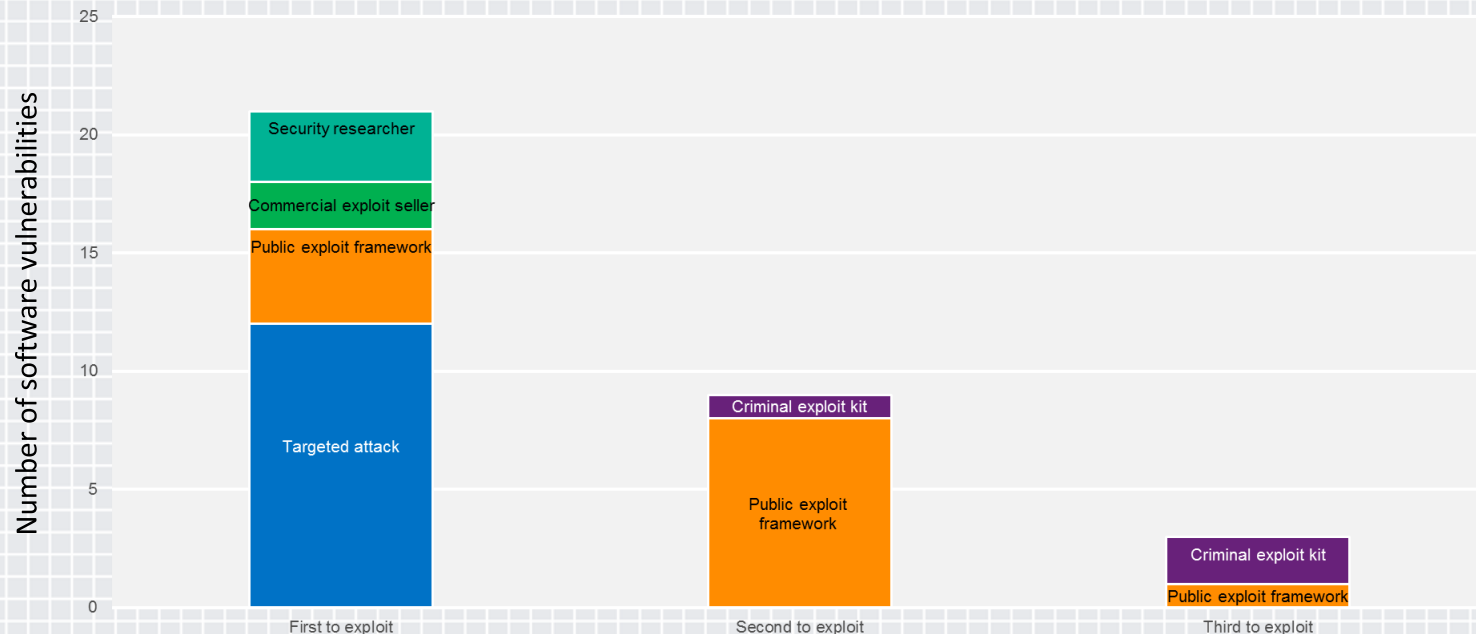


Zero-day exploits have accounted for the bulk of Microsoft remote code execution vulnerabilities.

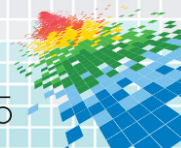
The number of Microsoft remote code execution vulnerabilities that are exploited continues to decline



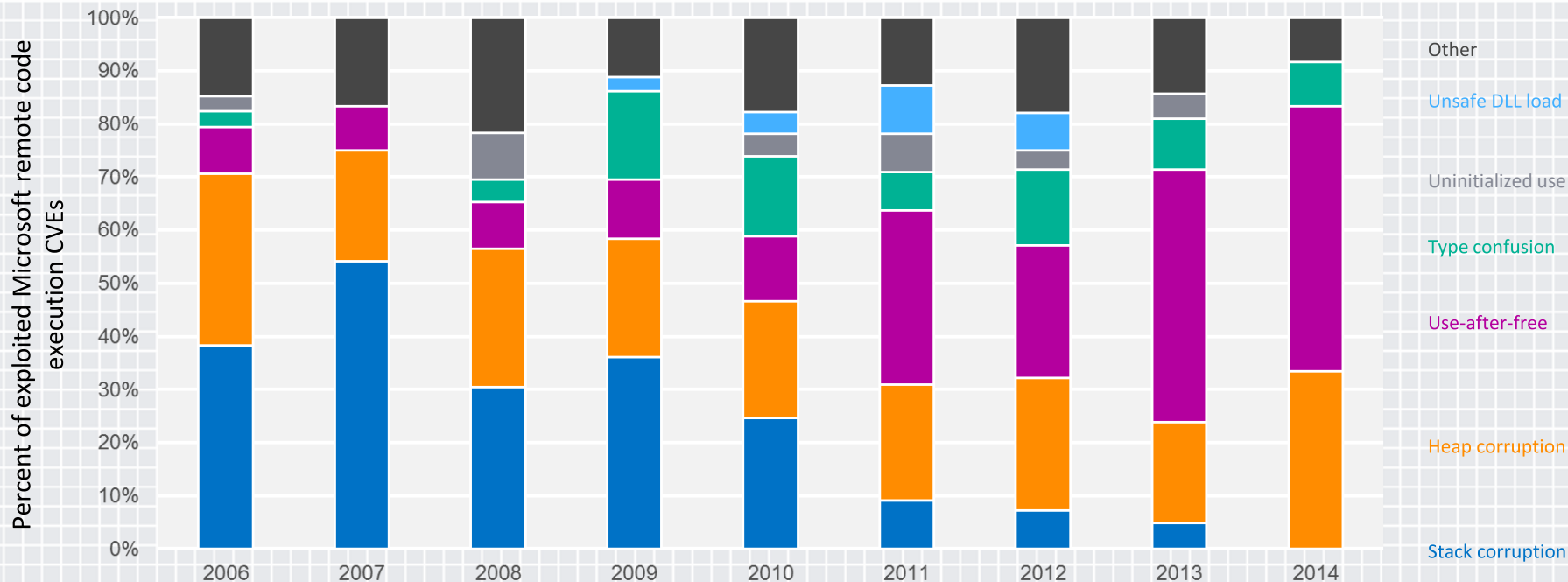
Parties responsible for known exploits, Jan. 2012–Mar 2015



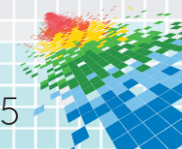
- Vulnerability disclosures originate from a variety of sources, from the dangerous to the beneficial.
- Criminal exploit kits affect a much larger number of people; until recently exploits were typically added to the kits several months after security updates that addressed the vulnerabilities were published and widely distributed.



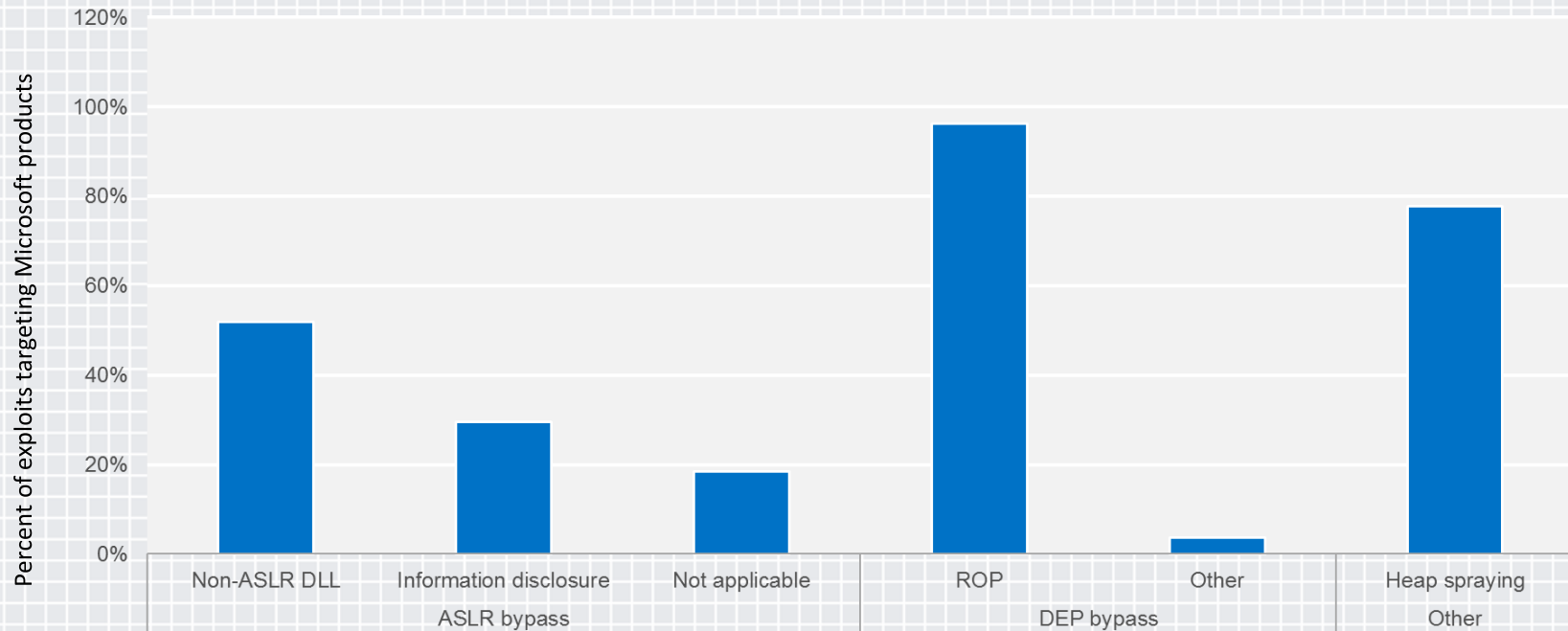
Microsoft RCE exploitation root causes, by year



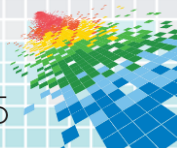
- Exploits for stack corruption vulnerabilities have declined – none were observed in 2014.
- Two factors that could be contributing to this decline are mitigations for stack corruption issues and increasing effectiveness of static analysis tools.



Exploit techniques, Jan. 2012–Mar. 2015



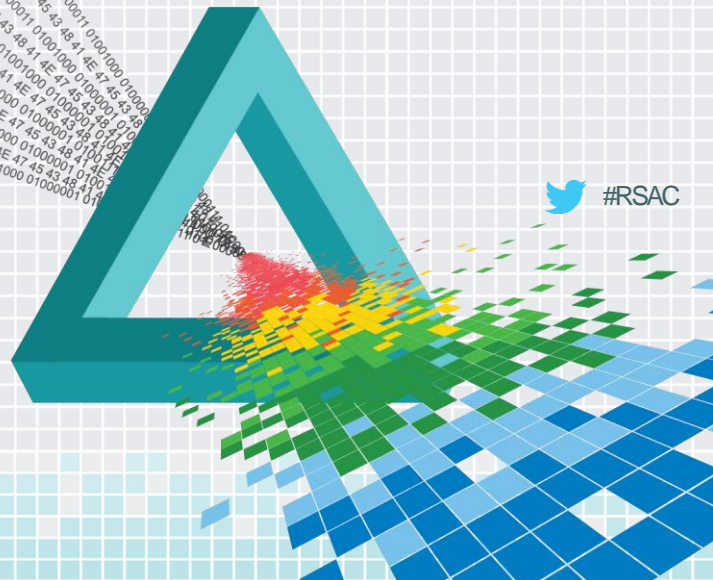
- The increasing prevalence of DEP and ASLR has forced attackers to identify new techniques that can be used to exploit vulnerabilities.
- Almost all exploits discovered in the last two years have used return-oriented programming techniques.



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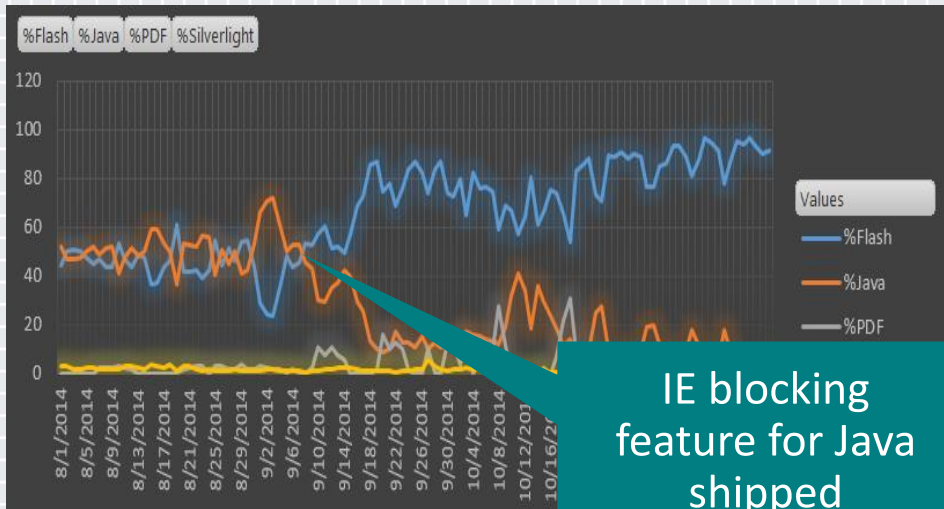
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Exploit trends



Exploit Targets are Shifting

Flash Attack Trend Based on IEV Data

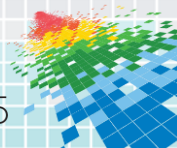


IE blocking
feature for Java
shipped

% of Flash user's that are out-of-date

	Win 8.1	Win 8	Win 7 SP1	Win 7 SP0
Total Out-of-Date	1.85%	7.53%	20.98%	23.27%
Exploit	In-the-Wild		Percentage of Users Vulnerable	
CVE-2014-9163	Yes		20.98%	
CVE-2014-8440	Yes		16.00%	
CVE-2014-8439	Yes		16.96%	
CVE-2014-0569	Yes		15.32%	
CVE-2014-0556	Yes		13.96%	
CVE-2014-0515	Yes		11.82%	
CVE-2014-0506	Yes		11.56%	
CVE-2014-0502	Yes		10.83%	
CVE-2014-0497	Yes		10.53%	
CVE-2013-5332	Yes		9.70%	
CVE-2013-5331	Yes		9.70%	

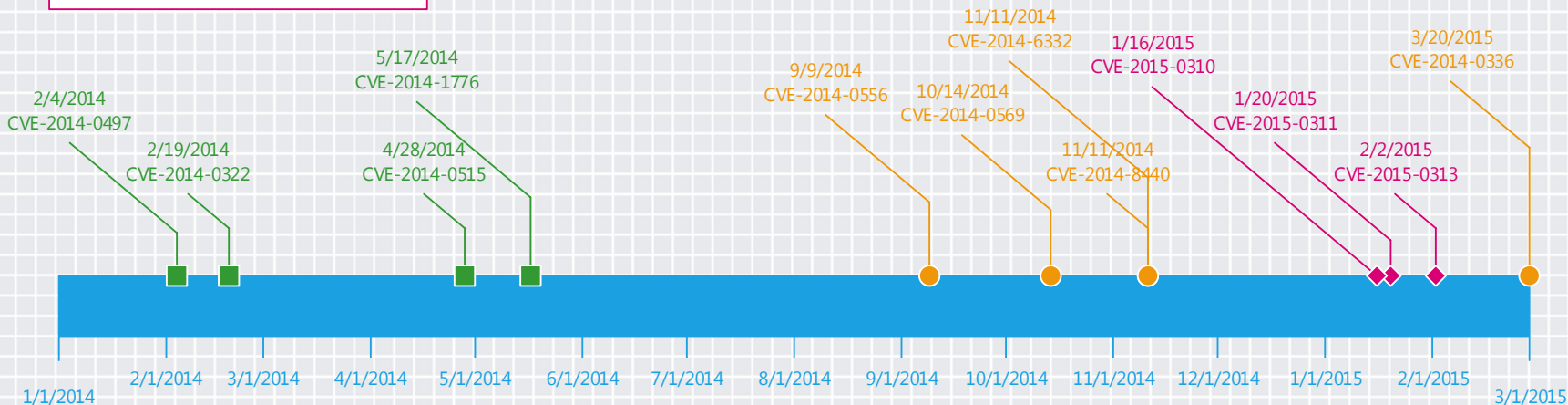
- 2014 saw a shift from a balanced targeting of Java and Flash to **over 90% focus on Flash**
 - The drop in Java exploits corresponds to a new IE feature which blocks the use of out-of-date Java
- New attacks on Flash increased in 2014
 - 5 of 8 new exploits integrated into Exploits kit in 2014 were Flash
 - 3 of 5 Flash exploits were exploited within 10 days of patch release



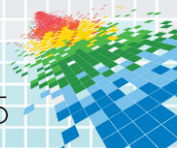
Time-to-Exploit-Kit is Decreasing

Legend

- Exploited by Exploit Kit within 10 days of patch
- Exploited by Exploit Kit as 0day
- Exploited by Exploit Kit within 30 days of patch



- 2014 saw commercial crimeware exploit kits shorten the timespan between availability of an update and exploit kit integration
- Early 2015 has shown exploit kits begin to integrate zero days with increasing regularity



Exploit Impact Remains Large

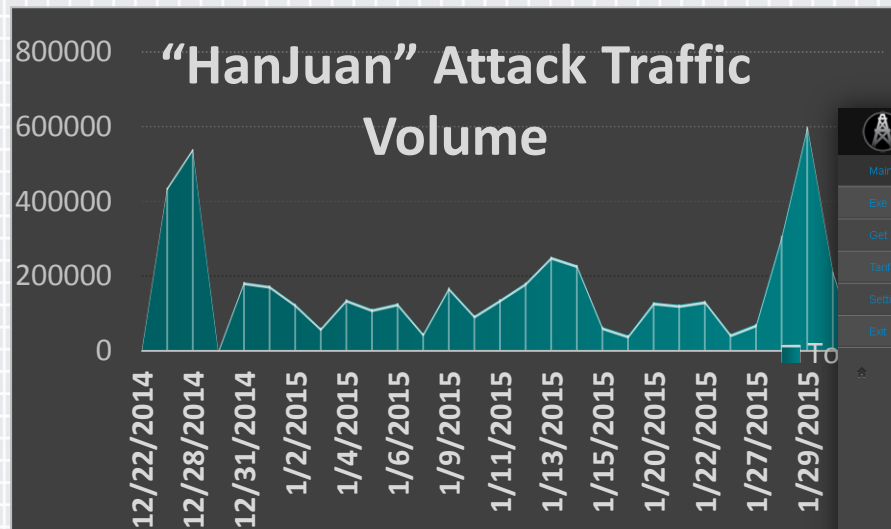
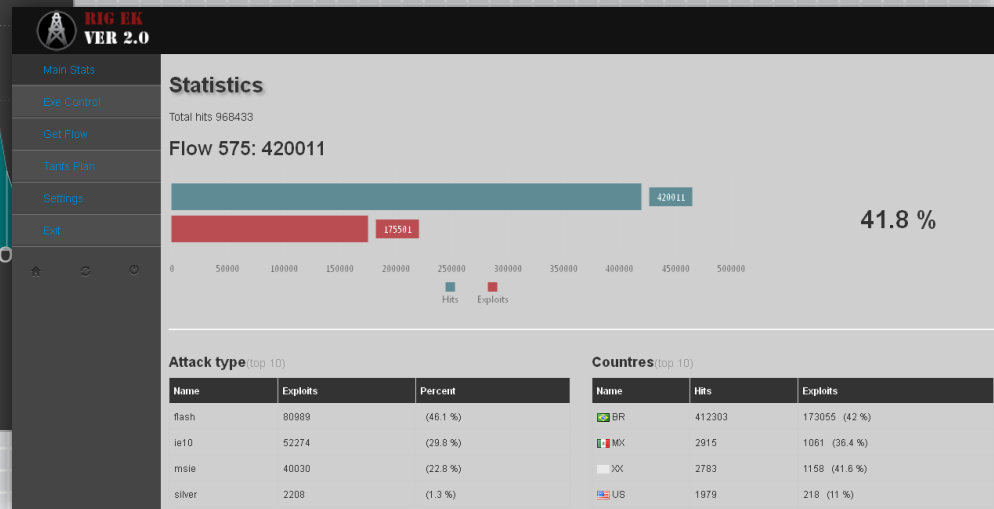
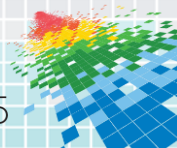


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The “HanJuan” exploit kit leveraged malicious ads to distribute a zero day Flash Exploit (CVE-2015-0311) to over 5 million users. The 0-day was discovered by Microsoft and Reported to Adobe

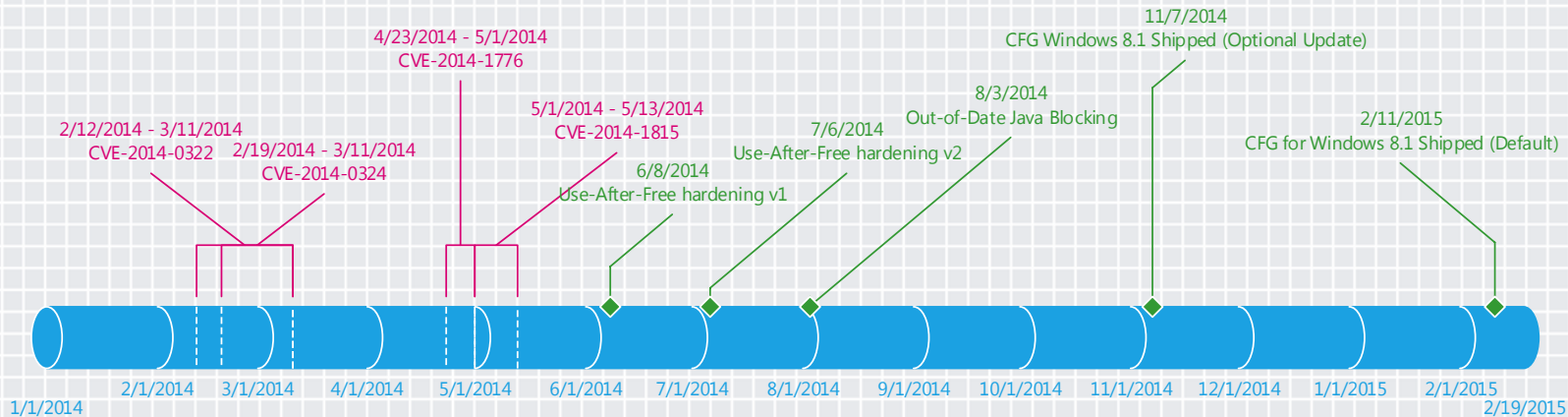
Exploit “panels” from the RIG exploit kit show that surprising success rates are still possible with older exploit due to chronic patching problems



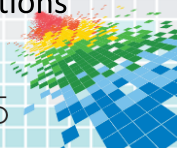
IE Mitigations Impact new Exploits

Legend

- Oday exploit in Internet Explorer
- New Internet Explorer Security Feature



- No new remote code execution zero days in IE since shipping new use-after-free mitigations “out-of-band”
- Only **one new exploit in 2014** (CVE-2014-6332) and **one in 2015** (CVE-2014-4130) after shipping new exploit protections



Apply What You Have Learned Today

Next week you should:

Assess your risk based
on exploit trends



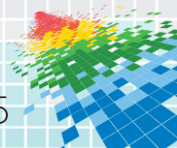
In the first three months
you should:

Get current on
security updates



Within six months you
should:

Use the **newest
versions** of
applications



Resources

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