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Confronting Cybercrime: Exploring the Legal and Investigative Challenges



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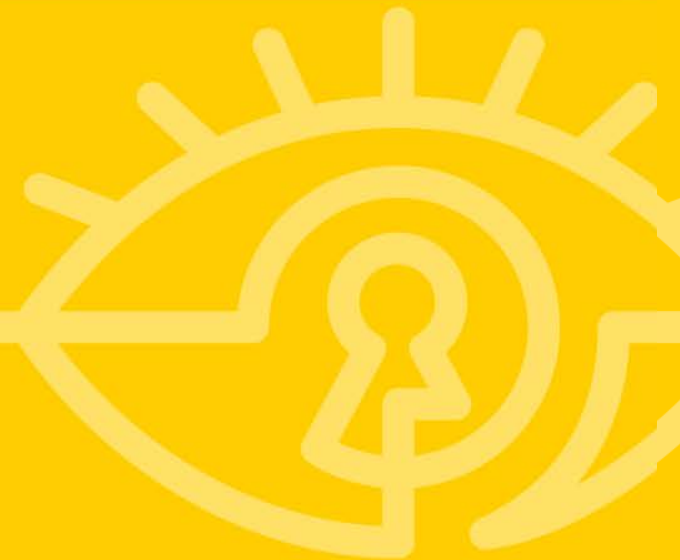
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Why Pittsburgh?



Pittsburgh: Uniquely Positioned for the Cyber Fight

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University of Pittsburgh Bomb Threats

International Cyber Hoax

University of Pittsburgh Bomb Threats



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March/April 2012

- 40+ bomb threats sent through anonymizers
- 100+ evacuations of buildings and students
- \$300K in additional security costs to University



Hoax Investigation

- JTTF investigates
- Overcame use of anonymizers/email remailers
- Full cooperation of Pitt's IT department
- International partners: England, Ireland and Scotland

“Tell the Pitt police that bombs are in Litchfield Towers, the Cathedral of Learning, Salk, Scaife, PA and Ruskin Halls.”

April 21, 2012 Email





Adam Stuart Busby

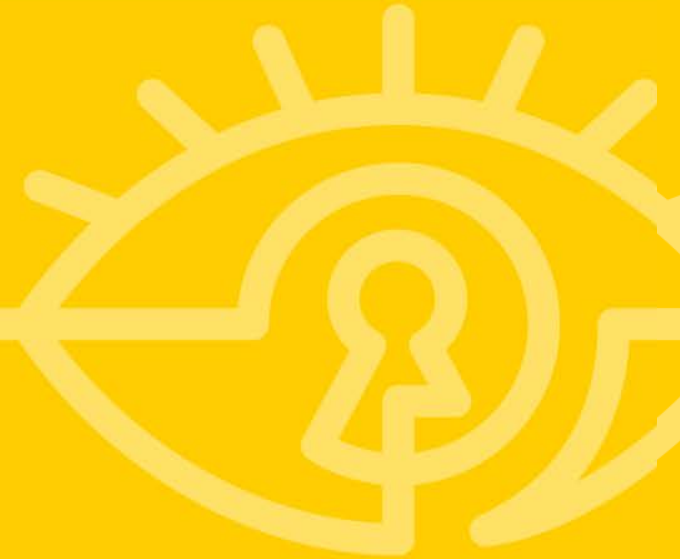
- Indicted for email threat campaign against University of Pittsburgh, U.S. Attorney and three Federal Courthouses
- Scottish separatist living in Dublin, Ireland
- Wanted by Scotland for similar conduct
- Presently in hospital in Scotland





Chinese Economic Espionage

Industrial Hacking by a Nation State





PLA Military Hackers

- First time the United States has leveled cyber espionage charges against the military of a foreign country
- 31-count indictment charging five members of Chinese military with theft of technological secrets and communications



Wang Dong



Gu Chunhui



Huang Zhenyu



Sun Kailiang



Wen Xinyu

Chinese Economic Espionage



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U.S. Entities Attacked





Westinghouse Electric Company, LLC

- Westinghouse in negotiations with Chinese Nuclear Power Corporation regarding AP1000 reactor Construction in China
- May 2010: pipe support engineering documents stolen
- 2010-2012: emails of top executives stolen





United States Steel Corporation

- Between 2009-2012, US Steel was engaged in trade cases against Chinese steel manufacturers
- Two weeks before a decision in one of the disputes, an employee working in a relevant division of US Steel received a spearphishing e-mail message
- At about the same time, names and descriptions of thousands of US Steel servers were stolen





Allegheny Technologies, Inc.

- Partner in a joint venture with major Chinese Steel Company and, between 2009 and 2012, was engaged in a trade case against the same Chinese firm
- The day after a board meeting for the joint venture in Shanghai, the network credentials for virtually every employee were stolen





United Steelworkers

- In 2012, USW's President issues a "call to action" against Chinese policies
- The next day, emails containing strategic discussions from senior union employees were stolen
- Two days after the union publicly advocated for duties on Chinese imports, more email messages containing strategic discussions were stolen



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Alcoa

- In 2008, Alcoa announced a partnership with a major Chinese Aluminum company to acquire a stake in another foreign company
- Three weeks later, senior Alcoa managers received spearphishing email messages





SolarWorld USA

- May 2012 - September 2012: thousands of employee emails and attachments were stolen
- During the same timeframe, SolarWorld was engaged in trade cases against Chinese solar manufacturers



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What Did They Steal?

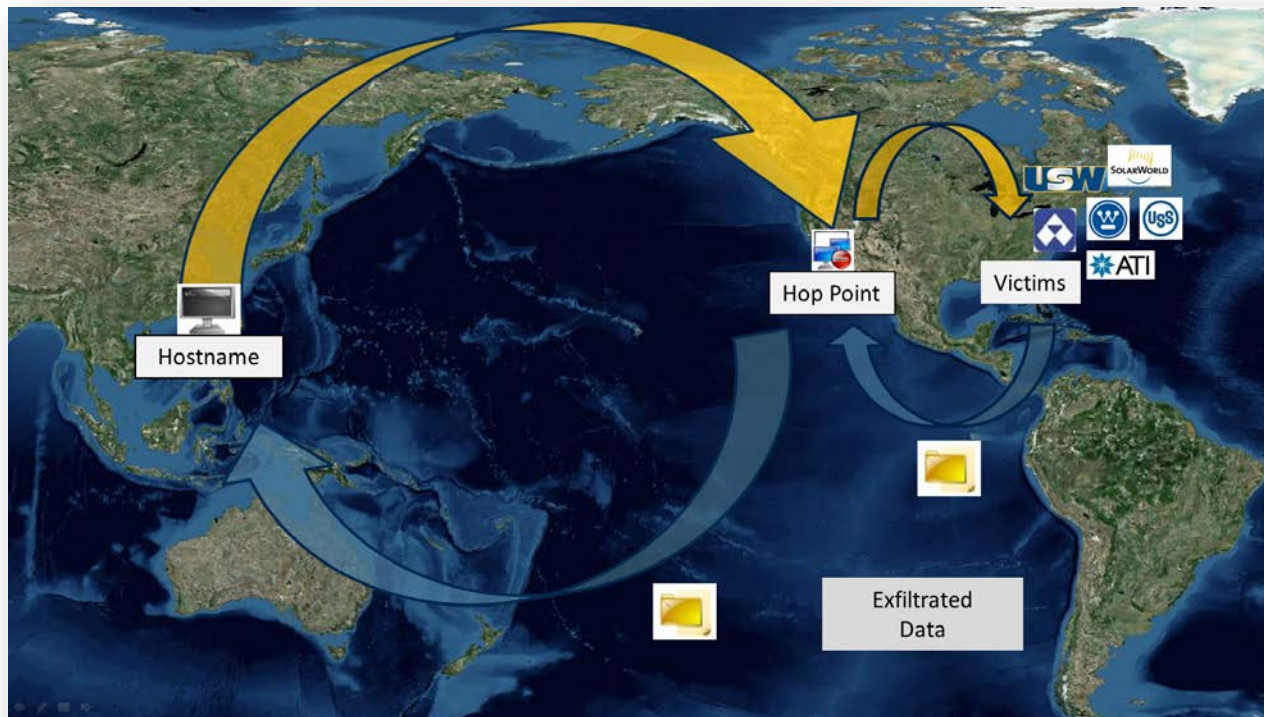
- Credentials
- Intellectual property
- Strategic plans
- Cost and price data
- Trade case strategy



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PLA Unit 61398

- Employs hundreds, perhaps thousands of personnel
- Requires personnel trained in computer security and computer network operations
- Has large-scale infrastructure and facilities in the “Pudong New Area” of Shanghai





GameOver Zeus/Cryptolocker

Malware Intrusion by Foreign Actors

GameOver Zeus Malware



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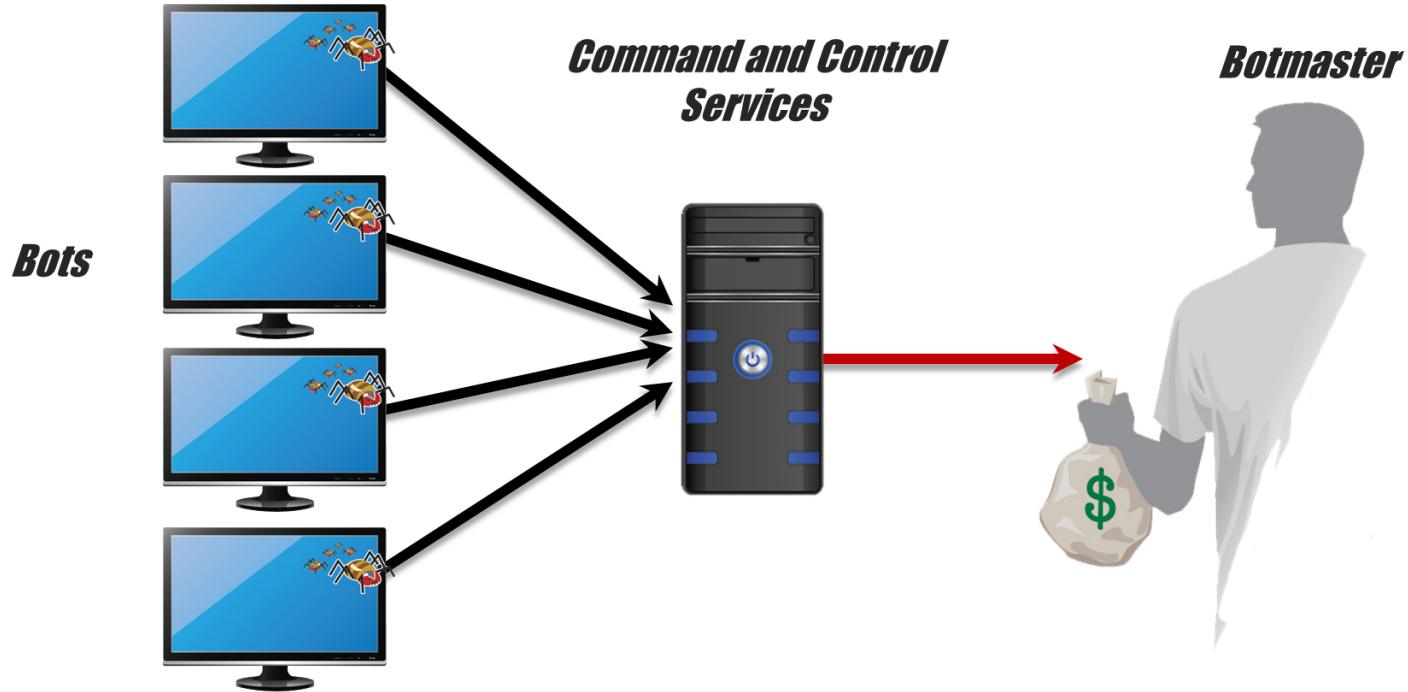
- 1 Million infected computers worldwide; 25% in the United States
- \$100M+ wire transferred from compromised computers to cyber criminals overseas
- Haysite Reinforced Plastics of Erie, Penn. bilked of \$375K in October 2011



Zeus Malware



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GameOver Zeus Malware

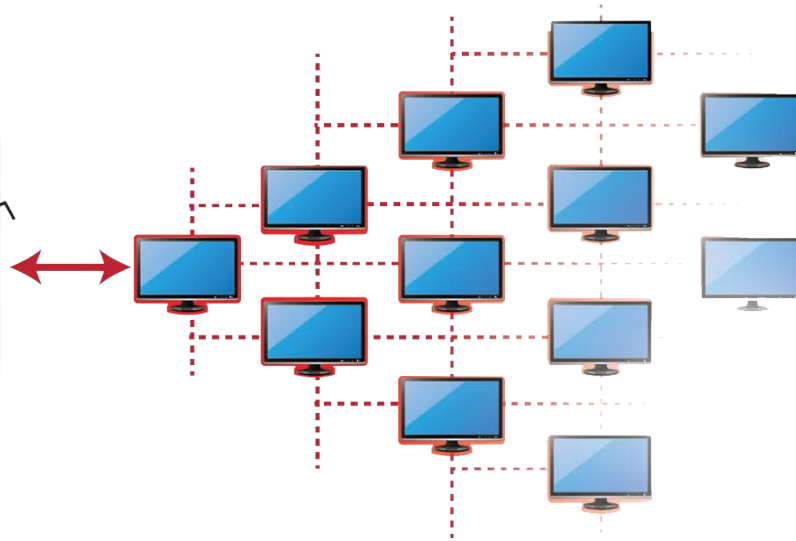


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Point of Infection



Botnet



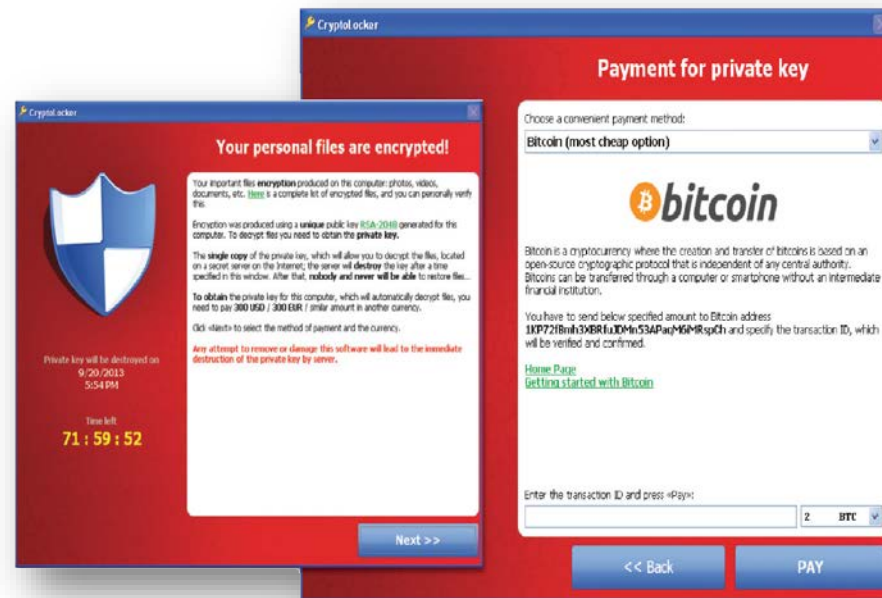
A Quiet Threat





Cryptolocker “Ransomware”

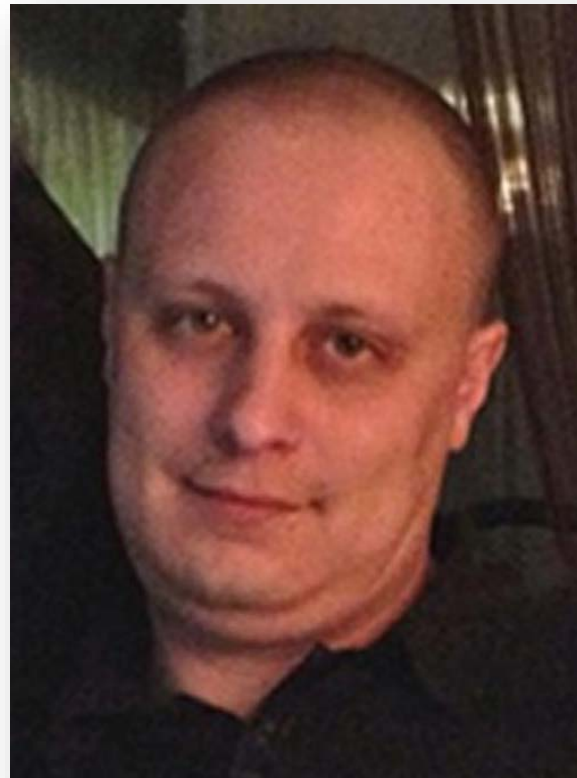
- Spread through GameOver Zeus
- Encrypts computer files, decrypting upon payment of ransom
- Computers infected: 234,000+
- Estimated losses: \$27M+ in first two months of operation





All Tools Approach

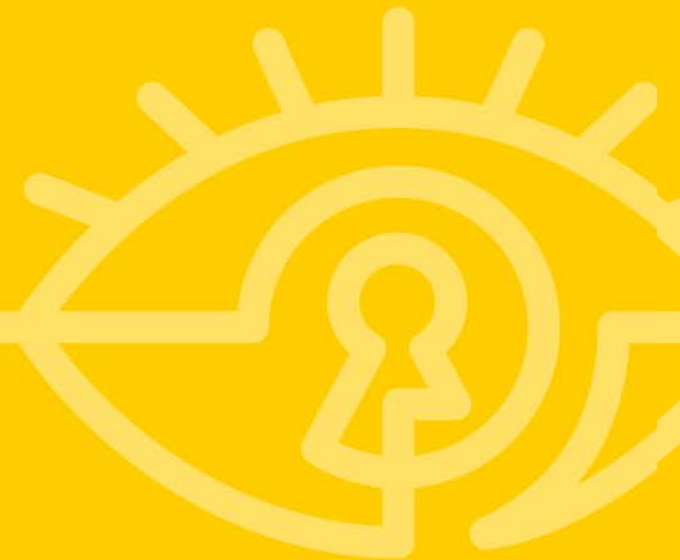
- Criminal indictment
- Civil injunction to dismantle botnet
- International partners
- Private business partners
- \$3M reward/FBI Cyber Most Wanted





Darkode

Cybercrime Forum



Malware example

- Dendroid: created by CMU student Morgan Culbertson, aka “Android”
- Control Android phones, place/record phone calls, intercept texts, open apps, take photos/videos, infect Android applications
- \$65,000 to purchase; \$300/month to lease



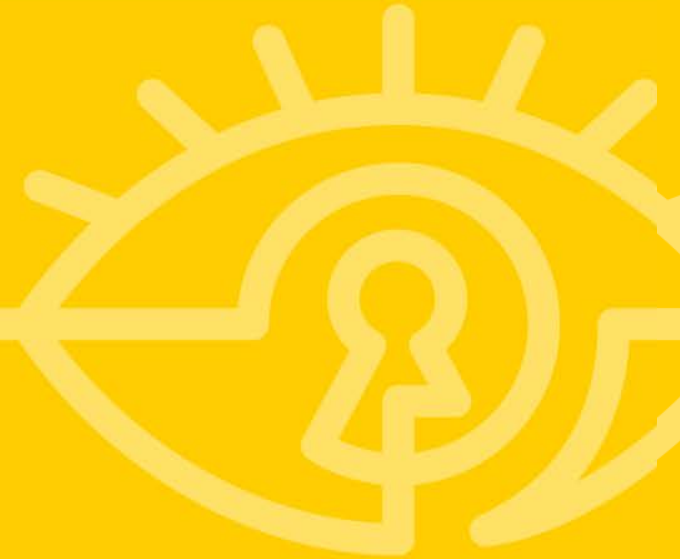
Operation Shrouded Horizon

- Multi-year investigation, infiltrated forum at high level
- Seized domain
- 70 members and associates searched or arrested globally
- U.S. charges 12 criminally in U.S., Sweden, Pakistan, Spain and Slovenia





Future of Cybercrime Fighting





Challenges

- Privacy/Security balance
- Improved risk management
- Greater deterrence
- Resiliency





Opportunities

- Forge relationships with the private sector that are appropriate, lawful and effective
- Improve reporting of cyber intrusions
- Centralize intelligence and sharing regarding cyber intrusions





Opportunities

- Enhance development and distribution of cyber intelligence products to private sector and across government
- Increase and expedite international cooperation
- Improve victim outreach and cooperation

