

1) Please introduce yourself a bit

Hello. I'm alcopaul. I'm an ex-member of Ready Rangers Liberation Front [rRlf] and current member of Brigada Ocho [b8]. I contributed some of my stuffs to rRlf, Black Cat Virus Group, 29a, PetikVX, Doomriderz, Brigada Ocho, and DarK-CodeZ ezines. Now, I consider myself as perrenial vxer coz I only code during certain seasons or mood swings. You might know me from my creations called Perrun and Sand.12300. I also wrote under the aliases of illawesome(ebcvg zines) and linuspauling(doomriderz).

2) What are you up to lately?

My current activities are music, gaming and religion. I make my own acoustic based songs and publish them on the net, play Guild Wars, Diablo 3 and Guild Wars 2 and read religious texts/compose poems/prayers. Plus my weekly job occupies my time too. I take care of an elderly. So coding is not a priority but recently, I started to have an interest on source code infection on certain languages and server side polymorphism so I went back into coding again to investigate about them. Also I love reading tweets from people in the scene and the security scene too.

3) What is your opinion on the vxheaven raid? Who do you think is responsible for this?

I was devastated when VXheavens closed and I shared the sentiments of those who were sympathetic to the site and hermlt. About its closing, people had theories but I think that the reason is when hermlt started posting Virus Bulletin issues that are current and only can be gotten with subscription and leaked AV source codes. We all know that VirusBulletin is a conglomerate of AVers and when you mess with their cash cow, things will start to get messy. And it was easy for them to do the next step because VXHeavens was an easy target. I was an active VXheavens forum user so i witnessed these events. This is my opinion and I could be wrong but I'm inclined to believe that this was the reason.

4) What could be done to prevent such a raid?

I don't know if the VXheavens raid was preventable because anytime, anyone from the security scene can cry "Wolf!" and report VXheavens to authorities. Laws regarding computer misuse are already up since the early 2K or even earlier. I just think that hermlt made an enemy in the form of VirusBulletin and it just started to make its teeth shown because their issues were being pirated and legit AV source codes were being posted in the VXheavens forum. Who could convince the government of Ukraine that VX heavens is causing trouble? It cannot be just from a random tip. It cannot be just because VXheavens is hosting supposedly "dangerous" stuffs. Or it cannot be that some person from Timbuktu tipped the government of Ukraine because a virus hosted in VXheavens infected his computer. It must be from those guys with credentials and resume telling that VXheavens is messing up with their business. They're the ones who are taken seriously and given much attention, and that is Virus Bulletin (AVers). It has to be them.

5) I read your blog and found this weird text where someone rants about the vx scene. How did you find this text and who do you think wrote it?

SPTH sent the link to me and at first I found it as a joke. Then I realize that it was something that can't be shrugged off immediately since it bad mouthed hermlt, who dealt with the hassle of dealing with the cops, going to court and stuff. I feel for him. Honestly, without hermlt on the list, it was a funny article imho, even though it was classless and probably written by someone who cannot bad mouth that well. I speculated and posted in my blog who might be the one responsible because I was not given a prompt reply by SPTH. But he replied later on and he was certain that someone from EOF did it based on the events that transpired to him. I have to go with SPTH's view