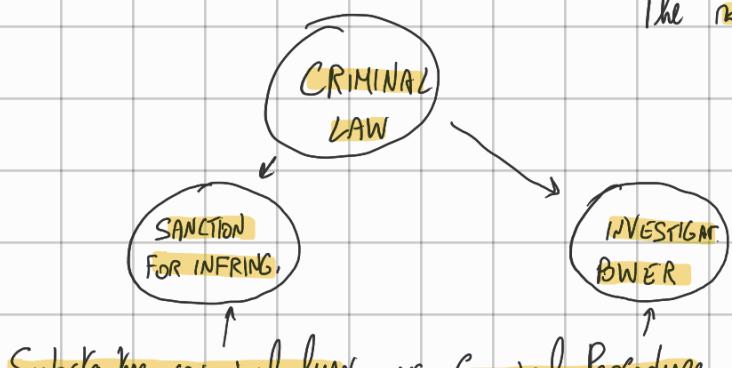


1) Both CyberCrimes and CS can be seen as related to CIA of inf. and communication tech.

2)

The role of criminal law in protecting comp. sys and networks



Substantive criminal law vs Criminal Procedure

(1)

- (1) Provides all the offenses and defines the behaviors to be punished by penalties, and is the part of criminal law that provides the fines.
- (2) Determines the investigative power of criminal law actors.
- (3) Legislators should develop new offenses designed on technological domain. On the other hand, for (2), legislators should update procedures to encompass technological aspects for cyber and regular crime. Tech. evidence cells for this.

3) Cybercrime (Ministry national Cybercrime Strategy: guidelines on how to develop on (1)) (2021)

Cybercrime and CS are both converging in the protection of tech and cultural assets.

CS encompasses laws suited to protect CIA of sys. (technical and administrative dimension)

CC defines the offenses that when committed against sys can lead to punishment.

CC: offenses committed against comp. data, computer data storage medium, computer sys, service providers.

4) CS has a preventive perspective. CC: reactive perspective. Only when behaviors are considered as crimes by substantive criminal law, then criminal procedures can be applied.

This gets even more problematic in case of international cooperations. Offenses may be different and put an obstacle to cooperate with foreign authority.

5) As a conclusion: CC and CS share a common goal: combating CC, preventing CC and ensuring CS and Cyber Resilience. (reducing opportunities for CC, ensuring business continuity, mitigating harmful effects of cybercrime, reducing incentive for cyber offenders, facilitating checks of evidence, enhancing legality of businesses and risk management measures)

7) EU CS strategy (2020): Tackling CC, the EU noticed that due to dependence on online tools, attack surface for Cyber Criminal has increased, plus investigation of nearly all types of crime has a digital component.

Tackling CC effectively is a key factor in ensuring CS; detection cannot be achieved through resilience alone but also requires identification and prosecution of offenders. <sup>①② important</sup>  
↳ plus the def. of offences! Laws need to be effective!

INTERLUDE: The crime perspective was the first to emerge. A preventive perspective for CS came after.

8) Computer: "any violations of criminal law that involve a knowledge of computer technology for their perpetration, investigation or prosecution" (US Dep. of Justice '81)

Cybercrime Typologies:

- Computer as the target/tool/as a repository of evidence of a (traditional) crime

\* + Internet → Cybercrimes, encompassing all criminal activities perpetrated in cyberspace.

Violations related to a computer + criminal activities enabled by cyberspace (so IT crime)

Destruction of a computer for example was a computer crime. ↳ Copyright violations, for ex.

9) Distinctive features of CC: CC laws should take into account global dimensions, anonymity, real-time, new vulnerabilities, speed, de-centralized, scale.

↳ transcends physical/geographical boundaries

10) At international levels, we have bodies like Council of Europe (no part of EU):

- Council of Europe Recommendation (1989) on computer-related crime, Council of Europe Budapest Convention on Cybercrime (2001) and its additional Protocols (Xenophobia and Racism--)

↳ This is countries coming together to share concerns. This helps facilitating cooperation.

Plus it is not authority of the EU. Those are conventions to try and reach harmonization.

Draft United Nations Convention against cybercrime (2024)

- EU level (limited): Directive 2013/40 on attacks against information systems. ①

Regulation 2023/1543 on EPO for electronic evidence in criminal proceedings.

National level: L 90/2024. ②

① EU has limited competence in criminal laws. Only indirect competences like directives. But in general only for serious and crossborder matters, so computer crime (as stated in TFEU) falls under this.

Regulation of 2023 about investigation. The first time EU developed a framework for investigations involving providers too, so important step for this. [still appealing to the computer crime legal basis] [but also on principles of mutual cooperation etc.]

② Divided in CS and CC parts. \* of sys and data

11) Council of Europe recomm (1989): a lot of states of the council decided to gather to tackle the challenge of comp. crime. [NEED FOR HARMONISATION AND INTERNAT. COOP]

• Legal interests to be protected: (first time they addressed the fact that we have new interests such as CIA\* to be protected), including also classical legal interests.

Report on Computer-related crime elaborated by the European Committee on Crime Problems (90).

In Italy, technology is seen as a way to attack some old legal interests but in

old ways; not solved by IT. They had to adapt this view to the technological infra framework.

[WORKING DEFINITION: computer abuse is considered as any illegal, unethical or unauthorized behavior relating to the automatic processing and transmission of data] + main sources of evidence

12) (2001) council: first international treaty on crimes committed via the internet and other computer networks.

• Strategy to pursue a common criminal policy aimed at the protection of society against cybercrime: 1. adopt of an appropriate legislation (to consider changes brought about by the globalization); 2. fostering internal co-operation (given globalisation of computer networks); 3. need for cooperation between states and private industry in combating CC.

GOAL: develop action directed against CIA of computer systems, networks and computers which as well as their misuse by providing for the criminalization of such conduct.

13) Chapter 3's measures to be taken at national level

Section 1: Substantive criminal law:

Article 1, 2: Offences against CIA of computer data and systems and computer-related offences

3: Content related offences. (cyber crimes).

4: Offences related to infringements of copyright and related rights.

14) Article 1: several offences: Art. 2: illegal access (each party shall adopt measures

to establish as criminal offences under its domestic law, when committed, the access to  
the whole or any part of a comp. sys without right)

15) Art. 3: Illegal interception: each party shall adopt measures to establish as  
criminal offences under its domestic law, when committed intentionally, the interception  
without right, made by technical means, of non-public transmissions of computer data  
to, from or within a computer system.

15) Art. 4: Data interference: punishing damaging, deletion, deterioration, alteration or suppression  
of computer data without right. For data to be damaged, there were no proper measures  
to tackle those crimes: not a physical damage.

Art. 5: Sys interference: [...] criminal offences under its domestic law, when committed  
intentionally, the serious hindering without right of the functioning of a computer  
system by impeding, transmitting, damaging, deleting, deteriorating, altering or  
suppressing computer data. [Offences are specific to avoid interpretation by law  
enforcement and judges.]

16) Art. 6: Misuse of devices: [...] when committed intentionally and without right:

1. The production, sale, procurement for use, import, distribution or otherwise making available of:
  - a device designed or adapted primarily for the purpose of committing any of the offences established in accordance with Articles 2 through 5;
  - a computer pw, access code, or similar data by which the whole or any part of a computer sys is capable of being accessed, with intent that it be used for the purpose of committing offences pre-defined.
2. The possession of an item of the ones described.

One of the most contested provisions! Critique: no direct negative effect, it shouldn't be this strict.

Exemption: member states could exclude the application of this article when not for the purpose of committing an offence, such as for the authorised testing or protection of computer systems [Not implemented by Italy]

Article 7: Computer related forgery: each party shall adopt measures to establish as criminal offences under its domestic law, when committed intentionally and without rights, the import, alteration, deletion, or suppression of computer data, resulting in unauthorised data with the intent that it be considered or acted upon for legal purposes as if it were authentic.

Article 8: Computer related fraud: each party shall adopt measures to establish as criminal offences under its domestic law, when committed intentionally and without rights, the causing of a loss of property to another person by: a) any import, alteration, deletion or suppression of computer data; b) any interference with the functioning of a computer system, with fraudulent or dishonest intent of procuring, without right, an economic benefit for oneself or for another person.

→ COMPUTER RELATED OFFENCES (Computer-assisted crime) → the others (Treaty 1, computer non-reckless crime)

21) Article 83 TFEU states that EU parliament and the Council may, by means of directives adopted in accordance with the ordinary legislative procedure, establish minimum rules concerning the definition of criminal offences and sanctions in the areas of particularly serious crime with a cross-border dimension resulting from the nature or impact of such offences or from a special need to combat them on a common basis. Those areas of crime include computer crime.

22) 2013 directive was related to attacks on IS: society is highly and increasingly dependent on such systems. Ensuring an appropriate level of protection of IS should form part of an effective comprehensive framework of prevention measures accompanying criminal law responses to CC.

IS form part of the criminal structure of Member States of the Union.

YR has become apparent that measures against cyber attacks should be complemented by stringent criminal penalties reflecting the gravity of such attacks.

Article 1: directive establishes minimum rules concerning definition of criminal offences and sanctions in the area of attacks against IS. Also aims to prevent offences.

Structure of the directive is very similar to the convention [Art. 3, illegal access to IS, 4: illegal system interference, 5: illegal data interference; 6, illegal interception, 7 tools used for committing offences]

↳ Illegal data interference is the offence associated to data breaches. GDPR takes into account accountability of the controller, the perpetrator is investigated by law enforcement Article 5 as a reference. [deleting, damaging, defacing, altering or suppressing computer data on an IS, or rendering such data inaccessible, intentionally and without right].

PART 2: Recent development: at national level (go/2024 law) was the first law in 20 years on CC that did not reference European or international agreements.

34) The general assembly of the UN in 2019 adopted a resolution, tackling how ICT could contribute to a rise in level and complexity of crime. For this, there's the need of cooperation and coordination.

Draft of 2024, after 5 years of negotiations, came to the conclusion of promote measures to prevent and combat cybercrime, cooperation, technical assistance to police authority.

35) Related to crimes, we have illegal access, interception etc. Very similar to the ones seen before + adding in cyber-enabled crimes more criminalisation of intimate images, laundry of proceeds of crime (as well, also offences related to child abuse).

36) We see also preventive measures in next chapters.

- 45) Network law 90/2009 : divided in CS and CC approach; Kudhurud approach +  
specificities (and evolution) of cyberspace (specific provisions to combat ransomware);  
cooperation between Incident Response and (criminal) Law Enforcement)
- ↳ update offences in the CC realm
- \* with respect to phenomena characterized by growing social alarm: increase of  
penalties and extension of the "emergency" procedure regime → symbolic control law?
- ↳ Kudhurud approach by increasing penalties.

46): Basically law 90 added a new paragraph in art 629 Penal code, extension  
offence, to address cyber extension with penalties higher in this case.

47) Pros: explicit prohibition by law is important as a deterrent and gives investigative  
power to law of enforcement, and defining it as a standalone is important to  
make things smoother for punishment.

Cons: can be ineffective, for ex. in case of other countries and absence of  
cooperation.