HACKING-AS-A-SERVICE: BECOMING AN APT IS EASIER THAN EVER!

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WANTED BY THE FBI

"THE BEER FARMERS"

Conspiracy to Commit an Offense Against the United States; False Registration of a Domain Name; Conspiracy to Commit Wire Fraud; Wire Fraud; Intentional Damage to Protected Computers; Aggravated Identity Theft

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- Who is this talk for?
  - Students and Professionals
- Terminology & Acronyms
  - Malware, Exploit, Threat Actor
  - APT, OST, 0day, OSINT
- This this is being recorded ⏯
- The slides will also be available on my GitHub

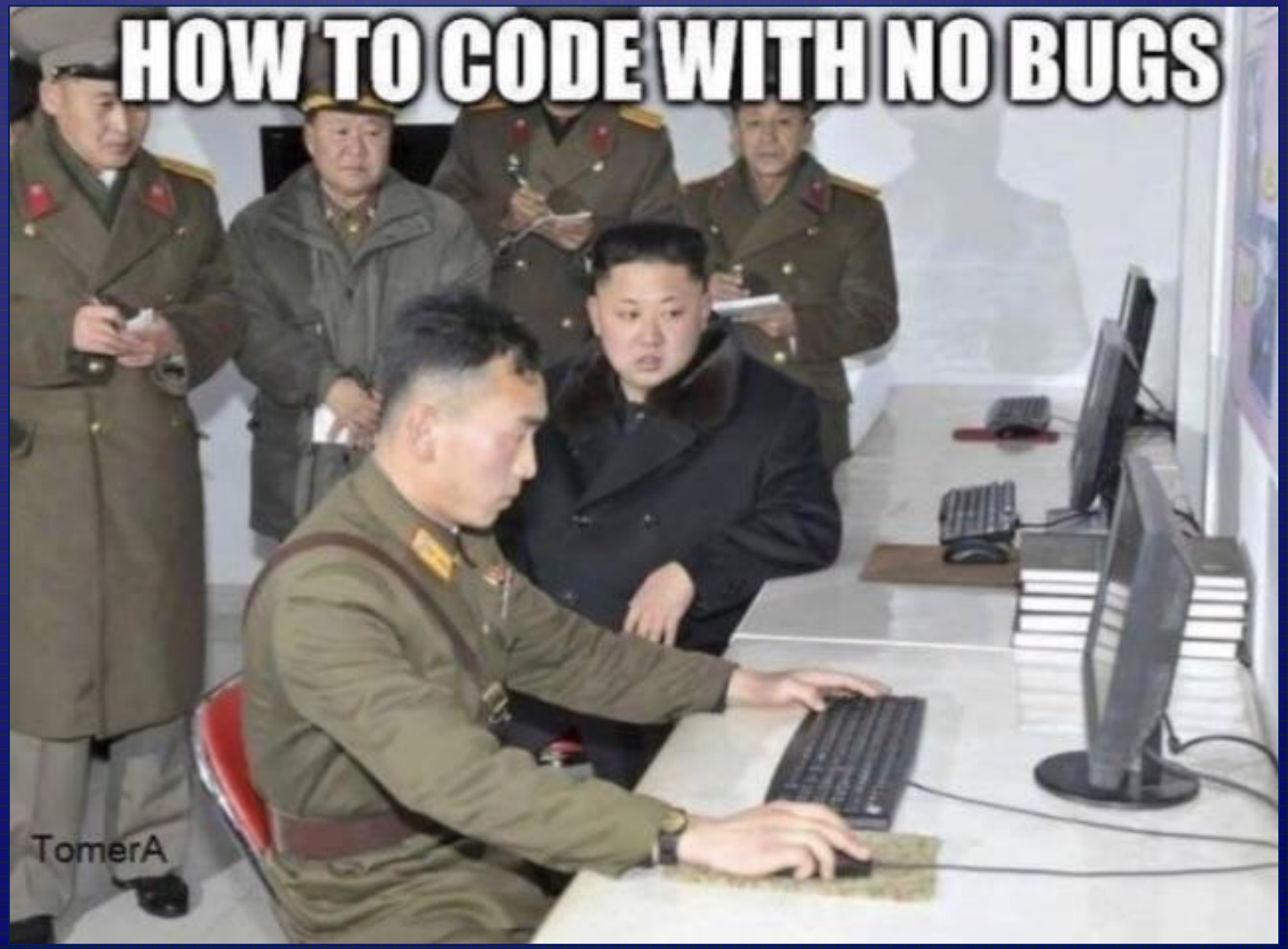
WHAT IS AN APT?

- Nobelium - Russian Foreign Intelligence – SVR
  - SolarWinds supply-chain attack
  - Think Tanks & The Whitehouse

- FancyBear – Russian Military Intelligence – GRU
  - Hack & Leak: DNC, WADA, CyberBerkut
  - Bundestag & Storting

- Sandworm – Russian Military Intelligence – GRU
  - ICS: BlackEnergy, Industroyer/CrashOverride
  - NotPetya, BadRabbit, OlympicDestroyer ransomware

FASTEST WAY TO BECOME AN APT



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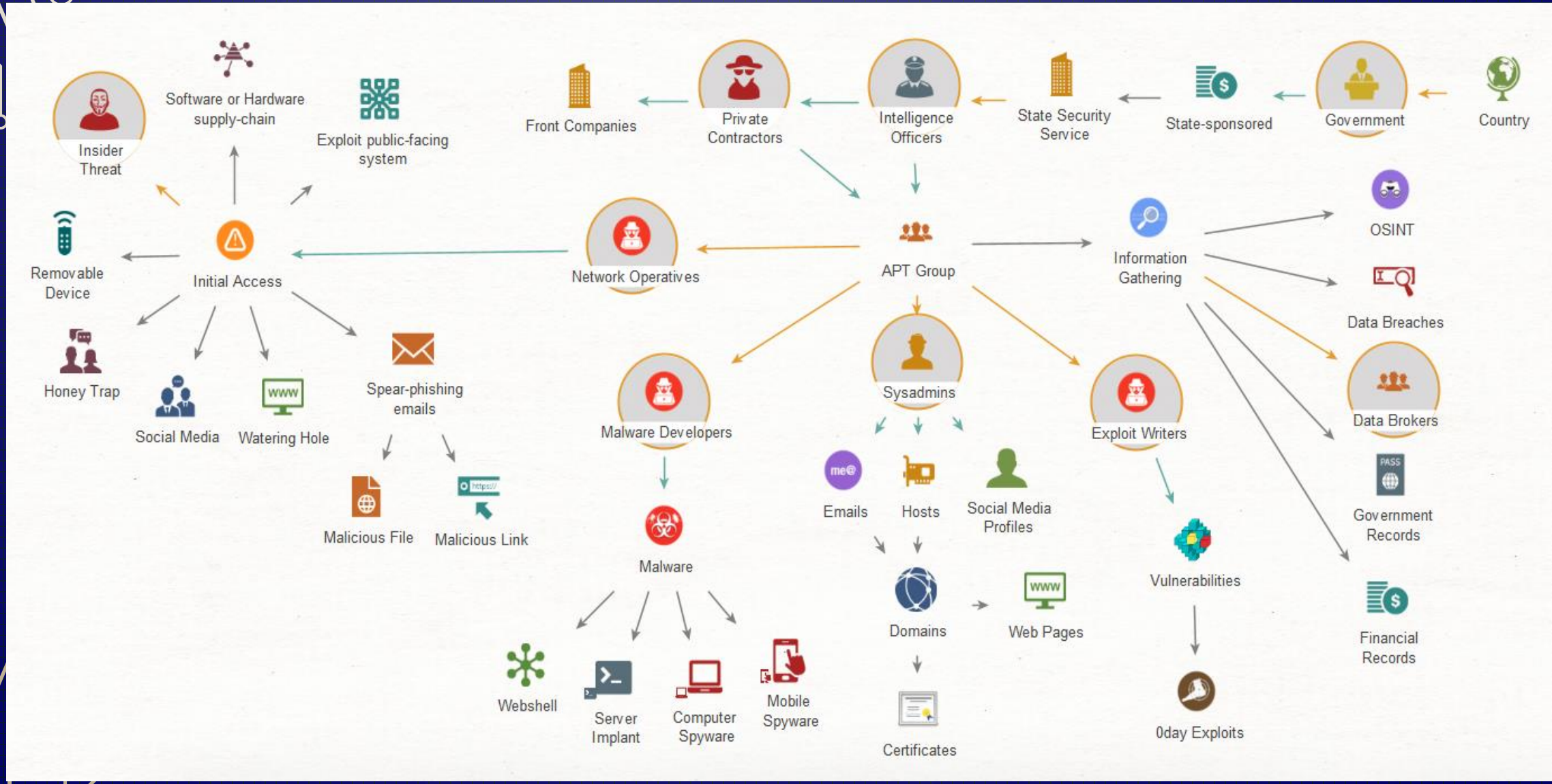

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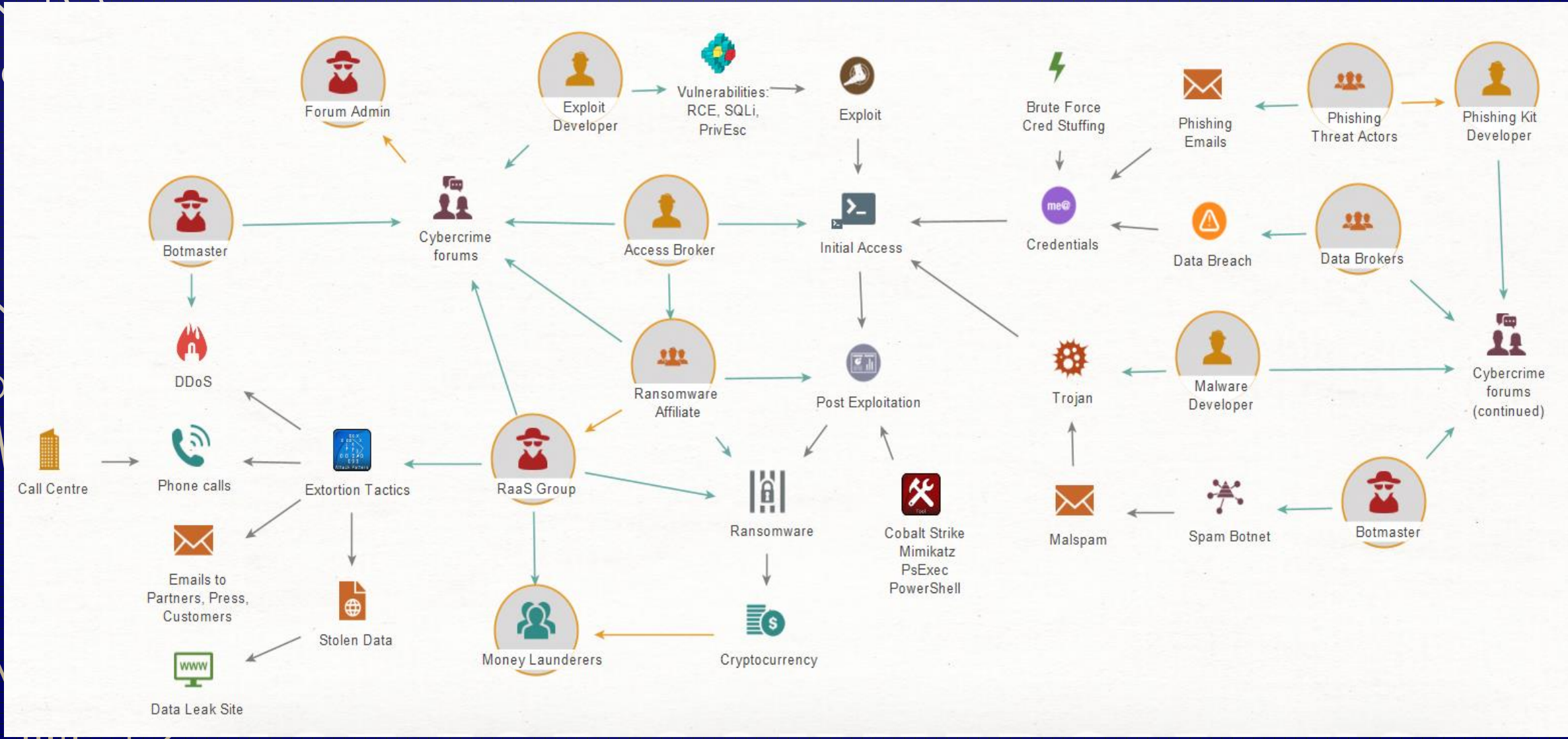
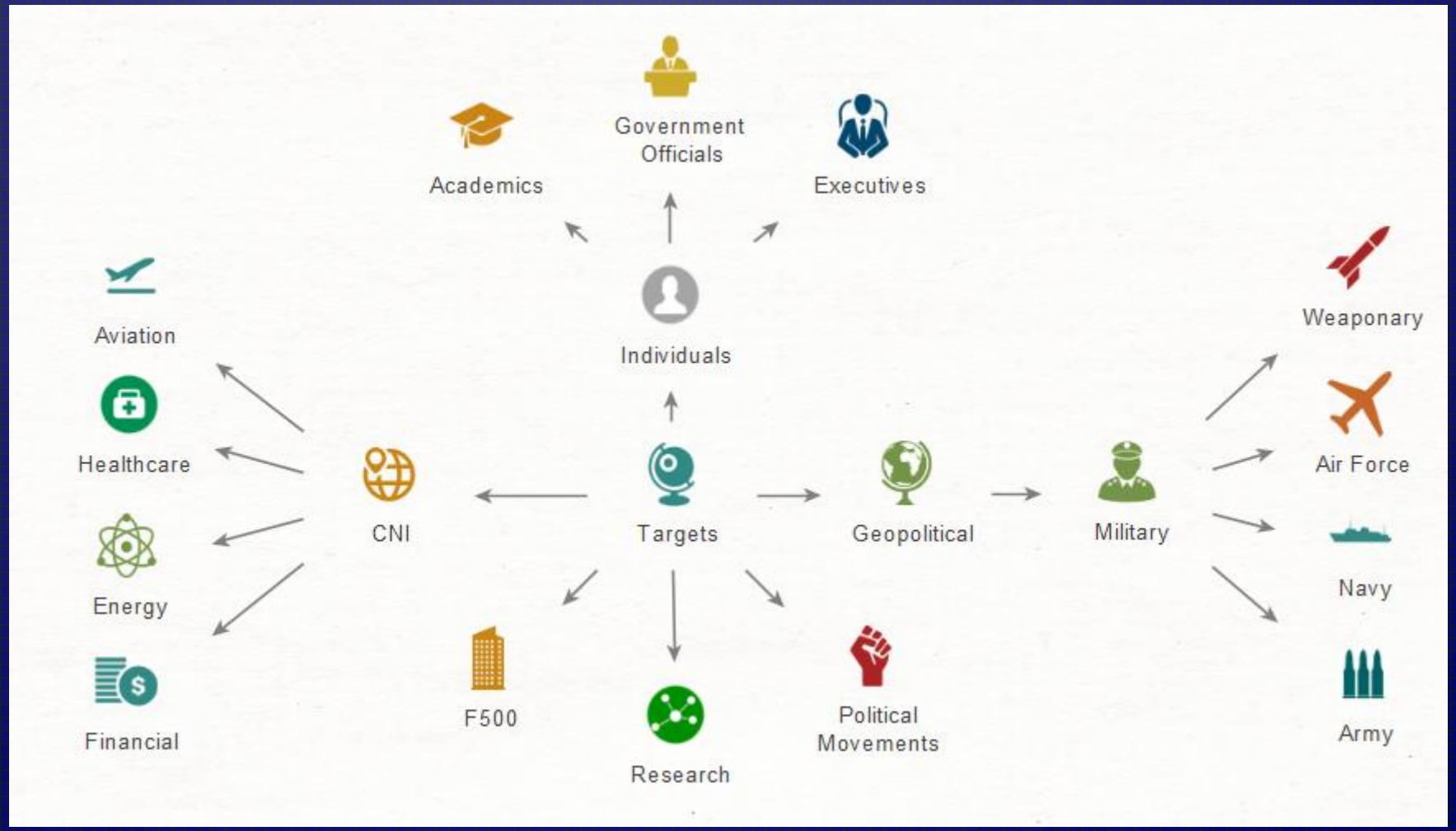


APT TARGETS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WHAT IS A MERCENARY APT?

- Groups – CostaRicto, Bahamut, DarkBasin, DeathStalker, Project Raven, NSO Group, Candiru, Hacking Team, Gamma Group

- Customers – Governments, Law Enforcement, Counter Terrorism, Conglomerates

- Tradecraft – OSINT, HUMINT, SIGINT, 0day exploits, malware developers, data acquisition, darknet markets, phishing, social engineering, spyware, persistent access, detection evasion

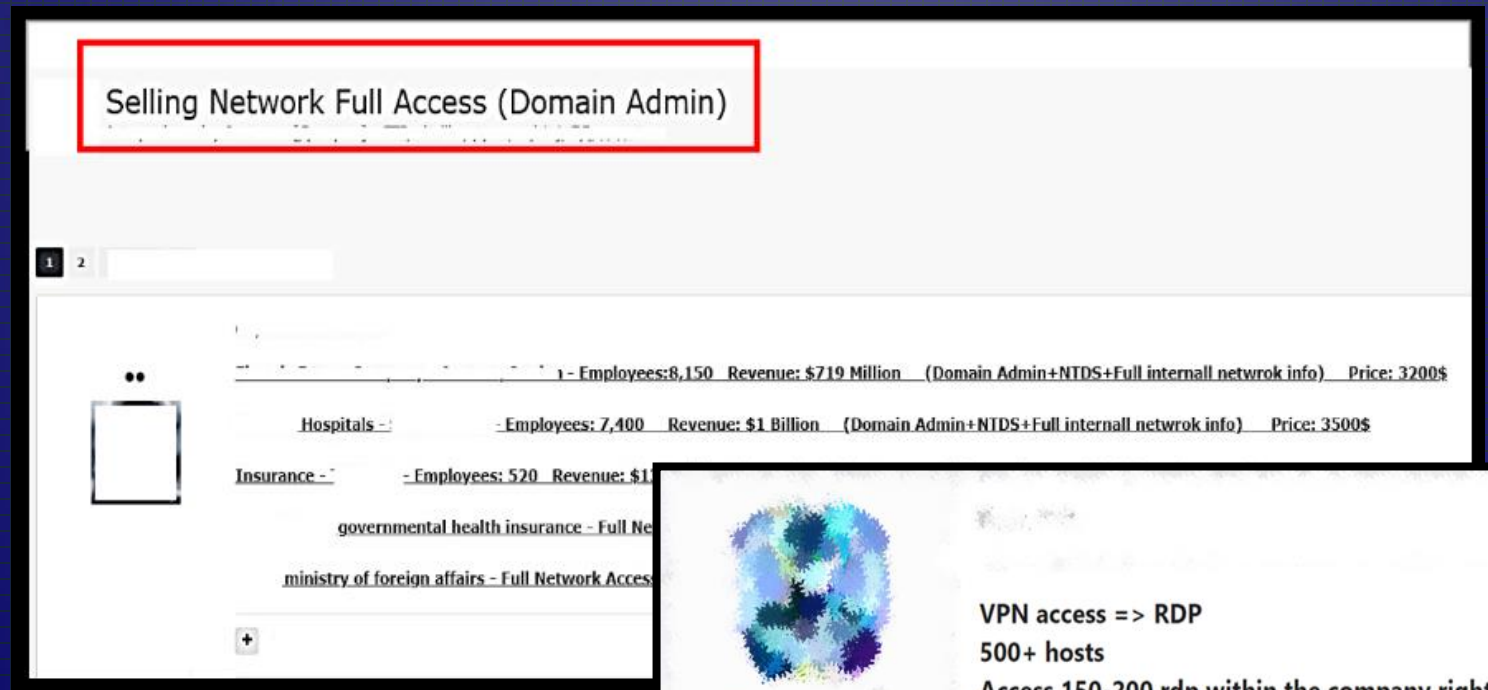
MERCENARY APT CUSTOMERS

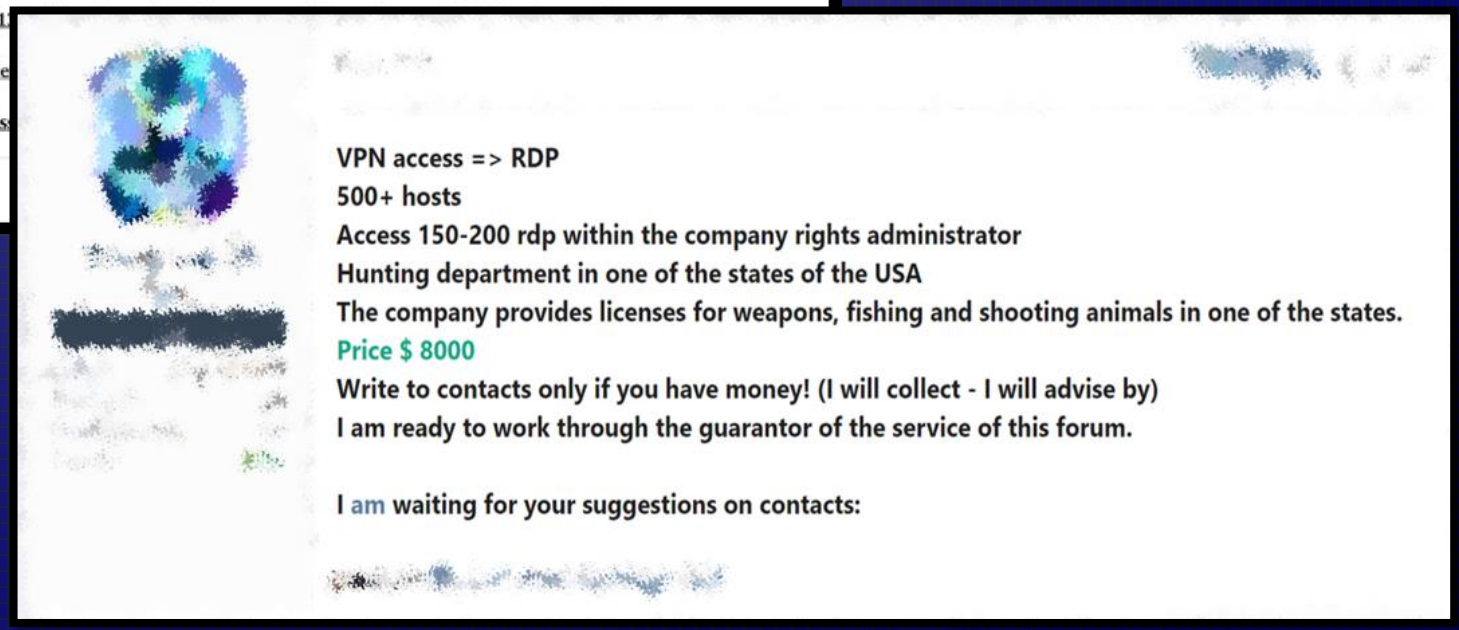
- #ExxonKnew – DarkBasin was hired to target American activists campaigning against ExxonMobil for withholding information about the climate crisis
- Mexico's soda tax – Public health scientists and two directors of Mexican NGOs working on obesity and soda consumption were targeted with NSO Group's Pegasus mobile spyware
- Jamal Khashoggi – a Washington Post columnist was assassinated at the Saudi Arabian embassy in Istanbul and NSO's spyware was found on the phones of people close to Khashoggi before and after his death
- Project Raven – ex-NSA employees established a company called Dark Matter in the UAE to help spy for the monarchy on dissidents, rival leaders, and journalists

PREPARATION

- Finance
- Personas
- Information Gathering
- Initial Access
- Malware
- Infrastructure
- Exploit Acquisition
- Recruiting Hackers
- Deployment

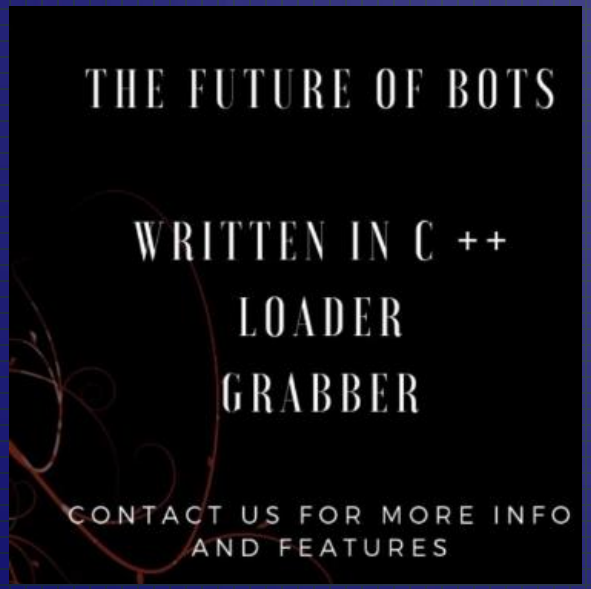
INITIAL ACCESS





MALWARE-AS-A-SERVICE

LOADER



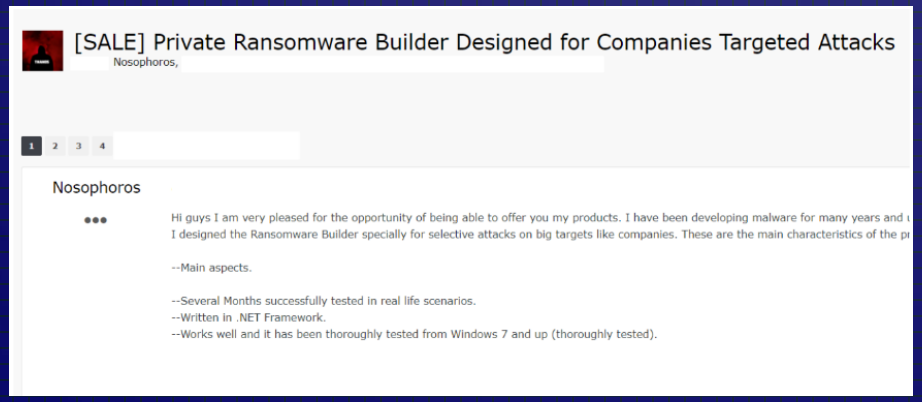
Prices:

--Lifetime building and updates: 2500 US$ in btc.
--One month usage with free updates: 800 US$ in btc.

What you get:

--Usage Video Tutorial.
-- Private Ransomware Builder.
--Free additional obfuscation utilities in case you need them.

CRYPTER



RANSOMWARE

Prices:

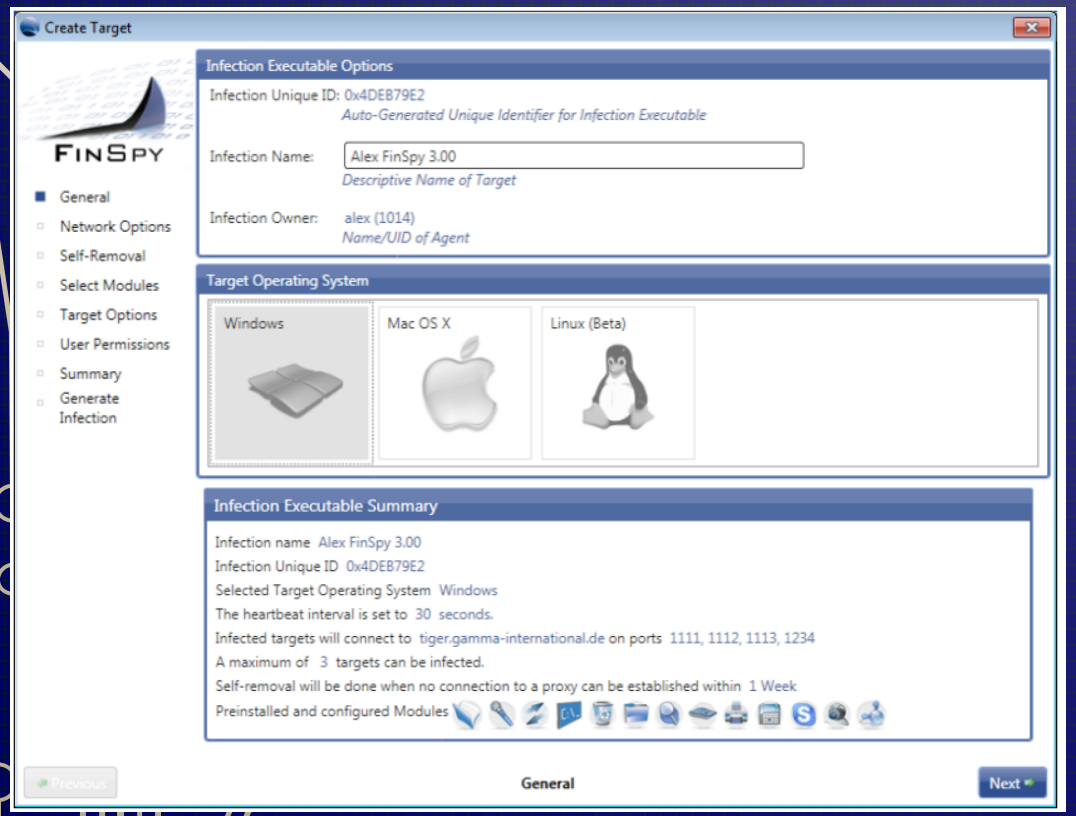
Basic Plan 1 Month Builder access: 500 usd in BTC.
Pro Plan 1 month Builder access: 800 usd in BTC.
Unlimited: 3000 usd in BTC.

All plans have free automatic updates of the builder during its usage time.
All created clients do not expire.

PAYMENT PLANS

CUSTOM SPYWARE TOOLS

FINSPY



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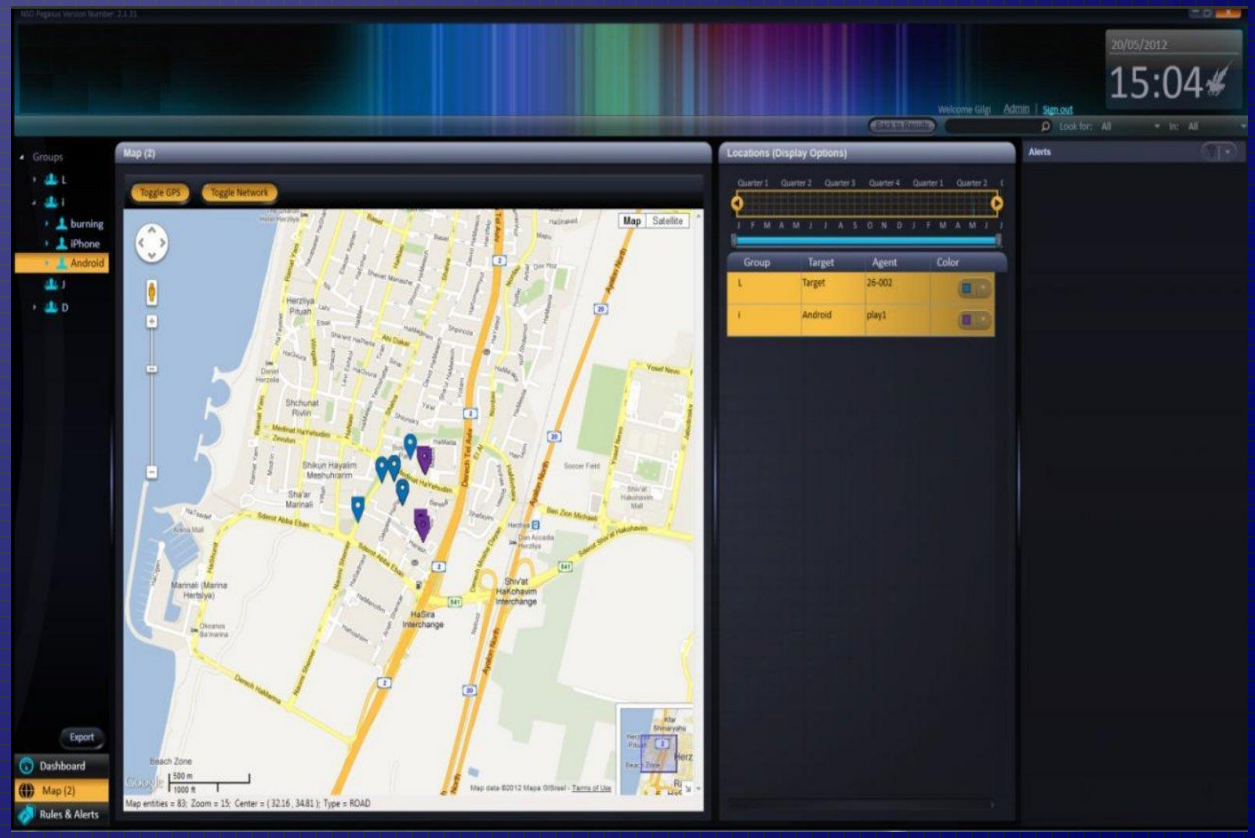

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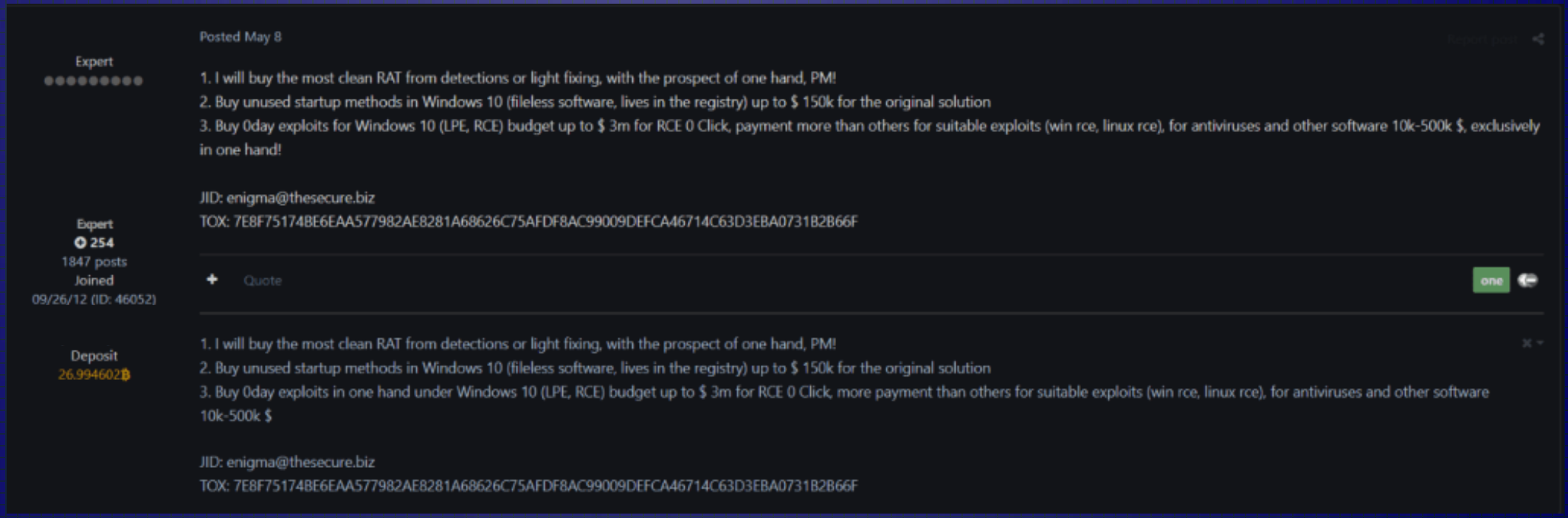

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Expert

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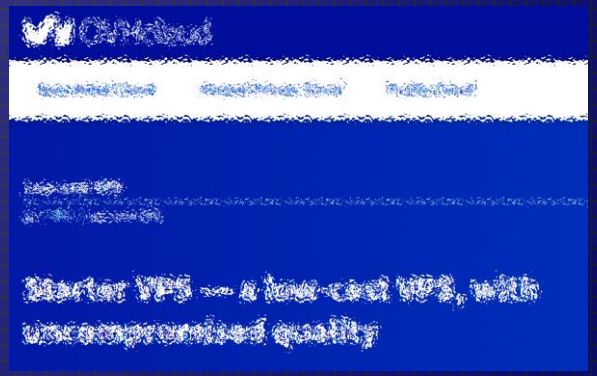
INFRASTRUCTURE

C&C

VPN

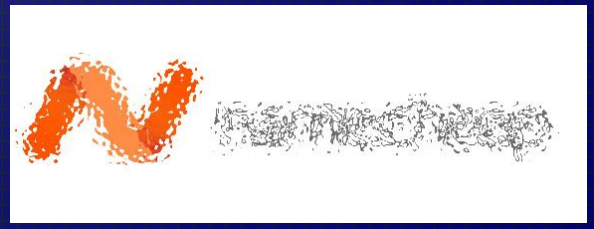
VPS



CERTS

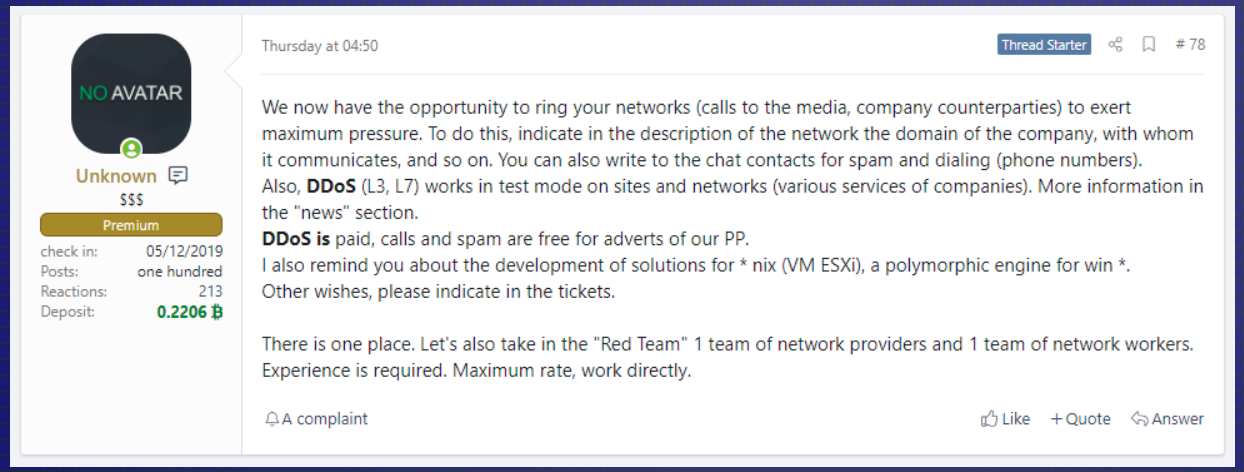
HOSTS

DOMAINS



ACQUIRING HACKERS

REVIL



MSS

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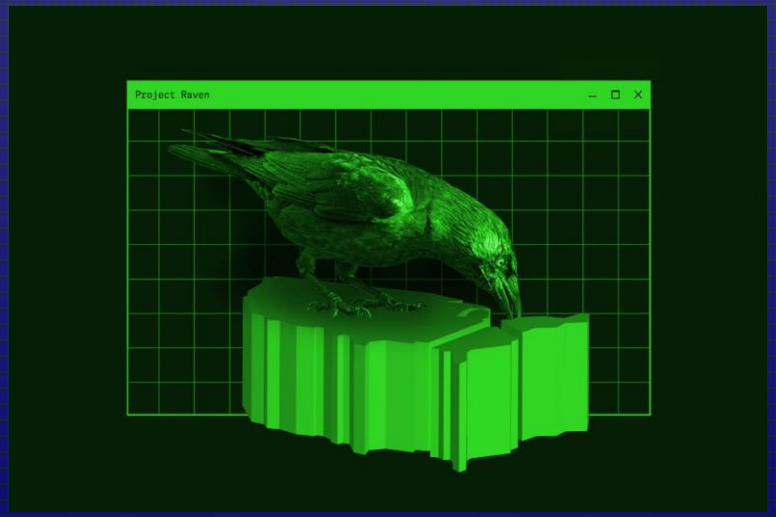
NSA



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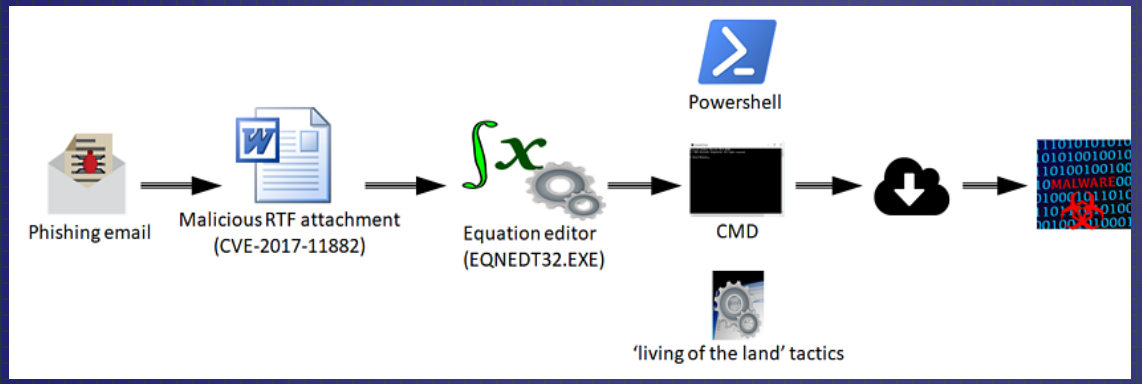
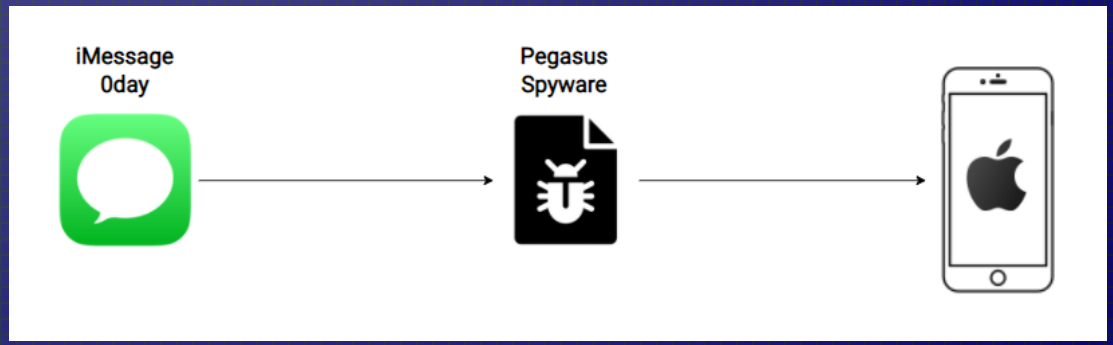
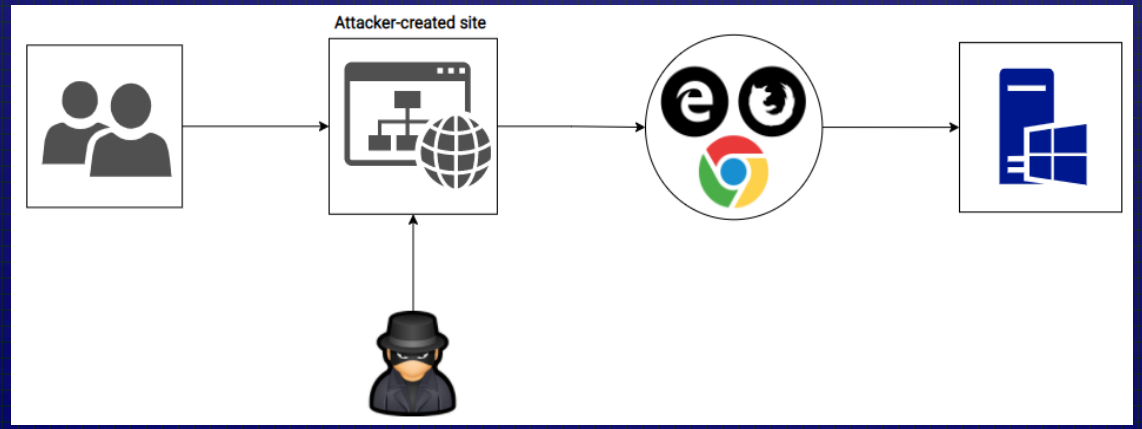


EMAIL PHISHING

MOBILE EXPLOIT



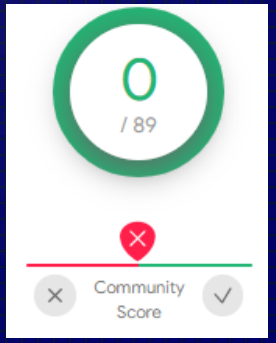


WATERING HOLE

PROS VS CONS

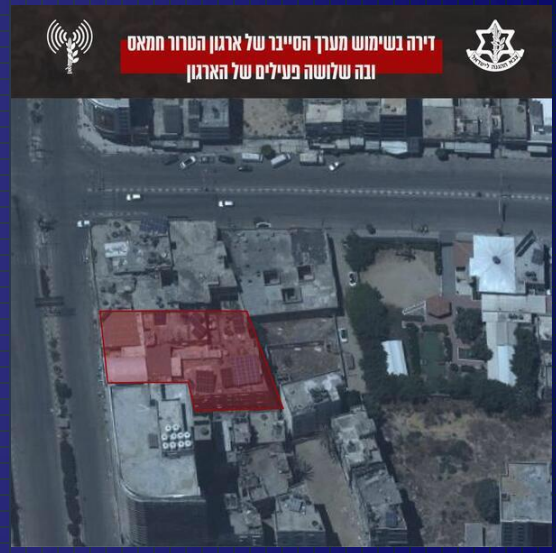
PROS:

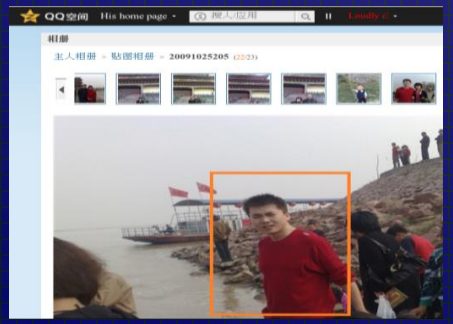
- Acquire sensitive data and secrets
- Make Millions of $$$
- Become a National Hero
- Go completely unnoticed for years
- Have Talks, Blogs, & Podcasts made about you



CONS:

- Bombed by Israel
- Indicted by the DOJ
- Can’t leave the country or go on holidays
- Doxed by IntrusionTruth
- Get hacked yourself (PhineasFisher or ShadowBrokers)
- Made fun of by researchers in Talks, Blogs, & Podcasts



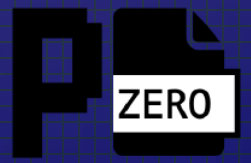


OPPOSITION

RESEARCHERS

INTELLIGENCE AGENCIES & LAW ENFORCEMENT

VENDORS



SIDE AFFECTS

- 0days are horded, nothing gets patched
- Your Malware & 0days get leaked
- WannaCry or NotPetya
- Colonial Pipeline or Irish HSE
- Assassinations
- Imprisonment

SECURITY NIHILISM?

OMFG?!

- “Sophisticated” APTs
- “State-sponsored”
- 0day vulnerabilities
- Undetectable malware
- Unremovable malware
- 24/7 attacks
- $$$

YES WE CAN

- Patch Management
- 2FA/MFA
- Password Manager
- EDR/AV
- Distrust Email Attachments
- Confirm identities
- Avoid unknown software
- Only use trusted sources
- Use a sandbox / VM
- Turn off unused features
- Make backups
- Replace EoL equipment
- Threat Intelligence

THANK YOU

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