

# **computer and network security, and the digital order**

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- John Shedd



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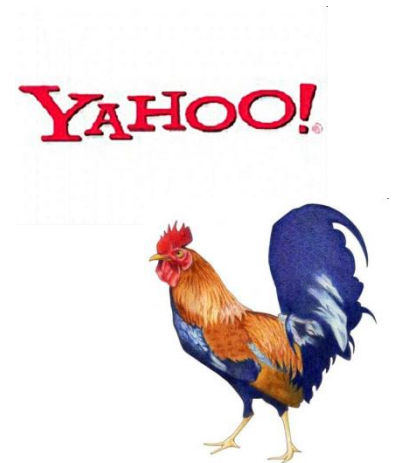


real event: 2008, democrats campaign, Obama vs. Clinton battle, "a candidate" – "the leading candidate" battle, "Kenyan-American and Muslim", a volunteer contacted wiki admins and false claimers are booted, however they use false identity and come back later with other usernames

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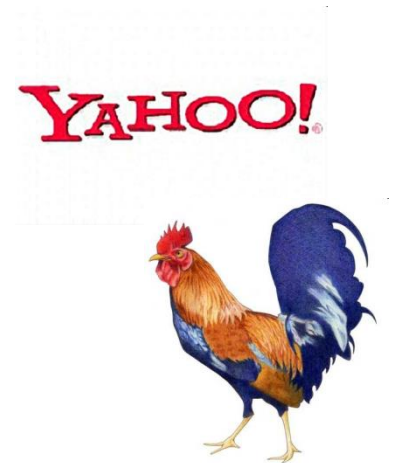


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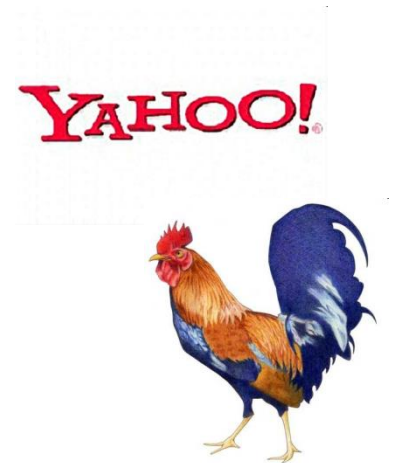


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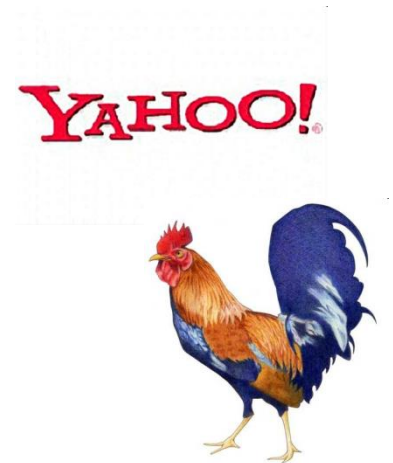


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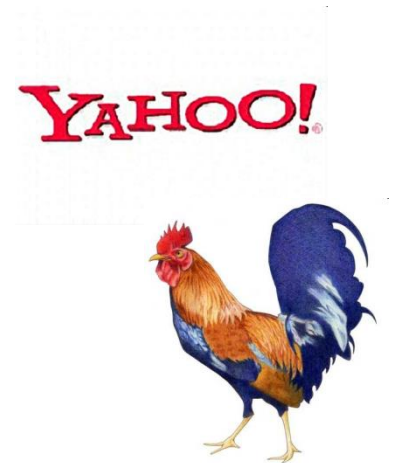
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**Yahoo caved and removed Nazi items...**



# introduction

new frontier, wildwest analogy, taming... erm...  
civilizing the Internet ☺



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“B is a new version of A” doesn't help much in moral evaluation

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## **conceptualizing new behavior is needed**

for deciding whether a new law is needed or not. (phishing vs. offline fraud – face2face or non-delivery fraud etc.)

analogy equivalence isn't that important,  
“moral equivalence” should be considered

most common crime on Internet was Internet  
auction fraud 44,9% as of 2007

# online crime as of 2019

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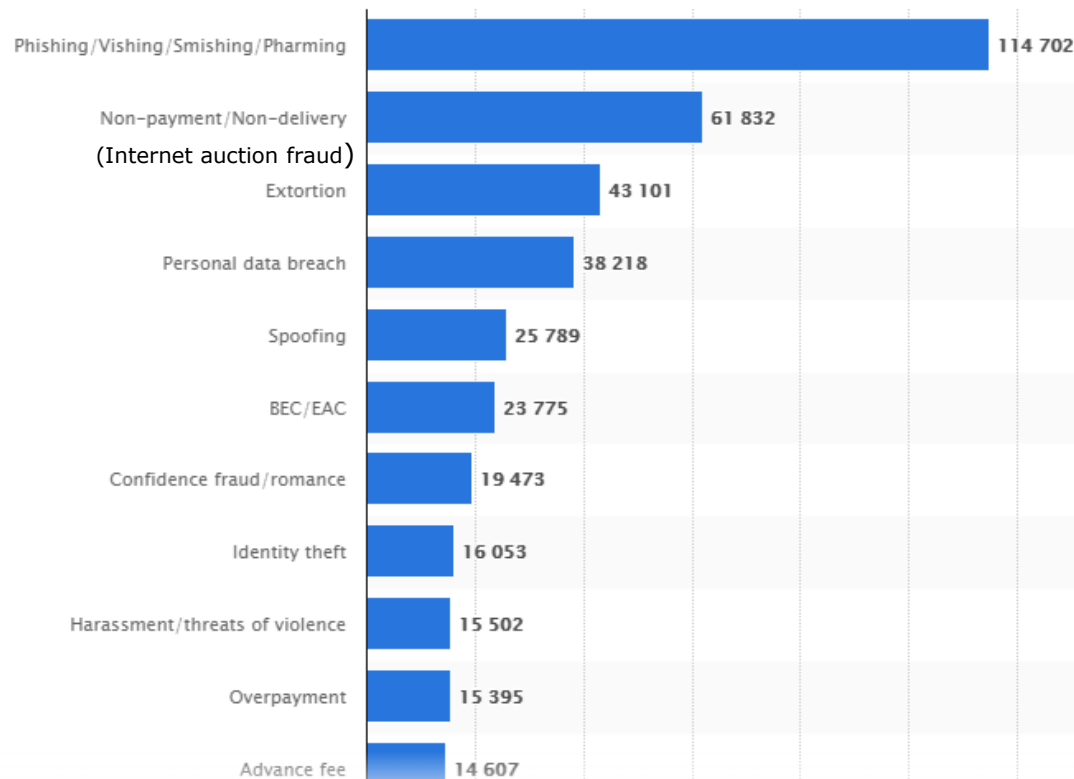
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Global Survey

NEW

Internet > Cyber Crime

## Types of cyber crime most frequently reported to the IC3 in 2019, by victim count



DOWNLOAD



PDF



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### Release date

February 2020

### Region

Worldwide

### Survey time period

2019

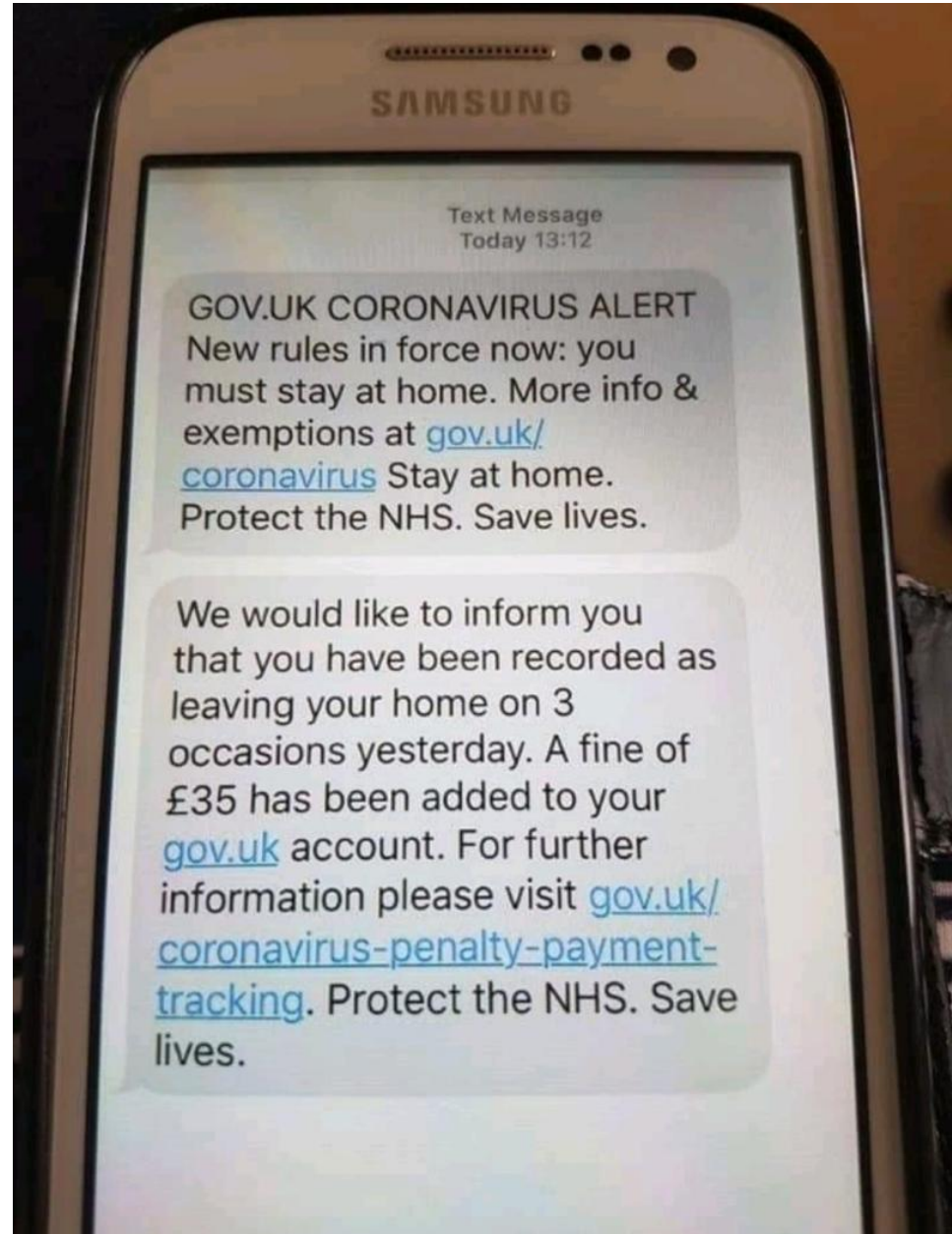
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### Supplementary notes

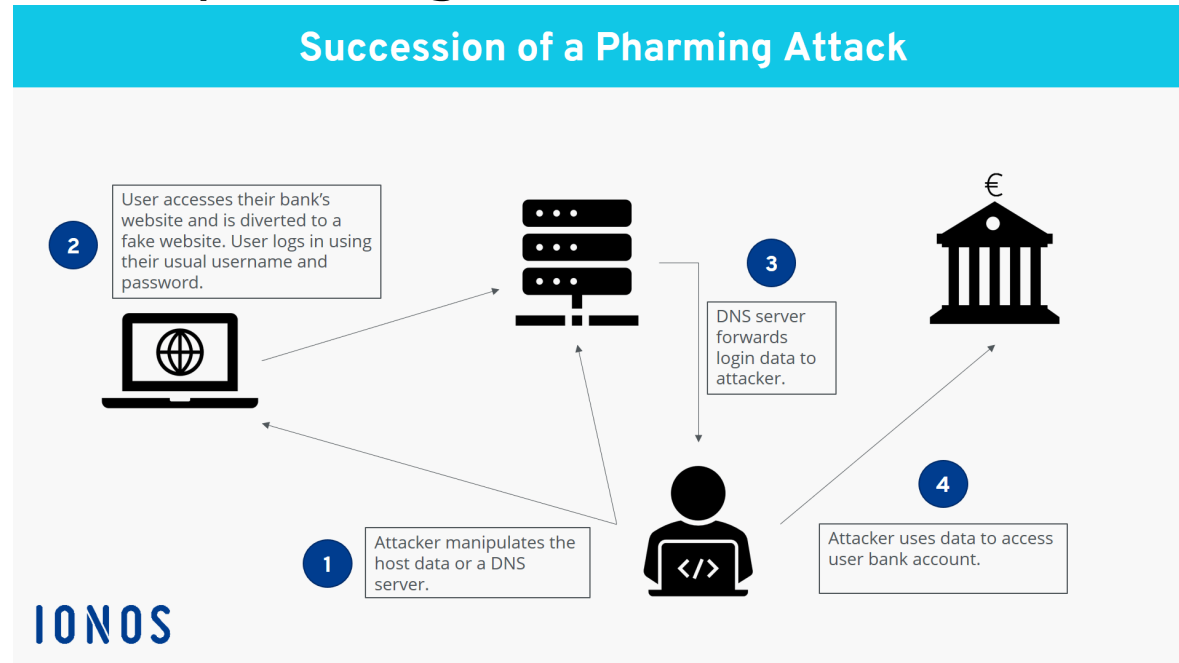
In 2019, the United States accounted for approximately 20 percent of complaint

# phishing, vishing, smishing



# pharming

## phishing without a lure



Once you visit a certain website, a DNS cache forms so you don't have to visit the server each time you return to the site. Both the DNS cache and the DNS server can be corrupted by pharming. This can result in two types of pharming.

# pharming

## malware-based pharming on host data

In this case, you may pick up a Trojan or virus via a malicious email or download. The malware then covertly reroutes you to a fake site created and controlled by fraudsters when you type in your intended website address.

In this form of pharming, malicious code sent in an email etc. can change your computer's local host files. These corrupted host files can then direct your computer to fraudulent sites regardless of the Internet address you type.

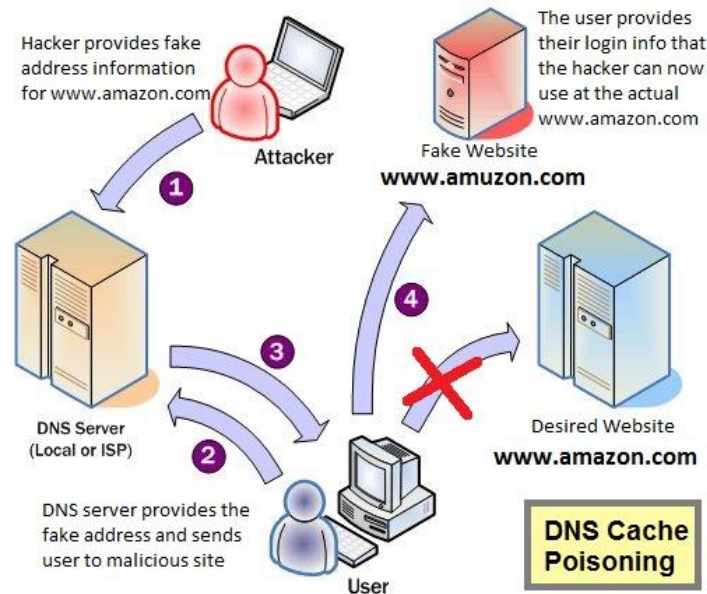




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## DNS server poisoning

Domain Name Systems are computers on the Internet that direct your website request to the right IP address. A rogue, corrupted DNS server, however, can direct network traffic to an alternate, fake IP address.



This pharming scam doesn't rely on corrupting individual files, but rather occurs at the DNS server level by exploiting a vulnerability. The DNS table is essentially poisoned, so you're being redirected to fraudulent websites without your knowledge.

If a large DNS server is corrupted, cybercriminals could target and scam an even larger group of victims.

# non-payment / non-delivery

## INTERNET AUCTION FRAUD



- ▶ Buyers making a payment and not receiving the merchandise or receiving merchandise that is of poor quality.
- ▶ Sellers not receiving payment for their merchandise
- ▶ Drive up the bidding price: Bid Shilling or Bid Shielding

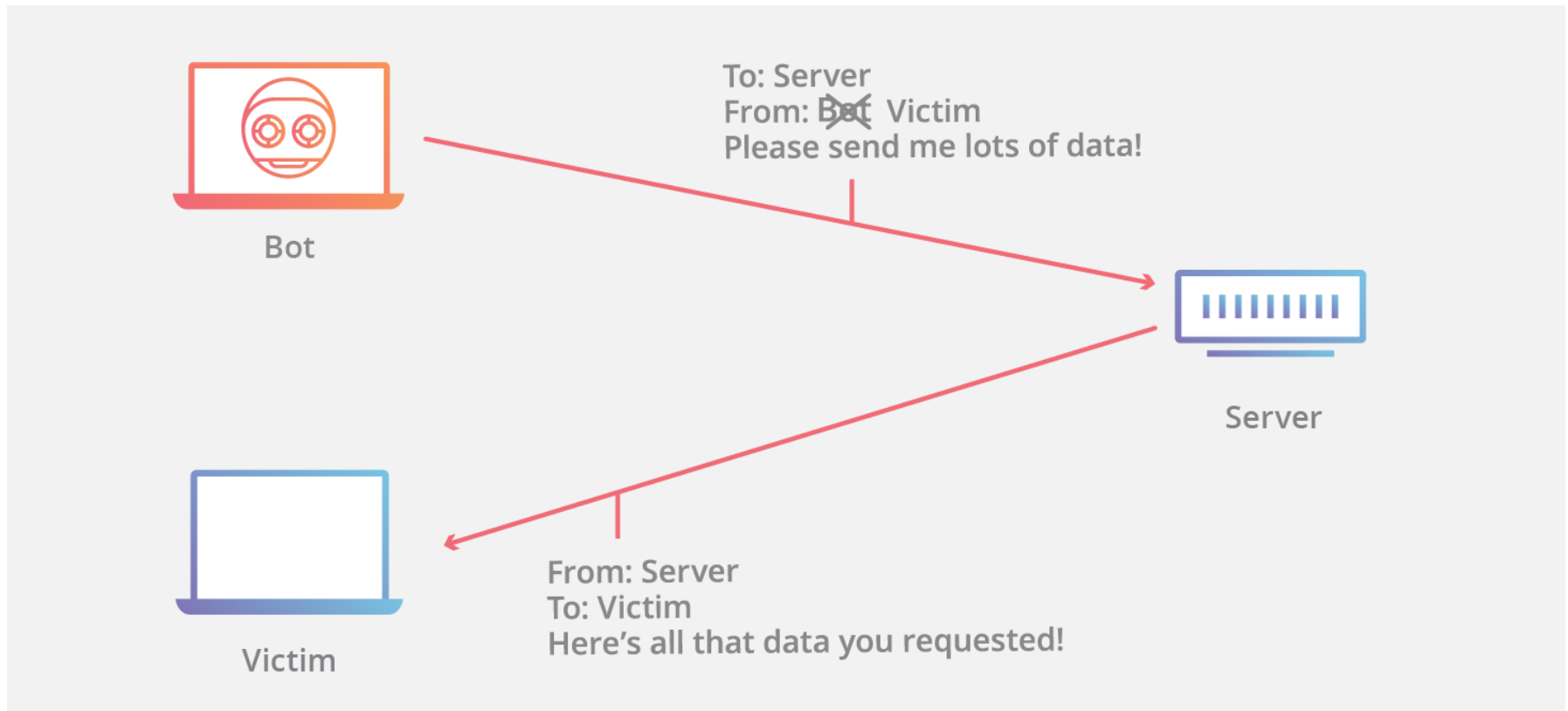
# ransomware, (s)extortion -> blackmail



# personal data breach



# spoofing





# BEC / EAC



## How to Shield Your Company From **BEC Attacks**

Business Email Compromise/Email Account Compromise (BEC/EAC) scams can destroy businesses.



**2,370%**

Increase in financial losses  
from BEC/EAC<sup>1</sup>



**\$5.3 Billion USD**


in actual and attempted  
losses from BEC/EAC<sup>2</sup>



**131 Countries**


Impacted by  
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# confidence fraud / romance



## Public Service Announcement

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION



**August 05, 2019**

Alert Number  
**I-080519-PSA**

Questions regarding this PSA should be directed to your local **FBI Field Office**.

Local Field Office Locations:  
[www.fbi.gov/contact-us/field](http://www.fbi.gov/contact-us/field)

**CYBER ACTORS USE ONLINE DATING SITES TO CONDUCT CONFIDENCE/ROMANCE FRAUD AND RECRUIT MONEY MULES**

**WHAT IS CONFIDENCE/ROMANCE FRAUD?**

Confidence/romance fraud occurs when an actor deceives a victim into believing they have a trust relationship—whether family, friendly, or romantic—and leverages the relationship to persuade the victim to send money, provide personal and financial information, or purchase items of value for the actor. In some cases, the victim is persuaded to launder money on behalf of the actor.

Actors often use online dating sites to pose as U.S. citizens located in a foreign country, U.S. military members deployed overseas, or U.S. business owners seeking assistance with lucrative investments.

**THREAT**

In 2017, more than 15,000 people filed complaints with the FBI's Internet Crime Complaint Center (IC3) alleging they were victims of confidence/romance fraud and reporting losses of more than \$211 million. In 2018, the number of victims filing these complaints increased to more than 18,000, with more than \$362 million in losses—an increase of more than 70 percent over the previous year.



# identity theft



- **Phishing** occurs when cybercriminals send you an email that tricks you into opening attachments or clicking on links. If you want to visit, say, your bank's website, you click on the link, but you're redirected to a fake website that looks like the real one. You type in your username and password, and the criminals steal your information.
- **Pharming** occurs when your browser, computer, or mobile device is infected with malware that redirects you to a fake website when you type in a URL. You type in the address bar, but you're redirected to a fake website that looks like the real one. You type in your username and password, and the criminals steal your information.
- **Malicious software.** Fraudsters may try to steal your PII. Consider purchasing online security software to protect your data up to date.
- **Unsecure websites.** Avoid online shopping on unsecure websites. Make sure you use only official, secure websites.
- **Weak passwords** used for both social and business accounts. Use different passwords for each of your accounts. And when possible, use two-factor authentication: a password *and* a secret code sent to your phone.
- **Discarded computers and mobile devices** can be a source of PII. Make sure you delete all data from old devices before discarding them.
- **Targeting children online.** Kids can give away their PII online. Parents should monitor their children's online activity.



# overpayment

Hello Mr. (edited by Roadfly to protect identity),

Good to hear from you and thanks for the mail, my client who said he's interested in your vehicle has promised to be buying it and will be issuing a certified cashier's cheque of \$32,500 and you deduct the amount of your vehicle which is \$24,000 after which you will send the difference \$8,500 via Money Gram money transfer to my P.A here in Europe to settle our shipper to book us for their cargo and also pay for the insurance, she would be coming over to your place to pick the vehicle up and get it transported to the Europe and also to sign all require documents.

To bring to your attention, it only takes (24HRS) for a certified cashier's cheque to get cash in the US, so I will like you to get the cheque cashed the same day it's presented on the counter and I will also like to know if I can count on you to send the difference of the money to my P.A as soon as the cheque get to you and verified. To make things fast and convenient for the both of us, I will like you to give me the exact name you want on the check..... Your mailing address.... (Street, City, State and zip code) and your Phone # so I can forward it to my associate, so he could start with the procurement of the cheque and won't mind to engage in a long lasting bussiness relationship.

Thanks and hope to hear from you soon.

Best Regard,

Madida

Account Payee				Date <u>29/2/13</u>
Mr. Fraud Victim				
Pay				
Lots and lots of Money				\$\$\$\$\$\$\$
Cheque No.	Branch Sort Code	Account No.	Transaction Code	
05482	55448	654478	25447	
Cheque No. 05482 55448 654478 25447				INTERNET SCAM

# advance fee

## 2. (c) Nigerian Advanced Fee Fraud (4-1-9)

From: "Mr. Don Peter" To: undisclosed-recipients;;  
Subject: Dear Friend  
Date: Thu, 18 Oct 2007 08:39:10 -0400  
Reply-to: hellen\_doris1@yahoo.fr

Dear Friend

It has been long we communicate last, am so sorry for the delay, I want to Inform you that your cheque of (\$850.000.00) Which my boss asked me to mail to you as soon as you requested it, is still with me.

But due to some minure issue you fails to respond at the Approprete time, and presently the cheque is with me here in LAGOS-NIGERIA Though i had a new contact from a friend of mine who works with one security company here in NIGETIA that will deliver you your cheque at your door step with a cheeper rate, which the company said that it will cost you the sum of \$198.00 usd, So you have to Contact them and register with them now.

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distinctiveness of IT again: global, many-to-many scope, special identity conditions, reproducibility issues...



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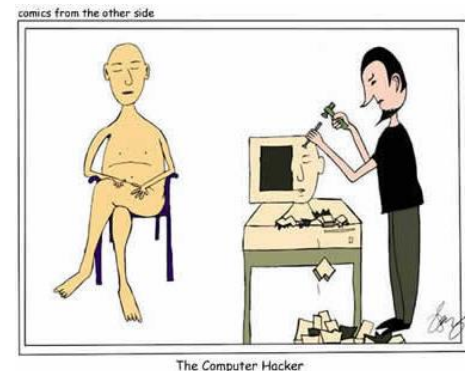
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however distinction didn't hold and “hacker” became common



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counter: Gene Spafford (1992), Spafford’s  
powerful analogy, continual break ins to  
homes to reveal weakly secured houses O\_o?

hard to justify whistle-blowing for such cases



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you can learn a lot by hacking but learning isn't enough to justify, if a CS student studying security can only learn by breaking in, special labs and testbeds should be used (controlled experiments)

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**enormous potential of Internet makes us listen to counter currents even when we don't agree with them**

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lucky -> CPU time, disk space

not lucky -> destroyed data, losing control of computer

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# **viruses**

self-replicating code embedded within another program called the "host"



# viruses

1986 , **Brain** (Pakistani)

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PC Tools Deluxe V4.22
Disk View/Edit Service
Path=A:
Absolute sector 0000000, System BOOT

Displacement  Hex codes
0000(0000)  FA E9 4A 01 34 12 00 07 14 00 01 00 00 00 20
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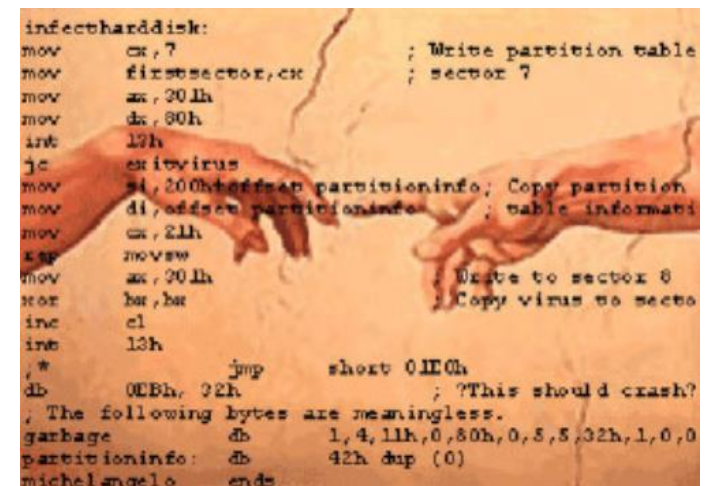
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# viruses

1986 , **Brain** (Pakistani)

1991, **Michelangelo**, if an infected file run on March 6<sup>th</sup> (birthday) it overwrites critical records on boot disk, media reports over 5 million PCs infected, a through investigation revealed only a few thousand computers in fact

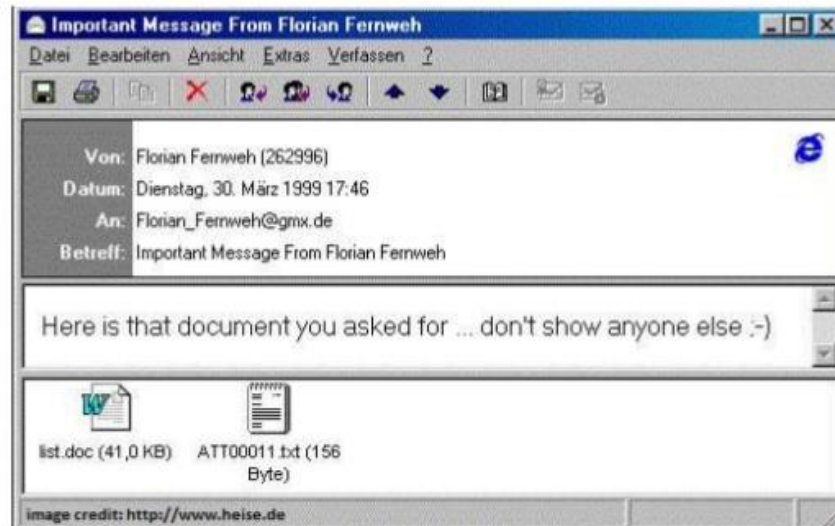


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infecthaddisk:
mov     cx,7                ; Write partition table
mov     firstsector,cx      ; sector 7
mov     ax,301h
mov     dx,80h
int     13h
jc      exitvirus
mov     si,200hoffset partitioninfo; Copy partition
mov     di,offset partitioninfo ; table informati
mov     cx,21h
rep     movsw
mov     ax,301h             ; Write to sector 8
xor     bx,bx               ; Copy virus to secto
inc     cl
int     13h
; *
; jmp     short 01E0h
db      0EBh, 32h          ; ?This should crash?
; The following bytes are meaningless.
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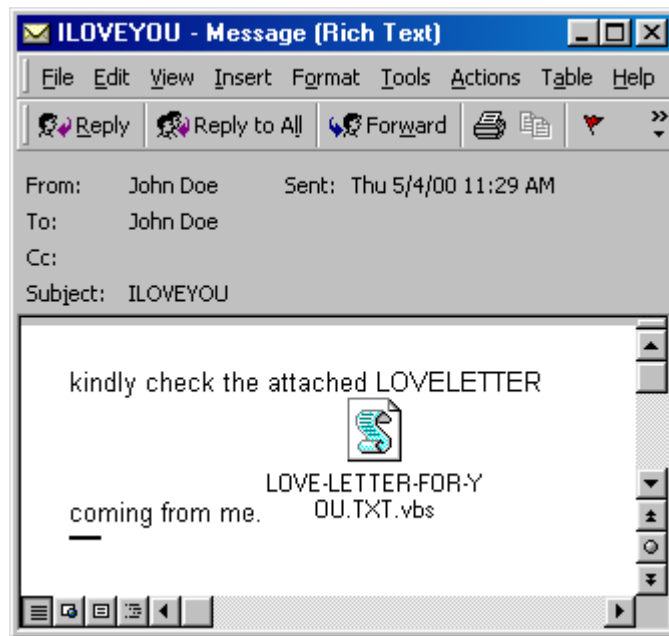
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1999, **Melissa**, email attachment in a word doc, to 50 ppl from victims address book, crashing email servers, 100.000 computers infected at first weekend, David L. Smith, alt.sex.usenet group post, 20 months in prison + 100 hrs community service + \$5000



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2000, **Love Bug**, everyone in victim's address book, collects pws and emails in Philipinnes, 23 yrs old Filipino CS student, no laws against hacking in Philipinnes -> no trial held

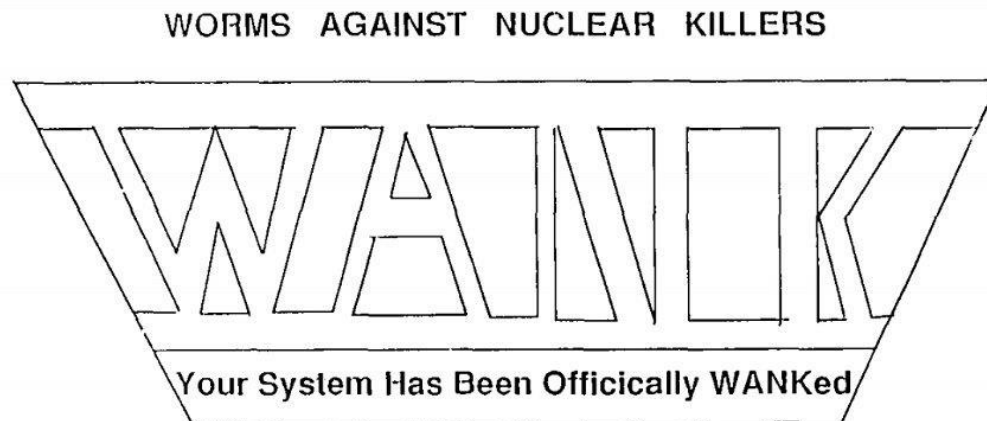


# **worms**

self-contained program spreading through  
networked computers using security holes

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1989, **Wank**, NASA probe to Jupiter named Galileo, fueled with radioactive plutonium, infiltrated NASA network,  
anti-nuclear protesters, a case of cyberterrorism, no delay on launch but took a lot of sys admin time to eradicate





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2001, **Code Red**, MS IIS bug, Windows web servers

based on the day of month, 1- propagate to others, 2- DoS attacks against whitehouse, 3- sleep, infected more than 359000 hosts in 14 hours



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2003, **Sapphire a.k.a. Slammer**, fastest spreading worm in history, doubles in network in every 8,5 seconds, within 10 minutes %90 of vulnerable hosts get infected, at least 78000 computers worldwide, MS SQL Server and MS SQL Desktop Engine bug, not malicious but overloading networks, inaccessible databases (cancelled airline flights, unavailable ATMs, failures in emergency call services)

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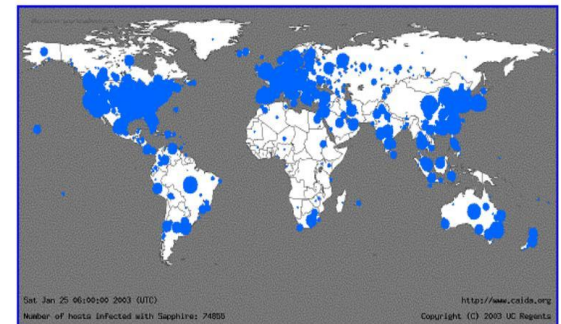
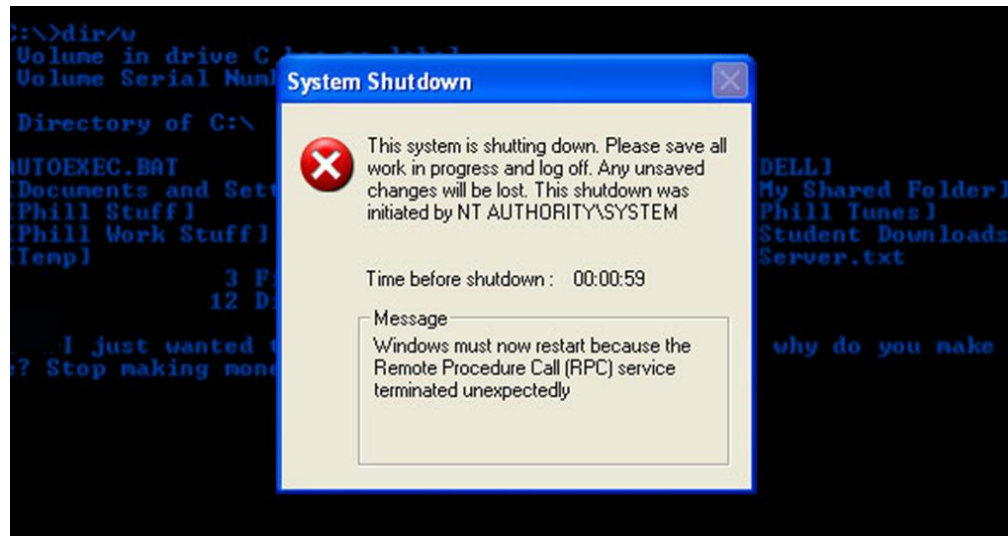


Figure: The geographic spread of Sapphire in the 30 minutes after release.



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2003, **Blaster**, bug on Windows 2000 and Windows XP computers, DoS attack against windowsupdate.com, prevents users to download the patch, it actually targets a shortcut to site address, MS deleted the shortcutted address, slowing down systems (disrupted signaling of various train systems)



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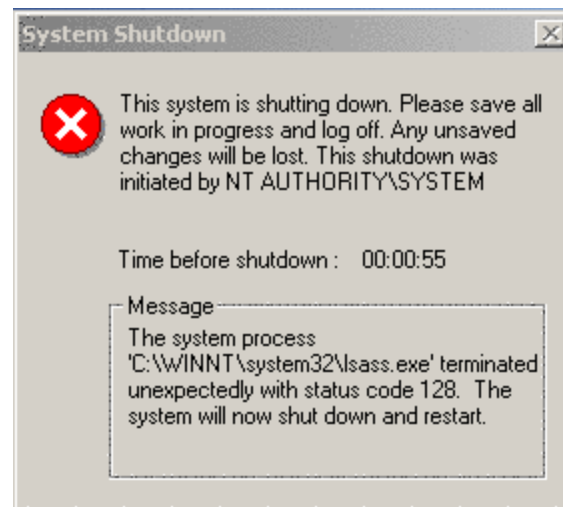


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MS put \$250.000 reward for headhunt, a fellow student targets a German teen – Sven Jaschan, 17 yrs old when worm released, juvenile court, 1,5 yrs probation + 30 hrs of community service, hired by German computer security firm SecurePoint

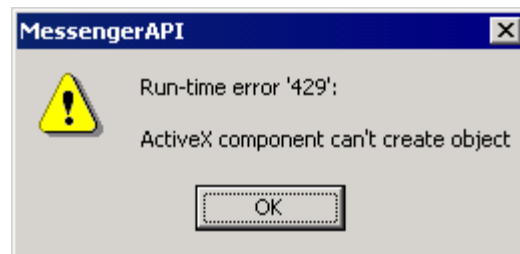
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2005, **Kelvir**, Reuters News remove 60000 subscribers from its MS-based instant msg services for 20 hrs



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## the Internet worm...

e.g. 1988, Robert Tappan Morris, Jr., Cornell CS grad student launched a computer worm, most sophisticated of its time, when a site gets infected it would signal to a popular computer system at Berkeley called "Ernie"



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Morris, enrolled Cornell CS grad at fall 1988, exploiting bugs he found in 3 Unix apps, *ftp*, *sendmail* and *fingerd*



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buffer overflow attack to take control of a target computer... based on function calls, **variable attack** -> targets a variable by buffer overflow, **stack attack** -> changing the value of the return address of function call

wishlist of worm had 24 goals including:

- infect three machines per LAN
- only consume CPU cycles if machines are idle
- avoid slow machines
- break pws to spread into other computers

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within 48 hrs the worm is isolated, decompiled and destroy notices are spread, worm did no perm damage but slowed systems to standstill and acquired pws. Morris kicked by university board, trial in 1990, Morris revealed that he tried to stop the worm realizing his mistake, contacted friend from Harvard, Andrew Sudduth confirmed request but solution couldn't reach because of clogged networks, about 6000 unix computers were infected with the worm

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Andrew Sudduth's message:

a possible virus report:

there may be a virus loose on the internet, here is the gist of message I got: **I'm sorry**

here are some steps to prevent further transmission:

- 1) don't run finger or fix it to not overrun of its stack when reading arguments
- 2) recompile sendmail w/o DEBUG defined
- 3) don't run rexed

hope this helps, but more, **I hope it is hoax.**

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Morris found guilty, 3 yrs probation + \$10000 fine + 400 hrs of community service... it could easily be 5 yrs jail + \$250000 fine if no good defense, his legal fees and fines exceeded \$150000



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Morris defense: expose a flaw in system  
because system admins didn't listen to him,  
he didn't mean such damage but worm got  
out of control

this is actually similar to a "whistle-blowing"  
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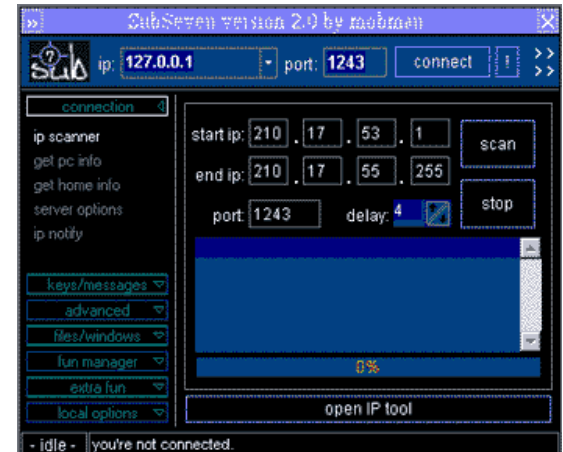
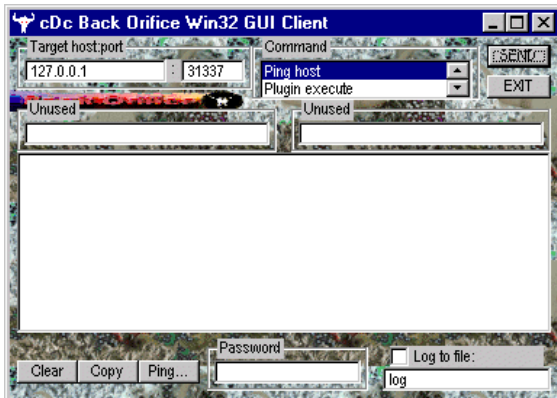
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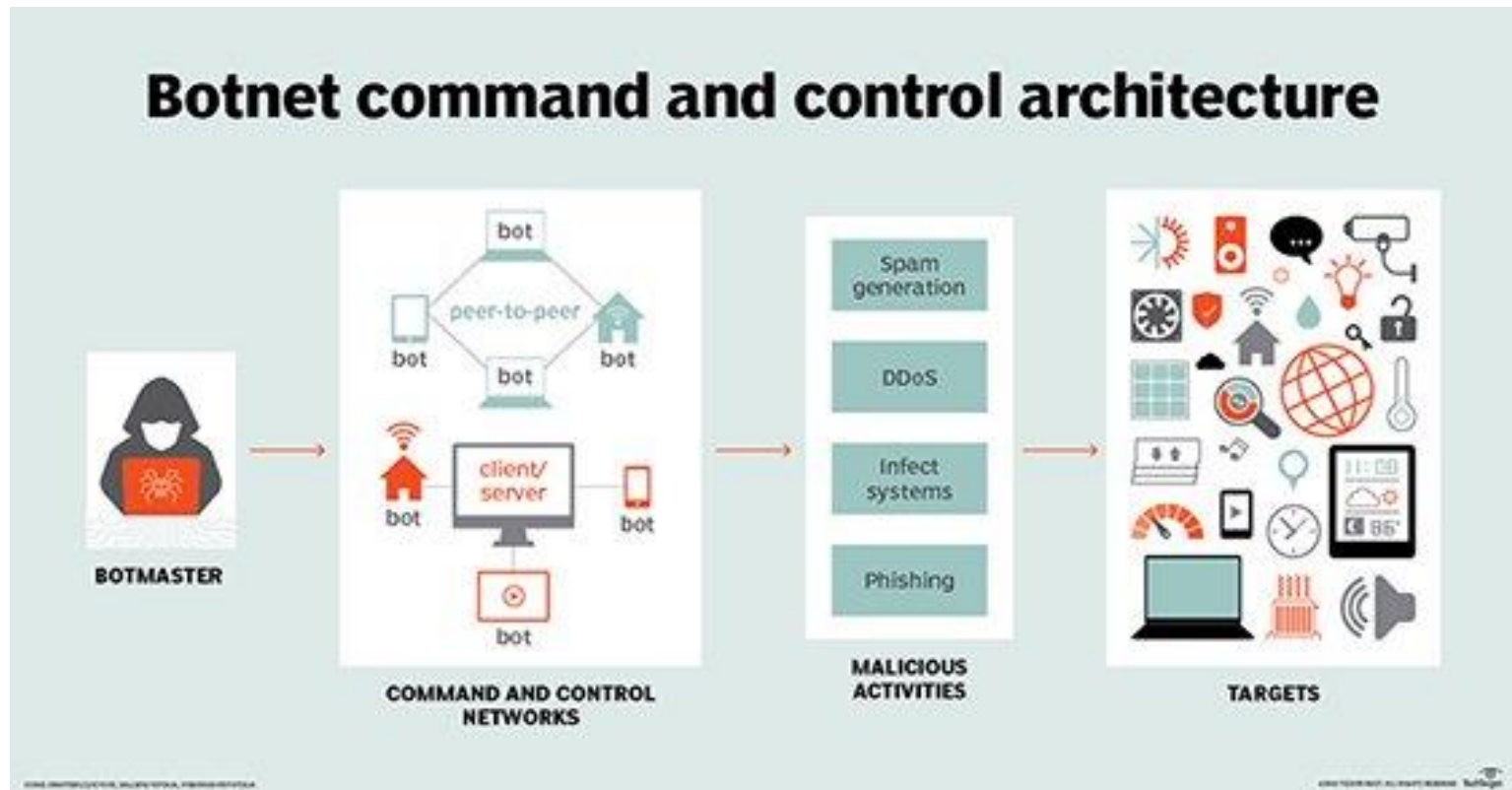
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some banks pw and PINs, others use transaction authentication and authorization numbers (TANs)

many researchers have analyzed the SSL(Secure Sockets Layer)/TLS(Transport Layer Security) protocol's security, but have identified only a few theoretical shortcomings and vulnerabilities

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either directly (poor defense), or indirectly (tricking) -> phishing, pharming, visual spoofing

attacker gathers data, uses later to spoof identity, **offline attacks**

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## 2) channel-breaking attack

attacker cryptanalyze SSL/TLS protocol,  
studied in theory, none has been particularly  
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# protection against offline credential-stealing attacks

two-factor authentication, combining a hardware token with a PIN to unlock it (SecureID, Secure One Time Verification - SecOVID, challenge-response system)

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following a user request, SMS message  
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researchers expect many Internet banks to  
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## Confusion at Palm Beach County polls

Some Al Gore supporters may have mistakenly voted for Pat Buchanan because of the ballot's design.

Although the Democrats are listed second in the column on the left, they are the third hole on the ballot.

Punching the second hole casts a vote for the Reform party.

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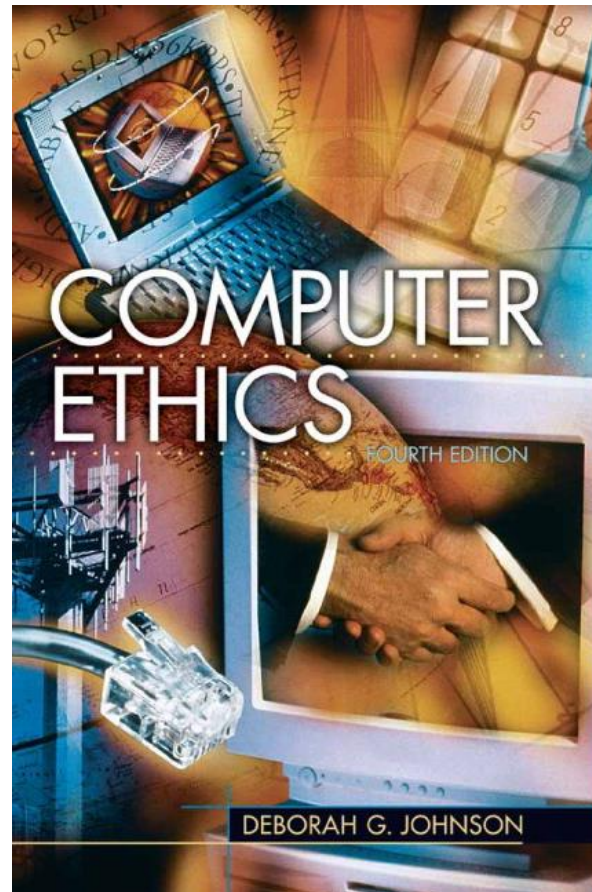
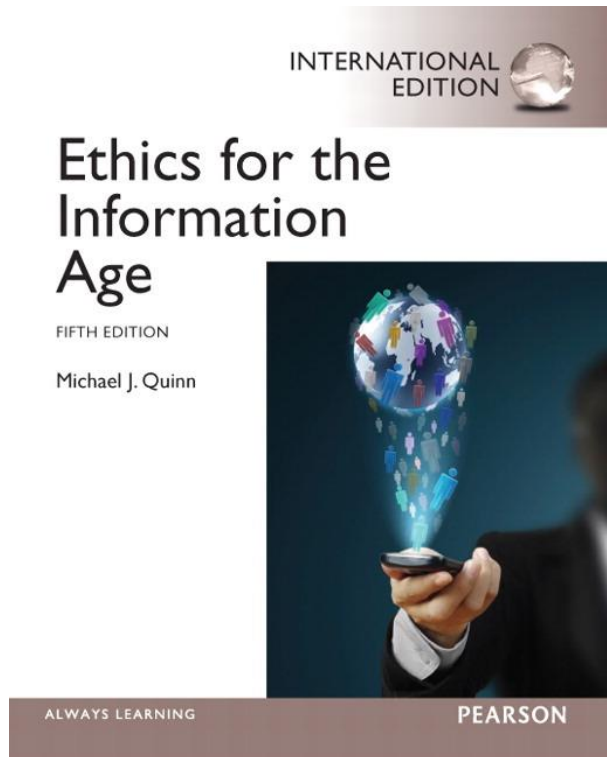
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