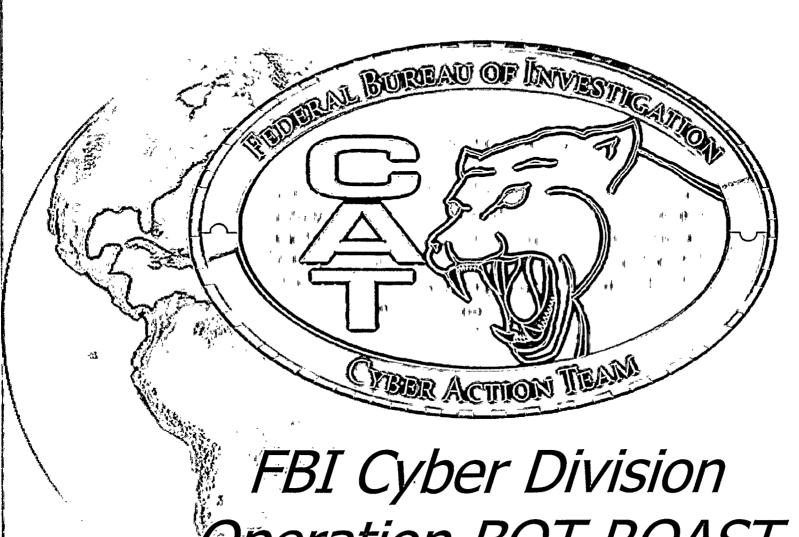
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#### Operation BOT ROAST

Botnet Initiative National Takedown





July 12, 2007 BOTCON 6 Sydney, Australia

#### Agenda

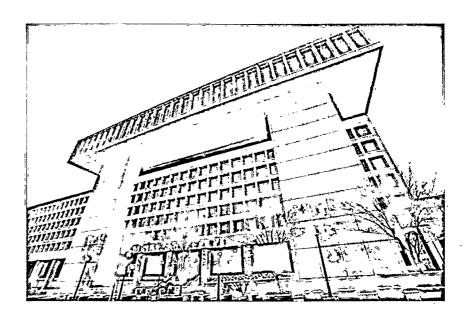
- **Introductions**
- **Botnet Mitigation Strategy** 
  - **Victim Notification Strategy**
- **≍ Press Release/Media Strategy**
- **≒ Closing Remarks**

#### Introduction-

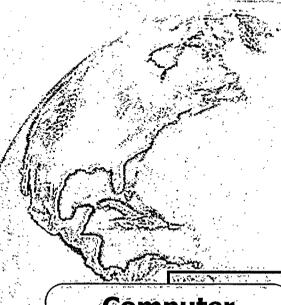
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## FBI Cyber Division

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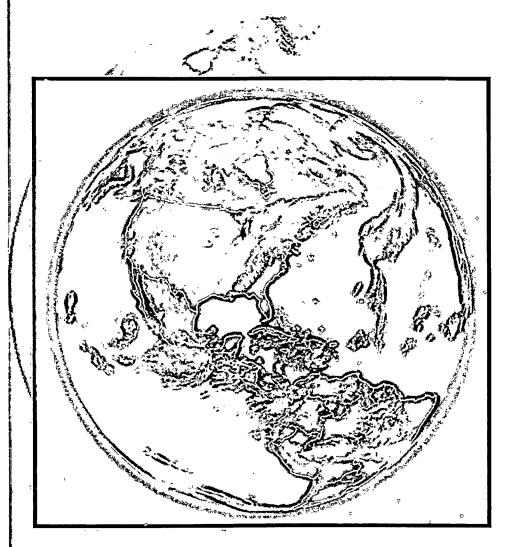
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Cyber Action Team



Answer: Botnet Task Force



#### October 2006

- □ Botnet Task Force discusses plans for a coordinated takedown
- **□ Extremely** difficult

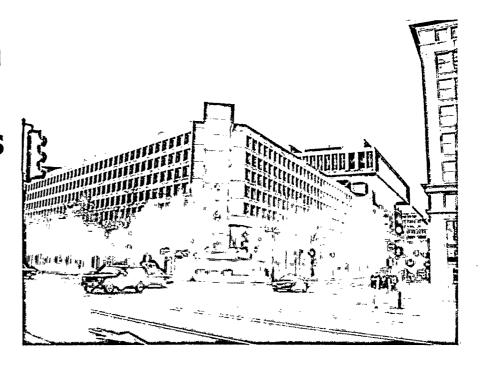
# Cyber Crime

#### March 2007

- □ FBI Cyber Division initiates National Botnet Takedown Operation
- **□** Operation BOT ROAST
- □ Operation is small in nature, approximately four (4) field offices

#### Operation BOT ROAST: Goals

- Botnet Mitigation
   Campaign
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- Public Awareness Campaign
- ✓ Victim
   Notification
   Campaign



## Operation BOT ROAST: Players

**4** Field Offices

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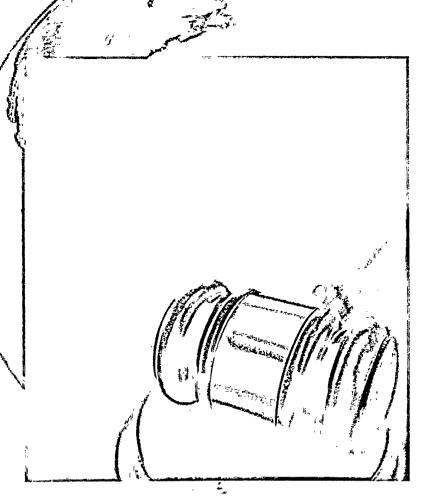
Office of Victim

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Operation BOT ROAST:
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#### **♯ FBI**

- **□ CART- Forensics**
- **¤ General Counsel**
- Internet Crime
   Complaint Center
- **□ US Department of Justice**

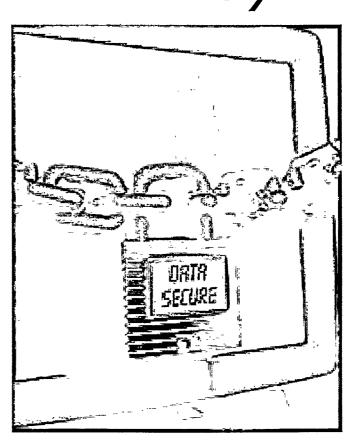
# Operation BOT ROAST: Players

☐ Internet Service Providers

Microsoft

☐ CERT Coordination Center

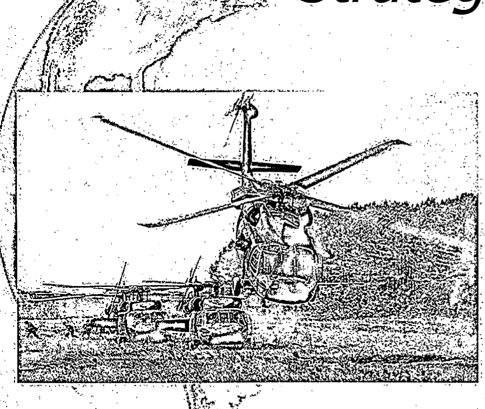
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#### Operation BOT ROAST: Battlefield

- Botnet mitigation = Difficult Coordination = Challenging
- ©ver one million victim IP addresses
- **IDENTIFY AND SET OF THE PROPERTY OF THE PROP**

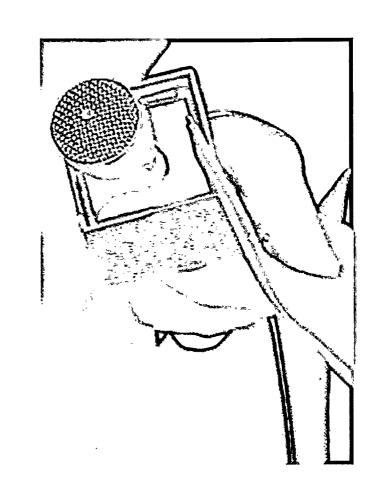




- □ Public Awareness
   Campaign
- □ To disrupt and deter the Botnet Underground
- ☐ To disrupt and deter online criminals utilizing botnets

#### Public Awareness

- Strategy was to educate
- Show law enforcement is engaging the botherders
- Show industry and law enforcement are joining forces

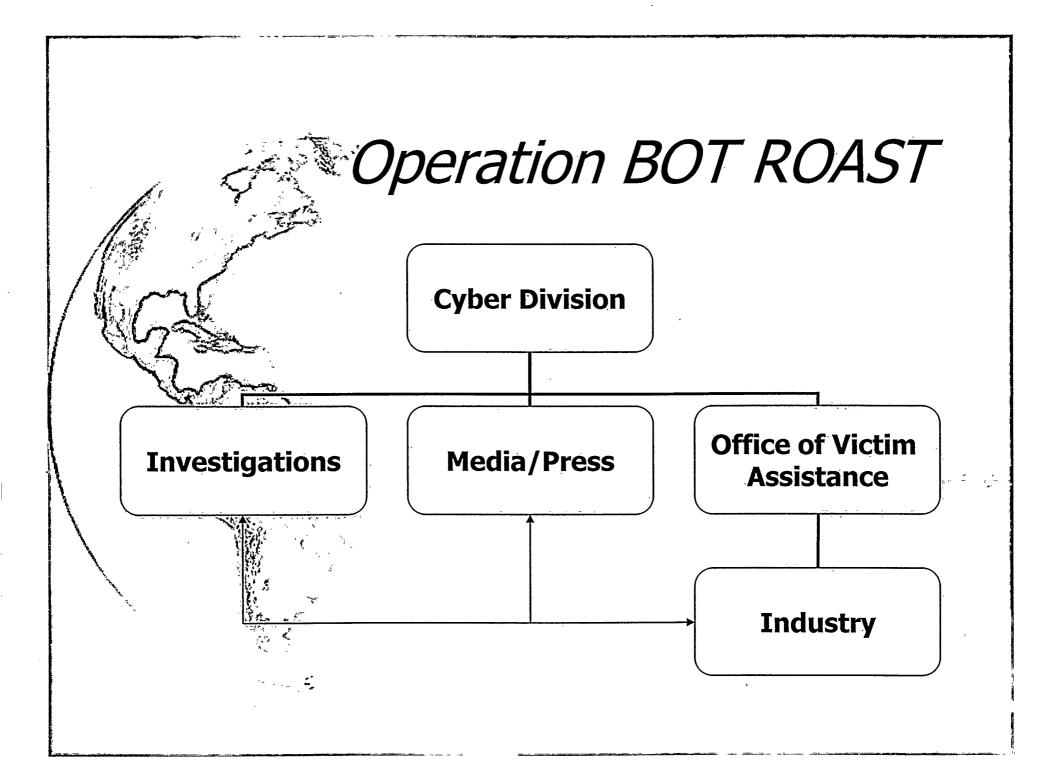


#### Operation BOT ROAST: Mitigation

- ∀ery difficult task
  - Re-focused on botnet crimes law enforcement could prosecute
- Follow on botnet activity through follow-on investigations
- □ Clandestine meeting with industry to discuss strategy
- **☐ Ongoing Operation**

## Operation BOT ROAST: Coordination

- Six investigations identified
- Coordinated takedown
  - Judicial Action on or about the same time
- **□ Scheduled conference calls appx every** three weeks.
- **III Two months scheduled to execute Operation BOT ROAST**



## Operation BOT ROAST: Victim Identification Notification

How does one identify and notify one million victim IP addresses?

Privacy issues

**Resources to identify** 

**Resources to notify** 

 **□ Varying categories of victims**

#### Four Categories of Victims

- **Internet Services Providers**
- **Education Institutions**
- ☐US Government (US CERT)
- ¤ Other
  - **⊭Local** providers
  - **Foreign Government**
  - **□ Foreign ISP**

#### Two Wave Process: Victim Notification



- □ Provide IP addresses to potential victims
- □ Organization confirms it's a victim
- **□ Second Wave:** 
  - **□** Provide victim assistance

#### Press/Media Strategy

- **Embedded reporters**
- Public Awareness emphasis
  - Wrap successful cases around the campaign
- **Coordination with Industry**
- **☐ Close coordination with National Press Office**

#### Operation BOT ROAST: Ongoing Operations



- **I** Continuing:
  - **XVictim Notification**

  - □ Data
     □ Dissemination
  - **Investigations**
  - **Prosecution**

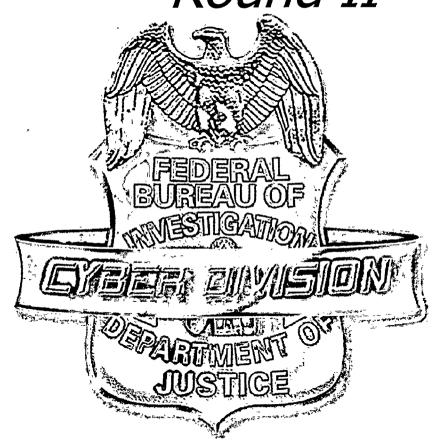
Operation BOT ROAST: Round II

¤ Two months

Canvassing investigations

**☐ Prosecution, Law Enforcement actions** 

**Expedite** process



#### LESSONS LEARNED

- Plan Early, Plan Often
  - 90% planning, 10% Execution
  - **Contingency plans**
- **Communicate clearly with brevity**
- **Ensure all parties are participating**
- **You cannot please everyone**
- Keep it simple



