

Cybersecurity: Attacks

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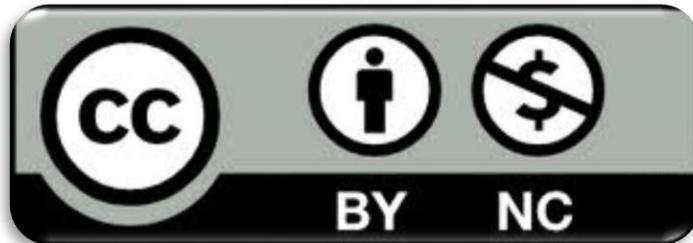


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Prerequisites

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- Lecture:
 - *CS_1.4 - Vulnerabilities*

Goal

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- Presenting an overview of some significant attacks to cybersecurity and a possible clusterization.

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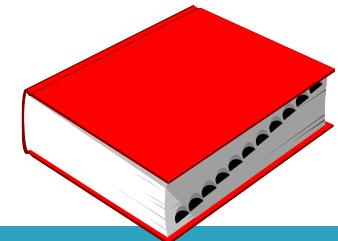
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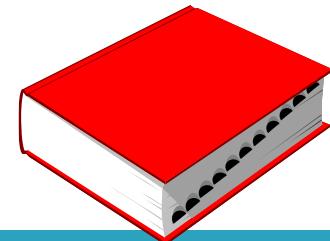
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Vulnerability



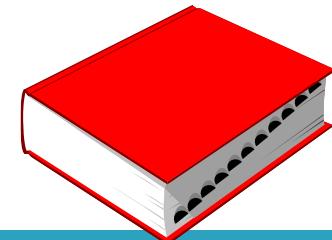
- *Particular* weakness present in a *specific* component of a system that can be *exploited* to carry out unauthorized actions to one's advantage against the Confidentiality, the Integrity or the Availability of the system assets.
- A vulnerability is such iff it is *exploitable*

Exploit



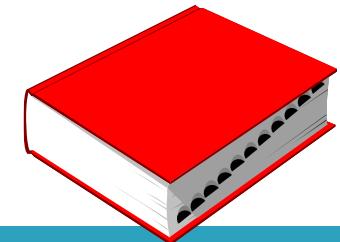
- The mean or method of taking advantage of a vulnerability for malicious purposes.

Attack



- The act of taking advantage of a vulnerability through an exploit.

Attack



- Any kind of malicious activity that attempts to collect, disrupt, deny, degrade, or destroy information system resources or the information itself.

[RFC 2828, Internet Security Glossary, May 2000]

Caveat

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*“Anything”
connected to the Internet
can be attacked ...*

*... and it will
definitiely be ...*

*“Anything”
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..
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Not IF,
But WHEN ...

“thing”
to the Internet
attacked ...

Everything is under attack

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... always ...

<http://map.norsecorp.com/#/>

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Cybercrime

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Cybercrime has been defined as such for the first time by the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe at the *Budapest Convention on Cybercrime* in November 2001.

Budapest Convention on Cybercrime

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- It states the cybercrime includes:
 - Unauthorized access
 - Unauthorized interceptions
 - Alteration of data and systems
 - Counterfeiting
 - Fraud
 - Child pornography
 - Copyright Infringement
 - ...

Caveat

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- Attacking a vulnerable system is considered a *criminal act*
 - *Would you enter a house just because its door is open?*

Cybercrime: where it stems from?

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Cyberspace: nobody's land ...

- In the cyberspace, social paradigms are completely different
- It is often considered *nobody's land* for the lack of clear
 - borders
 - laws

Consequences (1)

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- Attackers share information among them in the deep web
- Defenders tend to hide attacks and to not disclosure info's

Consequences (2)

- Continuous increase in the cost / benefit ratio for the attackers:
 - it is easier and easier for them to reach the desired target, regardless of its location

Consequences (3)

- Criminals and terrorists can do much more damage with:
 - Marginal efforts
 - relatively low risks
 - poor technological knowledges
- *Crime-as-a-Service*

Consequences (4)

- Many new ways to:
 - Perform crimes
 - Launch attacks
 - Damage
 - Fight wars
 - Perpetrate hostile acts
 - ...

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JUST THE FAX, MA'AM —

Equifax breach exposed millions of driver's licenses, phone numbers, emails

17.6 million driver's license numbers, thousands of ID images stolen in breach.

SEAN GALLAGHER - 5/8/2018, 5:13 PM



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Hackerata la catena di hotel Marriott: a rischio i dati di 500 milioni di clienti



(reuters)

La compagnia ha annunciato di aver subito un attacco informatico ai suoi database. Potenzialmente coinvolti mezzo miliardo di utenti che hanno soggiornato negli alberghi del gruppo dal 2014 a oggi



THE INTERNET OF HACKABLE THINGS

Internet of Things Teddy Bear Leaked 2 Million Parent and Kids Message Recordings



LORENZO FRANCESCHI-BICCHIERAI
Feb 27 2017, 10:00pm

A company that sells “smart” teddy bears leaked 800,000 user account credentials—and then hackers locked it and held it for ransom.

UPDATE, Feb. 28, 12:25 p.m. ET: After this story was published, a security researcher revealed that the stuffed animals themselves could easily be hacked

The image shows a composite of two visual elements. On the left, a screenshot of the Ashley Madison website's homepage. The header features the brand name 'ASHLEY MADISON' in large, bold, black letters, with the tagline 'Life is short. Have an affair.' below it. A search bar contains the placeholder 'Please select...' and a pink button labeled 'See Your Matches'. A dark banner at the bottom states 'Over 32,000,000 anonymous members'. On the right, a close-up photograph of a woman with long brown hair, wearing a ring, holding her index finger to her lips in a 'shh' gesture. Below this image is a news headline in a white box with a black border: 'READ MORE' above the text 'Ashley Madison hack reveals its 37 million users sexual fantasies'.

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AS SEEN ON: NBC News, CBS, Fox, The Sun, The Times, The Telegraph, The Mirror

100% Satisfaction Guaranteed

ASHLEY MADISON is the world's leading online cheating service. 37 MILLION MEMBERS

Read More About Ashley Madison

SSL Secure Site

READ MORE

Ashley Madison hack reveals its 37 million users sexual fantasies

Rubate le mail a 1,4 milioni di utenti Libero e Virgilio

Il cybercriminale, uno studente di 24 anni, si è intrufolato nella rete Wi-Fi del gestore (Italiaonline) operando da un bar vicino alla sede dell'azienda (Assago, Milano). I carabinieri l'hanno fermato dopo che aveva già spedito il pacchetto di credenziali mail al committente



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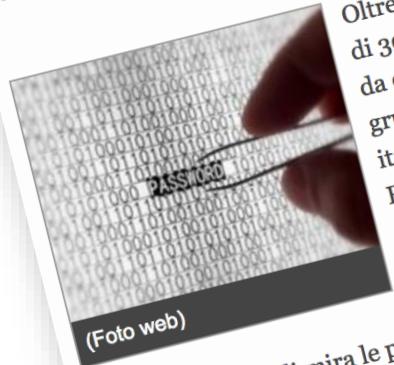
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SICUREZZA INFORMATICA

Hacker rubano 36 milioni di euro sui conti di 30 banche europee via sms

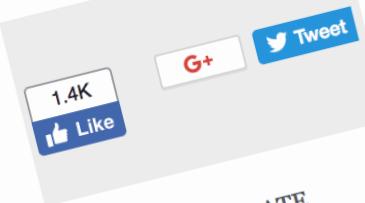
Colpiti anche clienti italiani. L'attacco attraverso un trojan dormiente sui Pc che si è trasferito sugli smartphone



(Foto web)

Oltre 36 milioni di euro, sui conti di 30 banche europee. Una cifra da capogiro. Rubata da un gruppo di hacker anche di clienti italiani. A darne notizia è stato il Financial Times nell'edizione online, rilevando che si tratterebbe del primo caso di furto che ha preso

specificatamente di mira le procedure di sicurezza sui servizi



NOTIZIE CORRELATE

- L'attacco di Apple: «Android è a rischio» (22/01/2014)

Mr. Confindustria a Bruxelles truffato da un hacker: persi 500mila euro. Licenziato

"Sposta subito mezzo milione su questo conto estero". Ma la mail era di un hacker. E i soldi sono spariti. Il finto ordine a firma della direttrice Panucci: "Esegui e non mi chiamare che sto fuori col presidente"

di ROBERTO MANIA

Lo leggo dopo

30 settembre 2017



Gianfranco Dell'Alba

contraffatte (mail spoofing, le chiamano gli esperti del settore) da cui partono ordini per spostare denaro in ogni parte del mondo.

Hacker truffa con una mail falsa un dirigente di Confindustria: spariti 500mila euro

"Sposta subito mezzo milione su questo conto estero". Il finto ordine a firma della direttrice Marcella Panucci, ad eseguire il bonifico il dirigente livornese Gianfranco Dell'Alba

TRUFFE CONFININDUSTRIA HACKER

30 settembre 2017



ADVANCED CROSS-BORDER FINANCIAL CYBERCRIME

CARBANAK – THE \$1 BILLION BANK HEIST

Infecting bank clerks' computers



Harvesting intelligence



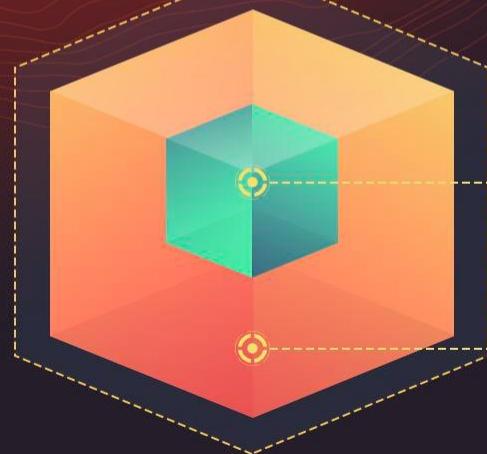
Controlling admin computers



Stealing money

BANGLADESH CENTRAL BANK HEIST

35 transfer orders to the New York Federal Reserve



Four orders, \$81M Stolen, still missing

31 orders, \$870M Blocked because of word 'Fandation'

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Crime-as-a-Service

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TRADITIONAL AND ONLINE
CRIME GROUPS ARE NOW WORKING TOGETHER



Surveillance Camera Attack

- A massive Distributed Denial of Service (DDoS) attack slowed down major websites
 - Twitter, Spotify, Amazon, Reddit, Yelp, Netflix, and The New York Times
- Target: Dyn (a major DNS host)
- Attack: a weakness in surveillance cameras, that allowed installing malicious software in more than 25,000 cameras!



Automotive attacks

Upstream

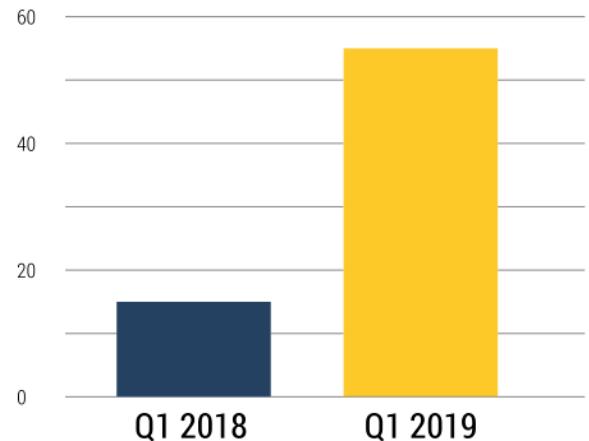
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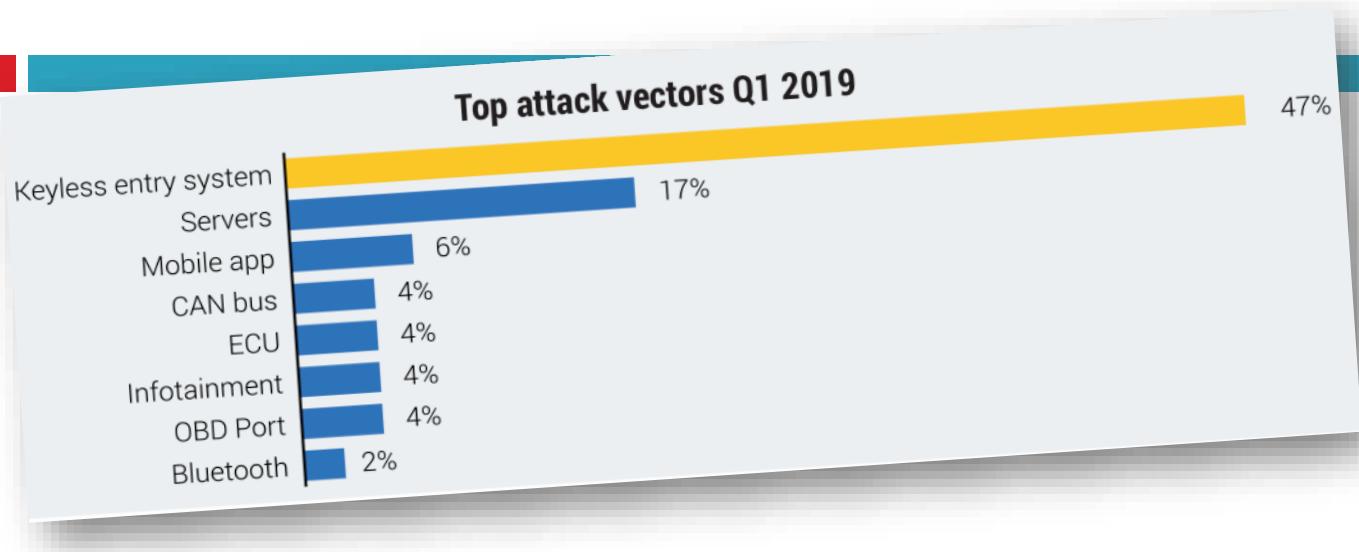
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Total incidents Q1 18 vs Q1 19

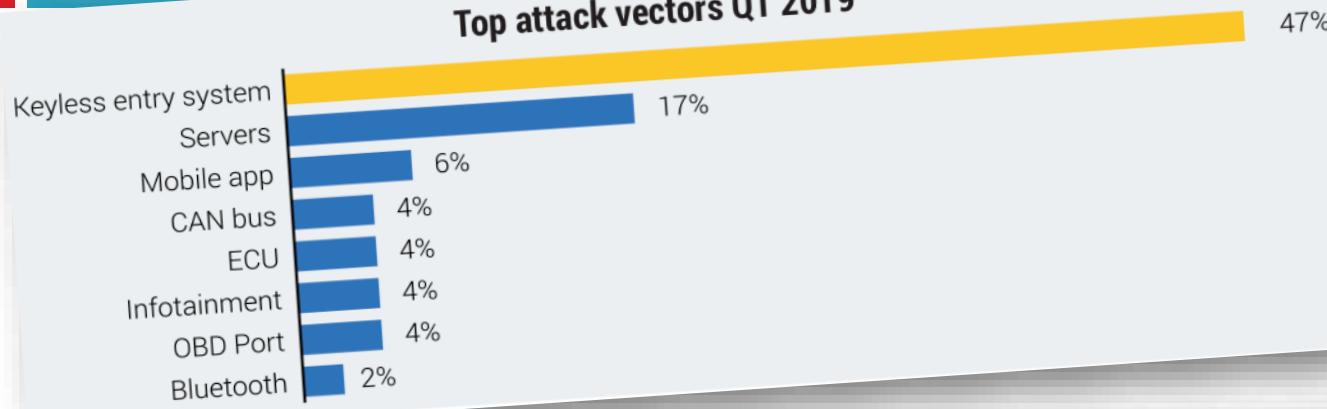


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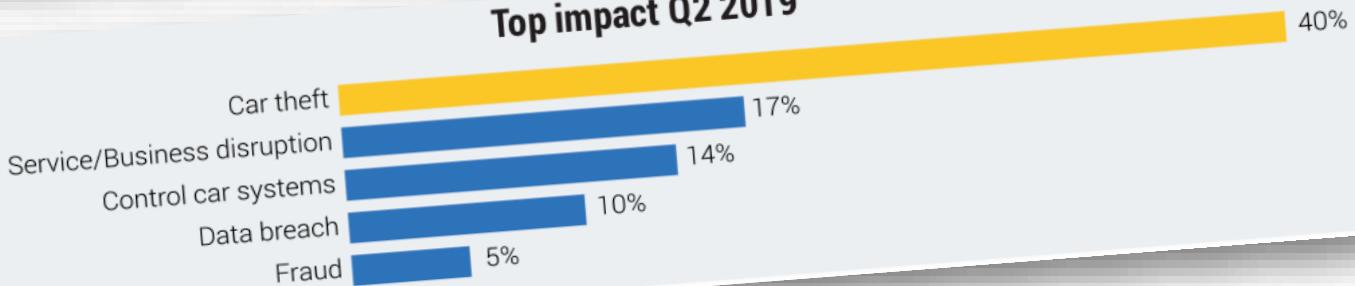


Automotive attacks

Top attack vectors Q1 2019



Top impact Q2 2019



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Attacco DDoS Contro Dyn DNS, giù twitter, spotify, github, heroku e altri.

I Cyber attacchi si fanno sempre più frequenti e rappresentano giorno per giorno una grave minaccia per le compagnie IT.





PRIVACY AND SECURITY FANATIC

By Ms. Smith, Network World | FEB 12, 2017 8:15 AM PT

University attacked by its own vending machines, smart light bulbs & 5,000 IoT devices

A university, attacked by its own malware-laced soda machines and other botnet-controlled IoT devices, was locked out of 5,000 systems.

About |

Ms. Smith (not her real name) is a freelance writer, programmer with a special and somewhat personal interest in IT privacy and security issues.



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Hacking link to USS McCain warship collision? Expert says 'I don't believe in coincidence'

THE collision of a second US warship this year that has left 10 sailors missing points to an expert has warned.

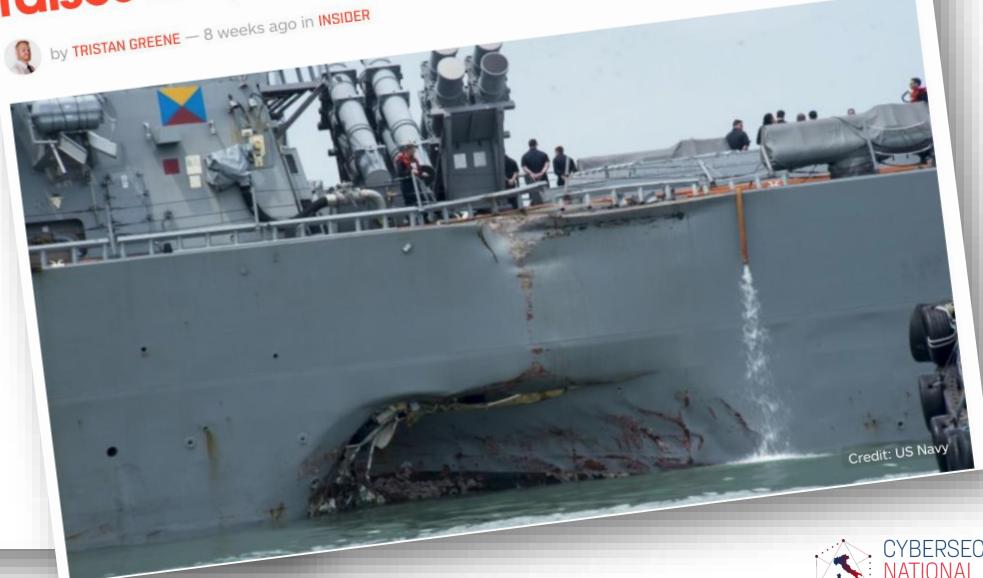


Charis Chang [@CharisChang2](#)



Fourth US Navy collision this year raises suspicion of cyber-attacks

by TRISTAN GREENE — 8 weeks ago in INSIDER



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LA COMUNICAZIONE

Ascolta

IoT security, 350 mila pacemaker a rischio attacchi informatici negli USA

Intervento della Food and drug administration: batterie scarse e bassi livelli di cybersecurity. Solo l'anno passato sono state individuate oltre 8.000 vulnerabilità su sette diversi apparecchi.

di Flavio Fabbri | @FabbriFlav2 | 8 maggio 2018, ore 12:21

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Cybercrime costs the global economy \$450 billion

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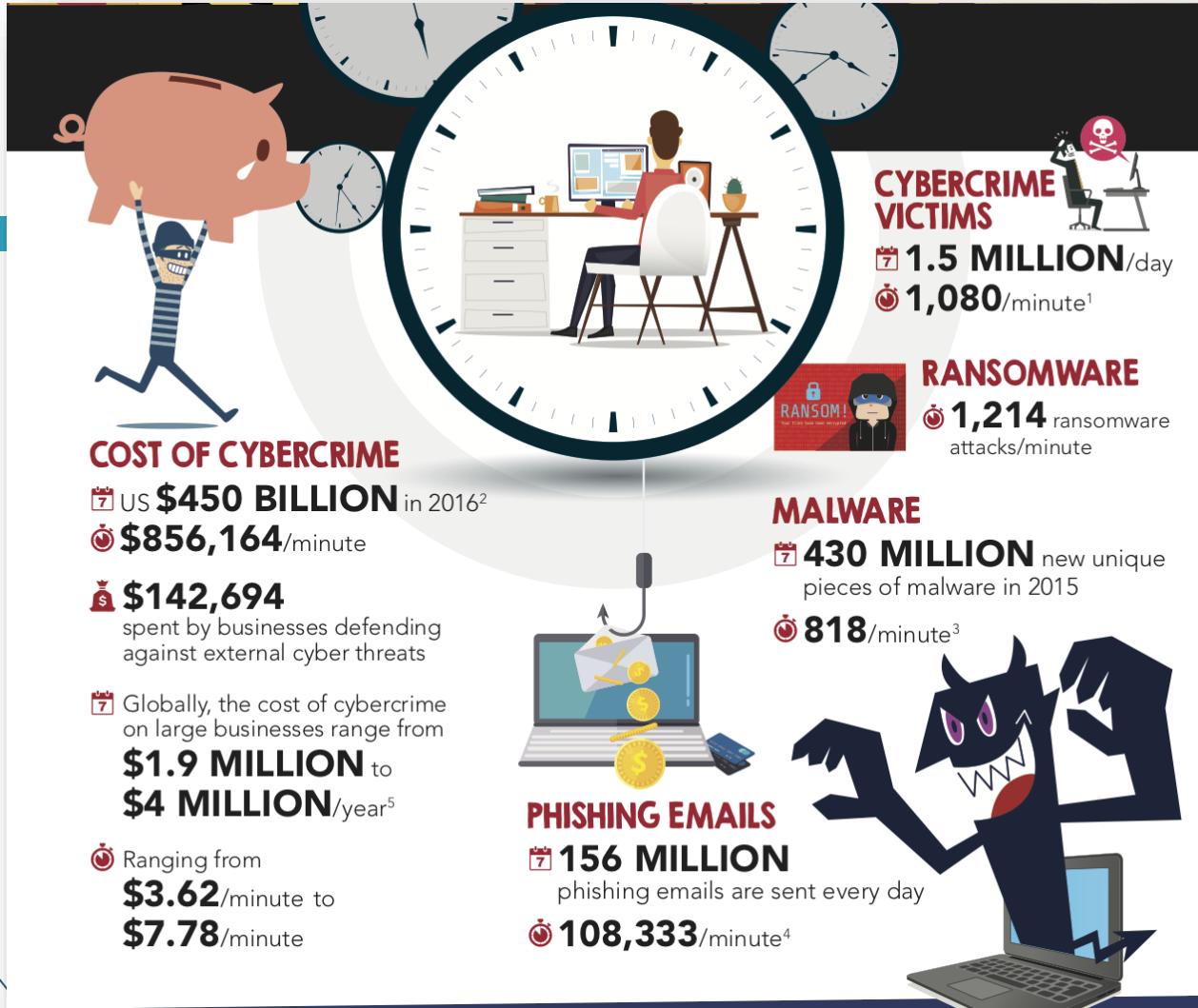
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Austria GDP (Gross Domestic Product) in 2017:
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NUMBER OF NEW BLACKLISTED MOBILE APPS

from Jan1 to June28

 **77,563 / 259,200**

(number of minutes in 6 months)

 **.3** new blacklisted apps per minute

NUMBER OF NEW PHISHING PAGES

from Jan1 to June28

 **25,871,628 / 259,200**

(number of minutes in 6 months)

 **100** new phishing pages per minute (99.81)



MALVERTISING:

Based on RiskIQ's 2016 malvertising report

 **7,623,099**

total instances of malvertising in 2016. Divided by the number of minutes in a year, 525,600, we have around

 **14.5**

incidents a minute



PIRATE CONTENT CREATED

 **4,300**

people globally exposed to malware from content theft sites in one minute.

Based on 325 million Americans, 74.5% of whom are internet users and 3.8 billion internet users globally, this scales the number of people exposed to malware from content theft websites to



188 MILLION/month

 **4,300**/minute⁶



Cybercrime vs. space

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GLOBAL SPACE
BUDGET:

\$33 BILLION



[E. Kaspersky, 2018]

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USS TRUMAN

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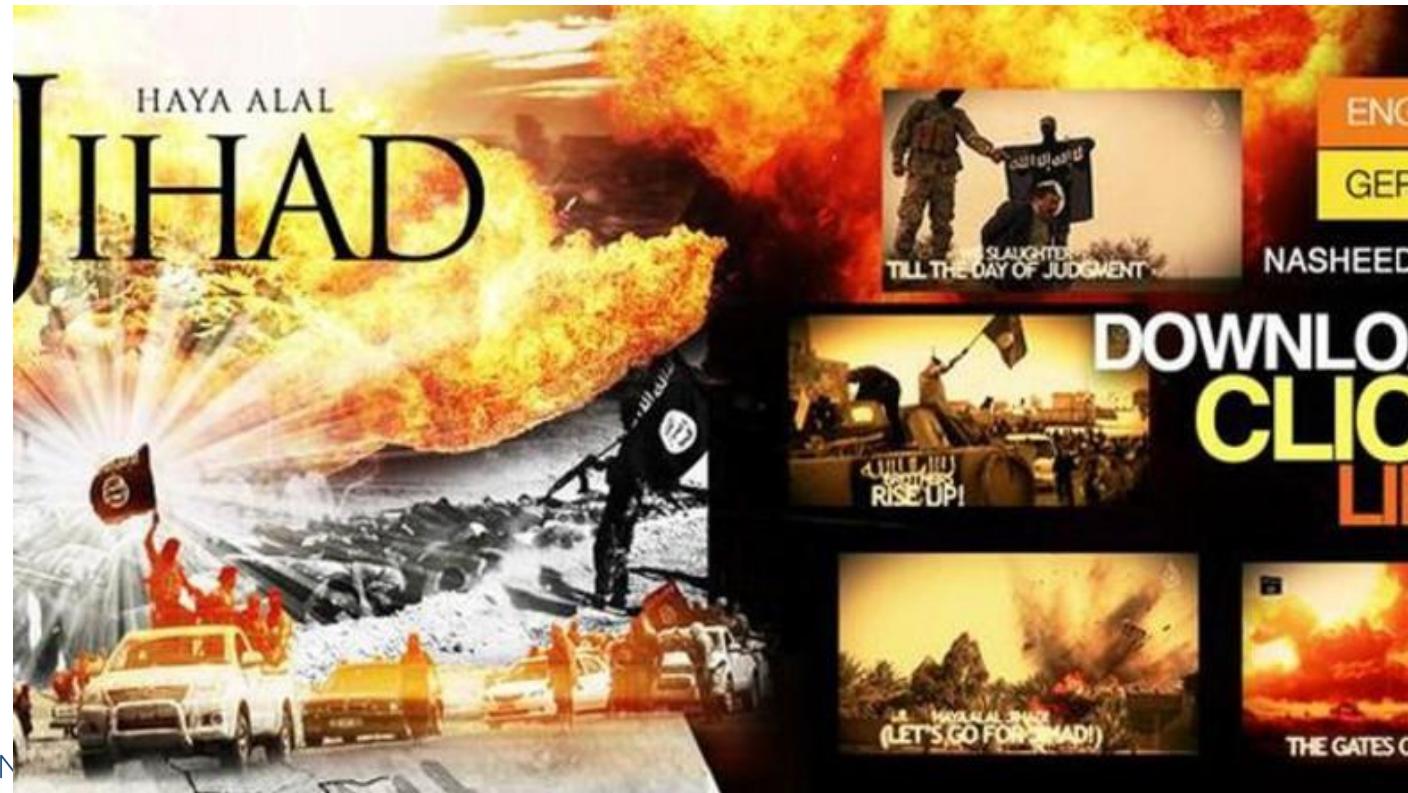
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CYBER-JIHAD



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The 4th domain

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- In 2016, during the Warsaw summit, NATO officially elevated cyberspace to the rank of “*operations domain*” together with *land, sea, and air*

CEMA (Cyber ElectroMagnetic Activities)

- Use the electromagnetic spectrum to have cyber effects
- Example:
 - how to inoculate malware in radars not through networks but waves (software-defined radio)
 - attackers can turn off or spy on radar not with viruses in systems, but through electromagnetism

- It is no longer the world where the vulnerability of networks is the result above all of the ingenuity of human beings.
- The so-called *air-gap* to get into the networks without entering the networks themselves is overcome.
- There will be military aircraft with ISR platforms capable of doing all this remotely, analyzing the information that passes via Wi-Fi

[Francesco Vestito - comandante del CIOC - Comando Interforze per le Operazioni Cibernetiche]

Cyber-warfare: Examples

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6 SEPTEMBER 2007: ORCHARD OPERATION

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weapon called *Suter*.

Suter it is a computer system that, through sensors, can identify the source of electromagnetic waves, for example a radar, understand what type of transmitter it has in front of it and send signals that can confuse the transmitter or even infect it with viruses.

Suter according to various sources, it is an American system developed by BAE Systems and integrated on some unmanned aircraft.

There are several versions of *Suter*, the most basic allows you to understand what they see the opposing radars, the second version allows you to take control of the enemy network and control the sensors, the third version allows you to take control of sensors and actuators connected, or weapon systems . All this is achieved "simply" by injecting the ad hoc built code.

These systems are used by the US at least from the 2006 and have been deployed in Iraq, Syria and Afghanistan.

What Israel has used *Suter* or something similar created by its laboratories does not matter, what is interesting to note is that very probably for at least ten years there are technologies capable of reducing the radar to impotence.

(To Alessandro Rugolo) 09/09/18 - In the 2007 in Italy we just heard of *cyber*. Someone dared to write their thesis trying to illustrate the meaning of terms like *cyberspace*, *cyberdefence*, *cyberattack*, but without proving great public success. Yet the rest of the world went on.

Israel in the meantime hit a nuclear installation in Syria with the use of the Air Force ...

The night of the 6 September at least 4 F-16I *Sufa* and 4 F-15I *Ra'am* they crossed the border with Syria towards the nuclear installation near the city of Deir ez-Zor.

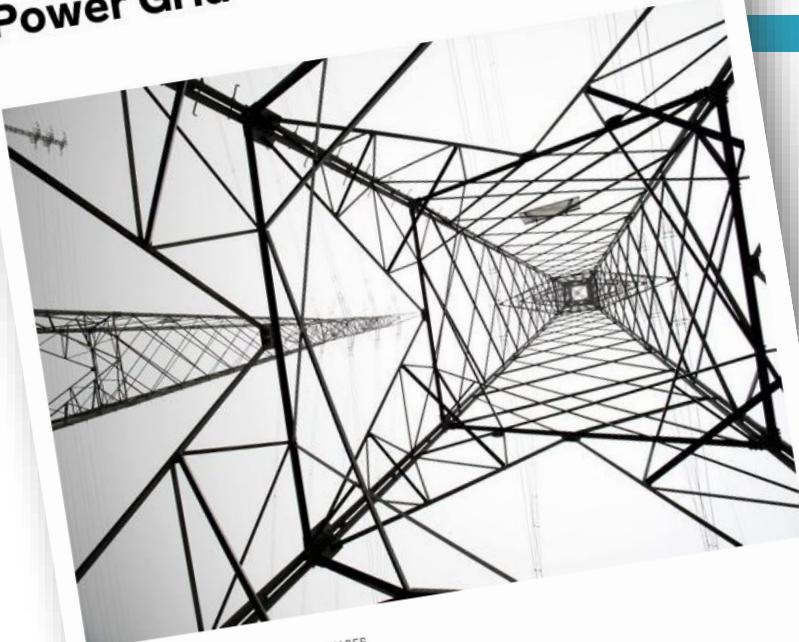
The aircraft carried out their mission and all returned to the base without the Syrian anti-aircraft defenses noticing: the radars were blind and the anti-aircraft defenses did not come into operation, although they were very advanced Russian systems (Pantsir S1).

The success of the mission has always been attributed to the great skill of the Israeli pilots and to the great work of the Israeli electronic war, and yet with time the truth has emerged: the mission has succeeded thanks to the use of a cyber

2015, Dec. 23rd

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Inside the Cunning, Unprecedented Hack of Ukraine's Power Grid



JOSE A. BERNAT BACET/GETTY IMAGES

IT WAS 3:30 p.m. last December 23, and residents of the Ivano-Frankivsk region of Western Ukraine were preparing to end their

HACKING

Di Joseph Cox

gen 12 2016, 10:18am

La rete elettrica in Ucraina è stata attaccata da degli hacker

Gli hacker hanno attaccato anche i centri telefonici cercando di impedire ai clienti di notificare alle compagnie le interruzioni di corrente.

Booz | Allen | Hamilton



WHEN THE LIGHTS WENT OUT

A COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF THE 2015 ATTACKS ON UKRAINIAN CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE

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TLP: White

Analysis of the Cyber Attack on the Ukrainian Power Grid

Defense Use Case

March 18, 2016

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CYBERATTACCO, UN VIRUS INFORMATICO PROVOCÀ BLACKOUT IN UCRAINA

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Grazie a un documento Excel infetto, il 23 dicembre scorso 700mila persone sono rimaste al buio per diverse ore

Il tanto temuto blackout provocato da attacco informatico alle centrali elettriche è arrivato. Il primo vero salto di qualità nelle minacce hacker ad impianti elettrici è avvenuto il 23 dicembre scorso, ai danni della rete elettrica ucraina nel Nord-Ovest del Paese: lo ha reso noto l'azienda di sicurezza informatica Eset, sottolineando come si tratti del primo caso del genere al mondo. Secondo Eset, il virus responsabile dell'attacco è stato infiltrato nel sistema grazie a un documento Excel infetto: si tratta di un programma denominato "BlackEnergy", contenente a sua volta un eseguibile, "KillDisk", in grado di sabotare le funzionalità dei sistemi industriali, spesso assai vulnerabili.

Nel capoluogo della regione Ivano/Frankivsk sono rimasti senza luce circa 700mila persone. L'interruzione della corrente - leggiamo su International Business Time - è durata circa sei ore. "Se questo è veramente il primo attacco riuscito contro impianti elettrici, credo che un sacco di persone lo interpreteranno come il passaggio del Rubicone" ha detto Jason Healy, esperto di conflitti informatici e ricercatore senior presso la Columbia University's School of International and Public Affairs di New York. "Non c'è dubbio che il rischio aumenta ogni anno e che tali attacchi saranno sempre più comuni."

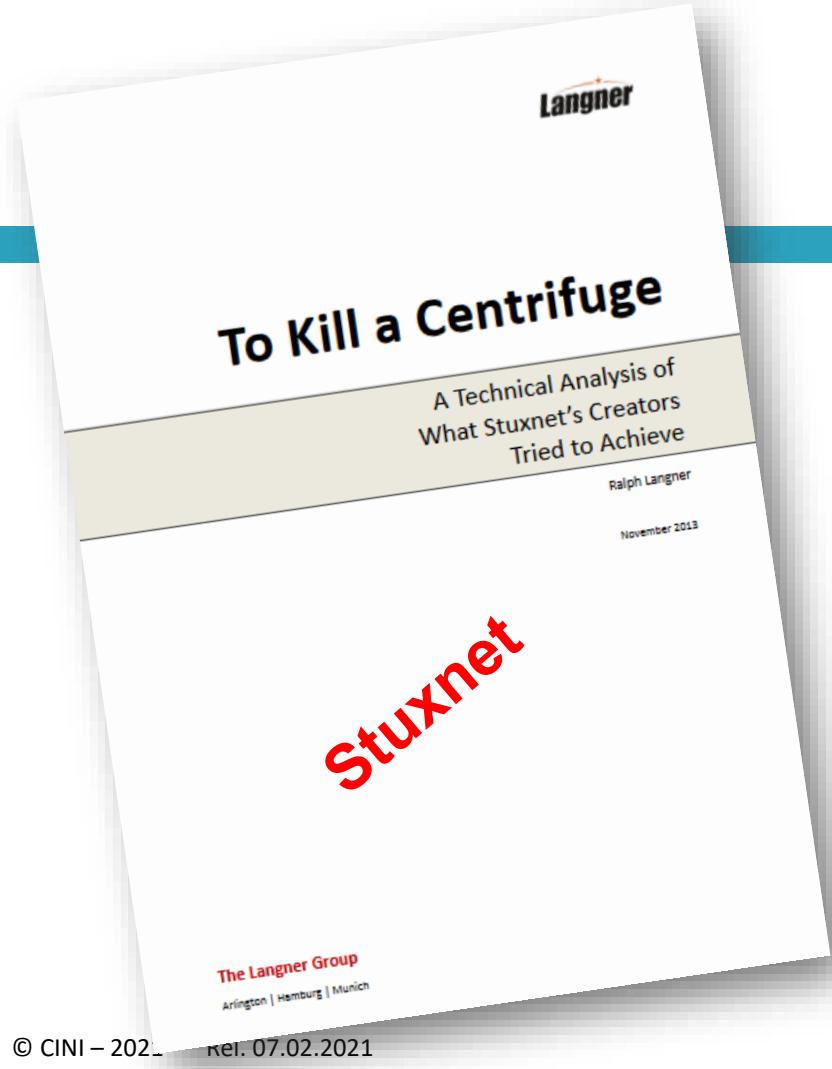
I funzionari ucraini hanno aperto un'inchiesta su quell'evento ed alcuni studi recenti sottolineano che l'attacco avrebbe colpito almeno altre due utility in Ucraina occidentale. Secondo le spiegazioni fornite dai tecnici, BlackEnergy esiste da circa un decennio e in passato è stato utilizzato per attacchi hacker da parte del gruppo Sandworm, con sede a Mosca e vicino al governo russo.

Nonostante l'esistenza di responsabilità private e circostanziate c'è una certa titubanza nell'attribuire la colpa a un partito politico. Un istruttore certificato di sicurezza informatica sostiene che occorrono più analisi per poter giungere ad una conclusione, soprattutto perché si tratta di infrastrutture civili fuori dalle zone del conflitto. Tuttavia, come alcuni stati utilizzano l'informatica per spiarsi l'un l'altro, gli stessi potrebbero arrivare a trovarsi in posizioni scomode nell'ammettere le azioni di spionaggio.



Stuxnet

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Stuxnet

- In an article in The New York Times of June 1, 2012, White House policy expert David E. Sanger writes an article in which he anticipates the news that President Obama has ordered a cyber-attack on Iran.
- According to Sanger's reconstruction, some European states and some Israeli officers were also involved in the operation, the weapon used is Stuxnet



[<http://www.nytimes.com/2012/06/01/world/middleeast/obama-ordered-wave-of-cyberattacks-against-iran.html>]

From cyber to physical

- The attack was carried out with the **Stuxnet worm** which went from a Windows system to the **SCADA** controllers (Supervisory Control And Data Acquisition) used for the electronic monitoring of an Iranian nuclear power plant.
- The worm managed to change **the speed of the rotors** in a centrifuge of the Iranian plant used to enrich uranium.
- The compromise was possible thanks to **social engineering** activities and other techniques so as not to be discovered (when the rotor had warmed up the malware continued to send messages to the operations center confirming that everything was ok)

Trump secretly ordered cyber attacks against Iran missile systems

June 23, 2019 By Pierluigi Paganini

The United States launched a series of cyber attacks on Iran after the Iranian military has downed an American surveillance drone.

The military response to Iran, after the Iranian army has downed an American surveillance drone, started from the cyberspace.

US President Donald Trump first approved military strikes against Iran in retaliation for downing a surveillance drone, **but pulled back from launching them** on Thursday night after a day of escalating tensions.

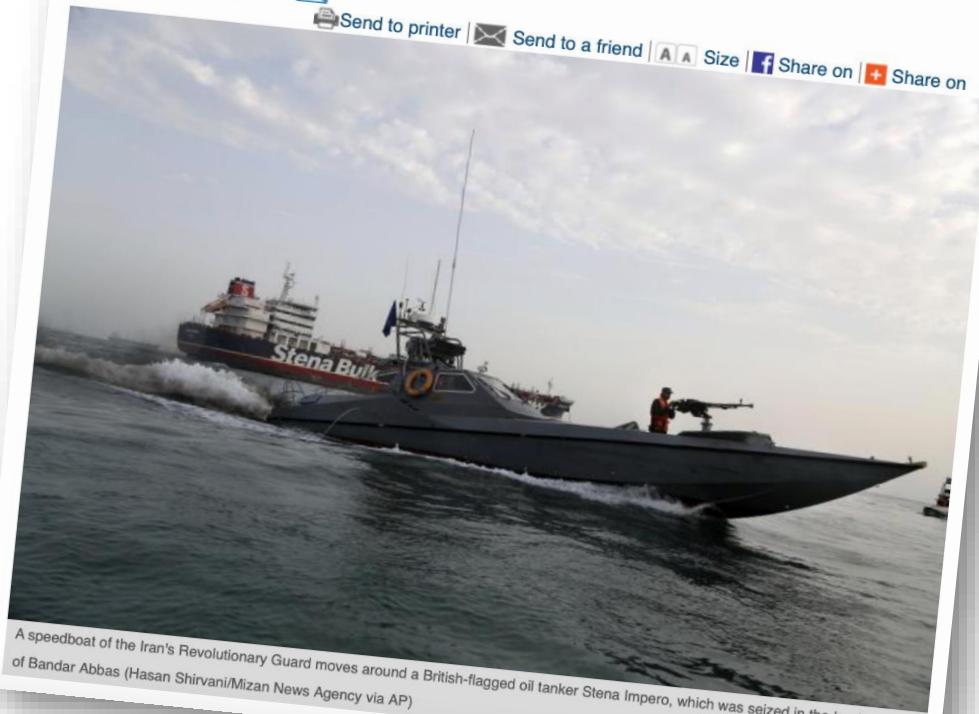


Report: US Cyberattack Crippled Iran's Ability to Target Oil Tankers

The June 20 cyberattack, carried out in response to Iran's downing of a US drone, took out an Iranian database used by the IRGC to plan attacks against oil tankers in the Gulf, the New York Times reported

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Un attacco hacker ha bloccato il porto di Shahid Rajaee sul Golfo Persico pochi giorni dopo l'incursione informatica nel sistema idrico israeliano. Gli esperti: è l'alba di un nuovo tipo di conflitto, senza regole

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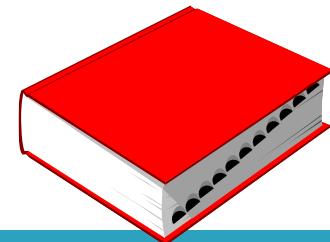
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State-sponsored cyberattacks

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Hybrid warfare



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- *Hybrid warfare* is a military strategy which employs political warfare and blends conventional warfare, irregular warfare and *cyberwarfare* with other influencing methods, such as fake news, diplomacy, lawfare and foreign electoral intervention.

Cyber attacks in *Hybrid warfare*

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- Why Cyber attacks in *Hybrid warfares*:
 - favorable cost-effectiveness ratio;
 - "below the threshold" of military response;
 - absence of geographical boundaries and attribution difficulties.

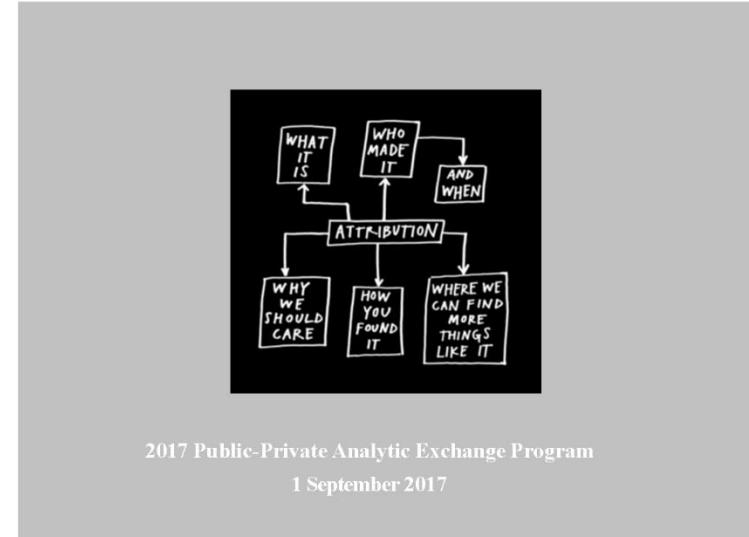
The issue of attribution

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- “Most sophisticated and exhaustive approaches to attribution are often outside the means of most companies, and from the perspective of the government or its intelligence organizations, is usually classified or sensitive.”



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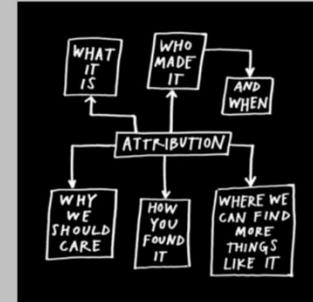
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- This leaves private enterprise in a difficult position when it is targeted by state actors. They may fail to anticipate being targeted and lack the ability to respond when they are.



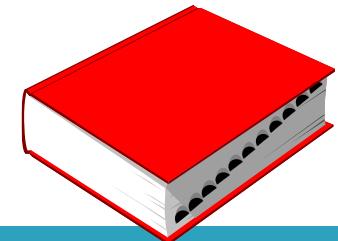
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Deterrence



- Prevention of an action through a credible threat of retaliation with consequences of unacceptable size for the attacker and/or through operations that lead to the belief that the cost of the action exceeds the perceived benefits.

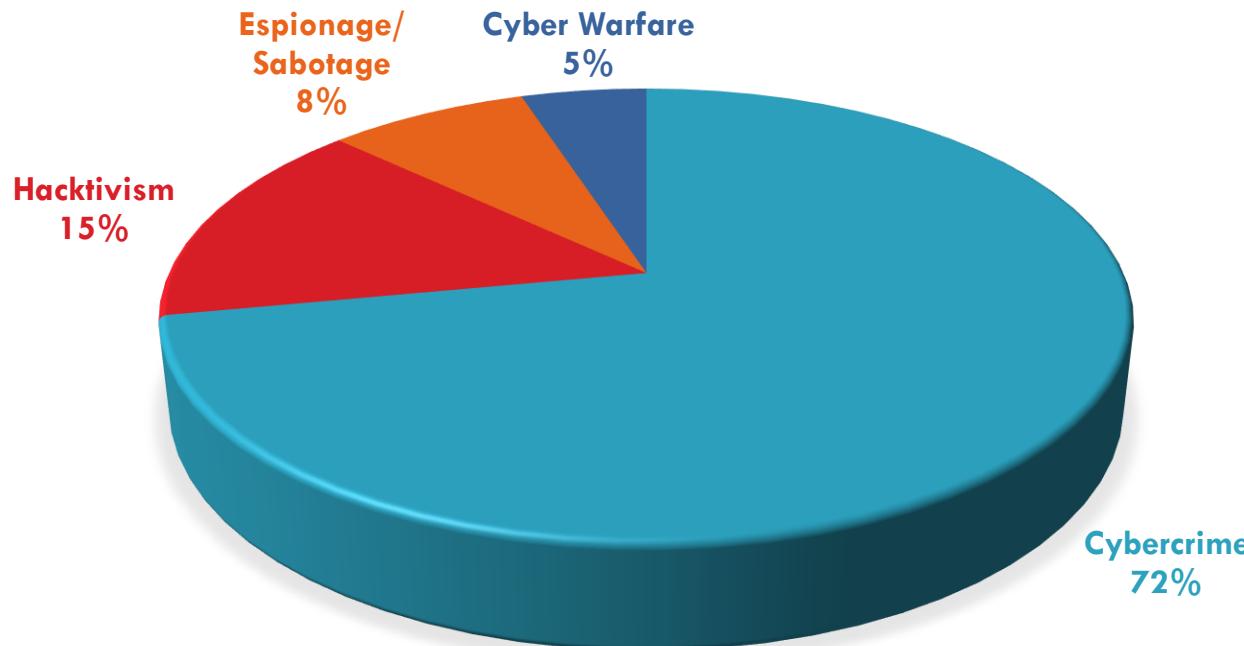
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TYPES AND DISTRIBUTION OF ATTACKERS - 2016



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- Not highly sophisticated equipment
- Look for existing weaknesses

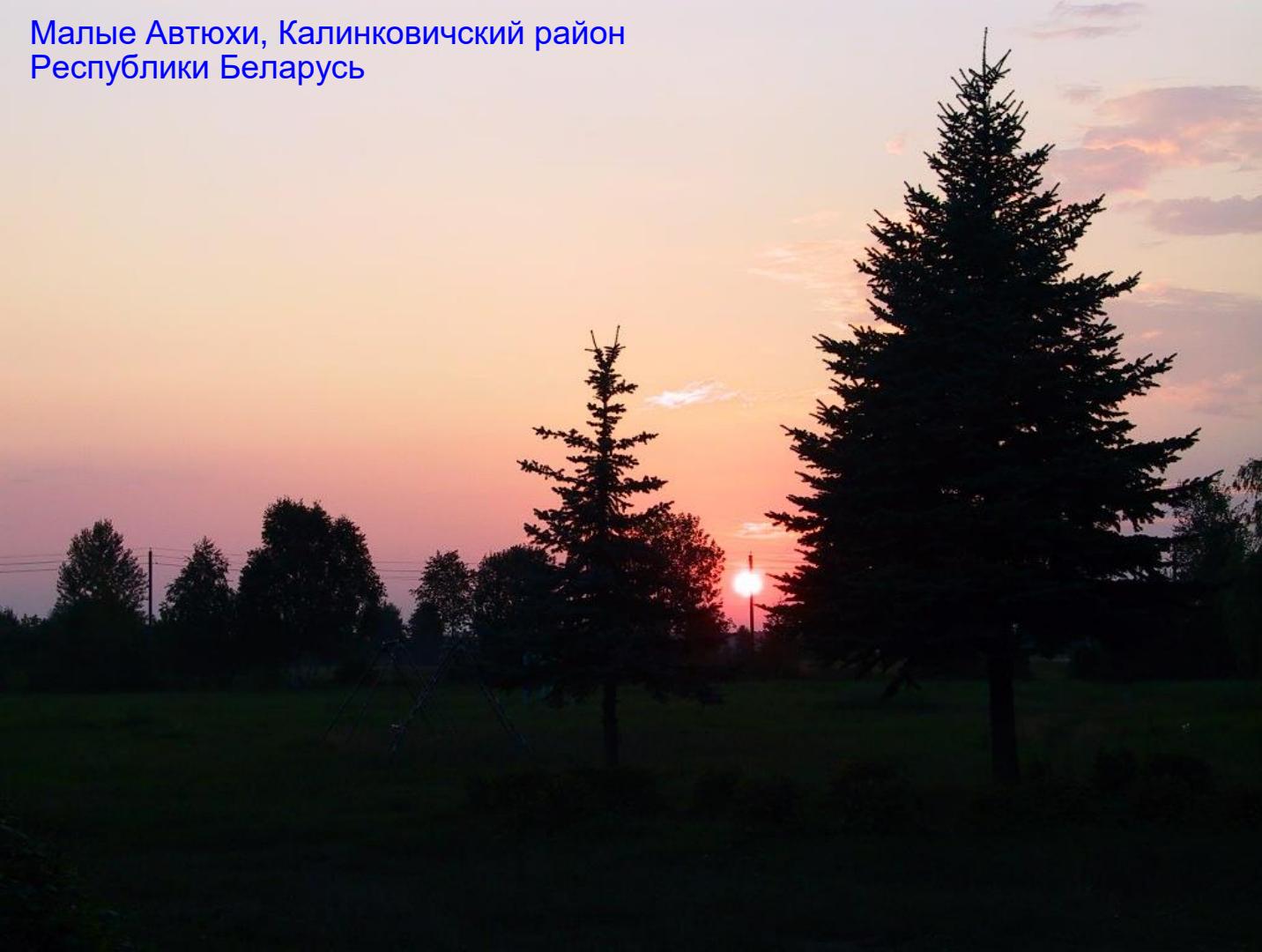
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 - most parts of the system
 - highly sophisticated tools

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- Governments, terrorists, mafia
- They resort to
 - teams of experts
 - big budgets
 - most advanced tools

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