Failing Successfully

Ian Amit CSO Cimpress, President BSidesLV

Heroes of our times







Hacker Heroes?



Failures of grandeur

- Innovate. "Failure and Innovation are Inseparable twins" (Jeff B.)
- Plan to fail.
 - Don't research one area map out multiple angles and paths.
 - Create contingency plan for when failure comes.
- Deconstruct and build on lessons learned

If you didn't get "Luck Be In The Air Tonight" The internet has probably ruined you.

THING

Failure == experience



There's signal in the quiet

- Can you filter through the vocal/repetitive?
- Listen to the beginners. To the experimenters.
 - Metasploit started as a perl project by HDM and spoonm in 2004
 - Completely rewritten in Ruby by 2007
- Be able to pick ideas out of a broad topic



Turn to your community

- Look at smaller local events.
- BlackHat submissions are scheduled for media impact.
 - RSA submissions are due almost a year before the event :-O
 - Most conferences run once a year :-\
- Look for incomplete projects, ideas in incubation, people looking for feedback



Selectively ignoring the noise

Social media is great for some things.

It's absolutely a dumpster fire for others

n00b it out

- Foster positive and open attitude
 - Embrace your n00bness
- Inclusion as a key element
 - You are a freak. We all are. We wouldn't be here otherwise.

