1. Cybercrime: Threat Landscape

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Recall: Security, Risk, Threat

Risk: statistical and economical evaluation of the exposure to damage because of the presence of vulnerabilities and threats.

Security: managing risk vs. cost

Threat landscape

Three "dimensions" for threats:

- Internal vs external
- Generic vs targeted
- Financially motivated vs others

A Gartner quadrant of threats

	Generic	Specific
Internal	Disgruntled employee	Socially-engineered or dishonest employee
External	Criminals, usually looking to make \$\$\$	A variety of advanced attackers



= financially motivated (mostly/exclusively, if solid)

Internal threats











MALICIOUS INSIDERS

Employees or partners who misuse their legitimate access to confidential data for personal gain

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INSIDE AGENTS

Malicious insiders recruited by external parties to steal, alter, misuse or delete confidential data

EMOTIONAL EMPLOYEES

Emotional attackers who seek to cause harm to their organization as revenge for something perceived wrongly

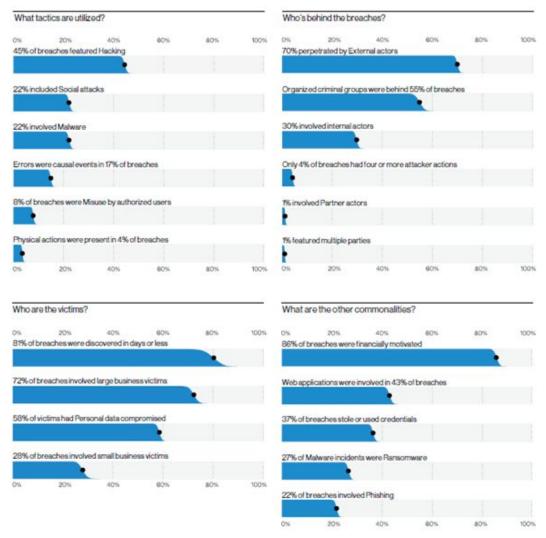
RECKLESS EMPLOYEES

Employees or partners who neglect the rules of an organization's cybersecurity policy

THIRTY-PARTY USERS

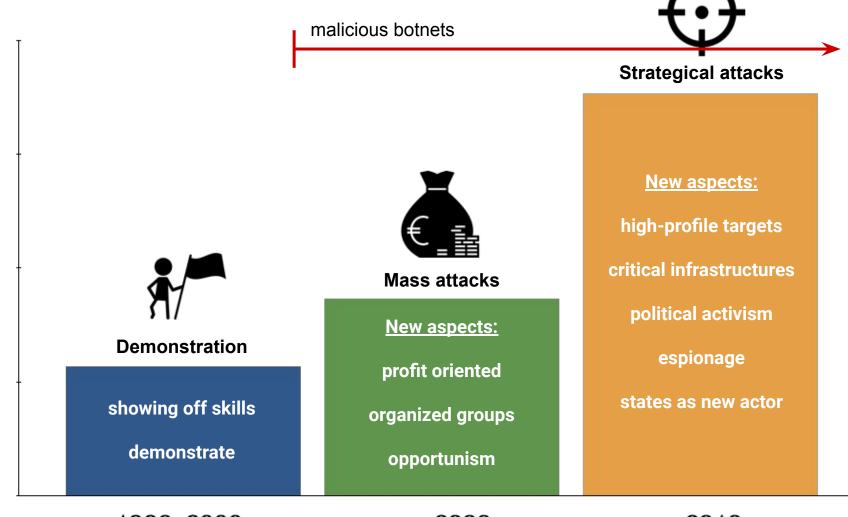
Third-party vendors who take advantage of their access to compromise the security of sensitive

Data breaches and targeted attacks



Source: https://enterprise.verizon.com/resources/reports/dbir/

30 YEARS OF MALICIOUS SOFTWARE

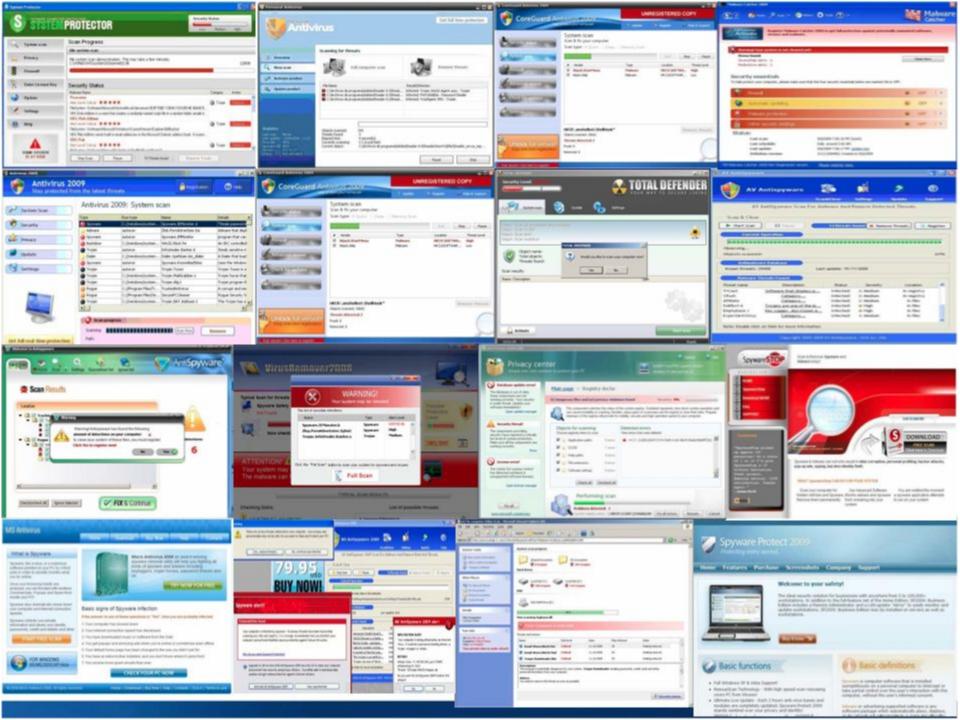


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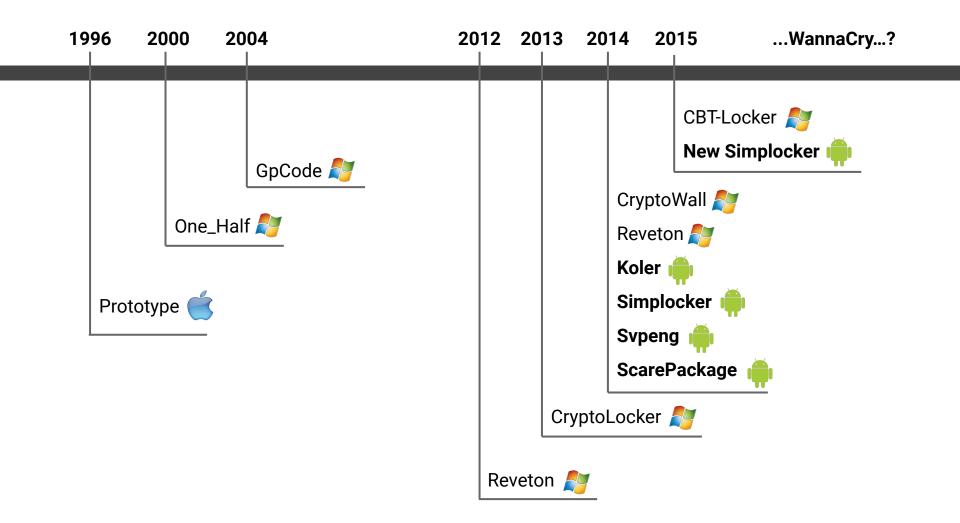
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 - Credit card / bank account fraud
 - Ransomware
 - Fake AVs
 - Premium calls (dialers) almost extinguished



BRIEF HISTORY OF RANSOMWARE



Your personal files are encrypted



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Your documents, photos, databases and other important files have been encrypted with strongest encryption and unique key, generated for this computer.

Private decryption key is stored on a secret Internet server and nobody can decrypt your files until you pay and obtain the private key.

You only have 72 hours to submit the payment. If you do not send money within provided time, all your files will be permanently crypted and no one will be able to recover them.

Press 'View' to view the list of files that have been encrypted.

Press 'Next' to connect to the secret server and follow instructions.



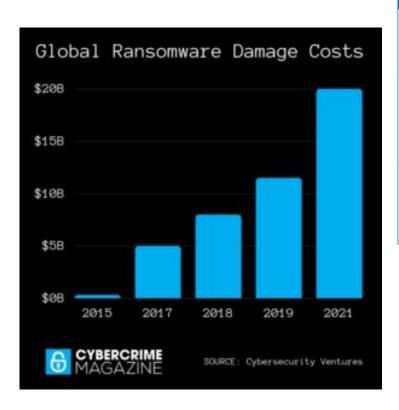
WARNING! DO NOT TRY TO GET RID OF THE PROGRAM YOURSELF, ANY ACTION TAKEN WILL RESULT IN DECRYPTION KEY BEING DESTROYED. YOU WILL LOSE YOUR FILES FOREVER, ONLY WAY TO KEEP YOUR FILES IS TO FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTION.

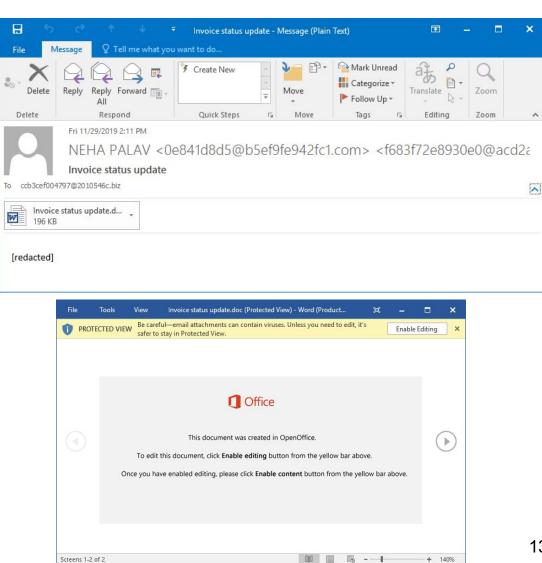
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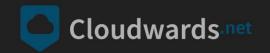
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Ransomware attacks





RANSOMWARE STATISTICS

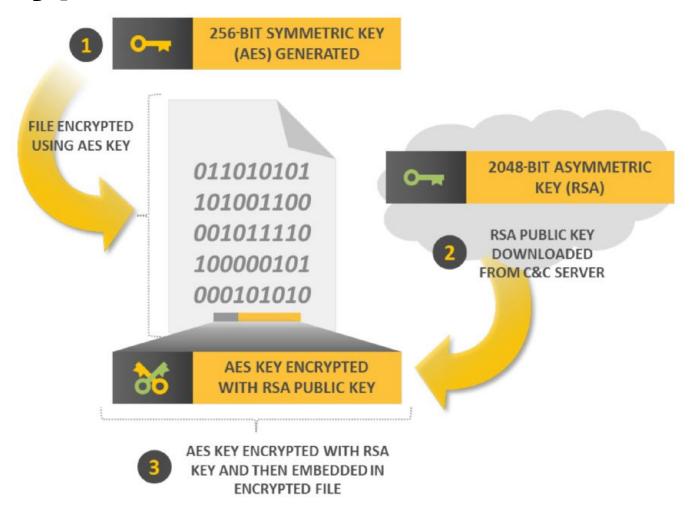




€ 10 MILLION

The largest 2020 ransomware demand, totalling around \$11.8 million, made to French construction firm Bouygues

Encryption mechanism

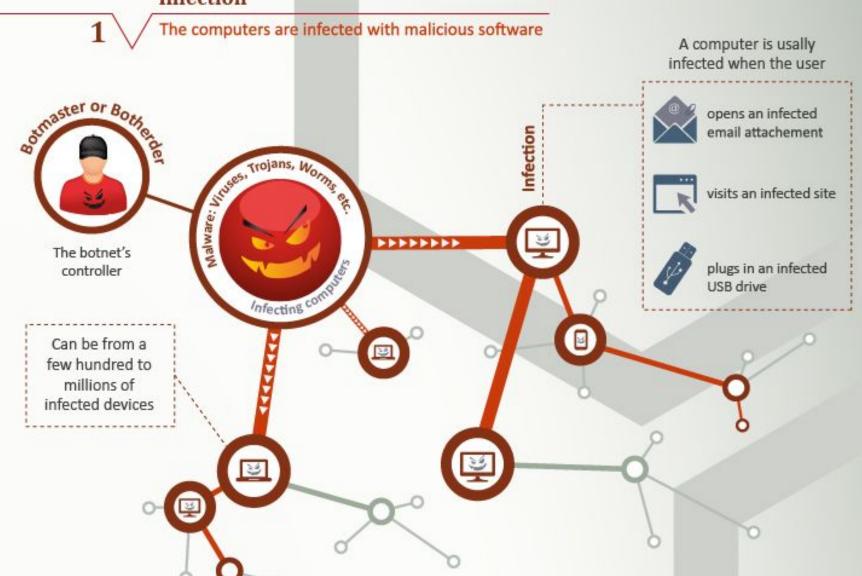


Financially-oriented malware

- The attackers are now interested in monetizing their malware
- Direct monetization
 - Credit card / bank account fraud
 - Ransomware
 - Fake AVs
 - Premium calls (dialers) almost extinguished
- Indirect monetization
 - Information gathering
 - abuse of computing resources
 - rent or sell botnet infrastructures



Infection



Rise of the Bots

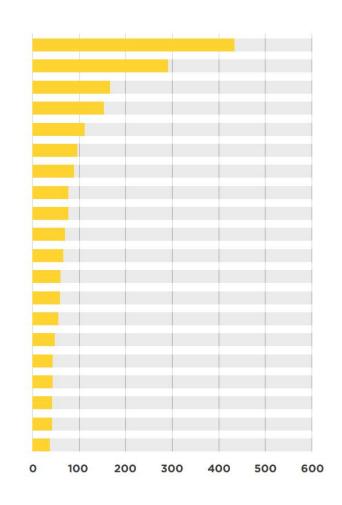
- Abuse of IRC bots (IRCwars):
 - IRCwars: one of the first documented DDoS attacks
- 1999: trinoo "DDoS attack tool"
 - originally ran on Solaris (later ported to Windows)
 - setup of the botnet was mostly manual
 - August 1999: DDoS attack against a server at University of Minnesota using at least 227 bots (http://staff.washington.edu/dittrich/misc/trinoo.analysis)
- 2000s: DDoS attacks against high profile websites (Amazon, CNN, eBay) got huge media coverage

Geolocation of botnet C&Cs

Rank	Country	Q2 2020	% Change Q on Q
#1	United States =	896	7%
#2	Russia	812	32%
#3	Netherlands =	337	61%
#4	Germany	185	7%
#5	Singapore	131	157%
#6	France	108	35%
#7	Great Britain	89	37%
#8	China	74	-15%
#9	Bulgaria 🕳	72	38%
#10	Hungary	70	New Entry

Type of malware families

Rank	Q2 2020	% Change Q on Q	Malware Family	Description
#1	436	772%	AgentTesla	Credential Stealer
#2	290	-46%	Lokibot	Credential Stealer
#3	169	New entry	RedLineStealer	Credential Stealer
#4	156	51%	NanoCore RAT	Remote Access Tool (RAT)
#5	112	-27%	Gozi	e-banking Trojan
#6	98	-5%	AZORult	Credential Stealer
#7	92	1%	RemcosRAT	Remote Access Tool (RAT)
#8	74	23%	njrat	Remote Access Tool (RAT)
#9	74	New entry	DanaBot	Credential Stealer
#10	69	17%	ArkeiStealer	Credential Stealer
#11	67	63%	KPOTStealer	Credential Stealer
#12	62	New entry	IcedID	e-banking Trojan
#13	61	New entry	AveMaria	Remote Access Tool (RAT)
#14	55	-18%	Adwind	Remote Access Tool (RAT)
#15	51	21%	NetWire	Remote Access Tool (RAT)
#16	47	New entry	QNodeService	Remote Access Tool (RAT)
#17	47	57%	RaccoonStealer	Credential Stealer
#18	46	-4%	Pony	Credential Stealer
#19	45	105%	AsyncRAT	Remote Access Tool (RAT)
#20	43	New entry	Zloader	Loader







Identity Theft Resource Center 2015 Data Breach Stats

How is this report produced? What are the rules? See last page of report for details. Report Date: 5/26/2015 Page 11 of 11

Totals for All Categories: # of Breaches: 315 # of Records: 102,962,007

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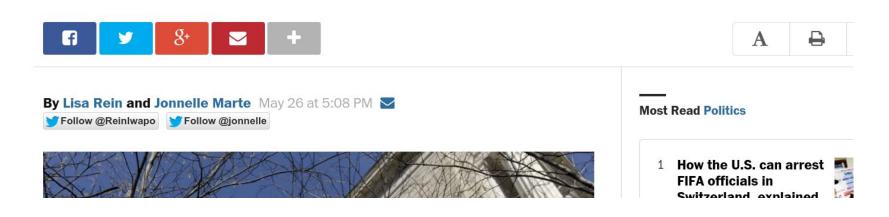
2015 Breaches Identified by the ITRC as of: 5/26/2015

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Federal Eye

Hackers stole personal information from 104,000 taxpayers, IRS says



Your Identity Is Worth \$5 on the Black Market

In other words, significantly less than it's worth to you

By Eliana Dockterman @edockterman | Aug. 26, 2013 | 10 Comments



Hackers have access to your data, and they're selling it for only \$5, according to an article in GigaOm.

You enter a great deal of information about yourself online every day. Whether you're inputting your credit card information on a site like Amazon, verifying an account with your social security number or simply checking your Twitter feed, you're exposing yourself to



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hackers. All your online information can be bundled and sold

Anatomy of a drive-by download

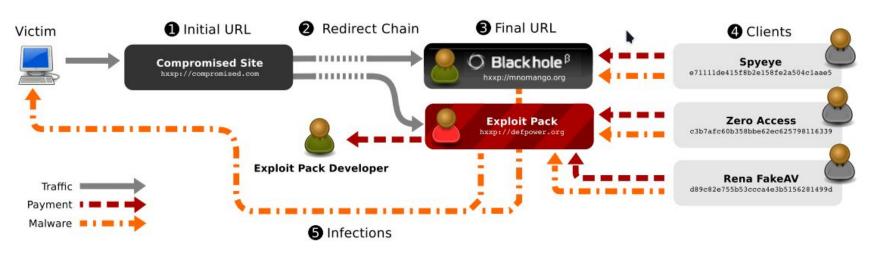


Figure 1: The drive-by-download infection chain. Within the exploit-as-a-service ecosystem, two roles have appeared: *exploit kits* that aid miscreants in compromising browsers (3), and *Traffic-PPI* markets that sell installs to clients (4) while managing all aspects of a successful exploit (1,2,3).

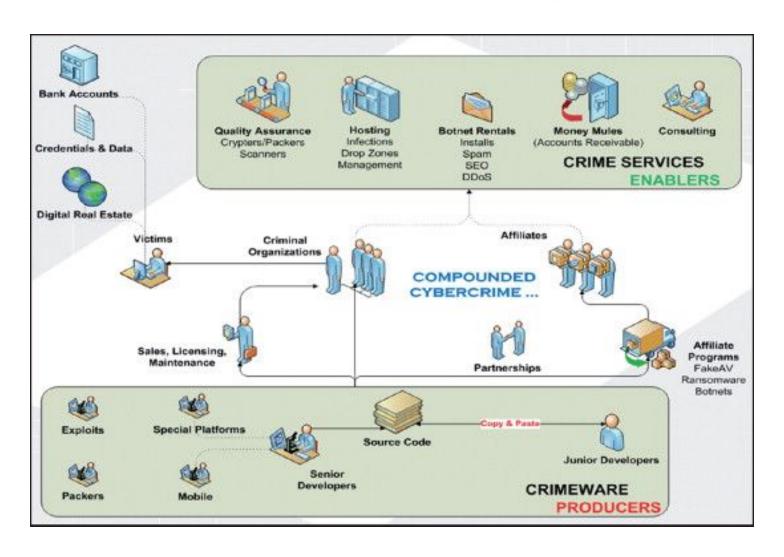
"Manufacturing Compromise: The Emergence of Exploit-as-a-Service" http://cseweb.ucsd.edu/~voelker/pubs/eaas-ccs12.pdf

The Cybercrime Ecosystem

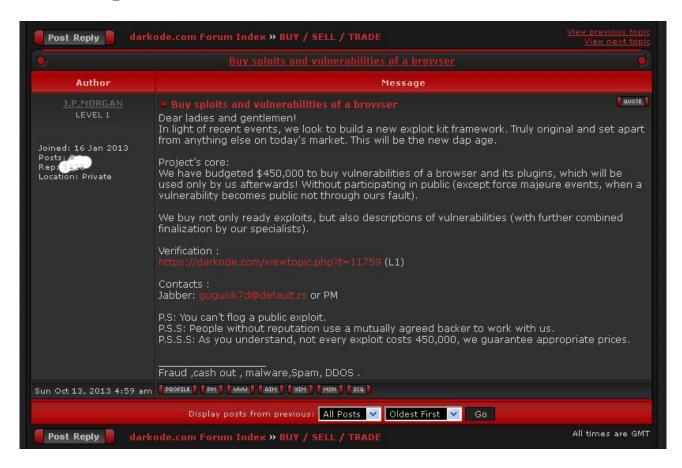
- Organized groups
- Various "activities"
 - exploit development and procurement
 - site infection
 - victim monitoring
 - selling "exploit kits"
 - They even offer support hotlines...



Ecosystem (a partial view)



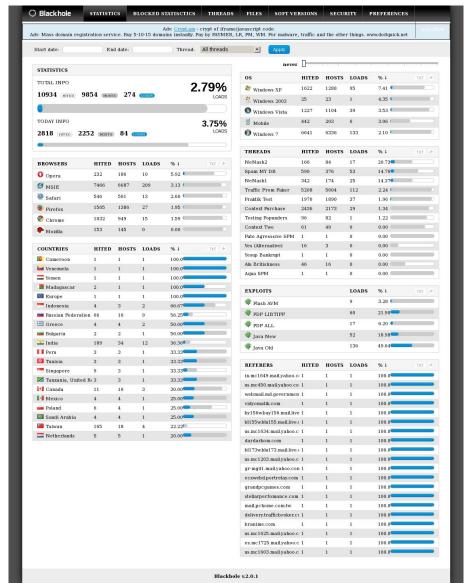
Exploitation kits sales





Gudmunds, indicted for running dark0de

Blackhole: famous exploit kit





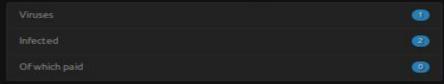
Dmitry "Paunch" Fedotov, arrested October 2013 - Author of Black Hole Tox Viruses Stats Chat Profile Logout



Tox - Viruses

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Summary





Create a virus

Ransom - \$		
Notes*		
Message**		
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Captcha		
	BYaLdGxCM	
	Create	

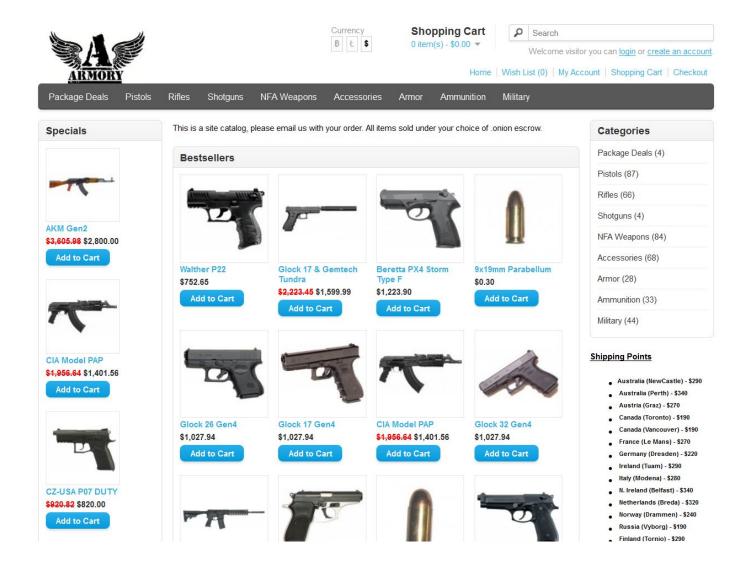
* Notes are private they're just to keep track of your virus. Victims will not see them! (max 200 chars

** Message will be shown in the ransom page to the victims (max 1500 chars | no html)

Monetization on the dark web

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Dark web caters also to other crimes



Money mules

