

## A Short History of Attacks on Finance



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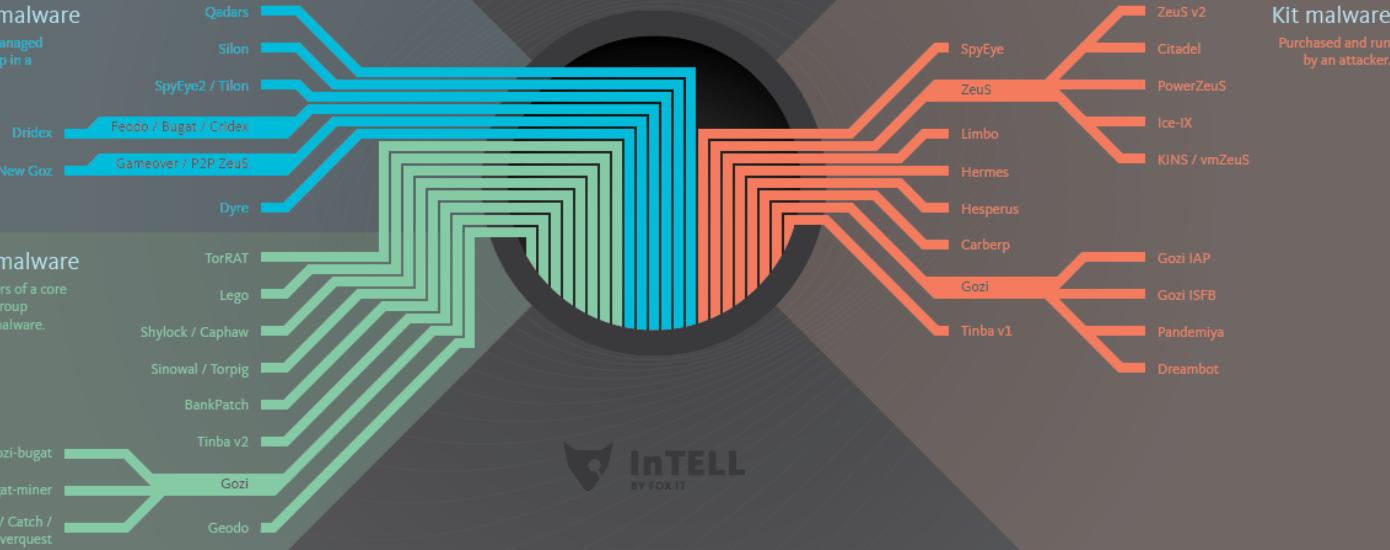
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# Today

## Financial malware families

### Rented malware

Running as managed services set up in a rented way.

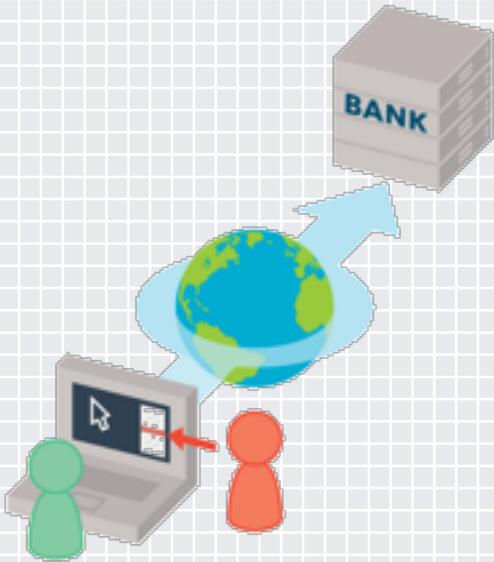


### Private malware

Many members of a core group. Core group spreads the malware.

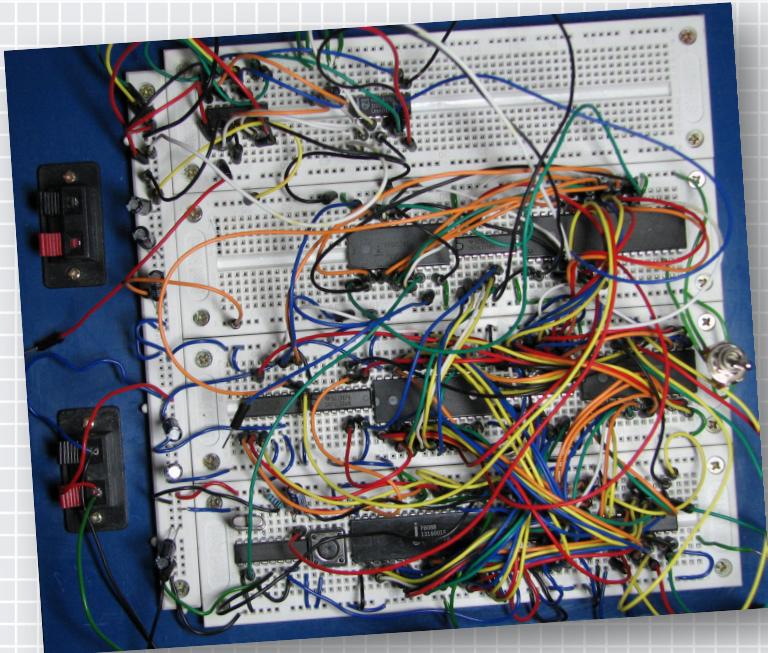


# Man In The Browser

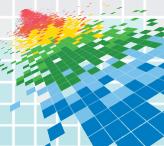


- ◆ Most Financial Malware is Man In The Browser malware
- ◆ The aim is to defeat SSL / TLS
- ◆ Malware hooks the browser
- ◆ Modifies pages after it exits the SSL tunnel

# Roll your own – 2004 - 2007

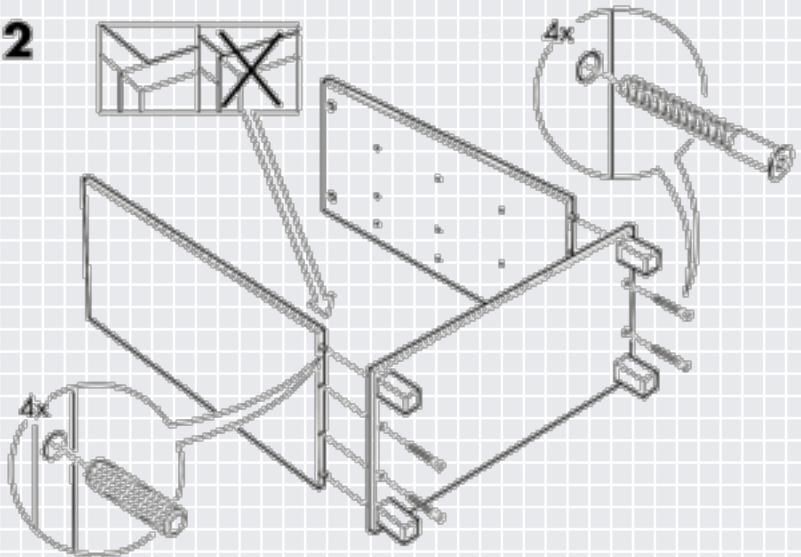


- ◆ *Bankpatch*
- ◆ *Haxdoor*
- ◆ *A-311 Death*
- ◆ *Limbo / Nethell*
- ◆ Lots of tweaking required
- ◆ Makes old hands misty eyed...



# Cybercrime kits - 2006

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- ◆ In 2006 **ZeuS** appears
- ◆ The original cybercrime kit
- ◆ Now anyone can run an attack
- ◆ Author goes by the name of **Slavik**
- ◆ ZeuS becomes very popular

# SpyEye enters the stage - 2009

- ◆ SpyEye comes out in 2009 gunning for ZeuS market share
- ◆ First versions were terrible!
- ◆ But cheap: \$1000 versus \$8000
- ◆ Author is **Gribodemon**
- ◆ Adopts ZeuS config style
- ◆ A battle ensues...

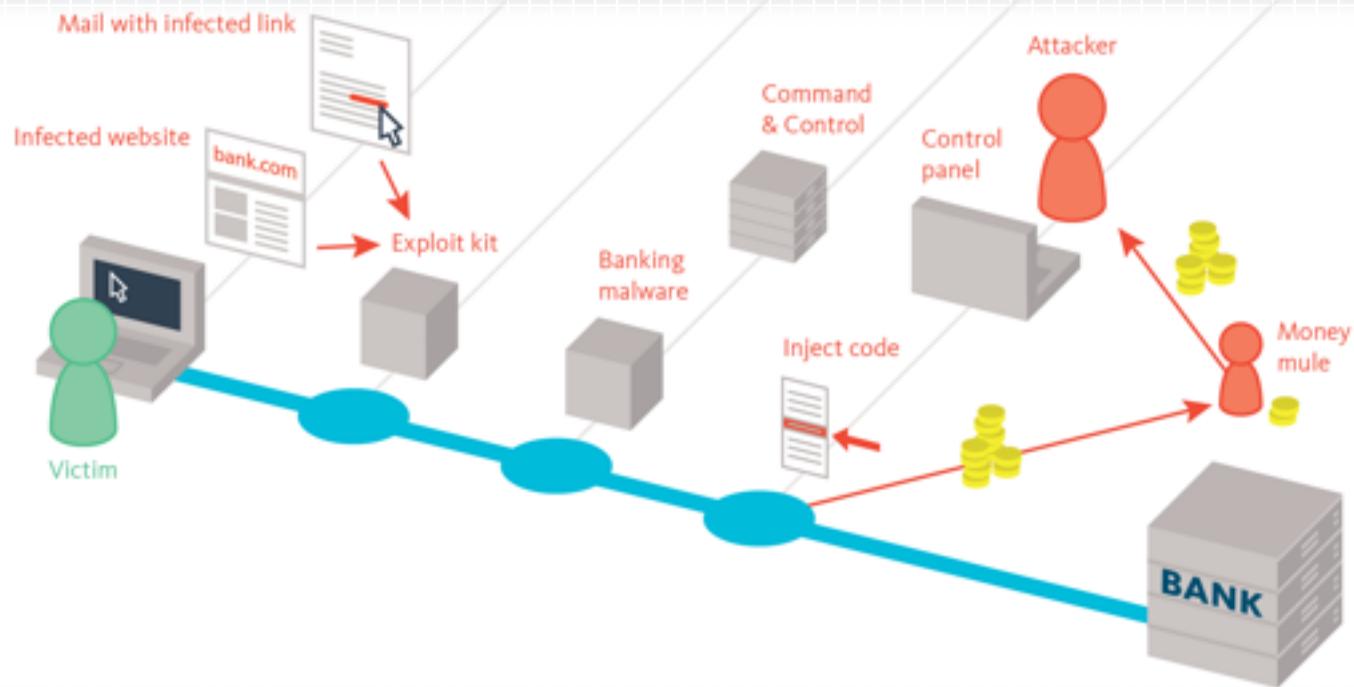


# Not the only game in town

- ◆ ZeuS and SpyEye were not the only game in town
- ◆ **Carberp** – attacks in Europe
- ◆ Then went after Russian banks – key members arrested in 2012
- ◆ **Sinowal** or “The one that got away” – closed group
- ◆ Disappeared in 2013 - unusual



# An entire ecosystem appears



# An unholy alliance - 2010

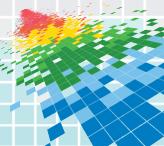
## What happened

- ◆ In October 2010 ZeuS is at version 2.0.8.9
- ◆ Suddenly **Slavik** announces he is quitting and

*handing over support and development to **Gribodemon**, author of SpyEye!*

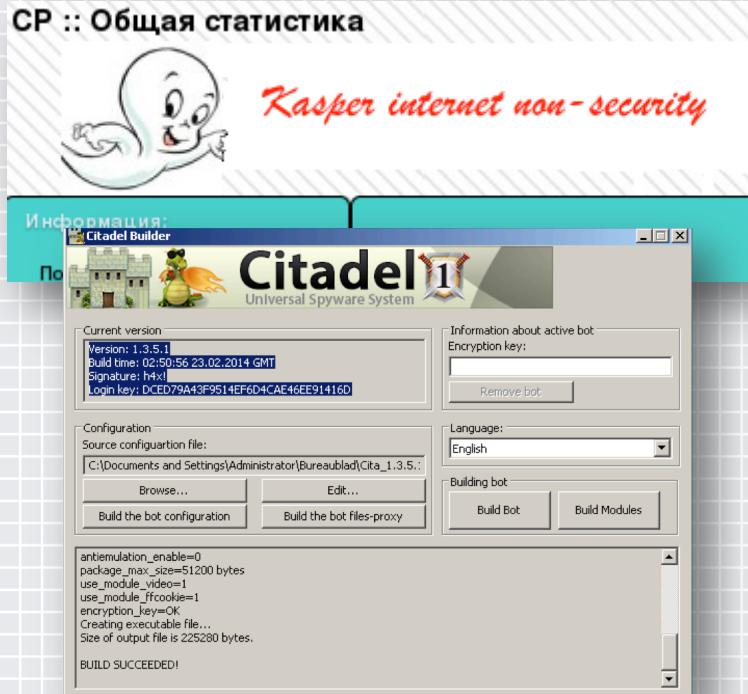
## What *actually* happened

- ◆ Slavik was part of a gang using ZeuS to go after high value accounts – **JabberZeuS**
- ◆ More profitable than selling ZeuS
- ◆ Wants to get rid of kit business
- ◆ Starts work on next version which becomes **P2PZeuS**



# A big leak - 2011

- ◆ Early 2011 the entire ZeuS 2.0.8.9 source code leaks
- ◆ Lots of new families appear
  - ◆ ICE-IX
  - ◆ Citadel
  - ◆ KINS
- ◆ Cost of malware goes down



# The end of SpyEyes - 2013

- ◆ **Gribodemon** never releases a SpyZeus
- ◆ Instead he too starts working on a managed version of SpyEye, **SpyEye2**
- ◆ But he is arrested in 2013 while on holiday in Costa Rica and extradited to the US



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# P2PZeus – Halcyon days and demise

- ◆ From 2011 – 2014, P2PZeus is immensely popular
- ◆ Active worldwide
- ◆ Many groups use it as a platform for attacks
- ◆ In 2014 after years of investigation lead by the FBI botnet is taken down
- ◆ And Slavik's identity becomes known

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**WANTED BY THE FBI**

Conspiracy to Participate in Racketeering Activity; Bank Fraud; Conspiracy to Violate the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act; Conspiracy to Violate the Identity Theft and Assumption Deterrence Act; Aggravated Identity Theft; Conspiracy; Computer Fraud; Wire Fraud; Money Laundering

**EVGENIY MIKHAILOVICH BOGACHEV**



Aliases: Yevgeniy Bogachev, Evgeniy Mikhaylovich Bogachev, "lucky12345", "slavik", "Pollingsoon"

**DESCRIPTION**

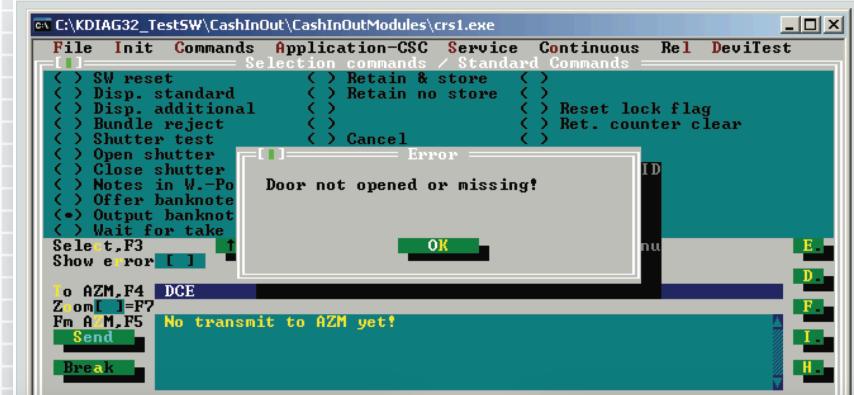
<b>Date(s) of Birth Used:</b> October 28, 1983	<b>Hair:</b> Brown (usually shaves his head)
<b>Height:</b> Approximately 5'9"	<b>Eyes:</b> Brown
<b>Weight:</b> Approximately 180 pounds	<b>Sex:</b> Male
<b>NCIC:</b> W890989955	<b>Race:</b> White
<b>Occupation:</b> Bogachev works in the Information Technology field.	

**Remarks:** Bogachev was last known to reside in Anapa, Russia. He is known to enjoy boating and may travel to locations along the Black Sea in his boat. He also owns property in Krasnodar, Russia.

**CAUTION**

# And so to the present day

- ◆ Former P2PZeus customers building alternative platforms: **Dyre** and **Dridex**
- ◆ Remnants of **Carberp** group involved with **Anunak** – attacks against retail and Russian banks
- ◆ Other groups now focusing on retail – Point of Sale
- ◆ Copycat Ransomware



# What should you take away?

- ◆ Financial malware has come a long way – attacks more sophisticated
- ◆ Actors in this space are diversifying – retail, ransomware
- ◆ Threats evolve, they don't appear out of nowhere
- ◆ Context helps you understand - taking a longer view makes things clearer
- ◆ Look beyond the malware