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Global & Regional Trends in Cybercrime & the Divergence of Cybercriminals

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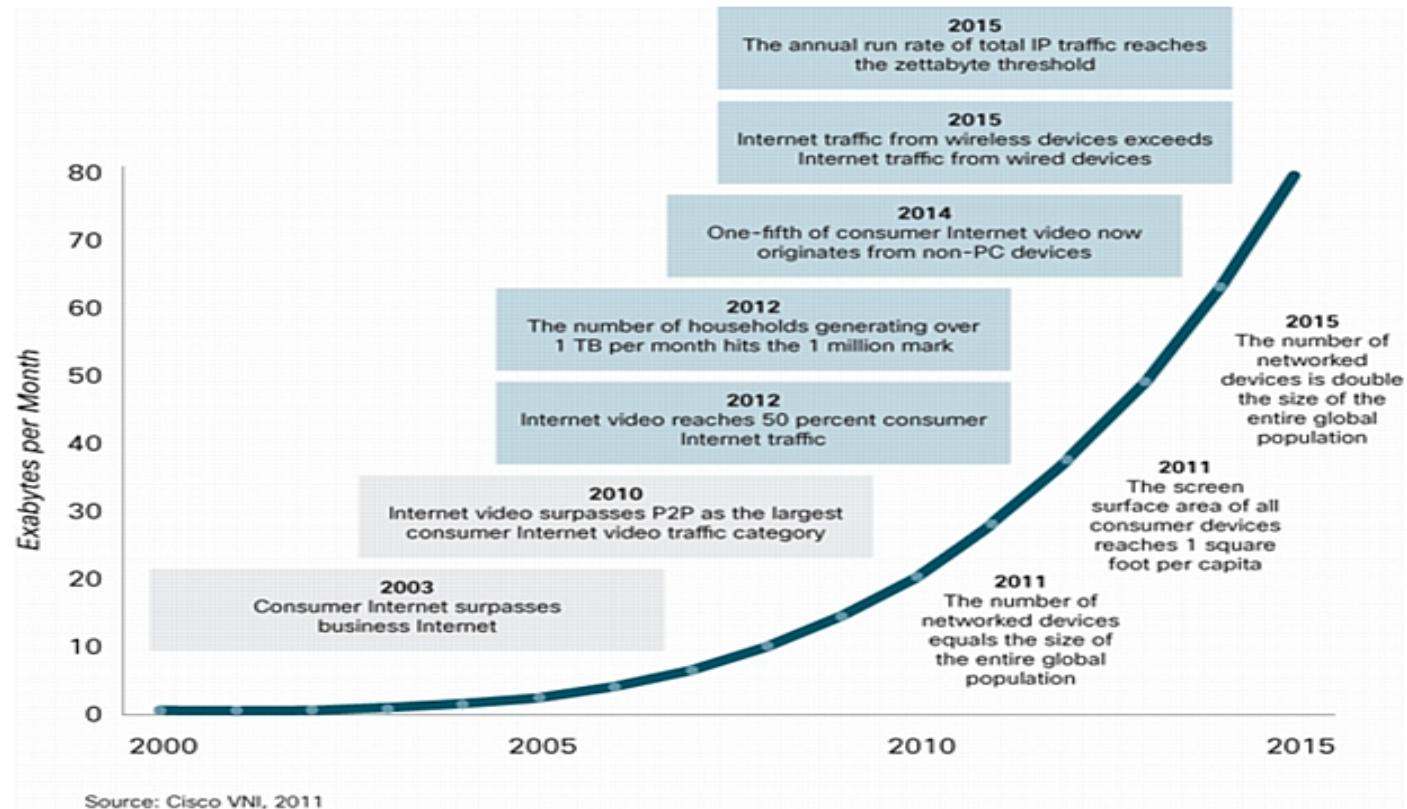
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“Study the past if you would define
the future.”

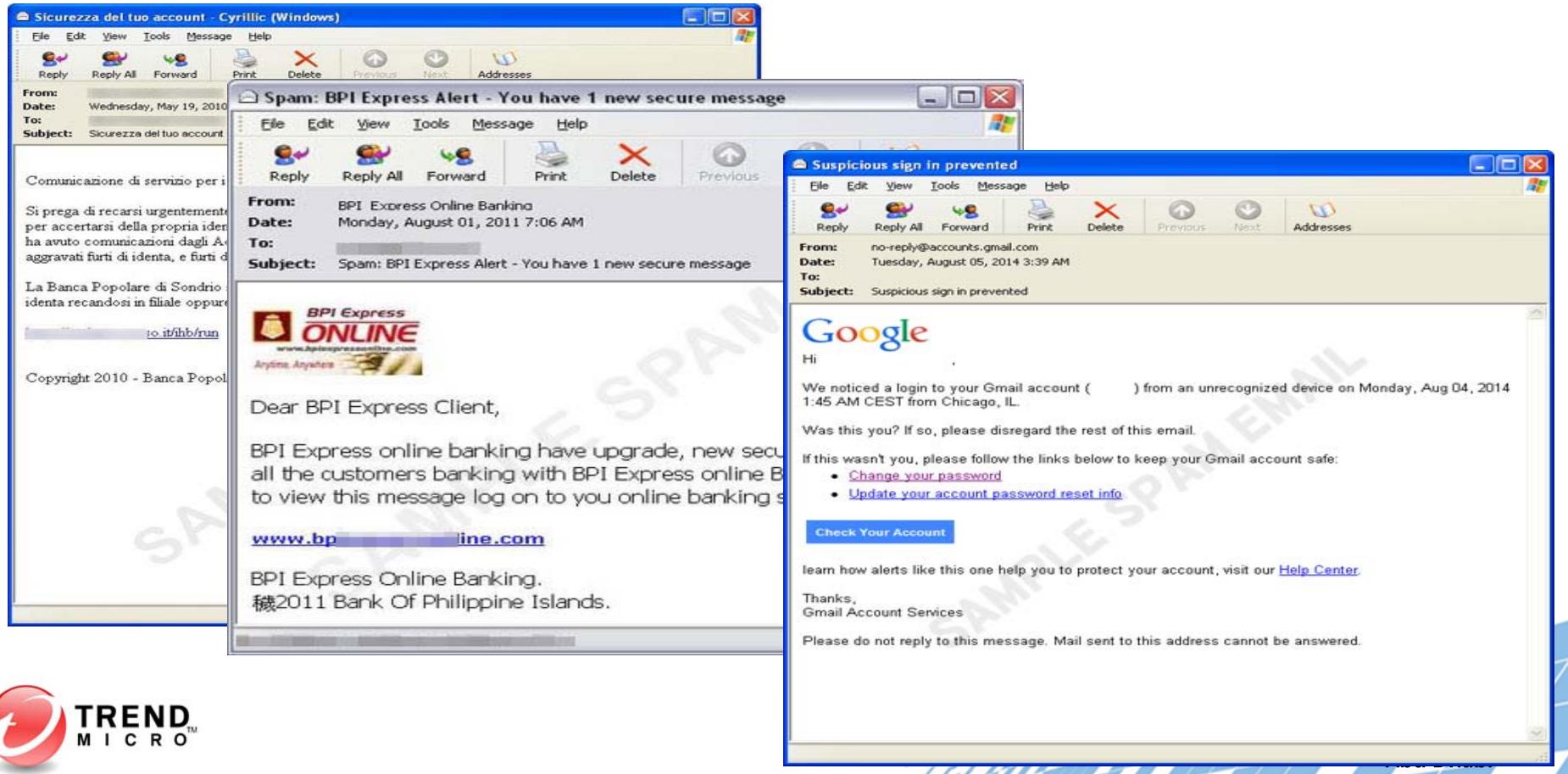
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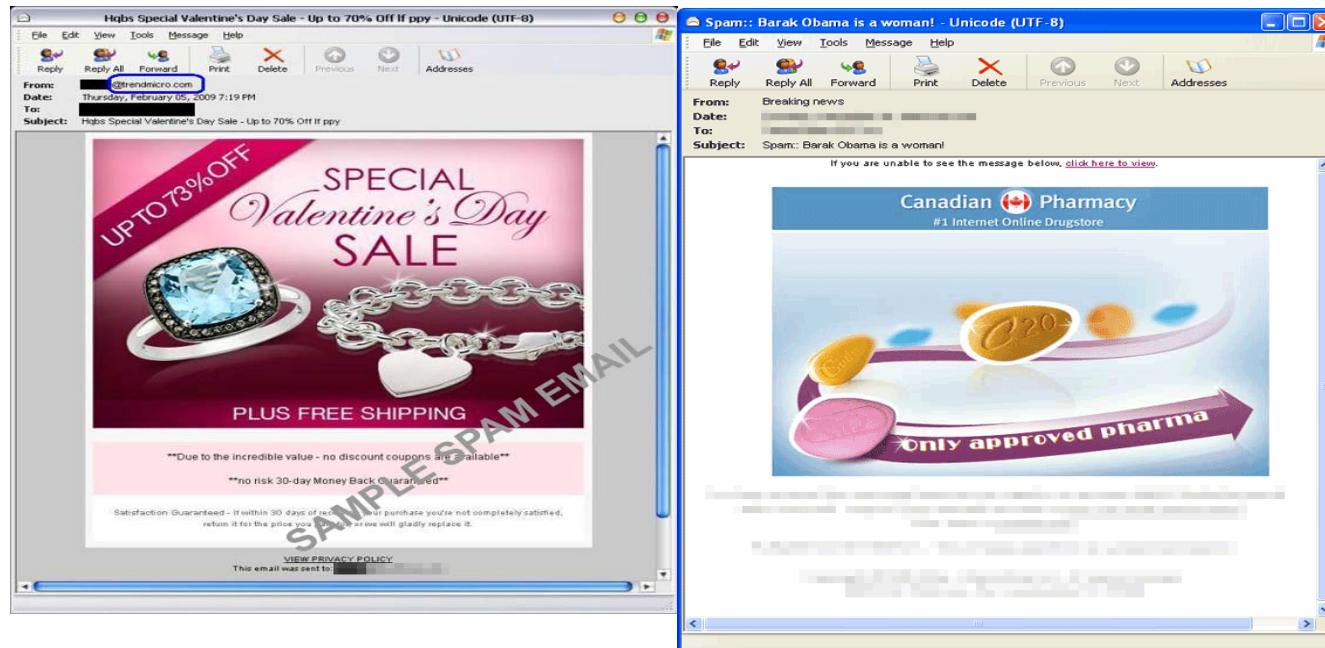
Figure 1. Five Traffic Milestones and Three Traffic Generator Milestones by 2015



Cybercrime – Early 2000 – Till Now Phishing



Spam



Email Based Cybercrime (2000s)

- ◆ Uses relevant medium at that time

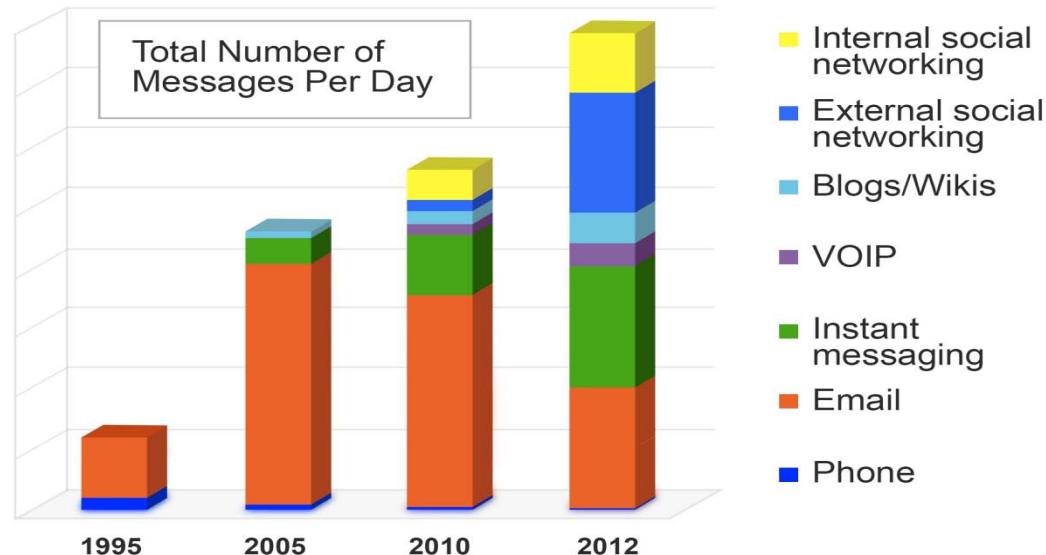
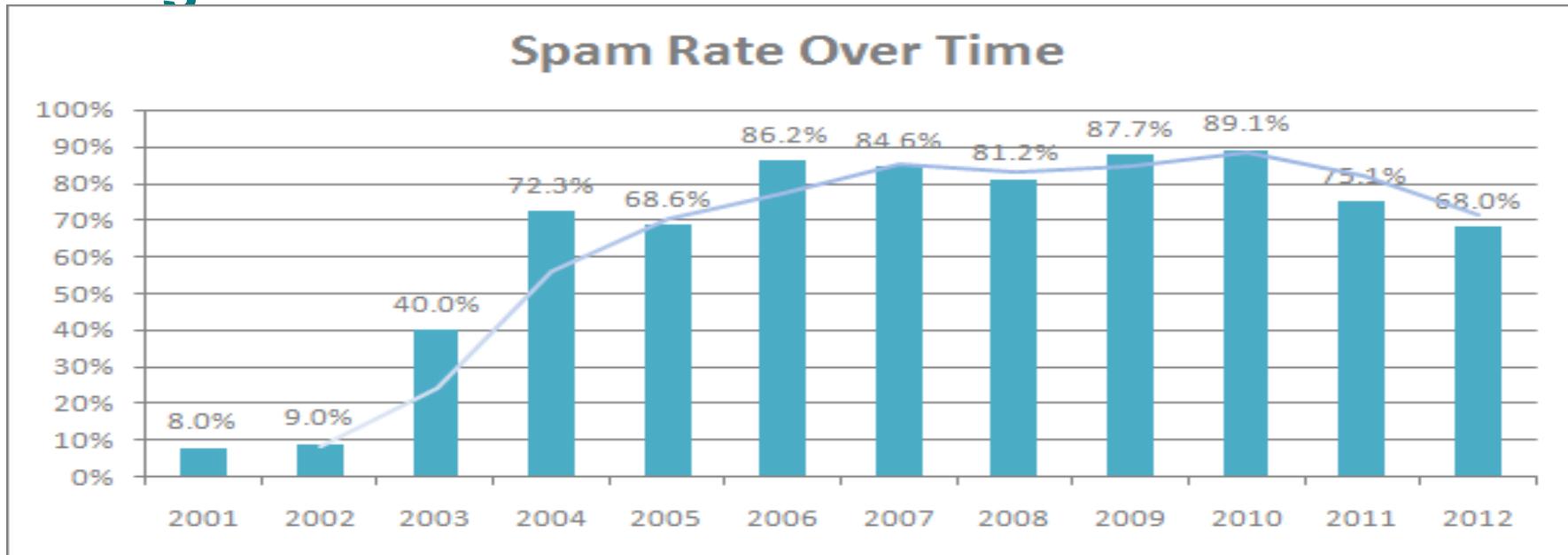


Image source: <http://www.novaspivack.com/uncategorized/drowning-in-the-stream-new-challenges>

Cybercriminals Target what the users are using



Source: <http://www.emailtray.com/blog/email-spam-trends-2001-2012/>



2000's

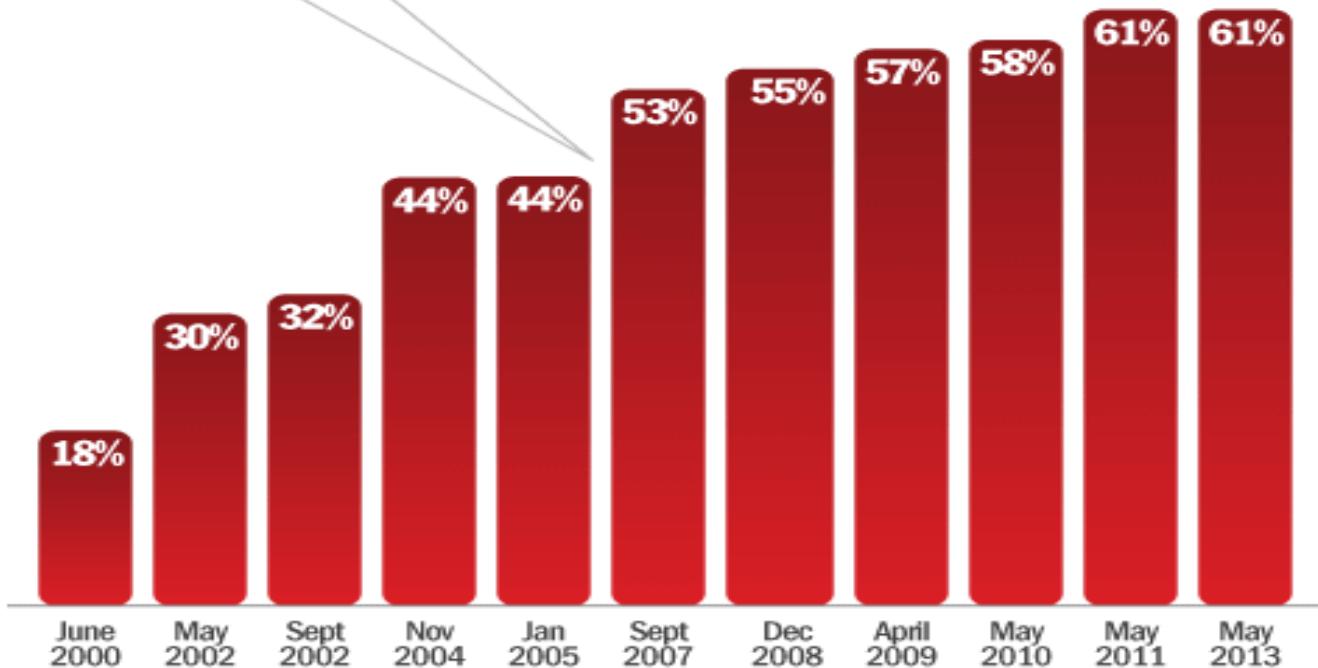


Source: <http://www.emailtray.com/blog/email-phishing-activity-over-time-2004-2012-in-figures/>



2000's

% of internet users who have used online banking



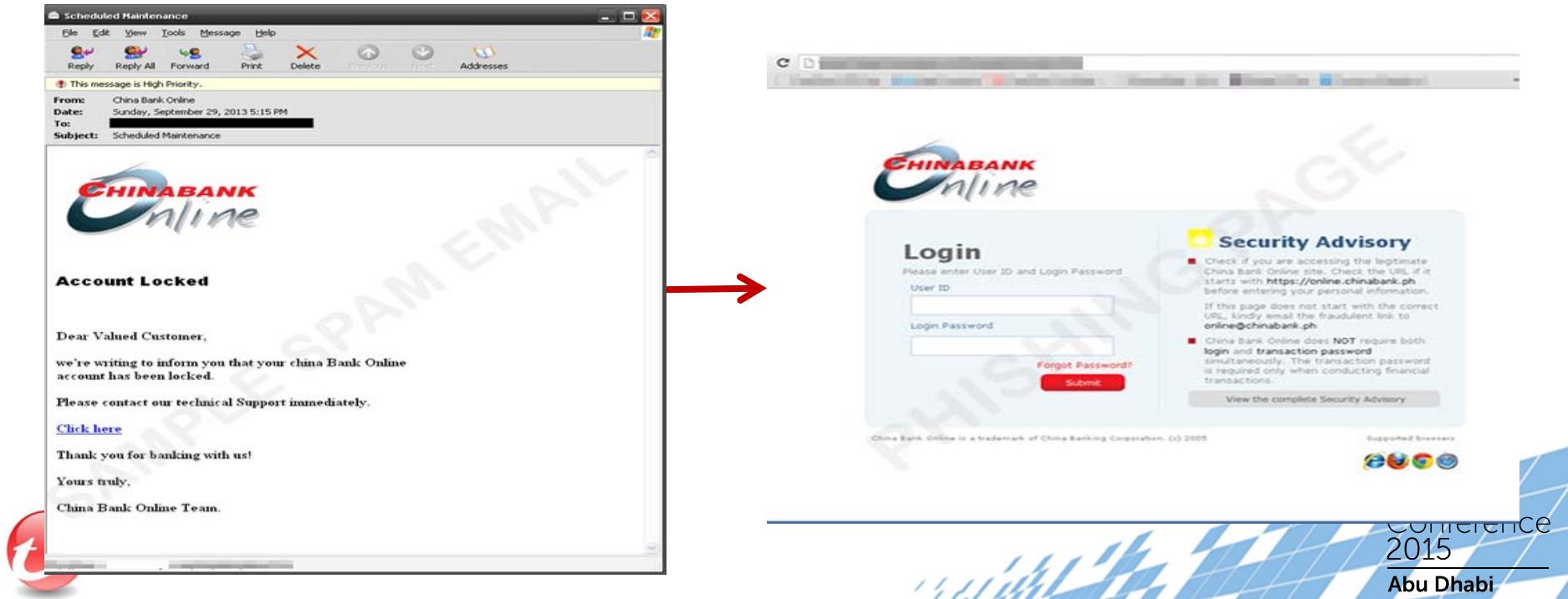
Source: Pew Research Center © August 2013 The Financial Brand



Source: http://www.huffingtonpost.com/casey-bond/afraid-to-try-an-online-banking_b_4613428.html

Email Based Cybercrime (2000s)

- ◆ Defeats security measures back then



Key Points

- ◆ Where the money is...
 - ◆ Phishing
 - ◆ Fraud
- ◆ Where the people are...
 - ◆ Email -> Spam
- ◆ Low hanging fruits...
 - ◆ Online banking

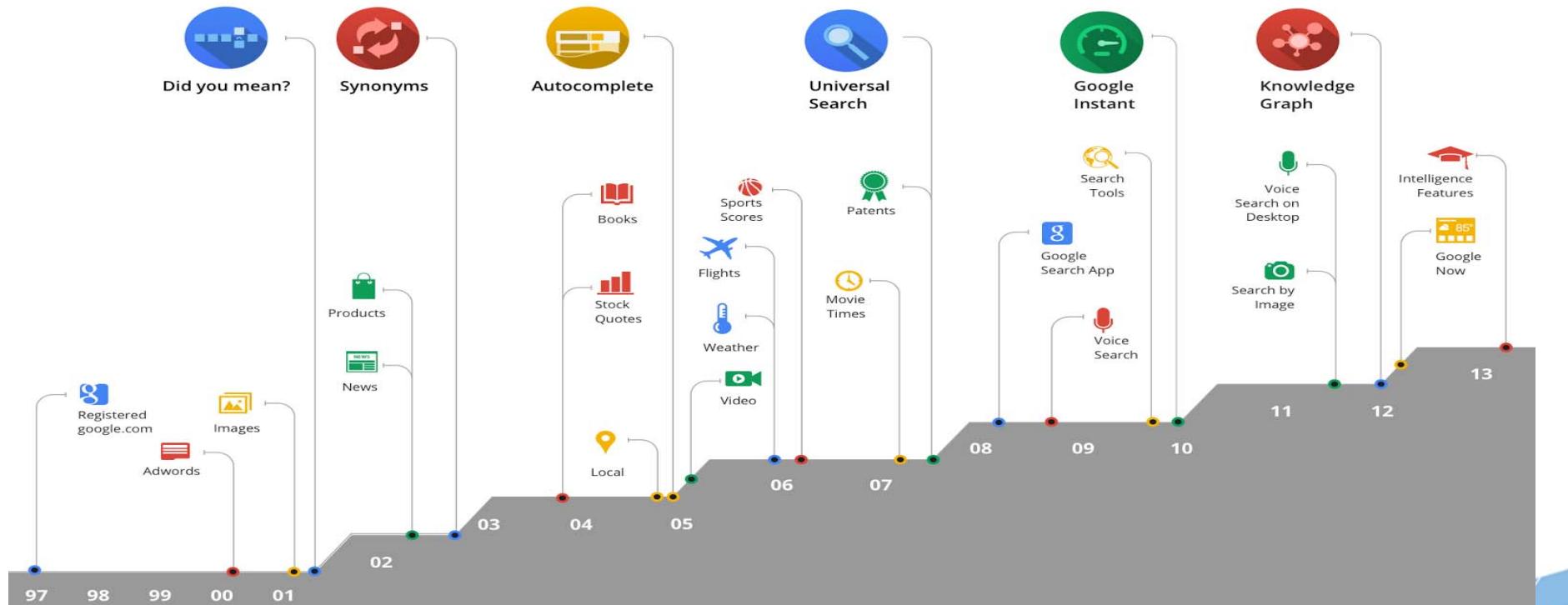


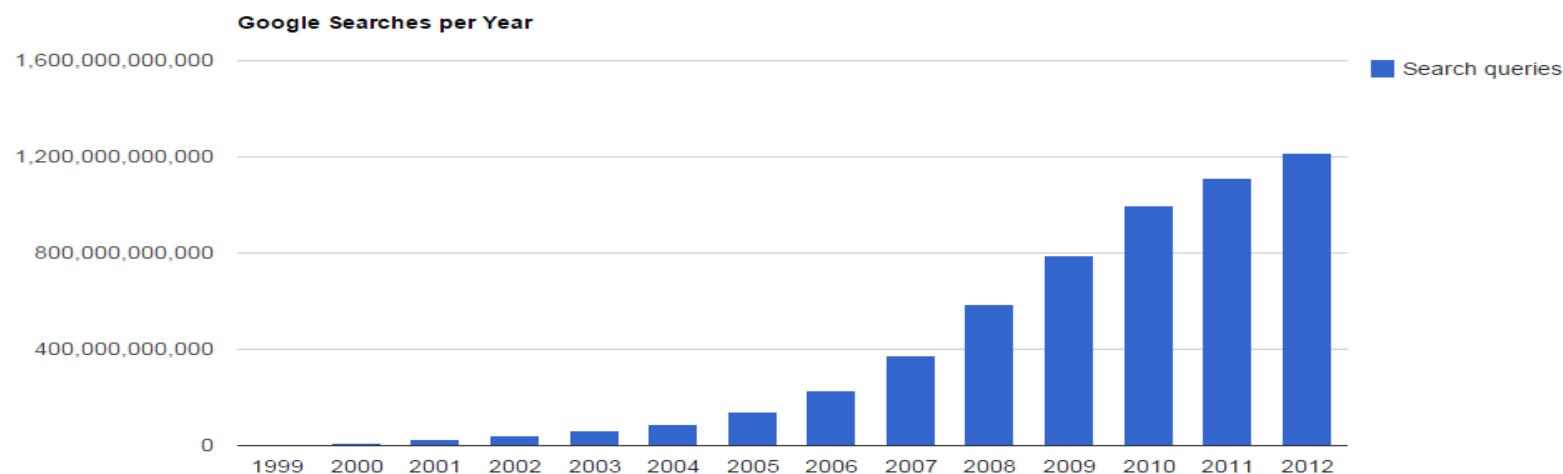
Challenges

- ◆ Everyone is not ready for cybercrime
 - ◆ The users who easily fall prey to basic social engineering tactics
 - ◆ Software companies don't have security features built in
 - ◆ Laws against cybercrime not yet enacted
 - ◆ Law enforcement capability not yet ready



Google Search Timeline



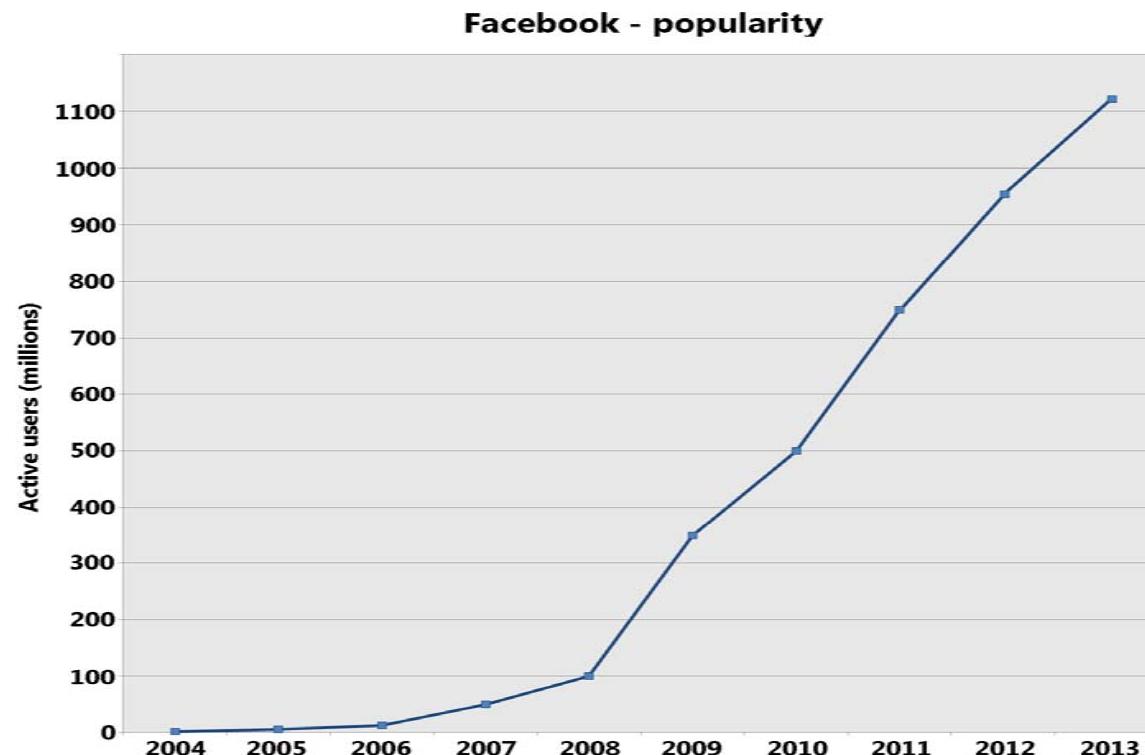


Source: <http://www.internetlivestats.com/google-search-statistics/>

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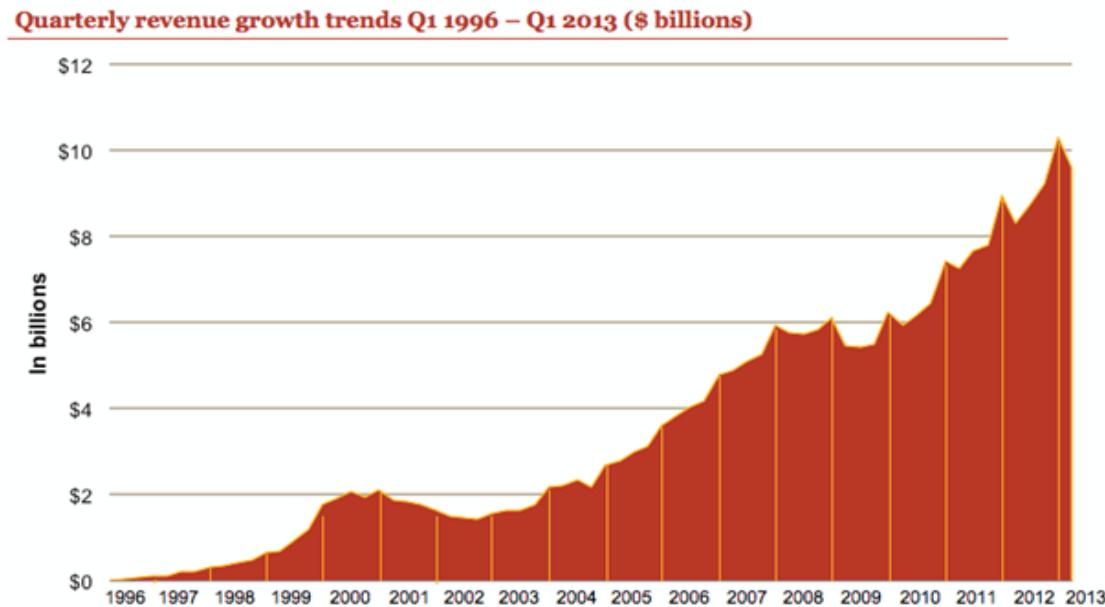
Social Media



Source: <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Facebook>



Online Advertisement Spending



Source: <https://gigaom.com/2013/06/03/online-ad-spending-up-16-from-a-year-ago-report/>



Key Points

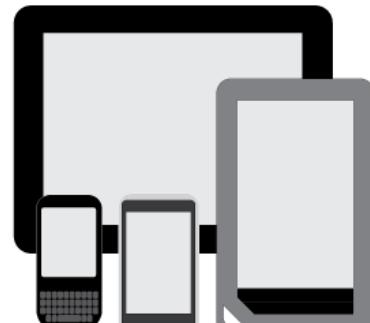
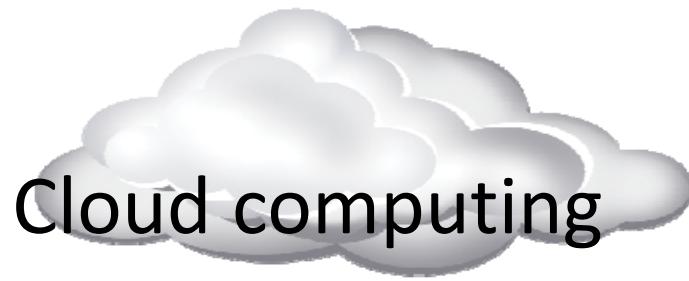
- ◆ Where the people are...
 - ◆ Browsing the internet
- ◆ Where the money is...
 - ◆ Ads
 - ◆ Fraud
- ◆ Low hanging fruit...
 - ◆ Ads
 - ◆ Scare mongering



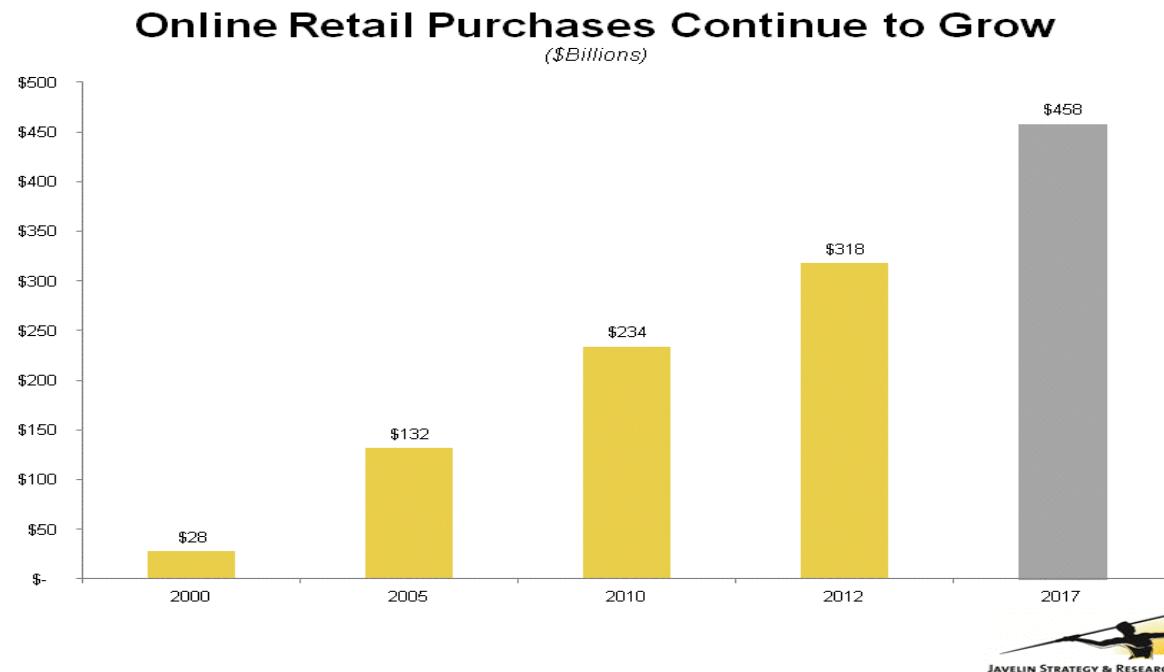
Challenges

- ◆ Cybercriminals were more organized than public and private sectors
- ◆ 4 million infected users... so what?
 - ◆ What is the direct effect?
 - ◆ Those 4 million are not necessarily the victims

2010s



2010s



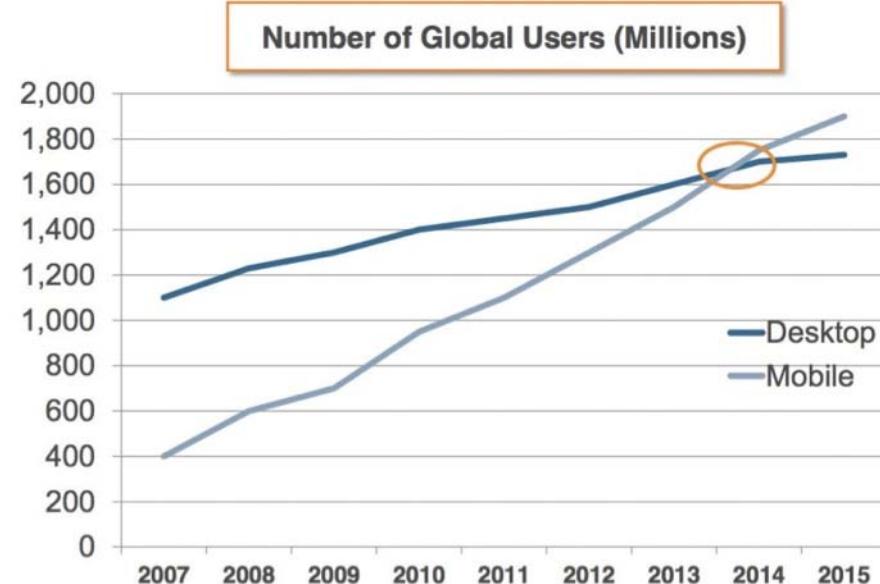
<https://www.javelinstrategy.com/blog/2012/11/26/javelin-findings-supported-by-cyber-monday-activity/>

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A computing category that **did not exist 8 years ago** has come to overtake one that has been around for 38 years!

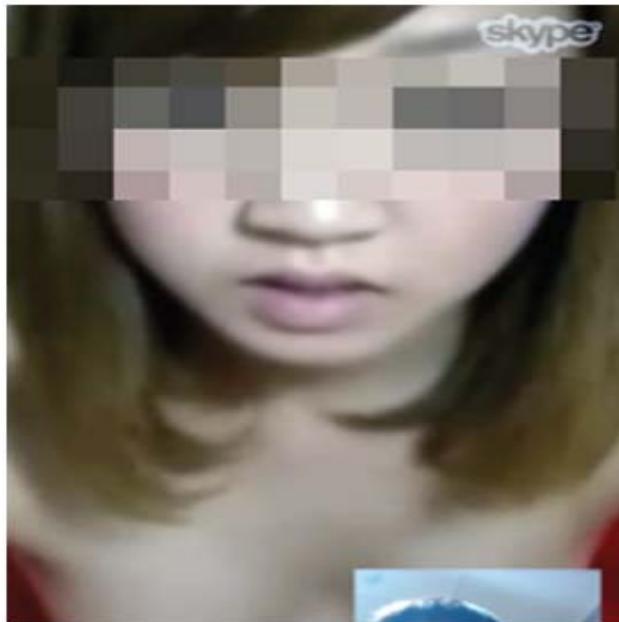
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Source: Morgan Stanley Research
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Sextortion



• 자연 이

1개의 파일 전송

 음성지원.apk
22Kb 다운로드

받고 클릭하고 설치해요

초대할게요

TRANSLATION:

Attacker: [Text has been redacted due to explicit content]
audiosupport.apk
Download and install it.

Feigning audio problems to convince the victim to switch to an Android device

Source: <http://feedpic.kr/?p=350>



Key Points

- ◆ Where the people are...
 - ◆ Doing stuff on the Internet
- ◆ Where the money is...
 - ◆ e-commerce
 - ◆ Fraud
 - ◆ Niche systems
- ◆ Low hanging fruit...
 - ◆ Fraud
 - ◆ Blackmail



Challenges

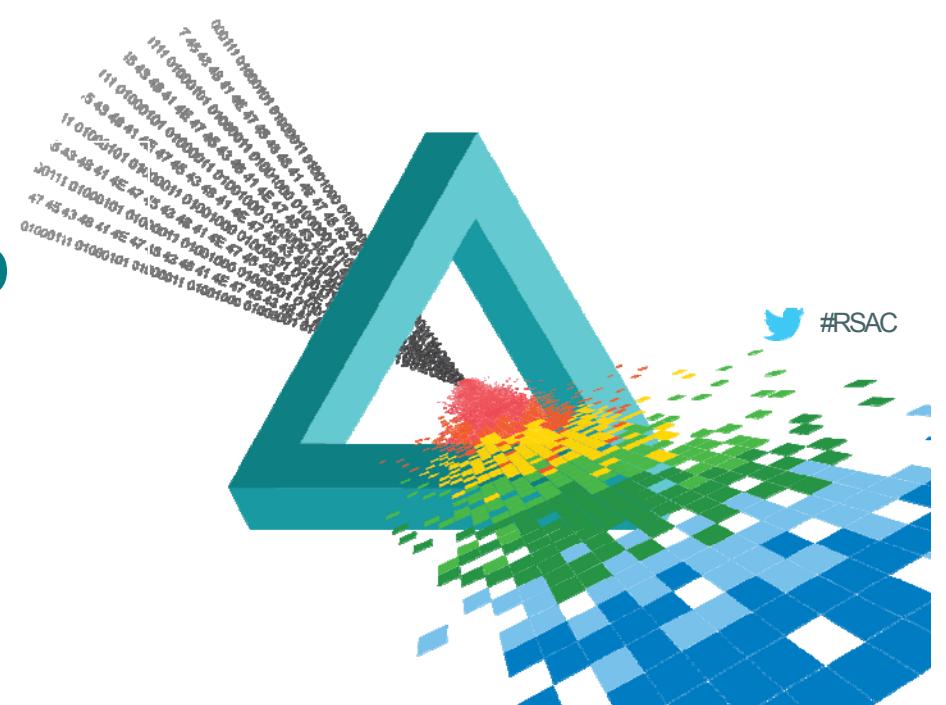
- ◆ Fraud
- ◆ Niche systems
- ◆ Mobile Malware
- ◆ Region specific attacks



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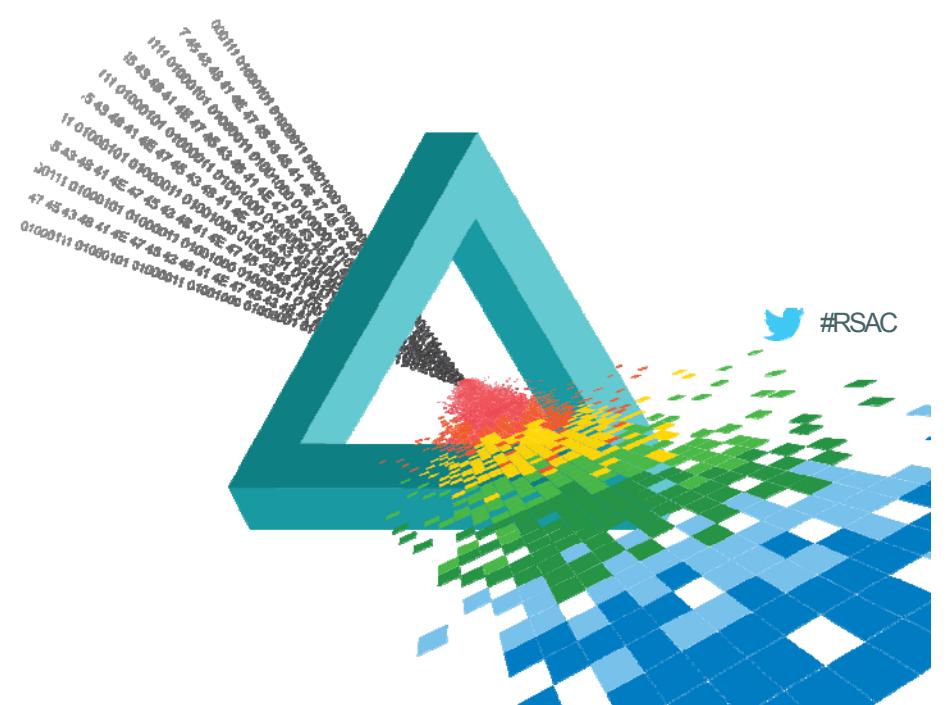
**IN-DEPTH LOOK AT
CYBERCRIME, WE NEED TO
GO DEEPER -- INTO THE
CYBERCRIMINAL
UNDERGROUND**



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THE UNDERGROUND OPERATES LIKE A LEGITIMATE BUSINESS



What It Is:

Cybercriminals treat cybercrime as a legitimate business—selling information, tools, and resources

Fact:

Russia: Nearly every kind of exploit and hack can be bought for a price

What It Means:

Treated as a business, cybercriminals not only profit from your data, they also gain by helping out other cybercriminals do the same

COMMERCIAL BUSINESS MODEL

What It Is:

Cybercriminals work in groups, with each member assigned an important role in the process

Fact:

2008: the **Topfox** gang coordinated via the Internet and laundered stolen property before converting it to cash

What It Means:

Due to their organized structure, it's harder to track cybercriminals or recover your stolen resources

ORGANISED CRIME BUSINESS MODEL

What It Is:

Cybercriminals outsource, hiring computer owners to join their cybercriminal botnet

Fact:

2009: Swordsman DDoS attacks used a botnet against a game server, managing to extort US\$ 3,107.87 from a game company

What It Means:

With more affordable botnets, account theft is now more common

OUTSOURCING BUSINESS MODEL

What It Is:

Cybercriminals train others who are interested in learning the craft

Fact:

China: Underground ads "seeking a master" outnumber ads "seeking an apprentice" by 54%, ensuring new blood

What It Means:

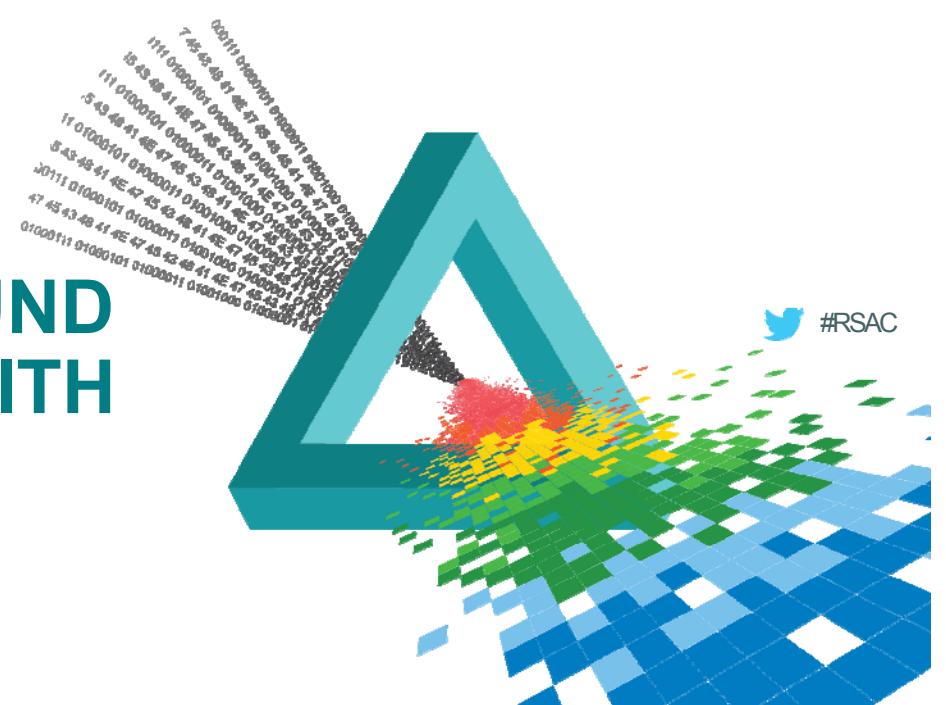
Through passed-on techniques and practices, new cybercriminals come up with more sophisticated attacks

MENTOR APPRENTICE BUSINESS MODEL

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REGIONAL UNDERGROUND MARKET EXIST, EACH WITH SPECIALIZATIONS





THE RUSSIAN MARKET

TRAFFIC DIRECTION SYSTEMS
TRAFFIC DIRECTION
PAY-PER-INSTALL SERVICE

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THE CHINESE UNDERGROUND

DISTRIBUTED DENIAL-OF-SERVICE (DDOS) ATTACK SERVICES
COMPROMISED HOSTS/BOTNETS





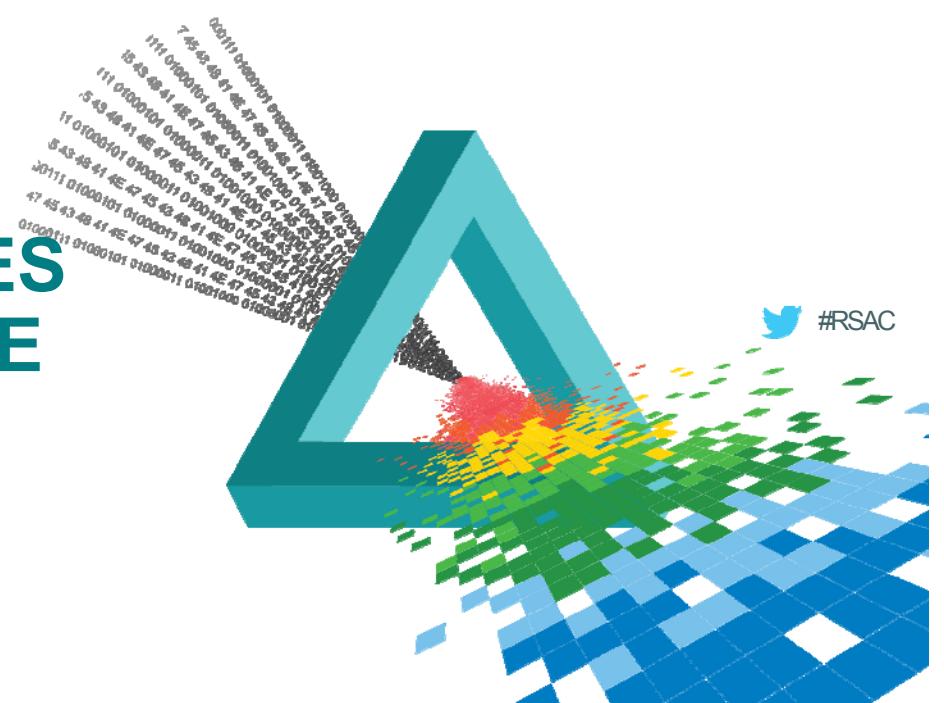
THE BRAZILLIAN UNDERGROUND

SMS SPAMMING SERVICES ; HOME PHONE NUMBER LISTING
FOR BIG CITIES

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REGIONAL MARKET DOES NOT MEAN THREATS ARE CONTAINED WITHIN THE REGION

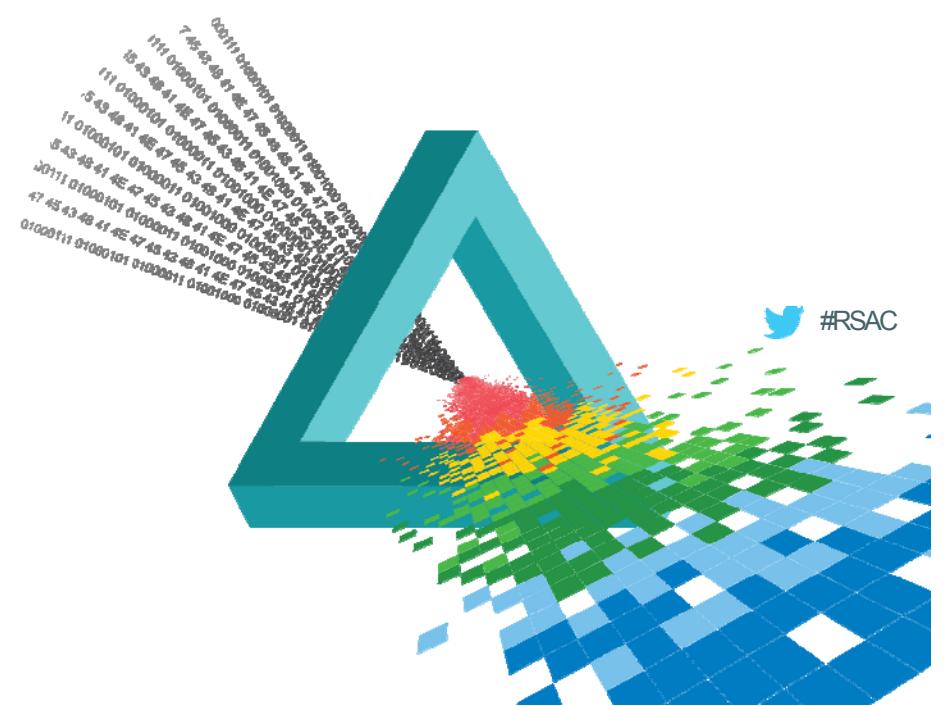




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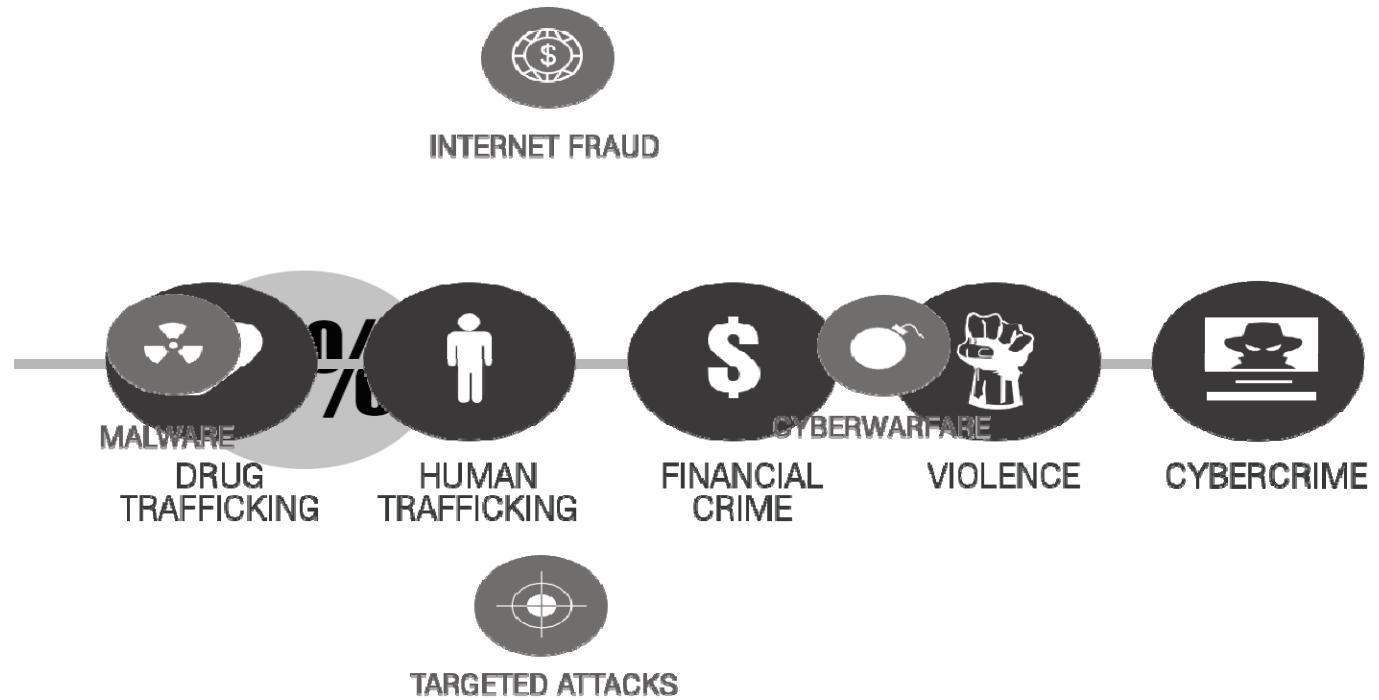
Lets Number Do the Talking.....





1% ATTRIBUTED
TO ORGANIZED
CRIME

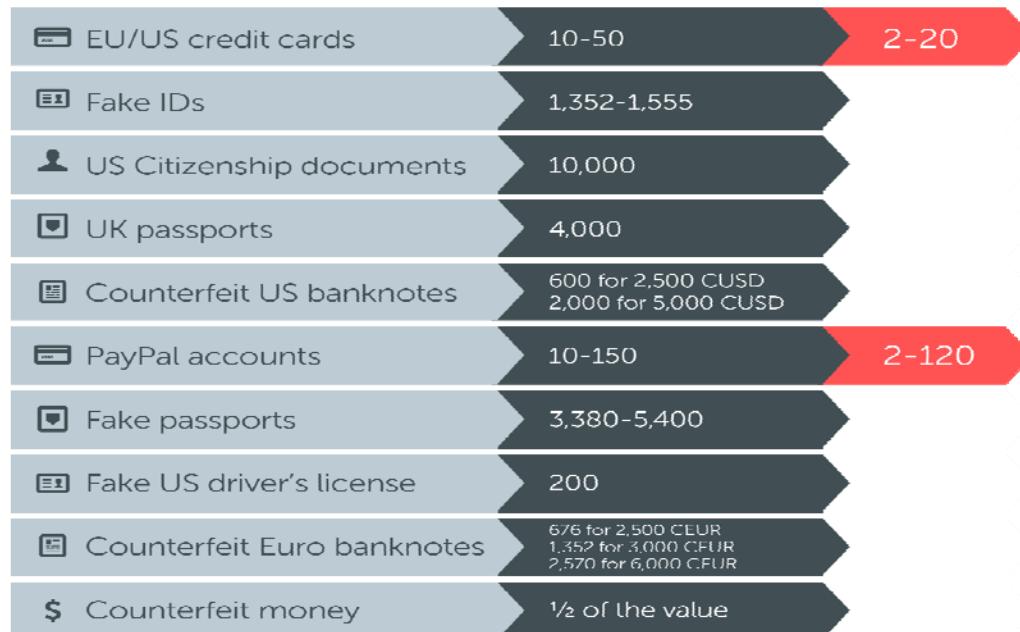




Prices are in US\$

Normalized Cost

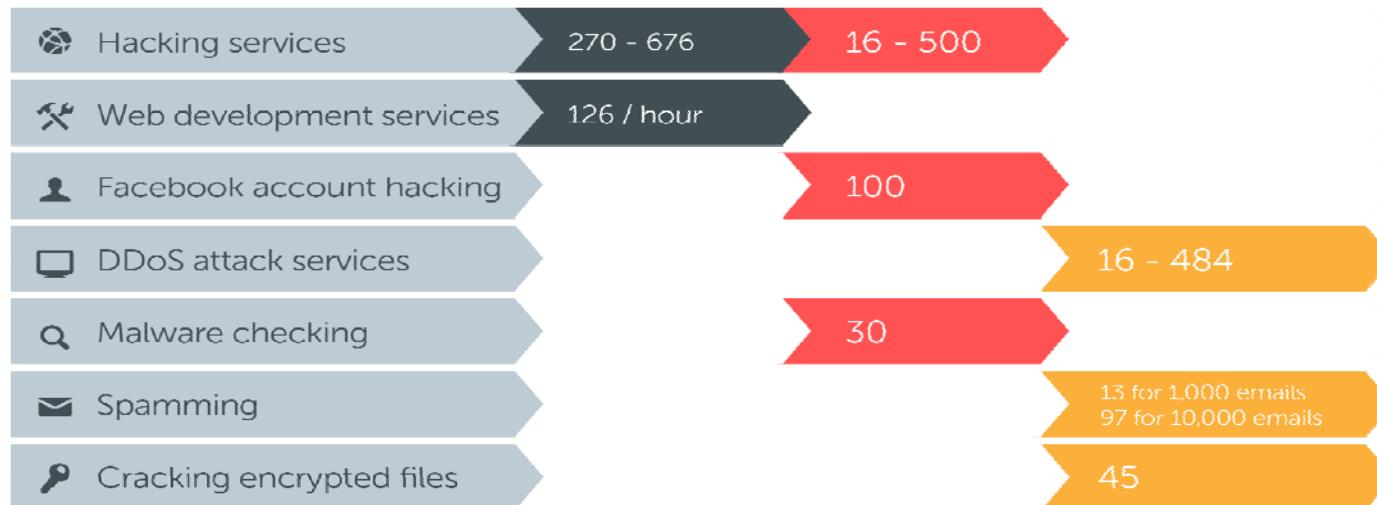
Russian Underground



Underground Product Prices

Prices are in US\$

Normalized Cost Russian Underground Chinese Underground



Underground Product Prices





UAE THREAT LANDSCAPE



**5M Malware
Detections**



About **700k malicious URLs** hosted in the Middle East;
0.62% come from UAE

More than **17 Million** accesses to
malicious websites;
26% come from UAE

Around **262 Million spam-sending IPs**;
3% coming from UAE



TOP 10 ADWARE MIDDLE EAST	
Adware Name	Total # of infections
ADW_OPENCANDY	
ADW_SSEARCH	
ADW_IBRYTE	
ADW_SPROTECT	
ADW_TOMOS	
ADW_RIDECROSS	
ADW_MULTIPLUG	
ADW_AGENT	
ADW_WEBSEARCH	
ADW_MONTIERA	

TOP 10 ADWARE UAE

Adware Name	Total # of infections
ADW_OPENCANDY	1,518
ADW_SSEARCH	1,230
ADW_IBRYTE	1,034
ADW_SPROTECT	901
ADW_TOMOS	495
ADW_AGENT	438
ADW_INSTALLCORE	425
ADW_WEBSEARCH	393
ADW_MONTIERA	392
ADW_MULTIPLUG	375



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TOP 10 INFECTION MIDDLE EAST

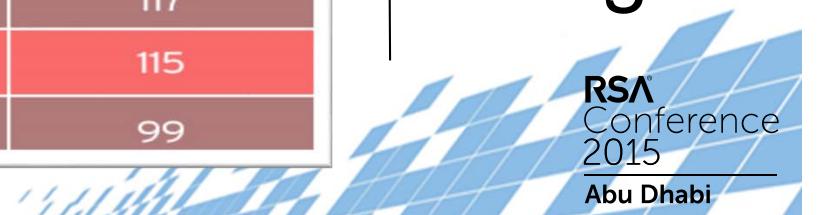
Malware Name	Total # of infections
LNK_DUNIHI.SMIX	1711
WORM_DOWNAD.AD	
PE_SALITY.RL	
TROJ_GAMARUE.SM	
PE_SALITY.RL-O	
WORM_GAMARUE.SMB	
WORM_OTOIT.SMT	
PE_VIRUX.R	
BKDR_BLADABI.SMC	
WORM_OTORUN.SMXY	

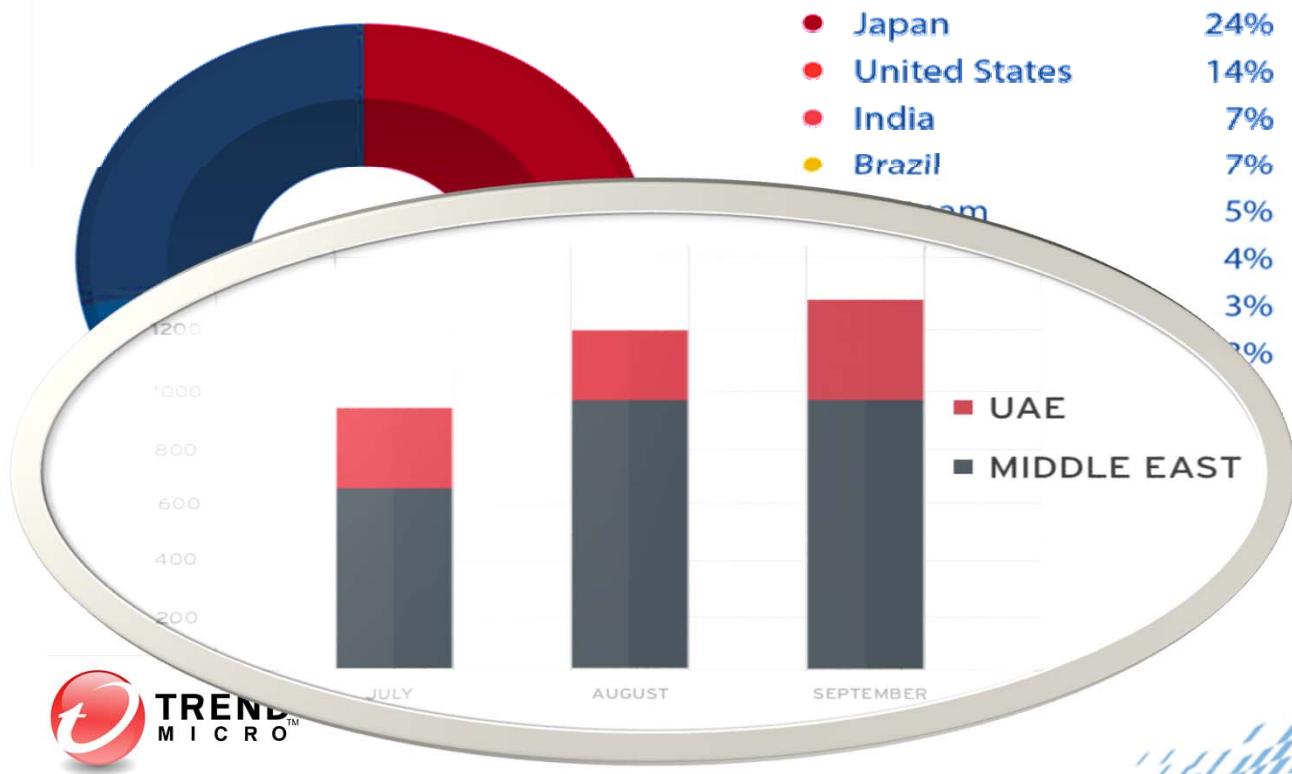


TOP 10 INFECTION UAE

Malware Name	Total # of infections
PE_SALITY.RL	244
LNK_DUNIHI.SMIX	242
PE_SALITY.RL-O	208
WORM_DOWNAD.AD	172
TROJ_STARTER.SM	133
PE_RAMNIT.DEN	131
ALS_COPICAD.D	123
WORM_SOHAND.SM	117
TROJ_GAMARUE.SM	115
WORM_DELF.FKZ	99

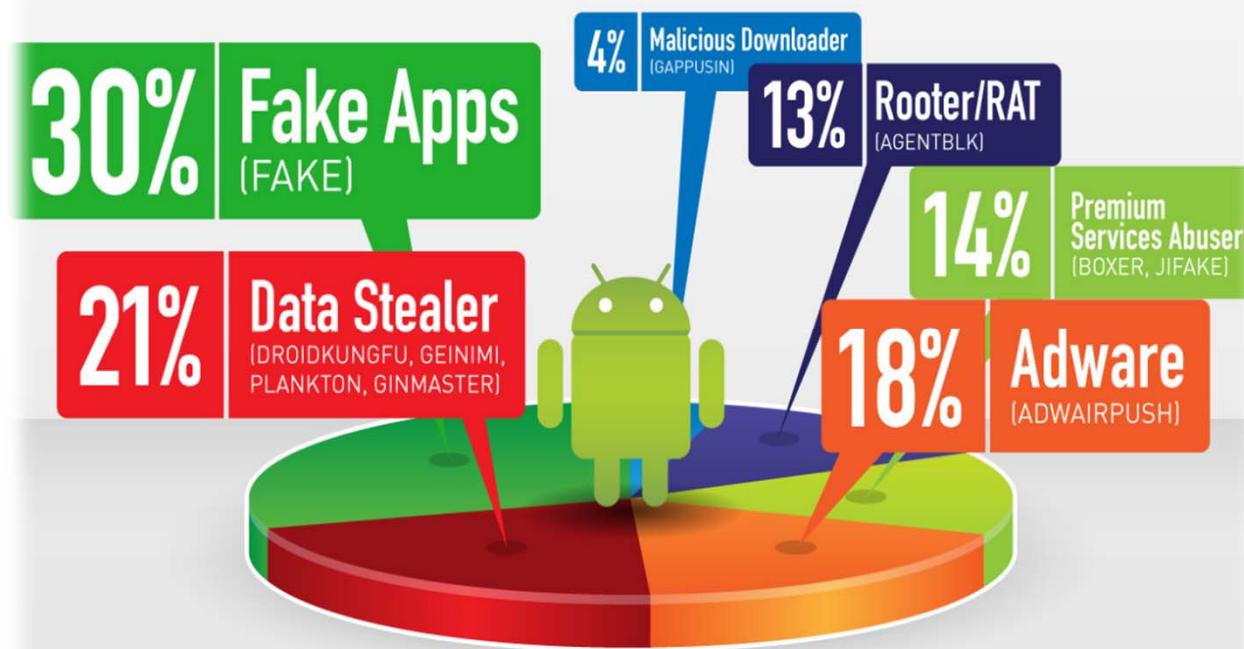
The old malware still spreads in the region





1% online
banking
attacks
victims
**Middle
East**





1% of total mobile apps scanned in the Middle East are malicious

Looking Forward...

- ◆ Fraud will continue to be a big problem
- ◆ Regional and niche specific attacks
- ◆ Home networks and the IoT devices behind them are feasible targets

How do you protect yourself ...

- ◆ As Organizations....
- ◆ Pure play cloud users should consider that security is a **shared responsibility**
- ◆ Invest in Breach Detection Systems
- ◆ Employee Awareness Campaigns is the **Key**
- ◆ **Create and Enforce IS Policy**

How do you protect yourself ...

- ◆ As Individuals...
- ◆ Aware on what you “Click”
- ◆ Protect Mobile Devices same as your Computers/Laptops
- ◆ Think before you post
- ◆ Use Multi-Factor Authentication
- ◆ Password Resets
- ◆ Child Online Safety/Social Media
- ◆ Early childhood education starts from home
- ◆ If “You” become victim talk to Authorities – Al Ameen & Aman Service

- ◆ ENJOY REST OF THE CONFERENCE