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Next Generation Events

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What is NGE?

- Systems like HAUSTORIUM reaching ingest capacity
 - But scale and variety both increasing
- 5-Eyes also far-apart on “metadata” requirements, need to get closer together

The Answer?

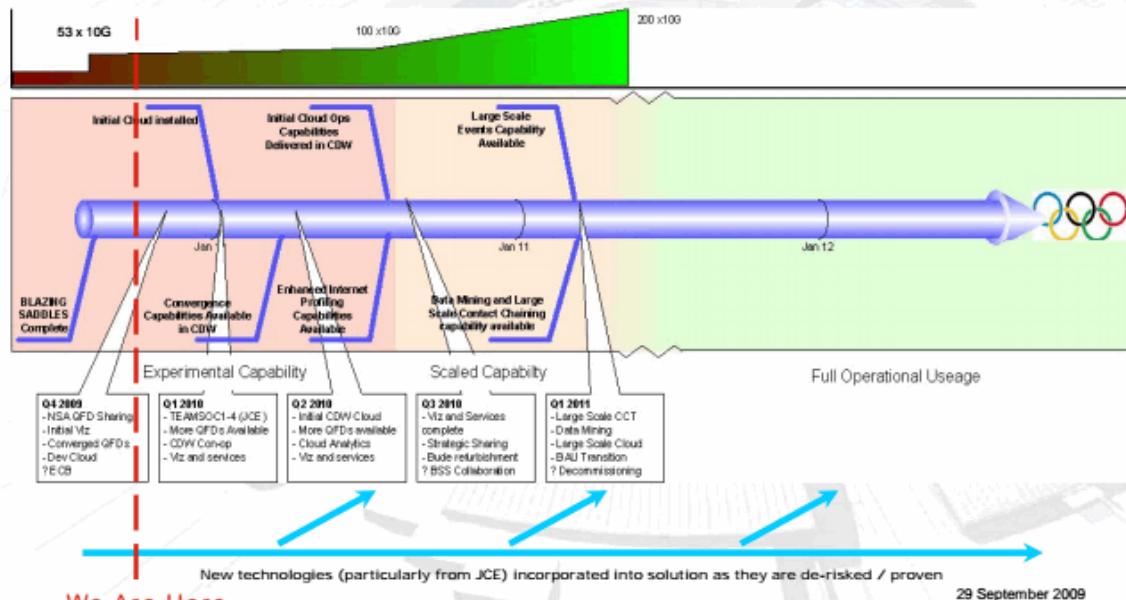
- NGE: A multi-stage project that tackles a series of the problems, at increasing scale, and with increasing collaboration

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Next Gen Events: High-level Plan



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NGE: The Last Three Months

- **Sharing Enriched Metadata (HARBOUR PILOT)**
 - Moving towards metadata standards across 5-Eyes
 - Invisible to GCHQ analysts
- **Internet Profiling (BLAZING SADDLES)**
 - Taking ICTR ideas on how to process Events at scale, and scale even more
 - Required significant effort on End-to-End Sigint process

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Plug 1 - Internet Profiling: The BLAZING SADDLES Delivery

- **What It Does:**
 - Takes 8 ICTR QFD's and scales them for up to 100 x 10G bearers
 - Allows the analyst to see large amounts of a targets online activity
 - Metadata – MUTANT BROTH, AUTO ASSOC, KARMA POLICE, SOCIAL ANIMAL, INFINITE MONKEYS, HRMAP
 - Content – MEMORY HOLE, MARBLED GECKO
- **Why You Care:**
 - Want to know alternate online accounts?
 - Quickly build up a picture of someone's online MO and interests?
 - Identify for further exploitation (with other techniques) a targets network/machines?
 - Success across IP/X – CP, SIMMER, Mumbai, G20 – and ask around in your IPT!
- **How You Get Access:**
 - Currently instigating corporate process (based on C2C skill level)
 - Interim – see your Tech Director or Tech Ex

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NGE: The Next Three Months

- **ROCK RIDGE**
 - Continuing QFD roll-out
 - SAMUEL PEPYS
 - CAFFEINE HIT
 - Sharing some QFD's with (initially) NSA
- **Converged Events**
 - Ensuring we don't perpetuate the C2C/Telephony divide
 - Specific QFD's that enhance our ability to exploit converged
 - Evolved MUTANT BROTH
 - LAUGHING HYENA
 - Exit strategy for SALAMANCA/HAUSTORIUM
- **CLOUD Experiments at Bude**
 - JCE and TINT
 - Developing/testing technologies for later in the roadmap
- **ICTR (and others!) continue to develop new ideas**

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NGE: And After That?

- **Capability Development Workspace**
 - Bulk datamining capability
 - Use existing sources, and new cloud capabilities
- **Large-scale contact chaining**
 - MOAG – but anyone can create
 - Using both GCHQ and NSA datastores
- **MO/Profiling based discovery**
 - Always been the goal for events-led analysis
 - Dependent on technological advancements, but looking good
- **Events/Content Fusion & Visualisation**
 - Seamless navigation between Events and Content
 - Making sure we continue the MONTE VISTA/LOOKING GLASS ideas

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Next Generation Content..?

- Not yet...but thinking and delivery is happening
 - TIPC using TDI's
 - Expand XKS use
 - Trial new ways of collecting/processing content (TINT)

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Plug 2: TIPC Expansion

- **What It Does**
 - Full client IP stream collection triggered by known selector
 - Expanded to STM-64 environment as well as STM-1/4
 - Now triggered by TDI's, not just gmail, yahoo and maktoob
- **Why You Care**
 - Unique Intelligence material that can't be strongly selected – web visits/searches etc
 - Find new protocols used by targets – you, tech trends, T development
 - Contextless
 - New dictionary – old one completely erased
- **How Do You Get Access?**
 - Talk to your C2C Tech Ex – they are running pre-requisite briefings as there are some dangers...(full IIBI!)

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Plug 3: XKS & TINT @Bude Experiments

- **What It Will Do:**
 - Promotion from XKS to IIB
 - Integration into LOOKING GLASS
 - Connection to Native File Viewer (FUME CUPBOARD)
 - Continuing to work on the NSA data access issue
 - The TINT@Bude Experiments Attempt To:
 - Re-sessionise *everything*
 - Tag traffic, based on
 - *strong selector/ geography/ application
 - *contextual fingerprints:
 - Extract metadata in bulk
 - Retain a 3-day rolling buffer of 'interesting' content
 - *for retrospective/protocol/network/analysis
 - *for refining fingerprints/selectors
 - Do this on 20 x 10G's!
- **Why You Care:**
 - Packet processing approach misses stuff
 - Strong selection only
 - Too much data retained is unused (97% unviewed)
 - Promote only the good stuff to long-term storage
 - Aim: to automatically promote to long term storage
- **When Do You Get Access?**
 - New XKS capabilities will be rolled out to GCHQ KS's when available
 - TINT PUT in place, but experimental, not operational use only

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