

Towards Measuring and Mitigating Social Engineering Software Download Attacks

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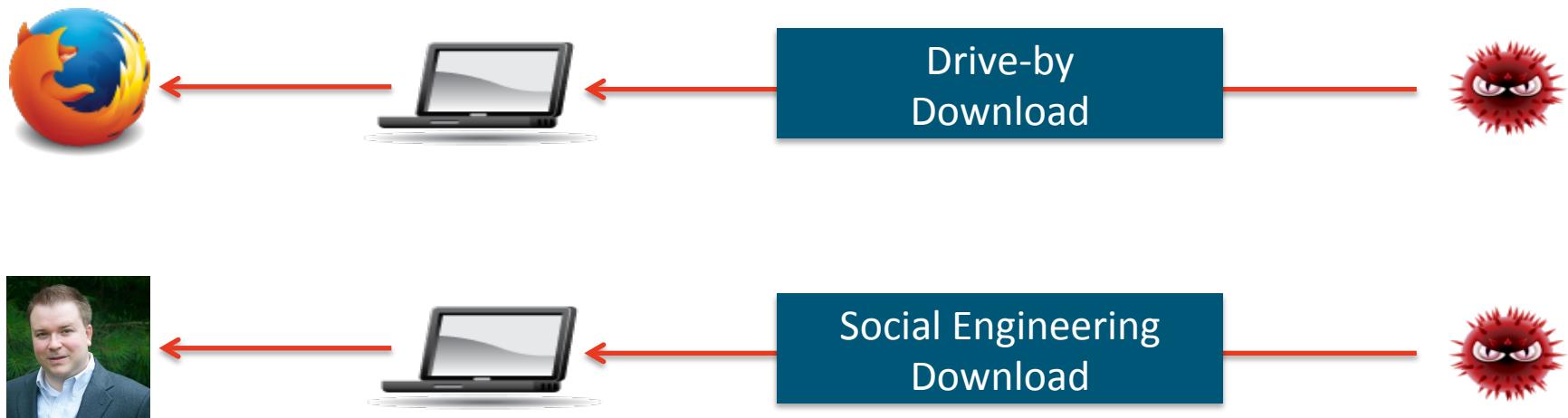
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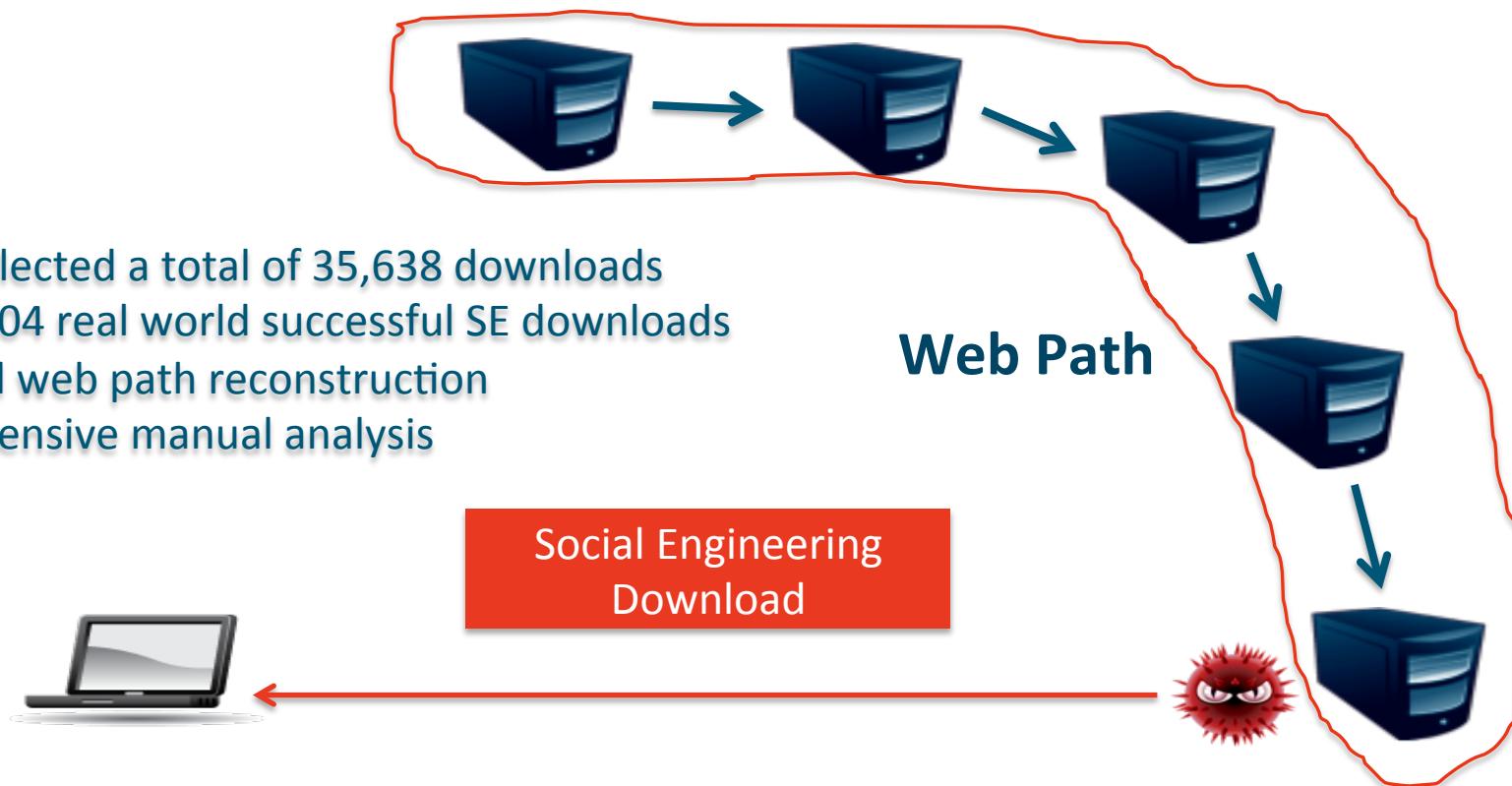


Study of Web-Based Social Engineering Downloads

- › Data collection on a large academic network for two months.
- › Real-time deep packet inspection of network traffic.
- › Maintain a data buffer of all recent HTTP transactions.
- › On executable download record all web traffic from client.

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- Collected a total of 35,638 downloads
- 2,004 real world successful SE downloads
- Full web path reconstruction
- Extensive manual analysis



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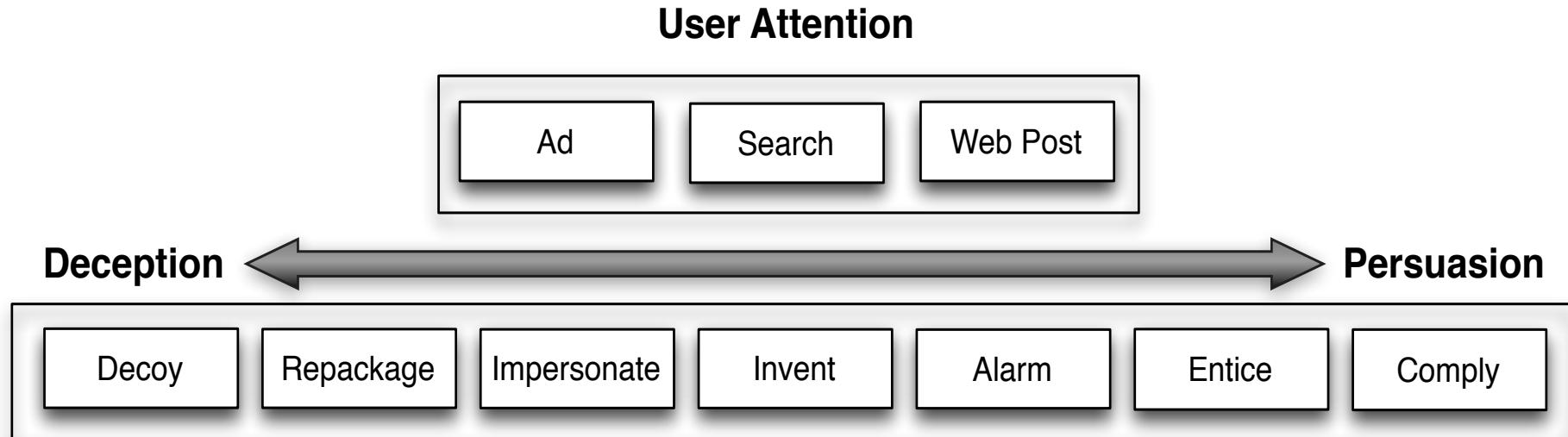
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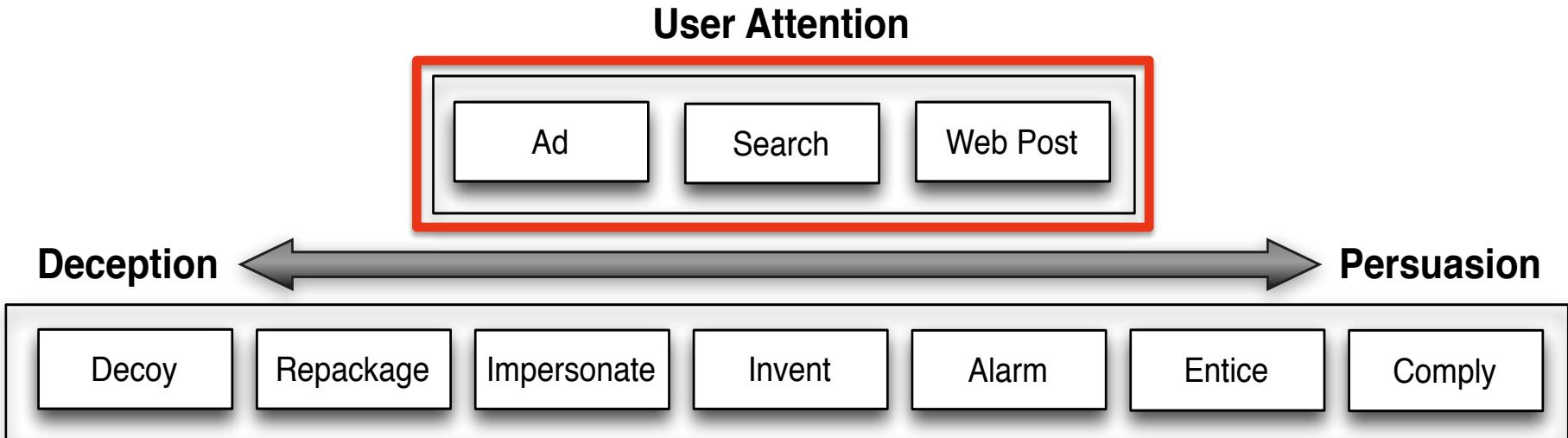
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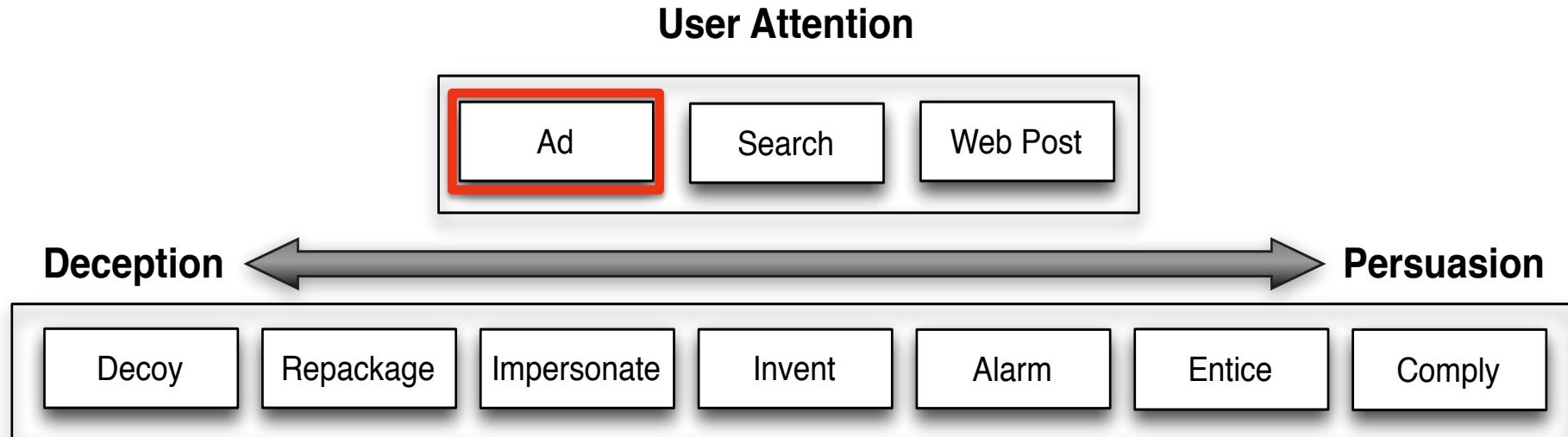
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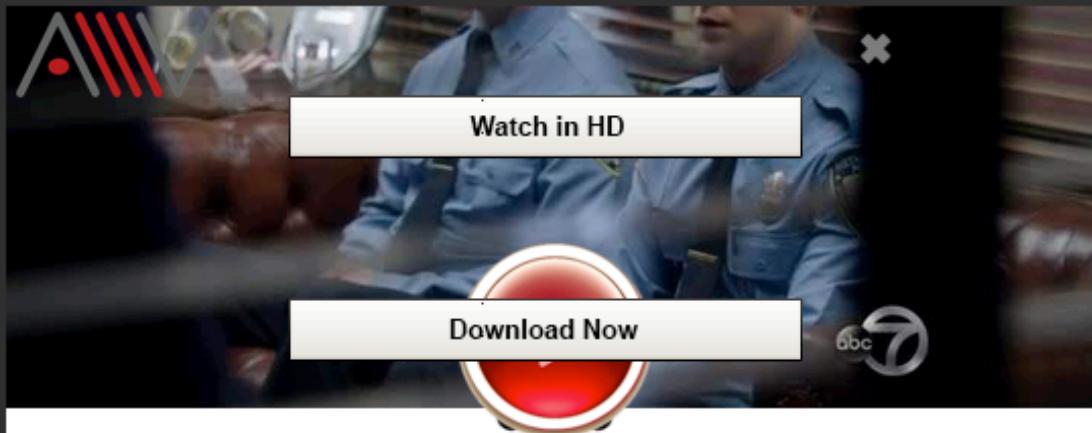


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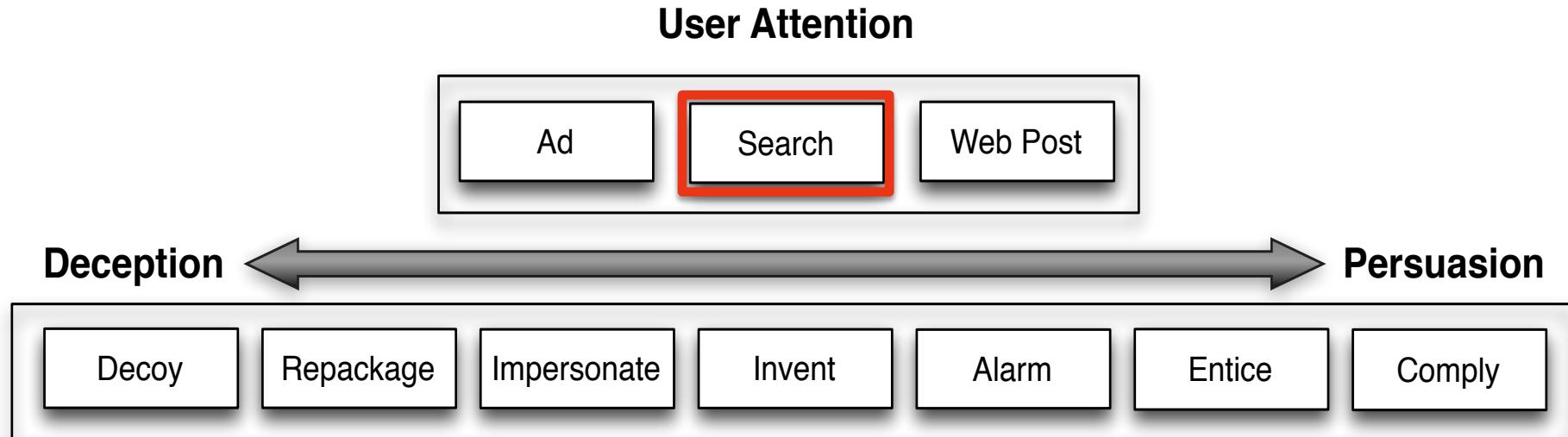
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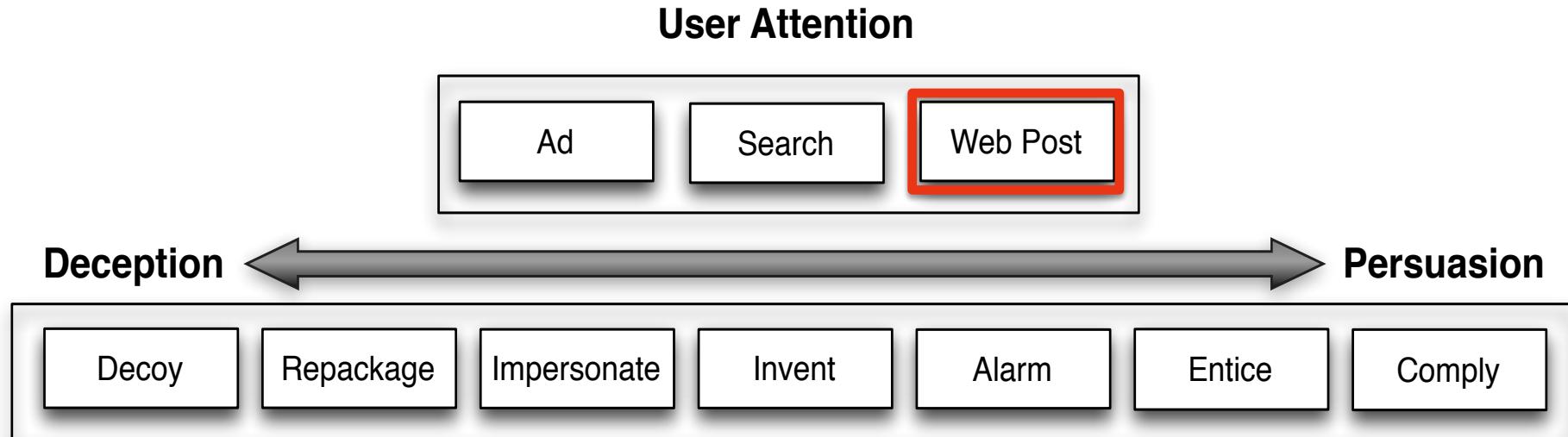
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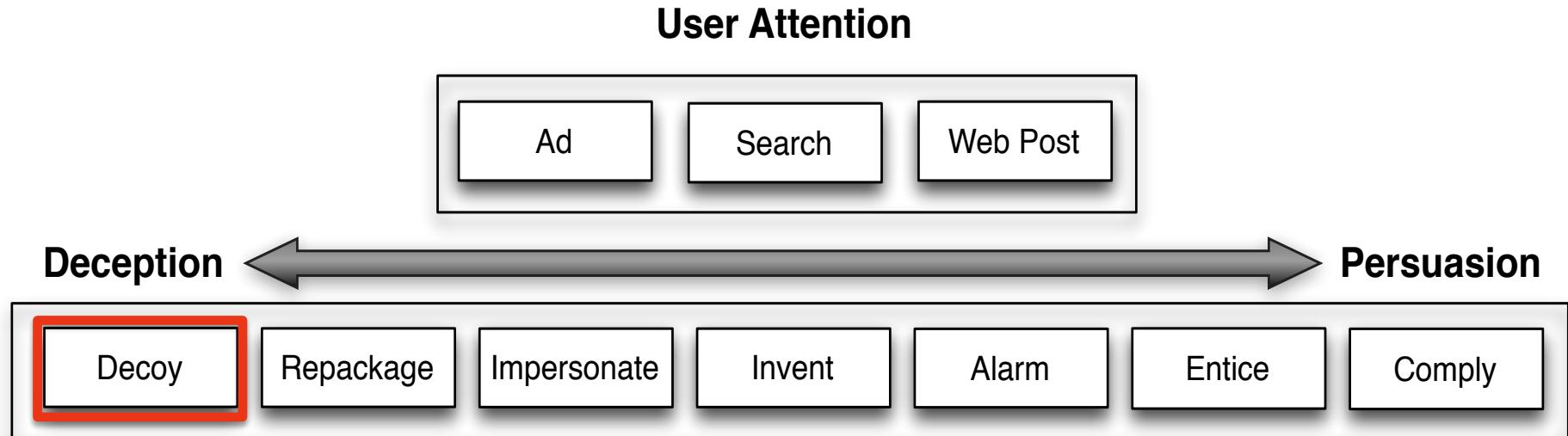
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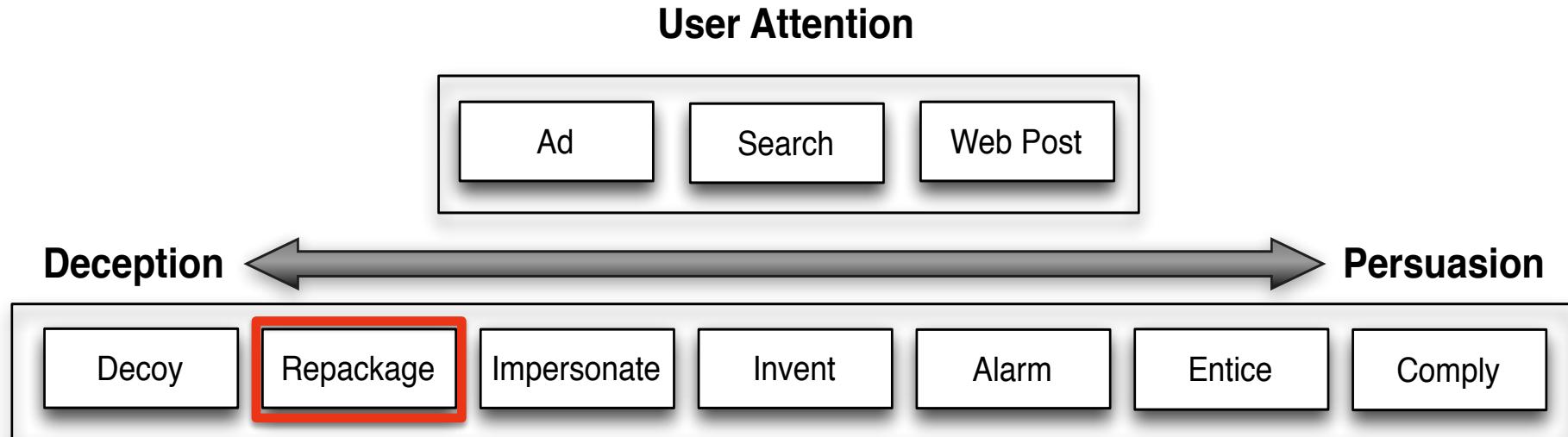
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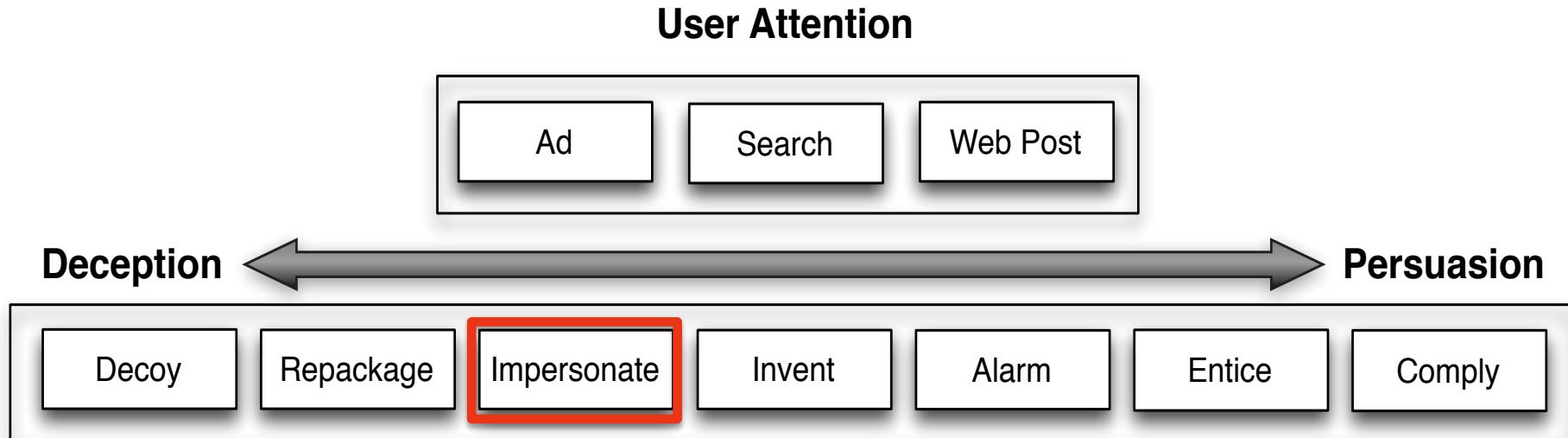
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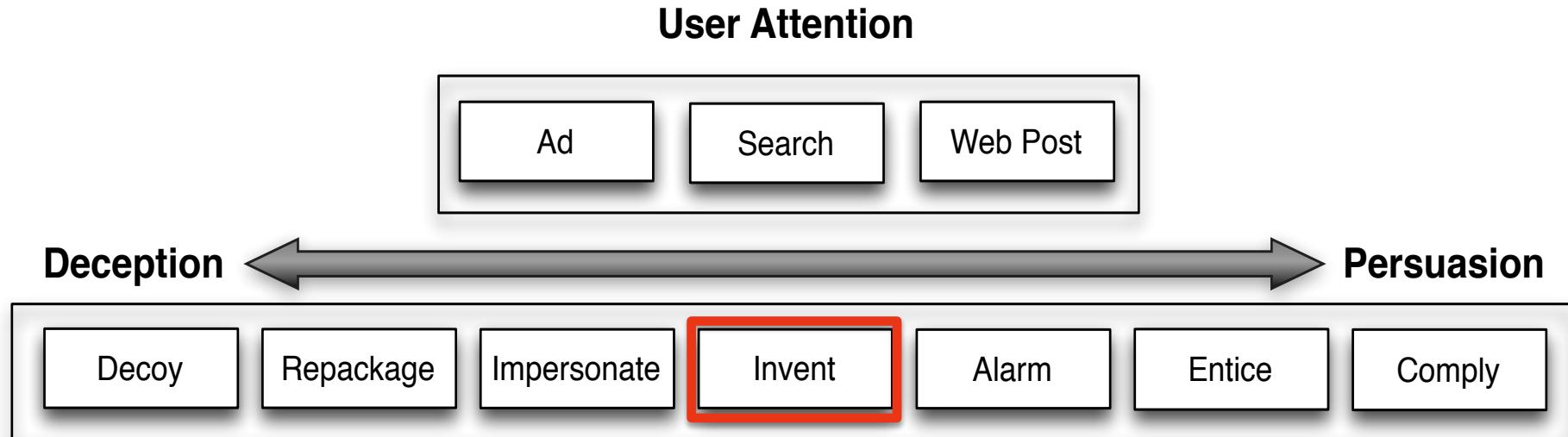
Java Download Page:

- Header:** Java™
- Text:** Download Java for your desktop computer now!
- Description:** Java allows you to play online games, chat with people around the world, calculate your mortgage interest, and view images in 3D, just to name a few.
- Call-to-action:** Download Java
- Operating Systems:** Windows 8, 7, Vista, XP, Server 2008, Server 2012

Java Setup - Welcome Window:

- Title:** Java Setup - Welcome
- Image:** Java logo (cup of coffee) and Sun Microsystems logo.
- Text:** Welcome to Java™
Java will make your Internet experience richer. Whether you are playing games or music, getting email on your mobile phone, checking out a webcam, learning about the universe, or anything in between, Java can make it better.
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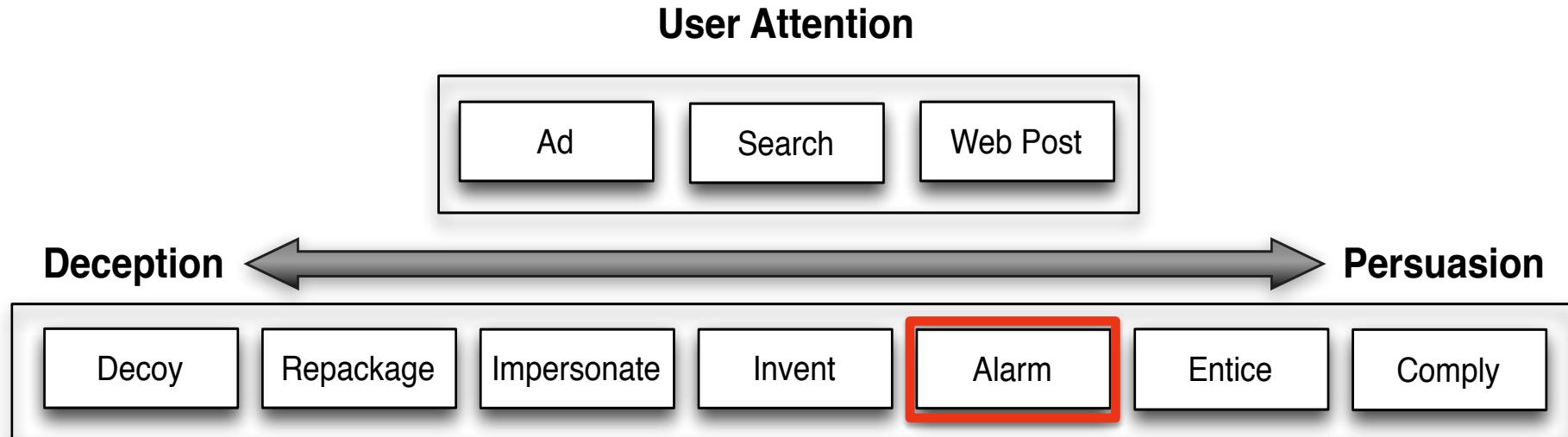
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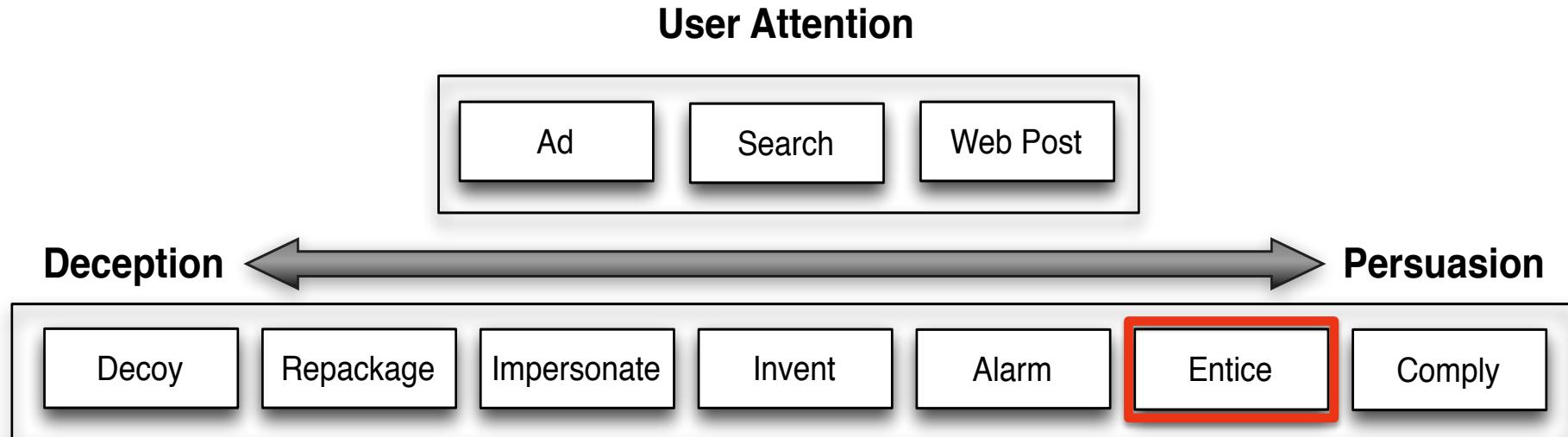




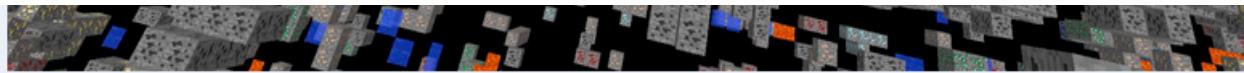
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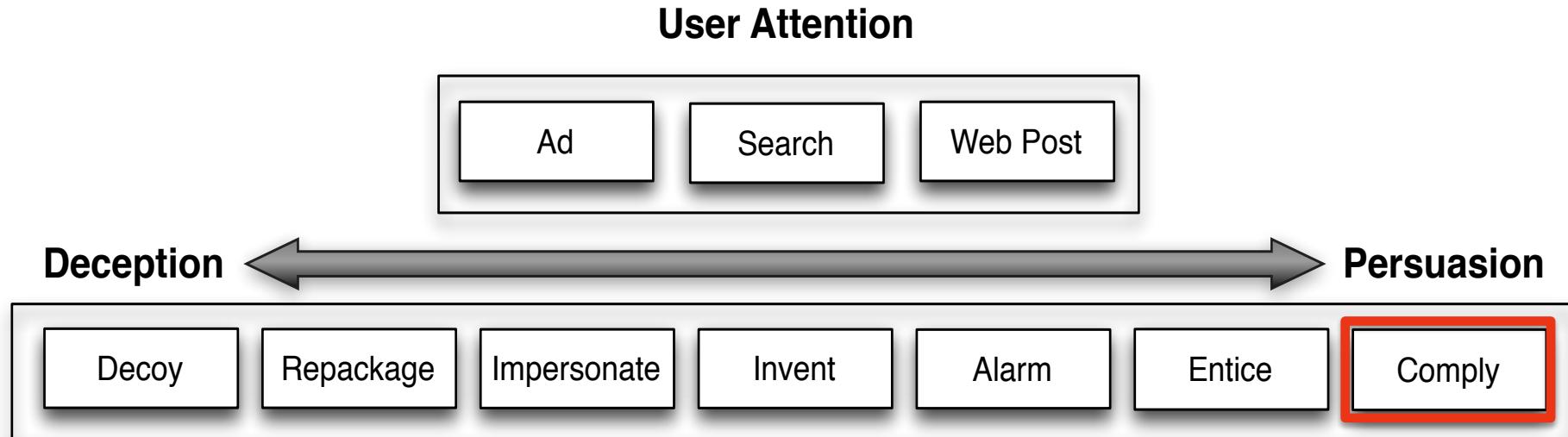
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- › Categorizing SE Download Tactics
- ➔ Measuring SE Download Properties
- › Detecting SE Download Attacks

Popularity of SE Tactics for Tricking the User

Trick	Total	Percentage
Repackage+Entice	972	48.5%
Invent+Impersonate+Alarm	434	21.7%
Invent+Impersonate+Comply	384	19.2%
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Impersonate+Entice+Decoy	12	0.6%
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Fake Java	30%	0%
Fake AV	1%	0%
Fake Browser	1%	0%
Fake Player	0%	80%

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Almost 88% used advertisements.

Benign Ad Based Downloads

- › 7% of all benign downloads are ad-based.
- › 40% chance that an ad-based download is benign.
- › Trion Worlds is the most popular followed by Spotify.

Category	Percentage
Games	32%
Utilities	30%
Music	15%
Business	11%
Video	8%
Graphics	2%
Social	2%

Top 5 Ad Entry Point Domains

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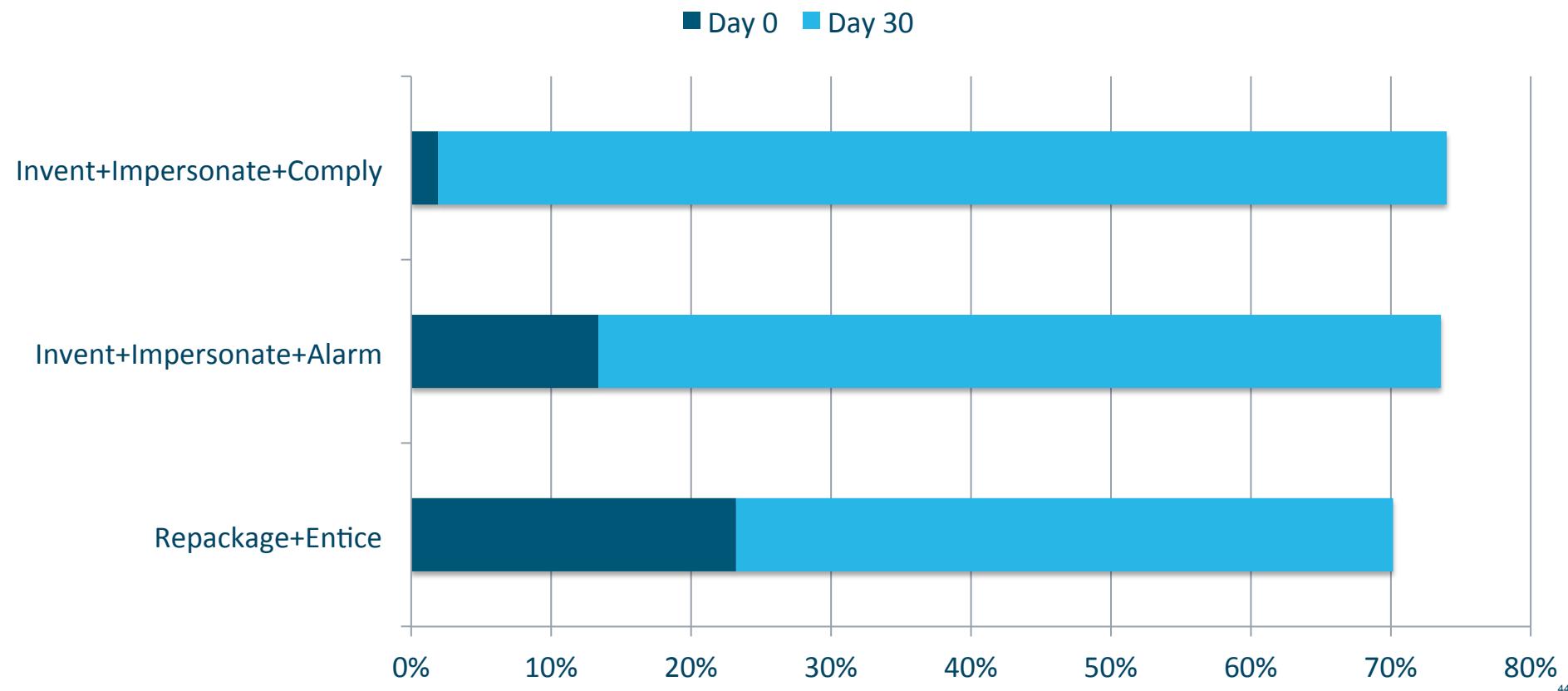
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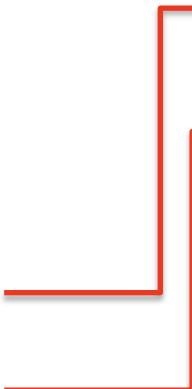
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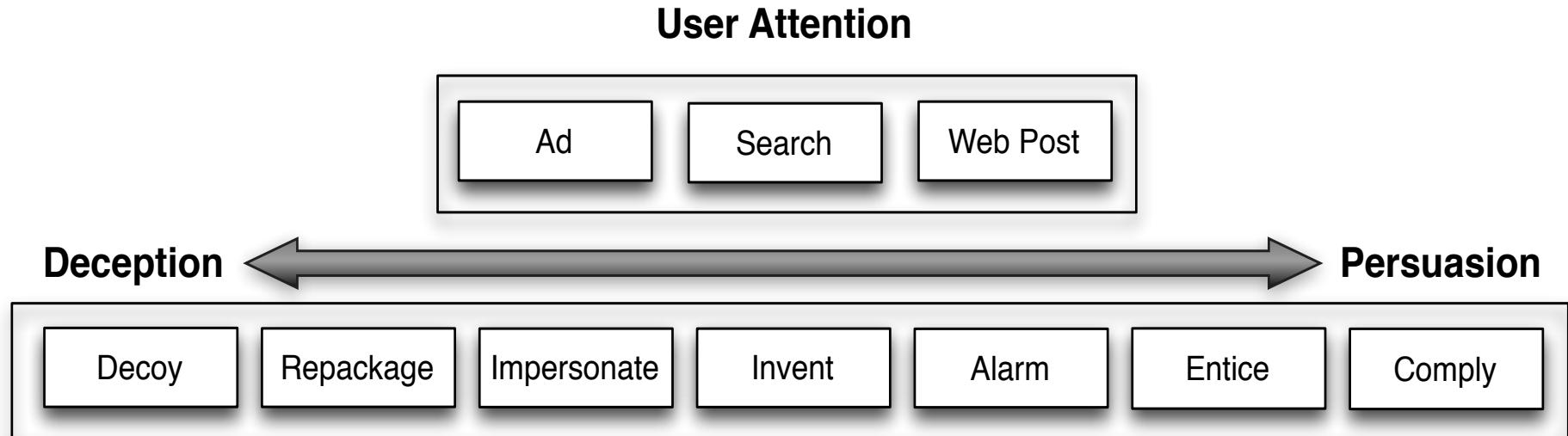
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 - › Ad-Driven
 - › Minimum Ad Domain Age
 - › Maximum Ad Domain Popularity
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 - › Download Domain Age
 - › Download Domain Alexa Rank

Classifying Social Engineering Downloads

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Ad-Based SE		91.2%	8.8%
Benign		0.5%	99.5%
True Positive Rate			
False Positive Rate			

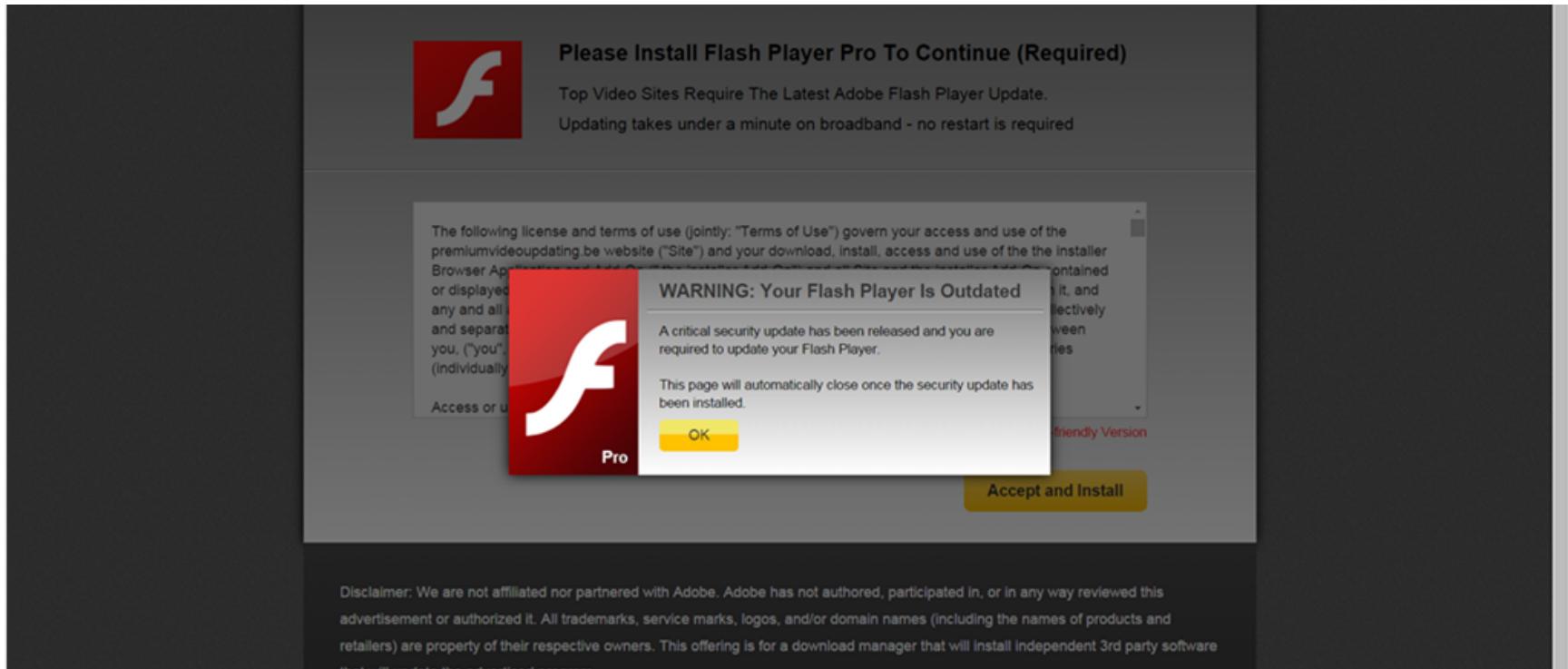
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