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## How Good Is Your Network Neighborhood Watch?

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Team Cymru





## Who is "Team Cymru"?

- Hobby in 1998, Incorporated in 2004
- Network of researchers and dedicated to supporting the Internet community in maintaining security
- 25+ full-time employees; non-profit
- Global investigators previously from Dutch NHTCC, UK Scotland Yard, Polish Police, USSS, US-CERT, Homeland Security

Funded by multinational banks, CERTs/CSIRTS, security vendors..and you?

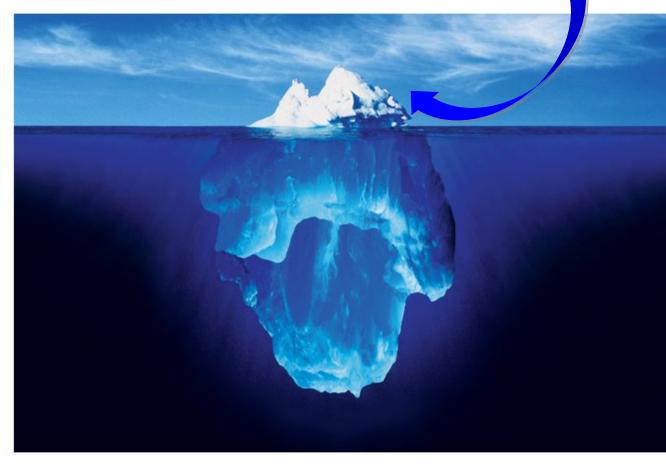






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#### **Tired of hearing about botnets?**





## What is a botnet?

- A collection of compromised computers
- Controlled by a third party
  - IRC, HTTP, P2P, IM, UDP, etc.
- Generally for nefarious purposes:
  - Data exfiltration, Money, Spam, DDoS, Warez





#### What are they after?

- They're after our money, our identity, and it's a dangerous place out there on the Net
- The targets
  - Individuals
  - Companies
  - Government



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#### **The Current Environment**

- Users and systems facing increase in targeted, adapting attacks from skilled, motivated, and persistent adversaries
- The traditional opportunistic hacker has been replaced by a more dangerous adversary
- Preventive measures and technologies are continuing to be circumvented through social engineering and zero day attacks



Definition of insider threat is dynamic due to network interconnectivity amongst organizations and globalization of the supply chain. It's a complicated cyber-world





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#### Motivations behind the attacks: yesterday and today

- About five years ago, on-line miscreants had the following motivations:
  - "fame" among the hacker underground
  - "fun"
  - to elevate control among IRC users
  - Web defacement
  - Denial of Service attacks against your IRC nemesis
  - scripted intrusions





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- Today, an online underground economy exists solely for the buying and selling of financial data (*your* bank account), identity data (*your* national ID information), and almost anything else you can imagine (passports, airline tickets, etc, etc)

**Today's miscreants are** *criminals* 

#### **Malicious Activity Heat Map**

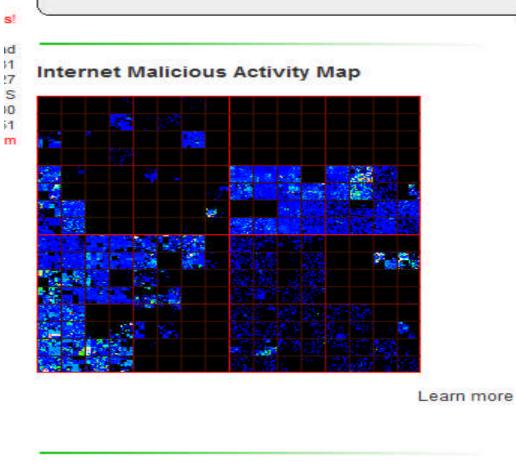
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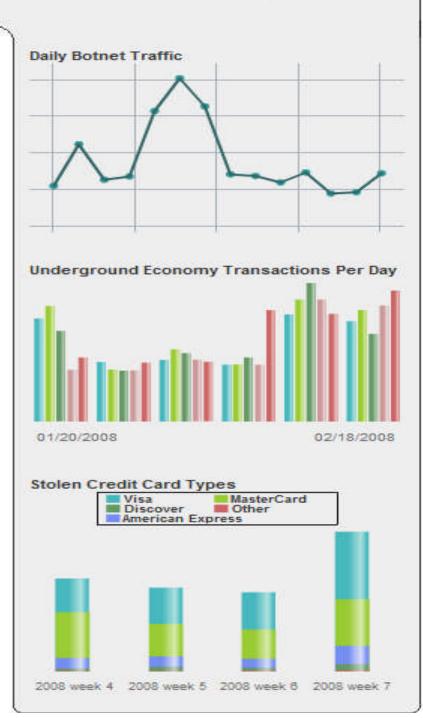


#### Welcome to the new Team Cymru Website!

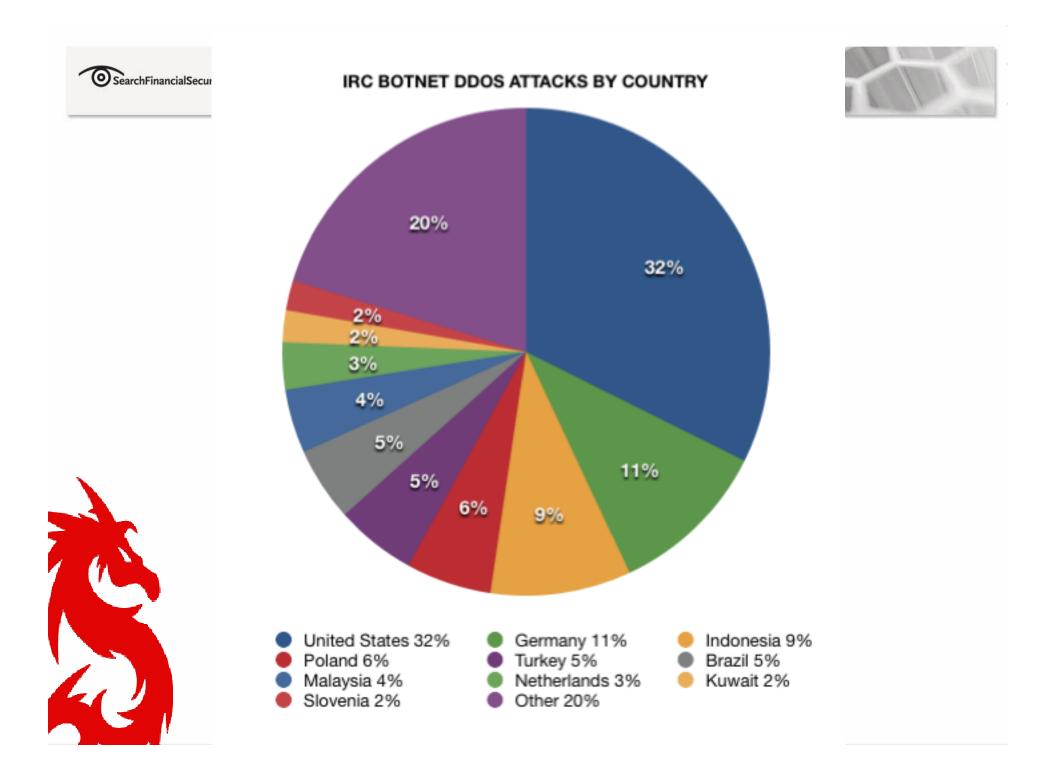
Welcome to the new web home of Team Cymru! Take a look around to see examples of the insight and services we are able to provide. Team Cymru - making the Internet a safer place!

#### Team Cymru chosen as one of the most Influential in security today by eWEEK !

eWEEK recently recognized Team Cymru's contributions to making



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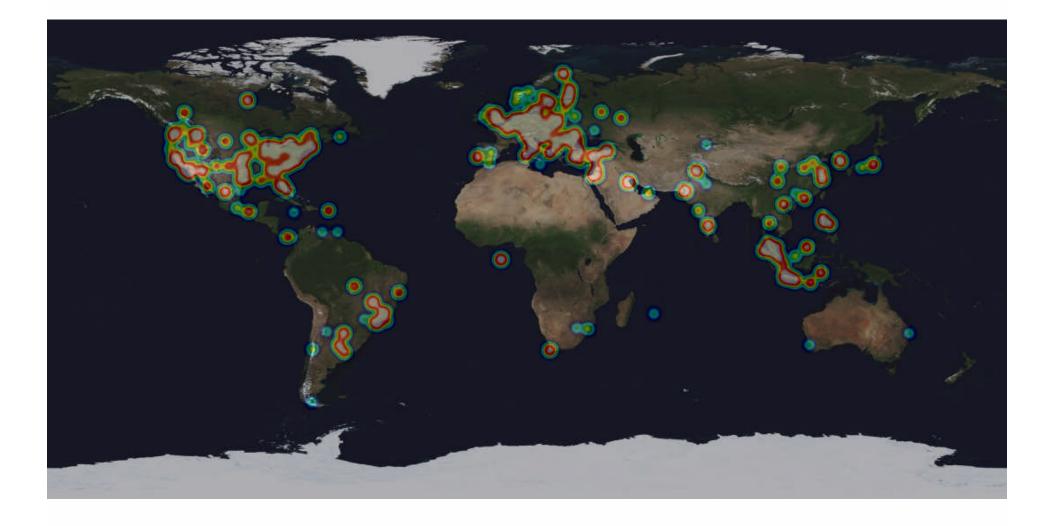
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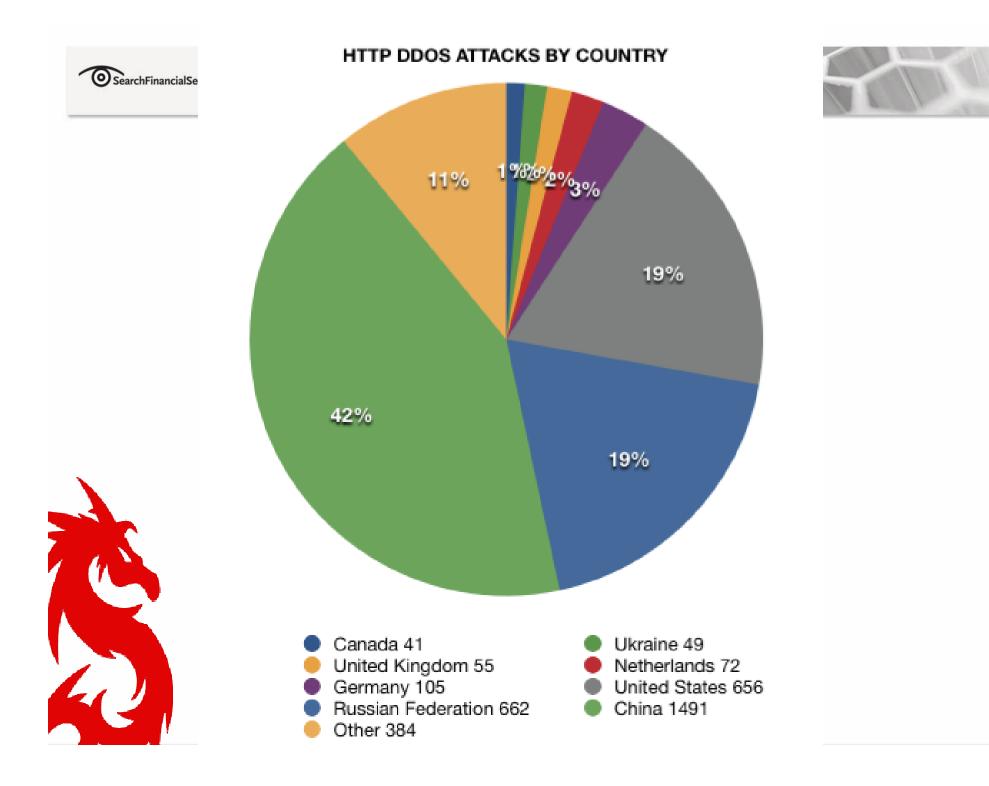




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#### **IRC botnet ddos targets**





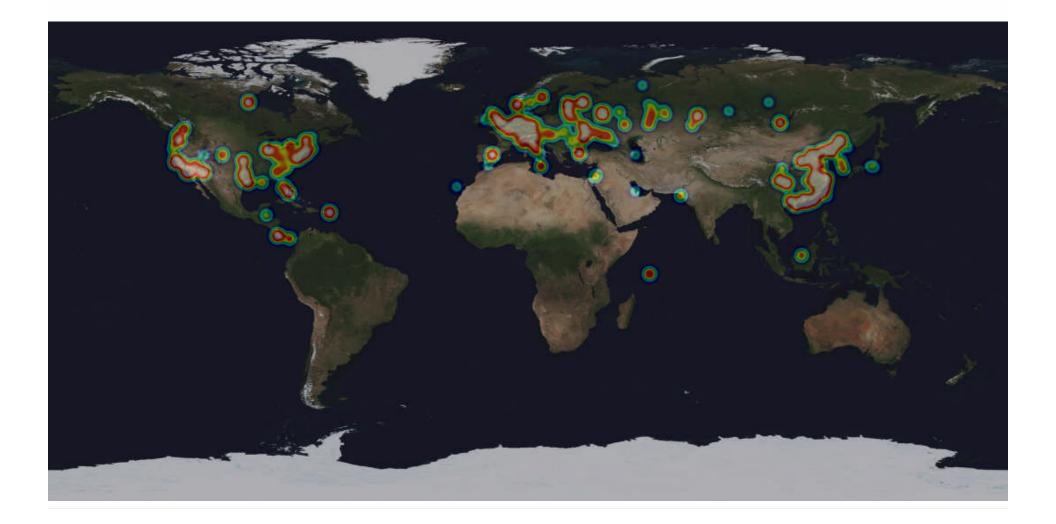






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#### **HTTP botnet ddos targets**







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#### **Malware Still on the Internet**

Malware IPs detected								
Beagle	349445							
Blaster	24857							
Bots	363683	380185	-4.34%					
Bruteforce	170	152	11.84%					
Dameware	470	584	-19.52%					
Botnet C&	C 560	583	-3.95%					
Defacemen	t 264	427	-38.17%					
Dipnet	72	84	-14.29%					
Mail Virus	es 7803	8497	-8.17%					
Malware U	RL 1839	1471	25.02%					
Mydoom	63	63	0%					
Nachi	18234	18066	0.93%					
Phatbot	14318	14535	-1.49%					
Phishing U	RLs 327	346	-5.49%					
Proxy	34504	35051	-1.56%					
Routers	447	461	-3.04%					
Scanners	117328	127017	-7.63%					
Sinit	86	73	17.81%					
Slammer	13652	13335	2.38%					
Spam	3197528	2814731	13.60%					
Spybot	41177	44613	-7.70%					
Toxbot	291928	316994	-7.91%					
TOTALS	4320203	3996672	8.10%					

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Running 1066 samples through 32 AV packages yielded a 37% detection rate



#### What's it all about?

- It isn't about malware; it's about people and crime
- Taking your hard earned money, information & identity





#### **Extracting your Ca\$h**

#### Miscreant perception of computers



#### underground <u>cash</u> registers



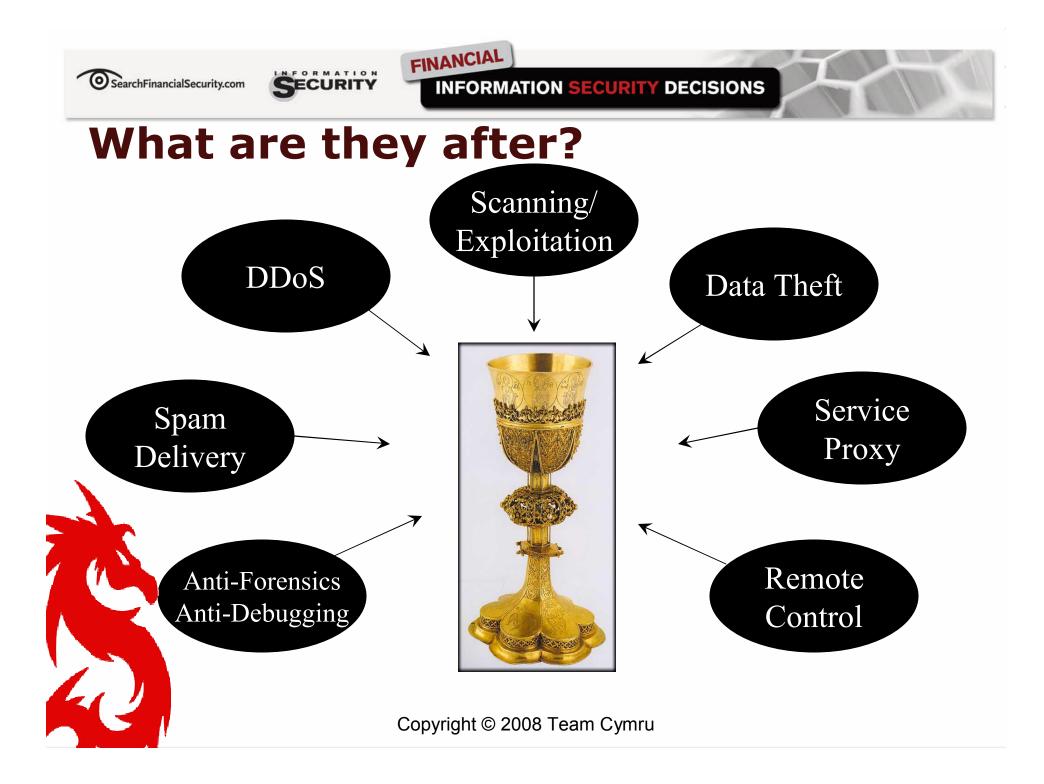
#### **Attack Trends**

- Movement toward high-power \*NIX boxes with big pipes as bots
- Encrypted command & control communication for botnets
- P2P for botnet control
- DDoS extortion as a profit maker
- Better knowledge of "bad neighborhoods" of the internet – these are areas of the internet that are most vulnerable



Better knowledge of countermeasures against hacking attempts – where the honeynets are, for instance

Better packing & obfuscation of malware, making reverse engineering more difficult







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# The chase continues: newtechniques neededOld botnets:New bot

• Central point of failure

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- IRC based C&C
- Limited obfuscation
- Limited lifetime/size
- Modular exploits

#### New botnets:

- Distributed achitecture
- http + p2p based C&C
- Extensive encryption
- Immortal/unlimited size
- Social engineering
- Self protection
- Self healing
- Custom packing
- VM aware
- Local DNS poisoning
- Double fast fluxing

#### **Extracting the Ca\$h**

- Proxy Sales, Bot Sales
- Malware Sales
- Spam, Phishing
- Compromised Routers, .mils, .govs, .edus, .com
- Full Infos (50/50)
- DDoS for Hire
- Spyware/adware/malware "affiliate programs"
- The obvious charging to stolen credit cards, clearing out bank accounts
- Illustrative article (the story of Ancheta and Sobe): <u>http://reviews.cnet.com/4520-3513\_7-6427016-</u> <u>1.html</u>





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#### The Storm is a brewing

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## When good guys strike, guess who strikes back?

- Storm worm strikes back at security pros
- Researcher says those discovered trying to defeat worm suffer DDoS attacks
- By <u>Tim Greene</u>, Network World, 10/24/07





#### What are the enablers?

- Lack of a dedicated operational security team
- Lack of network cognizance
- Need for more trained cyber law enforcement personnel at the State & Local Level
- It's International! No matter what our laws are the Internet is Global

**Complex software** 

## Challenges

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 Having the right contacts in place worldwide (ISPs, Registrars, LE)

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- Not enough data sharing and collaboration
- Globalization
- Enforcement issues
  - **Corporate Involvement**

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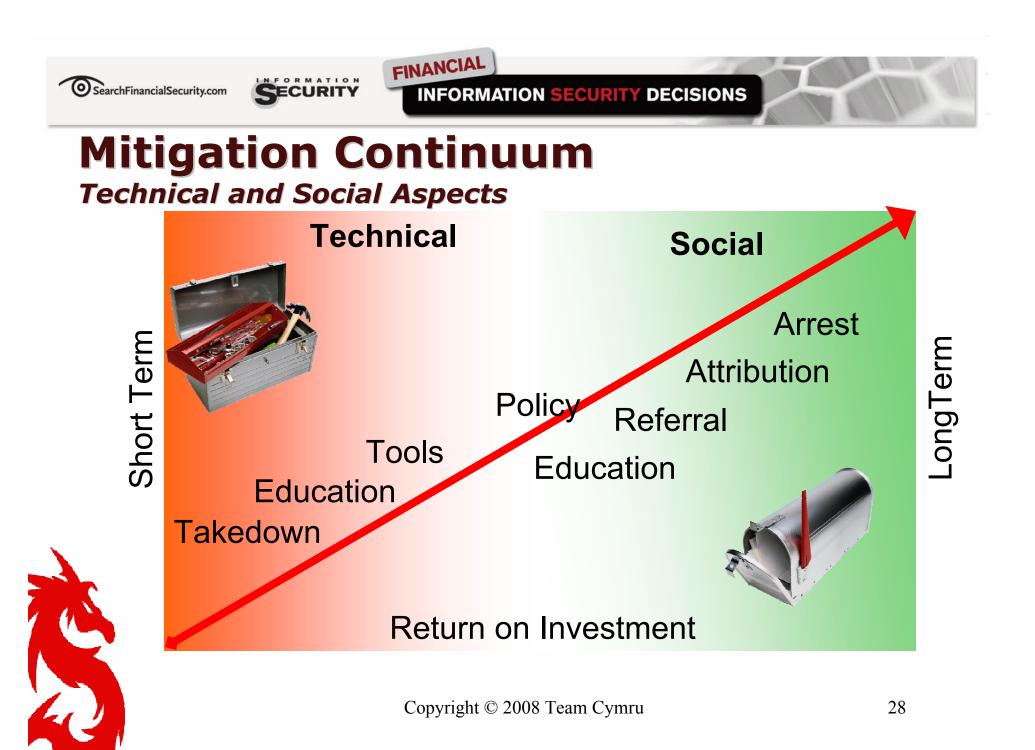




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#### **Security Misconceptions**

- "...but I use NAT."
- "I block everything inbound."
- "Our Antivirus keeps us safe."
- We've got a good FISMA grade."
- "We have a DMZ."
- "I'm not a target."
- "I use encryption/IPSec."
  - "I use IPv6."



#### **Efforts Underway to tackle these issues**

- Cyber Commission for the 44<sup>th</sup> President
- Infragard
- Homeland Security Efforts & Cyber Initiative
- SANS & ISC2 Training Efforts
- Technical Community Efforts
- Internet Law Center



When Collaborating, EVERYONE benefits – not just YOU.





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#### Thank you!





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