



The Cyber Security Mess

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Inside Risks

The Cybersecurity Risk

Increased attention to cybersecurity has not resulted in improved cybersecurity.

THE RISK OF being “hacked”—whatever that expression actually means—is at the heart of our civilization’s chronic cybersecurity problem. Despite decades of computer security research, billions spent on secure operations, and growing training requirements, we seem incapable of operating computers securely.

There are weekly reports of penetrations and data thefts at some of the world’s most sensitive, important, and heavily guarded computer systems. There is good evidence that global interconnectedness combined with the proliferation of hacker tools means that today’s computer systems are actually *less secure* than equivalent systems a decade ago. Numerous breakthroughs in cryptography, secure coding, and formal methods notwithstanding, cybersecurity is getting worse as we watch.

So why the downward spiral? One reason is that cybersecurity’s goal of reducing successful hacks creates a large target to defend. Attackers have the luxury of choice. They can focus their efforts on the way our computers represent data, the applications that process the data, the operating systems on which those applications run, the networks by which those applications communicate, or any other area that is possibly subverted. And faced with a system that is beyond one’s technical hacking skills, an attacker can go around the security perimeter and use a range of other techniques, including social engineering, supply-chain insertion, or even kidnapping and extortion.

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It may be that cybersecurity appears to be getting worse simply because society as a whole is becoming much more dependent upon computers. Even if the vulnerability were not increasing, the successful hacks can have significantly more reach today than a decade ago.

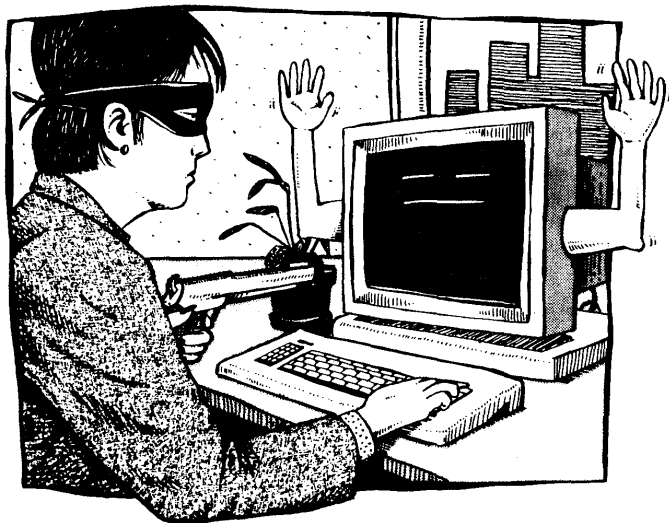
Views of Cybersecurity

The breadth of the domain means many different approaches are being proposed for solving the cybersecurity problem:

- Cybersecurity can be viewed solely as an *insider problem*. What is needed, say advocates, are systems that prevent

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I have spent 29 years trying to secure computers...



**An Introduction to
Computer Security**
[Part 1]

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"Spies," "vandals," and "crackers" are out there,
waiting to get into—or destroy—your databases.

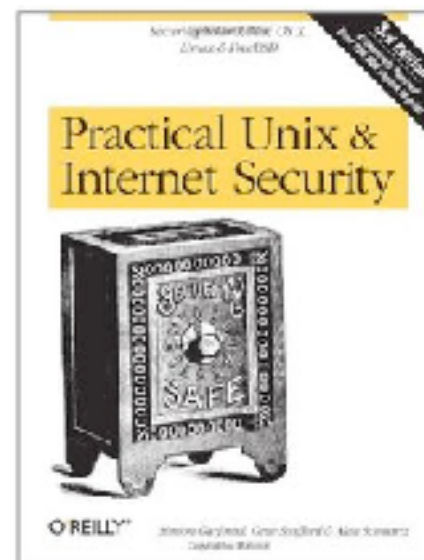
LAWYERS MUST UNDERSTAND issues of computer security, both for the protection of their own interests and the interests of their clients.

Lawyers today must automatically recognize insecure computer systems and lax operating procedures in the same way as lawyers now recognize

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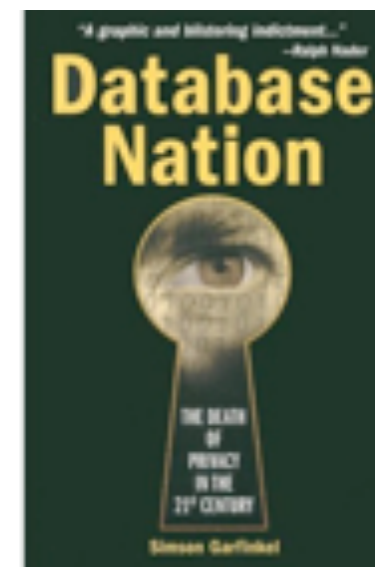
The Practical Lawyer
Sept. 1987

System Security



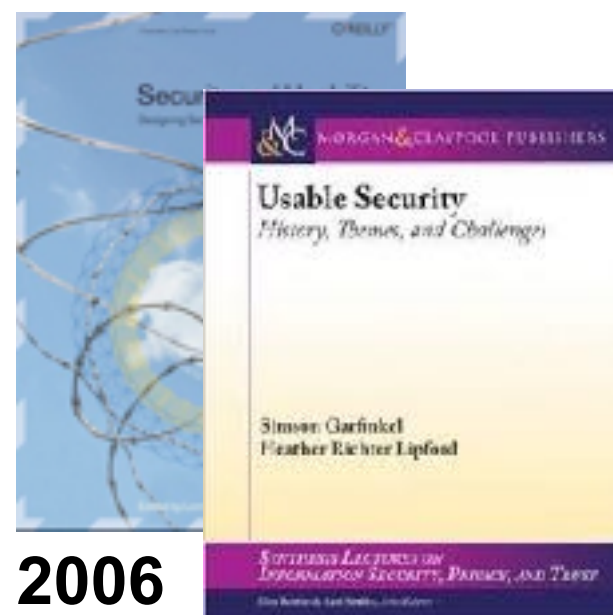
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Usable Security



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2014

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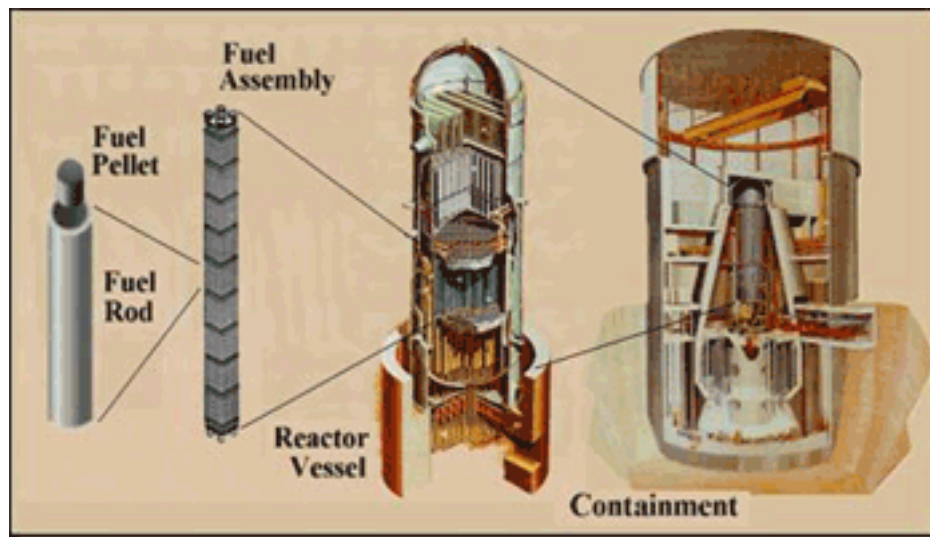


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Today's systems are less secure than those of the 1970s.

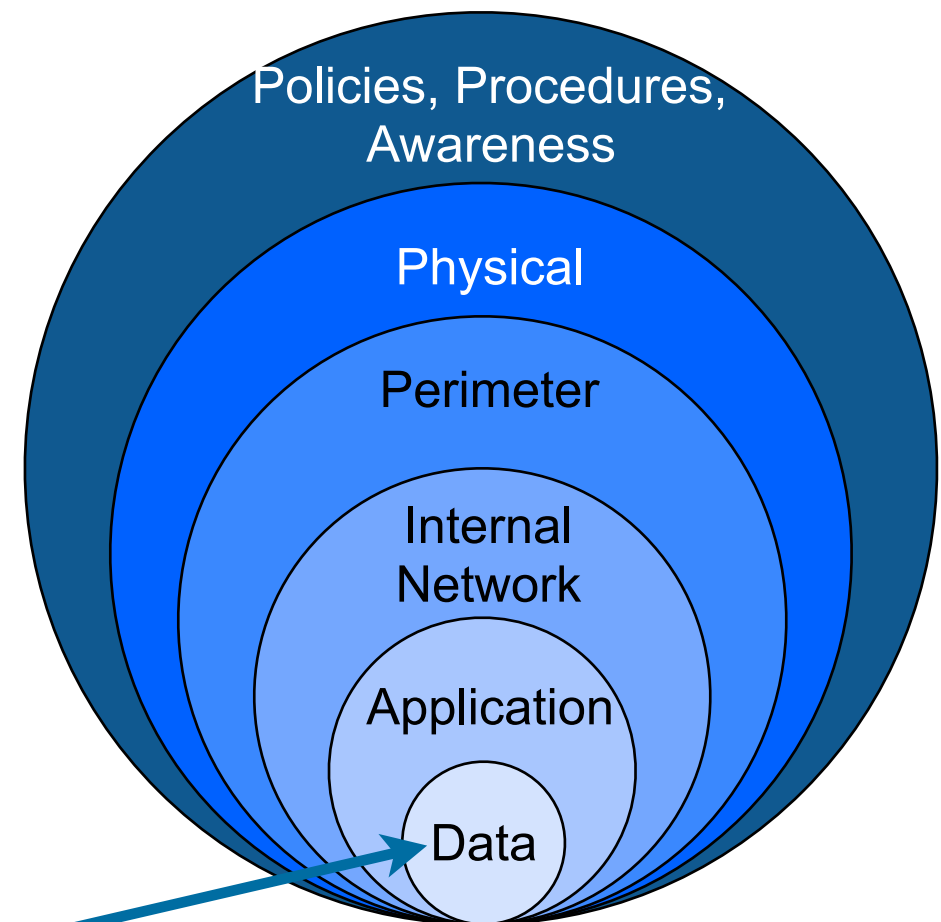
The lack of security is **inherent** in modern information systems.

- Attack is **easier and cheaper** than defense.
- Cyber “defense in depth” does not work
— *a single vulnerability compromises.*



Defense in depth of nuclear reactors

<http://www.nrc.gov/about-nrc/regulatory/research/soar/soarca-accident-progression.html>



**Cyber can directly target
inner defenses**

It's easier to break things than to fix them.

Windows

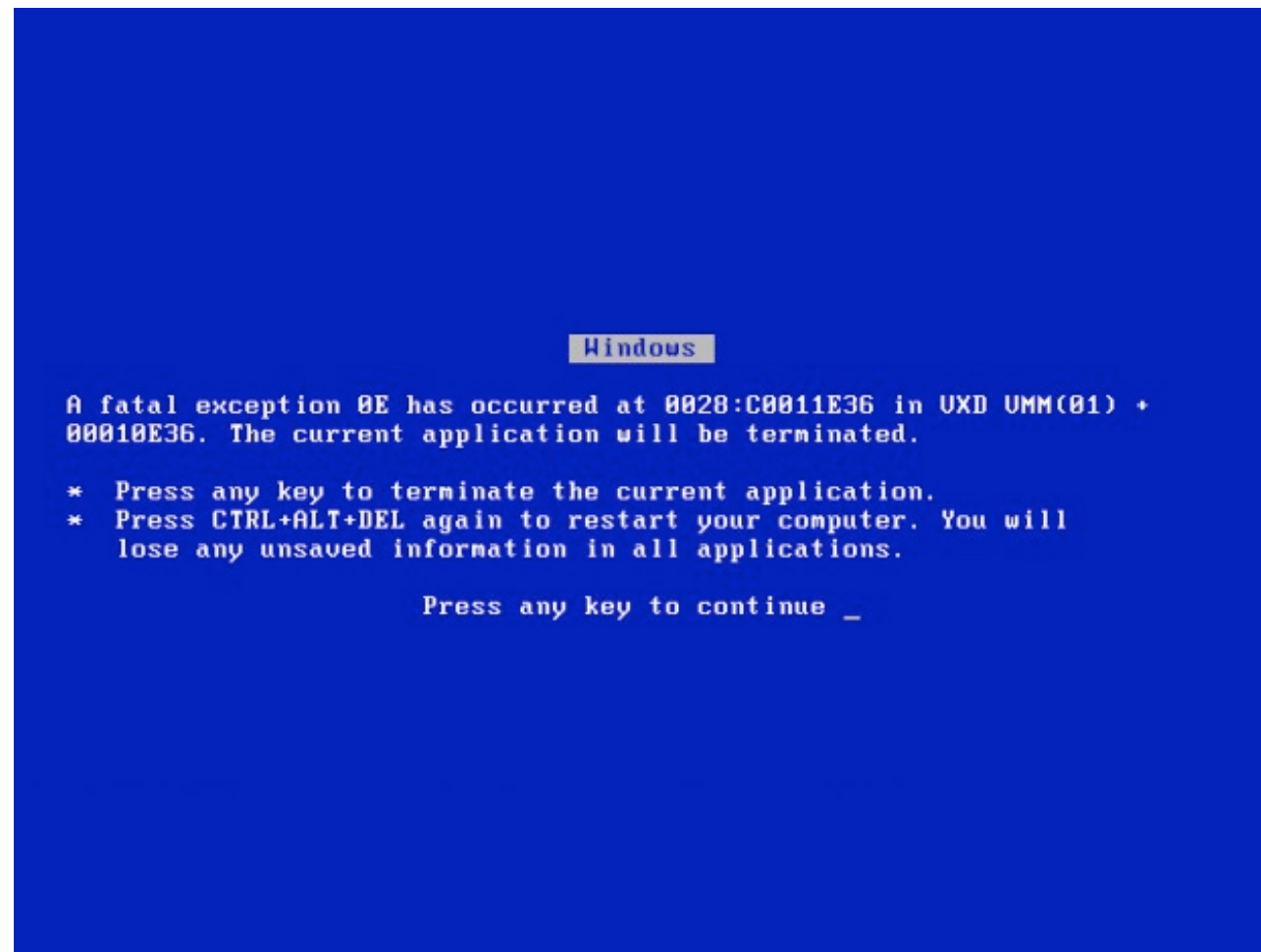
A fatal exception 0E has occurred at 0028:C0011E36 in UXD UMM(01) + 00010E36. The current application will be terminated.

- * Press any key to terminate the current application.
- * Press CTRL+ALT+DEL again to restart your computer. You will lose any unsaved information in all applications.

Press any key to continue _

Today we expect computers to crash

We also expect them to be hacked.



The solution is not better security

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Cybersecurity impacts the real world.



(Cyber is In Real Life.)

May 2013 — \$45 million stolen from US banks with phony ATM cards

RISK ASSESSMENT / SECURITY & HACKTIVISM

How hackers allegedly stole “unlimited” amounts of cash from banks in just hours

Feds accuse eight men of participating in heists that netted \$45 million.

by Dan Goodin - May 9 2013, 3:45pm EDT

BLACK HAT HACKING 55



Wikipedia

Federal authorities have accused eight men of participating in 21st-Century Bank heists that netted a whopping \$45 million by hacking into payment systems and eliminating withdrawal limits placed on prepaid debit cards.

The eight men formed the New York-based cell of an international crime ring that organized and executed the hacks and then used fraudulent payment cards in dozens of countries to withdraw the loot from automated teller machines, federal prosecutors alleged in court papers unsealed Thursday. In a matter of hours on two separate occasions, the eight defendants and their confederates withdrew about \$2.8 million from New York City ATMs alone. At the same times, "cashing crews" in cities in at least 26 countries withdrew more than \$40 million in a similar fashion.

May 2013



March 2014: IRS Employee Took Home Data on 20,000 Workers

IRS Employee Took Home Data on 20,000 Workers at Agency - Bloomberg

The Cybersecurity... IRS Employee To... F-35 secrets no... Target Missed W... China's Hackers...

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A U.S. Internal Revenue Service employee took home a computer thumb drive containing unencrypted data on 20,000 fellow workers, the agency said in a statement today.

The tax agency's systems that hold personal data on hundreds of millions of Americans weren't breached, the statement said.


"This incident is a powerful reminder to all of us that we must do everything we can to protect sensitive data -- whether it involves our fellow employees or taxpayers," IRS Commissioner **John Koskinen** said in a message to employees. "This was not a problem with our network or systems, but rather an isolated incident."

The IRS is contacting the current and former employees involved, almost all of whom worked in **Pennsylvania, Delaware** and **New Jersey**. The information dates to 2007, before the IRS started using automatic encryption.

IRS officials were told of the breach "a few days ago," Koskinen's message said.

The Social Security numbers, names and addresses of employees and contract workers were potentially accessible online because the thumb drive was plugged into the employee's "unsecure home network," Koskinen's message said.

The IRS said it had no knowledge of the information being used to commit **identity theft**.



Photographer: Andrew Harnet/Bloomberg

The Internal Revenue Service's data breach is much narrower in scope than the security... [Read More](#)

<http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2014-03-18/irs-employee-took-home-data-on-20-000-workers-at-agency.html>

March 2014: Stolen F-35 secrets show up in China's stealth Fighter

F-35 secrets now showing up in China's stealth fighter - Washi

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Top Gun takeover: Stolen F-35 secrets showing up in China's stealth fighter

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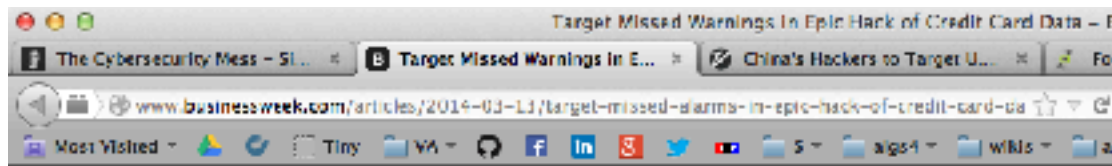


U.S. Air Force Tech. Sgt. Brian West watches an Air Force F-35 Lightning II joint strike fighter aircraft approach for the first time July 14, 2011, at Eglin Air Force Base, Fla. (U.S. Air Force photo by Samuel King Jr.)

By Bill Gertz - Washington Free Beacon Thursday, March 13, 2014

A cyber espionage operation by China seven years ago produced sensitive technology and aircraft secrets that were incorporated into the latest version of China's new J-20 stealth fighter jet, according to U.S.

March 2014: Target ignored alarms before hack.



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Missed Alarms and 40 Million Stolen Credit Card Numbers: How Target Blew It

By Michael Riley, Ben Elgin, Dana Lewent, and Carol Marlock | March 10, 2014



(Credits to identify elements in a map accompanying the story.)

The biggest retail hack in U.S. history wasn't particularly inventive, nor did it appear destined for success. In the days prior to Thanksgiving 2013, someone installed malware in Target's (TGT) security and payments system designed to steal every credit card used at the company's 1,797 U.S. stores. At the critical moment—when

June 2015: OPM Data Breach

19.7 million individuals applying for security clearances

The screenshot shows the OPM.gov website's Cybersecurity Resource Center. The browser address bar displays www.opm.gov/cybersecurity/cybersecurity-incidents/. The page features a navigation bar with links to ABOUT, POLICY, INSURANCE, RETIREMENT, INVESTIGATIONS, AGENCY SERVICES, and NEWS. The main content area is titled "Cybersecurity Resource Center" and "CYBERSECURITY INCIDENTS". A sidebar on the left lists links such as "Sign Up for Services", "Cybersecurity Incidents", "What Happened", "How You May Be Affected", "What You Can Do", "What We Are Doing to Help", "Recent Updates", "Frequently Asked Questions", and "Stay Informed". The main heading is "What Happened", followed by a summary: "OPM recently discovered two separate but related cybersecurity incidents that have impacted the data of Federal government employees, contractors, and others:". A bullet point states: "In June 2015, OPM discovered that the background investigation records of current, former, and prospective Federal employees and contractors had been stolen. OPM and the interagency incident response team have concluded with high confidence that sensitive information, including the Social Security Numbers (SSNs) of 21.5 million individuals, was stolen from the background investigation databases. This includes 19.7 million individuals that applied for a background investigation, and 1.8 million non-applicants, primarily spouses or co-habitants of applicants. Some records also include findings from interviews conducted by background investigators and approximately 5.6 million include fingerprints. Usernames and passwords that background investigation applicants used to fill out their background investigation forms were also stolen. Notifications for this incident started on September 30, 2015. We estimate notifications will continue for approximately 12 weeks." A final paragraph notes: "While background investigation records do contain some information regarding mental health and financial history provided by applicants and people contacted during the background investigation, there is no evidence that health, financial, payroll and retirement records of Federal personnel or those who have applied for a Federal job were impacted by this incident."

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What Happened

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Table 4: Strong Authentication Capabilities FY 2013 & FY 2014

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NRC	0	0
SBA	0	0
State	1	0
OPM	0	1
USAID	0	3
USDA	6	6
VA	4	10
NSF	0	19
Energy	9	29
DOT	7	31

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IEEE Security & Privacy, Sept/Oct 2016

THE SECURITY-USABILITY TRADEOFF MYTH

Secure and Usable Enterprise Authentication: Lessons from the Field

Mary Theofanos, Simson Garfinkel, and Yee-Yin Choong | National Institute of Standards and Technology

Surveys of US Defense and Commerce department employees show that using Personal Identity Verification and Common Access Cards for two-factor authentication results in improved usability and security.

Over the past 15 years, the US government has deployed millions of multifunction smart cards to its workforce with the goal of using the cards to grant both physical access to facilities and logical access to information systems. The deployment and use of these cards has been inconsistent across different government agencies. The Department of Defense (DoD), with its Common Access Card (CAC), recently announced that 98 percent of its information systems had been adapted to use the smart cards, thus providing these systems with strong two-factor user authentication. Other parts of the government are significantly behind the DoD, with logical authentication deployment rates ranging from 0 to 95 percent.¹

Practical systems for multifactor authentication have been on the market for roughly 30 years, but it's only in the past few years that industry and academia have made a concerted effort to migrate users away from pure password systems. These groups can benefit from the US government's experience in deploying multifactor systems and by comparing the results of different deployment strategies.

In this article, we present the historical background that led to different deployment strategies within the US's defense and civilian executive branch agencies.

We then present the results of two large-scale surveys of password usage in the DoD and the US Department of Commerce (DoC). Both surveys were completed before the US government's 2015 Cyber Sprint program, initiated by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to address that year's high-profile cyberintrusions.² The DoD aggressively implemented the CAC on many of its business systems, while DoC was less aggressive in its Personal Identity Verification (PIV) implementation. Thus, comparing these two departments' employee reports and attitudes about password usage provides insight into the effect of successfully deploying an easy-to-use, strong, two-factor authentication method in a large organization. Our sample includes responses from 28,481 DoD and 4,573 DoC employees.

Smart Card-Based Authentication

Smart card-based authentication relies on the card and a six- to eight-digit numeric PIN. Unlike passwords that must be changed routinely, PINs are generally not changed for the life of the card. Our survey found that it was rare for DoD users to mistype or forget their PINs—common failure modes with passwords. The security advantage comes from the use of public-key infrastructure (PKI)-based authentication, rather than

Summer 2016...

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the address bar displaying `www.cnn.com/2016/10/18/politics/hillary-clinton-campaign-email-hack-whi`. The page features the CNN Politics logo and navigation links for Election Results, Nation, World, and Our Team. The main headline reads "What we've learned from the hacked emails of Hillary Clinton's campaign (so far)". The byline credits Tal Kopan and Dan Merica, with an update timestamp of 7:49 AM ET on October 18, 2016. A large video player is embedded, showing a crowd holding "STRONGER TOGETHER" signs, with a "BREAKING NEWS" banner at the bottom stating "FBI & STATE DEPARTMENT DENY CLINTON EMAIL DEAL". To the right, a "Top stories" sidebar lists two items: "Ken Bone leaves seedy comment trail" and "Quinnipiacs all work at same McDonald's". A horizontal carousel at the bottom displays related video thumbnails with titles such as "FBI, State Department deny Clinton email", "FBI clears Clinton in email probe", "Fact-checking Clinton's public", "FBI combing through Hillary Clinton aide's", and "Trump: Clinton guilty and s".

John [Podesta] needs to change his password immediately, and ensure that two-factor authentication is turned on...

From: Charles Delavan <cdelavan@hillaryclinton.com>

Date: March 19, 2016 at 9:54:05 AM EDT

To: Sara Latham <slatham@hillaryclinton.com>, Shane Hable <shable@hillaryclinton.com>

Subject: Re: Someone has your password

Sara,

This is a legitimate email. John needs to change his password immediately, and ensure that two-factor authentication is turned on his account.

He can go to this link: <https://myaccount.google.com/security> to do both. It is absolutely imperative that this is done ASAP.

The New York Times, December 13, 2016

“The cyber” is mess: it’s technical and social.

Most attention is focused on technical issues:


- Malware and anti-viruses
- Access controls, authentication & cryptography
- Supply chain issues
- Cyberspace as a globally connected “domain”

Non-technical issues are at the heart of the cyber security mess.

- Education & career paths
- Immigration
- Manufacturing policy

We will do better when we want to do better.





What do we know
about cyber security
today?

Cyber Security... is undefined.

There is no good definition for “cyber”

- ~~Something having to do with cybernetics~~
- Computers?
- Computer networks?
- Hacking?
- Using “network security” to secure desktops & servers?

“Cybernetics” “Cyberspace”



Norbert Wiener
1948



William Gibson
1982

There is no way to *measure* the security of the “cyber”

- Which OS is more secure?
- Which computer is more secure?
- Is “open source” more secure?



—A system that seems “more secure”
can suffer a total compromise from a single unknown attack.

We *can* measure expenditures. Cyber Security is expensive.

Global cyber security spending: \$60 billion in 2011

- *Cyber Security M&A*, pwc, 2011

172 Fortune 500 companies surveyed:

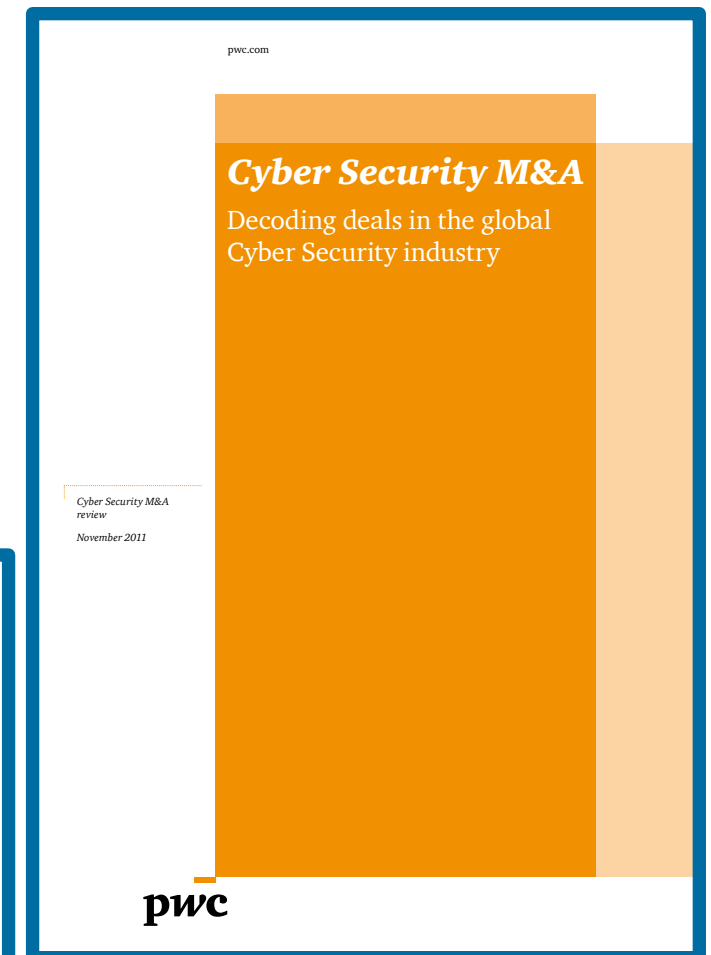
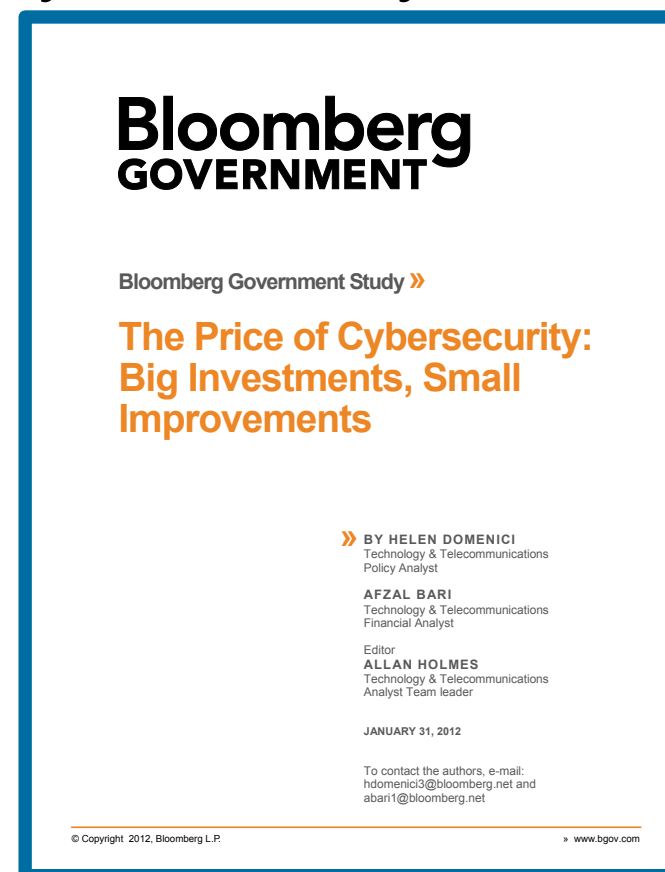
- Spending \$5.3 billion per year on cyber security.
- Stopping 69% of attacks.

If they raise spending...

- \$10.2 billion stops 84%
- \$46.67 billion stops 95%
- “highest attainable level”

95% is not good enough.

Spending more money does not make a computer more secure.



Expenditures are increasing...

\$73.7 billion in 2016

—*International Data Corporation*

<http://fortune.com/2016/10/12/cybersecurity-global-spending/>

\$1 trillion spent globally from 2015 to 2021 = \$200B/year

—*Cybersecurity Ventures*, <http://cybersecurityventures.com/>

The screenshot shows a news article from CSO (Computer Security Outlook) titled "Cybersecurity spending outlook: \$1 trillion from 2017 to 2021". The article is dated June 15, 2016, at 7:55 AM PT. The sub-headline reads: "Cybercrime growth is making it difficult for researchers and IT analyst firms to accurately forecast cybersecurity spending." Below the headline is a large image of a person's hand interacting with a tablet displaying a bar chart. To the right of the main image is a sidebar titled "MORE LIKE THIS" with four related article thumbnails and titles: "Market expansion adds to cybersecurity talent shortage", "A boatload of money to be spent on securing PCs, IoT and mobile devices", "NSAs need to pay attention to IoT security spending", and "Security Sessie: Lessons learned from the Dyn DNS attacks".

CSO FROM DE

ANALYSIS

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Paradox:

Cyber security research makes computers less secure!

Data
Encoding
Apps
OS (programs & patches)
Network & VPNs
DNS, DNSSEC
IPv4 / IPv6
Embedded Systems
Human operators
Hiring process
Supply chain
Family members



The more we learn about securing computers,
the better we get at attacking them

Cyber Security is an “insider problem.”

bad actors
good people with bad instructions
remote access
malware



<http://www.flickr.com/photos/shaneglobal/5115134303/>

If we can stop insiders, we might be able to secure cyberspace....

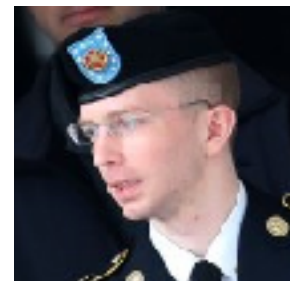
—but we can't stop insiders.



Ames



Hanssen



Manning



Snowden

Cyber Security is a “network security” problem.

We can't secure the hosts, so secure the network!

- Isolated networks for critical functions.
- Stand-alone hosts for most important functions.



<http://www.flickr.com/photos/dungkal/2315647839/>

But strong crypto limits visibility into network traffic, and...

... stuxnet shows that there are no isolated hosts.



<http://www.npr.org/2013/10/14/232048549/are-irans-centrifuges-just-few-turns-from-a-nuclear-bomb>

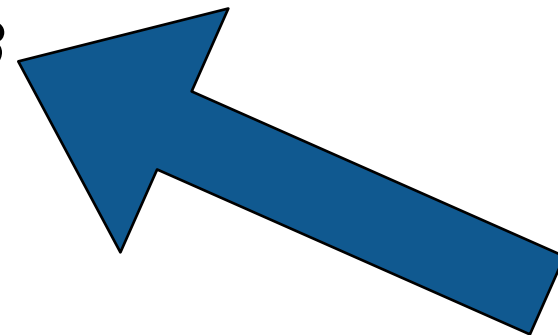
**Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad
inspects nuclear centrifuges
March 8, 2007**

“to a first approximation, every computer in the world is connected to every other computer.”



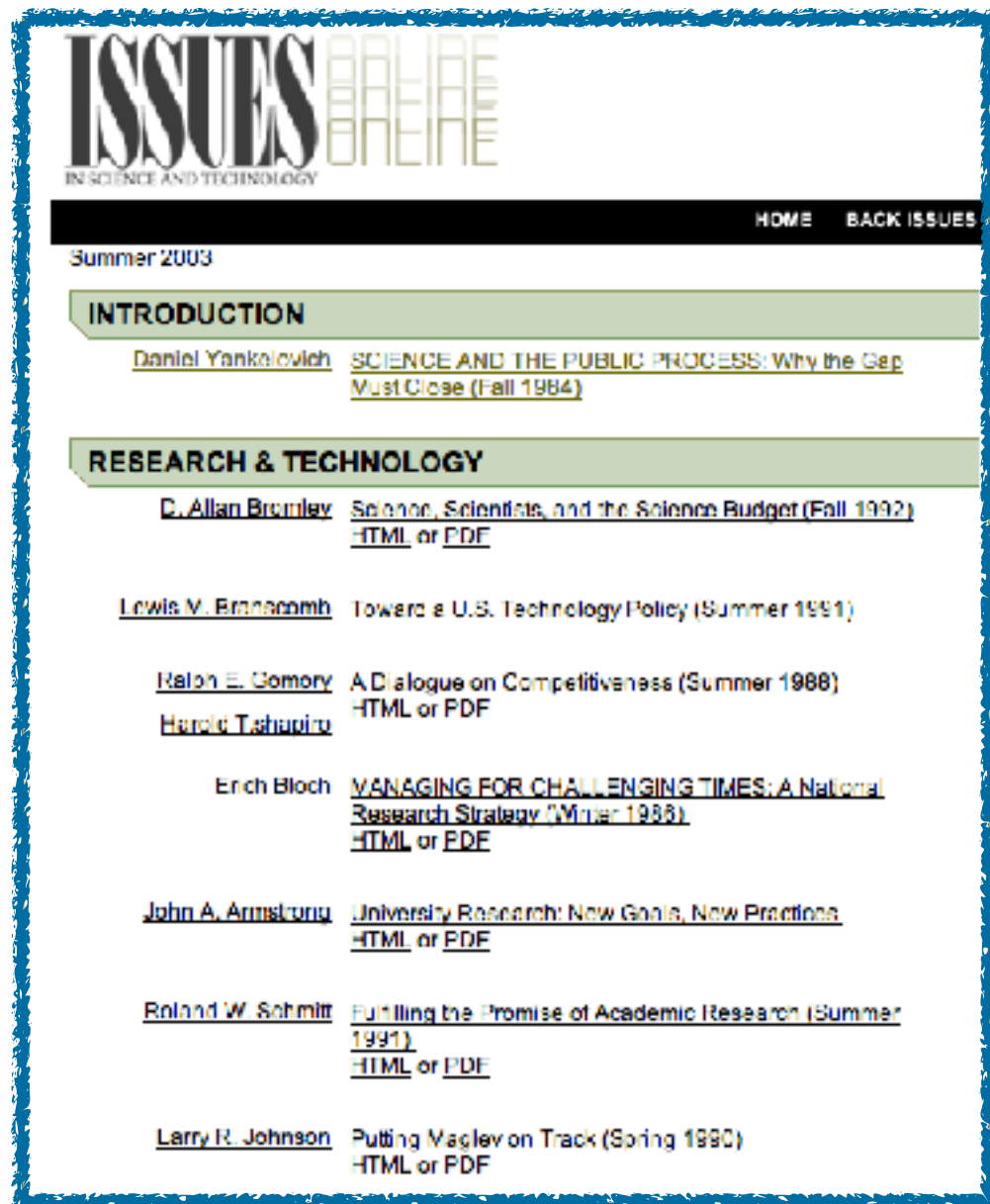
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—Robert Morris (1932-2001), to the National Research Council’s Computer Science and Technology Board, Sept. 19, 1988

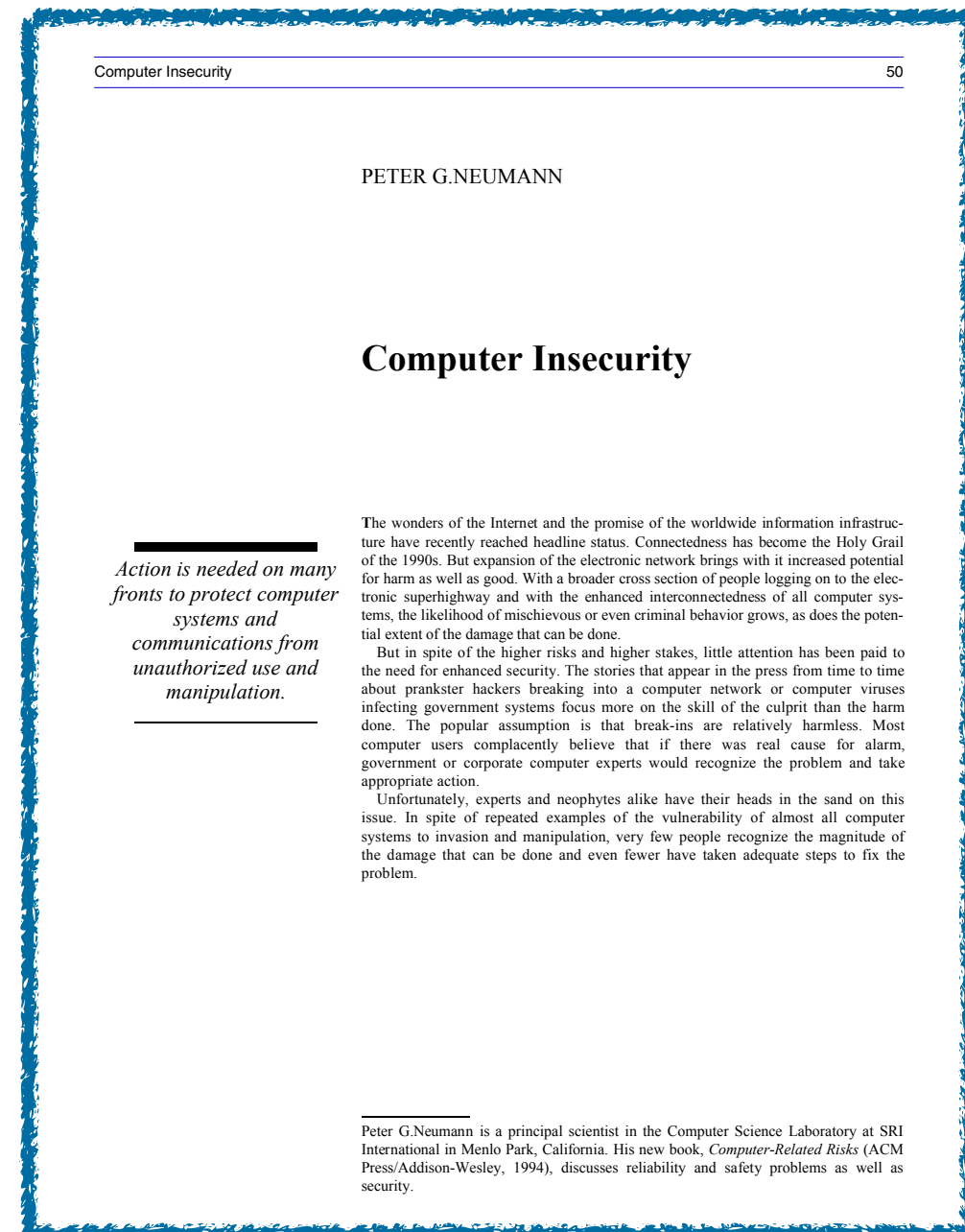


“Computer Insecurity”, Peter G. Neumann *Issues In Science & Technology*, Fall 1994

“Action is needed on many fronts to protect computer systems and communications from unauthorized use and manipulation.”



<http://issues.org/19.4/updated/neumann.html>

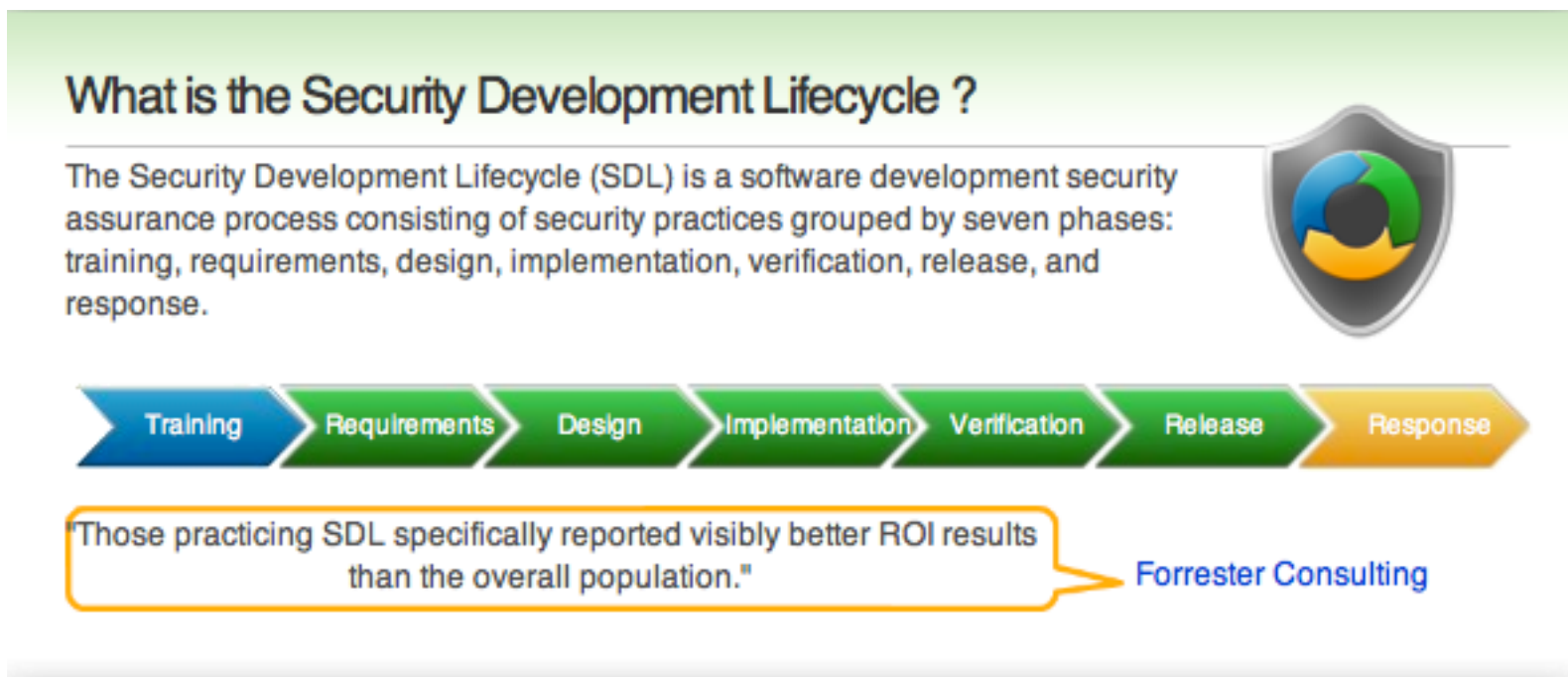


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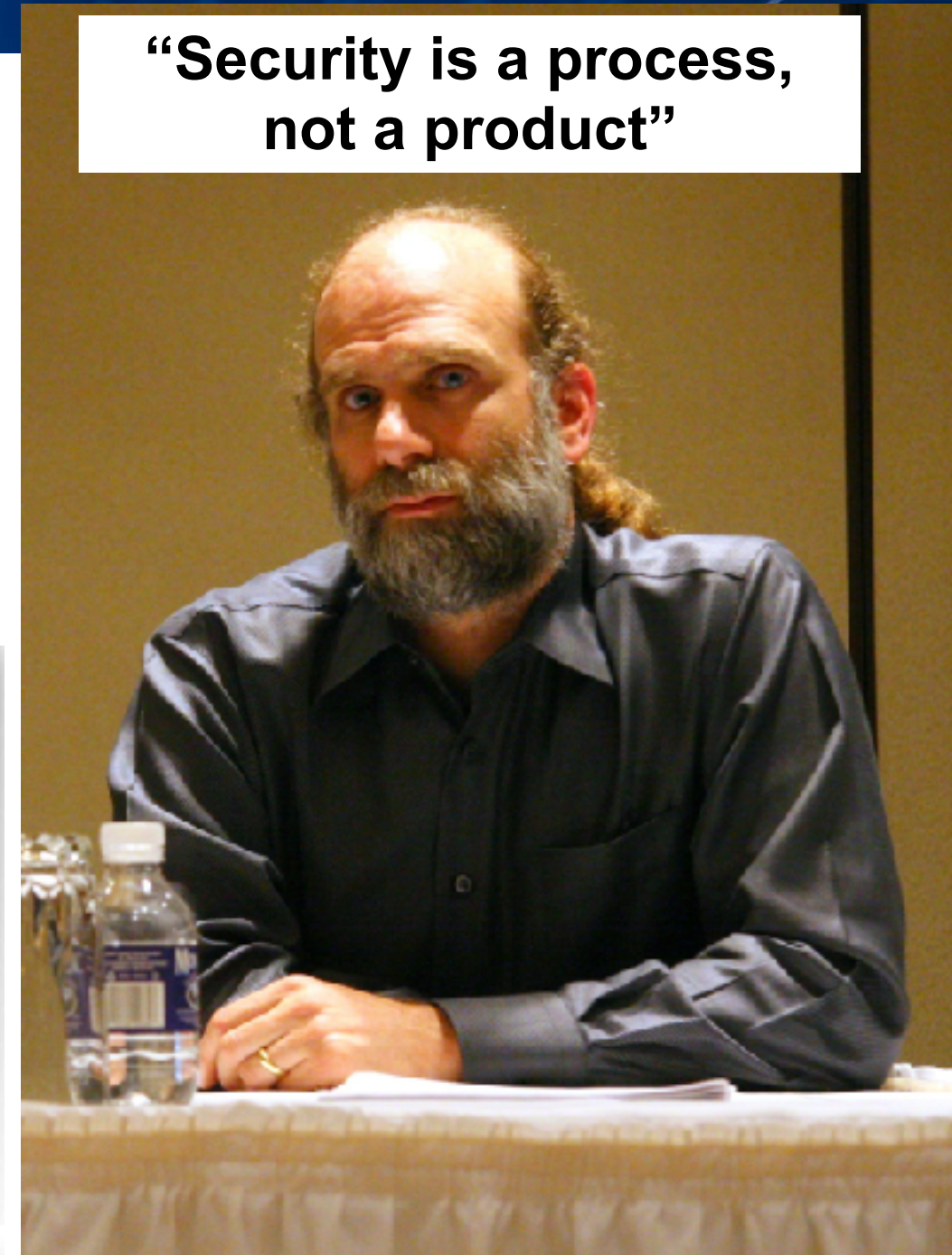
Cyber Security is a “process” problem.

Security encompasses all aspects of an organization’s IT and HR operations.

Microsoft Security Development Lifecycle



**“Security is a process,
not a product”**



http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Bruce_Schneier_1.jpg

- Few organizations can afford SDL.*
- ~~Windows 7 Windows 8 Windows 10~~ *is still hackable...*

Windows 10: 215 vulnerabilities...

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atmfd.dll in the Windows font library in Microsoft Windows Vista SP2, Windows Server 2008 SP2 and R2 SP1, Windows 7 SP1, Windows 8.1, Windows Server 2012 Gold and R2, Windows RT 8.1, Windows 10 Gold, 1511, and 1607, and Windows Server 2016 allows remote attackers to execute arbitrary code via a crafted web site, aka "Open Type Font Remote Code Execution Vulnerability."														
2	CVE-2016-7255	264		+Priv	2016-11-10	2016-11-28	7.2	None	Local	Low	Not required	Complete	Complete	Complete
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3	CVE-2016-7248	284		Exec Code	2016-11-10	2016-11-28	9.3	None	Remote	Medium	Not required	Complete	Complete	Complete
Microsoft Video Control in Microsoft Windows Vista SP2, Windows 7 SP1, Windows 8.1, Windows RT 8.1, and Windows 10 Gold, 1511, and 1607 allows remote attackers to execute arbitrary code via a crafted file, aka "Microsoft Video Control Remote Code Execution Vulnerability."														
4	CVE-2016-7247	284		Bypass	2016-11-10	2016-12-02	5.0	None	Remote	Low	Not required	None	Partial	None
Microsoft Windows 8.1, Windows Server 2012 Gold and R2, Windows RT 8.1, Windows 10 Gold, 1511, and 1607, and Windows Server 2016 allow physically proximate attackers to bypass the Secure Boot protection mechanism via a crafted boot policy, aka "Secure Boot Component Vulnerability."														
5	CVE-2016-7245	264		+Priv	2016-11-10	2016-11-28	7.2	None	Local	Low	Not required	Complete	Complete	Complete
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6	CVE-2016-7238	264		LPriv	2016-11-10	2016-11-28	7.2	None	Local	Low	Not required	Complete	Complete	Complete
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7	CVE-2016-7237	284		DoS	2016-11-10	2016-11-28	6.8	None	Remote	Low	Single system	None	None	Complete
Local Security Authority Subsystem Service (LSASS) in Microsoft Windows Vista SP2, Windows Server 2008 SP2 and R2 SP1, Windows 7 SP1, Windows 8.1, Windows Server 2012 Gold and R2, Windows RT 8.1, Windows 10 Gold, 1511, and 1607, and Windows Server 2016 allows remote authenticated users to cause a denial of service (system hang) via a crafted request, aka "Local Security Authority Subsystem Service Denial of Service Vulnerability."														

Cyber Security is a money problem.

Security is a cost.....Not an “enabler”

- No ROI

Chief Security Officers are in a no-win situation:

- Security = passwords = frustration
- No reward for spending money to secure the infrastructure
- Money spent on security is “wasted” if there is no attack

—“If you have responsibility for security but have no authority to set rules or punish violators, your own role in the organization is to take the blame when something big goes wrong.”

- Spaf’s first principle of security administration
Practical Unix Security, 1991

Cyber Security is a “wicked problem”

No clear definition

—*You don't understand the problem until you have a solution.*

No “stopping rule”

—*The problem can never be solved.*

Solutions not right or wrong

—*Benefits to one player hurt another — Information security vs. Free speech*

Solutions are “one-shot” — no learning by trial and error

—*No two systems are the same. The game keeps changing.*

Every wicked problem is a symptom of another problem

—*Rittel and Webber, “Dilemmas in a General Theory of Planning,” 1973*

—*Dave Clement, “Cyber Security as a Wicked Problem,” Chatham House, 2011*



Chatham House • Oct. 2011
Cyber Security
As a Wicked Problem



Is it the technology?

Why is the cyber so hard?

Cyber Security has an active, malicious adversary.

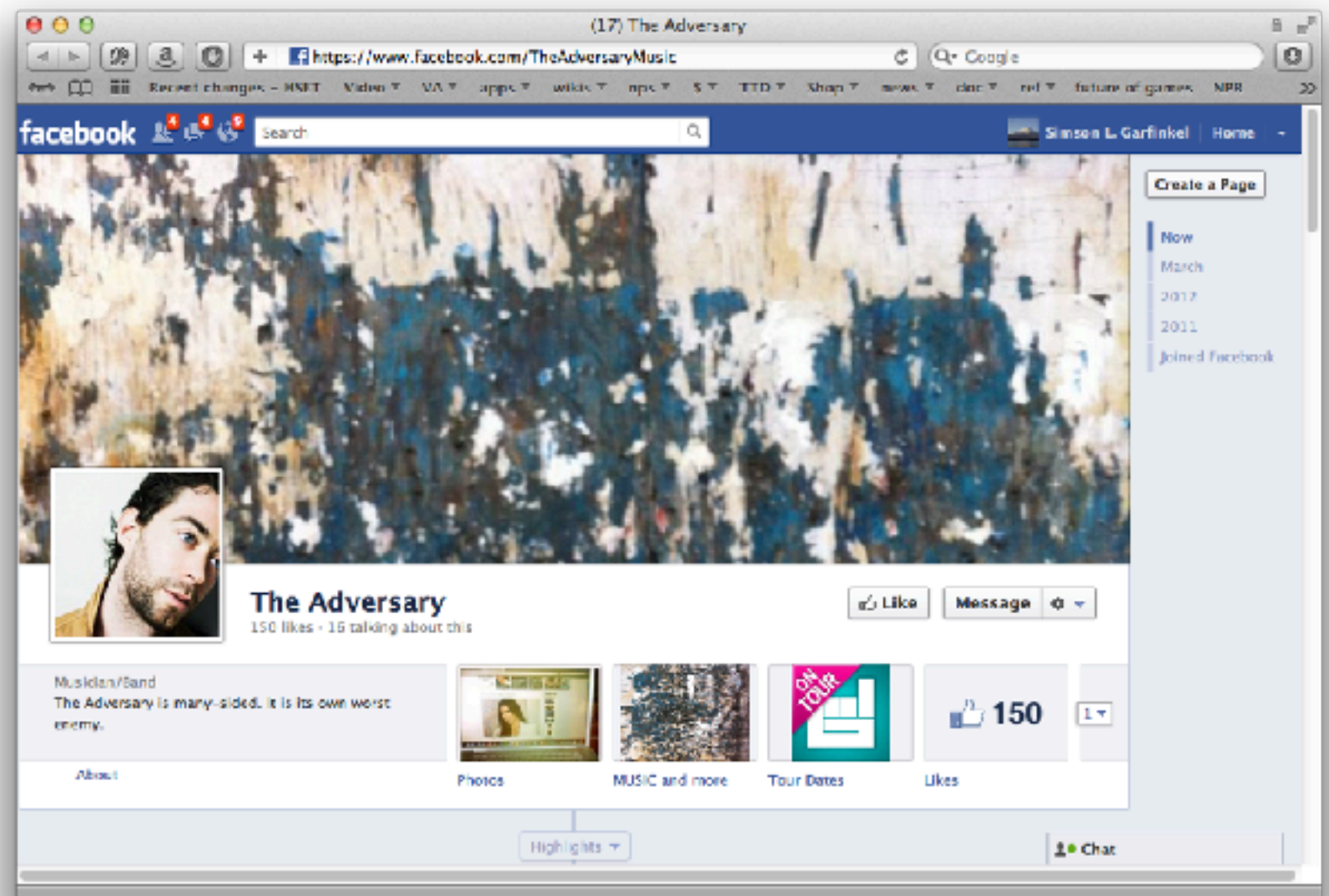
The adversary...

Turns your bugs into exploits

Adapts to your defenses

Waits until you make a mistake

Attacks your employees when your systems are secure



Bugs in CPU silicon are remotely exploitable!

This means:

- Programs that are “secure” on one CPU may be vulnerable on another.
- Auditing the code & the compiler isn’t enough.

Kaspersky:

- “Fact: malware that uses CPU bugs really does exist;”
- “not apocalypse, just a new threat;”

Remote Code Execution
through Intel CPU Bugs

CPU bugs are like a bullet from behind

Kris Kaspersky, Alice Chang
Endeavor Security, Inc.

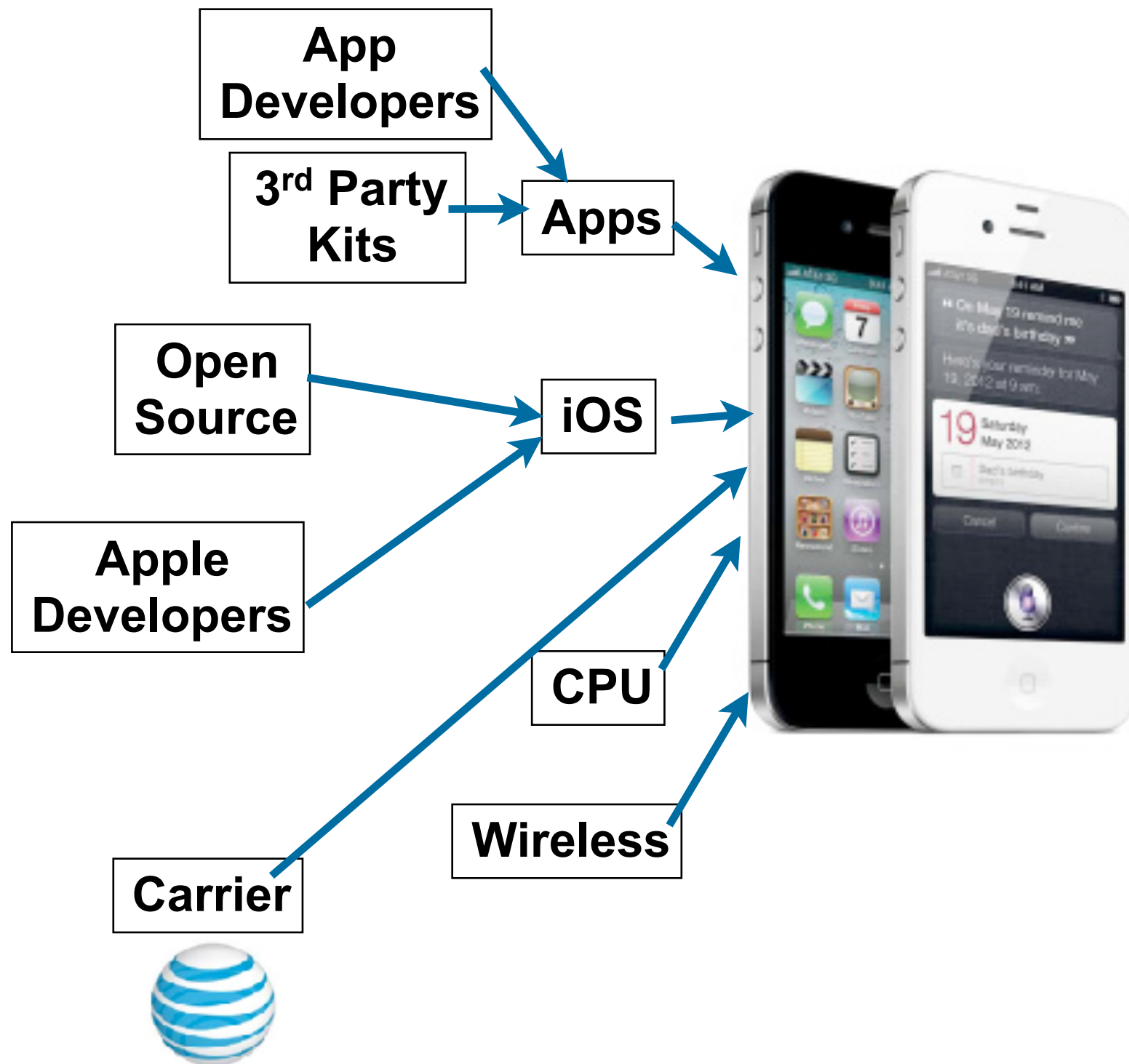
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27th - 30th October 2008 **MALAYSIA**

3 Days of Hands-on Technical Training
4 Days of Hands-on and 2 Days of Hands-on
Hands-on Security Exercises - Building your "Red Hat"
Capture the Flag (CTF) Challenge
Live Patches (2008, 2009, 2010)
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10Mbps INTERNET LINK
OUR METHOD (EVENING)

endeavor
security, inc.

The supply chain creates numerous security vulnerabilities



There are more attackers than defenders, they are smarter, and they have the time to find really good attacks.

Smartphone designers were sure that there was no privacy leakage in accelerometers. We now know they can:

- Reveal your position
- Reveal your PIN



6 accelerometers
no privacy

ACComplix: Location Inference using Accelerometers on Smartphones

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Abstract—The security and privacy risks posed by smartphone sensors such as microphones and cameras have been well documented. However, the importance of accelerometers have been largely ignored. We show that accelerometer readings can be used to infer the trajectory and starting point of an individual who is driving. This raises concerns for two main reasons. First, unauthorized access to an individual's location is a serious invasion of privacy and security. Second, current smartphone operating systems allow any application to observe accelerometer readings without requiring special privileges. We demonstrate that accelerometers can be used to locate a device owner to within a 200 meter radius of the true location. Our results are comparable to the typical accuracy for handheld global positioning systems.

1. INTRODUCTION

Location privacy has been a hot topic in recent news after it was reported that Apple, Google, and Microsoft collect records of the location of customers using their mobile operating systems [12]. In some cases, consumers are seeking compensation in civil suits against the companies [8]. Xu and Teo find that, in general, mobile phone users express lower levels of concern about privacy if they control access to their personal information. Additionally, users expect their smartphones to provide such a level of control [20].

There are situations in which people may want to broadcast their location. In fact, many social networking applications incorporate location-sharing services, such as geo-tagging photos and status updates, or checking in to a location with friends. However, in these instances, users can control when their location is shared and with whom. Furthermore, users express a need for an even richer set of location-privacy settings than those offered by current location-sharing applications [2]. User concerns over location-privacy are warranted. Websites like "Please Rob Me" underscore the potential dangers of exposing one's location to malicious parties [5]. The study presented here demonstrates a clear violation of user control over sensitive private information.

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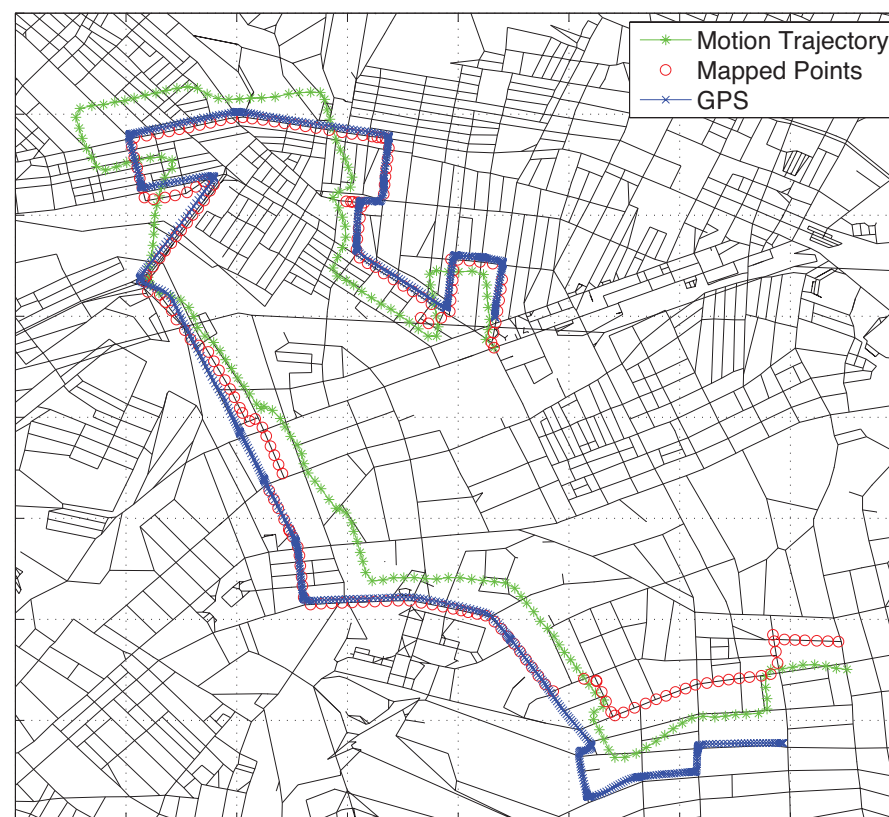
Accelerometers are a particularly interesting case because of their pervasiveness in a large assortment of personal electronic devices including tablet PCs, MP3 players, and handheld gaming devices. This array of devices provides a large network for spyware to exploit.

Furthermore, by correlating the accelerometer readings between multiple phones it is possible for an adversary to determine whether the phones are in close proximity. Because phones undergoing similar motions can be identified by their accelerations, events such as earthquakes or even everyday activities like public transportation (e.g., bus, train, subway) produce identifiable motion signatures that can be correlated with other users. As a consequence, if one person grants GPS access, or exposes their cellular or Wi-Fi base station, then they essentially expose the location of all nearby phones, assuming the adversary has access to these devices.

a) Contributions: Our key insight is that accelerometers enable the identification of one's location despite a highly noisy trajectory output. This is because the idiosyncrasies of roadways create globally unique constraints. Dead reckoning can be used to track a user's location long after location services have been disabled [6]. But as we show, the accelerometer can be used to infer a location with no initial location information. This is a very powerful side-channel that can be exploited even if location-based services on the device are disabled.

b) Threat Model: We assume that the adversary can execute applications on the mobile device, without any special privileges except the capability to send information over the network. The application will use some legitimate reason to obtain access to network communication. This is easily accomplished by mimicking a popular application that many users download; e.g., a video game. In the case of a game, network access would be needed to upload high scores or to download advertisements. We assume that the OS is not compromised, so that the malicious application simply executes as a standard application. The application can communicate with an external server to leak acceleration information. Based on the leaked information, the adversary can extract a mobile user's trajectory from the compromised device via data analysis.

Our goal is to determine the location of an individual driving in a vehicle based solely on motion sensor measurements. The general approach that we take is to first derive an approximate motion trajectory given acceleration measurements—which we discuss in §II. We then correlate that trajectory with map



https://sparrow.ece.cmu.edu/group/pub/han_ACComplix_comsnets12.pdf

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"ACComplix: Location Inference using Accelerometers on Smartphones" In Proceedings of the 4th International Conference on Communication Systems and Networks (COMSNETS 2012), Bangalore, India, January 3-7, 2012.

Many people liken cyber security to the flu.

DHS calls for “cyber hygiene”

- install anti-virus
- update your OS
- back up key files

—“STOP, THINK, CONNECT”



Another model is *obesity*....

Making people fat is good business:

- Farm subsidies
- Restaurants
- Healthcare and medical utilization
- Weight loss plans

Few make money when Americans stay trim and healthy.

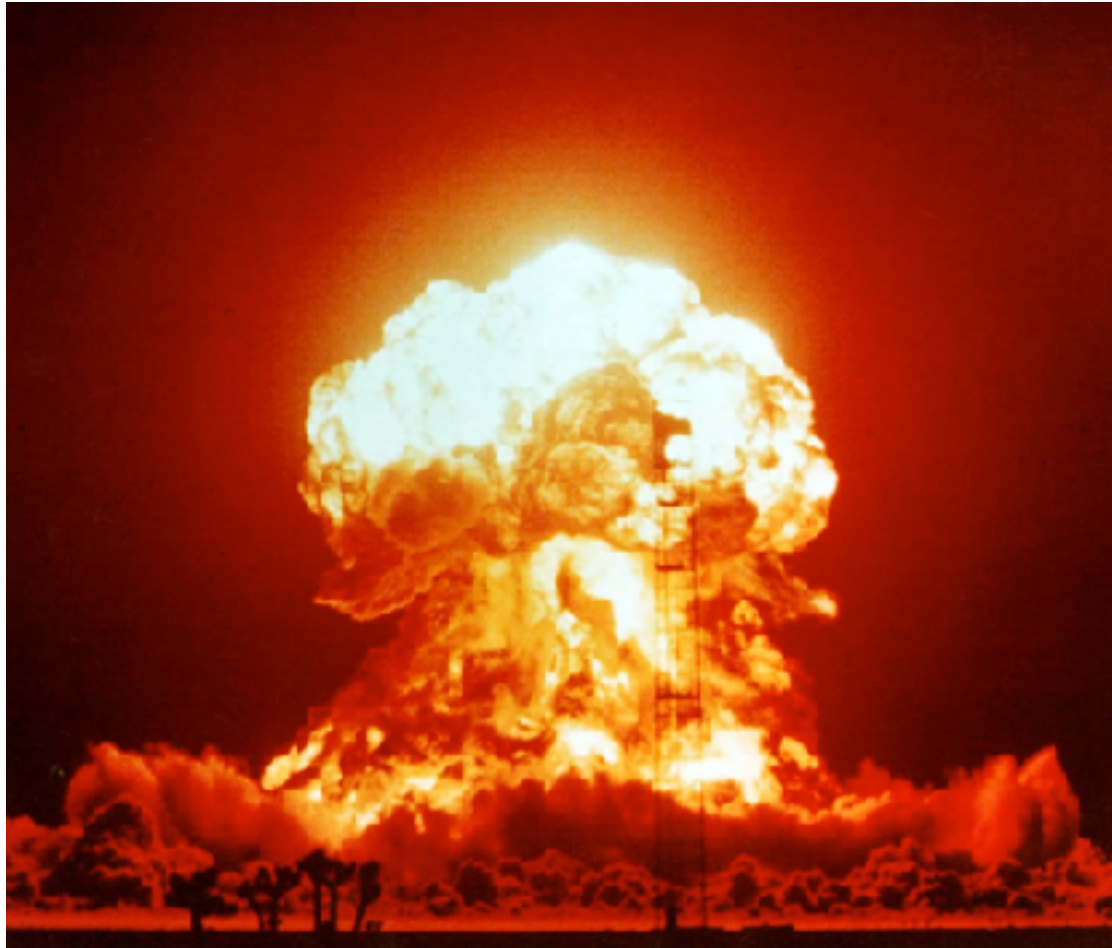
Lax security is also good business:

- Cheaper cost of deploying software
- Private information for marketing
- Selling anti-virus & security products
- Cleaning up incidents

Few benefit from secure computers



Some people say that cyber war is like nuclear war.



http://www.acus.org/new_atlanticist/mind-cyber-gap-deterrence-cyberspace



<http://www.beyondnuclear.org/security/>

Biowar may be a better model for cyberwar.

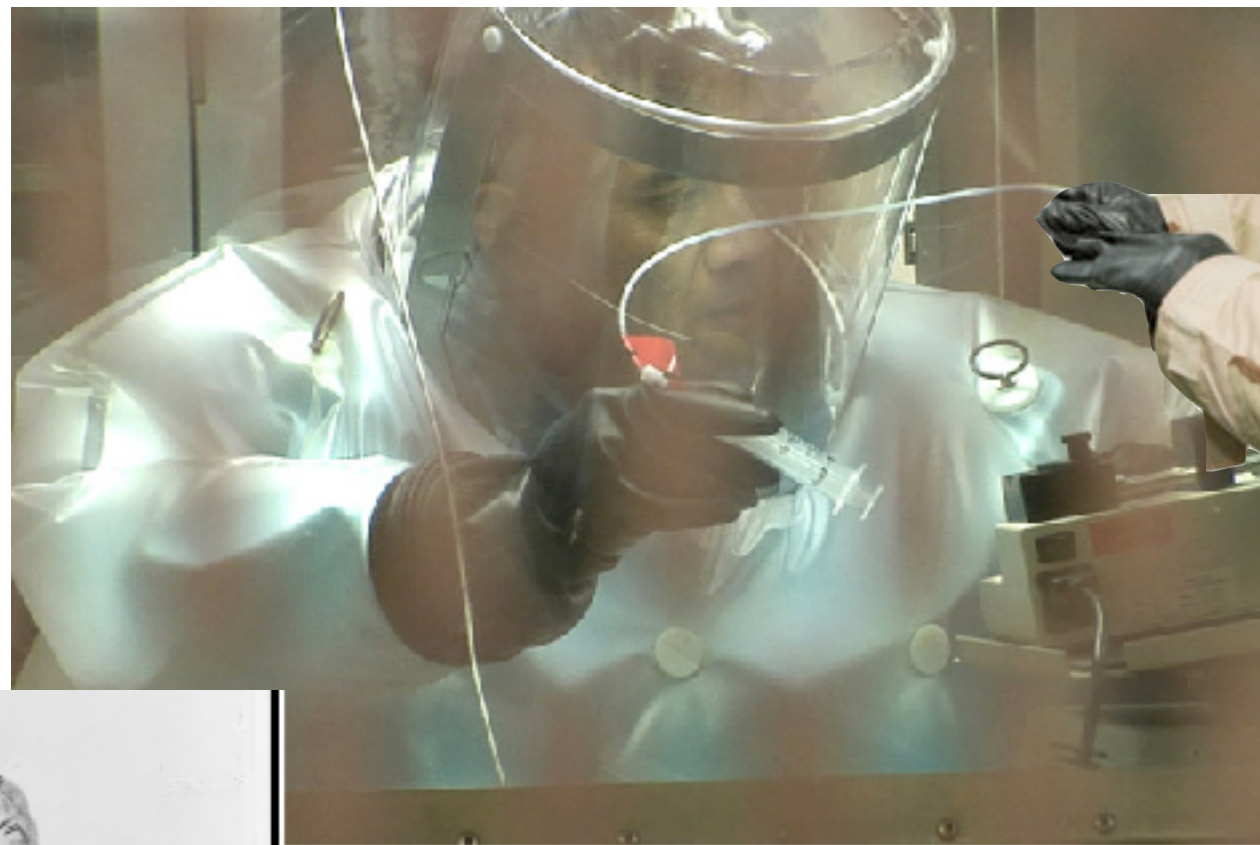
Cheap to produce

Easy to attack

Hard to control

Hard to defend

No clear end



Security problems are bad for society as a whole...

... because [wireless] computers are everywhere.

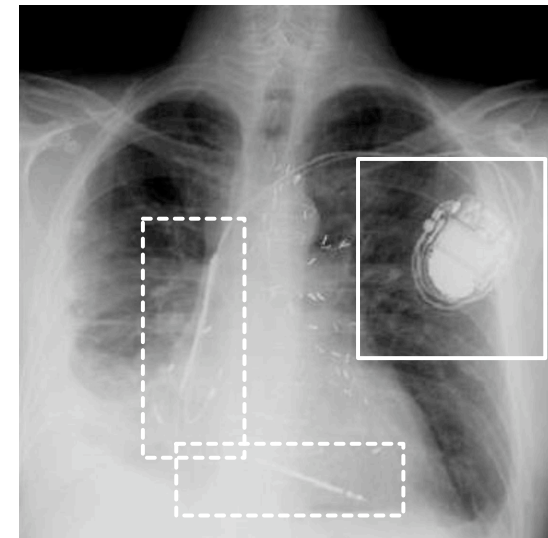


**50 microprocessors
per average car**

<http://www.autosec.org/>

- *Comprehensive Experimental Analysis of Automotive Attack Surfaces (2011)*
- *Experimental Security Analysis of a Modern Automobile (2010)*

Remote take-over of EVERY safety-critical system from ANY wired or wireless interface



2008: demonstrated wireless attack on implantable pacemakers

2012: demonstrated wireless attack on insulin pump

DDoS the endocrine system!

[Android] Cell phones cannot have not be secured.

Cell phones have:

- Wireless networks, microphone, camera, & batteries
- Downloaded apps
- Bad crypto

Cell phones can be used for:

- Tracking individuals
- Wiretapping rooms
- Personal data





How do we address the cybersecurity challenge?

1. Deploy technology that works.
2. Address the non-technical issues.

We have made major advances in cyber security.

Major security breakthroughs since 1980:

- Public key cryptography (RSA with certificates to distribute public keys)
- Fast symmetric cryptography (AES)
- Fast public key cryptography (elliptic curves)
- Easy-to-use cryptography (SSL/TLS)
- Sandboxing (Java, C# and virtualization)
- Firewalls
- BAN logic
- Fuzzing.

None of these breakthroughs has been a “silver bullet,” but they have all helped.

—“*Why Cryptosystems Fail*,” Ross Anderson,
1st Conference on Computer and Communications Security, 1993.
<http://www.cl.cam.ac.uk/~rja14/Papers/wcf.pdf>

We must continue to deploy technology that works, because adversaries are not all powerful.

Adversaries are impacted by:

- Economic factors*
- Attention span*
- Other opportunities*

You don't have to run faster than the bear....



There are solutions to many cyber security problems... We should use them!

8.63% of the desktop computers still run Windows XP

—<http://netmarketshare.com/>

- Support was ended in 2014!



Apple users don't run anti-virus.

- Yes, Apple tries to fix bugs, but

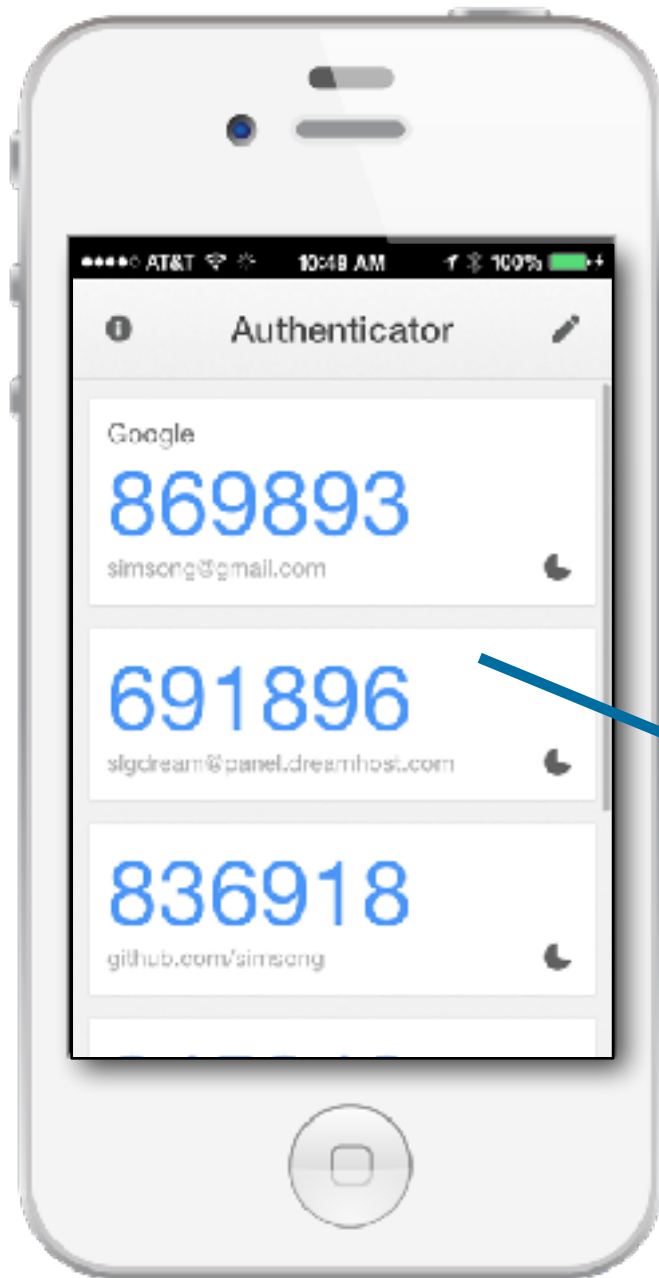
Most “SSL” websites only use it for logging in.

DNSSEC lags

Smart Cards aren't



Example: Google Authenticator's 2-factor authentication protections against password stealing.



The image shows a web browser window with the DreamHost login page. The browser's address bar shows the URL 'https://panel.dreamhost.com/index.cgi'. The page has a header 'DreamHost' and a navigation bar with various icons. A yellow warning box at the top says 'Error! Multifactor Authentication is required on this account.' Below this is a section 'Current Users: Log ...' with a form for login. The form has fields for 'Email Address or Web ID' (containing 'slg'), 'Web Panel Password' (masked with dots), and 'Multifactor Authentication Code' (containing '691896'). There is a 'Log In' button to the right of the form. Below the form is a section 'Remember this computer?' with a checkbox and a dropdown menu set to '1 month'. At the bottom, there is a note about cookies and JavaScript, and a link for 'Forgot password or lost/failed multifactor authentication?'.

We must address non-technical factors that impact cyber.

These factors reflect deep divisions within our society.

- **Shortened** development cycles
- **Education:** Not enough CS graduates; not enough security in CS.
- **Labor:**
 - Immigration Policy:** Foreign students; H1B Visa
 - HR:** Inability to attract and retain the best workers
- **Manufacturing Policy:** Where we are building our computers.

Solving the cyber security mess requires addressing these issues.

Short development cycles

Insufficient planning:

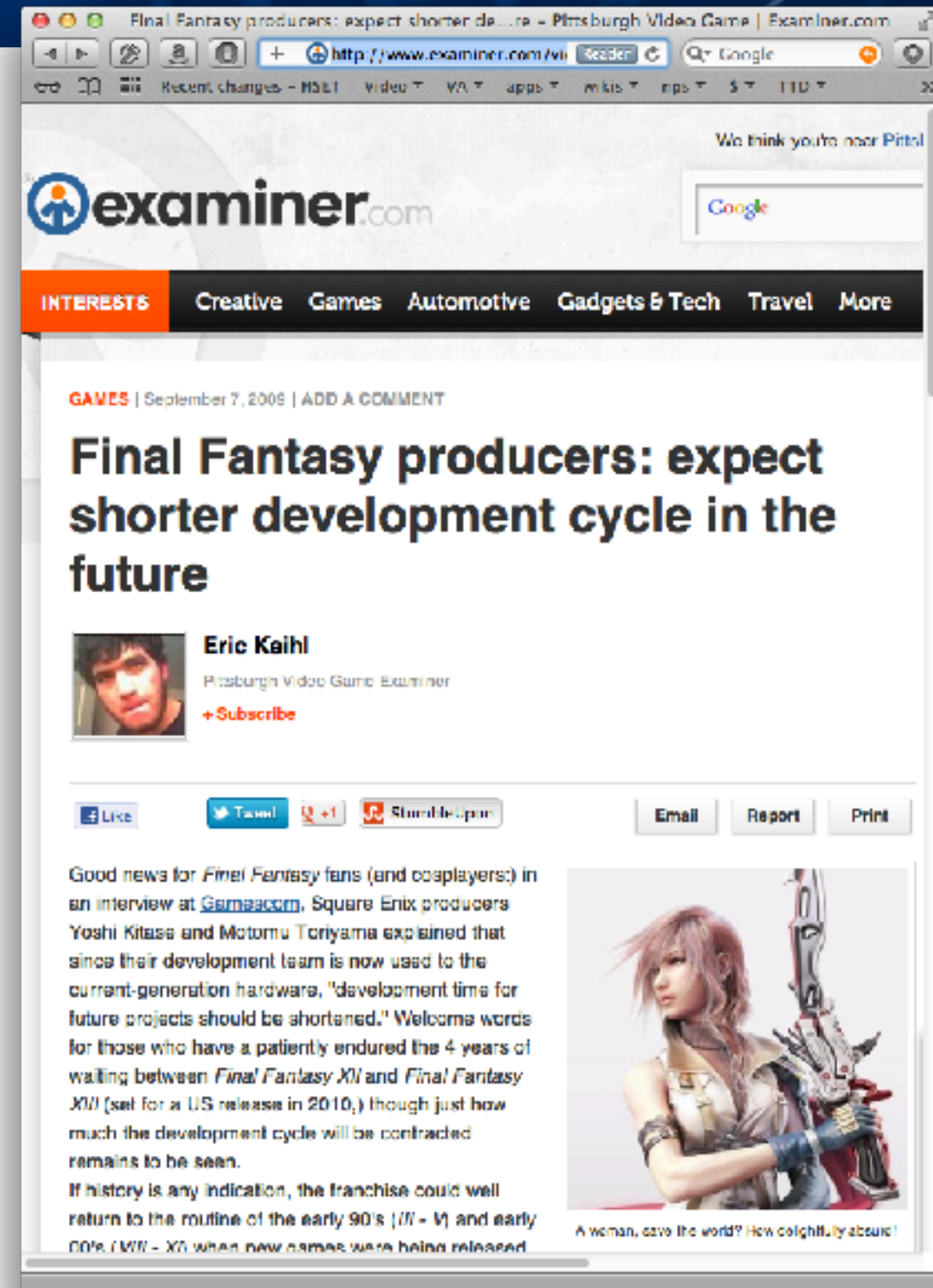
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- Few or no security reviews
- Little Usable Security

Insufficient testing:

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- No time to retest after fixing

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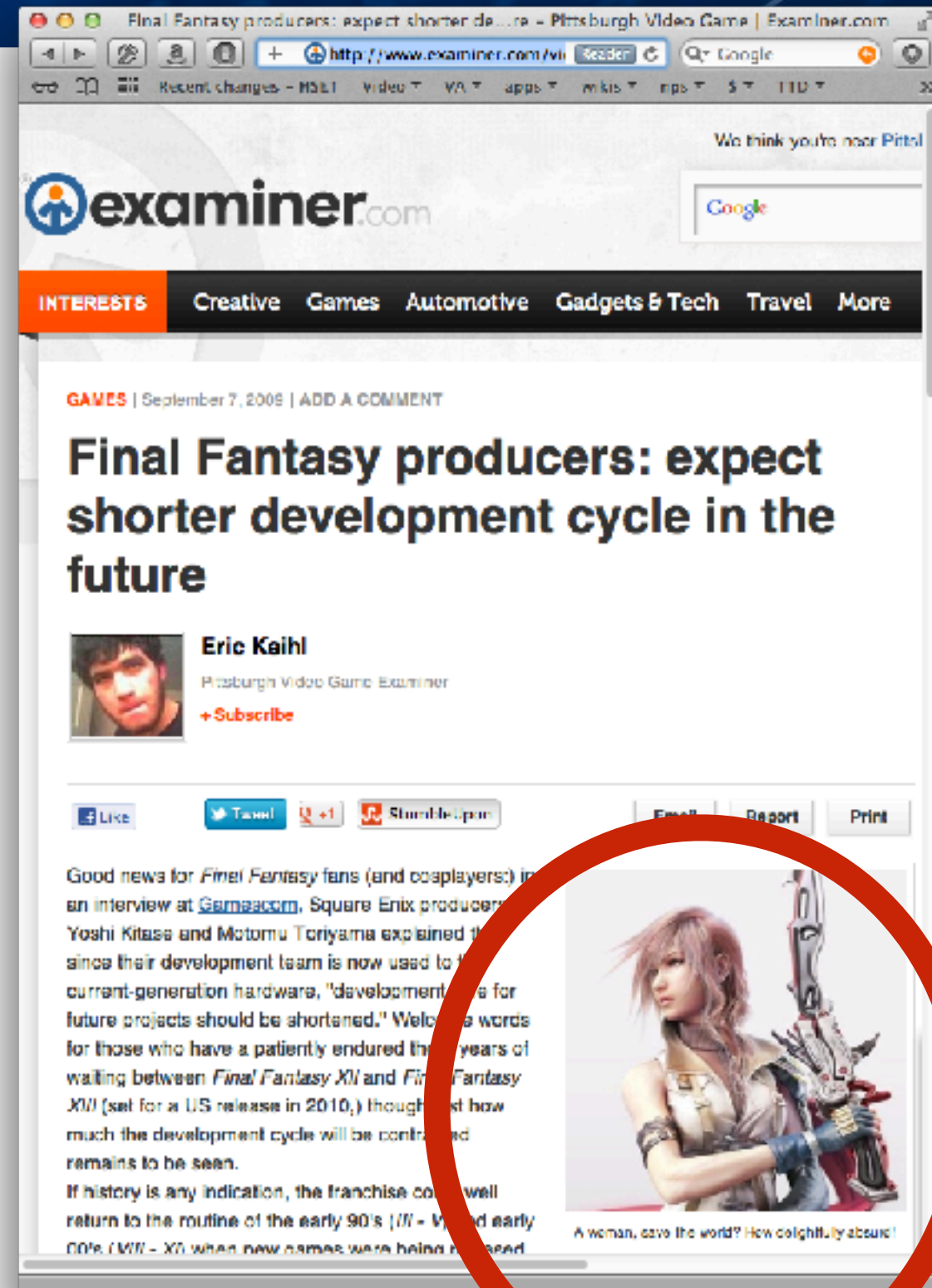
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Address institutionalized harassment of women

Education is not supplying enough security engineers. Software engineers don't learn enough about security.

Security HR Pipeline

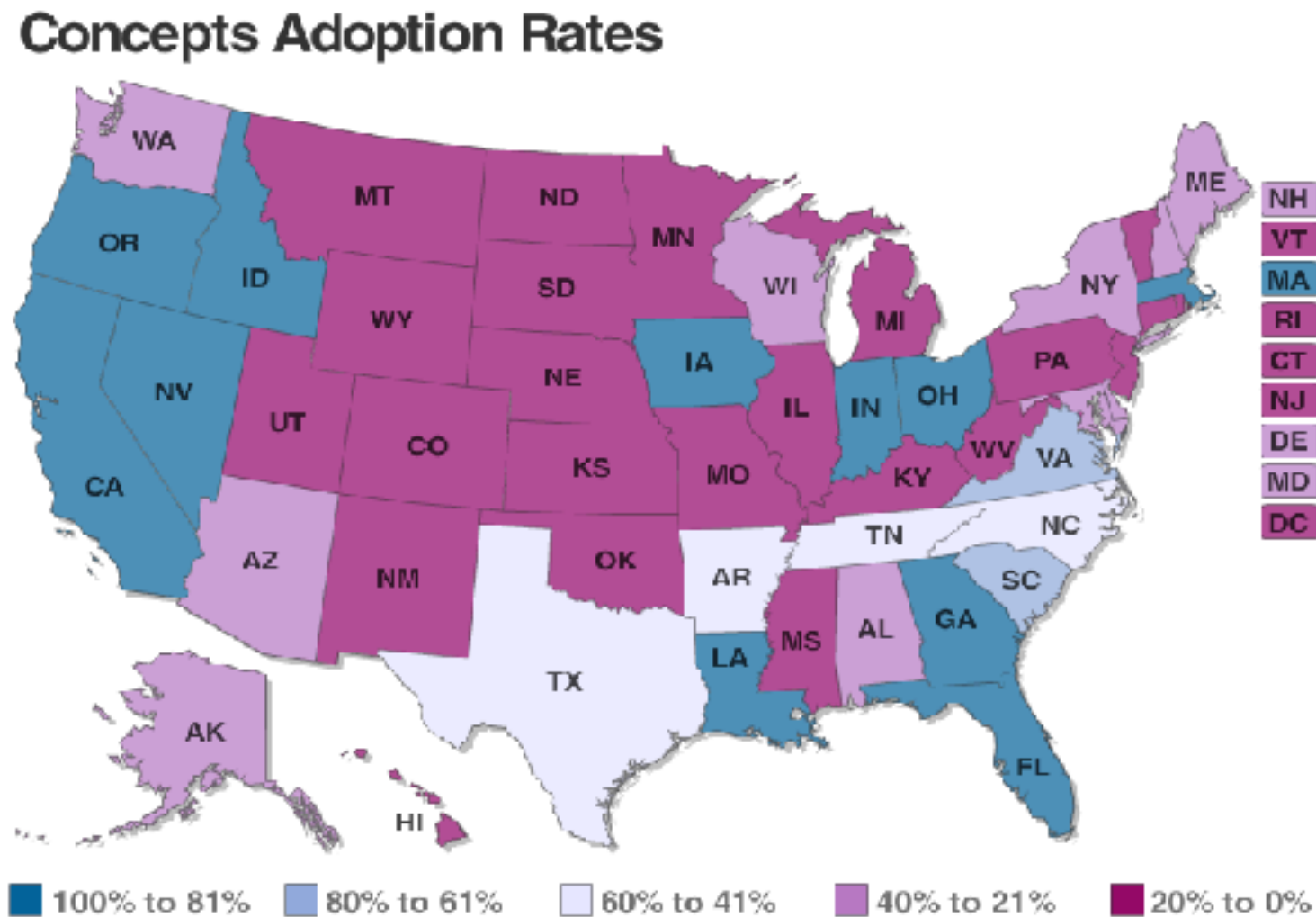
- High School → College → Graduate School → Career



It takes *years* to master security...

- Many professional programmers learn their craft in college
- College English graduates: 16 years' instruction in writing
- College CS graduates: 4 years' instruction in programming
—*Is it any wonder their code has security vulnerabilities?*

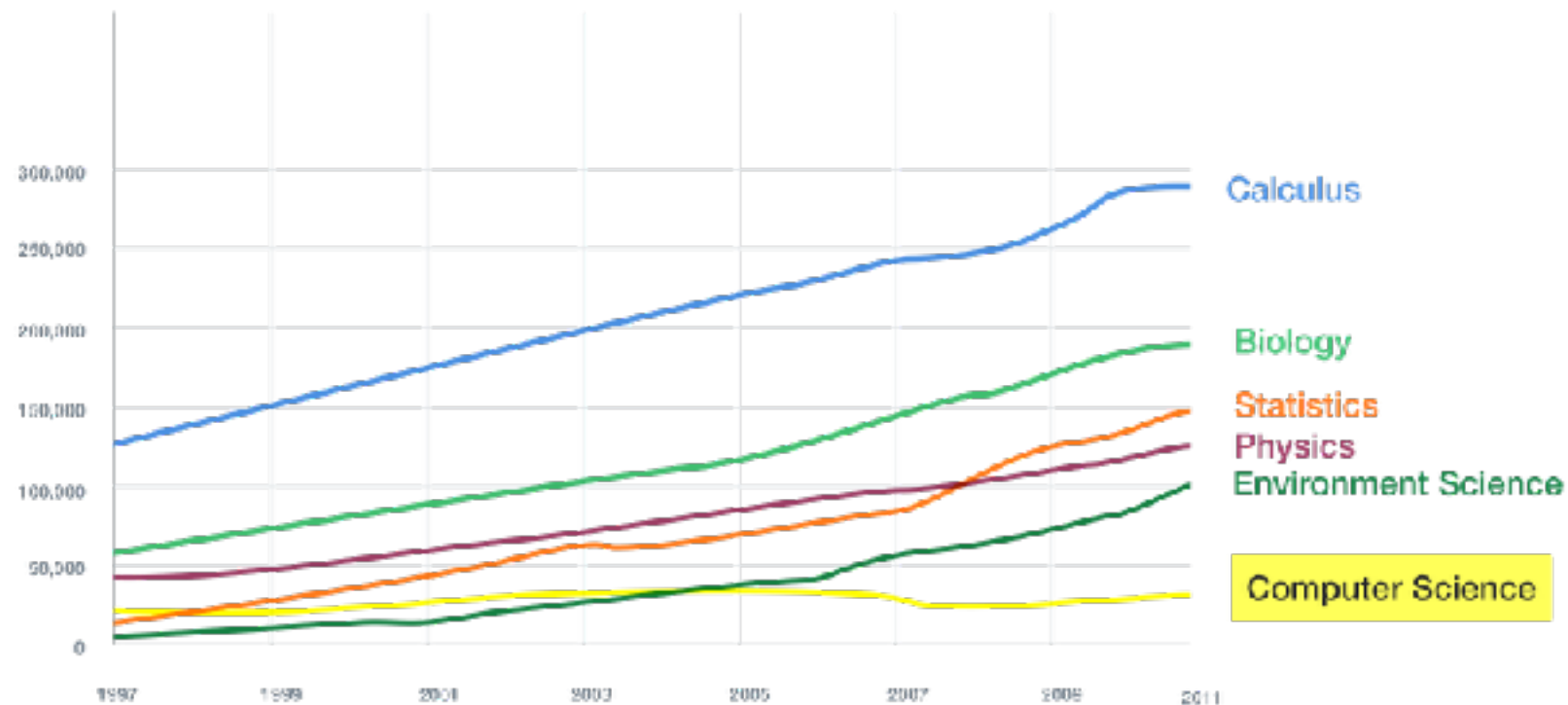
73% of states require computer “skills” for graduation.
Only 37% require CS “concepts”



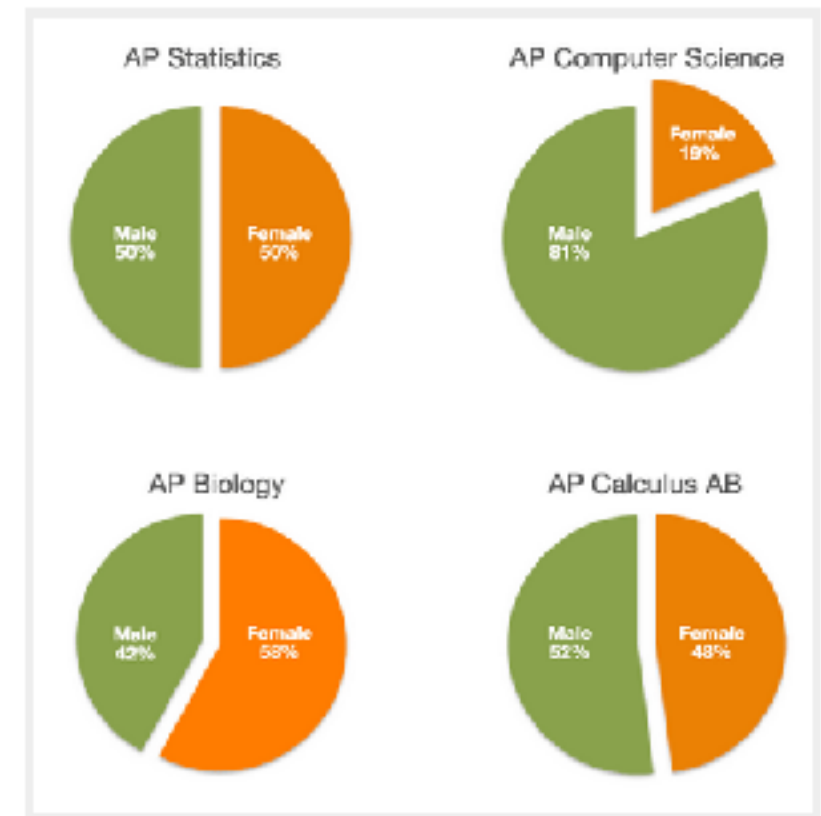
CS teachers are paid far less than CS engineers.

High school students are not taking AP computer science!

AP Exams 1997-2011



Female vs. Male Enrollment 2011 AP Exams



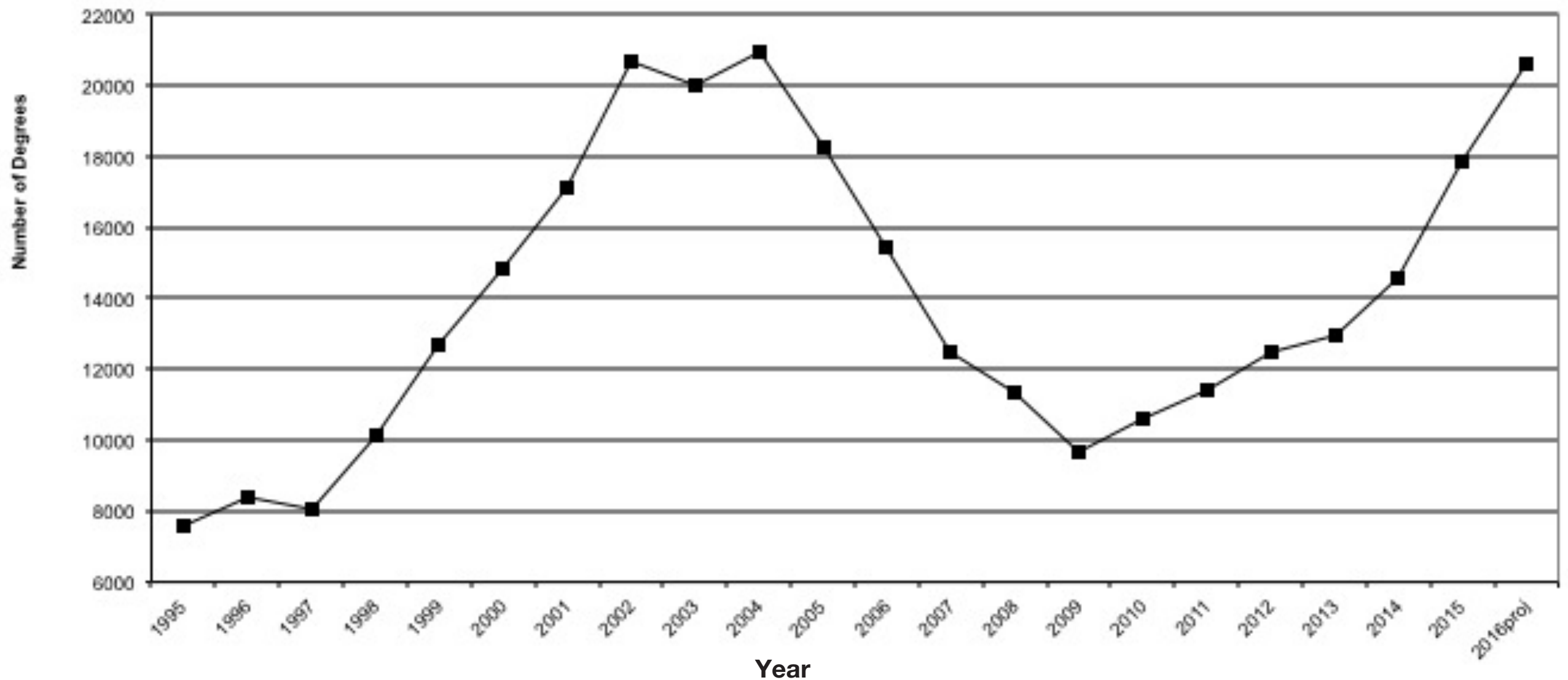
Source: College Board, Advanced Placement (AP)
Exam Data 2011, available at

<http://professionals.collegeboard.com/data-reports-research/ap/data>

Good news: Computer Science BS production is once again at its peak!

Figure B1. BS Production (CS & CE)

CRA Taulbee Survey 2015



60.5% of PhDs awarded in 2015 to nonresident aliens

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Amer Indian or Alaska Native	29	10	0	0	1	4	2	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	47	0.3%
Asian	706	194	16	8	9	64	12	0	7	7	56	40	0	7	9	1,088	7.8%
Black or African-American	95	50	5	1	2	9	9	0	1	5	22	26	0	3	6	216	1.5%
Native Hawaiian/ Pac Islander	5	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	6	1	0	1	0	15	0.1%
White	2,585	482	75	28	22	203	34	0	22	20	258	155	0	33	34	3,792	27.2%
Multiracial, not Hispanic	55	11	3	1	1	10	1	0	1	1	5	8	0	1	2	93	0.7%
Hispanic, any race	162	32	10	2	2	22	4	0	2	2	13	15	0	2	3	258	1.9%
Total Res & Ethnicity Known	9,220	2,186	188			917	173	-			795	461	0			13,940	
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Not Reported (N/R)	373	72	165			17	0	-			41	13	0			608	
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Just 67 / 1275 (5%) PhDs went into Information Assurance

21 professors & postdocs; 41 to industry & government

Table D4. Employment of New PhD Recipients By Specialty																						
	Artificial Intelligence	Computer-Supported Cooperative Work	Databases/Information Retrieval	Graphics/Visualization	Hardware/Architecture	Human-Computer Interaction	High-Performance Computing	Informatics: Biomedical/Other Science	Information Assurance/Security	Information Science	Information Systems	Networks	Operating Systems	Programming Languages/Compilers	Robotics/Vision	Scientific/Numerical Computing	Social Computing/Social Informatics	Software Engineering	Theory and Algorithms	Other	Total	
North American PhD Granting Depts.																						
Tenure-track	10	0	7	6	6	4	12	5	8	12	2	8	4	9	3	0	5	14	8	17	140	10.0%
Researcher	2	0	1	2	0	1	5	2	1	2	0	2	1	2	2	1	0	0	1	1	26	1.8%
Postdoc	22	0	10	13	7	3	6	12	5	4	2	4	1	11	9	3	1	2	9	13	137	9.7%
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North American, Other Academic																						
Other CS/CE/I Dept.	2	0	2	1	0	0	2	0	2	4	0	3	2	3	0	1	1	2	3	5	33	2.3%
Non-CS/CE/I Dept	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	8	0.6%
North American, Non-Academic																						
Industry	77	2	67	47	46	21	23	35	34	11	6	57	31	31	48	9	29	111	35	86	806	57.3%
Government	4	0	1	1	3	6	1	3	6	0	3	0	0	3	3	3	1	3	2	4	47	3.3%
Self-Employed	1	0	0	2	1	0	0	2	1	0	1	0	1	1	1	0	2	5	0	4	22	1.6%
Unemployed	1	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	7	0.5%
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Security should be taught to everyone, but we need specialists

Manufacturing policy —

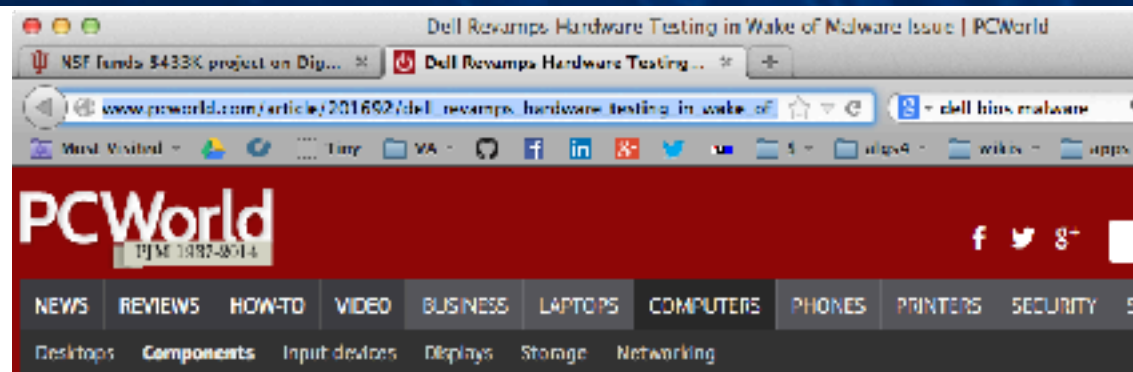
The US did not buy WW2 aircraft from Germany



Boeing Whichata B-29 Assembly Line, 1944

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Boeing-Whichata_B-29_Assembly_Line_-_1944.jpg

But we buy *nearly all* of our computers from China.



Dell Revamps Hardware Testing in Wake of Malware Issue

By Agam Shah, IDG News Service

Jul 22, 2010 1:50 PM

A sequence of errors led to Dell's delivery of motherboards with malware and the company is in the process of overhauling its testing process to resolve issues before dispatching hardware to customers, it said on Thursday.

Dell on Wednesday said that some replacement motherboards for PowerEdge servers may have contained the W32.Spybot worm in flash storage. The malware issue affected a limited number of replacement motherboards in four servers, the PowerEdge R310, PowerEdge R410, PowerEdge R510 and PowerEdge T410 models, the company said.

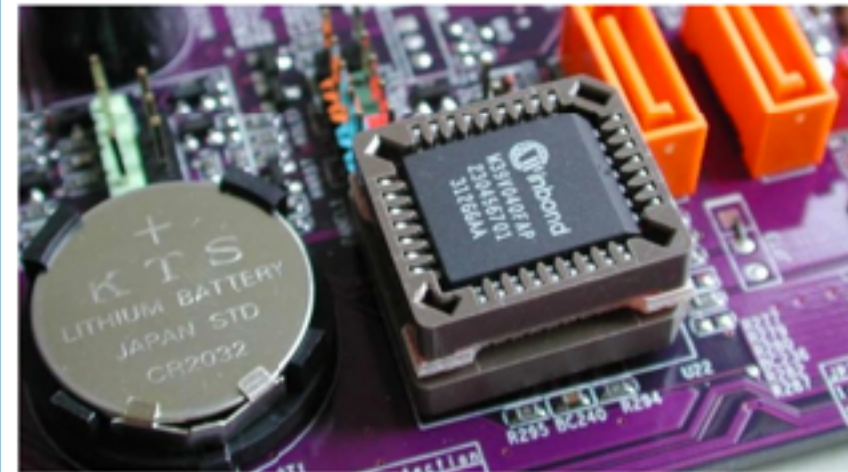
"There was a sequence of human errors that led to the issue. That being said, we have identified and implemented 16 additional process steps to make sure this doesn't happen again," said Dell spokesman Jim Hahn.

Hahn did not provide additional details on the steps being added to track and resolve such issues. But he said that all affected motherboards had been removed from the service supply chain. Current antivirus software with updated signatures would flag the malware's presence and users would have to be running an unpatched version of Windows 2008 or an earlier version of the OS.



Rakshasa: The hardware backdoor that China could embed in every computer

By Sebastian Anthony on August 1, 2012 at 8:45 am 22 Comments



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It's the Information Age apocalypse: What if, no matter how hard you tried, every computer on the market — from PCs to smartphones to fridges to cars — came pre-loaded with an irremovable backdoor that allowed the government or other nefarious

agents to snoop on your data, behavior, and communications?

It's easy to put backdoors in hardware and software.

There is no obvious way to secure cyberspace.

We *trust* computers...

—*but we cannot make them trustworthy.*

(A “trusted” system is a computer that can violate your security policy.)

We know a lot about building secure computers...

—*but we do not use this information when building and deploying them.*

We know about usable security...

—*but we can’t make any progress on usernames and passwords*

We should design with the assumption that computers will fail...

—*but it is cheaper to design without redundancy or resiliency.*

Despite the new found attention to cyber security,
our systems seem to be growing more vulnerable every year.

Thank you!



Backup Slides: HCI-SEC

Major Themes in HCI-SEC Academic Research

UserAuthentication

- Text Passwords
- Graphical Authentication
- Biometrics
- Token-based Authentication
- CAPTCHAs

Email Security and PKI

- Automatic,Transparent Encryption

Anti-PhishingTechnology

Password Managers

Device Pairing

Web Privacy

Policy Specification and Interaction

Security Experts

Mobile Security and Privacy

- Location Privacy
- Application platforms
- Mobile authentication

Social Media Privacy

HCI-SEC Lessons and Challenges

Lessons Learned:

- Users need better information, not more information
- To make good decisions, users require clear context
- Plain Language Works, Even if it is less precise
- Where Possible, Reduce Decisions and Configuration Options
- Education Works, but cannot overcome economics

Research Challenges

- Authentication Challenges
- Administration Challenges
- Privacy Challenges
- Challenge of Modelling the Adversary
- The Challenge of Social Media and Social Computing
- Teaching Challenges

HCI-SEC Conclusion: The Next 10 years

More HCI-SEC Research Centers

More HCI-SEC Research Targets

Increased Researching on Nudges and Pusuasion

Increased Emphasis on Offensive Work

Increased demand for HCI-SEC from non-technical sectors



Backup Slides: Insider Threat



DETECTING THREATENING INSIDERS WITH LIGHTWEIGHT MEDIA FORENSICS

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The current approaches for finding hostile insiders are based on “signatures.”

Sample signature to find a problem employee:

(CERT 2011)

- *if the mail is from a departing insider*
- *and the message was sent in last 30 days*
- *and the recipient is not in organization's domain*
- *and the total bytes summed by day is more than X,*
→ *send an alert to security operator*

These signatures are typically hand written.

—*Brittle*

—*Don't scale*

—*Miss new patterns*

We propose a new approach for finding threatening insiders—storage profile anomalies.

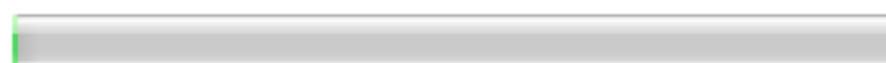
Hypothesis 1:
Some insiders hoard before exfiltration

- Manning
- Snowden



Copying 851 items (3.56 GB)

from **Research** (E:\Users\Nicole\D...\Research) to **Ten**
Discovered 851 items (3.56 GB)...



We also want to detect other kinds of illegal employee activity.

Hypothesis 2:

Some illegal activity has storage indicators:

- Contraband software (hacking tools) and data
- Large amount of:
 - graphics*
 - PII; PHI; account numbers*
 - Encrypted data*
- Stolen documents

Illegal employee activity is:

- Bad for business
- Exploitation threat
- Fraud risk

CNN Justice

Pentagon reopening probe into employees allegedly tied to child porn

By Adam Levine, CNN

September 16, 2010 11:59 a.m. EDT



The Defense Department will review 261 cases of possible trafficking in child pornography.

(CNN) -- The Defense Department will reopen its investigation into employees who are alleged to have downloaded child pornography, a spokesman said Wednesday.

The Pentagon's Defense Criminal Investigative Service will review 261 cases, according to spokesman Gary Comerford. The department had stopped the reviews because of a lack of resources, he said.

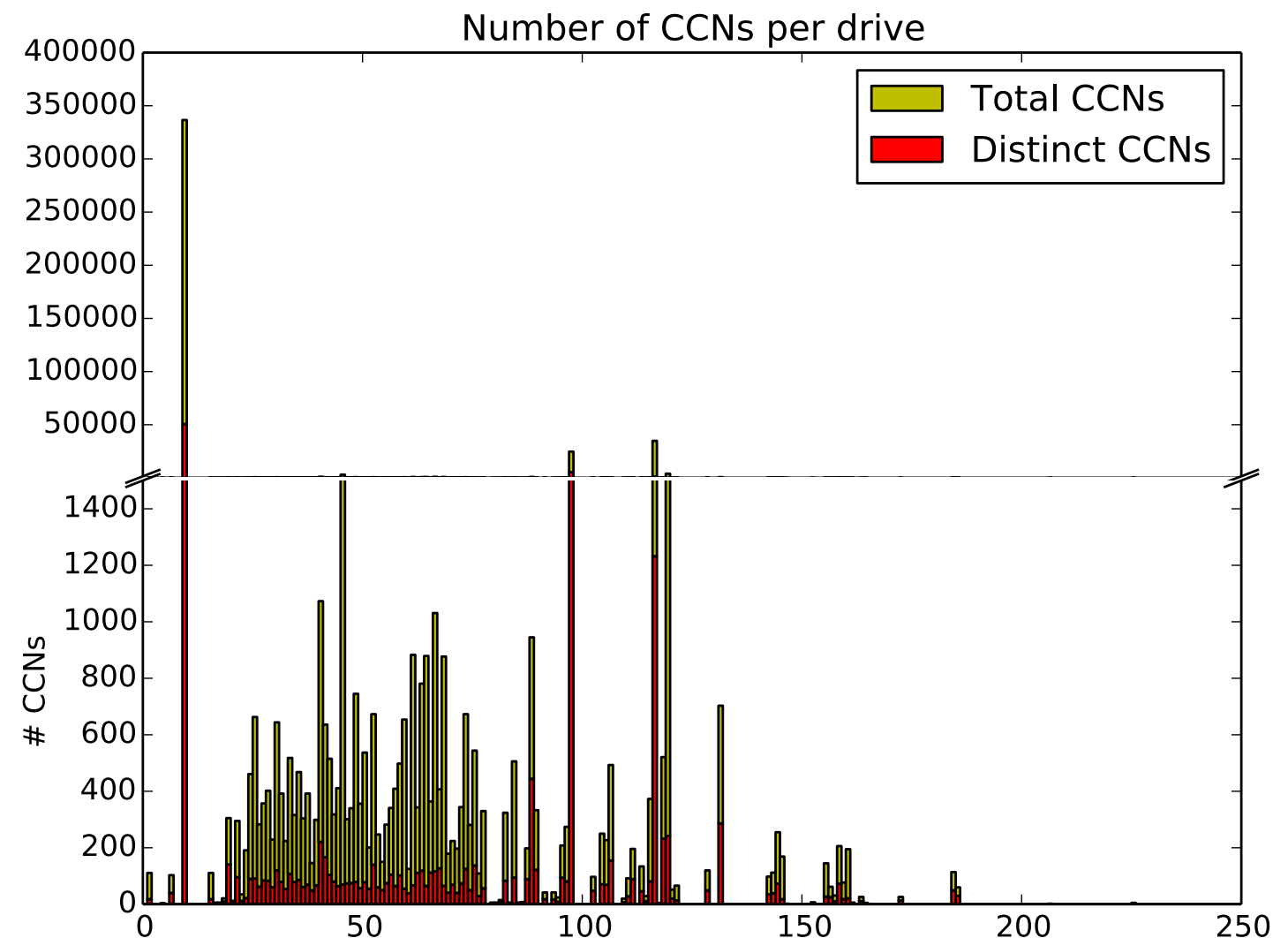
Our plan: look for storage devices that are different than their peers.

We build a “storage profile” from features:

- # of credit card numbers, phone #s; SSNs, DOBs, etc.
- % pictures; %video
- % Doc files; %PDFs;

“Different” relative to:

- User’s history
- User’s organization
- Others in role.

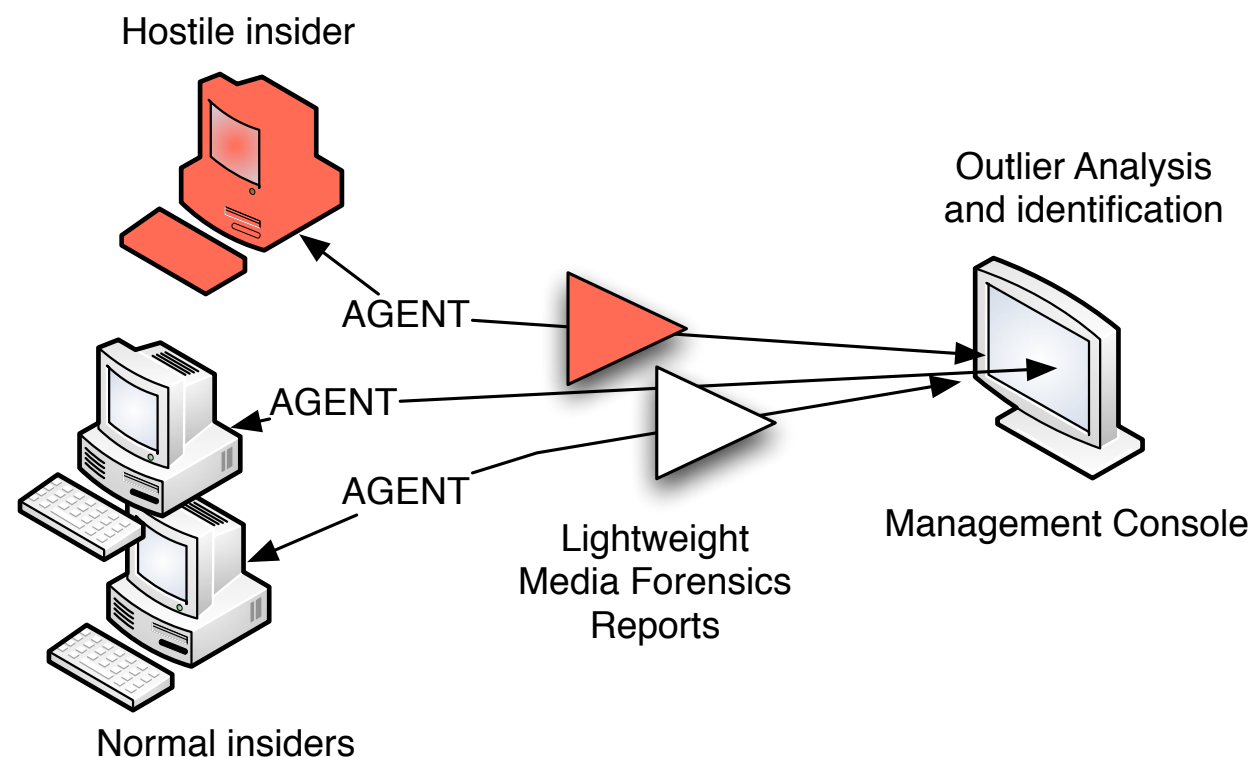


Garfinkel, S. and Shelat, A., ["Remembrance of Data Passed: A Study of Disk Sanitization Practices,"](#) IEEE Security & Privacy, January/February 2003.

Our approach: Collect “storage profiles” and look for outliers.

We profile storage on the hard drive/storage device:

- Allocated & “deleted” files; Unallocated space (file fragments)



Statistical profile

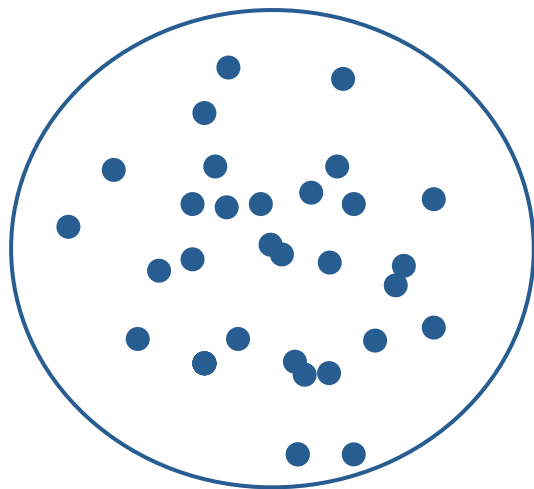
- Frequently, at “random” times
- Securely — by going to raw media
- Centrally — at management console

We cluster the storage profiles to find “outliers.”

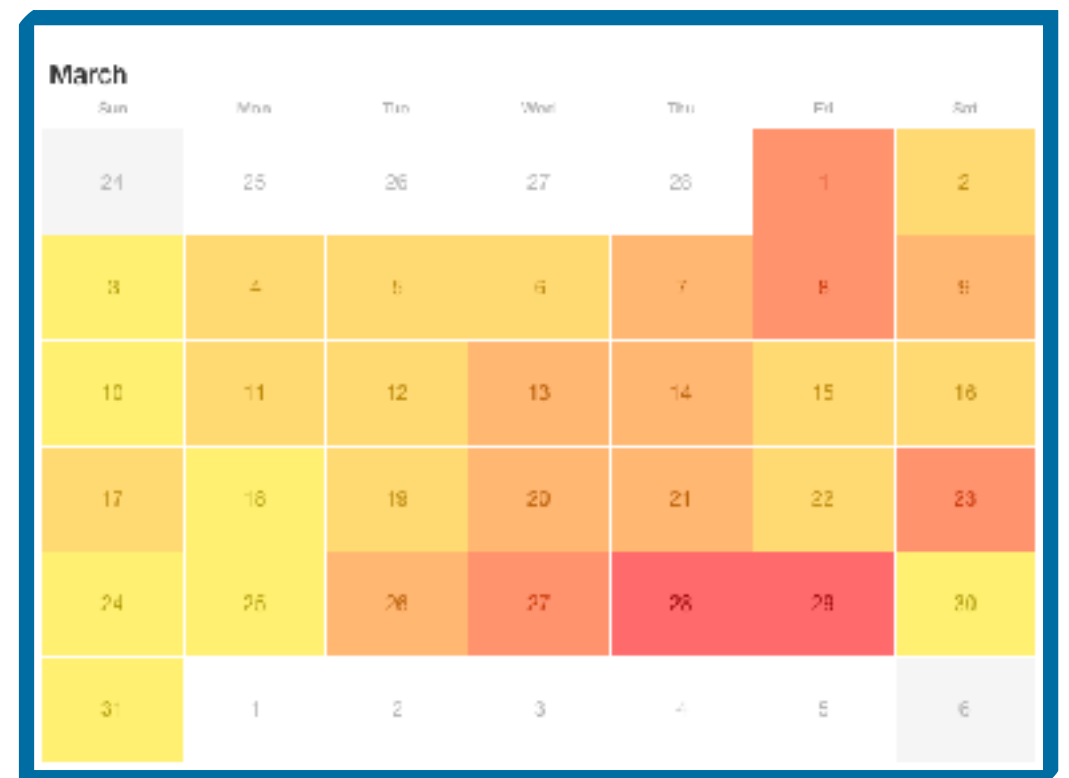
What’s an outlier?

- Something that’s different from its peers
- Something different from its own history

Outliers Matter



“Normal” Storage Profile

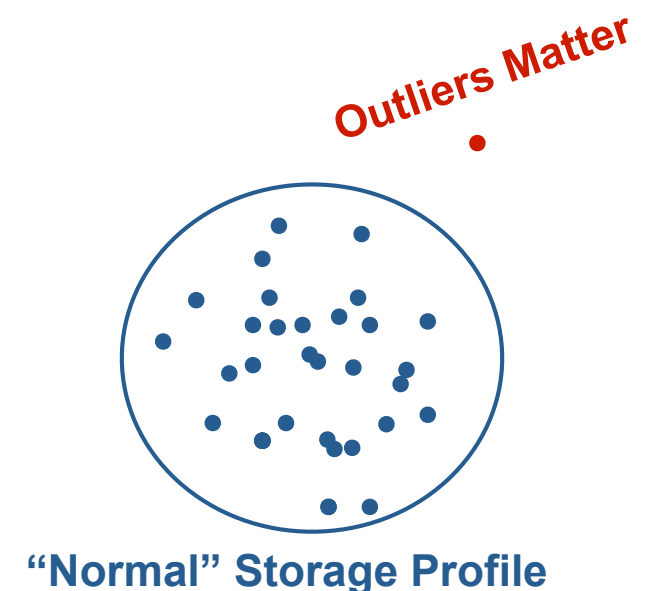


Outlier detection should have significant benefits:

- Not signature based
- Not reliant on access patterns
- Not reliant on policy definition, discovery, auditing

Design constraints:

- Agent must be scalable and cannot interfere with operations
 - Desktop: background process, samples disk data*
 - Network load: small, aggregated data transfer*
 - Management console: scalable algorithms used*
- Must work with isolated systems
- Must be OS agnostic
- Must includes deleted data in collection/analysis

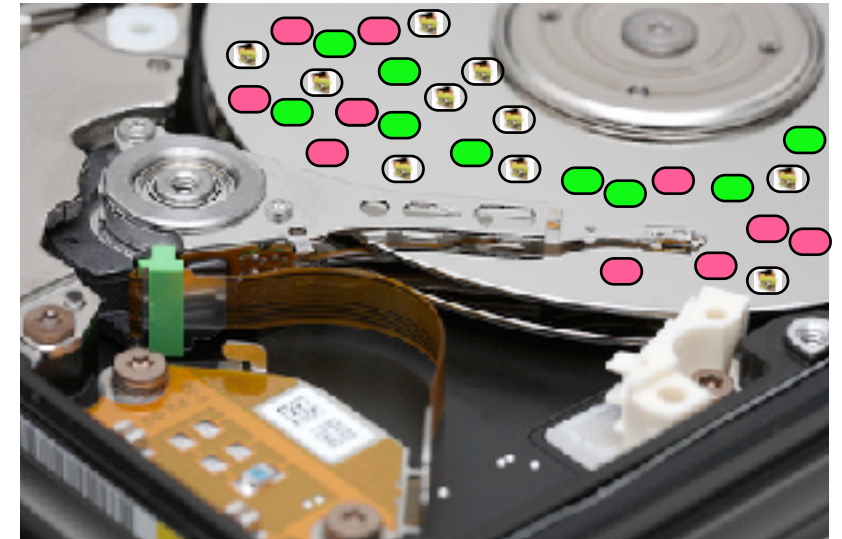


Our system has three parts:

1. Sample disk to collect desired data

- bulk_extractor
 - *a lightweight media forensics tool*

Garfinkel, Simson, [Digital media triage with bulk data analysis and bulk_extractor](#). Computers and Security 32: 56-72 (2013)



2. Client-server, enterprise response framework

- Google Rapid Response (GRR)

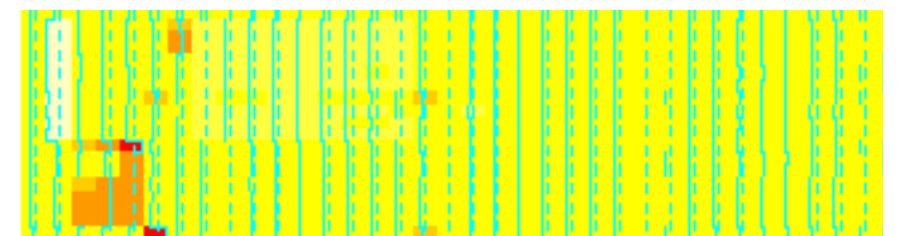


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GRR Rapid Response is an Incident Response Framework

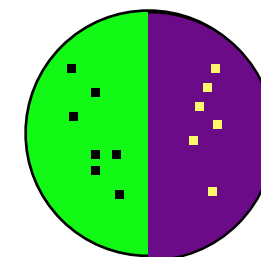
3. Anomaly detection agent

- Univariate and multivariate outlier detection



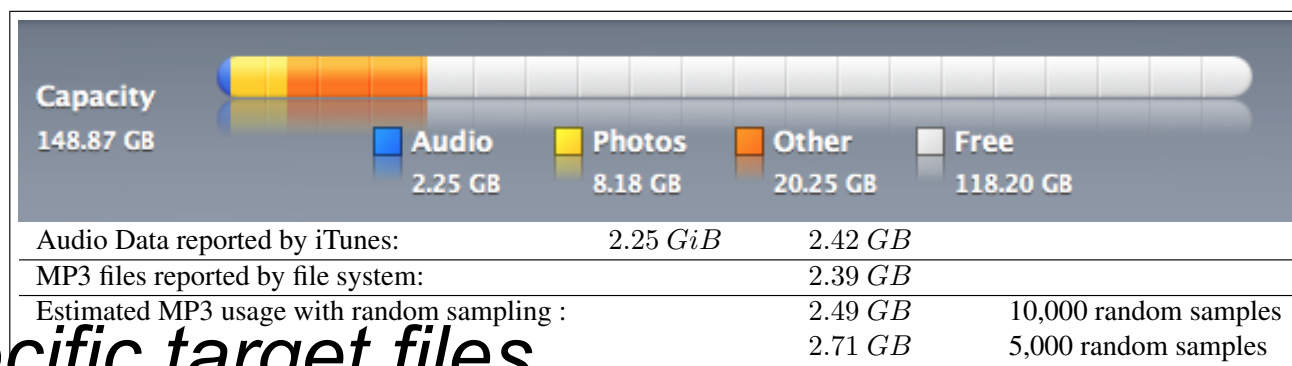
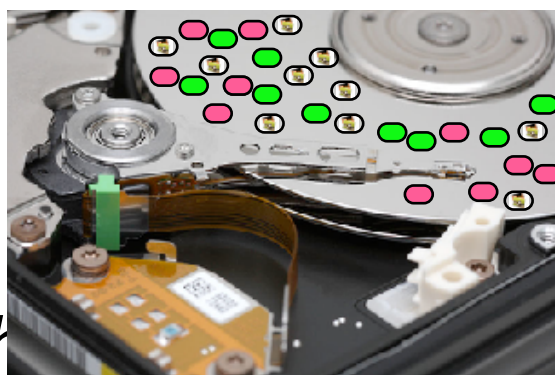
Random sampling is a great way to analyze data.

Simple random sampling can determine % free space



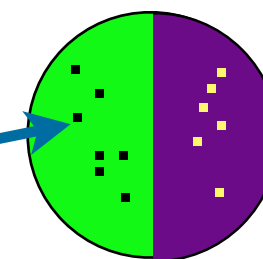
Garfinkel, Simson, Vassil Roussev, Alex Nelson and Douglas White, [Using purpose-built functions and block hashes to enable small block and sub-file forensics](#), DFRWS 2010, Portland, OR

Data characterization can determine the *kind* of stored data



Sector hash , *specific target files*




Young J., Foster, K., Garfinkel, S., and Fairbanks, K., [Distinct sector hashes for target file detection](#), IEEE Computer, December 2012



It takes 3.5 hours to read a 1TB hard drive.

In 5 minutes you can read:

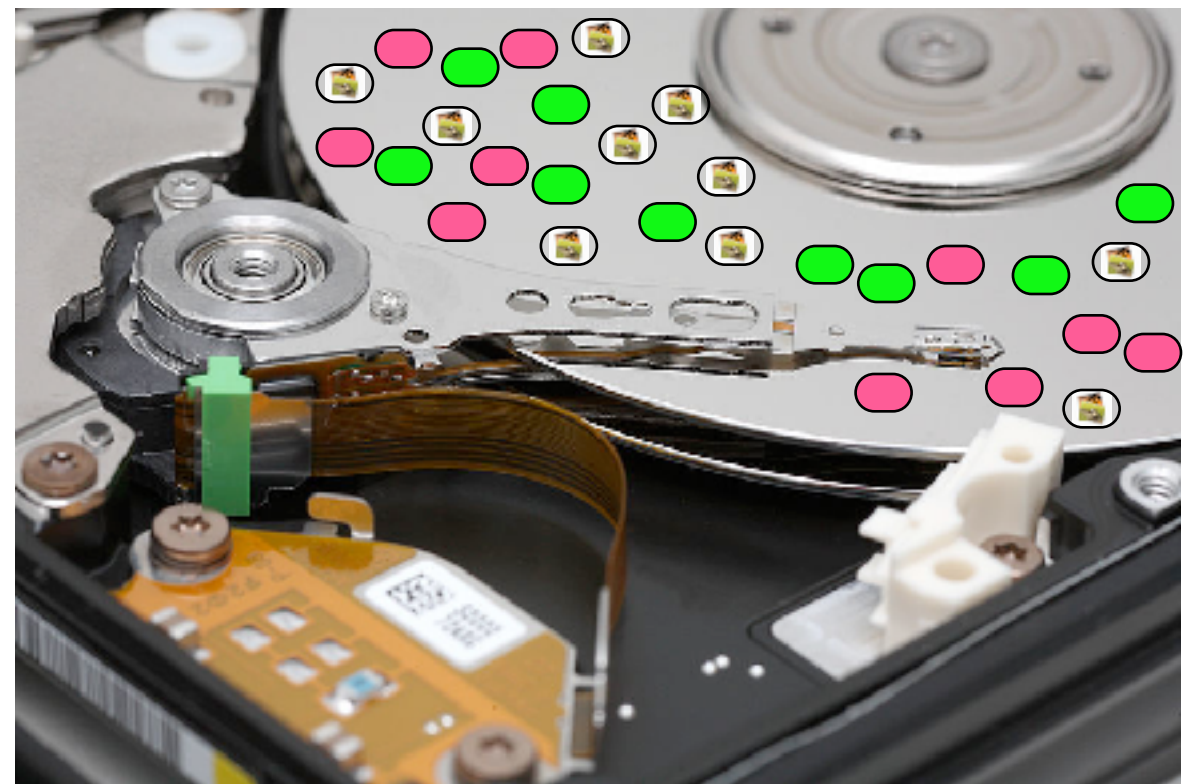
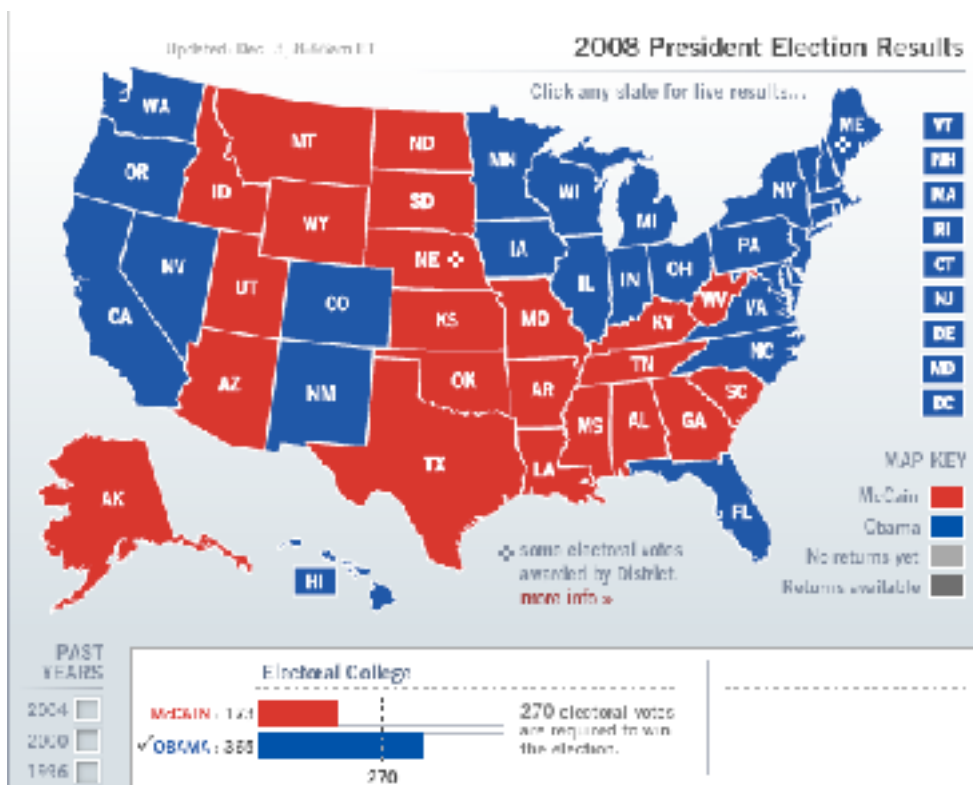
- 36 GB in one strip
- 100,000 randomly chosen 64KiB strips (assuming 3 msec/seek)

			
Minutes	208	5	5
Data	1 TB	36 GB	6.5 GB
# Seeks	1	1	100,000
% of data	100%	3.6%	0.65%

The statistics of a *randomly chosen sample* predict the *statistics of a population*.

US elections can be predicted by sampling thousands of households:

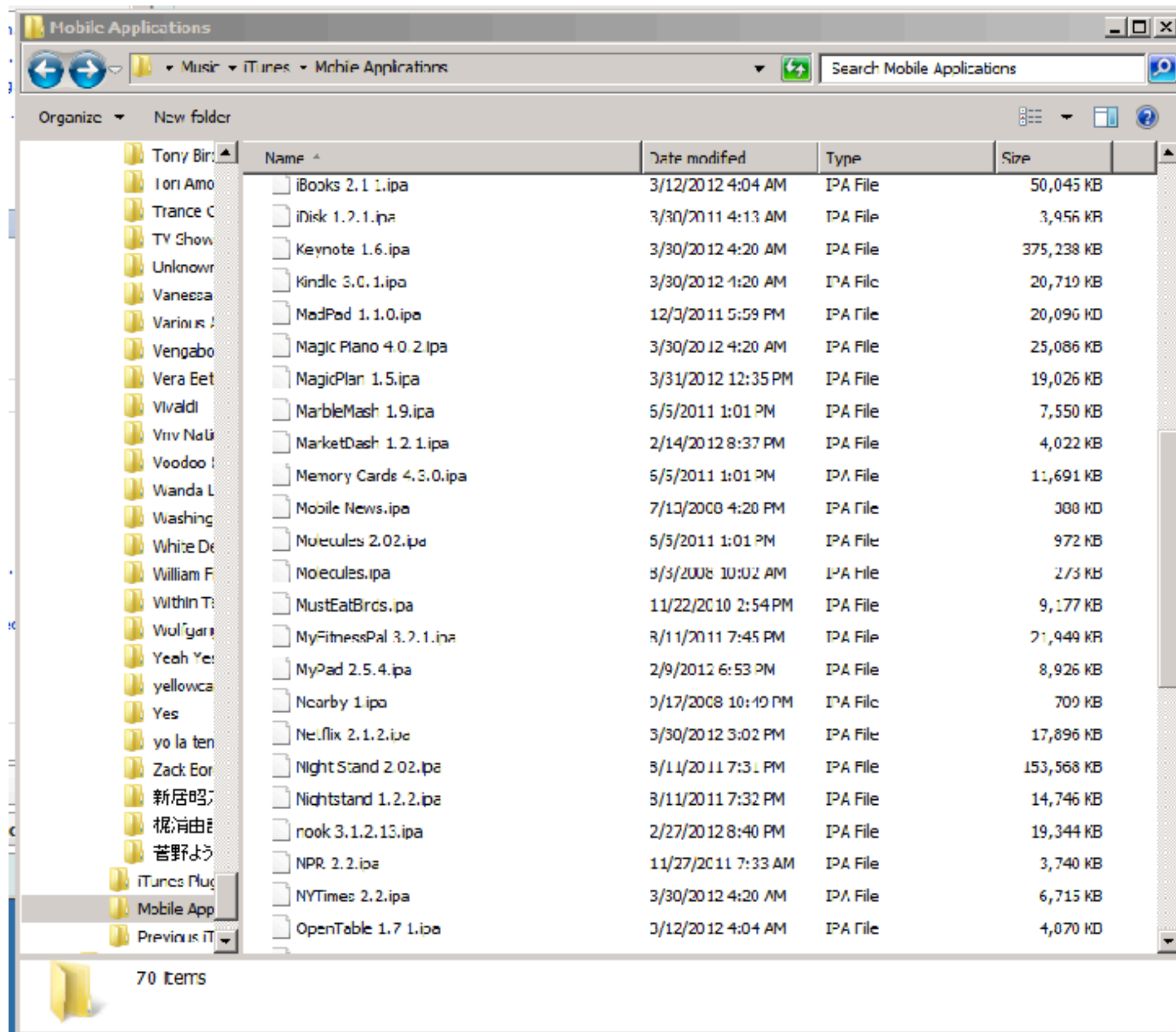
Hard drive contents can be predicted by sampling thousands of sectors:

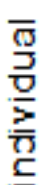


The challenge is identifying *likely voters*.

The challenge is *identifying the sector* content that is sampled.

We think of computers as devices with *files*.





Current status —

bulk_extractor updated v1.4 just released

- Added features & GRR integration preparation

Sceadan data type classifier updated v1.2 released

Extraction, transformation, loading of datasets

- M57 Patents (digitalcorpora.org) case

Progress on anomaly detection algorithm

- Real Data Corpus extraction, translation and loading near complete
- Theoretical development
- Empirical data descriptive analyses (test assumptions)
- Univariate anomaly detection performing well on synthetic data set



We are in year 1 of a 3-year effort.

	NPS Lead	UTSA Lead
Year 1	bulk_extractor upgrades	Outlier detection algorithm Synthetic data experimentation Real Data Corpus experimentation
Year 2	Integrate GRR Develop/test management console	Develop/test data outlier detection Develop/test visualization component
Year 3	Large-scale testing on partner net	Final dev. of outlier detection algorithm Final dev. of visualization agent

Many challenges remain.

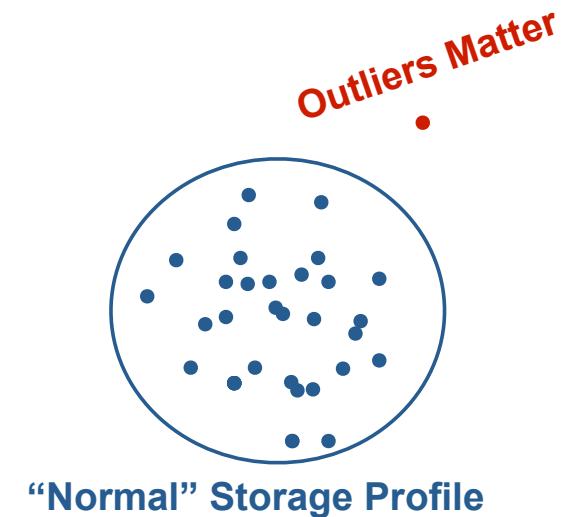
“Anomalous” suggests “normal” exists

- Large, diverse, dislocated organizations
- High fluidity and variety in workforce
- Remote, mobile, multi-device access requirements
- Uninterruptible, critical computational operations

Clustering algorithm selection/development

- Accuracy and speed trade-off of extant algorithms
- Develop combinatorial algorithm to improve accuracy
- Need for automated parameter selection amidst noise
- Feature selection

Engineering of visualization component



In conclusion, we are developing a system that uses “lightweight media forensics” to find hostile insiders.

We use random sampling to build a storage profile of media

We collect these profiles on a central server

We cluster & data mine to find outliers.

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