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## From the good, old hacking days to nowadays cybercrime: what happened??

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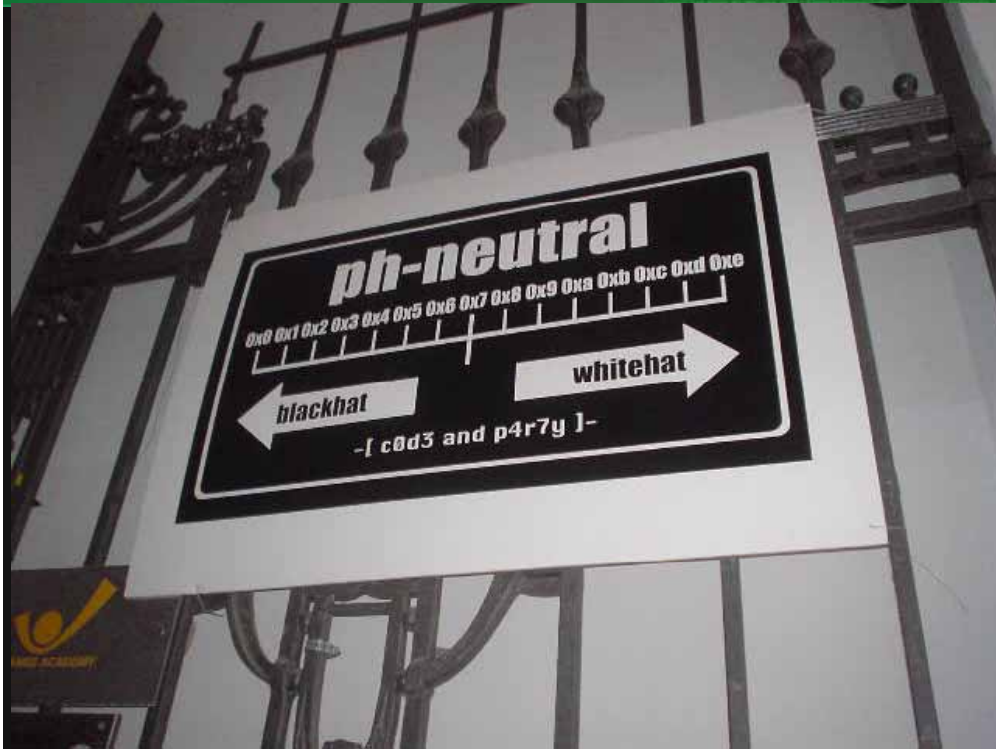
- ✓ **# whois**
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**#whois**



# Who am I?





# Raoul “Nobody” Chiesa

- Old-school Hacker from **1986 to 1995**
- Infosec Professional since **1997 @ Mediaservice.net**
- **OSSTMM** Key Contributor; **HPP** Project Manager; **ISECOM International Trainer**
- Co-founder of **CLUSIT**, Italian Computer Security Association (CLUSI\* : Belgium, France, Luxembourg, Switzerland)
- Member of **TSTF.net** – Telecom Security Task Force, **APWG**, ICANN, etc
- I work **worldwide** (so I don't get bored ;)
- My **areas of interest**: Pentesting, SCADA/DCS/PLC, National Critical Infrastructures, Security R&D+Exploiting weird stuff, , Security People, X.25, PSTN/ISDN, Hackers Profiling, Cybercrime, Information Warfare, Security methodologies, vertical Trainings.



- Basically, I do not work in this field just to get my **salary every month** and pay the home/car/whatever loan: **I really love it 😊**



# UNICRI



## What is UNICRI?

**United Nations Interregional Crime & Justice Research Institute**

**A United Nations entity established in 1968 to support countries worldwide in crime prevention and criminal justice**

**UNICRI carries out applied research, training, technical cooperation and documentation / information activities**

**UNICRI disseminates information and maintains contacts with professionals and experts worldwide**

**Emerging Crimes Unit (ECU): **cyber crimes**, counterfeiting, environmental crimes, trafficking in stolen works of art...**

**Fake Bvlgari & Rolex  
Viagra & Cialis (aka)**

**Water systems**

**Guess how they update each others?  
Email, chat&IM, Skype...**



# CRIME, ORGANIZED

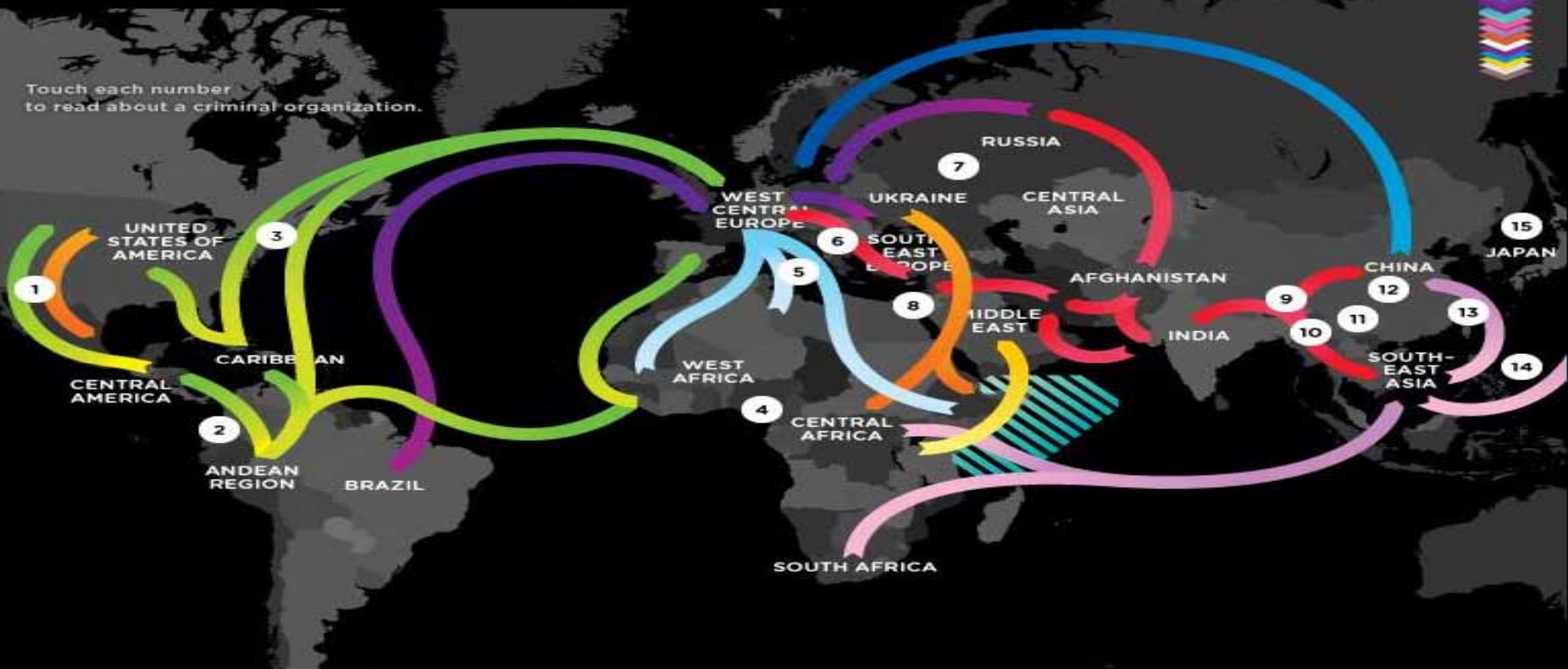
The Mafia, la Cosa Nostra, the Yakuza, Mexican cartels—the underworld is ruled by a complex network of criminal groups. Here's how they fit together.

\$128 billion  
Total estimated value of organized criminal activity.

## Flow of Transnational Organized Crime

Click the icon to see a breakdown.

Touch each number to read about a criminal organization.



Click each category to see the flow of goods.



- FEMALE TRAFFICKING
- COUNTERFEIT GOODS
- HEROIN
- WILDLIFE
- GOLD
- PIRACY
- FIREARMS
- COCAINE
- MIGRANT SMUGGLING

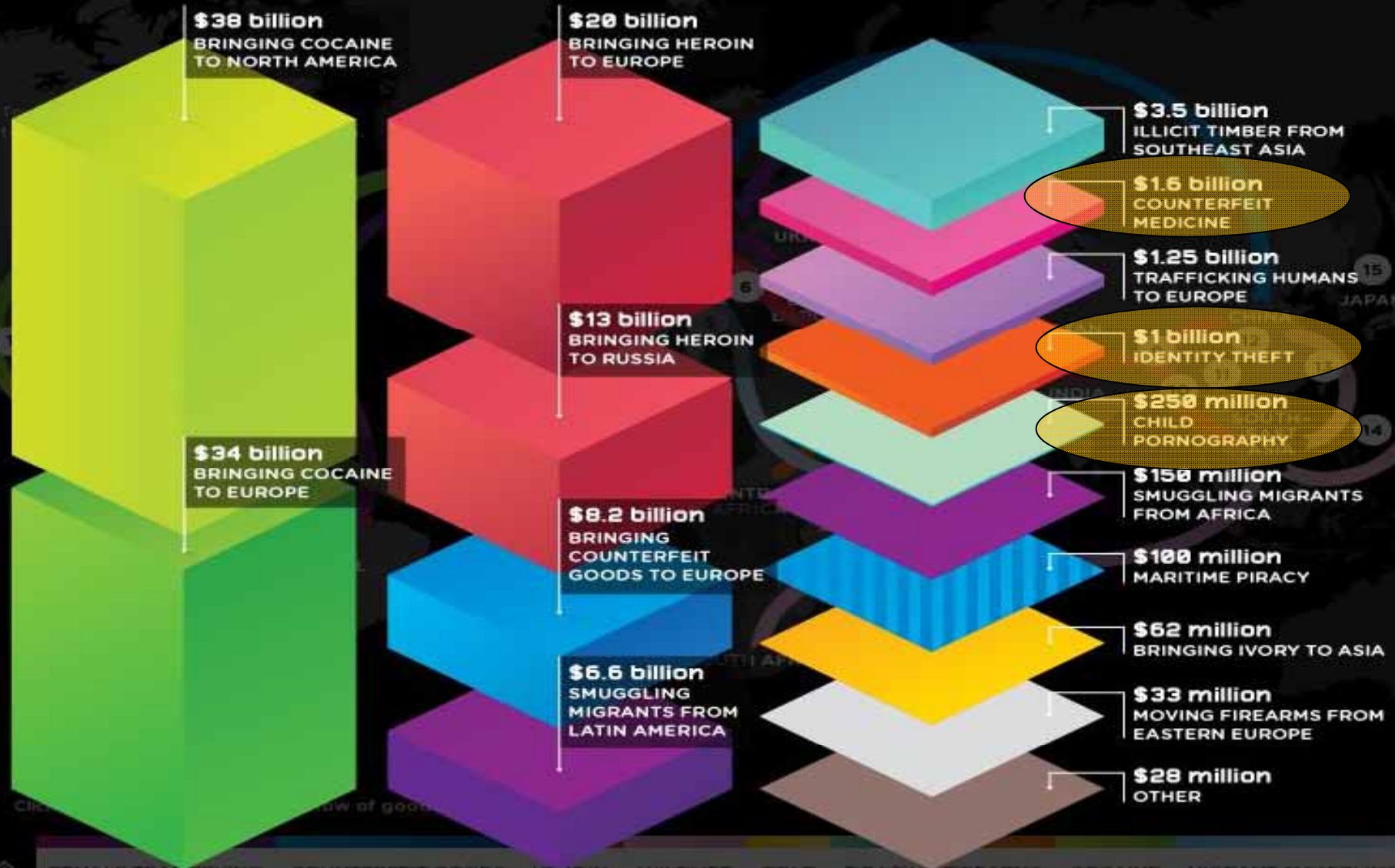




Drugs earn the most and cause the most violence.

Total estimated value of organized criminal activity.

### ESTIMATED VALUE OF CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES, BY TYPE





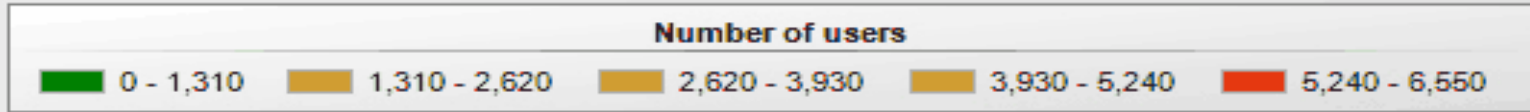
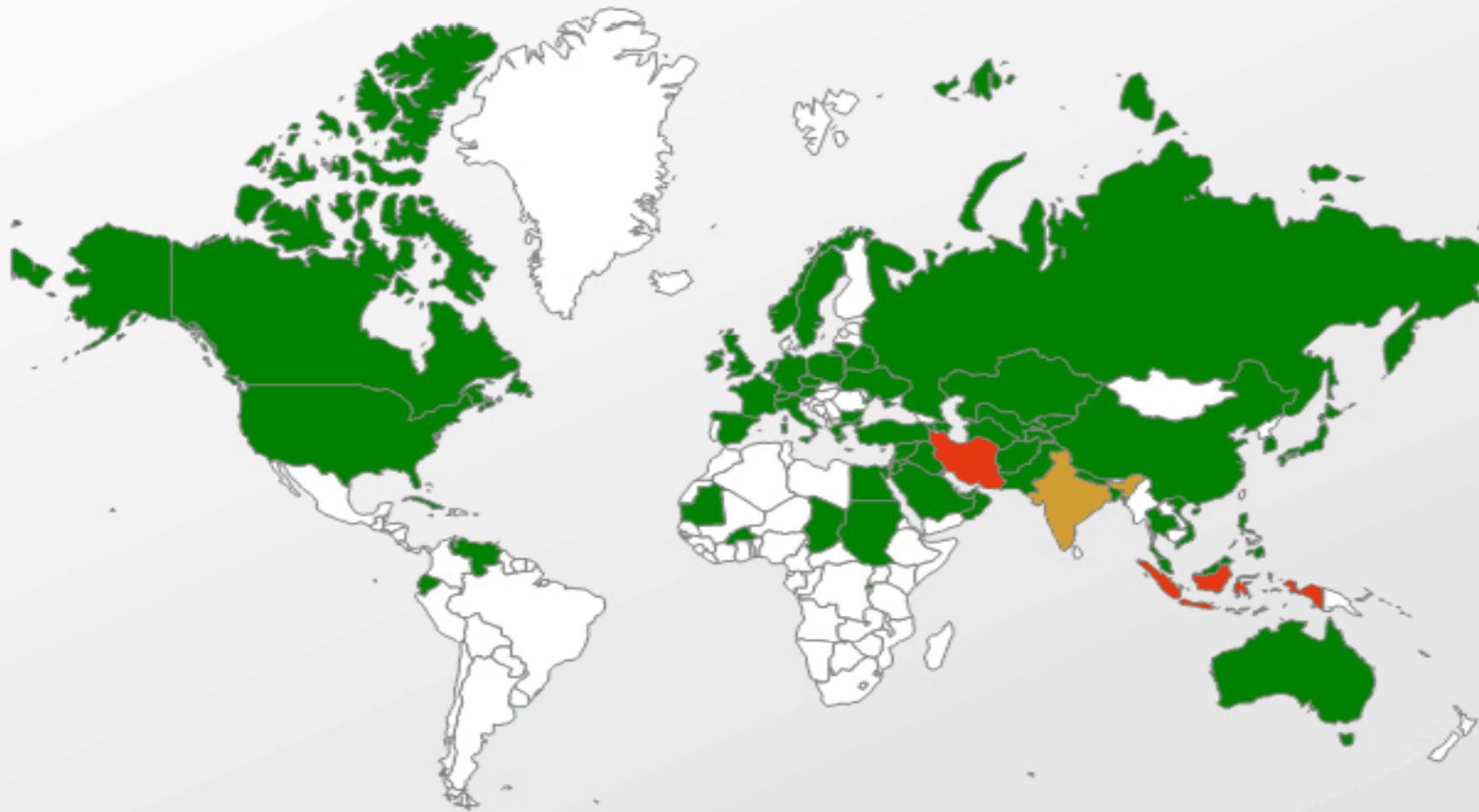
# Conficker (December 2009)





# Stuxnet (December 2010)

Rootkit.Win32.Stuxnet geography

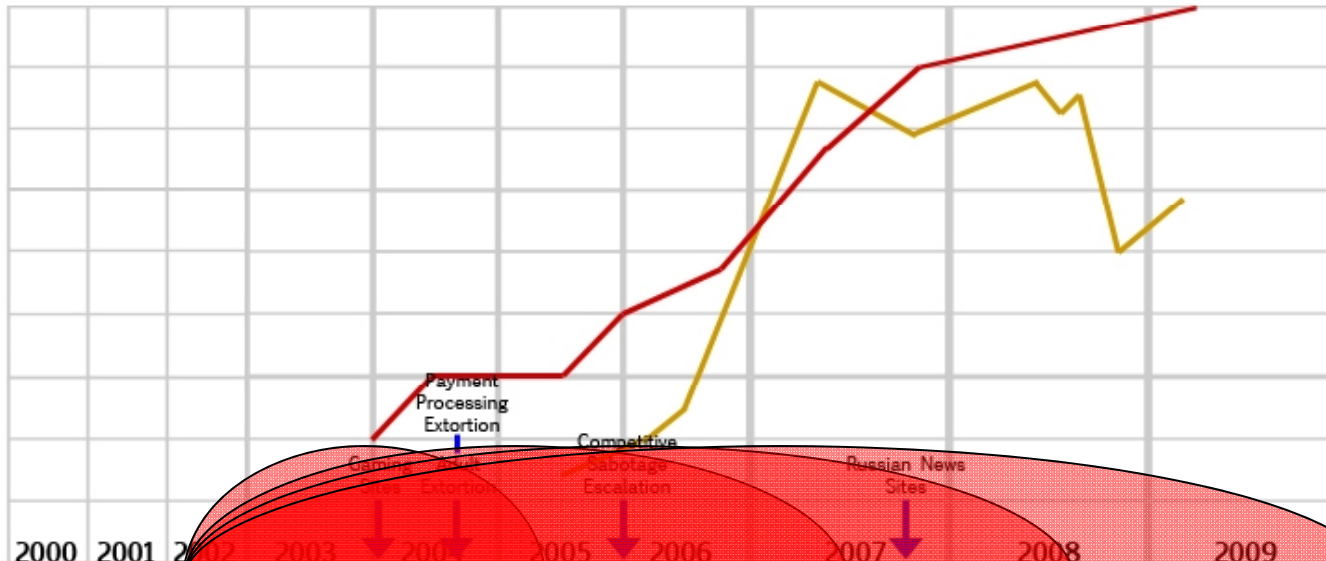




# Evolution of Cyber Attacks 2000-2009 - HostExploit.com

Attack Size (Gbps)  
Number of Attacks Per Day

17 7000  
12 6000  
10 5000  
8 4000  
6 3000  
4 2000  
2 1000  
0 0



**DDoS Arsenal**  
SYN, ICMP, GET/POST, UDP, Bad Protocols, Connection Floods, Applications Back-end, P2P, Browser Malware, DNS Spoofing.

**Motivations**  
Revenge, Extortion, Industrial/Competitive Sabotage, Political Activism, Terrorism, Theft.

**On the Horizon**  
Cloud Attacks, VOIP, IPTV, Defense Immobilization.

Era: Testing & Maverick Extortion For Hire Botnet C&C, Core Cybercrime Cyberwar

TFN Attacks (Ebay, MSFT)

DNS Backbone Attack

SQL Slammer

SCO Attacks

Authorize.net

Blue Security Closes

Rise of the China Botnet

MPack

DNS Backbone

Estonia Attack

Georgia

Anti-spam Sites

Atrivo Takedown

McColo Takedown

Security Clones

Conficker Virux

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Talk for the next year ;)



## Overview on UNICRI projects against cybercrime

Hackers Profiling Project (HPP)

SCADA & NCI's security

Digital Forensics and digital investigation techniques

Cybersecurity Trainings at the UN Campus





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## Strategic relationships and Information-sharing Networks, in order to fight cybercrime

Along the years we have been able to build a network of **special** relationships and **direct** contacts with the following **organizations**, working towards **specific areas of interest** and **shared research topics**:

*(this list is may not complete due to NDAs)*

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# Yesterday and today's Hacking





## Crime->Yesterday

**“Every new technology, opens the door to new criminal approaches”.**

- The relationship between **technologies and criminality** has always been – since the very beginning – characterized by a kind of “competition” between the good and the bad guys, just like cats and mice.
- As an example, at the beginning of 1900, when **cars** appeared, the “bad guys” started **stealing them (!)**
- ....the police, in order to contrast the phenomenon, defined the **mandatory use** of car plates...
- ....and the thieves began **stealing the car plates** from the cars (and/or falsifying them).



## Crime->Today: Cybercrime

- **Cars** have been substituted by **information**

*You got the **information**, you got the **power**..*

(at least, in **politics**, in the **business world**, in our **personal relationships**...)

- Simply put, this happens because the “*information*” can be **transformed at once** into “something else”:
  - ✓ **Competitive advantage (reputation)**
  - ✓ **Sensible/critical information (blackmailing)**
  - ✓ **Money**
- ... **that’s why** all of us we want to “*be secure*”.
- It’s not by chance that it’s named “IS”: **Information Security** 😊



# Hacking eras & Hackers' generations



# Things changed...

- ❑ **First generation (70's)** was inspired by the **need for knowledge**
- ❑ **Second generation (1980-1984)** was driven by **curiosity** plus the knowledge starving: the only way to learn OSs was to **hack them**; later (1985-1990) hacking becomes a **trend**.
- ❑ The **Third one (90's)** was simply pushed by the **anger for hacking**, meaning a mix of **addiction, curiosity, learning new stuff, hacking IT systems and networks, exchanging info** with the **underground community**. Here we saw new concepts coming, such as hacker's e-zines (Phrack, 2600 Magazine) along with BBS
- ❑ **Fourth generation (2000-today)** is driven by **angerness** and **money**: often we can see subjects with a very low know-how, thinking that it's "cool & bragging" being hackers, while they **are not interested** in hacking & phreaking history, culture and ethics. Here hacking meets with politics (**cyber-hacktivism**) or with the criminal world (**cybercrime**).





# Cybercrime: why?

- **QUESTION:**

- May we state that cybercrime – along with its many, many aspects and views – can be **ranked as #1** in **rising trend** and **global diffusion** ?

- **ANSWER(S):**

- Given that all of you are attendees and speakers here today, I would say that we **already are on the right track** in order to **analyze the problem** 😊
- Nevertheless, some **factors** exist for which the spreading of “e-crime-based” attacks **relays**.
- Let’s take a look at them.



# Reasons/1

- 1. There are **new users, more and more every day**: this means the total amount of **potential victims** and/or attack vectors is increasing. → **Thanks to broadband...**
- 2. **Making money**, “somehow and straight away”. → **WW Economical crisis...**
- 3. Technical know-how public availability & ready-to-go, even when talking about average-high skills: that’s what I name **“hacking pret-à-porter”** → **0-days, Internet distribution system / Black Markets**



# Darkness DDoS botnet

Good time of the day dear citizens of DL  
We are offering a quality DDoS Service  
We have the best combination of quality and service!  
We accept any targets regardless of their theme!  
Regular customers will get special conditions  
On average, **we charge \$50 per 24 hour period**  
All depends on the complexity of the attacked site  
We accept payments via Webmoney  
For people interested in permanent job positions  
we have a special job offer that you will not decline  
We are online 24 hours a day

## Commands:

- [+] ping commands are fine tuned to perfection
  - [+] Downloading Flood (new\*)
  - [+] POST flood (new\*)
  - [+] http attack on host
  - [+] icmp attack on host
  - [+] port attack
- our contacts

[mail]: [SMileFrince@yandex.ru](mailto:SMileFrince@yandex.ru)

[jabber]: [smile@darkdna.net](mailto:smile@darkdna.net) (new\*)

[tel]: 966-999



## Reasons/2

- 4. It's **extremely easy** to recruit “idiots” and set up **groups**, molding those adepts upon the **bad guy's needs** (think about e-mules) → **Newbies, Script Kiddies**
- 5. “They will **never bust me**” → **Psychology, Criminology**
- 6. **Lack of violent actions** → **Psychology and Sociology**





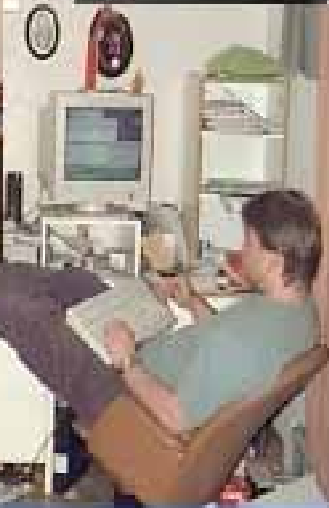
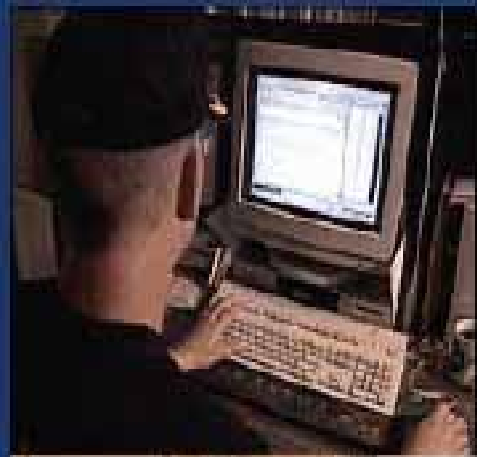
## What the heck is changed then??

- What's really changed is the **attacker's typology**
- From “bored teens”, doing it for “*hobby and curiosity*” (obviously: during night, pizza-hut's box on the floor and cans of Red Bull)....
- ...to teenagers and adults not mandatory “ICT” or “hackers”: they just **do it for the money**.
- What's changed is the **attacker's profile**, along with its **justifications, motivations and reasons**.
- **Let's have a quick test!**





# Hackers in their environment





# "Professionals"





## There's a difference: why?

- Why were the guys in the first slide **hackers**, and the others **professionals** ?
- Because of the **PCs** ?
- Because of their "**look**" ?
- Due to the **environments** surrounding them ?
- Because of the "**expression** on their faces" ?



## Surprise! Everything has changed

- Erroneous media information **pushed** **“normal people” minds** to run this approach
- Today, sometimes the **professionals** are the real **criminals**, and **hackers** **“the good guys”**... (Telecom Italia Scandal, Vodafone Greece Affair, etc...)



# Some more examples...



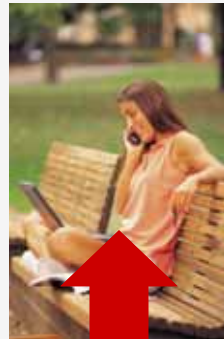
Sells pens and toner on e-bay that he steals at work.



Forwards emails from boss to her reporter friend ever since she didn't get that bonus.



Sys Admin erasing log files after downloading movies all night.



Laughing with a friend over corporate photos she found on your unprotected wi-fi network.



Changing the timestamps on tax records to prepare for an audit.



# Understanding Hackers

- It's **extremely important** that we understand the so-called “hacker’s behaviours”
  - **Don’t limit yourself** to analyse attacks and intrusion techniques: let’s analyze their **social behaviours**
- Try to identify those **not-written rules** of hacker’s subculture
- Explore hacker’s **social organization**
- Let’s zoom on those **existing links** between hacking and organized crime



Welcome to HPP

A large, stylized blue graphic element resembling a speech bubble or a stylized letter 'H' is positioned in the center of the slide, partially overlapping the text below it.

# HACKERS HPP PROFILING PROJECT





# Hackers

**The term hacker has been heavily misused since the 80's; since the 90's, the mainstream have used it to justify every kind of "IT crime", from lame attacks to massive DDoS**

**Lamers, script-kiddies, industrial spies, hobby hackers....for the mass, they are all the same**

**From a business point of view, companies don't clearly know who they should be afraid of. To them they're all just "hackers"**



### Hackers: a blurred image

**Yesterday:** hacking was an emerging phenomenon – unknown to people & ignored by researchers

**Today:** research carried out in “mono”: → one type of hacker: ugly (thin, myopic), bad (malicious, destructive, criminal purposes) and “dirty” (asocial, without ethics, anarchic)

**Tomorrow (HPP is the future):** interdisciplinary studies that merge criminology and information security → different *typologies* of hackers



## HPP purposes

Analyse the hacking phenomenon in its several aspects (technological, social, economic) through technical and criminological approaches

Understand the different motivations and identify the actors involved

Observe those *true* criminal actions “in the field”

Apply the profiling methodology to collected data (4W: who, where, when, why)

Acquire and disseminate knowledge



## Project phases – starting: September 2004

**1 – Theoretical collection:**  
Questionnaire

**2 – Observation:**  
Participation in IT underground security events

**3 - Filing:**  
Database for elaboration/classification of data (phase 1)

**4 - Live collection:**  
Highly customised, new generation Honey-net systems

**5 – Gap analysis:**  
of data from: questionnaire, honey-net, existing literature

**6 – HPP “live” assessment**  
of profiles and correlation of modus operandi through data from phase 4

**7 – Final profiling:**  
Redefinition/fine-tuning of hackers profiles used as “de-facto” standard

**8 – Diffusion of the model:**  
elaboration of results, publication of the methodology, raising awareness

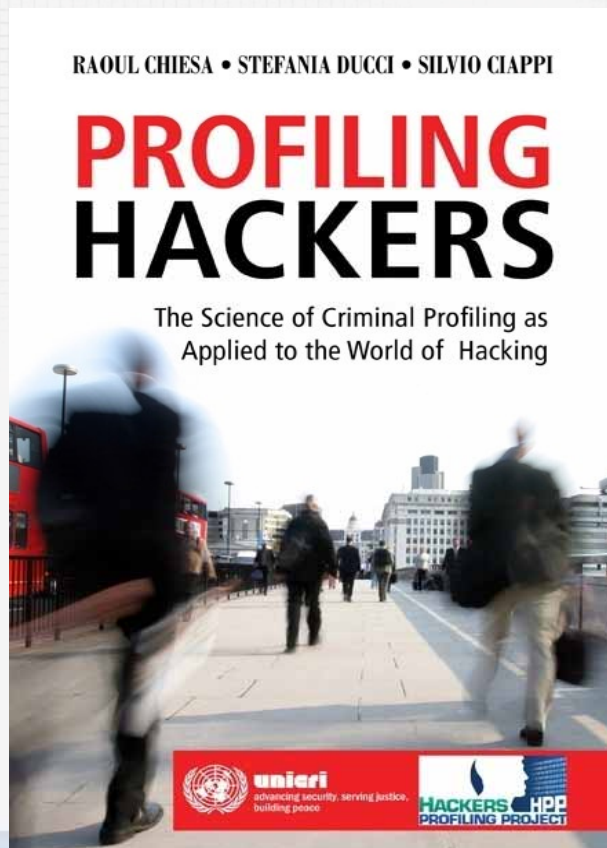


## Project phases - detail

| PHASE                          | CARRIED OUT     |          | DURATION   | NOTES                           |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|----------|------------|---------------------------------|
| 1 – Theoretical collection     | YES             | ON-GOING | 16 months  | Distribution on more levels     |
| 2 – Observation                | YES             | ON-GOING | 24 months  | From different points of view   |
| 3 – Filing                     | ON-GOING        |          | 21 months  | The hardest phase               |
| 4 – “Live” collection          | TO BE COMMENCED |          | 21 months  | The funniest phase 😊            |
| 5 – Gap & Correlation Analysis | YET TO COME     |          | 18 months  | The Next Thing                  |
| 6 – “Live” Assessment          | PENDING         |          | 16 months  | The biggest part of the Project |
| 7 – Final Profiling            | PENDING         |          | 12 months  | “Satisfaction”                  |
| 8 – Diffusion of the model     | PENDING         |          | GNU/FDL ;) | Methodology’s public release    |
|                                |                 |          |            |                                 |



## Profiling Hackers – the book



### Content

- Introduction to criminal profiling and cyber-crime
- To be, to think and to live like a hacker
- The Hacker's Profiling Project (HPP)
- Who are hackers? (Part I-II)

### Who is it for?

Professionals involved in the networking activity, police detectives, university professors and students of law interested in criminal psychology as well as primary school and high school teachers dealing with potential hacker students. More in general, this book is designed for anyone interested in understanding the mechanisms behind cyber crimes and criminal psychology.



## Evaluation and correlation standards

**Modus Operandi (MO)**

**Lone hacker or as a member of a group**

**Motivations**

**Selected targets**

**Relationship between motivations and targets**

**Hacking career**

**Principles of the hacker's ethics**

**Crashed or damaged systems**

**Perception of the illegality of their own activity**

**Effect of laws, convictions and technical difficulties as a deterrent**



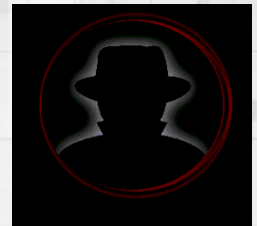
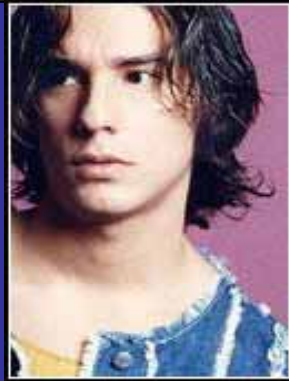
## Detailed analysis and correlation of profiles – table #1

| PROFILE                        | RANK         | IMPACT LEVEL |            | TARGET                    |                         |
|--------------------------------|--------------|--------------|------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| Wanna Be Lamer                 | Amateur      | NULL         |            | End-User                  |                         |
| Script Kiddie                  |              | LOW          |            | SME                       | Specific security flaws |
| Cracker                        | Hobbyist     | MEDIUM       | HIGH       | Business company          |                         |
| Ethical Hacker                 |              | MEDIUM       |            | Vendor                    | Technology              |
| Quiet, Paranoid Skilled Hacker |              | MEDIUM       | HIGH       | On necessity              |                         |
| Cyber-Warrior                  | Professional | HIGH         |            | “Symbol” business company | End-User                |
| Industrial Spy                 |              | HIGH         |            | Business company          | Corporation             |
| Government agent               |              | HIGH         |            | Government                | Suspected Terrorist     |
|                                |              | HIGH         |            | Strategic Company         | Individual              |
| Military Hacker                | HIGH         |              | Government | Strategic Company         |                         |





# The Hackers Profiling Project (HPP)





# The Hackers Profiling Project (HPP)



## Detailed analysis and correlation of profiles – table #2

|                                 | OFFENDER ID   | LONE / GROUP HACKER         | TARGET  | MOTIVATIONS / PURPOSES   |
|---------------------------------|---|-----------------------------|---|--|
| Wanna Be Lamer                  | 9-16 years<br>"I would like to be a hacker, but I can't"  | GROUP                       | End-User  | For fashion, It's "cool" => to boast and brag                                |
| Script Kiddie                   | 10-18 years<br>The script boy                             | GROUP: but they act alone   | SME / Specific security flaws   | To give vent of their anger, attract mass-media attention                    |
| Cracker                         | 17-30 years<br>The destructor, burned ground              | LONE                        | Business company  | To demonstrate their power / attract mass-media attention                    |
| Ethical Hacker                  | 15-50 years<br>The "ethical" hacker's world               | LONE / GROUP (only for fun) | Vendor / Technology   | For curiosity (to learn) and altruistic purposes                             |
| Quiet, Paranoid, Skilled Hacker | 16-40 years<br>The very specialized and paranoid attacker | LONE                        | On necessity  | For curiosity (to learn) => egoistic purposes                                |
| Cyber-Warrior                   | 18-50 years<br>The soldier, hacking for money             | LONE                        | "Symbol" business company / End-User                                  | For profit   |
| Industrial Spy                  | 22-45 years<br>Industrial espionage                       | LONE                        | Business company / Corporation  | For profit   |
| Government Agent                | 25-45 years<br>CIA, Mossad, FBI, etc.                     | LONE / GROUP                | Government / Suspected Terrorist/<br>Strategic company/<br>Individual | Espionage/<br>Counter-espionage<br>Vulnerability test<br>Activity-monitoring |
| Military Hacker                 | 25-45 years   | LONE / GROUP                | Government / Strategic company  | Monitoring / controlling / crashing systems                                  |



**Ok Raoul...  
so what ?!?**



# Hacking, today

## Numbers

- **285 million records** compromised in 2008 (source: Verizon 2009 Data Breach Investigations Report)
- **2 Billion of US dollars:** that's **RBN's** 2008 turnover
- **+80 MLN of US\$:** IMU's 2010 Turn Over
- **3 Billion of Euros:** worldwide Cybercrime turnover in 2010 (?)
- **+148% increasing in ATM frauds:** more than **500.000.000 €** business each year, just in Europe (source: ENISA "ATM Crime Report 2009")
- .....bla bla bla
- Uh !?!? **RBN ?** WTH??



# RBN

- **Russian Business Network**
- It's **not that easy** to explain what it is...
- First of all, cybercrime **IRL means**:
  - ✓ **Phishing & co**
  - ✓ **Malware (rogue AVs, driven-by attacks, fake mobile games, + standard stuff)**
  - ✓ **Frauds & Scams**
  - ✓ **DDoS Attacks**
  - ✓ **Digital Paedophilia (minors rather than <10 children pornography )**
  - ✓ **Generic Porn (who would bother for 10 bucks lost??)**
  - ✓ **On-line games (those fake web sites)**



# RBN & phishing

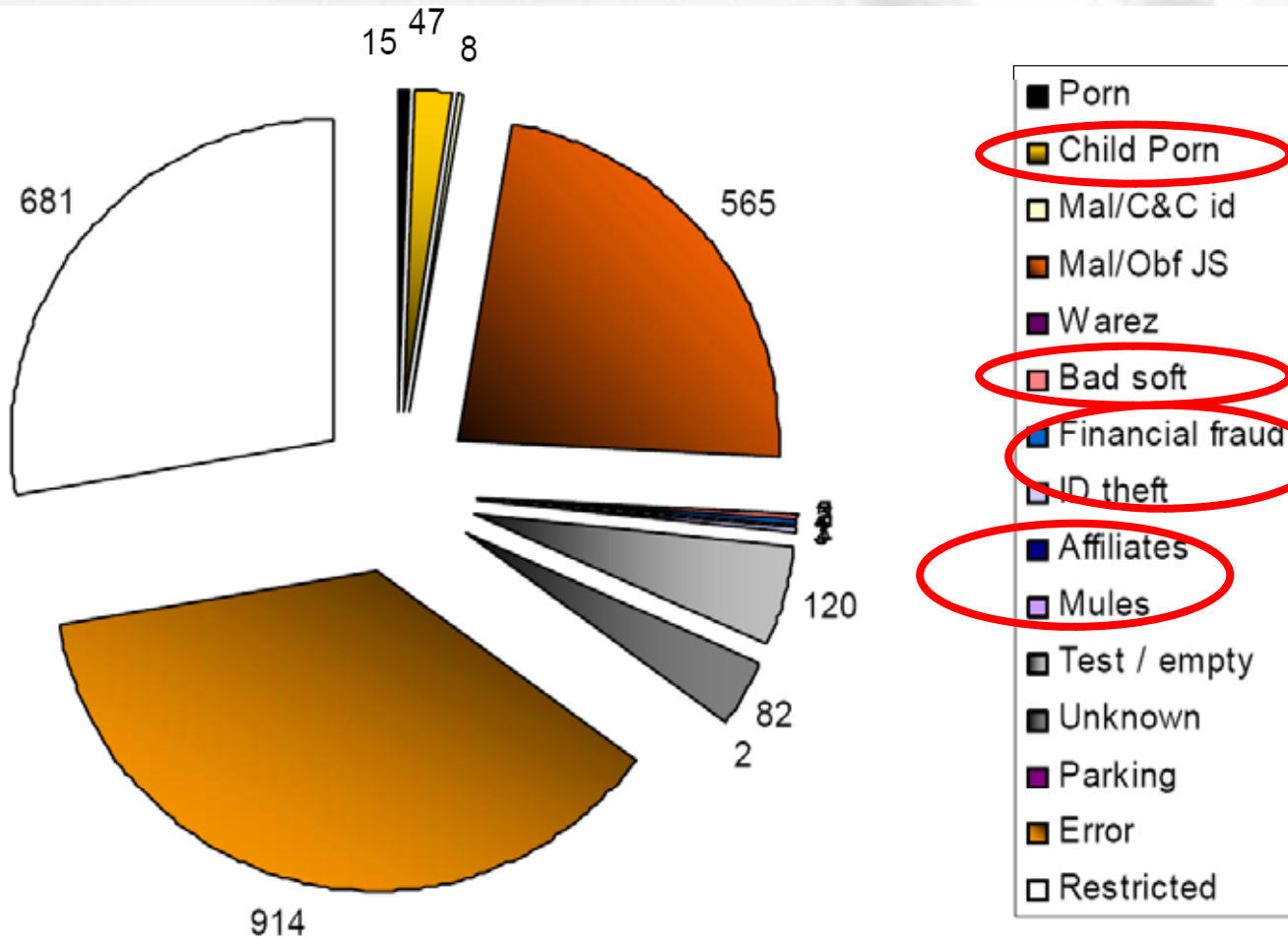
- David Bizeul (Head of CERT at Societe Generale, France) wrote an excellent study on RBN. One page was so interesting:

## **http://194.146.207.18/config**

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storage_send_interval="600" config_file = "$_2341234.TMP" storage_file = "$_2341233.TMP" www_domains_list =
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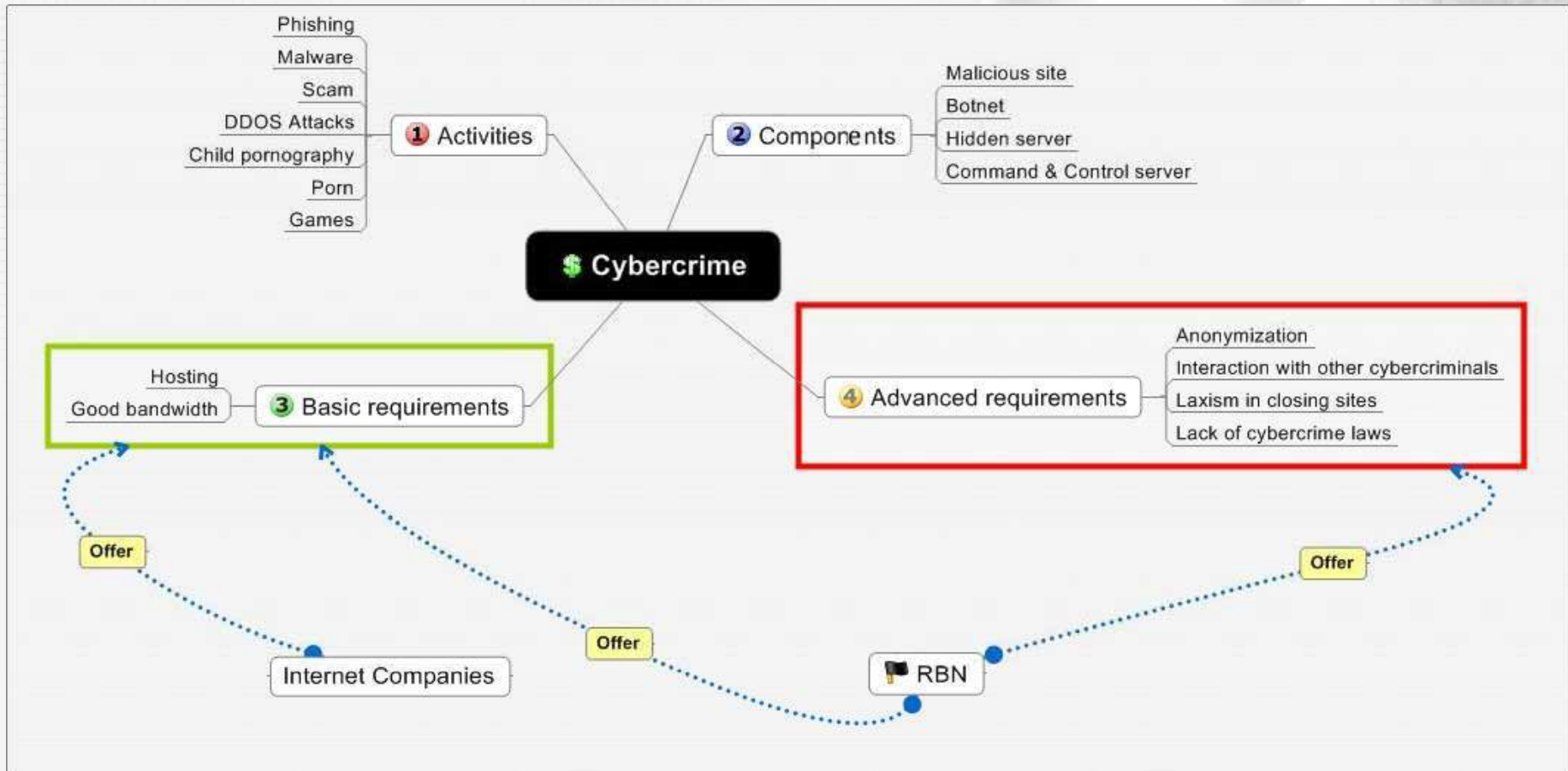


# What about the other IP addresses?





# RBN's model



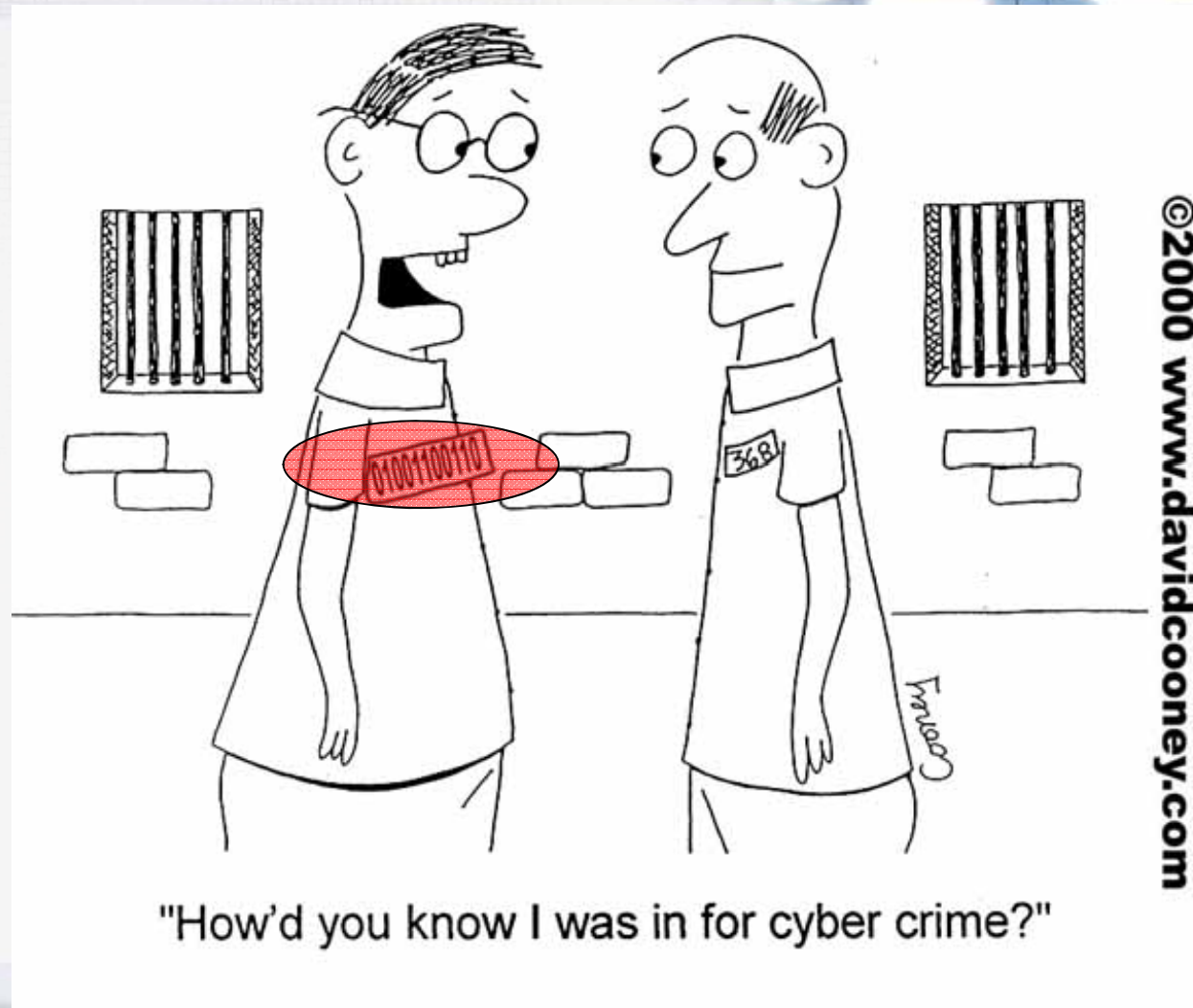




# Underground Economy



# "Cybercriminals"





# UE

- Underground Economy is the concept thanks to which we will not experience anymore – in the **next future** – “bank robbings”
- Nowadays the ways in order **to fraud and steal money** are SO MANY. And, the world is just full of **unexperienced, not-educated users**.
- What is needed is to “clean” the money: money laundering. They need the **mules**.

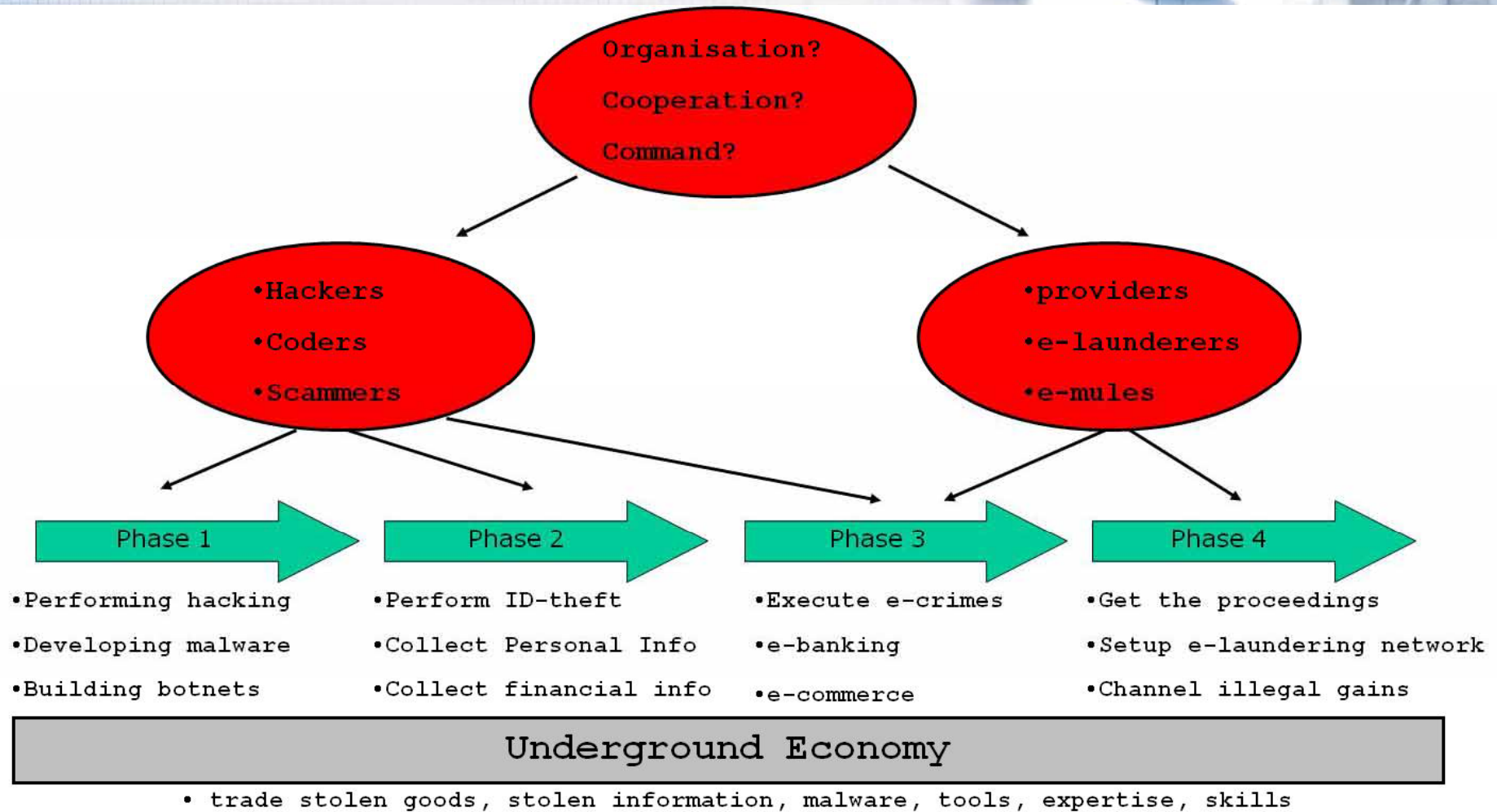


# UE: the approach

- 1. Basics: Malware and Botnets**  
Create the malware, build the botnet
- 2. Identity theft**  
Stealing personal and financial credentials (e-banking)
- 3. Running the e-crime**  
i.e.: e-Banking attacks and e-commerce frauds (Ebay docet)
- 4. Money laundering**  
Setup money laundering's networks

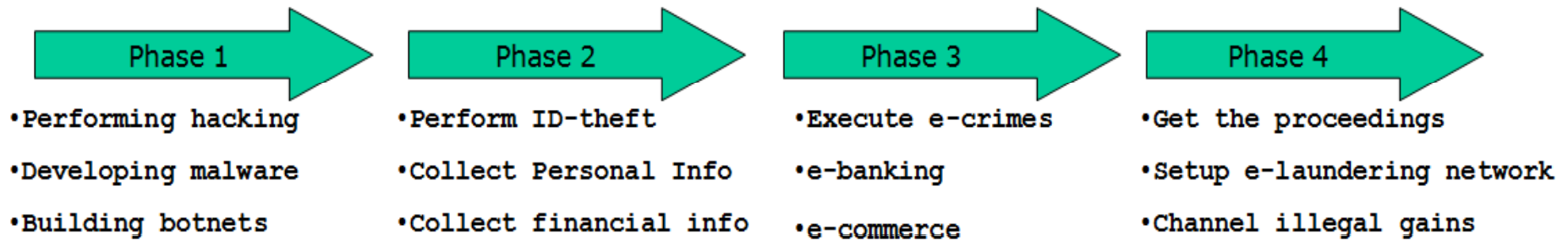
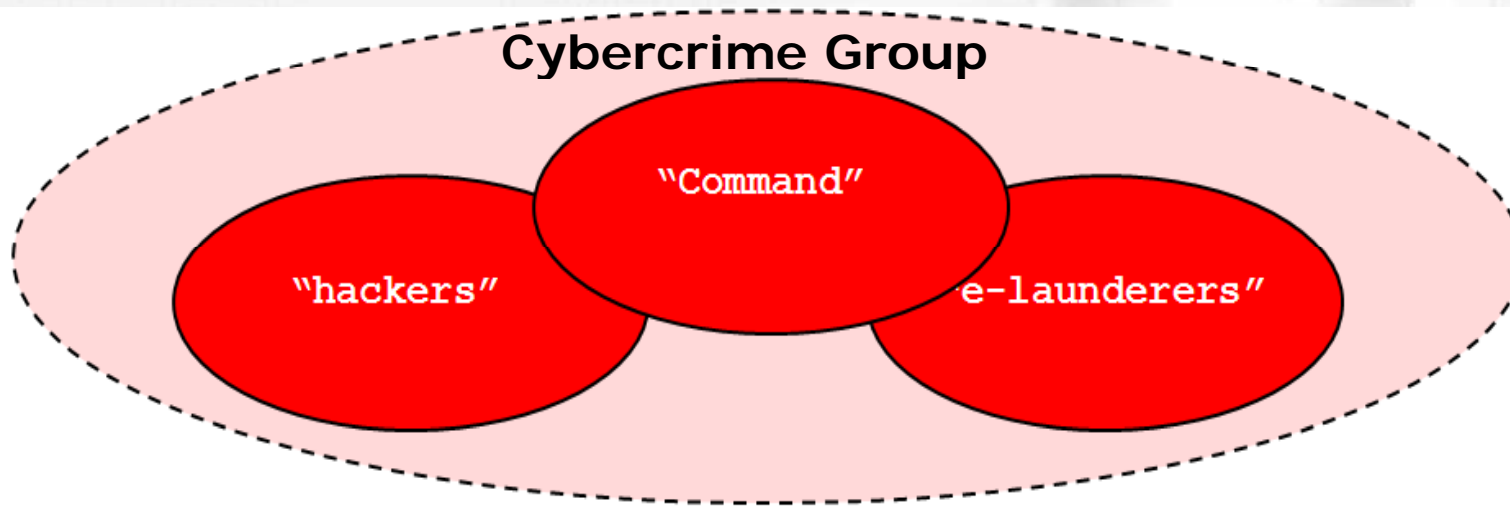


# UE Business Model





# UE Cooperation Model



## Underground Economy

- trade stolen goods, stolen information, malware, tools, expertise, skills

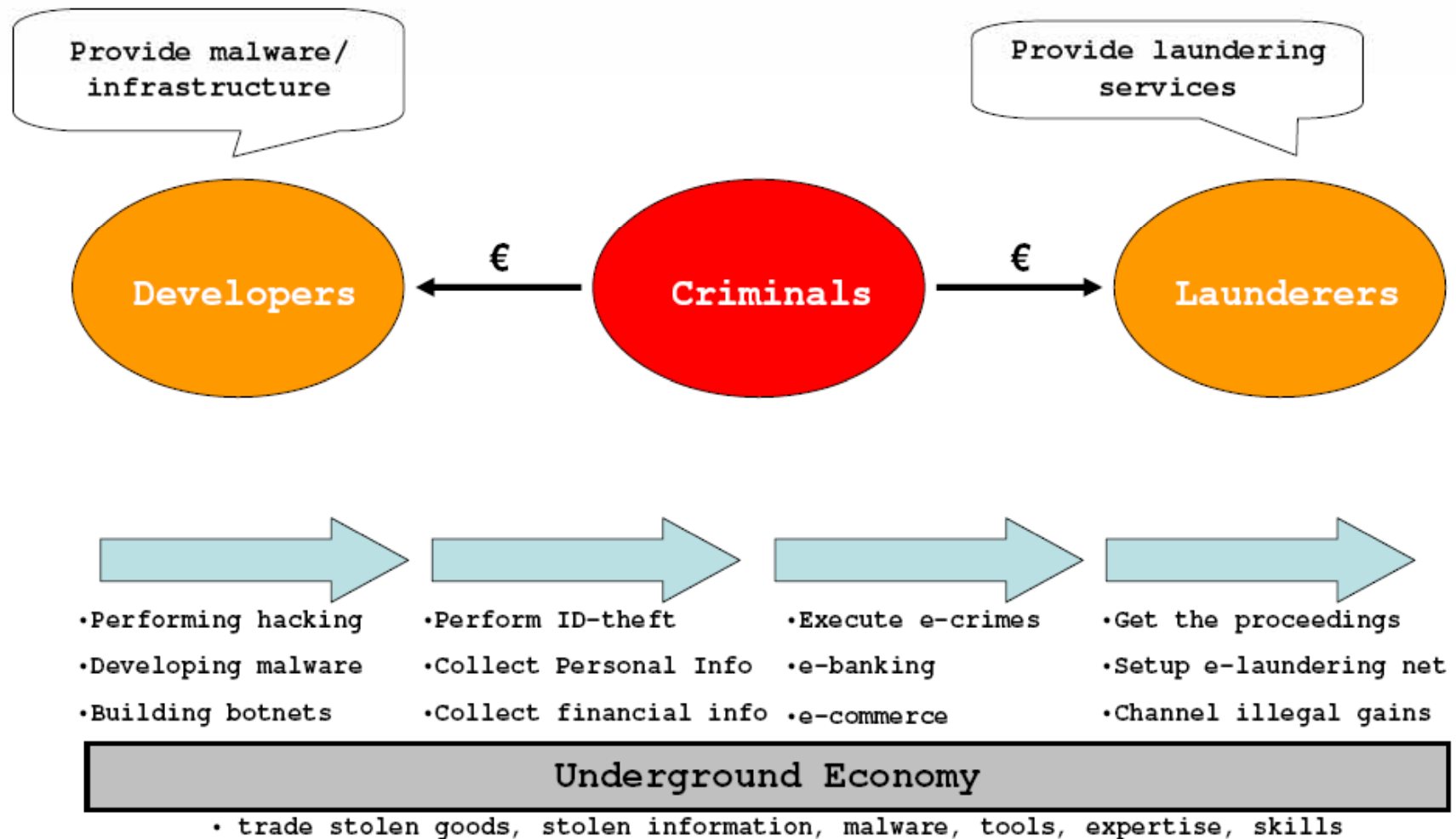


# Surprise.... ☹️

- This was happening last time **one year ago**.
- Now there's **IMU** (Innovative Marketing Ukraine) and other “**spare**” **organized crime gangs**.
- So, they've **changed their business model (!)**



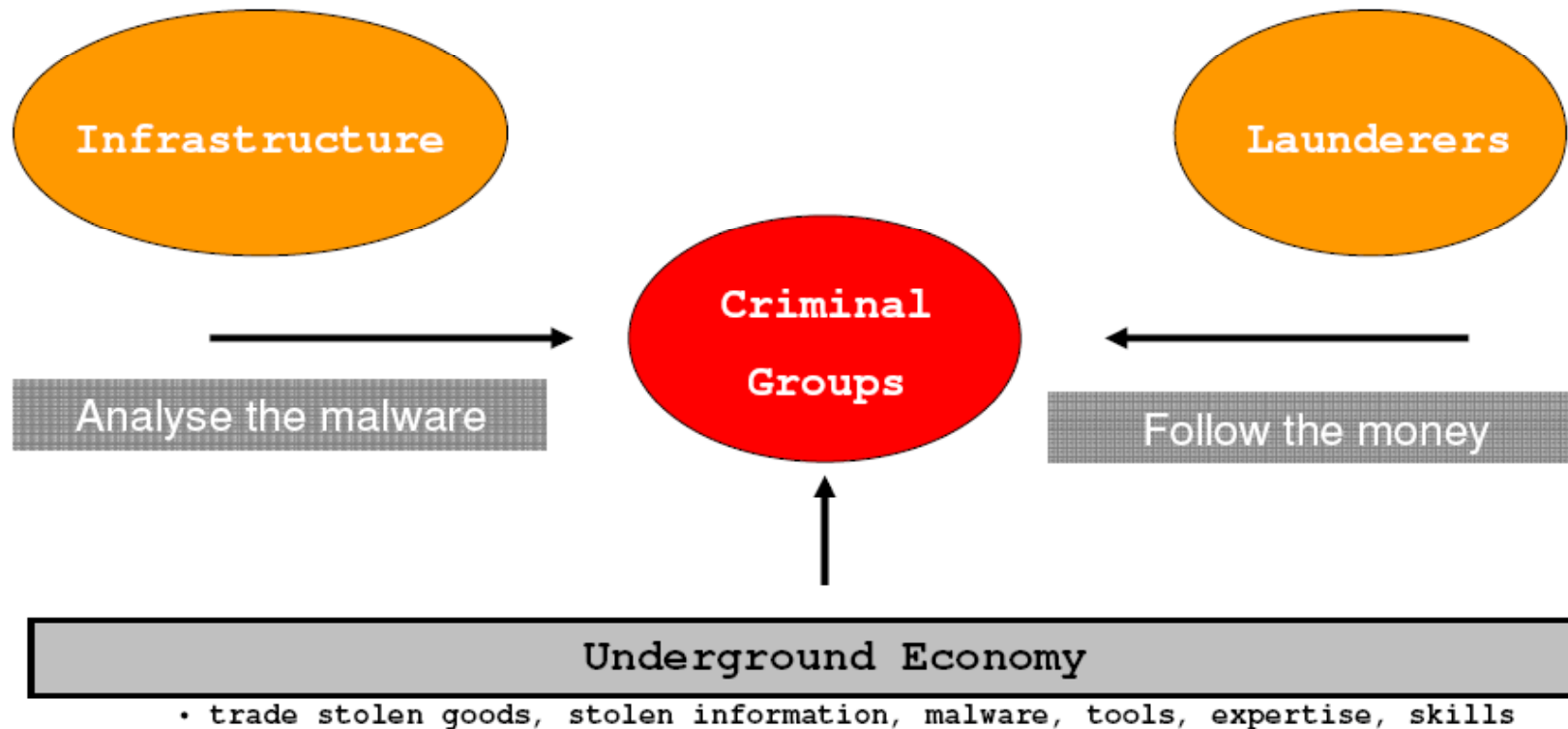
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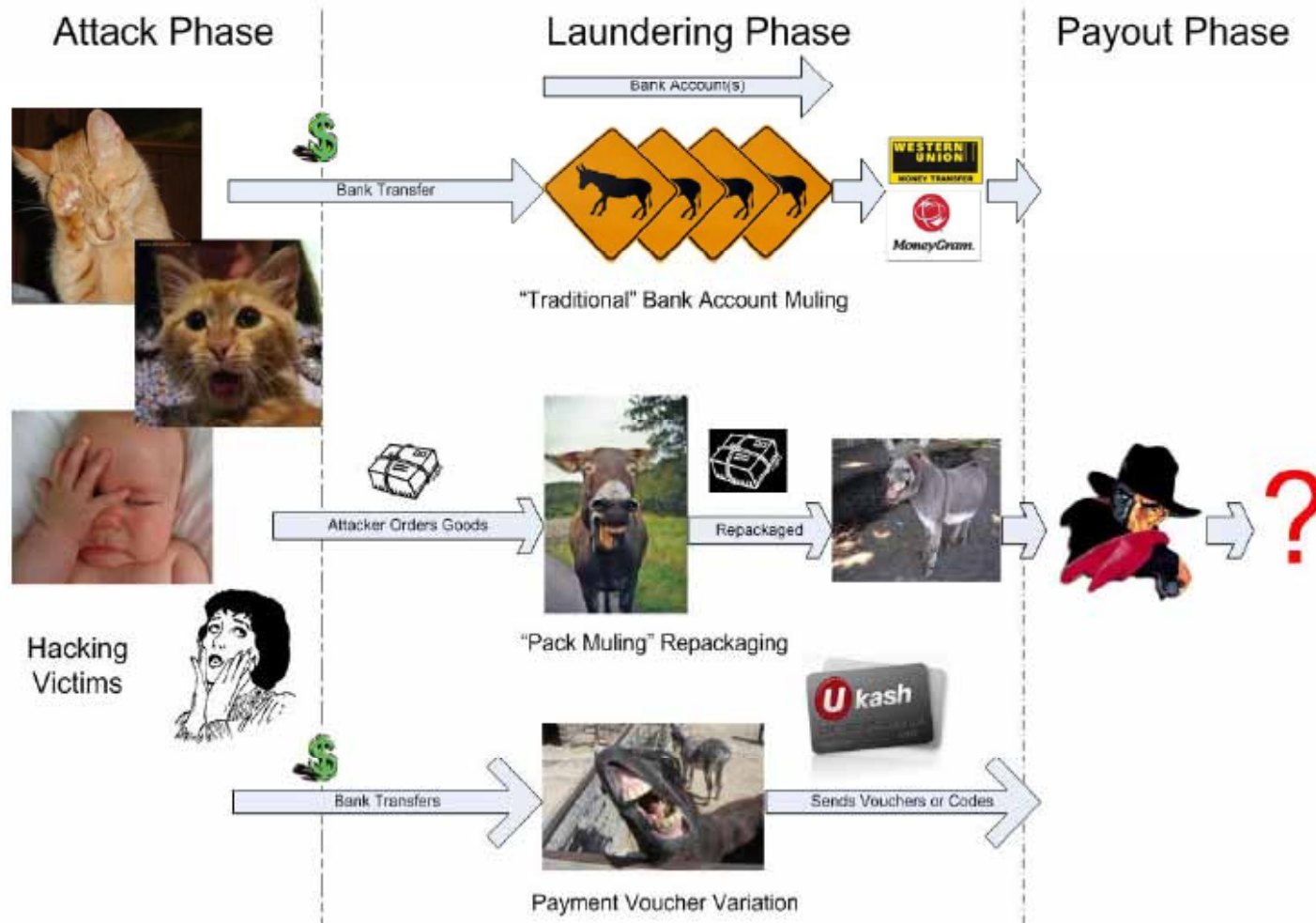


# Investigative Opportunities





# Follow the money!





## Who's beyond ?

- Next slides will contain images from real Law Enforcement operations, as well as undercover operations.
- Please, stop video recording, no pictures and....DO NOT DO THIS AT HOME ! ;)
- Thanks.



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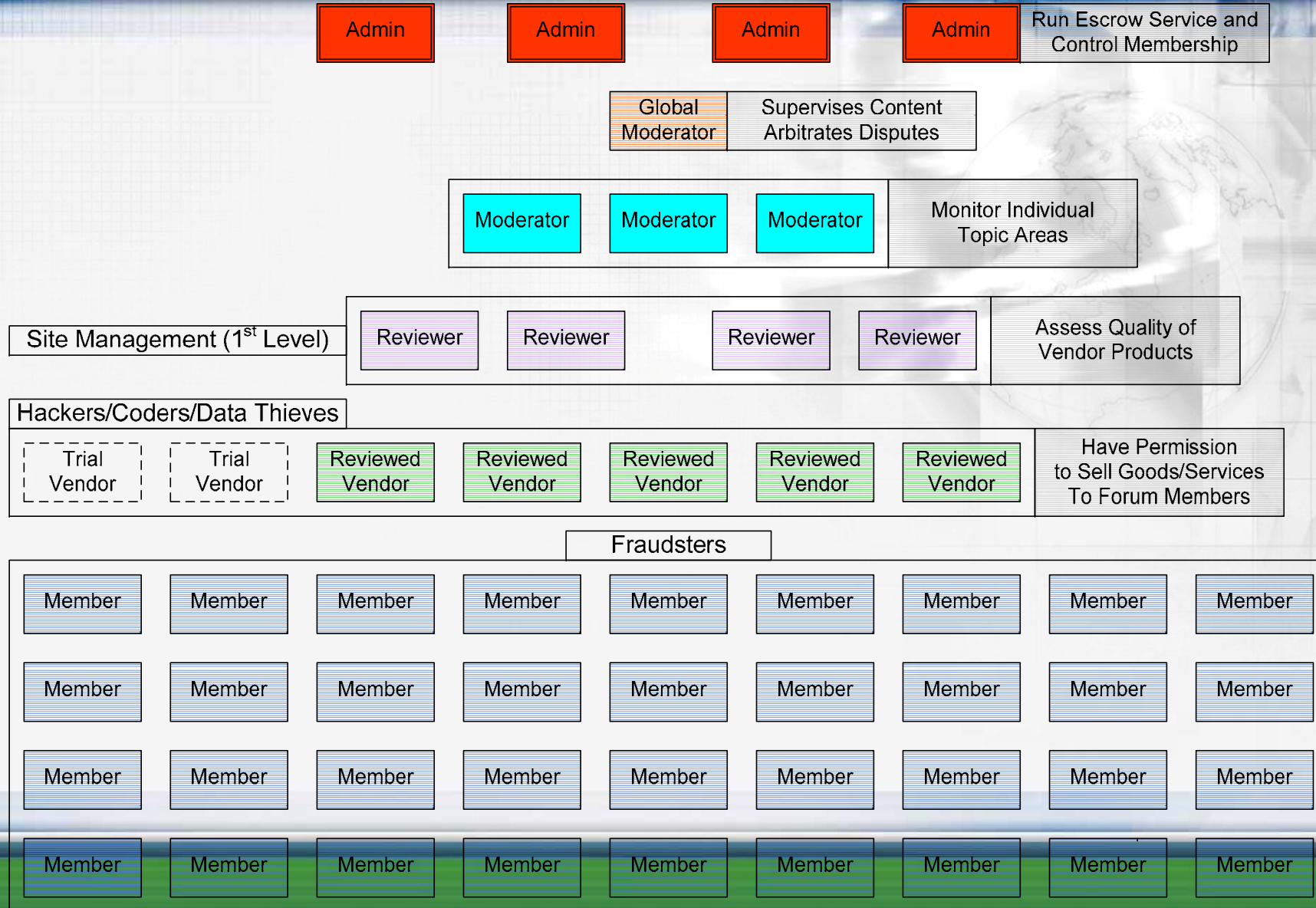
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# The organizational model





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**Markus Kellerer aka  
Matrix001  
& Five Others, May 2007-Oct.  
2007  
Germany  
Co-Founder**

## **Early Arrests**



**Renu Subramaniam aka  
JiLsi  
July 2007  
United Kingdom  
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Santa Clara County Sheriff

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## 'Iceman' Hacker Charged in Credit Card Theft

**A former security researcher who served time for hacking has been charged with new cybercrimes.**

**Gregg Keizer, Computerworld**

Wednesday, September 12, 2007 9:00 AM PDT

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A [California](#) man who served jail time for hacking hundreds of military and government computers nine years ago was charged Tuesday with new computer crimes: stealing tens of thousands of credit card accounts by breaking into bank and card processing networks.

Max Ray Butler, 35 of [San Francisco](#), a.k.a Max Vision, and also known by his online nicknames of Iceman, Digits and Aphex, was indicted Tuesday by a federal grand jury in [Pittsburgh](#) on three counts of wire fraud and two counts of transferring stolen identity information. Arrested last week in California where he remains Butler could face up to 40 years

## Hacker Reportedly Kidnaps and Tortures Informant, Posts Picture as a Warning to Others

By Kevin Poulsen [✉](#) August 15, 2008 | 3:15:00 PM Categories: Crime

A Turkish computer hacker who was helping that country's media and national police investigate computer crimes was kidnapped and tortured by a notorious ATM hacker, according to a report from the Turkish press.

The victim, known online as "Kier," had been leaking information to Turkish reporters about an underground figure called Chao, when he briefly disappeared. He resurfaced in May, and described being abducted and beaten by Chao and his henchmen.


A photo of Kier stripped down to his underwear and seated in a chair surfaced on the online crime forum DarkMarket, according to a source there, who provided a copy of the photo. Kier is seen holding a sign that reads in part: "I am rat. I am pig. I am reporter. I am fucked by Chao."

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## Turkish Police Arrest Alleged ATM Hacker-Kidnapper

By Ryan Singel  September 12, 2008 | 7:46:53 PM Categories: [Hacks And Cracks](#)

A notorious Turkish ATM hacker Chao, who has been accused of torturing a police informant, was arrested Friday by Turkish officials -- despite the hacker's claim that not even the FBI could catch him, Turkey's *Haber 7* reports.

In August, a fellow hacker-turned-informant who used the online nickname Kier accused Chao and his associates of abducting and beating him earlier in the year. Chao sent a photo of Kier -- pictured in only his underwear and holding a sign saying, "I'm a rat. ... I am fucked by Chao" -- to *Haber 7*.

Kier disappeared a second time after telling reporters via an e-mail that Chao was protected by Turkish officials. Chao denied any role in the second disappearance.

"I always had a question mark on my mind on where Chao's men got the resources," Kier wrote the reporters in Turkish. "I found out firsthand when I had a weapon pointed at my head."

Chao's real name is Cagatay Evyapan, according to the report, and the outlet says it will publish a secret interview with the hacker on Monday.





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# Who's beyond?





## Le feste per "i dealer"

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## **Videoclip Romania (2010)**

**Hi-Tech Crime Police Unit enters  
in ATM Skimmer factory**



# **Some more bad guys...**

**(thanks to Jon Orbeton, PayPal US,  
Hi-Tech Fraud Department)**

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## Global Trail of an Online Crime Ring

### The New York Times

**“Agents connected the *ICQ user name* to an *e-mail address* at a Russian-based Internet provider...”**



**“Open sources can provide up to 90% of the information needed to meet most U.S. intelligence needs”** -- Deputy Director of National Intelligence, Thomas Fingar

Image: NY Times



# Cybercriminals

We must investigate the *Disease*, not just the *Symptoms*

**Malware is extensively reverse engineered --**

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**Yet the organizations that release it are often ignored...**



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# Online to Real-Life

## Money Mules

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# Rogue AV: Bakasoftware **Kingpin**

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# This is the end, my friends



## Final thoughts

- The hacking world has **not always been linked** to those true criminal actions.
- Those **researches carried out until now**, have **not properly snapshot** the hacking world and its “tunings”.
- At the same time, nowadays’ **hacking is moving** (transforming?) towards crime. **And, different elements began working together** (see next slides).
- Cybercrime and Underground Economy problem **is not** “a tech-people issue”: rather, it is an issue for **ALL of us**, representing an impact on the countries’ ecosystem that could reveal itself as **devastating**.
- Also, **forget** fighting cybercrime on **your own: you just can’t**.
- That’s why my last slides are on **cybercrime’s answers** and **VTFs** (Virtual Task Forces).



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# What's next? The Dark Links





# Human Organs trafficking

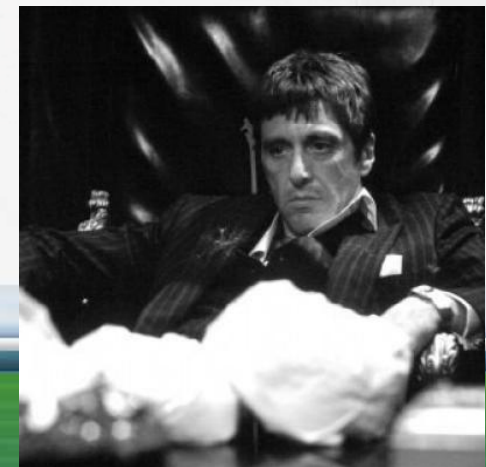
- **September 2010**, Asti (North-West of Italy)
- Police was eavesdropping on phone calls from and to the “Capo dei Capi” of a **Nigerian gang**, specialized in **cloned credit cards** and **elite cars theft**.
- In one of this calls, a guy said to the Boss: “the Kidneys are ready”.
- So, what we have here? Organized Crime “buying” Human Organs from Nigeria – using the money gathered from cybercrime – then selling into EU (!).





# Coke for cards?

- **March/May 2010**, Turin (North-West of Italy)
- Turin has got the **biggest Romania's community** of Italy.
- We also have a **very big Nigeria's community**.
  
- Historically, **Romenian gangs drive the business of ATM skimmers...**
- **...and Nigerian the Cocaine business.**
  
- After a joined FBI/US Secret Service/Interpol/Italian Postal Police operation, the Romanians decided to **"sell" the business** to Nigerians.
- **Cloned cards were paid with Cocaine.**
  
- This happens because the Romenians also **run the prostitutes business...**
- **...and, prostitute's customers want coke as well.**
  
- Compared to these guys, **Scarface was nearly a kid** ☹







# Cybercrime: the answers

- Cybercrime is typically a **transnational** crime, borderless, that includes so **many actors** and **different roles**.
- That's why you just can't think about a **single answer**.
- Instead, it is **necessary** to **think** and **act** in a **distributed approach**, creating **Virtual Task Forces (VTFs)**.
- It is **essential** the **collaboration among** Law Enforcement, Internet community, Finance sector, ISPs and carriers (voice & data), vertical groups, in order to identify a specific group, malware or facilitator.
- From the **investigative point of view**, challenges are the following:
  - ✓ Analyze the malware
  - ✓ Map the infrastructure
  - ✓ Eavesdrop/Intercept/Sniff the communication and/or the links
  - ✓ Explore the executed attacks
  - ✓ Identify the developers and its crime-rings.



# Vertical Groups & VTFs



- That's why, along these years, Vertical Groups have been raised, among which we can list the following:

- ✓ Team Cymru
- ✓ APWG –Anti Phishing Working Group
- ✓ IEEE-SA
- ✓ Shadow Server Foundation
- ✓ UNICRI – Emerging Crimes Unit
- ✓ Host Exploit
- ✓ Cyberdefcon
- ✓ .....



- ...working along with :

- ✓ INTERPOL
- ✓ EUROPOL
- ✓ “Hi-Tech Crimes” groups into each National LEAs





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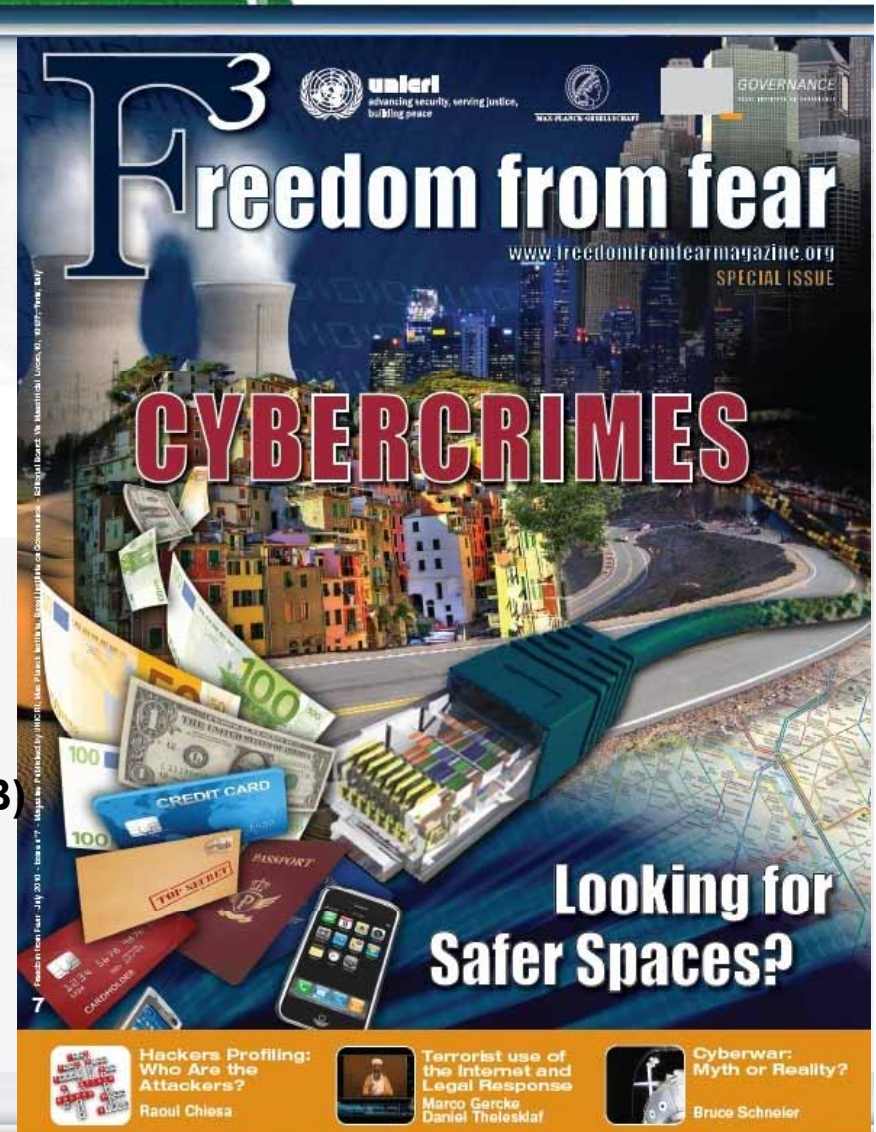
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