# Evil on the Internet

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## Outline

NB: these slides were prepared in case the live demonstrations of the wicked websites were unavailable on the day. People are trying to get them removed!

- Phishing websites
- Mule recruitment
- Fake escrow websites
- Fake pharmacy websites
- Fake shopping
- Fake banks
- Post-modern ponzi schemes

# The criminal ecosystem

- Botnets key part of criminal infrastructure
  - send email spam, host fast-flux website, used for DDoS attacks
- Botnets are believed to be mainly built by "drive-by" malware
  - eg: email drives traffic to sites where "new" flash player needed
  - also by "worms", email attachments etc
- "Underground economy" handles sales of goods
  - runs open-outcry on easy-to-find network of IRC servers
  - allows criminals to specialise (cf Adam Smith's pin factory)
  - trust built by consistent use of "handle" ("rippers" not tolerated)
  - samples available for first time purchasers (a big PR issue)
  - cyberspace means that traditional police techniques limited
- Phishing kits deskill deployment of phishing websites
  - "free" kits have complex backdoors to leak stolen data to builder

# What is phishing?

- Capture of user credentials through impersonation
  - in 1996 this was pretending to be an AOL sysop
  - since 2003 has been the creation of fake bank websites
- "Bank" is merely generic attackers impersonate auction sites, payment processors, online games, Habbo, IRS etc, etc
  - common theme is that credentials are worth money
- Losses often quoted as over \$2 billion/year
  - loss figures are scaled up from phone interviews
  - Gartner figures included lottery fraud scams
  - UK banks lost £53million in 2008 (£20m-30m in previous years)
- Phishing rare in Germany attacks are mainly keyloggers
- Some markets use 2-factor (TANs, CAP, SecureID etc)
  - just means that attacks must be done in real-time

# Types of phishing website (Jan 2008)

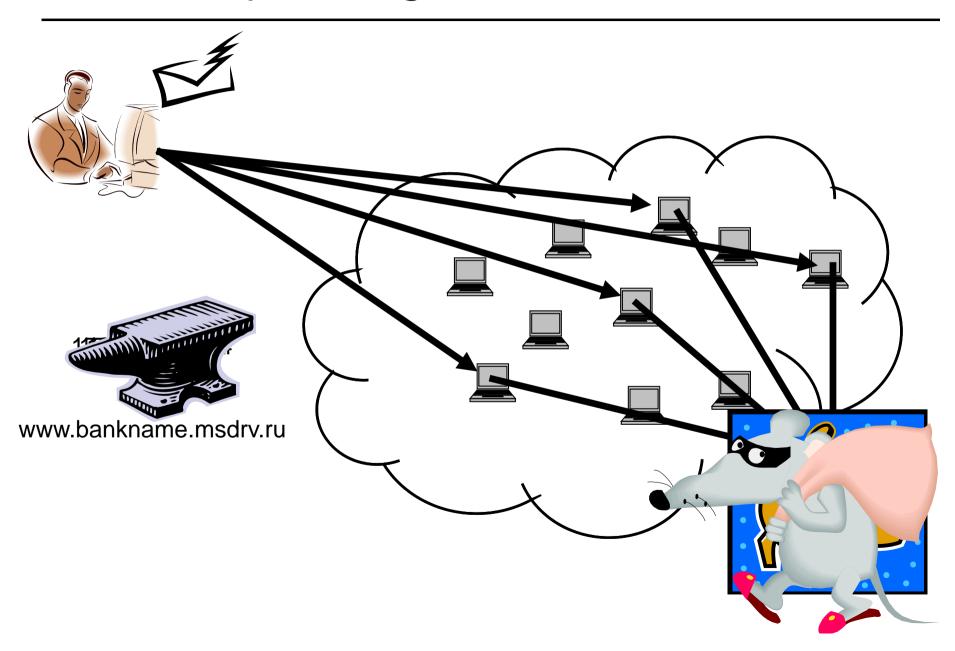
Misleading domain name (unusual at present)
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 http://www.example.com/bankname/login/

 Free web hosting (17% of sites)
 http://www.bank.com.freespacesitename.com/

- Specialist attackers
  - distinctive patterns, often rely on wildcard DNS
  - figures only meaningful after canonicalisation
  - rock-phish 4%, fast-flux 1.4%, "ark" 1.4%

# Fast-flux phishing sites

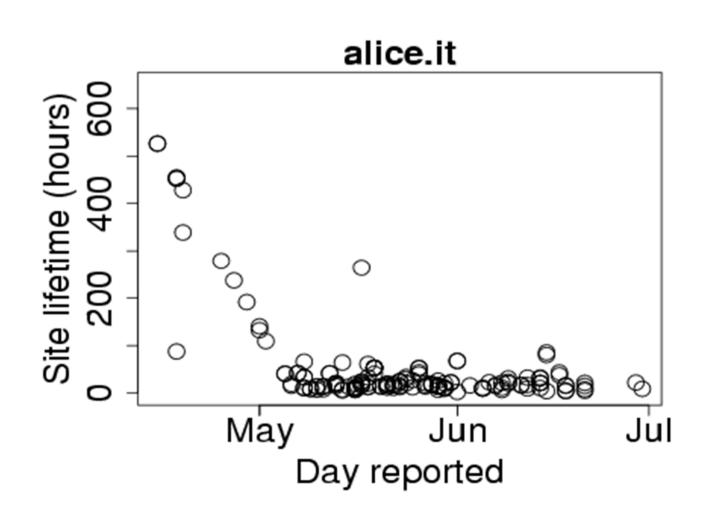


# Take-down time measurements (Jan 2008)

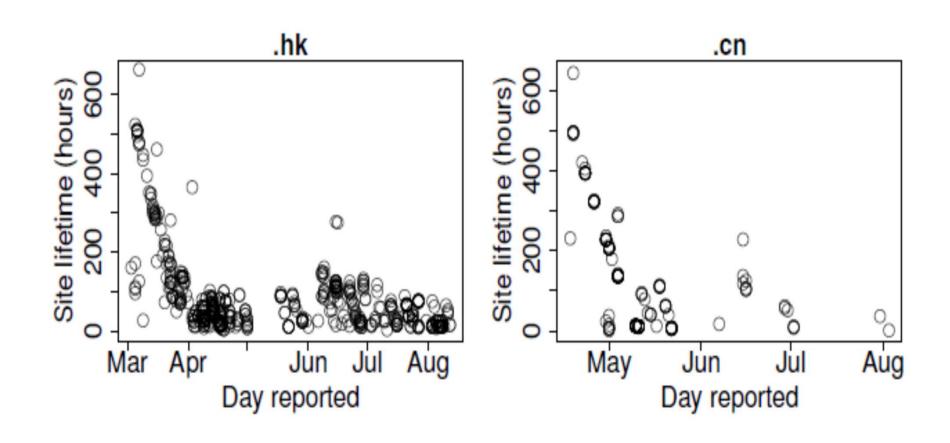
	Total	Mean (hours)	Median (hours)
Free webhosting	395	48	0
when brand owner aware	240	4.3	0
when brand owner unaware	155	115	29
Compromised machines	193	10	0
when brand owner aware	105	3.5	0
when brand owner unaware	155	104	10
Rock-phish domains	821	70	33
Fast-flux domains	314	96	25

# Why are brand owners "unaware"

- Most brand-owners outsource take-down to specialist "brand protection" companies
- These companies compete not only on removal times, but also on how many websites they know of ("the quality of their feed")
- They get data from "industry" lists (APWG etc) and also from their own spam-traps (old domains, honeypots etc)
- So if Bank X hires company A, but only company B knows about the phishing site then it isn't removed
- However, as neutral academics we get data from both A and B, we know of the site and measure its (rather slow) removal
- We recommend industry-wide data sharing; the companies buying services from the competition as well!



# Registrars can also have a "clue" issue



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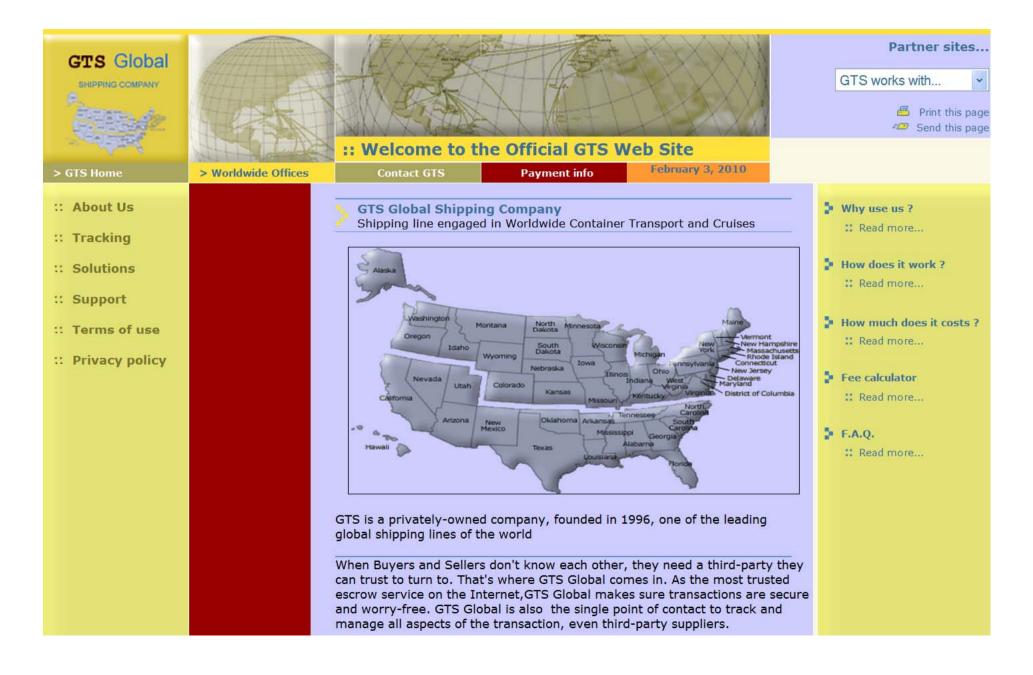
## Mule recruitment

- Proportion of spam devoted to mule recruitment shows that this is a significant bottleneck
- Trend towards avoiding websites, but relying on email drop boxes instead
- But before that were often using web sites
- Aegis, Lux Capital, Sydney Car Centre, etc, etc
  - mixture of real firms and invented ones
  - some "fast-flux" hosting involved
- Only the vigilantes are taking these down
  - impersonated are clueless and/or unmotivated
- Long-lived sites are even indexed by Google

# Mule recruitment site takedown is slow!

"Company"	Real	Period	Sites	Mean	Median
Lux Capital	<b>√</b>	Mar-Apr 07	11	721	1050
Aegis Capital	<b>√</b>	Apr-May 07	11	292	311
Sydney Car Centre	×	Jun-Aug 07	14	171	170
Harvey Investment	<b>√</b>	Sep-Oct 07	5	239	171
Cronos Investment	×	Oct-Nov 07	12	214	200
Waller Truck	✓	Nov-Feb 08	14	237	3

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#### Escrow.com: Vehicle Services

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Read How It Works...







- from Escrow.com?
- Other Frequently Asked Questions
- Security Tips Please Read

#### **Fraud Site Information Center**

- All Escrow.com web pages are secure and begin with https://
- Never download or open a file or picture from someone you don't know
- Escrow.com does NOT send emails with payment or shipping instructions.

## Fake escrow sites

- Dozen+ sets of sites used for auction scams
- Typically half a dozen victims a week, but profit is the price of a second-hand car or motorcycle!
- Tracked by "AA419" and taken down by amateur "vigilantes"
  - monitored take-downs during Oct-Dec 2007
  - 696 sites, 222 hours, 24.5 median
- Have tried (2007) searching for 81 unusual phrases
  - average of 9.8 domains/phrase, 2.4 known to AA419
- Many of these phrases still work just as well today
  - Websites often claim copyright from 1996, may mean it!





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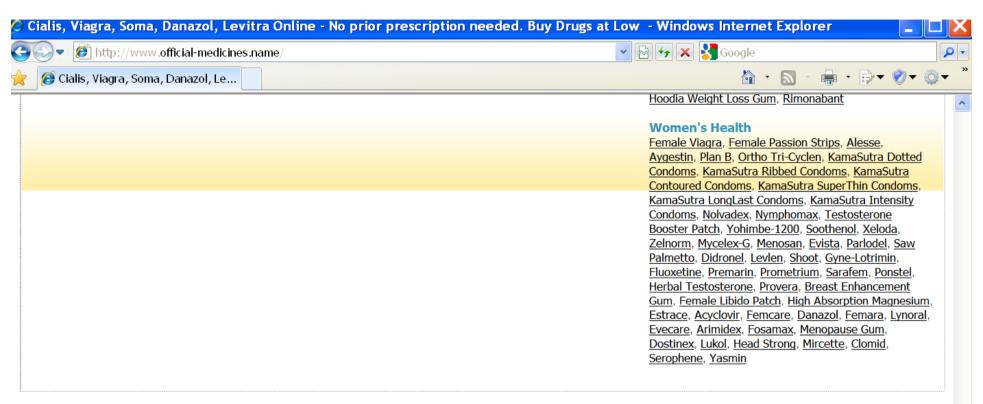
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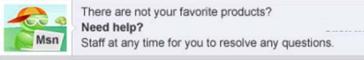
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- Canadian Pharmacy &c
  - has been hosted on same fast-flux pools as some of the phishing sites. Links between the gangs remain unclear
- Sites have fake credential pages
  - requires some knowledge to see why they are fake
- Google picks up a proportion of these sites, but by no means all
  - often fairly long lifetimes (think "months")
- Lots of variants, but key phrases in common
- Some fake shopping sites, which fool some reputation systems, though Google searches often show complaints on the first page
  - "if it's too good to be true, it probably isn't true"

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### Fake banks

- These are not "phishing"
  - So no-one takes them down, apart from the vigilantes
- Pattern of repeated phrases/addresses on each new site
  - so googling finds more examples
  - sometimes old links left in (hand-edited!)
- Sometimes part of a "419" scheme
  - hard to put dictator's \$millions in a real account!
- Or sometimes part of a lottery scam
  - your winnings are deposited in an interest bearing account...
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- High Yield Investment Program (HYIP)
  - propose returns of x% per DAY
- Basically Ponzi (pyramid) schemes that pay initial investors from newly joined mugs
- Often splash out for HTTPS certificates!
- Now some are up-front about Ponzi nature
- Reputation sites document their status
- There are a LOT of them, but little studied



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- A handful of similar sites known to exist...
  - owner appears to be "Nichifor Valentin" from Tulcea in Romania (cyberdomino.com)
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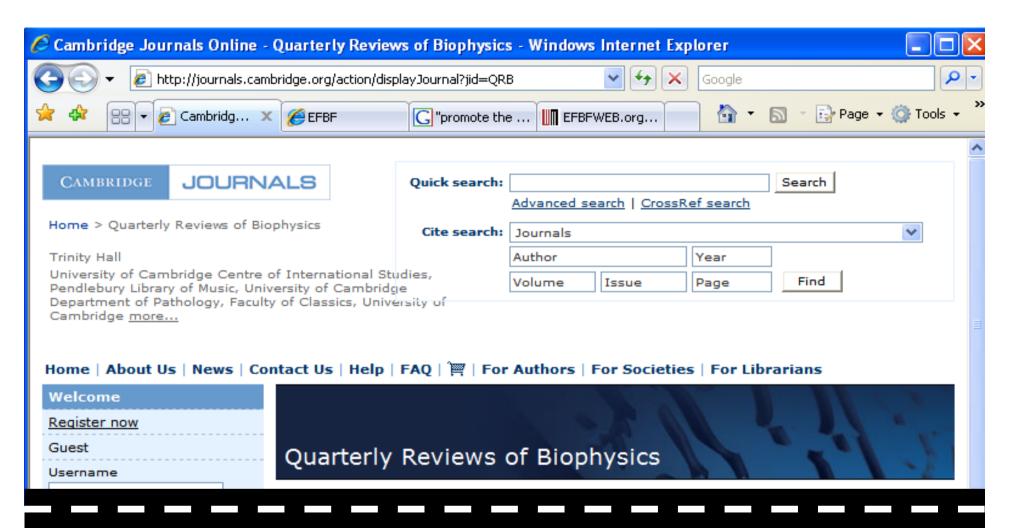


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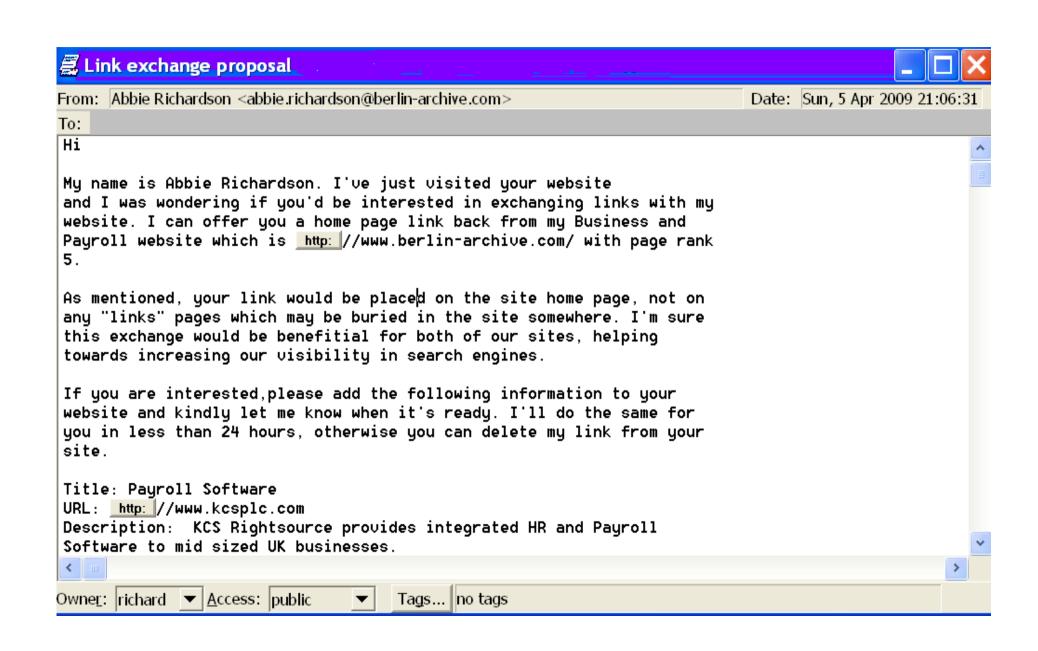
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# Link spammers

- Low volume spam sent
  - if you have a high page-rank you'll be targeted
  - googling usually finds a few examples, but not many
- Site to be linked to is generally "Made for AdSense"
  - They make money from people clicking on adverts
  - They attract people by having a high page rank
  - Your link to them increases their page rank!
- Content of websites is somewhat variable
  - may be stolen content
  - may be translated content
  - may be ezinearticles
    - content for filling up your blog/website
    - terms of service say you must provide a source credit

# Comparing take-down times

- Defamation believed to be quick (days)
- Copyright violation also prompt(ish)
  - experimentally "days"
  - albeit with prompting, suggesting perseverance matters
- Fake escrow agents
  - average 9 days, median 1 day
  - note that AA419 aware of around 25% of sites
- Mule recruitment sites (Sydney Car Center etc)
  - average 13 days, median 8 days
  - doesn't attack any particular bank, so they ignore the issue
  - Slower than escrow sites (vigilantes more motivated ?)
- Fake pharmacies
  - No vigilante groups so lifetime is ~2 months

# Child sexual abuse images (CAI)

- Provided with anonymised data by IWF
  - Jan-Dec 2007 there were 2585 different domains
  - ignoring 8 (free-web?) domains with >100 reports
- Computed initial take-down time (ignored recompromise)
  - mean 21 days, median 11 days
- If include sites with no removal at all
  - mean 30 days (and growing), median 12 days
- Fast in UK: IWF checks with police and then contacts the ISP
  - but "not authorised" to act internationally
  - passes data via UK police to foreign forces
  - also pass to another INHOPE member
- Confusion of aims (removal/catch criminals)

# Evil on the Internet

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