Electronic Opsec: Protect Yourself From Online Tracking And Surveillance

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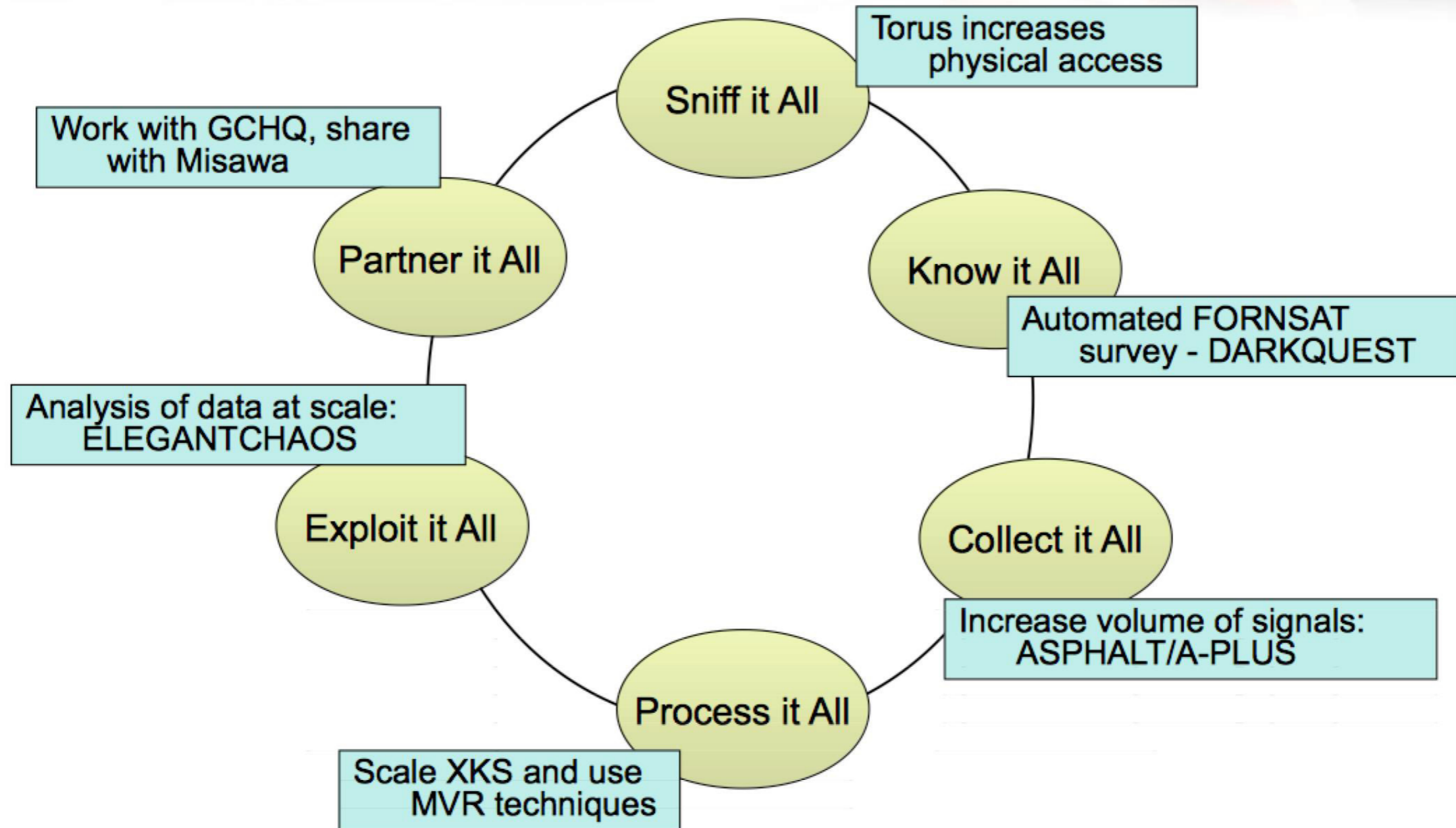The Norwegian cyber security conference

Zoz

Surveillance is the business model of the internet.
-- *Bruce Schneier*

When we use Google to find out things on the Web, Google uses our Web searches to find out things about us.
-- *Siva Vaidhyanathan*
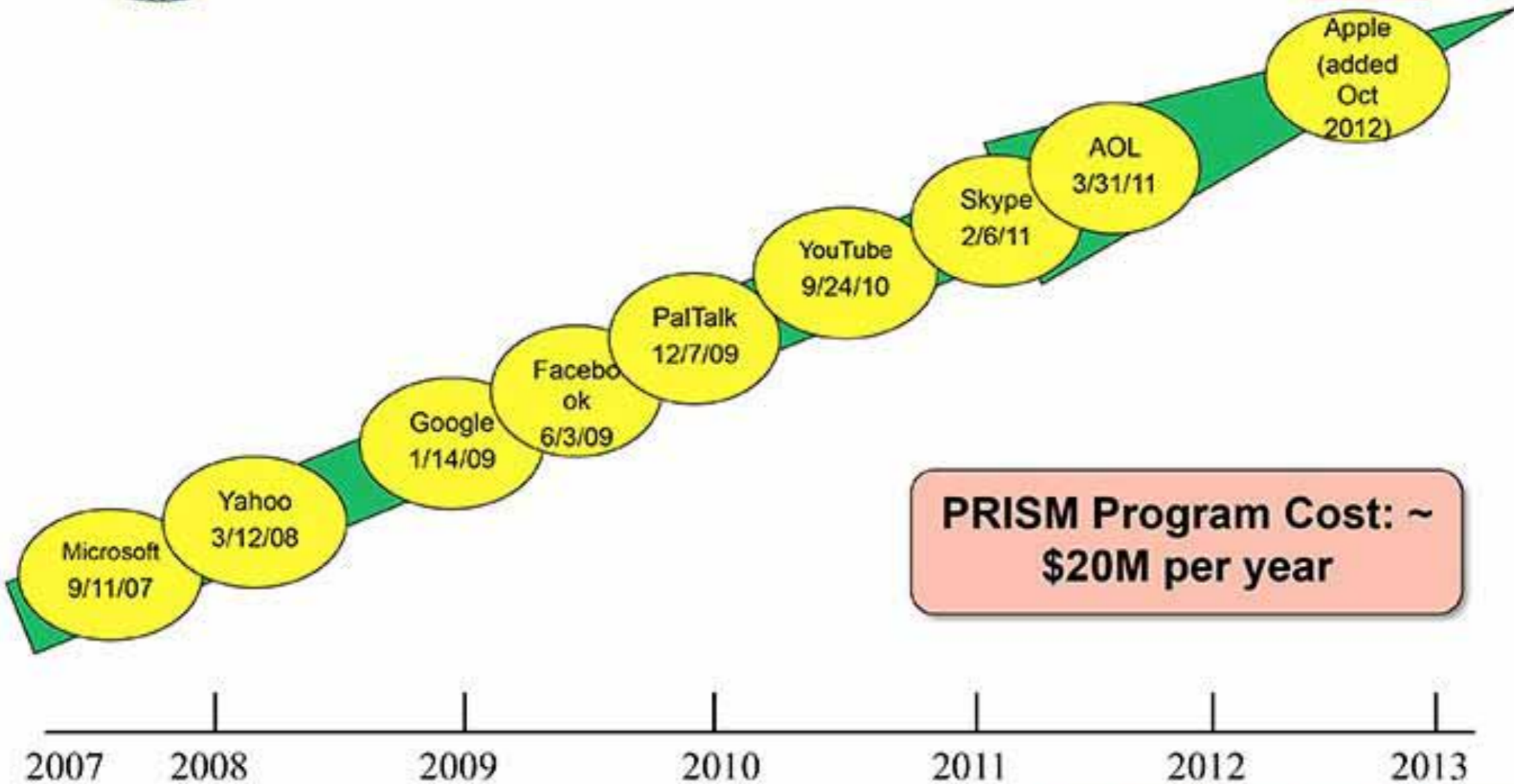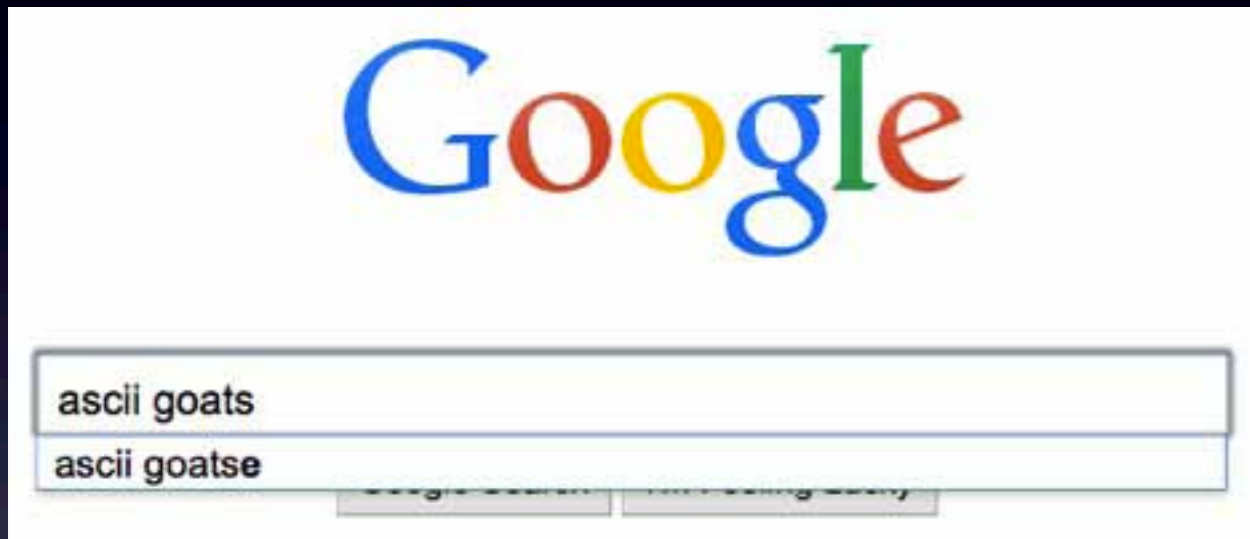
New Collection Posture

Torus increases physical access

Sniff it All

Work with GCHQ, share with Misawa

Partner it All

Know it All

Automated FORNSAT survey - DARKQUEST

Analysis of data at scale: ELEGANTCHAOS

Exploit it All

Collect it All

Increase volume of signals: ASPHALT/A-PLUS

Process it All

Scale XKS and use MVR techniques

"On the Internet, nobody knows you're a dog."

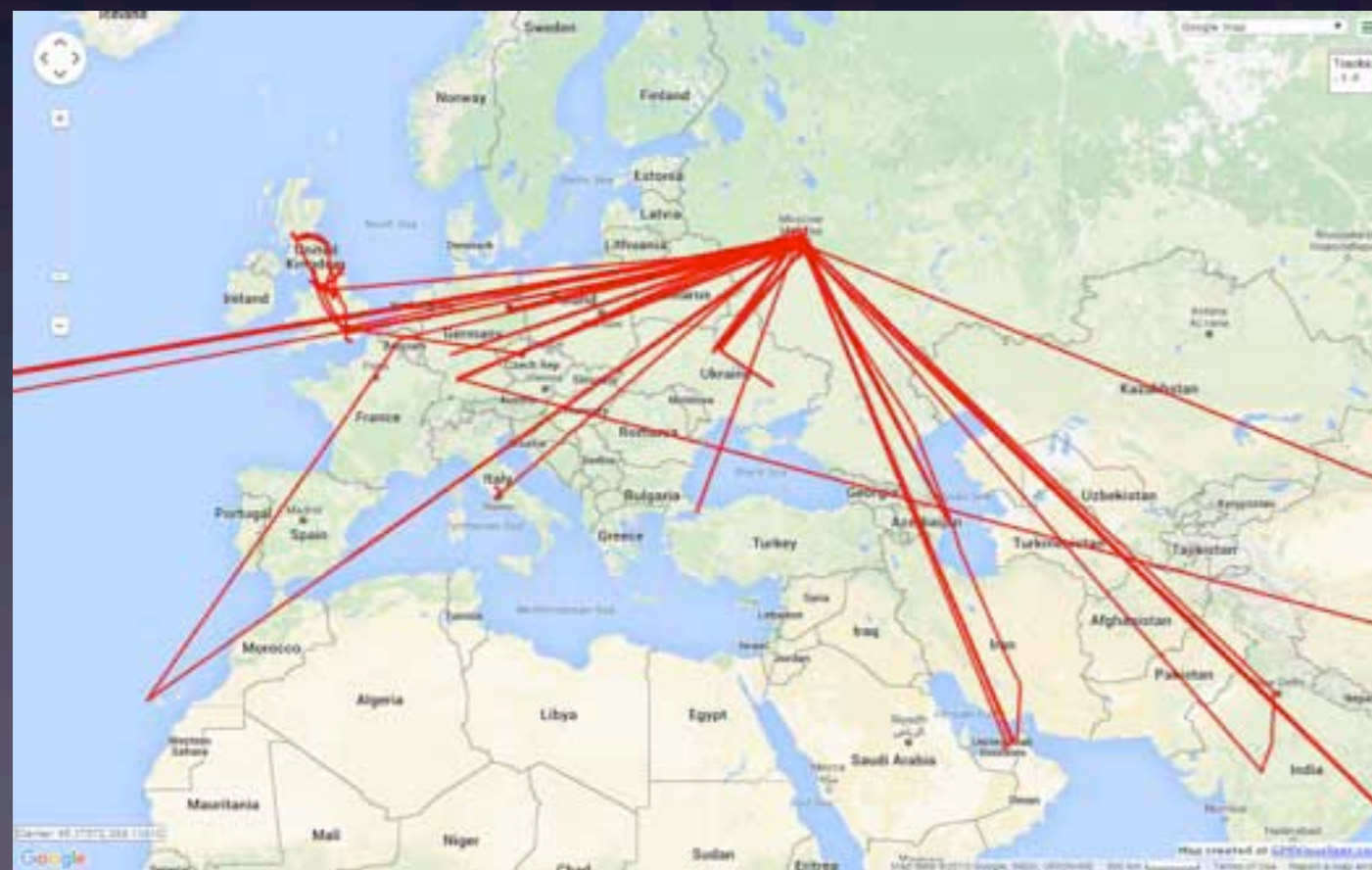On the Internet, everyone knows you like ASCII Goatse.

What Google Tracks

- Searches

- Things you type into the search bar

- Links clicked following a search

- Videos watched on YouTube

What Google Tracks

- Browser fingerprint

- Location history

- Mobile device information including IMEIs

What Google Tracks

2015-03-18 12:55:33	Windows Live Mail	http://go.microsoft.com/fwlink/?LinkId=72681	Other Bookmarks\Wind...
2015-03-18 12:55:33	GobiernoUSA.gov	http://go.microsoft.com/fwlink/?LinkId=129792	Other Bookmarks\Webs...
2015-03-18 12:55:33	Windows Live Gallery	http://go.microsoft.com/fwlink/?LinkID=70742	Other Bookmarks\Wind...
2015-03-18 12:55:33	confluence	http://jira/confluence/dashboard.action	Bookmark Bar

- If you use Google tools (e.g. Chrome):

  - Browsing history

  - Bookmarks

  - Passwords

  - Credit card data and purchase history

  - Travel data including airline tickets

  - Hotel stays and car rentals

What Google Tracks

- If you use Google services:

  - All your e-mail

  - Photos and videos you have taken

  - Contacts

  - Notes

  - Hangouts conversations

What Google Tracks

- Your inferred profile for targeted ads

- And more!

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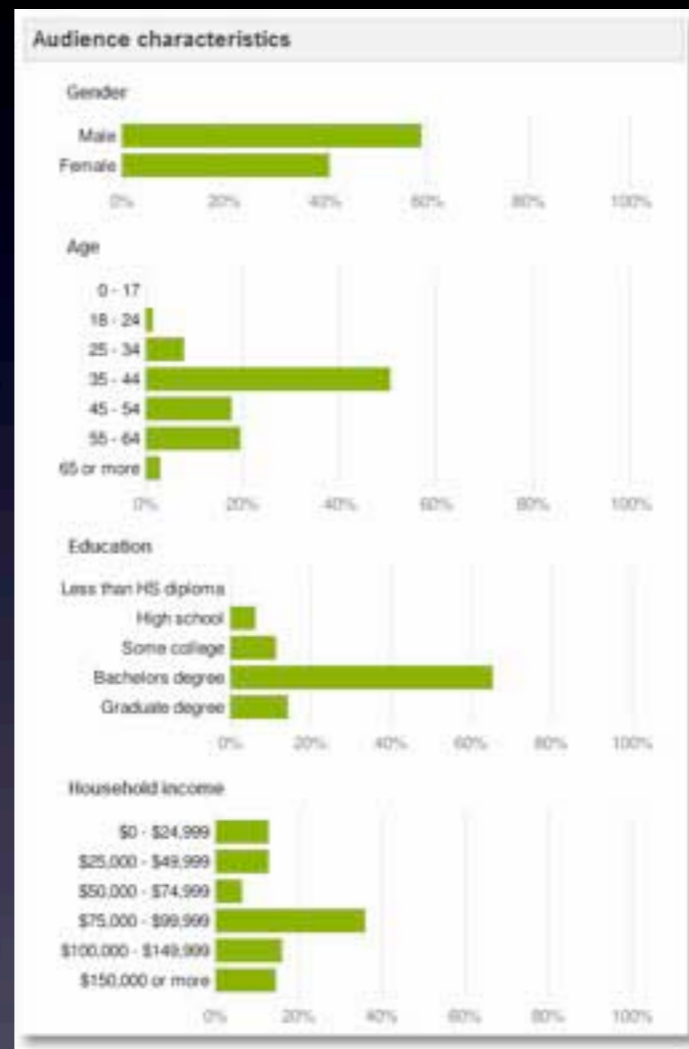- Mobile device information including IMEIs
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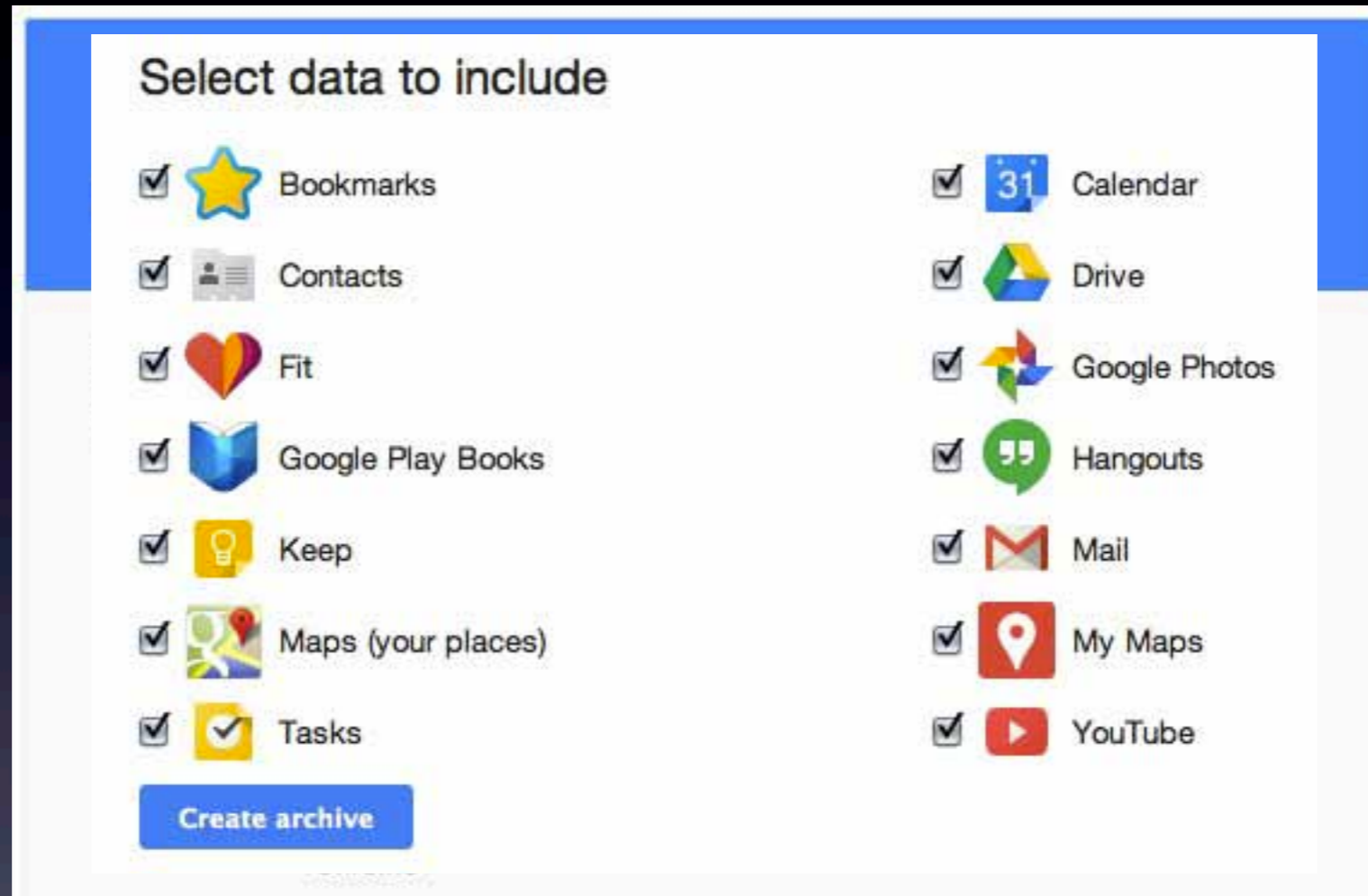 - Contacts
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Google can also trivially correlate multiple accounts belonging to the same user.

Google's Data Store

Select data to include

- ☑ ⭐ Bookmarks
- ☑ 📇 Contacts
- ☑ ❤️ Fit
- ☑ 📘 Google Play Books
- ☑ 💡 Keep
- ☑ 🗺️ Maps (your places)
- ☑ ✅ Tasks

- ☑ 31 Calendar
- ☑ 🔺 Drive
- ☑ 🌸 Google Photos
- ☑ 💬 Hangouts
- ☑ ✉️ Mail
- ☑ 📍 My Maps
- ☑ ▶️ YouTube

Create archive

- Can retrieve some with Google Takeout
- Google notifies on account access, but:
  - Developer tools can access without notification
  - Auth keys can be stolen by malware and used to access without notification

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F.1.3 HRMap

The contents of this dataset are classified TOP SECRET STRAP2 CHORDAL.

When a user requests a webpage from the internet, this is observed in SIGINT as an HTTP GET request. As well as the page requested it often contains the URL of the previously viewed page. The hostname of the requested page is the "HOST" and the hostname of the previous page is the "REFERRER". When we consider just the hostnames rather than the full URI then this is considered events data. This can be viewed as a directed graph of hostnames, and is given the name HRMap at GCHQ. It is a moderately high rate stream (around 20000 events per second) which should be suitable for the streaming EDA and streaming expiring graphs topics.
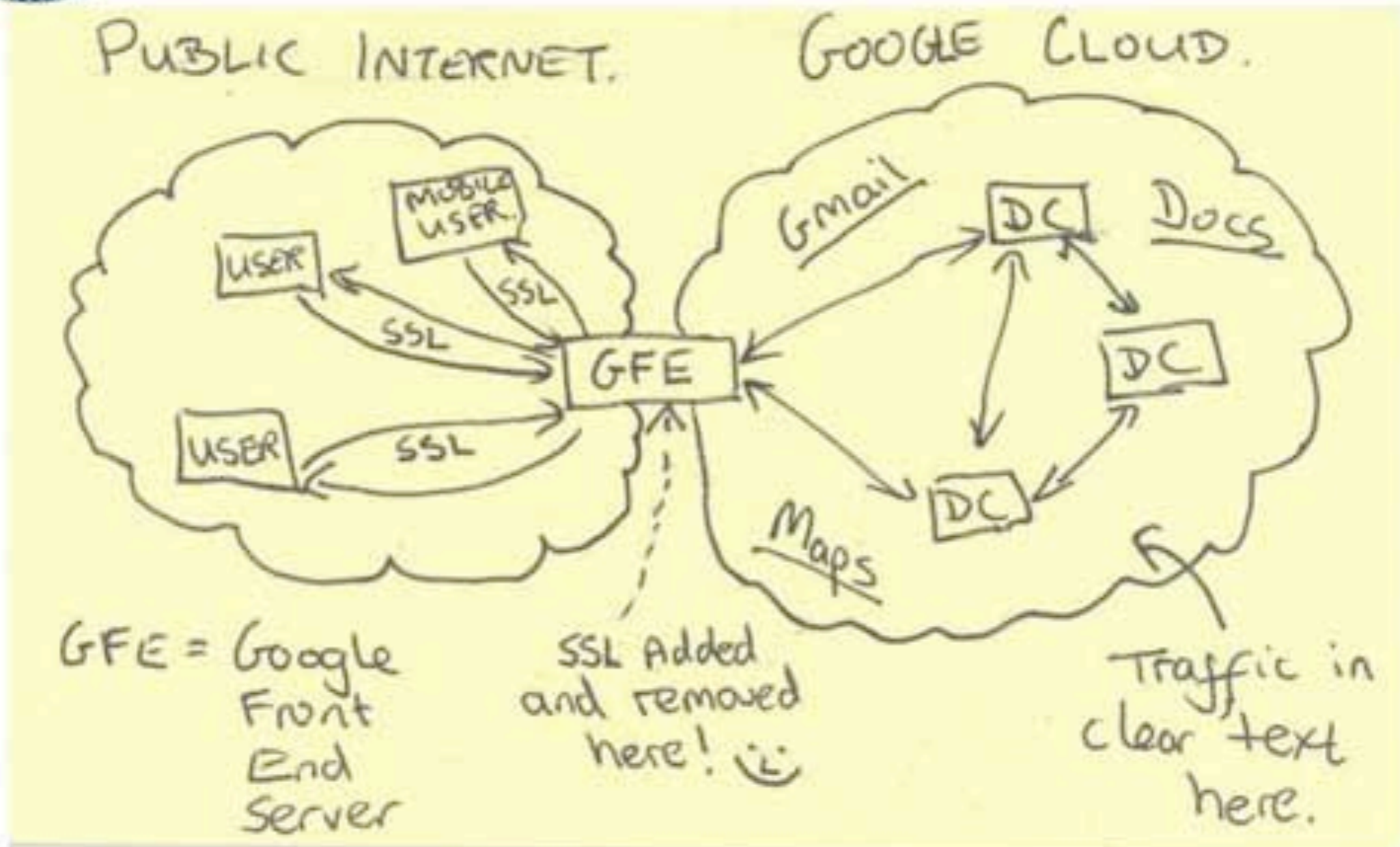
Since many web pages point to other web pages on the same server, a large proportion of HRMap events have the hostname matching the referrer. Many records will have no referrer. This happens if the user typed the URL, uses a bookmark, or has configured their browser not to send the referrer attribute.

As well as the host and referrer, an HRMap record also contains a timestamp (in seconds), the client IP address, the client port, and the client HTTP header fingerprint (HHFP) which is a hash of various headers sent by the client and can be used to approximately distinguish clients behind a gateway [I38].

Current Efforts - Google

What Facebook Tracks

- Everything you do on Facebook
  - Including messages written but not sent
- Many things you browse not on Facebook
  - Via 'Like' button tracking
- 2011: tracking cookies from facebook.com even for non-users
- 2012: emotional contagion experiment
- From late 2014: cross-device tracking via Atlas
  - Facebook/Instagram ad tracking program

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Contact chaining is the single most common method used for target discovery. Starting from a seed selector (perhaps obtained from HUMINT), by looking at the people whom the seed communicates with, and the people they in turn communicate with (the *2-out neighbourhood* from the seed), the analyst begins a painstaking process of assembling information about a terrorist cell or network.

What Big E-Commerce Tracks

- Every item you've ever looked at

    - Whether logged in or not

- Purchases and purchasing habits

- What you're willing to pay for items

- Product reviews

- Detailed, predictive ad targeting profiles

The Worst Things For Sale

The Internet's most horrible items. A daily blog.

Customers Who Viewed This Item Also Viewed

PERMANENT RECORD

ToJoy SEX Swing: 360 Degree Spinning Sex Swing
★★★★☆ 19
$16.70 ✓Prime

Ultimat Sex Swing Stand
★★★★☆ 35
$188.92 ✓Prime

hip S rt Plea re
S g Wild Cheetah
★★★★★ 18
$90.69

BEST CASE Best Quality Sex Game Door Swing, Fetish Fantasy Series Sex Toys Comfortable Seat &...
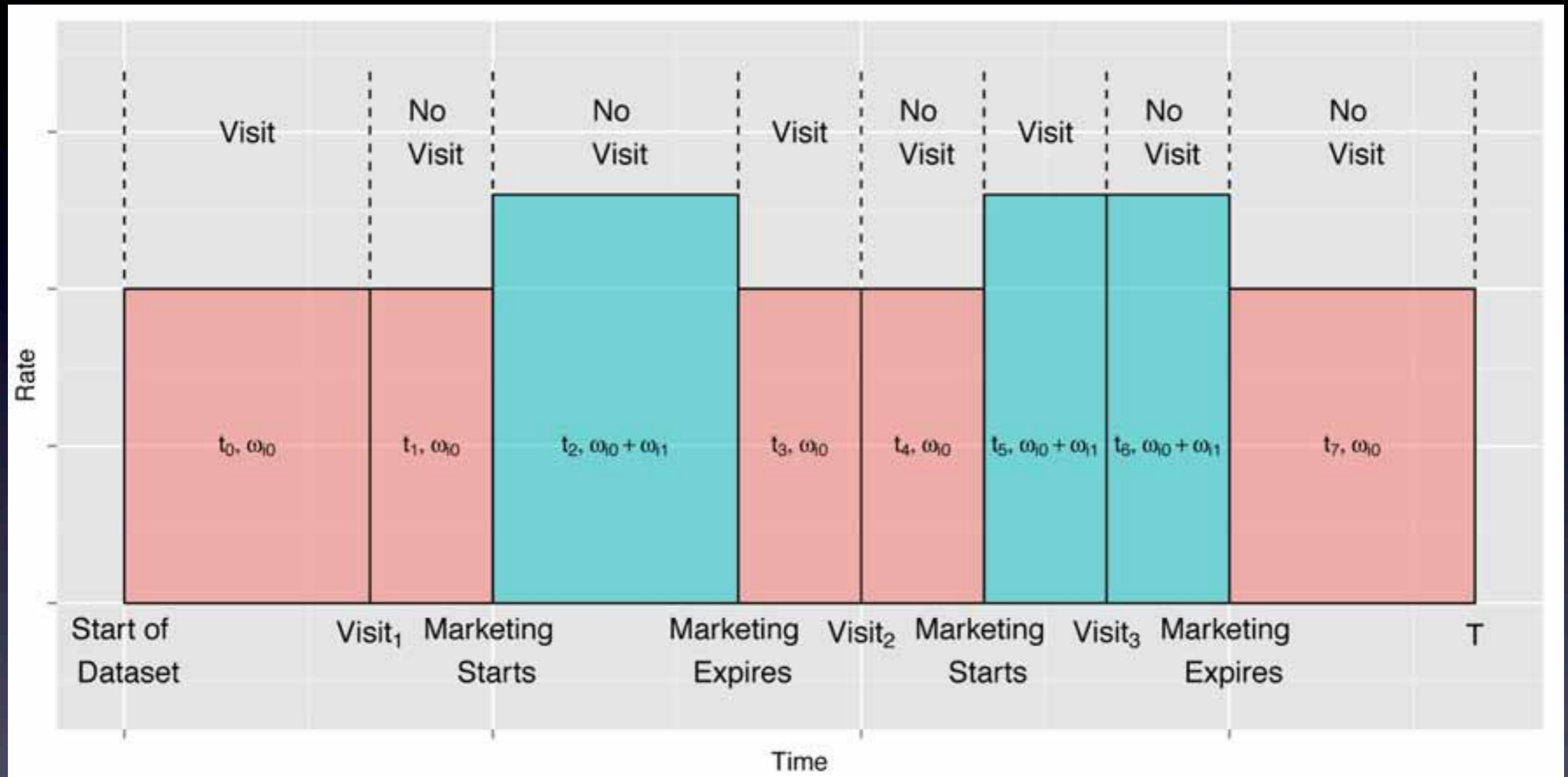★★★☆☆ 2
$29.58 ✓Prime

Bondange Kit Fetish Fantasy Series Sex Loving The Incredible Sex Stool + Eye Mask J1474#D1
★★★☆☆ 11
$49.99

The **Romantic Fantasy Swing**, on its own, is pretty run-of-the-mill. It's what **this guy uses it to accomplish** that's bizarre. (Do you really need a sex swing for that?)

E-Commerce Deanonymization

Novak, Feit, Jensen, Bradlow:
Bayesian Imputation for
Anonymous Visits in CRM Data,
December 2015

F.1.4 SKB

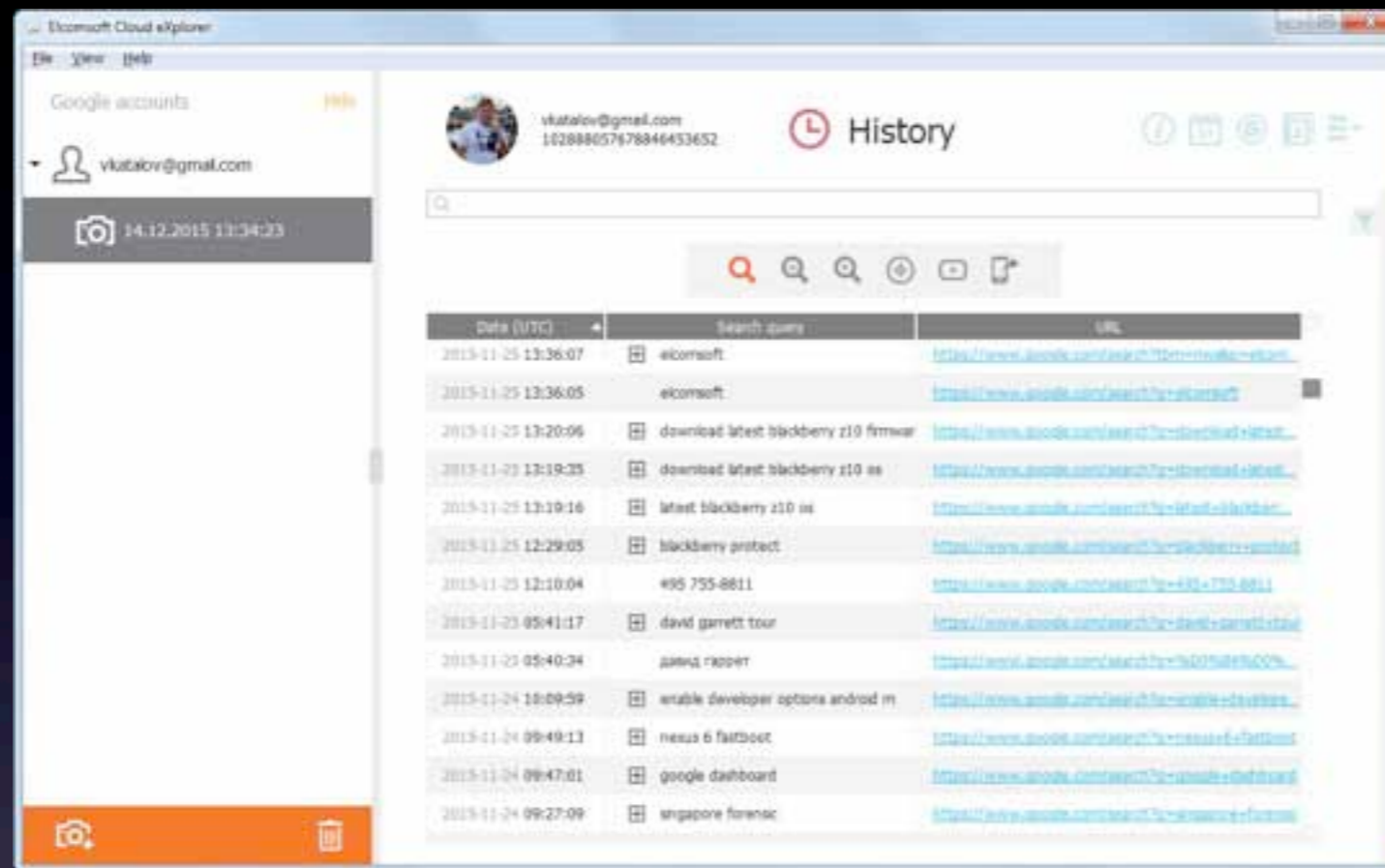*The contents of this dataset are classified* TOP SECRET STRAP2 CHORDAL UKEO.

The Signature Knowledge Base is a system for tracking file transfers made on the internet. A record is made each time we see certain file types being transferred. Each file is identified by its format and a hash of some of its content. Whilst this does mean we can store the data, hash collisions are inevitable. Therefore one cannot guarantee that all records referring to the same hash are in fact the same file. Further we only process a small number of different file formats. The dictionary of which file types are logged is given in [I86].

Each single line record in the SKB dataset has the format:

```
date time src_IP dst_IP frag_# IP_ID len protocol_# src_port dst_port seq_#
ack_# file_offset file_type file_signature src_geo dst_geo
```

e.g.

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Vulnerabilities

Elcomsoft Cloud eXplorer

- Information is available for purchase
- Commercially available forensic tools can get it
- Can be leveraged by MITM & man-on-the-side attacks
  - e.g. QUANTUM, Great Cannon
- OSINT: spearphishing enabler
- Psych profiling, pattern of life/network graph analysis

Profiling Tools

Because There are no Routine Calls
Intrado Beware®

Alert call takers, dispatchers and responders to potentially dangerous situations when and where it matters most with Intrado Beware®.

- Data mining & inference tools
  - Police first, then who?
- Integrate data & assign "threat level":
  - Public & commercial databases
  - Deep web
  - Social media
- Black box: weightings unknown
  - Unpredictable results for you

Resisting Surveillance

- There is no reclaiming data once given up

  - Protect the truth from storage

  - Corrupt storage with falsehoods

OPSEC

THE BOTTOM LINE ON OPSEC;

We all have information that the Bad Guys need to hurt us. We don't want them to get it. The OPSEC process helps us to look at our world through the eyes of an adversary and to develop measures in order to deny them. Get it?

The OPSEC Process:

1. Identify Critical Info
2. Analyze Threats
3. Analyze Vulnerabilities
4. Assess the Risks
5. Apply Countermeasures

THINK ABOUT IT... ALL THE TIME!

5 STEPS... 1 MINDSET

WHAT IS OPERATIONS SECURITY?

Operations Security, or OPSEC, is a risk management methodology used to deny an adversary information concerning our intentions and capabilities by identifying, controlling, and protecting critical information associated with the planning and execution of a mission.

The 7 Deadly OPSEC Sins

- Overconfidence
- Trust
- Perceived Insignificance
- Guilt By Association
- Packet Origin
- Cleartext
- Documentation

⚠ **WARNING**

Keep hands away from jet.

Basic Tools

- Ad Blocking
    - AdBlockPlus, GlimmerBlocker etc
    - /etc/hosts: http://someonewhocares.org/hosts/
- Bug Sweeping, Descripting, XSR
    - Ghostery (turn off data sharing)
    - NoScript, RequestPolicy, µMatrix (Mozilla)
    - Privacy Badger
- HTTPS Everywhere
- Search Proxying
    - e.g. search.disconnect.me
- Fake your user-agent string
- Clear browser data frequently

VPNs

- Traffic Encryption

- Location Obfuscation

- Request Concealment

  - ...Depending On Listener Location

  - ...Depending On Provider

VPN Failure Modes

- Leaks

  - IPv6 leaks

  - DNS leaks

  - WebRTC leaks

  - "Port Fail" port forwarding leak

- Protocol vulnerabilities

- User error

DNS Leaks

ISP DNS server

← DNS requests leaking

encrypted VPN tunnel

user VPN server web server

DNS request received for www.icin.org
DNS Response: 69.50.232.52

- Exposure methods:
  - DNS queries go to default ISP DNS
  - ISP implements transparent DNS proxy
- Remedy:
  - Set static IP properties before VPN connection
  - After connecting, flush DNS resolver cache
  - Remove DNS settings for primary interface
  - Test for DNS leaks
  - After disconnecting, restore DNS settings & flush DNS resolver cache

WebRTC Leaks

- Voice/Video/PTP in browser

- Firefox/Chrome/Opera/Android/iOS

- Javascript can send UDP request to STUN server via all available interfaces

- Cannot be blocked reliably with browser plugins

- Remedy:

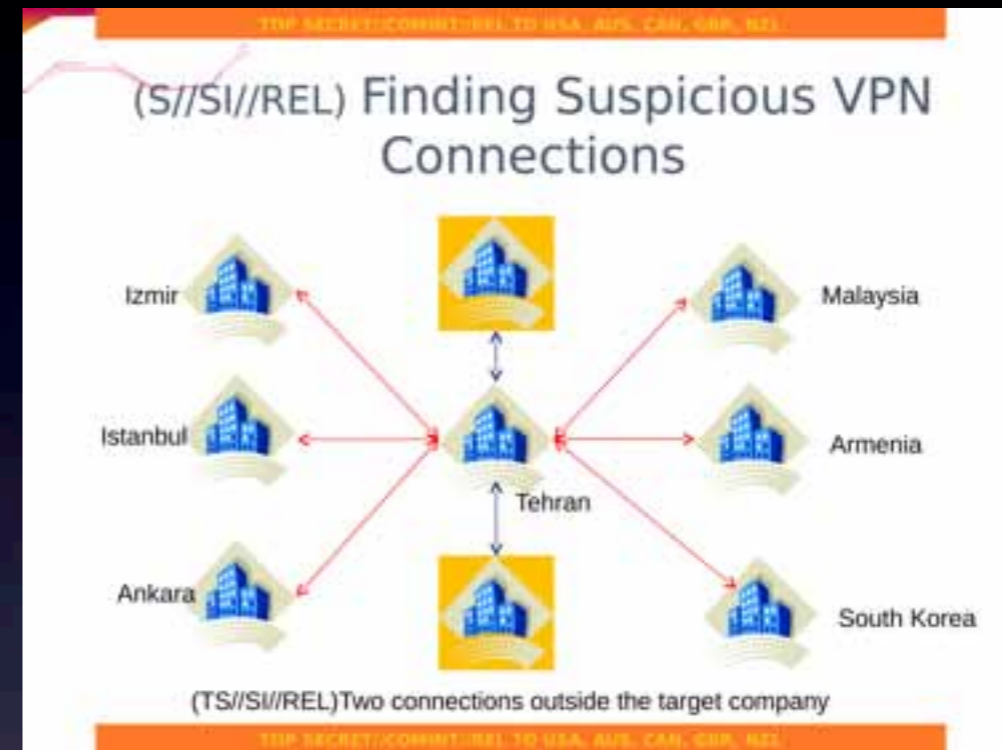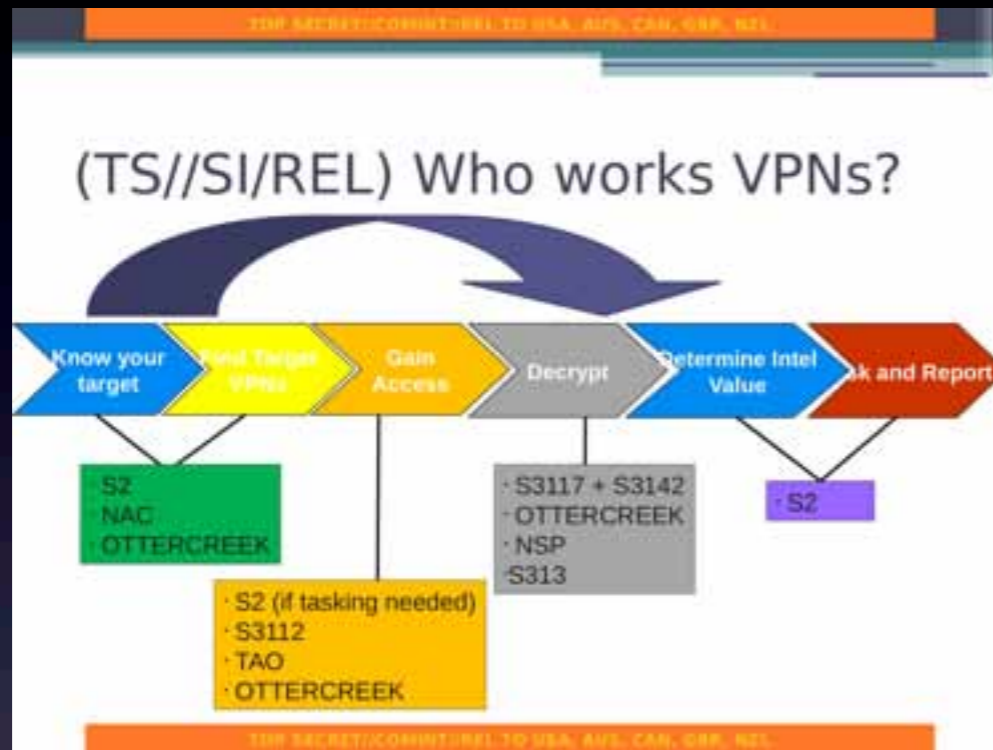   - Set firewall rules to enforce all traffic over VPN

"Port Fail"

- Attacker has account at same VPN provider and ability to set up port forwarding at exit IP

- Forward a port, and trick target into connecting to it

- Target's default route to VPN provider will cause it to make direct connection, exposing real IP

- Remedy:

  - Ensure VPN provider does not permit port forwarding for others or separates incoming/exit IPs
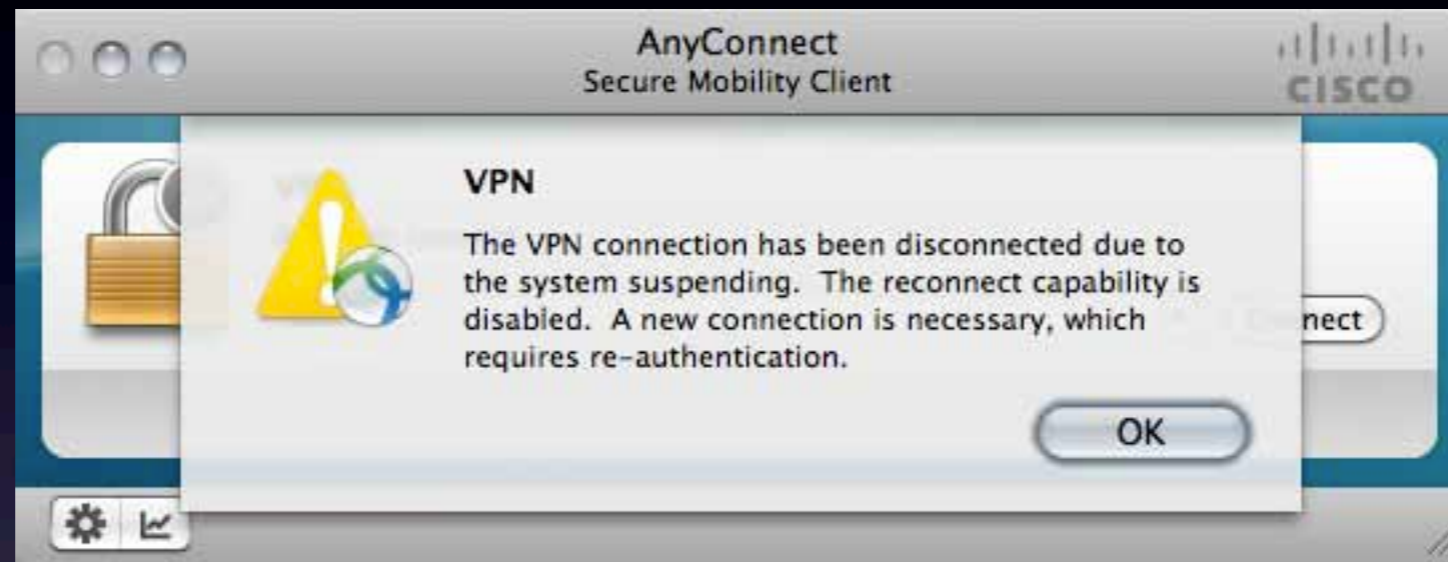
Protocol Vulnerabilities

- PPTP vulnerable to masses via CloudCrack since 2012

- IPsec IKE vulnerable to NSA via passive and active means since at least 2009 (100,000 decrypts/hr in 2011)

- 2015: NSA precompute attack on 1024-bit Diffie-Helman key exchange all but confirmed

Mitigation

(TS//SI/REL) Who works VPNs?

(S//SI//REL) Finding Suspicious VPN Connections

(TS//SI//REL)Two connections outside the target company

- IPsec:
  - Always use Perfect Forward Secrecy
  - Avoid Pre Shared Keys
- OpenVPN:
  - 2048-bit EC-DHE
  - Generate fresh prime groups
- Harden your SSH too

Be Careful Out & About


```
% killall -STOP Mail thunderbird Google Safari Firefox Adium Dropbox
% killall -CONT Mail thunderbird Google Safari Firefox Adium Dropbox
```

```
% cat bin/rmac
#!/bin/csh -f

/System/Library/PrivateFrameworks/Apple80211.framework/Resources/airport -z
set rnd_mac_addr = 00:`openssl rand -hex 5 | sed 's/\(..\)/\1:/g; s/.$//'`
/sbin/ifconfig en1 ether $rnd_mac_addr
%
```

Using Anonymity Tools

Examples: Jan-February 2012 (TS//SI//REL)

	TRIVIAL	MINOR	MODERATE	MAJOR	CATASTROPHIC
Impact > to production Use Risk V	Loss/lack of insight to small aspect of target communications, presence	Loss/lack of insight to significant aspect of target communications, presence	Loss/lack of insight to large component of target communications, presence	Loss/lack of insight to majority of target communications, presence	Near-total loss/lack of insight to target communications, presence
Current Highest Priority Target Use	**TeamViewer Join.Me LaplinkGold**			**Tor TrueCrypt TAILS**	
Current Operational Target Use	**Muslima Purematrimony. com Zemana Anti-Keylogger**			**Web.de Cspace Redphone**	
Current Low Priority/Previous Higher Priority Target Use					
Technical Thought Leader Recommendations, Experimentation					

Case Study: LulzSec/AntiSec

Moral:

[−] **yorabbits** 30 points 2 years ago (53|23)

What advice would you give new hackers?

permalink source save save-RES hide child comments

[−] **WilfordsDog** [S] 68 points 2 years ago (109|41)

Twitter: Stick to yourselves. If you are in a crew - keep your opsec up 24/7. Friends will try to take you down if they have to.

permalink source save save-RES parent

- Don't Fail Unsafe With Tor

- Always Check What You're Exposing

- OPSEC Is 24/7

Case Study: Harvard Bomb Hoax

What Messed It Up?

- Harvard Network Registration

- Outgoing Traffic Logs

- Pervasive Surveillance Microcosm

  - Corporate Parallels

- Moral:

  - Bridge Relays

  - Traffic Analysis Preparation

Case Study: Silk Road/DPR

What Messed It Up?

Case Study: Operation Onymous

What Messed It Up?

40. Based on a review of records provided by the service provider for the Silk Road 2.0 Server (the "Provider"), I have discovered that the server was controlled and maintained during the relevant time by an individual using the email account "blake@benthall.net" ("Benthall Email Account-1").

c. I have reviewed emails from Benthall Email Account-1 reflecting that BENTHALL purchased a luxury vehicle with Bitcoins in late January 2014 - approximately one month after Defcon assumed control of Silk Road 2.0. Specifically, email correspondence indicates that, in or about late January 2014, BENTHALL made a down payment of approximately $70,000 in Bitcoins towards the purchase of a Tesla Model S, worth approximately $127,000 in United States currency.

black hat USA 2014

YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE THE NSA TO BREAK TOR: DEANONYMIZING USERS ON A BUDGET

PRESENTED BY
Alexander Volynkin & Michael McCord

- Attacking relays active January 30 – July 4
- Stained Tor protocol headers
  - Allows retroactive deanonymization
- Waited to get HSDir & Entry Guard flags
  - Injected covert message between them to deanonymize HSs
- Fixed July 2014

Low Latency Is A Compromise

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ICTR-DMR The temporal analysis tools PRIME TIME and SALTY OTTER were developed in ICTR-DMR. Although they currently are not working in this area they would certainly be interested in any results. ▮▮▮▮▮▮▮▮ should be your first contact in ICTR-DMR.

ICTR-NE ICTR-NE are interested in using information flows to find Tor routes, identify backhaul routes and map botnets. They currently have a Hadoop prototype called HIDDEN OTTER which performs simple temporal chaining. They would be very interested in any work you produce and may wish to collaborate. HIDDEN OTTER was produced by ▮▮▮▮▮▮▮▮ and ▮▮▮▮▮▮▮▮

- Timing/Traffic Correlation attacks and temporal graph methods will always be possible

- Plan accordingly

Living With Your Personal Snitch

- How Does Your Phone Betray You? Let Me Count The Ways...

  - Metadata

  - Location

  - Contacts

  - Networks

  - Unique Identifiers

  - Cookies

  - Searches

  - Weak Crypto

  - Repeated Access

  - Autoconnect (Pineapple's BFF)

  - Apps

  - Pattern Of Life

Example of Current Volumes and Limits

Legend:
- Total MetaDNI Records Deleted
- Total Records Transferred to MARINA
- Records in DPS FIVE Backlog
- Total DNR Records Received by FASCIA

Dupe Methodology

Compare records within various time windows that share identical selectors and locations, specifically:

LAC	CellID	VLR	DesigChannelID
IMEI	ESN	IMSI	MIN
TMSI	MDN	CLI	ODN
MSISDN	RegFMID	CdFMID	CgFMID
RegGID	CdGID	RegIID	Kc
CdIID	CgIID	MSRN	Rand
Sres	Opcode	RQ1	XR1
Q_CK1	Q_IK1	AU1	NewPTMSI
OSME	DSME	RTMSI	PDP_Address
TEID	TLLI	PTMSI	PDDG

"We kill people based on metadata."
--NSA/CIA Director Michael Hayden

From Phone To Target

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This is a two stage process. Firstly one clusters the set of st... one counts time not in seconds but in the number of events that ha... cluster. It is worth contemplating why this works. Consider th... employees – these cannot be brought into the building and so are... an employee turns their phone on at the end of the day and respo... in the day then this activity has been triggered despite the multi-ho... transformation we turn this from a gap of many hours to one of a few ...etter able to spot the causality.

- Network analysis:
  - Beware closed loops
  - Falsify network without "pizza nodes"
- Metadata analysis is primarily <u>temporal</u>
  - Manage latency and apparent causality

Phone Alternative

- Unavoidable phone compromises:
  - Cell tower tracking
  - IMSI catcher interception
  - Baseband/SIM vulns
- iPod Touch:
  - No Android
  - Turn off iCloud backup
  - Comms:
    - VPN
    - Signal (Redphone/TextSecure)
    - ChatSecure/Tor (experimental), Wickr

Messaging

- After All These Years, E-Mail Still Sucks

  - Spam Fighting Aids Tracking

  - Non-TLS Mail Still Abounds

  - Link Encryption Only, Weak Server-Side Storage

  - End-to-end Encrypted Content Not Metadata

  - Insecure Client-Side Logging

  - Bad Retention Habits

  - Google

- Psycho Ex Principle

Secure Messaging Alternatives

- OTR Jabber

- Ricochet

- Cryptocat

- Bitmessage

- Retroshare

- We Need More:

  - Auditing

  - Steganography

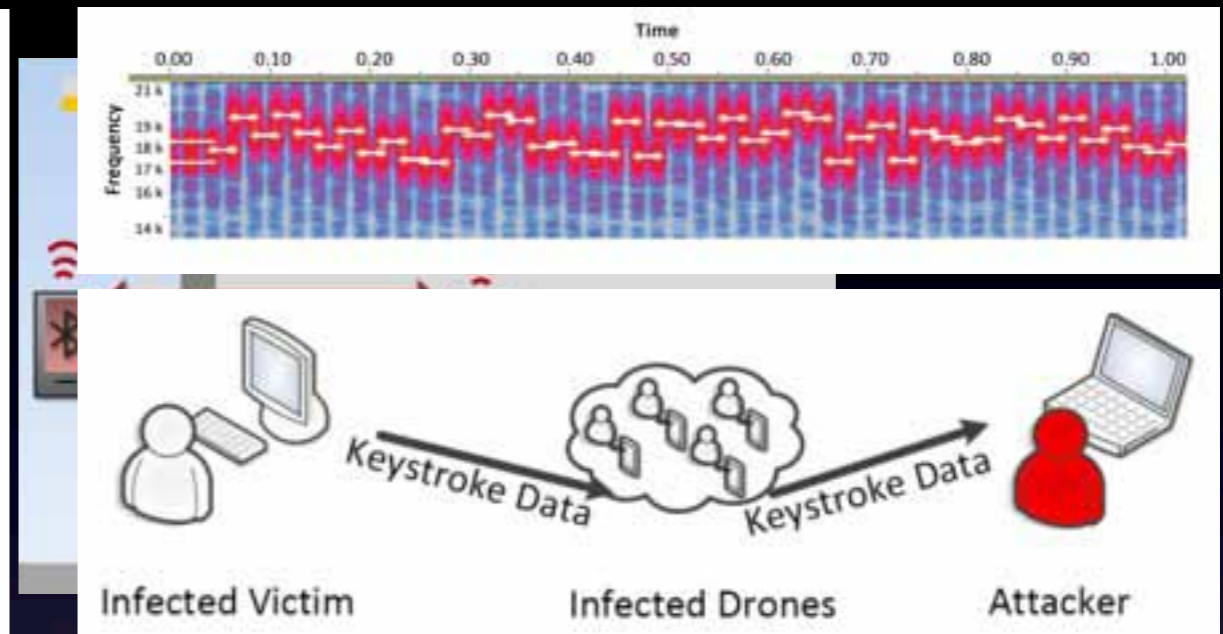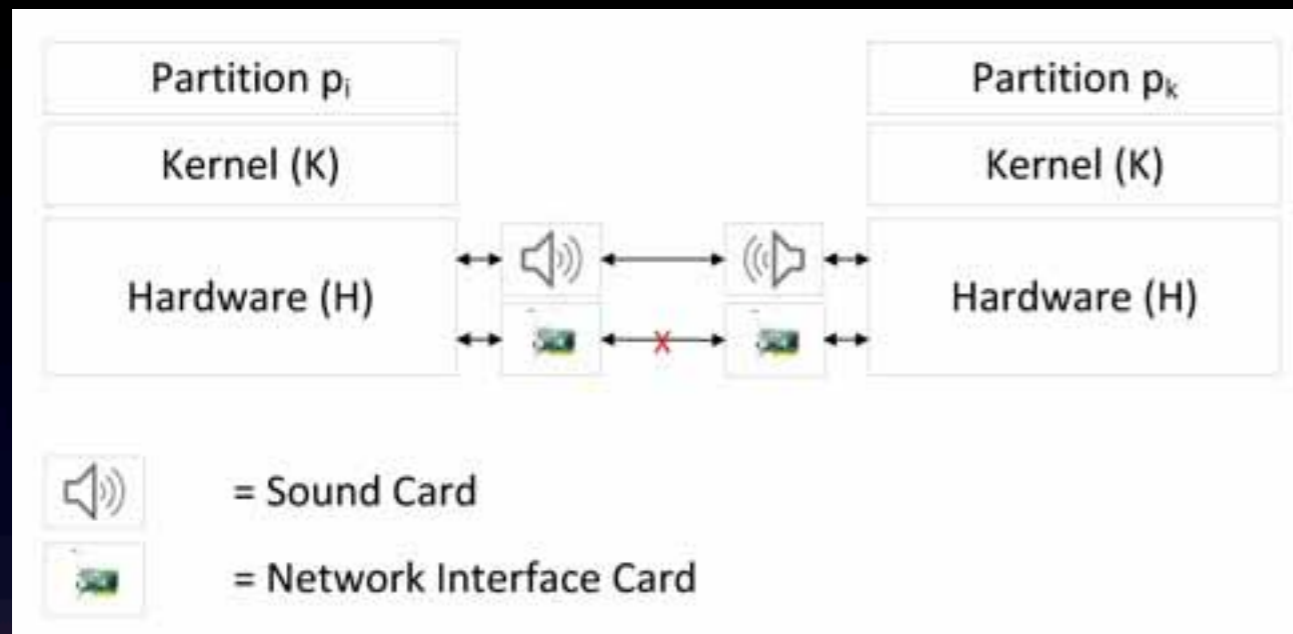So what if I'm a glasshole? You are too.

Stylometrics

- Resist Providing A Corpus

- Obfuscate

  - Machine Translate

- Imitate

- Alpha Tools: JStylo/Anonymouth

Spy Malware Goes Mainstream

Partition p_i	Partition p_k
Kernel (K)	Kernel (K)
Hardware (H)	Hardware (H)

◄)) = Sound Card

= Network Interface Card

Keystroke Data → Keystroke Data

Infected Victim   Infected Drones   Attacker

- 2010: Acoustic airgap-jumping malware theorized

- 2012: Flame state-sponsored espionage malware identified, jumps airgap with Bluetooth

- 2013: Fraunhofer demonstrates POC of covert acoustical mesh networks

  - Including acoustical multi-hop keylogger

- 2014: SilverPush develops ultrasonic "audio beacons" embedded in ads to enable cross-device tracking

Hanspach & Goetz: *On Covert Acoustical Mesh Networks In Air*, 2013

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It is therefore important to be resilient to missing data, especially where a flow may be cut in two. An internal example of coping with missing edges is SALTY OTTER [W37]. It uses CLASP to find likely cross-media triggering patterns, for example telephone conversations typically causing instant messenger chats. The tool is essentially coping with the missing edge and allowing the information flow to carry on regardless.

Beware New Data Sources

Digital surveillance is a public-private partnership

OPSEC is 24/7

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NOTHING IS BEYOND OUR REACH