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# Information Sharing

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# Agenda

- What is an ISAC?
- Overview of NCI
- Information Sharing - What and How
- Threats Seen
- Case Studies



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# **What is an ISAC?**

Why ISACs?

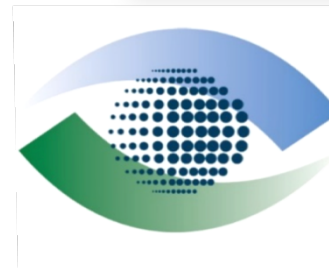
# Why ISACs?

- ❖ Trusted entities established by CI/KR owners and operators.
- ❖ Comprehensive sector analysis aggregation / anonymization
- ❖ Reach-within their sectors, with other sectors, and with government to share critical information.
- ❖ All-hazards approach
- ❖ Threat level determination for sector
- ❖ Operational-timely accurate actionable



# ISACs

- Aviation ISAC
- Communications ISAC
- Defense Industrial Base ISAC
- Downstream Natural Gas ISAC
- Electricity ISAC
- Emergency Management & Response ISAC
- Financial Services ISAC
- Information Technology ISAC
- Maritime ISAC
- Multi-State ISAC
- National Health ISAC



# ISACs

- Oil and Natural Gas ISAC (ONG)
- Over the Road & Motor Coach ISAC
- Public Transit ISAC
- Real Estate ISAC
- Research and Education ISAC
- Retail ISAC
- Supply Chain ISAC
- Surface Transportation ISAC
- Water ISAC



# Other Operational Entities and Upcoming ISACs

- **Automotive**
- Chemical
- Food & Ag
- Nuclear
- Critical Manufacturing





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**What is the National Council of  
ISACs?**



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- Began meeting in 2003 to address common concerns and cross-sector interdependencies
- Volunteer group of ISACs who meet monthly to develop trusted working relationships among sectors on issues of common interest and work on initiatives of value to CI/KR



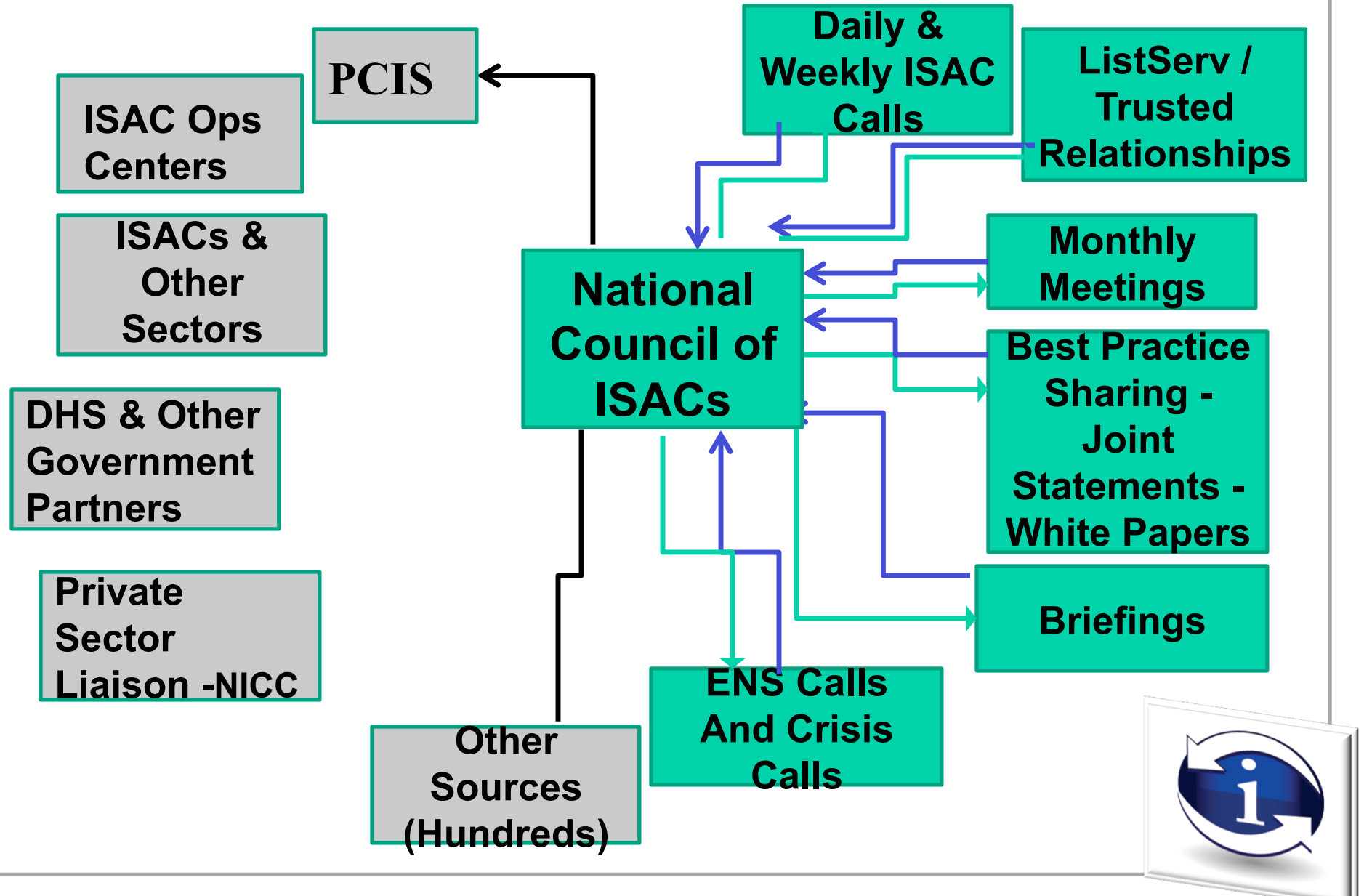
# NCI Structure

- National Council of ISACs: four designated operational representatives from each ISAC sit on the Council.
- ISAC Plus: all other entities/representatives such as operations centers who participate in information sharing
- Leadership:  
Chair: Denise Anderson-FS-ISAC  
Vice-Chair: Scott Algeier-IT-ISAC  
Secretary: Josh Poster-ST-ISAC



## Information Sources

## Communications



# Examples of Activities

- Increase involvement of sectors without ISACs
- Daily, Weekly, Monthly and Crisis calls
- **Cross Sector Information Sharing Portal**
- **Private Sector Liaison with the NICC**
- Drills/Exercises Such as NLEs, Cyber Storm
  - OCF
- Implement Real-Time sector Threat Level Reporting
  - Directorate



# CROSS-SECTOR DIRECTORATE



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# Points of Engagement

- National Infrastructure Coordinating Center (NICC)
- National Cybersecurity and Communications Integration Center (NCCIC)
  - DHS-led Unified Operations Watch & Warning Center
  - Operates 24 hours/day, 7 days/week, 365 days a year
- Unified Command Group-composed of private and public sector representatives
  - Meet monthly and during an incident as needed
  - Advise Assistant Secretary of CS&C on cybersecurity matters, provide subject matter expertise and response as necessary during an incident that requires national coordination





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# Information Sharing

**Value**

**e**

**Trust**



**Structure**

**e**





# Information Sharing: Traffic Light Protocol



- ⦿ Restricted to a defined group (e.g., only those present in a meeting.) Information labeled RED should not be shared with anyone outside of the group
- ⦿ This information may be shared with FS-ISAC members.
- ⦿ Information may be shared with FS-ISAC members and partners (e.g., vendors, MSSPs, customers). Information in this category is not to be shared in public forums
- ⦿ This information may be shared freely and is subject to standard copyright rules



# Types of Information Shared

## Cyber Threats, Vulnerabilities, Incidents

- ✓ Malicious Sites
- ✓ Threat Actors, Objectives
- ✓ Threat Indicators
- ✓ TTPs, Observables
- ✓ Courses of Action
- ✓ Exploit Targets
- ✓ Denial of Service Attacks
- ✓ Malicious Emails: Phishing/ Spearphishing
- ✓ Software Vulnerabilities
- ✓ Malicious Software
- ✓ Analysis and risk mitigation
- ✓ Incident response



# Primary Ways Information Is Shared

- ✓ Portal/Alerts
- ✓ Listservers
- ✓ Automation



# Sample of Sharing Thread

Received close to 500 so far and still coming in, 90 made it through to employees before being blocked by perimeter as spam

Subject:

Important message from BANK

Sender:

youraccount@BANK.message.com

URL: <http://www2.webmasterradio.fm/FanPagePro/css/Logon.html>

0 hits last 7 days

We've had about 50 hits; so far all are discarded

BANK: Submitted a takedown request for the phishing site

TLP AMBER  
PROPRIETARY INFORMATION

# Sample of ISAC Sharing

Indicators of Compromise

IP Address, Subject Line, MD5, TTP, Malware

Ask a question

Anyone else seeing?...

What do you do in this situation?....

How do you handle?.....

Share a Best Practice

Here's how we.....

Share a Mitigation Strategy

Here's a script you can use.....

We did this.....

**TLP AMBER**  
**PROPRIETARY INFORMATION**



# A Common Language



- **Structured Threat Information Expression is a common language a way for all to speak the same**



# Trusted Automated eXchange of Indicator Information (TAXII)

- **The goal of TAXII is to facilitate the exchange of structured cyber threat information**
  - Designed to support existing sharing paradigms in a more automated manner
- **TAXII is a set of specifications defining the network-level activity of the exchange**
  - Defines services and messages to exchange data
  - Does NOT dictate *HOW* data is handled in the back-end, *WHAT* data is shared or *WHO* it is shared with
  - TAXII is NOT a sharing program
- **TAXII is a protocol over which STIX can be transported**



# What is Cyber Threat Intelligence?

## 8 Constructs of STIX

**Atomic**



What threat activity are we seeing?

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**Tactical**



What threats should I look for on my networks and systems and why?

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**Operational**



Where has this threat been seen?



What can I do about it?



What weaknesses does it exploit?

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**Strategic**



Who is responsible for this threat?



Why do they do this?



What do they do?







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# **Threats Seen**

# Cyber Threat Environment

- **Actors:**

- Nation States
- Terrorists
- Criminals
- Insiders
- Activists/Hacktivist
- Media
- Vendors



# Seen Last Week.....

*Nuclear Exploit Kit*

*Open VAS Scanning*

*Dridex*

*PlugX*

*Upatre/Dyre*

*Angler/Neutrino*

*DDoS*



# Malware-Exploit Kits

*Top Exploit Kits Seen*

InfoSecurity Magazine

6 Aug 2014 | [News](#)  
**Magnitude EK Looks to Succeed Blackhole as Top Exploit Kit**

**Blackhole EK** – Paunch 10/13

**Infinity EK**: Flash player exploit

**Neutrino EK**: Mixes legitimate non-legitimate requests to obfuscate the code.

**Magnitude EK**: - Ransomware

**Sweet Orange EK**: - Website

**Fiesta EK**: - Silverlight

**Angler EK**: hides behind legitimate web code

**Crimeboss EK**: Java exploits



# Ransomware

- Cryptolocker*
- CryptoWall*
- CryptoDefense*
- Torrent Locker*
- Darkleach*

*Top infections:*

*US*

*AU*

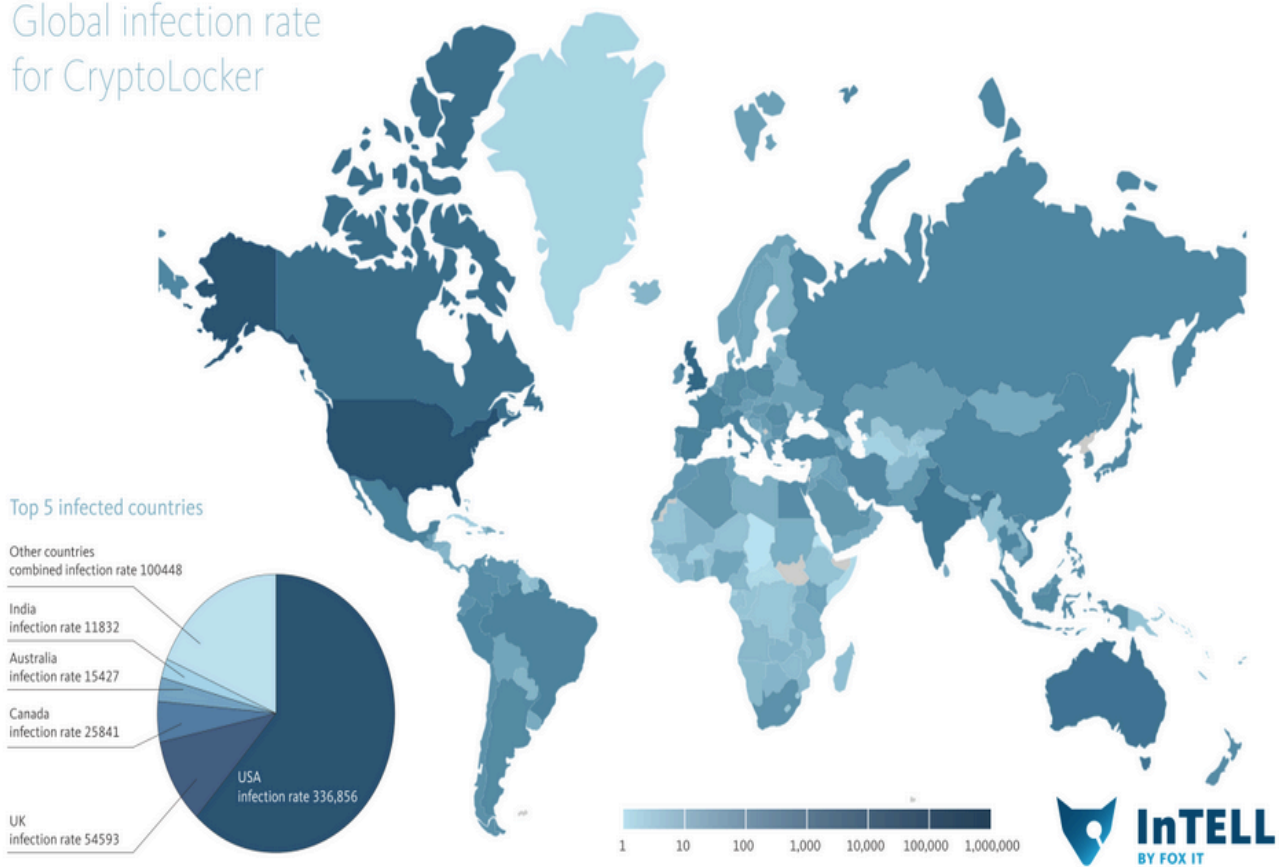
*Canada*

*UK*

*India*

*Also saw Singapore trend*

Global infection rate  
for CryptoLocker



## Delivery Mechanisms: Phishing/Spearphishing

Court Notice

Invoice/Statement

Shipping Themes: DHL, Fedex, UPS

EZ Pass

Bank Phish – Swift Transfer

Dhgate invoice

eFax

Salesforce

Reward themes

Airline – Delta

WhatsApp – You've got a voicemail



# Malware: Banking Trojans

## *Top Trojans Seen*

*Citadel*

*Kronos*

*Kulouz – Asprox*

*Carperb*

*Zeus*

*Zberp - hybrid*

*Game-over Zeus (GOZ) - P2P (.arj) 9/14*

*Cridex – Bugat, Feodo*

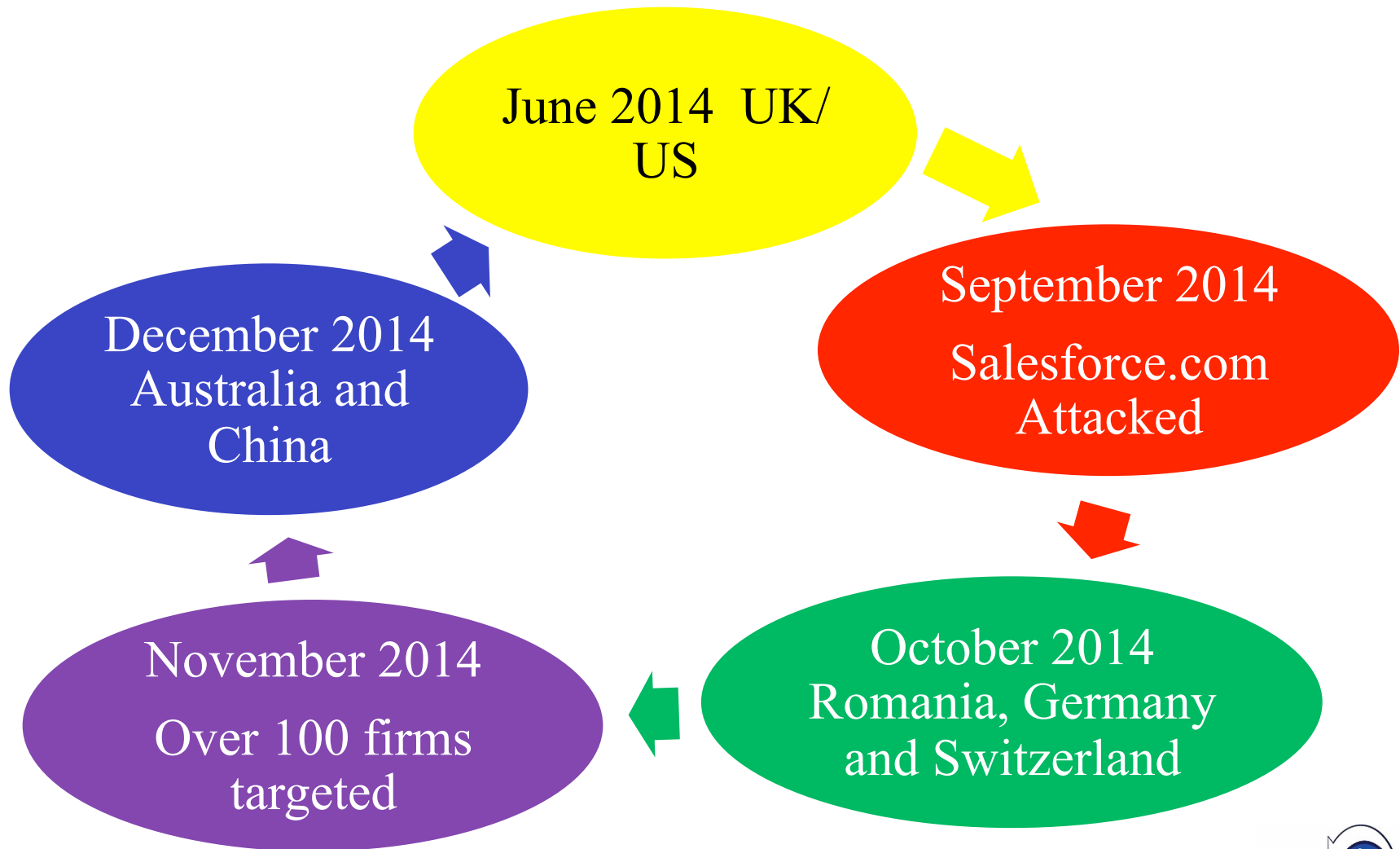
***Dridex***

***Dyre***

*Shylock – July 2014 Takedown*



# Dyre Spreads Like A Global Virus...





## Delivery Mechanisms: Drive-by Downloads and Watering Holes

*Forbes.com*

*Energystar.com*

*AusPost-tracking.com*

*VA.gov*

*NBC.com – Citadel 2013*



# Vulnerability Scanning

- *Port Scans – Open ports*
- *Vulnerability Scans - Wordpress, Joomla, Java, Flash, Open SSL*
- *Infrastructure*



# Vulnerabilities

- *OpenSSL/Heartbleed*
  - *Old vulnerability*
  - *Allows more data than allowed to be read*
  - *Website vulnerability*
  - *Banks took rap unfairly*
- *GNU Bash/Shellshock*
  - *Old vulnerability 1994*
  - *Unix based: Linux, Apple Mac OS*
  - *Went public Wednesday 9/24*
  - *Exploits and scanning seen almost immediately*



# Breaches

*Malware: ChewBacca, Dexter, Black POS, Backoff*

- *Target: 70 million - 2013*
- *OPM: 21.5 million*
- *Primera BC/BS: 11.2 million*
- *Community Health Systems: 4.5 million*
- *Anthem BC/BS: 80 million*
- *Sony/Hacking Team*

**2015 Breaches Identified by the ITRC  
as of: 8/11/2015**

- **Total Breaches: 5,500 approx**
- **Total Records Exposed: 818,004,561**

• *Identity Theft Resource Center*



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# DDoS

- *Sony PlayStation – Lizard Squad*
- *Operation Ababil*
- *Las Vegas – Gaming Industry*
- *Israel*
- *DD4BC*
- *World Cup*



## Q1 2015 Compared to Q4 2014

- 15 % **decrease** in avg. attack **time**
- 35 % **increase** in total DDoS **attacks**
- 42 % **increase** in SSDP DDoS **attacks (routers)**
- 22 % **increase** in application layer DDoS **attacks**
- 7 % **decrease** in average attack **bandwidth (170 Gbps)**
- 37 % **increase** in infrastructure layer DDoS **attacks**

# Wiper Malware

- *Shamoon – 2012*
  - *Attack on 30,000 Saudi Aramco Workstations*
  - *Corrupts files and wipes devices*
- *South Korean Attacks– 2013*
  - *2 banks, media company and insurance company*
  - *Patch systems targeted and used to infect*
  - *Wiped windows, Linux and UNIX OS*
- *Las Vegas Casino– 2014*
  - *Wiped and destroyed files with VB bomb*
- *Sony – 2014*
  - *SMB Worm Tool, listening implant, backdoor, proxy tool, destructive hard drive tool, destructive targeted cleaning tool, network propagation wiper*
  - *Financial data destroyed, financial system still inoperable – asks for delay in filing*



# The Media and Vendors

*Malvertising*

*Watering Holes*

*Syrian Electronic Army*

***Media/  
Vendor Spin Incidents:***

- *HeartBleed, Open SSL*
- *Hedge Fund Attack - BAE*
- *Russians Attack Financial System*
- *Russians Hack 1.4 Billion Passwords - Hold Security*

## **BAE Says Hedge Fund Attack on Hedge Fund Wasn't Real**

By Chris Strohm Jul 2, 2014 4:55 PM ET

The hacking attack on a hedge fund that was described by a security official with

BAE Systems Plc (BAE) last month **wasn't real**, a company spokeswoman said.



# Other Threats

- *Call Center – Phishing*
- *Mobile*
- *Social Media – Sony Executive on American Airlines*
- *Industrial Control Systems - Havex*
- *Espionage – VirusTotal testing for malware*







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# Case Studies

# DDoS – DD4BC

*Since:* April 2015

•*Subject Line:*

•*From:* From: DD4BC Team <d4bct[AT]gmail[.]com>

•*Subject:* DDOS ATTACK!

*Size:* 500 Mbps to 50 Gbps

*Duration:* Up to 1 hour

*Ransom Demand:* 25-40 BTC



# United/NYSE


NYSE: July 8, 2015 11:32am  
11:45am chatter  
Noon definitive word

UNITED: 8:26 am  
Reservation System





# United Parcel Service


- **USSS, NCCIC, FS-ISAC –**  
Collaborate to release  
malware analysis and  
risk mitigation  
recommendations
- **Shared with Retailers  
Association**
- **UPS Detected and used  
to mitigate Malware**



**Backoff:**  
New Point of Sale Malware  
*31 July 2014*

 **Homeland Security** | National Cybersecurity and Communications Integration Center

 **United States Secret Service**





# Questions?

