

The Unprecedented State of Web Insecurity

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Who is the X-Force

Security Trends

Vulnerabilities

X-Force Protection Engines

The Cybercrime Ecosystem

The inter-tubes





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- Develop new technology for tomorrow's security challenges
- Deliver security protection for today's security problems
- Educate the media and user communities





Almaden

★ Cryptographic

foundations

workstation

★ Secure government

Integrated in IBM's WW R&D

FORCE (Atlanta)

- ★ Vulnerability Discovery
- ★ Vulnerability Analysis
- ★ Malware Analysis
- ★ Threat Landscape Forecasting
- ★ Protection Technology Research
- ★ Security Content and Protection

Zurich

- **★** Cryptographic foundations
- ★ Java cryptography
- **★** Privacy technology
- Multiparty protocols
- ★ IDS & alert correlation
- Smart card systems and application

TJ Watson (Hawthorne)

- ★ Cryptographic foundations
- ★ Internet security & "ethical hacking"
- ★ Secure systems and smart cards
- **★ IDS sensors & vulnerability analysis**
- **★** Secure payment systems
- **★** Antivirus
- **★** Privacy technology
- **★** Biometrics



Haifa

- * PKI
 - enablement *
- **★** Trust policies

Tokyo

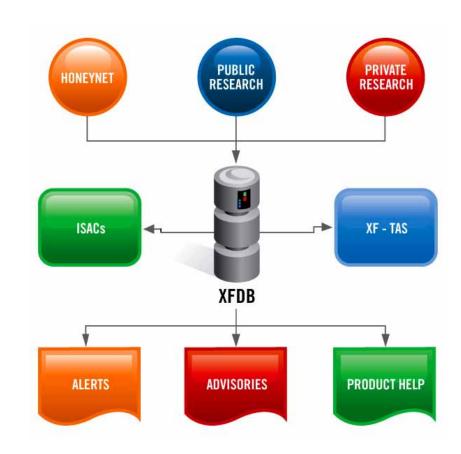
- **★** Digital
 - watermarking
- **XML** security **High-performance** ★ VLSI for crypto
- **★** Cryptographic hardware &

New Delhi



X-Force Vulnerability Database – We analyze them ALL

- Most comprehensive Vulnerability Database in the world
 - Over 48,000 unique vulnerabilities catalogued
 - Entries date back to the 1990's
- Updated daily by a dedicated research team
- The X-Force database currently tracks over...
 - 8000 Vendors
 - 17,000 Products
 - 40,000 Versions

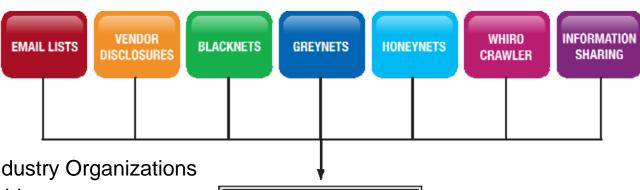






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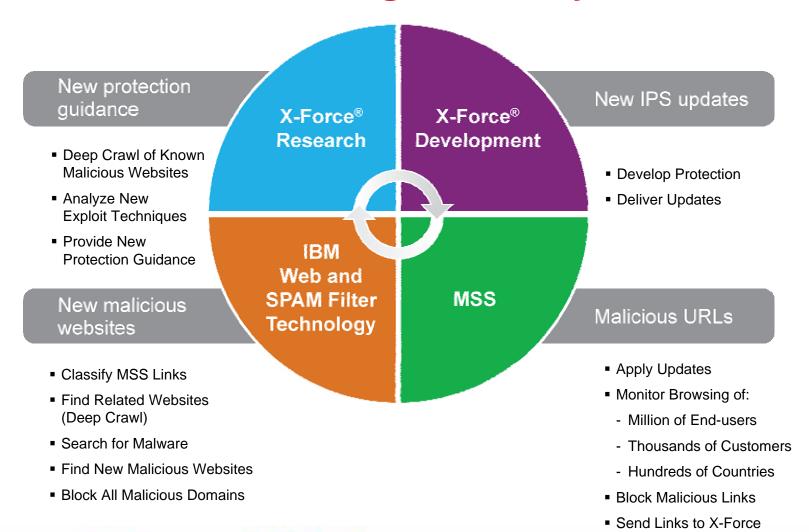
- Email lists
- Vendor disclosures
- Blacknets
- Greynets
- Honeynets
- Whiro Crawler
- Information Sharing
 - ISACS, CERTs, Industry Organizations
 - Research Partnerships
 - Conferences
 - Online







IBM X-Force web intelligence lifecycle







X-Force R&D: Unmatched Security Leadership

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9.1B analyzed Web pages & images
150M intrusion attempts daily
40M spam & phishing attacks
48K documented vulnerabilities
Millions of unique malware samples

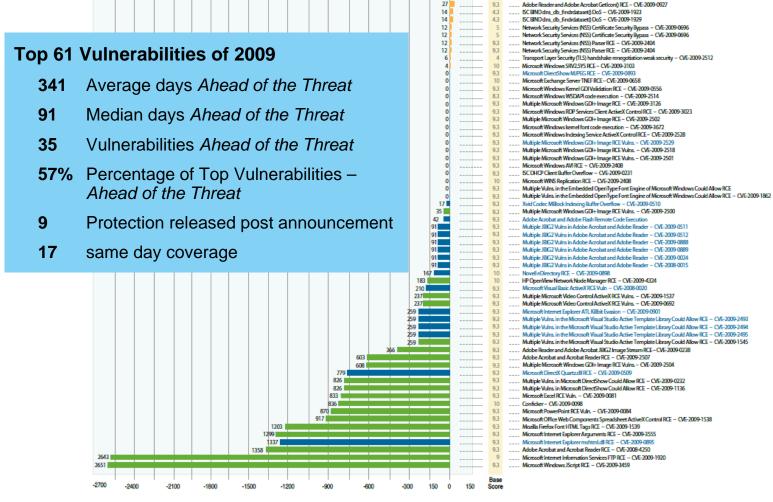
Provides Specific Analysis of:

- Vulnerabilities & exploits
- Malicious/Unwanted websites
- Spam and phishing
- Malware
- Other emerging trends





But its really all about security effectiveness

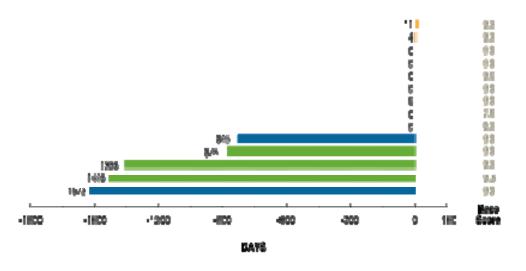






Security Effectiveness – Top Vulnerabilities of 1st Half 2010

Top 14 Vulnerabilities 437 Average days Ahead of the Threat 5 Vulnerabilities Ahead of the Threat 2 Protection released post announcement 7 same day coverage





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X-Force® R&D drives IBM's Security Innovation

Research

Technology

Solutions



X-Force Protection Engines

- Extensions to existing engines
- New protection engine creation

X-Force XPU's

- Security Content Update Development
- Security Content Update QA

X-Force Intelligence

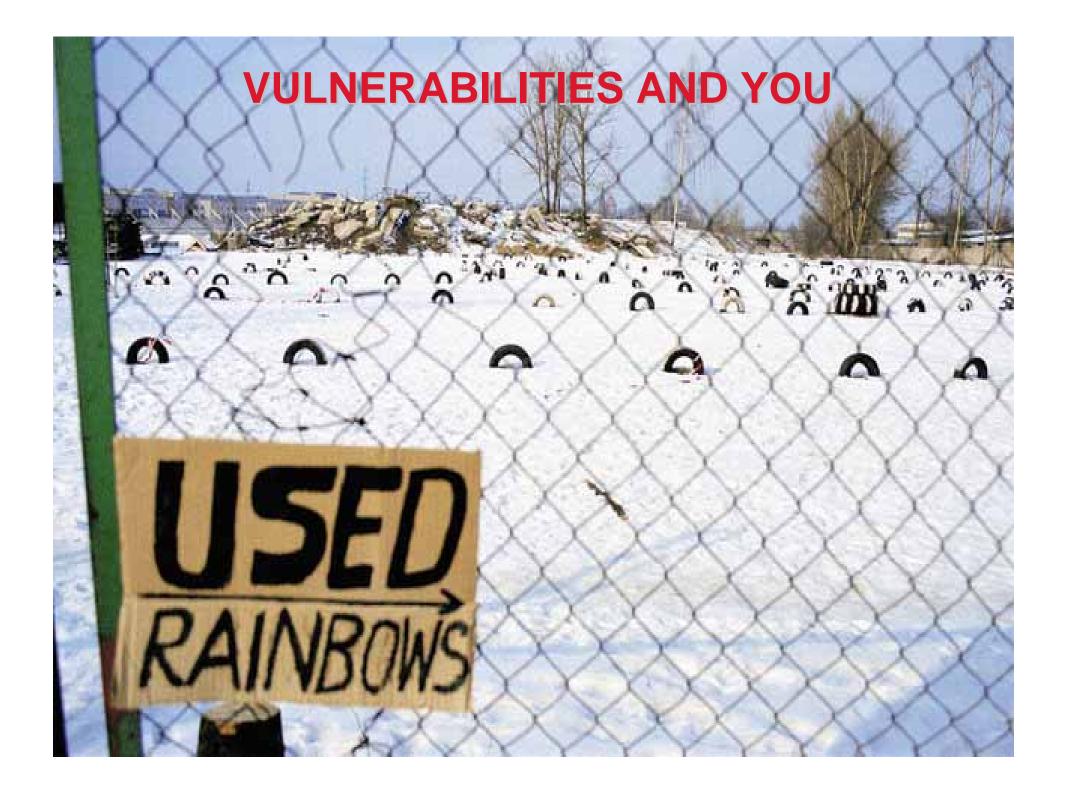
- X-Force Database
- Feed Monitoring and Collection
- Intelligence Sharing



The X-Force team delivers reduced operational complexity –

helping to build integrated technologies that feature "baked-in" simplification

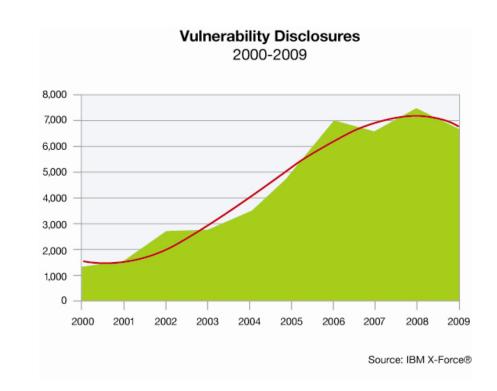






Disappearance of Low Hanging Fruit: Vulnerability Disclosures & Exploitation Declines

- Declines in some of the largest categories of vulnerabilities.
 - Web applications continue to be the largest category of disclosure.
 - SQL Injection and File Include, have declined.
 - ActiveX controls which mostly impact client applications has also declined.
- Tuesdays continue to be the busiest day of the week for vulnerability disclosures.
- 2009 vulnerability disclosures by severity had no significant changes from 2008 percentages.





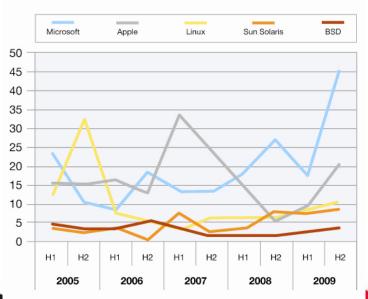


Most Vulnerable Operating Systems

Source: IBM X-Force®

In the second half of 2009, the number of new vulnerabilities for Linux and Microsoft took a sharp turn upwards while Sun Solaris drastically declined.

Critical and High Vulnerability Disclosures Affecting Operating Systems 2005-2009



Vulnerability Disclosures Affecting Operating Systems 2005-2009



- BSD is in the number five slot, replacing IBM AIX who was fifth in 2008.
- For critical and high vulnerabilities, Microsoft takes first place. Apple is in second place.

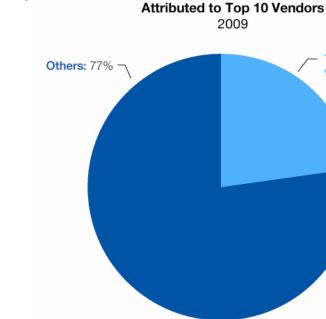


Apple, Sun and Microsoft Top Vendor List for Disclosures

- Top ten vendors account for nearly a quarter (23%) of all disclosed vulnerabilities, up from 19% in 2008.
- Significant changes to the Top Ten List including:
 - Microsoft dropped from #1 to #3 after holding top spot since 2006.
 - Adobe makes it's debut on the top ten list at number nine.

Ranking	Vendor	Disclosures
1.	Apple	3.8%
2.	Sun	3.3%
3.	Microsoft	3.2%
4.	IBM	2.7%
5.	Oracle	2.2%
6.	Mozilla	2.0%
7.	Linux	1.7%
8.	Cisco	1.5%
9.	Adobe	1.4%
10.	HP	1.2%

Table 3: Vendors with the Most Vulnerability Disclosures, 2009



In 2009, web application vendors are not on the top ten list because we now only count vulnerabilities in the base platform. We are not including plug ins associated with Web application platform vulnerabilities because they are often not produced by the vendor themselves.

Source: IBM X-Force®

Vendors: 23%

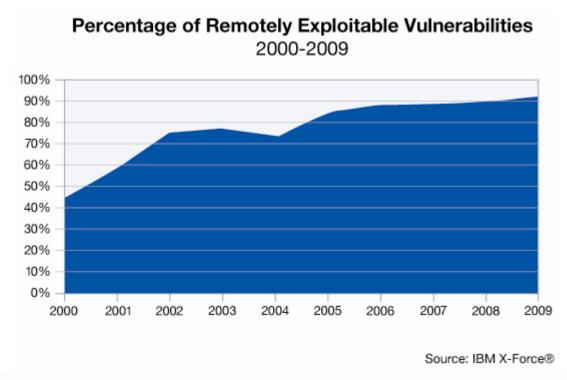


Percentage of Vulnerability Disclosures



Remotely Exploitable Vulnerabilities On The Rise

- In the past four years, remotely exploitable vulnerabilities have grown from 85% to 92% of all vulnerability disclosures.
 - These vulnerabilities are significant because they can be executed without physical access to a vulnerable system.

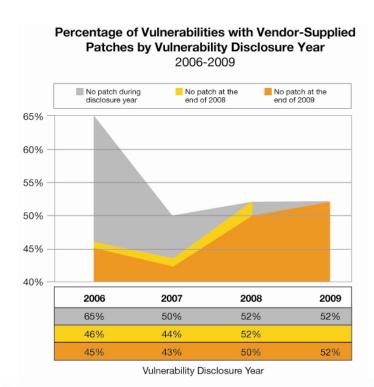






Patches Still Unavailable for Over Half of Vulnerabilities

- Over half (52%) of all vulnerabilities disclosed in 2009 had no vendor-supplied patches to remedy the vulnerability.
 - 45% of vulnerabilities from 2006, 43% from 2007 and 50% from 2008 still have no patches available at the end of 2009.



Vendor	Percent of 2009 Disclosures with No Patch	Percent of Critical & High 2009 Disclosures with No Patch
All Vendors- 2009 Average	52%	60%
Linux	50%	53%
Oracle	40%	38%
Novell	27%	31%
IBM	25%	27%
Google	47%	25%
Apple	14%	22%
Microsoft	29%	15%
Sun	7%	8%
Symantec	18%	7%
HP	16%	5%
Adobe	4%	4%
Cisco	11%	1%
Opera	47%	0%
GNU	33%	0%
Mozilla	15%	0%
Rim	14%	0%

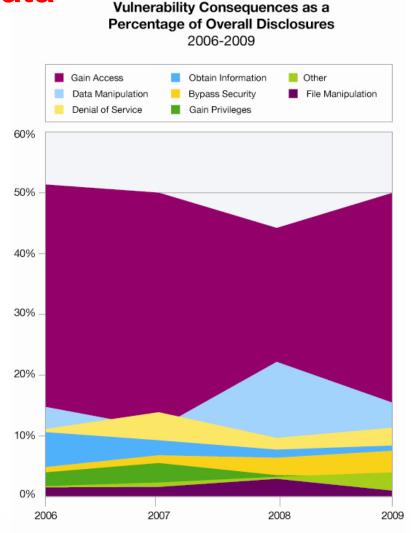
Table 4: Best and Worst Patchers, 2009





2009 Attacker Motivation is to Gain Access and Manipulate Data

- "Gain access" remains the primary consequence of vulnerability exploitation.
 - Approaching the 50% mark that was previously seen throughout 2006 and 2007.
- "Data Manipulation" took a plunge but still higher in comparison to 2006 and 2007.
- "Bypass Security" and "Denial of Service" is increasing.

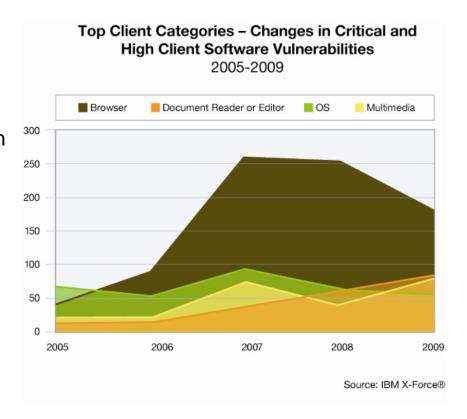






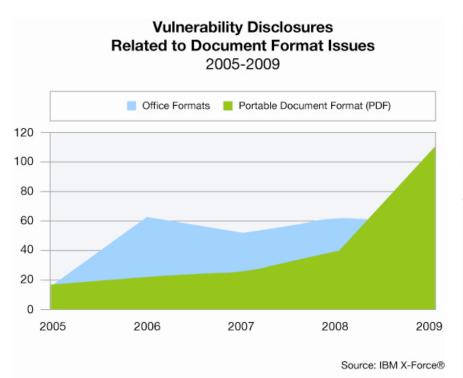
Client-Side Vulnerabilities: Document and Multimedia Vulnerabilities are on the Rise

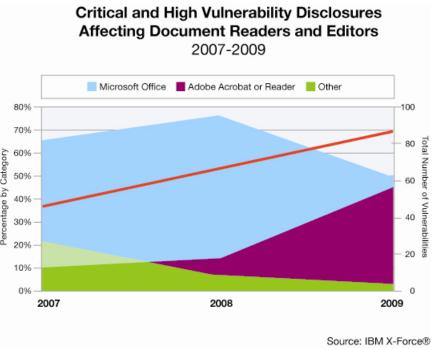
- Largest number of client-side vulnerabilities in 2009 affects Web browsers and their plug-ins.
- Document Reader and Multimedia vulnerabilities surpass OS vulnerabilities in 2009.



Vulnerabilities in Document Readers Skyrocket

- Portable Document Format (PDF) vulnerabilities dominate in 2009.
- Microsoft Office document disclosures are on the decline while Adobe disclosures continue to rise.









Malicious PDF Example

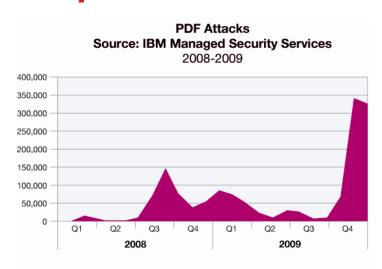
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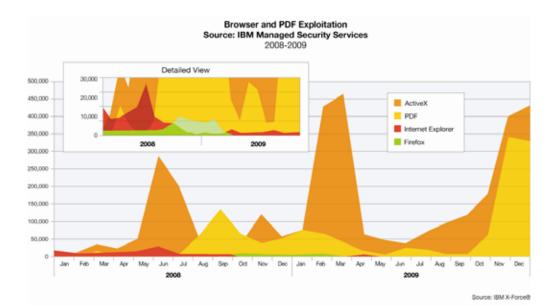




Attackers Turn to Adobe Products to Launch

Exploits





Source: IBM X-Force®

Top Five Web-Based Exploits

Rank	2009
1.	Microsoft Office Web Components Spreadsheet ActiveX (CVE-2009-1136)
2.	Adobe Acrobat and Reader Collab.CollectE-mailInfo (CVE-2007-5659)
3.	Adobe Acrobat and Reader util.printf() (CVE-2008-2992)
4.	Adobe Acrobat and Reader GetIcon() (CVE-2009-0927)
5.	Adobe Flash Player SWF Scene Count (CVE-2007-0071)

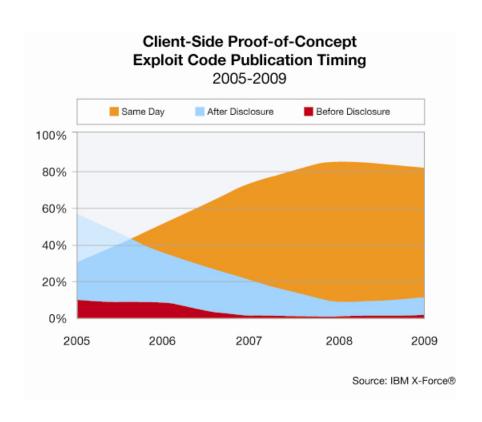
Table 11: Top Five Web-Based Exploits, 2009 Source: IBM X-Force Whiro Crawler

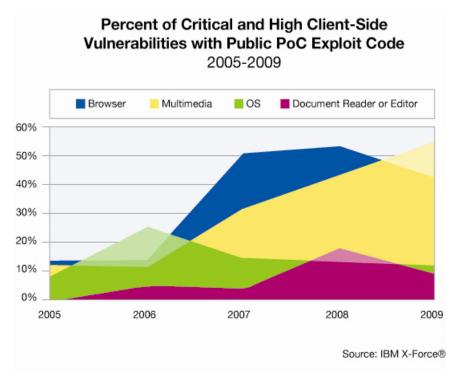
- Four of the top five web based exploits are related to Adobe products.
- Core browser vulnerabilities have taken a back seat to malicious PDF and ActiveX vulnerabilities.





Exploit Availability

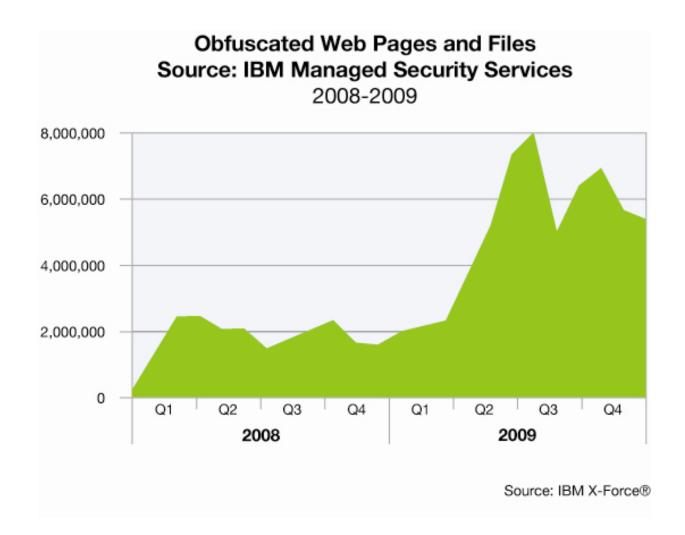






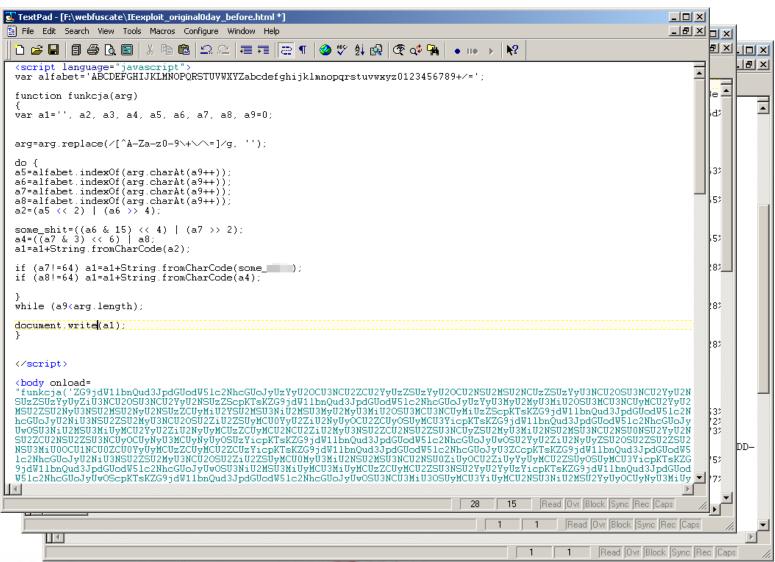


.....and they are obfuscated



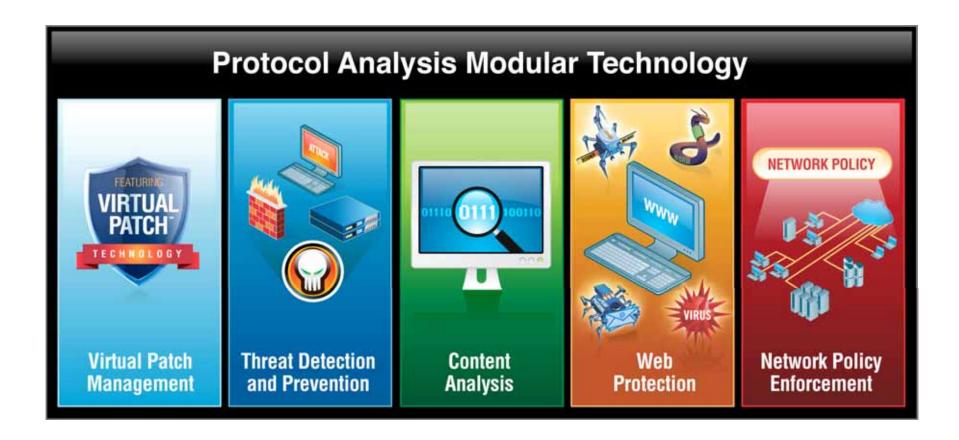








Converging the Security Platform A Holistic Security Architecture





Reasons For PAM

- Many DPI solutions must remove protection as time progresses in order to keep performance from degrading
- New technologies and techniques aren't possible with a nonextensible solution
- Pattern matching is a very old technology and is reactive in nature
 - There must always be a 'patient zero'
- Obfuscation is well practiced and easily done against pattern matching technologies
 - This is especially simple when the signatures are open and reviewable before the exploit is crafted





Which one is larger than the rest?

- Protocols are like simple languages.
 It helps if you speak the language.
- Шесть умноженным семь
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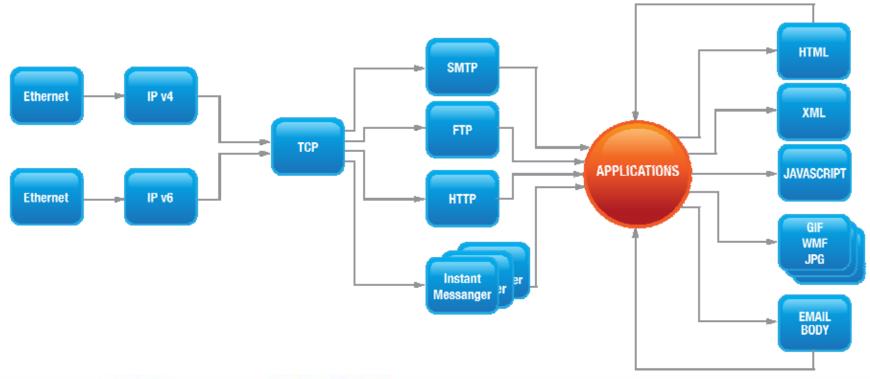
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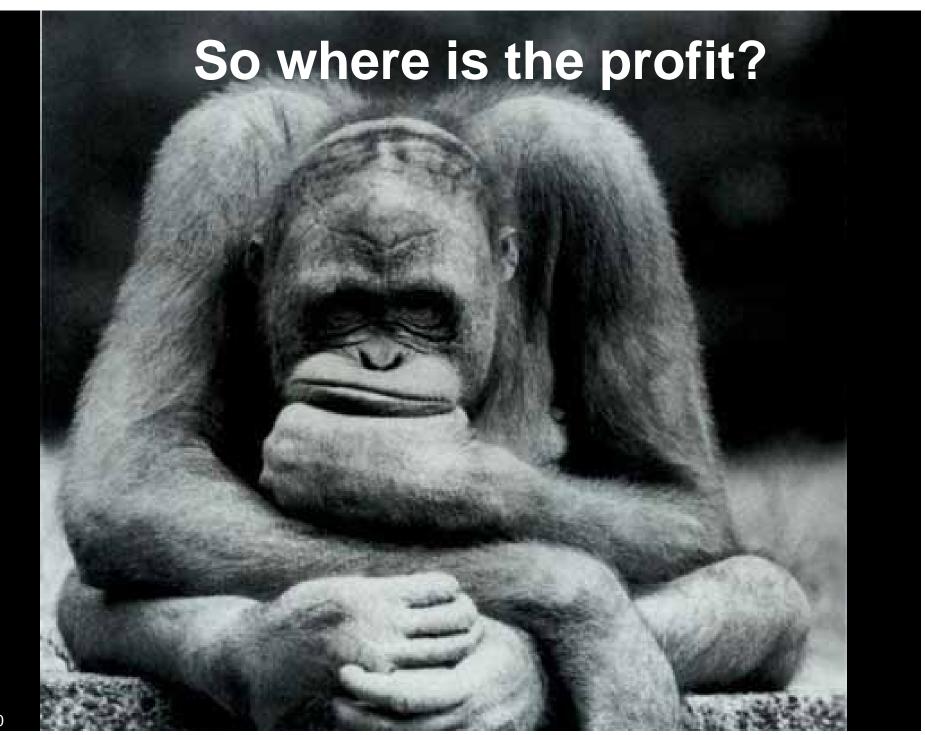
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- Six times six plus six
- Seven times seven minus seven
- Forty plus two

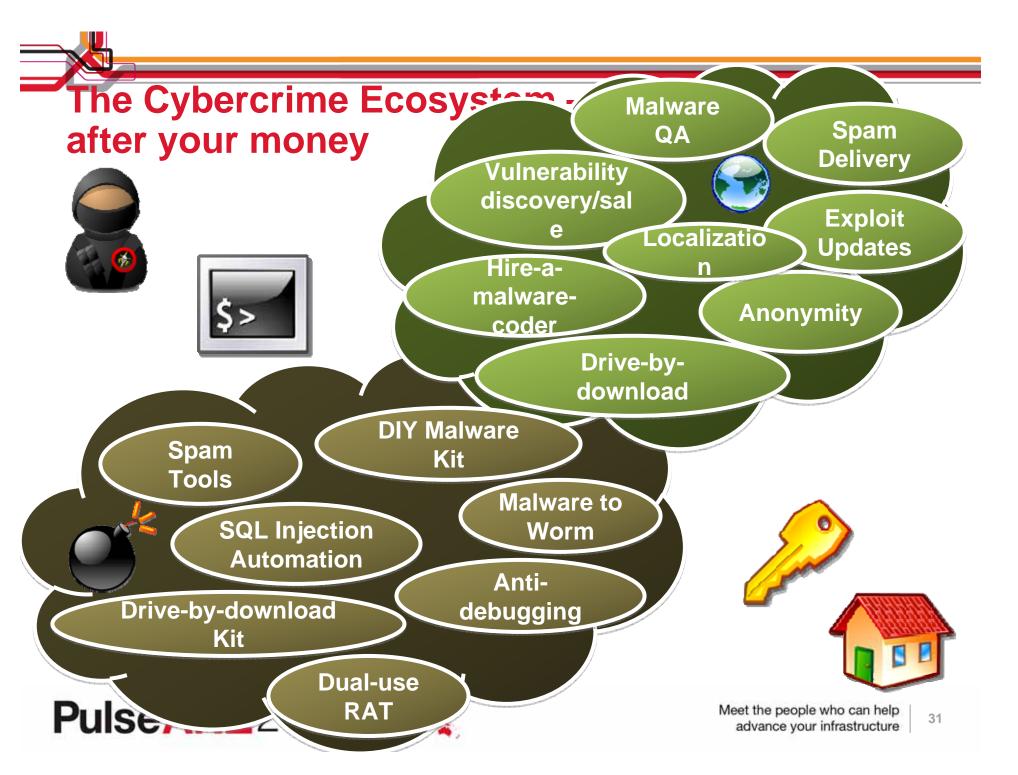


Protocol/Content Analysis at ALL Levels

- Simulate the protocol/content stacks in the vulnerable systems
- Normalize at each protocol and content layer
- Ability to shim in new technologies and grow with not only evolving threats but additional market needs





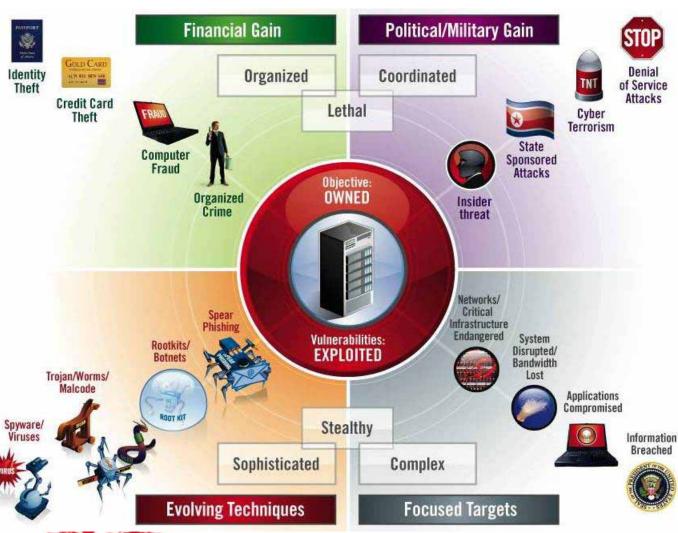




The Economics of Attacker Exploitation

Threat Evolution:

- A flat world has brought about an unprecedented amount of criminals and cons
- Attackers keep ROI in mind as well, and constantly evolve their wares in order to re-purpose it for the next flood of attacks
- High profile vulnerabilities will still be the vehicles for new attacks, however, the low and slow attack vectors cannot be ignored
- The economics of exploitation must be taken into consideration to better prioritize risk







Criminal Economics 101

- Criminal Costs
 - Easy to obtain an Exploit
 - Easy to Monetize (i.e. easy to weaponise)
- Criminal Opportunities
 - Many Targets
 - High Value (of the information)

Exploitation Probability for Snapshot Viewer Vulnerability (2008)



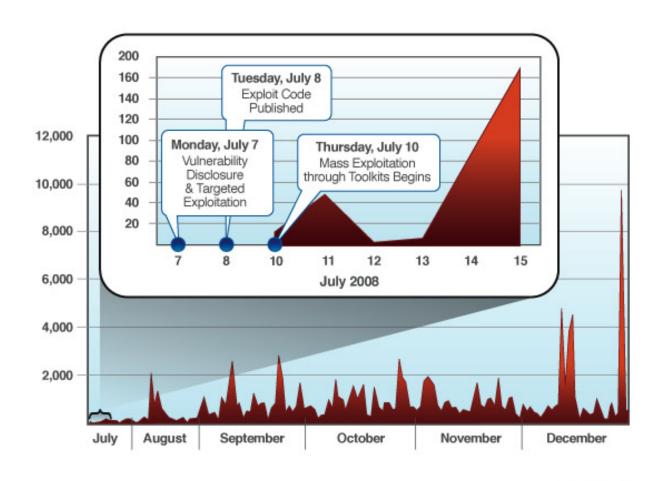
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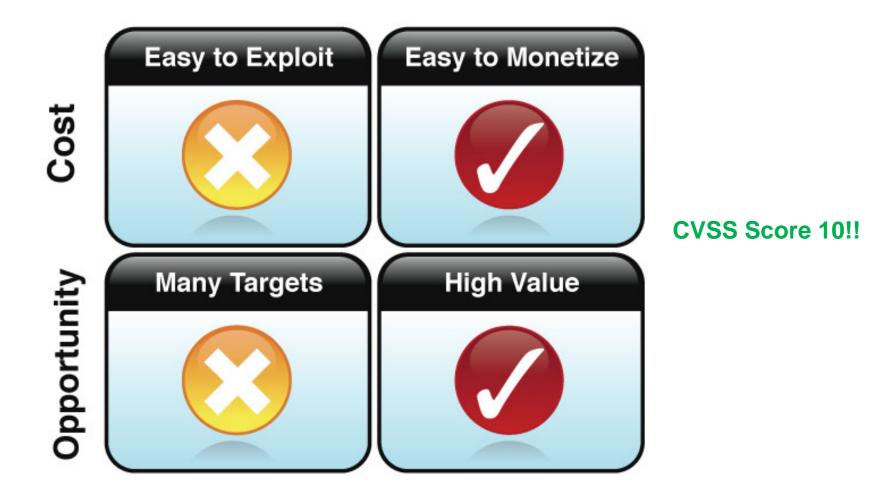
Consequently...

Microsoft Snapshot Viewer ActiveX Control Exploitation





Exploitation Probability for Microsoft IIS HTML Encoded ASP (2008)



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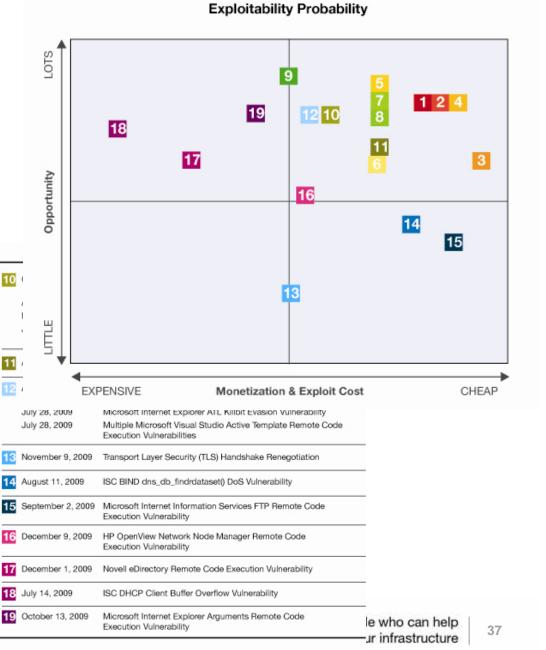




Specific to 2009

- Economics continue to play heavily into the exploitation probability of a vulnerability.
- Web Browser and Document Reader vulnerabilities are very profitable and easily executable.

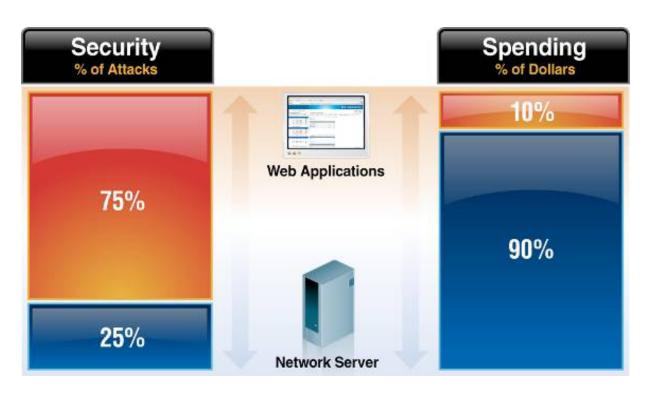






Do you have your thongs on....

Security and Spending are Unbalanced



"The cleanup cost for fixing a bug in a homegrown Web application ranges anywhere from \$400 to \$4,000 to repair, depending on the vulnerability and the way it's fixed."

-Darkreading.com



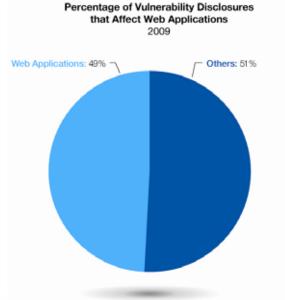


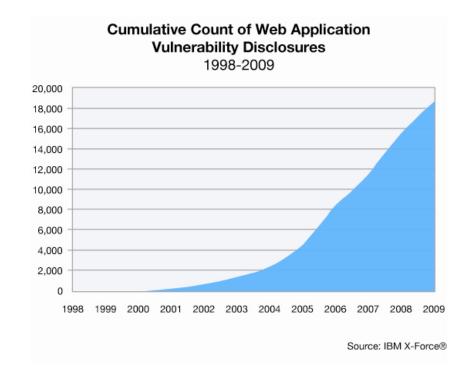


Web App Vulnerabilities Continue to Dominate

- 49% of all vulnerabilities are Web application vulnerabilities.
- Cross-Site Scripting disclosures surpassed SQL injection to take the top spot.

67% of web application vulnerabilities had no patch available at the end of 2009.



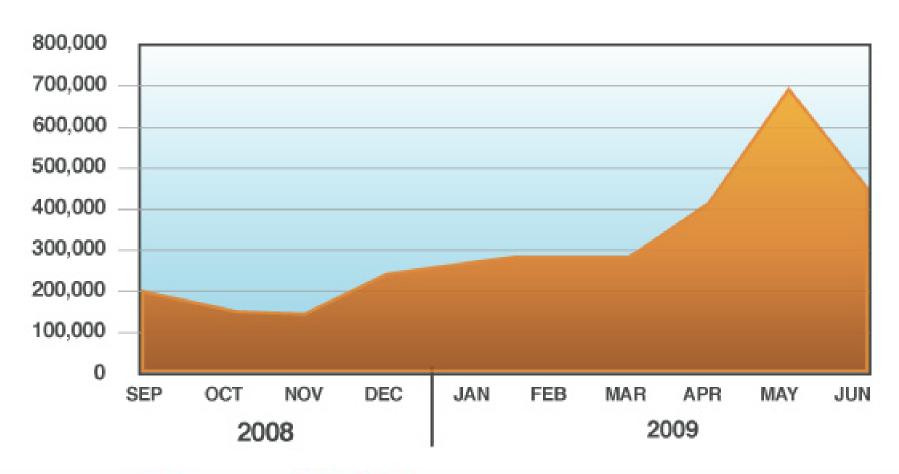






SQL Injection

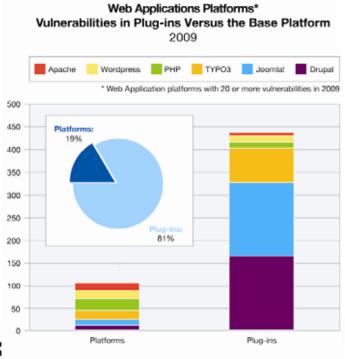
SQL Injection attack Monitored by IBM ISS Managed Security Services





Web App Plug-Ins Are Vulnerable

- 81% of web application vulnerabilities affect plug-ins and not the base platform.
- 80% or more of the vulnerabilities affecting plug-ins for Apache and Joomla! had no patch.



Source: IBM X-Force®

Platform	Percent of Vulnerabilities with No Patch		
	Base Platform	Plug-ins	
Apache	23%	86%	
Orupal	18%	13%	
Joomla!	8%	80%	
PHP	42%	15%	
TYP03	5%	51%	
Vordpress	13%	57%	

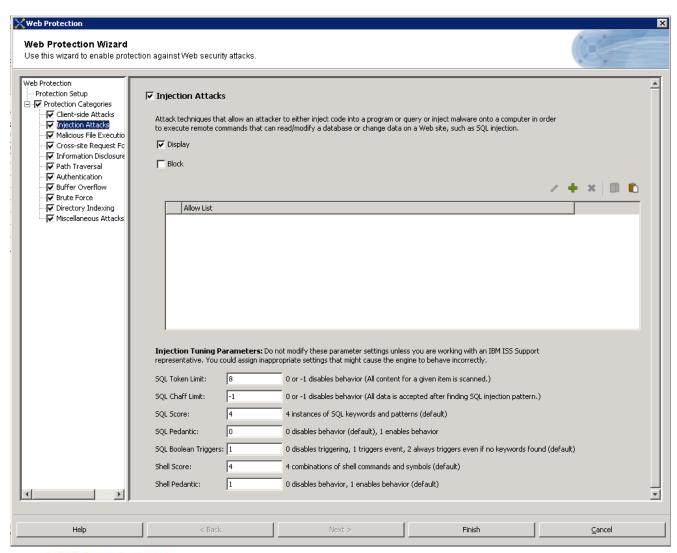
Table 8: Percentage of Web Application Platforms and Plug-in Vulnerability Disclosures without a Patch, 2009





The ILE (Injection Logic Engine) Advantage

- SQL (Structured Query Language) Injection
- XSS (Cross-site scripting)
- PHP (Hypertext Preprocessor) fileincludes
- CSRF (Cross-site request forgery)
- Path Traversal
- HTTP Response Splitting
- Forceful Browsing
- Expands security capabilities to meet both compliance requirements and threat evolution







Are you an expert?

- Which browser below is missing 8 patches?
- Which one is still using Flash v.6?
- How are 1.8 billion users supposed to tell?

(http://www.internetworldstats.com/stats.htm)

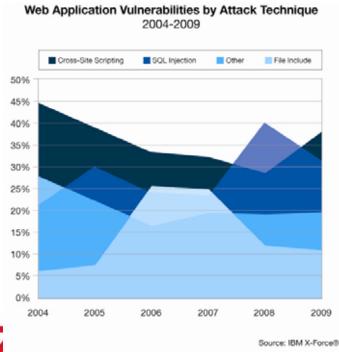


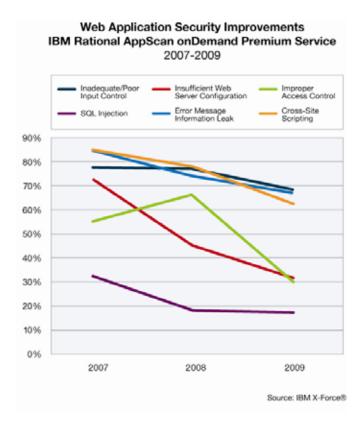




Real World Conclusions from Web App Assessments

- Cross-Site Request Forgery (CRSF) vulnerabilities increased from 22% in 2007 to 59% in 2009.
- SQL Injection vulnerabilities dropped from 33% in 2007 to 18% in 2009.
- Cross-Site Scripting (XSS) vulnerabilities dropped from 83% in 2007 to 64% in 2009.
- Inadequate Input control is the most prevalent developer-related issue, and the likelihood of finding it in 2009 is almost 70%.







Most Prevalent Web Application Vulnerabilities by Industry

- CSRF findings are increasing in all verticals.
 - Highest in Telecommunication sector applications at 74% and the lowest in retail & logistic applications at 16%.
- SQL Injection is much more likely to occur in Information Technology (including "dot com") applications (37%) than in Financial Services applications (8%).
- XSS findings differ greatly from one industry to another: Telecommunications is the highest at 95% and Financial Services is the lowest at 58%.

Telecommunications			
Category	Avg # Vulns	% Likely to Occur	
Cross-Site Scripting	91.5	95%	
Inadequate / Poor Input Control	94.7	95%	
Information Disclosure	30.1	84%	
Error Message Information Leak	45.5	79%	
Improper Application Deployment	3.1	79%	
Cross-Site Request Forgery	5.3	74%	

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proper Use of SSL	26.8	Improper Application Deploymen
ror Message Information Leak	15.0	Improper Access Control
oss-Site Scripting	21.2	Error Message Information Leak
adequate / Poor Input Control	22.9	Improper Use of SSL
formation Disclosure	5.1	Information Disclosure
sufficient Web Server Configuration	5.6	5076
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Information Technology

Avg #

Vulns

47.5

% Likely

to Occur

Category		Avg # Vulns	% Likely to Occur	_
Improper Use	of SSL	61.5	84%	_
Improper Access Control Error Message Information Leak		3.2	76%	_
		36.2	71%	_
Inadequate/				
Cross-Site S		Industrials		
Information [Category		Avg # Vulns	% Likely to Occur
ппргорогир	Inadequate / Poor Input	Control	35.8	72%
	Error Message Information Leak Cross-Site Scripting Information Disclosure Cross-Site Request Forgery		14.7	67%
			31.7	65%
			17.3	58%
			7.7	58%

Health, Medical and Education			
Category	Avg # Vulns	% Likely to Occur	
Cross-Site Scripting	11.9	91%	
Inadequate / Poor Input Control	19.7	82%	
Information Disclosure	8.6	82%	
Error Message Information Leak	9.7	73%	
Insufficient Web Server Configuration	16.3	64%	
Improper Use of SSL	30.2	55%	
Improper Application Deployment	1.4	55%	

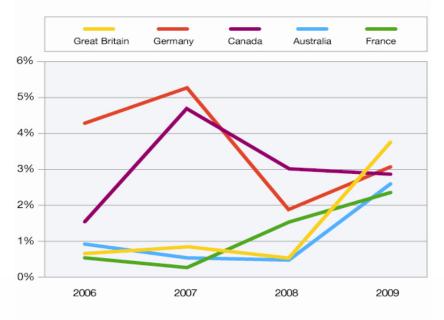


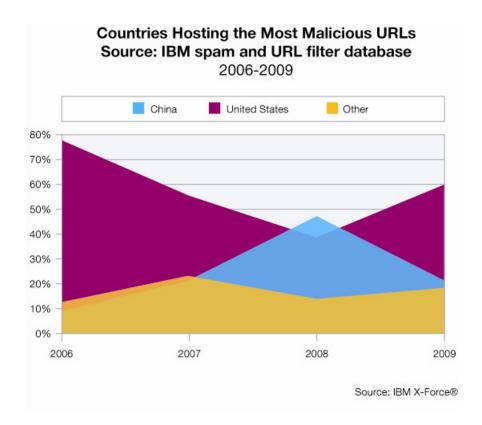
Malicious Web Links Increase by 345%

Source: IBM X-Force®

- United States and China continue to reign as the top hosting countries for malicious links.
- Many more second tier countries are jumping into this game.
 - Countries hosting at least one malicious link nearly doubled from 2008 to 2009

Second-Tier Countries that Host Two Percent or More of All Malicious URLs 2006-2009



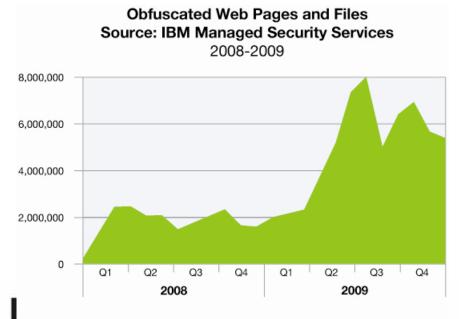


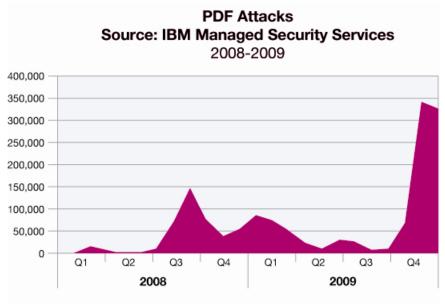


Suspicious Web Pages and Files are on the Rise

Source: IBM X-Force®

- The level of obfuscation found in Web exploits continues to rise.
- Exploit toolkit packages have started to include both malicious Adobe Flash and PDF files.
- Adobe PDF files saw increases in obfuscation complexity throughout 2009.



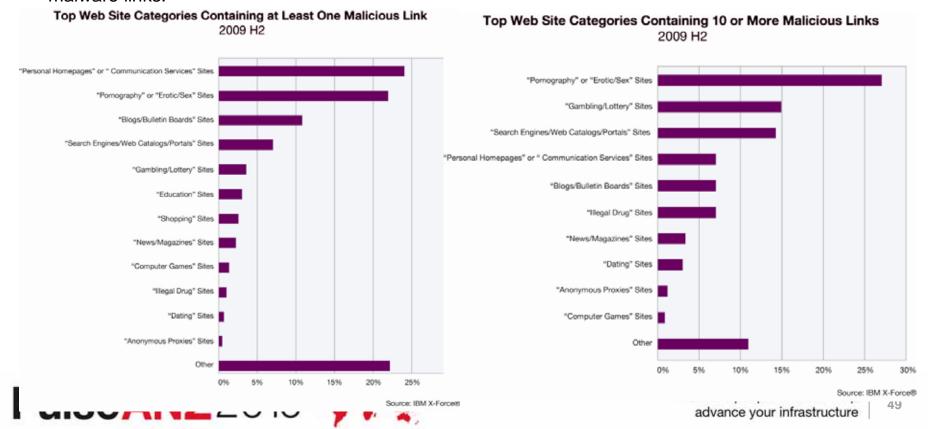


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Websites Hosting Bad Links

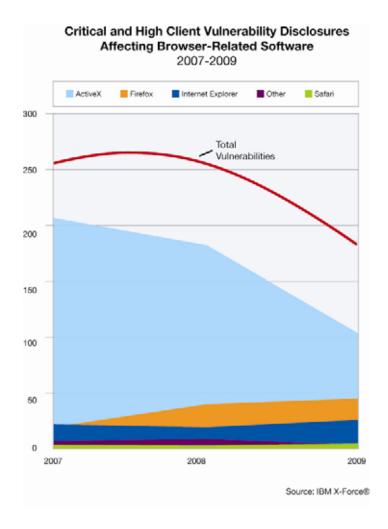
- Since the 1st half of 2009, Professional "bad" Web sites like pornography, gambling, or illegal drugs Web sites have increased their links to malware.
- Blogs and bulletin boards have also seen increases in malware links.





Browser Exploitation Prevention (BEP)

- The Web browser is the universal application
- Attackers know that it delivers the best ROI
- BEP protects against web browser exploitation regardless of the vulnerability
- Approximately 20 decodes protecting against hundreds of vulnerabilities in multiple browsers
- Protects against both shellcode and obfuscation based exploits
- Majority of IPS technology can't do either







The Shell Code Heuristics (SCH) Advantage

- X-Force developed Shellcode Heuristics (SCH) to address the attack payload regardless of the vulnerability
- It is proprietary to IBM X-Force
- Available in all PAM-based products
- Has an unbeatable track record of protecting against zero day vulnerabilities:
 - More than 80% Microsoft Office Oday payload detection rate
 - Discovered multiple Internet Explorer vulnerabilities in-the-wild as 0 days (in conjunction with MSS)
 - VML(MS06-055)
 - XML(MS06-071)
 - Discovered and protected against numerous payloads in-the-wild relating to other web browser attacks since March 2006
 - Incredibly low false positive rate only 2 known false positives in 22 million mixed-media files in malware zoo





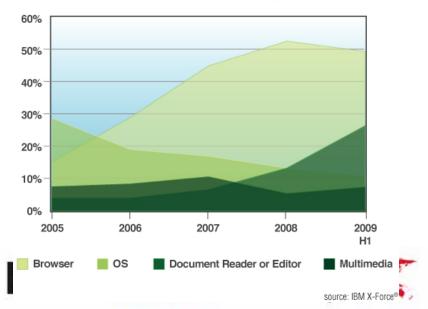
Applications Protected by Shellcode Heuristics

MIME Types:

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- application/pdf
- application/msword
- application/vnd.msexcel

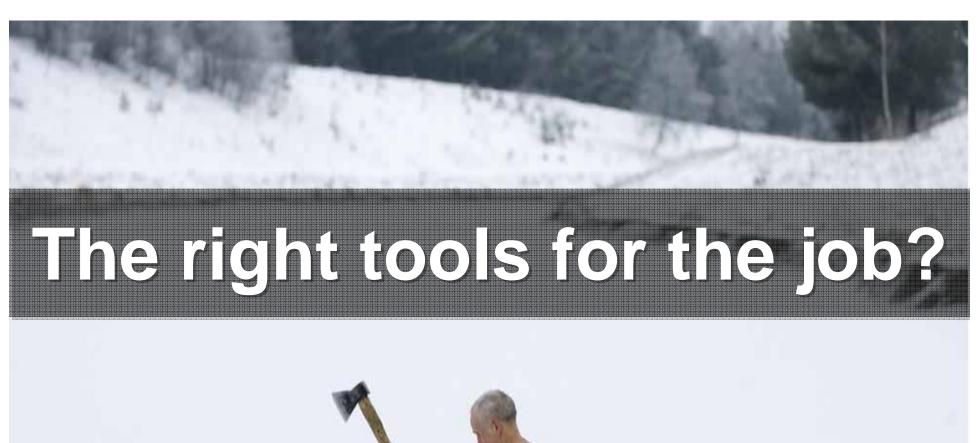
Prevalent Client-Side Software

Percent of Critical and High Vulnerability Disclosures



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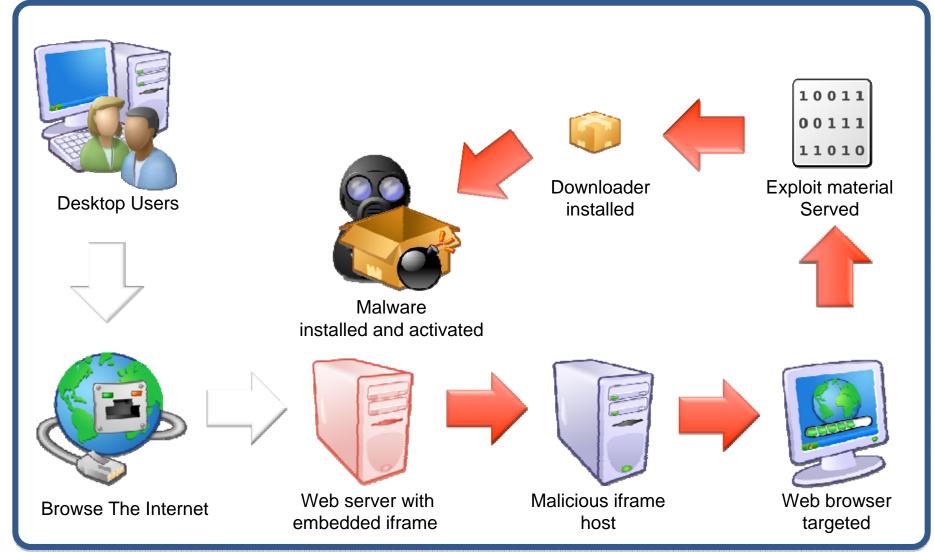
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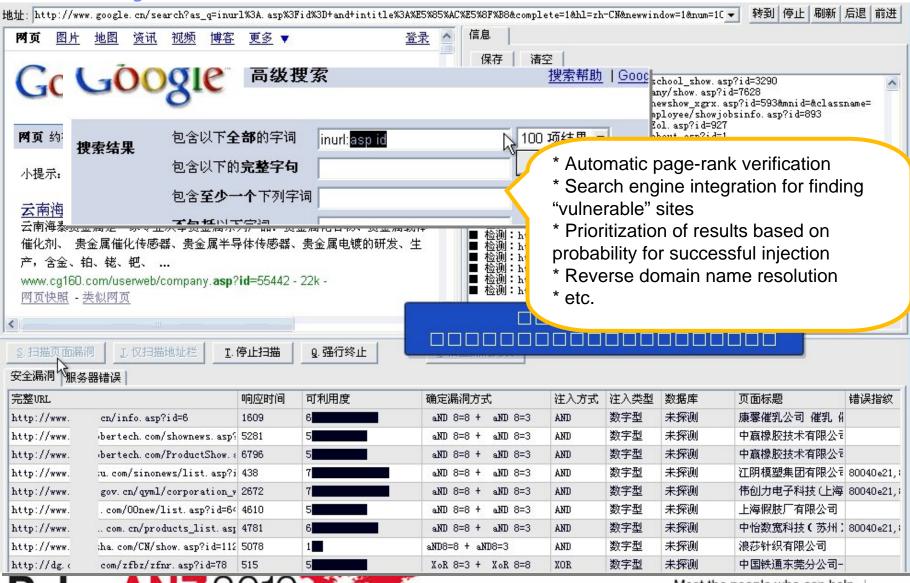




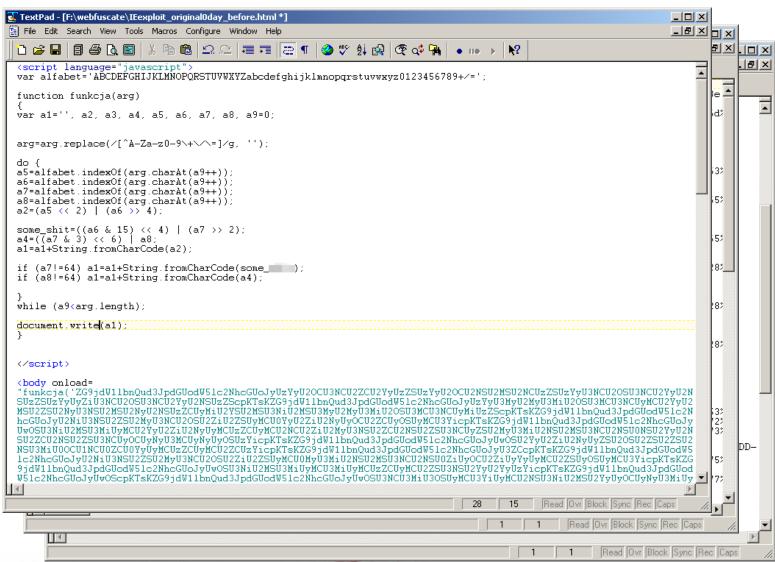
The drive-by-download process



SQL Injection Attack Tools



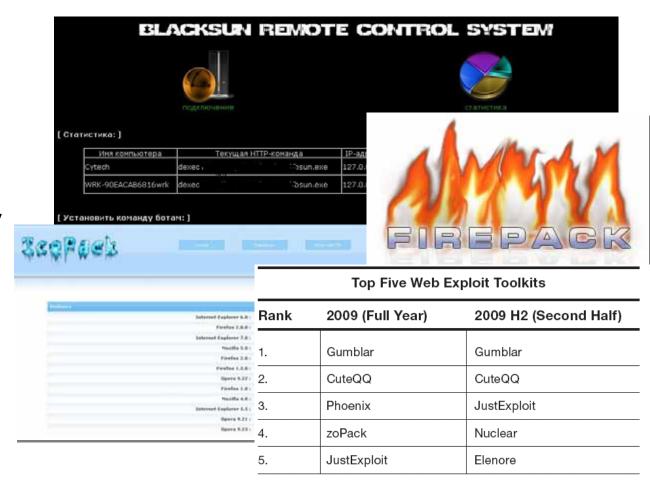


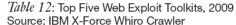




Popular drive-by-download exploit packs

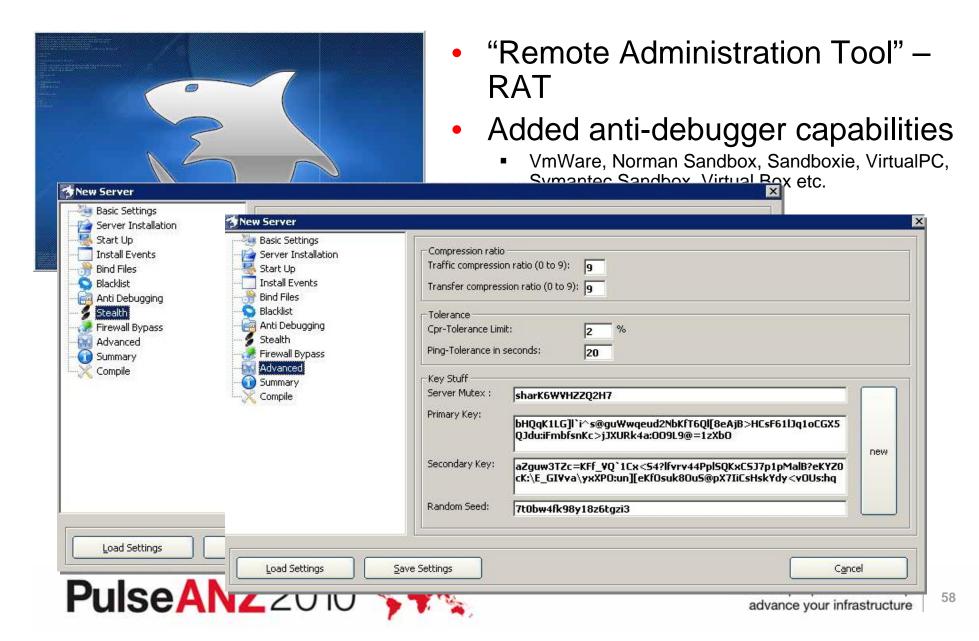
- WebAttacker2
- Mpack
- IcePack
 - Localized toFrench in May2008
- Firepack
- Neosploit
- Black Sun
- Cyber Bot







Malware creator kits - Shark 3





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 - MSI
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 - AdvMan
 - Onli keyl
 - Infoi rem
 - Etc.



Bronze Edition

- This product is the improved version of Turkojan 3.0 and it has some limitations (Webcam - audio streaming and msn sniffer doesn't work for this version)
- 1 month replacement warranty if it gets dedected by any antivirus
- 7/24 online support via e-mail
- Supports only Windows 95/98/ME/NT/2000/XP
- Realtime Screen viewing(controlling is disabled)

Price: 99\$ (United State Dollar)



Silver Edition

- 4 months (maximum 3 times) replacement warranty if it gets dedected by any antivirus
- 7/24 online support via e-mail and instant messengers
- Supports 95/98/ME/NT/2000/XP/Vista
- Webcam streaming is available with this version
- Realtime Screen viewing(controlling is disabled)
- Notifies changements on clipboard and save them

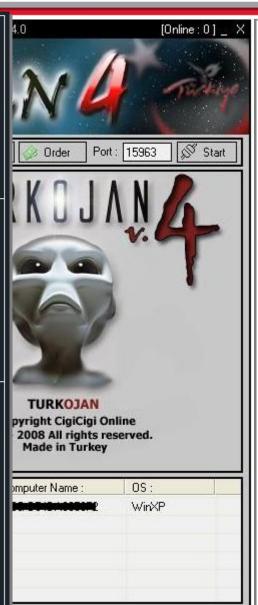
Price: 179\$ (United State Dollar)



Gold Edition

- 6 months (unlimited) or 9 months(maximum 3 times) replacement warranty if it gets dedected by any antivirus (you can choose 6 months or 9 months)
- 7/24 online support via e-mail and instant messengers
- Supports Windows 95/98/ME/NT/2000/2003/XP/Vista
- Remote Shell (Managing with Ms-Dos Commands)
- Webcam audio streaming and msn sniffer
- Controlling remote computer via keyboard and mouse
- Notifies changements on clipboard and save them
- Technical support after installing software
- Viewing pictures without any download(Thumbnail Viewer)

Price: 249\$ (United State Dollar)



Status: Passive



Conclusions

- Beware of a false sense of security
- Better patching from vendors but no for plug-ins
- Significant numbers and severity of vulnerabilities will have no remedy
- +50% vulnerabilities in readers and multimedia applications
- Malicious web links have increased by 345%
- Web applications are most vulnerable (67% no patch)
- Increased use of obfuscation





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