



# THE LIFE CYCLE OF E-EVIDENCE

HANDLING E-EVIDENCE IN ONLINE  
FRAUD CASES

Athens, 7-8 November 2017

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## Key topics

- Credit card fraud: a challenge for the application of traditional fraud provisions
- Online auction fraud (cases, technical solutions and legal responses)
- Challenges in investigating and prosecuting internet fraud: phishing (including dummy corporations and boiler room ops)
- Fraud committed with electronic means of payment: experiences in EU Member States
- Involvement of the internet industry in fighting online financial crimes

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# THE LIFE CYCLE OF E-EVIDENCE

**Tuesday, 7 November 2017**

08:30 Arrival and registration of participants

09:00 Welcome and introduction  
*President of the Athens Bar Association; Laviero Buono*

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## I. E-EVIDENCE IN ONLINE FRAUD CASES: AN OVERVIEW

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09:15 **Some considerations when dealing with electronic evidence in online fraud criminal proceedings**

- The investigation and evidence
- An issue – jurisdiction
- Presentation of evidence in court

*Stephen Mason*

10:15 Discussion

10:30 Break

Chair: *Stephen Mason*

11:00 **Online financial crimes and fraud committed with electronic means of payment**

- e-Evidence in internet-related money laundering
- Dissemination of false information and online extortion
- Computer-related fraud: a challenge for the application of traditional fraud provisions

*Michael Rachavelias*

11:45 **Fraud across Virtual Borders IRL (in real life)**

- Profiling the good, the bad and the ugly
- Filtering and blocking
- Circumvention, encryption and hiding online
- Virtual evidence – an oxymoron?
- MLAs, EIO's, collaboration – volunteers required!
- Virtual courts, virtual judges, virtual prisons

*Cormac Callanan*

12:30 Discussion

12:45 Lunch

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## II. CASE STUDIES ON ONLINE FINANCIAL CRIMES AND INTERNET FRAUD

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Chair: *Georgios Papadopoulos*

14:00 **Internet fraud, Bitcoin and cryptocurrency investigation**  
*Neil Walsh*

14:45 **The challenges in handling e-evidence in online fraud cases: a view from the coalface**  
*Jari Javanainen*

15:30 Discussion

15:45 Break

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## III. PRACTICAL EXPERIENCES IN EU MEMBER STATES

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Chair: *Laviero Buono*

16:15 **Criminal money flows and financial investigations on the internet**  
*Petr Klement*

## Objective

Credit card fraud is a highly profitable criminal activity which involves the unauthorised taking of another person's credit card information for the purpose of using the money available on an account or removing funds from it. To respond effectively to this threat, cooperation between law enforcement authorities and the private sector is crucial. This seminar will look at the different forms of payment fraud, at concrete examples of credit card fraud and at the key role played by the exchange of information between the public and private sectors.

## Who should attend?

Judges, prosecutors and lawyers in private practice.

## Location

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- 16:45 **Online financial offences and e-evidence in legal proceedings: the view of the defence**  
*Dominikos Arvanitis*
- 17:15 Discussion
- 17:30 End of the first day
- 20:00 Dinner

## Wednesday, 8 November 2017

### IV. TACKLING CREDIT CARD FRAUD MORE EFFECTIVELY: THE ROLE OF THE PRIVATE SECTOR

Chair: *Stephen Mason*

- 09:00 **The internet industry perspective**
- General involvement of the internet industry in online credit card fraud
  - Detection and prevention of internet fraud
  - Policy and concrete case studies
- Cormac Callanan*

- 10:00 **Examples of digital information theft and best practices to prevent it**  
*Ilias Chantzos*

10:30 Discussion

10:45 Break

### V. LATEST TRENDS AND POSSIBLE NEW SCENARIOS IN CREDIT CARD FRAUD

Chair: *Laviero Buono*

- 11:15 **e-Evidence in concrete skimming and phishing cases (including also dummy corporations and boiler room ops)**  
*Hein Dries*

12:00 Discussion

12:30 End of seminar and lunch

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# SOME CONSIDERATIONS WHEN DEALING WITH ELECTRONIC EVIDENCE IN ONLINE FRAUD CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS

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Stephen Mason, Barrister

## Handling e-evidence in online fraud cases

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# Outline

The investigation and evidence

An issue – jurisdiction

Presentation of evidence in court

# Investigation and evidence

# *Martin, R. v* [2013] EWCA Crim 1420

An appeal against sentence

5 offences of unauthorised modification of computer material contrary to section 3(1) of the Computer Misuse Act 1990

1 offence of securing unauthorised access to computer material with intent contrary to section 2(1)(a) of the Computer Misuse Act 1990

1 offence of securing unauthorised access to computer material contrary to section 1 of the Computer Misuse Act 1990

2 offences of making, supplying or obtaining articles for use contrary to section 3(A) and (5) of the Computer Misuse Act 1990

# Facts in brief

1. Martin launched a Denial of Service (DOS) attack on the University of Oxford web site shortly before 11.40 am on 3 March 2011

2. On 10 March 2011 Martin made an anonymous telephone call to one David Bradley, telling him that all of his personal and financial information was available on the internet

Mr Bradley immediately tried to log on to his bank account with his original password - it did not work - he tried the one given by the appellant - it worked

3. At 8.34pm on 10 February 2012 an internet order for a pizza delivery to Martin's home address was placed through the web site of Domino's Pizza using the PayPal account of one Neil Kerin

Martin had earlier obtained Mr Kerin's computer password while working for him as a self-employed computer repairman - Mr Kerin's partner identified the pizza transaction whilst going through her e-mails on 11 February 2012

Mr Kerin went to the delivery address at 8.00pm - a woman at that address denied any knowledge of the transaction - Mr Kerin recognised Martin when he came downstairs and he challenged him - Martin denied it but said Mr Kerin would be reimbursed

4. At 3.50pm on 29 January 2012 Martin launched a DOS attack on the University of Cambridge web site

5. At 9.45am on 1 February 2012 Martin launched a DOS attack on a web site belonging to the Kent Police

# The evidence – Oxford DOS attack

From paragraph 6 of the law report:

On 23 March 2011, the appellant sent to that University an e-mail signed SL1NK which said: “You Just Don’t fucking learn”. On 2/3 December 2011 he sent it a further e-mail which read:

“I have owned you once before (DDOS attack about six to seven months ago?) and I am going to do it again along with Cambridge. I have access to your SQL users and password database, they are encrypted as you obviously know but it won’t take long and by the time you have read this message I will have sold the two databases and what is needed to have been done will have been done”.

Martin made the IP address appear to come from the United States

# The evidence – police investigation

On 3 May 2011 when investigating a burglary, searched Martin's home address in Dover

They seized four USB storage devices and a desktop computer

They found nothing pertaining to the burglary on those items and returned them to Martin at his home address

When they were at his home, one of the officers noticed an envelope with the name of another person on it

Martin offered to pay the officer £1,000 to say that he had not seen the envelope

He was re-arrested and interviewed

Further forensic examination was then made of the items that had been seized

# The evidence – further DOS attacks

After Martin initiated the DOS attack on the University of Cambridge, he telephoned the BBC South East news desk and informed a journalist that he had hacked into the Kent Police web site

He said he was doing it 'because I can'

He would not give his name, but gave the journalist a SL1NK e-mail address

The journalist informed her editor, who then informed the police

Martin also made a number of telephone calls to his girlfriend during the attack

He discussed the attack and suggested that he might try and attack the Metropolitan Police web site instead

# Further evidence in the Cambridge DOS attack

The attack was traced and a block placed on the IUP address

Normal service was resumed after about 20 minutes

Later the University server received further connections via a tool used by network engineers to probe networked computers for information

Just after 5.00pm the University received an e-mail from SL1NK which said:

“I have your user and password database sat on my drive and I am also guessing you have noticed your site CAM.AC.UK is under attack” and: “If you ban the IP address I will just switch it again so don't waste your time”.

Further access attempts and further e-mails from SL1NK were received, one of which read: “You will never find me and you know you won't”.

# The evidence – further police investigation

On 3 February 2012 the police executed a warrant and searched Martin's home – he said to the police 'The Kent Police website was hacked the other day'

He was arrested his computers were seized

He said they were all encrypted and refused to provide passwords until he had seen his solicitor

Conclusions by Court of Appeal judges on this particular point:

The fact of encryption speaks of the sophistication of this operation

It does not appear that the appellant ever accurately provided the encrypted passwords

The information was to the effect that he had forgotten it

The judges found that explanation lacking in plausibility

It might have been plausible at the moment that he was initially interviewed, but not thereafter

# The evidence – continued

A handwritten list headed 'Possible Targets' was recovered from his grandparents' address

Next to the heading was written: 'False ID, diplomatic immunity, prepaid cards/ccs'

The following targets were listed:

Serious and Organised Crime Agency, BBC, Army UK, Oxford Cambridge Uni, Kent Met Police, MI5 6, Fed Reserve, Channel 5 TV, CIA, NSA, FISA, Sony again LOL, major news organisations, HMBC

A mobile telephone in Martin's possession contained personal data belonging to Mr Kerin and his partner including passwords, e-mail addresses, bank account numbers and credit card numbers

# The evidence – continued

The computer equipment seized from Martin's home address was analyzed and found to contain

- references to SL1NK

- files with titles such as 'Bank Hack' containing personal information on Mr Bradley

- personal banking and credit card details for others

A link led to a web site with a screen-shot of Mr Bradley's online bank account and information on other accounts, credit cards and loans

SL1NK's exploits were referenced on other web sites and a hacking forum

In interview Martin said that

- he had used the name SL1NK but it was 'just a pseudo name' and that many others used it

- he denied carrying out the DOS attacks

His denial was undermined by his admissions

# Complex investigations

## Carousel fraud (missing trader intra-Community fraud)

*Pomfrett, R v* [2009] EWCA Crim 1939

<http://www.bailii.org/ew/cases/EWCA/Crim/2009/1939.html>

One of a number of frauds and related money laundering offences investigated in the period 2002 to 2006 under code-names – Operation Vitric and Operation Devout

This prosecution arose out of Operation Devout II

His defence:

Denied knowingly participating in the fraud

He was an innocent victim of the dishonesty of others

One ground of appeal:

The prosecution failed to disclose materials to the defence

# Complexity of the investigation

Operation Vitric fraud was a multi-handed MTIC fraud causing a VAT loss of £100 million – it was in 3 stages:

Stage 1, 30 November 2001 to 19 April 2002

Stage 2, 22 April to 17 May 2002

Stage 3, 21 May to 27 June 2002

Operation Vitric fraud was followed by the Operation Devout frauds:

Operation Devout I was a fraud executed between 12 April and 30 April 2002, causing a VAT loss of £12.5 million

Operation Devout II related to the fraud charged in the trial of Pomfrett his co-defendants – the fraud ended on 22 July 2002

# Failure to disclose materials

The parties agreed, for the purposes of the appeal, a statement of facts arising from the Operation Vitric documents should have been, but were not, disclosed to Pomfrett for the purposes of his trial [see paragraph 39 of the judgment for a summary]

The issue was on the *consequences* of failing to disclose for the safety of Pomfrett's conviction

In essence the defence argument was that the materials would have allowed them to advance Pomfrett's defence that he was the innocent victim of the dishonesty of others

# Decision of the Court of Appeal

It was accepted that with the additional material the nature of the case would have been significantly different

Pomfrett's defence would have been advanced in a different context

The conspiracy alleged would have to be considered within a much wider context of fraudulent activity than appeared at the trial itself [paragraph 55 of the judgment]

However, the Court formed the view that the additional material provides no reason to doubt the safety of Pomfrett's conviction [paragraph 59 of the judgment]

'In order to test that view, we have gone on to ask ourselves whether the additional material might reasonably have affected the jury's decision to convict.' [paragraph 60 of the judgment]

# Example of on-line investigations

Brian Krebs, How a Citadel Trojan Developer Got Busted, July 2017:

<https://krebsonsecurity.com/2017/07/how-a-citadel-trojan-developer-got-busted/>

# Jurisdiction

Where a substantial measure of the activities constituting the crime takes place in a jurisdiction in the United Kingdom, the courts will claim jurisdiction

From a practical perspective, if someone in the UK is victim of an online scam organized by a nearly untraceable person on a different continent, it is likely that a prosecution will take place

# Smith, R v [2004] EWCA Crim 631

Wallace Duncan Smith is a Canadian national

He established a merchant bank, Wallace Smith Trust Company

He was the Chairman and Managing Director

On 30 April 1991 the bank ceased trading and a provisional liquidator was appointed on the petition of the Bank of England

It was subsequently wound up owing its unsecured creditors approximately £92,000,000

Smith controlled other companies based in Canada including one known initially as Wallace Smith Holdings

Working from the UK and using a group of companies that he controlled, Smith set up various false deals between the bank and Wallace Smith Holdings which increased the size of the banks profits

# The fraud – 1

Counts 3 and 4 related to two similar transactions, regarding a form of secured lending

There were two parts to the transaction

The first part involved a security represented by the stock being sold to Discount Bank of Switzerland, which operated from London, for the agreed duration of the transaction

In other words the lender, as security for the loan, purchases and pays the amount of the loan for the stock on the first part of the transaction

The lender owns the stock but the lender is subject to an obligation to sell it back at an agreed future date - this being the second part

While he owns the stock, the lender can trade the stock

The return for the lender is provided by the agreed increase in price payable by the borrower to the lender on the repurchase part

# The fraud – 2

The stock never entered into the possession of the Discount Bank of Switzerland

It was supposedly held in Canada to that bank's order

In fact, no such stock was available to the appellant in Canada or elsewhere

# Jurisdiction

The important feature of the transactions for present purposes is that:

- the dishonest arrangements were put into operation by Smith in the jurisdiction of England & Wales

- the obtaining of the money took place outside the jurisdiction when the money was paid into a bank account in New York

One of the issues the Court of Appeal had to deal with was whether the courts of England and Wales had jurisdiction over the offences

# For consideration

Smith was charged with offences that might have meant there was no jurisdiction in England & Wales

The court had to decide whether the charges could be withdrawn and substitute charges put in their place

If the substitute charges were put in place, it was then a question of whether it would lead to unfairness

If there was no unfairness, the issue was then whether the correct jurisdiction was England & Wales

The court has a discretion as to whether to substitute a charge

It does not follow that because there can be substitution it will be just to make substitution

# Issue

The first requirement for substitution was that Smith at the material times was in London and based there

He was therefore subject to the general criminal jurisdiction of England & Wales

The issue was whether the substituted offence would have been an offence which the courts in England & Wales would have had the jurisdiction to try

# Problem

There was a conflict between two previous decisions of the Court of Appeal

The issue was an important one

It involved determining the extent to which it is appropriate for the Court of Appeal to develop the common law about jurisdiction in order to meet the changing requirements of society

The precise issue is of diminishing importance because the legislature has intervened

# *Harden* [1963] 1 QB 8

Harden was the director and majority shareholder of a company in England which sold refrigerators and refrigeration equipment, a high proportion of the sales was on hire-purchase terms

To assist the financing of the hire-purchase business, he made an arrangement with a company registered in Jersey under which he assigned hire-purchase agreements to that company from time to time in return for the payment of a sum equal to that outstanding under the agreements, less an amount equal to the company's charges

When transmitting an agreement, Harden completed an assignment and signed a form of letter of offer of sale, the final sentence of which read 'This offer may be accepted by you at any time within one month of the date hereof by sending your cheque for the net amount'

The documents were sent by post to the company in Jersey, and Harden received in return a cheque posted in Jersey that he paid into a bank account in the name of his company

# Harden – the crime

Harden occasionally included fictitious agreements, inducing the company to pay over sums as if it was a genuine agreement

The counts relating to transactions with the company in Jersey were quashed

This is because the offence of ‘obtaining by false pretences’ was the act of obtaining

By completing the ‘offers of sale’ letter, Harden agreed that the sending of the cheque by the Jersey company should complete the transaction

The parties contemplated that the cheque should be sent by post

This meant that when the cheque was posted in Jersey, property in each cheque passed to Harden

This meant that the crime of obtaining was carried out in Jersey

The consequence was that the act was not done within the jurisdiction

# Harden – analysis

The offence of obtaining by false pretences lies in the act of obtaining

If this act is done within the jurisdiction, it does not matter that the false pretence was made abroad

On this approach, obtaining offences can be described as ‘result crimes’

That is, crimes that are not complete until the specified result is achieved, and crimes where the location of the result determines the jurisdiction over the crime

This is also called the ‘terminatory theory’

The court came to the conclusion that as the parties to the transaction contemplated that the cheques should be sent by post, the offences were complete at the time of posting the cheques

This meant there was no jurisdiction

From a jurisdictional point of view, it is unsatisfactory for a question of jurisdiction to be determined by an artificial concept designed for resolving contractual disputes

# The solution – 1

Crime has ceased to be largely local in origin and effect

Crime is now established on an international scale and the common law must face this new reality

If the issue of jurisdiction is to depend solely upon where the obtaining took place, it is likely that the courts, and especially juries, will be confronted with complex and, at times, obscure factual issues which have no bearing on the merits of the case

The Court of Appeal recognized the need to adapt its approach to the question of jurisdiction in the light of such changes

The English courts have begun to move away from definitional obsessions and technical formulations aimed at finding a single situs of a crime by locating where the substance of the crime occurred or where it was completed

# The solution – 2

The courts now:

examine relevant policies to apply the English criminal law where a substantial measure of the activities constituting a crime take place in England, and

restrict its application solely in cases where it can seriously be argued that the activities should, on the basis of international comity, be dealt with by another country

The decision in *Harden* was correct, but it no longer should be regarded as setting out an exclusive basis of jurisdiction

For policy reasons, particularly in relation to complex fraud, where there are no reasons of comity which require a different approach, when substantial activities constituting a crime takes place in England, the English court should have jurisdiction

There does not have to be a distinction in relation to the principles of jurisdiction between different crimes

Questions of jurisdiction, although they involve substantive law, have a strong procedural element and are less absolute than issues of pure substantive law

# Agreement reached

*Rogers, R v* [2014] EWCA Crim 1680

Advance fee fraud operated from call centres based in Spain or Turkey

British nationals were employed to deal with calls

Consumers in the UK called the centres in responding to websites or advertisements in the national press

The telephone numbers had the prefixes 0871 or 0845, so the individuals being defrauded did not know that they were speaking to a call centre based in Spain or Turkey

They were persuaded by staff to pay advance fees on false promises

The staff received commission through a cash card provided by a legitimate UK company

The money was paid into the UK accounts of false UK companies and used to pay expenses

The profit (about £5.7m) was transferred to Spain

# The new position

The criminal acts plainly took place in and had an effect upon victims in the UK

The laundering of the proceeds in Spain is directly linked to those acts in the UK by virtue of the fact that the property is criminal property

The significant part of the criminality underlying the case took place in England, including the continued deprivation of the victims of their monies

This was not an offence in which the Spanish authorities had an interest

The English courts properly had jurisdiction

This demonstrates the modern approach to jurisdiction, involving an adjustment to the circumstances of international criminality

# Presentation of evidence in court

# The use of technologies in England

The police (possibly with substantive evidential consequences)

Interviews recorded by video (and increasingly, by digital means)

The use of hand-held digital devices to take statements from witnesses (presently used by Hampshire and the Isle of Wight and expanding)

The prosecution system – mainly in an administrative capacity

The police, Crown Prosecution Service and lawyers use an integrated *case management system* and *witness management system* called Compass

E-mail is conducted over CJIT (Criminal Justice Information Technology) system providing for security and confidentiality of data

CJS exchange includes all systems connected together to gather all the *evidential material* and *case information*

# Links with more information

Transforming the criminal justice system: strategy and action plan

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/transforming-the-criminal-justice-system-strategy-and-action-plan>

Crown Court Digital Case System training guides and videos

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/crown-court-digital-case-system-training-guides-and-videos>

Crown Court Digital Case System

<https://crowncourtdcs.caselines.co.uk>

# Rules

*Streamlined Forensic Reporting* has been designed to enable investigators, scientists, prosecutors and the defence to comply with the Criminal Procedure Rules in the interests of justice

There are two publications:

*National Streamlined Forensic Reporting – Section 1* (Supporting Information)

*National Streamlined Forensic Reporting – Section 2* (SFR Guidelines for Providers of Forensic Science and a Practical Step Guide)

[http://www.cps.gov.uk/legal/s\\_to\\_u/scientific\\_evidence/sfr\\_guidance\\_and\\_toolkit/](http://www.cps.gov.uk/legal/s_to_u/scientific_evidence/sfr_guidance_and_toolkit/)

# Pre-trial management

The primary purpose is to:

Narrow down the real issues, particularly those of a scientific nature, upon which the jury must decide

To produce forensic evidence at court

To reduce unnecessary costs, bureaucracy and delays in the criminal justice system

The aim is to achieve early agreement with the defence on forensic issues

Where this cannot be achieved, it is necessary to identify the contested issues

# Preparation

## Managing the materials

- identifying the most prominent evidence

- selecting the electronic evidence

- collating it into admissible form

## Disclosure protocol

- objective assessment of the integrity of the evidence

- process must be robust and transparent

# Trial: presenting the evidence – England & Wales

# Educating for presentation at trial

Possible use of visual aids (e.g. powerpoint presentations) for tutorials to cover:

- any computing knowledge that is necessary for the trial

- user etiquette

- video simulations of how a user would use any system used by the court

- use of glossaries and terminology

Alternatively, to have a specific session(s) in person to deal with these issues

# Dealing with technical issues

Depending on the complexity of the evidence, it might be useful for the digital evidence specialist to provide his or her evidence in two stages:

1. To explain what the technical terms and processes mean (by providing a glossary of terms in some cases – usually agreed between the parties in advance)
2. Applying the technical knowledge to the particularities of the case

The presentation can include diagrammatic and photographic illustrations

# Legal guidance

*Legal Guidance on digital working across the Criminal Justice System (October 2012)*

## Contents:

Introduction

Purpose of this document

Limitations on digital working

The legal framework

Authenticating digital documents

Service

Stages in proceedings

Definitions

Legislation and Rules

<http://www.clsa.co.uk/assets/files/general/legal-guidance.pdf>

# How the Magistrates' Court is beginning to look



# Increasing use of digital evidence

In England & Wales, there is increasing use of evidence recorded on body video cameras (BWVs) worn by police officers

At present, over 30 police forces are using BWVs for a wide range of policing activities, including domestic violence incidents and stop and search procedures

Technical guidance for Body Worn Video (BWV) devices: CAST, 2016

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/technical-guidance-for-body-worn-video-bwv-devices-cast-2016>

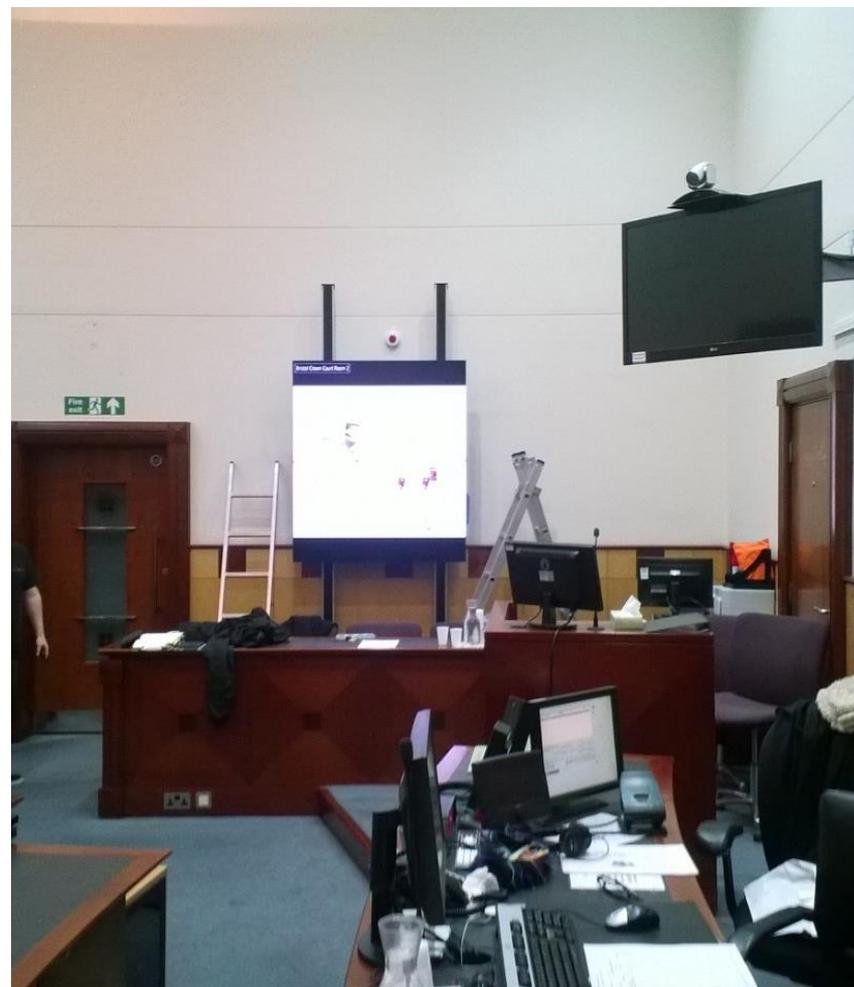
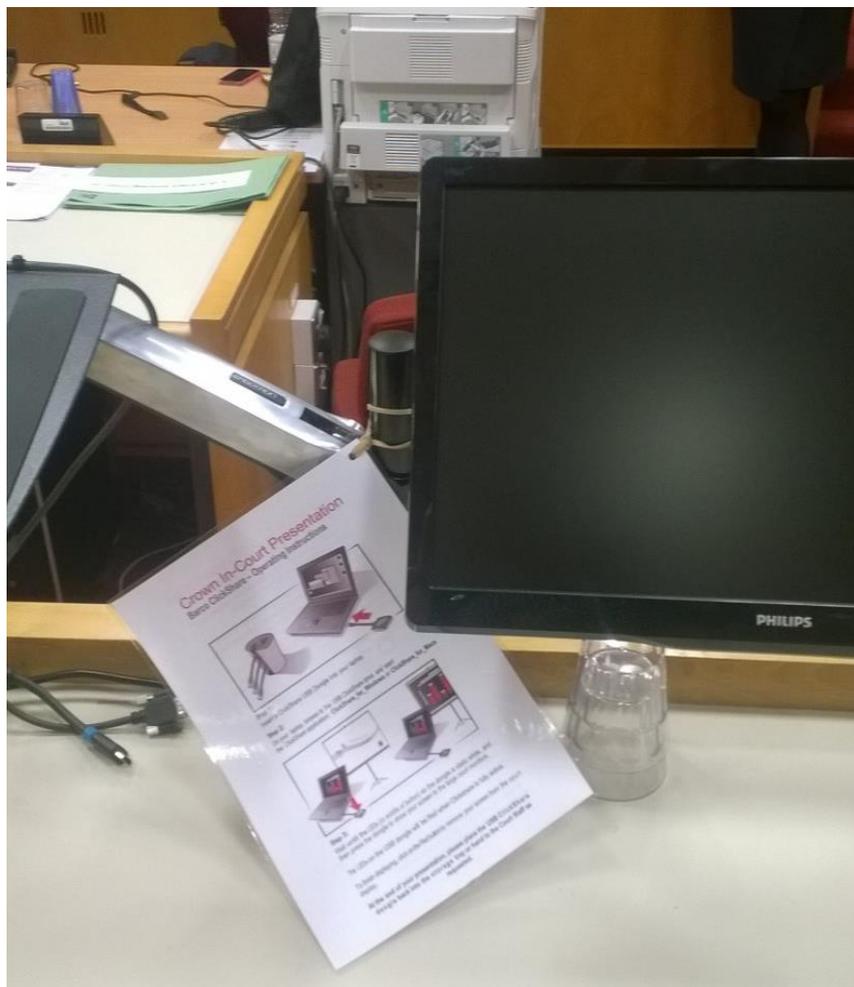
Body-Worn Video (College of Policing, August 2014)

<http://library.college.police.uk/docs/college-of-policing/Body-worn-video-guidance-2014.pdf>

Guidance for the Police Use of Body-Worn Video Devices (Police and Crime Standards Inspectorate, July 2007)

<http://library.college.police.uk/docs/homeoffice/guidance-body-worn-devices.pdf>

# Developments in the Crown Court



<http://stephenmason.co.uk>

<http://ials.sas.ac.uk/about/about-us/people/stephen-mason>

## Free journal

*Digital Evidence and Electronic Signature Law Review*

<http://journals.sas.ac.uk/deeslr>

## Draft Convention on Electronic Evidence

<http://journals.sas.ac.uk/deeslr/issue/view/336/showToc>

## Free books

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## Electronic Signatures in Law

Fourth edition  
Stephen Mason

# ONLINE FINANCIAL CRIMES AND FRAUD COMMITTED WITH ELECTRONIC MEANS OF PAYMENT – A GENERAL APPROACH AND CASE STUDIES IN GREECE

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## Handling e-evidence in online fraud cases

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# Outline

e-Evidence in internet-related money laundering

Dissemination of false information and online extortion

Computer-related fraud: a challenge for the application of traditional fraud provisions

## Some thoughts about online criminal activity in general:

- Fraud, as a concept of crime, was known from the distant past, the birth of Internet gave it another aspect
- Cybercrime/Internet law is NOT a static law
- Police/Investigation authorities must obtain a high level of conception of e-crime
- The process of obtaining electronic evidence and its integrity is of high importance for its admissibility in legal proceedings
- Plans to monitor internet use – “Cyber police”... Is it something feasible?

Cybercrime faces 2 main challenges → Technical Issues  
→ Legal issues (challenges)

Procedural problems: Integrity **a)** *of the evidence* **b)** *of the process of obtaining the evidence*

Legal issues and challenges have to deal with:

- Identifying the user
- Differences in jurisdictions (criminal activities conducted by criminals in countries where no cyber criminal law apply)
- Obtaining digital evidence
- Handling of digital evidence
- Privacy of data

# Internet related money laundering

**Money laundering** is a generic term used to describe the process by which criminals disguise the original ownership and control of the proceeds of criminal conduct by making such proceeds appear to have derived from a legitimate source.

Money laundering most of the times consists of 3 steps: placement, layering and integration.

The basis of the current legal framework in Greece is **Act 3691/2008** (ΦΕΚ Α166/5.8.2008) and all foregoing amendments, which significantly improves the mechanisms for the prevention of money laundering, and implements in the Greek legal system the provisions of Directive 2005/60/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 26.10.2005 (OJ L309/15), and Commission Directive 2006/70/EC of 1.8.2006 (OJ L214/29) (before they were amended by posterior directives)

<http://www.bankofgreece.gr/Pages/el/Supervision/money/legislation.aspx>

## (Sentencing Council of Orestiada)

ΣυμβΠλημΟρεστ 62/2011, published in legal journal ΠοινΔικ 2012/689 (Criminal Justice)

- Prosecution of the defendant for the offense of money laundering on a continuous basis. Defendant's committal writ by the Sentencing Council.
- Unknown offenders were sending fake e-mails, encouraging users to disclose their personal details (transaction passwords etc), with the intent to intercept them and subsequently use them.
- The criminal organisation had a general methodology and used various persons. The accused was used as a third intermediary who essentially laundered the money generated by the criminal activity of the organization.
- The defendant's claim was that he was also a fraud victim by the criminal organization members, who offered him job through internet.

# Case facts in brief

1. In 2007, the complainant Bank pressed charges against any liable person before the Cybercrime Investigation Division of the Financial Crime Subsidiary Division of Attica, after investigations conducted by the above Bank following a complaint by a bank's client that transfers of funds from the client's account had taken place to the accused person's deposit account, without his authorization or knowledge.
2. There were several formal complaints made by several customers, disputing money transactions via Internet, all related to the transfer of funds to other holders' accounts.
3. The bank's information security department conducted an investigation and concluded that on 4.11.2007, 7.11.2007 and 9.11.2007 the amounts of 2.500 €, 2.500 € and 2.484 € respectively were transferred from the client's account to the defendant's account. 2 additional transfers (amounts of 2.500 € and 2.469 € respectively) were also made to an unknown holder's account.

- All transfers of funds took place by the use of the account holder's internet banking passwords, which had been intercepted by unknown offender via internet. The transfers of funds to the accused's account were made via internet from third parties, unidentified during the preliminary proceedings. The role of the accused was to withdraw the money transferred to his account and to farther transfer them abroad via Western Union.
- After the accused's arrest, a lawful home search was conducted in his home and work place, and during search and seizure procedure the following evidence were found and confiscated: computer hard drives, bank account papers, debit cards, Western Union documents for funds transfer to Kyiv, Ukraine, banks' withdrawal documents, 4 photocopies of e-mail messages. In one of the seized hard drives, stored e-mail messages were found to contain all communication for the money transfers.
- Evidence (emails, employment contract, bank transactions, transfer of funds, ATM withdrawals, phone communications) were recovered from the seized hard drives by the competent Criminal Investigation

Unit, after the issuance of the deliberation of Sentencing Council for the lifting of secrecy.

- From the evidence during pre-trial stage, the conducted inquiries and the investigation documents, it has emerged that unknown offenders, were sending fake e-mails (supposedly sent by the bank) and urging the recipients to disclose their personal details and passwords, with the intent to intercept them and subsequently use them.
- From the investigation, many IP addresses that correspond to foreign service providers were found. The Prosecutor has properly submitted requests for legal assistance to the relevant foreign countries regarding the investigation of the case and the discovery of unknown perpetrators, but the competent French and Spanish judicial authorities have replied that for technical reasons it was not possible to use the IP address found to discover the real identity of the internet operator.
- The accused was found liable for the offense of money laundering, using his own bank account and acting as an intermediary and was indicted by committal writ to the competent court.

# Dissemination of false information and online extortion

- To tackle the spread of misinformation online we must first understand it
- False information spreads just like accurate information
- Internet users nowadays are in danger of being defamed and insulted in cyberspace. False information (personal or corporate) disseminated on the web via websites or social media can easily destroy a reputation.
- **The problem:** “Misinformation can be very difficult to correct and may have lasting effects even after it is discredited ... false information may continue to influence beliefs and attitudes even after being debunked if it is not replaced by an alternate causal explanation” (Source: *Nyhan, B., & Reifler, J. (2015). Displacing Misinformation about Events: An Experimental Test of Causal Corrections. Journal of Experimental Political Science, 2(1), 81-93. doi:10.1017/XPS.2014.22*)
- The phenomenon of public misinformation (also known as ‘hoax’) has taken new dimensions and has rapidly increased in the digital age.
- Fake news or other misinformation can be described as stories that

are presented to public as being the result of a journalistic research, but in truth they are fabricated to serve a purpose, which can be commercial (product promotion), clickbait trap or political (public opinion manipulation).

- A recent study by Oxford Internet Institute of the University of Oxford on the use of social media as manipulation tools (<https://www.oii.ox.ac.uk/>) has shown that “*lies, trash, misinformation of traditional propaganda have spread widely online, and in fact they are supported by the algorithms of social media like Facebook or Twitter*” and concluded that computational propaganda is now one of the most powerful tools against democracy. Social media firms may not be creating this nasty content, but they are the platform for it. They need to significantly redesign themselves if democracy is going to survive social media” (Source: <http://comprop.oii.ox.ac.uk/publishing/working-papers/computational-propaganda-worldwide-executive-summary/>, the whole project can be found here <http://comprop.oii.ox.ac.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/89/2017/06/Casestudies-ExecutiveSummary.pdf>)

- As far as criminal law is concerned, the dissemination of false information/news has not been harmonized at European Level.
- In Greece, a relevant provision is article 191 Penal Code that covers the dissemination of false news, which concerns any individual who, acting intentionally disseminates in any way false news that could concern to citizens.
- The most recent **case in Greece**, related to social media, is the Court of Misdemeanors of Veroia **582/2016** (ΜονΠλημ Βέρ 582/2016, ΠοινΔνη 216/493), related to the publication in a social network of an article about a vaccine that causes cancer, according to the writer of the article.
- The court held that the accused (a columnist on the internet), acting intentionally, has spread fake news that are capable of causing concern to citizens, because of his article (that he published on the internet in 2014) about the story of a young girl who died of cancer a few months after her parents vaccinated her, without citing any details of the child's identity or the doctors' identity. According to the court, the accused did not cite or prove any evidence that proves the truth of his writings.

# Computer-related fraud: a challenge for the application of traditional fraud provisions

There are three types of evidence that might need to be obtained in legal proceedings:

- Evidence from publicly available websites, such as (this list is only indicative) blog postings and images uploaded to social networking websites,

- The substantive evidence (or evidence of content), that is the e-mail or documents in digital format that are not made publicly available and which are held on a server,

- Purported user identity and traffic data ('meta data') that is used to help identify a person by finding out the source of the communication, but not the content.

In criminal proceedings in Greek courts, the evidence that can be submitted in courts are predicted in art. 178 Code of Criminal Procedure (CCP). Documents are among these evidence and their broad definition is described in Article 13 s. C of the Greek Penal Code, which among other provides a satisfactory definition for the document as any medium used by a computer or the peripheral memory of a computer, by electronic, magnetic or [an]other way, for the purpose of writing, storing, production or reproduction of

evidence, that cannot be read directly, as well as any magnetic, electronic or other type of material used to store any information, image, symbol or sound in sole [*sic*] or in combination, provided that these media and material are destined to prove facts of lawful meaning.

- Under this definition, digital evidence is accepted in Greek courts as any other form of document
- Recent amendments in 2016 (Act 4411/2016) introduce 2 additional definitions in the Greek legal system, the “information system” and the “digital data”, both necessary for the interpretation of such provisions today.

# Computer Fraud – Legislation

## EU

Convention on Cybercrime (Ref: ETS 185)

Budapest, 23 Nov. 2001

- The Convention is the first international treaty on crimes committed via the Internet and other computer networks, dealing particularly with infringements of copyright, computer-related fraud, child pornography and violations of network security. It also contains a series of powers and procedures such as the search of computer networks and interception.
- Its main objective, set out in the preamble, is to pursue a common criminal policy aimed at the protection of society against cybercrime, especially by adopting appropriate legislation and fostering international co-operation.

<https://www.coe.int/en/web/conventions/full-list/-/conventions/treaty/185>

Directive 2013/40/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 12 August 2013 on attacks against information systems (OJ L218/8/14.8.2013)

This directive establishes minimum rules concerning the definition of criminal offences and sanctions in area of attacks against information systems. It also aims to facilitate the prevention of such offences and to improve cooperation between judicial and other competent authorities (article 1).

The use of and dependence on information and communication technologies have become fundamental aspects in all sectors of economic activity, as companies and citizens are more interconnected and interdependent across sectors and borders than ever before. European citizens' and businesses' trust in digital services is essential for a flourishing digital single market

- Last initiative: Commission Recommendation (EU) 2017/1584 of 13.9.2017 on coordinated response to large-scale cybersecurity incidents and crises (L 239/36, [http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=uriserv:OJ.L\\_.2017.239.01.0036.01.ENG&toc=OJ:L:2017:239:TOC](http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=uriserv:OJ.L_.2017.239.01.0036.01.ENG&toc=OJ:L:2017:239:TOC))

## **GREECE**

The above acts (convention and directive) were recently implemented in the Greek legislation, after many years of delay.

**Law 4411/2016** (FEK A' 142/2016), published in 3 August 2016 amends a lot of the existing general provisions of Greek Penal Code, introduces some new terms and definitions and supplies the necessary tools to combat computer-related crime in Greece.

## Article 386A Penal Code

### Fraud by means of a personal computer

Whoever, with the intent of procuring for oneself or another person illegal economic benefit causes damages to foreign property by affecting the result of a digital data processing operation either through incorrect software configuration or by use of incorrect or deficient data or by unauthorised data use or by unauthorised interference against information systems, he/she shall be punished with the sanctions that the previous article imposes. (PS: those sanctions are: imprisonment of at least 3 months; and if the damage is of quite a significant value, imprisonment of at least 2 years. The sanctions imposed can be incarceration of up to 10 years if: i) the person that commits these offenses has this fraudulent conduct by habitual criminal and additionally, the damage caused is more than 15.000 Euros, or ii) the profit of the criminal or the damage caused is more than 120.000 Euros).

Property damaged is suffered even if the persons who have suffered are unfounded. To estimate the damage is indifferent if the suffering party are one or more persons.

(Original text in greek)

«Άρθρο 386Α Απάτη με υπολογιστή

Όποιος, με σκοπό να προσπορίσει στον εαυτό του ή σε άλλον παράνομο περιουσιακό όφελος, βλάπτει ξένη περιουσία, επηρεάζοντας το αποτέλεσμα της διαδικασίας επεξεργασίας ψηφιακών δεδομένων είτε με τη μη ορθή διαμόρφωση προγράμματος υπολογιστή είτε με χρησιμοποίηση μη ορθών ή ελλιπών στοιχείων είτε με τη χωρίς δικαίωμα χρήση δεδομένων είτε με τη χωρίς δικαίωμα παρέμβαση σε πληροφοριακό σύστημα, τιμωρείται με τις ποινές του προηγούμενου άρθρου. Περιουσιακή βλάβη υφίσταται και αν τα πρόσωπα που την υπέστησαν είναι άδηλα. Για την εκτίμηση του ύψους της ζημίας είναι αδιάφορο αν οι παθόντες είναι ένα ή περισσότερα άτομα».

\*\*\* Το άρθρο 386Α, το οποίο είχε προστεθεί με το άρθρο 5 Ν.1805/1988 (ΦΕΚ Α 199) αντικαταστάθηκε ως άνω με το άρθρο δεύτερο παρ.11 Ν.4411/2016, ΦΕΚ Α 142/3.8.2016.

(Supreme Court – Areios Pagos)

ΑΠ 813/2015, published in legal database

ΝΟΜΟΣ, ΠοινΧρ 2017/179

- Condemnation for theft and computer fraud on a continuous basis.
- Distinction of fraud crime to computer-related fraud.
- Computer-related fraud occurs when the offender intervenes directly in the program's development or in computer components and, by use of incorrect or deficient data when programming the system, causes a different result to that resulting from the processing of the correct data.

# Case facts in brief

1. The accused stole an envelope containing a credit card and the notice in writing to receive the card's Personal Identification Number (PIN) from the local post office.
2. The accused forged an authorization, fake in its context, and received the PIN from the post office using this false authorization. Then, in the period between 12 June and 18 June the accused made continuous cash withdrawals from the bank's ATM.
3. The accused entered the credit card in the bank's ATM, typed the (correct) PIN and withdrew a total amount of 7.900 Euros, providing the computer with the conclusion that every time the withdrawal was made by the legitimate holder of the credit card. This way, the accused affected the results of the computer's digital data processing operation.

The court held in the above case that, according to article 386A Penal Code, computer-related fraud occurs when the damage occurs, not by misleading a natural person who is capable of making decisions or conducting control or approving or granting, but only by influencing computer components, that is, by the offender's intervention in system programming and data processing, at any stage of a computer's operation. Thus, in the event that the offender directly intervenes in the program's development or in computer components and by incorrect software configuration or by use of incorrect or deficient data causes a different result to that resulting from the processing of the correct data, then there is no common fraud, but computer-related fraud.

# (Supreme Court – Areios Pagos)

ΑΠ 131/2013, published in legal database ΝΟΜΟΣ

- Condemnation for computer fraud on a continuous basis, repeatedly and by habit. Prosecution for felonious forgery.
- The fraudsters trapped ATMs of various bank branches, using self-made devices in order to trap clients' debit and credit cards by the use of skimming.
- Skimming is the technique used to copy the data stored on the magnetic stripe of a bank card when one puts the card in a cash dispenser. An almost invisible device is installed right in front of the card slot on the card dispenser in order to copy the data without the customer being aware of this. At the same time, fraudsters try to see the PIN number by making use of a nano-camera or (sometimes) via shoulder surfing. The data that have been stolen will then be used for making a false card (a “clone” card).

# Case facts in brief

1. In May 2006, the complainant Bank realized that unknown offenders had trapped ATMs of various branches, using self-made devices in order to trap clients' debit and credit cards by the use of skimming. That kind of trapping is only used in close dates and for few dates a month. These devices contained: i) a, difficult to spot, electronic mechanism that was capable of copying the data of each card's magnetic card, which was placed under the card reader, ii) a metal bar, in which they had carefully installed a mobile phone with a digital camera, which detected the card number and the PIN(s).
2. After collecting all necessary data, the offenders created false cards, used special computer software to activate them with the relevant PIN numbers, and then used them in various ATMs to withdraw money and charge the bank accounts of the legitimate card holders, as they provided the computer with the conclusion that every time the withdrawal was made by the legitimate holder of the credit card. Using this technique, they withdrew a total amount of 72.160 Euros from various bank account's holders.

The court held in the above case that:

- the created false cards are “documents”, by the meaning of art. 13 s. c Penal Code,
- the offenders, with the intent of procuring for themselves illegal economic benefit caused damages to foreign property by affecting the computers’ data through unauthorised interference against the computer’s information system,
- the offenders committed the felony of computer-related fraud under article 386A Penal Code.

# (Felonies Appellate Court of Athens)

ΠενΤεφΑθ 96/2016, published in legal journal

Ποινική Δικαιοσύνη (Criminal Justice) 10/2016, p. 903

- Condemnation for forgery on continuous basis. Prosecution for forgery on continuous basis and unauthorized interference in personal data archive.
- The case facts are the same as the previous case: fraudsters trapped ATMs of various bank branches, using self-made devices in order to trap clients' debit and credit cards and steal their PIN numbers by the use of skimming and the creation of false credit/debit cards, which they then used in order to withdraw money from ATMs.
- **Evidence used in court** for the condemnation of the defendants:
  - Testimonies of the police officers
  - Investigation of the CCTV recording circuit of videotapes
  - Relevant photographs submitted before the court

The court held in this case that:

- the created false cards are “documents”, by the meaning of art. 13 s. c Penal Code, which are forged, by the meaning of art. 216 para. 1 Penal Code.
- the offenders have intentionally drawn up forged document in order to mislead others, and subsequently they have used these forged documents
- the defendants were found guilty of the offense of forgery after use on continuous basis, and not guilty for the unauthorized interference in personal data archive.
- No legal connection to the offense of computer-related fraud (art. 386A Penal Code) was made.

## (Sentencing Council of Kilkis)

ΣυμβΠλημΚιλκίς 54/2012, published in legal journal

ΠοινΔικ 2014/238

- Prosecution of the accused for the breach of IP law and the offense of computer fraud on a continuous basis. Defendant's committal writ by the Sentencing Council.
- The offender intervened and affected the computer's digital data by use of incorrect and deficient data, thus resulting to the manipulation of the input of the data. The accused, by using special network devices illegally intercepted, decrypted and unlawfully distributed to other internet users pay-TV signal, for a sum of money.
- The place where the offense of "internet fraud" is committed is not just the place where the offense took place (that is, the place where the false facts were presented as true or the unlawful concealment or defamation of the true facts), but also the place where the afflicted party suffers the damages.

- After the issuance of the deliberation of Sentencing Council of Athens for the lifting of secrecy of communication, the ID's of the user that had the above-described illegal activity was revealed.
- A lawful home search was conducted in the accused party's home, and he plead guilty and disclosed to the police enforcement officers the technological equipment he used. Besides the equipment, the following evidence were found and confiscated: 2 internet digital satellite receivers, a modem router with its power supply, 3 internal hard drives, 3 card readers, 2 external usb-sticks storage units.
- The accused admitted the existence of the decoder, but has refused the accusation of commercial exploitation of the equipment.
- The accused was found liable for the offense of computer fraud and was indicted by committal writ to the competent court.

# Investigation in case of data cloud storage (Sentencing Council of Athens) ΣυμβΠλημΑθ 613/2016, published in legal journal ΠοινΔικ (Criminal Justice) 2016/424

- Legal issue: Whether the procedure for the lifting of secrecy of communication should be followed, in order to search and use in trial digital data/files which are illegal to maintain and distribute (ie child pornography files) and are stored in a cloud storage, to which computers and smart phones are connected.
- According to Greek law, types and forms of communication which are subject to lifting of secrecy include teletype, telephone communication (SMS included), data communication via networks, internet communications etc (art. 3 pd 47/2005). Thus, computer's hard drive, its accessories and components are not a form of communication and accordingly, the data stored on a computer's hard disk or in a digital camera or other carrier material (and which do not refer to any form of response or communication) do not fall within the protection of

confidentiality of communication.

- The majority had the opinion that the procedure of lifting of the secrecy of communication should be followed. So, when a person creates an account and uses a password to use the storage service on a provider's service, it is doubtful whether this cloud storage (which may as well be located on another country or even continent) may be considered a computer component and there is a danger that evidence might be inadmissible in a trial.
- One member of the Sentencing Council had the opposite opinion, that these kind of data do not fall within the protective frame of the secrecy of communication, because a user who keeps illegal data stored in cloud computing has the same power over them as he would if he stored it in a local storage medium, since he can manage the data as he wishes (i.e the user can reproduce, modify, delete or send them to third parties) (provided that he has full access rights to that "cloud" site). It is, in fact, a virtual, remote external disk or other storage medium (cd, usb flash drive etc) and as such should be dealt in regards to the lifting of the secrecy of communications.

Relevant to the previous case is the most recent decision of the Plenary of the Supreme Court Areios Pagos (ΟΛΑΠ 1/2017, published in legal database NOMOS), relating to the search and recovery of e-mails from corporate computer's hard drive, which were used by former employees who refused to submit the relevant documents to the firm.

- The Court held in this case that these recovered data (emails) do not fall within the protective frame of the secrecy of communication, because they were not intercepted during communication and were not removed from a personal computer file of the employees using a password hack, but from the corporate computer's hard disk (which was used by the former employees when they worked for the firm), and as such no procedure relevant to the lifting of the secrecy of communications should be followed for them to be admissible in Court.

## Fraud across Virtual Borders IRL (in real life)

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  - OSCE
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- MSc
  - Computer Systems Design 1991
  - Advanced Security and Digital Forensics 2017

## Agenda

- Profiling the good, the bad and the ugly
- Filtering and blocking
- Circumvention, encryption and hiding online
- Virtual evidence – an oxymoron?
- MLATs, EIO's, collaboration – volunteers required!
- Virtual courts, virtual judges, virtual prisons

## TRENDS

## Attack Vectors

## Big Data



## Virtualization - Cloud



## Mobile



## IOT



## Complex Security Challenges



## Joint Investigation Teams

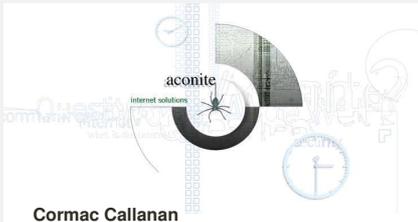


## Log Files

## e-evidence

## Empowering Targets

## Questions?



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- UNODC tasked by UN Member States via the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice in 2010.
- Established an Open-Ended Intergovernmental Expert Group on Cybercrime in 2011.
- Published, in draft, a Comprehensive Study on Cybercrime in 2013.
- Established a Global Programme also in 2013.

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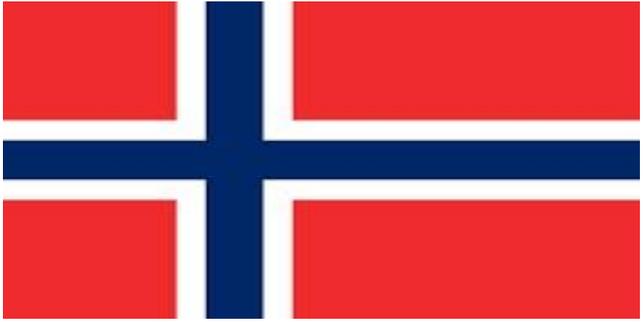
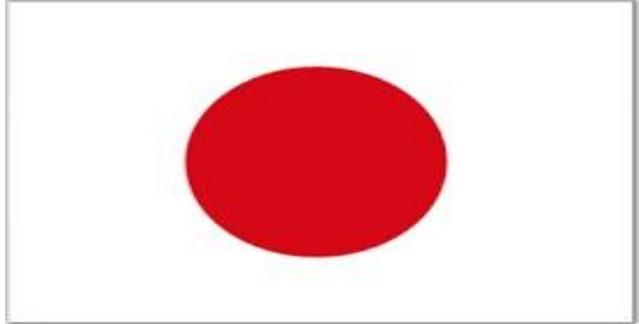




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## Building a *cross-government response*

**Diplomacy:** working with Permanent Missions to the UN and Ministries.

**Policy:** Ministries of Justice, Communication, Foreign Affairs, Home Affairs, National Security, Education...

**Law Enforcement:** National Police, National Security, Local Police, International Law Enforcement and Intelligence.

**Prosecution / Judiciary:** State & National Prosecutors and Judges.

**Prevention:** Ministry of Education, NGOs, Faith Groups, Private Sector and more.

# What are *cryptocurrencies*?

Digital assets designed to work as a medium of exchange using cryptography:

- to secure the transactions and
- to control the creation of additional units of the currency.



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1	Bitcoin	\$64,707,533,879	\$3903.07	16,578,625 BTC	\$1,191,100,000	-0.63%	
2	Ethereum	\$26,910,869,449	\$284.03	94,747,575 ETH	\$418,687,000	0.29%	
3	Bitcoin Cash	\$7,835,551,274	\$472.04	16,599,338 BCH	\$346,309,000	-2.39%	
4	Ripple	\$6,968,571,480	\$0.181739	38,343,841,883 XRP *	\$30,215,400	-1.10%	
5	Litecoin	\$2,744,312,463	\$51.75	53,030,807 LTC	\$140,941,000	-1.14%	
6	Dash	\$2,711,795,477	\$358.20	7,570,534 DASH	\$138,650,000	9.06%	
7	NEM	\$2,041,002,000	\$0.226778	8,999,999,999 XEM *	\$3,246,180	-3.13%	
8	IOTA	\$1,511,447,418	\$0.543778	2,779,530,283 MIOTA *	\$10,161,200	-2.78%	
9	Monero	\$1,426,525,408	\$94.44	15,104,906 XMR	\$26,420,800	-0.64%	
10	Ethereum Classic	\$1,063,431,154	\$11.11	95,721,822 ETC	\$31,058,500	-1.86%	



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# Origins of *Bitcoin*?

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Bitcoin was developed open source  
from 2009

## Bitcoin: A Peer-to-Peer Electronic Cash System

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**Abstract.** A purely peer-to-peer version of electronic cash would allow online payments to be sent directly from one party to another without going through a financial institution. Digital signatures provide part of the solution, but the main benefits are lost if a trusted third party is still required to prevent double-spending. We propose a solution to the double-spending problem using a peer-to-peer network. The network timestamps transactions by hashing them into an ongoing chain of hash-based proof-of-work, forming a record that cannot be changed without redoing the proof-of-work. The longest chain not only serves as proof of the sequence of events witnessed, but proof that it came from the largest pool of CPU power. As long as a majority of CPU power is controlled by nodes that are not cooperating to attack the network, they'll generate the longest chain and outpace attackers. The network itself requires minimal structure. Messages are broadcast on a best effort basis, and nodes can leave and rejoin the network at will, accepting the longest proof-of-work chain as proof of what happened while they were gone.

### 1. Introduction

Commerce on the Internet has come to rely almost exclusively on financial institutions serving as trusted third parties to process electronic payments. While the system works well enough for most transactions, it still suffers from the inherent weaknesses of the trust based model. Completely non-reversible transactions are not really possible, since financial institutions cannot avoid mediating disputes. The cost of mediation increases transaction costs, limiting the minimum practical transaction size and cutting off the possibility for small casual transactions, and there is a broader cost in the loss of ability to make non-reversible payments for non-reversible services. With the possibility of reversal, the need for trust spreads. Merchants must be wary of their customers, hassling them for more information than they would otherwise need. A certain percentage of fraud is accepted as unavoidable. These costs and payment uncertainties can be avoided in person by using physical currency, but no mechanism exists to make payments over a communications channel without a trusted party.

What is needed is an electronic payment system based on cryptographic proof instead of trust, allowing any two willing parties to transact directly with each other without the need for a trusted third party. Transactions that are computationally impractical to reverse would protect sellers from fraud, and routine escrow mechanisms could easily be implemented to protect buyers. In this paper, we propose a solution to the double-spending problem using a peer-to-peer distributed timestamp server to generate computational proof of the chronological order of transactions. The system is secure as long as honest nodes collectively control more CPU power than any cooperating group of attacker nodes.



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# About *bitcoin*?

- › Bitcoin is open source software
- › It uses peer-to-peer networking
- › Decentralized digital currency
- › It has similar characteristics to gold



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**What do bitcoins look like?**



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**16UwLL9Risc3QfPqBUvKofHmBQ7wMtjvM**

**Public key: 32 characters starting with 1 or 3**

**Private key: 51 characters starting with 5**

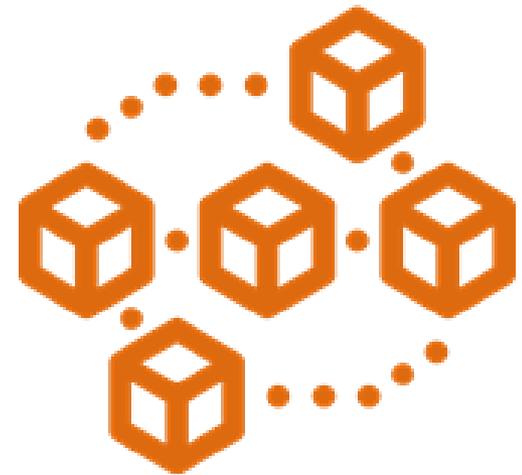


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# The Bitcoin *network*?

The bitcoin network, consists of +10m users & evolved over 8 years. Transactions are between \$1bn-\$9bn a day in an open ledger system



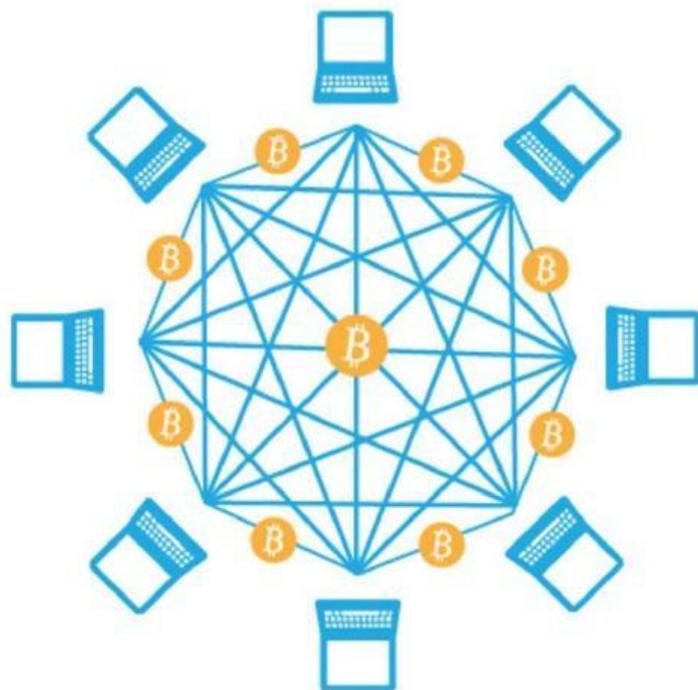


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Bitcoin is **Transparent**

# About *blockchain* ?



## The Blockchain

- Public, distributed ledger that contains the history of every bitcoin transaction.
- Shared between users and *anyone* can access.
- *Pseudonymous*: contains a record of every transaction, but is not inherently linked to real life identities.



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A **permissionless distributed** database that maintains a continuously growing list of data records **hardened against tampering and revision**, even by operators of the data store's nodes.



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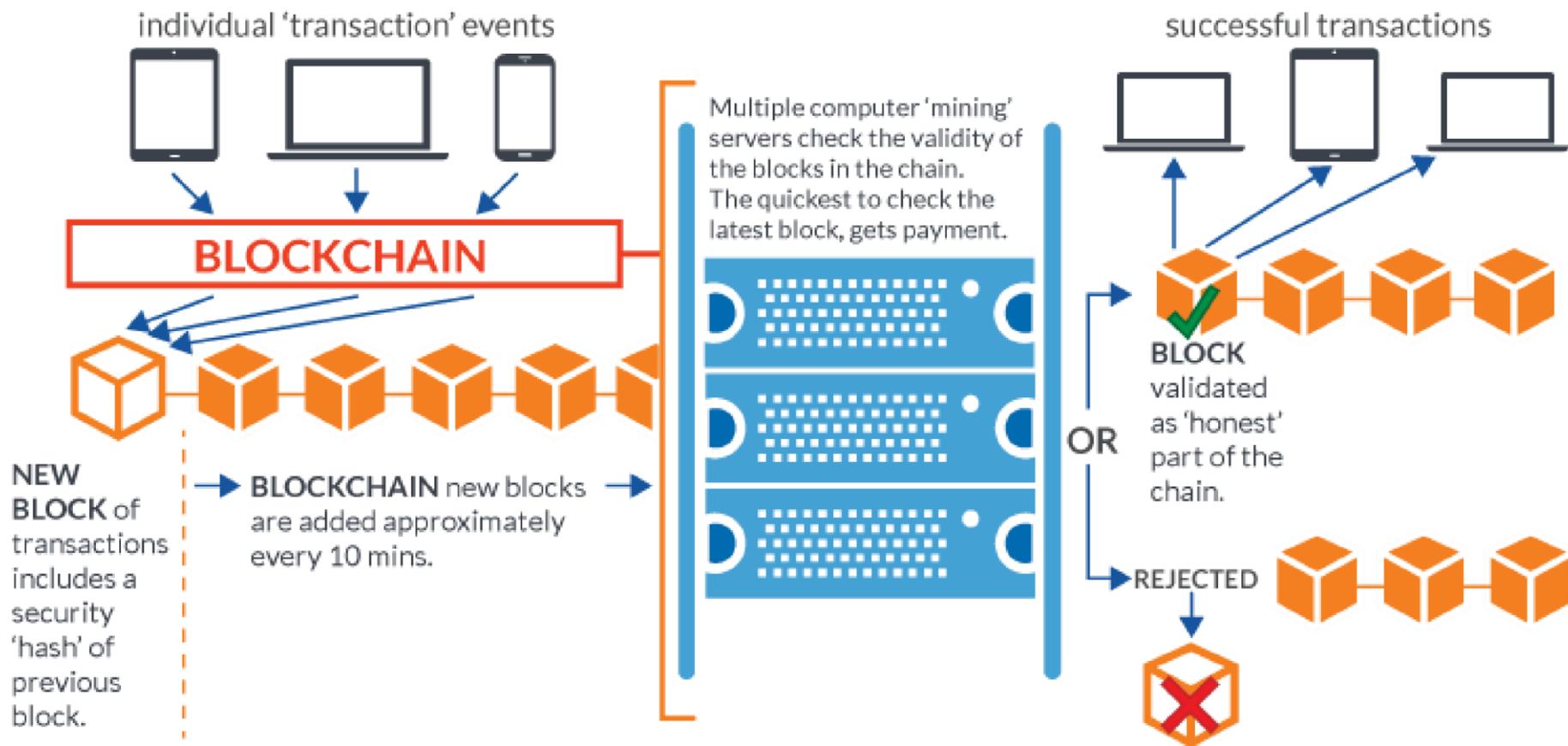
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# *Transactions*



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## Blockchain

### Last documents registered:

Document Digest	Timestamp
<a href="#">1b6621689cf6f02631f7ff79bdb51ee27eb694e353b94791183645a57e16acf0</a>	2017-08-31 10:00:34
<a href="#">b9bb01ea27a2cf9c225e1c6e083e62b6cf354435336aa94647ddc6838a63e799</a>	2017-08-31 09:46:07
<a href="#">a66bdbd03881173747281e4f751c6ee34bc66baa2dfc2ee8a5aaf15e28def5f2</a>	2017-08-31 09:26:25
<a href="#">d5c1d770fb2774da97f38e0e93bf61397e1fa7755a90b5f9ae5f928c528479f9</a>	2017-08-31 08:26:34
<a href="#">693081b55997fde5ccf72d80725f449891a3a1f9ec6a892c1949a40a5dca5bc6</a>	2017-08-31 07:10:54

### Last documents confirmed in the blockchain:

Document Digest	Timestamp
 <a href="#">b9bb01ea27a2cf9c225e1c6e083e62b6cf354435336aa94647ddc6838a63e799</a>	2017-08-31 09:46:07
 <a href="#">f876b39413eb7c2d5f3bf13c067f06f3b35d83c5307851d8fb8a5307a38356a</a>	2017-08-27 14:41:23
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FILL IT WITH BITCOINS

## BUY BTC

With wire transfer or cash \$,£,€, etc...



at online  
BTC exchanges



at online  
deposit platforms



from other  
people in person

or

## MINE BTC

You can do this by...



Buy a mining rig



Join mining pool(s)

At current exchange rates

Negotiate  
price

Collect block reward



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Your Bitcoins are stored in  
**ANONYMOUS ONLINE ADDRESSES.**

**Each address is like a glass safe:**

everybody sees what's inside but only you hold a private key to open it and spend. Addresses and private keys are long sequences of letters and numbers.



## NETWORK

 Your BTC address #1	 Balance BTC 0.01
 Your BTC address #2	 Balance BTC 0.02
 Your BTC address #3	 Balance BTC 3.00
 Your BTC address #n	 Balance BTC 2.00

## YOUR WALLET

 Private key #1
 Private key #2
 Private key #3
 Private key #n

\*People can see the address but not who owns it. So your identity can remain anonymous, if you choose.



Everybody can see



Only you can see



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## *bitcoin* wallet

 **Mobile**

 **Desktop**

 **Hardware**

 **Web**



breadwallet



Bither



GreenBits



Coin.Space



Simple  
Bitcoin



Bitcoin  
Wallet



ArcBit



BTC.com



Copay



Airbitz



Mycelium



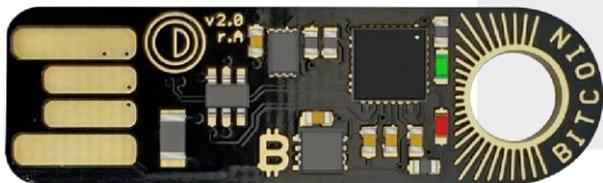
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Address



# *hardware* wallet



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# How to make *transactions*



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## ONLINE SHOPS

for goods and services



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## POINTS OF SALE

in BTC-friendly cafés  
and shops



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## BITCOIN EXCHANGES

for other digital currencies



Use your BTC address #

1JArS6jzE3AJ9sZ3aFij1BnTcPFGgN86hA

and your private key #

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Approve transfer to seller's address

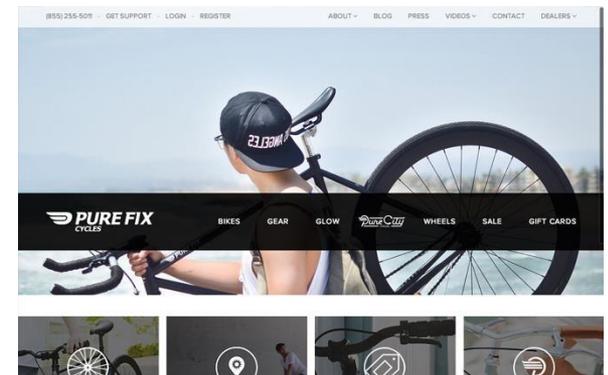
# Where to buy *bitcoins*?

- Exchange

1	 <b>coinbase</b>	San Fran, USA USD EUR GBP	✓	A+	 CARD + bank transf.	+ (1219 Votes) ★★★★★	9.85
2	 <b>POLONIEX</b> cryptocurrency exchange	Delaware, USA 75+ crypto pairs	✗	B+	 CRYPTO-CURRENCY	+ (513 Votes) ★★★★★	9.70
3	 <b>LocalBitcoins</b>	local all currencies	✓	A	 CASH + paypal + bank transf.	+ (430 Votes) ★★★★★	9.65
4	 <b>CEX:IO</b>	London, UK USD EUR GBP RUB	✓	A	 CARD + bank transf. + Ethereum	+ (884 Votes) ★★★★★	9.50
5	 <b>kraken</b>	San Fran, USA USD EUR CAD GBP JPY	✗	B+	 BANK TRANSFER + altcoins	+ (445 Votes) ★★★★★	9.30
6	 <b>CoinMama</b>	Virgin Islands EUR USD	✓	A	 CARD + Ethereum	+ (88 Votes) ★★★★★	9.20
7	 <b>BITFINEX</b>	Hong-Kong USD	✗	B+	 BANK TRANSFER + Ethereum + Dash Monero + Zcash	+ (121 Votes) ★★★★★	9.15
8	 <b>BITTREX</b> cryptocurrency exchange	Las Vegas, USA 190+ crypto pairs	✗	B+	 CRYPTO-CURRENCY	+ (270 Votes) ★★★★★	9.10
9	 <b>BITSTAMP</b>	Luxembourg USD EUR	✓	B+	 CARD + bank transf.	+ (52 Votes) ★★★★★	9.05
10	 <b>bisq</b> bitcoin & cryptocurrency exchange	p2p [decentralized] 59+ crypto pairs	✗	n/a	 CRYPTO-CURRENCY + bank transf.	+ (174 Votes) ★★★★★	9.00



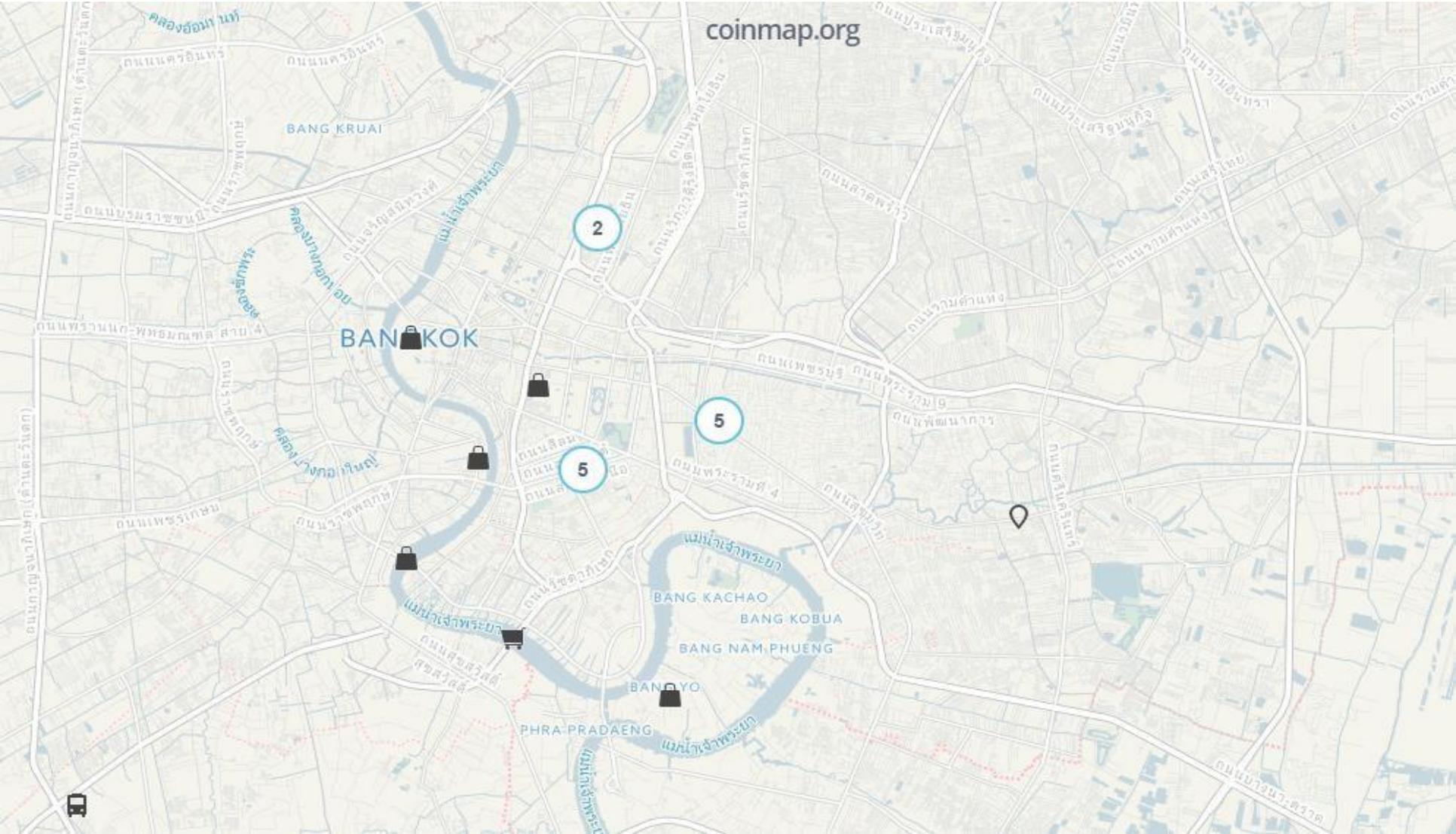
# What can you buy with *bitcoins*?





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**Cryptocurrency can be used**

***for terrorism and***

***crime***



## Ooops, your files have been encrypted!

English

### What Happened to My Computer?

Your important files are encrypted.

Many of your documents, photos, videos, databases and other files are no longer accessible because they have been encrypted. Maybe you are busy looking for a way to recover your files, but do not waste your time. Nobody can recover your files without our decryption service.

### Can I Recover My Files?

Sure. We guarantee that you can recover all your files safely and easily. But you have not so enough time.

You can decrypt some of your files for free. Try now by clicking <Decrypt>.

But if you want to decrypt all your files, you need to pay.

You only have 3 days to submit the payment. After that the price will be doubled.

Also, if you don't pay in 7 days, you won't be able to recover your files forever.

We will have free events for users who are so poor that they couldn't pay in 6 months.

### How Do I Pay?

Payment is accepted in Bitcoin only. For more information, click <About bitcoin>.

Please check the current price of Bitcoin and buy some bitcoins. For more information, click <How to buy bitcoins>.

And send the correct amount to the address specified in this window.

After your payment, click <Check Payment>. Best time to check: 9:00am - 11:00am

CMT from Mondays to Fridays

Payment will be raised on

5/16/2017 00:47:55

Time Left

02:23:57:37

Your files will be lost on

5/20/2017 00:47:55

Time Left

06:23:57:37

[About bitcoin](#)

[How to buy bitcoins?](#)



Send \$300 worth of bitcoin to this address:

12t9YDPgwueZ9NyMgw519p7AA8isjr6SMw

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# Kidnappers Around the World Want Their Ransoms Paid in Bitcoin



JOSEPH COX

Jul 4 2017, 10:17pm



Liudmyla Matviiets, 271 EAK MOTO/Shutterstock

Another episode of crime trying to take what it can from tech.

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Personal phrase: [redacted]  
 The sentence above is here to ensure that you are on the real Alphabay Market site and not on a phishing site.

We wish you welcome to AlphaBay market, an auction-style marketplace for all black market items. Any question, feedback or suggestion can be directed to the [forum](#) and our staff members will look into it. We appreciate any feedback you can provide to make AlphaBay a better place!

### News

August 13th, 2015  
 Products in the account autoshop tab can now be disputed for up to 1 hour after purchase. In addition to the anti-scam team, this should deter scammers. We also cleaned the autoshop and banned several vendors.

June 30th 2015  
 In addition to sticky listings, we have now added front page bidding. You can use the links above to place a bid on your listing to make it appear on the front page. The full terms are explained on the link in the box just above.

June 8th 2015  
 We are now introducing the Order Queuing feature, where you can place orders in a queue to be automatically done when your balance tops up. No need to wait for confirmations anymore!

June 2nd 2015  
 The autoshop now has a checker! All card checks cost \$0.60 regardless of the check result, and dead or invalid cards will be refunded, minus the usual commission fees.

May 17th, 2015  
 We now have a fully-functional autoshop for all members looking to buy fulls or credit cards! The link is on the top-left of the page. You can search by DOB, BIN, city, state, and much more. The process is completely automated and all cards are dispatched immediately. We also added support for Jabber notifications when an order is placed so you stay alerted at all times.

May 12th, 2015  
 We now have an affiliate program! Go in your Affiliate Stats table and give your referral link to any new buyer / seller and get 20% of



[\(more photo\)](#)

**PTR GREEN GI SPECIAL EDITION .308 G3**

**Caliber:** .308 Winchester / 7.62x51mm NATO  
**Capacity:** One 20 round magazine included  
**Barrel:** 18" Match Grade Barrel, 1:10 twist rate  
**Length:** 40.5"  
**Weight:** 9.5 pounds

**\$890 (0.7532 BTC)**

amount



[\(more photo\)](#)

**CENTURY ZASTAVA N-PAP M70 AK-47**

**Caliber:** 7.62x39mm  
**Capacity:** Two 30 round magazines included  
**Barrel:** 16.25" Hammer Forged Barrel, 1:10" twist  
**Dimensions:** 36" long  
**Weight:** 7.9 pounds

**\$590 (0.4993 BTC)**

amount



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**KRIISS VECTOR SDP .45 ACP SPECIAL DUTY PISTOL**

**Caliber:** .45 ACP  
**Capacity:** One 13 round magazine included  
**Barrel:** 5.5", 1:16" twist, threaded muzzle  
**Length:** 16"  
**Weight:** ~5.4 pounds

**\$1450 (1.2271 BTC)**

amount



[\(more photo\)](#)

**BLUEGRASS ARMORY MOONSHINER BULLPUP .308 WINCHESTER**

**Caliber:** .308 Winchester  
**Capacity:** One magazine included  
**Barrel:** 21" 4140 Chrome Moly steel tapered heavy Barrel, threaded muzzle  
**Dimensions:** 36" long  
**Weight:** ~12.2 pounds

**\$2300 (1.9464 BTC)**

amount



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**CENTURY ARMS CENTURION 39 AK 7.62X39**

**Caliber:** 7.62x39MM  
**Capacity:** 2 30 Round Tapco magazines included  
**Length:** 37.25"  
**Barrel:** 16.5", 1:10" Twist

**\$930 (0.787 BTC)**

amount



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**FN SCAR 17S 16.25" 7.62X51**

**Caliber:** 7.62x51mm NATO  
**Capacity:** One 20 round magazine included  
**Barrel:** 16.25" Chrome-Lined Hammer Forged steel  
**Length:** 28" with stock folded, 35.5" with stock collapsed, 38" with stock extended  
**Weight (unloaded):** ~7.9 pounds

**\$2450 (2.0734 BTC)**

amount



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## Registered GERMAN Passport

You will get an real registered German Passport with your data and picture. The Passport is registered at the German government system, so its means you can use it to travel around the world without any problems. The biometric chip will be not active coz we wont to have your fingerprint :) But if you want that the chip is active tell us this. in this case we need a picture with your finge...

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## Canadian Passport Blanks (Not Counterfeit)

Discuss PM me. With this you ARE a Canadian citizen to border inspection personnel. Trafficking US-Canada border,with convenience,efficiency and ease. Use as counterfeiter's example sample for selling/making mass production. Passport Blank Contains: \*36 pages with: -Security Patterned Unique Paper. -UV Fibers. -Canadian State Department Hologram Overlays. -Et...

Level 1



	Features
Product class	Physical package
Quantity left	6 items
Ends in	Never

	Features
Origin country	Canada
Ships to	South America Europe Asia Canada United States
Payment	Escrow

USPS - 1 days - USD +0.00

Current bid price: USD 12,000.00

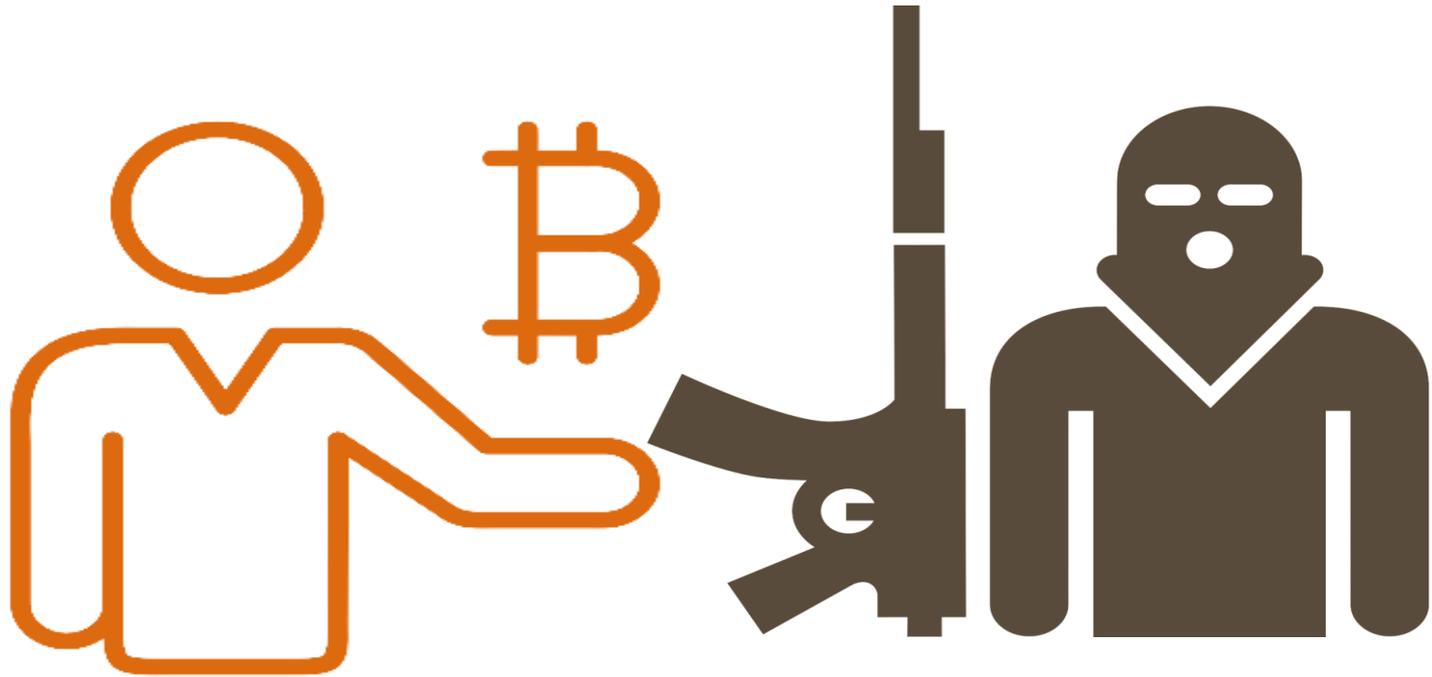
Purchase price: USD 17,000.00

Bid: 12001.00 [Place Bid](#)

Qty: 1 [Buy Now](#)

72.1317 BTC

# Terrorist *financing*



# Selected Episodes of *terrorists using cryptocurrencies*

Supporter Abu Mustafa is able to raise five bitcoins (aprox. \$1000) before his account was shut down by the FBI.

January  
2015

Ali Shukri Amin used social media to instruct donors on the use of Bitcoin to provide untraceable financial support to ISIS.

June  
2015

Mujahideen Shura Council in the Environs of Jerusalem receives around 0.929 bitcoins (aprox. \$540) after adding the option of Bitcoin donation in June 2016.

July  
2016

May  
2015

Abu Ahmed al-Raqqqa appeals to supporters of ISIS for donations in the form of bitcoins on the dark web.

August  
2015

"Albanian Hacker" demands two bitcoins (aprox. \$500) from an Illinois internet retailer in exchange for removing bugs from its computer.

January  
2017

Indonesia's financial transactions agency announces that Bitcoin was used by IS to fund terrorist activities in Indonesia

# Is bitcoin really *anonymous*?

The blockchain stores data about all transactions

This data is publicly available and searchable by anyone (unlike bank transactions)

But no identity related information is stored

Only details regarding the addresses involved in transactions are provided

HOW DO WE INVESTIGATE THE BLOCKCHAIN?

*Blockchain investigations*

- *the link analysis method* -

- Find the source of bitcoins (from money to crime)

- Find where the bitcoins are now (from criminal proceeds)
- Identify other wallets/persons involved (expand the investigation)
- Explain the scheme to end-users (prosecutors, judges)

# Raw bitcoin *transaction data*

100100101010101010101010010101010100000101111101001010101001010

1

0100101010101010010101010010111101010101001010110100000010000

1

1111010010010101100100101011011111101010010101011010010010101

0

101010101010010101010100000101111101001010101001010101001010101

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01011001001010110111111010100101010110100100101010101010101010

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# All bitcoin transactions have *3 basic components*

## TRANSACTION ID (HASH)

The unique identifier for a specific transaction. You can enter a given transaction ID into any Bitcoin service, and it will always return the exact same Bitcoin transaction.

## INPUT ADDRESS(ES)

A user sends Bitcoin from one or more Bitcoin addresses that he controls.

## OUTPUT ADDRESS(ES)

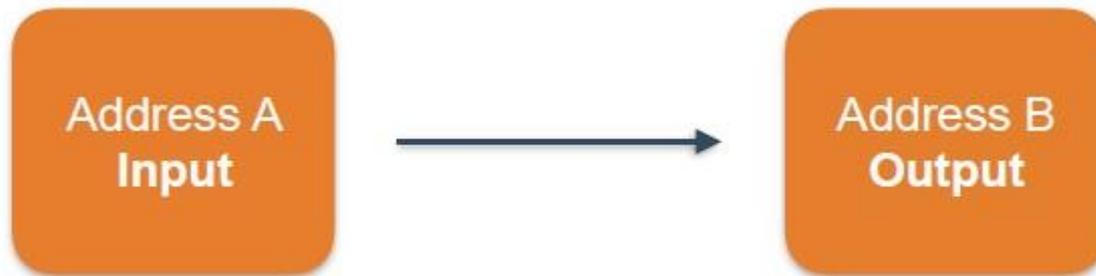
Bitcoins from input addresses are transferred to one or more output addresses.

# Inputs and outputs

Each transaction has an input and an output side. All addresses on the input side will be fully spent

**Input:** shows where the bitcoins are coming from

**Output:** shows where the bitcoins are going to



SUM OF INPUTS = SUM OF OUTPUTS + A FEE

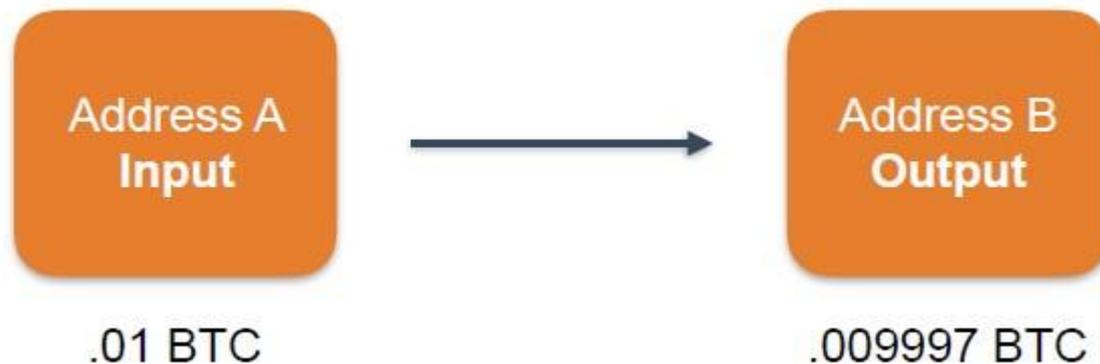
Reminder: Address A may send bitcoins to Address B, but these two addresses may reside in the same wallet.

1 input and 1 output

Not how the majority of transactions look

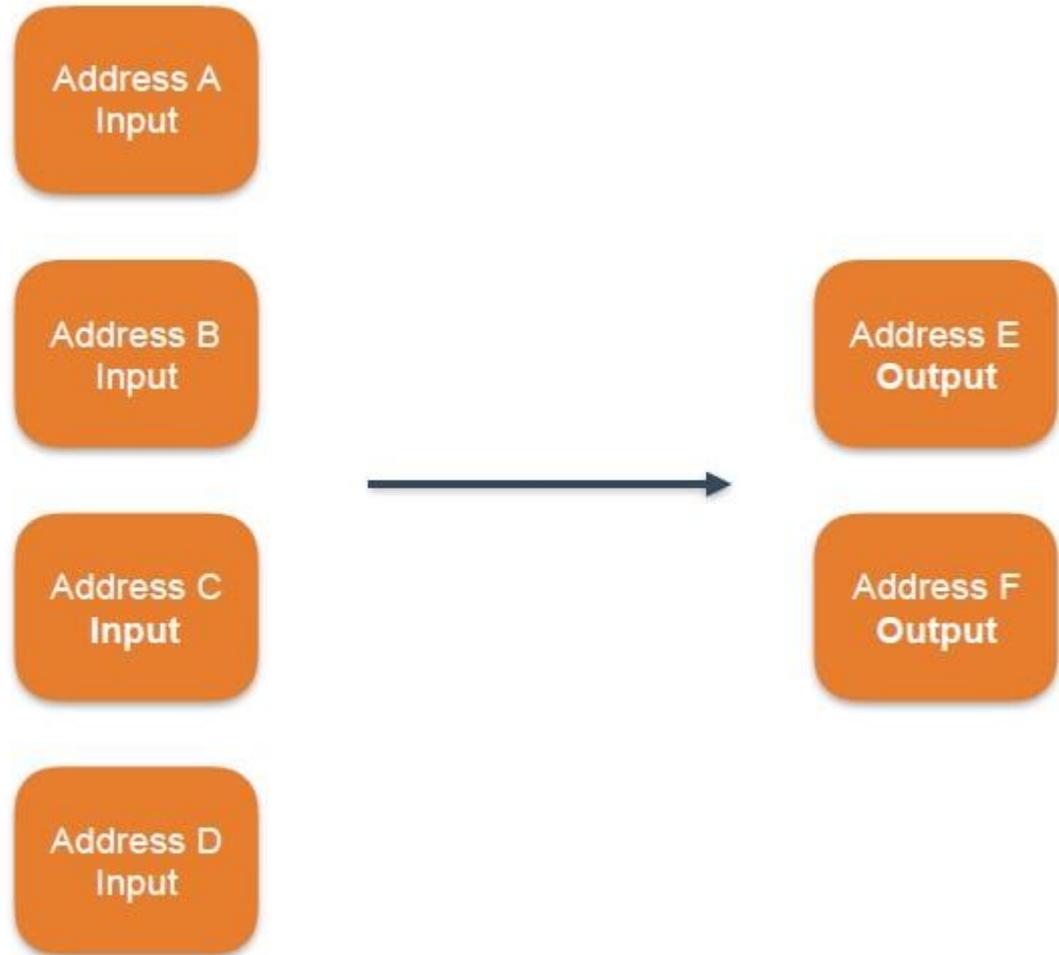
- All the bitcoins in Address A have to be sent from Address A to Address B.

There is no need to spend multiple input addresses or to create a change address.

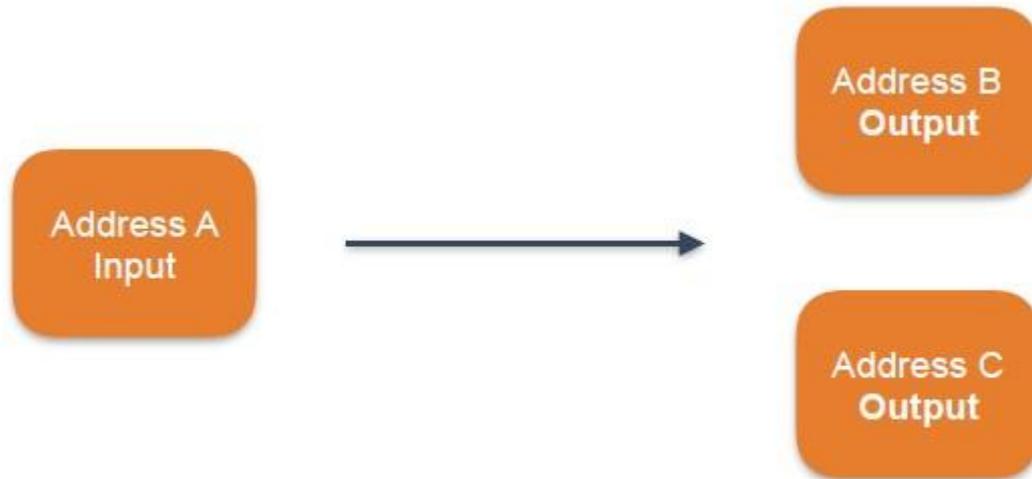


Address B receives slightly less  
BTC, due to a transaction fee  
(.000003 BTC)

Multiple input transactions  
Usually the input addresses  
belong to a single wallet



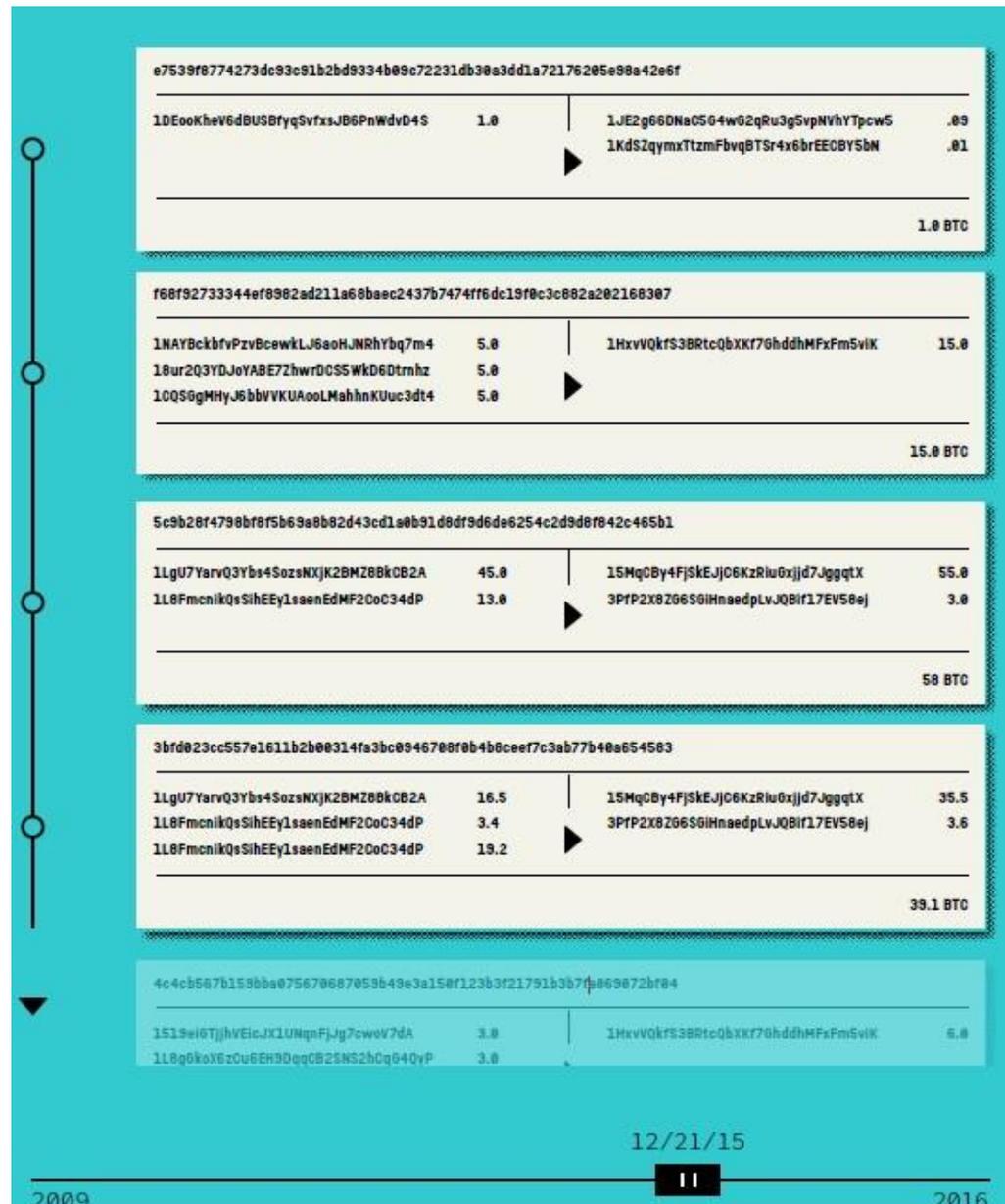
- **1 input and 2 output**



- Input address is fully spent and all bitcoins are moved to two different output addresses.

# EVERY BITCOIN TRANSACTION IS RECORDED IN THE *BLOCKCHAIN*

The complete blockchain is freely available, and everyone can view the raw transaction information in *blockchain explorers* such as [www.Blockchain.info](http://www.Blockchain.info)



Height	Block created	Transactions	Size (kB)	Block value (Btc)	Pool	Hash
<b>439,983</b>	9 min ago	1	946	12.50 BTC	BTCC Pool	<a href="#">x00..f3170</a> 
<b>439,982</b>	10 min ago	2,508	999,939	9,887.24 BTC	F2Pool/Discus Fish	<a href="#">x00..7249f</a> 
<b>439,981</b>	31 min ago	1,611	998,189	4,400.27 BTC	AntPool	<a href="#">x00..985cb</a> 
<b>439,980</b>	39 min ago	2,116	998,116	2,922.22 BTC	unknown	<a href="#">x00..09fb5</a> 
<b>439,979</b>	40 min ago	2,449	998,182	11,344.99 BTC	AntPool	<a href="#">x00..ff981</a> 
<b>439,978</b>	an hour ago	5	2,143	36.37 BTC	AntPool	<a href="#">x00..794c6</a> 
<b>439,977</b>	an hour ago	2,095	998,929	7,812.20 BTC	BTCC Pool	<a href="#">x00..d65ab</a> 
<b>439,976</b>	an hour ago	1,097	749,152	4,971.73 BTC	unknown	<a href="#">x00..ffd32</a> 
<b>439,975</b>	an hour ago	2,472	989,844	2,991.91 BTC	BTCC Pool	<a href="#">x00..b36e2</a> 
<b>439,974</b>	an hour ago	2,848	998,196	13,044.32 BTC	AntPool	<a href="#">x00..55aad</a> 

# Transaction

View information about a bitcoin transaction

1203ec2e6465e8392713074be011b5c321fd1b84a0bc3d36ea7c008833814df0

19iVyH1qUxgywY8LJSbpV4VavjZmyuEyxV (25.34415906 BTC - Output)



157p475z6ppq7hyxJbXXqfGVhXQp6Hw1cvC - (Spent) 5.429 BTC  
1MEe2mebed8wopvy8xyjjHcEQHUPVJn2UC - (Unspent) 19.91405906 BTC

1 Confirmations 25.34305906 BTC

# True IP address of the sender??

Summary	
Size	226 (bytes)
Received Time	2016-06-16 15:08:40
Included In Blocks	<a href="#">416578</a> ( 2016-06-16 15:23:02 + 14 minutes )
Confirmations	1 Confirmations
Relayed by IP	<a href="#">5.39.93.85</a> (whois)
Visualize	<a href="#">View Tree Chart</a>

Inputs and Outputs	
Total Input	25.34415906 BTC
Total Output	25.34305906 BTC
Fees	0.0011 BTC
Estimated BTC Transacted	5.429 BTC
Scripts	<a href="#">Hide scripts &amp; coinbase</a>

Network Propagation (Click to view)



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# Investigative limits and challenges?

- Don't trust IP information (due to the way bitcoin works)
- Don't trust click and trace - more context is needed

# *Tools?*

Open Source Solutions:

Web based explorers

BlockSeer

Maltego – has a free version

Commercial Solutions:

Chainalysis

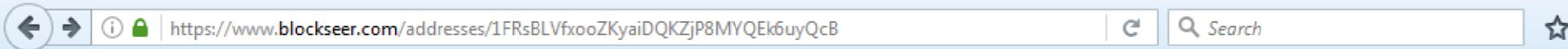
Elliptic

# BlockSEER

[www.blockseer.com](http://www.blockseer.com)

– Register

– Sign in and start using



1FRsBLVfxooZKyaiDQKZjP8MYQEk6uyQcB

Bitcoin

## Summary For 1FRsBLVfxooZKyaiDQKZjP8MYQEk6uyQcB

First Receive	07/24/2011 14:56	Latest Receive	11/22/2011 13:45
Total Received	8.3132	Balance	0
Label			
Cluster Tags		Address Tags	

### Add Label to Address

Add Label

Source (URL, website name, etc.)

Save Label

# Enter the address

https://www.blockseer.com/addresses/1FRsBLVfxooZKyaiDQKZjP8MYQEk6uyQcB

Search



BLOCKSEER

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# Click on transactions

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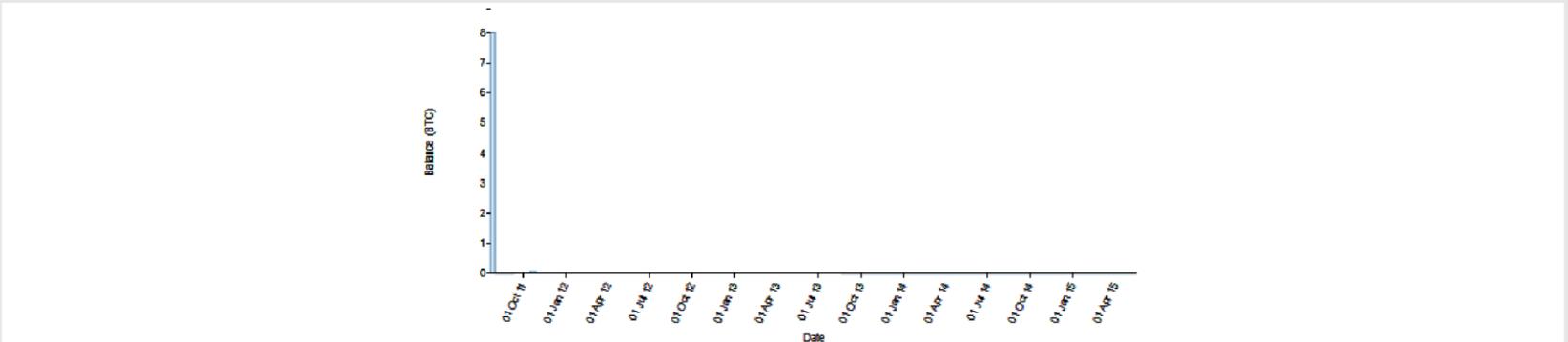
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### Balance Over Time



### Transaction List

All

Block Date ▼	Block Height ▼	Net Balance Change	USD Amount	Fee	Tx Hash
05/19/2015 14:50	357138	-0.005	\$ -1.16	0.0001	11980a3e9e9e38167002251783724e7c8e6d0ec9e5...
11/22/2011 13:45	154388	-0.001	\$ 0.00	0.0005	940ee1807bc7e1bb30e3949f814ccc749e239edf23...
11/22/2011 12:12	154344	-0.001	\$ 0.00	0.0005	252099e93711b9193e42148001d0f0d70642c18d340...
11/14/2011 09:23	153225	-0.001	\$ 0.00	0.0005	be9d7c82681e428cc289eed2c24e30a9e9d7c89b8...
11/12/2011 12:36	152959	-0.001	\$ 0.00	0.0005	c95c7648673c3415040ee56f419e8e462d932005d3...
11/12/2011 11:36	152955	-0.001	\$ 0.00	0.0005	7b7626921abb739f89c8c11fec8a03109d15e6730b...
11/12/2011 11:14	152952	-0.001	\$ 0.00	0.0005	f8e92c18d705b9e77bc24b7e833455919d32b5437e...

# Explore the graph

**BLOCKSEER**
Search for a bitcoin address, block, or transaction
Bitcoin
Ethereum (Beta)
Sign Out

Cluster Addresses  OFF  ON

Public Labels  OFF  ON

Identifier Overlay  OFF  ON

First Tx Time: 05/19/2015 14:50

Last Tx Time: 09/18/2015 09:10

### Transaction List

11fd6ddafa6b9e38167b02251783724a7e8a6d0ac9e53b61525d9...	Block Height	357138
	Time	05/19/2015 14:50
4f2ced0919b25fcd986d70a9b263c7cd7276c1cfc4e73bbb71f2af9...	Block Height	357666
	Time	05/23/2015 05:41
772977fcfb7bd5b16fac3122adf45fe7f5c0c33c509d0677a764cc8...	Block Height	357670
	Time	05/23/2015 05:55
f51a2347c27567c8cc3b4ab9c41f99d72b554233a36f7a924f5c7b...	Block Height	357712
	Time	05/23/2015 18:11
af15ef3f92feb8714de45a0edf288aec32e6c9428619ba0bc3e2519...	Block Height	358404
	Time	05/28/2015 17:07
7705e85d1a4d112f5dc9370b52f92ea7f60efce6528371257123ee...	Block Height	358531
	Time	05/29/2015 12:50
7c0a86027bed41be739d87bbcc3d6cf229fcc11c994780bec071f6...	Block Height	375054
	Time	09/18/2015 09:08

The graph illustrates a transaction flow starting from a root node at the top with a value of 0.0101. It branches into three paths. The left path leads to a node with value 0.02, which then flows to a node with value 0.025, and finally to a node with value 0.098. The middle path leads to a node with value 0.01, which flows to a node with value 0.0106, and then to a node with value 0.043. The right path leads to a node with value 0.01, which flows to a node with value 0.0001, and then to a node with value 1.37. There are also self-loops on several nodes, including the root node and the node with value 0.0001.

# Maltego

<https://www.paterva.com/web7/downloads.php#tab->

3 Instal a CE  
Edition register

The screenshot shows the Maltego website's download page. At the top, there are two buttons: "Compare Client Features" and "View File Hashes". Below these is the heading "SELECT THE TYPE OF CLIENT TO DOWNLOAD:". There are four tabs: "Maltego XL", "Maltego Classic", "Maltego CE" (which is selected and highlighted in blue), and "CaseFile".

Under the "Maltego CE" tab, there is a text block: "Maltego CE is the community edition of Maltego and is available for free for everyone after a quick registration. Registration can be done from the link below:". Below this text are two buttons: "Read More" and "Register".

Below the registration information is the heading "SELECT YOUR OPERATING SYSTEM:". Underneath, it says "(Windows detected.)" and there are three buttons for "Windows", "Linux", and "MAC". The "Windows" button is highlighted with a red speech bubble.

Below the operating system selection is the heading "SELECT A FILETYPE:". There is a dropdown menu currently showing ".exe + Java (x64)". Below the dropdown is a "Download!" button.

# Install a bitcoin transform

The screenshot shows the Maltego CE 4.0.11 interface. The top menu bar includes Investigate, View, Entities, Collections, Transforms, Machines, Collaboration, Import | Export, and Windows. The toolbar contains various actions like Copy, Paste, Cut, Delete, Clear Graph, and selection tools. The main area displays the Transform Hub with a grid of transform cards. A sidebar on the left shows 'Entity Parents' and 'Start Page' / 'Transform Hub' tabs. At the bottom, a message states: 'Could not connect to the Maltego site. Please check your network and proxy settings.'

Transform Name	Author	Cost	Status
+			
Shodan	Andrew MacPherson (Paterva)	FREE	
VirusTotal Public API	Malformity Labs	FREE	
PassiveTotal	PassiveTotal	FREE	
haveibeenpwned	Christian Heinrich	FREE	
My Transforms		FREE	
PATERVA CTAS	Paterva	FREE	INSTALLED
SensePost Toolset	SensePost	FREE	
NewsLink	Paul@Paterva	FREE	
Bitcoin	Paul@Paterva	FREE	INSTALLED
People Mon	People Mon	FREE	
CaseFile Entities	Paterva	FREE	
Kaspersky Lab	Kaspersky Lab	PAID	
ThreatMiner	ThreatMiner	FREE	
ThreatCrowd	ThreatCrowd	FREE	
The Movie Database	RT	FREE	

# Add a bitcoin address to your graph

The screenshot displays the Maltego CE 4.0.11 interface. The main workspace shows a single entity, a Bitcoin address, represented by a Bitcoin logo icon and the text `1FRsBLVfxooZKyalDQKZJP8MYQE6uyQc`. The interface includes a menu bar with options like Investigate, View, Entities, Collections, Transforms, Machines, Collaboration, Import | Export, and Windows. A toolbar at the top provides various actions such as Copy, Paste, Cut, Delete, and various selection and transformation tools. On the left, the Entity Palette lists various entity types, with 'Bitcoin Address' selected under the 'Personal' category. On the right, the Overview pane shows a large yellow circle with a black border, and the Detail View pane shows the selected Bitcoin address entity with its icon and text. The bottom of the interface features Property View and Hub Transform inputs.

# Run transforms and explore graphs

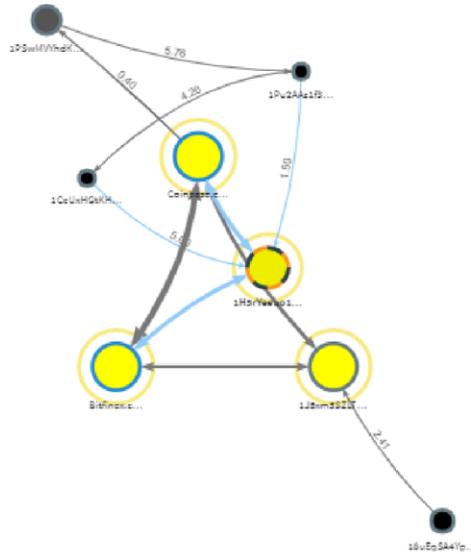
The screenshot displays the Maltego CE 4.0.11 interface. The main workspace shows a graph of Bitcoin addresses. A central address, `16Fg2jwbtC6Zp61Ev9mNvKmwCzGasw5`, is highlighted with a larger, darker Bitcoin icon. It is connected to several other addresses via arrows, each labeled with "# of 1". The addresses include:

- `1J1oyG6g8BubnCU4qwCG7rev8Qw7hwU`
- `1BuFAaJhZM46z59r5MPUC7zbfHjvsN`
- `13MN5to5K5oe2RupWE8rJHQ6V9L8ypjVeh`
- `13qWAg2VSRzL2Z4o5M1vpJ1onU8vTR5dC`
- `1FydaPGq5qTcxa7dqCkUyLkpgdMFMz2`
- `11NBQ12VAYoTFgKlqutKM3P7m6J7vc7ho`
- `11NVHUthKh432LfnEug8N3Eo6NLuP7NRG`
- `1A7Y1gwm1GGzRwCuzhy9FT7Y1y65on`
- `1PErLc3Ln7TwwWwR0NrcqNuBHDG3aj`
- `138CH9wohnmUMUsnsa5Au5Rdm7Zzr`
- `15VZzbamLrKR47Mv9F1RjPBhNgwJeSR`
- `1Dd35dyfNhb86cozqNcAneoewDkzq2W`
- `1CoeSmb0MC4cp1Dsb59DySwEcYyBHG`

The right-hand side of the interface features an "Overview" panel showing a simplified graph of the same data, and a "Detail View" panel containing a table of the graph's entries.

Entry	...	...	...	...
1NBQ12VAYoTFgKlqutKM3P7m6J7vc7ho	...	...	...	...
138CH9wohnmUMUsnsa5Au5Rdm7Zzr	...	...	...	...
15VZzbamLrKR47Mv9F1RjPBhNgwJeSR	...	...	...	...
1A7Y1gwm1GGzRwCuzhy9FT7Y1y65on	...	...	...	...
1BuFAaJhZM46z59r5MPUC7zbfHjvsN	...	...	...	...
1FydaPGq5qTcxa7dqCkUyLkpgdMFMz2	...	...	...	...
13MN5to5K5oe2RupWE8rJHQ6V9L8ypjVeh	...	...	...	...
1Dd35dyfNhb86cozqNcAneoewDkzq2W	...	...	...	...
1PErLc3Ln7TwwWwR0NrcqNuBHDG3aj	...	...	...	...
16Fg2jwbtC6Zp61Ev9mNvKmwCzGasw5	...	...	...	...
1CoeSmb0MC4cp1Dsb59DySwEcYyBHG	...	...	...	...

# Chainalysis



SUMMARY

EXPOSURE

COUNTERPARTIES

TRANSACTIONS

ADDRESSES

OSINT

Graph name

Enter name

Add notes

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Organization Name

Enter name

Balance:  
Sent:  
Received:

Chainalysis Name

None

2.29217499 BTC  
5,468.07363418 BTC  
5,478.55656392 BTC

Root Address

1H5rYeeuo1X8Ts...

Transactions: 30,676  
Withdrawals: 12,255  
Deposits: 20,666

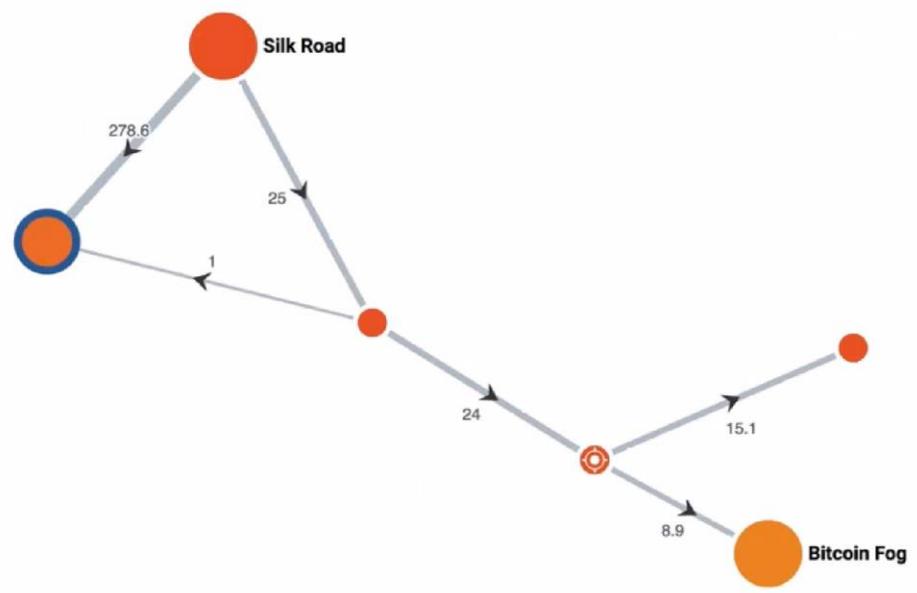
Category

Unknown

Remove | Undo | Redo | [Icons] | Add Address

1 hidden flows - Restore all

148%



SELECTED ITEM | START ITEMS

**Unlabeled - 73538942**

- Cluster Risk: 9
- Total Incoming: 10,611.28590163
- Total Outgoing: 1,617.13777563
- Total Fees: 0.14789138
- Balance: 8,994.00023462
- Incoming Flows: 328
- Outgoing Flows: 21
- Number of Addresses: 29

### BITCOIN INVOICE

Peer-to-Peer Encrypted Invoice System - Blockonomics and third parties won't be able to read your invoice content

Search your bitcoin address and click on Create P2P Invoice 

### SEARCH

Waiting for a Bitcoin transaction to confirm?

Search By Transaction ID

Bitcoin Address/Wallet Balance

Search mutliple bitcoin addresses/xpub separated by spaces

13AM4VW2dhxYgXeQepoHkHSQuy6NgaEb94 115p7U  

ADDRESS	BALANCE	UNCONFIRMED AMOUNT 
13AM4VW2dhxYgXeQepoHkHSQuy6NgaEb94	0 BTC	0 BTC
115p7UMMngoj1pMvkpHijcRdfJNXj6LrLn	0.09 BTC	0 BTC
12t9YDPgwueZ9NyMgw519p7AA8isjr6SMw	1.19658268 BTC	0 BTC
<b>Total Balance:</b>	<b>1.28658268 BTC</b>	<b>0 BTC</b>

# Web-based *explorers*?

- ✓ They require a lot of knowledge and a lot of work
- ✓ Very hard to aggregate multiple addresses
- ✓ Cannot link multiple addresses to the same wallet (clustering)

## Payment for private key



Private key will be destroyed on  
9/13/2013  
11:25 AM

Time left  
**71 : 55 : 23**

Bitcoin payment

Choose a convenient payment method:

Bitcoin



Bitcoin is a cryptocurrency where the creation and transfer of bitcoins is based on an open-source cryptographic protocol that is independent of any central authority. Bitcoins can be transferred through a computer or smartphone without an intermediate financial institution.

You have to send below specified amount to Bitcoin address  
**1KP72fBmh3XBRfuJDMn53APaqM6iMRspCh** and specify the transaction ID, which will be verified and confirmed.

[Home Page](#)  
[Getting started with Bitcoin](#)

Enter the transaction ID and press «Pay»:

1

BTC

<< Back

PAY

# Cryptolocker virus

Addresses are identifiers which you use to send bitcoins to another person.

Summary	
Address	<a href="#">1KP72fBmh3XBRfuJDMn53APaqM6iMRspCh</a>
Hash 160	<a href="#">c9a0729b5bbe1775bf55e36cff7a8660846de720</a>
Tools	<a href="#">Related Tags - Unspent Outputs</a>

Transactions		
No. Transactions	40	
Total Received	54.9083 BTC	
Final Balance	0 BTC	

[Request Payment](#)
[Donation Button](#)



## Transactions (Oldest First)

Filter ▾

Featured sponsor		
<a href="#">52a6cac56ad95bb4de4bc6964671f76288d2da3edd7182efe096a33123d49c5a</a>		2013-11-19 14:01:09
Cryptolocker virus <a href="#">↗</a>	<a href="#">161yYpWYCx8cWGYW95QaZ9NUuR3fd5n4xt</a> <a href="#">1FscKAWjfRAF7SQ787psJYtHcKRrCsTZC7</a>	15 BTC 0.01000008 BTC <span style="background-color: #e84c3d; color: white; padding: 2px;">-0.0002 BTC</span>
<a href="#">47f1dd4af19a5a4175ad2f85224fd654c785b5c9c65405ecda4f8bee3fa43155</a>		2013-10-15 15:16:17
Cryptolocker virus <a href="#">↗</a>	<a href="#">1HSN65qWF7EtBgrD85kjquYH7P5UaaSaZ</a> <a href="#">1AEoiHY23fbBn8...</a> (Cryptolocker ransom <a href="#">↗</a> )	0.20780439 BTC 127 BTC <span style="background-color: #e84c3d; color: white; padding: 2px;">-3.9995 BTC</span>



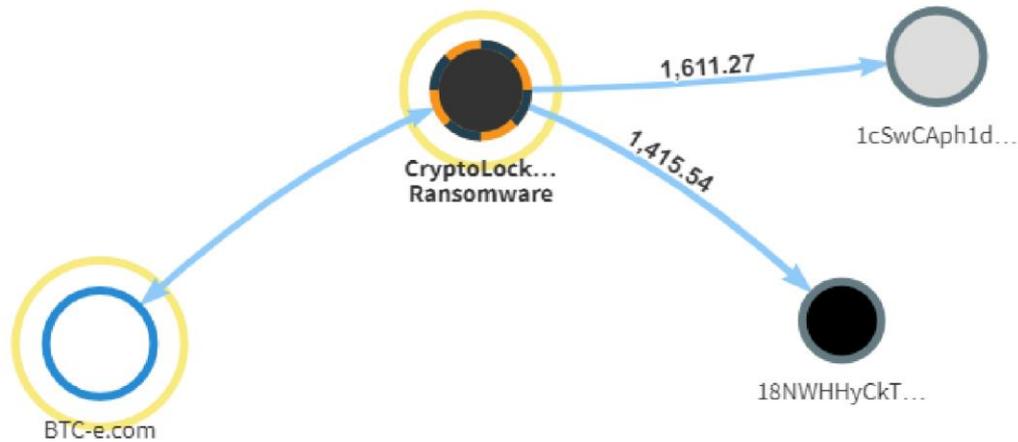
SUMMARY EXPOSURE COUNTERPARTIES TRANSACTIONS ADDRESSES OSINT

Graph name	Organization Name	Chainalysis Name	Root Address	Category
Enter name 	Enter name	CryptoLocker Ransom...	1KP72fBmh3XBRf...	Ransomware 

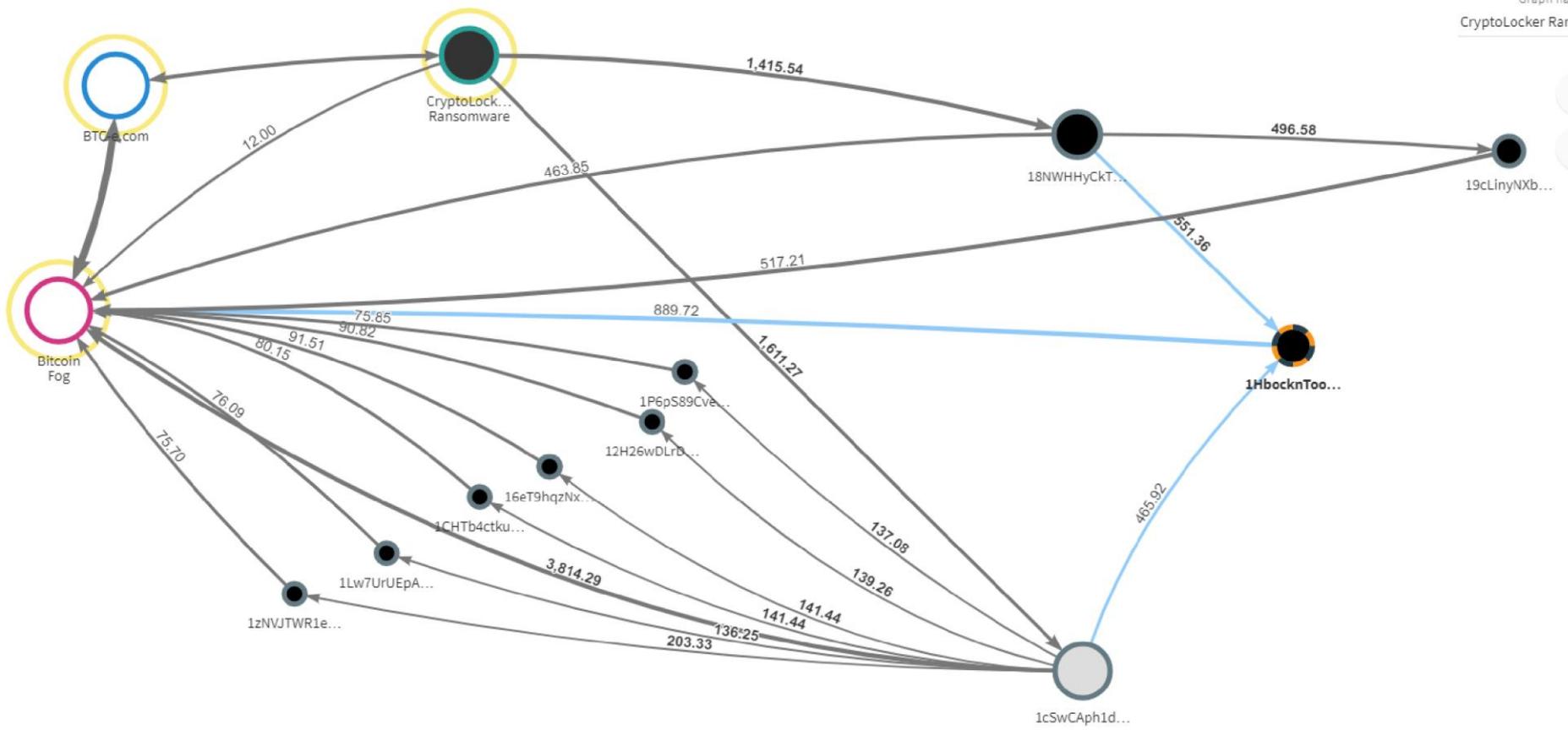
Add notes 0 / 32000

Balance:	0.00010025 BTC	 Transactions:	5,620
Sent:	4,538.55768934 BTC	 Withdrawals:	113
Received:	4,538.93499261 BTC	 Deposits:	5,559
Total Fees:	0.37720302 BTC	 Addresses:	4,457

Open In New Graph



SUMMARY	EXPOSURE	COUNTERPARTIES	TRANSACTIONS	ADDRESSES	OSINT		
Cluster: CryptoLocker Ransomware		Balance: 0.000	Sent: 4,539	Received: 4,539	Fees: 0.377	Addresses: 4,457	Transactions: 5,620
Counterparty	#TXO	Sent	Received	Flow	First	Last	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1cSwCAph1dBMr i5mwpAeaL3apadSdGne5	15	1,611.274	0	-1,611.274	3/9/16	5/16/16	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 18NWHHyCkTfsDPQJaMu5uGhpviS87hWfwk	61	1,415.538	0	-1,415.538	5/19/16	10/6/16	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BTC-e.com	39	1,208.457	23.823	-1,184.634	9/11/13	8/31/16	
<input type="checkbox"/> 18TbmQ42TZekptuQ3is3zwaPT1AdaJUkkr	1	40.000	0	-40.000	10/12/13	10/12/13	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1EZdbrwVuTtGZijezWmvvzDRjLmNVN2owm	1	40.000	0	-40.000	10/13/13	10/13/13	
<input type="checkbox"/> 17DubUSP8SKe4ZUi7WogaXtLwy1fm9vhQS	1	40.000	0	-40.000	10/11/13	10/11/13	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1HFT1rkHQwHPWsAaqa1g1VwaFbS7Do2Usq	1	40.000	0	-40.000	10/15/13	10/15/13	
<input type="checkbox"/> 15gjdP9Hbwr7sM1yryG7PL8vrFcLFMtCVM	1	30.000	0	-30.000	10/10/13	10/10/13	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1J5YCtttAhc4L72pFmXpXCuZyCiPupRjoE	1	20.000	0	-20.000	10/8/13	10/8/13	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1MVAyP2EHWUnP4D61jBrzfx9oQH5FGFJX	1	20.000	0	-20.000	10/7/13	10/7/13	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1GA17Pk7kC6bPLUQpeCZXmzwgjrXbUEWSD	1	15.000	0	-15.000	10/3/13	10/3/13	



# Mixing Bitcoins with Bitcoin Fog



POSTED BY: ADMIN OCTOBER 1, 2016



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vote[s]

Bitcoin Fog is the Bitcoin Mixing and Tumbling service that covers up your tracks in the Bitcoin world.

- **Bitcoin Fog Darkent link:** <http://foggeddriztrcar2.onion>
- **Registreation URL:** <http://foggeddriztrcar2.onion/?page=register>
- **Bitcoin Fog login Link:** <http://foggeddriztrcar2.onion/?page=index>
- **Twitter updates clearnet link :** <https://twitter.com/#!/@BitcoinFog>

# Russian arrested over bitcoin laundering linked to BTC-e exchange: Sources

- A Russian national was arrested on suspicion of laundering criminal funds through Bitcoin.
- Alexander Vinnik, which sources say was a key figure behind the BTC-e cryptocurrency exchange, was arrested in Greece on a U.S. warrant.
- Vinnik is suspected of laundering at least \$4 billion.

8 Hours Ago



Alexandros Avramidis | Reuters

Alexander Vinnik, a 38 year old Russian man (L) suspected of running a money laundering operation, is escorted by a plain-clothes police officer to a court in Thessaloniki, Greece July 26, 2017.

Founded in 2011, BTC-e is one of the oldest and most obscure virtual currency exchanges, allowing users to trade bitcoin anonymously against fiat currencies, such as the U.S. dollar, and other virtual currencies. Until today, the people behind it had remained anonymous.

It is known in crypto-currency markets as the one with the most relaxed standards for checking the identity of its users, to combat money laundering, and for not collaborating with law enforcement.

This helped make it "a favorite money laundering location" and the exchange has been connected to recent ransomware attacks, said James Smith, chief executive of Elliptic, a company that works with law enforcement to track illicit bitcoin transactions.

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graph TD; A[Bitcoin exchanges required to register as MSBs with FinCEN] --> B[Comply with BSA/AML laws]; B --> C[Collect documentation on customers]; C --> D[MSBs file SARs with FinCEN]; D --> E[SAR filing requirements: $2,000]; E --> F[Regulatory environment in the U.S., doesn't apply globally]; F --> G[Japan: in April 2017, began recognizing bitcoin as a legal method of payment];
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# Conclusion

**Bitcoin transactions are not anonymous**

**We are potentially able to trace the transactions back to their owners through a lot of work**

**Proper regulation is needed to require bitcoin exchangers to follow KYC and AML compliance**

Thank *you*



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# Criminal Money Flows - Investigation Online

Athens, 7 November 2017

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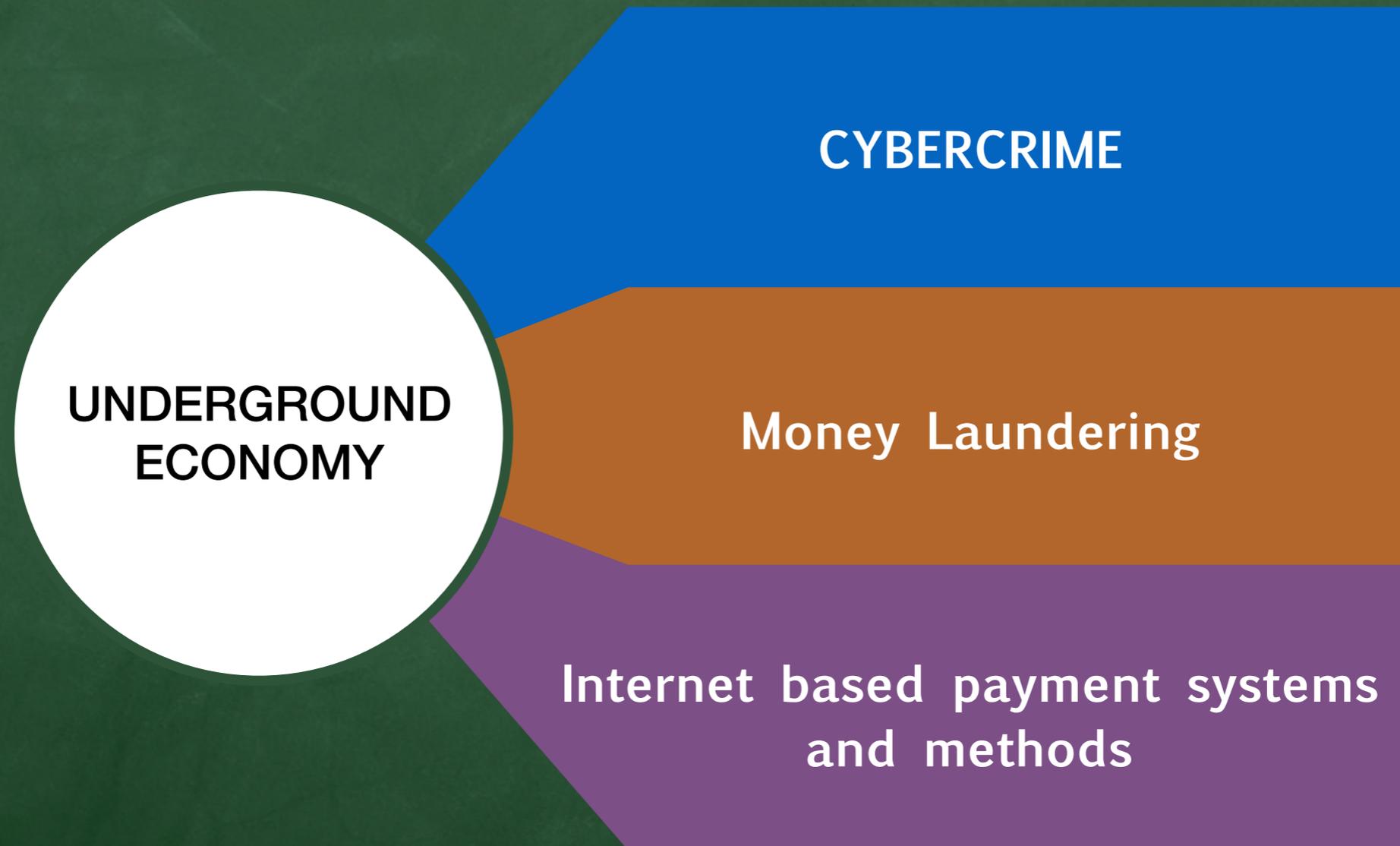
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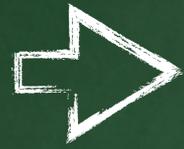
# BLACK MONEY

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# Proceeds generating offences on the Internet

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**FRAUD.** Identity theft, Payment Card Fraud, Online Banking Attacks, Misuse and Account Take-over, Mass-marketing Fraud, Auction Fraud, Investment Fraud nil. Stock Market Manipulation, Pyramid and Other Multi-level marketing schemes



**CHILD ABUSE MATERIALS**



**SALES OF COUNTERFEITS**



**VIOLATION OF COPYRIGHTS AND RELATED RIGHTS**



**ONLINE EXTORTION**

# Most Popular Internet Based Payment Solutions

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 PayPal

 Skrill

 Stripe

 2Checkout

 ACH Payments

 WePay

 Authorize.Net

 Amazon Payments

 Dwolla

 Google Wallet

 Braintree

 Apple Pay

 Gumroad

 Klarna

 AliPay

 Tenpay

 Union Pay

 99Bill

 ChinaPnR

 YeePay

# Prepaid Cards - Responsible Entities

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Acquirer

Distributor  
(Incl. Retailer)

Payments  
network  
operator

Issuer

Programme  
manager

Agent

# Mobile Payments - responsible entities

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Mobile Network  
Operator

Distributor  
(Incl. Retailer)

Electronic Money  
Issuer



Business models can vary greatly depending on which service provider has the lead role, pre-paid or post-paid services and the technical platform used.

Typical features can be generalized as: a *bank-centric model* and a *mobile-network-operator-centric model*

# Internet-based Payment Services

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Customers access pre-funded accounts to transfer e-money or value to other individuals or businesses which hold accounts with the same provider. Withdrawals by transferring to a bank account, pre-paid card or another money/value service



Variety of business models: digital wallets, digital and virtual currencies, electronic money..., which may be interconnected with other payment methods



Digital currency providers may allow third parties to undertake the exchange of national currencies with the electronic currency or value.



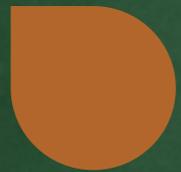
Sales of virtual precious metals...  
Online auction payments...  
Online gambling...

# Factors in Determining the Responsible Entity

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The entity which has visibility and management of the payment products and services



The entity which maintains relationship with customers



The entity which accepts funds from customer

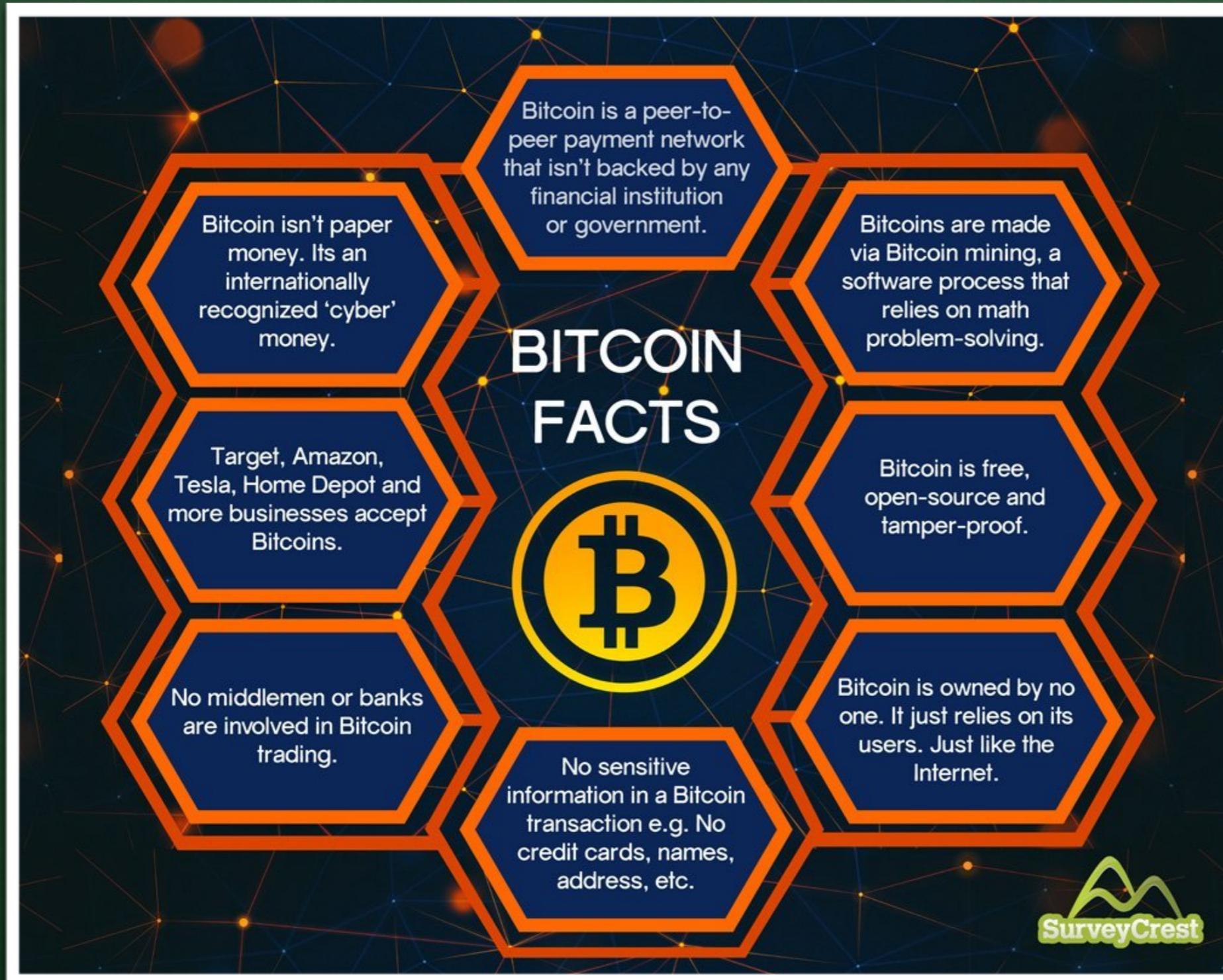


The entity against which the customer has a claim for those funds

# Risks in Methods of Funding

- ✓ **Prepaid Cards** - Cash funding, In rare cases reloadability with no limit or customer due diligence requirements
- ✓ **Mobile payment services** - cash and non-bank payment options; improper identification at funding by third parties
- ✓ **Internet Based payment services** - anonymous third party funding; virtual *bureaux de change*
- ✓ **Virtual Currencies** - all of the above mentioned funding risks
- ✓ **Segmentation of services** - several parties spread among jurisdictions involved in execution of payments

# The phenomenon of virtual currencies...



# Follow the money..?



“I *still* haven’t found what I’m looking for.”

# Following the Trails...

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- ✓ TI/OLAF E-Tool for disclosure of ownership structures and beneficial ownership
- ✓ Social Networks and other open source (OSINT)
- ✓ PGP Keys (Dark Web)
- ✓ Covert Online Investigations
- ✓ Automated re/researching and analysis software

# FIU as a Tool

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FIU.NET

Analysing

Reporting

Networking

Freezing



The Egmond Group

# Suspicious banking transactions (examples)

- 👁 Transactions which do not correspond to regular business activities
- 👁 Several companies represented by the same individual
- 👁 Irregularities at loans (e.g. early high cash deposits)
- 👁 Frequent transactions with persons from countries with strict bank secrecy or known for trade in narcotics
- 👁 Only nominees manage rented safe deposit boxes
- 👁 “Sudden income to sleeping accounts”, or multiple incomes under 10.000€ followed by high cash withdrawals or transfers
- 👁 Short time period opening and closing of BA combined with transfer of funds to another bank
- 👁 Absence of non-cash transactions (BA of a legal entity or entrepreneur)

# International Cooperation



# LEGAL TOOLS

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- ✓ European Investigation Order
- ✓ Warsaw (AML) Convention - Articles 3-5, 13, 17-24
- ✓ Budapest (Cybercrime) Convention - Articles 16-21, 29, 32
- ✓ EU Anti-Money-Laundering Legislation (Revision of the 4th AML Directive)
- ✓ Direct cooperation with internet service providers...(?)



SUBMARINE ON SURFACE AT FULL SPEED



# Questions?

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**“ONLINE FINANCIAL OFFENCES AND E-EVIDENCE IN LEGAL PROCEEDINGS:  
THE VIEW OF THE DEFENCE”** (presented by *Dominikos Arvanitis*)

**A. Introduction**

**B. The protection of individuals**

1. *The right to a fair trial*
2. *The right to have access to a lawyer*
3. *The principle of legality*
4. *The principle of proportionality*

**C. Conclusion**

## The internet Industry Perspective

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## Who am I?



- IANAL
- IANAP

- Cybercrime Expert for
  - Council of Europe
  - OSCE
  - EC
- Industry background
- First ISP in Ireland
- Past-President of EuroISPA
- Past-CEO INHOPE International Network of Internet Hotlines
- MSc
  - Computer Systems Design 1991
  - Advanced Security and Digital Forensics 2017

## Agenda

- Credit Card Fraud
- Detection and Prevention
- Policy
  - Concrete case Studies

## Online platforms

## Self-Regulation

## CREDIT CARD FRAUD



Payment Details  
Card not present



**DETECTION AND  
PREVENTION**



Data Retention



Encryption



Suspicious Transactions Reports



Profiling Systems

## International Payment Systems

## Advice

## Electronic Currencies

## New Challenges

## POLICY CONCRETE CASE STUDIES

## Examples

Sextortion  
Ransomware  
CEO Fraud

## Examples

Sextortion

2010 - Keith Hudson (39)/ Tyler Schrier (23)  
docket number 2:11-cr-01175-SJO, USA v. Schrier, filed in the Central District of California

# POKER PLAYERS

Sep 2011 - Leaked Photos

# SCARLETT JOHANSSON

Case Study - Suicide Victim

# AMANDA TODD

Case Study

# GSK CHINA

[HTTP://WWW.BBC.COM/NEWS/WORLD-ASIA-28712420](http://www.bbc.com/news/world-asia-28712420)

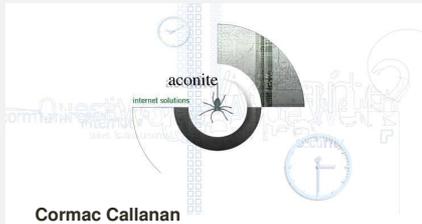
## Examples

# Ransomware

## Examples

# CEO Fraud

## Questions?



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Examples of digital information theft and best practices to prevent it

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# Agenda

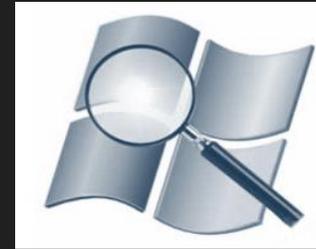
- Will discuss modus operandi, i.e. how the bad guys are thinking
- Will discuss some generic attack tactics that can apply on mobile or PC
- Will discuss specific figures on information theft and
  - Mobile
  - IoT
  - Data breaches
  - Underground economy
- Will close with best practices to protect yourself
- Q&A

**It doesn't matter who you are.... It is what you have access to**

# Living off the Land

## Attackers are using what's available to attack us

- These tools are ubiquitous
- These tools are easy to use for malicious purposes
- These tools don't arouse suspicion, and can be difficult to determine intent.





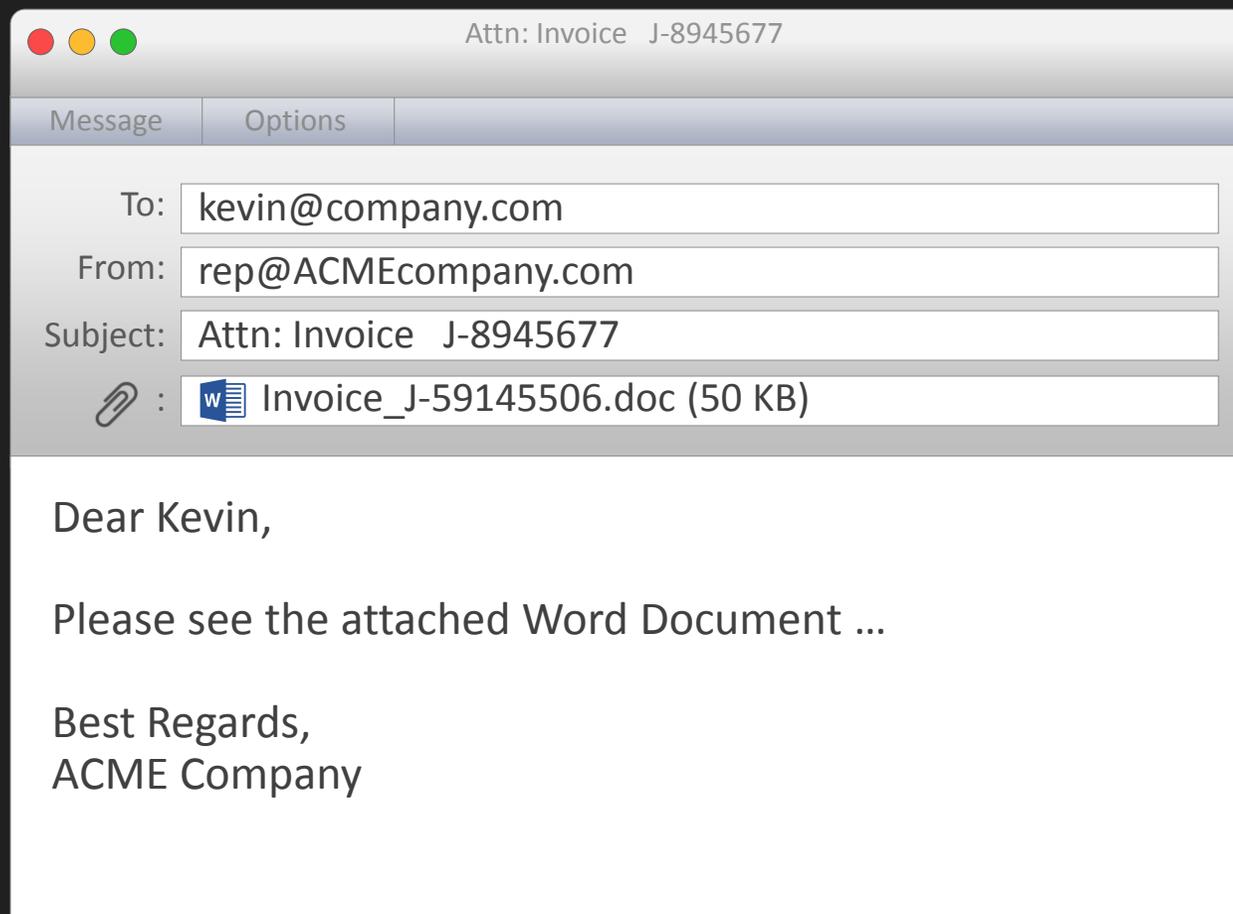
Number of Powerball Lottery tickets with a \$7 payoff:

1 out of  
**317**

Emails that have attached malware or links to malware:

1 out of  
**131**

# Email Attacks



Symantec Sees Millions  
of Attacks per day sent via  
**Malicious Email**

# Malicious Emails Hit the Highest Rate in Five Years



1 out of

**244**



1 out of

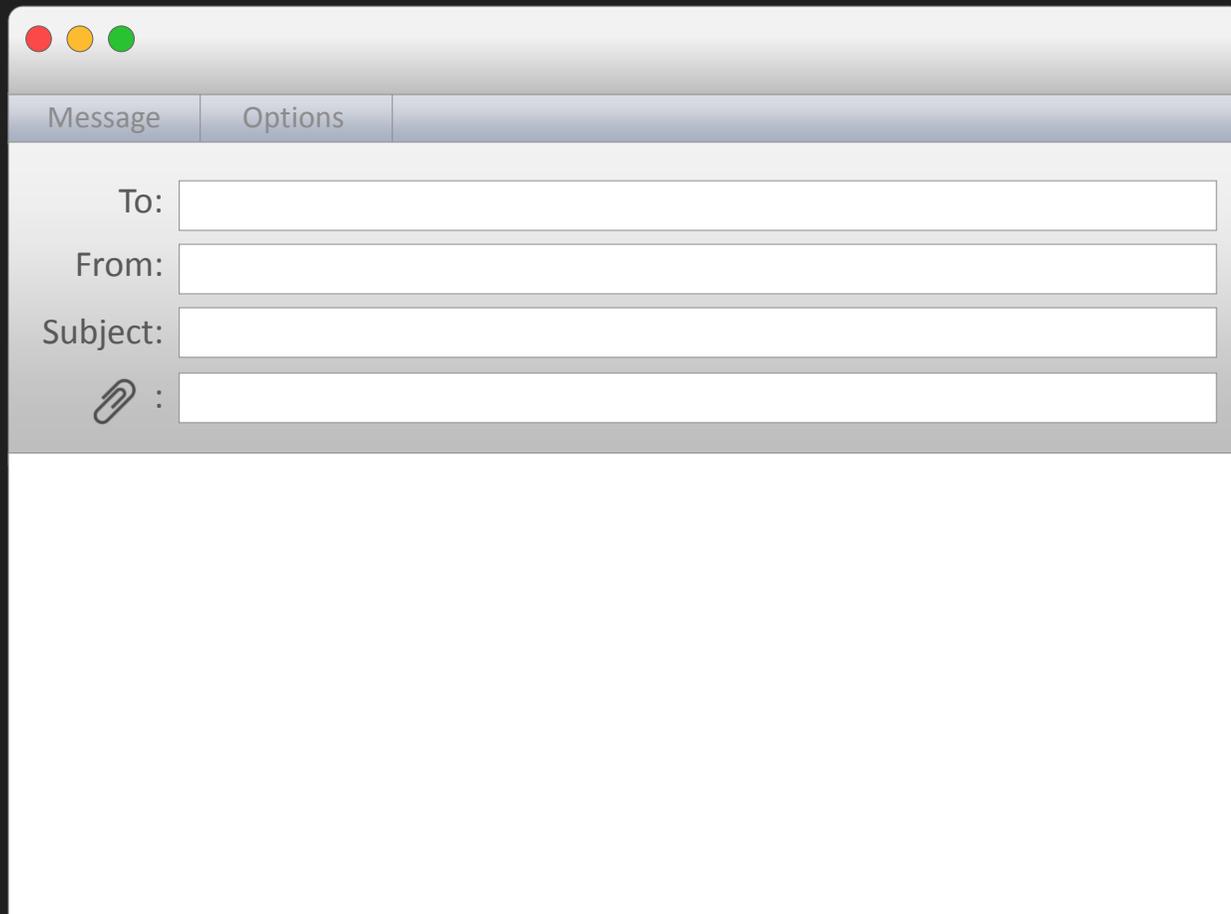
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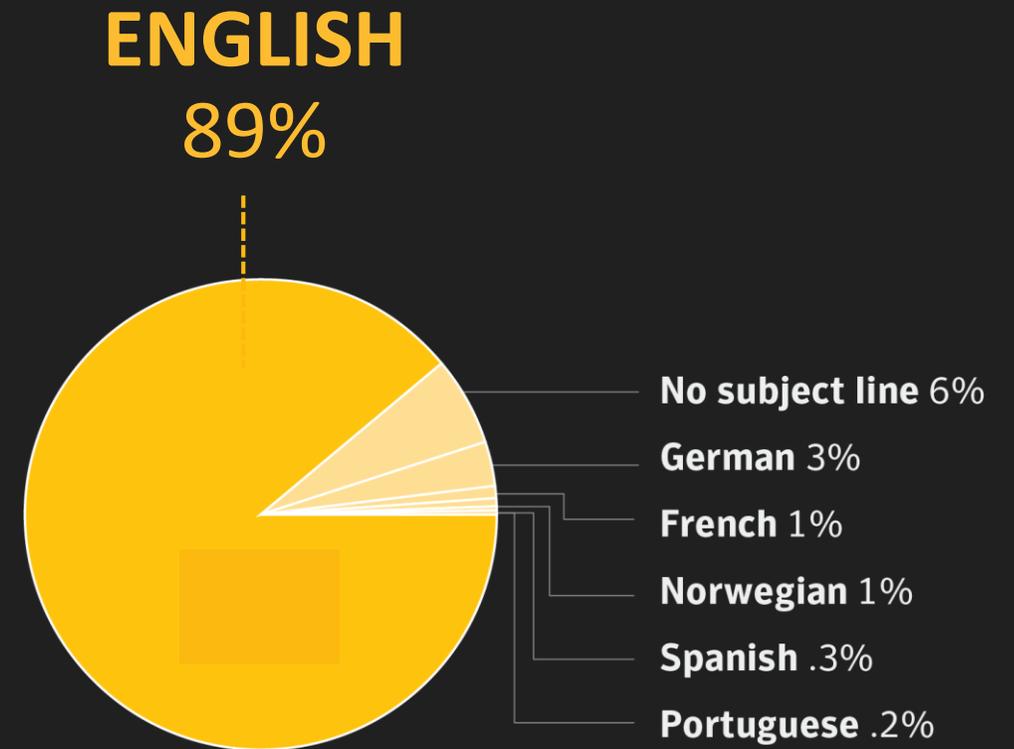
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# Building Malicious Email

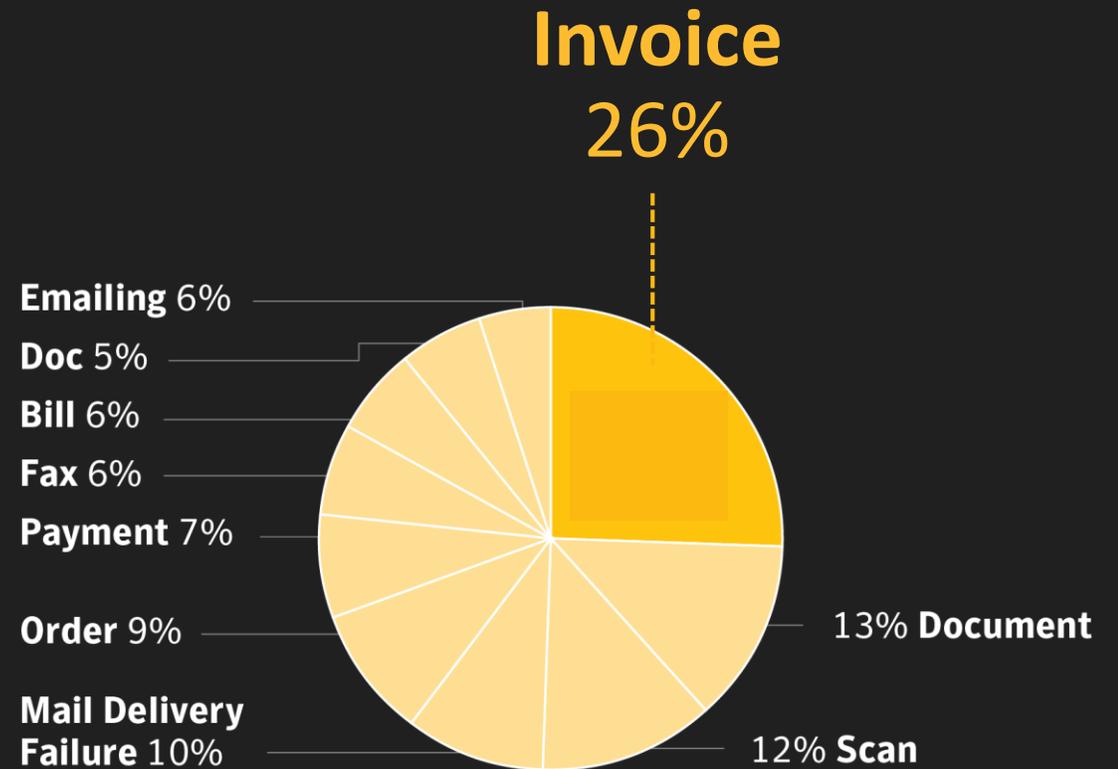
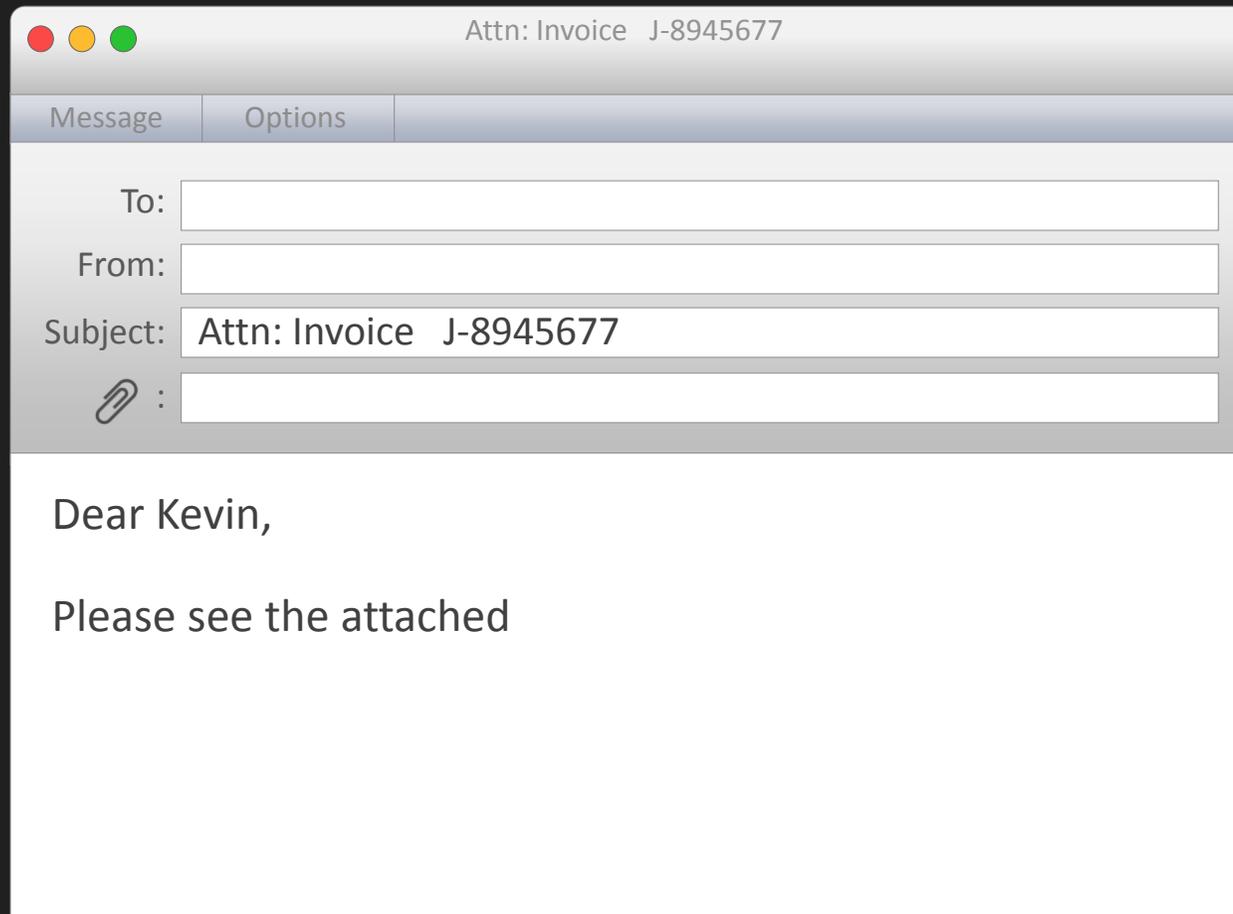


The image shows a screenshot of an email composition window. At the top left, there are three colored window control buttons (red, yellow, green). Below them is a header bar with two tabs: "Message" and "Options". The main area contains four input fields: "To:", "From:", "Subject:", and "Attachments:" (indicated by a paperclip icon). The "Attachments:" field is currently empty. The bottom half of the window is a large, empty white area for the email body.

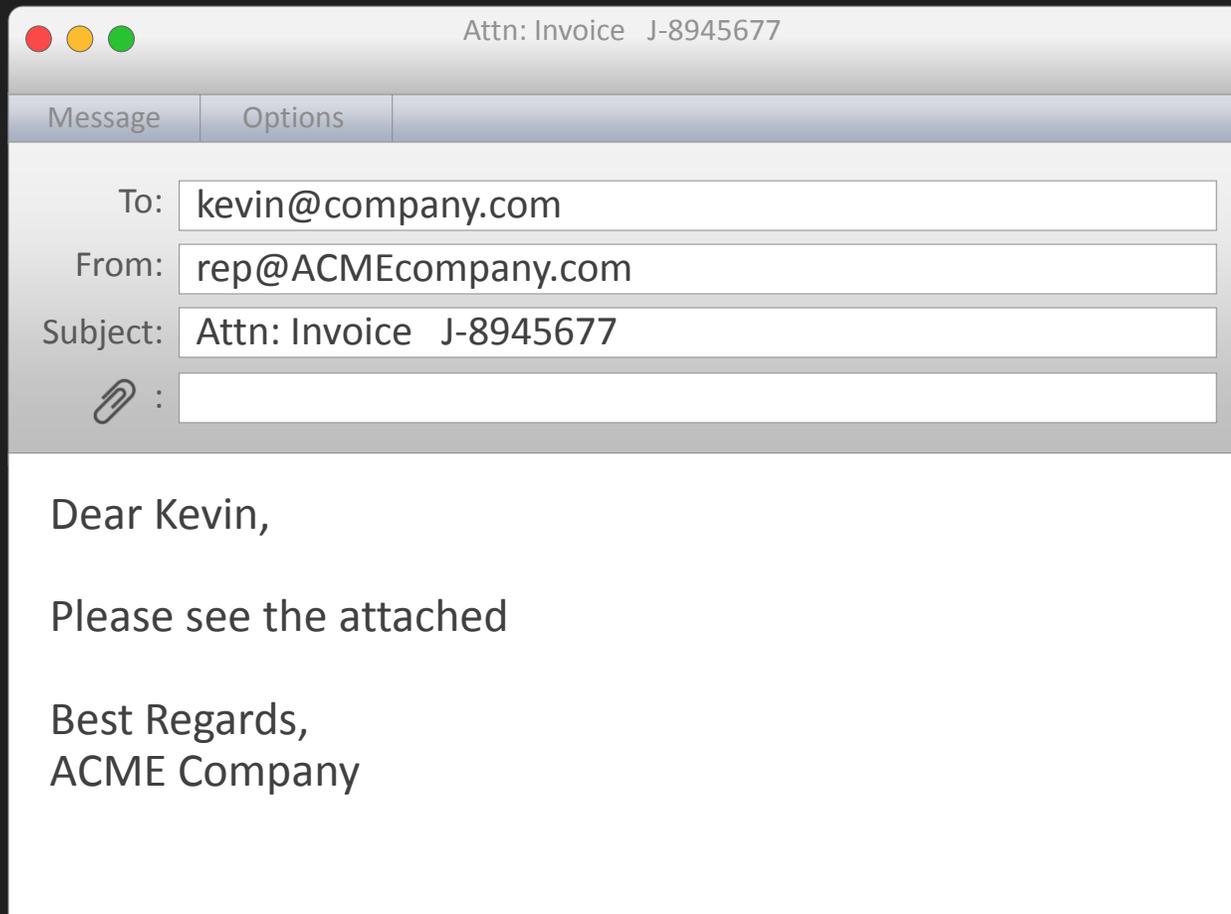
# Building Malicious Email: Language



# Building Malicious Email: **Subject**

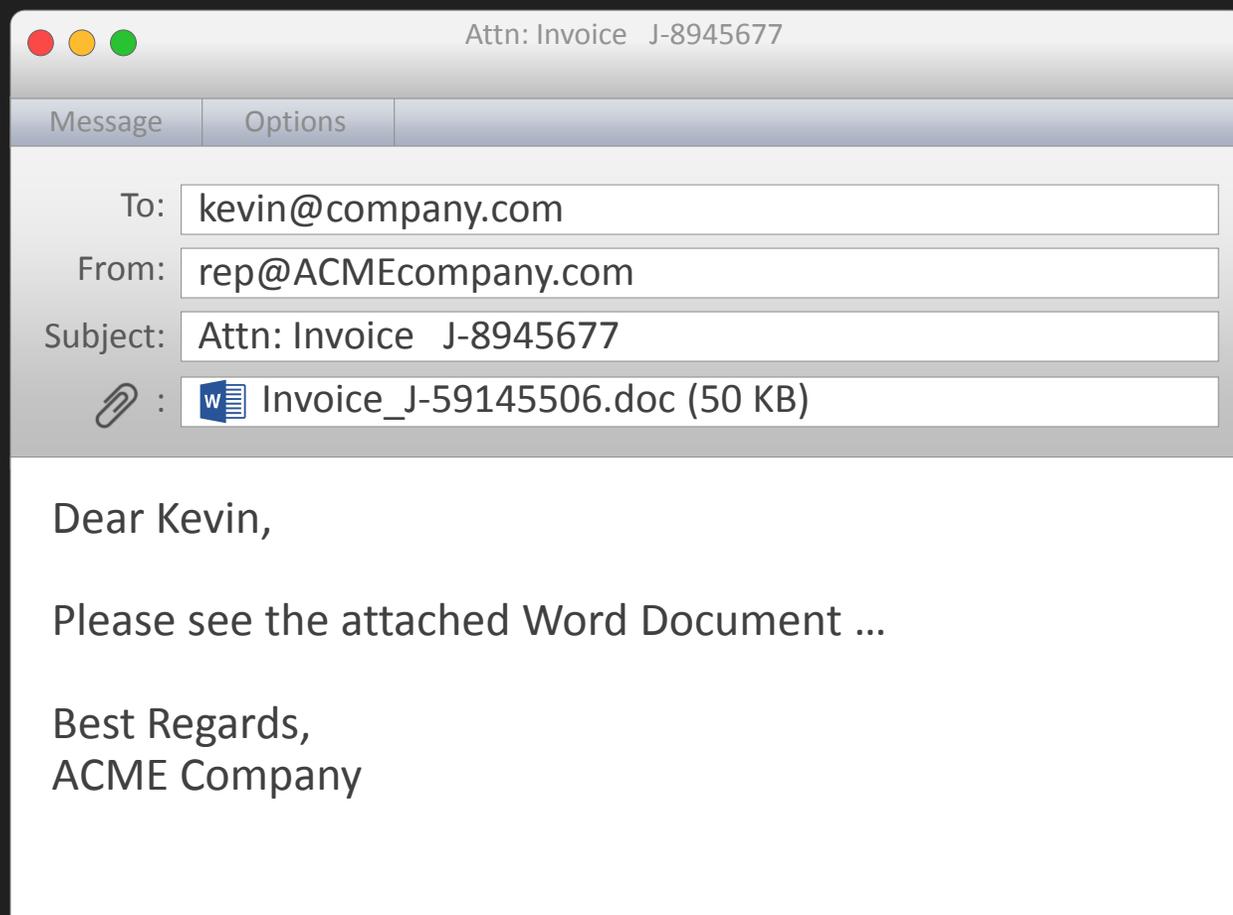


# Building Malicious Email: **To/From**



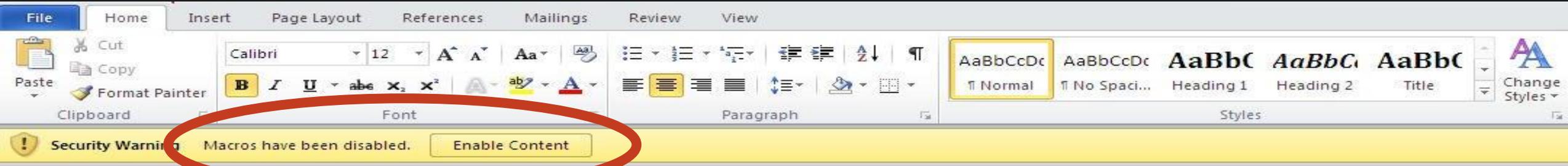
- The Sender is often spoofed to be a well known company, region specific.

# Building Malicious Email: Attachment



- Most users are not suspicious of a Word file
- And they are harmless unless users can be tricked into enabling macros
- Social Engineering becomes more important to bad guys as defenses get better

# Building Malicious Email: Social Engineering



# John Podesta



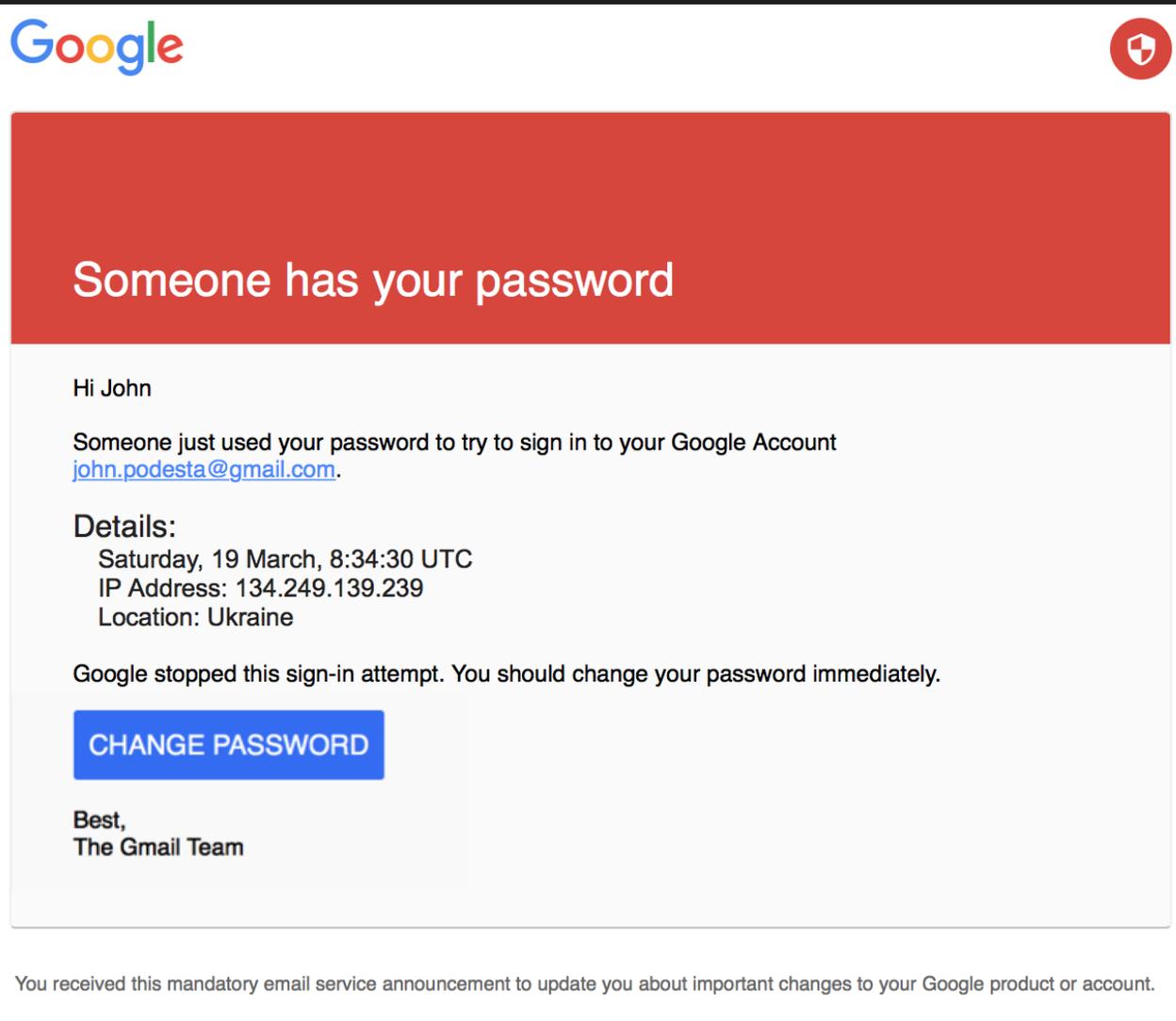
From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

**John David Podesta** (born January 8, 1949) is a columnist and former chairman of the [2016 Hillary Clinton presidential campaign](#).<sup>[1]</sup> He previously served as [chief of staff](#) to [President Bill Clinton](#) and [Counselor](#) to [President Barack Obama](#).<sup>[2]</sup>

He is the former president, and now Chair and Counselor, of the [Center for American Progress \(CAP\)](#), a [liberal think tank](#) in Washington, D.C., as well as a [Visiting Professor of Law](#) at the [Georgetown University Law Center](#). Additionally, he was a co-chairman of the [Obama-Biden Transition Project](#).<sup>[3][4]</sup>



# Anatomy of a Targeted Phishing Attack



- The branding looks consistent (Google logo, shield logo)
- The email is addressed to the recipient (not “Dear Sir”)
- The English is not broken

# Anatomy of a Targeted Phishing Attack

<http://myaccount.google.com-securitysettingpage.tk/security/signinoptions/password?e=am9obi5wb2Rlc3RhQGdtYWlsLmNvbQ%3D%3D&fn=Sm9obiBQb2Rlc3Rh&n=Sm9obg%3D%3D&img=Ly9saDQuZ29w...xldXNlcmNvbnRlbnQuY29tLy1RZVIPbHJkVGp2WS9BQUFB...>

[myaccount.google.com-securitysettingpage.tk](http://myaccount.google.com-securitysettingpage.tk)

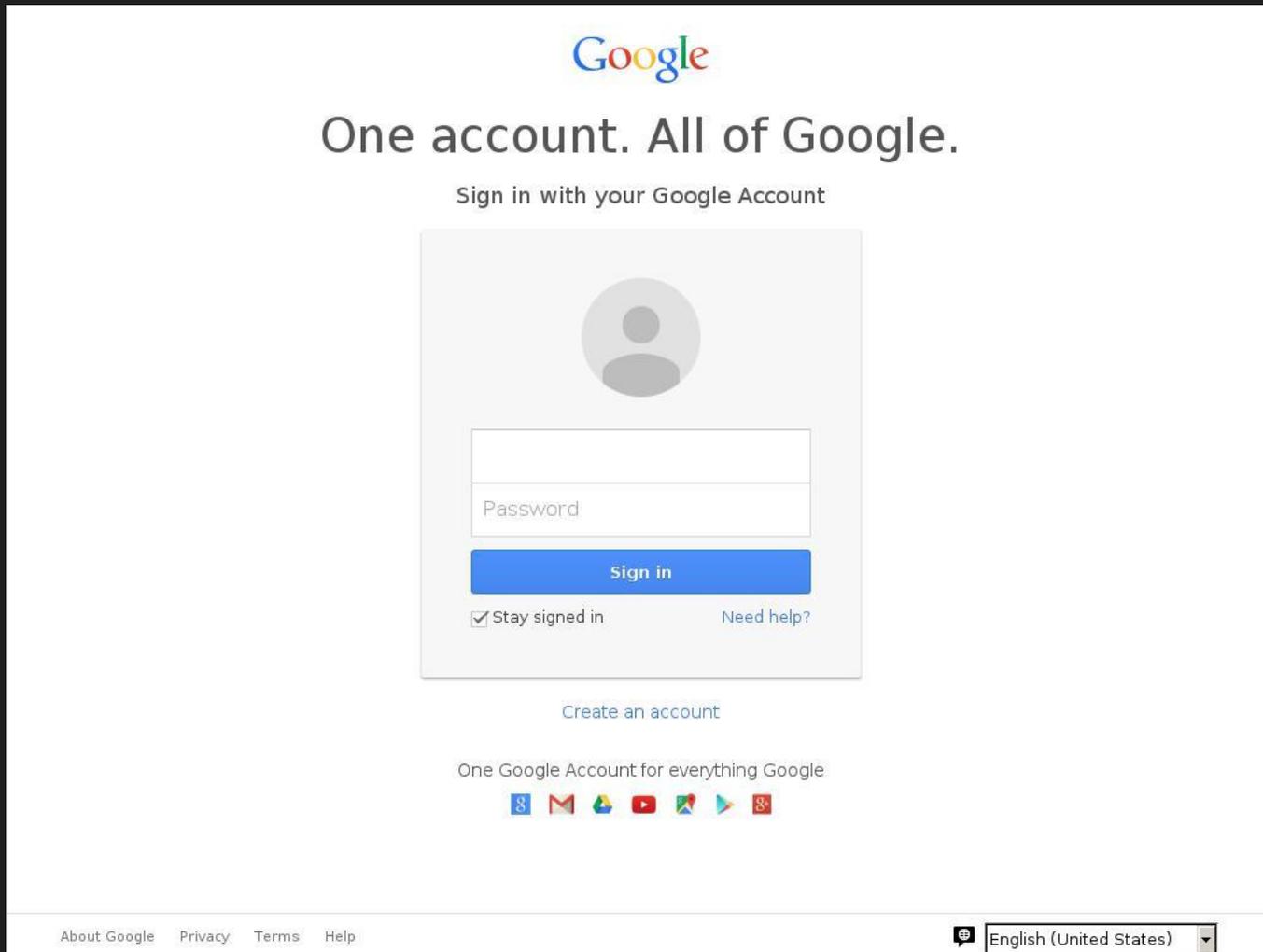
<http://bitly.com/gblgook>

CHANGE PASSWORD

Best,  
The Gmail Team

You received this mandatory email service announcement to update you about important changes to your Google product or account.

# Anatomy of a Targeted Phishing Attack



- The login page looks identical to the actual login page (HTML was cloned)
- Once the user submits the username/password combination, it doesn't matter what happens next
  - Typically, the phishing page redirects users back to Google.com

**This is a legitimate email.** John needs to change his password immediately, and ensure that two-factor authentication is turned on his account.

He can go to this link: <https://myaccount.google.com/security> to do both. It is absolutely imperative that this be done ASAP.

# Two Factor Authentication Should Not Be An Option for Cloud Apps

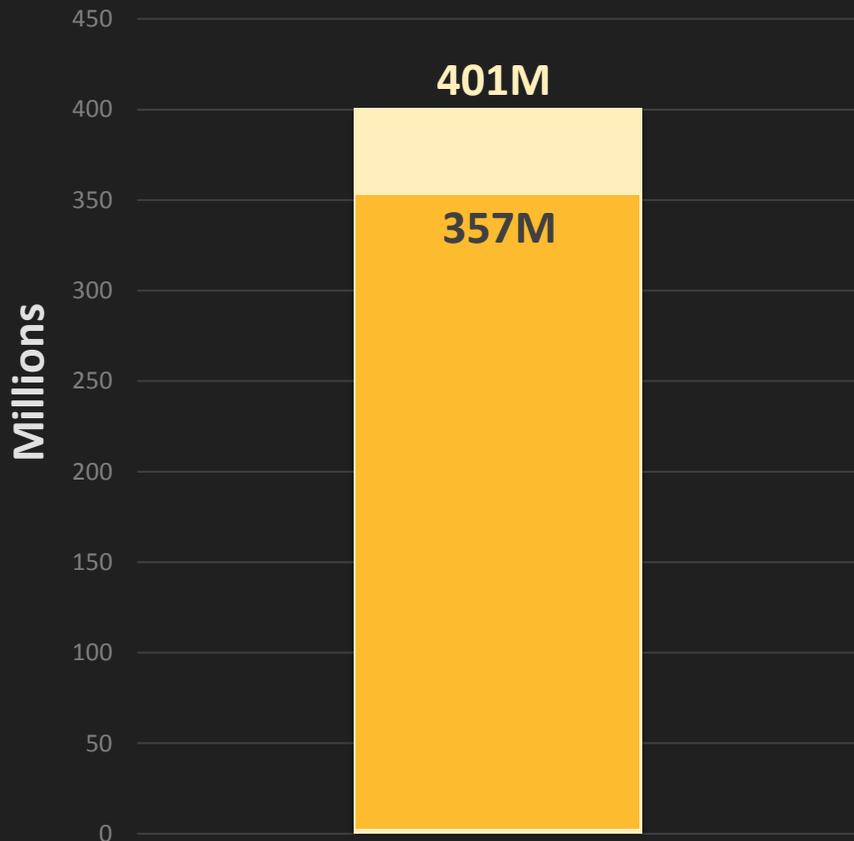
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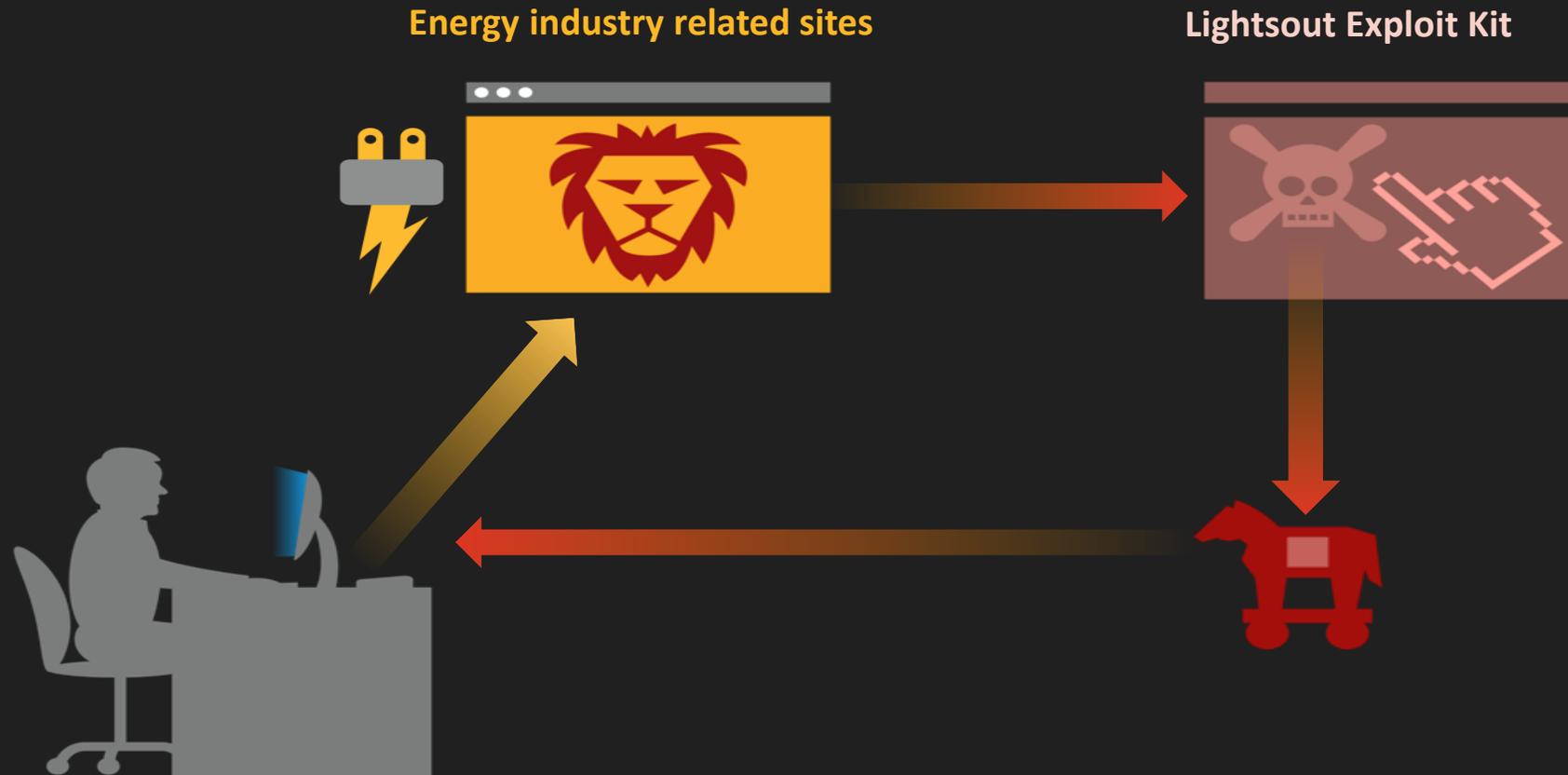
# Unique Malware in 2016



## 401M Unique Pieces of Malware

- **89%** of that malware first seen in 2016
- **20%** of all malware VM aware
- **4%** use cloud services
- **3%** use SSL for C&Cs communication (79% increase)
- **1%** use Tor

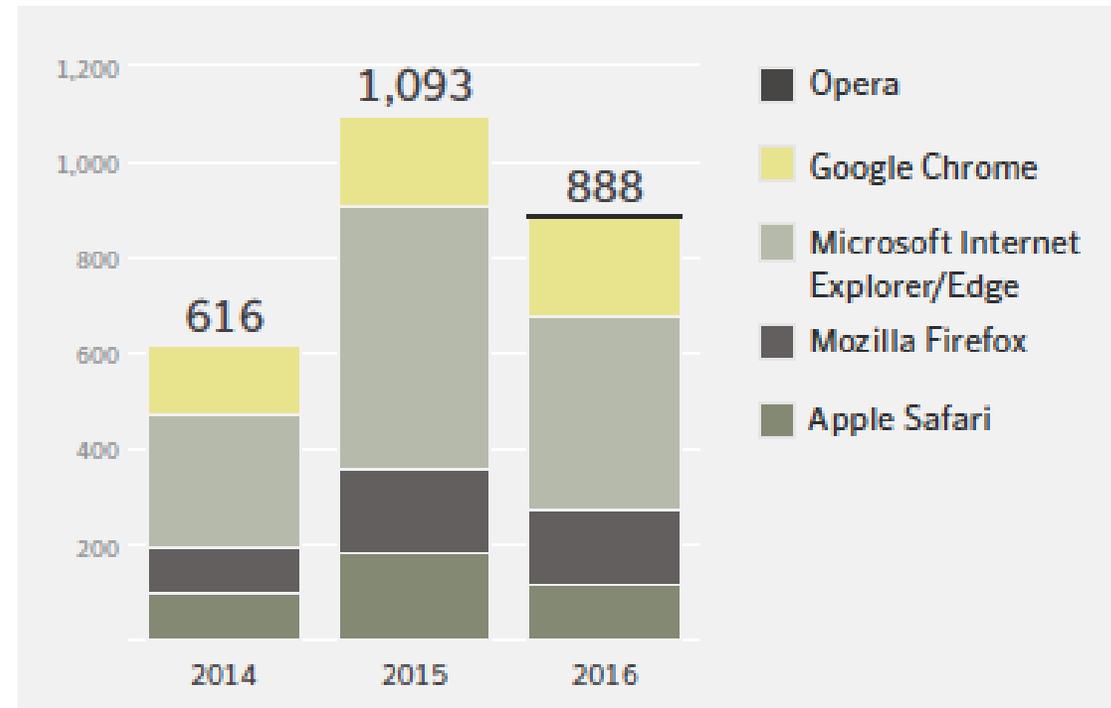
# Waterhole attacks



# Web attacks

## Browser vulnerabilities

The number of browser vulnerabilities discovered dropped from 1,093 in 2015 to 888 in 2016.



# What were the most frequently exploited websites?

## Classification of most frequently exploited websites

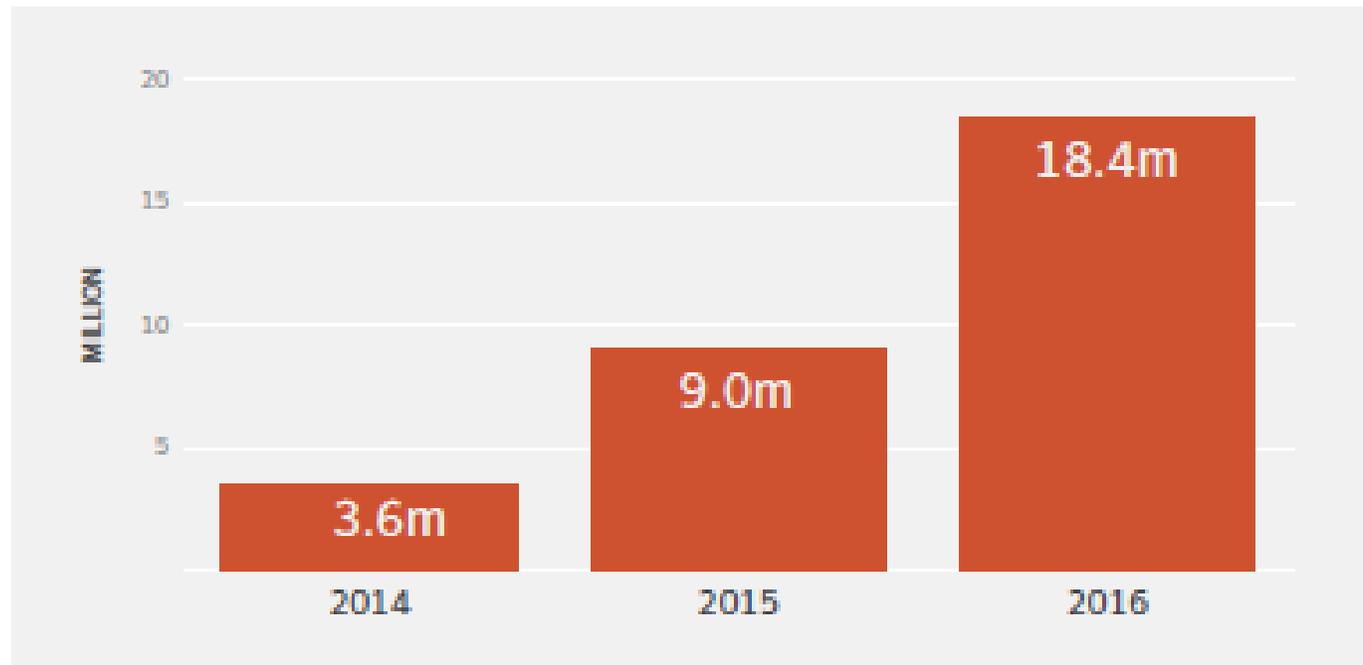
*Technology- and business-related websites were the most popular for hosting malicious content and malvertising in 2016.*

Rank	Domain Categories	2015 (%)	2016 (%)	Percentage Point Difference
1	Technology	23.2	20.7	-2.5
2	Business	8.1	11.3	3.2
3	Blogging	7.0	8.6	1.6
4	Hosting	0.6	7.2	6.6
5	Health	1.9	5.7	3.8
6	Shopping	2.4	4.2	1.8
7	Educational	4.0	4.1	< 0.1
8	Entertainment	2.6	4.0	1.4
9	Travel	1.5	3.6	2.1
10	Gambling	0.6	2.8	2.2

# Mobile threats

## Number of overall mobile malware detections per year

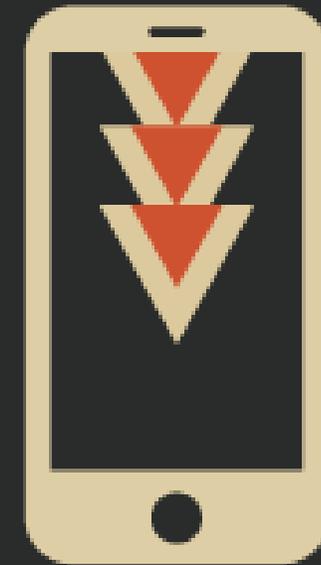
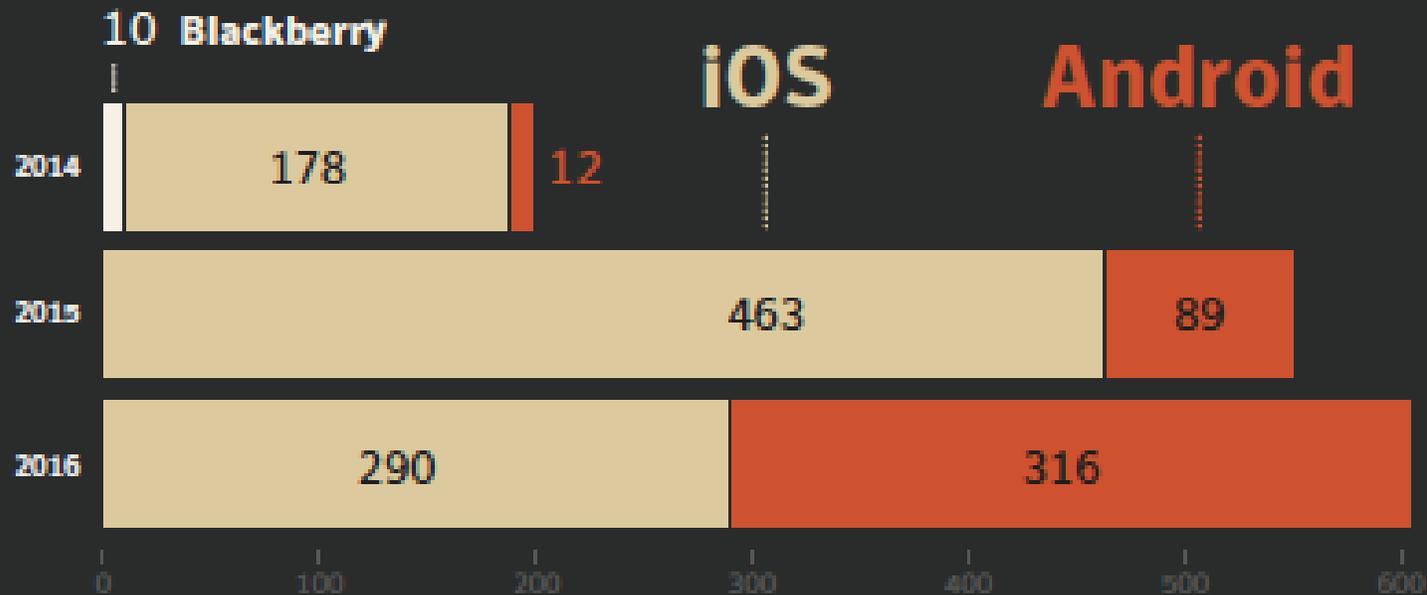
*Symantec observed 18.4 million mobile malware detections in total in 2016, an increase of 105 percent on 2015.*



# Vulnerabilities per OS

## Mobile vulnerabilities reported, by operating system

Android surpassed iOS in terms of the number of mobile vulnerabilities reported in 2016.

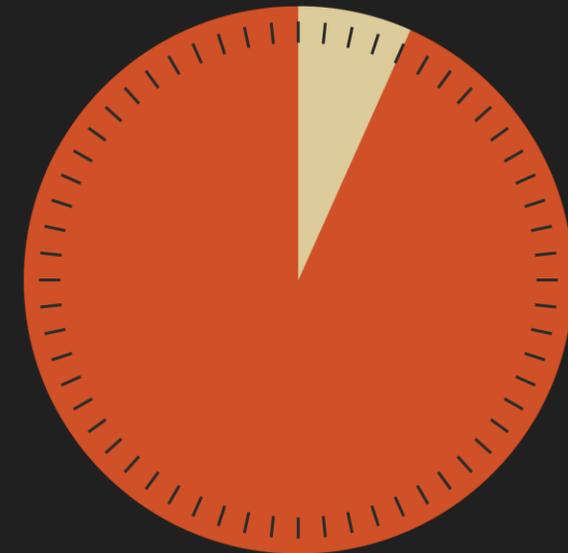


# In **2004** security researchers put a PC on the internet

- Without any patches installed
- Without any security software

It was attacked within

**4 minutes**



# In **2016** Symantec researchers put an IoT device on the internet



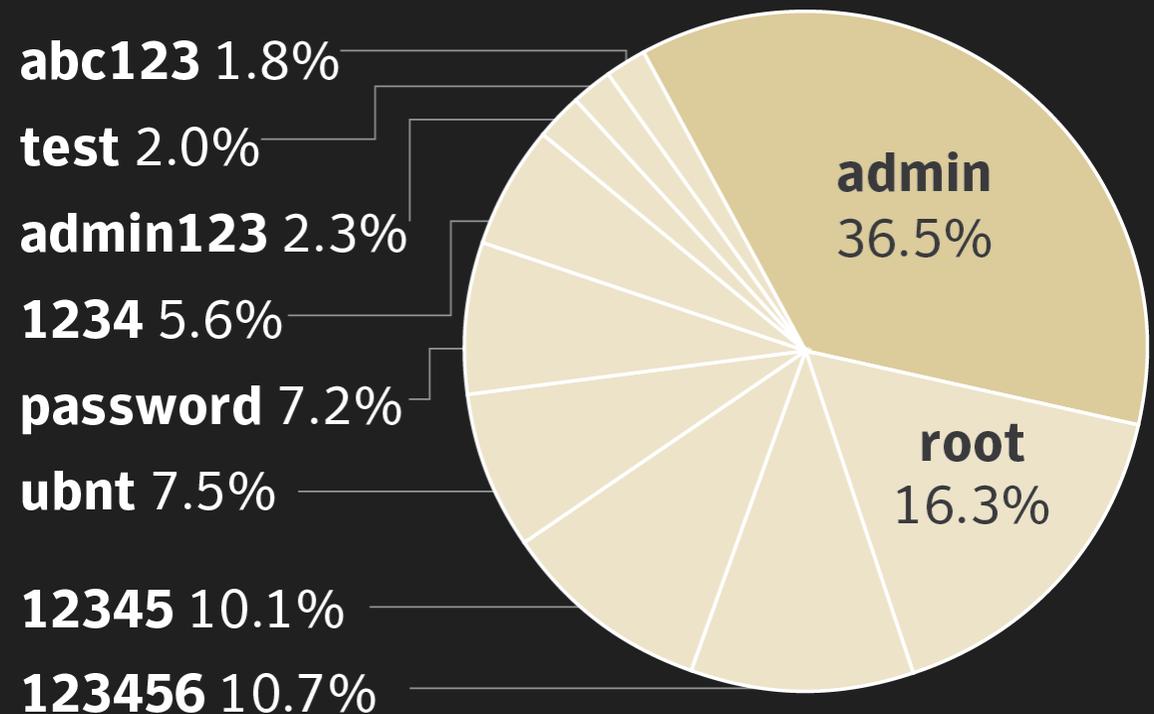
It was attacked  
within  
**2 minutes**



# The security shortcomings of IoT

- No system hardening
- No update mechanism
- Default/hardcodes passwords

Top 10 passwords used by malware to break into IoT devices



# Data breaches – An overview – 15 mega breaches in 2016

## Data breaches, 2014-2016

*While the number of data breaches in 2016 remained fairly steady, the number of identities stolen increased significantly.*

Year	Breaches	Identities stolen	Average per breach	Mega breaches
2014	1523	1,226,138,929	805,081	11
2015	1211	563,807,647	465,572	13
2016	1209	1,120,172,821	926,528	15

# Cause of breach vs Effectiveness of cause (stolen identities)

## Top 10 causes of data breaches in 2016

*Theft of Data led the way as the main cause of data breaches in 2016, accounting for more than a third of breaches.*

Rank	Cause	2015 (%)	2016 (%)	Percentage point difference
1	Theft of Data	42.4	36.2	-6.2
2	Improper Use of Data	20.4	19.3	-1.1
3	Unclassified or Other Cause	11.9	19.2	7.3
4	Phishing, Spoofing, or Social Engineering	21.8	15.8	-6.0
5	Accidental Data Loss	1.7	3.2	1.5
6	Loss or Theft of Device	0.6	3.1	2.5
7	IT Errors Leading to Data Loss	0.5	1.6	1.1
8	Network Disruption or DDoS	0.3	1.6	1.3
9	Extortion, Blackmail, or Disruption	0.1	0.2	0.1
10	Identity Theft or Fraud	0.1	0	-0.1

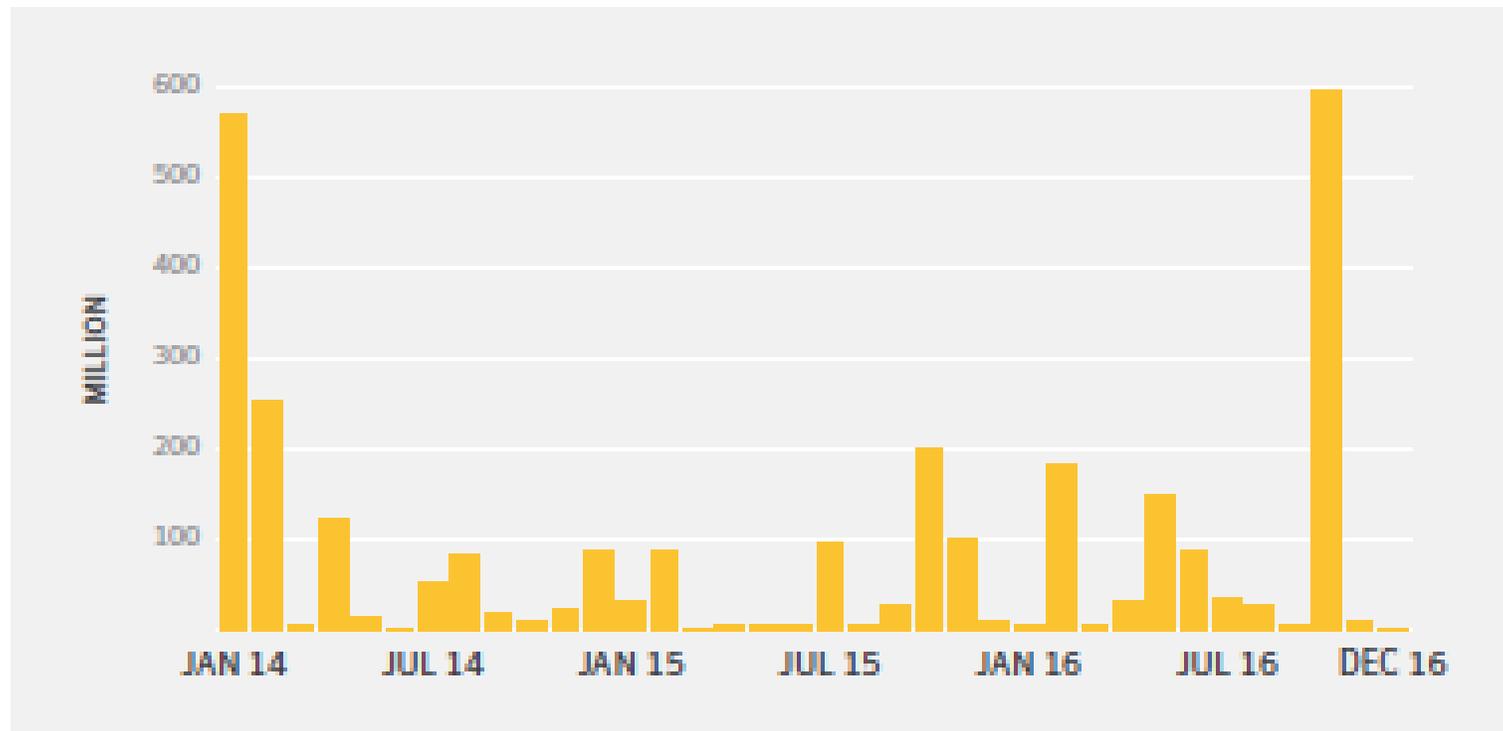
## Top 10 causes of data breaches by identities stolen in 2016

*Theft of Data was responsible for the vast majority of identities stolen in 2016.*

Rank	Cause	2015 (%)	2016 (%)	Percentage point difference
1	Theft of Data	85.3	91.6	6.3
2	Phishing, Spoofing, or Social Engineering	9.8	6.4	-3.4
3	Accidental Data Loss	1.1	1.0	-0.1
4	IT Errors Leading to Data Loss	< 0.1	0.9	0.9
5	Network Disruption or DDoS	< 0.1	< 0.1	< 0.1
6	Improper Use of Data	3.3	< 0.1	-3.3
7	Loss or Theft of Device	< 0.1	< 0.1	< -0.1
8	Unclassified or Other Cause	0.4	< 0.1	-0.4
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# Identities stolen per month

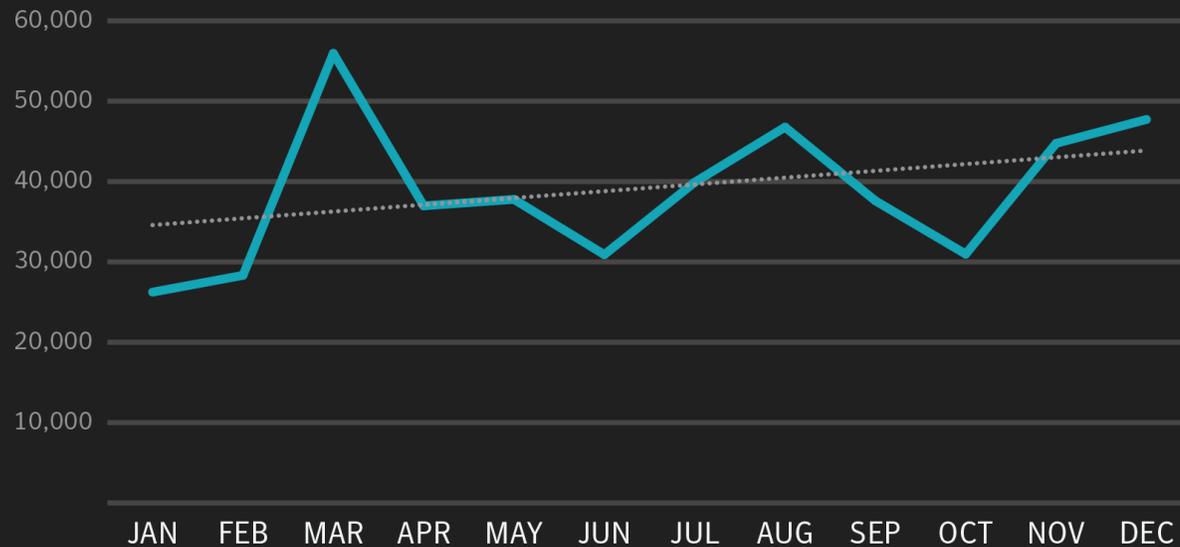
*There was a spike in identities stolen in October 2016, which was largely caused by a breach of Friend Finder Networks.*



# What you can buy in the underground economy at what price?



# 36% Increase in Ransomware Attacks



- Highly profitable
- Low Barrier to Entry
  - Multiple Software as a Service offerings available

**Ginx Ransomware - Windows and Mac-OSX (%60-%40 split)**

This piece of malware will move and encrypt all personal files for that user and demand a ransom in BTC. Once infected the target will have 96hrs to make payment. ===== Windows ===== Comes in .exe .scr and .com Future updates will be Word Document macro The file has to be executed on the victim's machine or by other means (uploaded via RAT, Botnet, Social Engin...

Sold by [Avatar] - 0 sold since Jan 27, 2016 **Vendor Level 1** **Trust Level 3**

	Features	Origin country	Features
<b>Product class</b>	Digital goods		Worldwide
<b>Quantity left</b>	50 items	<b>Ships to</b>	Worldwide
<b>Ends in</b>	Never	<b>Payment</b>	Escrow

Default - 1 days - USD +0.00 / item

**Purchase price:** USD 1,000.00

Qty: 1 **Buy Now** **Queue**

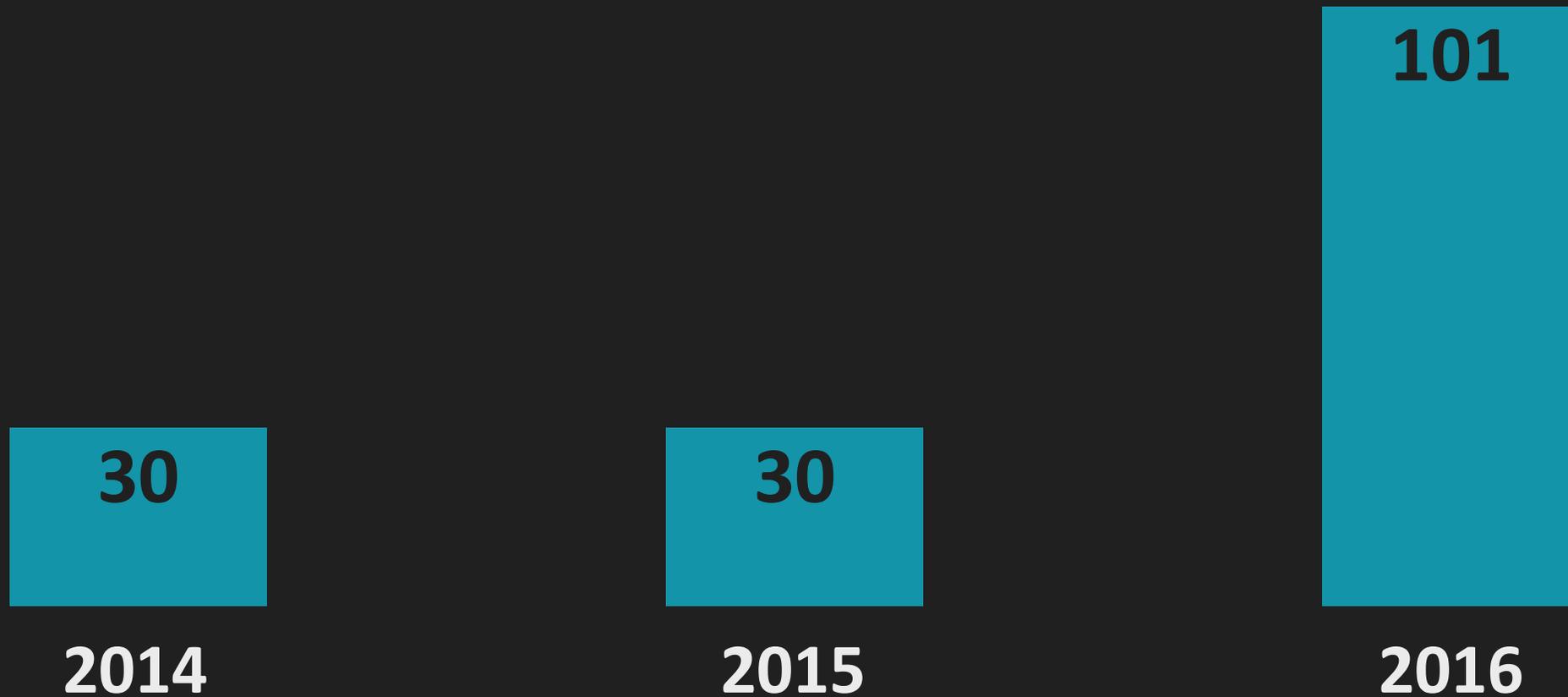
2.3842 BTC

Description Bids Feedback Refund Policy

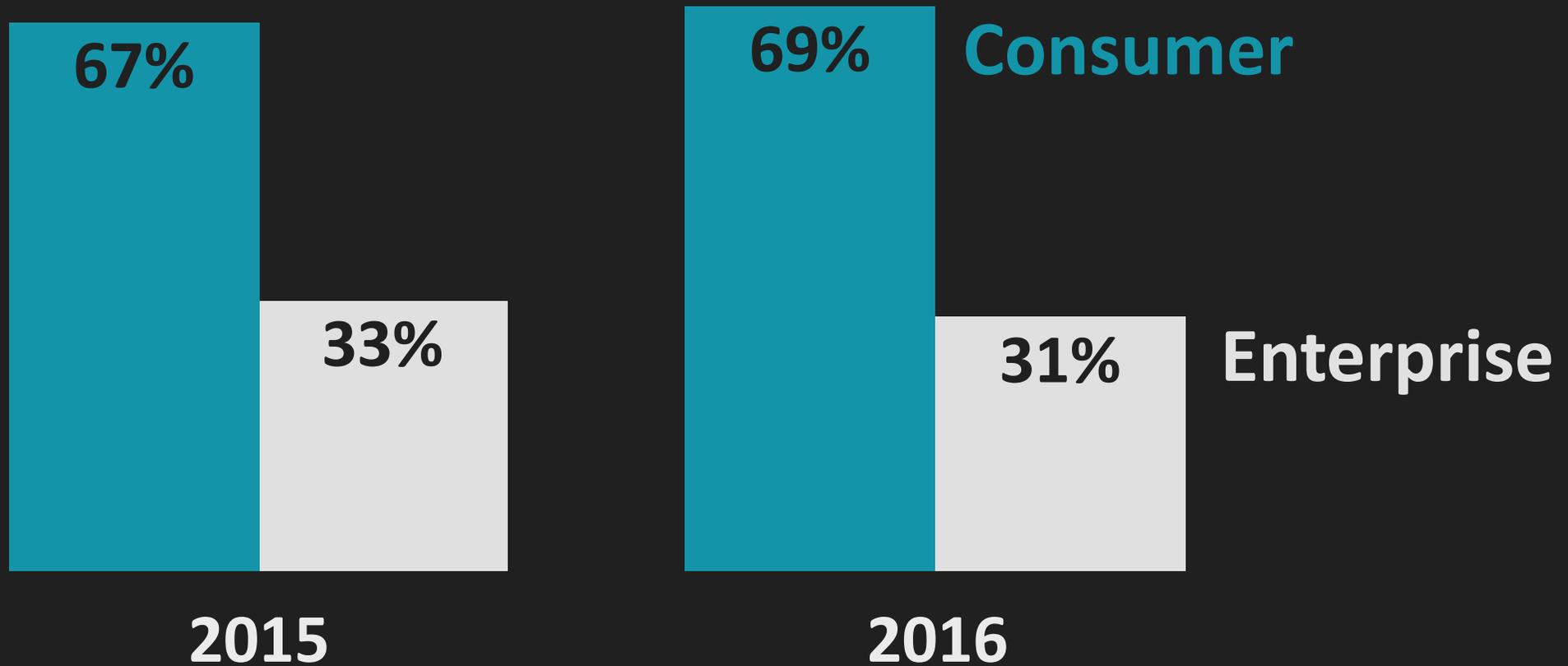
**Product Description**

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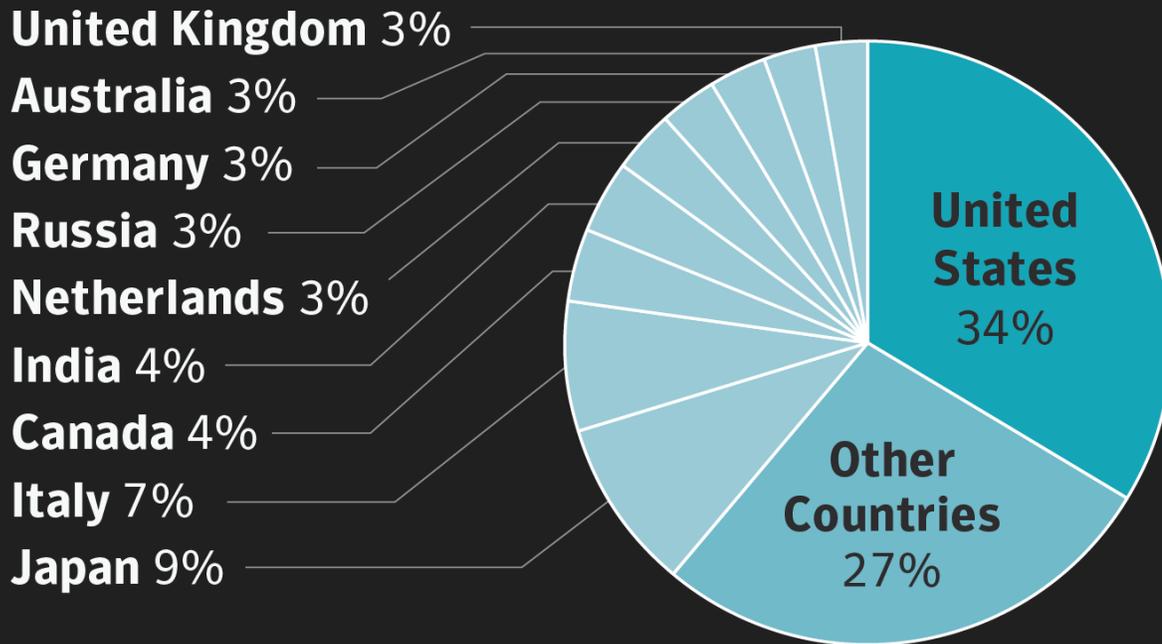
# 3x as many new ransomware families in 2016



# Consumers Continue to see the Majority of Attacks

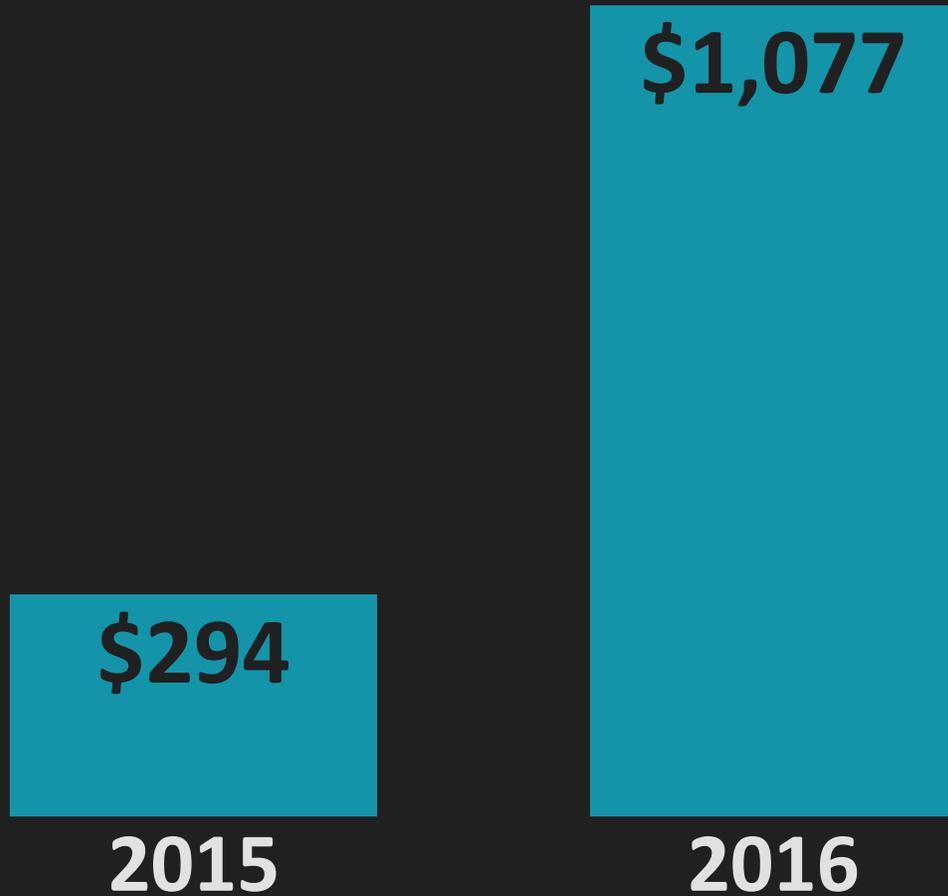


# Ransomware Detections by Country



- With 34% of all attacks, US the region most affected by Ransomware
- Attackers target countries that can pay the largest ransom
- Number of internet connected computers also effect the numbers
- But US also has characteristic that is driving up the cost of the ransom

# Average Ransom Demand



- The average starting ransom demand soared in 2016.
- Once infected many threats raise price if ransom not paid by deadline
- Some criminals will negotiate
- Targeted businesses will see higher demands
- Highest ransom demand for single machine seen in 2016 - \$28,730 (Ransom.Mircop)

# What is Driving Up the Ransom Demand?

## Percentage of Consumers Who Pay Ransom



**34%**

Globally

- There does not appear to be price sensitivity among victims, especially in the US
  - As long as victims willing to pay, criminals can raise the price



**64%**

US

# How is Ransomware Spreading

- **Secondary Infections** – infected machines download additional threat
- **Brute-force passwords** – ex. Ransom.Bucbi
- **Exploiting servers** – ex. Ransom.SamSam
- **Self-Propagation** – ex. W32.ZCrypt
- **3<sup>rd</sup> party app stores** – Android.Lockdroid.E
- **Social Networking** – ex. Locky
- **Exploit Kits** – 388k attacks blocked a day in 2016
- **But mainly ransomware spreads via email**



# Best practices to protect yourselves

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Thank You!



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# Skimming and Malware (And a boilerroom)

Digital evidence

ERA Madrid  
May 2016



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# Introduction

Me:

- Leiden University (eLaw)
- ISPA NL (ISPs)
- OPTA (Telecom regulator)
- VIGILO
  - EC, CoE, CRTC, BTPU, OFT, ACM (...)
  - Forensics, OSINT, Cybersecurity
  - Currently: Capacity building (ML, TF)

# Program

- How to part consumers and businesses from money?
- Topics
  - Creditcards: card present (skimming)
  - Creditcards: card not present (malware)
  - Other options:
    - Boiler room and business email compromise frauds
    - Financial frauds in general
- ..And related digital evidence

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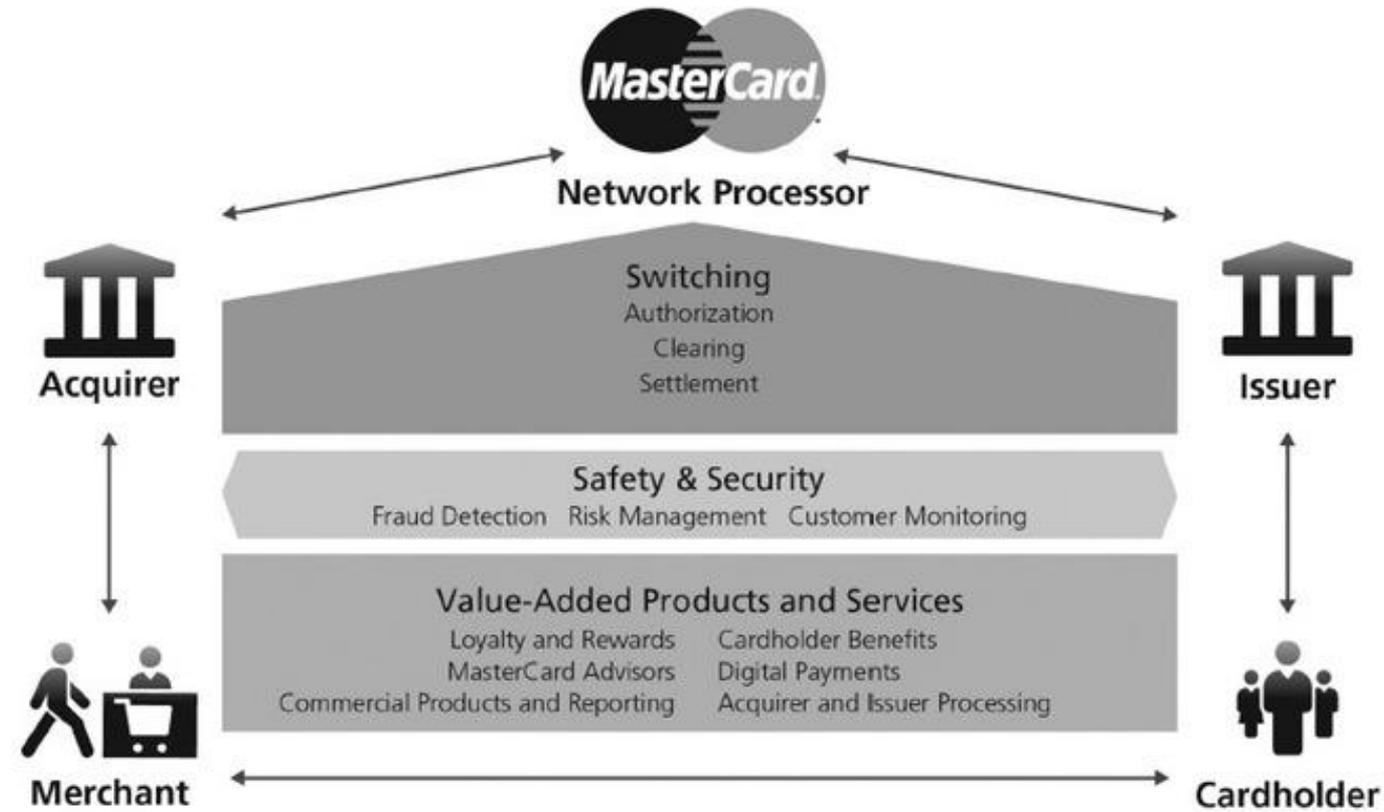
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## Card present (skimming)

Of strips and chips

# Overview

## A MasterCard Transaction



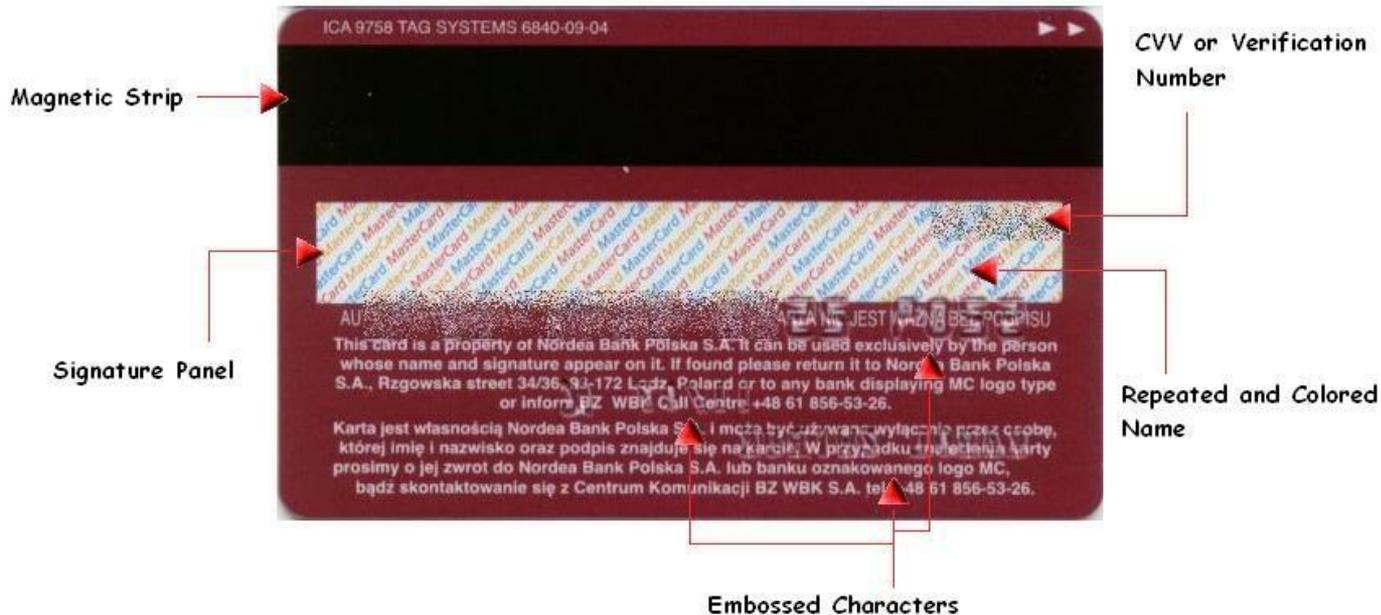
Market Realist<sup>®</sup>

Source: MA 10-K, 2014

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# Creditcard

- What is on a creditcard?



# Magnetic strip?

- Invented in 1969 by IBM, lead to ATM
- Universal System – but mostly banking and public transport
- Content is divided on tracks
  - Track 1: Name, BIN: (IIN and PAN), CVV, Exp.
  - Track 2: BIN, CVV Exp.
  - (..)
  - Discretionary data

# Fraud (<2000)

- ATM: PIN
  - Issue: skimming
  - ATM: hard
- POS: Signatures
  - Cards stolen
  - Signatures forged (easy)
- Idea:
  - PIN
  - Plot spoiler: This backfired!

# Why?



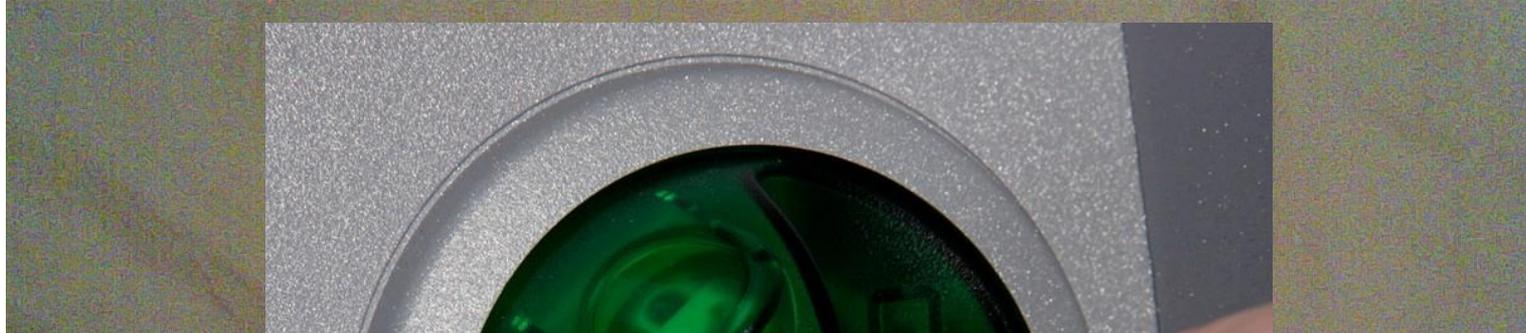
# Fraud?

- Increase in card-present fraud (skimming)
- Use for card-not-present fraud (internet)
- Capture:
  - Stripe (CVV1, BIN)
  - PIN (camera or over the shoulder)
  - CVV2 (visual only)

# Discretionary Data (→CVV)

- CVV/CVC (2 versions)
  - Not stored
  - Less vulnerable to database compromise
- CVV1/CVC1 (2001)
  - Present on stripe
  - Proves possession of card (in card present)
  - Skimming captures CVV1!
- CVV2/CVC2:
  - Different number on card (print) than on stripe
  - Differentiates card-present and card-not-present
  - Impossible to use stripe-skimmed CVV1 online

# Skimming examples



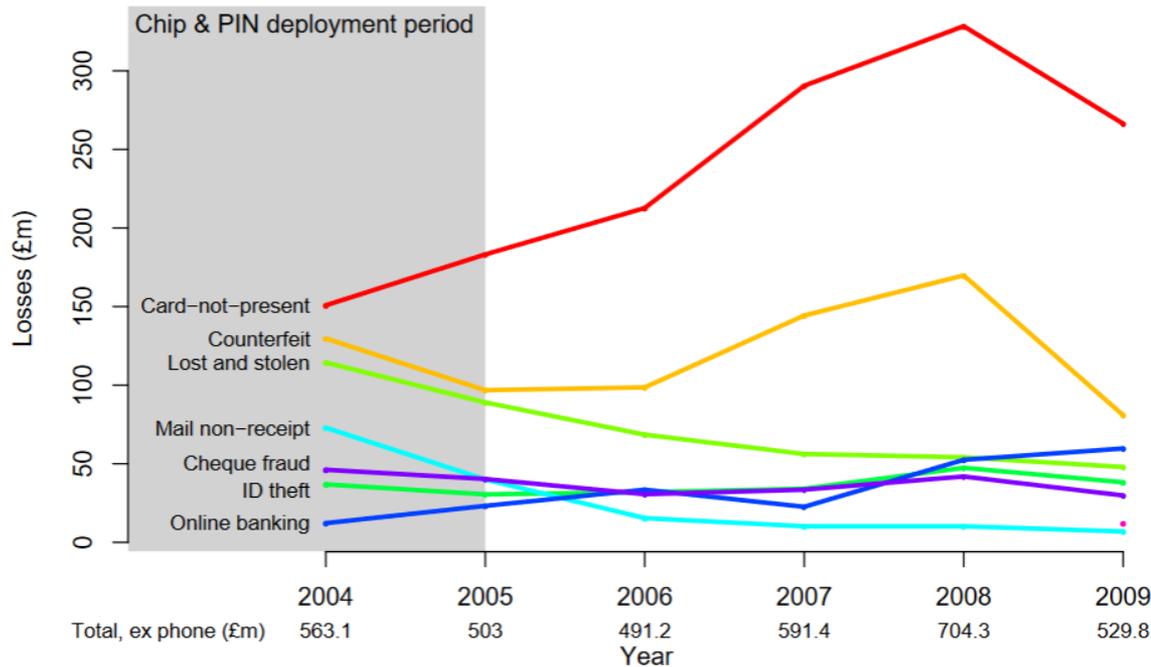
# So far

- Very insecure system!
- Based on offline and limited online verification
- Easy to defraud

# Issue

- Banks carry security risk, but...
- Customers
  - Limited liability with customers
  - Obligation to check statements, report fraud
- Merchants
  - Limited ability to prevent fraud
- Rationale: creditcard is a low transaction cost, high(er) fraud risk payment method.
  - Risk mainly at issuer/processor

# Issue: rise of fraud, need for EMV



Source: UK Cards Association, 2010

# EMV (chip&pin)



- Chip
  - Contains applications
  - Authentication
  - PIN (offline)
- Stripe retained for backward compatibility
  - Code on strip: chip present
  - Chip: used by default

# Chip

- “Small computer”
- Can verify transaction
  - Online
  - Offline (limits)
- Can verify pin
- Used by default and stripe has a “bit” that indicates chip is to be used
  - IF terminal has chip & stripe

# Advantages

- Some processes take place on the chip: more secure
- Offline authentication and PIN verification
- Terminal authentication
- Chip can take base inputs, not easy to clone (plot spoiler: or so they thought)
- Offline transactions are more secure
- Use of PKI (public key crypto): secure
- Strip can be phased out



# Mr. Bin

dumps store

Waar?



Europa

In Europa betalen en geld opnemen met uw Betaalpas(sen).



Wereld

Wereldwijd betalen en geld opnemen met uw Betaalpas(sen).

Welke landen vallen onder Europa? [Bekijk de landenlijst 'Europa'](#).

Begindatum

22-03-2016

Einddatum

30-06-2016



**Tip:** houd bij het kiezen van een einddatum ook rekening met tijdsverschil en vertraging.

- For what bins & how many pcs of each bin you need
- \*its important to send selected bins in special format*
- \*SAMPLE: 491204-7 or 510286=5 or 435098(2), etc.*
- \*send ALL bins You need to buy in SAME message, plz*
- If bins not matter - You can request mix pack
- Check [price-list](#) for price`s per 1pc/bulk/discounts

[mrbin.cc](#)  
[mrbin.tv](#)  
 TOR: [misterbin2usbole.onion](#)  
 (please, save to Bookmarks)

Bonus pcs for feedback on [forum](#)

More questions?  
 Check [FAQ page](#)  
 with common answers

SIGN IN

# Enter Cambridge

- Cambridge:
  - Man in the Middle
  - Card attached to a computer via wire
  - Allows attacker to type any PIN
  - Detectable by internal card counter value.
  - Detection delay (risk)
  - Practical?

# MiTM attack on EMV



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# Digital evidence



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- Lists of creditcards (BIN lists)

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## Card not present

Malware

# Malware

- Software
- Malicious
- Can go on many systems:
  - POS
  - End user PC/Laptop
- Capabilities:
  - MiTM

# Example

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# Banking Trojans

- Invade browser
- Capture credentials
- Trend: mobile (mTAN OTP)
  - Capture the login
  - Capture the One Time Password
  - Then execute transaction in background

# FakeToken



The image shows a mobile application interface for generating an mToken. At the top, there is a red header with the Santander logo and the word "Santander". Below this, there is a grey box containing the text "mToken". Underneath, a white box displays the number "1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8". Below that, the text "Clave de firma" is centered above a row of eight empty square boxes. A red button labeled "Generar" is positioned to the right of the signature key boxes. At the bottom, there is a red footer with the text "Santander©".

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# BEC and boiler rooms

Bank robbery 2.0

# BEC

- Business email compromise
- Latest trend
- Social engineering: pay into a bank account controlled by the criminals
- Issue:
  - Use of open source information
  - Often hacked email accounts used
  - Very convincing

# BEC

- 4 phases:
  - Select target
  - Study/monitor/hack target
  - Social engineering
  - Exfiltration
- The latter is actually money laundering
  - Often: shell companies
  - Mules
  - Virtual currencies

# Issue:



# Reporting

- Often late (social engineering)
- Victims take time to get convinced (both ways)
- Detection is late
- Banks don't always detect or report
  - IBAN check?
- Use of time zones
- Many subjective indicators
  - Hierarchy, Urgency, Senior official

# Main issue for evidence

- Spoofing:
  - Email
  - VOIP

# Boiler room

- Use of call centers (outbound) for sale of risky financial products



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# Evidence

- Often not easy
- Requires advanced research onto connections between:
  - Financial institutions (follow the money)
  - Internet Services (comms, digital money)
  - Virtual currencies
  - International cooperation (FIU/MLA etc)

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## Conclusions

# Legal issues

- CETS 185 (Budapest Convention)
  - Predicate offence of Computer related fraud and/or forgery
- CETS 198 (Warsaw Convention)
  - Proceeds (Freeze, Seize, Confiscate)
  - Money Laundering
- Various others
- Temporary measures
- Consumer protection vs. Risk Aversity

# Conclusions

- EMV Broken?
  - Liability shift?
  - Redesign?
- End point security
  - Never perfect

# Questions?

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Technical means: give an example.. Non-technical means, for example. All: What could this be.