



Advanced Persistent Threats

The Enterprise Target and Best Defenses

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What is an APT?

“An advanced and normally clandestine means to gain continual, persistent intelligence on an individual, or group of individuals such as a foreign nation state government”



Gartner's Definition:

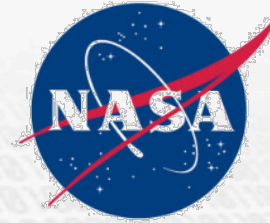
Advanced: Gets through your current level of protection

Persistent: It takes you too long to detect it got in

Threat: It causes you meaningful harm

Does not have to be state sponsored

APT in the News



Am I a Target? Yes!

Anything that can provide competitive advantage and \$

- Intellectual Property
- Engineering Schematics
- Financial Information for Product Manufacturing
- Email for Business Strategies
- Legal Strategy Intelligence for Economic Trade

Targeting and Exploitation Cycle

Step 1

- Reconnaissance

Step 2

- Network Intrusion

Step 3

- Establish a Backdoor into the Network

Step 4

- Theft of User Credentials

Step 5

- Install Tools & Utilities

Step 6

- Privilege Escalation / Data Exfiltration

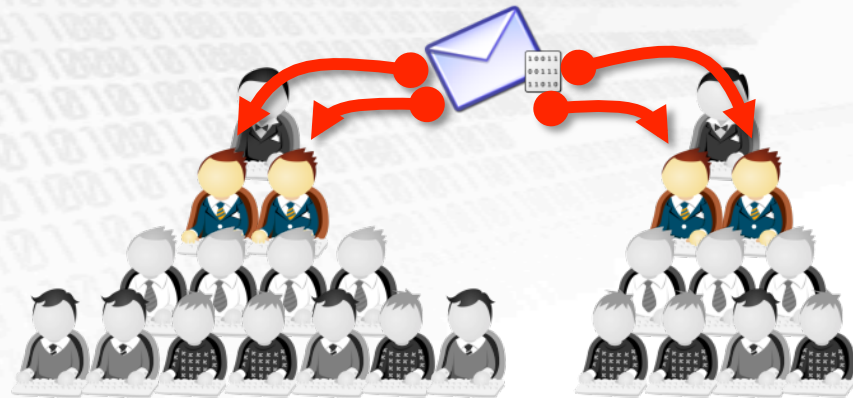
Step 7

- Maintain Persistence

Threat Vectors (How They Get In)

Social Engineering for Reconnaissance:

- Use Social Networks & Known Associations
- Phishing/Whaling
- Email attachments
- Links to Malicious Files
- Drive-by Downloads



Device Infections:

- From Inside or Outside the Network
- USB Drives/Storage Devices
- Mobile Endpoints (**BYOD=BYO Malware?**)

User is the Key

Malware is the Tool of Choice

Advanced Functionality / Simple to Obtain (DIY Kits)

- Keyloggers



- RAT's (Remote Access Trojans)



- Crimeware (Tuned for criminal purposes)



Maybe the "P" in APT should be Professional?

What Makes Today's Malware "Advanced"?

- Uses Zero-Day Vulnerabilities
- Tested to guarantee A/V evasion
- Aware of its Environment
- Virtual Machine Aware
- Uses Command-and-Control
- Domain Generation Algorithms/
Domain Fluxing

Easily Evades Prevention

Malware Evasion Testing

Virtest.com

Support:
e-mail: virtest@gmail.com
ICQ: 570352881



26 AV's

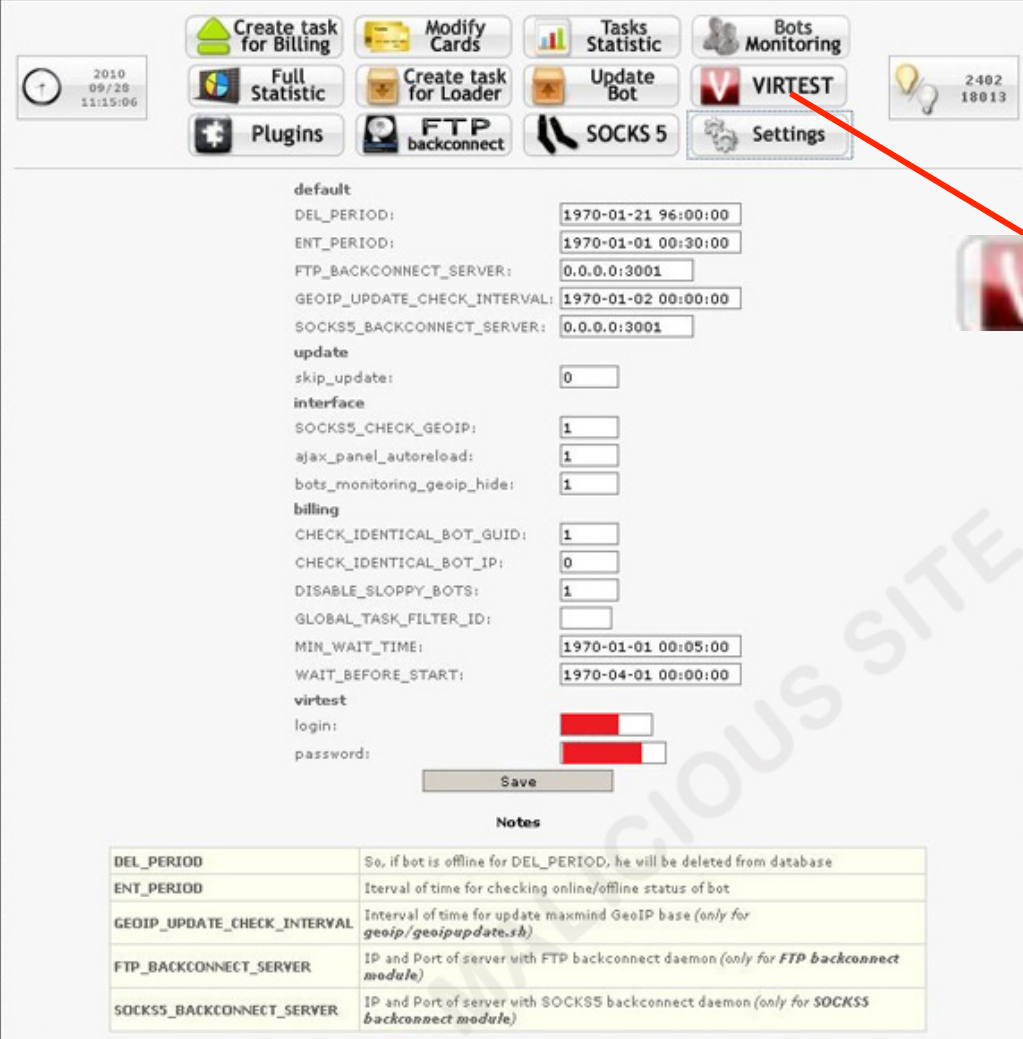
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Unlimited Scans
\$50/mo

Antivirus	AV Versions
NOD32	3.0.684.0
IKARUS	IKARUS - T3SCAN V1.32.4.0, T3 V1.01.44
VirusBuster	1.4.3
DrWeb	4.44.5
Avast	4.8
McAfee	v5.10.0
BitDefender	v7.1 (build
Sophos	Sophos Ai
eTrust	v.31.06.00
AVG8	8.5.285
ClamWin	ClamAV 0.9
KAV8	Kaspersky
SAV	Symantec
Vba32	VirusBlokAda v.3.12.11
F-Prot	FRISK Software F-Prot Antivirus v.6.2.1.4201
A-Squared	3.0.0.126
TrendMicro	Ver 1.1
F-Secure	F-Secure Anti-Virus 2009 (v.9.00.149)
OneCare	Microsoft Live OneCare 2.5.2900.22 (только у нас)
Avira	AntiVir v.7.6.0.59
Ewido	Ewido 4.0
Panda	Panda 9.05.01



Malware Evasion Testing (Push Button)



The screenshot displays the Virtest QA control panel. At the top, there is a navigation bar with buttons for 'Create task for Billing', 'Modify Cards', 'Tasks Statistic', 'Bots Monitoring', 'Full Statistic', 'Create task for Loader', 'Update Bot', 'VIRTEST', 'Plugins', 'FTP backconnect', 'SOCKS 5', and 'Settings'. A clock shows the date 2010-09-28 at 11:15:06, and a lightbulb icon indicates 2402 bugs and 18013 tasks.

The main configuration area is divided into sections: 'default', 'update', 'interface', 'billing', and 'virtest'. Each section contains various settings with input fields or checkboxes. A 'Save' button is located at the bottom of the configuration area.

default

- DEL_PERIOD: 1970-01-21 96:00:00
- ENT_PERIOD: 1970-01-01 00:30:00
- FTP_BACKCONNECT_SERVER: 0.0.0.0:3001
- GEOIP_UPDATE_CHECK_INTERVAL: 1970-01-02 00:00:00
- SOCKS5_BACKCONNECT_SERVER: 0.0.0.0:3001

update

- skip_update:

interface

- SOCKS5_CHECK_GEOIP:
- ajax_panel_autoreload:
- bots_monitoring_geop_hide:

billing

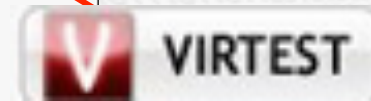
- CHECK_IDENTICAL_BOT_GUID:
- CHECK_IDENTICAL_BOT_IP:
- DISABLE_SLOPPY_BOTS:
- GLOBAL_TASK_FILTER_ID:
- MIN_WAIT_TIME: 1970-01-01 00:05:00
- WAIT_BEFORE_START: 1970-04-01 00:00:00

virtest

- login:
- password:

Notes

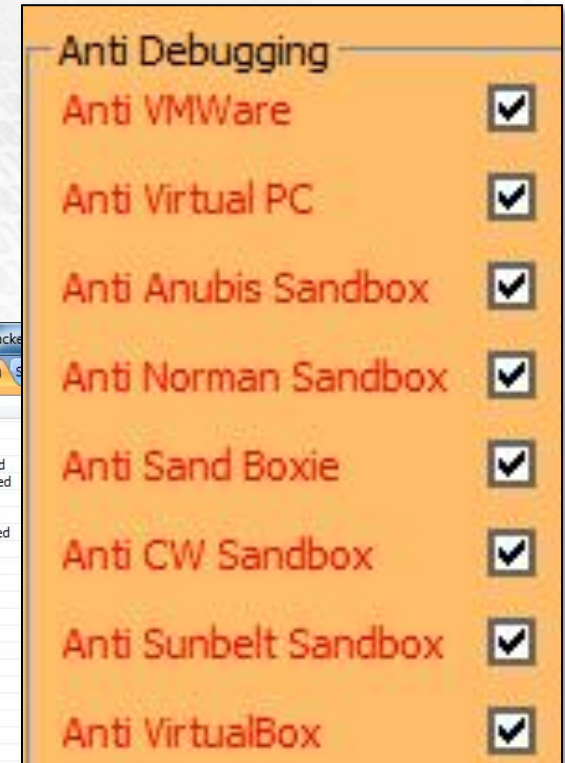
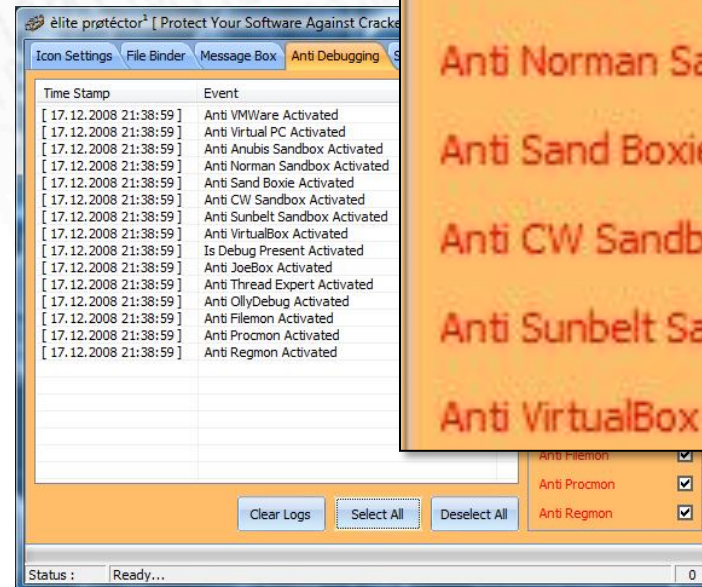
DEL_PERIOD	So, if bot is offline for DEL_PERIOD, he will be deleted from database
ENT_PERIOD	Interval of time for checking online/offline status of bot
GEOIP_UPDATE_CHECK_INTERVAL	Interval of time for update maxmind GeoIP base (only for <i>geop/geopupdate.sh</i>)
FTP_BACKCONNECT_SERVER	IP and Port of server with FTP backconnect daemon (only for <i>FTP backconnect module</i>)
SOCKS5_BACKCONNECT_SERVER	IP and Port of server with SOCKS5 backconnect daemon (only for <i>SOCKS5 backconnect module</i>)



The latest SpyEye kit has Virtest QA functionality built-in to ensure zero-day malware delivery.

Malware Environmental Awareness

- OS aware (Mac/Android/Windows)
- Tests for Live Internet Access
- Virtual Machine /Sandbox Aware
- Can Infect Master Boot Records



Command-and-Control Drives the Attack

73%

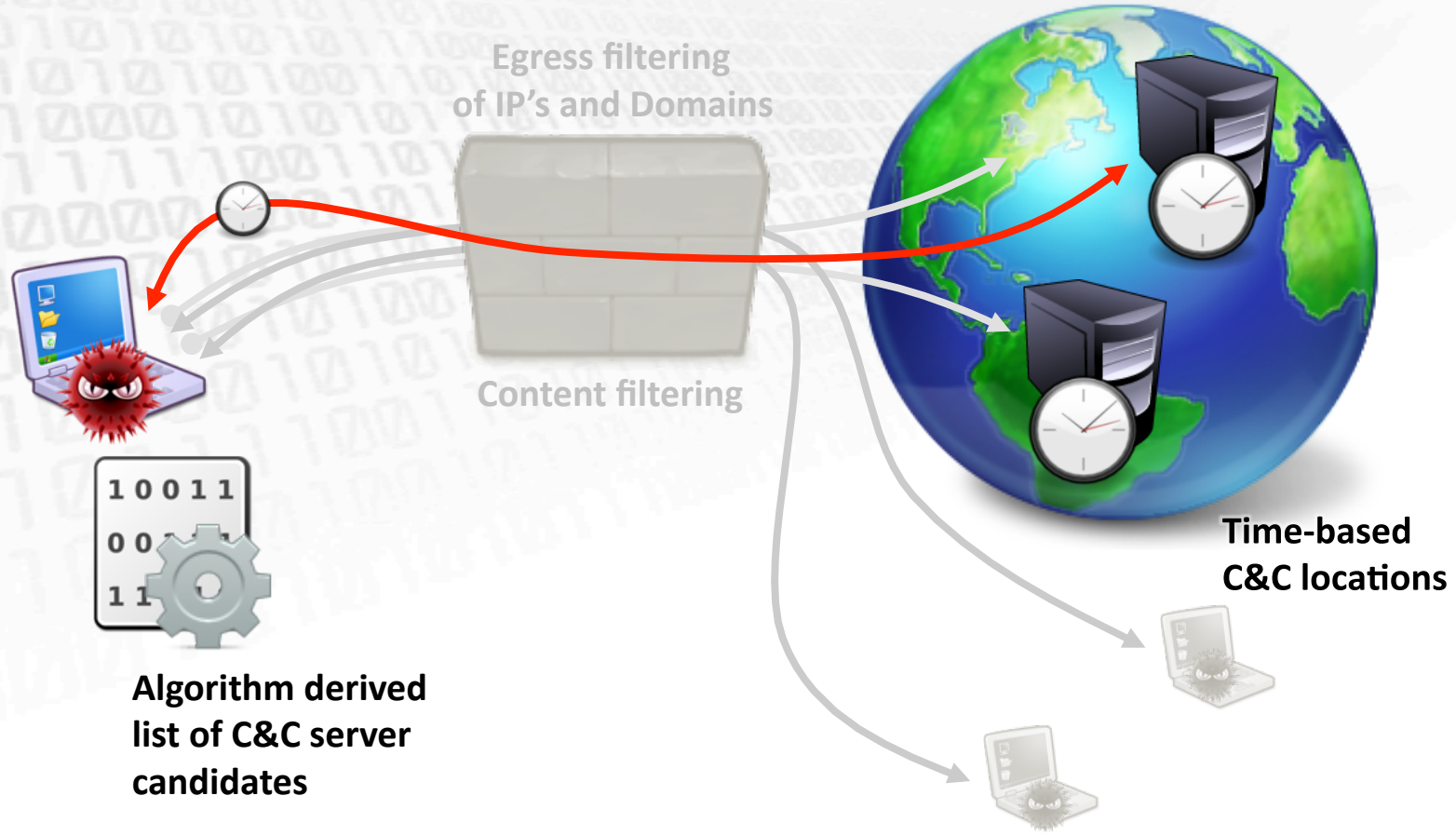
*of breaches involved
command-and-control
channel*

Data Breach Investigations Report -
Verizon RISK team

- Establishes Backdoor
- Downloads Other Tools
- Updates Itself / Mission
- Looks like Normal Traffic
- Channel to Exfiltrate Data



Domain Generation Algorithms in C&C



Egress filtering
of IP's and Domains

Content filtering

Time-based
C&C locations

Algorithm derived
list of C&C server
candidates

Persistence: Establish Foothold, Lay Low

Average

156

Days Before
a Breach is Discovered

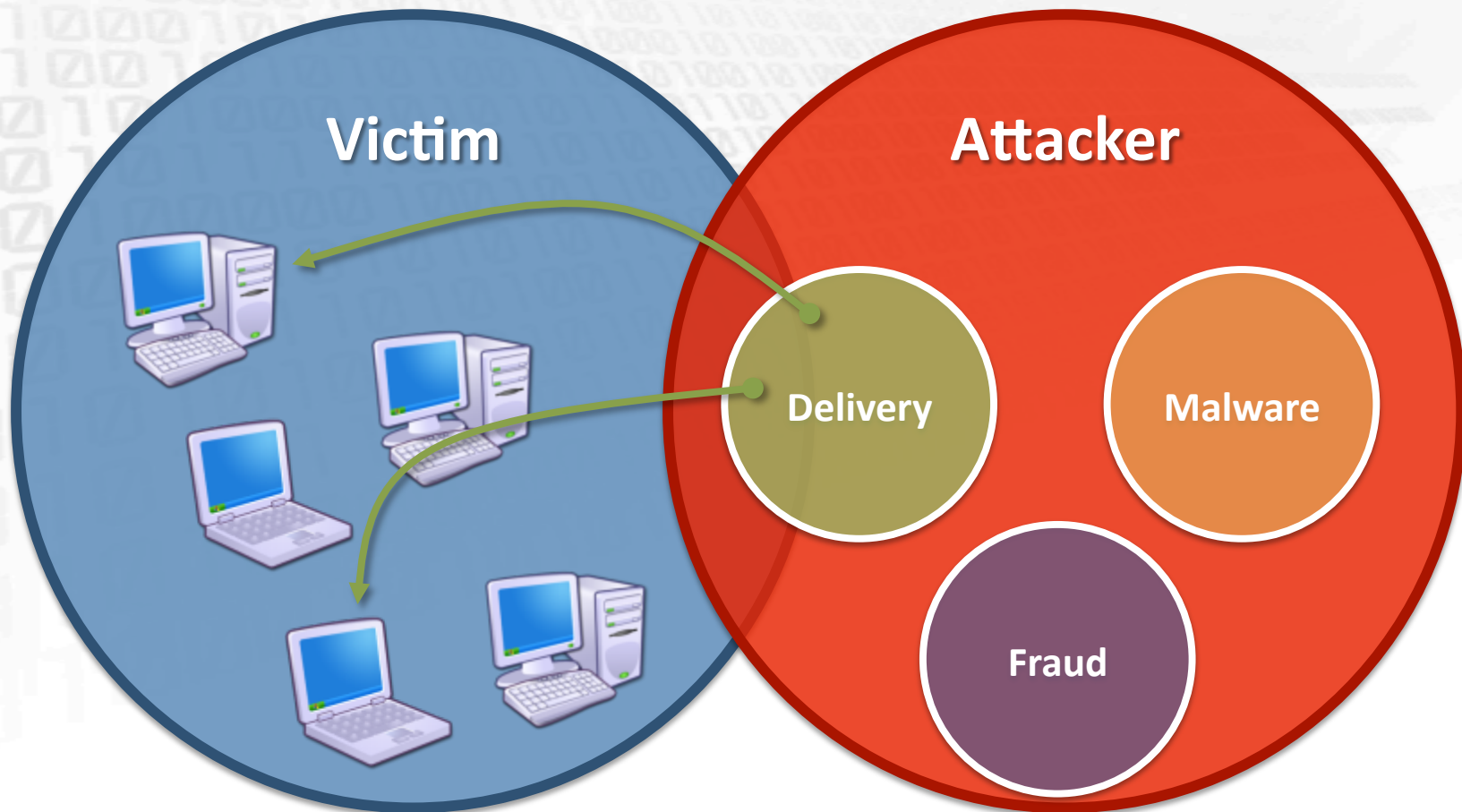
- ROI (Return on Infection)
- Find additional entry vectors if “door” closes
- Timeliness/fullness of stolen data = higher resale value
- Subleasing of services
- Access and resources leased to other criminals



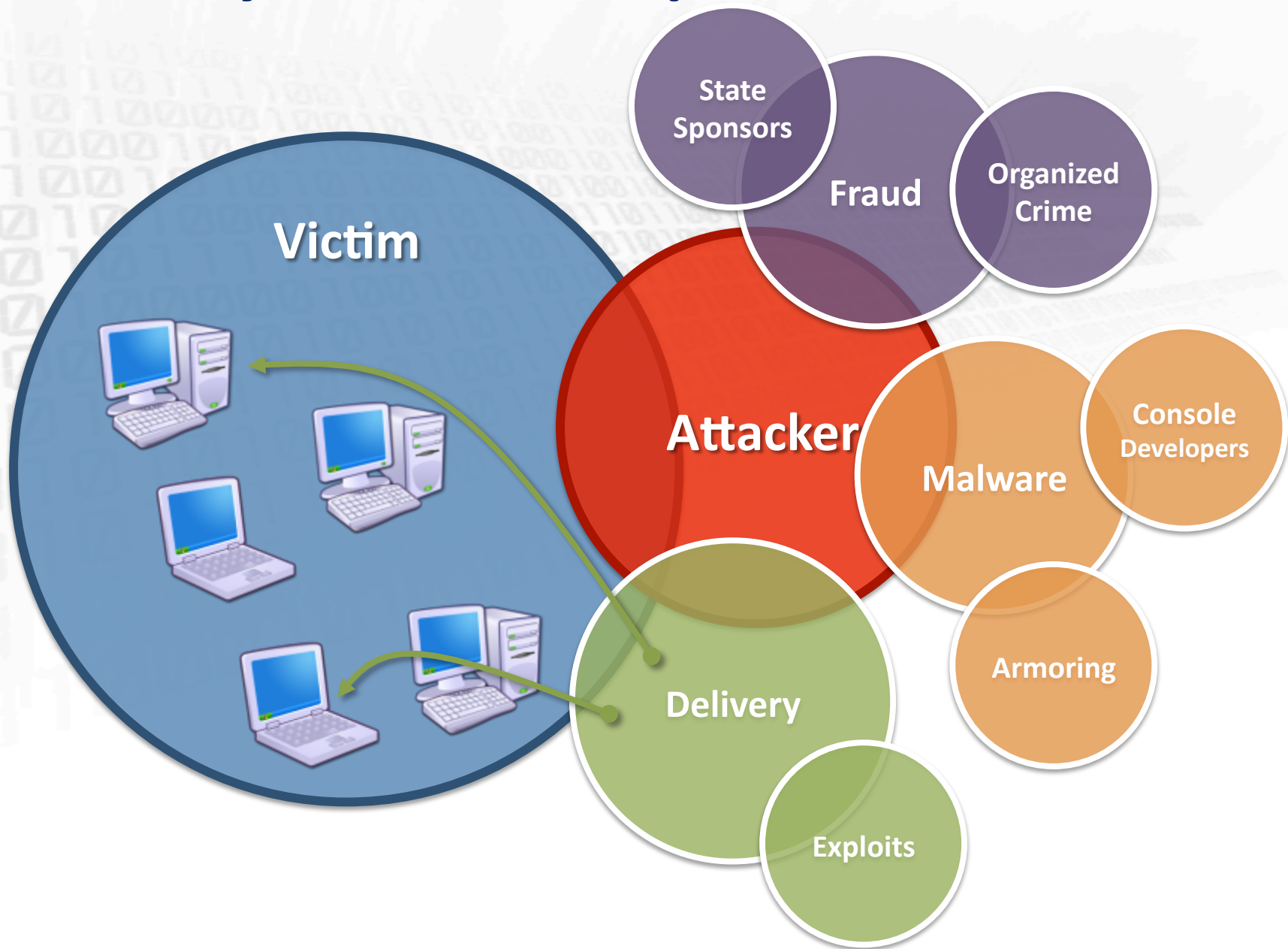


The Targeted Enterprise

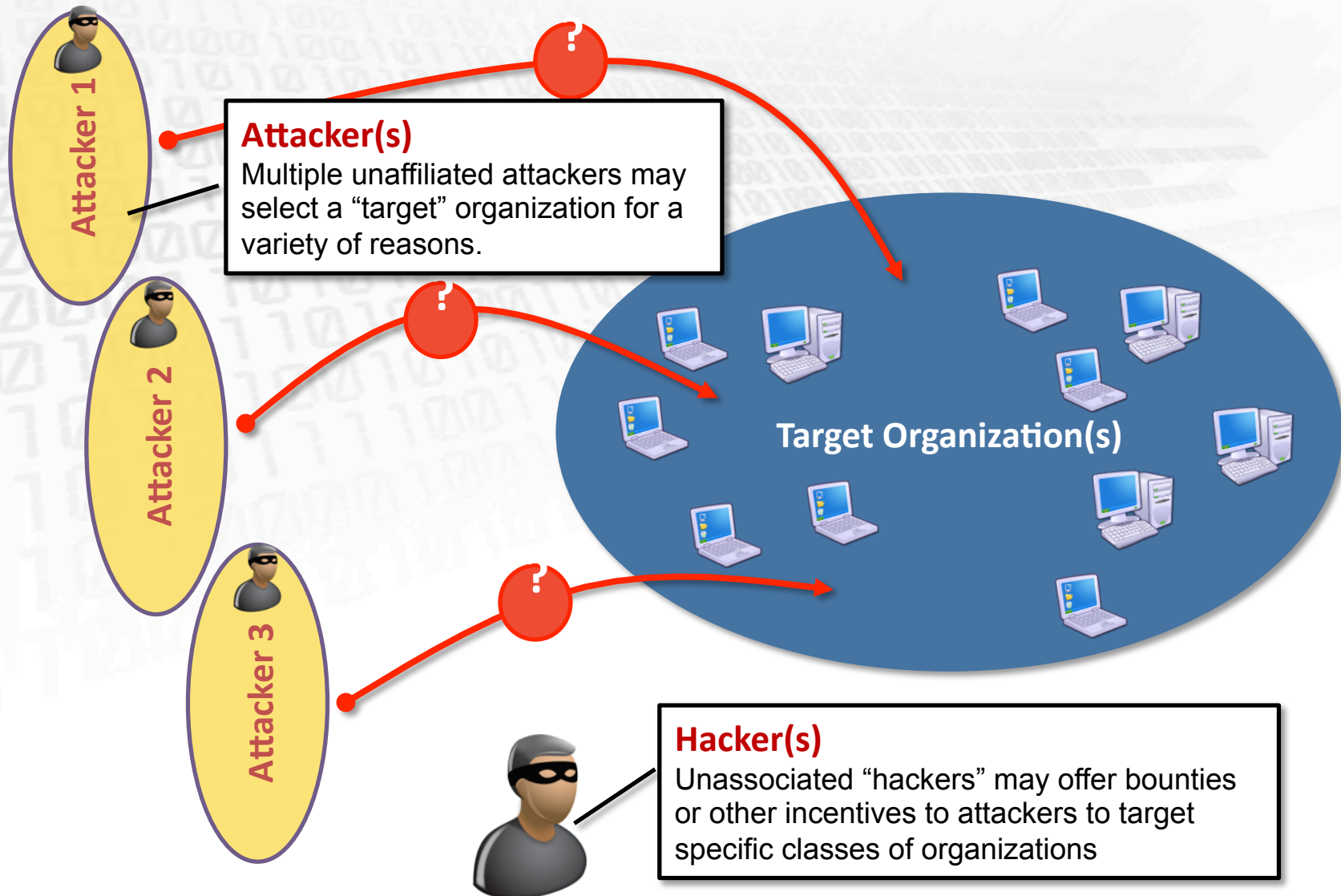
Common Perception of Attacks



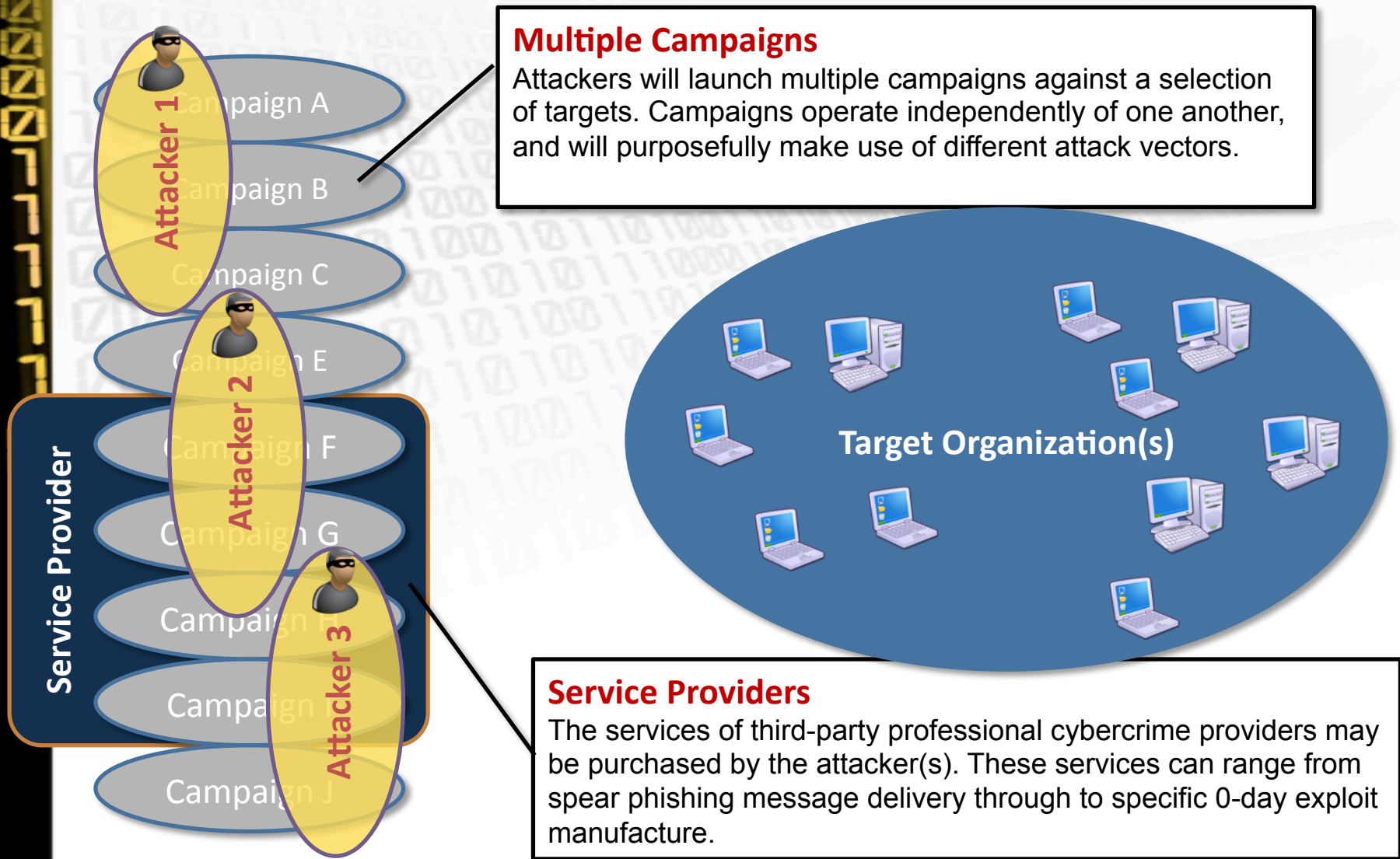
Reality: Federated Operations



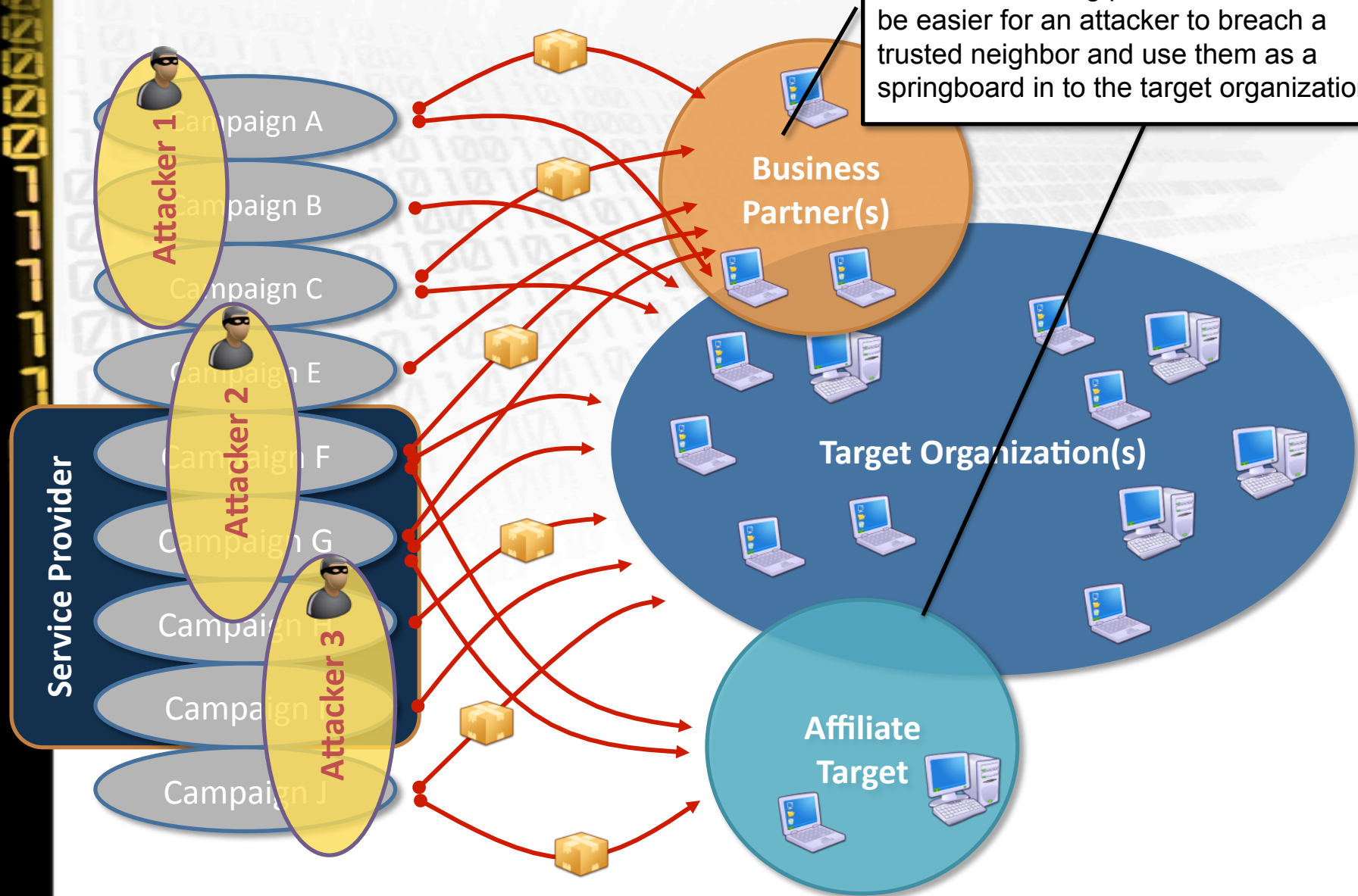
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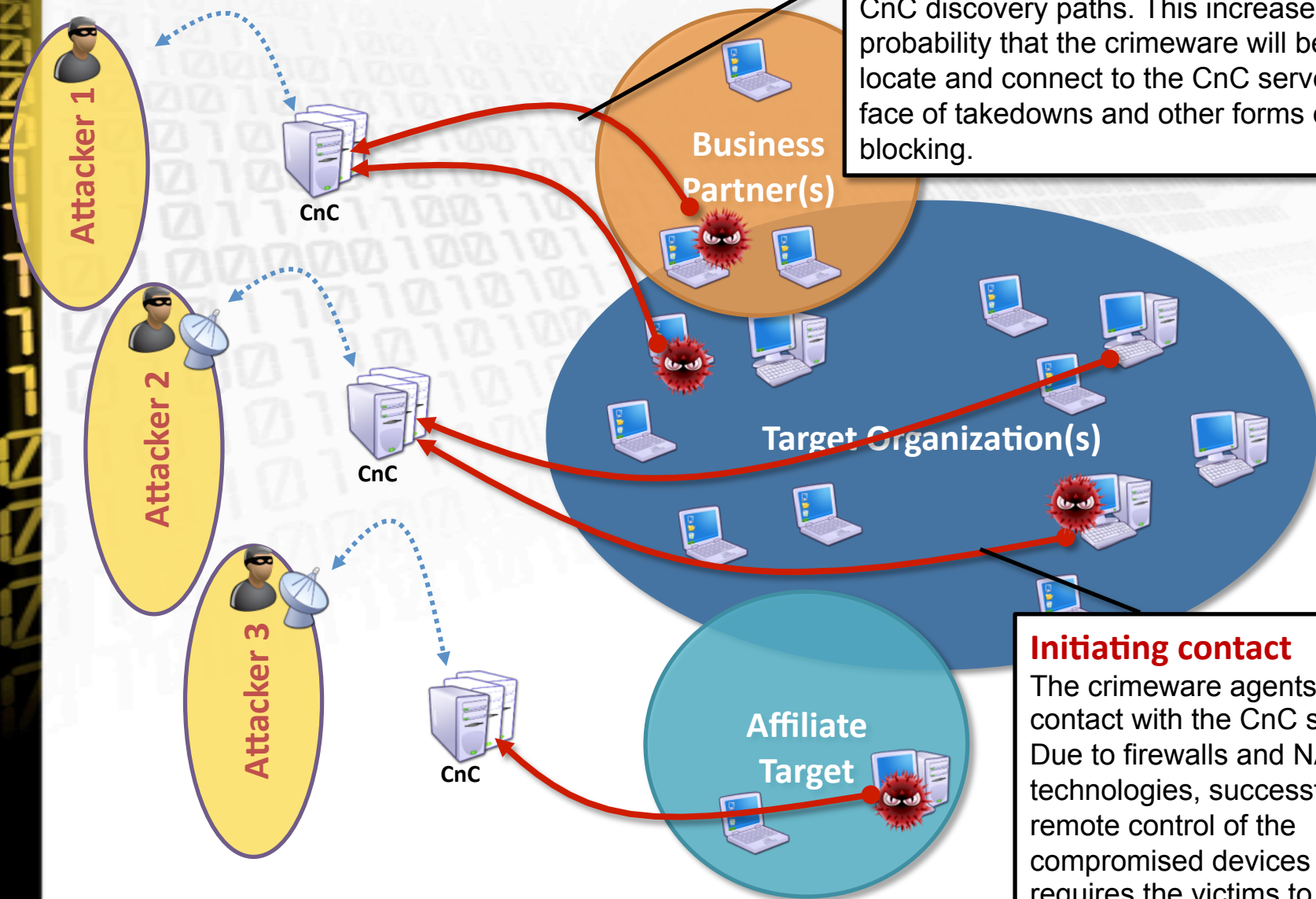
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Trusted Neighbors

Business partners and affiliates are easily enumerated using public resources. It may be easier for an attacker to breach a trusted neighbor and use them as a springboard in to the target organization

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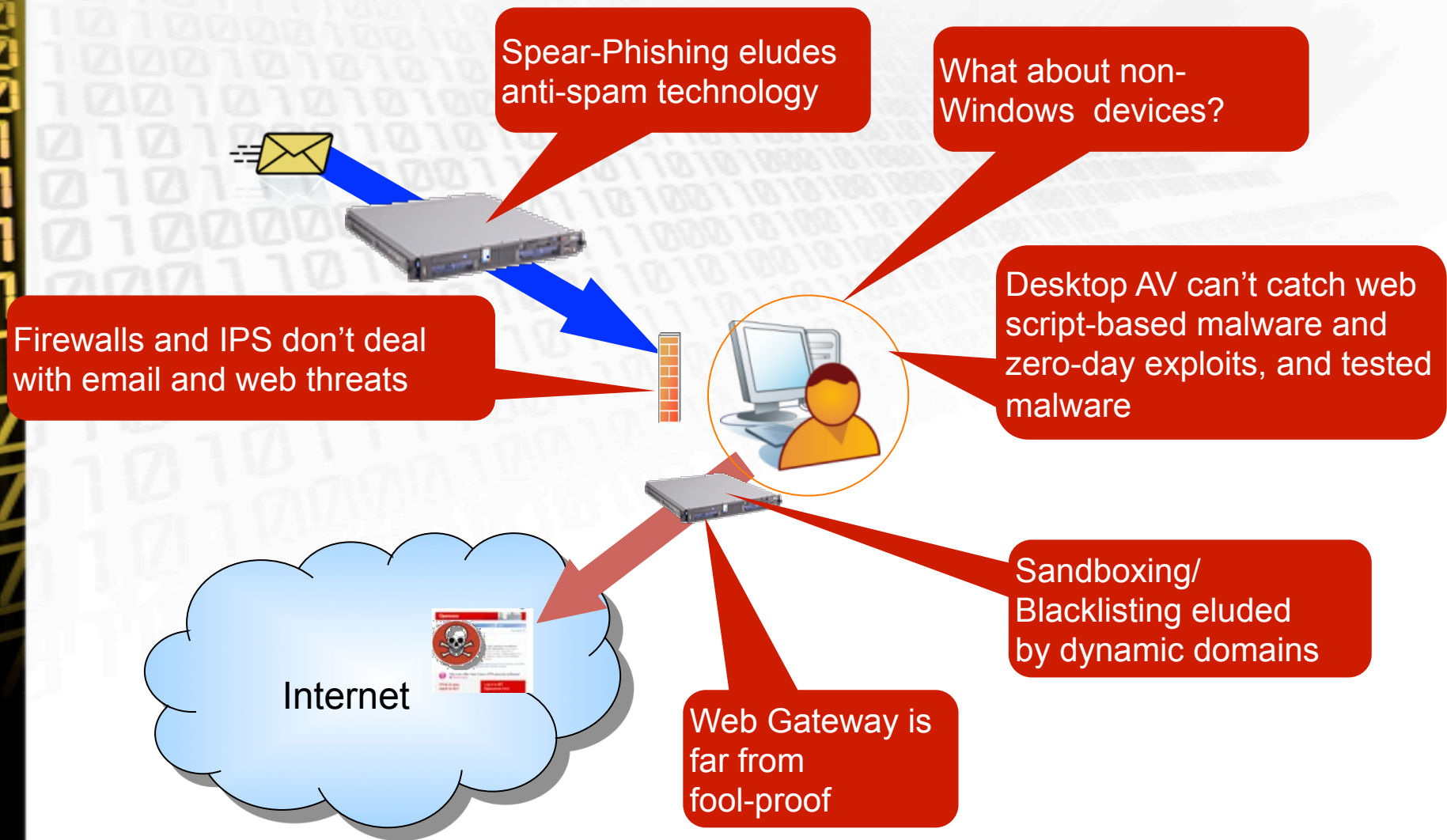
Multiple CnC's

Attackers will employ multiple CnC servers & CnC discovery paths. This increases the probability that the crimeware will be able to locate and connect to the CnC servers in the face of takedowns and other forms of blocking.

Initiating contact

The crimeware agents initiate contact with the CnC servers. Due to firewalls and NAT technologies, successful remote control of the compromised devices requires the victims to phone home (regularly).

Existing Security Measures Aren't Enough



What Can We Do to Defend Against This?



Recommendations Defend Against This?

- Better User Awareness
- Better malware/exploit detection
- Comprehensive, real-time visibility and analysis of your network
- Monitor & Correlate events; Review your logs
- Contextual / situational awareness to determine true network behavior and intentions
- All devices covered



**The Leader in
Advanced Threat Protection**

1. Preemptive threat detection – the Unknown Threat

Big Data analysis for profiling of criminal “neighborhoods”

- Identify never-before-seen sites
- Obsolete the use of blacklists

Automated correlation and attribution to threat operators

2. Rapid, easy incident response

Automatically Identify the infection, threat and risk

Provide **actionable intelligence**

Avoid manual analysis of logs and false alerts

3. Option of terminating malicious communications

4. Device agnostic – PC, Mac, iPad, Android, Blackberry

Fundamentally different approach

- Research backed by leading Government, academic and business organizations
- Six patents-pending

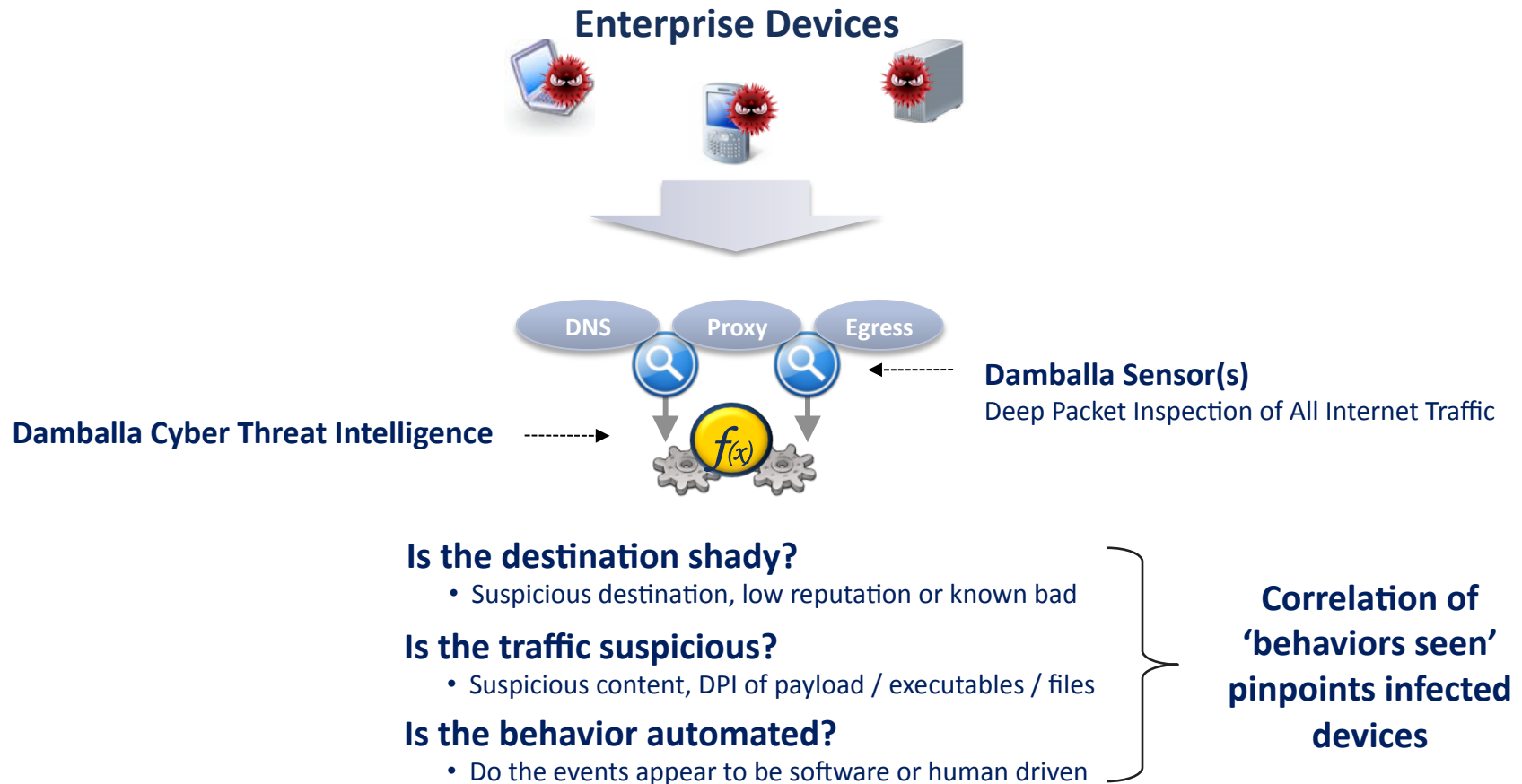


World-Class Customers

- **Over 125 million assets** protected worldwide
- Global enterprise (F2000), ISP/Telco, Higher Education, Government
- 100% customer renewals

Seamless integration into existing environments

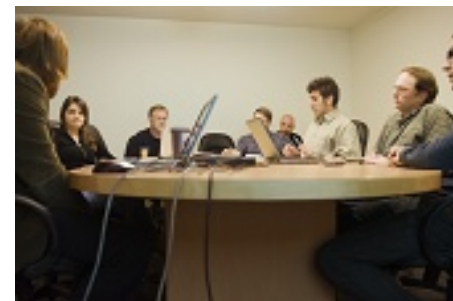




Damballa Failsafe identifies the 'unknown' threat, victim machines actively communicating with cyber criminals.

Fortune 50 Company

- Discovered malware associated with targeted attack
 - “We could find nothing that had the capabilities of the Damballa products and also have the intelligence part updating and driving the changes.”



Top 3 Energy Company

- Found State sponsored threat with data flowing to China
- And Eastern Europe crime ring stealing data from corporate SAP server

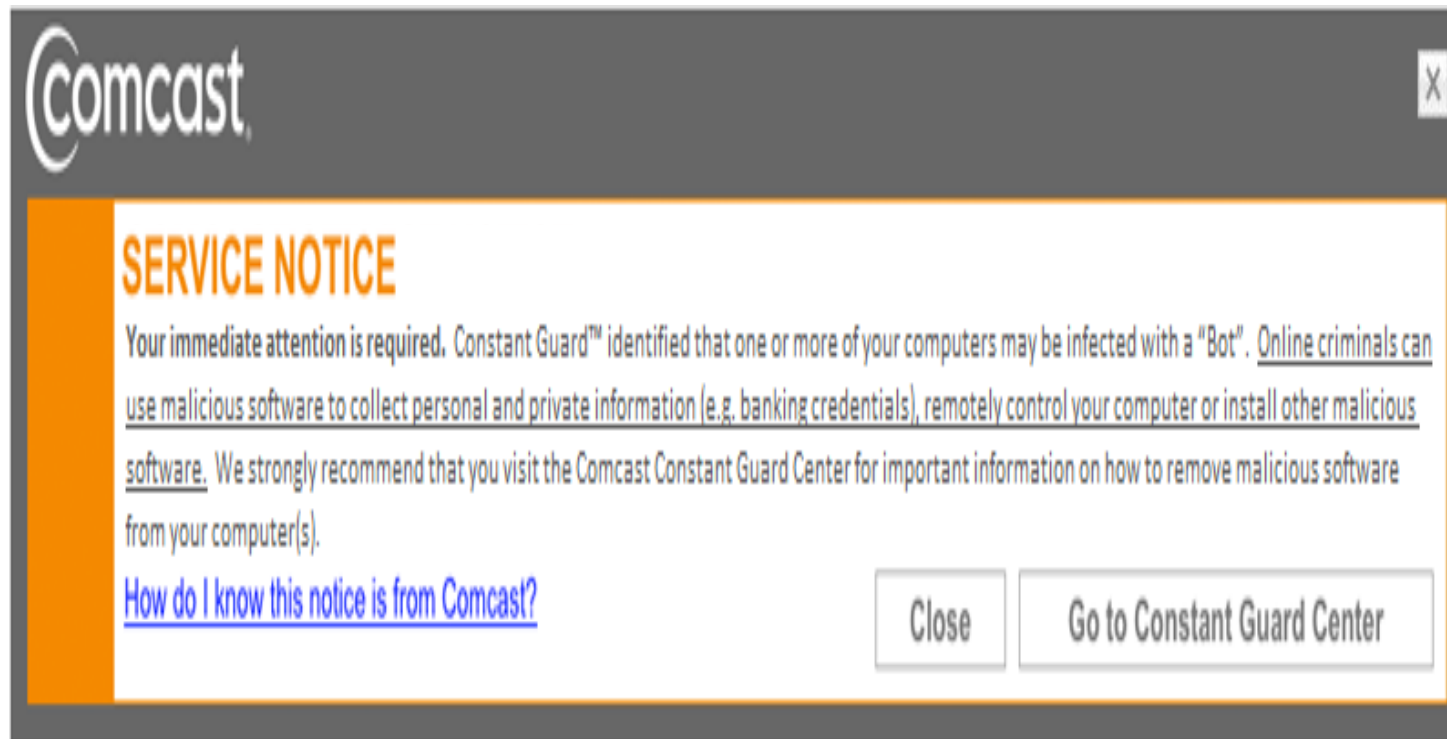


Major Bank

- Within 30 minutes discovered that 5 of 10 contractor laptops were infected and actively communicating with malware
- Contractors escorted from premises with 30 minutes



- Captures and analyzes DNS traffic to identify infected subscribers
- Provides compromised subscriber IP, “threat intent” & known remediation options
- Provides reports, data export, SIEM and third party integration



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