

# Inglourious Hackerds Targeting Web Clients





TARGETING WEB CLIENTS



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## **About TEHTRI-Security**

- Company created in April 2010
- Cutting-edge technologies
  - Advanced & Technical Consulting
  - Penetration Tests / Audits...
  - Fighting Information Leaks, Counter-Intelligence...
- Worldwide:
  - Conferences, Training, Consulting
    - Canada, Lebanon, United Arab Emirates, Singapore, Netherlands, China, Malaysia, France...
  - Press/Media BBC The & Register Le Monde LE FIGARO Whet
- >30 public security advisories (9 months)
  - Pentesting devices & Applications → Odays...















#### Introduction

#### Goal:

Analyze some techniques used by inglourious hackerds, targéting web clients

Think about solutions

- Target audience:
  - White hats, to fight against Cybercrime, Business Intelligence, Information Warfare
- Notice:
  - Legal Issues: we remind you to carefully respect the laws in your country before applying some techniques shown in this presentation
  - Limitation: this is an almost 1 hour only talk. We won't be able to cover all the related subjects. Contact us for more.



#### Plan

#### Inglourious Hackerds, Targeting Web Clients

- 1 Global Overview
- 2 Finding vulnerabilities
- 3 Attacking Web Clients
- 4 Conclusion



Let's have a look at the theory and at some concepts related to attacks against web clients

#### I. GLOBAL OVERVIEW



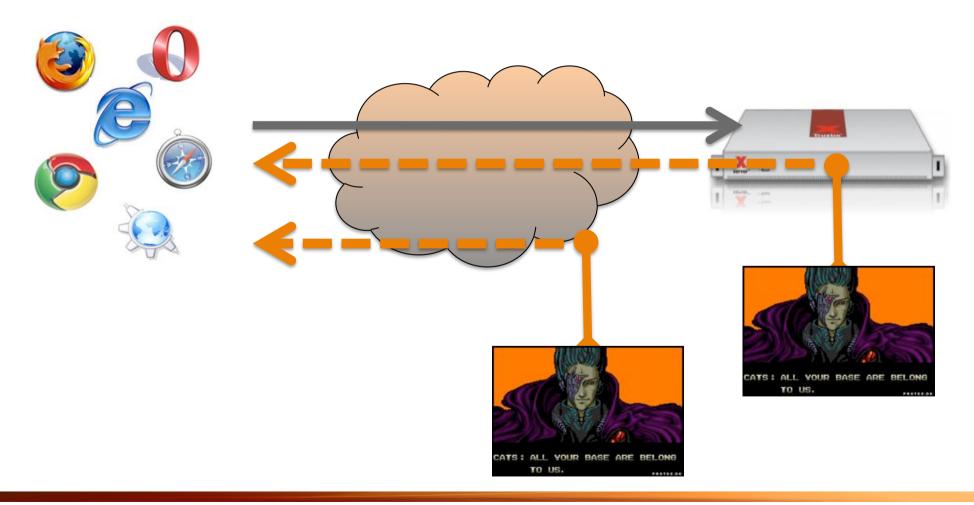
## Battlefield: Web Hacking

- Web targets (standard aspects)
  - Web Clients (browsers)
    - Client-side attacks
    - "Human" interaction (at least the beginning)
  - Web Servers (services)
    - Direct attacks
    - Technical interaction
- In this presentation, we'll focus on attacks against web browsers, and how inglourious hackerds try to play hard against their targets



### Targeting Web Clients

Evil responses (Server or MITM)





## Example: Wifi threats











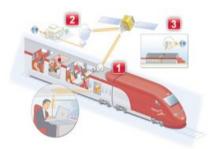
Home

Coffee/Bars

Restaurants

Hotels

Corporate...









**Trains** 

**Planes** 

Bus

Taxis / Cars









#### 2. FINDING **VULNERABILITIES**



## Finding vulnerabilities

- Reverse
- Fuzzing
- Analyzing behavior (Logs, Sniffing...)
- Audit
- Pentest

**-** ...



## Fuzzing

- Sounds easy
- Not that easy
  - Random fuzzing -> Sharp fuzzing
- Example with handled devices
  - Special HTML code supported (URL)

```
• <a href="sms:</pre>
```

```
• <a href="tel:</pre>
```



### Finding Odays in devices

E.g.: TEHTRI-Security found a Oday against a widely used IP Camera (Surveillance)











#### 3. ATTACKING WEB CLIENTS



#### 3.1 ANONYMOUS TRANSFERS THROUGH WEB CLIENTS



### Anonymous transfers

- Playing with web clients in order to transfer data between web servers
  - Bounces
  - XSRF like concepts
  - 302 Redirections



## #I - First transfer example

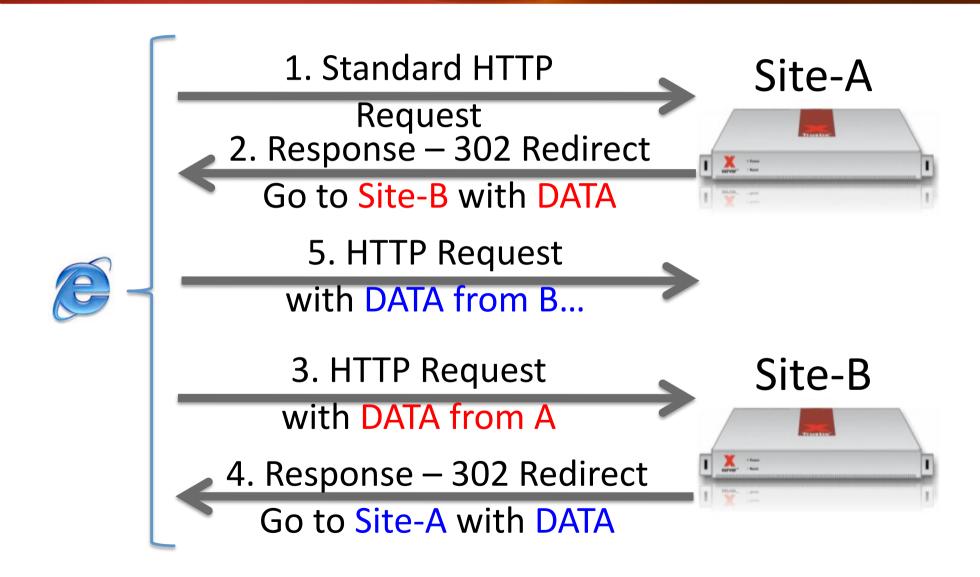
- Site-A wants to transfer data to Site-B without any direct talk between them
- Tiny solution on Site-A: display a web page to an incoming web client, containing links to Site-B, like:

```
<IMG SRC="http://site-b/foo.asp?
exchange=data-to-send" width="0" />
```

 More funny with pananoid web clients that delete REFERER HTTP field



### #2 - Loop Attack example





#### About the 302 HTTP Response

```
HTTP/1.1 302 Found
Date: Thu, 06 Jan 2011 17:31:28 GMT
Server: Apache/2.2.15 (Unix) mod ssl/
 2.2.15 OpenSSL/0.9.81 DAV/2 PHP/
 5.3.3 X-Powered-By: PHP/5.3.3
Location: http://site-b/
 communication.php?data=XXXXXXXXXXX
Content-Length: 0
Keep-Alive: timeout=5, max=100
Connection: Keep-Alive
Content-Type: text/html
```



#### Maximum Number of Loops

Example with Safari





## Optimize with "User-Agent"

Web Browser	Max number of loop messages allowed between Site-A and Site-B
MS Internet Explorer 8	9
Latest Apple Safari	15
Latest Google Chrome	19
Latest Mozilla Firefox	19
•••	•••
MS Internet Explorer 6	99 (!)



## Client-Side Anonymous Transfer

- We saw how to play with web clients in order to transfer data between servers
- If you want to try, you'll need to think about the User-Agent, and the limitation of size through a GET (with 302)
- There also exists other fields of research in order to place Data
  - REFERER
  - COOKIES





One vulnerability to rule them all

#### 3.2 **EXPLOITING MANY WEB CLIENTS**



#### RTFM: RFC

- RFC 2396 « Uniform Resource Identifiers (URI): Generic Syntax »
- RFC 2616 « Hypertext Transfer Protocol ---HTTP/1.1 »
  - The HTTP protocol does not place any a priori limit on the length of a URI. Servers MUST be able to handle the URI of any resource they serve, and SHOULD be able to handle URIs of unbounded length if they provide GET-based forms that could generate such URIs.
  - A server SHOULD return 414 (Request-URI Too Long) status if a URI is longer than the server can handle (see section 10.4.15).



## Exploit?

- According to RFC: no limit to the size of a URI
- Reality: practical limits on the available resources
  - Solution: limitations fixed by vendors
    - Example:
      - http://support.microsoft.com/kb/208427
      - Maximum URL length is 2,083 characters in Internet Explorer
- Special case: mobile devices
  - Limited resources
  - Special analysis of HTML
    - Dynamic interpretation of phone numbers, dates, etc



## Example of Security Issue

- Handled devices
- Analyzing HTML content
  - Make decisions about how to process a link based on its structure and makeup
  - Designed with typical/average length URIs
  - Consists of walking through the URI several times, performing comparisons and trying to extract things such as email addresses or phone numbers
  - Then it might need to launch appropriate external application (email composer, sms editor, etc)



#### What if?

- Security issue
  - Extremely long URI provided with evil links
  - Parsing takes up a considerable amount of resources (typically, memory and CPU cycles) and the web client is unresponsive while it waits for the parsing to complete
- Watchdog mechanism detects that a process is stuck or otherwise unresponsive
- Error message displayed and/or crash
  - Sometimes it's not descriptive from an end user's perspective but it is accurately stating what has happened
  - The web client process or other processes or the device, might terminate because it has stalled



#### EXPLOIT(S)?



#### HTC PRODUCTS





## Security Issue Found htc



 Client-side attack with at least a remote crash of the browser and / or the device



#### Products affected



Opera on HTC devices

"HTC\_Touch\_Viva\_T22 23 Opera/9.50 (Windows NT 5.1; U; en)"





#### Vendor responses



- Advisory sent with exploit code (0day)
  - June 2010

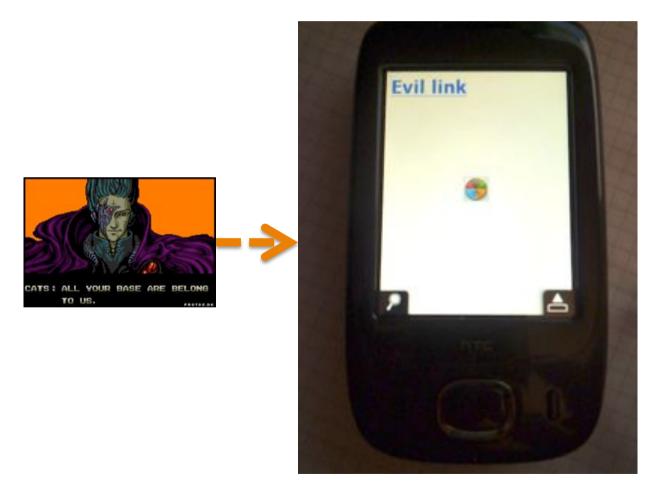
- Official response of the vendor:
  - « Kindly provide us with the correct IMEI or Serial Number of your handset for further assistance »



#### Technical details



Advisory: TEHTRI-SA-2010-028





#### **APPLE PRODUCTS**





## Security Issue Found



- Stack overflow in CFNetwork's URL handling code
  - Low layer found in many Apple products
- Visiting a maliciously crafted website may lead to an unexpected application termination or arbitrary code execution



#### Products affected



- Safari on Windows
- Safari on Mac OS X
- CFNetwork on iPod
- CFNetwork on iPhone



### Vendor responses



- Discussions
  - First advisories in 2010
- Patches
  - Improved memory handling
- CVE-2010-1752
  - iPod
  - iPhone (patch with iOS 4)
  - Safari Windows
  - Safari MacOSX and MacOSX Server



#### Another trick



- iPad Advisory: TEHTRI-SA-2010-026
  - Watchdog crash due to low memory conditions (not related to CFNetwork)
  - Cannot be exploited to execute arbitrary code. Fixed in a future software update.





## E.g. Safari on Windows

- Sun Feb 22 02:03:36.570 2010 (UTC + 2:00): (e70.a84): Stack overflow - code c00000fd (first chance)
- First chance exceptions are reported before any exception handling. This exception may be expected and handled.
- eax=00032000 ebx=0c3e0020 ecx=00000000 edx=027b2060 esi=0c3e0020 edi=055d4aae eip=017a80d7 esp=0012f10c ebp=0012f12c iopl=0 nv up ei pl nz na pe nc cs=001b ss=0023 ds=0023 es=0023 fs=003b gs=0000 efl=00010206
- Loading symbols for 01750000 C:\Program Files\.... \Apple\Apple Application Support\CFNetwork.dll
- CFNetwork!CFURLProtocolSendDidFinishLoadingCallback +0x6056: 017a80d7 8500 test dword ptr [eax],eax ds: 0023:00032000=00000000
- Loading symbols for 01f90000 C:\Program Files\.... \Apple\Apple Application Support\WebKit.dll



## E.g. Safari on MacOSX

```
Safari [3254]
Process:
Path:
                 /Applications/Safari.app/Contents/MacOS/Safari
Identifier:
                com.apple.Safari
Version:
                 5.0.2 (6533.18.5)
Build Info:
                WebBrowser-75331805~1
                X86-64 (Native)
Code Type:
Parent Process: launchd [3178]
OS Version:
                Mac OS X 10.6.4 (10F569)
Crashes Since Last Report:
Exception Type: EXC BAD ACCESS (SIGSEGV)
Exception Codes: KERN PROTECTION FAILURE at 0x00007fff5df61b38
Crashed Thread: 0 Dispatch queue: com.apple.main-thread
Thread 0 Crashed: Dispatch queue: com.apple.main-thread
                                     0x00007fff859a9686 URLResponse::copySuggestedFilename() + 806
   com.apple.CFNetwork
   com.apple.Foundation
                                     0x00007fff80e7c352 -[NSURLResponse suggestedFilename] + 31
   com.apple.WebCore
                                     0x00007fff84d0d26b WebCore::ResourceResponse::platformLazyInit() + 475
   com.apple.WebCore
                                     0x00007fff84d86b91 WebCore::ResourceResponseBase::httpStatusCode() const +
17
                                     0x00007fff84d91e25
   com.apple.WebCore
WebCore:: ApplicationCacheHost:: maybeLoadFallbackForResponse(WebCore:: ResourceLoader*, WebCore:: ResourceResponse
const&) + 37
   com.apple.WebCore
                                     0x00007fff84d91d43 WebCore::ResourceLoader::didReceiveResponse
(WebCore::ResourceHandle*, WebCore::ResourceResponse const&) + 67
Thread 0 crashed with X86 Thread State (64-bit):
  rax: 0x000000001c9c390 rbx: 0x0000001194e43b8
                                                   rcx: 0x00007fff7118e3e0 rdx: 0x000000001c9c390
  rdi: 0x000000012c089000 rsi: 0x00007fff5df61b40
                                                   rbp: 0x00007fff5fbfdf50 rsp: 0x00007fff5df61b40
  r8: 0x00007fff85a0fd3e r9: 0x0000000000000 r10: 0x00000001008aa750
                                                                            r11: 0x00007fff5fbfde80
  r12: 0x000000012c089000 r13: 0x0000000117601de0 r14: 0x0000000100af4900 r15: 0x00007fff84d91d00
  rip: 0x00007fff859a9686 rfl: 0x000000000010202 cr2: 0x00007fff5df61b38
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### RIM PRODUCTS





## Security Issue Found



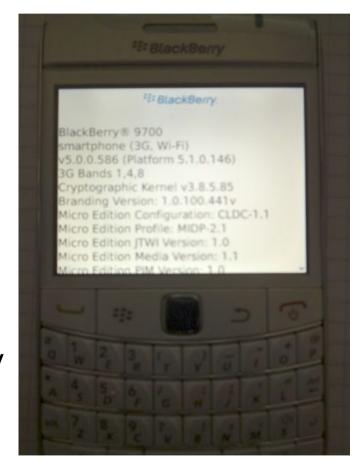
- Maliciously crafted web page viewed by a vulnerable BlackBerry → the browser application becomes unresponsive
- The BlackBerry device subsequently terminates the browser, and the browser eventually restarts and displays an error message.
- Successful exploitation of this issue relies on the user viewing the maliciously crafted web page on a device running the affected BlackBerry Device Software.
- The impact is limited to a partial Denial of Service (DoS) in the browser application in use on the BlackBerry device



#### Products affected



- The issue affects the BlackBerry browser application of the following software versions:
- BlackBerry Device Software versions earlier than 6.0.0
- Hotspot Browser on BlackBerry
  - "BlackBerry9700/5.0.0.586Profile/MIDP-2.1 Configuration/ CLDC-1.1 VendorID/100"





## Vendor responses



- RIM has issued a software update that resolves this issue in BlackBerry Device Software versions later than 5.0.0. BlackBerry Device Software version 4.7.0 and earlier is unsupported, and versions later than 6.0.0 are unaffected.
- BlackBerry Security Response answered to any of our emails in a really short period of time
- Speed++
  - They handled the security issues & did a great investigation
  - Development of a fix very quickly for future releases + Patch for old products
- CVSS: 5/10

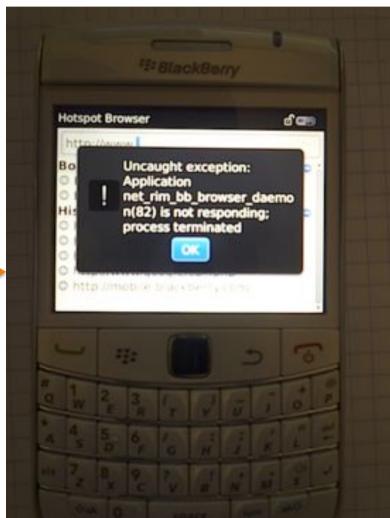


#### Technical details



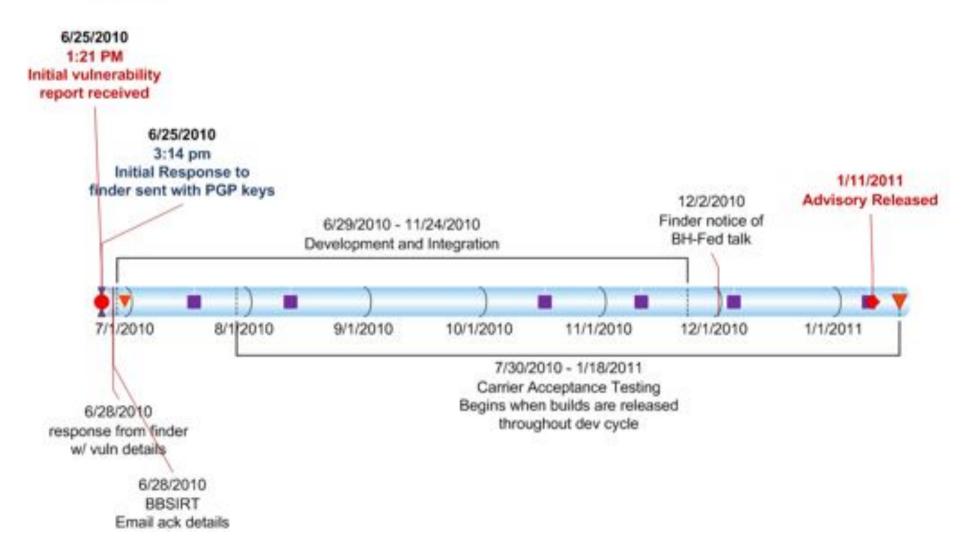
- CVE-2010-2599
- TEHTRI-SA-2010-027











## **Opportunities / Challenges**



#### **Challenges**

- Response Muscle Memory
- Product Diversity
- Servicing complexity
- Fix Delivery

#### **Opportunities**

- BBSIRT SME for Handheld issues
- Handheld servicing strategy
- Carrier relationships
- Internal relationships

secure@blackberry.com www.blackberry.com/security



### **GOOGLE PRODUCTS**





## Security Issue Found



- Overflow against application Browser on Android with large input from the web
- Overflow against application Gmail on Android with large input from the web

e.g: « Gmail is prone to a vulnerability after being launched by Browser trying to handle some web pages that would contain specific evil code. »



#### Products affected



- Firmware tested: 1.5
- Kernel version tested: 2.6.27
- User-Agent tested:
   « Mozilla/5.0 (Linux; U; Android 1.5; en-us;
   GT-I5700 Build/CUPCAKE)
   AppleWebKit/528.5+ (KHTML, like Gecko)
   Version/3.1.2 Mobile Safari/525.20.1 »
- Name: Gmail (com.google.android.gm)
   Activity: Compose (application Gmail)
- Name: Browser (com.android.browser)



## Vendor responses



 « Traditionally, we do not consider local denial of service attacks of this kind to be security bugs. »

■ No patch needed ②



## Proof of Concept #1

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#### Technical details #1

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#### Screenshots #1



 Overflow against application Browser on Android with large input from the

web







## Proof of Concept #2

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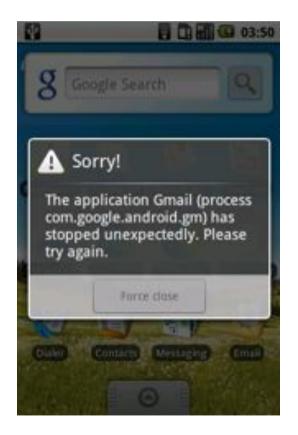


#### Screenshots #2



 Overflow against application Gmail on Android with large input from the web







## Found by TEHTRI-Security [2010]

Vendor / Product	Tool / Version	Reference	Patch
Apple / iPod	iOS 2.1-3.1.3 for iPod touch (2nd generation) and later	CVE-2010-1752	Patched (iOS4)
Apple / iPhone	iOS 2.0-3.1.3 for iPhone3G &later	CVE-2010-1752	Patched (iOS4)
Apple / Safari Windows	Safari 5.0.3 and Safari 4.1.3 on Windows 7, Vista, XP SP2 or later	CVE-2010-1752	Patched
Apple / Mac OS X	CFNetwork on Mac OS X v10.5.8, Mac OS X v10.6 through v10.6.4 (idem for Mac OS X Server)	CVE-2010-1752	Patched
Apple / iPad	Any version (but no exec)	TEHTRIS 2010 26	Under construction
RIM / BlackBerry	BlackBerry Device Software versions later than 5.0.0	CVE-2010-2599	Patched
HTC Windows		?	?
Google Android	Browser & Gmail	?	?



## Is that a security threat?

- Those attacks can be used by combining different techniques
  - Mail: Imagine evil links sent by email directly with pointers to bad servers
  - MITM: Imagine a wireless hotspot with someone running all those exploits for any vulnerable devices?
    - Crash of vulnerable devices... (massive pwnd/DoS)
    - You could also add another trick:
      - 1<sup>st</sup> you crash the clients,
      - 2<sup>nd</sup> you display a fake security web page for phishing, etc
        - » Vendor message: your device just crashed and we need to re-enroll your account for your security, please fill in the form...
- Other vendors? ©



#### 3.3 COUNTER-STRIKE





## Fighting against those tools?

- In the past, I explained how to strike back against some evil tools:
  - Black Hat Singapore 2003: « Honeypots against Worms 101 »
    - <a href="http://www.blackhat.com/presentations/bh-asia-03/bh-asia-03-oudot/slides/bh-asia-03-oudot.pdf">http://www.blackhat.com/presentations/bh-asia-03/bh-asia-03-oudot.pdf</a>
  - « Fighting Internet Worms With Honeypots », 2003
    - http://www.symantec.com/connect/articles/fightinginternet-worms-honeypots
  - Defcon 12, Las Vegas 2004: « Digital Active Self Defense »
    - http://www.defcon.org/images/defcon-12/dc-12-presentations/Oudot/dc-12-oudot-up.pdf
  - CanSecWest, Vancouver 2004: «Towards Evil Honeypots ?! When they bite back »

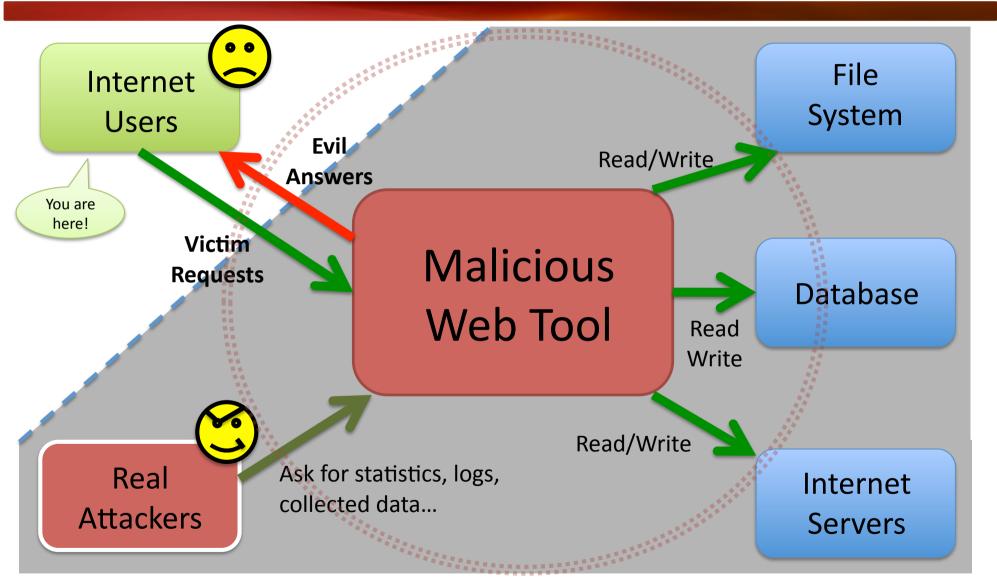


#### Malicious Web Activities

- What is commonly done by evil people once they exploit web servers?
  - Control the owned box : Add a backdoor / bounce tool / remote exploration tool...
  - Use the owned box to attack incoming clients with "Client-Side Attacks" (Aurora...)
  - Use the owned box to abuse incoming clients with "Pharming Attacks" (phishing...)
  - Store malware to use the owned box as an evil resource repository (malware distribution, RFI, Command & Control for Backdoors...)



#### Interaction of those tools





## Striking Back ?!

- How to strike back ?
  - Build requests from web clients that will exploit the remote system
  - Find security flaws in the remote administration system used by the attackers to monitor the tools
  - Find unprotected interesting resources
- What to target ?
  - Web vulns
  - File System issues
  - Database issues
  - Remote administration issues



#### White-Box Strike Back

- You have details about the remote malicious web tool used by the attackers
  - Name of Product, Version...
- You have / find / buy the sources of the remote tool
  - Audit the source code and the tool
  - Find vulnerabilities

**—** ...

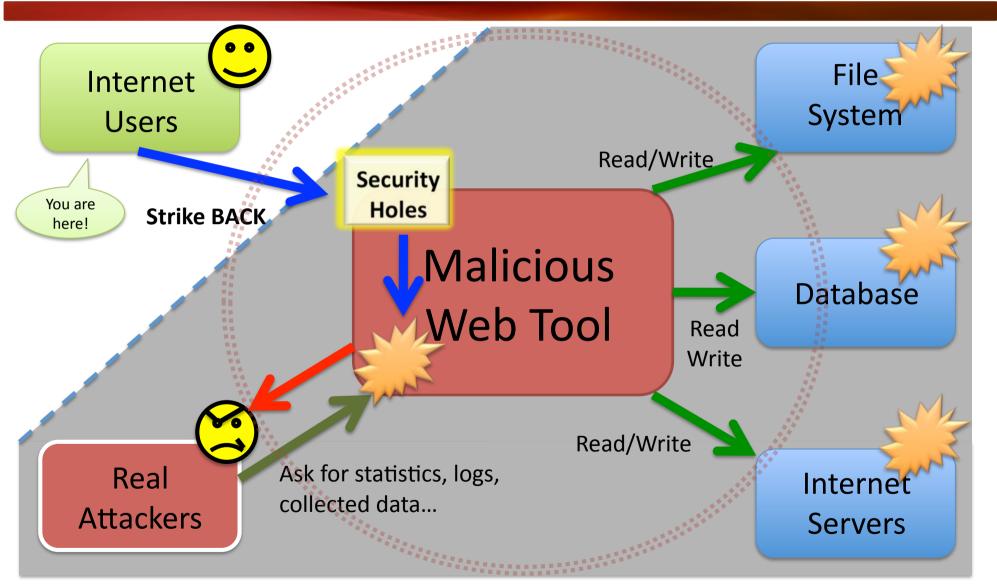


#### Black-Box Strike Back

- You have no detail about the remote malicious web tool deployed
- It's a black box hacking attempt against the attackers
- More complex (unless you can switch to white-box)
- What helps ?
  - Same vulnerabilities found on different products because of code shared/stolen
  - You don't attack a real target, but you attack a compromised (?) computer used as a bounce, so that their might be léss monitoring regarding your intrusion tests (no NIDS, etc, used by the attackers)
  - Black Hats find vulnerabilities on known products, but they don't really audit their own sources ©



## Hack back needed parts





## Gather information about attackers

- Each time the attackers connect back to their administration backend on the malicious web tool (to get statistics, to control their tools...), they take risks
- Once you can modify some data on the remote web tool used by the attackers, you can inject specific code to:
  - Get their real IP addresses, info, etc
  - Fight back (client-side attack against the attackers themselves!)



### Getting info about standard attackers

- Standard attackers won't use proxies, etc, to connect back to the administration backend of their malicious web tools
- You can easily inject code to get more info about them, even if you don't have access to the remote HTTP logs
- Examples
  - Add <img src= to force an HTTP traffic from</p> the attacker, to a monitored web server...



## Getting info about stealth attackers

- Some attackers might try to use proxies, so that you'll have to try to abuse some of their plugins
- Java
  - Inject code that will try RAW TCP and UDP sockets. You might see incoming traffic on a monitored resource (works with old JRE on MacOSX for example)
- Quicktime
  - Embedded MOV
- Windows Media (Flip4Mac on MacOSX)
  - HREF="mms://..."
- Shockwave
  - Use flash.net.XMLSocket to open sockets with XMLSocket()
- **.** . . .



#### Attack the attackers

- In such cases, when you want more than information about the attackers, you might want to attack them back
- You'll need to know their tools and methods, to adapt your response and inject it through their interactions with their evil web tools
- Most of the time, it's a like dealing with "client side" attack for the web tech
- The content replied by the compromised web server has to become evil when needed



# Example: Exploit Kit "SpyEye"

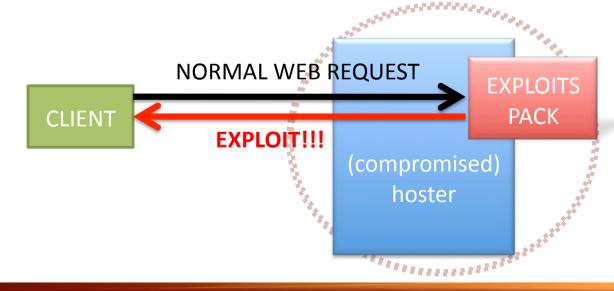
Evil trojan used to steal sensitive





### About exploits packs / kits

- Automatic Client Side Attacks
  - Each incoming web client is attacked back
  - It first analyze the User-Agent, plugins, etc
  - Then it launches the exploits
  - Offers statistics, control, etc, to the attackers
- Public (first?) known example: MPACK





## Eleonore exploit pack

- Price USD 700
- Builtin exploits
  - MDAC
  - MS009-02
  - Telnet Opera
  - Font tags FireFox
  - PDF collab.collectEmailInfo
  - PDF collab.getIcon
  - PDF Util.Printf
  - DirectX DirectShow
  - Spreadsheet





### Attack the SQL statistics



- TEHTRI-SA-2010-012 Eleonore: SQL Injection as a fake web victim
- [0day]

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# Example of exploit

- TEHTRI-SA-2010-013 Eleonore: permanent XSS against admin panel
- [0day]

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### XSS & XSRF vulnerabilities



- TEHTRI-SA-2010-014 Eleonore: XSRF in stat.php
- [0day]...

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Many Exploits Packs...





Do you still prefer to deploy web products without stressing it with IT security technical pentesters?

#### 4. CONCLUSION



#### Situation



- Beyond the technical world, lot of external problems
  - Some believe that products are secured by default
  - But IT infrastructures get more and more complex
  - And we all face money and speed issues...
- So that, many products are used without being stressed or tested
  - Cell phones, VOIP phones, IP Camera...
  - Vulnerabilities (0days) & Offensive concepts
  - Low costs behaviors can cost a lot



#### Conclusion



- Behavior
  - Being certified → Feeling secure
  - Being certified ≠ Being secure
  - Are your enemies "ethical hackers"?
- What should be done?
  - You saw how easy it was to found multiple web vulnerabilities on widely used products
  - Hardening + (real) Pentest + Analysis
    - Before buying stuff + before & after deployment...



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