



computer  
emergency  
response  
team

**CERT-EU**

for the EU institutions, bodies  
and agencies

## CERT for the EU institutions, bodies and agencies

- Pre-configuration team
- 60+ clients
- Resources made available by the clients
- Operational support
- Off-line
- Collaboration with internal ITsec teams
- Single point of contact
- European Digital Agenda

# Clients



# Partners



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CERT SE KONKURRENSNEUTRAL IT-SÄKERHET FÖR NÄRINGSLIV OCH OFFENTLIG SEKTOR



Microsoft Be what's next.



Symantec Confidence in a connected world



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Government	GOVCERT.NL	...
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Government	CERT SE	...
Government	CERT.be	...
Government	CERT CN	...
Government	CERT POLSKA	...
Government	US-CERT	...
Private Industry	Microsoft	...
Private Industry	Google	...
Private Industry	Symantec	...
Private Industry	McAfee	...
Private Industry	FCCU	...
International	EUROPOL	...





Office layout, walls, doors, carpet, painting  
Furniture  
Sunshield, sunblinds  
Fridge, microwafe  
Security doors, security locks  
Intrusion detection, alarm, Videophone  
Fire- and waterproof safe  
Server room, airco, fire extinction, UPS  
High speed direct internet connection  
Servers, routers, firewalls, switches  
Isolated local area network  
Desktop computers, printers  
Office automation software, email system  
Help desk  
Temporary server to host webportal  
Photocopy, scanner, shredder  
Beamer, projection screen  
Videoconferencing  
Functional mailbox, phone and smartphone  
Recruitments (AD, END)  
Service passes, SYSPER  
Mission and training budget  
Small procurement budget  
Business cards  
EUROPA page, guide des services  
Webportal EMM, sources, keywords  
Logo and graphical image  
PGP, ACID, CHIASMUS, SECEM  
Domain name  
Name registration



Created 1/6/2011

- 10/5: go ahead
- 13/5: recruitment interviews
- 20/5: premises made available
- 14/6: revamping of offices finished
- 14/6: furniture and office computers installed
- July: design web portal
- July: client survey
- July-September: meetings with 15 CERTs
- August: construction of server room
- August: design of graphical identity
- 15/8 and 1/9 arrival of new staff
- 15/9: installation of servers
- 20/9: dry run of web portal
- 22/9: official inauguration

Reactive Services	Proactive Services	Artifact Handling
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Alerts and Warnings</li> <li>Incident Handling</li> <li>Incident analysis</li> <li>Incident response support</li> <li>Incident response coordination</li> <li>Incident response on site</li> <li>Vulnerability Handling</li> <li>Vulnerability analysis</li> <li>Vulnerability response</li> <li>Vulnerability response coordination</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Announcements</li> <li>Technology Watch</li> <li>Security Audits or Assessments</li> <li>Configuration and Maintenance of Security</li> <li>Development of Security Tools</li> <li>Intrusion Detection Services</li> <li>Security-Related Information Dissemination</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Artifact analysis</li> <li>Artifact response</li> <li>Artifact response coordination</li> </ul> <div data-bbox="1344 665 1911 917" style="background-color: #f4a460; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <b>Security Quality Management</b> </div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Risk Analysis</li> <li>Business Continuity and Disaster Recovery</li> <li>Security Consulting</li> <li>Awareness Building</li> <li>Education/Training</li> <li>Product Evaluation or Certification</li> </ul>

Fig. 1. CSIRT Services list from CERT/CC<sup>5</sup>





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- All products
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### Vulnerabilities

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- Activists
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### Hacking/Techniques

## Latest News About - Ongoing threats

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### Top Stories

#### Japan defence hit by cyber attack

Articles: 4, Last update: Sep 20, 2011 5:00:00 PM, Start: Sep 20, 2011 11:21:00 AM  
Sources: 4, Peak: 1, Current rank: 1, Previous rank: 1, Change: 0%

#### DigiNotar Files for Bankruptcy in Wake of Devastating Hack

Articles: 8, Last update: Sep 21, 2011 5:29:00 AM, Start: Sep 16, 2011 8:25:00 PM  
Sources: 8, Peak: 1, Current rank: 2, Previous rank: 2, Change: +100%

#### West Virginia air show crash: WW2 plane explodes leaving pilot dead

Articles: 3, Last update: Sep 18, 2011 1:43:00 PM, Start: Sep 18, 2011 2:17:00 AM  
Sources: 2, Peak: 2, Current rank: 3, Previous rank: 3, Change: 0%

#### A Call To Disarm Black Hat Hackers In China

Articles: 4, Last update: Sep 21, 2011 11:11:00 PM, Start: Sep 17, 2011 5:25:00 PM  
Sources: 4, Peak: 4, Current rank: 4, Previous rank: 4, Change: +100%

#### Richard Clarke Joins Board Of Bit9

Articles: 2, Last update: Sep 20, 2011 3:49:00 PM, Start: Sep 19, 2011 5:02:00 PM  
Sources: 2, Peak: 5, Current rank: 5, Previous rank: 5, Change: 0%

#### UPDATE 2-Japan's defence industry hit by its first cyber attack

Articles: 3, Last update: Sep 19, 2011 11:38:00 PM, Start: Sep 19, 2011 5:12:00 PM  
Sources: 3, Peak: 4, Current rank: 6, Previous rank: 6, Change: +50%

### Articles published more than 40 minutes ago

#### Anonymous Declares Sept 24 "Day Of Vengeance" In The US, Plans A "Series Of Cyber Attacks"

techcrunch Thursday, September 22, 2011 10:15:00 AM CEST | info [other]

Hactivist group Anonymous have been busy bees this year, and they're not planning to cool down any time soon. Earlier this morning, Anonymous (or some 12-year old kid labeling himself Anonymous, who knows) issued a press release announcing that the collective and "other cyber liberation groups".....

### Articles published more than 1 hour ago

#### Win32/SpyEye.AHT

ca\_virus\_advisories Thursday, September 22, 2011 9:40:00 AM CEST | info [other]

Win32/Spyeye is a family of bot controlled Trojan design to capture keystrokes using "form grabbing" method of internet browser like Firefox and Internet Explorer. It employs rootkit

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### Tools

Thursday, September 22, 2011 11:03:00 AM CEST

RSS

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### Most reported countries (24h)



# CERT-EU webportal

- 800+ sources
- Automatic scraping of relevant news
- Categorisation and clustering
- Next step: html5



# EMM Private

- Underground sources
- Authoring access for other CERTs

<http://cert.europa.eu/>

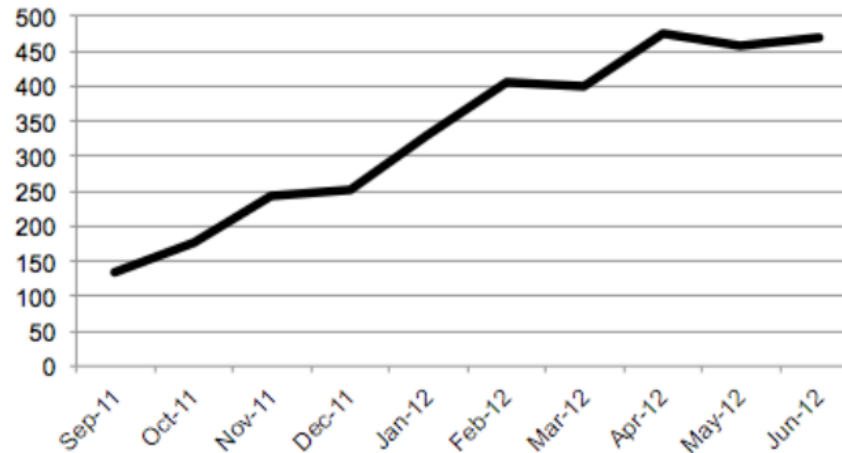
### **Advisories**

- 2011 (Sept – Dec) 33
- 1Q2012 46
- 2Q2012 22
  
- Sources: EMM, mailing lists
- Subjects: vulnerabilities, generic threats

### **Alerts**

- 2011 (Sept – Dec) 50
- 1Q2012 154
- 2Q2012 122 (49)
  
- Sources: Customers (incidents), CERTs (alerts), passive monitoring
- Subjects: compromised systems, immediate threats

**Average number of unique visitors per day**





## Most frequent infection vectors

- Infected USB sticks
- XSS/SQL injection
- Web browsing
- **Emails (attachments, links)**



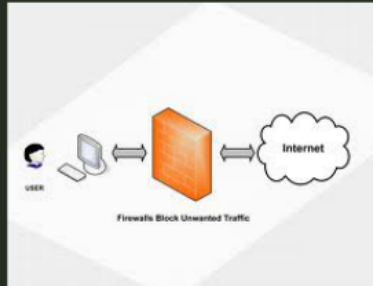
## Extent of the problem not clear to the constituent

- Hidden in the noise of spam
- Lack of user awareness
- Lack of internal reporting mechanisms
- Lack of tools to analyse emails (extraction, testing of links and attachments)

## Problems with targeted attacks

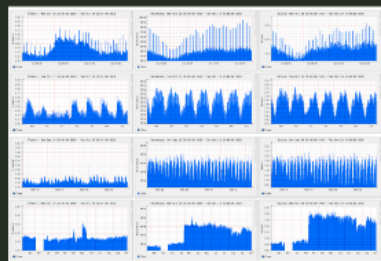
- Undetected by the protection systems
- IT department underestimates the problem
- Highly specialised resources to analyse the problem
- Fear of informing hierarchy
- Fear of involving law enforcement
- Difficult to perform the attribution
- Difficult to demonstrate the damage
- Never sure if the problem is resolved

# Detection



## Client

- Multiple A/V systems
- Additional systems scans
- Network protection systems
- Log analysis
- User awareness (anomalies)



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- Passive malevolence monitoring
- TLD website monitoring
- Mail scanner
- CIMBL

# Containment



## Client

- Set up reaction team
- Call in the experts
- Isolate compromised system
- Forensic image
- Analyse logs
- Scan other systems
- Assess potential impact on information
- Inform other concerned parties
- Involve LE?

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- Forensic imaging guidelines
- CERT Toolbox
- Interpret and advise

# Eradication



## Client

- Reimage infected or suspected systems
- Reset passwords (all at the same time)
- Reset passwords in external accounts
- Rescan (regularly)
- Analyse logs (regularly)

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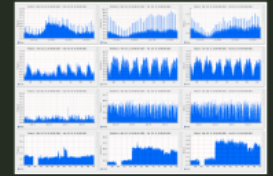
- Analyse malware
- Interpret and advise
- Inform other constituents
- Inform other CERTs



# Prevention

## Clients

- Risk assessment of information assets (value / risk)
- Information security policy
- Perimeter protection (IDS, AV, WAF) and segmentation
- Log analysis in/out/internal -> anomalies?
- User and password management
- Version and patch management
- Regular scans (MSS)
- Embed security in the application development
- Deactivate autorun (Windows XP), upgrade to Windows 7 - enforcement of policies
- User awareness



## CERT-EU

- Advisories and white papers
- Client specific advise and consultancy
- Awareness raising and training material

## Tools for detection

- Cymru, Shadowserver, Arbor, N6
- Microsoft / Google
- AbuseHelper
- Pastebin scanning
- Mail scanner / analyser

## Next steps

- More sources
- IDS sensors (SNORT / third party)
- DMARC 



Author Composes & Sends Email

Sending Mail Server Inserts DKIM Header

Email Sent to Receiver

SENDER RECEIVER

IP Blocklists, Reputation, Rate Limits, etc.

Standard Validation Tests

Validate and Apply Sender DMARC Policy

Retrieve Verified DKIM Domains

Retrieve "Envelope From" via SPF

Apply Appropriate DMARC Policy

Anti-Spam Filters, etc. Standard Processing

Passed

Quarantine



Failure Report sent to Sender

Update the periodic Aggregate Report to be sent to Sender

## Malware analysis

- Small internal capacity
- Expertise in clients (EC, GSC)
- Other CERTs
- IT sec partners

## Systems

- Internal infrastructure being built up
- System for information sharing on non-public malware
- Automated tools (EC, VirusTotal)

# Broader issues

- "Industrial-scale" detection of anomalies
  - Capitalise on existing capacities
  - Foster open exchange of data on indicators of malevolence
- "Industrial" exchange and protection mechanisms
  - Standardisation of meta-data
  - Automated upload in network protection - ISP and network borders
  - Systems and tools for trusted information exchange on incidents, malware
- More effective collaboration between CERTs
  - Sharing of validated IOCs in a standardised format
  - Sharing of information on critical incidents -
- Reporting compromises to individuals, SMEs, cross-sector
- "Break the silence", everybody is suffering targetted attacks
- "Break the silos", sharing between CERTs, LE, intell
- Aim for consolidated, validated, up-to-date data set of IOC

# Outlook CERT-EU

## Challenges

- User awareness / internal processes to handle anomalies
- Better information sharing by clients
- Better responsiveness of clients to alerts
- Better automated detection mechanisms, more sources
- Automated protection processes

## Next steps

- More capacity in alerting and incident handling
- Basic artifact analysis capacity
- More client-specific service
- Broader and modular service package, including network sensors for some clients requesting such service
- Systems and tools development in particular for "industrial" detection of anomalies and exchange of information



# Thank You



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