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Malware: Intrusion and Containment

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Topics



- Reasons for malware intrusion
- Intrusion methods
- Containing malware

Reasons for malware intrusion



- Resource control
 - Botnets
- Data theft
 - Personally Identifying Information (PII)
 - Banking details
 - Intellectual property
- Direct selling
 - Scareware



Spam

Attachments and Social Engineering





Phishing



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Web intrusion



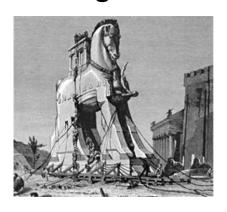
- Social engineering
- Software vulnerabilities
 - Browser
 - Applications
- SQL injection
- Social networks

Social engineering



Social engineering is the primary method of attack

- Scammers have used social engineering tricks for thousands of years, and won't be stopping anytime soon
- Often spread via poisoned search engine results







Software vulnerabilities



Browser

- Applications
 - Flash
 - Adobe Reader





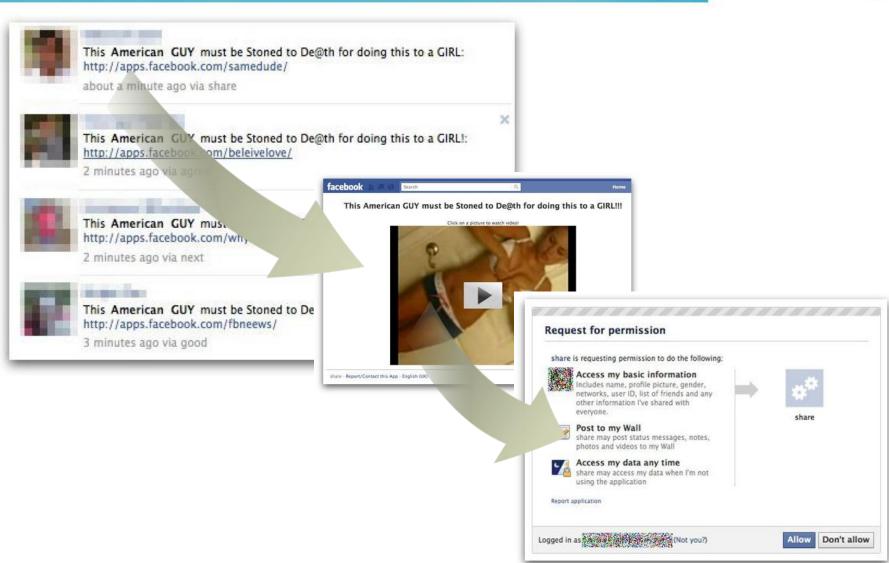
Social Networking intrusion





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Mobile device intrusion



- Portable storage
 - USB drives
 - MP3 players



- Mobile devices
 - Smartphones





Malware Containment

Containing malware – known malware



- Malware warnings from around the network
- Malware that 'keeps coming back'
- Locate the source of infection

Containing malware – unknown malware

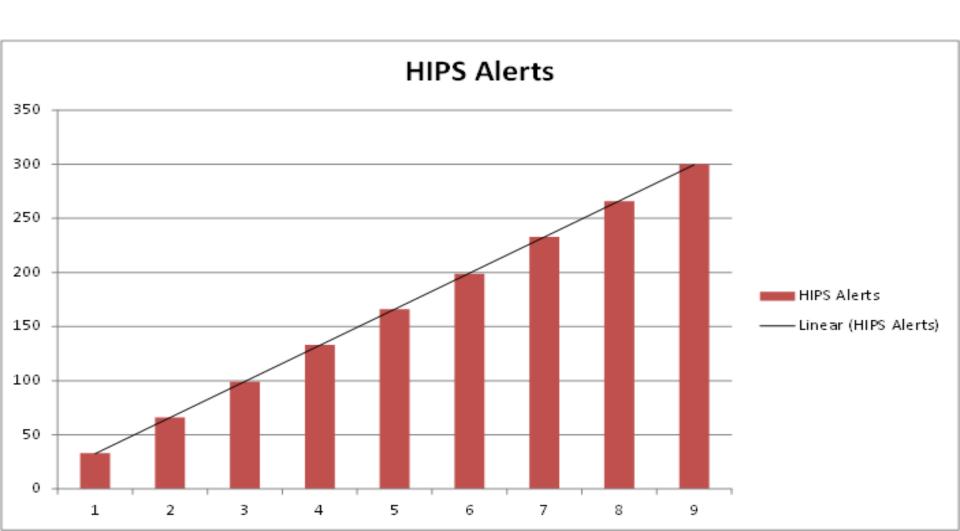


Why does unknown malware exist?

Containing malware – unknown malware



Example of machines HIPS alerting during an attack.



Containing malware – unknown malware



- Hospitality company
- Targeted attack aimed at payment processing software
- 1500+ HIPS warnings over 9 months!
- 'Something' is registering a new service on payment processing servers.

Staying ahead of the curve





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