



**DEF CON 19**  
**Malware Freakshow 3:**  
**They're pwning er'body out there!**

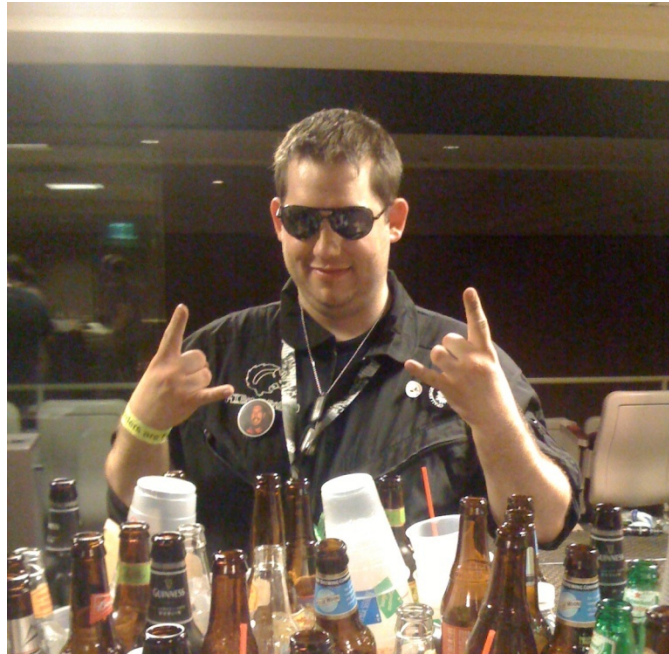
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# Inspiration – “System Intruder”



**“Well... There's malware on the interwebs. They're pwning all your systems, snatching your data up. So hide your cards, hide your docs, and hide your phone, 'cause they're pwning er'body out there!” – Zero Cool**

# Introduction – Who are these guys?

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- Head of SpiderLabs at Trustwave
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- 4<sup>th</sup> DEF CON talk (2 more this weekend – Droid & SSL)
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# Introduction – Why give a “Freakshow”?

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**Exploits are commodities.**

**Malware fuels the business of crime\*.**

**\*“They're pwning er'body out there!”**

# Introduction – What's this about?

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## This the 3<sup>rd</sup> Iteration of this Talk

- 2009 – KeyLogger, MemDumper, Video Poker, Sniffer
- 2010 – MemDumper, Logon Credentials Stealer, Sniffer, Client-Side (PDF Malware)

## New Targets This Year -> YOU

- Your Grocery Store
- Your Favorite Bar
- Your Work
- Your Smart Phone

# Evolution of Malware - 2009

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- Sloppy malware developers
- Just “testing the waters”
- No covert file system placement
- Noisy output files
- Easily detected using “Task Manager”

# Evolution of Malware - 2010

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- Started to use “tricky” names for executable
- Located in “system” folders
- Output still mainly in plain-text and written to disk
- Advanced tools can easily detect them
- Automated exfiltration in certain instances



# Evolution of Malware - 2011

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- Malware developers have grown up
- Completely subverting process analysis tools
- Many instances of ZERO data storage
- When data is stored it is ENCRYPTED
- More efficient methods resulting in small footprint
- Automation is “everywhere they want to be”

# Evolution of Malware – Network Sniffers

Year	Notables
<b>2009</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Obvious filenames</li><li>• Output was plain text (.cap extension)</li><li>• Attacker's FTP credentials in executable</li></ul>
<b>2010</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Filenames matched Windows system files</li><li>• Output compress and password protected</li><li>• Nightly auto-exfiltration functionality appeared</li></ul>
<b>2011</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• No output on disk</li><li>• Malware utilizes buffers (one to sniff, one to export)</li><li>• Real-time data exfiltration</li><li>• Encryption/Encoding of output data</li></ul>

# Evolution of Malware – Memory Dumper

Year	Notables
<b>2009</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Malware kit required 3 executable files</li><li>• No anti-forensics capabilities</li><li>• Plain text output in “system” folders</li></ul>
<b>2010</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Single executable</li><li>• Kernel rootkit</li><li>• Plain text output in “system folders”</li></ul>
<b>2011</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Return of 3 executable files, but output file:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Time stomped after each update</li><li>• Encrypted</li></ul></li></ul>

# Evolution of Malware – Advanced Techniques

## Malware Landscape Today

- **Anti-forensic features** are built into malware.
- Stolen **data is stored encrypted** and encryption algorithms are getting advanced.
- **Automated Exfiltration** features are built in so attackers don't have to keep coming back to get the data.
- Data commonly being **exported on port 80** which is usually allowed for outbound access in most organizations.
- **Time stomping** is common.
- **Malware is a DLL** - injected into critical processes

# Sample SL2010-161 – Kameo

<b>Vitals</b>	<b>Code Name:</b> Best Supporting Actor
	Filename: Kameo.exe
	File Type: PE 32-bit
	Target Platform: Windows
<b>Key Features</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Malware has minimal file and registry activity.</li><li>• Malware sniffs magnetic stripe data of credit cards and puts it in a buffer XYZ.</li><li>• In a separate thread, malware sends the data in buffer XYZ to hacker server via port 80.</li><li>• Exported data is encoded to defeat monitoring tools</li><li>• There is no storage of intercepted data on disk at anytime.</li></ul>
<b>Victim</b>	<b>Your Grocery Store</b>

# Demo Demo Demo!

# Sample SL2011-014 – Memory Dumper

<b>Vitals</b>	<b>Code Name:</b> Son of Brain Drain
	Filename: Winboot.exe
	File Type: PE 32-bit
	Target Platform: Windows
<b>Key Features</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Malware is installed as Windows service.</li><li>• Winboot.exe invokes two other processes: One dumps memory of processes, other parses data.</li><li>• Malware executables are time stomped to OS Install time.</li><li>• Output file is time stomped despite regular read/writes.</li><li>• Output file is encrypted.</li></ul>
<b>Victim</b>	<b>Your Favorite Bar</b>

# Sample SL2011-014 – Memory Dumper

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# Demo Please!



# Sample SL2011-026 – Webcheck.dll

<b>Vitals</b>	<b>Code Name:</b> Napoleon's Victory
	Filename: Webcheck.dll
	File Type: Win32 DLL
	Target Platform: Windows
<b>Key Features</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 10KB DLL gets injected into explorer.exe</li><li>• Malware is packed so strings can't be read.</li><li>• Monitors a specific process and records data processed by it in a hidden and encrypted file.</li><li>• At 2am, data is FTP'ed to attacker's server.</li><li>• Outgoing file is encrypted has extension of zip file but is not actually a zip file.</li></ul>
<b>Victim</b>	<b>Your Work</b>

**This Sh\*t is Live  
(Demo)**

# Sample SL2011-039 – Android Malware

<b>Vitals</b>	<b>Code Name: ZiTFO (aka Zitmo)</b>
	Filename: zitmo.apk
	File Type: Android Package
	Target Platform: Android
<b>Key Features</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Registers an intent filter looking for SMS_RECEIVED events</li><li>• Sets this filter with a priority of 1000 (highest)</li><li>• Prevents everything else from seeing SMS messages</li><li>• Send the content of the message to the attacker's website</li><li>• It does NOT do any form of content analysis<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Attackers are likely collecting a lot junk texts</li></ul></li><li>• It ironically appears on the phone as a package by Trusteer called "Rapport" which is used by banks to specifically prevent this type of SMS interception attack</li></ul>
<b>Victim</b>	<b>You</b>

**Oh No3s!**  
**(Android Demo)**

# Conclusions

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## **Windows Malware is All Grown Up**

- We have seen the same type of malware advance over the last three years.

## **Mobile Malware is Just Taking it First Steps**

- This is a new, but interesting area where we will likely see the most growth.
- Attacks are PLENTY of targets

## **Where will be next year?**

- Predictions:
  - iOS/Android Malware w/ Advanced Features
  - Mobile DDoS and Spam Bots
  - Malware Focused on Stealing Corporate Credentials

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