



IT Security: Current Landscape and 2012 Priorities

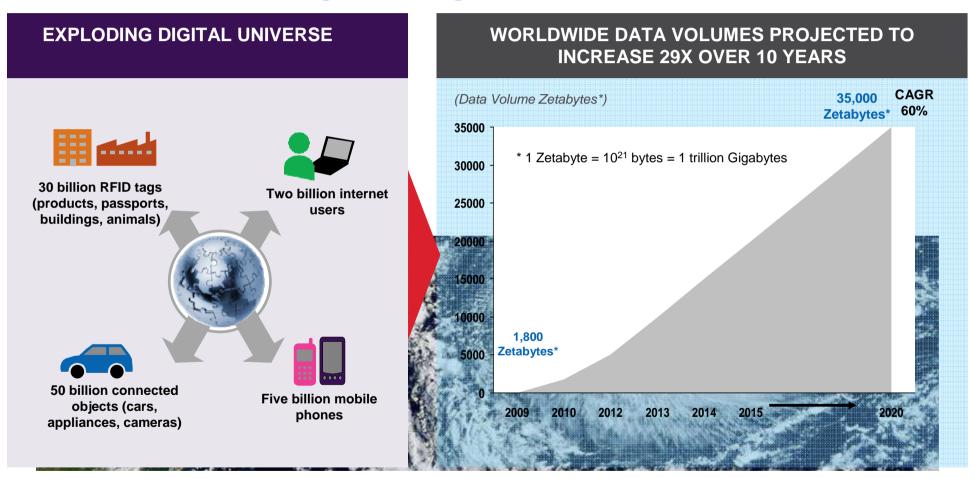
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The world is becoming more digitized and interconnected



^{*}Source: International Telecommunications Union. "Global Number of Internet Users, total and per 100 Inhabitants, 2000-2010." United Nations. http://www.itu.int/ITU-D/ict/statistics/material/excel/2010/Internet_users_00-10_2.xls; Ericsson. "More than 50 billion connected devices – taking connected devices to mass market and profitability." February 14, 2011. http://www.ericsson.com/news/110214_more_than_50_billion_244188811_c; IDC "Digital Universe Study," sponsored by EMC. May 2010



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- Research and evaluate threat and protection issues
- Deliver security protection for today's security problems
- Develop new technology for tomorrow's security challenges
- Educate the media and user communities



X-Force Research

14B analyzed Web pages & images

40M spam & phishing attacks

54K documented vulnerabilities

Billions of intrusion attempts daily

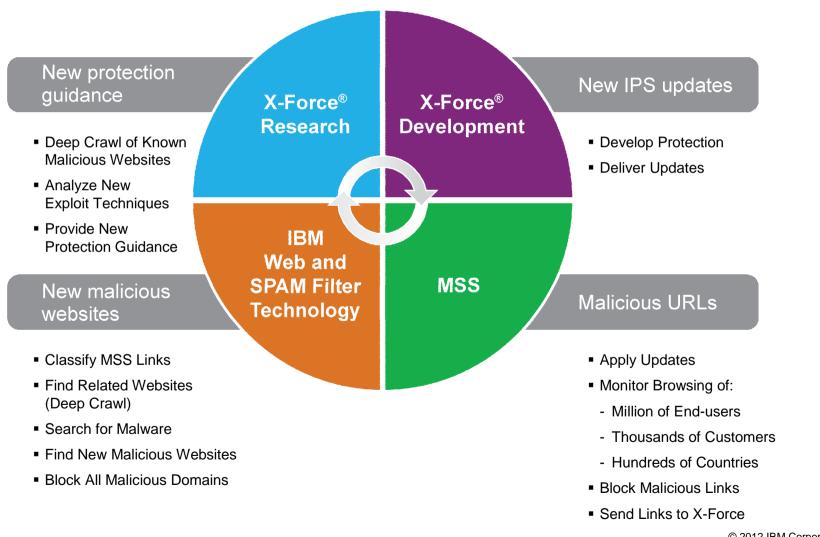
Millions of unique malware samples

Provides Specific Analysis of:

- Vulnerabilities & exploits
- Malicious/Unwanted websites
- Spam and phishing
- Malware
- Other emerging trends



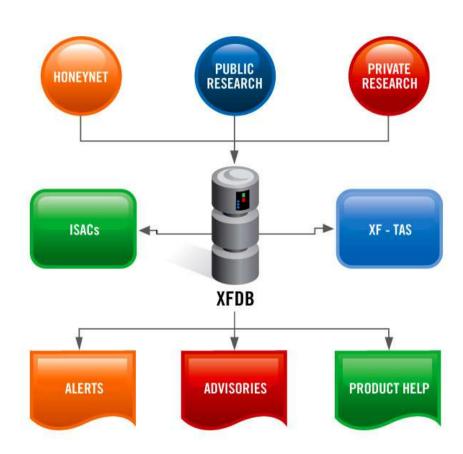
IBM X-Force web intelligence lifecycle





We analyze them all...

- Most comprehensive
 Vulnerability Database in the world
 - Over 50,000 unique vulnerabilities catalogued
 - Entries date back to the 1990's
- Updated daily by a dedicated research team
- The X-Force database currently tracks over...
 - 8000 Vendors
 - 17,000 Products
 - 40,000 Versions





Agenda

- Good news, we're making headway against threats and vulnerabilities
- Bad news, the landscape is becoming more complicated
- The Year of the Security Breach
- -Broadly targeted, financially motivated attacks
- -Advanced Persistent Threats
- -Hacktivism

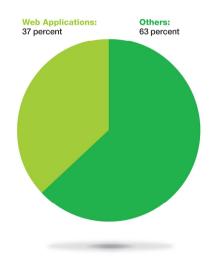


Decline in web vulnerabilities

Total number of vulnerabilities decline but it's cyclical

Decline is in web application vulnerabilities

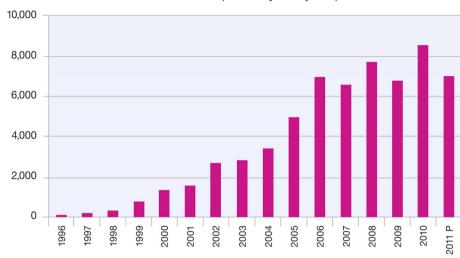
Web Application Vulnerabilities as a Percentage of All Disclosures in 2011 H1



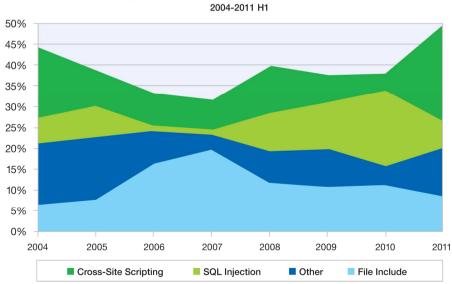
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Vulnerability Disclosures Growth by Year

1996-2011 (2011 Half-year Projection)



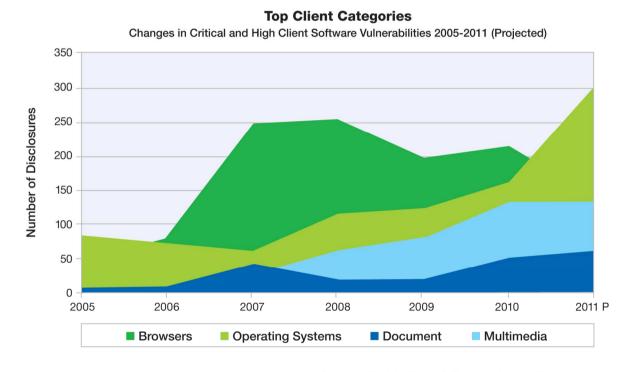
Web Application Vulnerabilities by Attack Technique





Exploiting other types of vulnerabilities more challenging

- High and critical OS disclosures exceed those in browsers
- However, advanced OS security features have made exploiting these vulnerabilities more challenging





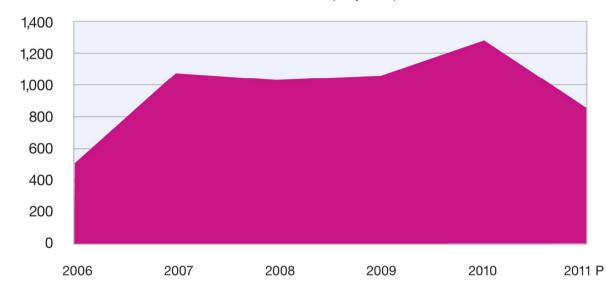
Public exploit disclosures decline

Fewer exploits released in 2011

 Down as a percentage of vulnerabilities as well to 12%

Public Exploit Disclosures

2006-2011 (Projected)



True Exploits	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011 Projected
Percentage of Total	7.3 percent	16.5 percent	13.4 percent	15.7 percent	14.9 percent	12.0 percent

Table 5: Public exploit disclosures - 2006-2011 (Projected)

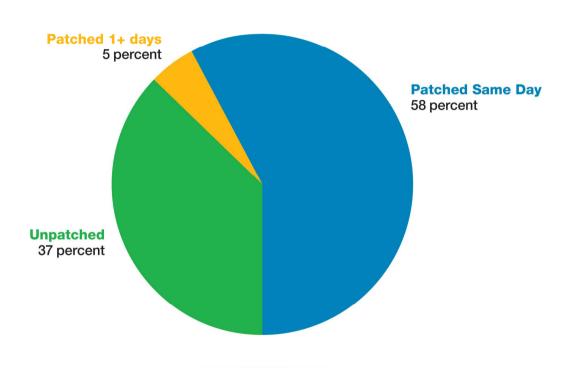


Improvement in availability of Vendor Patches

 Significant improvement in unpatched vulnerabilities

Hasn't dropped below 44% in over five years

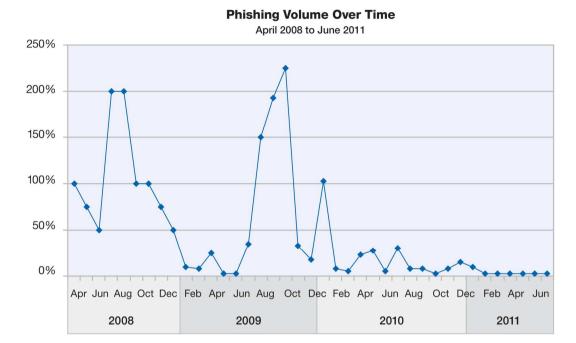
Vendor Patch Timeline 2011 H1





Goodbye to Phishing

- In 2011, spammers said goodbye to traditional email phishing. When looking at the percentage of spam that is phishing on a weekly basis we have measured less than 0.01 percent for every month.
- 80% still targeting financial institutions

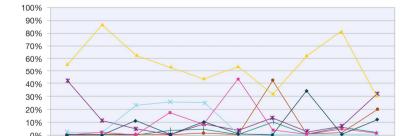


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Q2

Q1

2011



Q1

Q3

2009

Q1

Q2

Phishing Targets by Industry 2009 Q1 to 2011 Q2



Q2

2010

Q3

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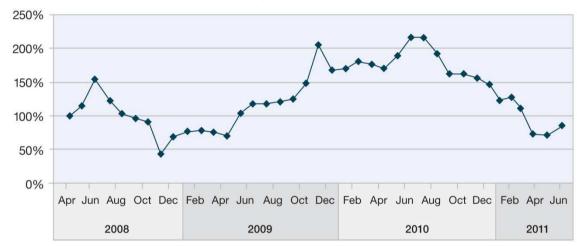


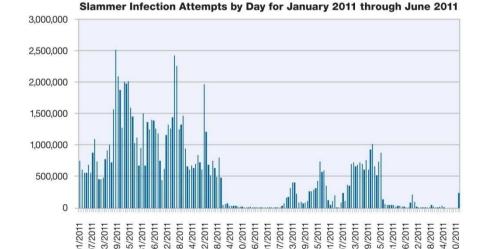
Action taken against Bot Networks

- Rustock Botnet Takedown early in 2011 caused significant spam volume decline.
- IBM Botnet C&C data from 2011 shows abrupt disappearance of Waledec.
- A number of other botnets have been taken out by vendors, researchers, and law enforcement.
- Mysterious disappearance of SQL Slammer

Changes in Spam Volume

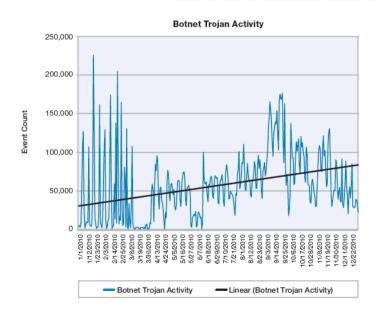






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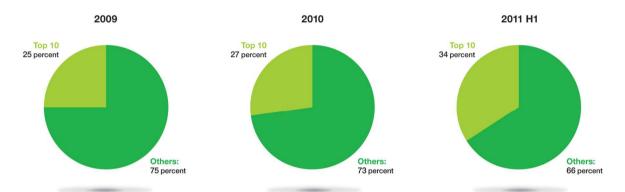
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Critical vulnerabilities up

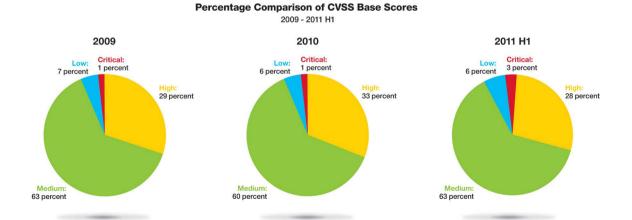
Top Ten Software Vendors with the Largest Number of Vulnerability Disclosures

Top 10 vendors a greater percentage



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Critical vulnerabilities triple as a percentage

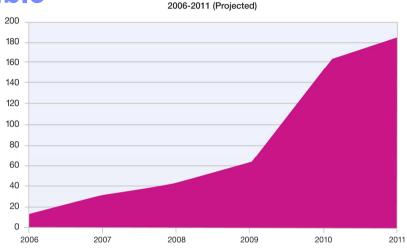




Mobile OS exploits projected to double

Total Mobile Operating System Vulnerabilities

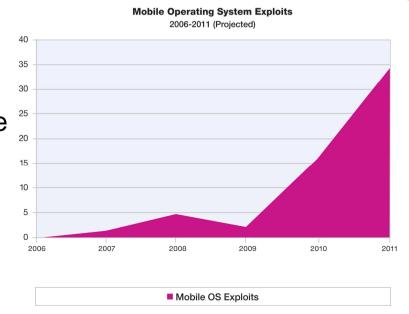
 Continued interest in Mobile vulnerabilities as enterprise users bring smartphones and tablets into the work place



■ Mobile OS Vulnerabilities

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 Attackers finally warming to the opportunities these devices represent



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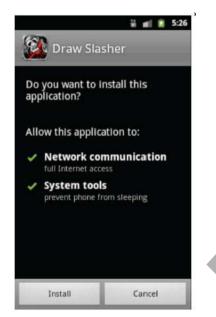


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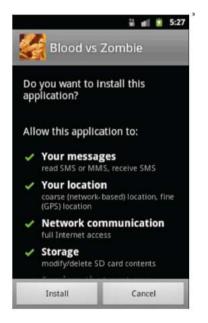
IBM X-Force: Mobile devices are a fast growing target of malware

Look for double the mobile exploits this year vs. 2010 and particularly watch out for mobile applications that are really malware, says IBM's X-Force security research team.

By Tim Greene, Framingham | Friday, 30 September, 2011



¹GPS – Global Positioning System ²SMS – Short Message Service Draw Slasher, a legitimate game that requires minimal permissions

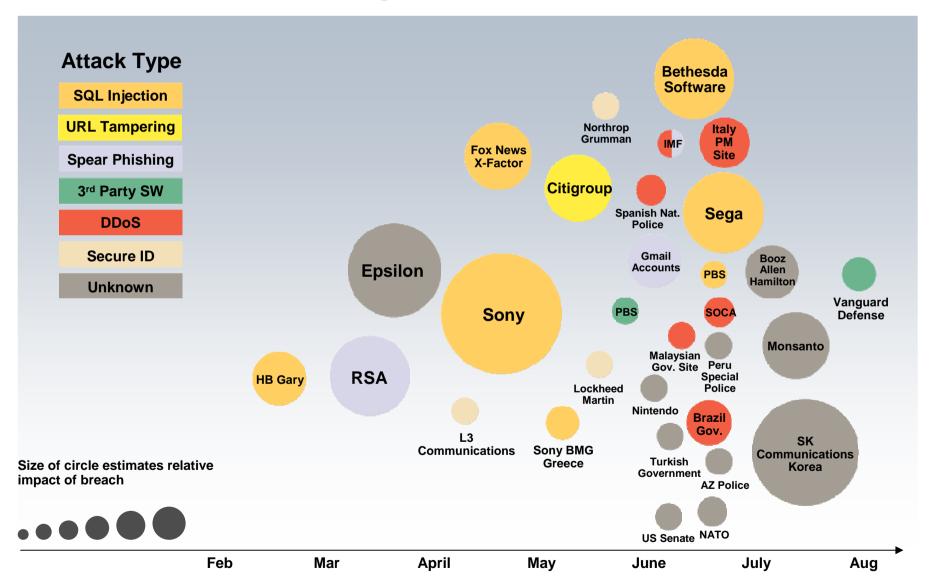


Blood versus
Zombie,
a malicious copy
of Draw Slasher
that contains more
permissions than
a game should
need—including
GPS¹ and SMS²

access.



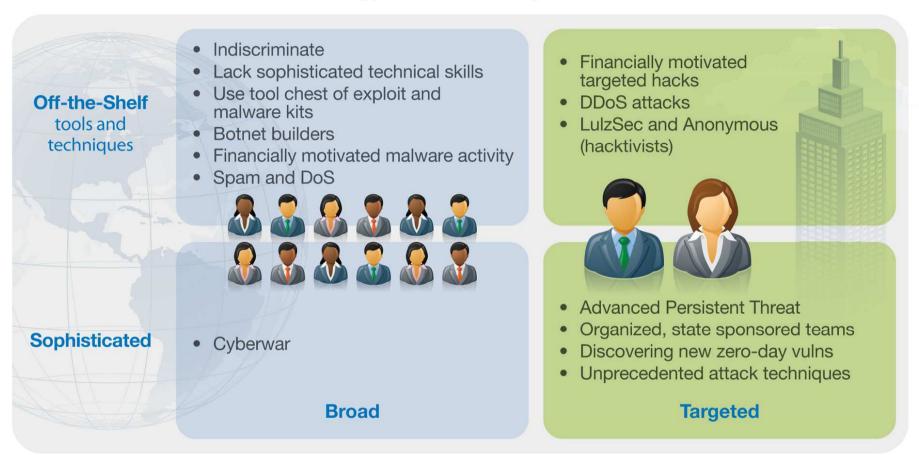
2011 – The Year of the Targeted Attack





Who is attacking our networks?

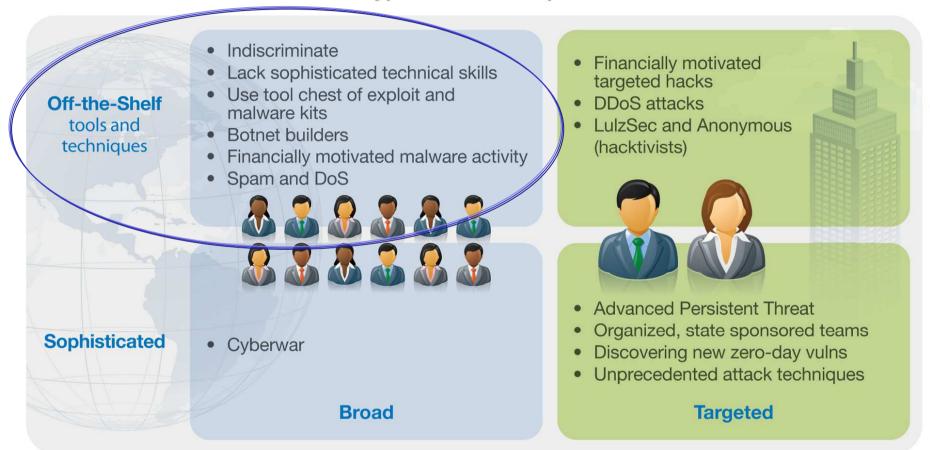
Attacker Types and Techniques 2011 H1





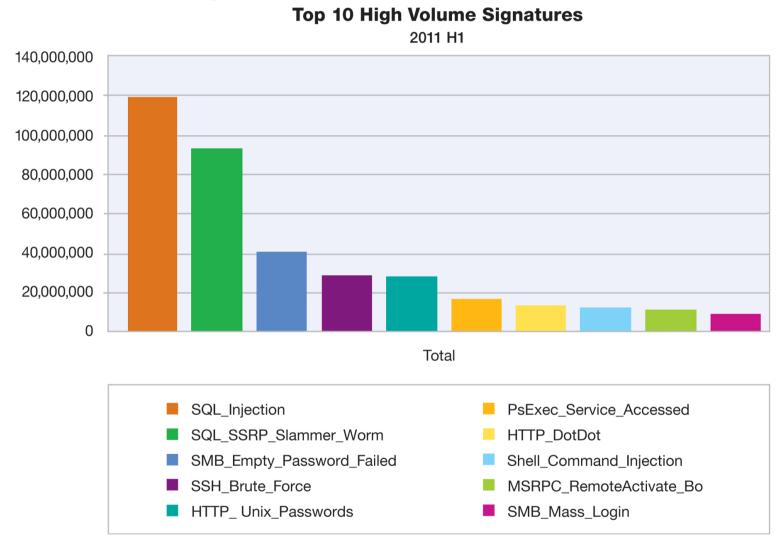
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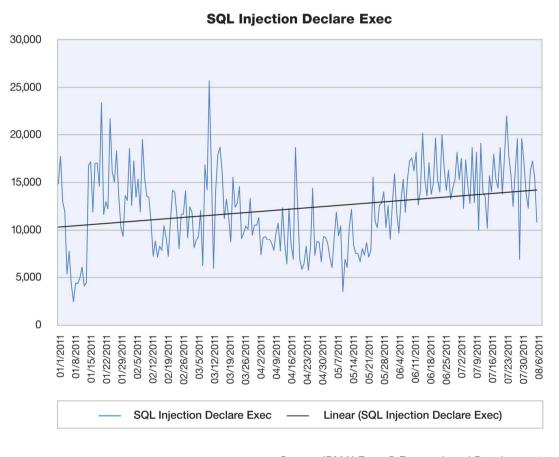
Highest volume signatures





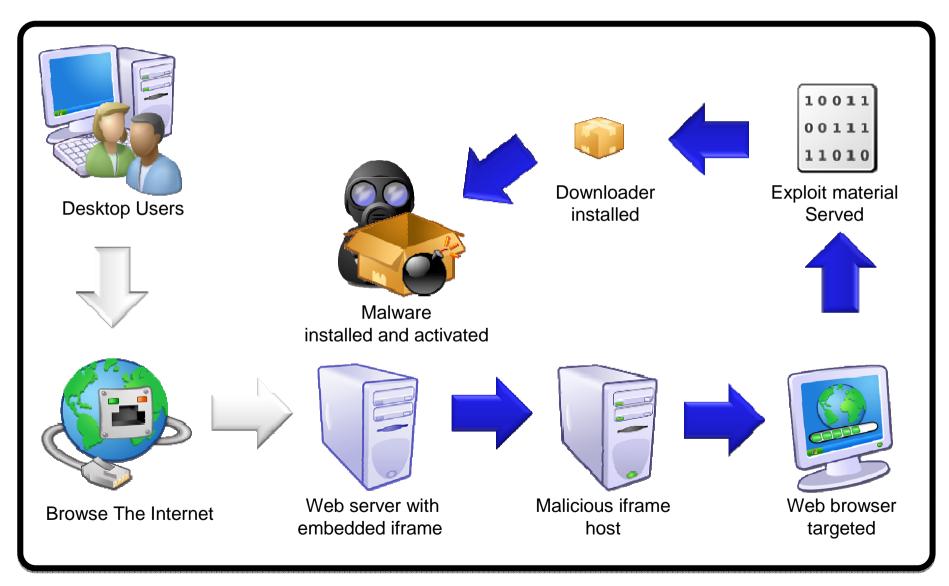
SQL Injection continues to be a favorite attack vector

- Attackers are analyzing Web applications to find SQL injection vulnerabilities they can exploit
- Once a vulnerable Web application has been identified, attackers use search engines to automate the process of finding target sites





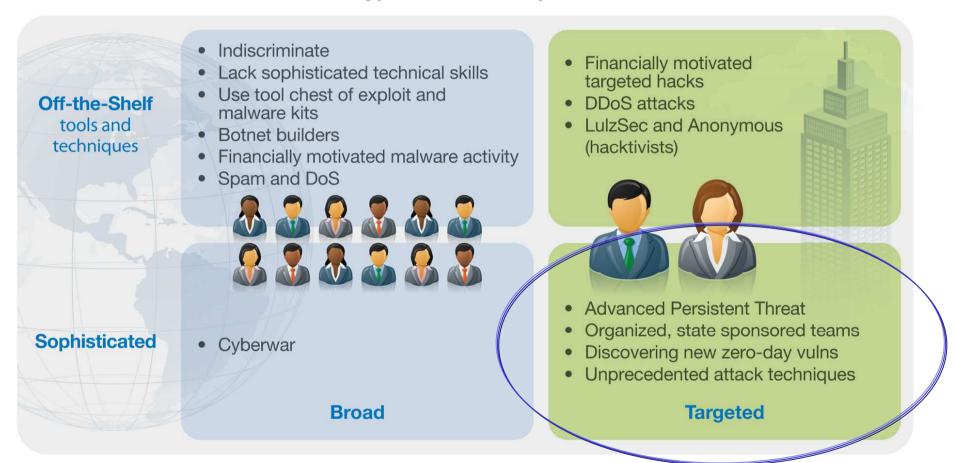
The drive-by-download process





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What is APT?

Advanced

- Using exploits for unreported vulnerabilities (zero day)
- Advanced, custom malware that isn't detected by antivirus products
- Coordinated attacks using a variety of vectors

Persistent

- Attacks lasting for months or years
- Resistant to remediation attempts
- Attackers are dedicated to the target they WILL get in

Threat

- Targeted at specific individuals and groups within an organization, aimed at compromising confidential information
- Not random attacks they're actually "out to get you"





Internet Intelligence Collection

- -Scan the corporate website, Google, and Google News
 - Who works there? What are their titles?
 - Write index cards with names and titles
- -Search for Linkedin, Facebook, and Twitter Profiles
 - Who do these people work with?
 - Fill in blanks in the org chart
- –Who works with the information we'd like to target?
 - What is their reporting structure?
 - Who are their friends?
 - What are they interested in?
 - What is their email address?
 - At work?
 - Personal email?



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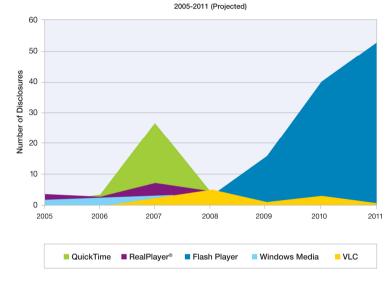
Multi-media & doc vulnerabilities increase

Critical and High Vulnerability Disclosures Affecting Multimedia Software

 Significant increases in both categories

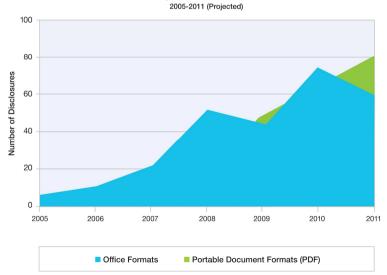
Attackers have zeroed in on software that consumers are running regardless of the browser

 Recent efforts to sandbox these applications are not perfect



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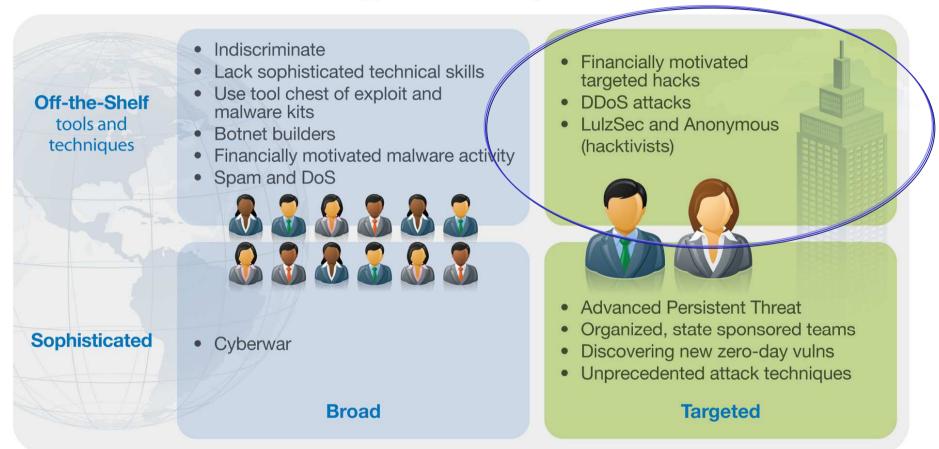
Critical and High Vulnerability Disclosures Affecting Document Format Issues





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Hacktivists are politically motivated



We do not forget. Expect us."**

*Source: David Shankbone



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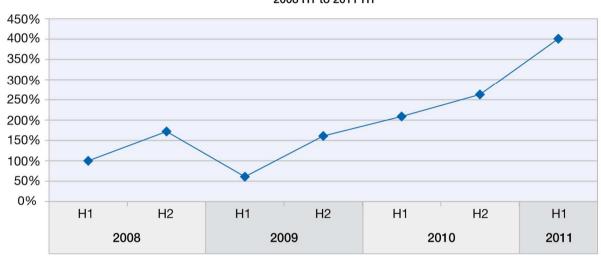
**Source: Yale Law and Technology, November 9, 2009



Anonymous proxies on the rise

- About 4 times the amount from 3 years ago
- Some used to hide attacks, some used to evade censorship

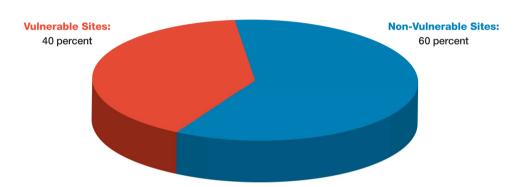






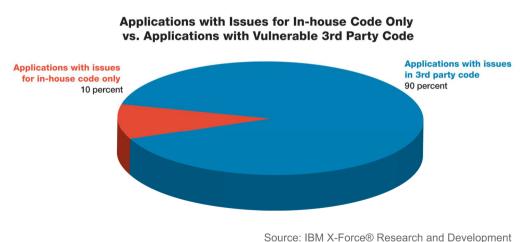
Many major operations have important security blindspots

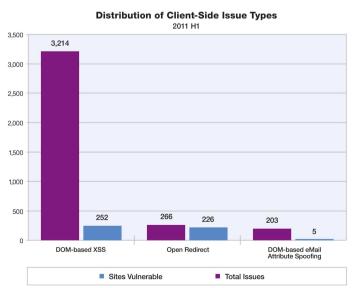
- IBM scanned 678 websites
 - -Fortune 500 & 178 popular sites
- 40% contain client-side JavaScript vulnerabilities
- Third party code is primary culprit



Percentage of Vulnerable Websites

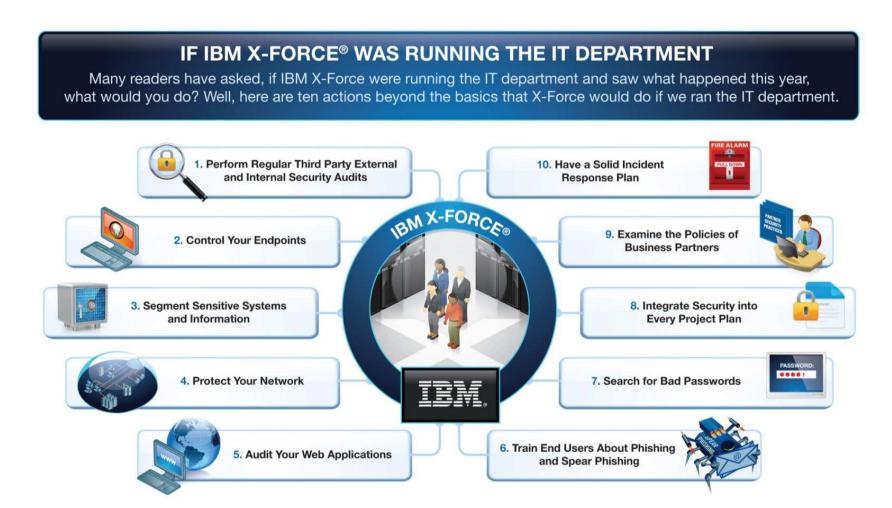
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2012 Priorities and Next Steps



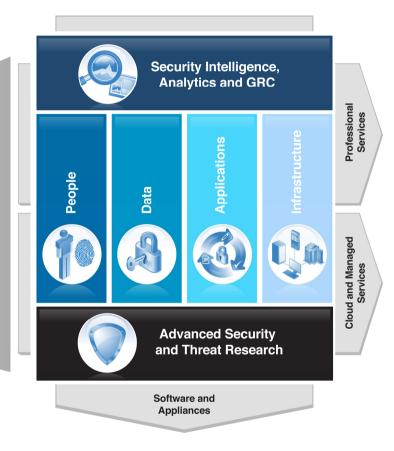


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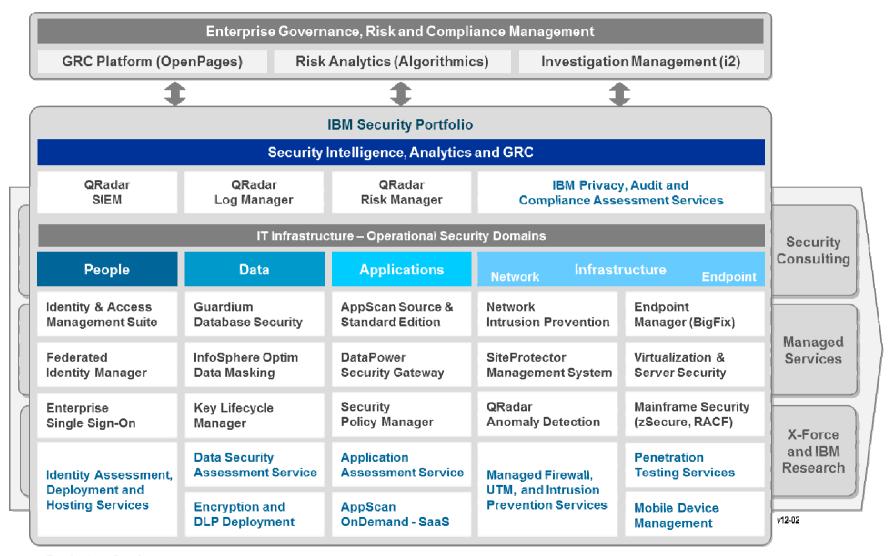
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