

Malware

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Spam

Monetizing Spam

- Advertising
- Phishing
- Scams
- Stock price manipulation
- New bots

Monetizing Spam

- 60% -- 90% of all email
- 10s of billions of spam messages
- Most spam is never delivered
- Success rates:

 - 1/200,000 (.0005%) malware hit rate
 1/12,000,000 (.0000083%) purchase

• Revenue: \$1.5-2M/year

Phishing, Spear Phishing

Trick the recipient into taking unsafe action

Email Attack Countermeasures

- User vigilance
- Filtering by email providers

Denial of Service

Attacks on Availability

- Overload capacity
- Block access ransomware
- Component failure

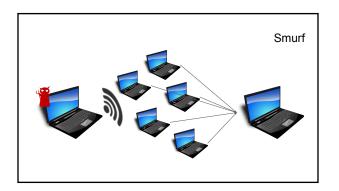
Overloading Capacity

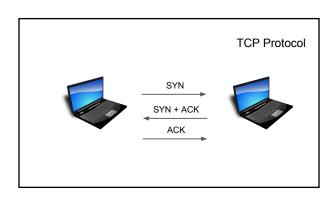
- Ping of Death
- Smurf
- SYN Flood
- DDOS

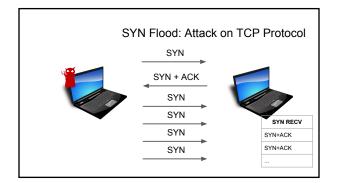
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Ping

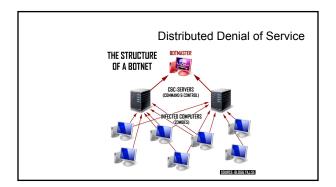
- Internet Control Message Protocol (ICMP)
- Send & Reply
- Tests reachability and availability of destination

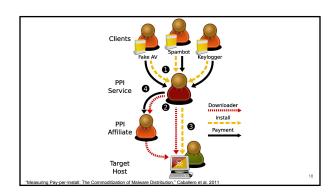






Underground Economy





Threats to the Underground Economy

- Identification and authentication
- Single point of failure
- No honor among thieves

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