INSANITY IS - OR HOW CAN WE FINALLY MAKE PROGRESS ON SECURING OUR COMPUTING INFRASTRUCTURE?

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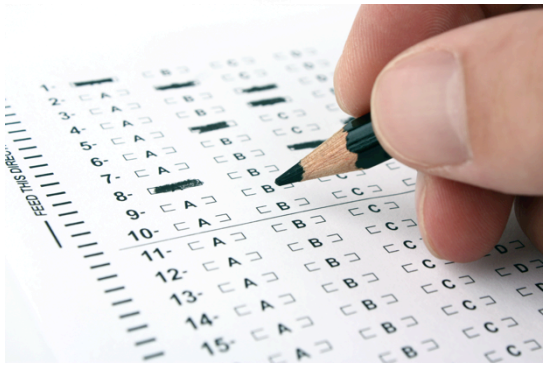
Overview

- Security fallacies
  - Stop blaming (and “educating”) users
  - Reduce the value of targets
  - Avoid “small mistake, huge cost”
  - Secure key identifiers
  - Make it hard to scale attacks
  - Make it easy to detect loss
  - Design fraud-resistant systems
  - Worry about DOS attacks on humans
- Robo-calling and caller ID spoofing
- Professional responsibility to not just patch things

Pattern of failure



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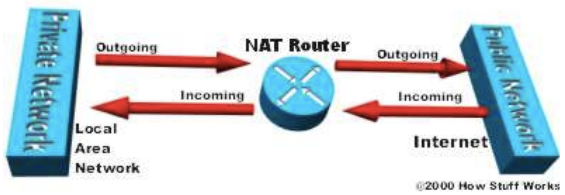


ICE
STUN
TURN

secure OS & applications

MS-ISAC
MULTI-STATE
Information Sharing & Analysis Center

Be careful with e-mail

What are you worried about?

Goal	click fraud, DDOS	empty bank account	
What doesn't help	Encrypt all protocols	firewall	Updates (zero-days)
What might	Update software; firewall	Defense in depth	Encrypt all protocols

Limited incentive for companies

The now infamous Sony breach supposedly perpetrated by North Korea at the end of 2014 drew **initial loss estimates of more than $100 million**. In the end, the breach did all.

In its **Q3 2014 financial statemen** breach resulted in "just $15 million costs' and that it doesn't expect to A senior general manager later sai **million** for the fiscal year ending M

To give some scale to these losses Sony's total projected sales for 201 estimates.

Target was also subjected to a particularly nasty data breach in late 2013 involving 40 million credit and debit card records and 70 million other records (including addresses and phone numbers).

In **its latest financial statements**, Target said the gross expenses from the data breach were $252 million. When we subtract insurance reimbursement, the losses fall to $162 million. If we subtract tax deductions (yes, breach-related expenses are deductible), the net losses tally $105 million.

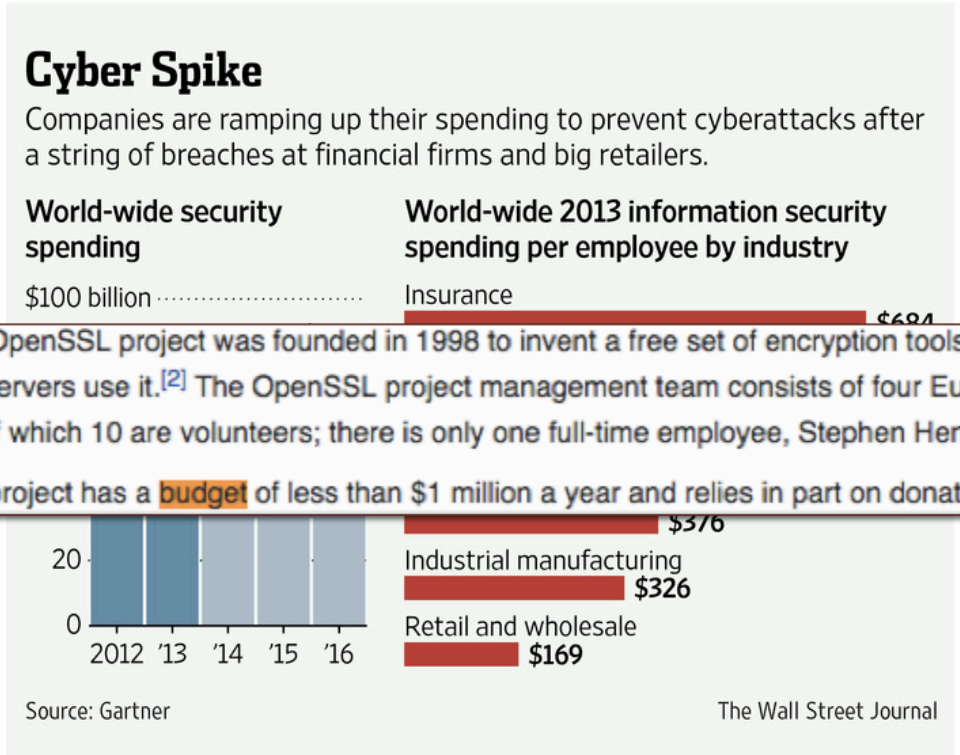
This is the equivalent of 0.1% of 2014 sales.

Finally, Home Depot suffered a breach last year that resulted in 56 million credit and debit card numbers and 53 million email addresses being stolen.

The net expenses incurred by Home Depot ended up at **$28 million following an insurance reimbursement of $15 million**. This represents less than 0.01% of Home Depot's sales for 2014.

doesn't account
for costs to customers
and credit card companies

Tragedy of the Commons, again



The OpenSSL project was founded in 1998 to invent a free set of encryption tools for the code used on the Internet. As of 2014 two thirds of all webservers use it.[2] The OpenSSL project management team consists of four Europeans. The entire development group consists of 11 members, out of which 10 are volunteers; there is only one full-time employee, Stephen Henson, the lead developer.[3]

The project has a budget of less than $1 million a year and relies in part on donations. Steve Marquess, a former military consultant in Maryland

Six dumbest ideas in security (Ranum 2005)

- Default permit
  - firewall rules
  - code execution
- Enumerating badness
  - track goodness instead
- Penetrate and patch
  - Java, Adobe Flash
  - ←→ Qmail, PostFix compartmentalization
- Hacking is cool
  - → good engineering is cool
- Educating users
- Action is better than inaction

Six other dumb ideas

1. (US) credit cards
2. Social security numbers – public key cryptography, redefined
3. Checks
4. Linux ssh security defaults
   - allow root login; no 2-factor built-in; no automated context login
5. Allowing user applications to write any file
   - → ransomware
6. No type checking for external input data for web languages
   - we won't even talk about PHP `register_globals`

Security approach: blame the victim

Choose passwords you can't remember!

Run 10 anti-virus systems!

Don't click on that link!

Pay cash!

Choose another operating system!

Nobody cares about you!

- Unless you have access to high-value information
  - sometimes for individualized identity theft
- You are only valuable as
  - a credit card number that can be resold in bulk ($2-$8)
  - a machine usable for …
    - DOS attacks
    - email spam
      - 88% of spam sent by botnet
    - a machine usable for advertising click fraud
      - watch highlighted links!
      - $0.002-0.003/click → $0.50-$2 CPM

USA		For 1-9 pcs	For 10-25 pcs	For 26-50 pcs	For 51-100 pcs	For more 100 pcs
MasterCard	Standard	20$	17	12	10	8
	Classic	23$	20	16	12	10
	Gold	30$	25	22	20	16
	Platinum	35$	30	26	22	19
	Business	40$	35	30	27	23
	Corporation	44$	40	36	32	28
	Infinity	48$	42	38	32	28
Visa	Standard	20$	16	12	9	9
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	Gold	30$	27	23	20	15
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	Business	40$	36	32	28	22
	Corporation& etc	45$	40	36	32	28
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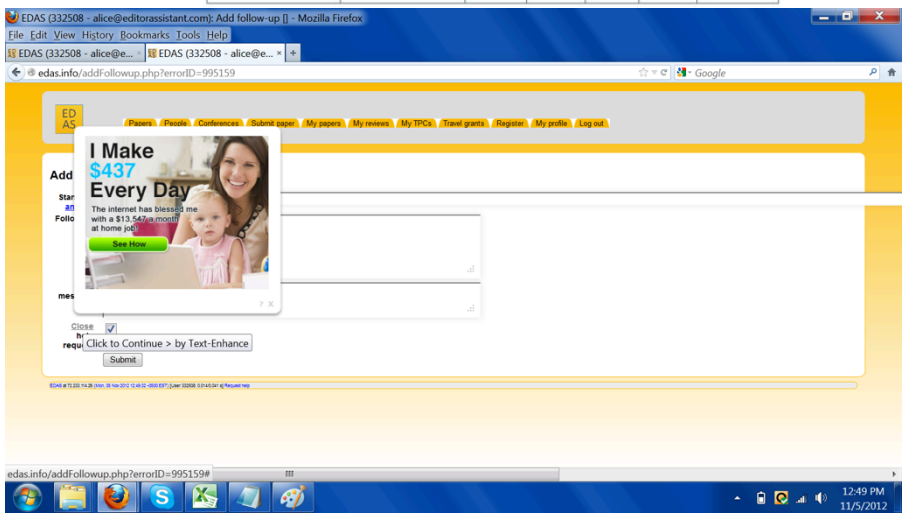
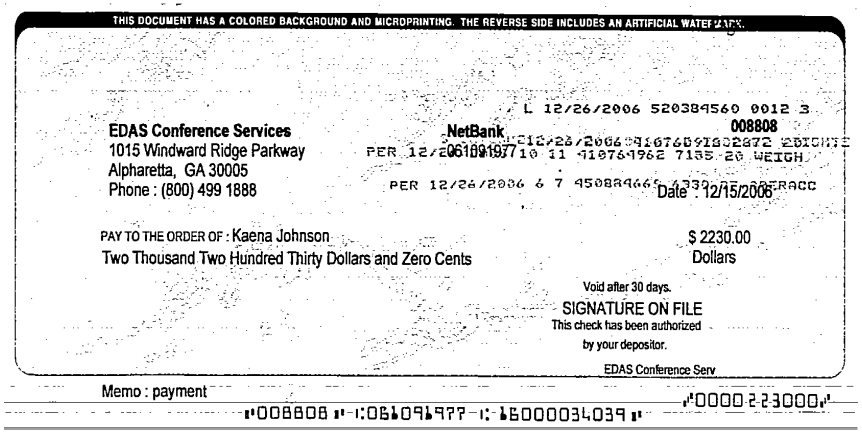


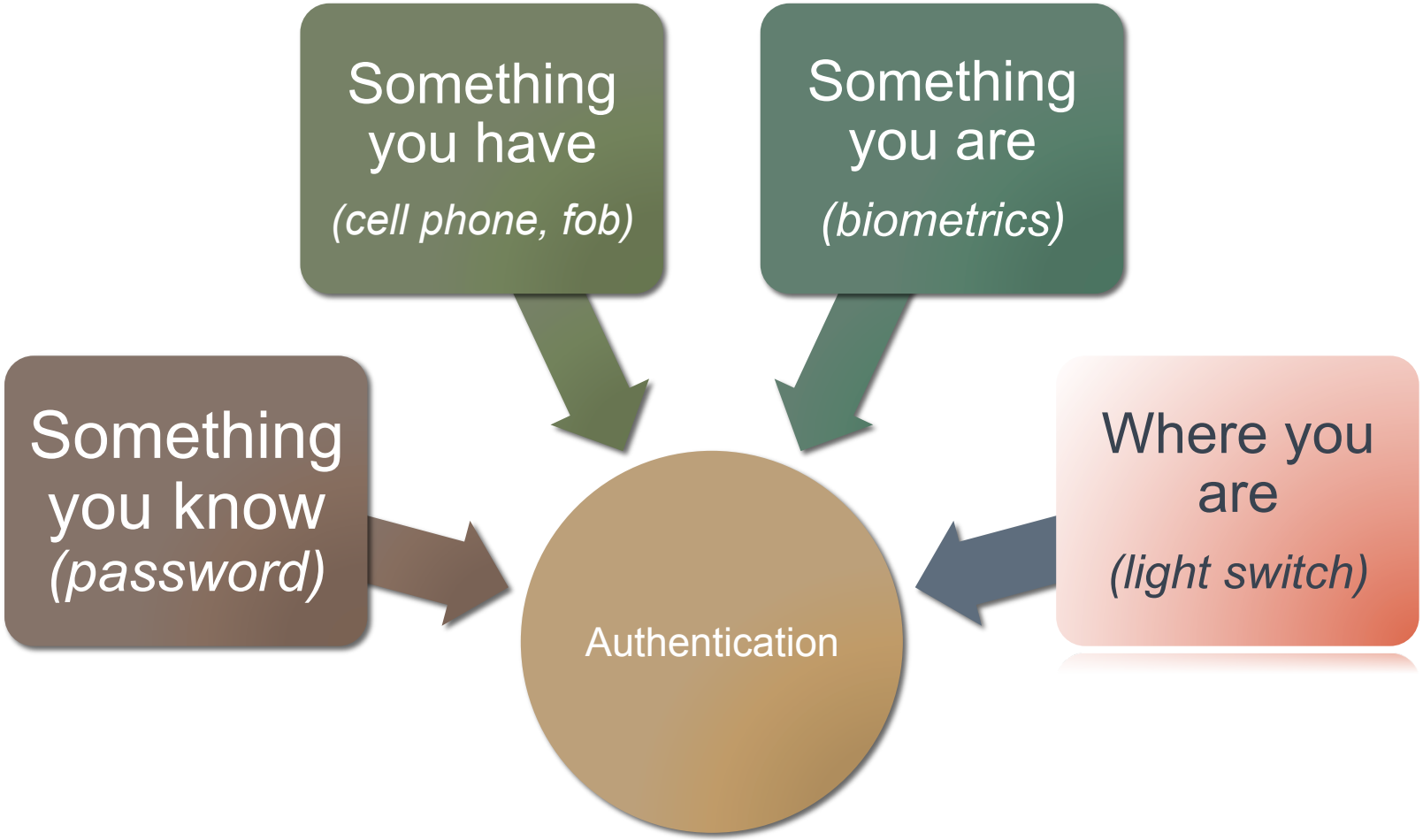
You are (mostly) on your own

- Credit card
  - liability limited to $50
  - US: mag stripe vs. chip & PIN
- Debit card
  - two days → $50, otherwise $500
- Checks
  - no, your bank does *not* check your signature (or your address)
- Consumer bank account → Regulation E
  - no liability if reported within 60 days
- Small business account
  - No protection, no loss bound
  - ACH fraud common

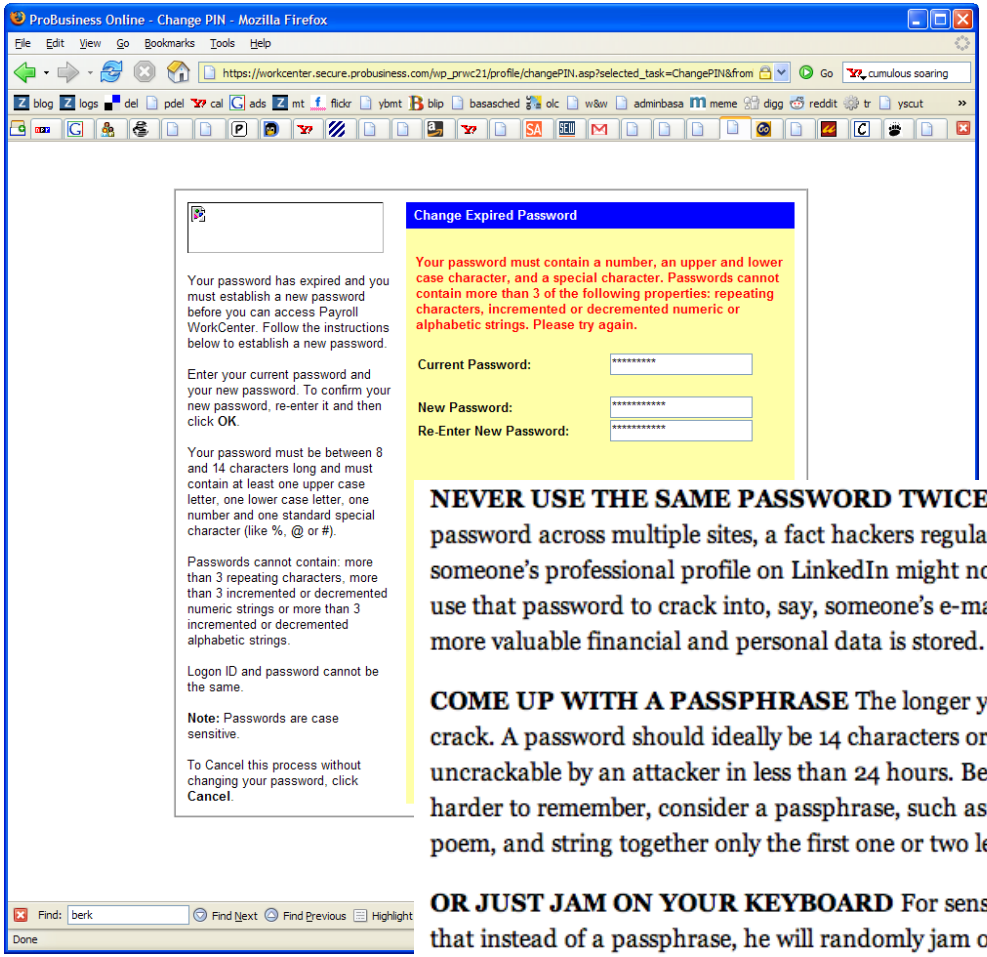


AUTHENTICATION

Traditional authentication



Password policies gone amuck



- Contradictory policies
  - Strong passwords don't work everywhere
- Password expiration
  - and can't use old one
- Don't re-use password across sites

NEVER USE THE SAME PASSWORD TWICE People tend to use the same password across multiple sites, a fact hackers regularly exploit. While cracking into someone's professional profile on LinkedIn might not have dire consequences, hackers will use that password to crack into, say, someone's e-mail, bank, or brokerage account where more valuable financial and personal data is stored.

COME UP WITH A PASSPHRASE The longer your password, the longer it will take to crack. A password should ideally be 14 characters or more in length if you want to make it uncrackable by an attacker in less than 24 hours. Because longer passwords tend to be harder to remember, consider a passphrase, such as a favorite movie quote, song lyric, or poem, and string together only the first one or two letters of each word in the sentence.

OR JUST JAM ON YOUR KEYBOARD For sensitive accounts, Mr. Grossman says that instead of a passphrase, he will randomly jam on his keyboard, intermittently hitting the Shift and Alt keys, and copy the result into a text file which he stores on an encrypted, password-protected USB drive. "That way, if someone puts a gun to my head and demands to know my password, I can honestly say I don't know it."

NY Times, 11/07/2012

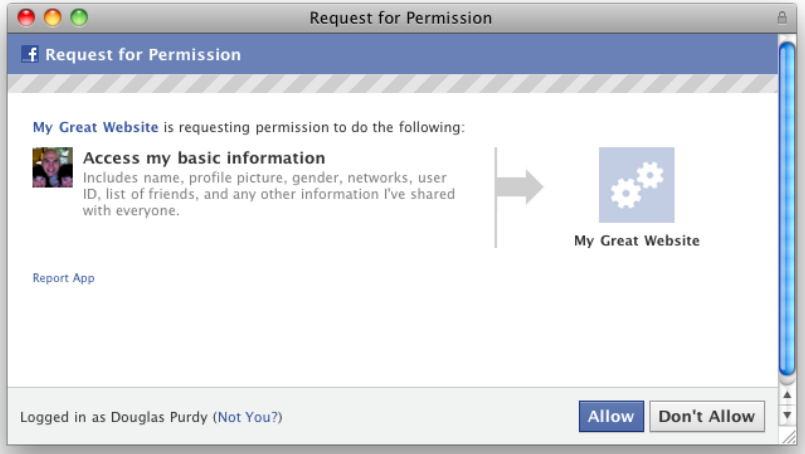
Password advice

- Unless you're the CIA director, writing down passwords is safe
  - you'll pick safer ones if you do
- Stop blaming users → web sites need to tell us what they do
  - bad: plain text, silly rules
  - not much better: hashed
  - good: salted hash, single sign-on
- Impacts password recovery
  - bad: your dog's name
  - not great: send password to email
  - ok: time-limited reset link

More password issues

- With rainbow tables, only length matters
  - 12+ characters likely safe
  - except for dictionary word combinations
  - brute force via GPU: billions of guesses a second
- Always next year: single sign on

OneID

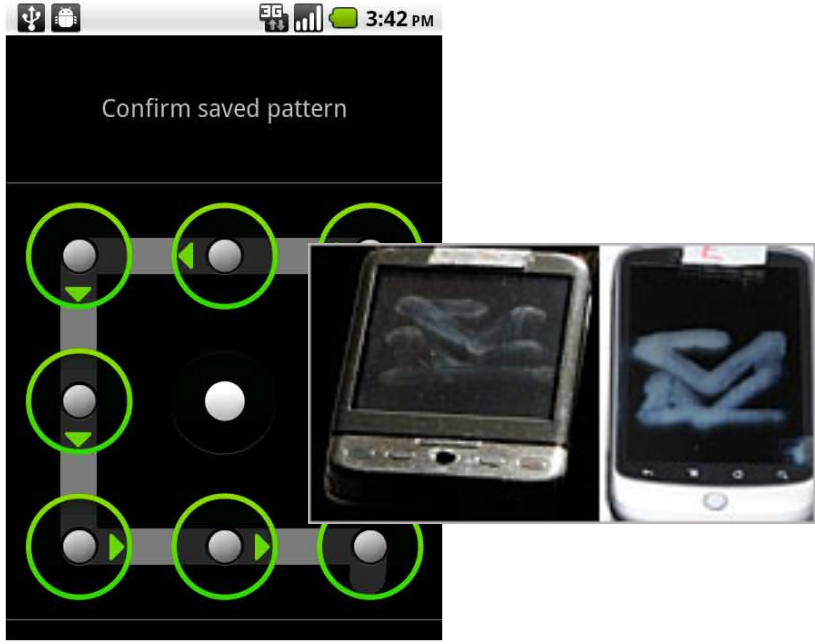


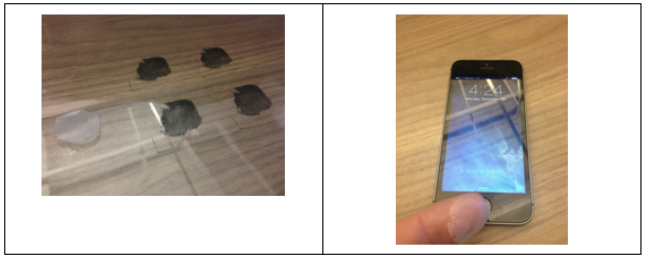
Reduce value of goods

- Particularly single-factor goods
  - if you can't tell that they are gone

What about non-passwords?

- Replacements have been suggested:
  - Swipe pattern (Android)
  - Voice pattern
  - Fingerprints (TouchID)
  - Keyboard typing or swiping
  - Face recognition
- Problems:
  - not generalizable
    - only works on some devices
  - not precisely representable
    - doomed if you have a cold or are in a noisy airport
    - likely need password backup
  - hard to have different ones → bad if clonable
- Useful as supplement for high-value transactions

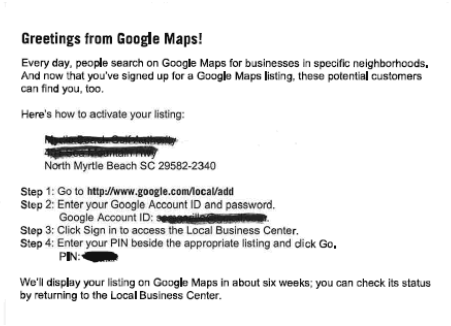




Fake fingerprint alongside transparency prints *Using the fake fingerprint*

The convergence to "what you have"

- Two-factor authentication
- Advantages:
  - easy to recognize when lost
  - hard to scale theft (but: see RSA)
  - separate data path
    - voice path vs. data path
    - postal mail
  - related: host recognition (e.g., via cookies)



Greetings from Google Maps!

Every day, people search on Google Maps for businesses in specific neighborhoods. And now that you've signed up for a Google Maps listing, these potential customers can find you, too.

Here's how to activate your listing:

[redacted]
North Myrtle Beach SC 29582-2340

Step 1: Go to **http://www.google.com/local/add**
Step 2: Enter your Google Account ID and password.
Google Account ID: [redacted]
Step 3: Click Sign in to access the Local Business Center.
Step 4: Enter your PIN beside the appropriate listing and click Go.
PIN: [redacted]

We'll display your listing on Google Maps in about six weeks; you can check its status by returning to the Local Business Center.

Provide physical validation services

- Goals:
  - make scaling hard for bad guy
  - increase risk of arrest
  - make geography matter
- But generally not integrated with digital processes!

Identity check - because you can't be too careful

POSTIDENT gives you the ability to check the identity of your recipient using one of three preselected methods.

› Identification by the retail outlet

POSTIDENT BASIC is secure identification by our outlets in the recipient's town.

› Identification by the mail carrier

POSTIDENT COMFORT provides for secure identification by the mail carrier.

› Signatures on original documents

POSTIDENT SPECIAL: authentic signatures on your important original documents

› Basic, Comfort, Special

A quick reference comparison of the three *POSTIDENT* options

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As of July 1, 2012, we offer you new, modern additional services.

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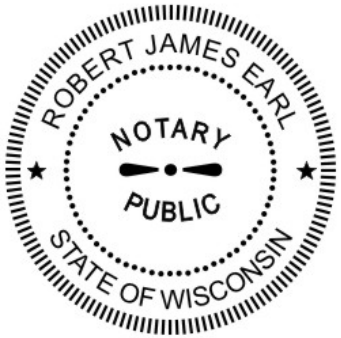


UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE

Apply for a Passport

You can apply for a passport at many Post Offices™ around the country. At some locations, we'll even take your passport photos for an additional fee. Use our PO Locator tool to find a nearby Post Office that accepts passport applications. Select "Passports" from the drop down under Location Types.

Find a Post Office that accepts passport applications ›

Applications | Renewals

For new passport applications, you should bring...

1. Your Completed Application

You can complete it online through the State Department's web site, or print and complete it by hand. New applicants, renewals, name changes or corrections, and lost or stolen passports each require a different application.

Find the right form at the State Department's web site ›

2. Two Types of Identification, with Copies of Each

You'll need one proving U.S. citizenship...

- Previously issued, undamaged U.S. Passport
- Certified birth certificate issued by the city, county, or state
- Consular Report of Birth Abroad or Birth Certificate
- Naturalization Certificate
- Certificate of Citizenship

SECURING THE INTERNET

We must make the Internet secure!

Application layer

- knows the what & who

Transport layer: TLS, DTLS

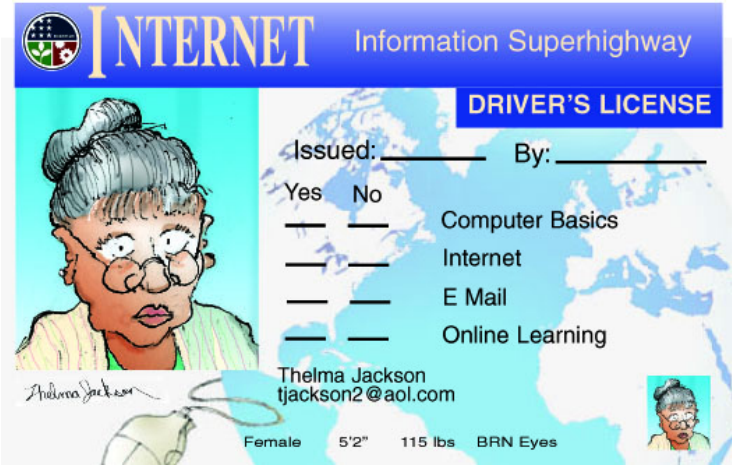
- certificate validation often wrong
- no client certificates (domain vs. user)
- integrated transport & security layer?

Internet layer

- deployability
- doesn't know user & desired operation
- changes with mobility
- IP layer as introducer → by definition, parties may not know each other
- → secure *infrastructure*

Securing the Internet – once and for all!

- Dream of a security layer that lets everybody else do nothing
- Suggested: “Internet passport”
  - no more unauthenticated packets!
  - what about compromised machines?
- Possible:
  - “don’t talk to me unless I talked to you”
  - → permission-based sending
  - most useful for small-group DOS attacks
    - but most are now trickle attacks
  - keep out packets at coarse level
    - “not interested in packets from Elbonia”
      - but easily spoofed



Cause of death for the next big thing

	QoS	multi-cast	mobile IP	active networks	IPsec	IPv6
not manageable across competing domains	✞	✞	✞	✞		
not configurable by normal users (or apps writers)	✞			✞	✞	
no business model for ISPs	✞	✞	✞	✞	✞	✞
no initial gain	✞	✞	✞	✞		✞
80% solution in existing system	✞	✞	✞	✞	✞	✞ (NAT)
increase system vulnerability	✞	✞	✞	✞		

Secure key identifiers

- Security by:
  - return routability
  - cryptographic proof of ownership
  - keeping them secret (SSN)

Identifier	Proof of ownership	Spoofable	Critical for
IP address	RR, RPKI (?)	egress filtering (RFC 3013)	everything…
AS number	RPKI?	yes (BGP)	routing
domain name	TLS	TLS failures → DANE	web sites
email address	RR	mostly	password recovery
phone number	RR	caller-ID spoofing	2-factor authentication
location	?	yes	authentication

Avoid single-failure = catastrophic failure

- Download the wrong application → bank account gone
- Attacker advantage: one flaw, hundreds of thousands of victims
- → Make it hard to scale attacks
  - require access to physical world
  - multiple paths that are unpredictable to far-away third party
  - Honey pots (e.g., trap spam senders)
- System design:
  - separate systems for high-value transactions
    - separate web browser
    - separate VM
    - single-purpose computer
    - second independent path: SMS

SECURING END SYSTEMS

The old attack model

Internet

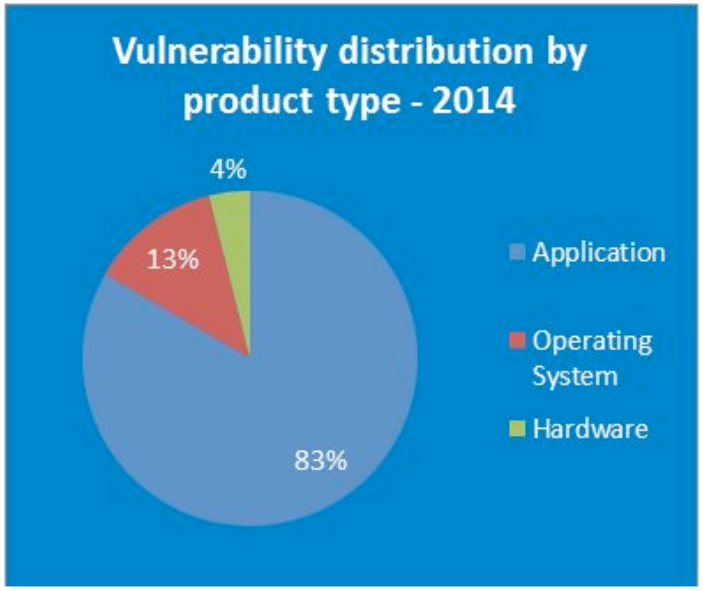
port 135
(DCE)

port 137, 139
(NetBIOS)

port 1433, 1434
(MS SQL)

… and now


downloaded documents
PDF
Adobe
Java


Vulnerability distribution by product type - 2014
4%
13%
83%
Application
Operating System
Hardware

Vulnerabilities 2014

dubious metric?

Application	# of vulnerabilities	# of HIGH vulnerabilities	# of MEDIUM vulnerabilities	# of LOW vulnerabilities
Microsoft Internet Explorer	242	220	22	0
Google Chrome	124	86	38	0
Mozilla Firefox	117	57	57	3
Adobe Flash Player	76	65	11	0
Oracle Java	104	50	46	8
Mozilla Thunderbird	66	36	29	1
Mozilla Firefox ESR	61	35	25	1
Adobe Air	45	38	7	0
Apple TV	86	29	49	8
Adobe Reader	44	37	7	0
Adobe Acrobat	43	35	8	0
Mozilla SeaMonkey	63	28	34	1

What can be done?

- Harden key libraries
  - protocols (HTTP, SMTP, IMAP, SIP, …)
  - file type parsing
  - → fuzzing
- Separate parsing & system access via pipe
  - e.g., Google Chrome
- Separate VMs for enterprise applications (e.g., Docker)
  - allow separate IP address → filtering
- Self-learning security systems
  - MySQL: “I always get database queries from 128.59.16.10”

What can be done?

- Restrict privileges
  - Android: each app has separate user ID
  - Permission restriction
    - App store, rather than browser, for installing software
    - No need to store files in system areas
    - Limited system permissions
      - harder with HTML5, WebRTC, SVG, …
- Separate trusted hardware
  - **not** programmable
  - for high-value interactions
  - based on physical proximity

All systems must update automatically

- Manual updates → compromise (see Adobe Flash)
  - Microsoft “patch Tuesdays”
- “*Evergreen browsers*”: Firefox, Chrome
- MacOS transitioning to automatic updates
- yum on CentOS and RedHat EL
- Google policy on responsible disclosure

Software Lifecycle

- We are used to throwing computers away
  - Your phone, laptop, desktops, etc.
  - We've learned through great pain that we **must** keep them updated
- But we now build long lived devices and systems with computers inside, that are Internet connected
  - Your thermostats, home theater, home router, home theater, security cameras, light bulbs, etc. Soon car, refrigerators, coffee makers...
  - Installation costs often greatly exceed cost of the computer
- Some devices have potential lifetimes measured in decades
  - *These timescales are long relative to human organizations*
  - We've presumed we can "forget about these boxes"
  - Is this safe? NO! The SCADA problem writ large

Familiarity Breeds Contempt:

The Honeymoon Effect and the Role of Legacy Code in Zero-day Vulnerabilities

By Sandy Clark, Stefan Frei, Matt Blaze, Jonathan Smith, ACSAC '10

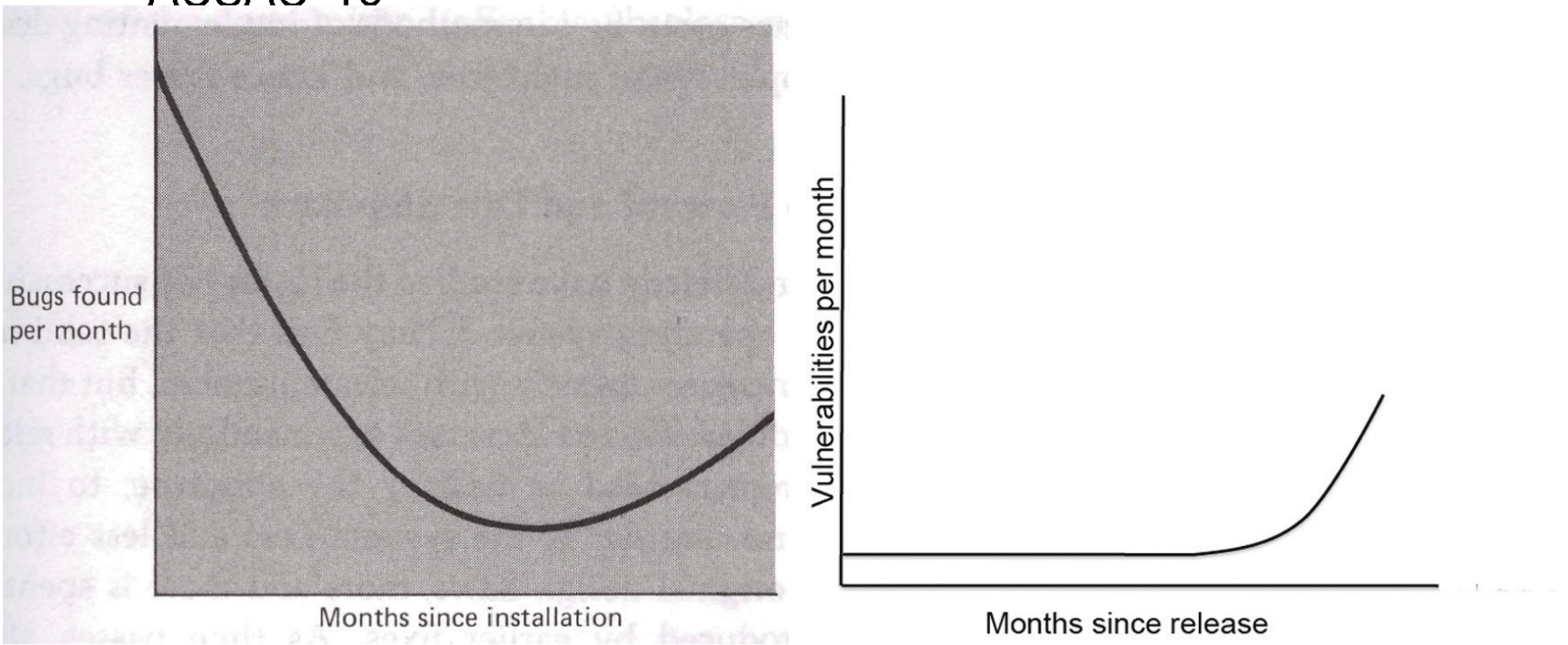


Figure 1

Home Routers, Modems, etc.

- Most important, as they are both MITM and your lifeline
- We now depend on our Internet service
  - e.g. POTS (wired telephones) are doomed: you'd like your phone to work in an emergency
- Brand new devices unmaintained and unpatched
  - **New devices start with 4 year old code!**
- Firmware is usually not updated after ~1 year after sale by vendor, after the crash rate diminishes, then rots
  - For most, you have to manually update them, and are even never notified of updates, if they even exist
- Embedded devices (e.g. your Nest thermostats) are no different than routers, except they are not on your path to the rest of the world (and are updated, at least for now...)

Wake Up Calls

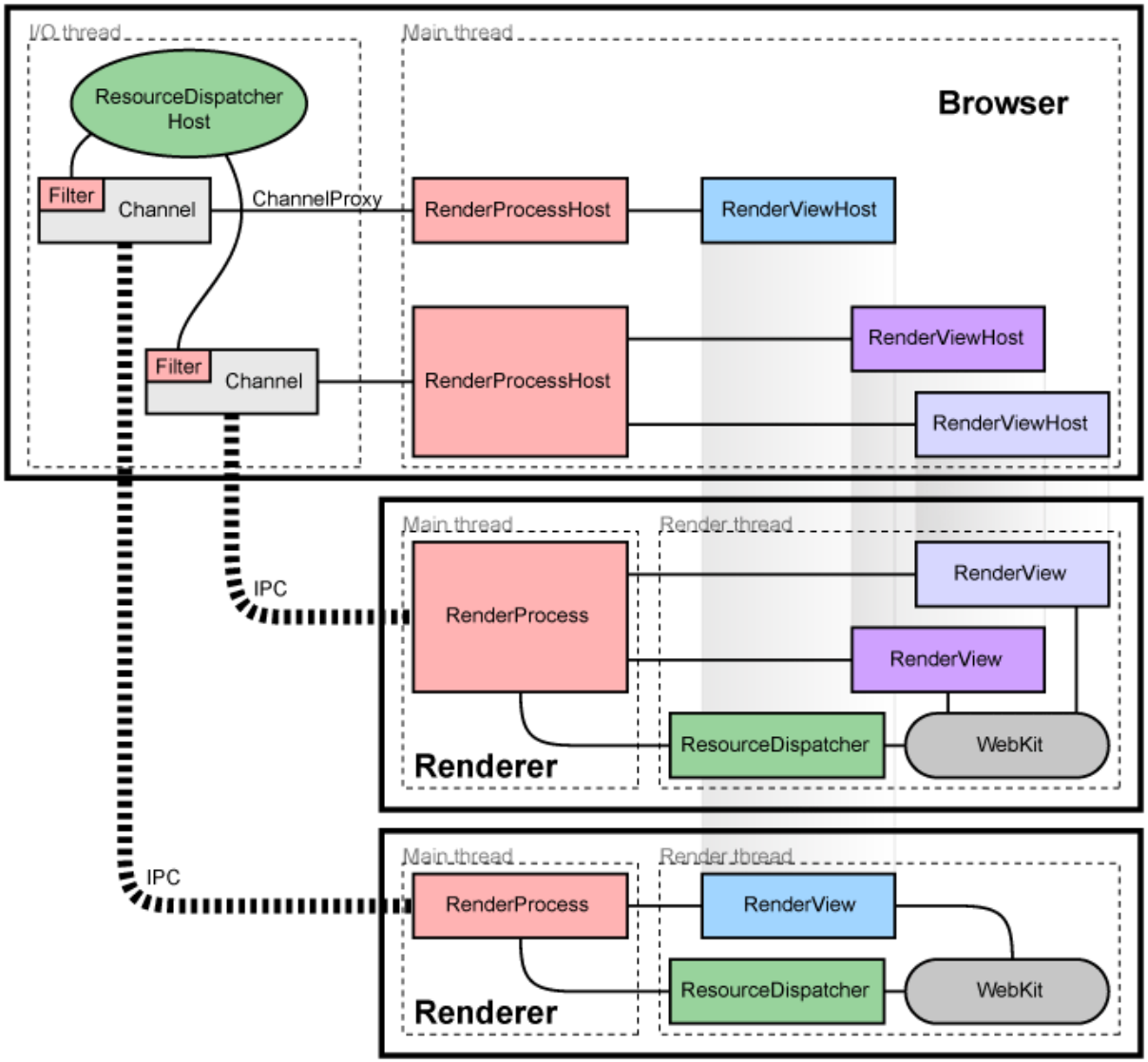
Bad guys have noticed these devices are vulnerable

- Research demonstrating *single* vulnerabilities that affect > half of the tested home routers
- A few examples:
  - DNSchanger attacked home routers as well as hosts
  - 4.5 million DSL routers in Brazil
  - TheMoon worm: most models of Linksys routers
  - Heartbleed...
- It's a matter of when, rather than if, we have a big, big problem, if we don't already...

NTP reflection attack

Jim Gettys (June 2014)

Design pattern: process separation



App permissions are not sufficient

YOUR LOCATION

COARSE (NETWORK-BASED) LOCATION

Access coarse location sources such as the cellular network database to determine an approximate tablet location, where available. Malicious apps may use this to determine approximately where you are. Access coarse location sources such as the cellular network database to determine an approximate phone location, where available. Malicious apps may use this to determine approximately where you are.

FINE (GPS) LOCATION

Access fine location sources such as the Global Positioning System on the tablet, where available. Malicious apps may use this to determine where you are, and may consume additional battery power. Access fine location sources
phone, where available. Malicious apps may use this to determine
ttery power.

NETWORK COMMUNICATION

FULL INTERNET ACCESS

Allows the app to create network sockets.

PHONE CALLS

READ PHONE STATE AND IDENTITY

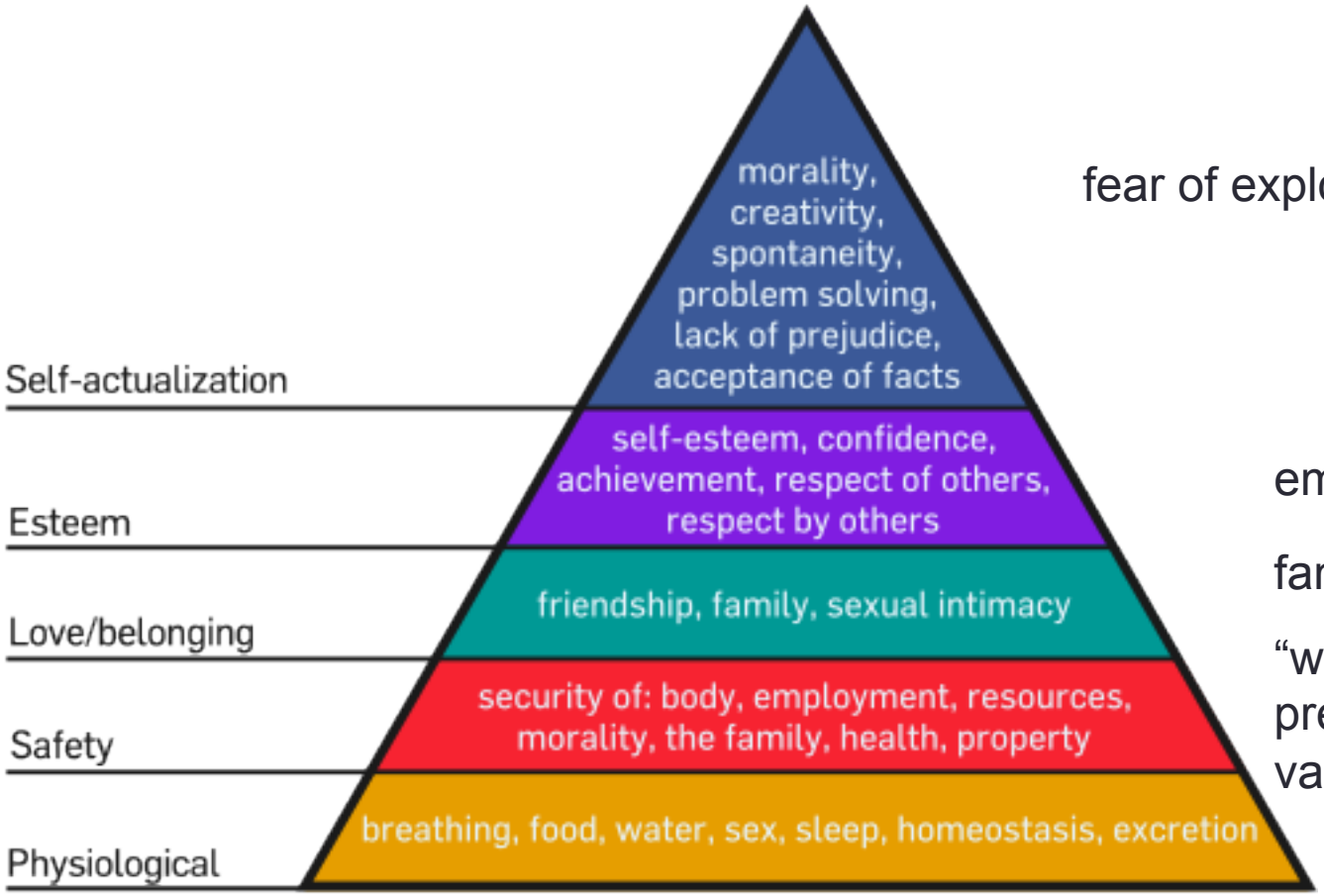
Allows the app to access the phone features of the device. An app with this permission can determine the phone number and serial number of this phone, whether a call is active, the number that call is connected to and the like.

STORAGE

MODIFY/DELETE USB STORAGE CONTENTS MODIFY/DELETE SD CARD CONTENTS

Allows the app to write to the USB storage. Allows the app to write to the SD card.

Privacy threats



fear of exploration

embarrassment

family secrets

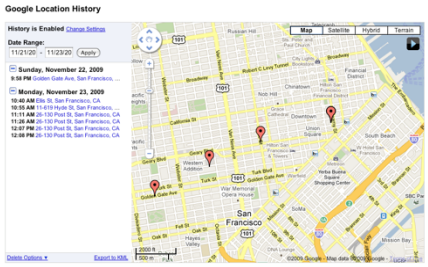
“we regret to inform you”
pre-existing condition

vacation burglary

stalking

Privacy

- Difficulty of defining privacy
  - specific threats vs. just fear of threat
  - current vs. future (e.g., job search)
- Emphasis on data gathering unhelpful
  - → same information can be used for low-risk and high-risk activities
- IETF GEOPRIV approach:
  - how long is data stored?
  - is it shared with third parties?
    - (but what are third parties?)



Privacy – other approaches

- Hiding & obfuscation
  - e.g., pretend that location is unavailable
  - fuzz location
- Restrict sensitive information to approved purposes
  - expose location to well-known ad network, not unknown
- Third-party privacy evaluation
- FTC Section 5 enforcement (“unfair or deceptive practices”)

Improving network infrastructure security

- FCC + industry for six months → three critical threats to the Internet:
  - Domain Name System security
  - Routing security
  - Botnets
- Specific voluntary recommendations approved by CSRIC in March 2011 to advance deployment of DNSSEC, BGPSEC, and a domestic ISP Code of Conduct to fight botnets.
- Nine of the largest ISPs, representing nearly 90% of the domestic user base, publicly announced their intent to deploy the recommendations.
- Next step: measure deployment & impact → *Measuring Broadband America*

What can be done?

insecure device

secure device

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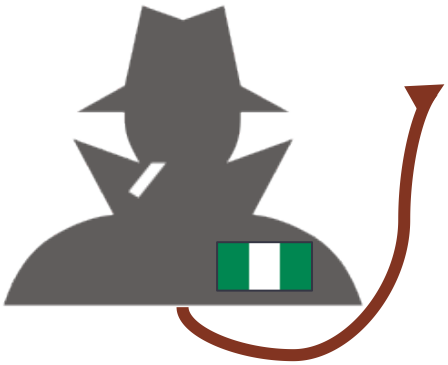
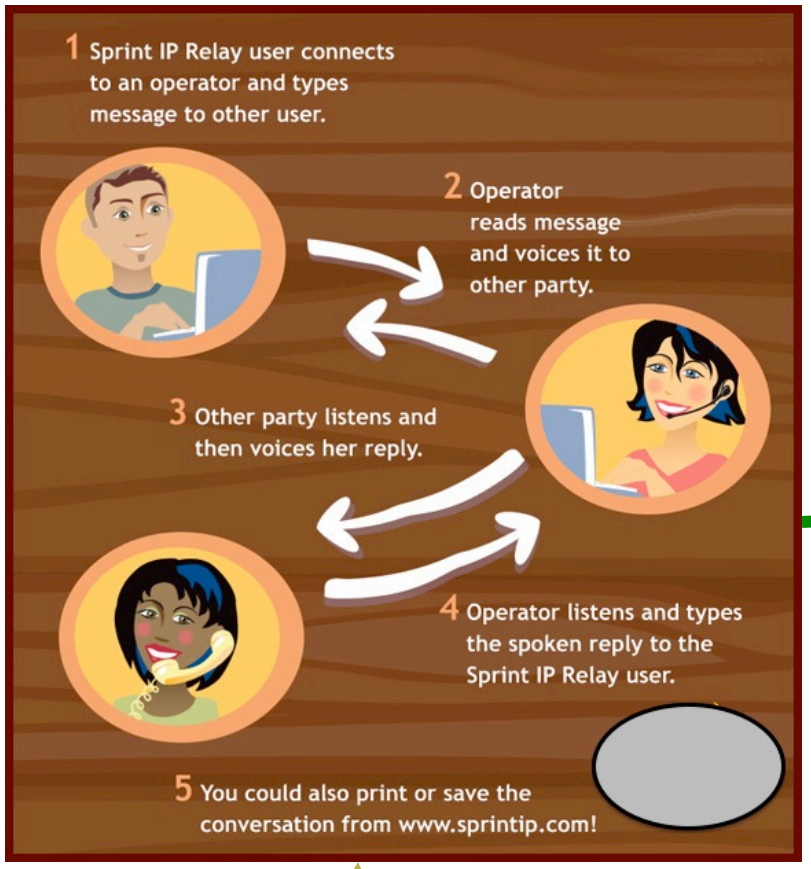
SECURITY BEYOND VIRUSES AND PHISHING: FRAUD & HUMAN DOS ATTACKS

Fraud in TRS (text relay service)





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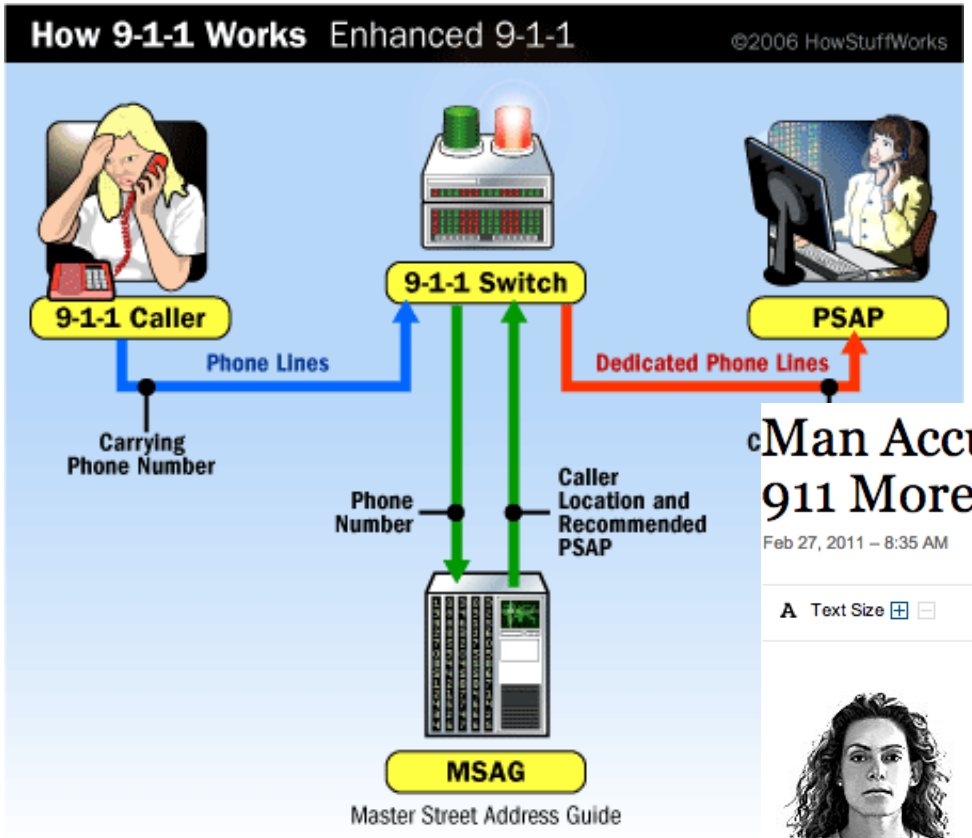
DOS attacks on humans: 9-1-1



Man Accused of Prank Calling 911 More Than 18,000 Times

Feb 27, 2011 – 8:35 AM

A Text Size

Lauren Frayer
Contributor

A Los Angeles man has been arrested after allegedly making more than 18,000 prank calls to the 911 emergency hotline.

Maurice Cruz, 43, was arrested Friday on suspicion of misusing 911 emergency lines to annoy or harass, the Los Angeles Times reported. That charge is a misdemeanor punishable by a $1,000 fine and up to six months in prison. He was released later the same day on bail.

The California Highway Patrol says it believes Cruz used a deactivated cell phone -- which has no service plan but still works for emergency numbers -- to make the prank calls over the past six

Conclusion

- Internet security is a *systems* problem, not (primarily) a crypto or protocol problem
- Treat security as system failures → redundancy, time-to-repair
- Don't wait for the Internet to be secure
- Global optimization:
  - change processes
  - encourage transparency and informed consumer choice
  - economics: externalities – make cause of problem bear the cost

ROBOCALLS & CALLER-ID SPOOFING

The Telemarketing Sales Rule: Three Protections

Do not call (national)

- no sales calls to users on do-not-call list

Do not call (entity-specific)

- businesses and for-profit fundraisers can't make sales or solicitation calls to consumers who have previously requested not to receive calls from that company.

Robocalls

- businesses can't make sales calls to consumers
  - does not include politicians
- prohibited even if the consumer's phone number is not on the Do Not Call Registry
- except written permission

FTC (Will Maxson, 2012)

What calls are **not** covered?

- Most business to businesses telemarketing
- Debt collection calls
- Customer service or customer satisfaction calls
- Market research/survey calls (only if no sales pitch)
- Polling/political calls (get out the vote, contribution requests)
- Calls made by companies subject to special federal /state regulation (banks, phone companies, insurance companies)
- Robocalls delivering a healthcare message made by or for a covered entity, as defined by the HIPAA Privacy Rule

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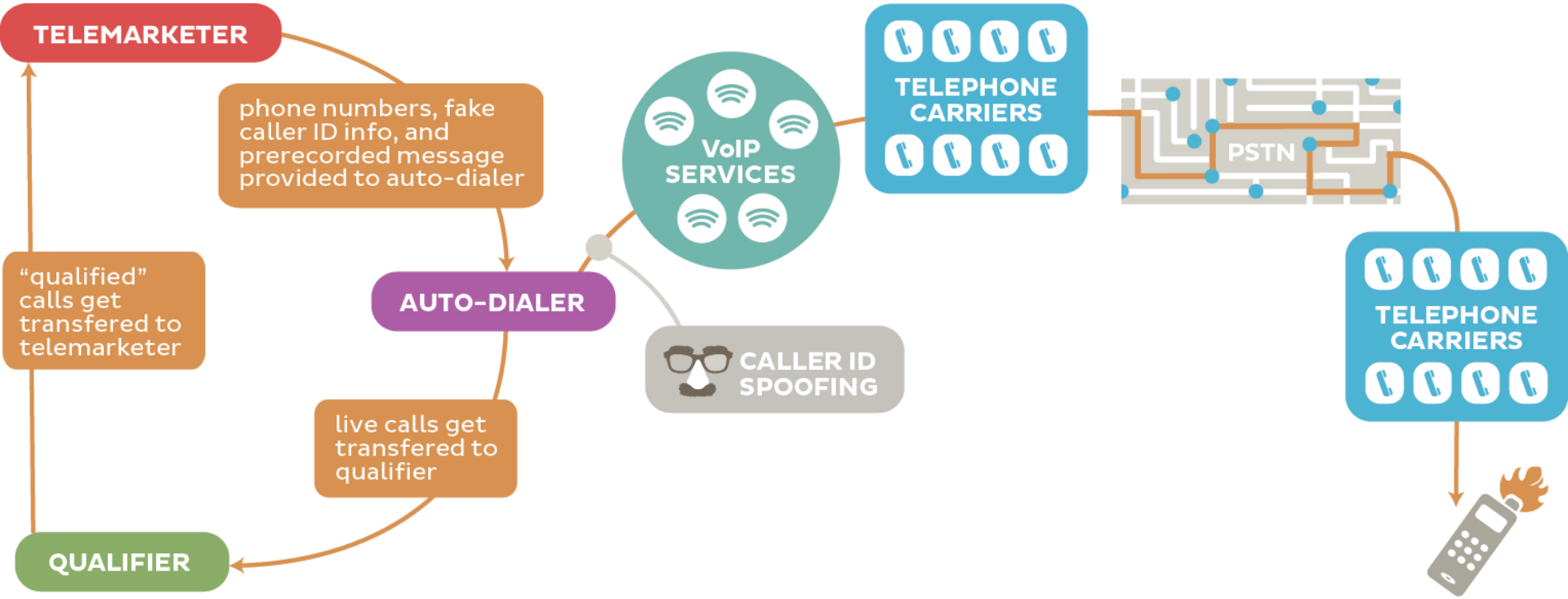
How do robocalls work?



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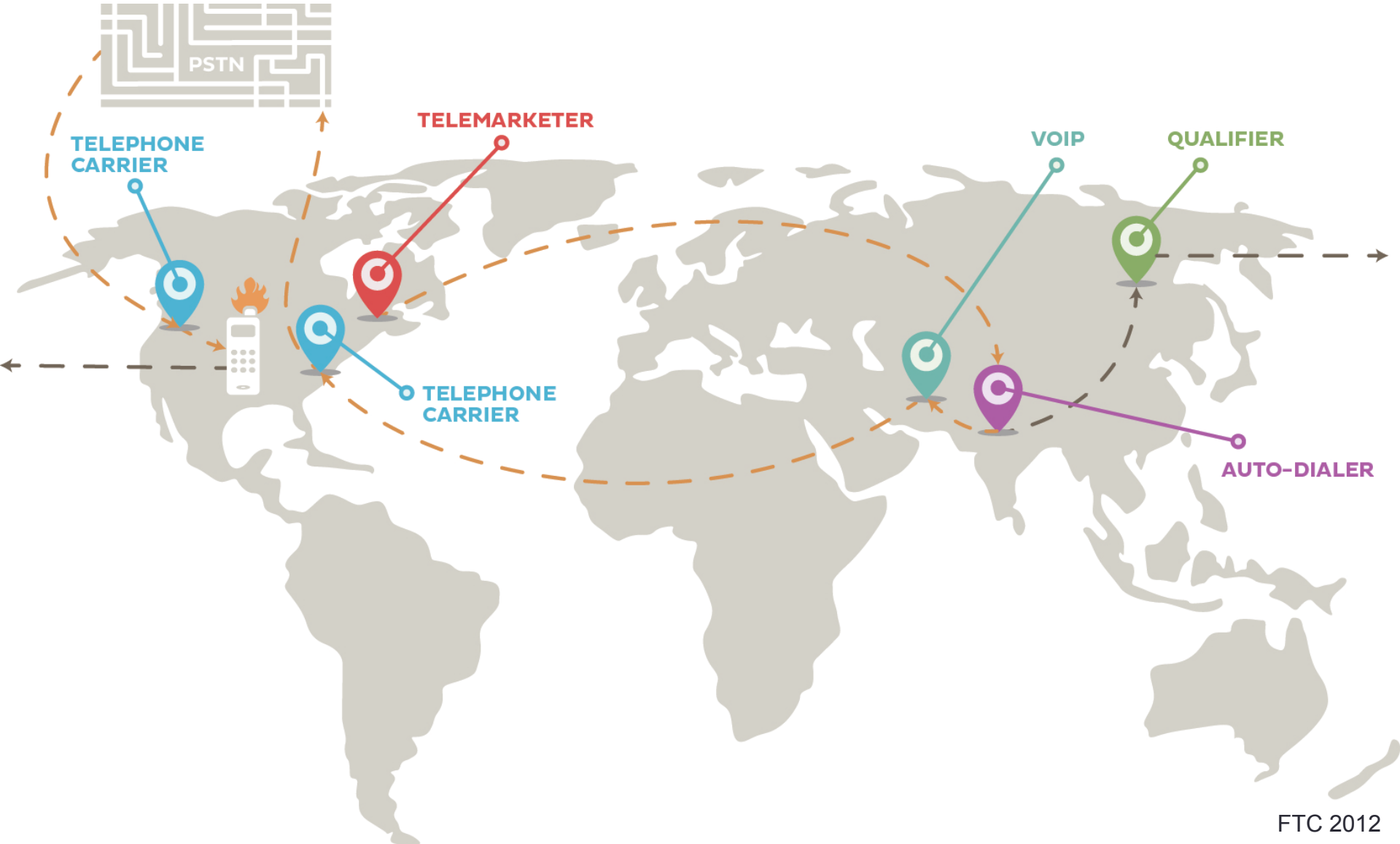
The geography of robo-calling



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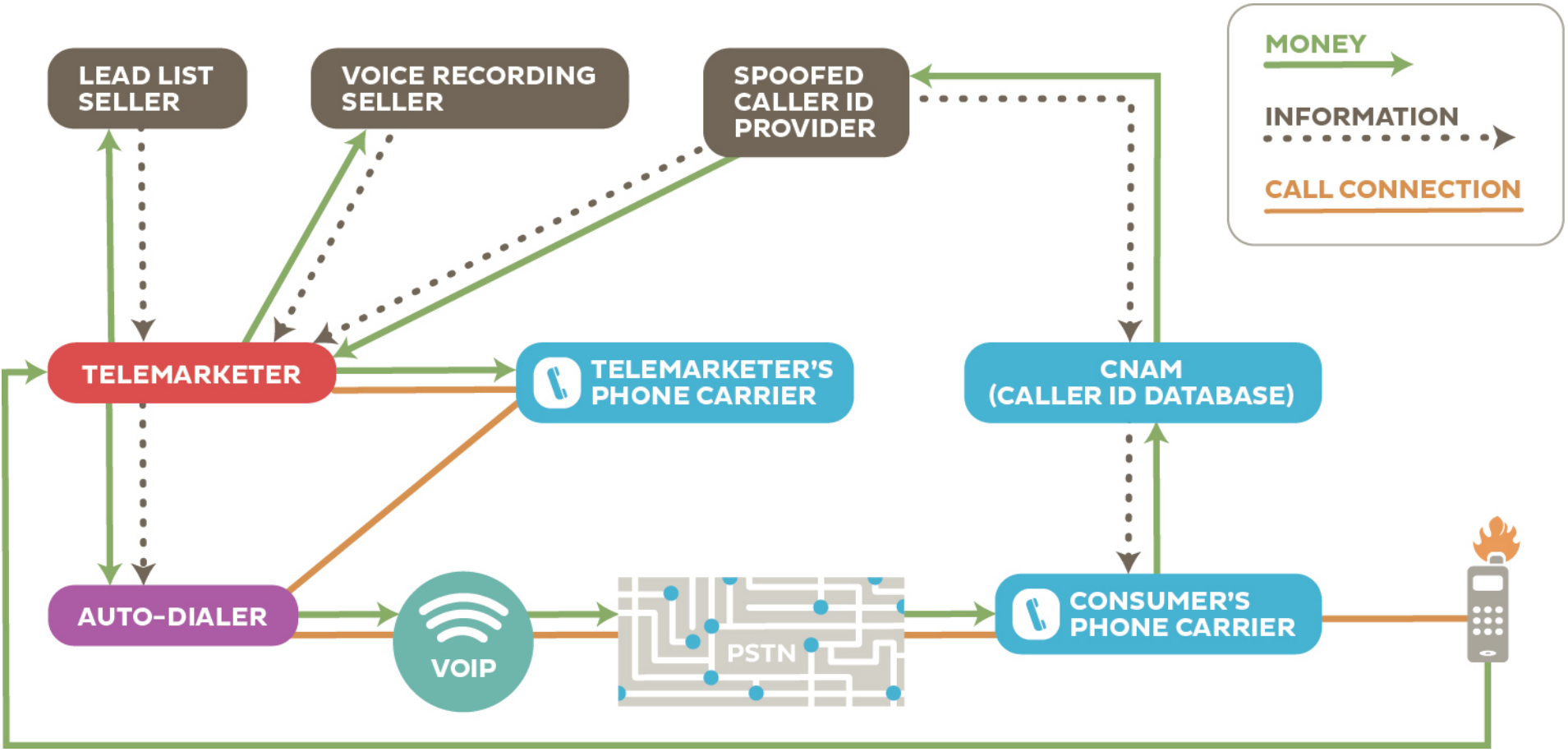
Robocall eco system



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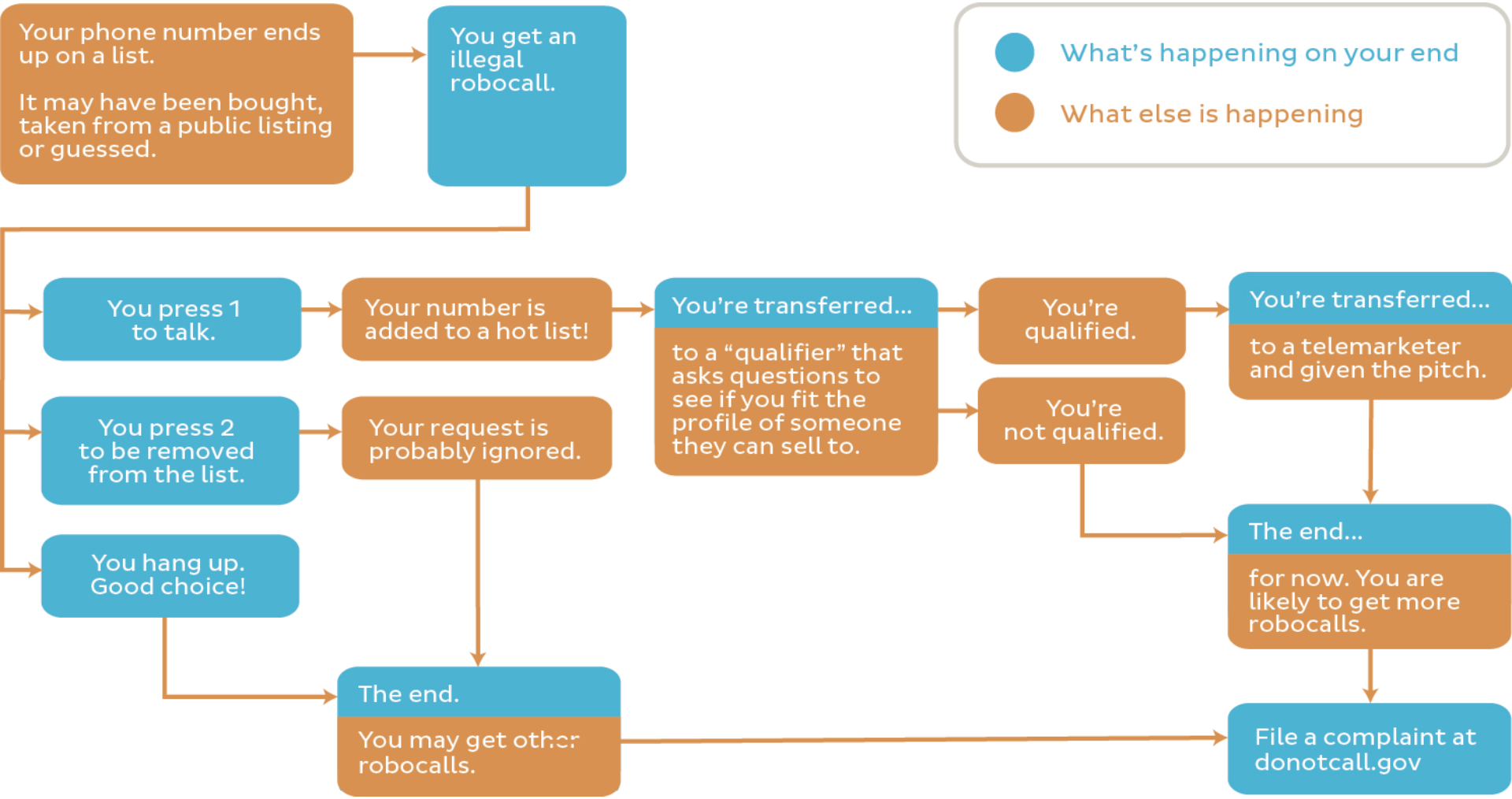
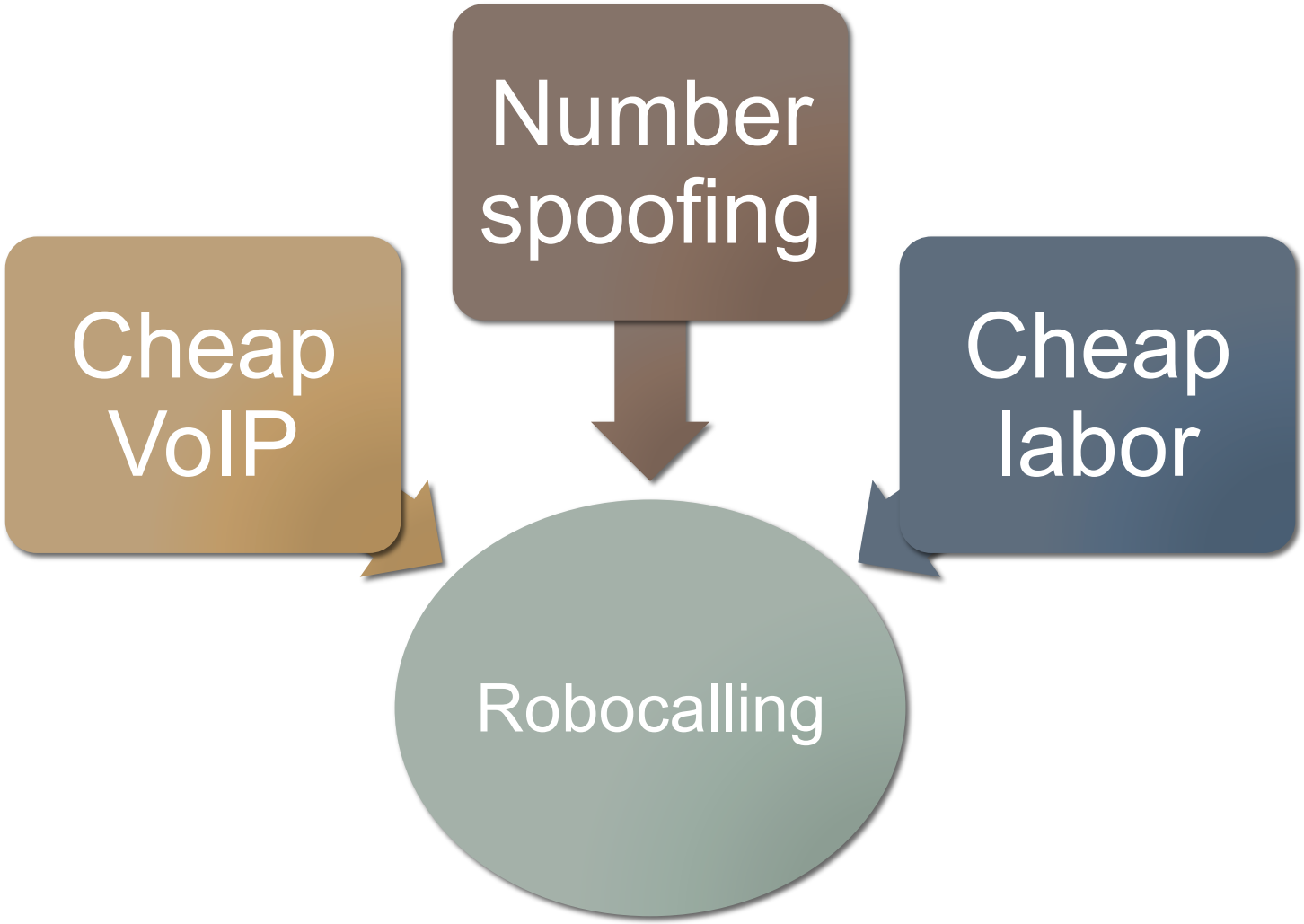
What you can do when robo-called



The enablers



Law enforcement vs. robocallers

- Agile numbering
- Automated customer acquisition
- Transnational

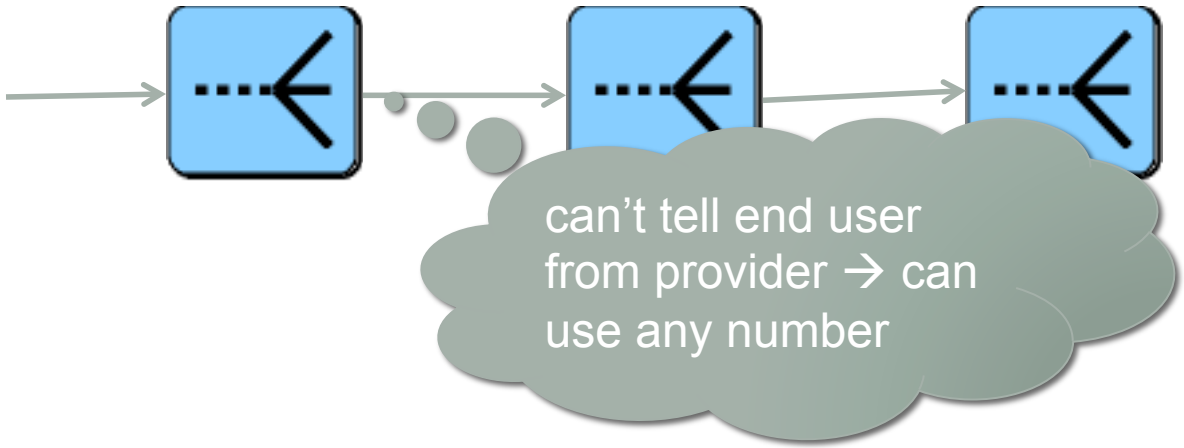
- One faxed subpoena at a time
- Manual trace-back
- Largely domestic

What has changed?

customer

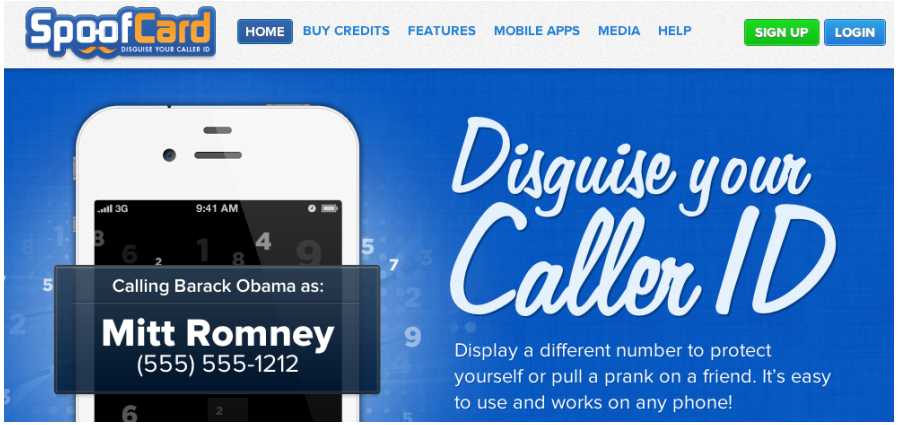
one assigned number

local exchange carrier



Caller ID spoofing

- Caller ID Act of 2009: *Prohibit any person or entity for transmitting misleading or inaccurate caller ID information with the intent to defraud, cause harm, or wrongfully obtain anything of value.*

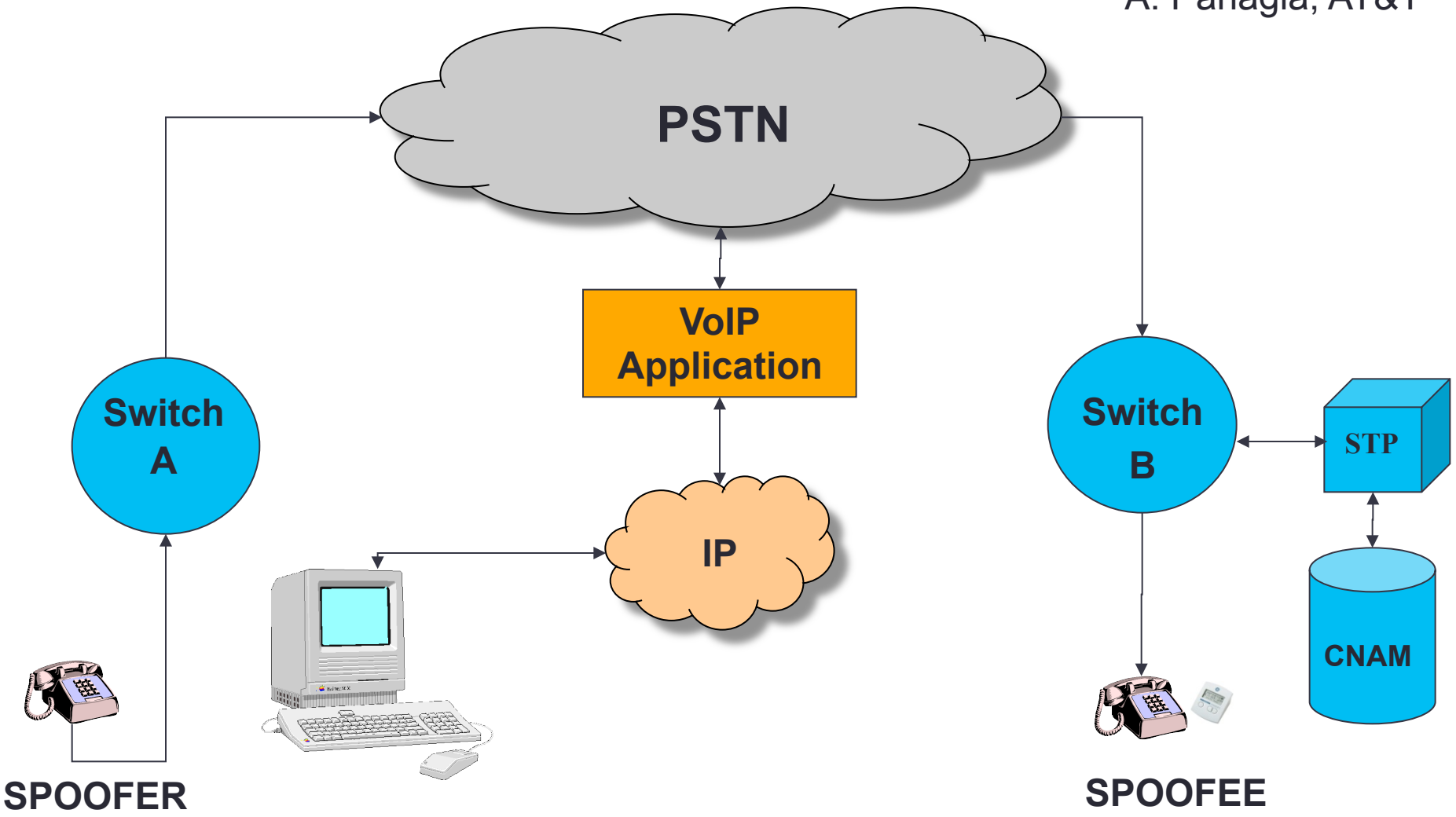


Caller ID spoofing

- enhances theft and sale customer information through pretexting
- harass and intimidate (bomb threats, disconnecting services)
- enables identity theft and theft of services
- compromises and can give access to voice mail boxes
- can result in free calls over toll free dial-around services
- facilitates identification of the name (CNAM) for unlisted numbers
- activate stolen credit cards
- causes incorrect billing because the jurisdiction is incorrect
- impairs assistance to law enforcement in criminal and anti-terrorist investigations

VoIP spoofing

A. Panagia, AT&T

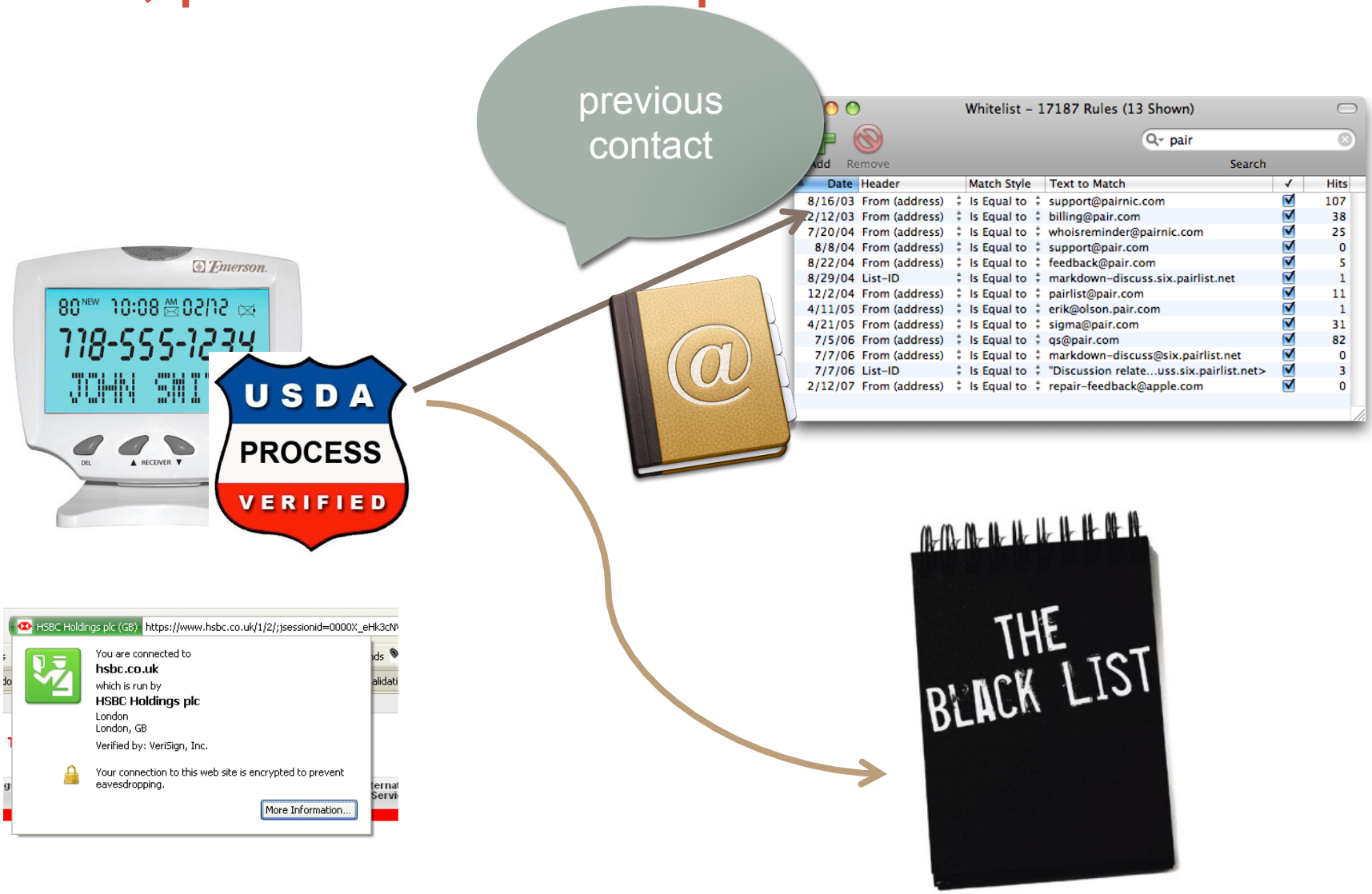


Why not use email spam filtering techniques?

	Email	Phone calls
Name space	infinite	relatively small
Content inspection	common	not possible
Addresses	*IP address* – non-spoofable for TCP *Email address* – easily spoofable	*Phone number* -- spoofable
Delivery	filtered by provider: • block lists (e.g., Spamhaus) • SPF, DKIM	interconnection and delivery obligations
Delivery trace	**Received-by** headers	**Via** headers – only for end-to-end VoIP calls
Limited-use address	easy (e.g., web mail)	not feasible
Consent-based	CAPTCHA systems (not common)	likely too annoying

see also RFC 5039

Future, part 1: trustable phone numbers



IP-based PSTN: build in security!

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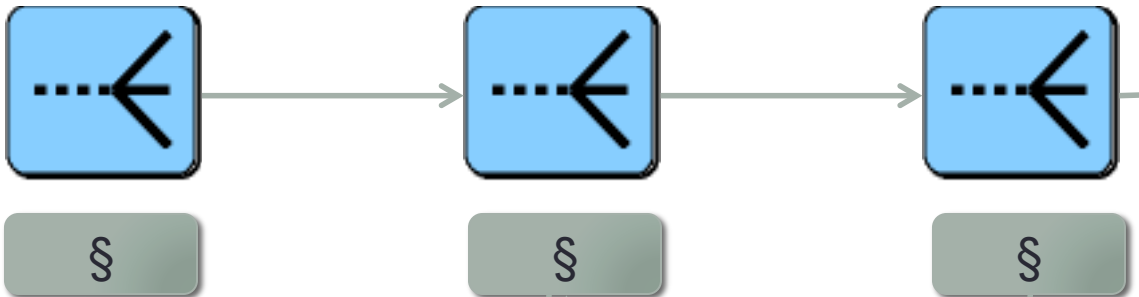
trace call route

VoIP provider A

VoIP provider B



automatically route subpoena

Caller identification

- known caller
- previous calls
- sent her emails

Bank of America

what's your SSN?

- name unimportant
- bank ✓
- credit card office ✓

IEEE

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY

can you recommend student X?

- name unimportant
- IEEE ✓
- known university ✓

Attribute validation

- For *unknown* callers, care about attributes, not name
- SIP address-of-record (AOR) → attributes
  - employment (bank, registered 501c3)
  - membership (professional)
  - age (e.g., for mail order of restricted items)
  - geographic location
- Privacy
  - → selective disclosure
  - no need to disclose identity

Attribute Validation Service