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# IBM X-Force 2013 Mid-Year Trend and Risk Report

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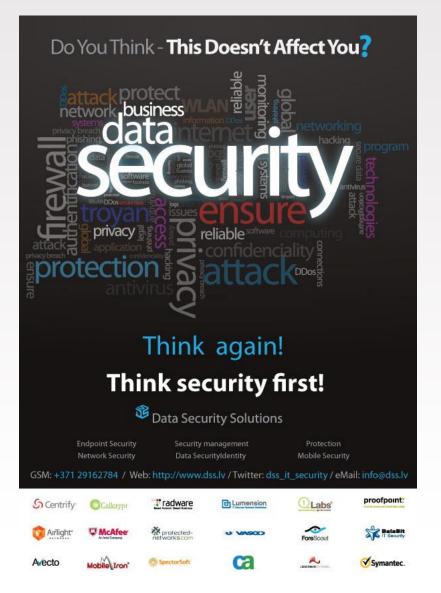




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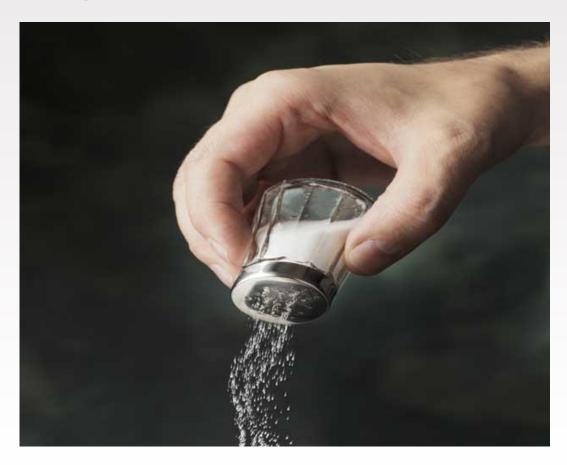
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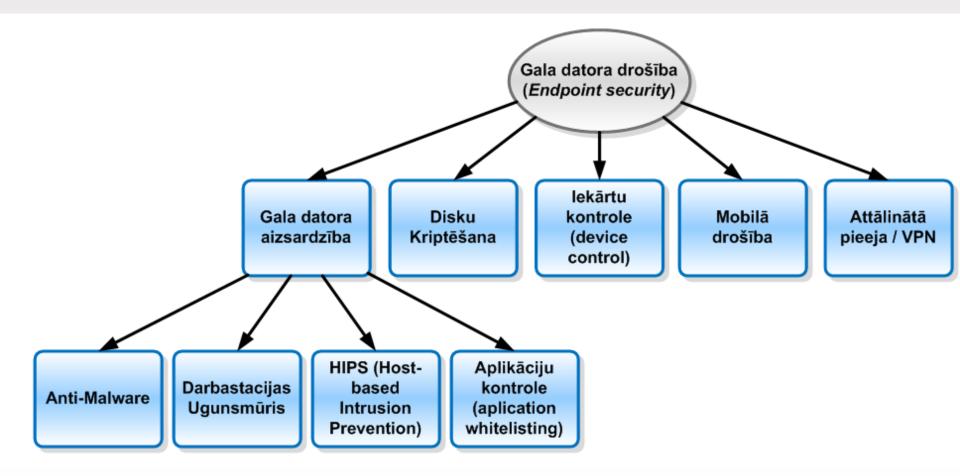
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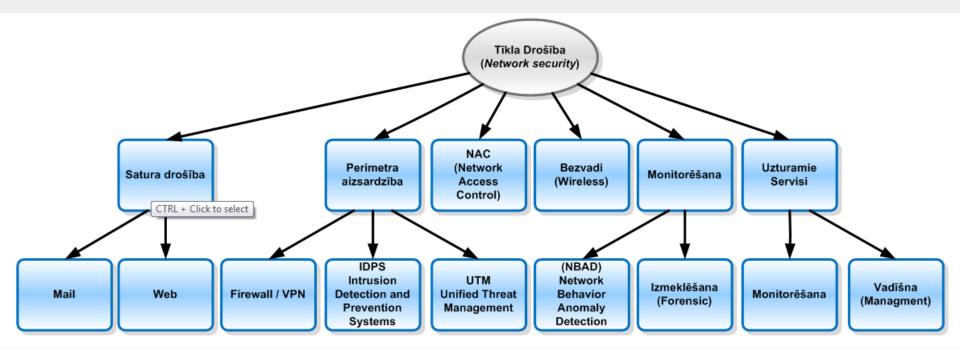
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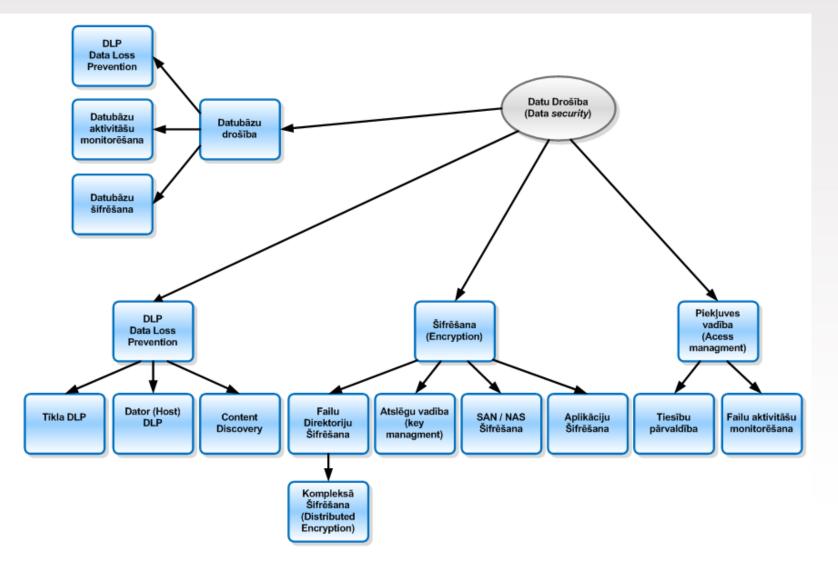




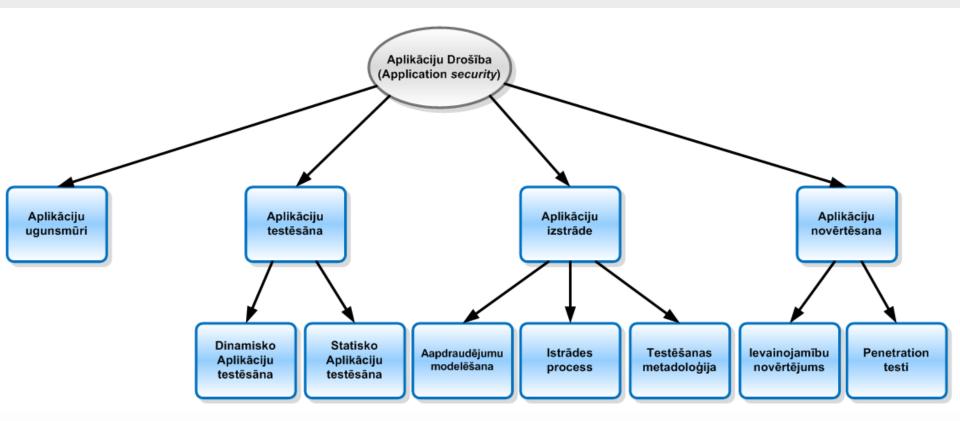




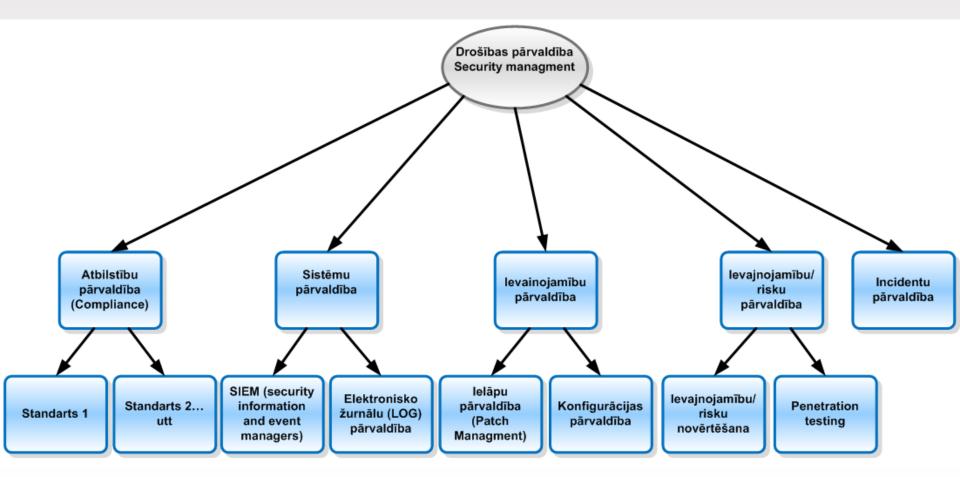






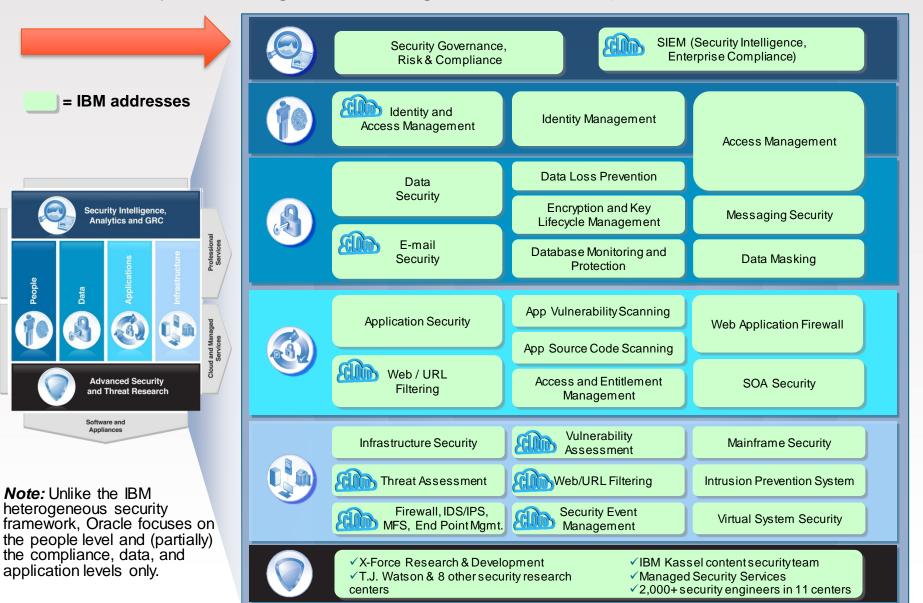






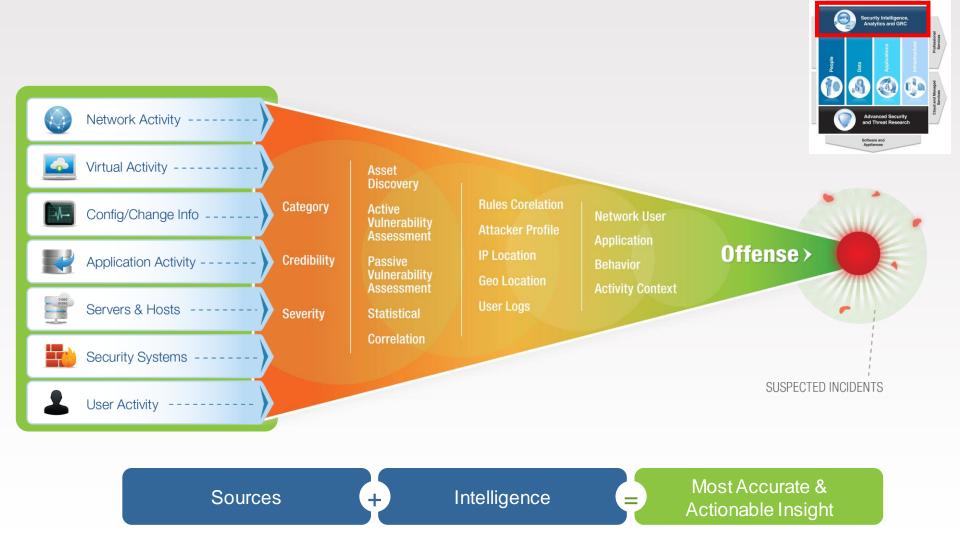
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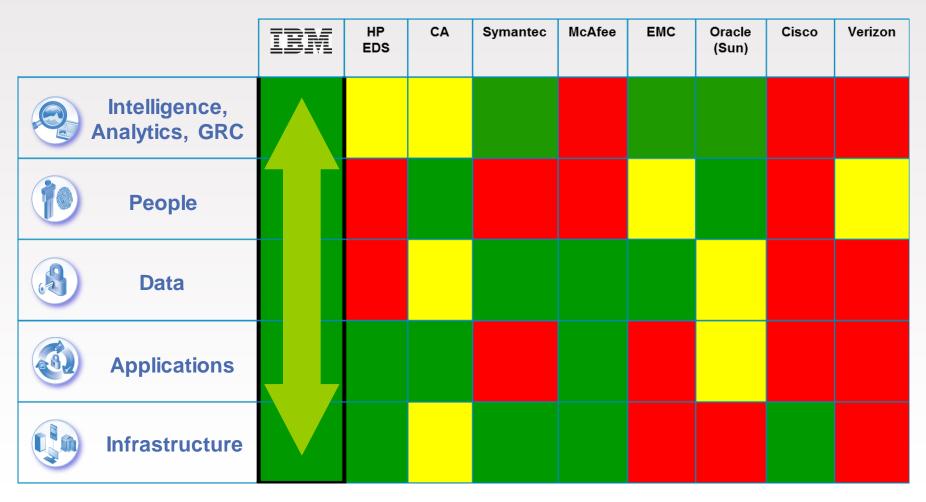


#### Intelligent: Context & Correlation Drive the Deepest Insight





#### End to end, IBM has a strong security competitive posture



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# X-Force is the foundation for advanced security and threat research across the IBM Security Framework

Security Intelligence and Analytics	
Advanced Fraud Protection	<b>FORCE</b> The mission of X-Force is to:
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# Collaborative IBM teams monitor and analyze the changing threat landscape

#### Coverage

- 20,000+ devices under contract
- 3,700+ managed clients worldwide
- **15B+** events managed per day
  - **133** monitored countries (MSS)
- **1,000+** security related patents



**IBM Research** 

#### Depth

**17B** analyzed web pages & images

**40M** spam & phishing attacks

**73K** documented vulnerabilities

**Billions** of intrusion attempts daily

Millions of unique malware samples



### Mid-year 2013 theme: Attackers Optimize Tactics





### 3 Chapters of this Trend Report presentation

# Targeted Attacks and Data Breaches

Operational sophistication Watering hole attacks Compromised websites far from home DDoS diversions

# **Social and Mobile**

## **X-Force by the Numbers**



# **Exploiting Trust**

Security professionals should understand how attackers are taking advantage of trust in relationships to:

- Breach an organization
- Target groups of users
- Create methods of diversion

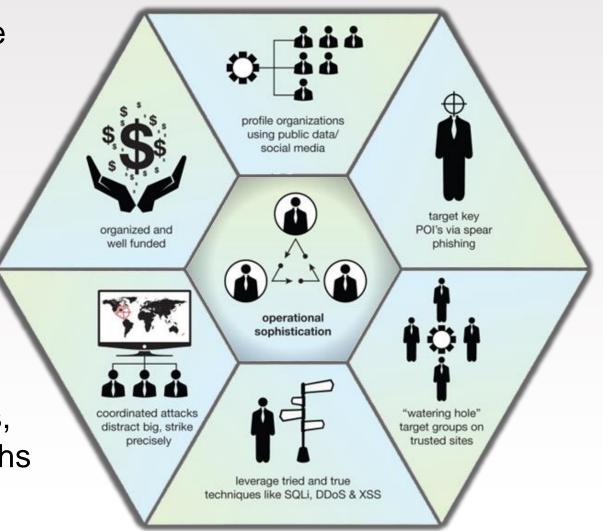




# **Operational sophistication**

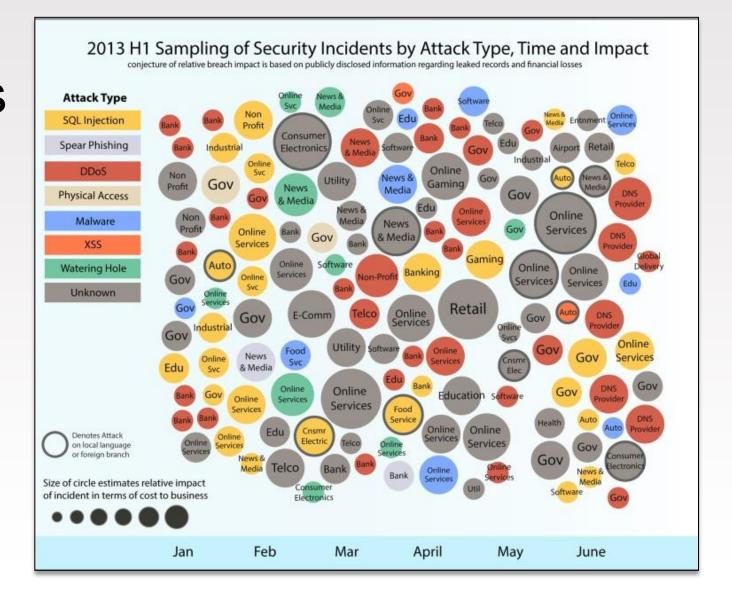
Exploiting trust is one example of attackers becoming more operationally sophisticated to breach targets

Many breaches are not the result of custom malware and zero-day exploits, attackers look for paths of least resistance



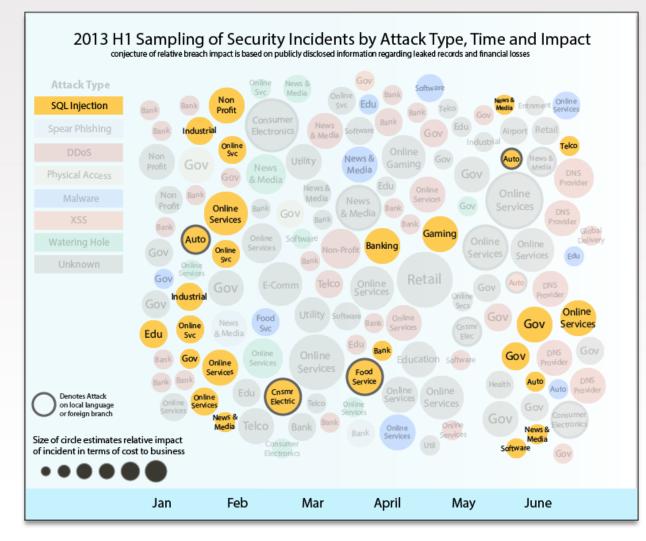


Security Incidents in the first half of 2013





## **SQL Injection** still reliable for breaching databases



of tracked disclosed breaches

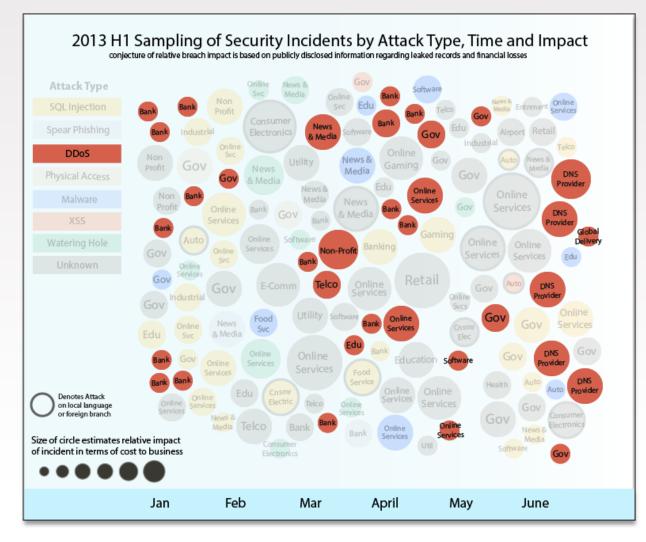
#### Low risk / high reward

- Old CMS installations
- CMS Plugins
- Forum software
- Other popular 3<sup>rd</sup> party scripts



# **DDoS Attacks**

#### continue to disrupt businesses



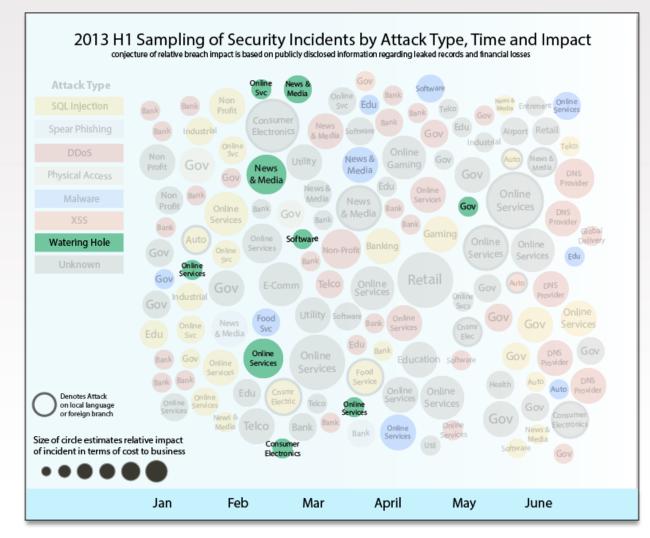
High traffic volume as much as

300Gbps

#### Industries affected:

- Banks
- Governments
- DNS Providers

# "Watering Hole" attacks compromise end user trust



#### **Tainting legitimate sites** with zero-day exploits

#### **Targeting Savvy Users**

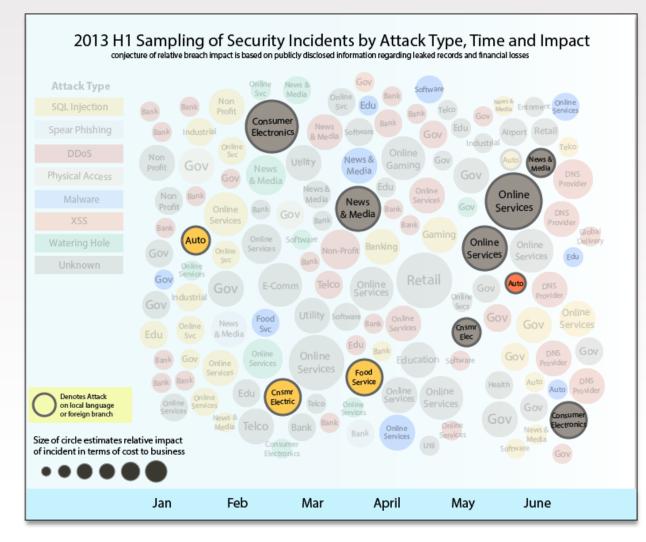
- Tech company developers
- Government Employees
- Unsuspecting viewers of trusted sites

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# Disenfranchised

#### foreign branch or local language sites tarnish brands



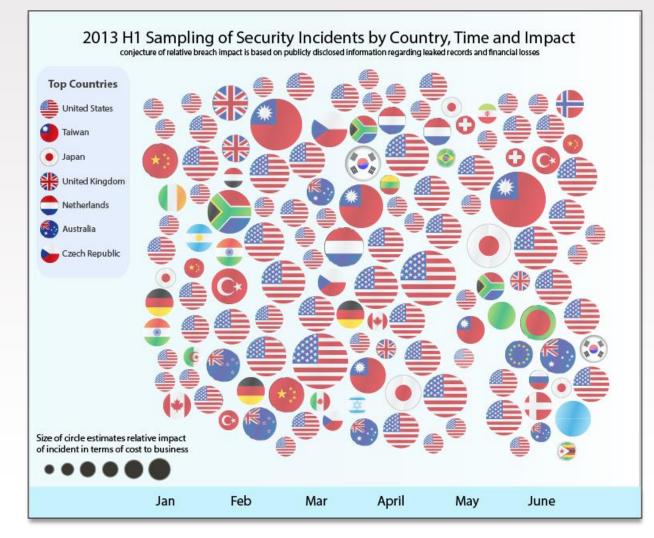
**Global brands targeted** in foreign countries outside of home office

#### Attackers rely on

- Lower security on local language sites
- Temporary micro-sites which gather user data
- Tarnish brands with path of least resistance



# Incidents by Geo countries most impacted by security incidents



#### The United States

most reported breach target location

Taiwan was targeted in several foreign branch security incidents



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## Targeted Attacks and Data Breaches

# Social and Mobile

Targeting users and abusing trust Economic and reputational impact Social media Black Market Recent advances in Android malware

## **X-Force by the Numbers**





## Social Media has become a new playground

has become a new playground for attackers

Social Media top target for attacks and mobile devices are expanding those targets

- Pre-attack intelligence gathering
- Criminals selling accounts
- Campaigns enticing user to click on malicious links



# **Economic and Reputational impact** as widespread adoption promotes both personal and business



Instead of blocking services, organizations should determine how to monitor and mitigate abuses of these platforms

- Social Media exploits can impact brand and financial loss
- Effective defense is education and to engender suspicion



# **Mobile Threats**

wherever you go, attackers will follow



#### **Explosive market growth for** Android gets attention of malware authors

Viable targets with strong intent related to specific organizations

**ROI:** Malware authors are investing more effort into malware that are more resilient and dangerous





### Advances in Android Malware

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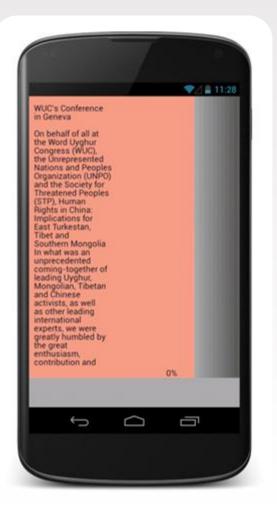
Very targeted attack

- Compromised address book
- Emails sent to targets
- Hooks into Android's SMS service
- Messages routed to remote C&C server

### **Obad**

Spread primarily through SMS spam

- Spreading through Bluetooth
- Device Administration
- Anti-analysis techniques
- Code obfuscation





# X-Force expects the number of Android Malware applications to continue rising



#### **Degree of sophistication**

for this malware will eventually rival those found in desktop malware



#### **Android Security Enhancements**

Older devices more at risk with only 6% running latest version

Mobile operating system (OS) fragmentation will remain a problem



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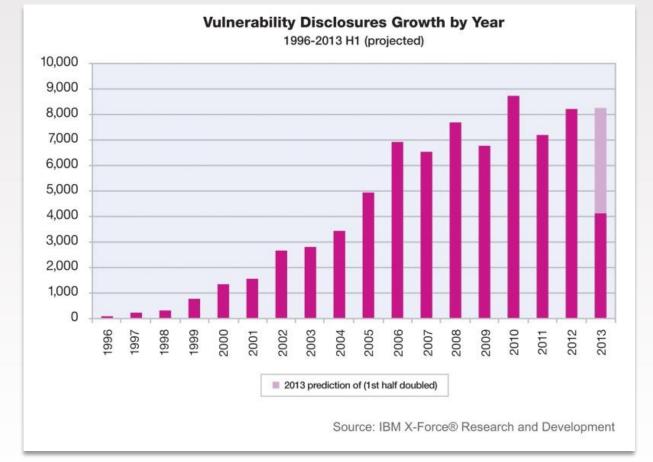
Vulnerabilities Exploits Web trends Spam and Phishing



### **Vulnerabilities Disclosures**

**4,100** publicly disclosed vulnerabilities

If trend continues, roughly same as 2012



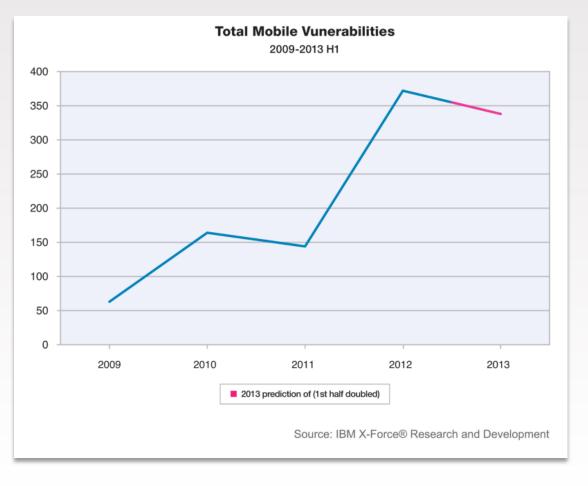


## **Vulnerabilities affecting Mobile Software**

Mobile vulnerabilities have increased since 2009

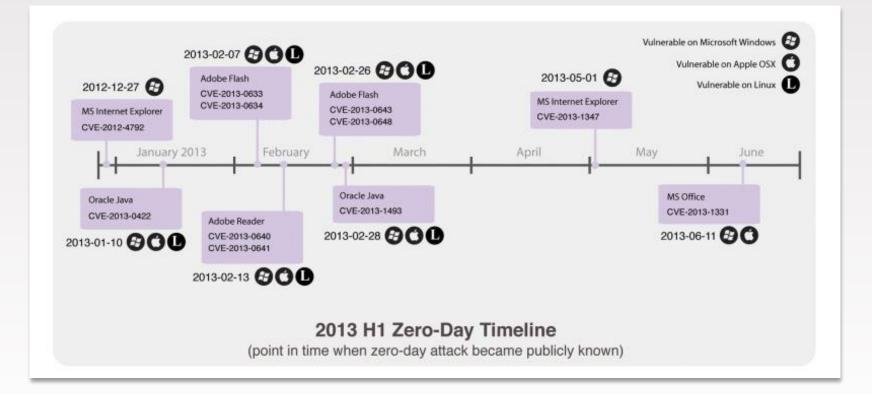
Although still small percentage of total overall

Affecting both mobile and desktop software





### **Zero-Day Vulnerabilities**



# 80% of zero-day vulnerabilities affect Windows and OSX



# Oracle Java, Adobe Flash, Microsoft IE crucial to protect & patch

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#### How to do better:

- Reduce attack surface
- Update installed software
- Get educated on spear-phishing

#### Java

- 0-days quickly utilized in exploit tool kits
- Recent updates allow you to "disable" java
- Default security settings are now "high"

#### **Adobe Flash**

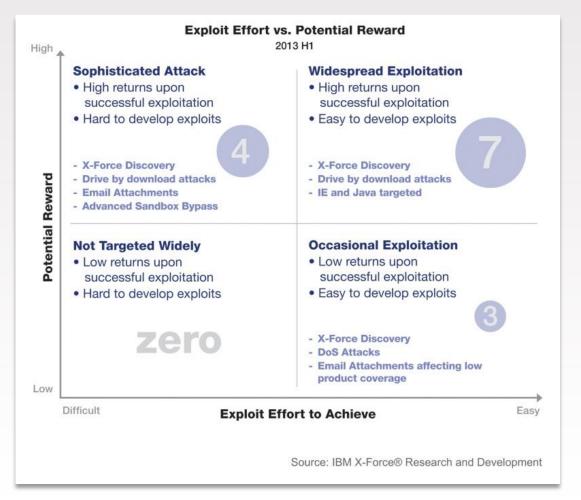
Most common delivery method, since 2010
 Reader sandbox, is via MS Office docs

#### **Microsoft Internet Explorer**

Very targeted attacks and water hole technique



### Exploit Effort vs. Potential Reward



Drive-bydownloads IE & Java targeted

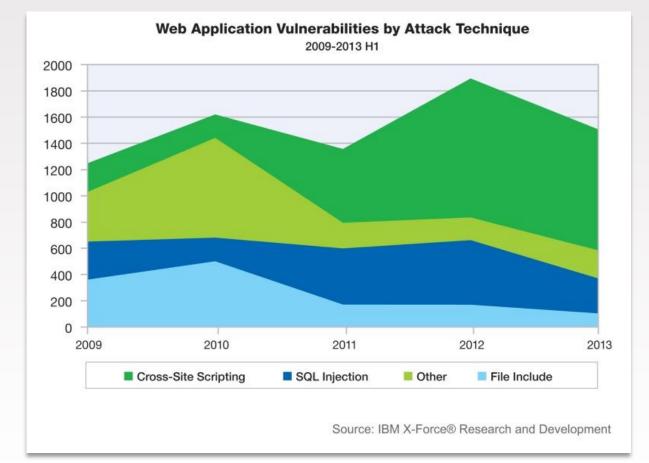
Easy exploitation with high potential reward – still the sweet spot



## **Web Application Vulnerabilities**

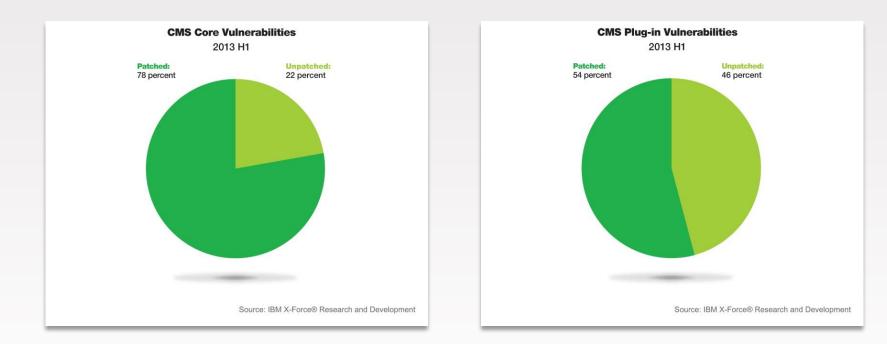
**50%** of all web application vulnerabilities are XSS

Total slightly down in comparison to 2012





#### **Content Management System plug-ins** continue to provide soft targets



Attackers know that CMS vendors more readily address and patch their exposures

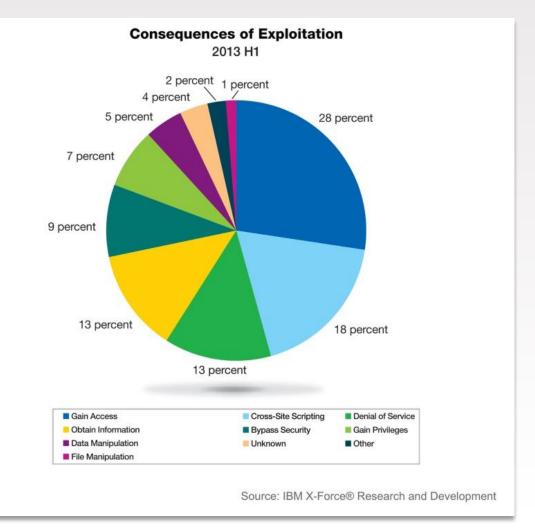
Compared to smaller organizations and individuals producing the add-ons and plug-ins



## **Consequences of Exploitation**

**28%** "gain access"

Provides attacker complete control of system to steal data or launch other attacks

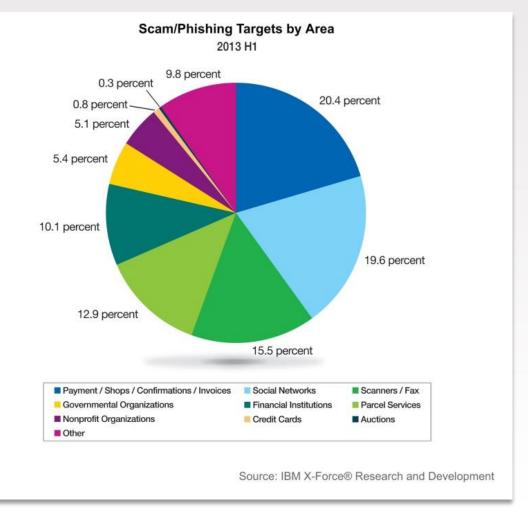




## **Scam and Phishing Targets**

55% bad links and attachments

- Social networks
- Payment / shops
- Scanners / Fax



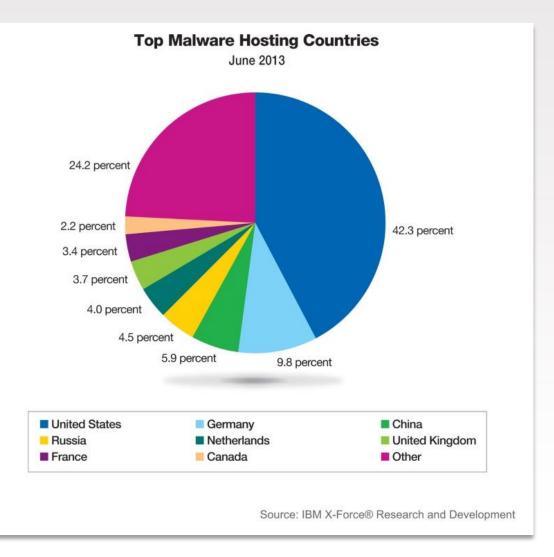


### **Malware Hosting**

42%

malware distributed in U.S.

Germany in second at nearly 10%

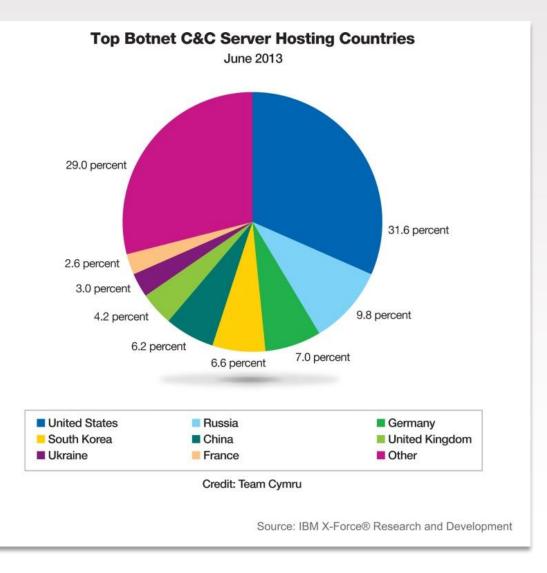




## **Botnet Command & Control Hosting**

**32%** botnet C&C servers in U.S.

Russia in second at nearly 10%





# Key takeaways for **CISOs**

#### **Don't forget the basics**

scanning, patching, configurations, passwords

### **Social Defense needs Socialization**

educate users and engender suspicion

#### **Defragment your Mobile posture**

constantly apply updates and review BYOD policies

#### **Optimize ahead of Attackers**

identify critical assets, analyze behavior, spot anomalies

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