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Will Your Company Be to Intellectual Property What Mt. Gox Was to Bitcoin?

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Mt. Gox goes down

 "Losses at Mt. Gox have been put at more than \$400 million, and experts say it's not clear whether that money was stolen by criminals or somehow mishandled by the operators of the exchange. Company officials have blamed a glitch in the transaction software that, they say, allowed hackers to siphon away money undetected."

The Washington Post, 28 February 2014

127,000 creditors impacted

 Mt. Gox CEO Mark Karpeles resigned in March, and refused to comply with a court order to testify in person at an April hearing in Washington, D.C. held by the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network, part of the U.S. Department of Treasury

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Similarity to intellectual property loss

Avant, Execs Plead No Contest in Code Theft Case

- Courts: Software firm agrees to pay \$27 million in fines with possibly more to come. Five individuals face jail time.
- "Software company Avant Corp., its chief executive and six other current and former executives pleaded no contest Tuesday to criminal charges in the theft of computer code from a rival firm where Avant's founders had worked.
- Avant, based in Fremont, Calif., agreed to pay \$27 million in fines to Santa Clara County. Avant could be forced to pay Cadence Design Systems Inc. much more in restitution after a hearing next month."

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Los Angeles Times, 23 May 2001

Restitution paid: USD \$182 million + interest

Not a new problem in Silicon Valley

Two Plead Not Guilty

The New York Eimes

Published: March 6, 1993

The president and another executive of the Symantec Corporation pleaded not guilty today to charges they stole trade secrets from Borland International, a rival software maker.

Gordon Eubanks, 46, president and chief executive of Symantec, based in Cupertino, Calif., was charged on Thursday with receiving trade secrets from Eugene Wang, 35, a Symantec vice president.

Mr. Wang, hired by Mr. Eubanks from Borland last fall, was accused of stealing confidential information about new software under development by Borland engineers. Both men were charged with conspiring to misuse the information.

If they are convicted, they may face penalties of up to six years in prison and fines of up to \$200,000.





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From an American (only) perspective

"The scale of international theft of American intellectual property (IP) is unprecedented—hundreds of billions of dollars per year, on the order of the size of U.S. exports to Asia. The effects of this theft are twofold. The first is the tremendous loss of revenue and reward for those who made the inventions or who have purchased licenses to provide goods and services based on them, as well as of the jobs associated with those losses.... The second and even more pernicious effect is that illegal theft of intellectual property is undermining both the means and the incentive for entrepreneurs to innovate, which will slow the development of new inventions and industries..."

[emphasis added]

Source: Report of The Commission on the Theft of American Intellectual Property, dated May 2013





"Chinese military unit charged with cyberespionage against U.S. firms"

"The [United States] Justice Department on Monday accused five members of the Chinese military of conducting economic cyber-espionage against American companies, marking the first time that the United States has leveled such criminal charges against a foreign country.

Industries targeted by the alleged cyberspying ranged from nuclear to steel to solar energy, officials said. The hacking by a military unit in Shanghai [PLA Unit 61398], they said, was conducted for no other reason than to give a competitive advantage to Chinese companies, including stateowned enterprises."

Source: The Washington Post, 19 May 2014





China says U.S. does the same

China accuses US of hacking country's leaders, businesses and universities

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After five Chinese officials were formally charged with hacking by the U.S., China has struck back with accusations of its own.



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"This behavior is a flagrant violation of international law, a serious human rights violation, threat to the global network security."

- CHINA INTERNET MEDIA RESEARCH CENTER

The center, affiliated with the Chinese government's State Council, accused the U.S. on May 26 of targeting the country's leaders, scientific institutes, universities, businesses, and cell phone users for digital surveillance. The report summarized documents released by whistleblower Edward Snowden, but did not go into technical detail.

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Some Western media also accuse NSA of same

NSA Laughs at PCs, Prefers Hacking Routers and Switches

BY KIM ZETTER 09.04.13 | 6:30 AM | PERMALINK





The NSA runs a massive, full-time hacking operation targeting foreign systems, the latest leaks from Edward Snowden show. But unlike conventional cybercriminals, the agency is less interested in hacking PCs and Macs. Instead, America's spooks have their eyes on the internet routers and switches that form the basic infrastructure of the net, and are largely overlooked as security vulnerabilities.



For information security practitioners, the issue is *not* about







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Talented / technical carbon-based life forms – using silicon-based devices





Working with semi- and unstructured data



Structured data is less of a problem

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Detasheet view



What to do about data classification?

- First, it is also a *business* problem not just a (IT) security problem
- Business (non-IT) units are key to understanding and mitigating the problem
- Data classification is key
 - Most important data belongs to (non-IT) business units (BUs)
 - BU responsibility to implement data classification
 - BU knows what data is important to it better than IT which might not understand the technology or the market for that technology
- Repositories: quite possible that BU does not know about all of 'its' own data repositories, or have control over all of them
 - BU and IT have to work together to establish 'ground truth'



Did I mention data classification?

- Or, lack thereof
- How to classify unstructured (and semi-structured) data
 - Accurately
 - Timely fast
 - Scalably at scale
- One approach: use meta-data as an indicator of content
- Another approach: content-based categorization
 - Acceptable for storage management
 - Not acceptable for security management
- Another approach: Semantic Web techniques using Resource Description Framework (RDF) or other ontology

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Internal repositories

Source code:

- ClearCase (IBM) expensive
- Perforce widely used
- CVS open source
- Subversion open source
- Use of proprietary protocols *might* help discovery
- Use of encrypted network traffic might help discovery
- Do not overlook Microsoft Sharepoint and even
- File servers (yes, you probably still have some of those)



External repositories



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Getting to 'ground truth' – detection

- Multiple tools required for useful / actionable identification; from coarse to more granular:
 - Vulnerability assessment scanners identification of types of systems
 - For example, Nessus' Perforce Server Detection plugin
 - IDS / IPS (host- and network-based) identification of actions
 - Also helpful for traffic analysis
 - DLP (host- and network-based) identification of content
 - Network-based is needed for TLS and SSH session decryption
 - Correlation across / between these tools (and others) is critical!
 - Use <u>Splunk</u>, or a tool like it (e.g., open source <u>kibana</u> or <u>Sumo Logic</u>)





Proactive action

- Continuous monitoring previous slide: rinse & repeat
- Blocking unauthorized actions on specific content DLP
- Restricting unauthorized devices and / or unauthorized actions:
 - USB drives (e.g., <u>Verdasys' Digital Guardian Removable Media</u> <u>Encryption</u>)
 - Wi-Fi (e.g., for Windows OS, per security group via GPO, logon, WMI, or VBS scripts)
 - Bluetooth (e.g., for Windows OS, same as above Wi-Fi)

Reactively: not desired, but can be effective (next time)

- Legal prosecution of offender
- 'Burn' offender to his / her new employer, putting that company on formal, legal notice about stolen IP



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How to find these external repositories?

- Frankly, that is a challenge
- Do you need a specialized cloud discovery service?

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- Or, can you find such through traditional on-premise tools using threat intelligence feeds?
 - Egress too (not just ingress): default deny
 - Application (or so-called next generation) firewall required (with TLS and SSH session decryption capabilities)
 - Free and / or vendor agnostic cloud services discovery feed?





No shortage of vendor threat feeds available!

- Arbor Networks
- Cyveillance
- Dell SecureWorks
- HBGeary
- IBM X-Force
- iDefense (VeriSign)
- Intel (McAfee)
- Juniper
- Norse

- Palo Alto Networks
- Secunia
- Symantec
- Trend Micro
- ♦ Etc.

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Lots of free feeds available too

MalwareBlacklist	http://www.malwareblacklist.com/showMDL.php					
MalwareDomain List	http://www.malwaredomainlist.com/mdLphp					
Malcode	http://malcOde.com/database/					
HostFile	http://hosts-file.net/?s=Browse&f=EMD					
Dshield	http://www.dshield.org/ipsascii.html					
ZeusTracker	https://zeustracker.abuse.ch/monitor.php?browse=binaries					
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Cleam MX	http://support.clean-mx.de/clean-mx/viruses					
Project Honeypot	https://www.projecthoneypot.org/list_of_ips.php					
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Problem though: threat feeds do not track cloud services

- Even 'cloud proxies' (e.g., <u>NetSkope</u>, <u>Skyhigh Networks</u>) are not definitive
- Those products have same problem you do: keeping up with storage (and other services) 'flavor' du jour
- Egress filtering alone is insufficient too many applications masquerading on HTTP and HTTPS
- Need <u>AppID</u> (Palo Alto Networks) or <u>OpenAppID</u> (Cisco Snort)
- Possible alternative (if already using <u>Splunk</u>): real-time domain look-ups of outlier domains (building your own database of cloud services)





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In sum

- It all starts with effective data classification if your organization does not have such, then it realistically has nothing in the way of IP protection
- Failure to protect intellectual property (IP) could cost your organization significant hard and soft dollars – and cost you your job
- Difficult problem! Requires multiple infosec disciplines / skills, multiple infosec tools, and multiple BU cooperation and coordination (e.g., InfoSec, other IT groups, R&D / product units, Legal, HR, and others)
- Must address *both* 'internal exfiltration' and 'external exfiltration'



Be persistent – this problem / challenge is like



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Thank you!

Your <u>questions</u> please?

