



# Collective Defense

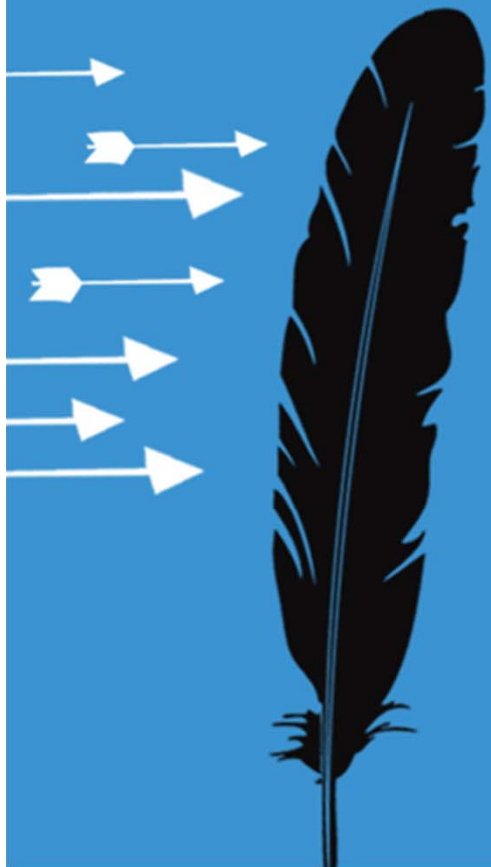
## How the defenders are playing to win!

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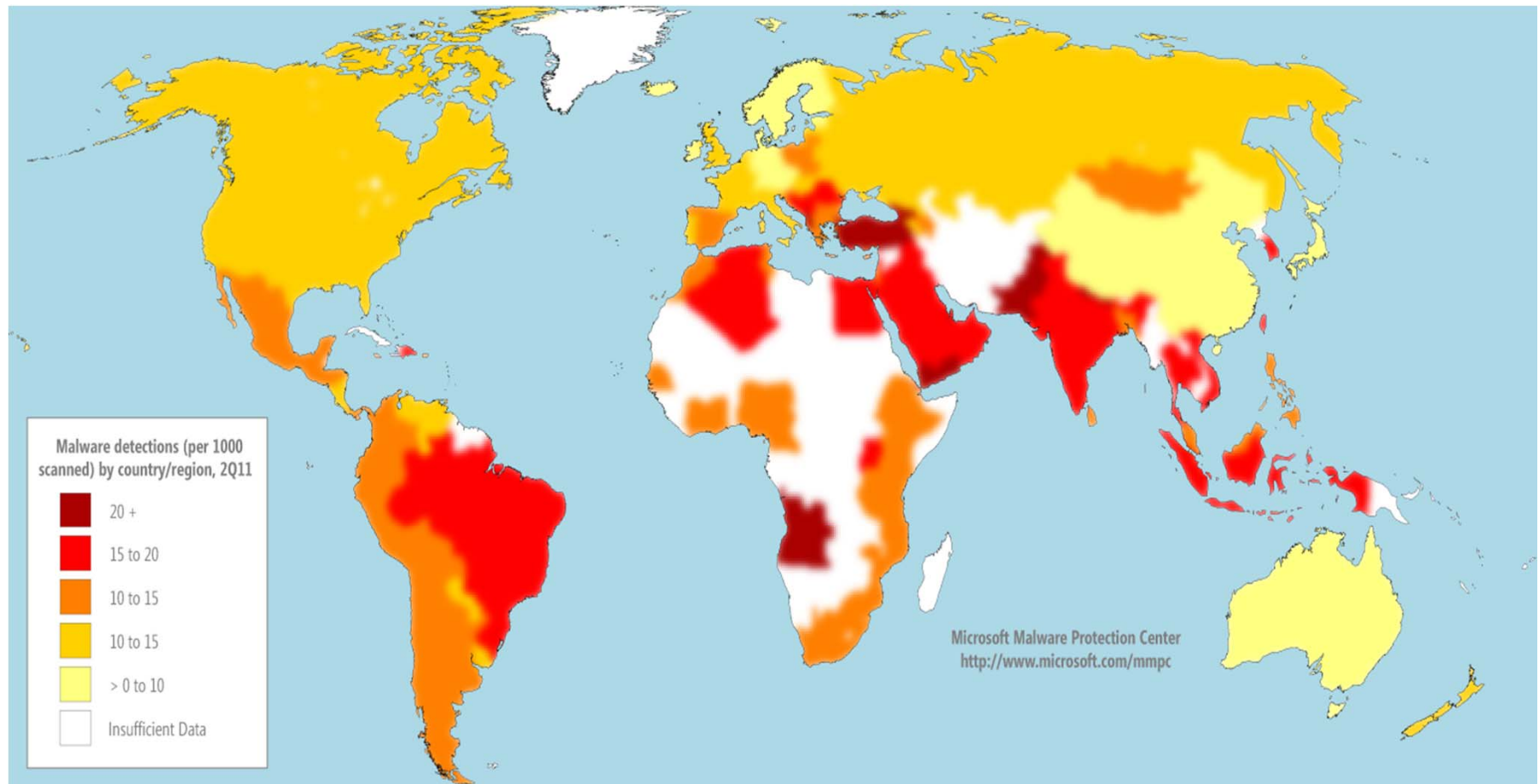
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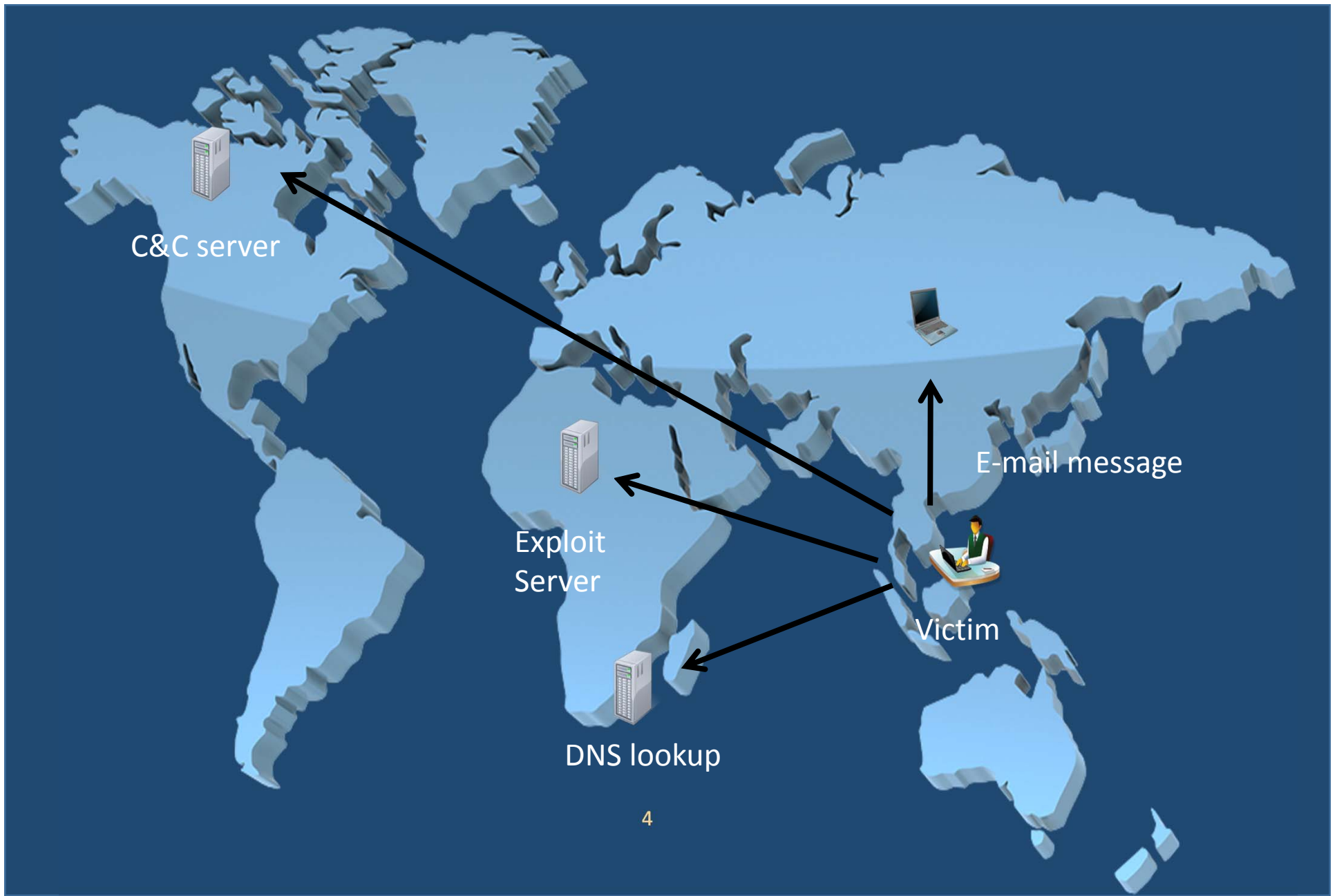
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# The security problem

# It's global





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# Disrupting the incident lifecycle



Security Updates  
Exploitability Information  
Prioritization Information  
Protection Signatures  
Customer Guidance





# Disrupting the incident lifecycle



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# Disrupting the incident lifecycle



Constituency Awareness  
Local Relationships  
Technical Expertise  
Customer Guidance

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# Finding partners

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# A history of collective defense

- In 2005, Microsoft Hotmail launched Simple Network Data Services (SNDS)
- Early 2007, Microsoft realized that we had an immense amount of vulnerability related data which could be leveraged to protect users;
- In 2008, we formally launched a set of programs to help partners and customers protect themselves better.
  - Microsoft Active Protections Program
  - Exploitability Index
  - Microsoft Vulnerability Research Program



# Simple Network Data Services

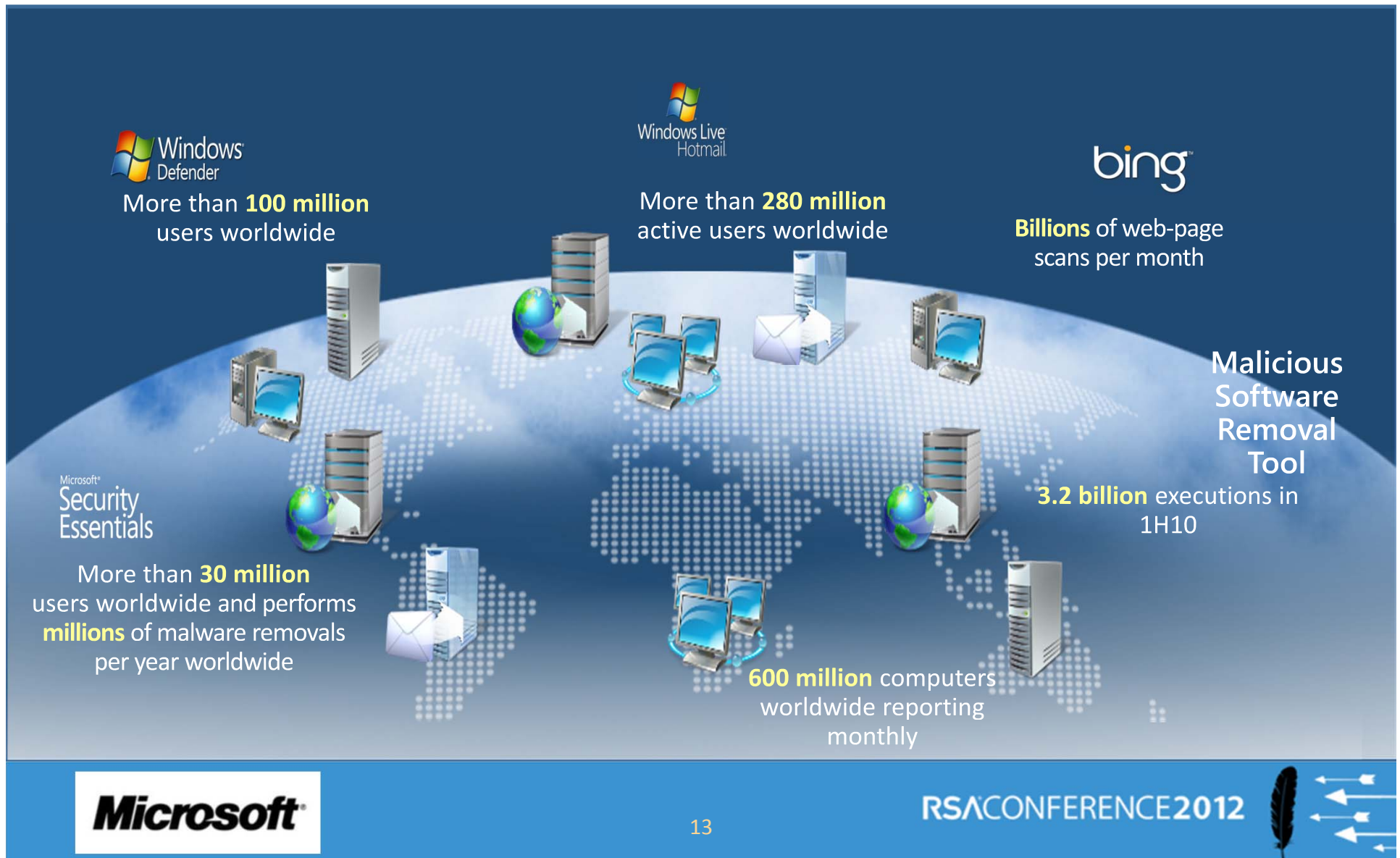
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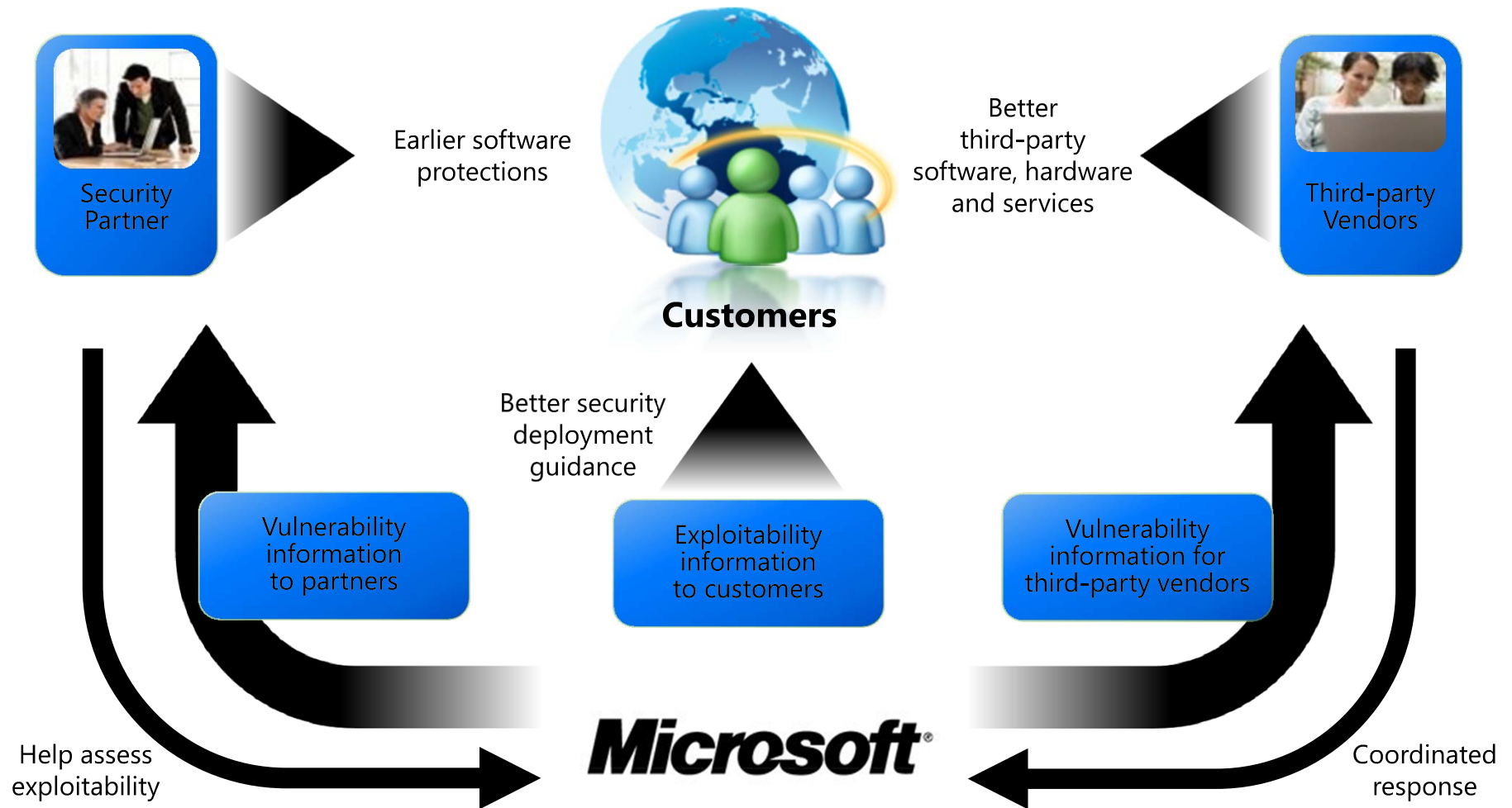
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# Sharing threat information





# What does sharing look like?



# Microsoft Active Protections Program



# Microsoft Active Protections Program

## FAQ for WordPad and Office Text converter Memory Corruption Vulnerability - CVE-2009-2506

### What is the scope of the vulnerability?

This is a remote code execution vulnerability. An attacker who successfully exploited this vulnerability could take complete control of an affected system remotely. An attacker could then install programs or view, change, or delete data; or create new accounts with full user rights.

### What causes the vulnerability?

The vulnerability results from the way that the text converter for Word 97 (included as part of WordPad and as part of the Office text converters) parses a specially crafted Word 97 document.

### What are WordPad Text Converters and Office Text Converters?

WordPad is a default component of Microsoft Windows operating systems. Text converters in WordPad allow users who do not have Microsoft Office Word installed to open documents in Microsoft Windows Write (.wri) and Microsoft Office Word 6.0, Microsoft Office Word 97, Microsoft Office Word 2000, and Microsoft Office Word 2002 (.doc) file formats. These text converters also allow users to save documents in the Word 6.0 file format.

Text converters are also a default component of Microsoft Office that allow users to open and save as older Office file formats, including the Word 6.0 file format.

### What might an attacker use the vulnerability to do?

An attacker who successfully exploited this vulnerability could run arbitrary code as the logged-on user. If a user is logged on with administrative user rights, an attacker could take complete control of the affected system. An attacker could then install programs; view, change, or delete data; or create new accounts with full user rights. Users whose accounts are configured to have fewer user rights on the system could be less impacted than users who operate with administrative user rights.



# What are Active Protections?

- **Actionable** information that can help protect a Microsoft customer right here, right now.
  - Anti-virus signatures
  - IPS signatures
  - Information on bots and infected hosts
- **Actionable** depends on the audience
  - Governments, protecting their constituency
  - Customers, protecting the enterprise
  - Vendors, protecting their customers



# Microsoft Active Protections Program

- Indicators of exploit

Indicators of exploit include event log entries or other distinguishing markers that would help an administrator identify whether the vulnerability has been exploited against a specific machine.

- Stack trace

A stack trace helps identify in which component of an application the crash happened. It can be particularly useful in helping identify whether an exploit exploits this particular issue.



# Microsoft Active Protections Program

- Disassembly of the vulnerable code

The disassembly indicates how the vulnerability truly works, for instance by illustrating how the stack registers are influenced by an operation the vulnerable application performs.

- Proof of Concept file

The Proof of Concept file, while not an exploit, will allow a security analyst to reproduce the vulnerability locally, and allows him to test existing defenses for effectiveness in blocking the threat.





## ☐ Microsoft Security Advisory (2639658)

Vulnerability in TrueType Font Parsing Could Allow Elevation of Privilege

MAPP Partners who have released protections within 48 hours of the release of the Microsoft Security Advisory

- [Antiy](#)
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- [Leadsec](#)
- [M86 Security](#)
- [McAfee](#)
- [Microsoft Malware Protection Center](#)
- [Network Box Security](#)
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# Sharing partnerships go both ways



# The CVE-2010-3333 incident

- MS10-087 released **November 2010**
- First exploits appear **December 28<sup>th</sup>**
  - Detected by the MMPC, a MAPP partner
  - Limited, targeted attacks
    - Social engineering attempts in Pakistan
    - Anti-malware detection not as good as expected
    - Opportunity to share better information on exploits



# The CVE-2010-3333 incident

- Look for the following sequence of control words: **\sp** then **\sn** **pFragments** and then **\sv**

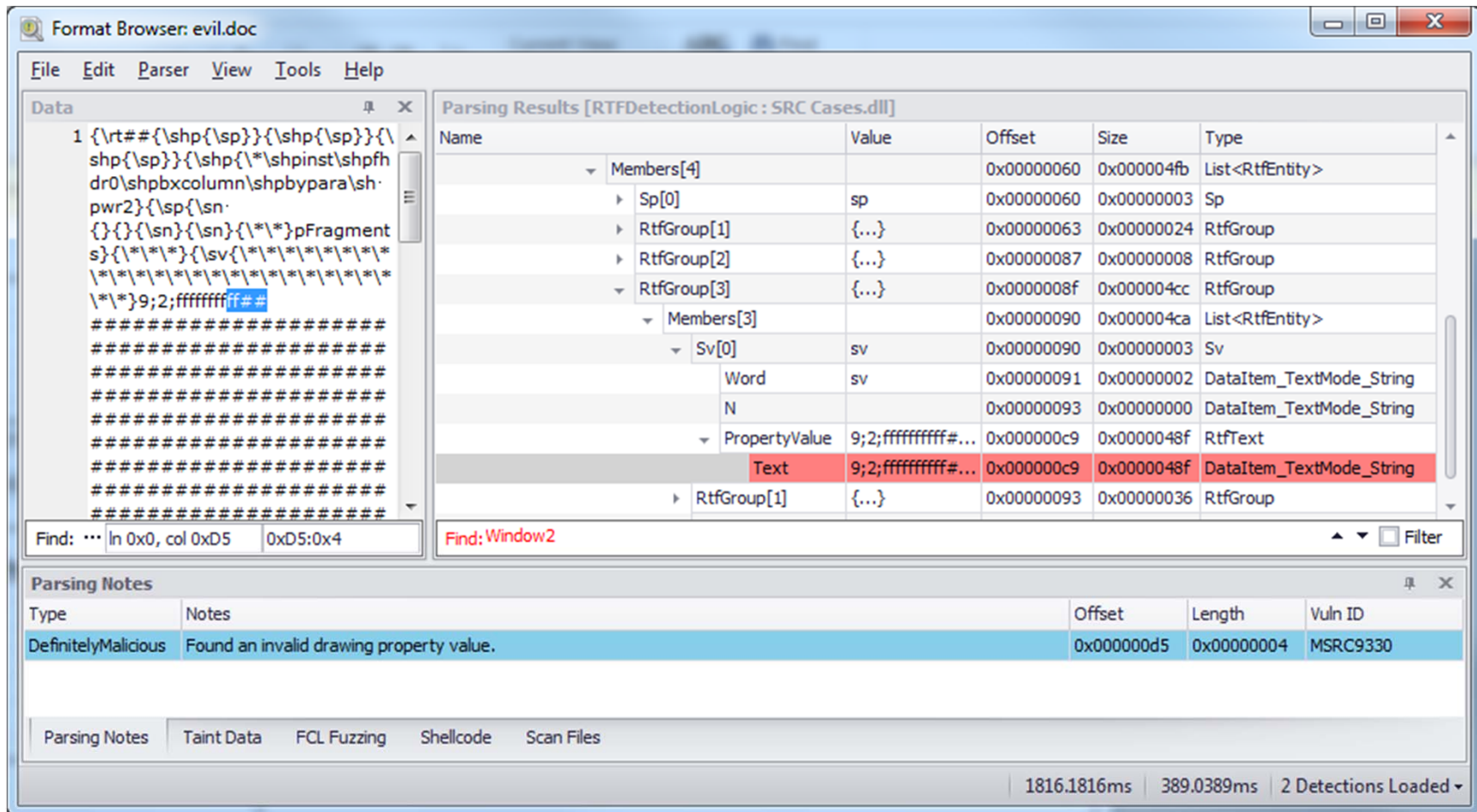
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{\sp{\sn pFragments}{\sv  
0;0;0123456789AB1111111111111111111111111111111111111111ffffffffff}}
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The parameter to \sv is of particular interest. Start examining the data after the second semicolon - this is hex data. Skip 8 bytes, and examine the next 4 bytes (highlighted in the example above).

If these 4 bytes, treated as a little endian 16 bit unsigned integer are > 0x4 (don't forget to swap the 2 bytes since it's little endian), then this file attempts to exploit CVE-2010-3333.



# The CVE-2010-3333 incident





# Botnet takedowns

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# Joining hands to protect customers

## Operation b49 Feb 2010

**Target:** *Waledac*

**Cleanup Goal:** Build relationships and processes to reach customers

## Operation b107 Mar 2011

**Target:** *Rustock*

**Cleanup Goal:** Disinfect systems before attackers can regain control

### Microsoft

- Execute of takedown by the Microsoft MARS team and partners, provide data, resources and tooling.

### CERTs

- Amplify reach to global partners

### ISPs

- Notify impacted customers

### End Users

- Take an active role in keeping their devices secure



# Joining hands to protect customers

## Operation b49

Feb 2010

**Target:** *Waledac*

**Cleanup Goal:** Build relationships and processes to reach customers

### ISP Results

Network	Reduction
1	97%
2	96%
3	93%
4	78%
5	82%
6	66%

### Country Results

Country	Reduction
KR	80%
TH	71%
RU	68%
ES	62%
PL	60%
AU	56%

### Status

~22,000 infected IPs remaining  
~70% reduction world wide

## Operation b107

Mar 2011

**Target:** *Rustock*

**Cleanup Goal:** Disinfect systems before attackers can regain control

### Enhancements:

- Expanded Remediation
- Removal Tools
- Updated support site
- SNDS

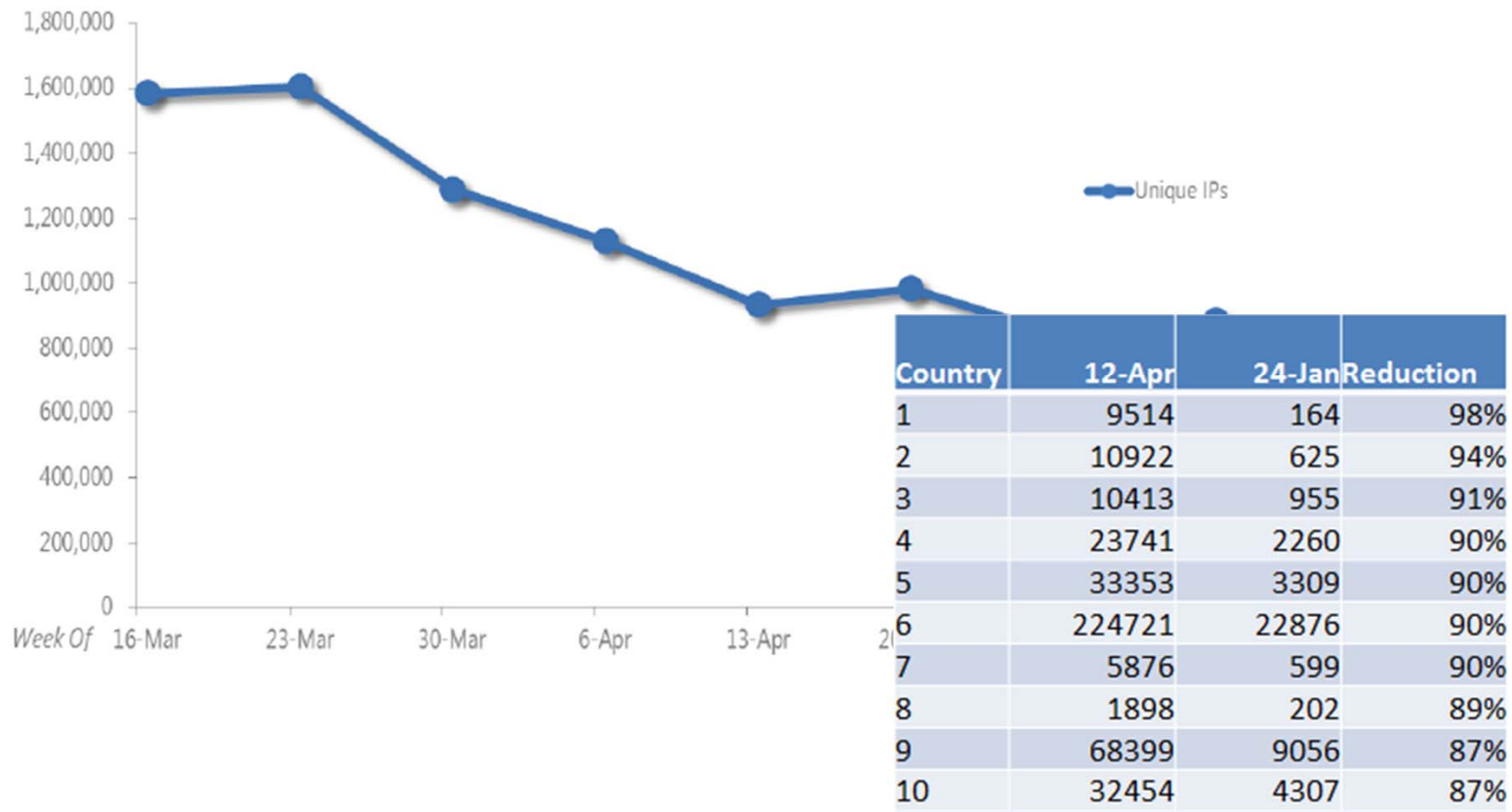
### Target

70% reduction within 60 days



# Operation b107

Figure 8. Unique IP addresses contacting the Rustock sinkhole during the first 8 weeks after the takedown, by week





# Operation b107 remediation

## ● US-based Internet Service Providers

ArCERT, *Argentina*  
CERT.AT, *Austria*  
Cert.BE, *Belgium*  
CERT-BR, *Brazil*  
CERT-EE, *Estonia*  
CERT-FI, *Finland*  
CERT.LV, *Latvia*  
CERT-UA, *Ukraine*  
CNCERT, *China*  
Federal Office for Information Security (BSI), *Germany*  
GovCERT.nl, *The Netherlands*  
GovCertUK, *United Kingdom*  
HKCERT, *Hong Kong*  
INTECO CERT, *Spain*  
JPCERT/CC, *Japan*  
MYCERT, *Malaysia*  
PISA CERT, *Pakistan*  
Public Safety Canada – CCIRC, *Canada*  
Sri Lanka CERT|CC, *Sri Lanka*  
CERT-SA, *Saudi Arabia*  
ThaiCERT, *Thailand*  
TwCERT/CC, *Taiwan*





Where do we go  
from here?



# What can I do?

# How to apply what I learned here today?

- When you get back into the office

Keep all software on  
your systems updated  
*Third party, as well as Microsoft*

Use Microsoft Update,  
not Windows update  
*Updates all Microsoft software*

Run anti-virus software  
from a trusted vendor  
*Keep it updated*

Use caution when clicking  
on links to Web pages

Use caution with attachments  
and file transfers

Avoid downloading  
pirated software

Protect yourself from  
social engineering attacks

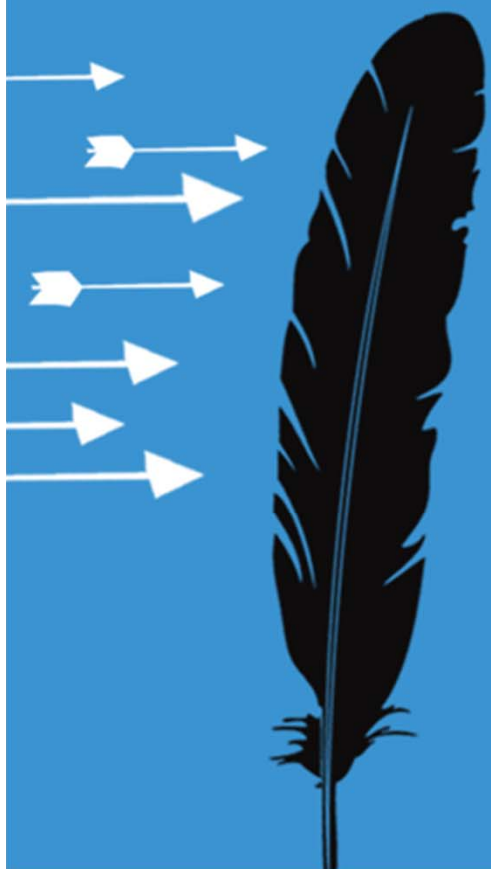
- Enroll in SNDS!  
<http://postmaster.live.com/snds>



# How to apply what I learned here today?

- Within the next 3 months:
  - Identify what type of information would help you better protect your organization.
  - Identify what information your organization has that may help protect other organizations.
  - Identify legal means to share information on attacks.
  - Build a good relationship with your regional CERT, ISAC, Anti Virus vendor and Internet Service Provider.





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