The Challenge of Cyber Security Threats

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Core Security



Emergency Preparedness Is Tough

- Terrorism
- Natural Disaster
- Insider Threats
- Technology Failures
- Crime
- Cyber-Security



Some Lessons Learned

- 9/11 and Data Centers
- 9/11 and Internet
- Katrina and Data Centers
- Katrina and Sustainability
- Fukushima Reactors



Converging Disasters: December, 2007





Hackers: Not All The Same



- For Profit
- Nation State
- Hacktivists
- Terrorists

Cold War Era: Siberian Pipeline

Contrived computer chips (would make) their way into Soviet military equipment, flawed turbines were installed on a gas pipeline, and defective plans disrupted the output of chemical plants and a tractor factory.



Modern Era: Stuxnet

- Transmitted by USB flash drive
- Exploited flaws in Siemens controllers
- Targeted Iran specifically

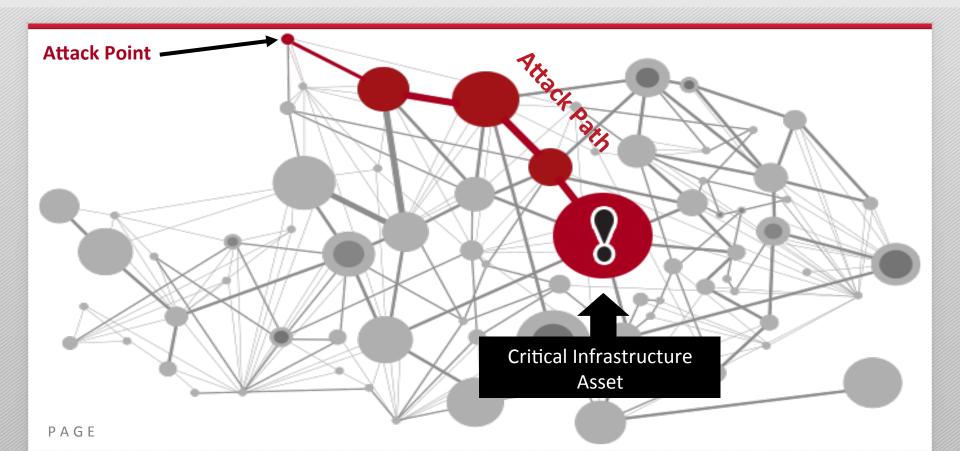


Cyberthreat #1: The Distraction

- For Profit Bad Guy
- Malicious Software introduced into network
- Opportunistic Attack
- Distraction from real emergency

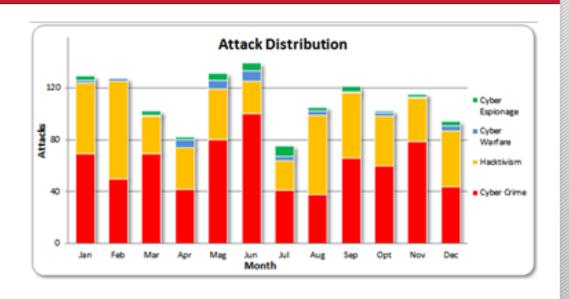


Cyberthreat #2: The Main Event



Cyberthreat #3: Hacktivism

- Trying to "change the world"
- Often focused on headline events
- Many different attack types
- Targets have included Global1000, governments, churches, hospitals, more



Known Cyber Attack Distribution, 2012

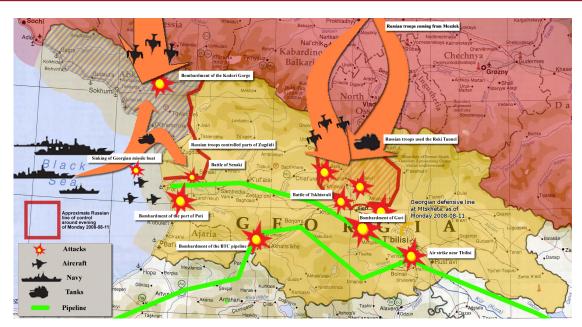
Cyberthreat #4: The Nightmare Scenario

- Converged Attack
- Coordinated across the physical and cyber spectrum
- Disrupts
 communications,
 command and control
- Empowers physical attacks



Is This Real: Russo-Georgia War 2008

- Integrated attack
- Georgian websites attacked and taken down
- Media and communications companies disrupted, unable to report news
- Georgia's access to Internet re-routed through Russian controlled systems
- Georgian oil pipeline SCADA systems attacked



Preparing For The Future

- Integrated Defenses and Coordinated Processes
 - Cyber security, IT, Physical Security, Law Enforcement
- Resilient Capabilities
 - Multiple types of communication
 - Electronic systems able to resist denial of service attacks
- Prepared for electronic intrusion
- Computer Downtime Plans
- Table top exercises
- Increase staff skills

