

INTRODUCTION DEVELOPMENT AND PHENOMENA

ITU, ICB4PAC

02.03.2011, Vanuatu

Prof. Dr. Marco Gercke, Director Cybercrime Research Institute

GENERAL INTRODUCTION

CYBERCRIME

- Fighting Cybercrime is a challenge for developed countries as well as developing countries
- The ability to investigate crimes is important to protect Internet users in the country as well as businesses from becoming victim of such offence
- It is in addition necessary to be able to identify and prosecute offenders in the country to avoid international isolation (example: "I love you virus")



Picture removed in print version
Bild zur Druckoptimierung entfernt



I LOVEYOU Virus

CYBERCRIME

- Tourism plays an important role in the region
- To attract visitors more and more hotels are making use of the Internet to promote service and enable customers to make reservations online. This goes along with the risk that such services are abused (e.g. credit card fraud)
- In addition tourists are nowadays bringing their computer with them. They could commit crimes or become victims while being in the country

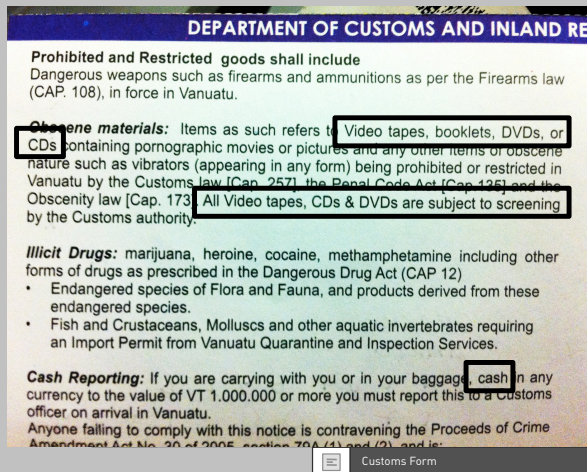


Picture removed in print version
Bild zur Druckoptimierung entfernt



Customs Form

CYBERCRIME



CYBERCRIME

- Today digital information are not necessary stored on CDs or DVDs
- Offenders are more and more frequently using USB keys and other small storage devices
- Identifying storage devices can be difficult as storage technology can be integrated is everyday items like watches or pens



Picture removed in print version
Bild zur Druckoptimierung entfernt



PEN USB KEY

CYBERCRIME

- Today a lot of devices enable the user to encrypt data
- The use of encryption technology is a key component to protect information and the use of encryption technology is suggested by many Cybersecurity experts
- However, the use of encryption technology can seriously hinder investigations



Picture removed in print version
Bild zur Druckoptimierung entfernt



ENCRYPTION

CYBERCRIME

- Offenders that want to bring illegal material in the country do not necessary have to carry physical storage devices
- Remote storage is very popular
- Various Internet companies such as Microsoft and Google offer large server capacities for the storage of data (such as e-mail, pictures, video) that can be accessed from any place with an Internet connection



Picture removed in print version
Bild zur Druckoptimierung entfernt



Google Storage Space

LESSON LEARNED

- **Understand the issue**
- **Substantive criminal law** that describes illegal conduct is essential
- Specific **investigation instruments** might be required
- Rules related to the **admissibility of evidence** can be necessary
- **International cooperation** can be required to carry out investigations
- **Training** is very important

ITU RESOURCES

- ITU published “Understanding Cybercrime: A Guide for Developing Countries”
- 225 pages, available for free download



ITU RESOURCES

- Available in the following languages: English, French, Spanish, Chinese, Arabic, Russian
- An updated 2nd edition is planned to be released later this year

ITU RESOURCES

- Guide has become a resource in various training activities around the globe
- Also used in different legislation reform projects (ECOWAS, HIPCAR project)

CYBERCRIME GUIDE

Examples and Explanation

a) Copyright related offences

With the switch from analogue to digital the entertainment industry performed an important transition.¹⁶⁷ Before the transition took place

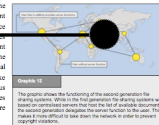
reached a point where very little improvement was possible. The digitalisation¹⁶⁸ enabled the entertainment industry to add additional services to movies distributed on DVD like various languages, subtitles, trailers and bonus material. Compared to records and video tapes the CDs and DVDs turned out to be more resistant.¹⁶⁹

Apart from the creation of new services the digitalisation enables new methods of copyright violations. The foundation of the current copyright violations is the possibility of fast and accurate reproduction. Until the digitalisation took place copying a record or a video tape was going along with a loss of quality. This limited the possibility of making copies from copies. Today it is not only possible to duplicate digital sources without a loss of quality – as a result it is as well possible to make copies from any copy.

The currently most intensively discussed copyright violations are:

- Exchange of copyright protected songs, files and software in file-sharing systems¹⁷⁰
- The circumvention of digital-rights management systems¹⁷¹

File-sharing systems are peer-to-peer¹⁷² based network services that enable their users to share files with other users.¹⁷³ After installing the file-sharing software the users can select files on their hard disk that they want to share with others and use the software to search for files that are made available by others and download them. If one user makes a copy of a song or a movie available this file can be



References and Sources (if available from publicly available sources)

¹⁶⁷ Regarding the ongoing transition process see: OECD Information Technology Outlook 2006, Highlights, page 18 – available at <http://www.oecd.org/dataoecd/27/19/37104780.pdf>.

¹⁶⁸ See generally, the MediaEurope paper Evolution der Digitalwirtschaft, Page 34 ff. and

¹⁶⁹ Apart from these improvements for further digitalisation, speeded up by the production process of the copies and with this lowered the costs via digital file they are suitable for the industry to produce in mass.

¹⁷⁰ Author: Council of Europe Digital Rights Report 2004, page 140.

¹⁷¹ Digital Rights Management (DRM) is a technology used to limit the usage of digital media. For further information see: Copyright Clearance Center (CCC) – available at <http://www.copyright.com>.

¹⁷² Peer-to-peer (P2P) is a type of network architecture in which each participant is both a client and a server. For further information see: Peer-to-Peer – available at <http://www.wikipedia.org/wiki/Peer-to-Peer>.

¹⁷³ Peer-to-Peer describes direct connections between participants in network format of communicating via decentralized distributed network resources. See: Standard Protocol for Secure Content Delivery (SPSD) – available at <http://www.spsd.com>.

¹⁷⁴ Peer-to-Peer describes direct connections between participants in network format of communicating via decentralized distributed network resources. See: Standard Protocol for Secure Content Delivery (SPSD) – available at <http://www.spsd.com>.

¹⁷⁵ GAO, File Sharing, Internet Commerce Report Taking Action to Reduce Copyright Infringement – available at <http://www.gao.gov/new.items/d040451.pdf>. European Commission, Mapping the Global Network, Properties of Large-Scale Peer-to-Peer Systems and Implications for System Design – available at http://ec.europa.eu/information_society/infocus/studies/p2p/p2p_en.pdf. US Federal Trade Commission, Peer-to-Peer File Sharing Technology: Consumer Protection and Copyright Issues, page 1 – available at <http://www.ftc.gov/ftc/p2p/P2P040202.pdf>. See also: Council of Europe, A Management Study of Peer-to-Peer File Sharing Systems – available at <http://www.coe.int/t/e/other/gb/other/gb04060101.pdf>.

PHENOMENA

- Explaining more than 20 different kind of offence linked to the term “Cybercrime”
- Ranging from traditional offences like illegal access or computer-related fraud to complex scams like “phishing” and “cyberlaundering”
- Even topics that go beyond international standards like religious offences or illegal gambling are covered

CHALLENGE

- Providing a detailed analysis of the most important challenges related to the fight against Cybercrime
- This includes very recent issues like the emerging use of encryption technology, the use of botnets to commit large scale attacks and the ability to hide the identity by using anonymous communication services

OFFENCES

ILLEGAL ACCESS

- Accessing (in most cases remotely) a computer, computer system or network without permission.
- Deliberately gaining unauthorised access to an information system
- Phenomenon also called “hacking”
- Origin of the term “hacking” was positive development of new functions



Picture removed in print version
Bild zur Druckoptimierung entfernt



ILLEGAL ACCESS

ILLEGAL ACCESS

Famous victims of hacking attacks:

- NASA (1992)
- CIA (1996)
- US Air Force (1996)
- US Department of Justice (1996)
- Pentagon (1998)
- German Government (2006)

Source: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Timeline_of_hacker_history



Picture removed in print version
Bild zur Druckoptimierung entfernt



ILLEGAL ACCESS

ILLEGAL ACCESS

- Motivation of offenders varies significantly (penetration test to identify weak points in network technology, demonstration of technical experience, part of a military strategy, political / moral motivation)
- Financial interest (esp. blackmailing) is only one possible motivation
- In some cases the offence was linked to political motivation
- „Sport“ for the next generation of computer criminals



Picture removed in print version
Bild zur Druckoptimierung entfernt



ILLEGAL ACCESS

ILLEGAL ACCESS

- Huge number of attacks is a result of automatic attacks
- Software Tools available that automatically scan IP-address areas for unprotected computers (especially open ports)
- It is possible to scan thousands of computer systems with a single computer
- Average time until a computer is attacked for the first time after being connected to the internet: 30 minutes



Picture removed in print version
Bild zur Druckoptimierung entfernt



ILLEGAL ACCESS

ILLEGAL ACCESS

Modus Operandi

- Access to a computer/network from the inside
- Hacking attack from the outside

Techniques

- Social Engineering
- Use of software devices to break the password protection
- Use of malicious software (spyware, key-logger) to record passwords
- Use of search-engines ("Google")

ILLEGAL ACCESS

- Social Engineering
- Social engineering is the term used to describe the utilization of human behaviour to breach security without the participant (or victim) even realizing that they have been manipulated.
- „Human Approach“
- In 1994, a French hacker contacted the FBI office in Washington, pretending to be an FBI representative who is working at the U.S. embassy in Paris. He persuaded the person in Washington to explain how to connect to the FBI's phone conferencing system. Then he ran up a \$250,000 phone bill in seven months.
- Classic scam: Phoning

DATA ESPIONAGE

- The term data espionage is used to describe the act of illegally obtaining computer data
- Unlike most other offences there is no wide consensus that the criminalisation of such conduct requires a specific provision



Picture removed in print version
Bild zur Druckoptimierung entfernt



DATA ESPIONAGE

DATA ESPIONAGE

- Valuable and secret information are often stored without adequate protection
- Lack of self-protection especially with regard to small businesses and private computer users
- Development of protection-plans is inadequate (eg. change of hard-drive without deleting sensible information in advance)



Picture removed in print version
Bild zur Druckoptimierung entfernt



DATA ESPIONAGE

DATA ESPIONAGE

- Apart from hardware tools there are a number of software-based keylogger solutions
- Unlike the hardware solutions most software based keylogger tools can be detected by anti-spyware tools



Picture removed in print version
Bild zur Druckoptimierung entfernt



DATA ESPIONAGE

ILLEGAL INTERCEPTION

- The use of network services (and in this context especially Internet services) requires data transfer processes
- During the transmission data is processed and forwarded by different infrastructure provider (e.g. Router)
- Risk that during those transfer processes data can be intercepted



Picture removed in print version
Bild zur Druckoptimierung entfernt



BACKGROUND: DATA TRANSFER

ILLEGAL INTERCEPTION

- Popularity of network based service increased the threats
- Availability of high-speed Internet connections and server infrastructure today enables the development of storage concepts that are not anymore based on local but decentralised storage
- „cloud computing“ and „cloud storage“



Picture removed in print version
Bild zur Druckoptimierung entfernt



EXAMPLE: AMAZON CLOUD COMPUTING

ILLEGAL INTERCEPTION

- Another reason for increasing threats is the popularity of wireless Internet devices
- Wireless technology (WLAN / WIFI) is a popular technology to make services available in a local area



Picture removed in print version
Bild zur Druckoptimierung entfernt



WIRELESS LAN

DATA INTERFERENCE

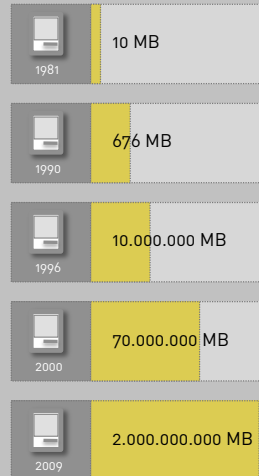
- The term data interference is used to describe a negative interaction with regard to computer data
- Example: Computer virus that deletes information on a hard drive
- A computer virus is a malicious software that is able to replicate itself and infect a computer without the permission of the user in order to carry out operations
- Primary target: Computer data

DIGITAL DATA

- Emerging importance of digital information
- Number of digital documents is intensively increasing
- Costs for storing one MB of data was constantly decreasing during the last decades
- Today it is cheaper to store information digitally than to keep physical copies

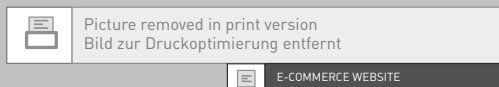
BACKGROUND

- Development of large storage media supports the increasing importance digital information



SYSTEM INTERFERENCE

- Businesses are increasingly depending on the availability of network and communication services
- Example: Switch from tradition high-street shops to e-commerce businesses
- But also businesses that do not offer services online might depend on network technology („Cloud Computing“)



SYSTEM INTERFERENCE

- Example: Denial-of-Service Attacks
- Definition: attempt to make a computer resource unavailable to its intended users
- Distributed DoS attack: DDoS attack occurs when multiple compromised systems flood the bandwidth of a targeted system.

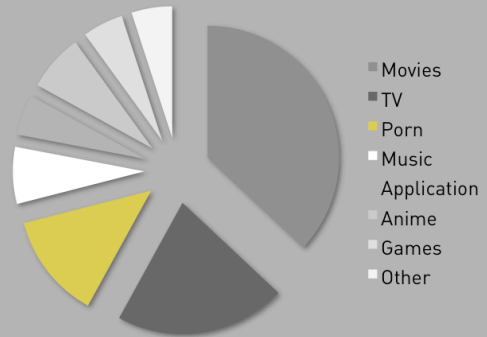
PORNOGRAPHY

- Various websites with pornographic content
- Commercial and non-commercial
- Link lists available that lead to sexual related content
- No access control that could exclude access of minors
- Making pornographic material accessible without a proper access control is criminalised in some countries

PORNOGRAPHY

- Thousands of pornographic movies and pictures are available for free download in **Filesharing-Systems**
- Current researches highlight, that pornographic material is among the most popular contents distributed via Filesharing-Systems

BitTorrent Traffic Volume per Content Type



CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

- In the past child pornography was traded offline
- The production in general required the involvement of service provider (film laboratories)
- Similar situation with regard to the distribution that required the involvement of a limited number of service providers (postal services)



Picture removed in print version
Bild zur Druckoptimierung entfernt



Film Laboratory

CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

- Availability of Video Cameras changed the situation dramatically.
- With a video camera the offender did not need to rely on service provider to produce child pornography
- Decreased the possibility to identify the offender within the production / duplication process
- Limited means of distribution remain a strong possibility for investigation



Picture removed in print version
Bild zur Druckoptimierung entfernt



Video Camera

CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

- Today child pornography is available online
- Global phenomenon
- Influences the way how child pornography is distributed. Today it is possible to host files anywhere in the world and make it available for any user
- Means of distribution are classic services like WWW and email but also less popular services like filesharing



Picture removed in print version
Bild zur Druckoptimierung entfernt



SOURCE: Steel, Child Ab & Neg. 09, 563

ONLINE GAMES

- High interest in Online Games
- Secondlife has several million users
- Companies like Microsoft and Nissan are present
- Includes a virtual currency (L\$ - Linden Dollar)
- First US\$ Millionaire "Anshe Chung" who earned 270.000.000 L\$ by developing and selling "real estate"

(FTD 28.11.2006)

ONLINE GAMES

- Increasing number of links between the virtual world and the real world
- L\$ as well as SL-objects are offered on Ebay
- First cases of "virtual theft"