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The Art of Attribution Identifying and Pursuing your Cyber Adversaries

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ORGANIZATIONS
BELIEVE THEY HAVE
A MALWARE
PROBLEM

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AN ADVERSARY
PROBLEM

Importance of Attribution



Executive Briefing

- ▶ Attribution: PLA Navy
- ▶ Targets:
 - ▶ Governments
 - ▶ Military / Defense
 - ▶ Intelligence
 - ▶ NGO
 - ▶ Oil
 - ▶ Green Energy
 - ▶ Shipping



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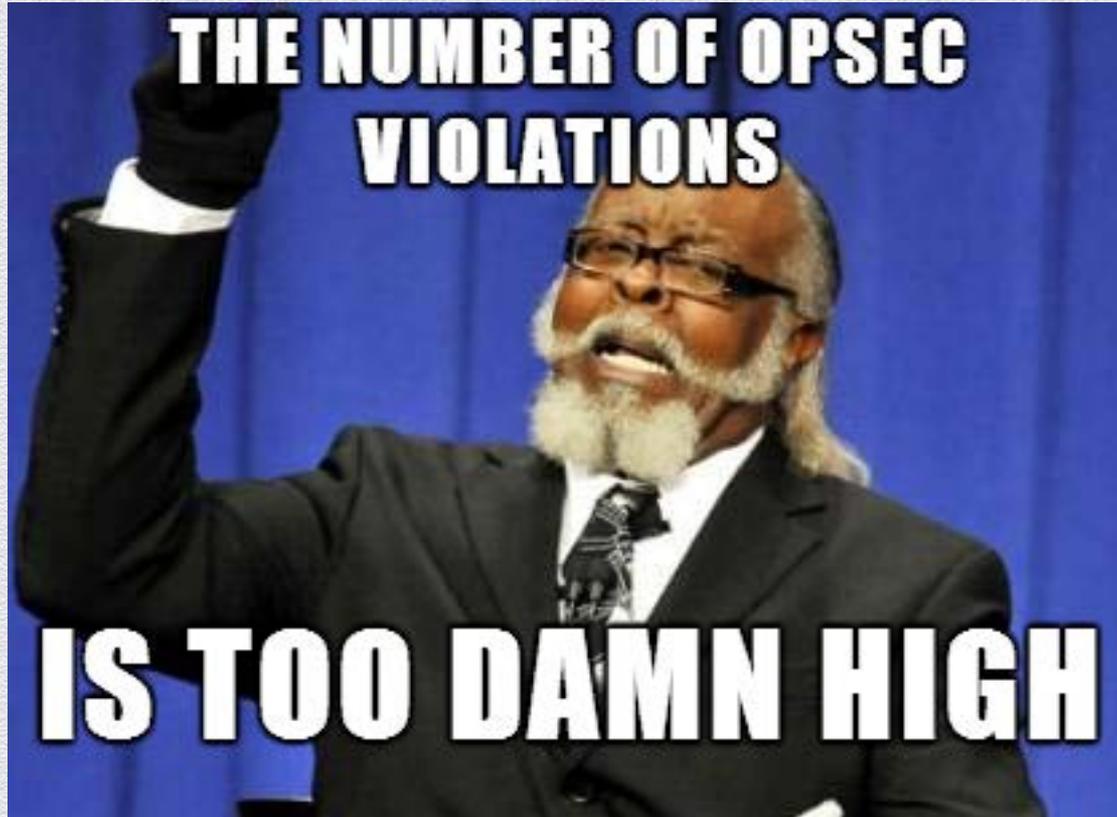


**I'M FROM THE GOVERNMENT
AND I'M HERE TO HELP**

Attribution is Impossible in Cyberspace



Attribution Paradox



Who are the Adversaries

CHINA

Comment Panda: Commercial, Government, Non-profit

Deep Panda: Financial, Technology, Non-profit

Foxy Panda: Technology & Communications

Anchor Panda: Government organizations, Defense & Aerospace, Industrial Engineering, NGOs

Impersonating Panda: Financial Sector

Karma Panda: Dissident groups

Keyhole Panda: Electronics & Communications

Poisonous Panda: Energy Technology, G20, NGOs, Dissident Groups

Putter Panda: Governmental & Military

Toxic Panda: Dissident Groups

Union Panda: Industrial companies

Vixen Panda: Government

IRAN

Cutting Kitten: Energy Companies

Magic Kitten: Dissidents

INDIA

Viceroy Tiger: Government, Legal, Financial, Media, Telecom

RUSSIA

Energetic Bear: Oil and Gas Companies

NORTH KOREA

Silent Chollima: Government, Military, Financial

Who are the Adversaries

CRIMINAL

Singing Spider: Commercial, Financial

Union Spider: Manufacturing

Andromeda Spider: Numerous

Dextorous Spider: Retail

HACKTIVIST/ACTIVIST/TERRORIST

Deadeye Jackal: Commercial, Financial, Media, Social Networking

Ghost Jackal: Commercial, Energy, Financial

Corsair Jackal: Commercial, Technology, Financial, Energy

Extreme Jackal: Military, Government



Who are the Adversaries



Attribution Indicators

- ◆ “Human Toolmarks”
- ◆ Resource Language
- ◆ Timezone information
 - ◆ Build times
 - ◆ C2 check-in times
- ◆ Mutex names
- ◆ Kernel pool tags
- ◆ Tradecraft
- ◆ Passwords
- ◆ Indicators
- ◆ Domain Registration
- ◆ IP Ownership
- ◆ Code Styles



Conclusion

- ◆ Predictive security requires intelligence & attribution
- ◆ Know Thy Enemy
- ◆ Tailor defense to attacker's capabilities and motivations
- ◆ Involve the business in the risk-based decisions!

- ◆ Know your Pandas, Bears, Kittens and Tigers!

