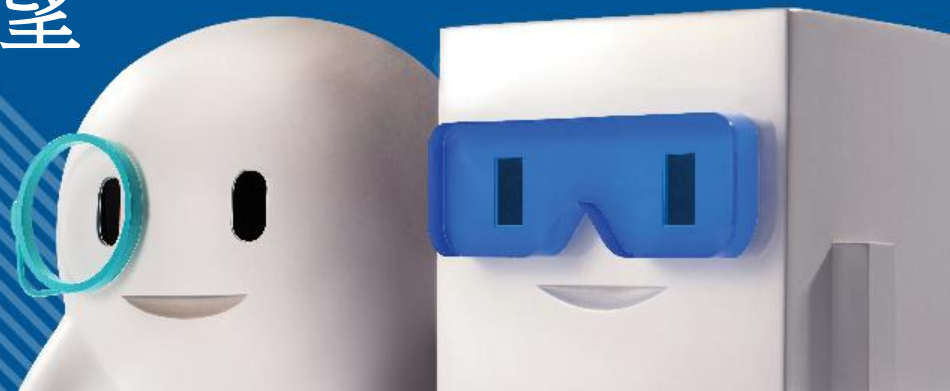




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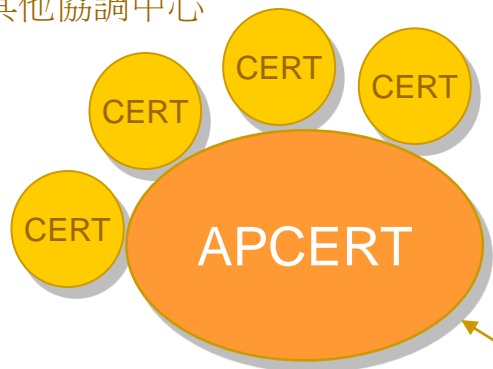
Agenda

- Information Security Trends
 - Year 2014 in Review
 - Outlook for 2015
- Advice to the Public

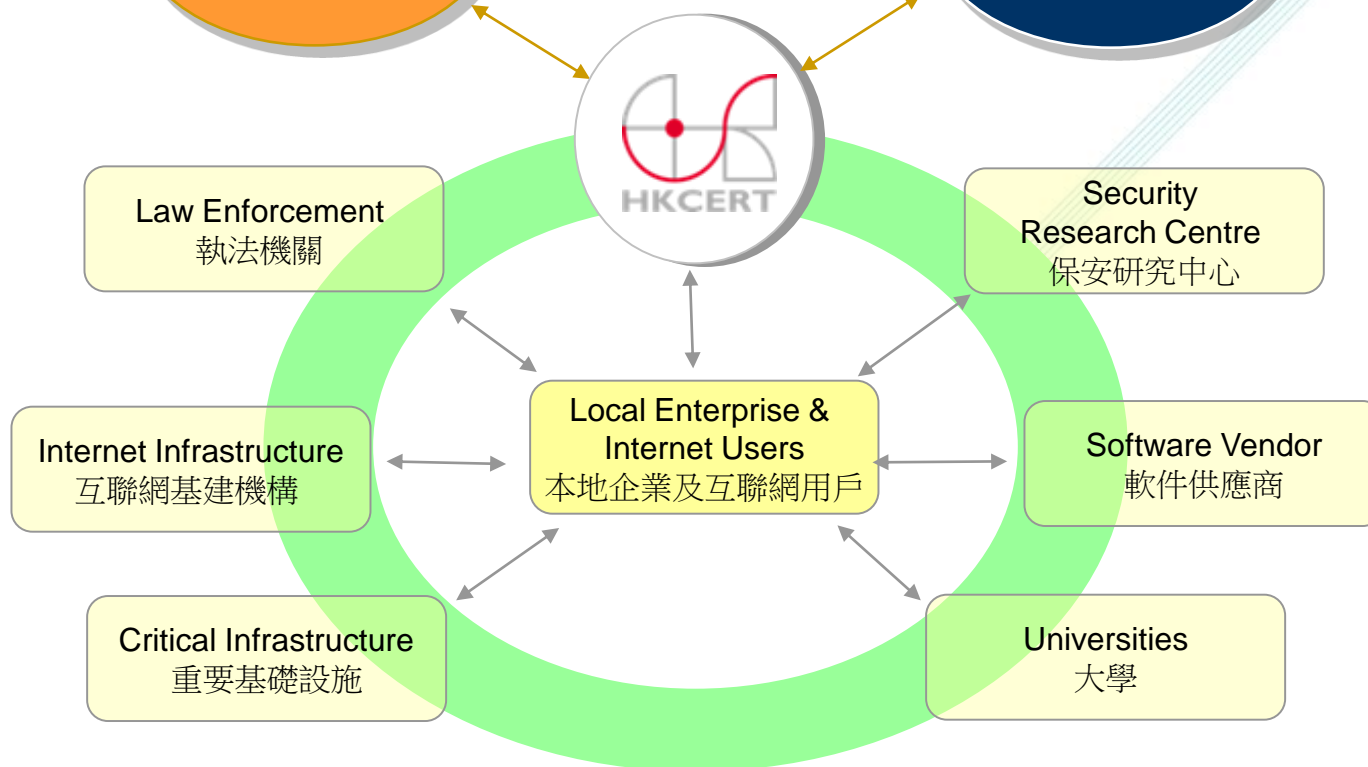
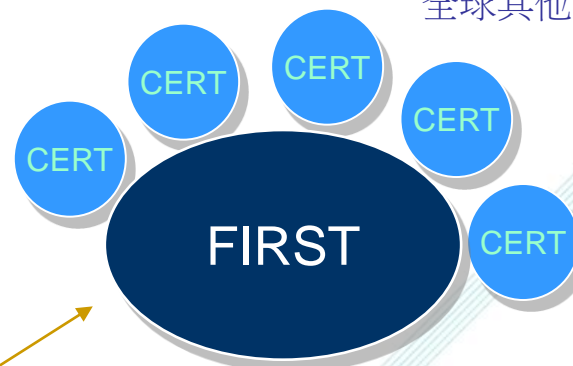
Hong Kong Computer Emergency Response Team Coordination Centre

- 香港電腦保安事故協調中心 (HKCERT)
 - Established in 2001. Operated by HK Productivity Council
 - Provide Free-of-charge service to Public
 - Scope of services
 - Incident Handling, Response and Coordination
 - Dissemination of Alerts, Warnings and Security-related Information
 - Security Awareness Education
 - Coordination and Collaboration with Relevant parties on Security Preventive Measures
 - 24 hrs hotline: 8105-6060

CERT Teams in Asia Pacific 亞太區其他協調中心



CERT Teams around the World 全球其他協調中心



Summary of HKCERT Incident Reports for 2014



香港電腦保安事故協調中心
2014年保安事故報告摘要

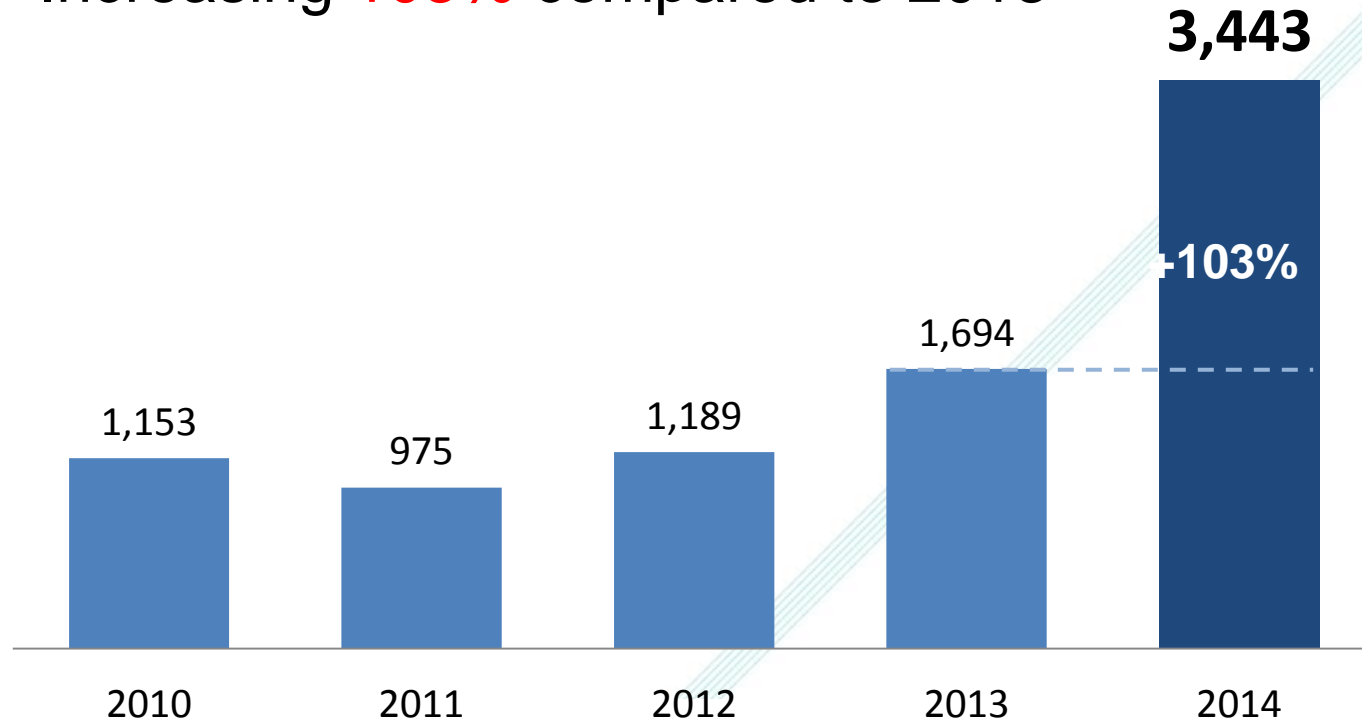
Security Incident Reports

保安事故報告



Total Incident: **3,443**

Increasing **103%** compared to 2013

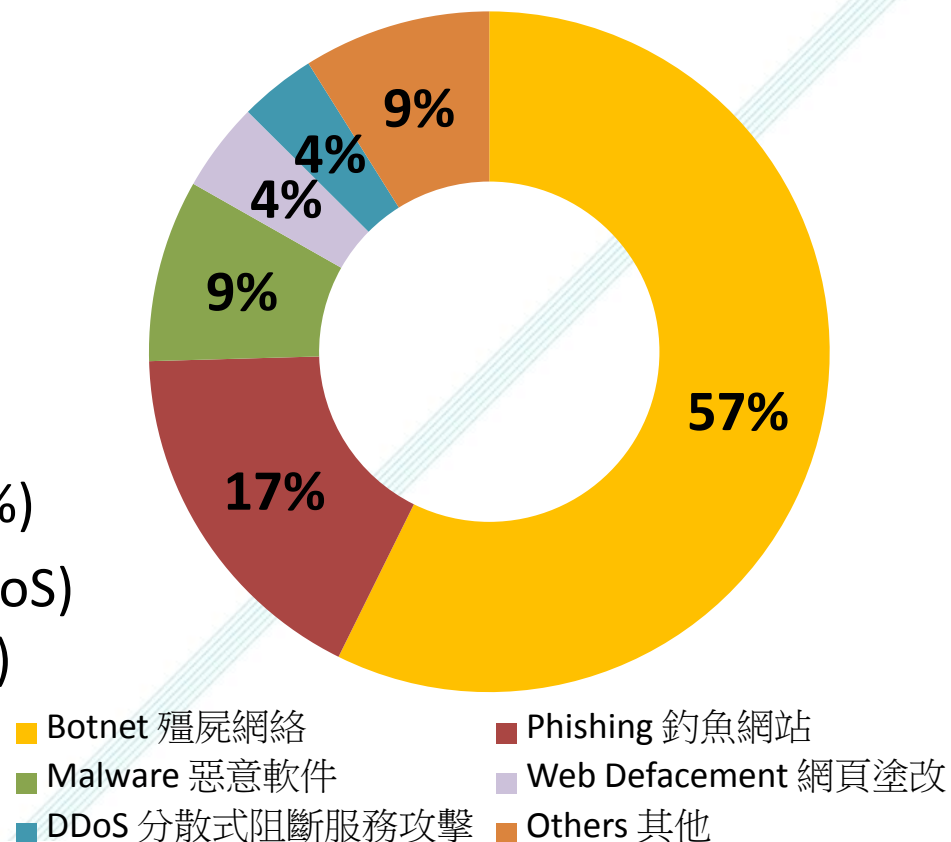


Incident Reports Breakdown in 2014

2014年保安事故報告的分佈

Total 總數: 3,443

- Botnet (殭屍網絡): 1,973 (57%)
- Phishing (釣魚網站): 594 (17%)
- Malware (惡意軟件): 298 (9%)
- Defacement (網頁塗改) : 146 (4%)
- Distributed Denial-of-Service (DDoS)
(分散式阻斷服務攻擊): 125 (4%)





Growth of Major Incident Reports

- Botnet (殭屍網絡)
 - **1,973** cases in 2014 vs **432** cases in 2013 (↑357%)
- Phishing (釣魚網站)
 - **594** cases in 2014 vs **384** cases in 2013 (↑55%)

Increasing number of Incidents on Mobile and Internet Devices

- **Mobile Devices related 流動設備**
 - 154 cases in 2014 vs 35 cases in 2013 (↑340%)
- **Internet Devices related 互聯網設備 (new trend)**
 - 15 cases (332 devices involved)





Security Outlook 2015

Potential Trends in 2015

1. Scale of Attack 規模

- DDoS attack more powerful
- Multiple servers attacked in single campaign

2. Targets 目標

- Mobile and Cloud Platforms
- Higher Value Targets
- Internet Devices and “Internet of Things” (物聯網)

Potential Trends in 2015

3. Mode of Attack 攻擊模式

- Botnets (殭屍網絡)
- Ransomware (加密勒索軟件)
- One-click Attack (一按攻擊)

1. Scale of Attack

- **DDoS attacks more powerful (100s of Gbps)**
 - More devices, higher bandwidth, online attacking tools
- **Multiple victims / servers attacked in a single campaign**
 - **Collateral damages** – no one is a bystander
 - Local compromised computers involved in attacks

2. Targets

➤ Mobile and Cloud Platforms

Mobile botnet (流動殭屍網絡)

- Botnet command centres and hosting found

More iOS malware

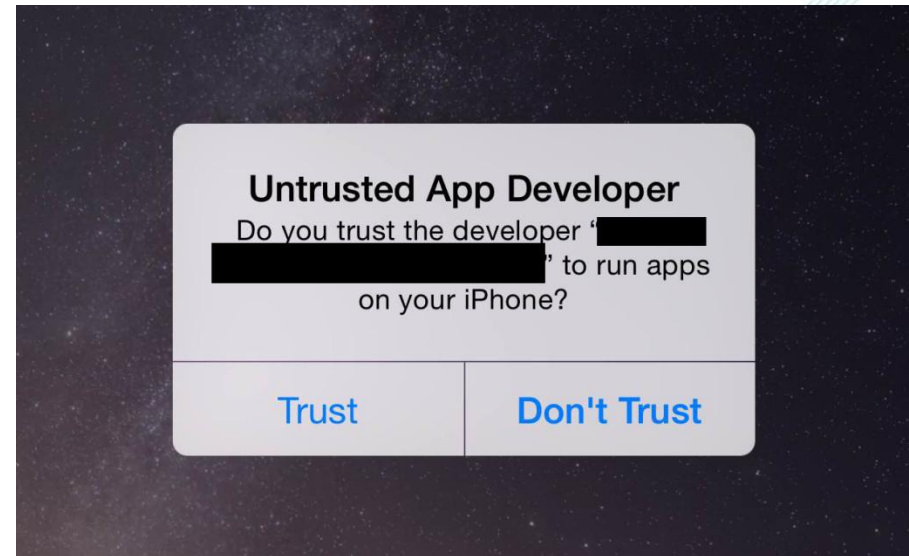


Wirelurker infected JB & non-JB devices

- Infections via synchronization with desktop
 - Host Mac malware on piracy app store 麥芽地
 - Mac malware monitor USB connection, and sync with iOS device to infect it with WireLurker
- Use Enterprise provision profile to install malware not published on Apple app store

“Masque” iOS attack - in Malware We Trust

- Enterprise provisioning vulnerability – no check on digital certificate
- Malicious app can replace genuine app with the same bundle identifier
- can even access the original app's local data



2. Targets



Personal Cloud

- Personal cloud services account breach
- Attackers break into personal cloud accounts to obtain personal data or make fraudulent transactions.

Mitigation

- Use strong password and two factor authentication

Image credit

<http://technews.tw/2014/12/29/apple-denies-breach-in-celebrity-icloud-hack>

2. Targets

➤ Higher Value Targets

- **Credential data in Point of Sales Systems (POS)**

入侵銷售點系統，盜竊信用卡和個人資料圖利

- Malware scans memory of POS for **unencrypted credit card and personal credentials**
- US large retail stores had tens or millions of customer data leaked



POS 系統被廣泛應用於零售、餐飲、酒店行業。

2. Targets

Protect POS

- Do not connect POS to the Internet or guest Wi-Fi
- Install security software on POS
- Change default administrator password
- Patch it regularly



2. Targets

- **Internet Devices and Internet of Things (IoT)**
 - **Hackers control Internet devices to steal data, or use them to launch attacks**
 - IP Camera – leaking personal privacy
 - Broadband routers – compromised by hacker to launch DDoS
 - TV Box – compromised by preloaded malware
 - **Potential threats for IoT (物聯網)**
 - Smart Home, Smart Watch or Industrial Control System (ICS) connected to the Internet

2. Targets

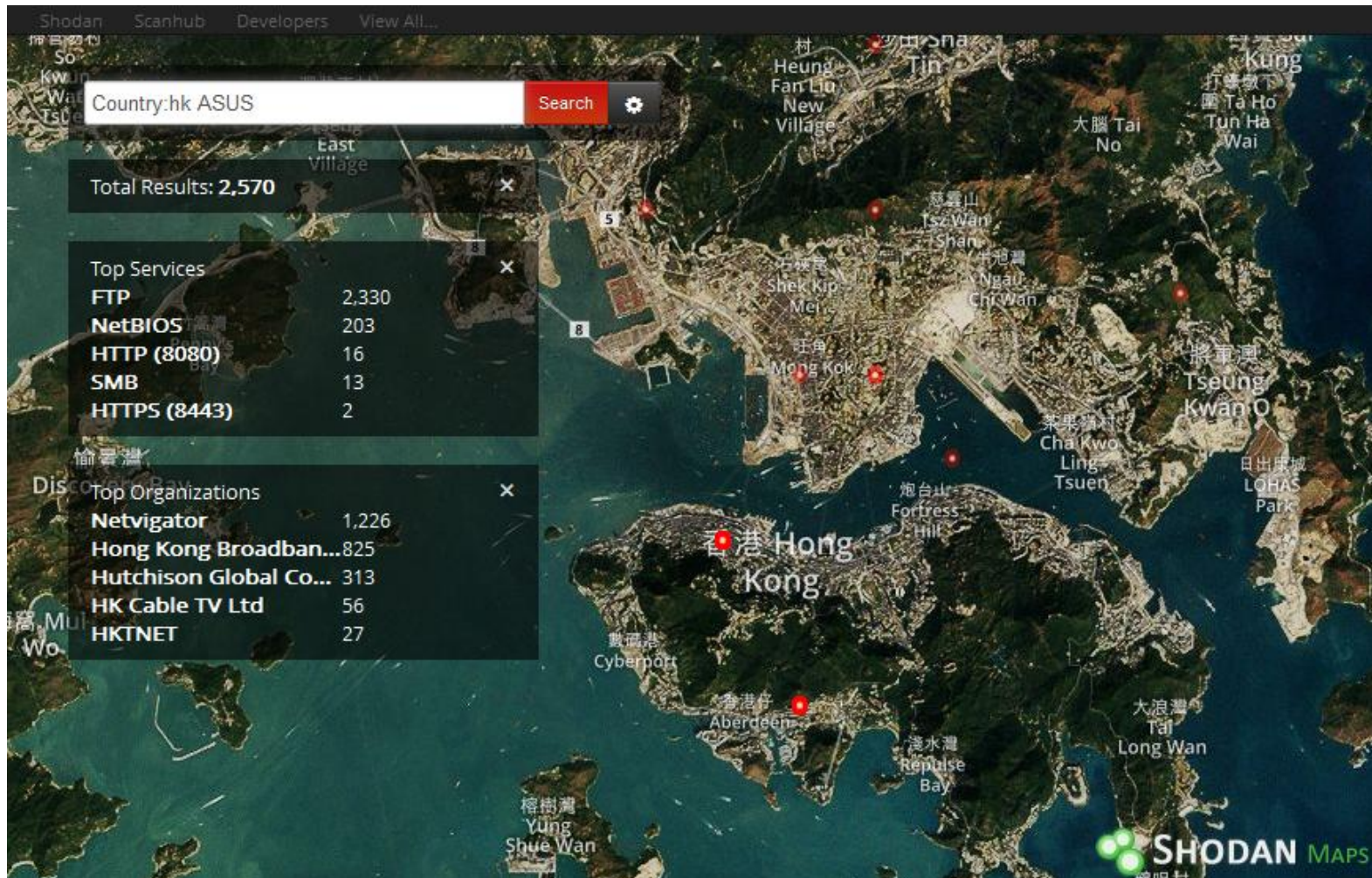
BB Router firmware vulnerability

- Some ASUS router models has unauthenticated command execution vulnerability
- Listen on port 9999 on LAN and WAN interface
- <https://github.com/jduck/asus-cmd>



2. Targets

- Search engine for the Internet of Things



The screenshot shows the Shodan Maps interface with a search query 'Country:hk ASUS'. The search results are overlaid on a satellite map of Hong Kong. The interface includes a search bar, a search button, and a settings icon. The results are categorized into 'Total Results: 2,570', 'Top Services', and 'Top Organizations'.

Category	Item	Count
Total Results: 2,570	FTP	2,330
	NetBIOS	203
	HTTP (8080)	16
	SMB	13
	HTTPS (8443)	2
Top Organizations	Netvigator	1,226
	Hong Kong Broadban...	825
	Hutchison Global Co...	313
	HK Cable TV Ltd	56
	HKTNET	27

Attack Scenarios of Internet of Things

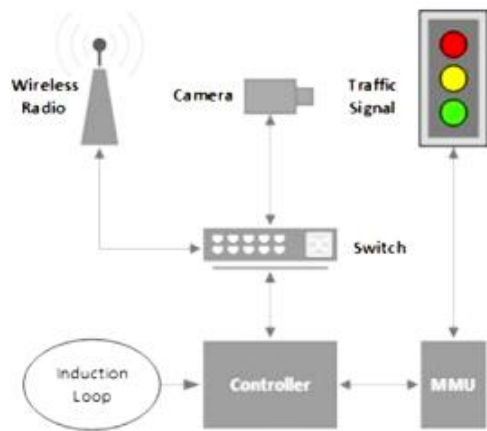


Smart Transport



Researchers find it's terrifyingly easy to hack traffic lights

Open wireless and default passwords make controlling a city's intersections trivial.



- Camera & Controller of traffic light
 - communication via Wi-Fi
- Controller
 - running VxWorks, debug port open
- Control system communication
 - no encryption, no authentication

Researchers @ University of Michigan with road agency
August 2014

Smart Meters

Researchers: Spain electricity smart meters hack-able

Smart meter hack could leave homes in the dark



Possibilities

- Shut down home electricity
- Over/Under bill
- Forward data out
- Install network worm

Reference

<http://www.itpro.co.uk/security/23251/smart-meter-hack-could-leave-homes-in-the-dark>

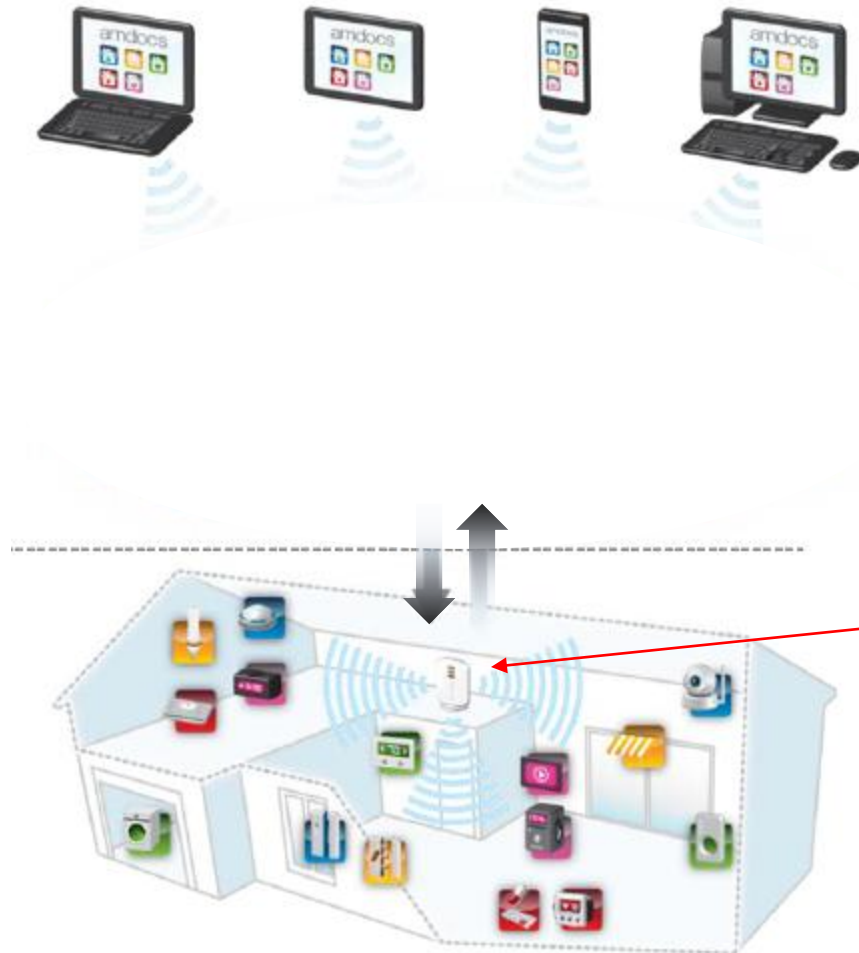


- Nest Thermostat
- Smart device integration
 - Mercedes-Benz tells Nest you're on the way home → adjust temperature
 - Jawbone UP24 tells Nest your wake up
 - Nest Protect detects smoke or CO at home → inform you to call emergency
 - LG, Whirlpool refrigerator energy saving
 - LIFX mimic occupied house via lighting



- Nest users not aware of log content and cannot turn off
- Nest thermostat bootup has backdoor - bypass verification (Researchers @ University of Central Florida)
 - Can boot via USB and install any code
 - Can read log file that contains local Wifi credentials in plaintext
 - Can block sending log back to server

Smart Home & Personal Cloud



- Remote Control
 - Mobile Devices
- Personal Cloud
 - Managed Service
- Home Gateway
- Home Devices

Reference:

http://www.gsma.com/connectedliving/wp-content/uploads/2012/05/Marcos-Zart-Amdocs_Connected_Home-SmartCity-2012-June.pdf

Security vulnerabilities

Devices

- Physical access
- Communication vulnerability
- DDoS
- Malware

Back End System

- System Auth. & Access Control
- Communication vulnerability
- DDoS
- Software API

Users

- Cloud account
- Malware
- User hacks device and breaks security

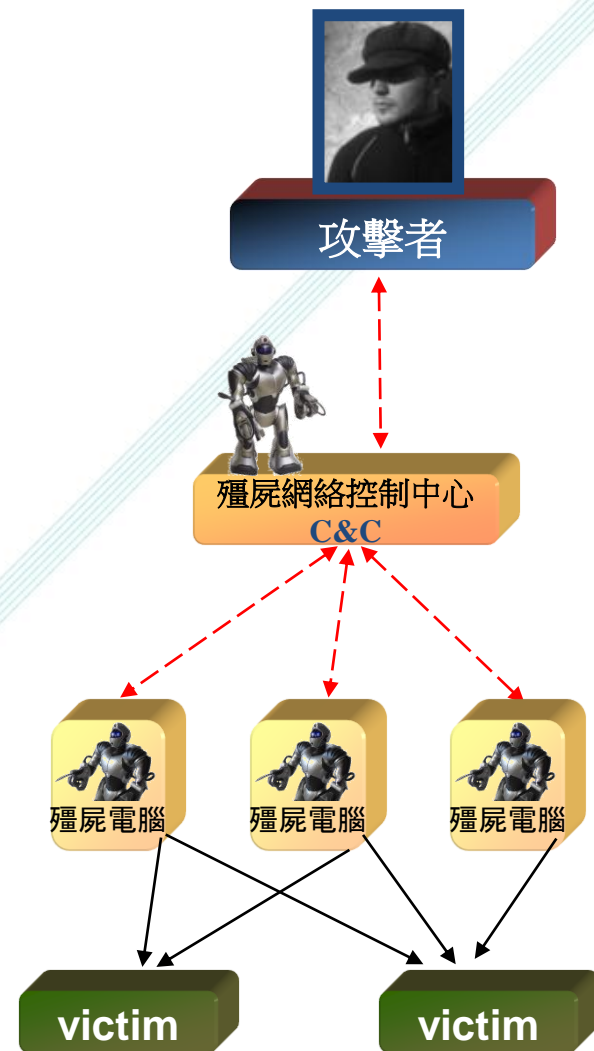
Security Impacts in Physical World

- Smart Systems connect with the physical world by automated Responses (with intelligent decision making algorithms based on sensor data)
 - Early Warning
 - Health Advice
 - Safety Control
 - Traffic Control
 - Other Controls
- What is the Consequence of attacks?

3. Mode of Attack

➤ Botnet (殭屍網絡)

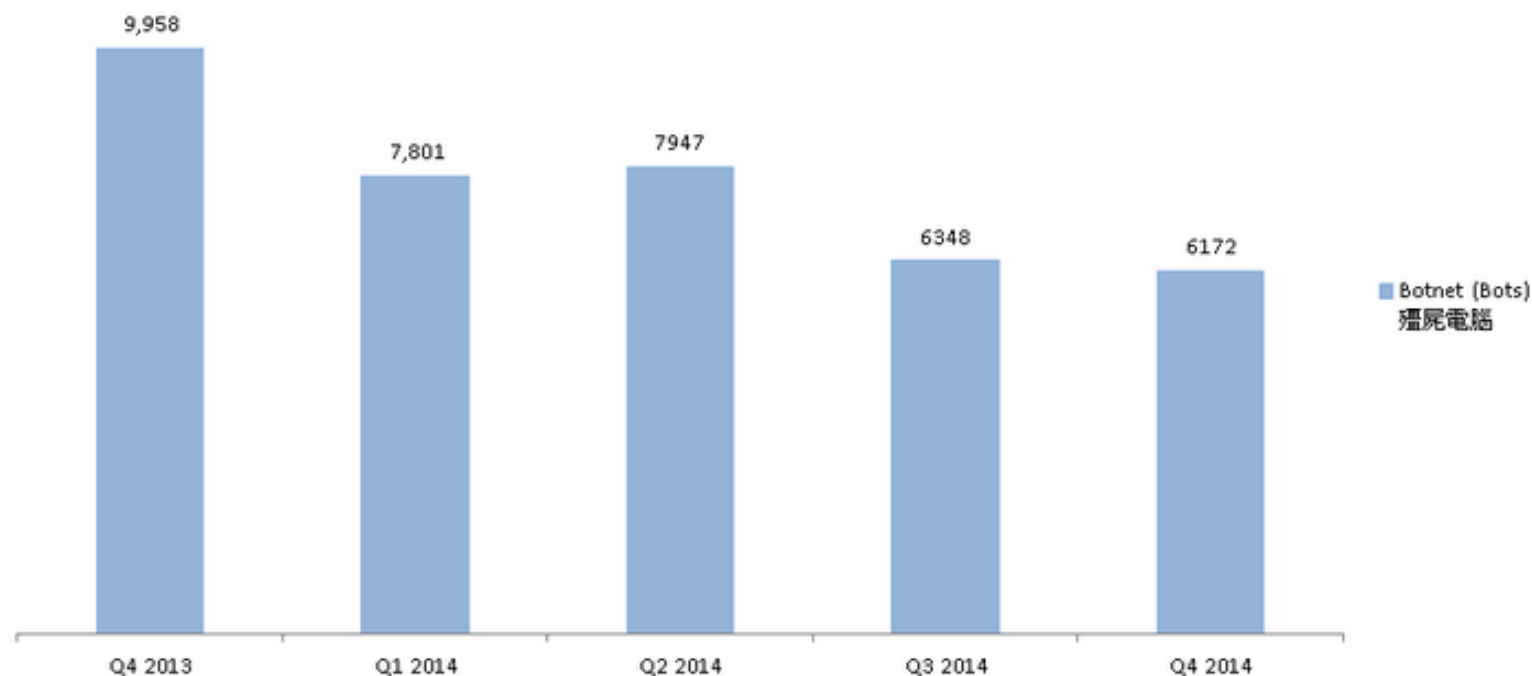
- Large number of computers or devices (bots) infected by malware (from thousands to millions)
- Controlled by attacker via botnet control centre



香港保安觀察報告 Hong Kong Security Watch Report



Trend of Botnet (Bots) security events 殭屍網絡(殭屍電腦)安全事件趨勢



3. Mode of Attack

➤ Ransomware (加密勒索軟件)

- Encrypt victims' data → demand ransom
- Targets
 - **PC** (CTB-Locker, Cryptolocker, CryptoDefense, CryptoWall ...)
 - **Network attached storage** (SynoLocker)
 - **Mobile devices** (SimpLocker)
- New ransomware may **spread like virus**



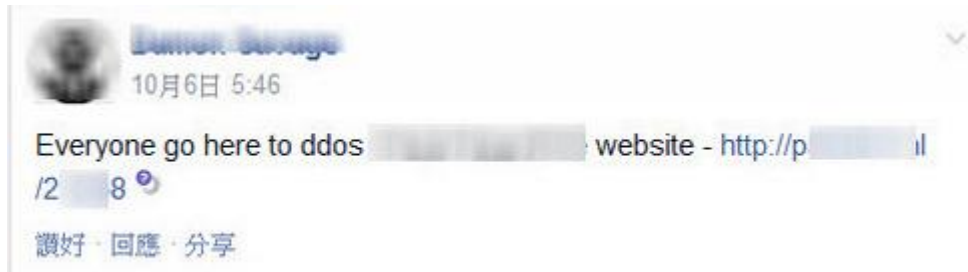
3. Mode of Attack

➤ One-click Attack (一按攻擊)



- Cyber criminals provide online attack tools
網絡犯罪分子提供網上攻擊工具
- Lure people to click a link to help participate in attacks
引誘市民參與「一按攻擊」, 作為幫兇

3. Mode of Attack



Attacker post a message with One-click attack URL on social networking site

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You are join the #Ops to saving the world, that is your choose
Sure also start up this site for 30min you are joining the following #Ops and the cyber protest.

We Are Legion
We Do Not Forget
We Do Not Forgive
Expect Us
[TARGET]
http://www.victimwebsite.com/

[REQUESTS]
9999

[MESSAGE]
We are Hackitvist

[STATUS]
REQUESTS
1008
SUCCEDED
1006
FAILED
0
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Advice of HKCERT

Advice to Organizations

➤ **Patch servers**

安裝保安修補程序

➤ **Strengthen POS system protection**

加強銷售點系統保護

➤ **Proper management of BYOD**

妥善管理“自攜流動設備”

➤ **Backup data and keep offline copy**

備份數據，並保持離線副本

➤ **Be cautious of social network, email / IM communication. Verify information via alternate channels (e.g. phone)**

小心電郵/即時通訊，用其他渠道驗證信息 (例如電話)

Advice to Individual Users

➤ **Do not participate in “One-click Attack”**

切勿參與「一按 DDoS攻擊」活動

➤ **Patch computers**

➤ **Protect personal cloud services accounts**

➤ **Avoid becoming a bot** 避免成為殭屍電腦

殭屍電腦檢測和清洗步驟指南: <https://www.hkcert.org/botnet>

➤ **Secure mobile devices** 保護流動設備

流動手機安全指南: https://www.hkcert.org/my_url/zh/guideline/13022802

➤ **Secure Internet devices**

➤ **Be cautious of hyperlinks in SNS, SMS, IM communication**

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