

# Evolution

or...I know what you (and your company) did last summer

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# Agenda



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# Introduction



- Who I am?
  - Roelof Temmingh
  - Completed Bachelor's degree in Electronic Engineering
  - Started SensePost with friends in 2000
  - Talked/trained at BlackHat, RSA, Defcon, FIRST etc.
  - Co-wrote some Syngress books
  - Built tools @ SensePost – Wikto, Suru, BiDiBLAH, Crowbar
- Today
  - Started Paterva beginning of 2007
  - R&D



# Think deep...introspection

Why do we hack?

No...I mean...really...

“See if it's safe because I bank there” - yeah...OK if you say so.

The pleasure from seeing the lock open == the info appearing on your screen. Control over the lock.

It's being able to do things normal people can't, knowing things that normal people don't.

It's less about applying the information->knowledge

# Things are changing (at least from the outside)



- When last did you fully own a box? (root/system)
- When last did you fully own a database?
- When was the last proper worm?
- Where have all the script kiddies gone??
  
- At least from outside – you are dealing with 3 ports – 80,443 and 25.
- If you own something today it's probably via a web application gone wrong, or it's a client via a vuln in a client side app (think browser, email client).

# Job security - NOT!



Company X asks for a external security assessment.

Company X has one static website (and email)

As security expert you need to assess it.

- Nmap, Nessus, Wikto/Nikto – now what?
- The most used tab in Wikto?

Are they really worried about an 0day on their IIS6?

Or that 'bad things happen on the Internet' ?

The unknown almost always scares..

# Hacker's 6<sup>th</sup> sense



People regularly ask me - what can you find out about...?

... without touching/hacking them

... without them knowing

Most of the time it turns out there is a lot to be found

“Why couldn't you do this??”

- Because we know the fabric of the 'net
- Because we think different thoughts
- Because we are have built-in deviousness
- Because we know who and how to ask

“But why would you like to know this?”

Hackers are not interested in the application of data, but know how to get to it.

# People always ask me...



Non-tech people ask “what can you tell me about this:

- Email address
- Company
- Person
- Word/phrase
- Website

...and us tech people think:

- IP addresses, virtual hosts
- Netblocks / AS routes
- Affiliations (Linkedin, Myspace, Orkut, Zoominfo, Facebook etc)
- Microformats - XFN, vCards, hCards etc. etc.
- Forward and reverse DNS – MX/NS records
- Whois records / rWhois and referring registrars
- Google fu / Deep web search
- Services like ip2geo, wayback machine, Google Earth, Zoominfo
- Meta information in documents



# Part I – relationship collection

## The thinking behind the framework



Step 1: What can you tell me about...

- How would you do it as a human? =>
- Information transforms in the framework

Step 2: Collect information

- Searching, surfing
- Deep web & services

Step 3: Parse/convert information to **new entities**

Step 4: **Goto 1**

Find the hidden information -

A -> B -> C and

X -> Y -> C

..then  $A \sim X$

# Part I – relationship collection

## Thinking behind the framework



- Entity or Entities -> **Transform** -> Entity or Entities
- Repeat

Entities I have now are:

```
core/entities roeloftemmingh$ ls -l
```

- AffiliationEntity.java
- DNSNameEntity.java
- DocumentEntity.java
- DomainEntity.java
- EmailAddressEntity.java
- IPAddressEntity.java
- LocationEntity.java
- PersonEntity.java
- PhraseEntity.java
- TelephoneNumberEntity.java
- WebSiteEntity.java

# Part I – relationship collection: Transforms



Transforms are: (as of 3 April 2007):

```
/core/transforms roelofteemmingh$ ls -l
```

DNSNameToDomain.java

DNSNameToIPAddress.java

DNSNameToWebSite.java

DomainToDNSNameBrute.java

DomainToDNSNameMX.java

DomainToDocument.java

DomainToEmailPhoneSiteGoogle.java

DomainToEmailWhois.java

DomainToTelephoneWhois.java

EmailToAffMySpace.java

EmailToDomain.java

EmailToEmailPhoneSiteGoogle.java

IPAddressToDNSName.java

IPAddressToDNSNameVH.java

IPAddressToEmailPhoneWhois.java

IPAddressToLocation.java

PersonToAffLinkedIn.java

PersonToEmailPhoneSiteGoogle.java

PersonToEmailPhoneSiteGoogleBlog.java

PhraseToEmailPhoneSiteGoogle.java

PhraseToEmailPhoneSiteGoogleBlog.java

TelephoneToEmailPhoneSiteGoogle.java

26 transforms  
and growing steadily..

# Part I – relationship collection

## The thinking behind the framework



- Transforms - “who can do anything with a ...?”
- Entities open and expandable
- Transforms uses plugin architecture
- Thus, you are only limited by your own imagination
- If you are in the Lexis/Nexis club...
- If you work for the phone company
- If you have access to any other juicy databases etc.

# Transforms



## Some really easy examples

- DNS name -> IP number(s)
- IP number -> DNS name
- Domain (whois) -> email address(es)
- IP address (whois) -> telephone number
- Telephone number -> Geo location
- IP number -> Geo location

# Transforms tel -> email



Some more interesting examples:

Consider Telephone number -> email address

How would a human do it?

- Step 1: Google the telephone number
- Step 2: Look at the snippet/Surf to the result
- Step 2: Look for email addresses
- Step 3: See which are clearly connected to the telephone number

But it gets nasty...

# Transforms: tel- > email



Assume the number is +27 83 448 6996

- =~ 083 448 6996
- =~ (0)83 448 6996
- =~ 083 4486996
- =~ +2783 4486996
- =~ etc

Option 1: only look for 448 6996.

- Your friendly plumber in Burundi

Option 2: Try combinations

- But “+27 83 448 6996” is more likely to be correct than 083 448 6996

# Transforms – confidence levels

Same goes for First Name/Last Name

- Results on search query for “Roelof Temmingh” is more likely to contains the correct email address for me that a query for R Temmingh.

So – let's do all the queries, but give each a 'confidence index'

Are there other parameters we can use to increase the quality of our results?



# Transforms: factors when sorting by relevance

- Frequency of the parsed result  
If, after parsing, I get roelof.temmingh@gmail.com 100 times it's likely to be more relevant than something that appears 2 times.
- Significance of the site where the term is located  
Especially necessary when working with phrases.
- Correlation to the original search term.  
roelof.temmingh@gmail.com is more likely to be Roelof Temmingh's email address than kosie.kramer@yahoo.com.
- Proximity to the search term.

## Transforms : using Google

So, for each “fuzzy” search (where relationships are not 1:1) I can create an confidence index.

Using Google and only looking at snippets I get:

- Speedy results
- Control over amount of results returned
- Country specific results
- Significance of site -> Page Rank
- Proximity -> Anything in the snippet is already in close proximity to the search term

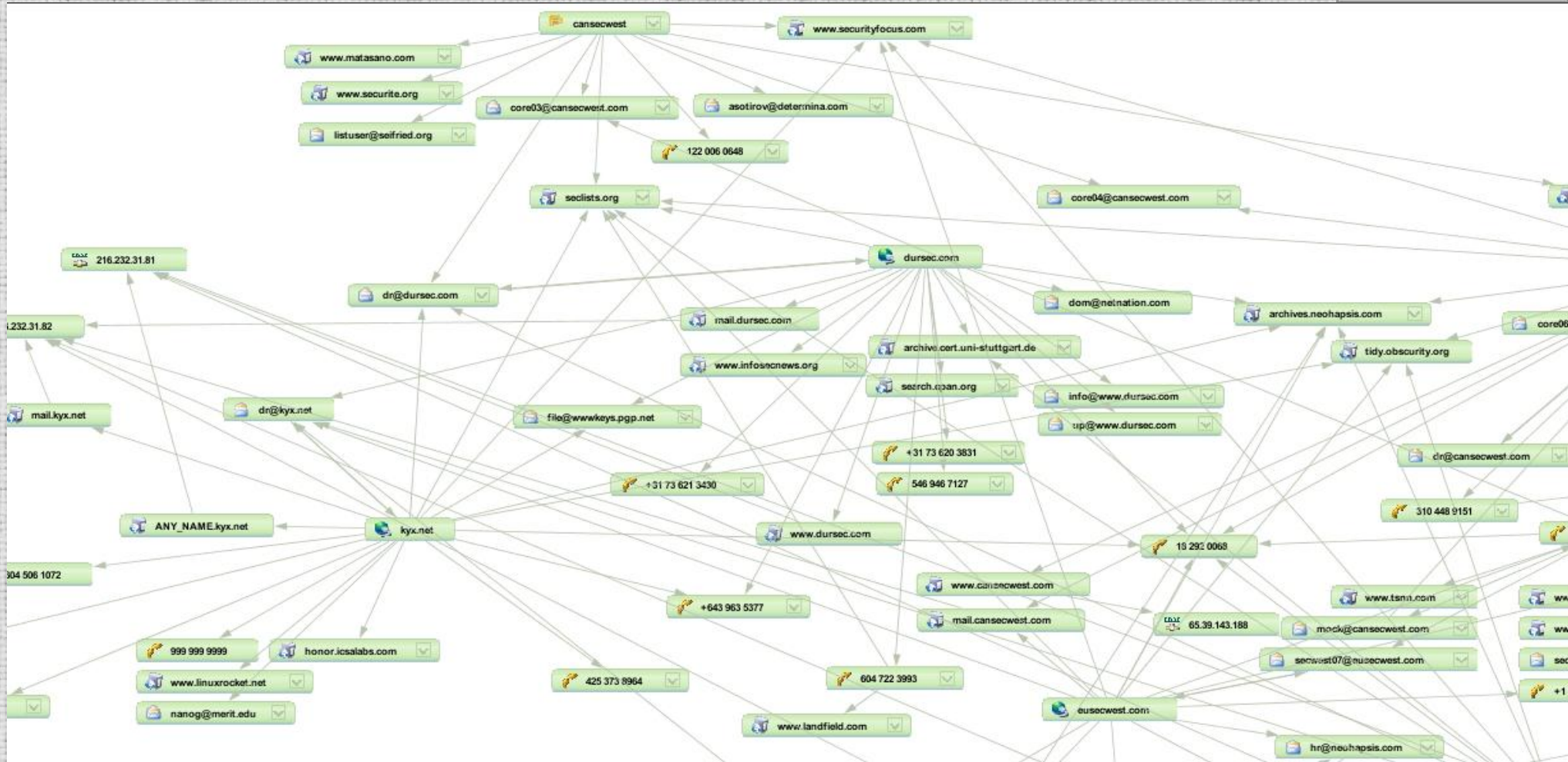
Confidence index=

(Query confidence \* Frequency across all pages \* correlation to search term) + (sum of page ranks)

Google helps even more

Numrange – for finding telephone numbers in a certain area.

# Dragos & Ursu ;)



cansecwest->pacsec/eusec->dursec->kyx.net->dragos.com  
(<http://guestbook.husi.ro/index.php?page=18>) ->  
Ursu Dragos (ursulet@dragos.com) ...With all the gritty details inbetween

# Applications a.k.a So what??

For conventional security:

- Stock standard footprinting (DNS, IPs, domains etc)
- Nice for finding war dialing (?!) ranges
- Targets for social engineering and client side attacks
- Alternative email addresses for content attacks
  - “if the attacker can get the victim to visit...etc..”
- Finding alliances with weaker security postures
- Understanding business drivers and sensitivities

# Applications a.k.a So what??

- Is abc.com a phishing site?

Domain -> email addresses at domain

-> telephone numbers 'connected'

-> related DNS names -> IPs

-> Website

-> Whois -> email addresses

-> whois -> telephone numbers

Telephone numbers -> Geo location(s)

Telephone numbers -> Alternative emails

Telephone numbers -> Related tel. numbers

IPs -> Geo location(s)

IPs -> co-hosted websites on same IP

IPs -> whois -> owners / tel / email

Website -> First seen date

Website -> Phrases

# Applications : more interesting stuff



- Who at the NSA uses Gmail?

Domain -> telephone numbers

Telephone number (area) -> Email addresses

- Which NASA employees are using Myspace/LinkedIn?

Domain -> email addresses

Email addresses -> social network

- Which people in Kabul are using Skype?

Telephone number (area) -> email addresses

Email addresses -> Affiliation

# Even more applications



- In which countries do the USMC have bases in?

Domain -> Sub domains

Sub domains -> DNS names

DNS names -> IP addresses

IP addresses -> Geo location

Other uses even...

- What are the names and email addresses of single, young woman in my neighbourhood who are straight (or not)?

phone area -> email

email -> social myspace

[filter]

# OK..so he's 49 and into pot

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Columbia  
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#### Marc Emery's Interests

##### General

Individual freedom, , marijuana,  
women, sex, Video technology,  
NOVEMBER 7, 2006 USA election!





**Demo**  
**<http://www.paterva.com>**

# Hold your horses ...a.k.a 'but this is BS'



- “...my mother/grandma can't even operate a mouse...”
- Not everyone on the net gives out their info
- Not all systems readily give info to computers

The info is kept closer...but also wider..

- Whois info details on new domains are now removed
- But look at Myspace / LinkedIn
- Web 2.0 ... new generation of 'WHAT privacy??'
- “Nowadays the kids have their photos on flickr, their profiles and friends on Facebook or Myspace, and their personal thoughts on LiveJournal/Blogger/Twitter, and future-cringeworthy-moments be damned. Concern about privacy is so last century. :o)”

What this “Deep Web” thing anyhow?

# Interlude



You are :

- the information you publish
- the information others publish about you
- your associations, and
- **the information you search for.**

The holy grail of information collection – your search terms

How can we know what other people are searching for?

# Collecting your search terms



Recently AOL 'lost' a couple of search terms (well OK 20 million of them)

You can search search terms at [data.aolsearchlogs.com](http://data.aolsearchlogs.com).

Searches are connected by userID. People are really weird - hours of fun...

- User #13324924 searched on '**help navada a resident of yours is harrassing me and threatening to have me killed by a guy named ronnie and she will not give me my belongings she tookk them and refuses to return my nesseceties**' at 2006-04-29 20:11:47
- User #13324924 searched on '**cheap flights**' at 2006-05-16 05:43:55

# Collecting your search terms



If we control the infrastructure of a network we can

- Redirect outgoing traffic to port 80 into a Squid proxy
- Change two settings in the default Squid config to log MIME headers (cookie) and show parameters (search terms)
- Copy logs into a database
- Extract search terms per Google cookie (which expires in 2038)

...and have exactly the same...(plus we get all the sites the user went to as a bonus)

What prevents your company/government to do the same?

Or ... publish your proxy in open proxy list / become a TOR node

# Collecting your search terms



I run a super secret project called **Sookah**.

I don't ever want people to know about it.

When someone search for the word Sookah I want to know it  
leaked to someone

I don't want them to find out that I know

I register an Adword...isn't Google wonderful?

**Web** Results 1 - 10 of about 449 for sookah. (0.14 seconds)

**SoundClick song info: Sookah by Hadjee and the Wartones - Modern ...**  
 SoundClick band page for Hadjee and the Wartones: band bio and Traditional Arabic MP3 music downloads.  
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# A different thought



Your life story in no more than 5 pages  
...A.k.a your resume'

Once you get someone's resume' you know all about the person  
You can search for it ...or...  
You can get people to send it to you

Recruitment is easy:  
Post a job ad and wait for people to send their life story  
You can even specify which types of people...:)

*“Looking for nuclear scientist/engineer with experience in Uranium enrichment and military background. Earn top dollar, 401K plan, dental coverage, 25days leave. Flexi time. Apply within...”*



# Part II : Using the information



Hackers are not good at applying information.  
They are devious – but not outright criminal.

I'll give it a shot though...

# Using the information

## Hit & run



- Spoof email from the FD to employees (& Bloomberg) stating the CEO has resigned / company is insolvent / sell your shares / etc.
- Register a site in the name of the holding company's director. Mirror a porn site. Populate. Spoof mail from a techie at the sister company to everyone about the “discovery”. Make it look like a CC that went wrong.
- Spoof SMS from the FD's mobile phone to a high profile investor about corruption in the company. Watch the share price drop, buy low, sell high.

But this is kid's stuff and is easy to spot. Timing however is everything...

# Using the information



Back to company X

Let's assume we create a 'information footprint' of X using the framework.

After a couple of hours we know who are directors at company X and

- Their email addresses – their private ones too
- Their hobbies
- Their social network – clubs they belong to, their friends
- The location of their blogs

We also have a list of email addresses of their employees

So...

# Using the information

## Personal online identity theft



If these people don't have a strong online presence we will help them out:

- Create a Gmail (or pick any other widely used free email) address in their name
- Register them (and their friends) on LinkedIn
- Register them on MSN/Skype/Google Talk
- Register them on MySpace (or pick appropriate social network)
- Create a blog for them on Blogspot/WordPress
- Subscribe them to a couple of mailing lists
- Oh...and you might register a similar domain for them (like...phishing you know)

Can you automated this ? (even with CAPTCHAs?)

**We've collected all the info to re-create them very life like**

# Using the information: identities are grown, not born



People don't appear from nowhere

We need to give their new identities credibility

If you Google someone...they magically exists

Blogs and posts are time stamped

- Unless we control the underlying infrastructure (although its more effort and a single point of failure)

Thus – we need to grow these identities because we can't manipulate the time line

- Arb postings to mailing lists/blogs
- Sign a “guestbook” (remember those?)

Basically get the identity out there on anything that's indexed – and will thus show up later.

It can take months...perhaps years..if you do it right

**If we investigate it – it must look real.**

# Using the data

## Starting a campaign

- Now that I am you and your board I need a mission
- It actually boils down to plain old marketing
- People are flock animals
- So first create a virtual flock of people.
  - Grow many more identities (we know the players)
  - Manipulate counters (its SO 90s)
  - Manipulate Votes / polls
  - Generate automated comments / forum
  - ...and others will follow

Seems like a lot of hard work, but  
...watch this space...

# Coming soon to blog near you: automated comments



*/code/autosent roeloftemmingh\$ perl generate.pl data-disagree/*

- I don't understand this. The ideas you spoke about are honestly bullshit. I have never seen such a load of bullshit.
- Our company basically do not figure your statement. The fundamentals here are wrong! I have not experienced this type of situation! Do you believe this nonsense? This is totally fabricated.
- I have surely never seen this type of situation. Get a life. You honestly believe in this nonsense? This is FUCKING appalling.
- We do not get this thinking.
- This idea is unbelievably bad! You consider this waste? This is nonsense!
- FUCK THAT!
- This posting is bad! The thinking here is full of shit.
- I have never ever seen any of the things listed here. Dude, you should be spending time on other stuff!
- This is fucking ridiculous. Do you consider this bull? C'mon - think about it.
- Your company ought to be researching more interesting things.
- We utterly do not figure this article. This argument is rubbish.

**CAPTCHAS??**



**Go watch “Wag the dog” again...**

...but think of the Internet of today.



# Thus...in conclusion

## The mouse is mightier than the pen



- Security experts tend to focus on technology itself, ignoring the application and surroundings of it's use.
- The web 2.0 contains great tech (?secure?) but little is known about the security implications when the tech is actually used.
- Real criminals don't write buffer overflows – they follow the route of least resistance.
- Mainstream criminals tend to lag behind. We knew about phishing attacks back in 95.
- What will be on their minds in 2010?
- I am guessing it would be something close to this...