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Digital Investigations & Forensics Analysis Practices and Technologies

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Introduction

Stages of IT Security

- **Attack prevention**

Pre-incidence measures

Access control, security policy, intrusion detection, ...

- **Attack tolerance**

During-incidence measures

Honeypots, intrusion tolerance, sabotage tolerance, ...

- **Attack aftermath**

Post-incidence measures

CERT, forensics analysis, ...

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Members of the theft ring managed to steal \$70 million. **View: [Wanted poster of suspects.](#)**

The cyber thieves were smart. Instead of targeting corporations and large banks that had state-of-the-art online security, they went after the accounts of medium-sized companies, towns, and even churches. Before they were caught, members of the theft ring managed to steal \$70 million.



FORENSICS - Ground situation

Over 85% of cases prosecuted involve digital evidence

Meadaris, K., "Grants to help develop ways to improve digital evidence collection",
Purdue University, October 2006.

50% of all cases handled by the FBI to involve at least one computer forensic examination

Scott L. Ksander, "Issues of Privacy and Information Security", Ackerman
Colloquium on Technology & Citizenship Education, July 2007

Global digital-forensics market is estimated to be \$1.8 billion by 2011 (~ 1/3 of this market share will come from US)

PC Pro Magazine - 21 Jan 2010

<http://www.pcpro.co.uk/news/260227/dell-delves-into-digital-detective-work>

Digital Forensics in Businesses

Computer Forensics Emerges as an Integral Component of an Enterprise Information Assurance Program

By Douglas Barbin, CISSP, CPA, CFE, and John Patzakis

Imagine restricting an internal company audit or investigation to allow the review of only 10 percent of all documents relevant to that investigation. As recent university studies reveal,¹ more than 90 percent of all information is now created in digital form. Therefore, when company auditors ignore computer evidence, they essentially limit themselves to 10 percent of the available information. For this reason, the burgeoning practice of computer forensics has become synonymous with computer investigations and audits.

Computer forensics is the collection, preservation, analysis and court presentation of computer-related evidence. In addition to civil and criminal jury trials, computer evidence often is presented in arbitration, administrative and mediation proceedings, congressional/government hearings and presentations to corporate management. Accordingly, the proper collection and analysis of computer evidence through accepted computer forensic protocols is a critical component to any internal investigation or audit where the results have at least the potential to be presented in legal proceedings.

Computer forensics ensures the preservation and authentication of computer data, which are fragile by nature and easily can be altered, erased or subject to claims of tampering without proper

Digital Forensics

Definition - Digital Forensics Science

- ❑ Forensic science is the application of natural science to matters of law
- ❑ Forensic science seeks to find the root cause of an event
- ❑ “To be considered a discipline, Digital Forensic Science must be characterized by the following associated entities:
 - **Theory:** *a body of statements and principles that attempts to explain how things work*
 - **Abstractions and models:** *considerations beyond the obvious, factual, or observed*
 - **Elements of practice:** *related technologies, tools, and methods*
 - **Corpus of literature and professional practice**
 - **Confidence and trust in results:** *usefulness and purpose*
- ❑ The current state of Digital Forensic Science exhibits only some of these characteristics and they are not tied to specific disciplinary practices considered by any group as scientifically rigorous.”*

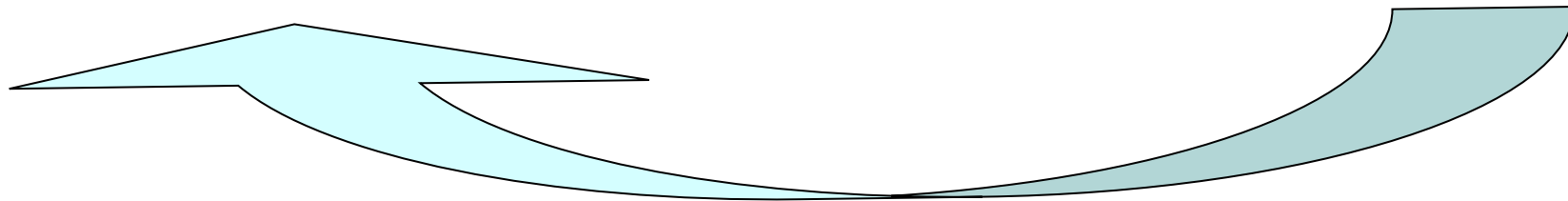
* Source: “A Road Map for Digital Forensic Research” 6th November 2001, The Digital Forensic Research Work Shop

Definition - Digital Forensics Practice

“The use of scientifically derived and proven methods toward the preservation, collection, validation, identification, analysis, interpretation, documentation and presentation of digital evidence derived from digital sources for the purpose of facilitating or furthering the reconstruction of events found to be criminal, or helping to anticipate unauthorized actions shown to be disruptive to planned operations.”

Source: “A Road Map for Digital Forensic Research” 6th November 2001, The Digital Forensic Research Work Shop

Digital Forensics Events Management



Feed Back

An Example of Forensic Investigation

- **Identification**
 - Call received
- **Preservation**
 - Case file opened
 - Server imaged
 - Image in chain of custody
 - Server logs preserved
 - Entry in case file
- **Collection**
 - SafeBack used
 - Policies reviewed for authority to proceed
- Began interviews
- Event described
 - Unavailable mortgage database
 - Server checked: db gone
 - Observed action by admin including remote login
 - Restore from backup unsuccessful - data bad
- Entry in case file

Source: “A New Approach to Complex Digital Investigations” by Peter Stephenson, 2003

An Example of Forensic Investigation

- **Examination**
 - Data recovered from server drive
 - Database deleted and partially overwritten
 - Placed in chain of custody
 - Entry in case file
 - Data recovered from server logs
 - Login by admin from a network connection
 - Gateway address
 - Attack PC address and name
 - Placed in chain of custody
 - Entry in case file
 - Data recovered from gateway logs
 - Time & date of access to gateway by attack PC
 - IP address of attack PC
 - Entry in case file
 - Placed in chain of custody

Source: “A New Approach to Complex Digital Investigations” by Peter Stephenson, 2003

An Example of Forensic Investigation

- **Examination cont.**
 - Data recovered from attack PC
 - SafeBack used
 - Placed in chain of custody
 - Policies reviewed for authority to proceed
 - Login info re: victim recovered
 - Authentication data for victim recovered
 - Attack PC username recovered: suspect identified
 - Suspect logged in at time of event
 - Entry in case file

Source: “A New Approach to Complex Digital Investigations” by Peter Stephenson, 2003

An Example of Forensic Investigation

- **Examination cont.**
 - Data recovered from floor swipe card access log
 - Placed in chain of custody
 - Entry in case file
 - Witness interviews
 - Co-workers in physical proximity place suspect at desk within 1 hour of event
 - Supervisors places suspect at desk within 3 minutes of event
- Entry in case file
- **Analysis**
 - Timeline of events created
 - Evidence linked and traceability established
 - Entry in case file

Source: “A New Approach to Complex Digital Investigations” by Peter Stephenson, 2003

An Example of Forensic Investigation

Presentation

- Timeline and chain of evidence documented in final report
- Suspect interviewed and presented with conclusions and evidence
- Entry in case file
- **Decision**
 - Suspect confesses
- **END**

Source: “A New Approach to Complex Digital Investigations” by Peter Stephenson, 2003

Formal Expression

Digital Investigation Process Language

- Started with the Common Intrusion Specification Language (CISL)
 - Derived from LISP
 - Formal language proven using the Lambda Calculus
 - A “language that can be used to disseminate event records, analysis results, and countermeasure directives amongst intrusion detection and response components.”
 - Found by Doyle at MIT to be inadequate for that task - however, offers a very rich language for forensic digital analysis
 - Still requires some extensions

Source: “A Common Intrusion Specification Language (CISL)” Feiertag, et al, last revised 11 June 1999

Developing the Process Language

- CISL structure
 - S-expressions
 - Data structure developed by Rivest in 1997 that is “...suitable for representing arbitrary complex data structures.” (Rivest, S-Expressions, 4 May 1997)
 - May be byte strings or lists of simpler S-expressions
 - Semantic Identifiers (SIDs)
 - Tags added at the beginning of an S-expression that give a semantic clue to the interpretation of the rest of the S-expression
 - Verb SIDs
 - Role SIDs
 - Atom SIDs
 - Conjunction SIDs
 - Referent SIDs

Source: “A Common Intrusion Specification Language (CISL)” Feiertag, et al, last revised 11 June 1999

Typical CISL S-Expression

```
(OpenApplicationSession
  (When
    (Time 14:57:36 24 Feb 1998)
  )
  (Initiator
    (HostName 'big.evil.com')
  )
  (Account
    (UserName 'joe')
    (RealName 'Joe Cool')
    (HostName 'ten.ada.net')
  )
  (Receiver
    (standardTCPPort 23)
  )
)
```

Interpretation

At 14:57:36 on 24 Feb 1998, someone at big.evil.com opened a telnet session on ten.ada.net logging in as username: joe, real name: Joe Cool.

Source: "A Common Intrusion Specification Language (CISL)" Feiertag, et al, last revised 11 June 1999

Fragment of Earlier Example Expressed in DIPL

Identification

Call received

```
(And  
  (Report  
    (Initiator  
      (RealName 'Joe Operator')  
    )  
    (Observer  
      (RealName 'Peter Stephenson')  
    )  
    (AttackNickName 'access denied to a file or object')  
    (FileName 'Mortgages.db')  
    (Target  
      (HostName 'Server1')  
    )  
  )  
)
```

Source: "A New Approach to Complex Digital Investigations" by Peter Stephenson, 2003

Fragment of Earlier Example Expressed in DIPL

Preservation

Case file opened
Server imaged
 Image in chain of custody
Server logs preserved
Entries in case file

```
(ManageCase
  (Initiator
    (RealName 'Peter Stephenson')
  )
  (CaseName 'Case123')
  (BeginTime 16:35 1 Jan 1998)
)
(Image
  (Initiator
    (RealName 'Peter Stephenson')
  )
  (Tool
    (ProgramName 'SafeBack')
    (VersionNumber '3.0')
  )
  (
    (BeginTime 17:00 1 Jan 1998)
    (EndTime 20:14 1 Jan 1998)
    (Target
      (HostName 'Server1')
    )
  )
  (ReferAs 0x12345678)
```

Source: “A New Approach to Complex Digital Investigations” by Peter Stephenson, 2003

Fragment of Earlier Example Expressed in DIPL

Preservation

Server logs preserved

```
(PreserveCustody
  (Evidence
    (ReferTo 0x12345678)
  )
)
(ManageCase
  (Initiator
    (RealName 'Peter Stephenson')
  )
  (CaseName 'Case123')
  (BeginTime 20:25 1 Jan 1998)
)
)
(ExtractData
  (Evidence
    (FileName 'server.log')
    (ReferAs 0x87654321)
  )
  (Target
    (ReferTo 0x12345678)
  )
)
(PreserveCustody
  (Evidence
    (ReferTo 0x87654321)
    (BeginTime 20:45 1 Jan 1998)
  )
)
\
```

Fragment of Earlier Example Expressed in DIPL

Collection

Entry in case file

SafeBack used

```
(ManageCase
  (Initiator
    (RealName 'Peter Stephenson')
  )
  (CaseName 'Case123')
  (BeginTime 21:05 1 Jan 1998)
)
(TraceAuthority
  (ApprovedSoftware
    (Tool
      (ProgramName 'SafeBack')
      (VersionNumber '3.0')
    )
  )
  (Citation
    (CaseName 'joe v volcano')
  )
)
```

Source: "A New Approach to Complex Digital Investigations" by Peter Stephenson, 2003

Fragment of Earlier Example Expressed in DIPL

Collection

Policies reviewed for
authority to proceed

```
(ApprovedMethod
  (Certification
    (Certifier
      (RealName 'NTI')
      (CertType 'NTI Training')
      (CertNumber 'Course 1-1-95')
      (Observer
        (RealName 'Peter Stephenson')
      )
    )
  )
)
(Policy
  (PolicyName 'Information Privacy Policy')
  (PolicyDate '1 Jan 1990')
  (Observer
    (RealName 'Peter Stephenson')
  )
)
```

Fragment of Earlier Example Expressed in DIPL

Collection

Entry in case file

Conduct interviews

```
(ManageCase
  (Initiator
    (RealName 'Peter Stephenson')
  )
  (CaseName 'Case123')
  (BeginTime 21:05 1 Jan 1998)
)
)
(Interview
  (Initiator
    (RealName 'Peter Stephenson')
  )
  (Subject
    (RealName 'Jane Sneaker')
  )
  (BeginTime 08:30 2 Jan 1998)
  (EndTime 10:45 2 Jan 1998)
)
(ManageCase
  (Initiator
    (RealName 'Peter Stephenson')
  )
  (CaseName 'Case123')
  (BeginTime 21:05 1 Jan 1998)
)
)
```

Benefits of the Formal Approach

- Describes a repeatable digital forensic process in a structured manner
- Allows independent analysis and verification of a forensic investigation including the interpretation of the attack process
- Formally documents the total investigative process
 - Pre-attack activities
 - As interpreted by the investigator
 - Investigative process
 - Attack activities
 - As interpreted by the investigator
 - Post-attack activities
 - As interpreted by the investigator
 - Documentation, evidence management, procedural issues
- Allows verification of the investigative process during the investigation and may help suggest ways to plug holes in the EEDI process
 - Gaps in the chain of evidence
- May be fed into a model checker for formal modeling of the process

Source: “A New Approach to Complex Digital Investigations” by Peter Stephenson, 2003

Analysis Technologies

Digital Forensics Tools

- Depending on the scope and requirements of the digital forensics analysis, a number of tools are used for each specific analysis. Most common features are:
 - Disk copying/imaging tools for copying the contents of hard and removable storage media drives.
 - Data recovery tools for restoring deleted data items.
 - Search and analysis tools for analyzing data under examination so as to locate specific content or event.
- Some commonly available tools are described in the following slides.
 - This is a non-exhaustive list of the available tools
 - No commercial interest is involved in the selection of these tools!


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04/13/01 - SC Magazine's testing of Forensic Software identifies DRIVESPY as the ONLY product reviewed which found ALL the hidden information in their test suite. This included forensic software products costing almost 10 times as much as DRIVESPY!

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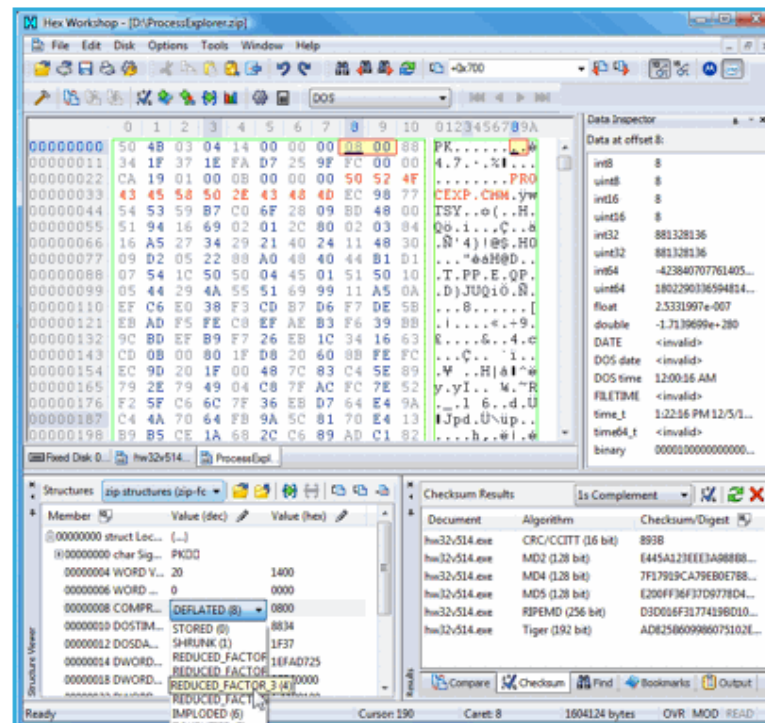
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16th August 2007

SNAPBACK EXACT 5.20b RELEASED

A point release of SnapBack Exact has been released - 5.20b. This version fixes a compatibility issue with Windows 2003 Server and is a strongly recommended upgrade. [Read the Release Notes](#)

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20th March 2006

SNAPBACK EXACT 5.20a RELEASED

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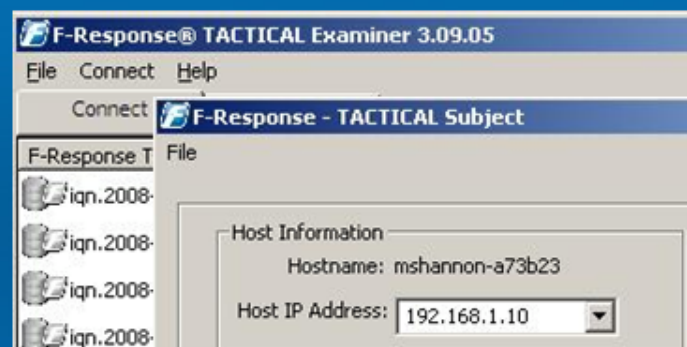


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Frequently Asked Questions

Non-technical issues

- **Hard to predict for the following reason**
 - Low computer literacy among lawyers, police agents, jurors, etc.
 - Tangible evidence like fingerprints and physical clues may not exist
 - Forms of asset different
 - Is computer time an asset?
 - Juveniles
 - Many involve juveniles



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'Dangers' of a free market in forensic science

By Paul Burnell

File on 4

'Luke' (not his real name) was sentenced to three years in jail when a court decided he had "kicked another man's head like a football".

Part of the evidence heard in court was based on the spots of the assaulted man's blood which were found on his shoe.

Luke claims he had gone to stop another man assaulting the victim, saying the blood on his shoe: "Put me at the scene of the crime, which I never denied anyway."

After his conviction, Luke's family hired private forensic science provider Forensic Access who carried out a further test and called a blood pattern analysis (BPA).

'Vital' test

According to Dave King, Business Manager of Forensic Access the test came to a stark conclusion. "We can see from photos in the case file there is only a small amount of blood," he says. "There is no way that piece of footwear could have made contact with somebody's head."

Mr King said that the BPA would have doubled the cost of the forensic evidence, adding it was why he believed the test was not



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Some excerpts from a Belgian FCCU case-study

Who investigates ICT crime ?

- Prosecutors / Examining Judges
- Specialised police forces (nat'l & Internat'l)
- Legal expert witnesses
- Specialised forensic units of consulting firms
- Associations defending commercial interests



Investigative problems - tracking

- Victims : **Unfamiliar** and fear for “**Corporate image**”
=> belated complaints – trashed / no more traces
- Rather “**unknown**” world for **police & justice**
=> Delay before involvement specialised units
Limited ICT investigation capacity (technical & police skills)
- **Multiplication and integration** of
services / providers / protocols / devices
- **Lack** of harmonised **international** legislation & instruments
- Anonymous / hacked connections – subscriptions - WIFI
- **Intermediate** systems often cut track to perpetrator

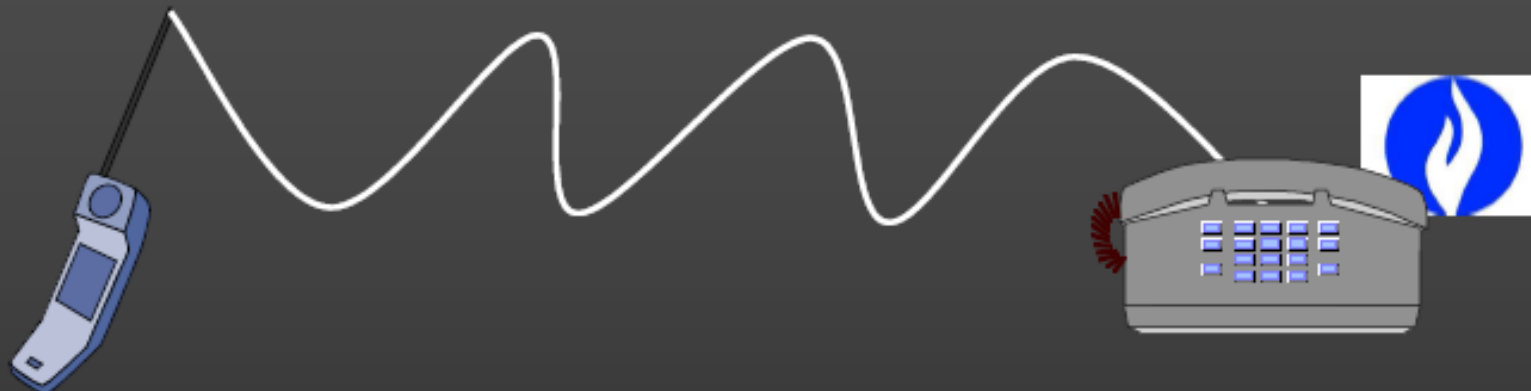


Investigative problems – evidence gathering

- **Delocalisation** of evidence
- Exponential growth of **storage capacity**
=> time consuming :
 - backups & verification processes
 - Analysis
- New legislation / jurisprudence imposes more **rigorous procedures** for evidence gathering in cyber space
- **Bad ICT-security** :
give proof of the source and the integrity of evidence



Brussels, we have a problem ...



- Complainer

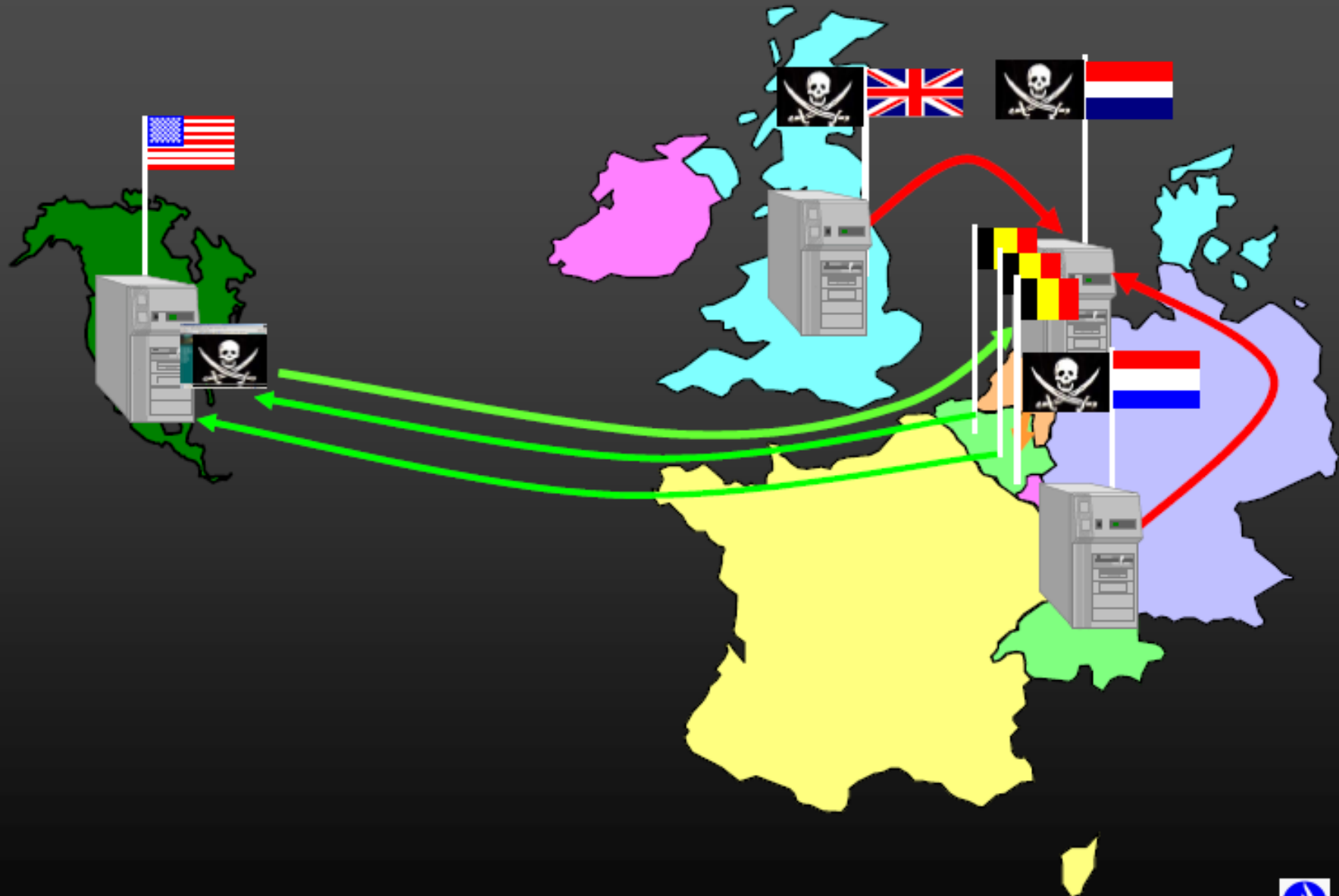
- Hello, can you help ?
- We are a **Belgian hosting firm**
- We have a problem
- Our **webservers** are **hacked**
- & several **websites** of our **Belgian customers** have been **defaced**

- Politie

- OK
- A few questions to start our file ...
- Who, where, what, when ...



Who is where ?



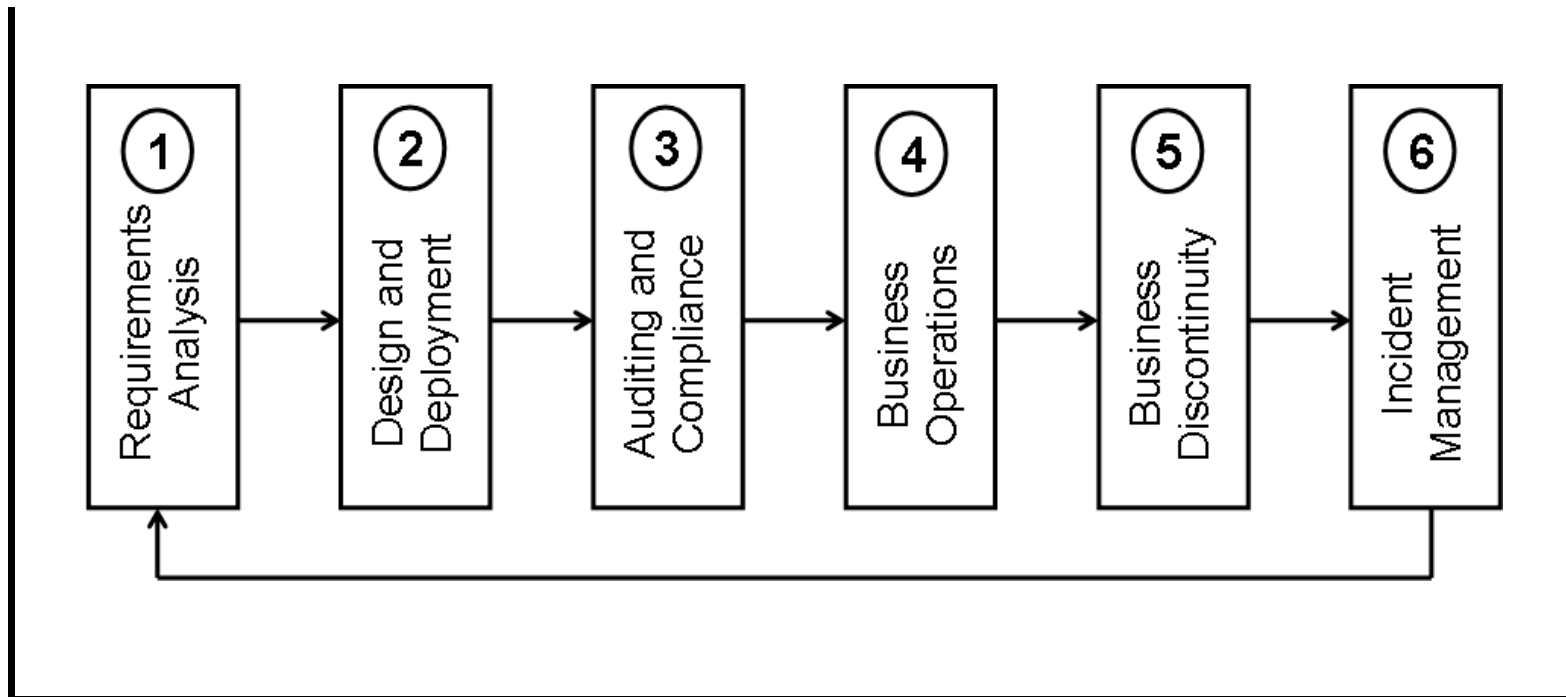
Who / where / what

- In Belgium
 - Hosting firm :
nothing in Belgium
 - Customer :
nothing in Belgium
 - Hacked firm :
nothing in Belgium
- In the USA
 - Hacked webserver
 - Defaced website
- In the Netherlands
 - Hacked server
- In the UK
 - Hacker ?
- In the Luxemburg
 - Hacker ?



Digital Forensics in Corporate ICT Infrastructure

Corporate ICT Operations



Operational Improvements by Digital Forensics

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Design & Deployment

- Forensic-friendly
- Chain of custody
- Resilience planning
- ...

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Auditing & Compliance

- Legal obligations
- Regulatory requirements
- Quality assurance
- ...

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Business Operations

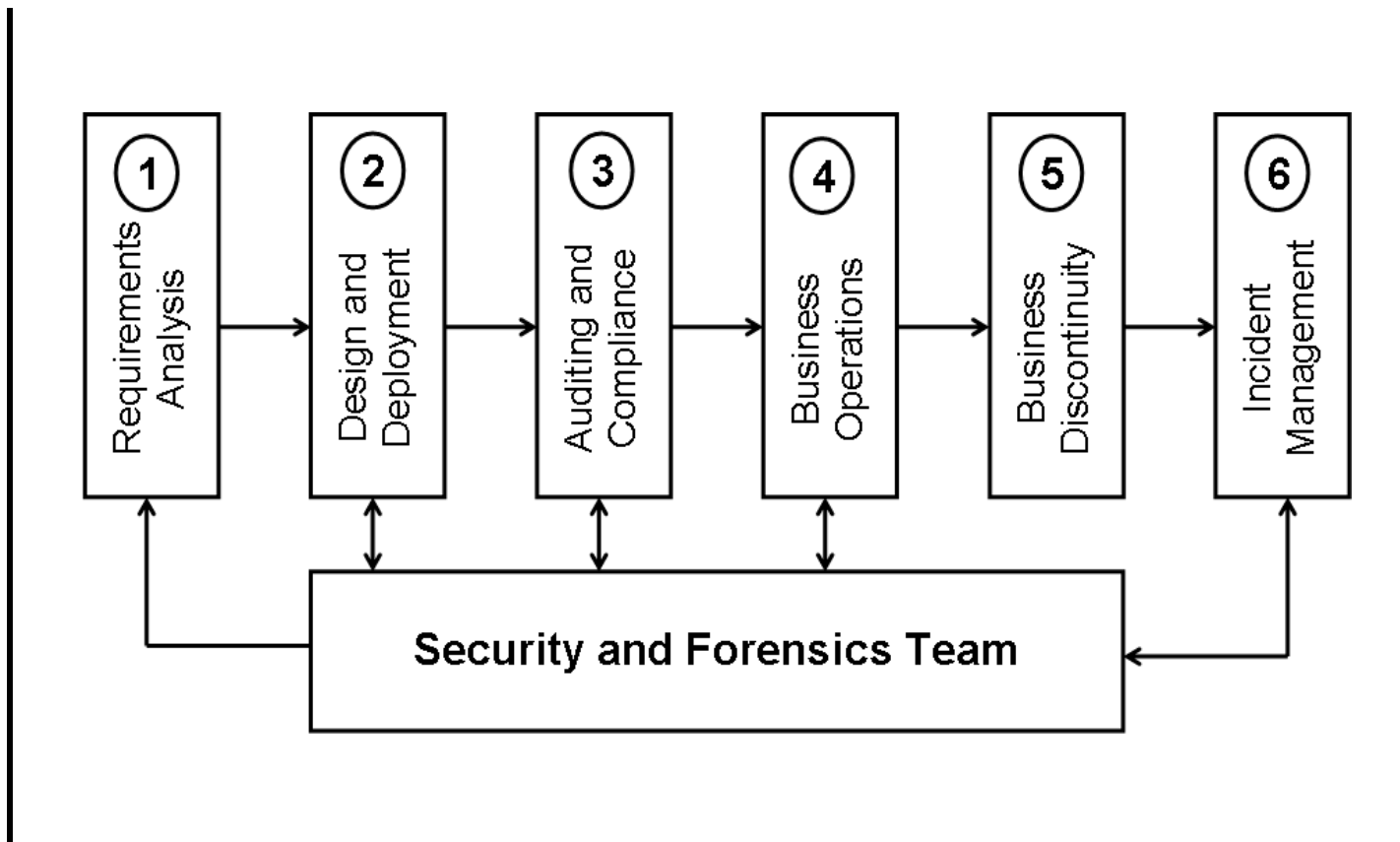
- Maintenance operations
- Upgrades & recoveries
- Equipment Management
- ...

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Incident Management

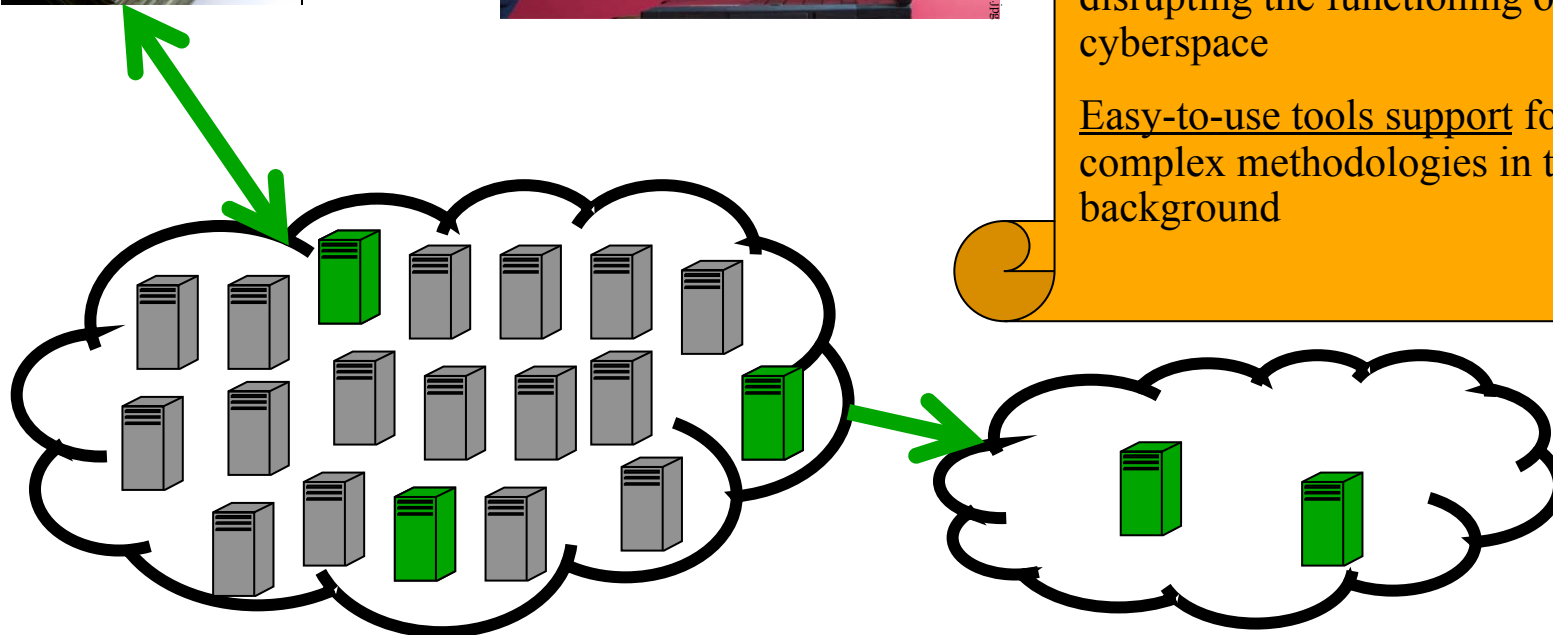
- Collection & preservation
- Analysis & reporting
- Business continuity
- ...

Security & Forensics Team



Future Challenges

A real-life scenario



Forensics analysis methodologies for massive, highly distributed systems with dynamically changing boundaries

Identification & isolation/ quarantine techniques to cordon-off the affected zone without disrupting the functioning of the cyberspace

Easy-to-use tools support for complex methodologies in the background

Potential Impact

• Nowadays

- **ENRON scandal***
- FBI gathered and analyzed **31 TB** of digital data
 - 1 TB = 250 million pages
 - 16 kilometers high stack if printed on both sides of the page.
- FBI's Computer Forensics Lab processed data from 130 computers, thousands of e-mails, and more than 10 million pages of docs.
- Length of investigation = **5 years**



• Tomorrow

- Clouds, virtualization will drive cybercrime #
- Businesses and law enforcement agencies can't cope this wave with classical digital analysis approaches.
- We have to address this shortcoming by enabling the security and forensics stakeholders to cope the post-accident scenario.
- Beneficiaries will not only be the Cybercrime units but also the safeguarding of commercial and personal interests of the technology users.

* Statistics taken from the FBI website <http://www.fbi.gov/page2/may07/rcf1050707.htm>

Trend Micro Report: *The Future of threats and Threat Technologies – How the Landscape is Changing*
http://affinitypartner.trendmicro.com/media/34716/trend_micro_2010_future_threat_report_final.pdf

Novelty in the area of investigations

- Digital Forensics framework for the emerging infrastructures (Clouds, Future Internet, ...) by using virtualization techs.
 - Research on the ‘need to know’ parameters and their optimization
 - Development of corresponding tools
 - Auditing and compliance issues of Digital Forensics
- Tradeoff between privacy requirements and digital traces
 - Compliance with the EU Privacy directive and national laws
 - Harmonization of cross-border and cross-organizational issues of data access
- Collaborations with the stakeholders of the virtualization infrastructures
 - E.g. provision of finer grained details to a specific kind of public (such as CERTs, CSIRTs, CCUs, ...)
 - Something similar to mobile phone’s tracking
 - Study of the performance parameters

Challenges of Digital Forensics in the Future Internet based Systems

- **Access Control**
 - Monitoring of access logs
- **Steganalysis**
 - Efficient data analysis tools
- **Multitenancy**
 - Isolation of software execution environments
- . . .

Digital Forensics Framework for SMEs using Virtualization Technologies

- **Tools support**
 - General strategy
- **Threats landscape**
 - Preparation phase
- **Reactivity**
 - Detection phase
- **Perimeter demarcation**
 - Preservation phase
- **Semantics support**
 - Analysis phase
- **Resilience**
 - Recovery phase
- **Feedback**
 - Reporting phase

“... when a person commits a crime something is always left at the scene of the crime that was not present when the person arrived.”

(Edmond Locard, 1910)



Thank you

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