

# Building Castles in the Sky: Advanced Persistent Response



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# Reality Check



- **52% of companies failed to report or remediate a cyberbreach in 2011.**

*SAIC, 2011*

- **Two new pieces of malware are created every second.**

*Trend Micro, 2012*

- **A cyber intrusion occurs every 5 minutes.**

*US-CERT 2012*

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# Q1 Emerging Threats

- **Professionalization, and Commoditization of Exploit Kits.** i.e. BlackHole Exploit Kit.
- **Modularization:** We have also observed a high degree of modularization in more advanced malware like SpyEye.
- **Increased Sophistication with Traffic Direction Systems (TDS):** Traffic Direction Systems (TDS) are used as initial landing pages, also known as “doorway pages,” which direct traffic to content based on a variety of criteria such as operating system, browser version, user agent, and geographic location.
- **Continued Exploitation of Social Networks.**
- **New Exploitation Vectors Introduced via HTML5.**
- **Evolution of Mobile Threats.**



# Traditional Security is Insufficient

Trend Micro evaluations find over 90% of enterprise networks contain active malicious malware!

Advanced Persistent Threats



Empowered Employees



Elastic Perimeter



# APTs and Targeted Attacks

RSA, Sony, Mitsubishi,  
CitiGroup, Zappos ...  
show power of targeted  
attacks

Stuxnet, DUQU, and  
100's of attacks on  
company IP around  
the globe...

GhostNet: Vast Spy System Loots  
Computers in 103 Countries

*Wikileaks &  
Anonymous—  
— Who's Next?*

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Every 5 Minutes...  
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# LUCKYCAT

- Victims and Targets

APT campaigns target specific industries or communities of interest in specific regions.

The Luckycat campaign has been linked to 90 attacks against the following industries and/or communities in Japan and India:



AEROSPACE



ENERGY



ENGINEERING



SHIPPING



MILITARY RESEARCH



TIBETAN ACTIVISTS

The threat actors behind the Luckycat campaign used a unique campaign code to track victims of specific attacks.

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# LuckyCat: Targeted Attacks

- A series of computer intrusions staged by threat actors that:
  - Aggressively pursue and compromise specific targets
    - Often leveraging social engineering
  - Maintain a persistent presence within the victim's network
  - Escalate privilege and move laterally within the victim's network
  - Extract sensitive information to locations under the attacker's control



# Cyber Weapons Bazaar



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# Offense Informs Defense: The Kill Chain

1. **Reconnaissance**
2. **Weaponization**
3. **Delivery**
4. **Exploitation**
5. **Command and Control**
6. **Propagation**
7. **Exfiltration**
8. **Maintenance**



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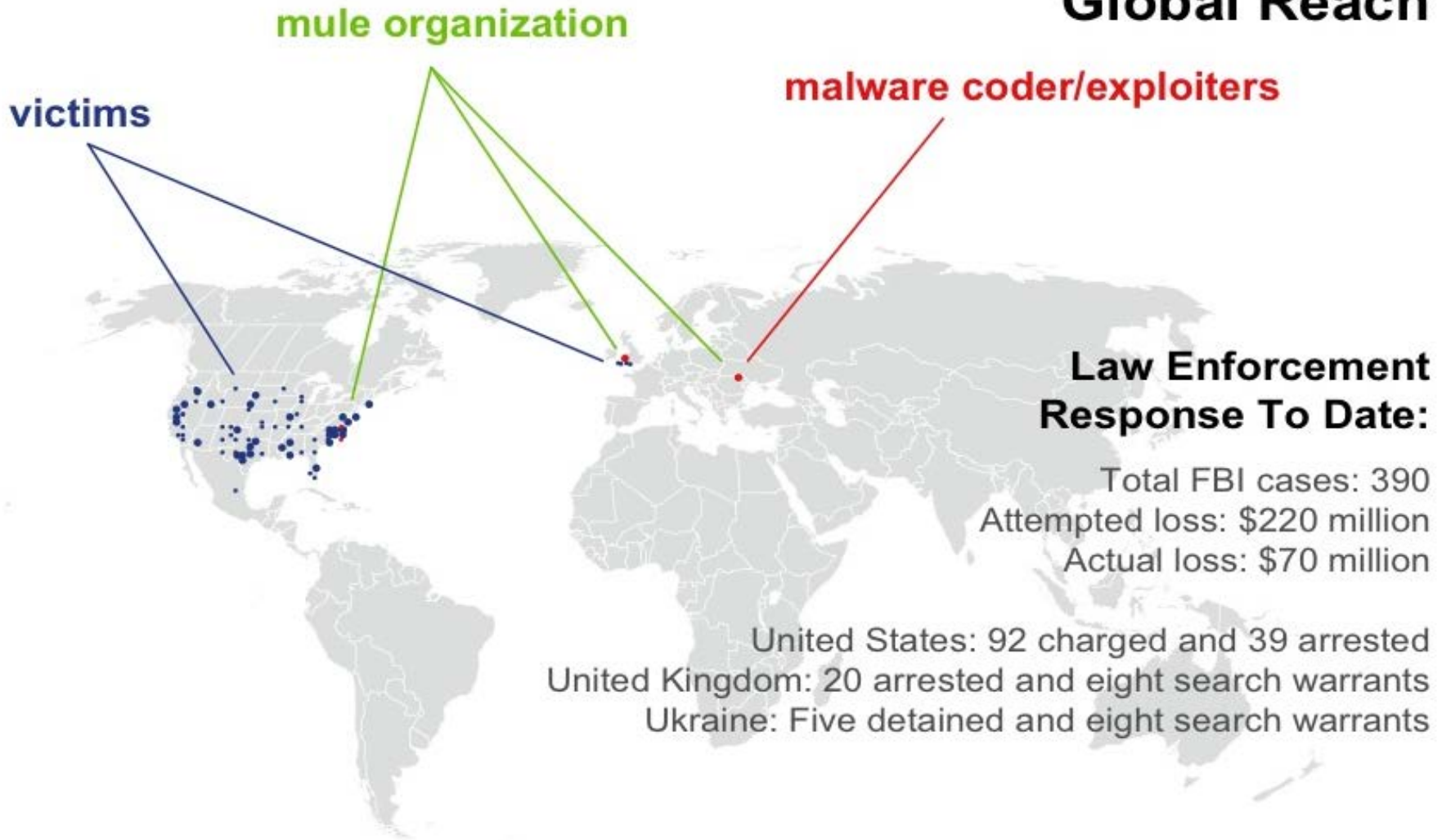


# Malware / Bot / APT Behavior Comparison Table

	APT	Bot	Malware
<b>Distribution</b>	With organized planning	Mass distribution over regions	Mass distribution over regions
<b>Services interruption</b>	No	No	Yes
<b>Attack Pattern</b>	Targeted (only a few groups/organizations)	Not targeted (large area spread-out)	Not targeted (large area spread-out)
<b>Target Audience</b>	Particular Organization/Company	Individual credentials including online banking account information	Random
<b>Frequency of attacks</b>	Many times	Once	Once
<b>Weapon</b>	-Zero-day exploit -Drop embedded RAT -Dropper or Backdoor	Multiple-Exploits, All in one	By Malware design
<b>Detection Rate</b>	Lower than 10%, if the sample comes out within one month	Around 86%, if the sample comes out within one month	Around 99%, if the sample comes out within one month

# Shadow Economics: Mariposa

## Global Reach





# From Stuxnet to DUQU



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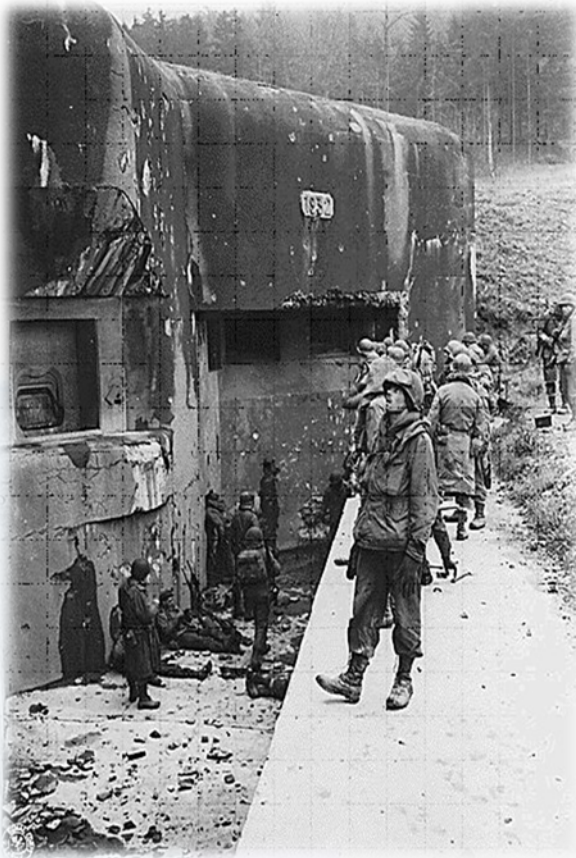
# BYOD aka BYOM

**The attack pathway/vector of choice is via remote access accounts.**

External agents target applications and end-users most of the time.

Threat Action types post exploitation:

- Send data to external entity
- Backdoor
- Command and control
- Credential theft and exploitation



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# How bad is it?

[Home](#) / [News & Blogs](#) / [Hardware 2.0](#)

## Report: Mobile malware to affect more than 1 in 20 devices within 12 to 24 months

By Adrian Kingsley-Hughes | July 12, 2011, 5:40am PDT

### Summary

*Within 12 to 24 months over 1 in 20 (5.6%) of all*

Android phones and iPads/iPhones could become infected with mobile malware if fraudsters start to integrate zero-day vulnerabilities into leading exploit kits, claims security firm [Trusteer](#).

## More Android Security Concerns

Posted by [Sue Marquette Poremba](#) Jul 4, 2011 10:35:39 AM

Once again, the security surrounding Google's products is being discussed.

On a personal level, I'm always a bit concerned whenever I see any article that combines the phrases "Android" and "Security Threat." I'm one of those people [PC World](#) said helped Android climb "to the top of the mobile OS mountain," and I'd really like to be sure that my Android smartphone is secure.



**Five Top Mobile Device Risks and How to Protect Your Business**



## 400 Percent Increase In Android Malware; Mobile Security Threats At Record High

MATT BURNS

Tuesday, May 10th, 2011

2 Comments

[Juniper Networks](#) today released a study concerned with potential threats to mobile technology, revealing a 400 percent increase in Android malware. The study also found that both enterprise and consumer mobile devices are being exposed to a record number of security threats, including highly targeted Wi-Fi attacks.



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**APRIL 2011**

**APRIL 2012**

100M

### User Base

Substantial increase in the use of Android based mobile phones.

\*Global

300M

36.4%

### Android Market Share

Aggressive growth of Android Market Share. \*U.S. Numbers only

50.1%

200k

### Available Applications

The increasing number of available apps in Google Play.

\*Not including 3<sup>rd</sup> party APP stores

500k

37.8%

### Application Use

The increasing number of people downloading and using APPs on their device. \*US Only

49.5%

39.1%

### Browser Use

The increasing number of people using a browser on their device.

\*US Only

49.2%

28%

### Social Networking Use

The increasing number of people using social networking or blogging sites & APPS. \*US Only

36.1%

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APRIL 2011

APRIL 2012

TENS

### Device Permutations

Vendors are aggressively releasing new device versions resulting in unique device & O/S permutations that will need to be managed in the future

HUNDREDS

14

### Android O/S Versions

Substantial growth in the number of unique Android Operating System versions that will need to be separately managed in the future

28

2

### Vulnerabilities

Reported vulnerabilities in Android OS

20

> 6 MONTHS

### Time To Patch Vulnerabilities

With the current ecosystem that exists between Manufacturer, Carrier, Google, patching vulnerabilities on phones is a dangerously slow procedure

> 6 MONTHS

20

### Malware

The number of malicious code attacks has significantly increased over the past year

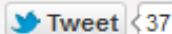
11,000

### Criminal Knowledge of O/S

Being open source, the Android O/S can easily be analyzed and exploited by any criminal with the right motivations. As time progresses, criminals will continue to repurpose their existing revenue models to exploit mobile platforms

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Shortly after we reported about [a fake Temple Run app in the Android Market](#), we were alerted to yet another developer that uses popular apps as guises to trick users into downloading rogue apps.

Here, you can see the developer's name which appears to be quite similar to the one who developed the popular game, Angry Birds. You'll notice, though, that the said popular game is not on the list of this particular developer's offered apps.

The screenshot shows the Android Market interface for the developer 'Rovio Mobile Ltd'. The page features a grid of 12 app listings. Each listing includes an app icon, the app name, the developer name 'ROVIO MOBILE LTD', a brief description, a star rating, and an 'INSTALL' button. The apps listed are:

- Angry Chicken**: ★ First time ever, available for FREE! Get your copy while you can! ★
- Very Hungry Cat**: New game from the authors of Glass Tower series! Meow! The Cat is very hungry...
- Crazy Penguin Catapult**: The penguins are back and they mean business! Those polar bears are going to...
- Bloons TD 4**: Brand new Apocalypse mode now available! How long can you survive? There's no...
- Jetpack Joyride**: Join Barry as he breaks in to a secret laboratory to commandeer the experimen...
- Madden NFL 12**: Real teams. Real players. Real NFL. MADDEN NFL 12. True to the Game! BOOM! F...
- Catch The Candy**: Help a hungry little fuzzy creature as he uses his extendible grapping tongue...
- Touch Grind**: "one of the best games available for the platform" - Gizmodo Winner of Most...
- Batman Arkham City Lockdo**: The inmates have escaped and Batman has his hands full defeating an army of h...
- Chuzzle**: It's a non-stop explosion of adorable action! Slide, prod and nudge Chuzzles...
- Rope N Fly**: #1 top free app in US, France, Germany, UK, Australia, and more? #10 top fre...
- Cartoon Wars 2 Heroes**: The most complete defense and real-time strategy game of the Cartoon Wars ser...

Figure 1. Apps supposedly offered by Rovio Mobile Ltd.

# Mobile Spyware

ANDROIDOS\_NICKISPY.C is capable of collecting data such as text messages, call logs, and GPS location from infected devices, which it then uploads to a certain URL through port 2018.

Like other ANDROIDOS\_NICKISPY variants, ANDROIDOS\_NICKISPY.C also has the capability to record phone calls made from infected devices. What makes this particular variant different is that it has the capability to automatically answer incoming calls.



Figure 2. The malicious app installed as "Google++"

<http://blog.trendmicro.com/android-malware-eavesdrops-on-users-uses-google-as-disguise/>

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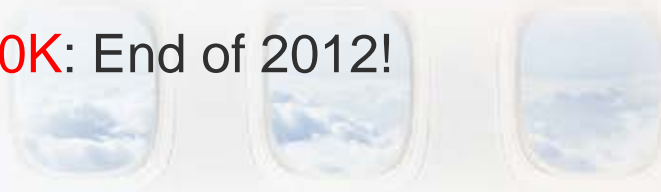
# Android Malware



<http://blog.trendmicro.com/how-big-will-the-android-malware-threat-be-in-2012/>

- **10K**: Middle of 2012!
- **100K**: End of 2012!

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# A New Security Paradigm

- The way to address these is to apply providing **advanced situational awareness** in real time so as to manifest deep security.
- The solution resides in building better dungeons rather than castles in cyberspace.
- Ask yourself: How can we increase the level of discomfort to the adversary?



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# 2012 Predictions

1. **Mobile Malware** – continued strategic shift of attention from traditional platforms to mobile devices.
2. **Application Attacks** – switch from targeted attacks on the OS toward the application layer via browser (Adobe, Java) with social engineering.
3. **Botnet Migration** – migration from IRC botnets to HTTP botnets which double in size every 18 months.
4. **Cloud Attacks** – hacking into one central location where all data is kept.



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# Risk Assessment 2012

1. How many third parties provide services to organization? Has their cyber security posture been audited?
2. Is access to all sensitive systems and computers governed by two factor authentication?
3. Does a log inspection program exist? How frequently are they reviewed?
4. Do you run web application scanners to simulate an attack of the website and determine its security?
5. Does file integrity monitoring exist?
6. Can vulnerabilities be virtually patched?
7. When is the last time the organization conducted a penetration?
8. Does a mobility risk management policy exist? Is Mobile Application Management software utilized?
9. Has a cloud security strategy been crafted? Can you migrate your layered security into the cloud environment?

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# Trend Micro: Securing your journey to the cloud

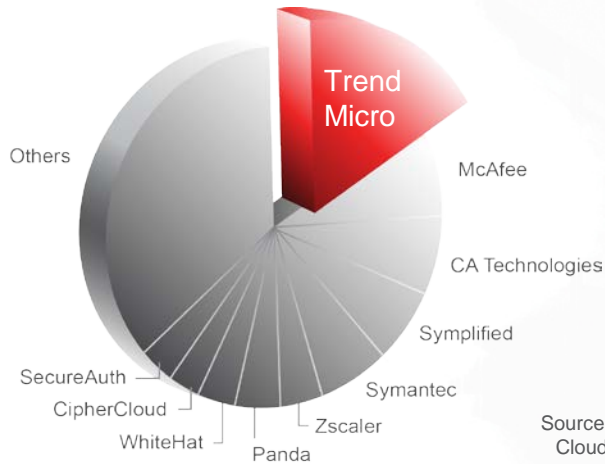


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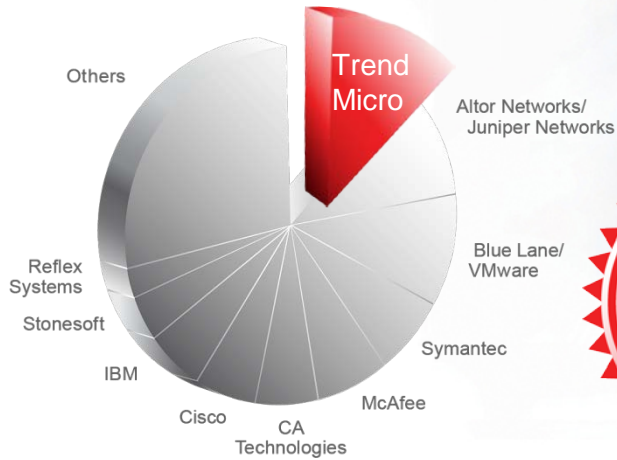




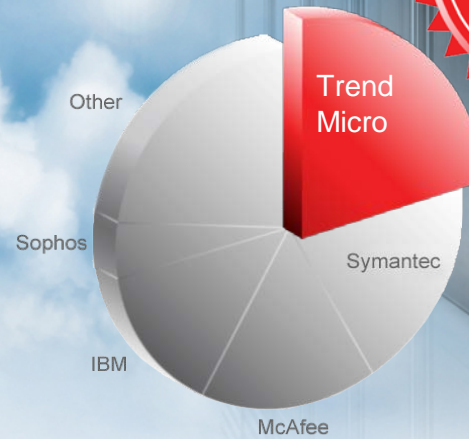
# Trend Micro #1: Securing Your Journey to the Cloud



Source: 2012 Technavio – Global Cloud Security Software Market



Source: 2011 Technavio – Global Virtualization Security Management Solutions



Worldwide Endpoint Security Revenue Share by Vendor, 2010  
Source: IDC, 2011



Securing Your Journey to the Cloud

# SECURING YOUR JOURNEY TO THE CLOUD

physical. virtual. cloud.

