

Cyberwar Is India Ready

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In The Next Half Hour...

- What is war then, now, ahead
- Cyberwar (what's that!), Estonia and Stuxnet – eye openers or game changers
- India Under Attack
- India Preparedness Scenario
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A Brief Introduction

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Cyberwar Q1: What Is War

- Country A against Country B
- War India / Pakistan
 - •US / Iraq

- WAS Iraq / Kuwait
 - •NATO / Germany
 - World War 1, 2 ... etc...







Brings death and destruction
Extensive use of human beings, arms,
bombs, aircraft, ships etc
It had evolved from hand to hand, animal
and chariots to modern warfare



That's What War... WAS!



dirty and bloody with a lot of noise, blackouts and mayhem



but now.....

- Times have changed and so have the definition of war
- "modern warfare" is still in the industrial age
- Remember how the definition of heros has changed since 9/11



Cyberwar Q1: What Is War

Now



Israel raid on Entebbe



26/11 attack





Virus attack on Iran Nuclear Plant

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Virus attack on Aramco, Saudi Arabia
Pakistani groups mass defacement of Indian websites



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Drone Attacks

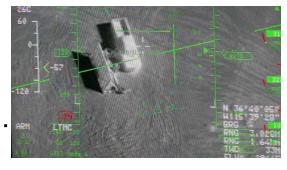


Laser guidance systems

War

Night vision

Bullet Proof vests.



ESSENTIALLY

IS

MINIMUM CONTACT MAXIMUM DAMAGE



Moving on... we look at

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- Traditional wars are fought on land, air, sea
- Attack is by a country on a country
- Battlefield is required
- Highly visible damage to life, property
- Lots of flashes, fires and noise
- Involves strict supply chain management to control logistics of movement and support to 1000's of troops, munitions, food etc
- Eventually Someone wins someone loses



Now For the Million Dollar Rupee Question

WHAT IS CYBERWAR



Cyber

War

IS

Country A

against

<God-knows-who>



Cyberwar - Who is your adversary

- Country
- Non-state actors
- Hacktivist
- Cracker / Hacker (age 6 to anything)
- Automation



Cyber

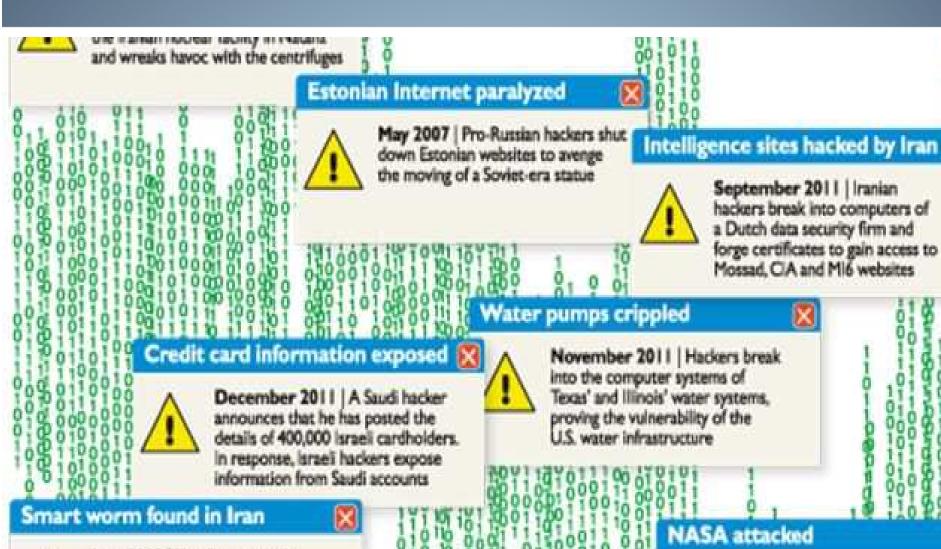
War

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According to WIKIPEDIA

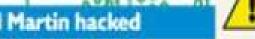
Cyberwarfare refers to politically motivated hacking to conduct sabotage and espionage. It is a form of information warfare sometimes seen as analogous to conventional warfare.





May 2012 | The Flame virus is identified. Experts say the virus, 20 times the size and complexity of Studnet, spied on computers and user in Iran and the Palestinian Authority

Lockheed Martin hacked



May 2011 | Hackers targeting



March 2011 | The aerospace agency admits 13 successful breaches within two years and say it lost codes to the international space station's control system



In Cyberwar This is The Stuff That Should Happen

- DDOS / APT
- Power Shutdown
- Affects Telecom, Banking, Manufacturing, Transport
- Satellite Malware
- Theft of Data / Information –
 patents, designs, information



hat Is Cyberwar

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- Disrupt Railway network
- Affect Supply Chain defence, foodstuff, raw material
- Contaminate Water Supply
- APT attack on defence armaments



Three Big Players in the CW game







Other Players in the CW game Israel Russia

Pakistan, Myanmar, Bangladesh, Indonesia, India, Belarus, Ukraine...



Three Big Players in the CW game China USA Fran Fr

They have infiltrated each other, destroyed the Nuclear program, spy on each other, alleged to have brought down systems with virus attacks.

What more has been done is anyone's guess, but the media and everyone is calling this war



BUT No one is dead yet

Is This War!





A Paradox

because no one knows what it is

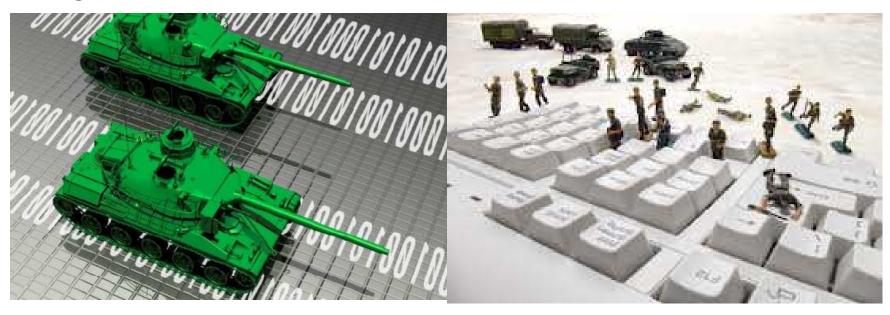
Just like it's parent 'The Internet'



The concept of cyberwar is flawed and meant to confuse everyone except the people who started this subterfuge



Search the internet and this is the type of images you get for cyberwar



Tanks, grenades, jawans clambering on keyboards and binary roads!



Is This is also War

- Website Defacements
- Ransomware
- Rumor via Social Media leading to terror situations
- *Micro-finance / crowd sourcing
- Elearning jihadis and terrorists



And This Too...

- Anonymous attacks on banks, media, government infrastructure
- 000's of attacks per minute on Asian Games or Olympic Games



What Is Cyberwar

Not Wanting to Confuse You

Or duck the actual topic.

The last few slides were not put in to bring any confusion but to highlight the confusion in the domain and to question "experts" who have yet to do their homework



Actually, Cyberwar will depend on

who is defining WAR – defence personnel, hacker community, mango-people, government, academics ...





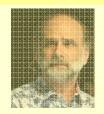
Howard Schmidt, ex Cyber Security Co-ordinator for the White House.

No definitions for Cyberwar!

"We really need to define this word because words do matter. Cyber war is a turbo metaphor that does not address the issues we are looking at like cyber espionage, cyber crime, identity theft, credit card fraud."

"When you look at the conflict environment - military to military - command and control is always part of the thing.

"Don't make it something that it is not," Mr Schmidt told reporters.



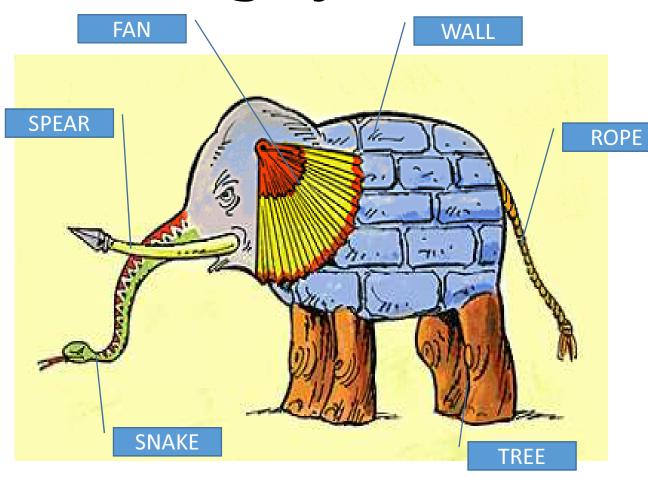
Bruce Schneier, Chief Security Officer for BT

"What we are seeing is not cyber war but an increasing use of war-like tactics and that is what is confusing us. We don't have good definitions of what cyber war is, what it looks like and how to fight it,"

http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/technology-12473809



Defining Cyberwar or Internet



It was six men of Indostan To learning much inclined

Who went to see the Elephant (Though all of them were blind),

That each by observation Might satisfy his mind

http://www.uen.org/Lessonplan/downloadFile.cgi?file=28910-2-36017-Blind Man elephant.ppt&filename=Blind Man elephant.ppt.



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Estonia

Neither in 2007 nor today are there any internationally accepted definitions on the subject of cyber defense and security

What one nation considers a "cyber attack" might appear more like a "cyber war" to another or even a simple "cyber crime" to a third.



Estonia (pop. 1.3 m)

- In 2007 the country faced a large scale attack by about 1 million botnet
- Almost all government functions are over the internet voting, parking, banking, identification
- And this was shutdown for the country
- They are NATO members but no one knew what was happening and it was termed as a war later
- The country has free wifi as they consider net access as a basic human right
- The plan is to make internet as available as electricity
- Euro 384m project "EstWin" to provide 100 megabits / sec for every citizen by 2015



Stuxnet

Stuxnet's existence became known in June 2010

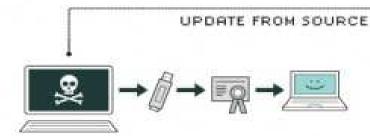
Target: Iran Nuclear Facility





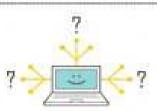


HOW STUXNET WORKED



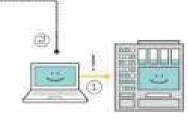


Stuxnet enters a system via a USB stick and proceeds to infect all machines running Microsoft Windows. By brandishing a digital certificate that seems to show that it comes from a reliable company, the worm is able to evade automated-detection systems.



2. search

Student then checks whether a given machine is part of the targeted industrial control system made by Siemens. Such systems are deployed in Iran to run high-speed centrifuges that help to enrich nuclear fuel.



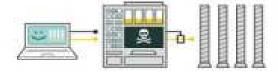
3. update

If the system isn't a target, Student does nothing; if it is, the worm attempts to access the internet and download a more recent version of itself.



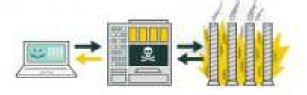
4. compromise

The worm then compromises the target system's logic controllers, exploiting "zero day" vulnerabilitiessoftware weaknesses that haven't been identified by security experts.



5. control

in the beginning. Stuxnet spies on the operations of the targeted system. Then it uses the information it has gathered to take control of the centrifuges, making them spin themselves to failure.



6. deceive and destroy

Meanwhile, it provides false feedback to outside controllers, ensuring that they won't know what's going wrong until it's too late to do anything about it.

www.standupamericaus.org/sua/wp-content/uploads/2013/08/StuxnetExplained-e1376938880795.jpg



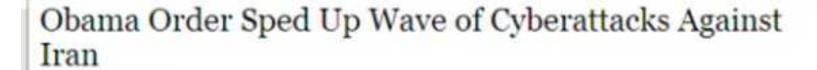


Stuxnet worm and Flame malware represent "a spectacular failure for our company and the antivirus industry in general"

- Mikko Hyppönen, Chief Research Officer, F-Secure



Stuxnet Repercussion



US Defense Secretary warns of "Pearl Harbor" cyber attack by Iran

15 October

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By Niall Gre In Cyberattack on Saudi Firm, U.S. Sees Iran Firing Back

Published: October 23, 2012 | 7 105 Comments

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After analyzing the software code from the Aramco attack, security experts say that the event involved a company insider, or insiders, with privileged access to Aramco's network. The virus could have been carried on a USB memory stick that was inserted into a PC.



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Budgets

- Pentagon Five-Year Cybersecurity Plan Seeks \$23 Billion
- The Iranian government has reportedly invested \$ 1 billion to develop and build out its own cyberwar capabilities
- Estonia is the most cyberaware nationprovides free education to students in Cyber Security undergrad/post-grad programs + free net....



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India

- Budget == secret bad word
- Capability == Fragmented
- Capacity == Lots of noise
- Organization == chaotic
- Future Plan == Future! Duh! It's top secret
- Core Cybersecurity Strategy == knee jerks based on ignorance or pompousness



Our Strengths (official stand)

- •IT Act and various amendments
- National Cyber Security Policy
- Crisis Management Plan
- CERT, NTRO and 60+ organizations and agencies
- Oversight thru' Clause 49, UID, NPR,



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- RBI, SEBI, TRAI/DOT and other regulations



- Multiple data breaches at PMO, MEA among other agencies over the years
- Use of free email services despite revelations of NSA's Prism program
- Knee jerk directive against use of public emails in the absence of ANY alternative (Brazil Post has set up free email services)



- UID weaknesses and NPR
- CCTNS
- Non starter
- CERT, NTRO and 60+ organizations and agencies – Fragmented, internal politics, progress is (not) shared



A Small Digression

Prompted by the last point about 60+ organizations / agencies operating in the country

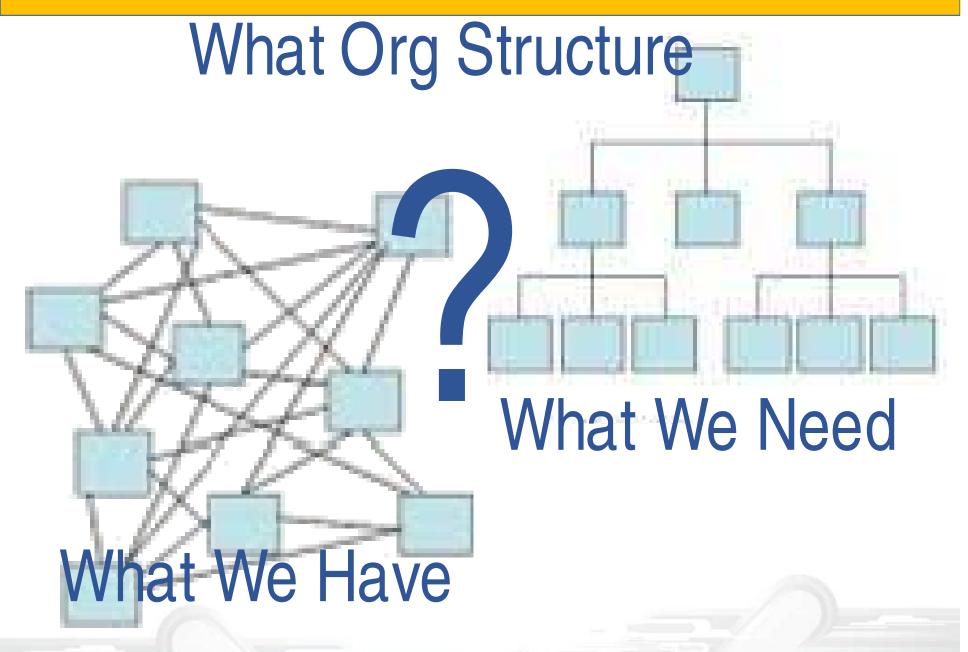


Organization Soup

WESEE	General Weapons and Electronics Systems Engineering Establishment
DIARA	Defense Information and Research Agency
DIA	Defence Intelligence Agency
	Special Operations Command
	Strategic Forces Command
	CEKT-Navy
>	CERT-Army
0	CERT-AirForce
	Cyber Operations Centre (NTRO with Armed Forces)
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	CERT-In	Computer Emeregency Response Team
	CHCIT	Cyber and Hi-Tech Crime Investigation and Training Center
	NIC	National Informatics Center
	NTRO	National Technical Research Organization
		Cyber Regulation Advisory Committee
	NCSC	National Cyber Security Commissioner
		Cyber Coordination Center
	CMS	Central Monitoring System
	NCSF	National Cyber Security Framework
		Cyber Security Board
		Cyber Security Board - Cyber Security Coordinators
	NCCC	National Cyber Cocroination Centre
	NSCS	National Security Council Secretariat
	NCCC	National Cyber Coordination Centre
	NSAB	National Security Advisory Board
		National Information Security Authority
	NCIIPC	National Critical Information Infrastructure Protection Committee





Organization Soup

CDRC	Cyber Defence Research Centre, Jharkhand
	Cyber Suraksha Cell, Guajarat
	Special Operations Group, Gujarat
	Cyberdome, Kerala Police
DSCI	Data Security Council of India
IISc	Indian Institute of Science, Pangalore
ISAC	Information Sharing and Analysis Centre
CSI	Computer Society of India
	Deccan Hackers
	Indian Cyber Army
	National S⊂ unity Database
IDRBT	Institute for Development and Research in Banking Technology
IBA	In tu n Banks Association
RBI	Reserve Bank of India
	CBI's Bank Securities and Fraud Cell

National Intelligence Board
Strategic Security Technology Coordination Group
Multi Agency Centre
Joint Cipher Bureau
Scientific Advisory Group
Indian Stastistical Institute
Cipher Committee
Scientific Advisor to Raksha Mantri
Telecom Security Council of India
National Intell zence Grid
Crimes and Criminal Tracking Network and System
NCTC was to weld together multiple intelligence databases:
National Judicial Data Grid
Telecom Testing and Security Certification Centre



Our Score = 60+

- The country should have been on the top of the Cyber capability index worldwide.
- We would not having this conference.. Rather ... the topic would have been different
- Nations and individuals would have to think twice to face up to us – no website defacements or data breach





 To respond to an attack by air the Air Force is called, on land it is the Army and the Navy at sea

Who do we call upon for an attack through the internet



- How do 60+ agencies coordinate with each other
- How can a planned response be launched in the absence of a central coordinator....









"SECURE THE BUILDING"

The Army will post guards around the place.
The Navy will turn out the lights and lock the doors.
The Marines will kill everybody inside and set up a
HEADQUARTERS.

THE AIR FORCE WILL TAKE OUT A FIVE-YEAR LEASE WITH AN OPTION TO BUY.

OK... We Return to Our Presentation

- R&D and PPP are good terms used in policies and meetings
- Advisories (invariably) speak a foreign language
- Lack of statistics or authentic surveys so anyone says anything



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Are we ready for cyberwar?

CERTAINLY NOT!

THE BOTTOM LINE

WHY NOT! You May Ask

Where are the policies and strategies which will guide our nation in the event of a cyberwar?

What is our budget allocation?

Who is spending money wisely?

Where is the money being spent?

Have you seen one (critical) PSU with genuinely good practices which are adopted by the organization?

THE BOTTOM LINE

WHAT CAN WE DO

Speak to the people we know in Government and get them scared

Kick the people who say they have the best systems in place (be careful you do not kick the wrong one)

Understand and accept that risks and threats from technology are part of life and we have to change

Contribute our effort strongly to making things better in our own small way

THE BOTTOM LINE



Al Qaeda's own "country" for 2013: Northern Mali



Fighters from Islamist group Ansar Dine stand guard during a hostage handover in the desert outside Timbuktu, Mali, on April 24, 2012. AP PHOTO/FILE

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MOPTI, MALI | Deep inside caves, in remote desert bases, in the escarpments and cliff faces of northern Mali, Islamic fighters are burrowing into the earth, erecting a formidable set of defenses to protect what has essentially become al Qaeda's new country.

They have used the bulldozers, earth movers and Caterpillar machines left behind

Leaving you with some food for thought



More +

European Parliament switches off Wi-Fi after hacker breaks into politicians' emails

BY ROB WAUGH POSTED 27 NOV 2013 AT 10:21AM











The European Parliament has switched off its public Wi-Fi system after an anonymous hacker broke into the personal emails of several Members of the European Parliament (MEPs) from outside the building, using only a laptop.

French news outlet Mediapart quotes the anonymous hacker as saying, "It was child's play," and that his attack required only "a few bits of knowledge that everyone is capable of finding on the internet." The attacker was also able to access email accounts owned by IT staff.







New IBM system adds "robust" secontly to smartphone banking and shopping

15 OCT 2013



Stop, thief! Five new tricks used by cybercriminals - and how to stay safe

20 SEP 2013



15 Can't keep a bad man down: "Shylock" Trojan returns to attack U.S. banks



Cyberwar is a chimera, a figment of imagination which is yet to be defined and we have to be careful of watmongers and sabre rattlers!

The need is to secure our infrastructure which is where all attention must be focussed

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 - Practices: Incident Response, SAM, Forensics, Regulatory guidance...
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