

**Google™** **A Brief History of DNS Hijackings**

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# Disclaimer

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While this talk contains many examples specific to Google domains, none of these represent compromises of Google hosts or services.

This talk contains many real-world examples of domain hijacks. This is intended to highlight the systemic nature of this problem rather than specific security problems with any one organisation.

# DNS Hijacking - Overview

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## Basic Concept

The practice of redirecting DNS lookups to other (rogue) DNS servers.

# Actors and Motivations

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Advertising

Monetization / Mass Click Fraud

## FBI arrests six for DNS hijacking scam worth \$14 million

Posted on 10 November 2011.



Charges against six Estonian nationals and one Russian national for engaging in a massive and sophisticated Internet fraud scheme that infected with malware more than four million computers located in over 100 countries have been raised by the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York.



## DNS Malware: Is Your Computer Infected?

DNS—Domain Name System—is an Internet service that converts user-friendly domain names, such as [www.fbi.gov](http://www.fbi.gov), into numerical addresses that allow computers to talk to each other. Without DNS and the DNS servers operated by Internet service providers, computer users would not be able to browse web sites, send e-mail, or connect to any Internet services.

Criminals have infected millions of computers around the world with malware called DNSChanger which allows them to control DNS servers. As a result, the cyber thieves have forced unsuspecting users to fraudulent websites, interfered with their web browsing, and made their computers vulnerable to other kinds of malicious software.



# Actors and Motivations

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Advertising

Monetization / Mass Click Fraud

Regular Fraud

# ChronoPay DNS Hijack



## Russian e-Payment Giant ChronoPay Hacked

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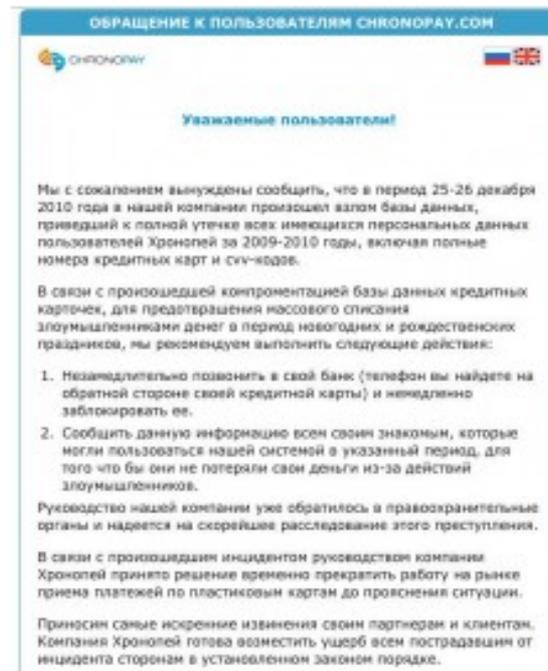
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Criminals this week hijacked **ChronoPay.com**, the domain name for Russia's largest online payment processor, redirecting hundreds of unsuspecting visitors to a fake ChronoPay page that stole customer financial data.

Reached via phone in Moscow, ChronoPay chief executive **Pavel Vrublevsky** said the bogus payment page was up for several hours spanning December 25 and 26, during which time the attackers collected roughly 800 credit card numbers from customers visiting the site to make payments for various Russian businesses that rely on ChronoPay for processing.

In the attack, ChronoPay's domain was transferred to Network Solutions, and its domain name system (DNS) servers were changed to "anotherbeast.com," a domain registered at **Network Solutions** on Dec. 19, 2010.



# Actors and Motivations

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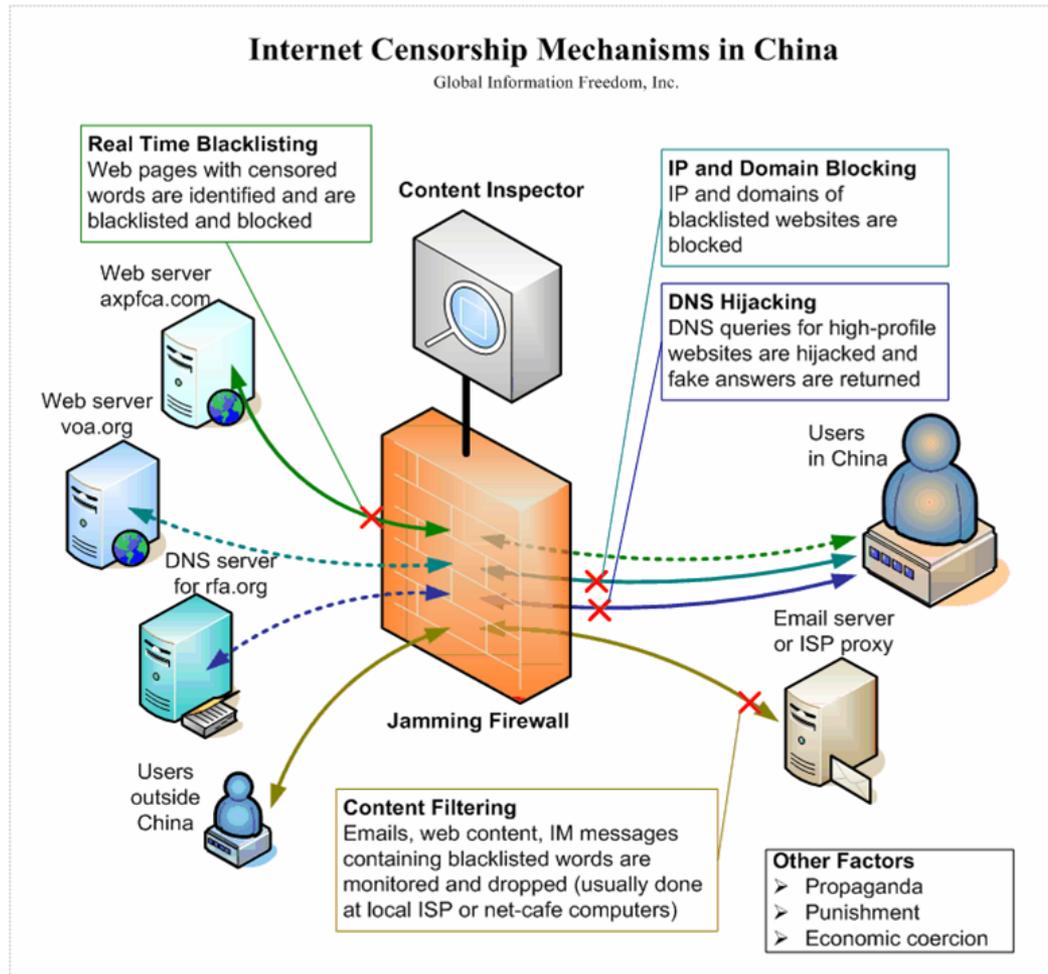


Advertising

Monetization / Mass Click Fraud / Fraud

Censorship

# Censorship



# Actors and Motivations

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Advertising

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Censorship

Hacktivism / Defacement

# Twitter - 18 December 2009



# Actors and Motivations

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Advertising

Monetization / Mass Click Fraud / Fraud

Censorship

Hacktivism / Defacement

Phishing

Account Access (Man-in-the-middle attacks)

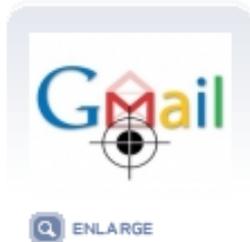
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August 13th, 2010, 09:25 GMT · By [Lucian Constantin](#)

## Chinese Gmail Phishing Attack Employs DNS Hijacking

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**Reports coming in from China suggest that an ongoing phishing attack targeting Gmail users in the country might employ some form of DNS hijacking.**

According to New Tang Dynasty Television (NTDTV) [[via Google Translate](#)], when trying to access Google's email service by typing `www.gmail.com` into the browser address bar, users affected by this attack are redirected to a fake copy of the Gmail login page.

The fake page is hosted on a server (`124.117.227.201`) that is not owned by the search giant and loads content from a `mail.google.com-sFmail-[LONG_PART]-ServerLogin.beij900.ndns01.com` address.

# Tunisia DNS Hijack

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Tunisia, 25 December 2010

Facebook. Gmail. Etc.

Stealing an entire country's passwords.

# Tunisia DNS Hijack



Applications Raccourcis Système lun. 16 nov., 19:26

Gmail : la messagerie de Google - Mozilla Firefox

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http://mail.google.com/ServiceLoginAuthservicemai.php Google

D-Click - Envoyer et... Les plus visités Getting Started Latest Headlines

Gmail...

**Notice:** Undefined index: Email in C:\Program Files\EasyPHP5.3.0\www\ServiceLoginAuthservicemai.php on line 57

**Notice:** Undefined index: Passwd in C:\Program Files\EasyPHP5.3.0\www\ServiceLoginAuthservicemai.php on line 58

**Bienvenue dans Gmail**

**La messagerie selon Google.**

Gmail repose sur l'idée que la messagerie peut être intuitive, efficace et utile. Peut-être même amusante... Après tout, Gmail a :

**Moins de spam**  
Grâce à la technologie novatrice de Google, gardez les courriers indésirables à distance de votre boîte de réception.

**Accès mobile**  
Consultez Gmail depuis le navigateur de votre téléphone portable en sélectionnant l'adresse <http://gmail.com/app>.  
[En savoir plus](#)

**Espaces volumineux**  
Grâce aux plus de 7391.861725 Mo (et plus à venir) d'espace de stockage mis à votre disposition, vous ne devriez plus avoir à supprimer le moindre message.

Connectez-vous au service Gmail à l'aide de votre  
**Compte Google**

Nom d'utilisateur:

Mot de passe:

Rester connecté

[Vous n'arrivez pas à vous connecter à votre compte ?](#)

Nouveau chez Gmail ? C'est gratuit et facile.

**Créer un compte »**

Connecté à mail.google.com...

# Mass Domain Hijackings

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Registry Hacking

Highly Effective

High Traffic domains under a compromise ccTLD.

# Mass Domain Hijackings

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Started tracking 3 years ago.

Simple code to monitor changes to Google-owned domains

# Chronology

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2009 - Morocco, Tunisia, Tajikistan, Ecuador, Kenya,  
New Zealand

2010 - Uganda, Puerto Rico, Denmark

2011 - Suriname, Malawi, Congo, Guadaloupe, Fiji,  
Bangladesh

2012 - Nepal

# How does this happen

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Misc software bugs

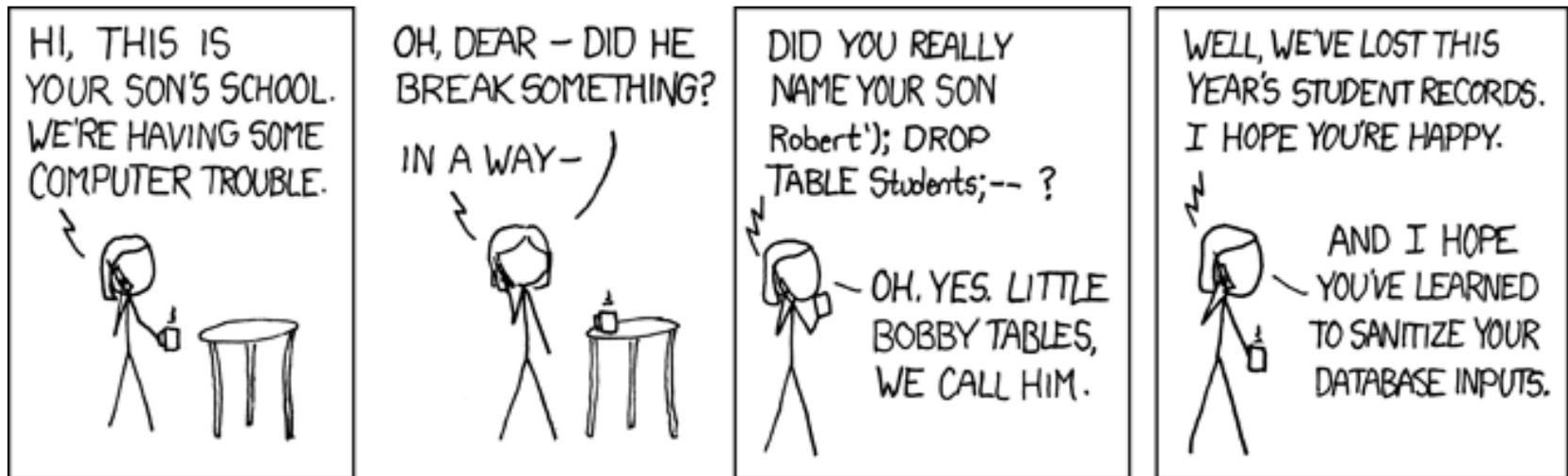
Password Re-use

Social Engineering

Bribery / coercion

SQL Injection

# SQL Injection



<https://xkcd.com/327/>

# Social Engineering



The screenshot shows a Microsoft Outlook window titled "Best Chef from Northwest U.S. creates new tastes - Message (HTML)". The interface includes a ribbon with tabs for "File", "Message", and "Adobe PDF". The "Message" tab is active, displaying a toolbar with various actions such as "Ignore", "Delete", "Reply", "Reply All", "Forward", "More", "Move", "Actions", "Rules", "Mark Unread", "Categorize", "Tags", "Translate", "Find", "Related", "Select", "Zoom", and "Zoom".

The email content is as follows:

**Info:** You forwarded this message on 11/8/2011 9:26 AM.

**From:** LottaDM@us-taiwan.org  
**To:** [redacted]@us-taiwan.org  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** Best Chef from Northwest U.S. creates new tastes

Sent: Tue 11/8/2011 2:18 PM

Christine,

Please click on the following link.  
<http://www.spmiller.org/press/Best-Chef-from-Northwest-US-creates-new-tastes.zip>

Regards  
Lotta Danielsson-Murphy

# Effects

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Mostly web defacement - bragging rights

Visibility for political causes

Monetize via spam / affiliate advertising

User credential / data theft

HACKED

By\_Ogmass & S4S\_7 & Spy

Cyber Mafia Crew Corp.

Özenen Değil Daima Özenilen Oluruz.

google - tunus hacked ?

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uname -a ;

Linux webnx1 2.6.16.54-0.2.5-smp #1 SMP Mon Jan 21  
13:29:51 UTC 2008 x86\_64 x86\_64 x86\_64 GNU/Linux  
uid=0(root) gid=0(root) groups=0(root)

Mafia crew

Cyber Mafia Crew

**Hacked !**

**Agd\_Scorp & R x 5 & Thehacker & Cr@zy\_King**

**ax3L & Zombie\_KSA**

[root@markmonitor:/Peace-Crew] # is back  
[root@markmonitor:/Peace-Crew] # your system get down!

Avlanma Zamani !



Thx: TilkiAndre, Kerem125, Jextoxic, Redrolix, Kacak, 4R!F, 4NT!W4R

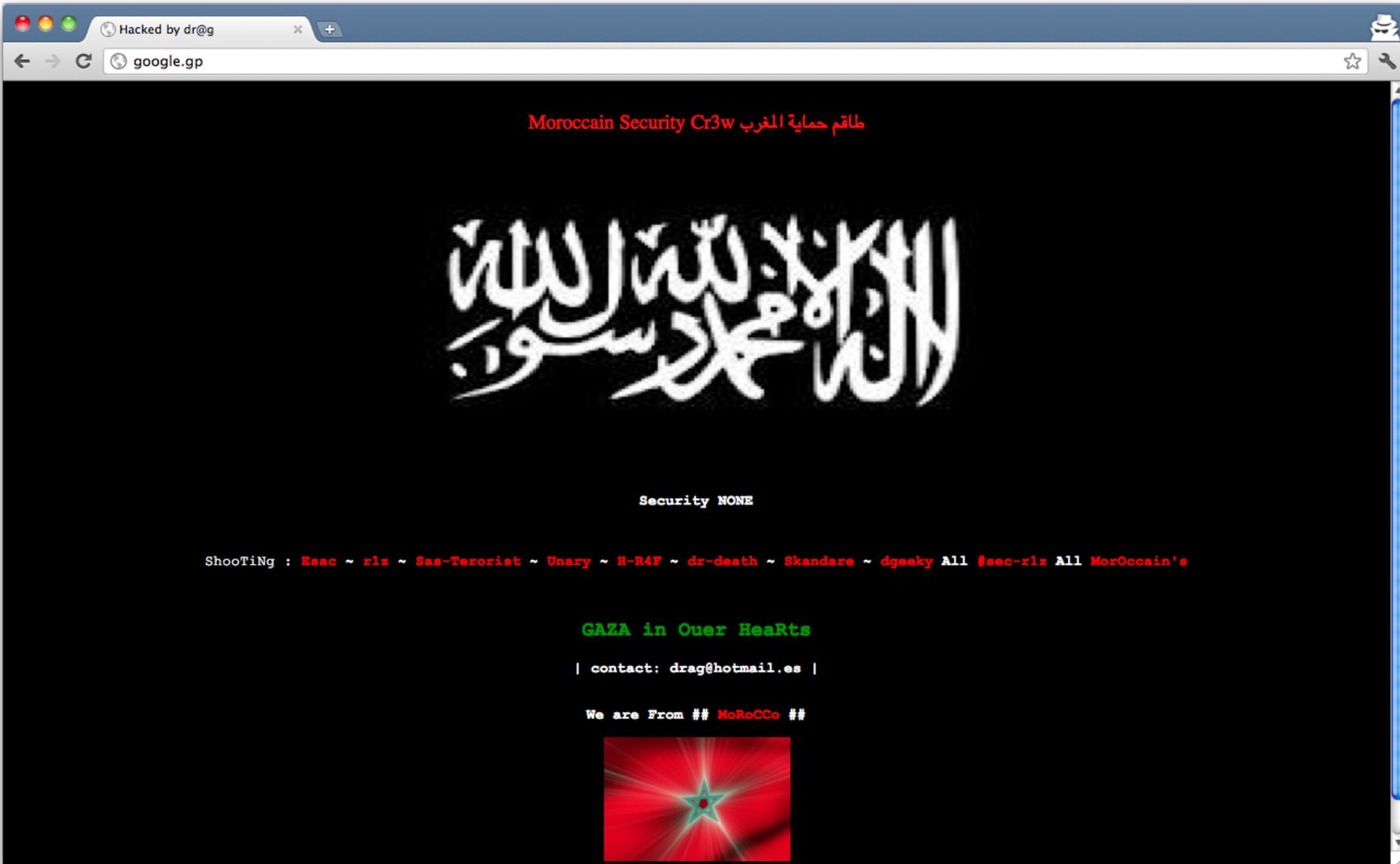
Net^Devil, spo0fer, xOOmxOOm

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[turkguvenligi.info](http://turkguvenligi.info)

2000-2009





Haxored by AlpHaNiX  
Nothing personal ,  
#alpha\_[A\_T]\_HACKER\_[D\_O\_T]\_bz



**## Tunisia Rullz**



@onecom

One.com

For some reason google.dk has been redelegated to our DNS. We look into the issue and we're in contact with Google in order to solve this.

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April 28, 2009, 8:04AM

## Puerto Rico sites redirected in DNS attack

by Ryan Naraine

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[From CNet News \(Elinor Mills\)](#)

An attack on the main domain name system registrar in Puerto Rico led to the local Web sites of Google, Microsoft, Yahoo, Coca-Cola, and other big companies being redirected for a few hours on Sunday to sites that were defaced, according to security firm Imperva.



Those sites and others including PayPal, Nike, Dell, and Nokia, were redirected to sites that were black except for messages in hacker lingo saying that the sites had been hacked. However, the sites themselves were not hacked, Amichai Shulman, chief technology officer at Imperva, said on Monday.

[Read the full story](#) [cnet.com]

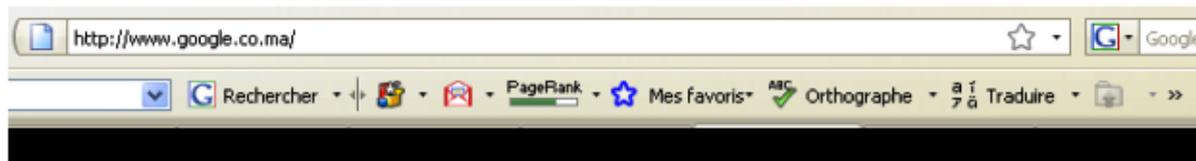
## Hackers Temporarily Seize Control Of Google Morocco Domain Name



ROBIN WAUTERS ✓

Saturday, May 9th, 2009

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Hacked By PAKbugs

We Are: ZombiE\_KsA Cyber Criminal spo0fer x00mx00m

GOOGLE MOROCO HACKED

Cyber-Criminal Was HERE

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## Breaking: Google Morocco Google.co.ma is Hacked!

9 May, 2009

# Compound Problems



## Google Cautions Iranian Users After DigiNotar Hack Attack



First Posted: 09/ 9/11 06:35 PM ET | Updated: 09/ 9/11 06:44 PM ET



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Google Inc is advising its Gmail email service customers in Iran to change their passwords in the wake of a cyberattack that has affected a major swath of the country.

# Compound Problems

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Comodo

Diginotar

StartSSL

Trustwave

# Compound Problems

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SSL / TLS doesn't tell you if you've been sent to the correct site, it only tells you if the DNS matches the name in the certificate.

# Why Should You Care?

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Bad press.

DNS is trusted.

Trust is inherited from ICANN.

People die.

# Solutions / Mitigations

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Regular security audits

Registry in a box

Required minimum security posture

DNSSEC

**Questions / Comments ?**