

An Overview of ICANN's Training Program for *Investigating DNS Abuse/Misuse*

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Identifier Systems SSR Training Portfolio

- Registry (TLD) Operations
- Secure Registry Operations (SROC)
- DNSSEC (Robust & Reliable DNS Operations)
- Investigating DNS Abuse & Misuse
- Security Awareness for ICT end users
- Foundational Security for ICT administrators

Training partners or ICANN staff

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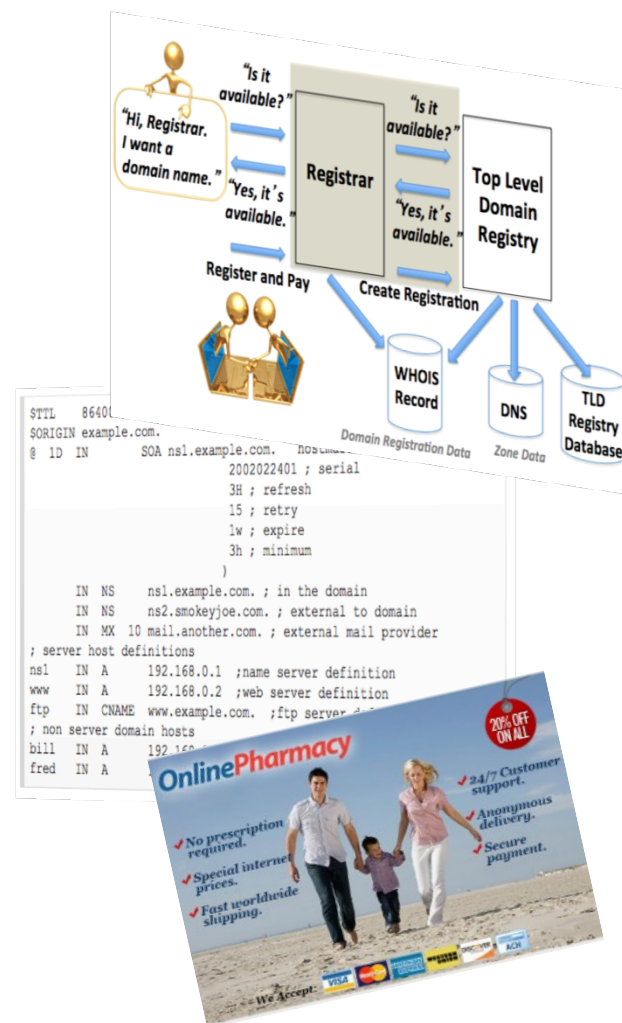
Future training for trust-based collaboration partners

What We'll Discuss today

- Purpose of “Investigating DNS...”
- Topics we cover
- Who participates?
- Investigative methodology
- Resources we share

Purpose of the training

- To assist participants in understanding
 - DNS and name registration system operations
 - DNS and registration ecosystems and players
 - How criminals abuse or misuse domain names or DNS
 - How to collect indicators or evidence of abuse or misuse
 - How the data collected may be relevant to investigations



Topics we cover

- What are indicators of misuse/abuse in
 - DNS (zone) data?
 - Domain registration data?
 - DNS traffic?
 - Authoritative name servers and resolvers?
 - Addressing and routing information
- What additional information can you use?
 - Reputation (scoring) systems
 - Content analysis

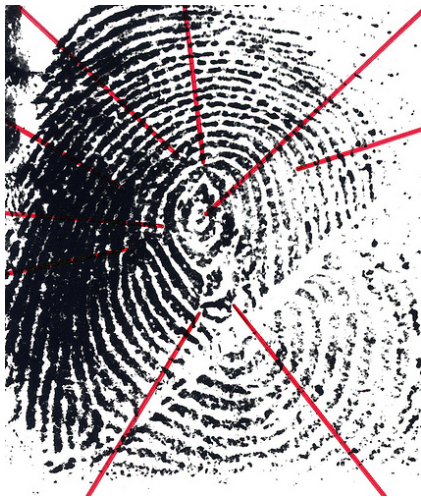
Where can you find these indicators?

- *Primary sources are publicly available*
 - The DNS
 - Domain and IP Whois
 - Web-based services
 - commercial, free, open source, research projects
- Trust-based collaborative communities
 - Interveners, researchers, investigators, operators
 - Certain of these are vetted communities

Investigative Philosophy

“Match fingerprints” analog

*no one marker is sufficient
to conclude a domain is
malicious*



Course adapts to changes in
adversary behavior

Markers include checks like these...

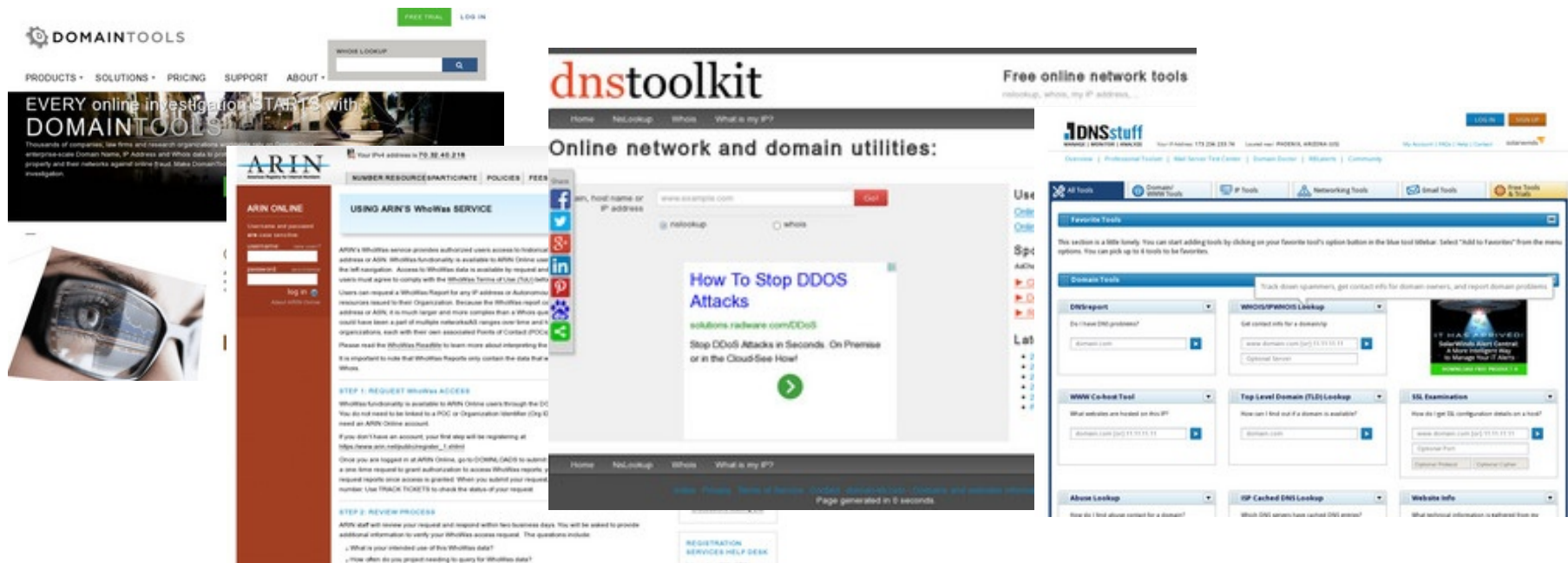
- Recent domain registration creation date
- Suspicious registrant contact data
- Privacy protection service
- Spoofing or confusing use of a brand
- Name composition or length
- Known DGA or malware control point
- High frequency/volume of Name errors
- Suspicious or notorious name servers
- Suspicious or notorious hosting location
- What's the neighborhood like?
- Base site content is non-existent or bad
- Anomalies or clues in DNS Zone data
- Reputation

Who participates?

- Individuals with roles in combatting cybercrime
 - Law enforcement
 - Jurists
 - ICT network operators
(government, infrastructure, registry)
- Individuals with roles in capability building programs
 - Security community members
 - Partners in capability building collaboratives

Resources We Show and Share

- Tools to identify abuse points of contact
 - Domain names, host names, IP addresses, ASNs
 - Domain and IP registrants, registries, registrars
 - DNS, Content hosting, or Mail Exchange providers



Resources we show and share

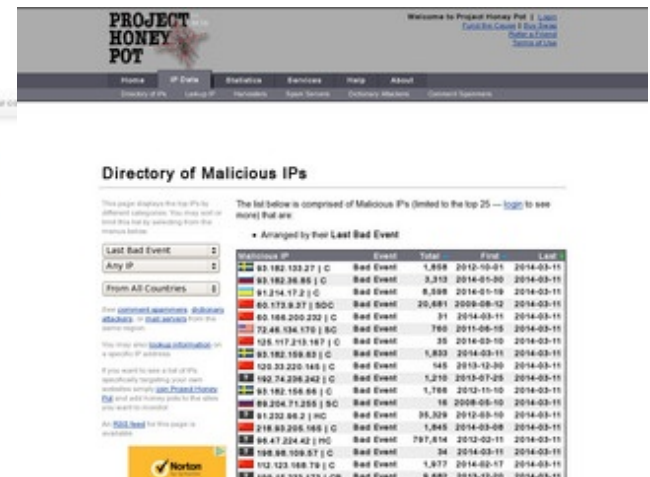
- Publicly available tools to identify, collect or analyze
 - Content (web pages, sites,
 - Malicious content (URL, file, email, attachment)
 - Reputation system operators



The screenshot shows the curl website. At the top is the 'curl' logo with the tagline 'groks those URLs'. Below the logo, it states 'curl is a command line tool for transferring data with URL syntax, supporting DICT, FILE, FTP, FTPS, Gopher, HTTP, HTTPS, IMAP, IMAPS, LDAP, LDAPS, POP3, POP3S, RTSP, RTSPS, SCP, SFTP, SMTP, SMTPS, Telnet and TFTP'. It also lists supported authentication methods like Basic, Digest, NTLM, Negotiate, Kerberos, etc. A prominent banner says 'Possibly more than 500 million users already. I'm sure you can use it as well!'. Below this, it mentions the latest stable version is 7.35.0, released on 29th of January 2014. There are links for 'curl and libcurl 7.35.0' dated January 29, 2014, and 'curl and libcurl 7.34.0' dated December 17, 2013. A sidebar on the left contains links like 'Front Page', 'Download', 'Changelog', 'Docs', 'Mailings Lists', 'Development', 'libcurl', and 'Search'.



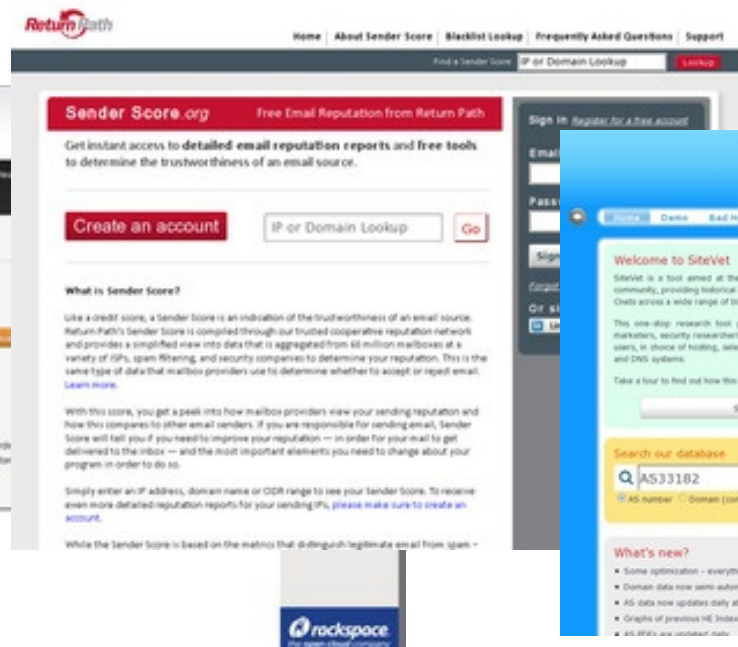
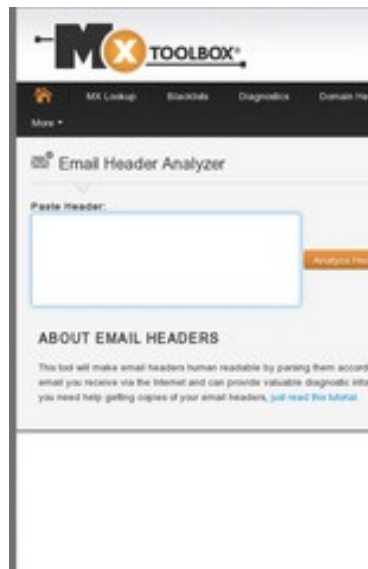
The screenshot shows the VirusTotal website. It features the 'virustotal' logo and a description: 'VirusTotal is a free service that analyzes suspicious files and URLs and facilitates the quick detection of viruses, worms, trojans, and all kinds of malware.' There is a search bar with a 'Scan!' button. Below the search bar, it says 'By clicking "Scan It", you consent to our Terms of Service and allow VirusTotal to share the file with the security community. See our Privacy Policy for details.'



The screenshot shows the Project Honey Pot website. It has a header with the 'PROJECT HONEY POT' logo and a navigation menu. Below the header, there is a section titled 'Directory of Malicious IPs'. It includes a table with columns for 'Malicious IP', 'Event', 'Total', 'First', and 'Last'. The table lists various IP addresses and their associated events. For example, the first row shows IP '83.182.133.27' with a 'Bad Event' on '2014-03-11'. The table is sorted by 'Arranged by their Last Bad Event'.

Tools we show and share

- Hosting (web, DNS, mail) or traffic origins
- ISPs, mail exchange, or DNS operators
- Block list services



Questions?