

Cybercrime Digest

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Germany is cracking down on 'dark net' crime after the Munich shooting

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German police will do more to fight crime committed on the "dark net", they said on Wednesday, days after a gunman killed nine people with a weapon bought on that hidden part of the internet. "We see that the dark net is a growing trading place and therefore we need to prioritize our investigations here," Holger Muench, head of Germany's Federal Police (BKA), told journalists as he presented the latest annual report on cyber crime" [READ MORE](#)

Source: *Deutsche Welle*

Censorship fears over online extremism clampdown

Date: 22 July 2016

Digital rights groups have warned the German government against giving huge internet platforms like Google and Facebook greater responsibility for removing extremist propaganda following the knife and ax attack on a train in Bavaria this week, which left five people injured. [...] On Thursday, Interior Minister Thomas De Maiziere called for web platforms to delete more illegal content, to stop others from being tempted by extremist groups. But Markus Beckedahl, Editor-in-Chief of the digital rights blog Netzpolitik, has warned against increasingly handing removal decisions to tech companies, saying it would lead the country down a dangerous path towards censorship. [READ MORE](#)

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Source: *ITProPortal*

European Union proposes user database to end Bitcoin's anonymity

Date: 28 July 2016

"The end of anonymity for Bitcoin users may be fast approaching as the EU has put forth a proposal that would require anyone using the cryptocurrency to register on a database. [...] The EU is currently working on reforming its Anti-Money Laundering Directive (AMLD) and has decided to add a database of cryptocurrency users to it in order to prevent criminals from laundering money in an untraceable way via the internet. The latest version of the AMLD will recognise virtual currencies as money and its database will remove the anonymity that those employing it for nefarious purposes have hid behind for some time." [READ MORE](#)

Source: *Security Week*

Crime in UK Now Most Likely to be Cyber Crime

Date: 21 July 2016

"There were nearly six million fraud and cybercrimes committed in the UK in the 12 months to March 2016, according to the latest figures from the Office for National Statistics (ONS). This is the first year that such cybercrimes have been included in the ONS statistics, so it is not possible to consider overall trends -- nevertheless, it suggests that approximately half of all UK crime is now cyber-related." [READ MORE](#)

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Date: 15 July 2016

Tonga National CERT launched

"Tonga National CERT becomes the very first national CERT in the Pacific established to address and respond to computer incidents, raise awareness and build capacity of ICT professionals.[...] Tonga National CERT operates under MEIDECC's Department of Information and the team would be the government's point of contact for cyber security issues that affect businesses and individuals in Tonga.[...] Tonga National CERT acknowledged the help of APNIC, Council of Europe, Sri Lanka CERT and Mauritius CERT in helping Tonga to establish its national Computer Emergency Response Team." [READ MORE](#)

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Nigeria loses 127 billion yearly to Cybercrime

"The Minister of Communications, Adebayo Shittu said Tuesday that Nigeria is losing about 127 billion naira annually to cybercrime and urged stakeholders in the Information and Communication Technology, ICT, industry to rise up to the challenge. [...] He said: "national safety and security further encompasses securing the nation's cyber space. Our growing dependence on digital infrastructure introduces and poses grave threats to national security. It is quite shocking that Nigeria loses about N127 billion which is 0.08 per cent of the country's Gross Domestic Products (GDP), yearly to cybercrime". [READ MORE](#)

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Africa*

Date: 15 July 2016

Cybercrime threatens healthcare in South Africa

"[...]Data managed within the healthcare sector is highly sensitive and contains large amounts of personal information. In the wrong hands this information can be used as a master key to carry out targeted attacks. For cyber criminals this is a lucrative business as this kind of data will fetch a high price on the black market. According to IBM, the healthcare sector ranked top of their list, with the most security attacks in 2015. Attacks continue to plague the sector causing the shutdown of hospitals, having had their data encrypted by cybercriminals. The Ponemon Institute recorded a 125% increase in such information theft over the past 5 years." [READ MORE](#)

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Date: 20 July 2016

Singapore starts National Cybercrime Action Plan

"Singapore's National Cybercrime Action Plan has been launched to deter, detect and disrupt cybercriminal activity and to create a safe and secure online environment. Shanmugam, Minister for Home Affairs and Minister for Law, announced the plan on July 20. [...] The government's strategy to combat cybercrime has four key priorities: a) Educating and empowering the public to stay safe in cyberspace; b) Enhancing the Government's capacity and capability to combat cybercrime; c) Strengthening legislation and the criminal justice framework; d) Stepping up partnerships and international engagements." [READ MORE](#)

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Going for Gold: Cybercrime and the Brazilian Threat Landscape

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"When the 2016 Summer Olympic Games open in Rio de Janeiro, more than 10,500 athletes will compete to win coveted medals. Likewise, cybercriminals will be competing to steal your crown jewels: personal data and funds." [READ MORE](#)

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India

India: Government serious about curbing rising cybercrime: Rijiju

Date: 29 July 2016

At a time when cyber attacks are growing and cyber criminals are targeting organisations, there must be no compromise when it comes to security, Union Minister of State for Home, Kiran Rijiju said on Friday." (The ninth annual summit on Cyber and Network Security was supported by the Council of Europe.) [READ MORE](#)

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Source: Business
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Pakistan: Cybercrime bill passed by Senate: opposition forces 50 amendments

Date: 30 July 2016

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Source: Fédération
Bancaire Française

Lutte contre la cybercriminalité: La Fédération bancaire française et la Police Judiciaire signent un accord de partenariat

Date: 12 July 2016

"La sécurité et la lutte contre la cybercriminalité sont des enjeux majeurs pour le secteur bancaire. Le socle de la relation entre la banque et son client c'est la confiance, et il est essentiel de la préserver en mettant en œuvre tous les moyens nécessaires pour la sécurité des informations. C'est dans ce cadre que la Fédération bancaire française (FBF) et la sous-direction de la lutte contre la cybercriminalité (SDLC) de la Police judiciaire ont décidé de s'associer en signant un partenariat. Cette coopération s'intègre dans une démarche européenne d'EUROPOL et de la Fédération Bancaire Européenne qui vise à renforcer la lutte contre la cybercriminalité." [READ MORE](#)

Source: Le Vif

Cybercriminalité: "Microsoft se conformera aux règles belges"

Date: 19 July 2016

"Microsoft a finalement cédé face aux demandes de la justice belge. Le géant informatique a décidé de collaborer plus facilement aux enquêtes liées à la cybercriminalité, rapporte mardi De Standaard." [READ MORE](#)

Source: *Silicon Angle*

Google Transparency Report: Government data demands rise again

Date: 20 July 2016

"Google once again saw an increased number of data requests from global law enforcement agencies during the second half of 2015. For the first time, the total number of requests in a six month period surpassed 40,000.... American law enforcement agencies made a grand total of 12,523 requests to access data from a total of 27,157 Google users .. The second-most demanding nation, from Google's point of view anyway, was Germany, which made 7,491 requests over the six month period, up from just 3,903 in the first half of 2015. It was followed by France (4,174 requests), the U.K. (3,497 requests) and India (3,265 requests)." [READ MORE](#)

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- 3 – 4 August 2016, Pristina, Kosovo*¹ – Advisory mission and workshop on online fraud and other cybercrime reporting mechanisms, [iPROCEEDS](#)
- 8 – 11 August 2016, Dakar, Senegal – GLACY Progress review and GLACY+ Initial assessment, [GLACY/GLACY+](#)
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