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#### Agenda

- About...
- Why do we have to be worried?
- First story: The crazy cash machine
- Second story: Cyber Bonnie and Clyde
- Conclusions
- Questions & answers
- Contact information



# What is Mnemo?



- Founded in 2000
- Privately held **Spanish** company
- Headquarters in Madrid, Spain
- More than 1.000 employees
- Operations in twelve countries including Mexico, Colombia and Saudi Arabia
- Annual sales totaling 100 million dollars.
- More than 100 customers of the following sectors:
  - Public Utilities
  - Government
  - Finance & Banking
  - Industry
  - Oil & Gas

# Goals



- Talking about the danger of the information security incidents for the private sector.
- Talking you stories from real world not from surveys or estimations
- Making aware everybody about deep incidents investigation and more information control



### **Financial Data Breaches** in the last years



#### Organization: Rak Bank Country: 20 countries Type of Breach: The scammers made 4,500 ATM transactions

Time: December 2012 to Feb 2013 Extend of loss: \$5 million in total. Just in New York, they made 750 fraudulent transactions and stole \$400,000 from 140 ATMs



Type of Breach: Using card data from the Bank of Muscat, cells in 24 countries Time: December 2012 to Feb 2013 Extend of loss: \$45 million. Hackers made 36,000 transactions over 10 hours. In New York, they got \$2.4 million from 3,000 ATMs in the city



(UK Branch) Type of Breach: Exploited SQL Injection flaw and hacked the website

Time: March & April 2013 Extend of loss: 1,900 encrypted passwords, accounts and full names dumped



Organization: Michaels Country: USA Type of Breach: PoS / Data leakage (Cards) Time: May 2013 to January 2014 Extend of loss: Approximately 2.6 million cards



Organization: Neiman Marcus Country: USA Type of Breach: Data leakage (Cards) Software (malware) was installed on their system

Time: July -October 2013

Extend of loss: It affected a maximum of 350,000 customers. 1.1 million credit and debit cards



Organization: P.F. Chang's China Bistro Country: USA Type of Breach: Credit- and debit-cardprocessing system Time: Oct. 19, 2013 until June 11, 2014 Extend of loss: Stolen records were being sold for between \$18 to \$140 per card, the price depending on how fresh the stolen data is



Organization: HSBC Country: Turkey Type of Breach: Data leakage (Cards) Time: November 2013 Extend of loss: 2.7 million credit cards exposed

TARGET

Organization: Target Country: USA Type of Breach: PoS / Data leakage (cards) Time: November 2013 Extend of loss: 110 millions of personal and financial records and \$248 million of dollars



Organization: 11 casinos under Affinity Gaming Country: USA Type of Breach: Data leakage (Cards) Time: December 2013 to April 2014 Extend of loss: Customer information of the clients who acquired Non-gaming purchases like resorts and other services



Organization: JP Morgan Chase Country: USA Type of Breach: Data theft (names, emails, contact numbers and addresses) Time: July 2014 Extend of loss: 76 million households and 7 million small businesses



Depot Country: USA & Canada Type of Breach: PoS / Data leakage (cards) Time: Sep-Nov 2014 Extend of loss: 56 million credit and debit cards and 53 million email addresses

Organization: Home



Organization: AllCrypt Country: Unknown Type of Breach: Used an exploit in WordPress to breach the security Time: March 2015 Extend of loss: 42 Bitcoins stolen by the hackers

# HSBC (12)

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## **Small Analysis**







recovery

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This chain of supermarkets had a good run at the New York Stock Exchange in late 2013



In January 2014, when it was unveiled that the financial information of 110 million customers of Target had been compromised, the company's shares plummeted

## I wish it was only January



Throughout 2014, Target could not raise the value of their shares significantly, they had to spend a whole year to observe a remarkable recovery

#### First story: The crazy cash machine



#### Starring



(Cyber-maloso) Hacker



Money mule



Investigator





Head of Fraud Management

Bank (ATM)





He obtained money without using a card.



malware through a CD-ROM.

#### Fact 3

Fraud management department recieved a security alert and looked at security cameras.

CD



Head of Fraud Management collects the CD and starts an investigation.

#### Actions









#### Action 1



Bank started an internal investigation to collect all the useful information to clarify the security incident. Bank requested Mnemo's experts to perform a deep investigation by using Malware Analysis Lab.

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Head of Fraud Management gives the CD-ROM for analysis.

#### **Action 2: Static analysis**



Mnemo's Analyst

#### Static analysis showed up the following results:



Ploutus is installed by inserting a CD boot disk which includes a **start.bat** file that does the following:

- Identify the CD drive and the file system directory
- Create NCRDRVPS registry key to install PloutusService.exe
- Copy several libraries (APTRA) and ploutusservice.exe file to Windows directory

| Nombre                      | Fecha de modifica  | Tipo                | Temaño   |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|----------|
| 386                         | 16/06/2014 12:29   | Carpeta de archivos |          |
| Programs                    | 16/06/2014 12:29   | Carpeta de archivos |          |
| PLOUTUS2014,EXE             | 11/03/2014 10:10   | Aplicación          | 72 KB    |
| WIN51IP                     | 16/06/2014 12:29   | Archivo             | 0 KE     |
| BOOTFONT.BIN                | 14/04/2008 07:00 a | Archive BIN         | 5 KB     |
| START.BAT                   | 11/03/2014 10:18   | Archivo por lotes   | 37 KB    |
| WINS1IP.SP3                 | 16/06/2014 12:29   | Archivo SP3         | 0 KB     |
| CDROM.TXT                   | 21/07/2013 11:20   | Documento de tex    | 1 KE     |
| ista.txt                    | 29/05/2014 04:32   | Documento de tex    | 9 KI     |
| AFAInterfaces.dll           | 07/01/2011 08:46 a | Extensión de la apl | 45 K3    |
| ApplicationCore.dll         | 07/01/2011 08:20 a | Extensión de la apl | 2,865 KI |
| AWCODC32.DLL                | 17/06/1998 11:00   | Extensión de la apl | 24 KI    |
| AWDCXC32.DLL                | 17/06/1998 11:00   | Extensión de la apl | 6 K3     |
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| BNAErrorRecovery.dll        | 14/07/2009 02:53   | Extensión de la apl | 153 KE   |
| BNAEventMonitor.dll         | 14/07/2009 02:53   | Extensión de la apl | 148 KE   |
| BNAReconfigureCassettes.dll | 14/07/2009 02:54   | Extensión de la apl | 45 KE    |
| BNAStartOfDay.dll           | 14/07/2009 02:53   | Extensión de la apl | 201 KI   |
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Ploutusservice.exe file is a portable executable 32 .NET assembly and it is **obfuscated** with Confuser v1.9.0.0 which is an **anti-debugger** and **encrypts codes**.

| 🛃 DNiD v0.12a / Rue |           |                |                 |       |
|---------------------|-----------|----------------|-----------------|-------|
| File: 5:\plout      | tusservic | e.exe          |                 |       |
| Strong N            | lame:     | False          | Has EntryPoint: | True  |
| Valid Asse          | mbly:     | True           | Runtime Major:  | 2     |
| Is IL Only:         | True      | Runtime Minor: | 5               |       |
|                     | Confu     | iser v1.X ->   | yck1509         | 23 ms |

- The key sequence to launch the application is F8 F1 F7 F3 F4 F2 F8.
- The malware requires an activation code that is generated based on the day, month and a random four-digit number which is stored in C:\Windows\Config.ini file after pressing F1 key.
- If the activation code is correct and the vendor is identified, the thief can dispense the money with F3 key. This activation code is valid for 24 hours.
- All the activities are recorded in C:\Windows\System32\log.txt file





The procedure for generating the correct activation code is as follows:

1. Press F1 key to generate a random number.

2. Look for the random number stored in the C:\Windows\Config.ini file (DATAA)

3. Get the system date

4. Use the CryptTrack algorithm located in CryptClass, passing as inputs previous obtained values.

5. Use AddCero function to generate a string of 8 digits and select the activation code on the app.

6. Press F2 key to active the ATM, and **the generated code should be working!!!** 



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else if (CMD == 2)
  Litils UpdateLog("Activate").
  if (MemoryData.ActivatedID == Utils.AddCero(CryptClass.CryptTrack(now.Day, now.Month, int.Parse(s)).ToString())
    if (CryptClass.GetMd5Hash(MemoryData.ActivatedID) != IniFile.IniReadValue("Config", "DATAC"))
      TimeSpan span = (TimeSpan) (DateTime.UtcNow - new DateTime(0x7b2, 1, 1, 0, 0, 0));
      IniFile.IniWriteValue("Config", "DATAB", span.TotalSeconds.ToString());
      IniFile.IniWriteValue("Config", "DATAC", CryptClass.GetMd5Hash(MemoryData.ActivatedID));
      Program.NCRV.UpdateText("ATM:OK DATE:" + DateTime.Now);
      Utils.UpdateLog("ACTIVATE OK");
    else
      Program.NCRV.UpdateText("ATM:ALEADY ACTIVE DATE:" + DateTime.Now);
      Utils.UpdateLog("ACTIVATE ALREADY");
  else
    Program.NCRV.UpdateText("ATM:INVALID ACTIVATION CODE DATE:" + DateTime.Now);
    Utils.UpdateLog("ACTIVATE INVALID");
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#### **Action 3: Dynamic analysis**



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Mnemo's Investigators

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| تحديثه                                 | Generar ID             | ATM ID: 5482       Random number         Billetes:       C1: 0000         4       0         3       C3: 0000         C4: 0000   |   |
|--|------------------------|---|---|
| Activati                               | on code                |   | 1 |
| If (MemoryData<br>Utils.AddCero(CryptC | lass.CryptTrack(now.   | Codigo De Activacion       0     •     0     •     2     •     0     •     5     •     1     •     V  |   |
| Day, now.Month, int.                   | Parse(s)).ToString())) | Activate Receive  |   |
|  | Dispensar              | Artivate Receive<br>ATM:OK DATE:15/10/2013 3:15:10 PM<br>Dispense Receive<br>Dispense Receive<br>Dispense Bill:40 Count3<br>DISPENSE START BILL:40 DATE:15/10/2013 3:15:29 PM<br>Vendor Init OK<br>Vendor Mode:XFS_AVAILABLE<br>System Mode: VDM_NORMAL<br>vdm_AvailabilityChanged:15/10/2013 3:15:30 PM Status:XFS_AVAILABLE<br>vdm_EntryRequested:15/10/2013 3:15:30 PM |   |
|  | Salir                  | <-<br>Restart   |   |
|  |                        |   |   |
# Conclusions

- Ploutus isn't the easiest piece of malware to install, as cybercriminals need to have physical access to the machine.
- Early versions of Ploutus allowed to be controlled via the numerical interface on an ATM or by an attached keyboard.
   But the latest version shows a remarkable new development: It is now controllable remotely via text message.
- About 95% of ATMs are still running Windows XP. Microsoft finished regular support for Windows XP on April 8 last year, but is offering extended support for Windows XP embedded systems, used for point-of-sale devices and ATMs, through January 2016.

# **Second story: Cyber Bonnie and Clyde**







# Fact 1

Area Chief gave his Bank's system credentials to Bonnie in an unauthorized way

Bonnie, an internal worker of the Bank uses the Chief's credentials to apply daily operations and also she set fraudulent changes

Many customer accounts records were modified in the Bank's systems by Cyber-Bonnie



The information was in the email body and attached as spreadsheet format as well

Clyde used the information to get a limited amount of cash from Bank's ATMs without a card by taking advantage of a service of the Bank for mobile devices

# Fact 3

Bank realized the fraudulent behavior and a large amount of money withdrawn and then started to track the operations according to the patterns



Bank's fraud investigation department was lead by the clues to the area where the Area Chief and Bonnie worked



The estimated amount of stolen money is around 500,000 USD only for Bonnie and Clyde

Area Chief

Bonnie

# Actions





# Action 1



Bank requested Mnemo's experts to perform a deep investigation by using Digital Forensics and Cyber-Intelligence techniques

Bank started an internal investigation to collect all the useful information to clarify the fraudulent facts

First step was taking the forensic images of the involved computers and collect all the relevant information to obtain the case context

# Action 2: Digital Forensics

Digital Forensic analysis show up the following results:

- Excel files with information of the affected accounts
- Remains of web emails to the external Clyde's email address
- Evidence of massive use of USB storage devices on Bank's computers
- Both computers had many users accounts including the Area Chief and Bonnie ones, there was for more users, as well

# **Action 3: Cyber-Intelligence**



- Cyber-Intelligence findings resulted quite interesting, because the external Clyde's email address was involved with many Phishing Domains, some active and others disabled
- Besides, Clyde's and Bonnie's Facebook profiles were found for both and we realized they were very related, they were spouses



# Conclusions

- It is really worrying and disturbing that one of them was related with Phishing Domains, because this fact could mean that cyber criminals are now getting into the institutions and that they are starting to work with more knowledge and organization.
- Due to the lack of well implemented internal security policies, the Bank could not take this case to the court, despite the good practices that Mnemo followed to preserve the digital evidence and the results of the investigation.

# Conclusions

### **Continuing challenges**

Cybercriminals are inside organizations.

 Organizations are not prepared to handle this type of security incidents.

 They failed by not having appropiate protocols for the new type of probe new ways of attacks, and cybergangs.

### Advice based on experience

· Don't work alone.

- Address the problem through a global approach.
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- cybersecurity threats.
- Monitor the evolution of existing and emerging technologies.
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# For not being like this...



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