



# Neutralizing Today's Cyber Threats

Fighting the Zombie Apocalypse

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## OUR MISSION

Our mission is to protect every computer,  
user and object under the sun.





# Safe Harbor

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# AGENDA

- Current Events
- The Evolution of Sodinokibi
- TrickBot or treat?
- Demo
- Evolving to Prevention
- Q & A

# CURRENT EVENTS

EDITION: US

**ZDNet** Q

VIDEOS 5G WINDOWS 10 CLOUD AI INNOVATION SECURITY MORE NEWSLETTERS ALL WRITERS

MUST READ: As Brexit looms, this is how much UK tech companies rely on Europe

# Over 20 Texas local governments hit in 'coordinated ransomware attack'

Infection blamed on Sodinokibi (REvil) ransomware strains.

By Catalin Cimpanu for Zero Day | August 18, 2019 -- 14:04 GMT (07:04 PDT) | Topic: Government, US

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Security Researcher publishes second Steam

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## Sodinokibi Ransomware Distributed by Hackers Posing as German BSI

By Sergiu Gatan

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BSI, the German national cybersecurity authority, has issued a warning regarding a malspam campaign that distributes the Sodinokibi ransomware via emails designed to look like official BSI messages.

The mails are sent from the [melbung@bsi-bund.org](mailto:melbung@bsi-bund.org) email address and, according to the BSI, the individuals targeted by this attack should not "open mails, links and attachments from this sender!" The official BSI email domain is [bsi.bund.de](mailto:bsi.bund.de) as per CERT-Bund.

Cyber warfare + Add to myFT

## Russian cyberattack unit 'masqueraded' as Iranian hackers, UK says

Turla group hijacked the tools of an Iran unit to lead attacks against 35 countries



A Russian group used Iranian hackers' tools to operate around the world & FT mortgage

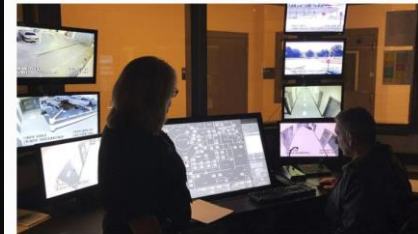
Helen Warrell in London and Henry Fay in Moscow OCTOBER 20, 2019

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## Ransomware cripples US emergency services, local governments

Travails of one Georgia county illustrate perils of ransomware attacks that have plagued United States towns and cities.

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Jackson County Sheriff Jarvis Mangum stands in a control room at the county jail, in Jefferson, Georgia. A ransomware attack in March took down the office's computer system, forcing deputies to handwrite incident reports and arrest bookings (Justin Thremswiler/The Associated Press)

# EVOLUTION OF SODINOKIBI



# WHAT ARE THESE VARIANTS?



**Malware:** GandCrab

**Delivery: RAAS.** Malvertizing, Spearphishing, Infected MSPs. Gandcrab terminates all locked processes, encrypts specific file extensions and presents a ransom note.

**Impact:** By May 2019, Gandcrab was responsible for over half of all new ransomware infections. Over “\$2B” in ransom paid with “\$150M” to the authors.

**Malware:** Sodnokibi

**Delivery: RAAS.** CVE-2019-2725, Malvertizing, RDP Drive-bys, Spearphishing, Infected MSPs. Sodnokibi terminates all locked processes, encrypts specific file extensions and presents a ransom note.

**Impact:** Fastest growing ransomware threat since Spring of 2019. Grants attackers Admin access via CVE-2018-8453.



TRICK(BOT) OR TREAT?

# TRICKBOT EXPLAINED



## Malware: Trickbot

- **Features:**
- Infection happens through weaponized Word and Excel documents from banks/services with embed macros. These drop downloader .bat files
- Malware is downloaded into the %APPDATA% \Roaming folder and executed
- Uses process hollowing to insert itself into svchost.exe
- Deletes many different antivirus (AV) software from system
- Creates scheduled tasks on the system for persistence
- Tests Internet connectivity
- Uses Transport Layer Security (TLS) to encrypt communications
- Once successful it connects to its C2 servers, pulls its various modules and updates
- Modules collect information off the system and browsing credentials, mostly focusing on online banking
- Malware attempts to spread across network to acquire further bots/victims using its various its worm modules

# TAKING A STEP BACK

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- John Winkler, President of Global Risk and Analytics at Marsh

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\$Billions



Poisoned Source-code, NSA-Grade Worm meant to destroy  
\$1B for Maersk, Merck, FedEx

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**WANNACRY**  
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**NotPetya**  
Poisoned Source-code, NSA-  
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Cyber crime damages will cost the world \$6 trillion annually by 2021, up from \$3 trillion in 2015 – this represents the greatest transfer of economic wealth in history [...] and is more profitable than the global trade of all major illegal drugs (\$652B) and even all of counterfeiting (\$1.13T) COMBINED

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# FIVE FACTS FOR 2019 TO PUT THINGS IN PERSPECTIVE

- 1 **Cyber Crime Costs** – Will DOUBLE from \$3T 2015 to \$6T in 2021
- 2 **Ransomware Costs** – Up 15x since 2015, will be \$11.5B by the end of the year, and increase 4x by 2020
- 3 **Human Attack Surface** – Will go from 3.8B people to 6B people by 2022
- 4 **Unfilled Cyber Jobs** – Will TRIPLE from 1.3m now (already zero U.R.) to 3.5m by 2021
- 5 **Cyber Security Spending** – Will go to \$100B in 2017 to \$1T by 2021

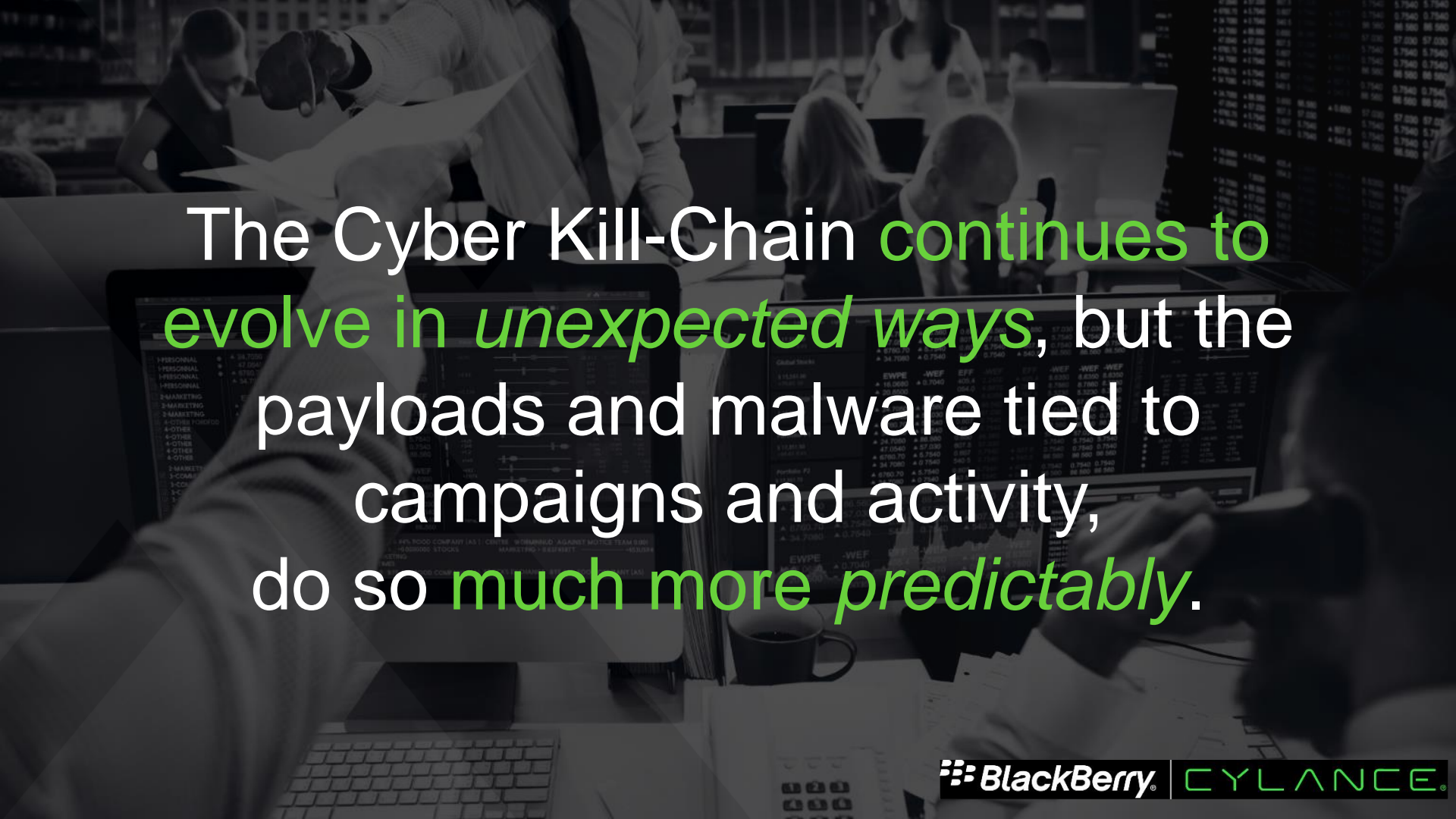


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# EVOLVING TO PREVENTION

COME JOIN US –  
WE HAVE A BETTER WAY





The Cyber Kill-Chain **continues to evolve in *unexpected ways***, but the payloads and malware tied to campaigns and activity, do so **much more *predictably***.

NETFLIX PREDICTIVE AI

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# IF TIME WAS A SPEAR...

## KNOWN THREATS

Legacy Antivirus

NG Firewalls / Air Gaps

Web Proxies

IDS/IPS

All Signature/Heuristic-Based Tech

## UNKNOWN THREATS



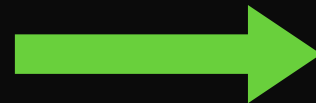
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Call-back Detection,

Anomalytics,

Cyber Threat Intelligence

## AHEAD OF ALL THREATS



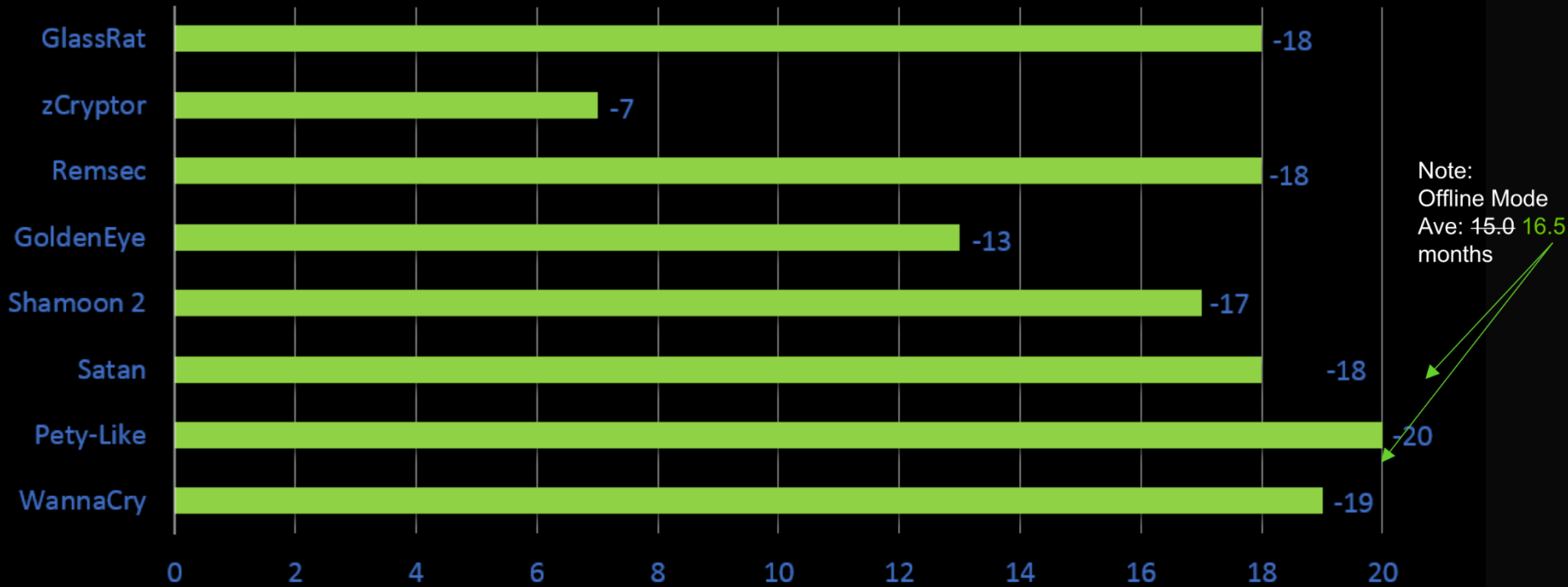
*PREDICTIVE AI*

## TEMPORAL ADVANTAGE

To put it simply: threat actors have had a *time advantage* over us. We have been playing catch-up for decades.

# PREDICTIVE AI'S TIME ADVANTAGE

## INITIAL RESEARCH





# WHAT WE LEARNED FROM WANNACRY

## CYLANCE PREDICTIVE ADVANTAGE

WITH AI



**NOVEMBER 2015**

Cylance releases PROTECT model (version) 1350.  
**Customers protected.**

1.5 YEARS



Predictive AI Providing Prevention

— PROTECTED  
— VULNERABLE

WITHOUT AI



**NOVEMBER 2015**

Microsoft Windows is Vulnerable to EB.



**3/12/2017**

Microsoft patches Windows for known vulnerabilities. **Not everyone updates.**



**4/14/2017**

"Shadow Brokers" hackers publish trove of NSA attack method documents



**5/12/2017**

WannaCry propagates the internet. Impacted:

- Healthcare
- Government
- Logistics
- Transportation



**5/12/2017**

Traditional AV vendors issue signatures, patches, and help articles.



**5/15/2017**

Traditional AV vendors issue emergency DAT files for WannaCry variants



#### LOCAL MODEL TEMPORAL PREDICTIVE ADVANTAGE ####

Model: Cyborg

Cylance Predicted Date: March 29th, 2016 (1238 days before today)

Industry Awareness Date: June 13, 2019 (68 days before today)

Cylance advantage over industry awareness: 1170 days

Sodinokibi hash



#### LOCAL MODEL TEMPORAL PREDICTIVE ADVANTAGE ####

Model: Cyborg

Cylance Predicted Date: March 29th, 2016 (1302 days before today)

Industry Awareness Date: April 13, 2018 (558 days before today)

Cylance advantage over industry awareness: 744 days

**Trickbot Hash**

