## **WannaCry Ransomware**

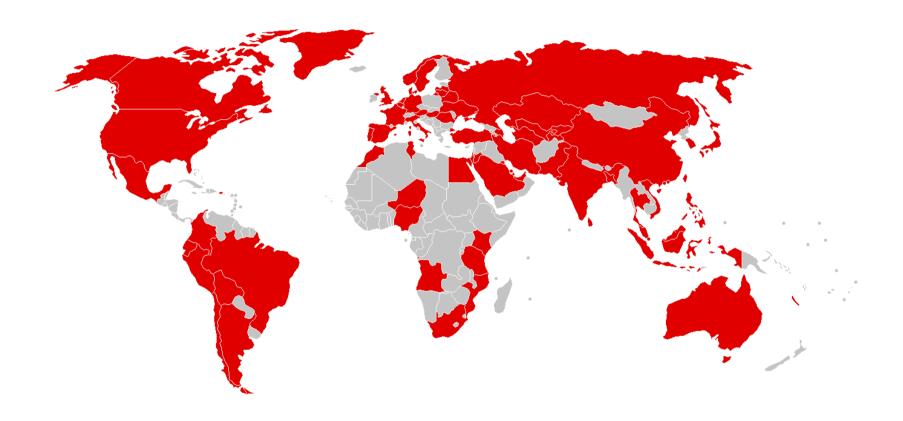
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## What happened?



#### Where?



Europol estimates ~200K computers in 150 countries

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### **NHS Deminished Service**



## What should you do right now?

- Mac OS, Ubuntu, Chrome OS: Keep up-to-date
- Windows
  - Apply all security updates (XP especially vulnerable)
  - Disable SMB1 if possible (Windows network sharing)
  - Update to supported versions of Windows (and other OSes) as soon as possible

#### **How does it work?**

- Encrypts documents on the computer
- Looks on the network for other computers to infect using the EternalBlue SMB exploit
- Requests Payment to a Bitcoin Wallet (\$300 to \$1000)
- Installs a backdoor in the machine

## **Encryption Stopped**



https://www.theguardian.com/technology/2017/may/13/accidental-hero-finds-kill-switch-to-stop-spread-of-ransomware-cyber-attack

#### Who made EternalBlue?

- Believed to be the NSA
- Leaked publicly (along with many other tools) on April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017 (some believe by a foreign adversary)
- NSA is believed to have other zero-day (unpatched) vulnerabilities



## Should the US gov't have zero days?

"Finally, this attack provides yet another example of why the stockpiling of vulnerabilities by governments is such a problem. This is an emerging pattern in 2017. We have seen vulnerabilities stored by the CIA show up on WikiLeaks, and now this vulnerability stolen from the NSA has affected customers around the world. Repeatedly, exploits in the hands of governments have leaked into the public domain and caused widespread damage. An equivalent scenario with conventional weapons would be the U.S. military having some of its Tomahawk missiles stolen. And this most recent attack represents a completely unintended but disconcerting link between the two most serious forms of cybersecurity threats in the world today - nation-state action and organized criminal action."

https://blogs.microsoft.com/on-the-issues/2017/05/14/need-urgent-collective-action-keep-people-safe-online-lessons-last-weeks-cyberattack/

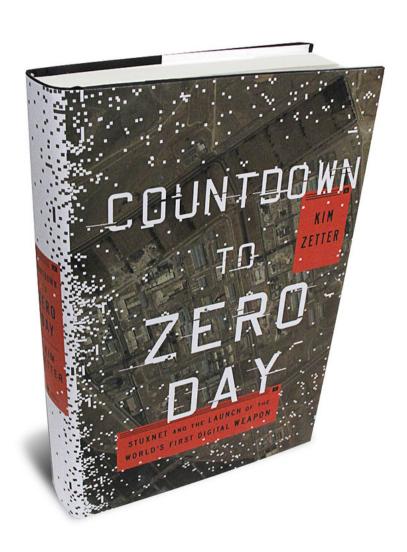
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## Should the US gov't pay for zero days?



https://www.nytimes.com/2017/05/15/technology/web-defenders-detect-russian-hand-in-iranians-hacking-attempt.html

## **Book on Stuxnet (gov't viruses)**



## Why?

#### • Money?

- Ransomware requires a fee to decrypt, sometimes paying that fee results in getting the decryption keys
- It appears people trying to pay overwhelmed the attackers (which would imply they weren't ready for the response)

#### Politics?

 Since it was an NSA exploit someone may have been trying to embarrass the NSA or USA

#### • Joy riders?

 Information was publicly available, so literally anyone could have done it

#### What to do about Ransomware?

# **BACKUPS!!!**

(air gapped or offline if possible)

## What if I get Ransomware?

#### Shutdown computer

- Some ransomware may not have encrypted all files
- Worms may be continuing to look for additional targets on your network

#### Get help

Talk to a computer professional about how to fix the machine.
This will likely including formatting (deleting all the data) the machine and returning it to a safe state

#### Notify customers via disclosure policy

• You have a disclosure policy, right? Right? Important to let customers know similar to a physical break in.

## **Questions?**

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