# Social Media and Evolving Cyber Threats

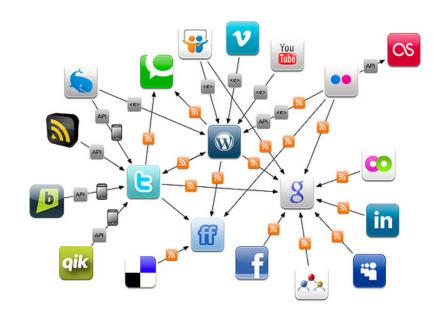
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#### Communications Revolution

- Dramatic shifts in media and communication
- Continuous and direct dialog and action with less contemplation and organization
- Persistence of PII across a variety of platforms





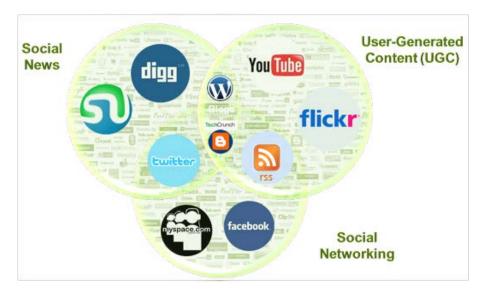


# **Driving Technologies**



## Social

- Commerce and content driving aggregation to megaplatforms
- 50% of network traffic created by 150 networks
- 15% by Facebook/Google
- Battle for PII advantage:
  - Social graph
  - Preferences







#### Mobile

- Organic continuous user experience
- Hyper-targeting information based on location, preferences, and connections
- Services work towards holy grail of marketing and advertising





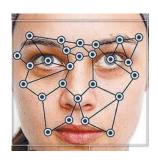


#### Video

- On-demand video
- Video conferencing
- Facial and object recognition
- Augmented reality
- Real-time manipulation "Diminished Reality"



















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# Social Media Engagement







Migration to Amateur Content







- Amateur voice of many is more responsive and accurate than the professional voice of one.
- More choice to select the voices of interest (rss).

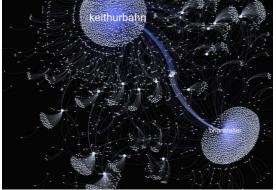




#### The Tweet Heard Round the World

- @keithubahn: 1,046 followers
- 1 min. 80 re-tweets
- 2 min. 300 re-tweets
- 35 min. 5,106 tweets a sec.
- Sohaib Athar liveblogged the raid but didn't know it









#### Social Media Vulnerabilities

- The more we share, the more we get, the more we share
   \*The more we are vulnerable
- Its not just about personal privacy. Organizations have little control or insight into their aggregated information exposure, yet individual exploitation gives information on and access to organizations
- The more aggregated public information becomes the easier it is for adversaries to mine and manipulate





# Your Digital Self















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# Social Media Guy

#### facebook.

Johnny Bravo Likes Redskins Friends with ... Lives in Columbia, MD



Acme Contractor
Navy Cryptologist
Member Intelligence Group



#### twitter

@ Securityguru Cyberspace the new domain of warfare: WASHINGTON: With the creation of the U.S. Cyber Command in May and last... http://twurl.nl/bgt0xq



Checked in at NSA Visitor Parking

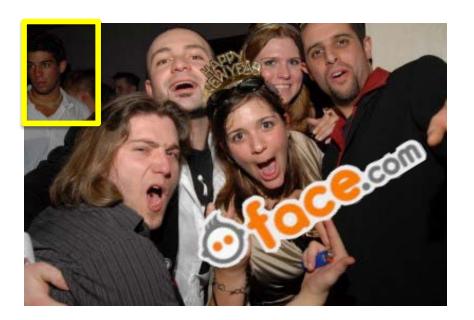
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# Implicit Release of Private Information

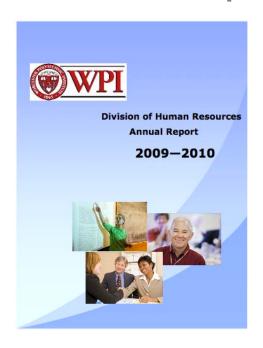
- Facial recognition
- Tagging
- Data aggregation and mining

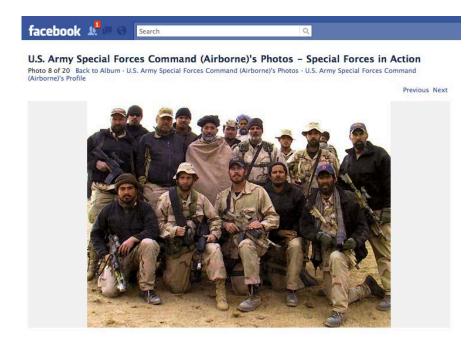






# Meta Data Exposure



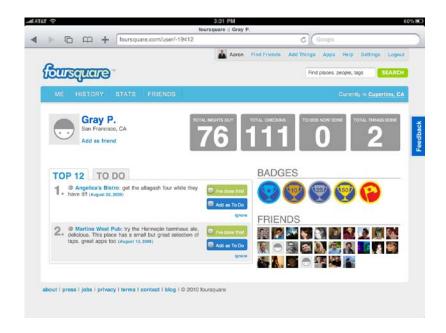






# Vulnerability of Location

- Linkedin Page shares he is a iPhone field product tester
- Location information on Gray including spots he frequents most and friends.







# Information Exploitation

- Technology is allowing for easy information exposure and exploitation in real-time that can not be easily monitored or protected
- Little discussion about aggregated information exposure across platforms?
- Information manipulation becoming more prevalent







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Following PII Bread Crumbs

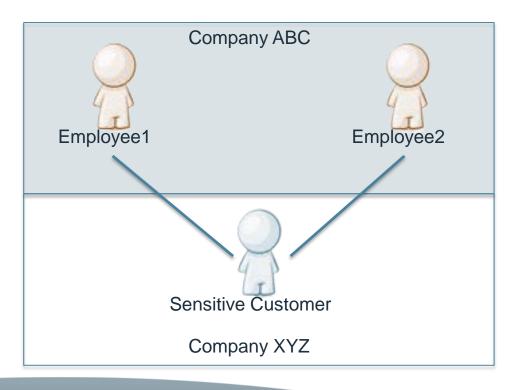






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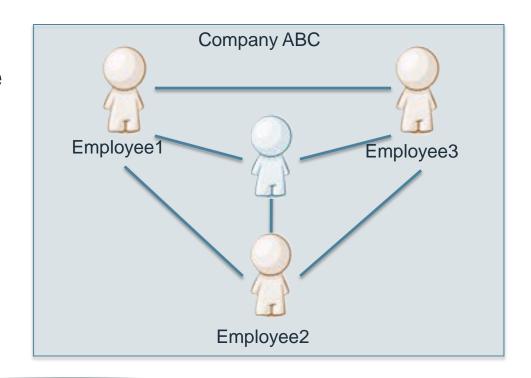






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# Link Analysis and Time Correlation









- A competitive intelligence capability with inputs from these services.
- Conducting time and data correlations of RFP release, job postings, contract awards, and profile modifications could tell you down to individual who is working on what contracts.







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# People Are the New Worm

Scam started Aug 2nd. and peaked on Aug 4th.

#### **Statistics**

People on Facebook

This is what happens when ex GF forgets to turn her vvebcam off.

www.cmaosbiodnbo.tk

Boyfriend revenge on EX girlfriend. See the full Video.

More than 750 million active users
50% of our active users log on to Facebook in any given day
Average user has 130 friends
People spend over 700 billion minutes per month on Facebook

1,267,200 visitors a day Avg. of 1% share the video

#### Online during the past 24 hours »



Avg. user has 130 friends. 82,368,000 users exposed.







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# Social Media Manipulation



#### **Bill Simmons**

@CelticsChants LeBron's Subconscious

A far-fetched idea to see if we can mobilize Celtics chants

during a playoff game http://sportsguy.net





@TheGame Plz delete Tweet off UR wall of phone# that begins with 310: #LASD #Compton #Sheriff This is compromising public safety. Hi # calls

12 Aug via web ☆ Favorite ₺ Retweet ♠ Reply





# Future of Social Media Security

 The growing popularity and convergence of social media and mobile to deliver real-time tailored information will provide increased opportunity for collection and manipulation





# **Evolution of Cyber Threats**

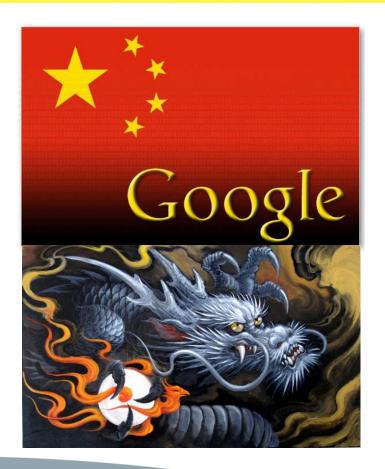
- In the last 18 months we have seen significant advancements in the organization and TTPs of cyber threats.
  - Individuals collaborating, more aggressive, public
  - Groups specializing, process improvement, established
  - State operational experience, integrating





#### Aurora

- Large scale attack on commercial and defense companies.
- Started with social media targeting and spear phishing attack vector
- Accessed dissident accounts and stole source code

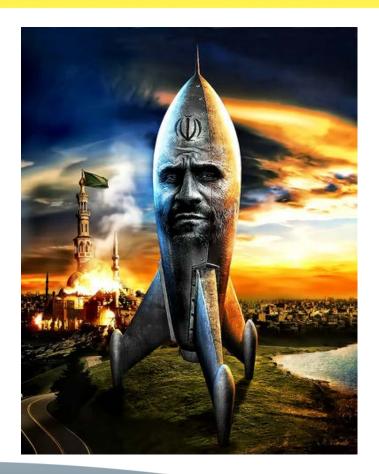






#### Stuxnet

- SCADA Malware now a reality
- Physical damage for cyber attack no longer theory
- Critical infrastructure moving to IP
- Essential target for state sponsored asymmetric objectives







#### **Financial**

- NASDAQ compromise in Oct.
- Attacks not limited to direct assault.
- The significant loss of corporate IP has significant repercussions on financial markets







#### Hacktivism

- Insider Threat has few defenses
- Very vocal attacks create greater sense of fear
- Politically and socially motivated
- Leverages the capability and voice of many







# **Arab Spring**

- Social and political movements organized in information controlled countries using social media
- Protests in Egypt were organizing on Facebook and Twitter weeks before physical protests



@SultanAlQassemi
@Sandmonkey





#### Flash Mob

- Initially an attention and marketing tactic
- Now being used to organize and overwhelm
- Social media a more effective communications tool than any military or government







# DigiNotar Certificate Authority Hacked

- 531 fake certs, created
- Microsoft, Google, CIA, Mi6
- Mobile platforms highly vulnerable because of low update rates
- Monitor rerouted traffic
- Considered by some to be worse than Stuxnet







# Mobile Applications

- 1/2 of 30 randomly selected apps sending PII to advertisers
- Jackeey Wallpaper app (1M)
  - Sent to <u>www.imnet.us</u>
- Droid Dream Light
  - 30K 120K devices infected
  - 26 Apps
  - Authors also made 50 earlier malicious apps







#### Social Media Services

- Single Sign-on compromises
- In-service privacy disclosures
- Links, posts, apps all can contain links to malicious content (short links)
- Lots of unvetted content that looks vetted.







# Future of Security

- Mobile perimeter is faded to gone. Fight is at the end points.
- Personal and organizational social media vulnerability monitoring and protective services
- Can not be reliant on compliance. More complex rulesets and sophisticated technologies to identify vulnerabilities and threats in real-time.



## **Questions & Comments**



