UPCOMING INSTITUTE EVENTS

Affiliates Meeting of the Drexel Cybersecurity Institute

The Affiliates Meeting of the Drexel Cybersecurity Institute scheduled for June 18 has been postponed for a later date. As a result, there is more time for you to share your expertise and interests align with the mission of the Cybersecurity Institute.

The names and interests of affiliated faculty will be featured on the Drexel Cybersecurity Institute website and these faculty will be invited to participate in the first affiliates meeting of the Institute. The meeting will focus on the creation of a strategic plan for the Institute complete with education, research and service goals and metrics.

Date: TBD
Location:
The Auerbach and Berger Families Cyber Security Laboratory
3401 Market Street, Suite 300, Philadelphia, PA

For more information and to express your interest in affiliating with the Institute contact Norm Balchunas at DUCyberP1@drexel.edu

CYBERSECURITY SNIPPET: A Multi-National Effort to Disrupt the Gameover Zeus Botnet

Background

The Gameover Zeus Botnet is a worldwide network of infected computers used by cyber criminals to steal personal and financial information. This Botnet operation has resulted in the loss of over $100 million. The estimated number of compromised computers ranges from 600,000 to 1 million computers. Consumers are not even aware that their computers are compromised and that their computers are being used as part of the Botnet operation. Additionally, part of this Botnet operation includes the use of ransomware which consists of cyber criminals encrypting consumers' files and then demanding payment from consumers to decrypt the files.

Collaborative Effort to Disrupt the Botnet Operation

The effort to disrupt the Gameover Zeus Botnet consists of a multi-organization and multi-national effort. The collaborative efforts involved legal, technical, and law enforcement exports from government agencies and industry partners spanning more than 10 countries. The U.S. Department of Justice lead the collaborative efforts and has been helping consumers regain control of their compromised computers.

Additional Information
U.S. Leads Action Against Gameover Zeus Botnet
U.S. CERT Information on Gameover Zeus Malware

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