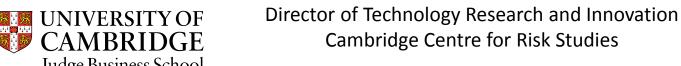


Scenario 2 - A Cyber Catastrophe

# The Sybil Logic Bomb

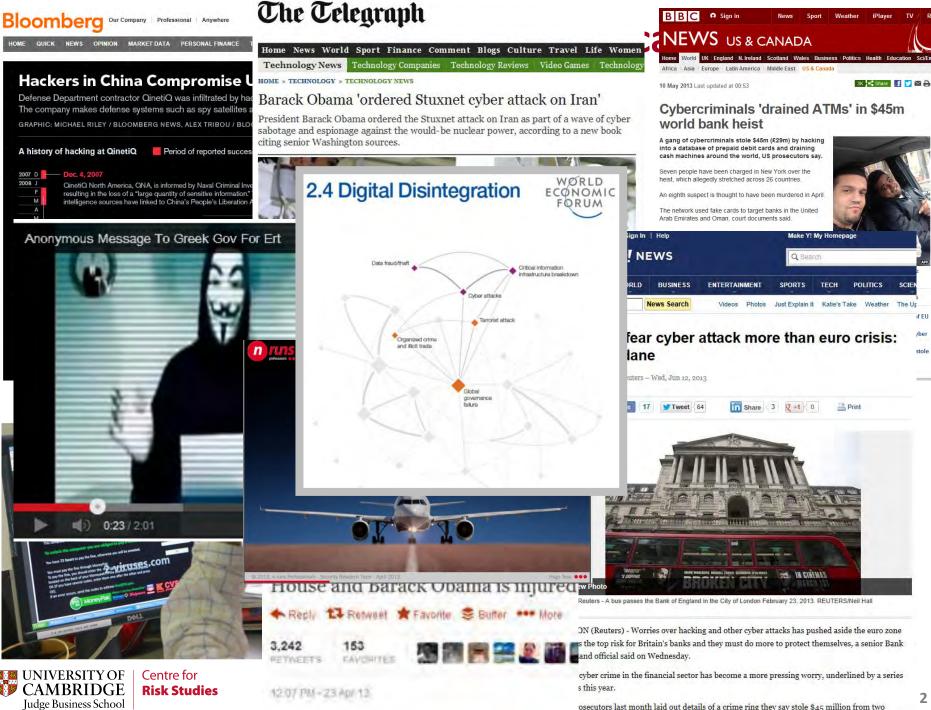
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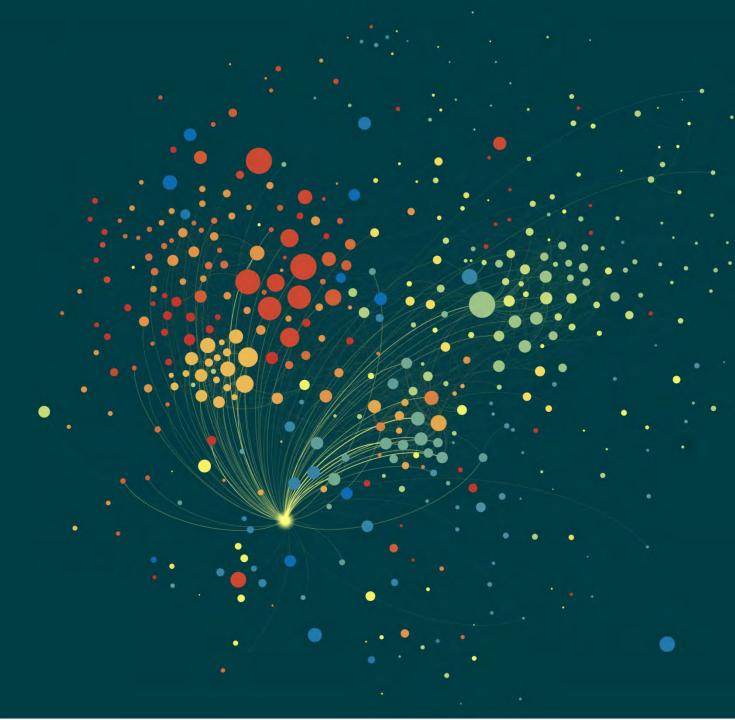


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osecutors last month laid out details of a crime ring they say stole \$45 million from two

Macroeconomic View
of Cyber
Catastrophe



# **Subject Matter Specialists Cyber Catastrophe Risk**



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# **Cyber Event Catalogue**

|                        |        | Theft | Disruption | Damage |
|------------------------|--------|-------|------------|--------|
| ILOVEYOU               | 2000   |       |            |        |
| MafiaBoy               | 2000   |       |            |        |
| Code Red               | 2001   |       |            |        |
| SQL Slammer            | 2003   |       |            |        |
| MyDoom                 | 2004   |       |            |        |
| Sasser                 | 2004   |       |            |        |
| Titan Rain             | 2004   |       |            |        |
| TJX                    | 2005   |       |            |        |
| APT1                   | 2006   |       |            |        |
| Conficker              | 2007   |       |            |        |
| Zeus                   | 2007   |       |            |        |
| Estonian Cyber attack  | 2007   |       |            |        |
| Heartland              | 2008   |       |            |        |
| RBS WorldPay           | 2008   |       |            |        |
| Stuxnet                | 2010   |       |            |        |
| Operation Aurora       | 2010   |       |            |        |
| Epsilon                | 2011   |       |            |        |
| Sony Playstation       | 2011   |       |            |        |
| Citigroup              | 2011   |       |            |        |
| RSA                    | 2011   |       |            |        |
| Operation Ababil       | 2012   |       |            |        |
| Shamoon                | 2012   |       |            |        |
| Flame / Skywiper       | 2012   |       |            |        |
| The Unlimited Operatio | n 2012 |       |            |        |
| CloudFlare             | 2013   |       |            |        |
| ObamaTwitter Scare     | 2013   |       |            |        |



## **Taxonomy of Cyber Catastrophe Scenarios**

three types of **harm** 

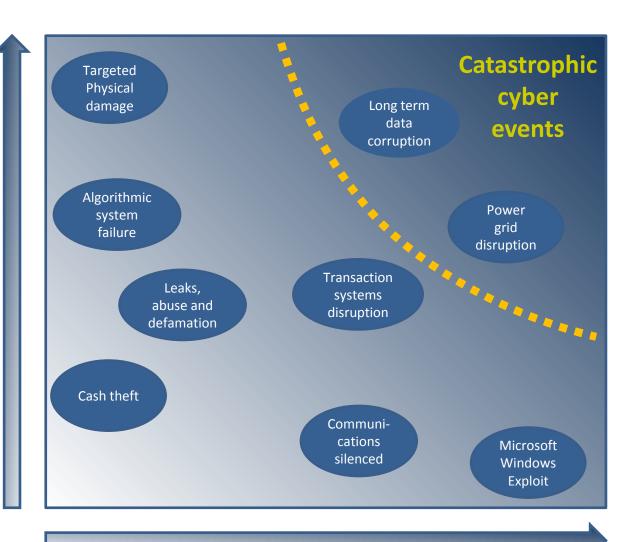
| Theft                      | Disruption                                  | Damage  |
|----------------------------|---|---|
| Mass theft of credentials* | Power grid disruption*                      | Long term data corruption*                          |
| Data Espionage             | Microsoft Windows exploit                   | Leaks, abuse of data and defamation                 |
| Financial fraud            | Transaction systems disruption              | Data centres, internal IT and cloud servers damaged |
| Cash theft                 | Communications silenced                     | Targeted physical damage                            |
|                            | GPS Failure                                 | Algorithmic systems failures                        |
|                            | Tactical data espionage                     |   |
|                            | Degrading of internet and denial of service |   |

<sup>\* =</sup> ranked worst case scenarios by subject matter expert team at Cyber Threat Workshop 17<sup>th</sup> July 2013



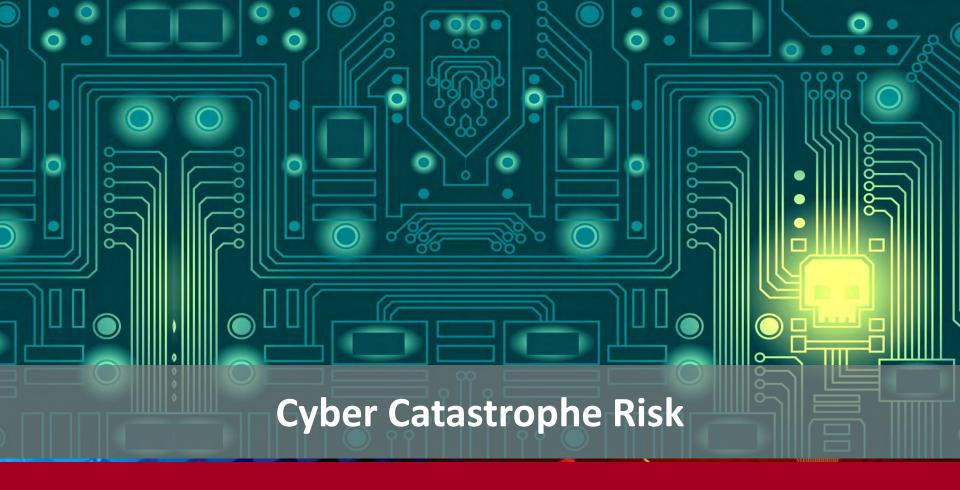
#### **Scenario Definition**

Severity
of Loss
to an
Affected
Company



**Number of Companies Affected** 





"The Sybil Logic Bomb": Scenario Definition

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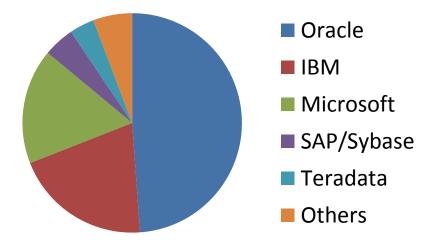




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# The Sybil Logic Bomb Scenario

- Unobtrusive corruption of an industry-standard relational database in common use by many major corporations
- Real-world examples of relational databases include



Sybil is based on Oracle. We use Oracle to characterise Sybil.



# **Key Features of Scenario**

- Slow burn: over months, years
- Small errors difficult to spot
- Small errors can cause big problems
- Backups corrupted
- Difficult to replicate
- Affects algorithms not transactions

Magnitude Scale Value

Magnitude

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Cyber Hazard

#### Transaction processing

- Payroll
- Airline ticketing
- Retail bank accounts
- Credit card payments

#### Algorithmic processing

- Forecasting
- Modelling
- Trading
- Design
- Analysis
- Process Control



#### **Scenario Phases**

1. Preparation by threat actor

2. Attack activation

3. Active but not diagnosed

4. Detection: trust breakdown

5. Response

6. Rework

7. Aftermath



# Phase 1 – Preparation and Research

- Disgruntled employee of Sybil writes deliberate piece of malware code – a 'logic bomb'.
- The logic bomb corrupts the 'floating point computation' (or similar) to produce a low number of errors, randomly, in ways that are difficult to replicate.



```
static OSStatus
 2 3 4 5 6
     SSLVerifySignedServerKeyExchange(SSLContext *ctx, bool isRsa, SSLBuffer signedParams
                                        uint8 t *signature, UInt16 signatureLen)
         0SStatus
                           err;
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         if ((err = SSLHashSHA1.update(&hashCtx, &serverRandom)) != 0)
         if ((err = SSLHashSHA1.update(&hashCtx, &signedParams)) != 0)
              goto fail;
12
13
         if ((err = SSLHashSHA1.final(&hashCtx, &hashOut)) != 0)
14
              goto fail:
15
17
     fail:
         SSLFreeBuffer(&signedHashes);
         SSLFreeBuffer(&hashCtx);
         return err;
```

#### Phase 2 – Attack Activation



expected to take place over the next

18 months.

control systems, corporate reporting

and financial analysis.



# Phase 3: Active but not Diagnosed (Latency Period)





## Fictional Algorithmic IT Failures Caused by Logic Bomb

| Industry<br>Group                              | Fictional company  | Fictional failure  | Real life precedents  |
|--|--------------------|--|---|
| Automobiles and Components                     | UK Auto Group      | Robotic manufacturing failure causes loss of production  | "Ping Sweep": Robotic arm out of control  |
| Banks  | Albion Bank        | Bad data leads to write-down                             | National Australia Bank, 2001:HomeSide writedowns, \$2.2Bn loss                       |
| Insurance                                      | Eviva              | Corruption of scanned paper based customer records       | Xerox WorkCentre Document Scanning Flaw   |
| Diversified financials                         | Standard Capital   | Algorithmic trading losses                               | Flash Crash, Knight Capital \$450m loss, AXA<br>Rosenberg \$250m loss                 |
| Semiconductors<br>& Semiconductor<br>Equipment | Acorn Holdings     | Losses to high value items in production                 | Semiconductor fabrication production line failure: \$50,000 damage                    |
| Pharmaceuticals & Biotechnology                | UK Pharma          | Financial forecasts and reports wrong                    | AstraZenica spread sheet error sends wrong data to sell side analyst community, 2012. |
| Media  | SatMedia           | Event overbooking, loss of consumer confidence           | Locog spread sheet error causes Olympic ticket overselling, 2011                      |
| Energy   | Anglo Dutch Oil    | Unable to send gas through pipeline                      | Penetration test locks up SCADA system of gas utility for 4 hours.                    |
| Utilities                                      | UK Power           | Contractual errors lead to losses                        | Transalta: \$25m charge due to wrong transmission hedging contracts                   |
| Utilities                                      | UK Utilities Group | Environmental Damage lead to liability claims and fines. | Maroochy Shire Incident, 2000: 800,000L raw sewage spill in 47 separate incidents     |



# **Algorithmic Trading Losses**



#### Trading glitch cost £440 Million

£10 million lost per minute

February 20th

The Standard Capital Group announced on Thursday that it lost £440 million when it sold all the stocks it accidentally bought Wednesday morning because a computer glitch.

Spokesperson Kara Fitzwilliams acknowledged that "a technology issue" occurred in its market-making unit that affected how shares for some 150 stocks were routed.



Technical commentators described the loss making trades as 'bizarre' saying that Standard Capital's high speed trading algorithm was one of the most respected in the market.

Shares of Standard Capital closed down 20 percent on Thursday.



## **Precedent: Knight Capital**



Knight Capital Group (KCG) was behind a series of bizarre moves in otherwise thinly traded stocks early Wednesday.

Knight spokesperson Kara Fitzimmons acknowledged that "a technology issue" occurred in its market-making unit that affected how shares for some 150 NYSE-listed stocks were routed. "Knight notified its market-making clients this morning to route listed orders away," she said in a statement, adding that the company continues to investigate.

Knight's shares dropped more than 20% after traders saw extreme volume spikes in a number of stocks, including preferred shares of Wells Fargo (JWF) and semiconductor company Spansion (CODE). Both stocks, which see roughly 100,000 trade per day, had changed hands more than 4 million times by late morning.

Knight's shares ended the trading day down 33%.

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#### Knight Capital Says Trading Glitch Cost It \$440 Million

BY NATHANIEL POPPER



Errant trades from the Knight Capital Group began hitting the New York Stock Exchange almost as soon as the opening bell rang on Wednesday.

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\$10 million a minute.

That's about how much the trading problem that set off turmoil on the stock market on Wednesday morning is already costing the trading firm.

The Knight Capital Group announced on Thursday that it lost \$440 million when it sold all the stocks it accidentally bought Wednesday morning because a computer glitch.



The losses are threatening the stability of the firm, which is based in Jersey City. In its statement, Knight Capital said its capital base, the money it uses to conduct its business, had been "severely impacted" by the event and that it was "actively pursuing its strategic and financing alternatives."

The losses are greater than the company's revenue in the second quarter of this year, when it brought in \$289 million.

"With the events of yesterday, you have to question if this is the beginning of the end for

Timeline: Trading Errors

Knight," said Christopher Nagy, founder of the consulting firm KOR Trading.

### **Environmental Damage Leads to Liability Claims and Fines**



#### **UK Utilities fined again for pollution**

IT control system to blame

February 20th

UK Utilities Group faces another big fine after raw sewage leaked into local rivers.

A proposed order follows a recent string of nearly two dozen sewage spills that could cost customers £15,000. UK Utilities again blame faulty IT controls systems for opening valves that cause the spills

"The kids, the environment, that's what worries me the most," said Ashley McAllister who lives near Panther Creek.

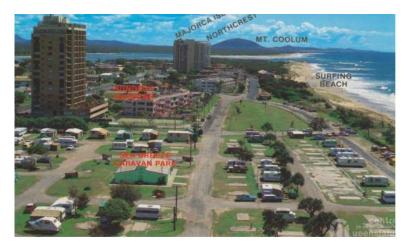


Yet another environmental disaster for trouble-prone UK Utilities Group

Four leaks since last October have sent thousands of gallons of sewage into the same river. The latest one in April was upstream of several neighbourhoods and a playground.

# **Precedent: The Maroochy Shire Pollution Incident**







Typical SCADA controlled sewage system



#### **Bad Data Leads to Write-down**



#### Bad data leads to write-down

Glitch caused \$1.75 Billion writedown for UK bank

September 20th

London, UK (Bloomberg) – Today Albion Bank booked a write-down associated with a US-based lender totalling \$1.75 billion.

A spokesman said a software glitch had caused bad underlying data to be fed to two computer models causing a difference between net and gross interest rate calculations which had gone unnoticed for two years.

Albion had acquired the US-based lender in 2009 and had integrated their IT systems.



For two years the difference between the net and gross interest rate calculations in two computer models went unnoticed.

Shareholders are attempting to sue Albion in the United States for securities fraud



#### **Precedent: National Australia Bank**

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The blunders involved several fundamental mistakes at the company's HomeSide Lending unit, based in Jacksonville, Fla., including, most embarrassingly, a simple but devastating computer error that went unnoticed for two years.

badly that it had to write off \$1.75 billion this week?

HomeSide is the sixth-largest home-loan servicing company in the United States, with two million loans on its books.

When National Australia bought HomeSide in 1998 for about \$1.2 billion, executives praised the unit's proprietary processing and servicing systems and said they planned to use them throughout the bank's global network.

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Now, those systems have helped cause severe financial heartache: last week, consultants discovered that HomeSide had been feeding the wrong interest rates into a critical valuation model since 1999.

The write-down resulting from this and other mistakes was the second recent piece of bad news. In July, National Australia said that the mortgage company had not protected itself adequately against the flurry of interest rate cuts by the Federal Reserve this year.

Those cuts indirectly affected long-term rates, making home-loan refinancings more attractive and potentially reducing the stream of income that servicing companies earn









## **Calibration Points: Revenues at Risk**

| Company                          | Date | IT Failure   | Total Loss<br>US\$<br>millions | Total Annual<br>Revenue US\$<br>millions | % RAR |
|----------------------------------|------|--|--------------------------------|--|-------|
| Knight Capital                   | 2012 | Algorithmic trading loss                                       | 440                            | 1,156                                    | 38%   |
| Maroochy Shire<br>County Council | 2000 | Environmental Damage<br>Leads to Liability Claims<br>and Fines | 1.3                            | 22                                       | 6%    |
| National<br>Australia Bank       | 2001 | Bad Data Leads to Write-<br>down                               | 2,000                          | 7,000                                    | 29%   |



#### Phase 4: Detection: Start of Trust Breakdown



#### Was Sybil to blame for Toyota recalls?

Industry experts are blaming Sybil for the 20 million Toyota recalls in the past two years

February 20th

Torrance, Calif., (Reuters) – Toyota Motor Sales, U.S.A., Inc., denied it is investigating whether the Sybil Logic Bomb was the cause of software failures behind their recent product recall of 960,000 Prius, RAV4, Tacoma and Lexus Vehicles

Toyota's latest announcement puts the number of recalls over the past two years at nearly 20 million. That is far more than the number it called back in 2009 and 2010 - widely seen as the worst years for its reputation.



The recent fault caused the Vehicle Stability Control, Anti-lock Brake, and Traction Control functions to intermittently turn off

In rare circumstances, the hybrid system might shut down while the vehicle is being driven, resulting in the loss of power. A spokesman from Sybil Inc was unavailable for comment.



## **Phase 5: Response to Contain the Attack**



# Sybil Releases software update to fix floating point vulnerability

Emergency software update repairs vulnerability that introduced random errors

February 20

REDWOOD HILLS, CA (Reuters) – Today Sybil Inc., (NASDAQ:SYBL). released an emergency software update today to fix a security vulnerability in its RDBMS software that was introducing random floating point errors.

A Sybil spokeswoman said only a small number of customers were affected by the vulnerability.

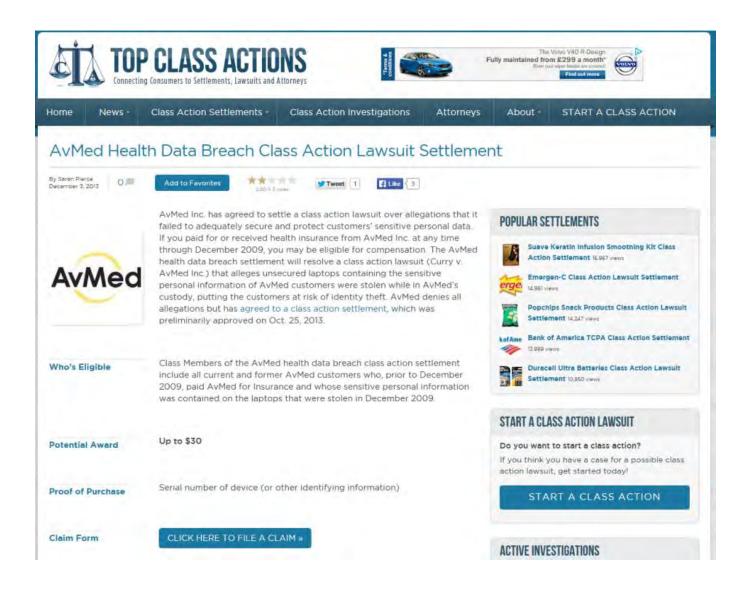


Could this vulnerability explain recent mystery stock market fluctuations?

Customers most likely affected are in the financial services and utilities sectors, she added. Sybil stock price has dropped 4%.



#### **Phase 6: Rework**





# **Liability Analysis: Standard Capital**



- £440m in cash losses
- Blamed on faulty software code developed internally by Standard Capital, based on Sybil database.
- Shareholders sue directors for 40% loss of share value due to poor QA procedures.
- Standard Capital's professional liability insurers take over claim
- They sue Sybil
- Sybil tries to hide behind limited warranty clause
- Political intervention allows claim to proceed
- Sybil seek cover under their own Product Liability insurance

## **Impact on Pomegranate**



# Pomegranate

- Pomegranate is a Sybil user
- Their competitor, Hewlett Packard (HP) announce they are certified Sybil-free
- Impacts heavily on Pomegranate as its customers jump ship to HP
- Pomegranate sees 20% stock price fall



#### **HP certifies Sybil-free**

HP distances itself from logic bomb

February 20th

Palo Alto, CA – Hewlett Packard (NYSE: HPQ) today distanced itself from trouble prone Sybil Inc by announcing it had been certified as not using Sybil in any of its operations worldwide

"This will give comfort to our customers who can be confident that no Sybil Logic Bomb related issue has affected our company in the past and can continue to do business with us in the knowledge that Sybil products will not be used in the future"



Customers are likely to move to the safety of HP

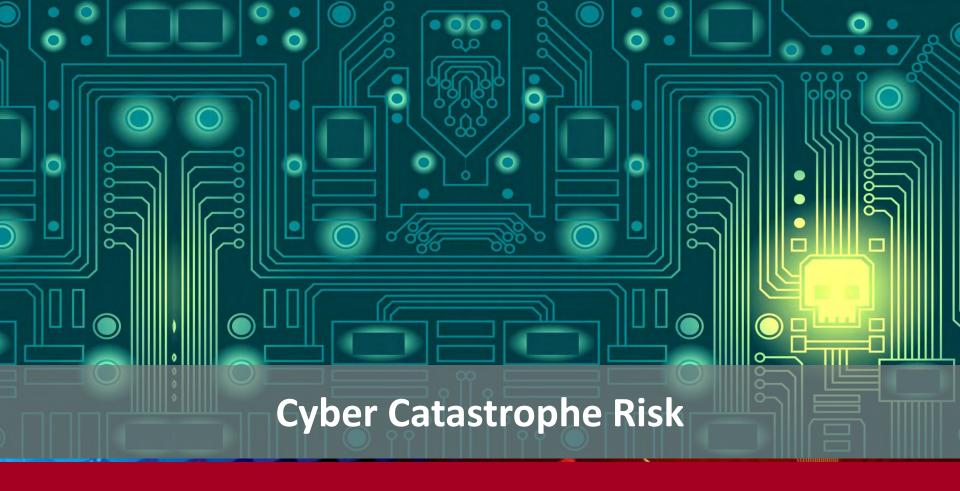
This is not good news for HP's competitors, notably Pomegranate Inc who are known to make substantial use of Sybil database technology



#### Phase 7: Aftermath







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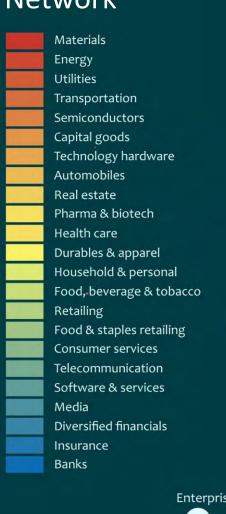
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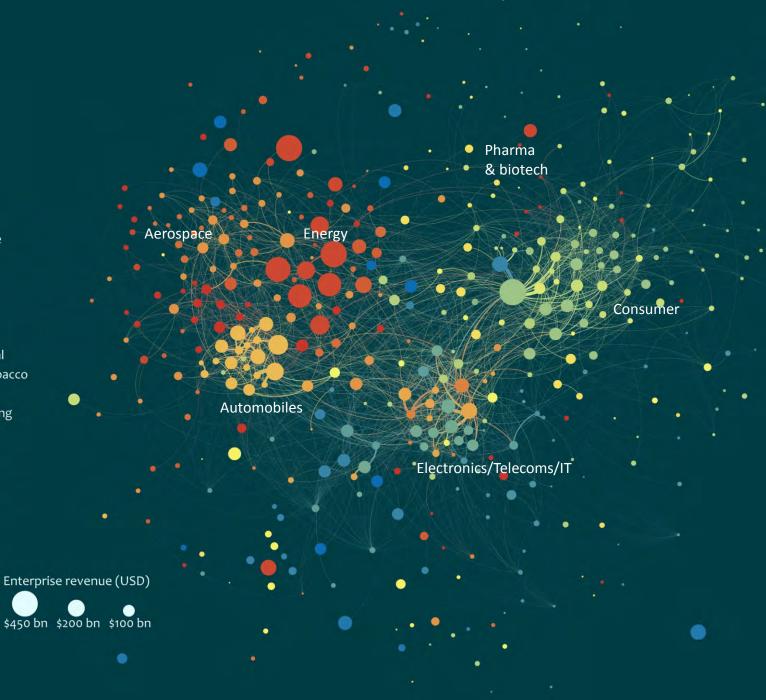
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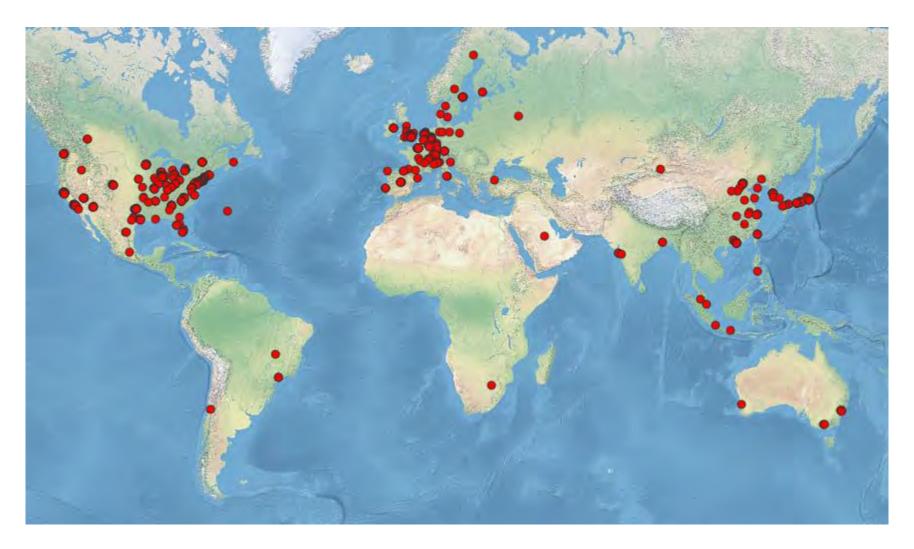
## Global Enterprise Network





#### Oracle Market Share = Penetration % Materials Energy Pharma Utilities & biotech Transportation Semiconductors Capital goods Technology hardware Automobiles Real estate Pharma & biotech Consumer Health care **Durables & apparel** Household & personal Food, beverage & tobacco Retailing Automobiles Food & staples retailing Consumer services Telecommunication Electronics/Telecoms/IT Software & services Media Diversified financials Oracle Insurance Banks Enterprise revenue (USD) \$450 bn \$200 bn \$100 bn

# **Global Enterprise Network**



The 600 enterprises with the location of their corporate HQs mapped



# **Business Process Criticality**

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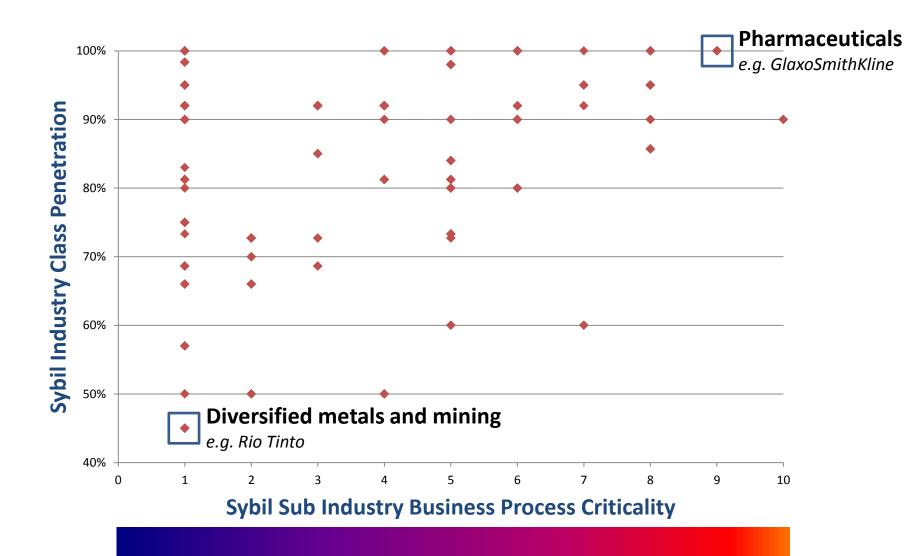
Sales & Marketing & **Customer Relations**  Admin and Management

Operations

| Score | Definition  |
|-------|---|
| 1     | Minor use   |
| 2     | Used for minor administrative tasks   |
| 3     | Used for many administrative tasks  |
| 4     | Used for all main company administration & finance  |
| 5     | Used for admin, finance and some customer relations   |
| 6     | Central to customer relations: sales, marketing and billing                                     |
| 7     | Used in one but not all core business processes, but not admin                                  |
| 8     | Used in some business processes and admin, finance and some customer relations                  |
| 9     | Used in many business processes and central to customer relations: sales, marketing and billing |
| 10    | Central to all main business processes, administration, finance and customer relations          |

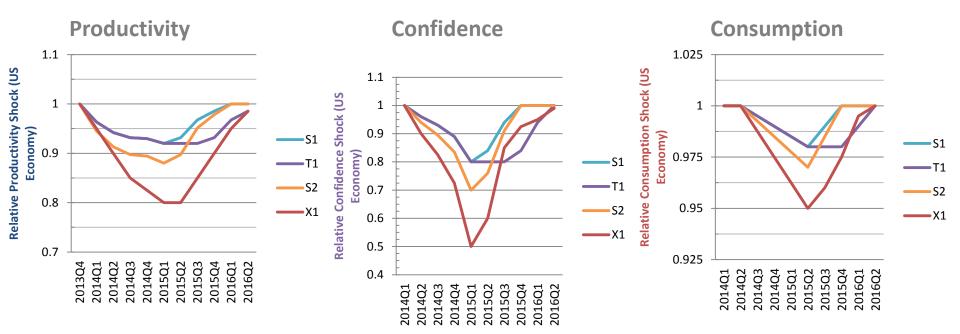


# **Sybil Risk Score**





## Inputs to Macro-economic Model



| Variant                | <b>S1</b> | T1 | <b>S2</b> | X1  |
|------------------------|-----------|----|-----------|-----|
| Harm Scaling<br>Factor | 5%        | 5% | 10%       | 20% |
| Latency period         | 5Q        | 8Q | 5Q        | 5Q  |



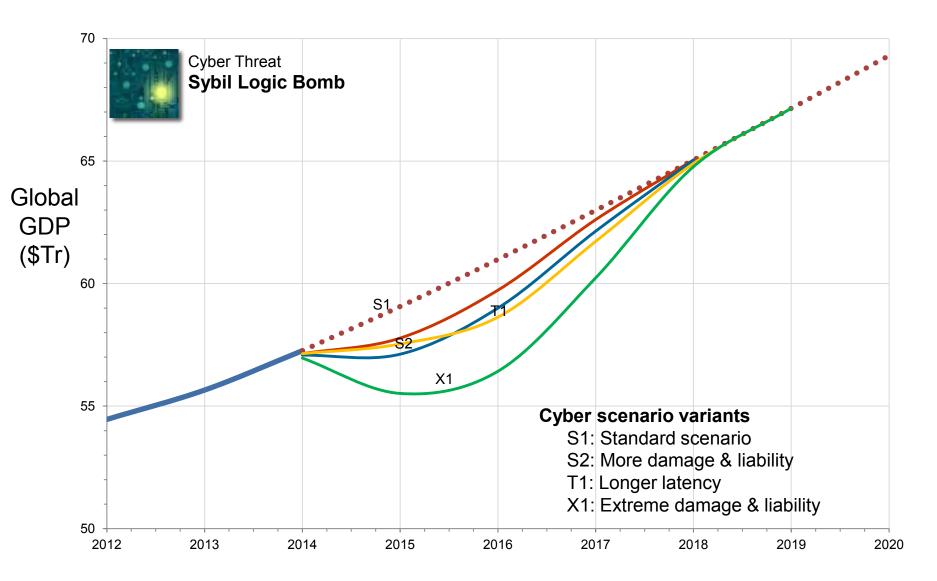
# Impact of the Cyber Scenario and Variants

| Scenario Variant                     | Latency<br>period<br>(quarters) | Harm<br>scaling<br>factor | Global 5 year<br>GDP@Risk |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| S1: Standard Scenario                | 5                               | 5%                        | \$3 Trillion              |
| S2: Sybil more damage & liability    | 5                               | 10%                       | \$4.5 Trillion            |
| T1: S1 with longer latency           | 8                               | 5%                        | \$5 Trillion              |
| X1: Sybil extreme damage & liability | 8                               | 20%                       | \$11 Trillion             |

Great Financial Crisis at 2014 \$20 Trillion



## **Global GDP Impact of Scenario and Variants**





#### Conclusion: 'Information Malaise'

#### **Outcomes of Scenario**

- Compromise of a Strategically Important Technology Enterprise
- Loss of quality and trust
- World Annual 1% GDP@Risk between \$3Tr and \$11Tr

#### Implications for Risk Management

- Efficiency drive towards standardisation in corporate IT platforms contrary to good risk management?
- Revenue at risk can be used for estimating cyber risk
- Have a backup cloud vendor
- Choose your counterparties wisely
- 100% dependency on SITEs is a risk

