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# TECHNOLOGY RISKS – CCRS RESEARCH OUTLOOK

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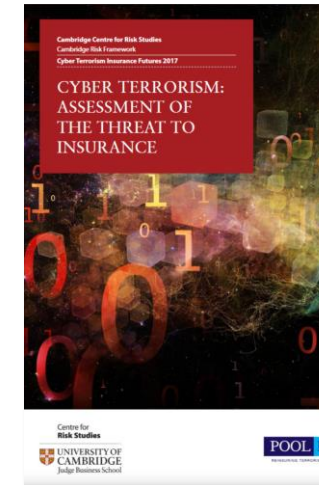
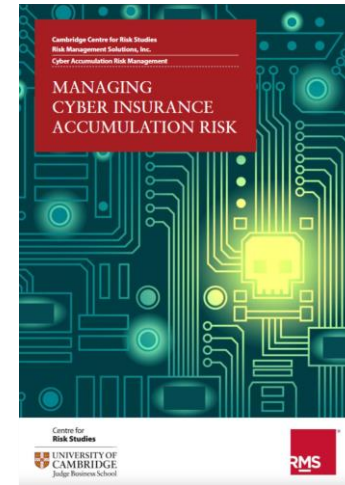
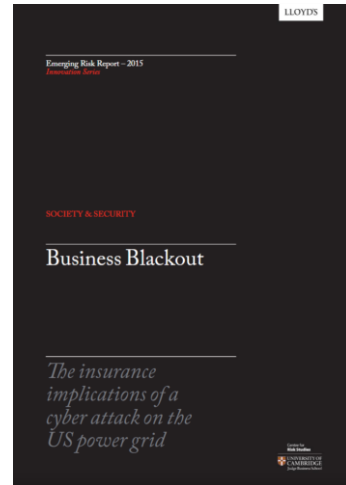
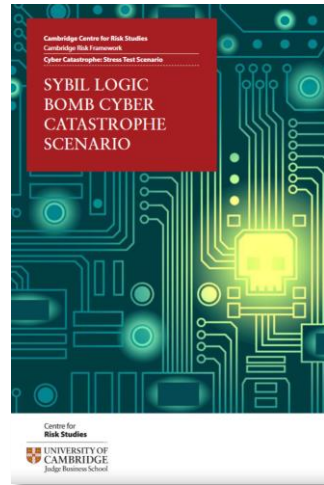
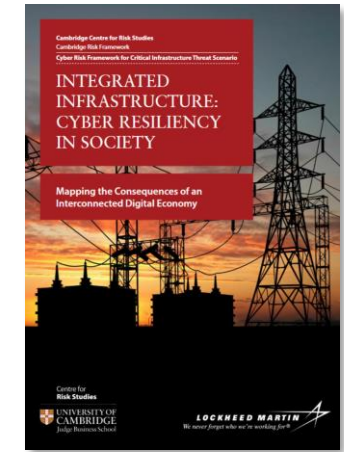
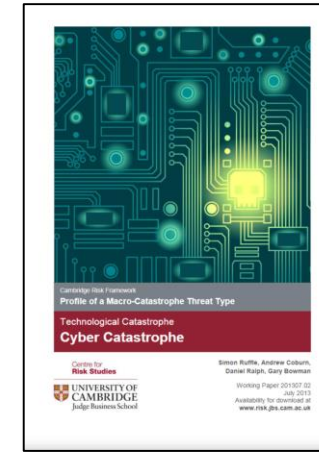
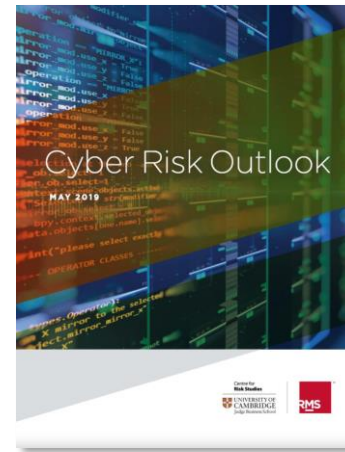
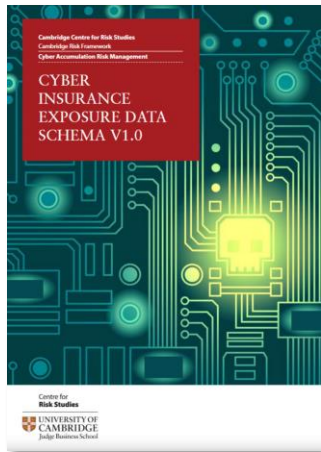
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# A Decade of CCRS Cyber Research



# Cambridge Taxonomy of Business Risks: Technology

## Disruptive Technology

- E-Commerce
  - Clicks & Mortar
- Gig Economy
- Robotics & Automation
- Artificial Intelligence (AI)
- 5G Technology
- Augmented Reality/Virtual Reality
- Blockchain

## Infrastructure/System Failure

- Network Disruption
- Power Outage
- Satellite System Failure
- Internet Outage

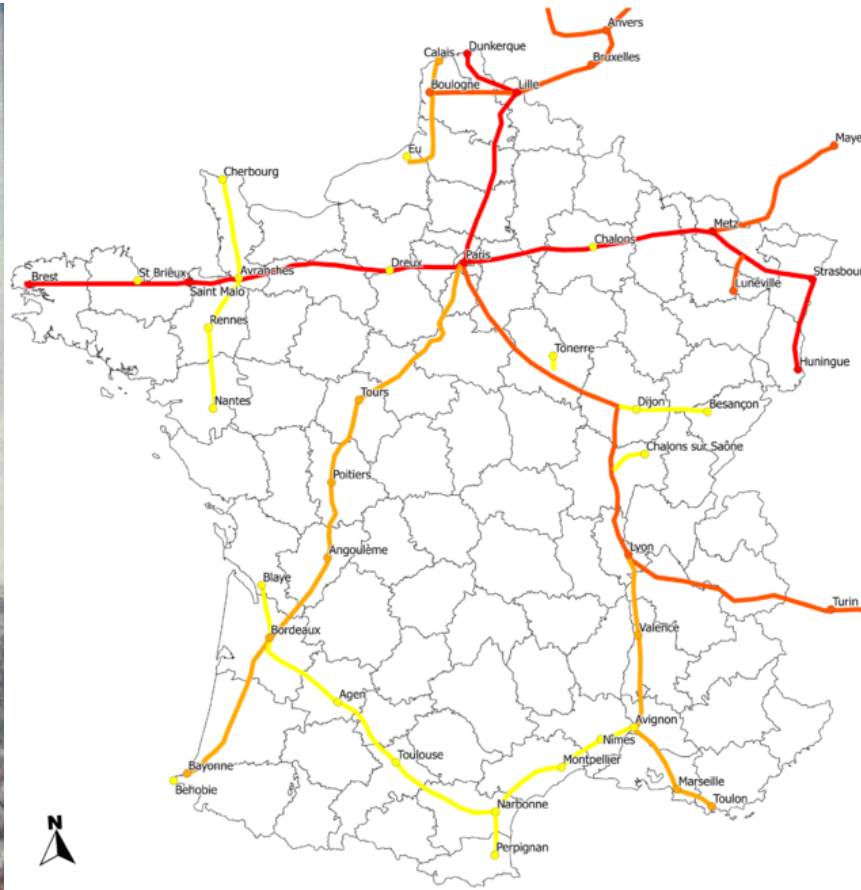
## Industrial Accident

- Explosion
- Fire
- Nuclear
- Pollution

## Cyber Attack

- Contagious Malware
- Data Exfiltration
  - Intellectual Property Loss
- Distributed Denial of Service Attack
- Cloud Service Provider Failure
- Internet Service Provider Failure
- Counterparty or Supplier Failure
- Financial Transaction Theft
- Industrial Control System Compromise

# The First Cyber Attack - 1836



### Le réseau Chappe en France

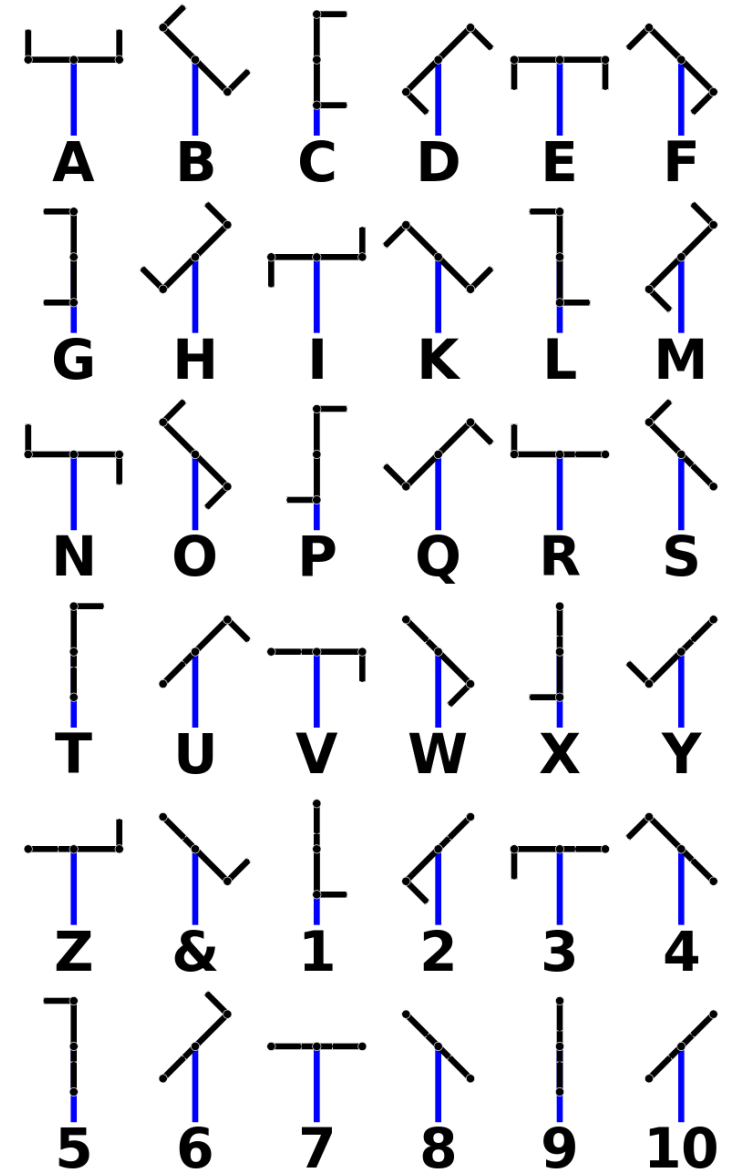
Directions (date de création)

- 1793-1800
- 1800-1815
- 1815-1830
- Après 1830

Lignes (date de création)

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The "Chapote Network" in France.  
 By Jeunamateur – Own work d'après "La télégraphie Chappe", FNHAR, 1993, CC BY-SA 3.0,  
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# A Decade of Cyber Attacks

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**THE UNTOLD STORY OF NOTPETYA, THE MOST DEVASTATING CYBERATTACK IN HISTORY**

**DDoS attack that disrupted internet was largest of its kind in history, experts say**

**Tesla Breach: Malicious Insider Revenge or Whistleblowing?**

**Baltimore government held hostage by hackers' ransomware**

**WannaCry cyber attack cost the NHS £92m as 19,000 appointments cancelled**

**Ohio Provider Pays \$75K Ransom After Serious Hack on IT System**

Hacker Group, Anonymous, Hits Federal Reserve

**Trump Is Losing the Fight to Ban Huawei From Global Networks**

**Stuxnet Worm Attack on Iranian Nuclear Facilities**

**Cyber-attack causes aircraft parts maker to close indefinitely**

***Target to Pay \$18.5 Million to 47 States in Security Breach Settlement***

**Equifax Data Breach Impacts 143 Million Americans**

# WannaCry, 2017

\$4 billion economic loss, 150 countries

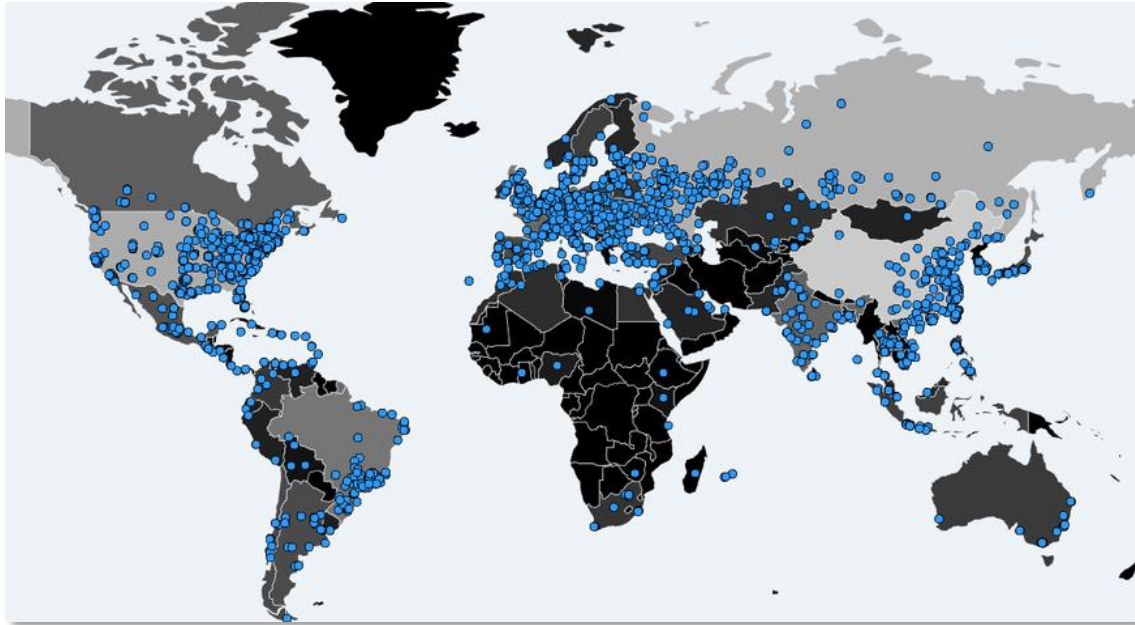
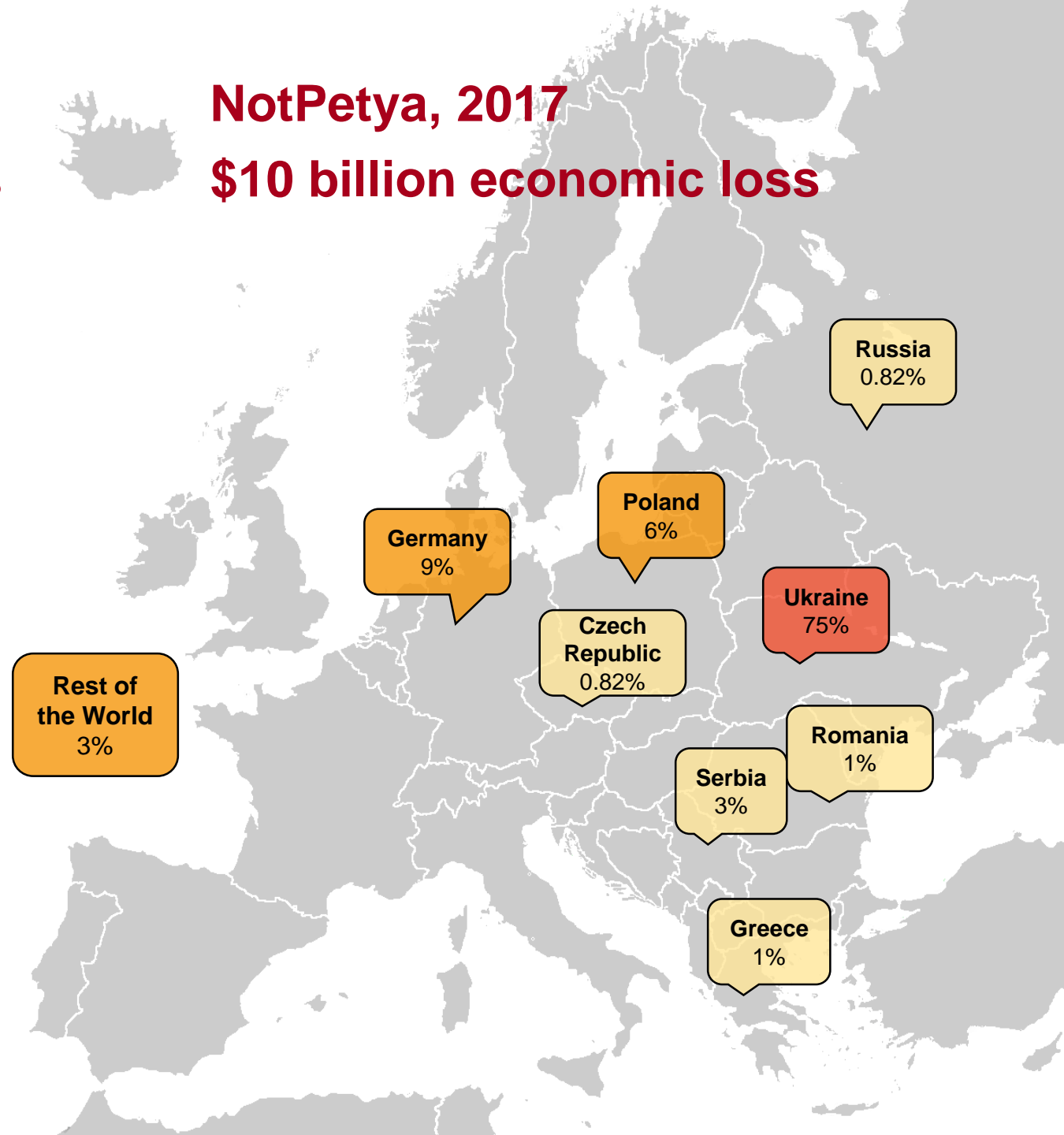


Image Source: MalwareTech's WCrypt botnet tracker

# NotPetya, 2017

\$10 billion economic loss



# 2018 Cyber Attack on the City of Atlanta, Georgia



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- \$9.5 million spent restoring services
- SamSam Ransomware
- Multiple municipal services down
- Years' worth of data destroyed
- Officials and residents had to resort to pen and paper
- Systems remained offline up to three months later
- Two Iranian hackers indicted later that year



# Critical National Infrastructure

- Assets essential for the functioning of a society and economy
- Facilities, systems, sites, information, people, networks, and processes
- The UK Government's 2016 cyber security strategy states that the cyber security of the UK's critical national infrastructure (CNI) from the physical infrastructure to the digital networks and data is critical because *a successful attack "would have the severest impact on the country's national security"*.

## Security warning: UK critical infrastructure still at risk from devastating cyber attack

Not enough is being done to protect against cyber attacks on energy, water and other vital services.

## Critical infrastructure under relentless cyber attack

## Critical infrastructure attacks: nations are not ready



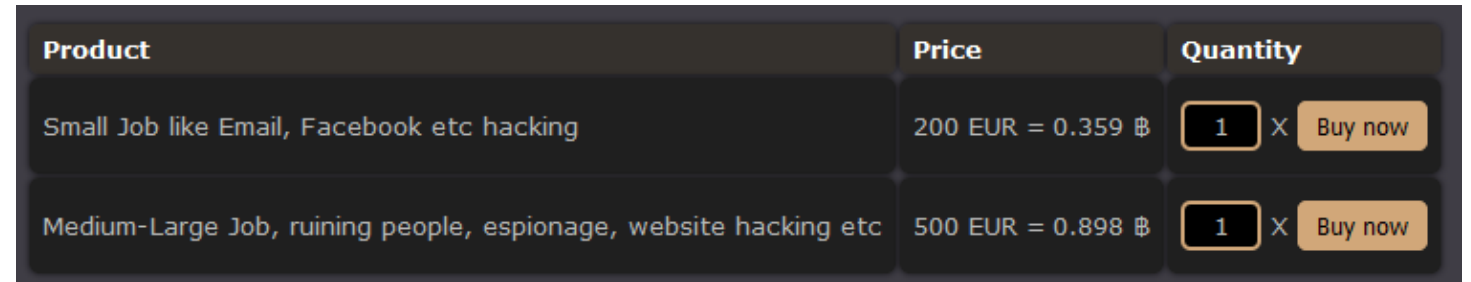


# Cybercrime Commoditisation

- DDoS-for-Hire
- Rent a Hacker
- Ransomware-as-a-Service (RaaS)
- Mobile trojan development kits
- Cryptojacking

Category	# Listings
App	144
Botnet	125
Exploit	115
Malware	310
Phone	261
Remote-access Trojan (RAT)	105
Website	664

*"Plug and Prey? Measuring the Commoditization of Cybercrime via Online Anonymous Markets".*  
 Tajalizadehkhoob, S., Klievink, B., Akyazi, U., Christin, N.  
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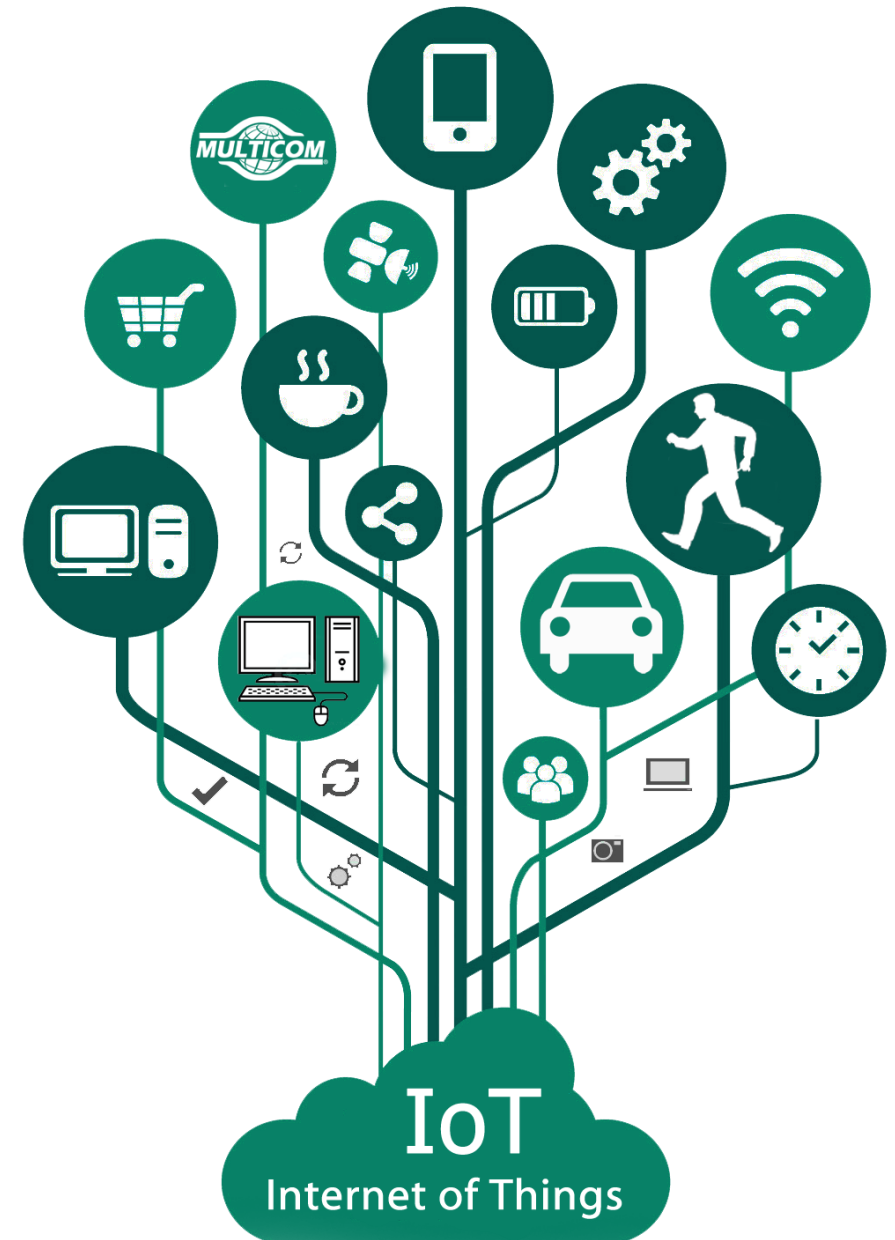
Anonymous .onion service reachable via the Tor network

Type of Malware	Kit Name	Price (US\$)
Exploit Kits	Whitehole	\$600/month
	Sweet Orange	\$1,800/month
	Elenore	\$1,000
	Gpack	\$1,000
	Cool (+ cryptor + payload)	\$10,000/month
Zero-day	Windows	\$60,000
	Microsoft Office	\$50,000
	Mac OSX	\$20,000
	iOS	\$100,000
	Chrome/Internet Explorer	\$80,000
	Adobe Reader	\$50,000

Ablon, Lillian, Martin C Libicki, and Andrea A Golay. 2014. "Markets for Cybercrime: Tools and Stolen Data. Hackers' Bazaar." RAND Corporation - National Security Research Division

# The Internet of Things (IoT)

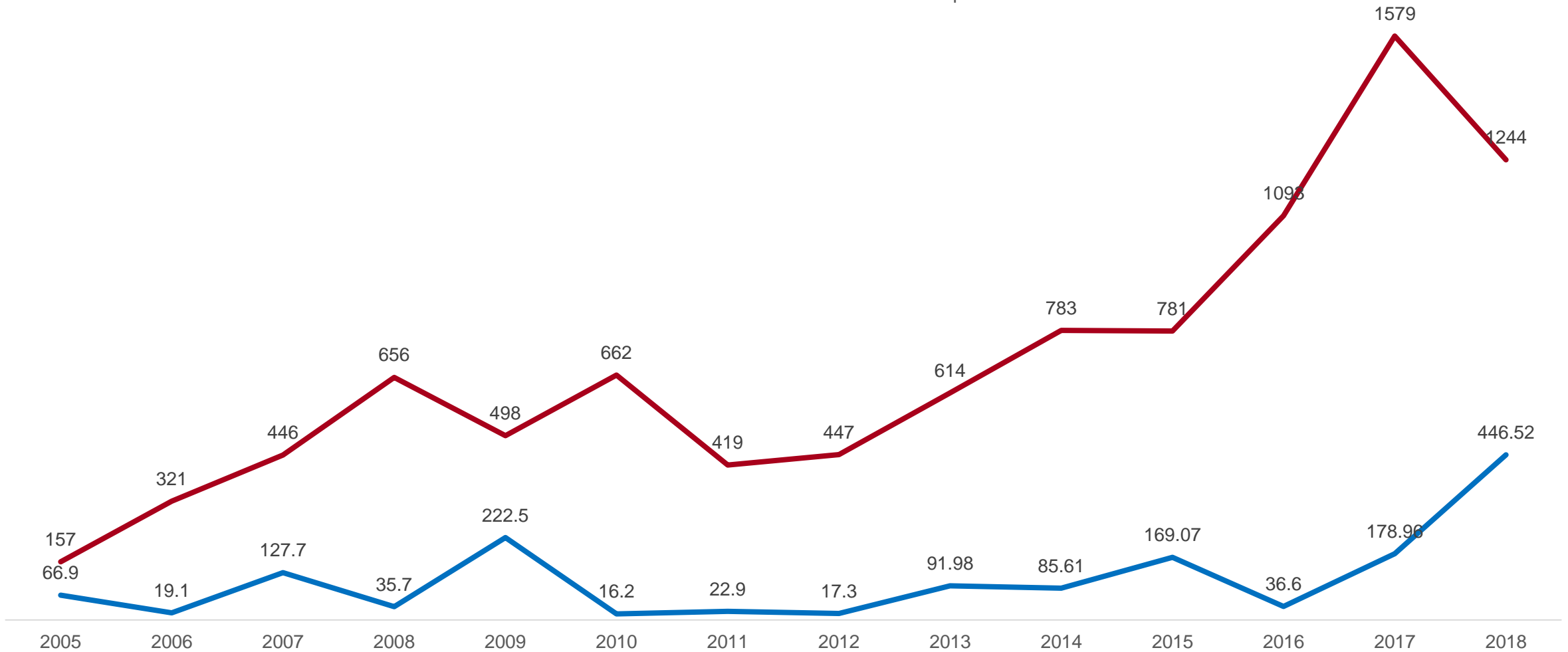
- 20 billion connected devices by 2020, requiring the support of 400 million servers
- *California became the first state with an IoT cyber security law*
- The rise of botnet armies
- Bridge between digital and physical worlds
- Internet-connected security cameras account for almost half of the IoT devices compromised by hackers
  
- Google Cloud service failure led to Nest failure
- AWS failure led to “If This Then That” (home automation) failure
- Driver locked out of Tesla Model S in Arizona



# Data Breaches

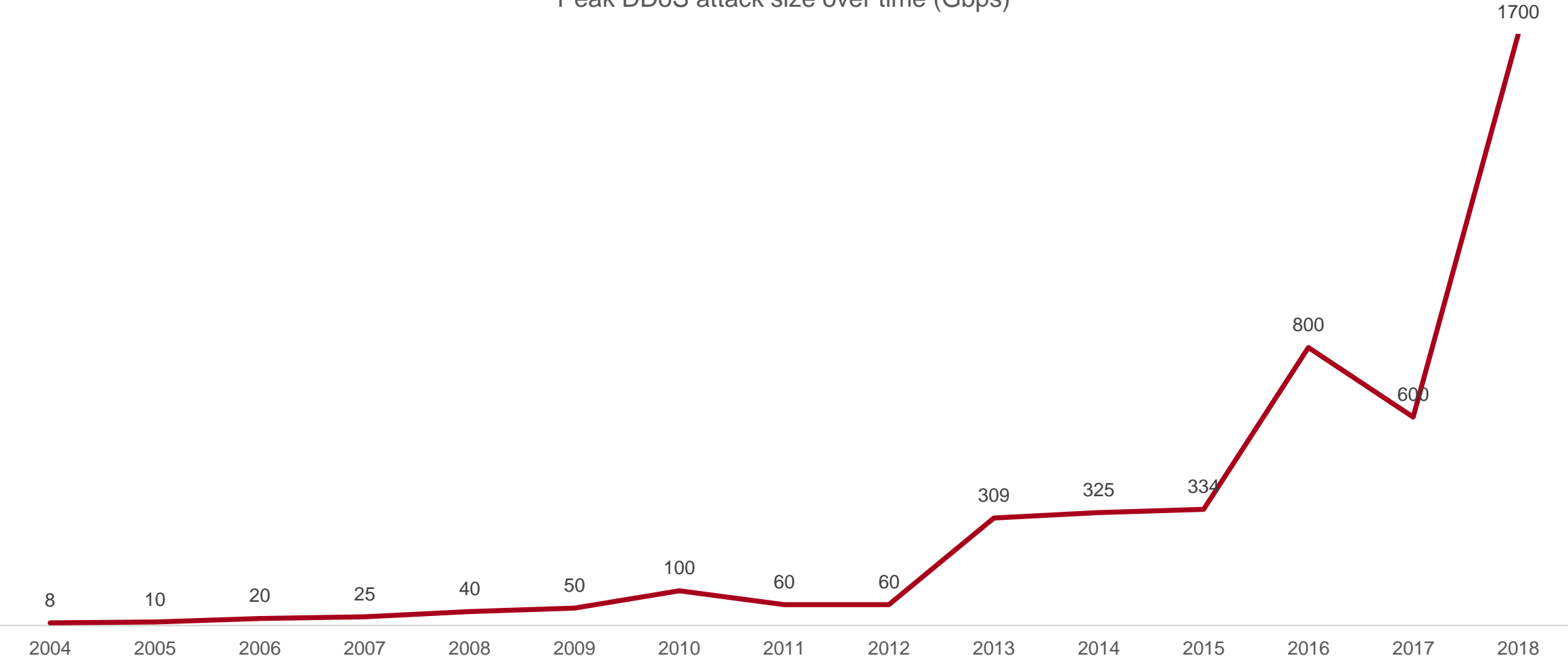
Data breaches and records exposed (in millions)

— Data breaches — Million records exposed



# DDoS Attacks

Peak DDoS attack size over time (Gbps)





# Cryptocurrency

Bitcoin Closing Price (USD)



# Risk Accumulation

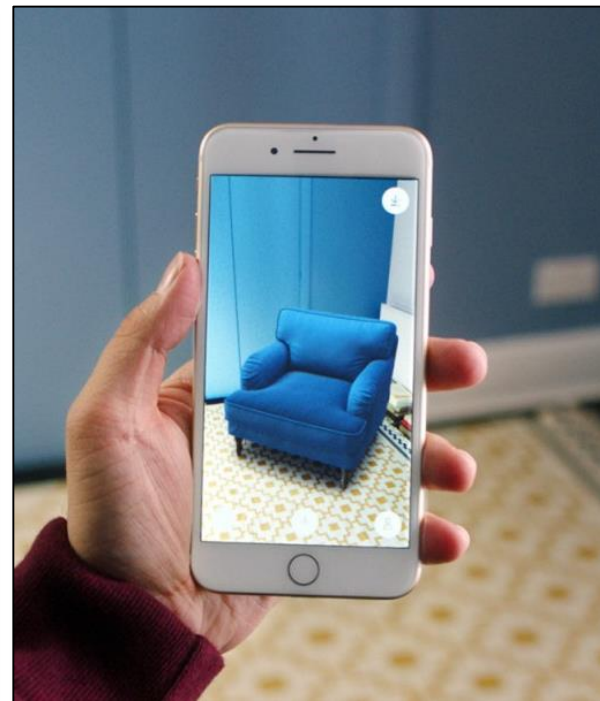
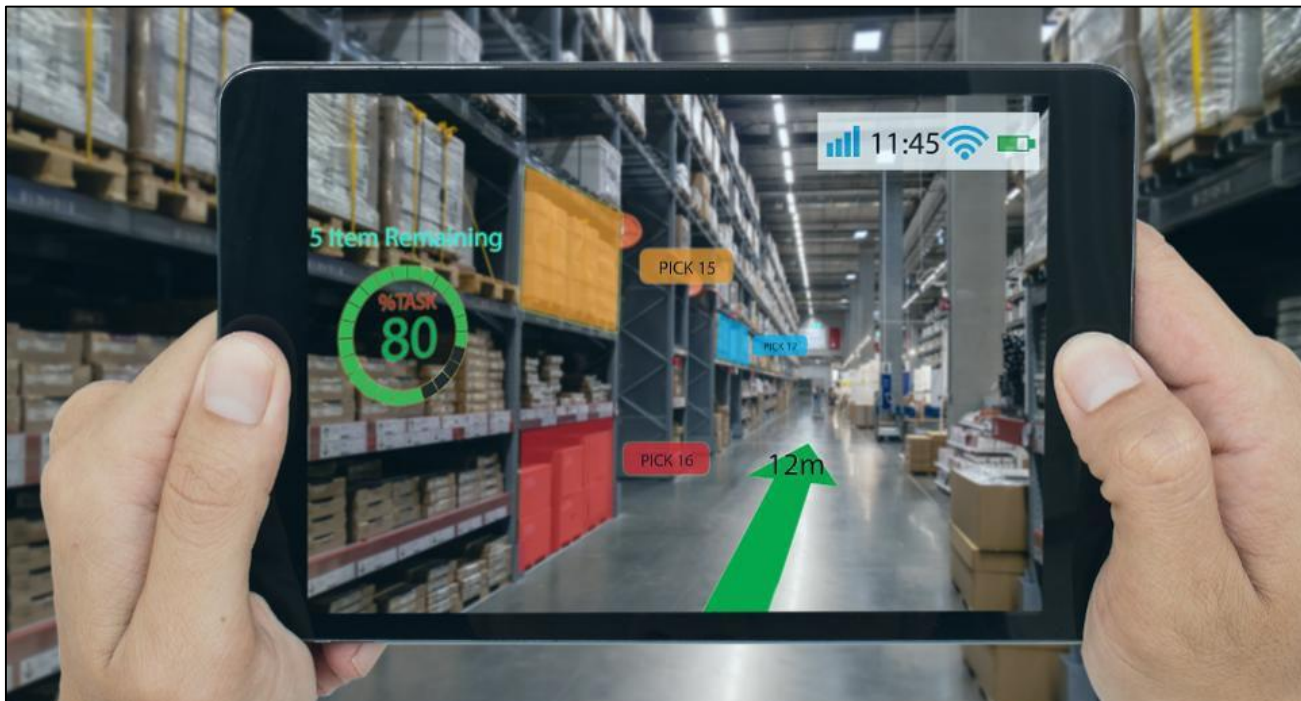
- CRS published a cyber risk accumulation data standard in 2015 (schema and data definitions)
- Interconnected software and systems requiring changing business models and adoption of industry standards.
- More consolidation and accumulation of risks.
- Rapidly changing rate of device connectivity and device ownership.
- Increasing complexity causing more technologies to take on a systemic nature.
- Cyber security used to be a technology issue but is now a business issue.
- A single event can be global and impact thousands of businesses at different scales.
- The accumulation of liabilities could expose an insurer to high financial losses

# Emerging Risks

- Increasing data privacy encroachment
- Increased robotics and automation
- Augmented Reality / Virtual Reality
- Artificial Intelligence
- Quantum Computing and the end of encryption
- Internet Service Provider failure
- Cloud Service Provider failure
- Industrial Control System compromise
- Financial transaction theft
- Power outages
- Increase in nation-state cyber espionage, technologies, and attacks



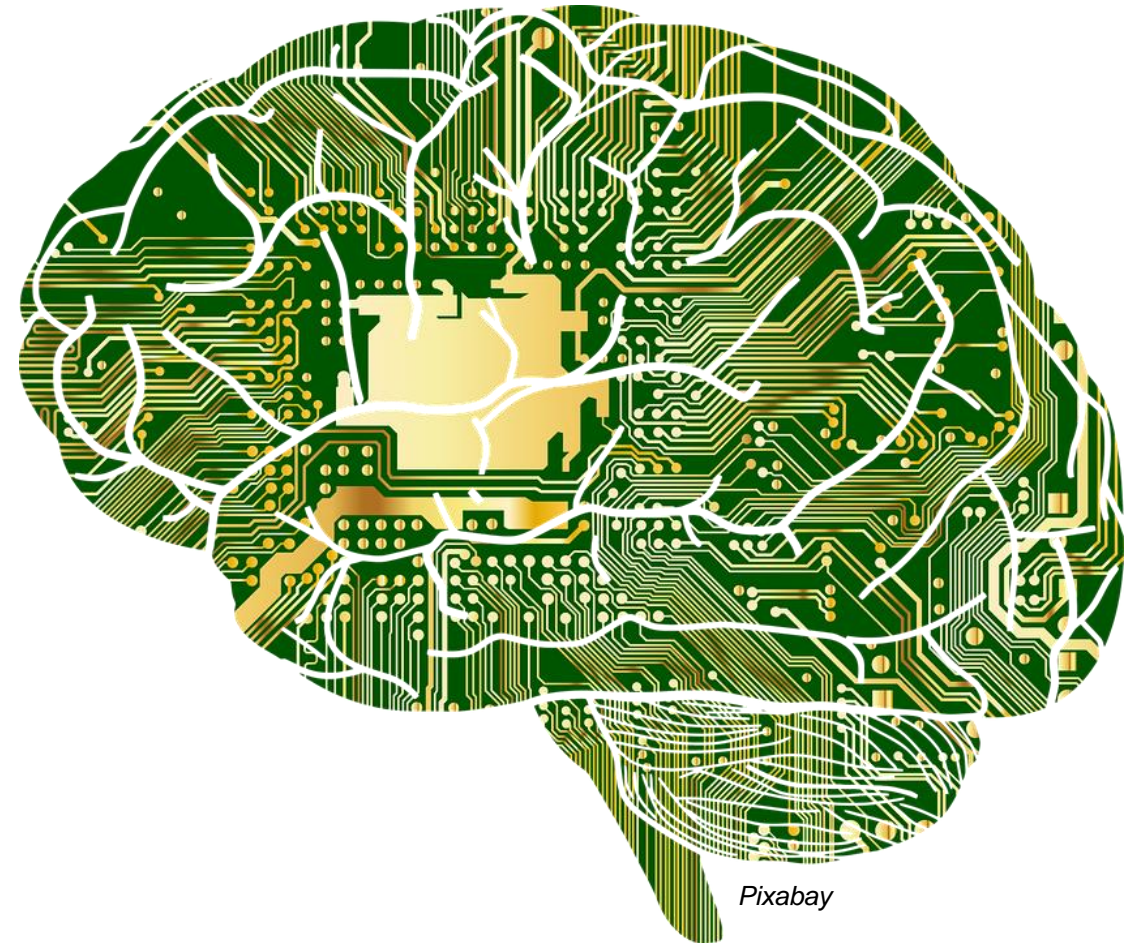
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# Weaponised AI

- Existing open source AI technologies can be combined with malware
- AI can make attacks evasive, targeted, scaled, and fast
- Autonomous approaches built to work independently from the attackers
- Malware can use AI to understand the context of their target's environment
- AI can learn and retrain on-the-fly to get past defences
  
- AI can also be used to prevent cyber attacks
- Multiple benefits
- Requires ethical data usage and responsible regulation



## This Week's Headlines

US and Russia clash over **power grid** 'hack attacks'

Is Facebook's Libra currency a case of corporate megalomania?

National Bank of Ukraine under **DDoS** attack

The GoldBrute **botnet** is trying to crack open 1.5 million RDP servers

Ubisoft hit with string of **DDoS** attacks just as R6's Operation Phantom Sight goes live

Machine Learning Is Helping To Stop Security Breaches With Threat Analytics

**Baltimore Ransomware Attack: Calls for Assistance From Annapolis to Washington**

Exposed Docker APIs Abused by DDoS, **Cryptojacking Botnet** Malware

**Transgender support charity apologises for data breach**

Facebook's Libra could threaten the global financial system

**Airplane parts maker ASCO under ransomware attack**



# The Future of Cyber Risk



- The Future of Cyber Risk: Anticipating Strategic Surprise
- One Day Conference, **July 24, 2019**, Cambridge Judge Business School
- CCRS in collaboration with Cambridge Cybercrime Centre and Cambridge Computer Laboratories

- Risk Landscape
- Security Advances
- Technology and AI
- Risk Management
- Threat Actors, motivations and capabilities
- Cyber Insurance

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