

An Infosec Timeline

Noteworthy Events from 1970 to 2050

Well, almost,
we will begin in 1971

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Let us first see who is here tonight.

Penetration Testers?
Developers & Defenders?
ISOs & CISOs?
Bug Bounty Hunters?

Psychics?

Keine?
Keine mehr?
Gar keine?
Zwei?

Talk Structure

Act One: **The Past**

In which the dear speaker will mention past events of great relevance

Act Two: **The Future**

In which the dear speaker will share with us his awkwardly specific visions and prophecies

Also

No plans for tonight? Win a party ticket!

The three “smartest” questions during ~~or~~ after the talk
Will win you a ticket for the **Private Party**.

There might be beer.

Act One



The Past

Where everything was
better because our brain
says so

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1971

1971

- **The first actual computer worm, Creeper was created**
 - Its author **Bob Thomas** made it “**bounce**” between machines
 - It was more or less non-malicious, it just.. “bounced”
 - It left a message, saying “**I’m the creeper**: catch me if you can.”
- **It led to the creation of “Reaper”**
 - Reaper was the **first actual Anti-Virus (AV) software**
 - It was created by **Ray Tomlinson** to move across networks
 - It then deleted the self-replicating Creeper worm



1980

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- **The first actual Intrusion Detection System was created**
 - James Anderson, over at National Security Agency, came up with the **idea for an IDS** and delivered an implementation
 - Basically, a set of tools intended to help administrators review user access logs, file access logs and system event logs
- **The infamous group “The 414s” was founded**
 - **“Young, male, intelligent, highly motivated and energetic”**
 - A bunch of Milwaukee Teenagers much into early hacking
 - Number 414 being the Milwaukee telephone area code
 - Likely the first “hackers” who caused financial damage by deleting billing records, oh no, terrible!



Celebrating "being
dressed really well".
Good times.

1981

1981

- **Our dear speaker was born**
 - Nothing else of **relevance** is said to have happened that year
 - Nothing else of relevance for the next five years either



1986

Warum liegt da
überhaupt Stroh?

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1986, oh boy

- **Astronomer Cliff Stoll captures Markus Hess**
 - Markus Hess, German hacker and **KGB recruit**
 - Markus went wild on stealing passwords, tried to infiltrate US military systems, maybe even succeeded
 - Clifford Paul "Cliff" Stoll put up a **Honeypot** and that lead to catching the spy
- **A lot of things happened for the first time**
 - First documented **politically motivated** hack
 - First documented use of a honeypot in cyber crime
 - First documented use of **cyber forensics**



More 1986

- The first actual IDS design is being modeled
 - **Dorothy E. Denning** did it, assisted by Peter G. Neumann
 - Their design is still foundation for modern systems as we know them today
 - Released by SRI as “Intrusion Detection **Expert** System” (IDES)
 - It would look at both **user- and network-level** data
- Check out the paper!
 - <https://homepages.laas.fr/owe/METROSEC/DOC/ides.pdf>



1987

No sh*t, 1987

- Computer Scientist Fred Cohen noted the following
 - “It is **impossible** to detect an intrusion in **every case**, and that the resources needed to detect intrusions **grow with the amount of usage**.”
 - Really!
- As a side note, Wikipedia claims...
 - “Cohen also believed there are **positive viruses** and he had created one called **the compression virus** which spreading would infect all executable files on a computer, not to destroy, but to make them smaller.”



1988

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- The year when Robert Morris had an excellent idea
 - He wanted to **measure the size** of the Internet
 - To do this, he wrote a program designed to **propagate across networks**, infiltrate Unix terminals using a known bug, **and then copy itself**
 - This last instruction proved to be not such a great idea
 - His tool replicated so aggressively that it **almost** took down the entire Internet. Meet the “**Morris Worm**”
- Years later, Samy Kamkar came up with a similar idea
 - But let’s wait for the 2005 slide shall we



1989

The Backstreet Boys
of heavy metal, some
say

1989

Anyone here
still remembers?

- **AIDS, a.k.a “Aids Info Disk” or “PC Cyborg” Trojan**
 - The first crypto trojan was born. In 1989. It even had an EULA.
 - It was a **trojan horse** that replaced the AUTOEXEC .BAT file
 - After 90 reboots, yes 90, AIDS hid directories and encrypted names of all files
 - People had to send 189\$ USD to a post office box in Panama to get their stuff back
- **Morris Worm Aftermath and estimated costs**
 - The U.S. Government Accountability Office put the cost of the damage between **\$100,000 USD – \$10,000,000 USD**
 - Apparently this is very very hard to calculate accurately
 - And again, Astronomer Clifford “Cliff” Stoll saves the day and mitigates
 - “These machines were dead in the water - useless until disinfected. And removing the virus **often took two days.**”





1990

§ 1990

- **Things go serious, hacking becomes illegal**
 - One of the first pieces of legislation in history that dealt with cyber security was **The Computer Misuse Act**
 - This act passed in 1990 in the United Kingdom
 - It effectively made any **unauthorized attempts** to access computer systems illegal
 - This piece of legislation has been active **for years** by now, with additional amendments modernizing the act



1991

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- **The AV industry starts booming, massively so**
 - Hundreds of products **flood the market** - and all do the same
 - Matching the checksum of a binary against a large database of “signatures”
 - Later on, string searches inside binaries for **suspicious data** were added as well
 - False positives, intense resource use, resulting user frustration and interference with user productivity **often** were the result
 - The software sold nevertheless



1994

It was the nineties, I mean,
come on... there is worse!

Om nom nom 1994

- **Something magic happened to the web**
 - Lou Montulli and John Giannandrea write the initial **Netscape Cookie Specification**
 - Version 0.9-beta of **Mosaic Netscape**, released on October 13, 1994, first supported those cookies
 - Montulli applied for a patent for the cookie technology in 1995, and **US 5774670** was granted in 1998
 - Support for cookies was added to **Internet Explorer 2.0**, released in October 1995
- **This changed the web as we knew it back then**
 - Only no one noticed, really



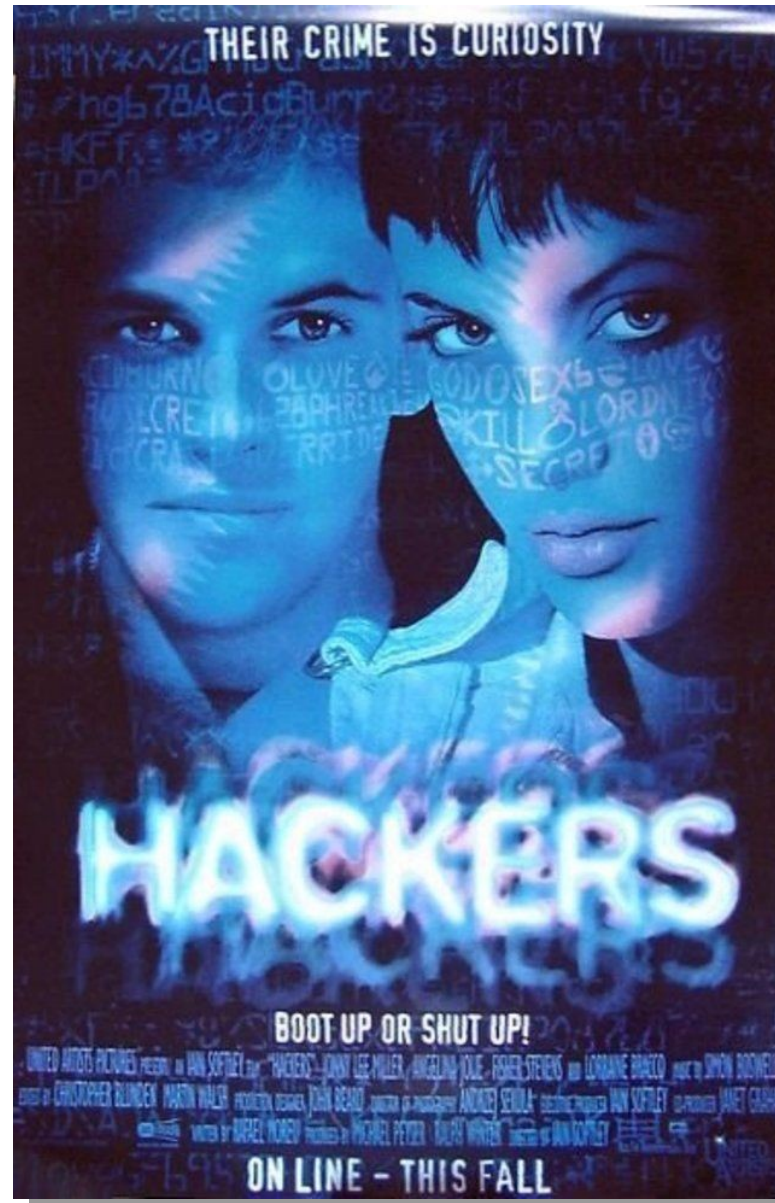
1995

The Metallica of boy
bands, some say

1995

- **The World Wide Web has finally taken off**
 - Pop culture and mass media recognize the new medium
 - Netscape Navigator was **the most widely used** web browser
 - Microsoft **licensed Mosaic** to create Internet Explorer 1.0
- **The Web started to be available “for free” (as in, “not really”)**
 - Well, browsers did. MSIE 2.0 was the first free browser
 - Netscape followed soon, reacting to the pressure
 - And then **well known software** like InternetWorks, Quarterdeck Browser, InterAp, and WinTapestry as well!
 - New releases were pushed out rapidly, the **browser wars** begin

Oh, and...





1996

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- **Anyone noticed ... like, anything?**
 - The introduction of cookies was not noticed by the public at all
 - Setting was **on by default**. Users didn't get **any notice** about that
 - The Financial Times noticed though, and published an article.
And then people freaked out
- **What does the government ever do for us?**
 - Cookies were discussed in **U.S. Federal Trade Commission** hearings. Twice. Once in 1996 and once in 1997
 - Lots of media attention, fear, pitchforks, PHPSESSID via URL
 - Public Recommendations to disable them



1998

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- It was discovered that SQL Injection exists
 - First documented by Jeff Forristal, a.k.a. rain.forrest.puppy a.k.a r.f.p in Phrack #54
 - “People can possibly piggyback SQL commands into your statements.”
- Most websites back then didn't really use actual databases
 - But those who did, mostly using MS SQL Server, were almost 100% vulnerable
 - Upon learning about SQL Injection, people minds were blown. Only Microsoft stayed cool, according to r.f.p.
 - “what you're about to read is not a problem, so don't worry about doing anything to stop it.” ”

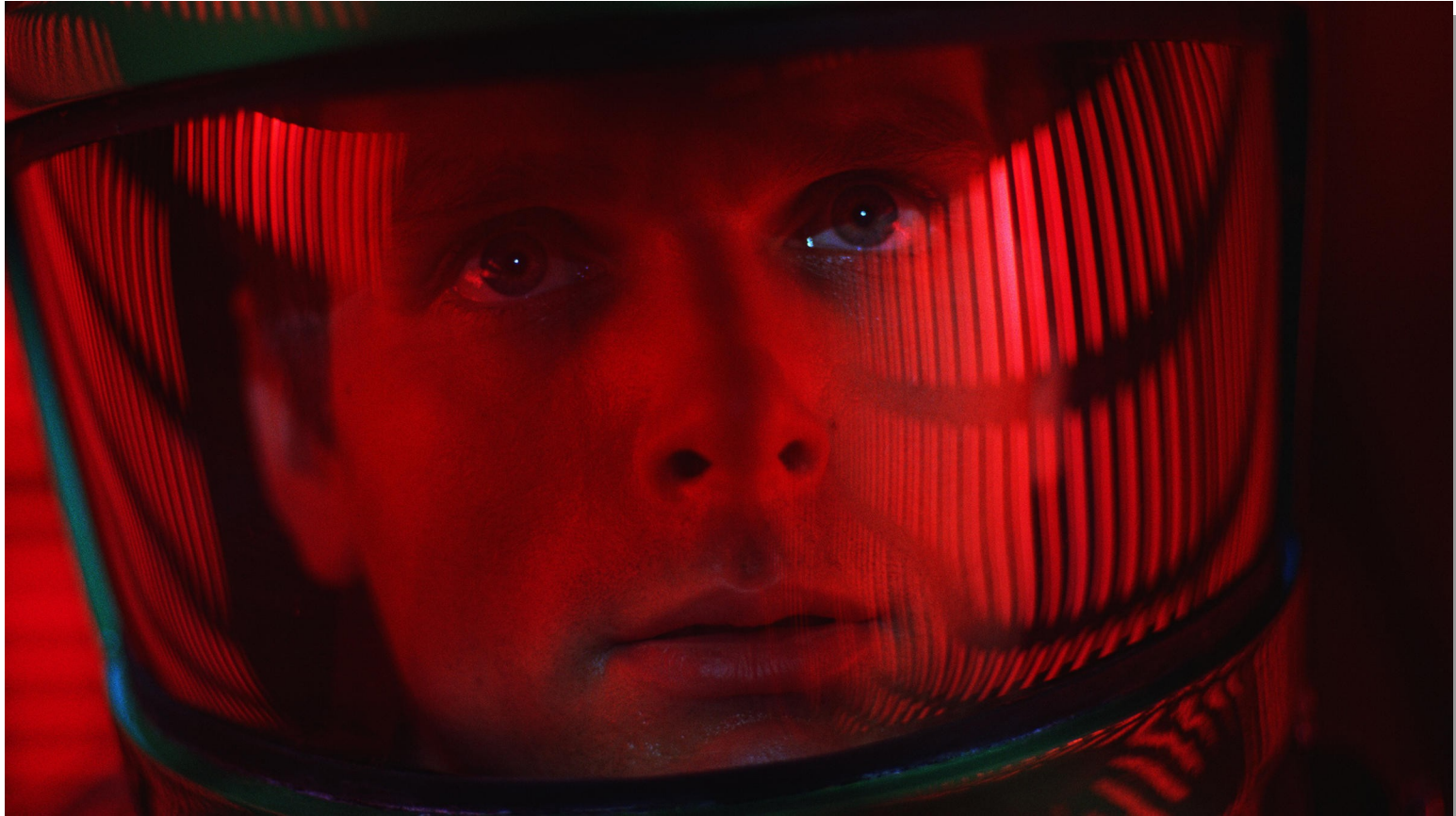


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- **The story of XSS begins. MSRC pioneers.**
 - **MSRC and the MSIE Security Team** become aware of attacks using HTML Injections
 - A name is given to that attack and the show begins.
 - Starting that year, XSS grows and ends up where it is now, in 2019. The likely **most common** web app vulnerability
- **The first WAF gets built and units get sold**
 - Perfecto Technologies with its AppShield WAF, aw yeah!
 - Targeting e-commerce, of all the industries out there
 - Covers things such as **the following...**

Hidden field manipulation
Cookie poisoning
Parameter tampering
Buffer overflow
Cross site scripting (XSS)
Backdoor or debug options
Stealth commanding
Forced browsing
Third party misconfigurations
Known vulnerabilities



2001

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- **MSIE6 rules the Internet, even more successful than MSIE5.5!**
 - In the year 2001 the climb in market share starts, peaking to more than 89% a few months later
 - All MSIE versions combined **make up for 95% of market share**
 - Microsoft decided to just lean back and chillax
- **OWASP gets started by Mark Curphey**
 - Joined by Jeff Williams as volunteer Chair of OWASP
- **Security Researchers “discover” CSRF**
 - And some first exploits start popping up in the wild this year
 - It is quickly discovered that finding those kinds of attacks in the logs are is hard, if not impossible
 - We might feel **reminded** of our slide “No sh*t, 1987”



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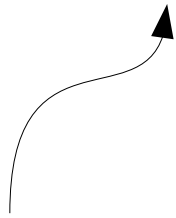
- **EU launches Directive on Privacy and Electronic Communications**
 - Users now need to consent to the use of cookies and similar technologies
 - A user must also be given the possibility of **denying any storage operation** of such kind, says Article 5 Paragraph 3
- **Clickjacking gets discovered for the first time**
 - Jesse Ruderman creates a ticket on **Mozilla's Bugzilla**
 - No one understands the implications, likely because he didn't design a logo
 - For many years, this issue will now slumber in its secret cave
- **The ModSecurity project gets kicked off**
 - Created to make WAF technology accessible to people without big wallets
 - Started by Ivan Ristic, the project **soon takes off** in terms of popularity



2003

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- In 2003, the hacktivist group Anonymous was started
 - Anonymous is often labeled an **international hacktivist group** and is well known for their use of the **Guy Fawkes** mask from the movie “V for Vendetta”
 - They were alleged to have committed a variety of cyber attacks against several governments, organizations, etc.
 - Mask sales go up, CEOs note
- The **OWASP Top Ten Project** gets published for the first time
 - The OWASP Top Ten aims to present the most common attack techniques against web applications in an easily digestible format
 - Soon after publication, the project takes off and is meanwhile one of the **most cited documents** in information security history



Rare picture of a shock burp

2004

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- **Mass Exploitation of MSIE Browser Bugs takes place**
 - A malware, later labeled as “Download.ject”, infects allegedly tens of Millions of PCs thanks to two MSIE security bugs
 - The infected machines were **backdoored** and all that was necessary to get infected was to visit a malicious website
- **Mozilla Firefox 1.0 gets released with huge buzz**
 - First called Phoenix, but BIOS manufacturer Phoenix Technologies didn’t love that too much as they produced a BIOS-based browser called “Phoenix FirstWare Connect” (!?)
 - Until the **beginning of its slow downfall** in 2010, it rapidly gains market share and threatens MSIE's pole position
- **The “Second Browser Wars” begin (2004 to 2017)**
 - In April 2004, the foundations for the **WHATWG** were created, an organization that is supposed to outpace W3C in terms of standard creation



2005

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- **Ransomware becomes more sophisticated**
 - Trojans such as Gpcode, Archiveus, Krotten and MayArchive start utilizing more sophisticated RSA encryption
 - Key-Sizes increase, Gpcode.AG, which was detected in June 2006, made use of a 660-bit RSA key, whoa
- **Samy Kamkar “accidentally” unleashes his XSS worm against MySpace**
 - Within 20 hours of time, **more than one Million users** get “infected”
 - This makes SpaceHero, Samy's worm, become the fastest spreading virus ever
 - He then got **raided by the United States Secret Service** and Electronic Crimes Task Force in 2006 for releasing the worm
- **Let's see some cash**
 - Between 2005 and subsequent years, Alberto Gonzales and his gang steal at least 45.7 million payment card credentials used by customers of US retailer TJX
 - Apparently this cost the company **at least \$256 million US Dollars**



2007

2007

- **Cenzic files a lawsuit against SPI Dynamics**
 - Cenzic was awarded a patent for its so-called "**fault injection**" technology, pretty much what every web application vulnerability scanner does
 - Industry and researchers, rightfully so, scream in panic.
 - If Cenzic actually wins, according to several sources, this could mean **the end** of lots of commercial and open source scan tools
- **Cenzic's website hacked multiple times**
 - Well, “hacked” as in someone posts XSS vectors on Slackers
 - But eventually nothing happens on either front
 - HP (after buying SPI Dynamics) and Cenzic reach an agreement, someone likely gets a new summer house with a yacht



2008

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- **Ransomware gets more sophisticated, bigger keys**
 - In June 2008, a variant known as Gpcode.AK was detected. Using a **1024-bit RSA** key
 - It was believed large enough to be computationally **infeasible to break** without a concerted distributed effort, apparently a primer
- **Clickjacking gets rediscovered, six years late**
 - Jeremiah Hansen and Robert Grossman discovered that Adobe Flash Player was able to be “clickjacked”, allowing an attacker to gain access of the computer’s camera
 - Unlike Jesse Ruderman, they do possess some **marketing talent** and label the issue “Clickjacking”. The press loves it and it’s the end of the world.
 - Adobe manages to convince them to **pull their talk** from OWASP New York in 2008



2013

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- **Ransomware becomes more expensive, CryptoLocker hits**
 - CryptoLocker hits thousands of workstations if not more and makes use of Bitcoin, a popular currency for criminals
 - ZDNet estimates based on Bitcoin transaction information from just **four days**, the operators of CryptoLocker had procured about **US\$27 million in ransom**
- **Iframes get a sandbox to be more secure**
 - After many years of **untrusted content loaded in iframes**, the specification hits gamma status and browsers start implementing
 - While MSIE already had a **similar feature** since MSIE5, this is the first time a website owner can restrict 3rd party content loading inside frames
 - Over time the feature palette grows allowing more permissions step by step
 - The largest group of people using iframe sandbox though are security researchers who were trying to break it



2014

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- **eBay gets hacked and lots of PII leaks**
 - 145 Million users affected, PII such as names, addresses, DoB and hashed passwords get leaked
 - Allegedly, the attack was done using social engineering, the attackers got employee credentials and spent **a total of 229 days** inside eBay's network
 - Credit card information was allegedly not leaked, as this was stored separately, I mean, naturally and of course
- **Breaches really really matter, our work is really important 🤖!**
 - CEO John Donahue said the breach resulted in a **decline in user activity**
 - He also says that in the end, there was “little impact on the bottom line”
 - eBay's Q2 2014 revenue was up 13 percent, earnings up 6 percent, very much in line with analyst expectations



2015



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- **An era of glory and triumph ends**
 - Microsoft shifts from Internet Explorer to the shiny new Microsoft Edge
 - New engine, new look, new features, **better security**
 - Despite that, the new browser fails to capture much popularity
 - The glorious days of “e” are over



2016

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- **CSRF is dead, we just don't get it**
 - Google Chrome, in version 51, introduces the **SameSite Cookies** feature
 - Technically, this means **the end of CSRF** in many regards, with literally no effort
 - Yet adoption among websites and frameworks remains low until today
- **Yahoo! admits a small security-oops, just a tiny one**
 - In September, while negotiating with Verizon about getting bought (not sure why anyone would buy Yahoo!), it comes out that **2014 something happened**
 - Like, a “**state sponsored attack**” managed to compromise 500 Million user records, including a good load of plaintext passwords
 - In December, the number was corrected. A different actor compromised at least **1 Billion accounts!** But it gets better...



2017

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- **CSRF is dead in almost all browsers, we just don't get it**
 - By November 2017 the SameSite attribute is implemented in Chrome, Firefox, and Opera, which really should kill CSRF no?
 - In version 12.1, Safari also started supporting this feature. **Even Safari!**
 - MSIE11 **does not offer** any support for SameSite, Edge is not even mentioned although who knows, maybe it supports it...
- **Chrome dominates the web with likely 60% usage share and more**
 - Andreas Gal, former Mozilla CTO publicly states that **Google Chrome won the Second Browser War.**
- **Yahoo! admits that the security-oops was maybe medium-sized**
 - In October 2017 company officials state that the number of 1 Billion user accounts was not super-accurate and needed some fine-tuning.
 - They did the needful and corrected the number, which then showed to be **3 Billion instead**
 - This means: **Every. Single. User. Account** got compromised.



2019

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Everything is still a thing
SQL Injection is unsolved
XSS is still ~~dead~~ going wild
And we are still here

Act Two



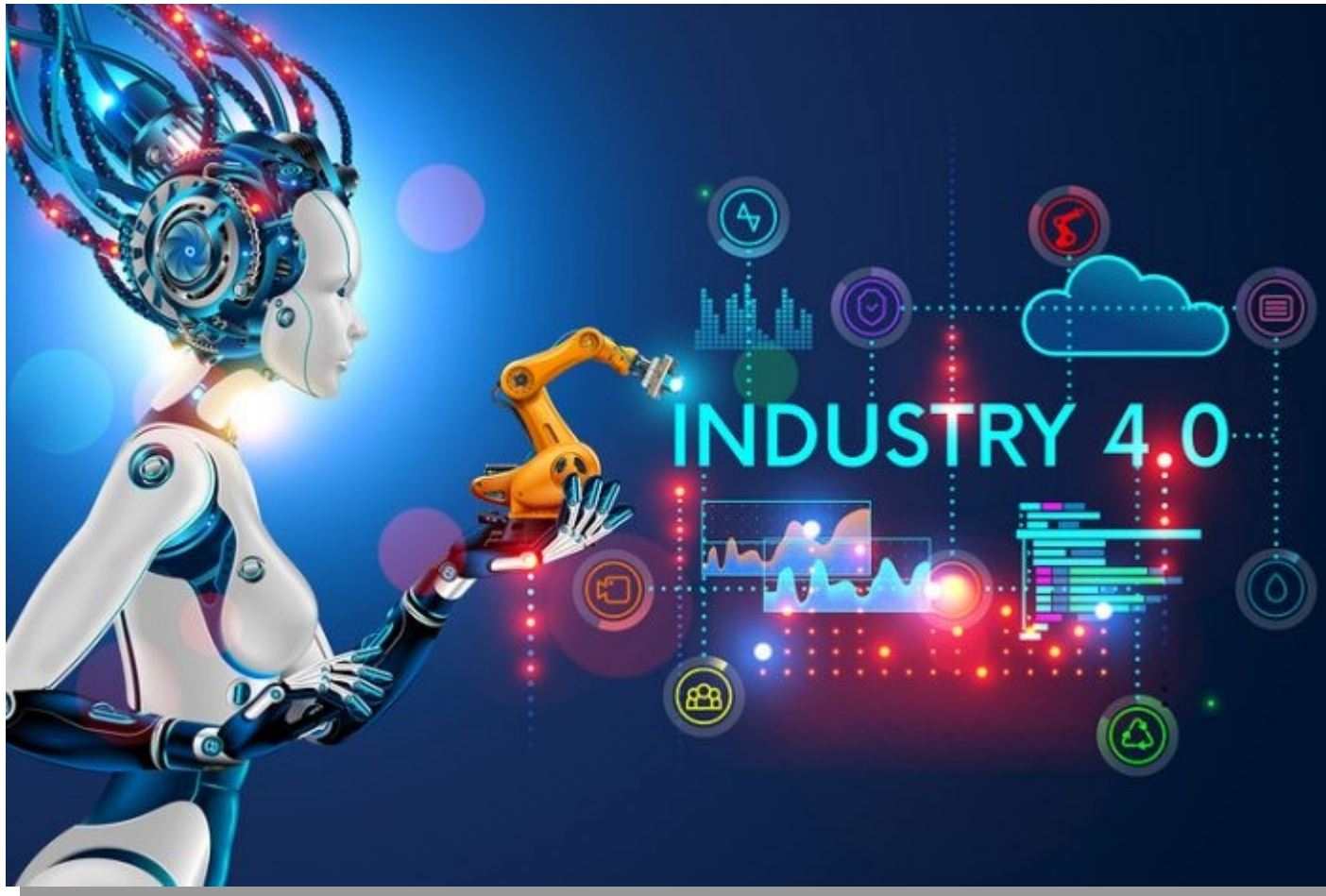
The Future



2020

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- **A fight breaks out between the maintainers of CSP 4.0 and CSP.next**
 - **Two competing standards** now, with Chrome supporting CSP.next and Mozilla CSP 4.0
 - Web servers now send at least **ten different** security headers per response, CSP, CSP.next, XFO, XCTO, HSTS, Super8, HDMI, JayLo etc.
- **Chrome sets the SameSite flag for all cookies by default**
 - This forces millions of websites to change their code
 - After 2-3 months of complete Internet-wide panic, most of the WWW is sort of working again, no more CSRF
 - Developers find novel ways of **re-implementing CSRF** because without it “everything falls apart”
- **Firefox Send works better in Chrome than in Firefox. Encourages users to change browsers.**
- **All OWASP conferences are **anceled** until 2050**
 - To see if the prophecies are accurate and not interfere with future events based on the knowledge gained in this talk.



2022

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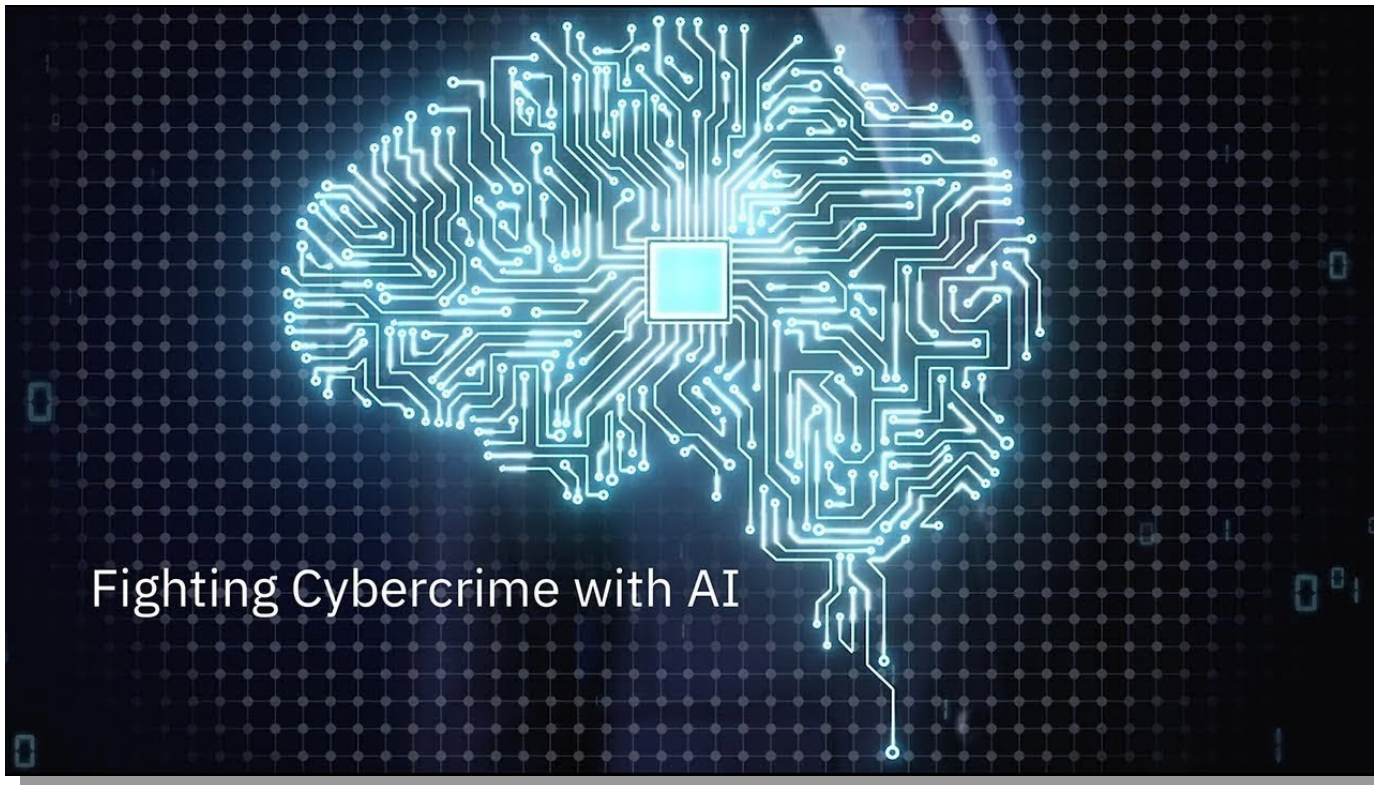
- **The usual size of HTTP response headers is now equivalent to the amount of bytes in the HTTP response body**
- **The 3rd browser war is coming to an end**
 - Google finally buys Mozilla and forces them to delete all traces of the Gecko engine
 - There is only two browser engines left, **Blink and WebKit**. More than enough, no?
- **Apple releases the iPhone 13 which has no more buttons, no more apps.**
 - “Simplicity is key” says the CEO while clouds of smoke darken the Cupertino sky
 - Google’s Android 11 reaches a market share of 95% over night
- **Chrome team announces that SameSite is now deprecated and won't have effect anymore in latest versions**
 - After 2-3 months of complete internet-wide panic, most of the WWW is sort of working again. CSRF is back, even without polyfill



2023

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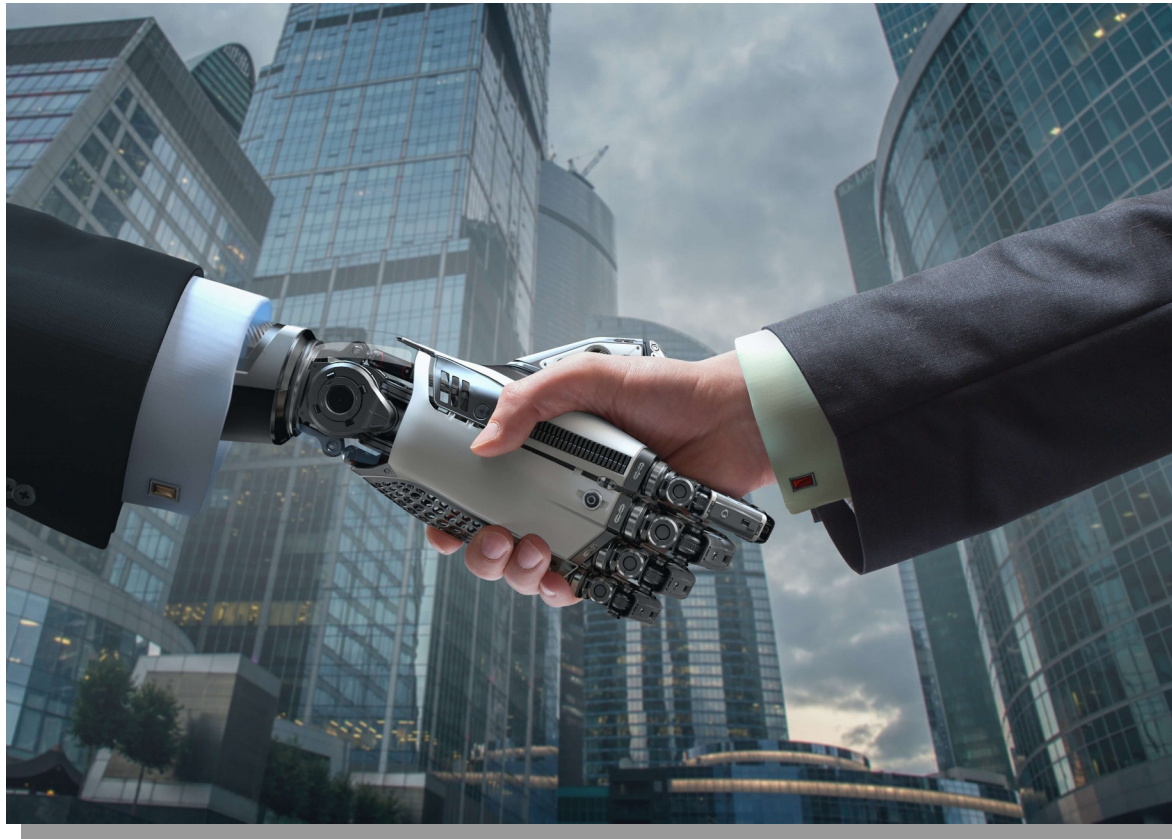
- **Apple by now lost their phone business revenue entirely**
 - Buys Google from petty cash and forces them to delete all traces of Blink
 - Announces new iPhone that can be swallowed and calls you “from the inside”
- **CSP.next is discontinued and all efforts now placed on “CSP5 Gold Pro”**
 - HTTP response headers usually now contain **more bytes** than the body
 - A set of 156 directives, often overlapping and vastly undocumented, make it “easy for developers to finally do the right thing”
- **The EU generally forbids use of Cookies, websites fall back to using **window.name****
 - The majority of companies reacts by switching their AWS data center locations to the Bahamas, Neu Bayern and St. McAfee Islands
 - The legislation has literally zero effect, only eliminates all remaining small businesses, who no one noticed anymore anyway



2024

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- **Mark Zuckerberg becomes the 46th President of the United States**
 - States on Interview, simpering “I have Facebook, this was easy for me!”
 - Facebook, which he runs in parallel to office, buys Apple, forces them to delete WebKit because too many “annoying” privacy features
- **“Do Not Track” gets re-branded into “Do Now Track”, no one really notices**
 - Rebellious teenagers disable Ad-Blockers to get as many cookies as possible to annoy their parents. **“Track is the new Black”** becomes a motto
 - Bands like the “Tracks Pistols” and “Advert with the Scissorhands” grow popular
- **Facebook OS hits hits the market**
 - Mockingly called POTOS by several users. Their accounts get suspended, their Libra taken
 - Targets every device including Smart Watches, Amazon’s Alexius and Smart Socks
 - Smart Socks are socks that can geo-locate lost socks using GPS and the Blockchain and then crawl towards each other, a blessing to millions of households



2025

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- **The movie Fight Club 2 hits the box office**
 - Tyler Durden and aging **Miley Cyrus** join forces and delete Facebook's Like-Database
 - Civilization crumbles. New civilization arises, building a "Yikes" database, paving way for **Fight Club 3**
- **The browser as such does not exist anymore**
 - It replaces the OS as we know it. Most browsers now run directly on the hardware
 - There is no longer any need for actual Operating Systems, was there ever?
- **Linus Torvalds is really happy about that change**
 - He changes directions for the Linux kernel to be more future-safe.
 - Kernel is now a closed-source browser-extensions with in-app-purchases and really funny but annoying P2W mini-games.
- **CSP 6.0 gets released and addresses **all browser security problems** by using a Turing-complete mini-language called HeaderScript**



2028

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- **Adobe's Flash is back! Finally!**
 - The **much beloved software** now runs directly in the OS kernel with full access to all hardware – for better video performance and user experience
 - To make it sufficiently secure, Adobe engages the WordPress team as invited experts
- **WHATWG recommends to just forget about the HTTP response body**
 - Argues “jeez, we are not in the nineties anymore” and flags websites who still have headers and body and “**smelly legacy cruft** holding back progress”
 - jQuery releases a header-only version which squeezes the entire 3MB library into several headers to “be even faster than before”
- **OWASP finally releases a new masterpiece**
 - Since all conferences were paused until 2050, fresh wind was needed urgently
 - Releases OWASP Internet Suite with the integrated **OWASP IDE** that only allows to build secure web apps in OWAScript and the very secure OWASP Browser called **OWser**
 - OWSer becomes a major success, yet people often complain that the info in the integrated wiki is often not fully up to date



2030

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- **Most if not all personal computers are meanwhile wearable or “clip-ons”**
 - I.e., computers that people can attach to body parts using the new BodyBus system
- **A first XSS worm targeting those breaks out**
 - It “shocks” people using the deprecated, shunned, yet **never unimplemented** alert (1)
 - Then it takes a selfie of the victim’s “shock-face” and adds the image macro “Derrrp!”
 - Then it threatens the victim to publish it unless **they pay 500 selfiecoin** which is about as much as 12 Jolt-coin, 17 Featherium or five CyberKrona Lite
- **Major AV vendors react with a face-WAF called SelfieSecure, attempting to stop the outbreak with success**
 - The worm authors get caught, arrested and thrown into cyberjail
 - Sentenced to work on a very large document using Office 2016 on a Windows 7 machine with **4GB of RAM** and no harddisk with a strict 15 year deadline
- **Activists call torture on that but get ignored by almost everyone**



2031

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- **OWASP Corp. fueled by their new success buys Netflix (!?)**
 - They change all programming to be web security related education and re-education.
 - Roughly 99.5% of viewers **don't like hat change** and the OWASP Corporation (OWSP) stock plummets
 - “Prompt is the new alert”, a web-security show depicting the life of cyberjail inmates flops
- **The activist organization “Fathers against SSL” gets founded**
 - Their key message being “our kids have nothing to hide”
 - Port 80, once believed dead, experiences a **well-deserved** renaissance
 - Later, it comes out they were created by an intelligence agency aiming to get better tools against cyber-crime and “funny pics from the neighbors”



2035

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- **The New EU, or EU-two, or NeU prohibits selfies in general**
 - For security and privacy reasons of course, to protect the populous
 - This leads to a public outcry, causes member states Italy, New India and Saxony to immediately leave the union
- **Short after, the **SelfieSecure servers get breached****
 - 2.5 billion selfies with a shocked expression get leaked on the well known breach-management and forensic data-warehousing website PasteBin
- **The SelfieSecure server maintainers first state that a few million selfies...**
 - ...then a few billion selfies,
 - ...then a feeeew more billion selfies,
 - ...then that absolutely **all selfies** have been compromised.
- **A new advertising technology **called AdCicles** allows to use laser to project ads directly into the iris of any user out there**



2036

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- **Mark Zuckerberg gets challenged by an Artificial Intelligence**
 - AI builds their campaign entirely based on catchphrases, among them jewels like “**and now, kittens!**”, “**let’s play a game**” and “**destroy all humans**”
 - Thanks to the AI’s cute chipmunk voice, voters are rather forgiving about the otherwise mildly concerning messages
 - Mark loses presidential elections, steps down from all positions at Facebook
- **A small group of technologies forms the WHEREWG and seeks to bring back the glory of the old days**
 - They find a so called “CD ROM” in a dusty cellar containing so called “data”
 - It contains the sources of the old WebKit engine and paves the way for the long awaited (38 years) MOSAIC 3.1 browser version
 - The term “**ironic retro browsing**” gets coined among the hip
 - Users love it more and more, the terms “retro” and “ironic” fade away over time



2040

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- **The popular Curved Displays are now curved by 360°**
 - Users no longer interested in “leaving the TV” and change their center of life
- **AdCicles are meanwhile delivered right into the bloodstream**
 - Directly trigger the desire to buy whatever is advertised
 - Some make use of alcohol molecules to create even better user experiences, the slogan “You high? You buy!” (YHYB) gets accepted industry wide
 - AdCicles cannot be avoided anymore using Face-WAFs or even modified SelfieSecure binaries, the industry **seeks for new solutions**, buys random startups en masse
- **A new AdBlocker toolkit gets developed by a group of students**
 - youBlock gets injected directly into the bloodstream too and blocks ads right at the synapse level
 - Also blocks **BadCicles**, modified AdCicles that triggers the desire to send bitcoin to arbitrary as well as high-volume alcoholic **HoochCicles**



2050

2050

- **OWASP Global AppSec, as promised, gets picked up again.**
 - People, generally confused by the idea of a “conference” visit and enjoy it, especially aforementioned alcoholic **HoochCicles**
 - Some attendees ask “Wait, there was talks during the sobering-up breaks?? And what are those CPE credits?”
- **A rather old me is being brought up to stage**
 - It is established that **all prophecies and visions** were accurate
 - Even the weird ones. Especially those weird ones.
- **Never ending applause ensues**
 - Declaration of lordship and the golden keys to the global cookie jar get handed over

2050

So, yeah.

See you again in **2050** :D

The End

- Question? Comments?
- **Thanks a lot!**
- Shouts go out to
 - Jan, Filip and Daniel
 - Wikipedia
 - Countless news articles from back in the day
 - And many many others
- Ping me if you have questions!
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