Cybercriminal Activities Managing a New Android Botnet

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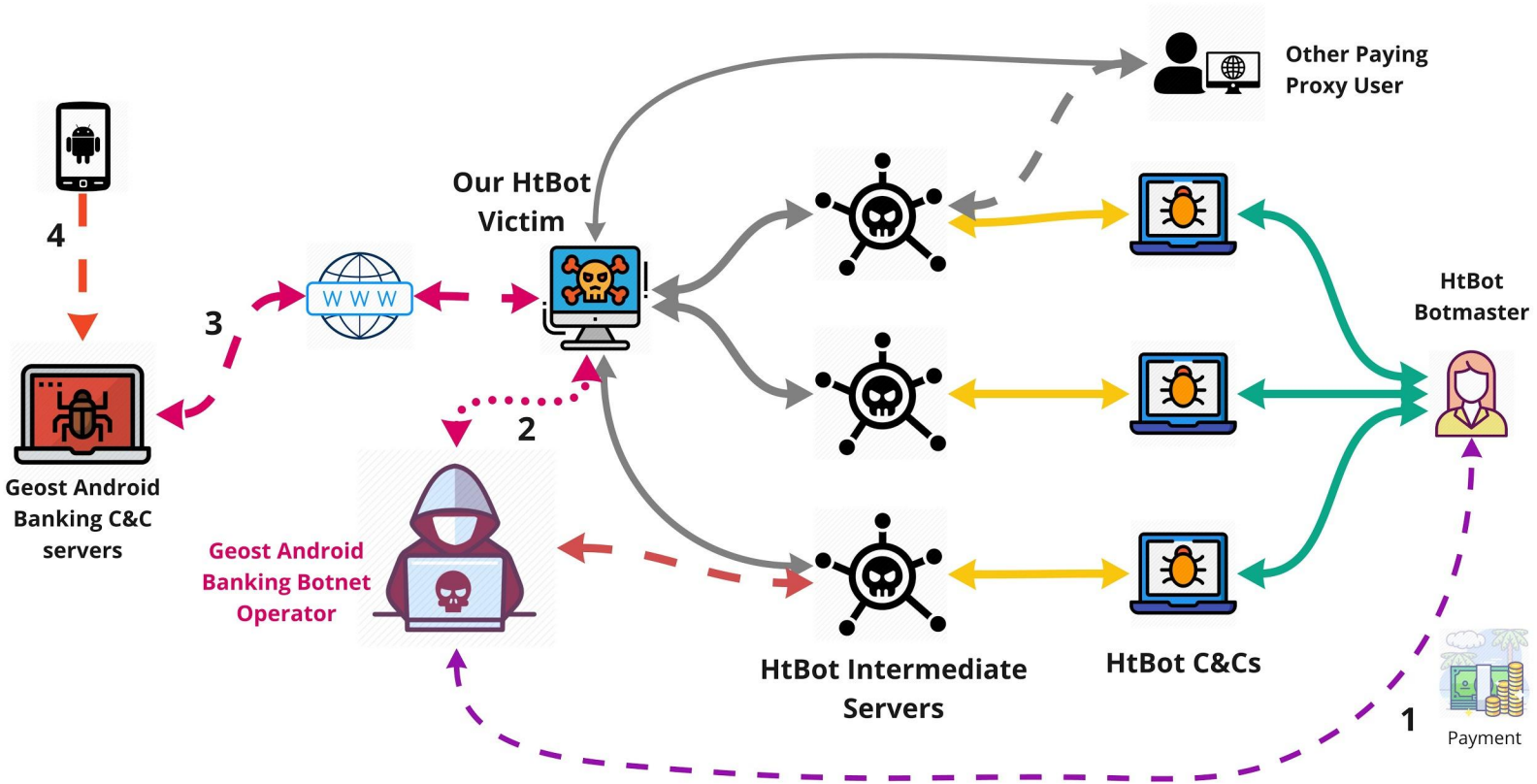
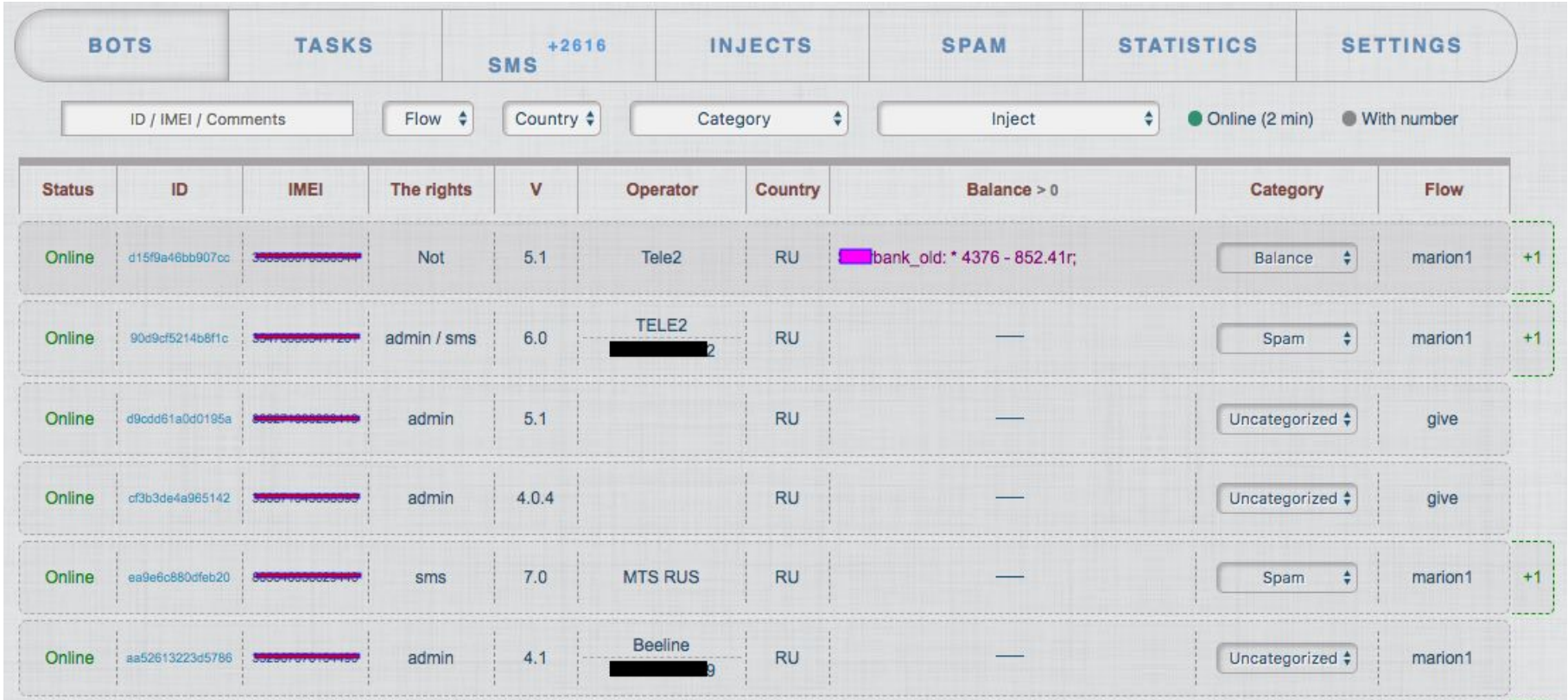
From HtBot to Geost



From 1 Domain to the Geost Infrastructure

- C&C IPs: 13
  - Countries: US, **MU** and RU
  - Each IP hosts 1-100 Geost domains
- ~ 150 Unique Domains
  - DGA style, not quite
- ~150 APKs
  - Identified as **Android Hqwar** or **Banking Trojan**, but there are many others

Geost Command and Control Panel



Randomness as a Feature

Domains

- w24t2t2tfwg.ru
- Wg34gh44t.xyz
- 42r3t24wef.ru
- 34j2lxii24.ru
- Wgg5ggefwg.ru
- 52t34tyt53.xyz

PHP files (one per APK file)

- M99h49wtp1g35b5721d64mfs5p8ese1x.php
- n7co2vpu098x85ctgdn689rf4d18n5jz.php
- fhdkqgyfux4gj2t6zwu434ptw0i0mefu.php
- csbu72ow56i9qq7yg1ufbo3ql1phb1s6.php
- f8t8d5tnqvwwi1l2qf0itr97cdibre6i.php
- hgkvf2riqt49z33isl978pj17aivc0nw.php

Why?

Geost APKs

Detections	Name
33/62	Yandeks.Navigator.apk
34/61	adobe_reader.apk
24/62	Odnoklassniki.apk
21/62	youtube.apk
21/62	Avito-Photo.apk
19/62	sberbank_onlayn.apk
33/61	visa_qiwi.apk
23/62	book.apk
33/61	Perevodchik.apk
32/62	navitel.apk
33/59	thirtydayfitnesschallenge.apk
32/62	word.apk
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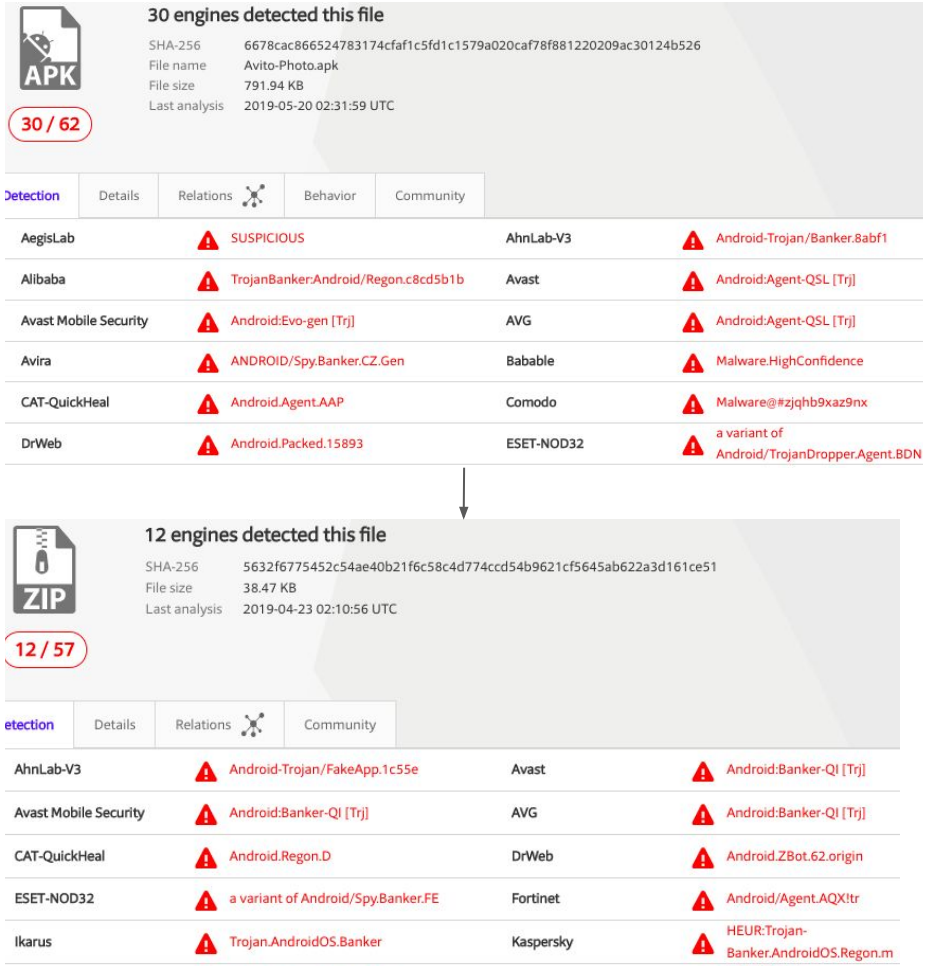
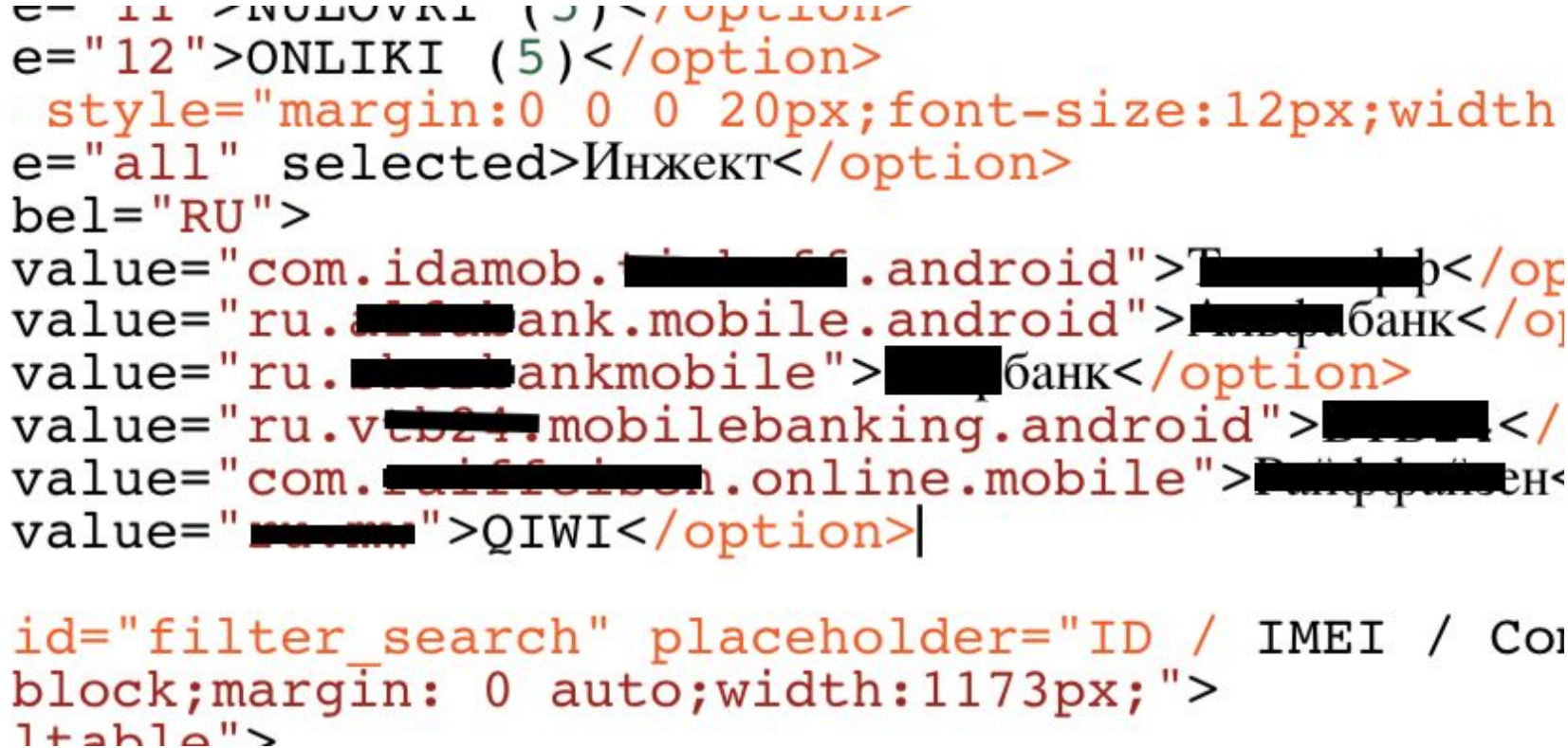
28/61	Pokemon_GO.apk



Banks Targeted

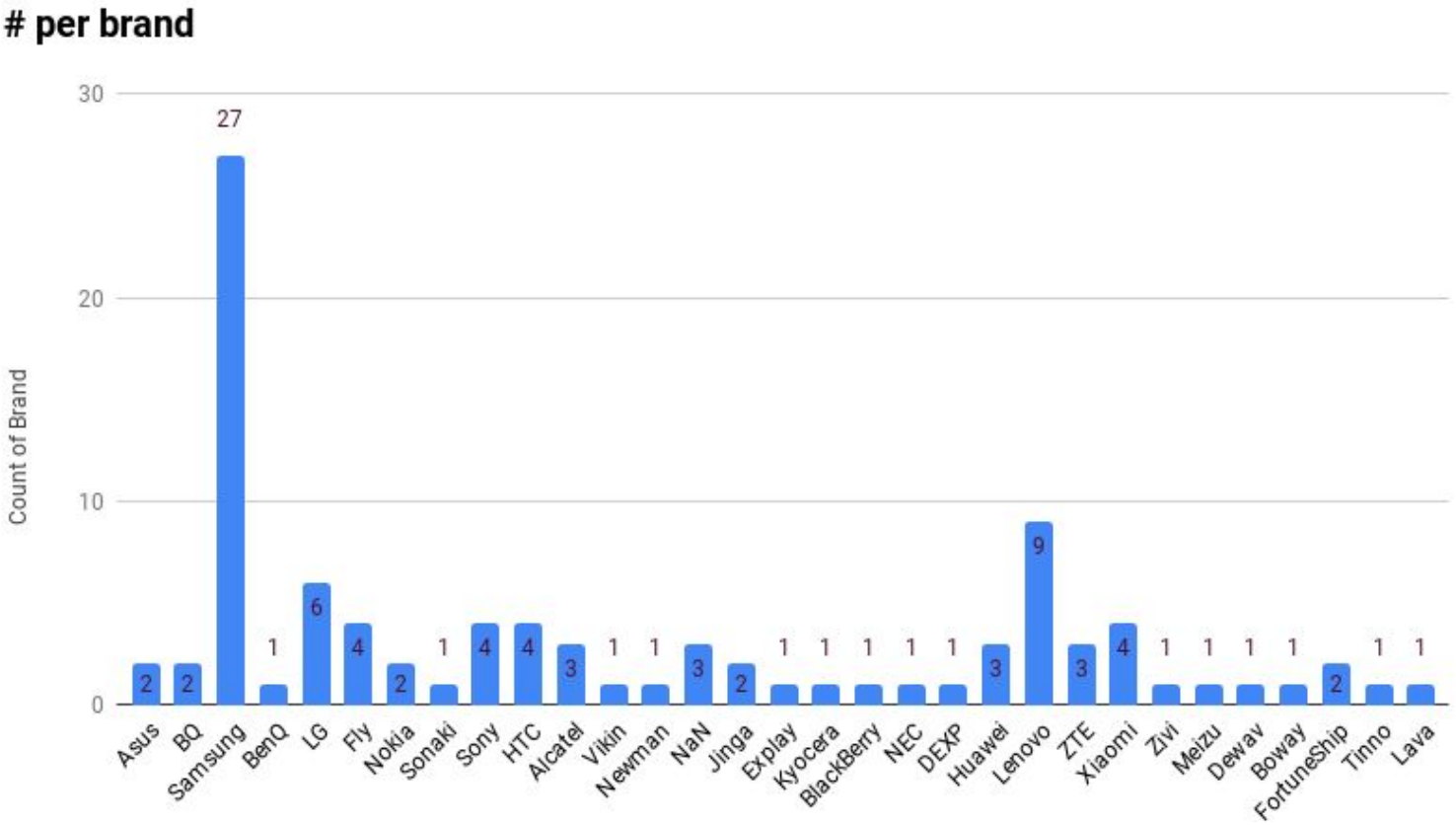


Geost Victims and SMS

- ~800,000 victims. ~65,000 per CC.
- Per victim, >700 SMS per year

29/07/17 12:19 VISA5880 purchase 324r MAG[redacted]J Balance: 27598.58r
Charges: YM * (RUB 400.00); password: 1[redacted]5. Do not give your password to anyone. Only scammers ask for passwords.
29/07/17 19:14 VISA5880 purchase 400r YM * Balance: 27198.58r
Your verification code 141
30/07/17 10:40 VISA5880 purchase 469r \ SPORTMASTER \ "SHOP Balance: 26729.58r"
VISA5880 30/07/17 13:56 ATM cash withdrawal 4000r 224228 Balance: 22729.58r
Charges: PSCB * PHONE (RUB 200.00); password: [redacted]. Do not give your password to anyone. Only scammers ask for passwords.
30/07/17 12:58 VISA5880 purchase 200r PSCB.RU Balance: 22529.58r
VISA5880 30/07/17 12:58 canceling purchases 200r Balance: 22729.58r
Charges: PSCB * PHONE (RUB 200.00); password: [redacted]. Do not give your password to anyone. Only scammers ask for passwords.
30/07/17 13:06 VISA5880 purchase 200r PSCB.RU Balance: 22529.58r
VISA5880 07/30/17 13:06 canceling purchases 200r Balance: 22729.58r
Night Sale! Additional 12% NIGHT3007 code. Term to 10:00 on 30 July. A discount of not more than 5000 rubles. https: \ / \ / goo.gl \ / E

Victims Phones in 1 page only



Breakthrough

From some “information” about Geost, Veronica Valeros “found” a file in a public webpage that was a Skype chat log

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Geost Leads to a New Discovery

Chat Log

6,250 lines

11 month long

28 people involved

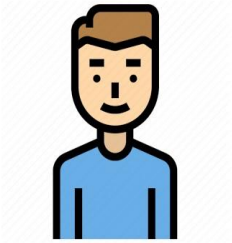
Lost in Translation

- When Google translate is not enough
- English words written in Cyrillic
- Misspelling and slang words

Brain Teaser

“belka” (“белка” in Cyrillic) stands for …?

Comrades



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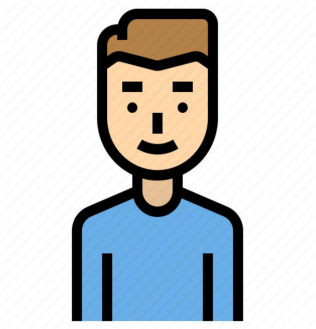

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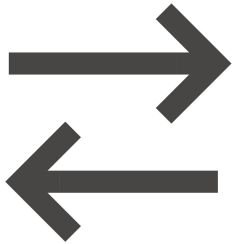
Paying to Mirrexx777

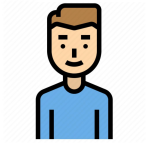
Knows people with money

Exchange money

Online Payment System



Business model



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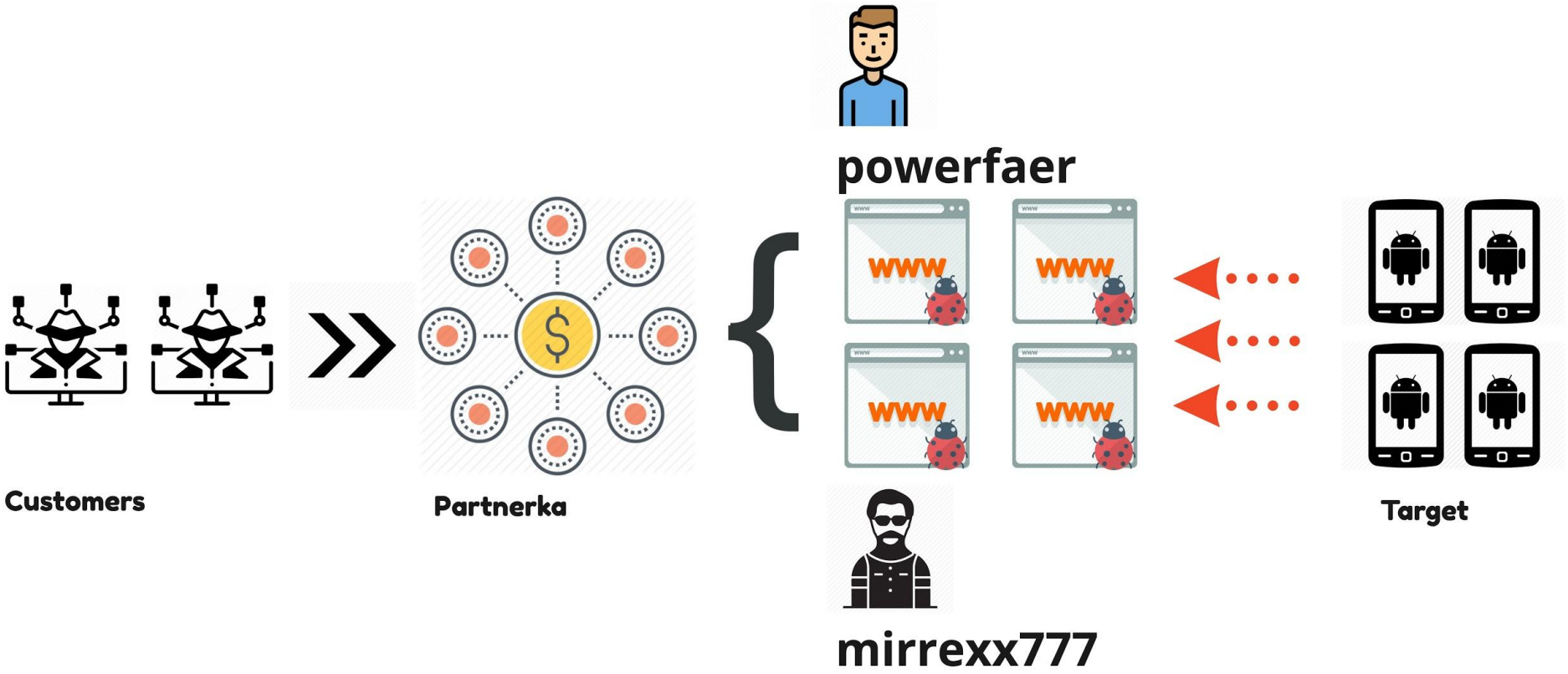
Partnerka



How Much Money?

Price per **1 installation** is 20 rubles (**7 CZK / 0.3 USD**)

Price per **250 installations** 5,000 rubles* (**1,788 CZK / 77 USD**)

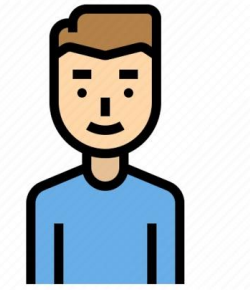
Price per **1,000 installations** 20,000 rubles* (**7,152 CZK / 310 USD**)

*** Minus fees**

**** Check your local black market contracts for more information**

Installations in Geost

694dea5.apk



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Relation to Geost

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Get your Money! Stats Page is Ready in Geost

http://fif33tG2dsutj.ru/stats.php?sid=boX9SzoQzU6CDpc

Conclusions?

- We are fx@#d
- Don’t use Android
- Don’t use the Internet
- Don’t

Real Conclusions

- OpSec is important. Cumbersome but important.
- Geost is large, but not *that* large. On purpose.
- Anecdotal evidence is still evidence. A glimpse on their daily life.
- The life of an attacker is…, well boring.
- Ongoing, so keep tuned for updates. (WACCO, VB, Defcon?, Blackhat?)

Questions?

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