# Defense through Collaboration

The Use of Free Software in Preventing Proprietary Software Based Virus Attacks

#### Free Software > Open Source Software > Proprietary Software

Free Software

- The freedom to run the program as you wish, for any purpose.
- The freedom to redistribute copies so you can help your neighbor.
- The freedom to study how the program works, and change it so it does your computing as you wish.
- The freedom to distribute copies of your modified versions to others.

### **Open Source Software:**

Allows the source code, blueprint or design to be viewed.

Allows the source code to be used, modified and/or shared under <u>defined terms and</u> <u>conditions</u>.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Open-source\_license

### • Proprietary Software:

Publisher carries intellectual property rights, such as copyright and patent rights.

Source code is not available to the public.

AUUG, Inc. (March 2003). "Chapter 1. Definitions" AUUGN. AUUG, Inc. p. 51. Retrieved 29 June 2017.

uu\$:.\$:.\$:.\$::\$::\$uu uu\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$ u\$ u\$ u\$ u\$ \*\$\$\$\$\* u\$\$\$\$\$\$\* \*\$\$\$\$\$\$\$u \$\$\$\$\* \*\$\$\$\$\$\* u\$u \$\$\$u u\$\$\$ u\$u \$\$\$u **u\$\$\$** u\$\$\$u \*\$\$\$\$\$uu\$\$\$ \$\$\$uu\$\$\$\$\* +\$\$\$\$\$\$\$ \*\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\* u\$\$\$\$\$\$\$u\$\$\$\$\$\$ u\$\*\$\*\$\*\$\*\$\*\$\*\$u \$\$u\$ \$ \$ \$ \$u\$\$ ասա ասա \$\$\$\$\$u\$u\$u\$\$\$ u\$\$\$\$ u\$\$\$\$ \$\$\$\$\$uu \*\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$ uu\$\$\$\$\$\$ u\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$ uuuu\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$ \*\*\*\*\* \$\$\$\$<del>\*\*\*</del>\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$ uu\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\*\*\*\$\$\$ \*\*\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$uu \*\*\$\*\*\* ..... uuuu \*\*\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$uuu u\$\$\$uuu\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$uu \*\*\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$uuu\$\$\$ \*\*\*\*\* \*\*\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$ \*\$\$\$\$\$\* \*\*\$\$\$\$\*\* \$\$\$\* \$\$\$\$\* PRESS ANY KEY!

If you see this text, then your files are no longer accessible, because they have been encrypted. Perhaps you are busy looking for a way to recover your files, but don't waste your time. Nobody can recover your files without our decryption service.

We guarantee that you can recover all your files safely and easily. All you need to do is submit the payment and purchase the decryption key.

Please follow the instructions:

1. Send \$300 worth of Bitcoin to following address:

1Mz7153HMuxXTuR2R1t78mGSdzaAtNbBWX

 Send your Bitcoin wallet ID and personal installation key to e-mail wowsmith123456@posteo.net. Your personal installation key:

Ap5JVb-qhTAHy-HyeyS2-wqeQEK-YtHQeK-w7NUmZ-11RBUq-fuu4Wa-zpv8dS-zeQNGS

If you already purchased your key, please enter it below. Reu:



## ETERNALBLUE



NotPetya Infections by Country



Source: https://www.bankinfosecurity.com/ukraine-power-supplier-hit-by-wannacry-lookalike-a-10071

## Why is this important?

## Cyber Warfare is Unlike Any Other Warfare Humanity Has Seen

- A wider cast of players.
- Attackers are not always obvious.
- Attacks aren't always noticeable.
- The attacks are faster.

# Cyber Attacks are Crossing Into the Real World





MAIN ENTRANCE Patient Registration Visitor Entrance

MALWARE ATTACK SHUTS DOWN COMPUTER NETWORK AT HANCOCK REGIONAL HOSPITAL





## The Frequency of Cyber Attacks Are Increasing



Source: Time Series Forecasting of Cyber Attack Intensity

## What do we do?

- It is important to build infrastructure that is resilient to cyberwarfare.
- As developers, we must build our systems with free software.
- For everyone else, we must use free software.

#### Free Software > Open Source Software > Proprietary Software



## Free Software ≠ Open Source Software

- The freedom to run the program as you wish, for any purpose
- The freedom to redistribute copies so you can help your neighbor.
- The freedom to study how the program works, and change it so it does your computing as you wish.
- The freedom to distribute copies of your modified versions to others.



Don't Panic

Chester County InterLink

्रा के रहे हो की की की का

A 'hurcher'

is different from

H 'eracker



"Given enough eyeballs, all bugs are shallow"

## Types of Attacks That Don't Need Source Code

- Binary Analysis.
- Dynamic Attacks.
- Code Injection.

## Open Source Hardening Project



# Project ZERO



#### MalwareMustDie

## Monoculture Effect



#### Phytophthora infestans



## ETERNALBLUE





https://www.statista.com/statistics/218089/global-market-share-of-windows-7/#0



#### Which Linux based OS should I go for?



This infographic relies on current trends and personal experience of the author. | Created by Ahmed Noor at Anixel Studio, 2016

## Vulnerability Patching



rails / ra	ils			0	Watch <del>•</del>	2,616	\star Star	38,945	¥ Fork	15,762
<> Code	() Issues 352	1*) Pull requests (713)	Projects 0	Insights						
		👋 Wi	ant to submit	an issue to rail	s/rails?				D	ismiss
		ir you nave a bug or an iu	ea, read the con	tributing guideline	s before	opening	an issue.			
Filters +	$\bigcirc$ is:issue is:open	1	Labels	Milestones					Ne	w issue
() 352 Op	<b>ben ✓</b> 10,835 Clos	sed	Aut	hor - Labels -	Proje	ects <del>*</del>	Milestones	s ≠ As	signee <del>-</del>	Sort +
① Canr #3224	not copy/paste n 15 opened 4 hours ago	naster.key from passw by NetBzz	vord manager							
Activ #3223	vestorage: S3 pr 6 opened 16 hours ag	resigned url get expire	d before acce	ess.						₽1
(1) Rails #3221	<b>logger.reopen</b> 1 opened 5 days ago b	does not work becaus	e the <mark>@logd</mark> e	v does not kno	w it's @	filenam	е			5
① Make #3220	e ActiveStorage 8 opened 5 days ago	work for API only app by hector	s activestorage							



## ETERNALBLUE





Source: NetMarketShare

Source: Vulnerabilities and Patches of Open Source Software: An Empirical Study Kemal Altinkemer, Jackie Rees, and Sanjay Sridhar Purdue University

#### Vulnerability Patching Time by Severity



- By opening up the source code, vulnerabilities are easier to find. And overall, this makes the code more secure.
- The monocultural effect of proprietary software provides less defense against widespread virus attacks.
- And free software vendors, on average, outperform patching time than proprietary software. Additionally, they have only technical merits dictating whether a vulnerability gets patched.





Low Vulnerability		Medium Vulnerability		High Vulnerab	ility	Sum		
OpenOffice	MS Office	OpenOffice	MS Office	OpenOffice	MS Office	OpenOffice	MS Office	
2	3	6	50	8	55	16	108	

Source: Open Source VS Closed Source Software: Towards Measuring Security Guido Schryen, Rouven Kadura International Computer Science Institute, Berkeley, CA RWTH Aachen University, Aachen, Germany







	Debian	OpenBSD	Solaris
Security Features Score	6.42	7.09	5.92
Vulnerabilities Score	7.72	4.19	7.74
Final Score	-1.0	10.2	-3.5

Source: On The Security of Open Source Software Christian Payne Murdoch University

## Free Software Is Not the End All Be All!

- High development standards must be used.
- Vulnerabilities will be found in free and proprietary software.
- Source code of critical systems must be audited by individuals with the necessary credentials.



## Building Resiliency







## A World Without Cyberwarfare





The Geneva Protocol



## Going forward

- We must advocate for free software in our workplaces and institutions.
- Developers must hold ourselves to high standards of code quality and security.
- Developers should use free software when building applications.
- We must advocate for comprehensive treaties on Cyberwarfare.

## Questions?