#### (C//REL) Internet Anonymity 2011

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#### (C//REL) What is Internet Anonymity?

- (U) Many Possible Meanings/Interpretations
  - (S//REL) Simply Not Using Real Name for Email
    - (S//REL) Private Forum with Unadvertised Existence
      - (S//REL) Unlocatable Endpoint on Internet
- (S//REL) This Talk Concerns Endpoint Location
  - (S//REL) The Network Address (IP Address) is Crucial
  - (S//REL) It is Not Always Sufficient, However
    - (S//REL) Dynamic IP Address
    - (S//REL) Mobile Device

#### (C//REL) What is Internet Anonymity?

- (S//REL) Anonymity Is Not Simply Encryption
  - (S//REL) Encryption Can Simply Hide Content
  - (S//REL) Anonymity Masks the MetaData and hence association with user
  - (S//SI//REL) Importance of MetaData to SIGINT post-2001 can not be overstated
    - (S//REL) There is also anonymity specifically for publishing information
      - (S//REL) Beyond the Scope of this Talk!
- (U) Anonymity is the antithesis of most business transactions (but encryption may be crucial)
  - (U) Authentication for monetary exchange
  - (U) Marketing wants to know customer well
  - (U) The same goes for Taxing Authorities :-)

#### (C//REL) Who Wants Internet Anonymity?

- (U) All Technology is Dual-Use
  - (U) Nuclear Weapon to Plug Oil Well
    - (U) Homicide by Hammer
- (U) Internet Anonymity for Good
  - (U) Anonymous Surveys (Ex: Diseases)
  - (U) Human Rights Bloggers
  - (U) HUMINT Sources

#### (C//REL) Who Wants Internet Anonymity?

- (U) Internet Anonymity for Bad (Semi to Really)
  - (U) Copyright Violators (File Sharing)
  - (U) Internet Scam Artists
    - (U) Pedophiles
    - (C//REL) Foreign Intelligence Agents
  - (S//REL) Terrorist Actors (Our Concern)
- (U) Both Cases Use Internet Anonymity Technology (IAT)

#### (S//REL) Internet Censorship: A "Dual"

- (U) Different Scenario
  - (U//FOUO) User IP Address known
    - (U//FOUO) User Blocked from accessing certain site IP Addresses
    - (U//FOUO) Users get around it with Circumvention Technology – Mostly the same as Internet Anonymity Technology (IAT)

- (S//REL) Single Hop Proxies
  - (S//REL) Web Site Proxies
  - (S//REL) HTTP/SOCKS Proxies
    - (S//REL) Browser Configured to Access
    - (S//REL) Proxy Aggregator Sites for Both
      - (S//REL) May support SSL/TLS
        - (S//REL) HTTP Sites: Only User ↔ Proxy
        - (S//REL) SSL Sites (HTTPS)
          - (S//REL) Transparent (Just Pass the Bits)
          - (S//REL) Man-in-the-Middle (MITM)

#### (C//REL) Types Of IAT: HTTP Proxies/Aggregators

- (S//REL) Web-Site Proxy Aggregator sites
  - (S//REL) May list thousands of proxies
    - (S//REL) Taxonomy may be country where hosted
    - (S//REL) Taxonomy may be ego/business related
    - (S//REL) Taxonomy may be proxy software related
    - (S//REL) Taxonomy may be provider related
  - (S//REL) Proxy Information IS Temporal
    - (S//REL) Requires active confirmation
    - (S//REL) Requires revisits

#### (C//REL) Types Of IAT: HTTP Proxies/Aggregators

- (S//REL) Web Proxy Sites (and Aggregator sites) Info We Want
  - (S//REL) Domain Name (obvious :-) )
  - (S//REL) Associated IP address(es)
    - (S//REL) Can get live (nslookup, host, dig, etc)
    - (S//REL) Can maybe get internally (Foxtrail, NKB, etc.)
  - (S//REL) "Exit" IP address (where does user appear?)
    - (S//REL) Obtaining manually easy (http://checkip.dyndns.org)
    - (S//REL) How to Automate?
      - (S//REL) *Proxy Discoverer* (Originally S31323)
  - (S//REL) Other miscellaneous (cookie modification, SSL support, etc.)

#### (C//REL) Types Of IAT: HTTP Proxies/Aggregators

- (S//REL) Web Proxy Aggregator sites Analysis
  - (S//REL) Proxy Discoverer
    - (S//REL) Scrapes Aggregator (ie www.proxy.org)
    - (S//REL) For each proxy, GET www.checkin
      - (S//REL) Iterate over software, variations
      - (S//REL) Glype, PHProxy, CGIProxy, ASP.NET, cURLProxy, Surrogafier, Zelune
      - (S//REL) Try multiple times
      - (S//REL) Aggregator may give software hints
      - (S//REL) Failure may indicate site down, or proxy SW modification
  - (S//REL) Results from Proxy Discoverer must bridge low->high
  - (S//REL) Operationalized by NAC/RONIN with NTOC support (project PONTENTPOTABLES)
    - (S//REL) See SDC2011:

- (S//REL) VPN Anonymity Providers
  - (S//REL) Provider may offer multiple servers
    - (S//REL) Different Sovereign Nations
    - (S//REL) Different Bandwidths
    - (S//REL) Most fee based: Can vary on time/number of servers
    - (S//REL) May offer multiple VPN protocols
      - (S//REL) PPTP (No client software)
      - (S//REL) SSH
      - (S//REL) OpenVPN
      - (S//REL) L2TP/IPSEC
      - (S//REL) SSTP
    - (S//REL) Communications User ↔ Server Encrypted

#### (S//REL) VPN Anonymity Providers

- (S//REL) Plethora of providers (I found about 200)
  - (S//REL) 12VPN, Ace VPN, Air VPN, AlwaysVPN, Ananoos, AnoCentral, Anonine, Anonyproz, AnonymityNetwork, Anonymizer, Anti-Hadopi, Arethusa, ArtofPing, Astrill, BananaVPN, BeeVPN, BlackLogic, BlackVPN, BolchVPN, BuyProxyService, Change-Mon-IP, Cienen, ClearVPN, ConnectInPrivate, ConnectionVPN, CrackIP, Cryptline, Cryptocloud, CyberGhostVPN, DarknetVPN, DrakkerVPN, DoubleVPN, ExpressVPN, Eztun, FBVPN, FlashVPN, FQVPN, Freedur, FreeVPN, GateVPN, GoldenFrogVyprVPN, GoTrusted, HappyVPN, HideIPVPN, HideMyAss, Hideway, High-Speed-VPN, HostSpotVPN, HotspotShield, IAPSSecurityStore, ibVPN, IdealVPN, InvisibleBrowsing, iOpusiPig, IPJET, Ipredator, ItsHidden, Ivacy, IVPN, Ksecure, KeyVPN, Kryptnet, LamniaVPN, LeVPN, LibertyVPN, LifeVPN, Linkideo, Loki, MadVPN, MetroPipe, MicroVPN, MonkeyVPN, Mullvad, MyOpenGateway, MyVPN, Overplay, oVPN, PacketIX, PC-Streaming, PerfectPrivacy, Privacy.io, Privacy.li, PrivacyTunnel, PrivateInternetAccess, PrivateVPN, PROtunnel, PublicVPN, PureVPN, Relakks, RemoteVPN, RoadWarriorVPN, RootPanama, RoxNetworks, SaferSurf, SecretsLine, SecureNetics, SecureSwiss, SecureTunnel, SecureVPN, SlickyProxy, SmallVPN, SofanetSofaLINK, SteganosInternetAnonymVPN, StrongVPN, SuperVPN, SurfBouncer, SurfoNym, SurfRescue, SwissPVN, SwitchVPN, TheSafety, Tiggerswelt, tonVPN, Trackbuster, trilightzone, TorrentFreedeom, Tunnelr, TUVPN, UkiVPN, UltraVPN, UnblockVPN, USAIP, VIPAccounts, VIPVPN, VPN4ALL, VPNDeutschland, VPNDog, VPNGates, VPNMaster, VPNonline.ru, VPNPrivacy, VPNProNet, VPNSeek, VPNSteel, VPNSwiss, VPNtraffic, VPNTunnel, vpntunnel.se, VPNSecure, VPNod, VPNout, VPNWorld, VyprVPN, Witopia, WorldVPN, WOWVPN, XeroBank, xtra-vpn, YourFreedom, YourPrivateVPN

- (S//REL) VPN Anonymity Providers
  - (S//REL) Range of Sovereign Nations/Localities in this set huge!
    - (S//REL) Multiple Cities in more popular countries
    - (S//REL) Most fee based: Can vary on time/number of servers
      - (S//REL) Most notable exception: Hotspot Shield (Provider AnchorFree)
        - (S//REL) Advertising supported
        - (S//REL) Multiple OSINT reports of "most popular"
      - (S//REL) About a half dozen others claim they are free
    - (S//REL) Package deals (Europe, any 3 servers, etc.) sometimes available
    - (S//REL) Poster child for location selection: IAPS (www.intl-alliance.com)
      - (S//REL) AE, AG, AI, AM, AN, AQ, AT, AU, AW, BB, BD, BG, BM, BR, BS, BZ, CA, CH, CL, CN, CO, CR, CU, CY, DK, DO, EE, EG, FJ, GB, GD, GI, GL, GR, GT, HK, HU, ID, IE, IL, IN, IR, IS, JM, JO, JP, KN, KP, KR, KW, KY, LC, LI, LU, MA, MC, MH, MK, MN, MT, MX, MY, NI, NO, NP, NZ, OM, PA, PE, PF, PG, PH, PK, PR, PS, PY, QA, RO, RU, SA, SB, SC, SE, SG, SI, SK, SN, TC, TH, TR, TV, TW, UA, US, UZ, VA, VE, VG, VI, VU, ZA,

- (S//REL) VPN Anonymity Providers
  - (S//REL) Search of SIGINT Forensics Lab Holdings for OpenVPN
    - (S//REL) Using SNAPE Portal
      - (S//REL) OpenVPN specifically because a client is required
      - (S//REL) Listing is just name of IAT provider
        - (S//REL) HotSpot Shield
        - (S//REL) Steganos Anonymous VPN
        - (S//REL) Securenetics
        - (S//REL) General references to using OpenVPN products
        - (S//REL) Several references to IP address only: Need more products in RONIN!

- (S//REL) VPN Anonymity Providers
  - (S//REL) What "we" want
    - (S//REL) Server enumeration
      - (S//SI//REL) SIGINT: Obvious target using such a service
        - (S//SI//REL) One hop, so enough coverage means success!
      - (S//SI//REL) Compliance: FAA Is target in US is important!
      - (S//REL) Exploiting User ↔ VPN traffic

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- (S//SI//REL) Very case by case
  - » (S//SI//REL) Coverage (may need 2 sided collection)
  - » (S//SI//REL) Protocol (may or may not have vulnerabilities)
  - » (S//SI//REL) Settings (implementation important)
  - » (TS//SI//REL) "Collateral" NCSC, TAO, FISA, etc.
  - » (S//SI//REL) Request sent to CES if important

- (S//REL) VPN Anonymity Providers
  - (S//REL) Server enumeration
    - (S//SI//REL) Manual work with Covered Internet (Linux/Windows)
      - » (S//SI//REL) Sometimes info derived from documentation
      - » (S//SI//REL) Sometimes need to access service
      - » (S//SI//REL) May be a trial version to get "seed"
      - » (S//SI//REL) Even if paid may only get some servers
      - » (S//SI//REL) Some providers give you the works, YMMV
      - » (S//SI//REL) Try to minimize work!
      - » (S//SI//REL) Try to extend seed(S//REL)
      - » (S//SI//REL) DNS "Pattern", ex. vpn01.hidegood.net
      - » (S//SI//REL) Use scripting/free Linux tools to exhaust space (try nslookup on vpn01.hidegood.net, vpn02.hidegood.net, etc.)
      - » (S//SI//REL) Open source DNS enumeration scripts (brief look)
      - » (S//REL) Where do results go? (Again, See NAC/RONIN talk)

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- (S//REL) VPN Anonymity Providers
  - (S//REL) Server enumeration
    - (S//SI//REL) Use the XKEYSCORE, Luke AKA Fun with X.509
      - (S//SI//REL) Prompted by Hotspot Shield (HSS), the free service for which server lists are NOT readily available (Software Reverse Engineering required)
      - (S//SI//REL) OpenVPN, as well as SSL/SSTP, send a server x.509 certificate to client as part of setup
      - (S//SI//REL) XKEYSCORE sees a LOT of traffic worldwide
      - (S//SI//REL) XKEYSCORE fingerprints aren't too hard
        - » (S//SI//REL) Need unique string, usually CN and/or DN
        - » (S//SI//REL) Check for valid X.509 certificate
      - (S//SI//REL) Query safe: Traffic encrypted (still do 1-side defeat)

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      - (S//SI//REL) fingerprint('encryption/hotspot\_shield/x509') = \$pkcs and \$udp and 'metrofreefivpn';
      - (S//SI//REL) fingerprint('encryption/easy\_hide\_ip/x509') = \$tcp and from\_port(8881') and ('\x06\x09\x2a\x86\x48\x86\xf7\x0d\x01\x01\x01'c ) /\*RSA\*/ and'\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_;
        - (S//SI//REL) fingerprint('encryption/comodo\_trustconnect/x509') =
          \$tcp and from\_port(443) and
          ('\x06\x09\x2a\x86\x48\x86\xf7\x0d\x01\x01\x01'c') /\*RSA\*/.and
          'ComodoVPNS-';

- (S//REL) Proprietary Multi-Hop Networks (Usually Circumventor Motivated)
  - (S//REL) Freegate
  - (S//REL) Ultrasurf
  - (S//REL) Gpass
    - (S//REL) Garden
    - (S//REL) Haystack (by Austin Heap ruled bogus by community)
- (S//REL) Movement to Secure US Government Support to Providers (Congress)
  - (S//REL) US Dept of State
  - (S//REL) Broadcasting Board of Governors (Independent USG Agency)
    - (S//REL) Has instructions for "Getting around Internet Blockage" on Radio Free Asia (RFA) and VOA Persian news sites

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- (S//REL) Anonymous Remailers (Multi-Hop)
  - (S//REL) Most Secure
    - (S//REL) Main examples: Mixmaster and Mixminion
    - (S//REL) Extremely High Latency (Random Delays)
      - (S//REL) Only useful for email, other store and forward communications
      - (S//REL) Not much use
      - (S//REL) NOTE 1: Usability and Anonymity are Foes!

(S//REL) Miscellaneous IAT Technologies (Single Hop)

- (S//REL) PSIPHON
  - (S//REL) Discussed in Censorship Circumvention Circles
  - (S//REL) Technology for known associate to setup in appropriate place
  - (S//REL) Access via knowing obscure URL and Username/Password w/HTTPS
  - (S//REL) Miscellaneous Multi-Selectors
    - (S//REL) Some are just "HTTP and/or Socks Proxy Aggregators"
      - (S//REL) EasyHidelP.com
      - (S//REL) Real-Hide-IP.com
        - (S//REL) Found researching this presentation!
        - (S//REL) Both of these yield list with HTTP GET!
      - (S//REL) Postprocessing: Shell/PERL/etc. script to extract another to check w/Covered Internet (simple proxy option to *wget*)
      - (S//REL) NAC/RONIN will track these

(S//REL) Miscellaneous IAT Technologies (Single Hop)

- (S//REL) Miscellaneous Multi-Selectors
  - (S//REL) Proprietary Proxy Provider/Chooser
    - (S//REL) Paid product, Client Software
    - (S//REL) Usually involves obfuscation and/or encryption
    - (S//REL) GHOSTSURF
      - » (S//REL) First analyzed 2006 uses obfuscaton
      - » (S//REL) Server list has changed but all else same
    - (S//REL) Easy-Hide-IP
      - » (S//REL) Analyzed in 2011 uses TLS on port 8881
      - » (S//REL) Over 400 servers in 7 countries
    - (S//REL) Hide-IP
      - » (S//REL) Analyzed in 2006 New product now
      - » (S//REL) Need to re-analyze

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(S//REL) Miscellaneous IAT Technologies (Single Hop)

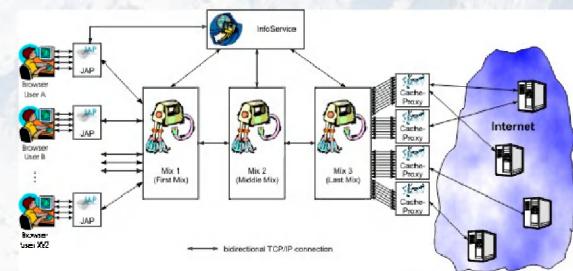
- (S//REL) Bot-Based Proxy Networks
  - (U//FOUO) Kudos to **Sector Content**, NGA, for pointing this out in her Intelink-TS blog, Sphinx1121 (Pointer to *krebsonsecurity.com*)
  - (S//REL) Bot owners drop socks proxies on compromised computers
  - (S//REL) Said proxies are then rented out to "customers" for anonymity
  - (S//REL) OSINT indicates a "product" called XSOX available on underground forums as a C&C for such a network
- (S//REL) General Note for IAT analysts: Details IMPORTANT
  - (S//REL) Proof by example: *EasyHideIp.com* NOT the same as Easy-*Hide-IP.com* (Of course domains are not case sensitive)

- (S//REL) Open Source Multi-Hop Networks
  - (S//REL) Jondo Anonymous Proxy (JAP)
  - (S//REL) Championed by German University (Dresden)
    - (S//REL) (Mostly?) Open source software some Docs in German
      - (S//REL) Uses a technology known as Cascades
        - (S//REL) Each cascade is set of 2 or 3 Mixes
        - (S//REL) All internal traffic encrypted
        - (S//REL) Free service AN.ON: 5 Cascades
        - (S//REL) Premium service JonDoNym: 10 Cascades
          - (S//REL) Countries: BG, CA, CH, CZ, DE, DK, FR, GB, IT, LU, US,
          - (S//REL) Less than 50 mixes total

- (S//REL) Open Source Multi-Hop Networks
  - (S//REL) Jondo Anonymous Proxy (JAP)
  - (S//REL) Comparison with Tor
    - (S//REL) Not nearly as well studied
    - (S//REL) Much smaller contained development community
    - (S//REL) More centralized structure (all mixes centrally approved)
    - (S//REL) Not as diverse geographically or scalable
    - (S//REL) Not as well used or publicized
    - (S//REL) Not analyzed in great detail here at NSA (or FVEY?)
    - (TS//SI//REL) Much better chance for Global Adversary (SIGINT :-) )
      - (TS//SI//REL) Sessionization of DNI still would be a problem

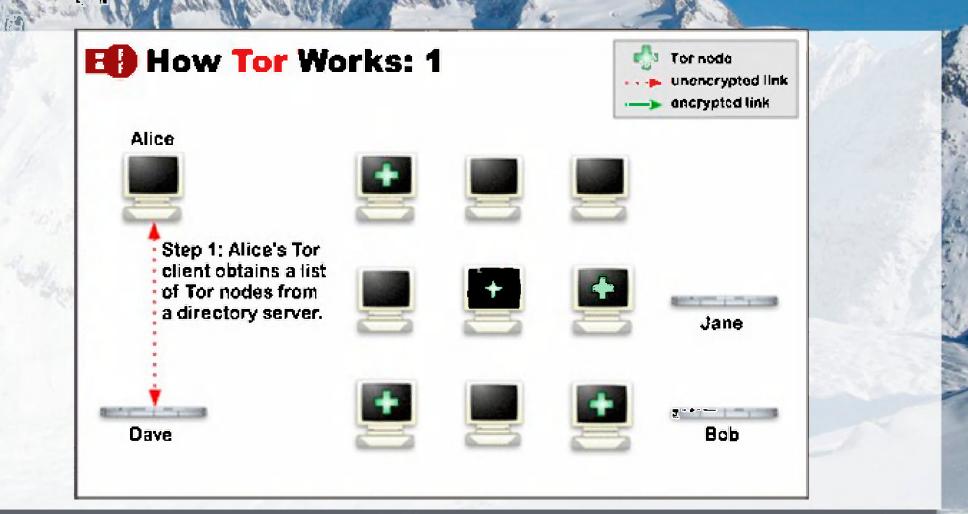
(S//REL) Open Source Multi-Hop Networks

(S//REL') JonDo 'Anonymous Proxy (JAP)



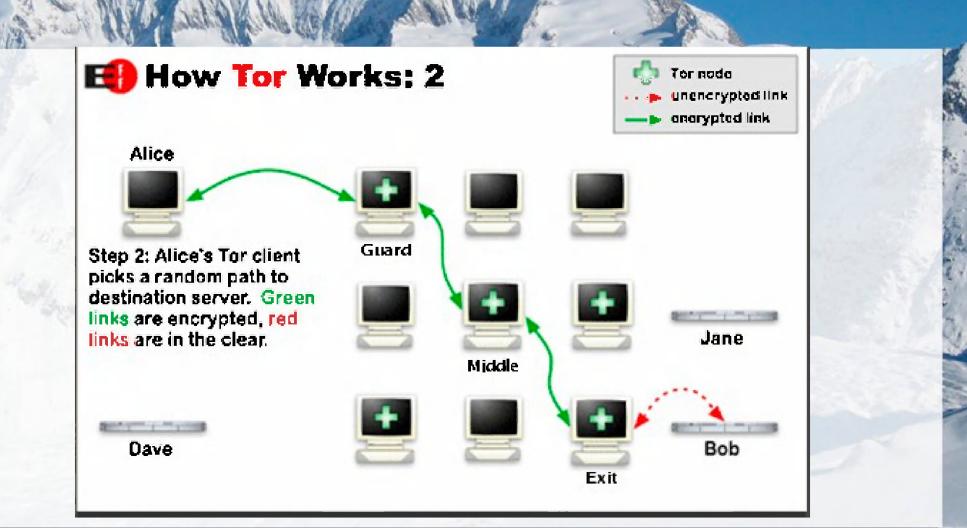
- (S//REL) Open Source Multi-Hop Networks
  - (S//REL) Tor
  - (S//REL) Very widely used worldwide
    - (S//REL) Open Source
      - (S//REL) Active Development
      - (S//REL) Mitigates Threats
      - (S//REL) Very Secure
  - (S//REL) Low enough latency for most TCP uses
  - (S//REL) Still the King of high secure, low latency Internet Anonymity
    - (S//REL) There are no contenders for the throne in waiting

#### (S//REL) Tor Operation (1)



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#### (S//REL) Tor Operation (2)



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#### (S//REL) Mom: Where Do *Tor* Relays Come From?

- (S//REL) Recall there is (well actually more than 1) Tor Directory server?
  - (S//REL) This is the pool
  - (S//REL) Choices made in terms of advertised capabilities:
    - (S//REL) Bandwidth
    - (S//REL) Uptime
    - (S//REL) Supported Protocols
    - (S//REL) Tor client has total final say

#### (S//REL) Mom: Where Do Tor Relays Come From?

- (S//REL) Pool is still currently about 1500
  - (S//REL) Many countries represented
    - (S//REL) Most in DE
    - (S//REL) Second most in US
  - (S//REL) Anyone can set one up and register it
  - (S//REL) Exit nodes are scary (Kiddie Porn)
- (S//REL) How about a private pool? (heh-heh)
  - (S//REL) Note 2: Private Resources and Anonymity are foes!

#### (S//REL) Bridges: Special Tor Relays

- (S//REL) Having the set of relays public makes it easy for government censors
  - (S//REL) Just block access to all relays from that country
- (S//REL) Tor Project staffed with smart people!
  - (S//REL) Introduce new concept: Bridge Nodes
    - (S//REL) Unadvertised Entry Nodes distributed "out-of-band"
    - (S//REL) Project will hand out three at a time (weekly)
      - (S//REL) Email or surf bridges.torproject.org
  - (S//SI//REL) SIGINT: Use Tor Against Itself! (Bridge requests from exit nodes)
  - (S//REL) Circa April 2011: Tor Project claims around 600 Bridges

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#### (S//SI//REL) Tor and NSA Targets

- (TS//SI//REL) Sophisticated CT Targets use TOR to access Terrorist Web Forums
  - (TS//SI//REL) Web Forums: *al-Faloja*, CEMF, al-Hisbah, shumukh, TRSC
  - (TS//SI//REL) Persona: DLW, Song of Terror, Time of Terror
- (TS//SI//REL) Visible exit traffic allows for "All except the Client IP" SIGDEV
- (TS//SI//REL) Solving (attempting to solve :-() this IP address problem was the work of NSA PARTNERSNIPPET team
- (S//SI//REL) Also 80+ CT email selectors who have used Tor

#### (S//SI//REL) Passive Traffic Analysis

- (S//SI//REL) For Normal SIGINT flow, need to identify *Tor* traffic!
  - (S//SI//REL) Only outer TLS layer visible  $\rightarrow$  How to Distinguish?
  - (S//SI//REL) Tor developers attempt to remain anonymous by blending in with myriad other TLS traffic
  - (S//SI//REL) Tor TLS has changed over the years
  - − (S//SI//REL) There ARE some server  $\rightarrow$  client features which are recognizable *NOW*

# (S//SI//REL) Passive Traffic Analysis (2)

- (S//SI//REL) Tor TLS (server  $\rightarrow$  client) startup features
  - (S//SI//REL) Certificate: Specific Diffie-Hellman (DH) Modulus (just string match)
    - (S//SI//REL) Certificate: Issuer and Subject random names of same form – ex: CN=www.ofzgkdjxvjrss.net (regex match)
  - (S//SI//REL) Certificate: Always 2-hour lifetime (ASN.1 format  $\rightarrow$  more intensive computation)
- (S//SI//REL) Several XKS fingerprints and a plugin implemented

#### (S//REL) Tor Project Recent Activity

- (S//REL) Driven by Censorship Circumvention, Hide Signature
  - (S//REL) New bridge nodes blocked in China
  - (S//REL) Researching better bridge distribution strategies
    - (S//REL) Claim by *Tor Project* is 8000 requests/day for <1000 total
    - (S//REL) Around Feb 2011, changed the TLS handshake
      - (S//REL) Signature more like Apache web-server
        - (S//REL) Different DH Modulus
        - (SI/SI//REL) New XKS Signatures address this
    - (TS//SI//REL) Proposed eventual change will kill identification!
      - (S//REL) Each Tor node will generate randomish signatures in a volatile way specifically designed to look like normal website TLS traffic!

#### (S//REL) Tor Project Recent Activity

#### (S//REL) Tor on non-traditional platforms

- (S//REL) ORBOT, Tor for Android smartphones
- (S//REL) Tor Router Project
  - (S//REL) Modified Linksys Router everything over Tor

(S//REL) Hide-My-IP-Address

- (S//REL) Proprietary replacement for Tor Browser Bundle
- (S//REL) From "WCCL Network" not part of Tor Project
- (S//SI//REL) Looked at based on reference by CT target
- (S//REL) Tor Project working on better strategies to distribute bridges
- (S//REL) *Tails*: Complete Bootable OS on CD for anonymity
  - (S//REL) Tor is a crucial component

### (S//REL) Tor Hidden Service URLs

(S//REL) Tor Hidden Services (HS) for anonymous publishing

- (S//REL) Not real reliable, but *Tor Project* research continues
- (U//FOUO) I said outside scope, sorry
  - (S//REL) Tor HS accessed via Tor only by
  - (S//REL) There is the tor2web.com site which is a HTTP to Tor proxy
    - (S//REL) Loses some anonymity but easy to use
    - (S//REL) Good tool for Covered Internet research
- (S//REL) Site on WikiInfo to document Tor HS URLs
  - (S//REL) "The Onion Realm" -
  - (U//FOUO) Kudos to CES/CTSO (S314) for populating this

# (S//REL) Public IAT Resources Inside

(U//FOUO) General IAT

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- (S//REL) Tor
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#### (S//REL) References to IAT in SIGINT

#### (S//REL) "Grep" in SIGINT reports for relevant phrases (ex anonymity)

- (S//REL) Most is FVEY (cited here) Majority US, also UK, CAN
- (S//SI//REL) Format is TOPI / Type of Info
  - (TS//SI//REL) CT / Discuss Tor (6 reports)
  - (TS//SI//REL) CT / Use *Tor* or another proxy
  - (TS//SI//REL) CT / Create modified Tor
  - (TS//SI//REL) CT / Mandate use of Tor
  - (TS//SI//REL) CT / Tor for Censorship Circumvention
  - (TS//SI//REL) CT / Use Tor and a VPN (UltraVPN)
  - (TS//SI//REL) CT / Instructions for using *Tor* and other US Proxy
  - (TS//SI//REL) CT / Discuss us of (non-specified but non-US) VPN
  - (TS//SI//REL) CT / Discuss Tor and HTTP Proxies for anonymity
  - (TS//SI//REL) CT / Discuss Tor and RealHidelp (previously unknown IAT)
  - (TS//SI//REL) CT / Discuss use of Kproxy.com (HTTP Proxy)

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  - (TS//SI//REL) CT / Use of (masked US Company) VPN (L2TP protocol) for anonymity
  - (TS//SI//REL) CT / Instructions for use of VPNs for anonymity
  - (TS//SI//REL) CT / Use of VPN (HotSpotShield) and SSH tunnels
  - (TS//SI//REL) CT / Use of *Tor* and an unspecified VPN
  - (TS//SI//REL) CT / Use of Easy-Hide-IP (Socks proxy chooser)
  - (TS//SI//REL) CT / Use of unspecified anonymizing proxy
  - (TS//SI//REL) CT / Instructions on use of Tor and name-masked US program
  - (TS//SI//REL) CT / Use of VPN (Cyberghost)
  - (TS//SI//REL) CT / Use of unspecified HTTP proxy
  - (TS//SI//REL) CT / Questions on whether Tor is compromised
  - (TS//SI//REL) CT / Questions on whether associated compromised by IAT non-use

### (S//REL) References to IAT in SIGINT

#### (S//REL) "Grep" in SIGINT reports for relevant phrases (ex anonymity)

- (S//SI//REL) Format is TOPI / Type of Info
  - (TS//SI//REL) Iran / Use of Freegate and Ultrasurf
  - (TS//SI//REL) India / Use of unknown proxy for anonymity
  - (TS//SI//REL) India / Use of *Tor* to access a webmail account
  - (TS//SI//REL) India / Use of *Tor* for hacking (2 reports)
  - (TS//SI//REL) India / Provision of list of socks proxies to use
  - (TS//SI//REL) Iran / Provision of list of socks proxies to use
  - (TS//SI//REL) India / Use of unknown proxy for anonymity
  - (TS//SI//REL) Cuba / Use of unknown proxy for anonymous research
    - (TS//SI//REL) Turkey / Use of Tor

# (U) Backup Slides

#### (S//REL) From Last years SDC Tor Talk

# (S//REL) Tor (The onion router)

- (S//REL) Development originally NRL funded
- (S//REL) Original developers from Anonymous Remailer Research Community
- (S//REL) Project now a US non-profit (www.torproject.org)
- (S//REL) User to Internet site interaction uses 3 hops through Tor "Relays"
  - (S//REL) Entry
  - (S//REL) Middle
  - (S//REL) Exit

# (S//REL) Tor Security

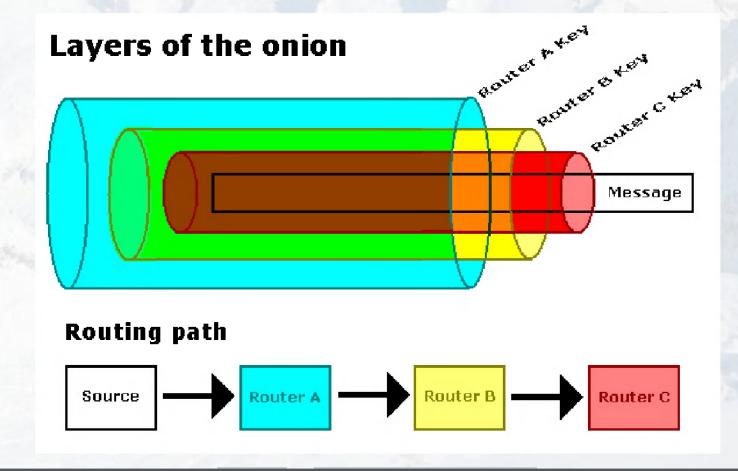
- (S//SI//REL) As you can see from the diagram, everything except for final hop is encrypted.
- (S//SI//REL) The final hop may be also in the case of Bob being an SSL site.
- (S//SI//REL) Two-layer TOR encryption: Pipe between any 2 nodes TLS encrypted (Only thing seen externally).
- (S//SI//REL) Inside the TLS is the Onion Routing (see following diagram):

# (S//REL) Tor Security (2)

- (S//SI//REL) So each node can only decrypt data between its predecessor and itself and only knows about its predecessor and successor.
- (S//SI//REL) The exit node can read the final traffic if it is not SSL.
- (S//SI//REL) The user Tor client is in control of everything
  - (S//SI//REL) Setting up keys for cryptography
  - (S//SI//REL) Choosing the Entry, Middle, and Exit
- (TS//SI//REL) Tor is very good No passive exploitation :-(

## (S//REL) Tor Onion Encryption

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# (S//SI//REL) Passive Traffic Analysis (3)

- (S//REL) NSA Network Analysis Center (NAC) data source GOLDENFORTIN
  - (S//REL) Cisco Netflow Records
    - (U) From IP Address
    - (U) To IP Address
    - (U) Time Up
    - (U) Time Down
    - (U) Number of Bytes
    - (U) Number of Packets
  - (S//REL) Heavy Representation of Tor Relays

# (S//SI//REL) Passive Traffic Analysis (4)

- (S//SI//REL) How to use Tor network data?
  - (S//SI//REL) Attempt to work back from known exit traffic of interest all the way back to client user
    - (S//SI//REL) This is "Circuit Reconstruction"
    - (S//SI//REL) Requires great coverage
    - (S//SI//REL) Geography might be your friend sometimes
    - (S//SI//REL) Attempt to correlate known exit traffic to a small set of putative client traffic
      - (S//SI//REL) Client Geographical Assumption Required
      - (TS//SI//REL) No smoking gun yet :-( Optimism still lives!

# (TS//SI//REL) Active: Traffic Shaping

- (S//SI//REL) This primarily means deny/degrade to date
  - (TS//SI//REL) If target is behind a choke point to Internet
    - (TS//SI//REL) Block all or a major subset of Tor Relays
    - (TS//SI//REL) Block all Tor TLS handshakes
    - (TS//SI//REL) Try to force target to use alternate communications means
- (S//SI//REL) Always the (potential) Exploit vs Attack Tradeoff

## (TS//SI//REL) Active: Implants

- (S//SI//REL) TorButton: A Thorn in the side of SIGINT
  - (S//REL) One of the components of The Tor Browser Bundle – AKA "Tor for Dummies"
  - (S//REL) Firefox browser plugin on/off switch for Tor
  - (S//REL) Locks down browser REAL good (disables all active content things, sandboxes state, etc.)
- (TS//SI//REL) No current bypass methods for CNE Exploits
- (TS//SI//REL) Only hope is implanting web server with poisoned content document intended for target



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