

ccNSO Conficker Panel

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Agenda

- ④ What actions we took
- ④ Impact of these actions
- ④ Effectiveness
- ④ Cost
- ④ Recommendations

Step 1

- ⌚ Prevent registration of Conficker domains
 - ⌚ Did not want to create a blacklist
 - ⌚ Might be legitimate reason to register
 - ⌚ Do not have/want a blacklist
- ⌚ Build a manual referral route
 - ⌚ Previously only automatically processed
 - ⌚ Access to restricted SLDs by registrar
 - ⌚ Added a mechanism for manual intervention

Step 2

- ⌚ Redirect domains to sinkhole
 - ⌚ Previous zones only from registered domains
- ⌚ New zone build process
 - ⌚ Add list of sinkholed domains
 - ⌚ Mechanism to change list if DN registered
 - ⌚ Timing functions - how long sinkholed

Results

- ⦿ Able to get development changes implemented quickly
- ⦿ All domains effectively blocked
- ⦿ Only a handful manually processed
- ⦿ Very well supported by UltraDNS, CWG and ICANN - thanks

Issues for ccTLDs

- ❧ Cost/distraction of development
 - ❧ Not insignificant for us!
- ❧ Cost of manual processing
 - ❧ Luckily not heavily used
- ❧ Cost of outsourced DNS service
 - ❧ Not a lot for us, but ...
 - ❧ For some ccTLDs was a 40% increase
- ❧ And of course - no additional revenue !!

Recommendations

- ☞ We must do this
 - ☞ Force botnet writes away from DNS
 - ☞ Show we are a well-organised community
 - ☞ Too hard a target
- ☞ If not then they will come back, much bigger!

Any questions?

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