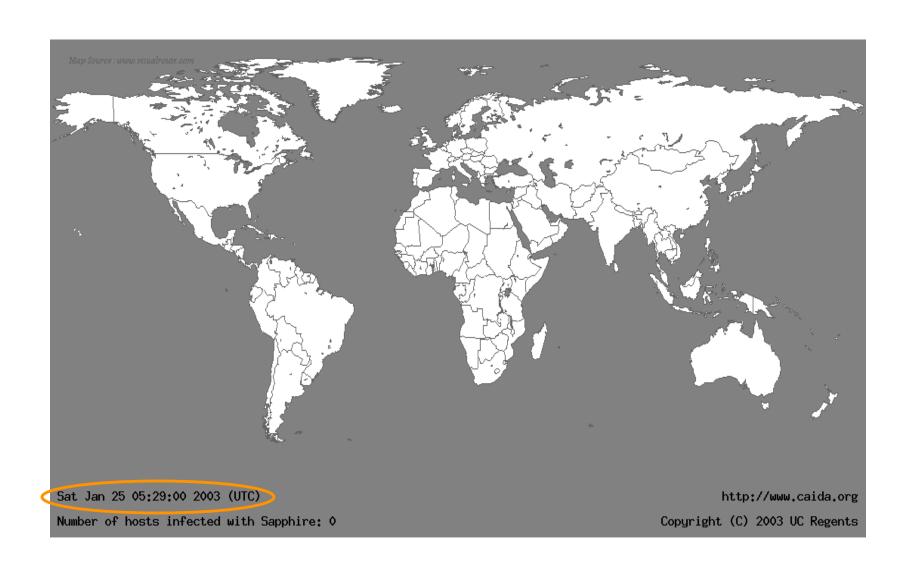
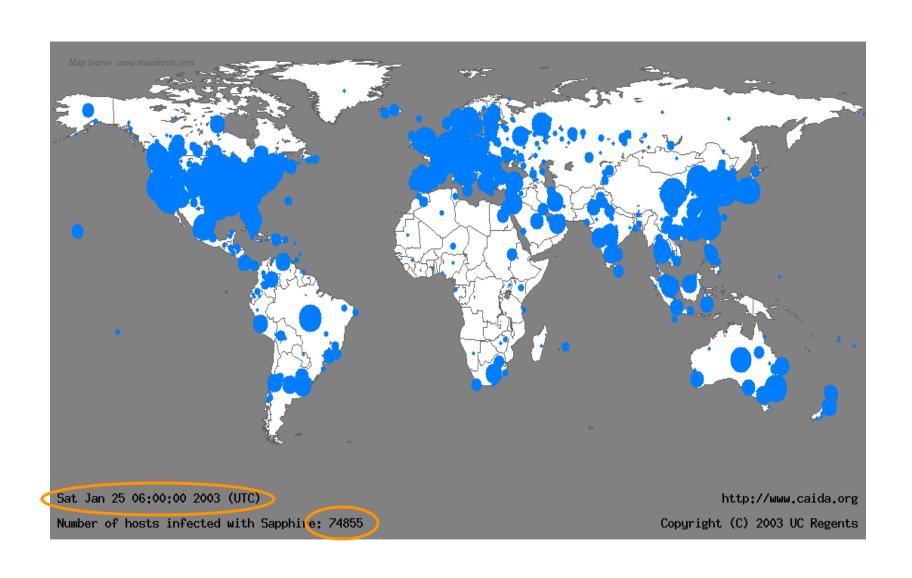


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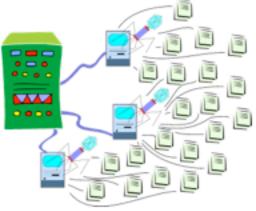
# Storm Worm botnet could be world's most powerful supercomputer

Posted by Ryan Naraine @ 8:41 am

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Nearly nine months after it was first discovered, the Storm Worm Trojan continues to surge, building what experts believe could be the world's most powerful supercomputer.

The Trojan, which uses a myriad of social engineering lures to trick Windows users into downloading malware, has successfully seeded a massive botnet — between one million and 10 million CPUs — producing computing power

to rival the world's top 10 supercomputers



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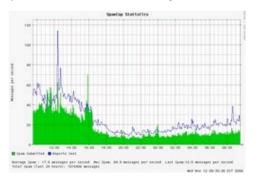
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## Spam Volumes Drop by Two-Thirds After Firm Goes Offline

The volume of junk e-mail sent worldwide plummeted on Tuesday after a Web hosting firm identified by the computer security community as a major host of organizations engaged in spam activity was taken offline. (**Note**: A link to the full story on McColo's demise is available <a href="here">here</a>.)



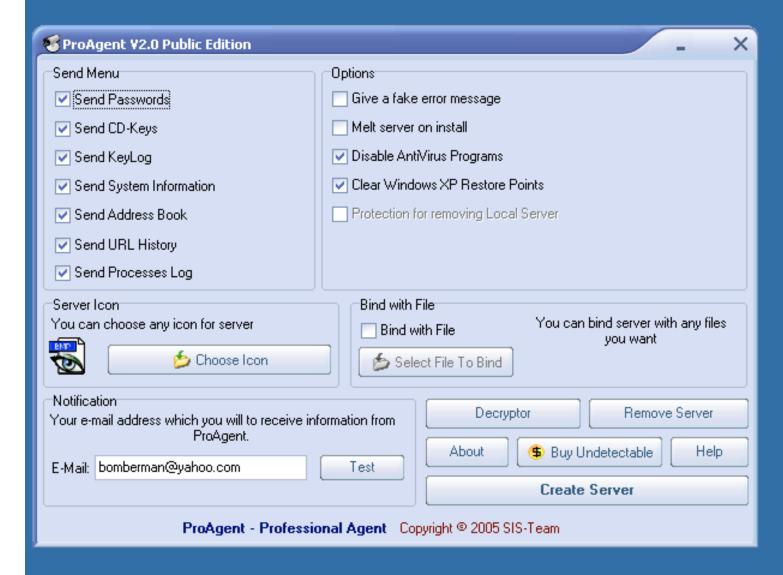
Experts say the precipitous drop-off in spam comes from Internet providers unplugging McColo Corp., a hosting provider in Northern California that was the home base for machines responsible for coordinating the sending of roughly 75 percent of all spam each day.

In an alert sent out Wednesday morning, e-mail security firm IronPort said:

In the afternoon of Tuesday 11/11, IronPort saw a drop of almost 2/3 of overall spam volume, correlating with a drop in IronPort's SenderBase queries. While we investigated what we thought might be a technical problem, a major spam network, McColo Corp., was shutdown, as reported by The Washington Post on Tuesday evening.

Spamcop.net's graphic shows a similar decline, from about 40 spam e-













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DATE MADE PUBLIC	NAME(Location)	TYPE OF BREACH	NUMBER OF RECORDS
2005			
Jan. 10, 2005	George Mason University (Fairfax, VA)	Names, photos, and Social Security numbers of 32,000 students and staff were compromised because of a hacker attack on the university's main ID server.	32,000
Jan. 18,	Univ. of CA, San Diego	A hacker breached the security of two	3,500
Jan. 1, 2010	collective2.com	Users of the do-it-yourself trading site collective2.com received an "urgent" e-mail notifying them that the company's	25,000
Jan. 1, 2010	Netflix (Los Gatos, CA)	A class action suit was filed against Netflix, Inc., in the United States District Court for the Northern District of	100 million Not Added to Total
Jan. 12, 2010	Suffolk County National Bank (Long Island, NY)	Hackers have stolen the login credentials for more than 8,300 customers of small New York bank after breaching its security	8,373
TOTAL number of records containing sensitive personal information involved in security breaches in the U.S. since January 2005.			343,485,708 What does the total

## China Cracks Down on Tor Anonymity Network

A leading anonymity technology is targeted by the Chinese government for the first time.

By David Talbot

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2009



For the first time, the Chinese government has attacked one of the best, most secure tools for surfing the Internet anonymously. The clampdown against the tool, called <u>Tor</u>, came in the days leading up to the 60th anniversary of China's "national day" on October 1. It is part of a growing trend in which repressive nations orchestrate massive clampdowns during politically sensitive periods, in addition to trying to maintain Internet firewalls year-round.



"It was the first time the Chinese government has ever even included Tor in any sort of censorship circumvention effort," says Andrew Lewman, the executive director of Tor Project, the nonprofit that maintains the Tor software and network. "They were so worried about October 1, they went to anything that could possibly circumvent their firewall and blocked it."

<u>Tor is one of several systems</u> that route data through intermediate computers called proxies, thereby circumventing government filters. To anyone watching

## Google China cyberattack part of vast espionage campaign, experts say

By Ariana Eunjung Cha and Ellen Nakashima Thursday, January 14, 2010

Computer attacks on Google that the search giant said originated in China were part of a concerted political and corporate espionage effort that exploited security flaws in e-mail attachments to sneak into the networks of major financial, defense and technology companies and research institutions in the United States, security experts said.

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At least 34 companies -- including Yahoo, Symantec, Adobe, Northrop Grumman and <u>Dow Chemical</u> -- were attacked, according to congressional and industry sources. Google, which disclosed on Tuesday that hackers had penetrated the Gmail



People sympathetic to Google have been leaving flowers and candles at the firm's Chinese headquarters. (Vincent Thian/associated Press)

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## What Google might miss out on

Google said it may exit China,

### Russia accused of unleashing cyberwar to disable Estonia

- · Parliament, ministries, banks, media targeted
- Nato experts sent in to strengthen defences

lan Traynor in Brussels The Guardian, Thursday 17 May 2007 Article history



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## Coordinated Russia vs Georgia cyber attack in progress

Posted by Dancho Danchey @ 4:23 pm

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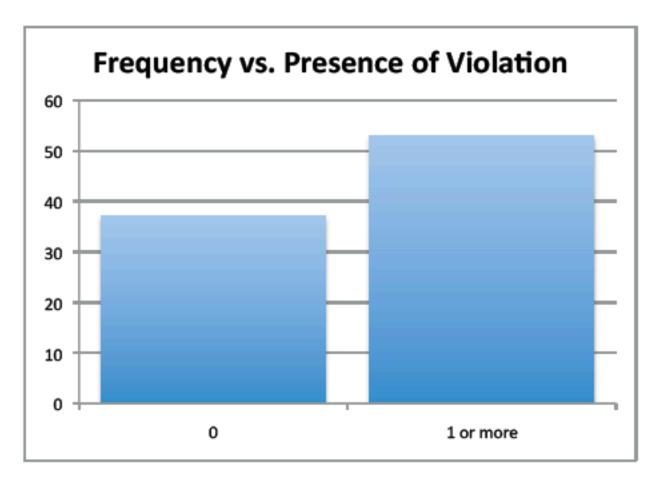
In the wake of the Russian-Georgian conflict, a week worth of speculations

around Russian Internet forums have finally materialized into a coordinated cyber attack against Georgia's Internet infrastructure. The attacks have already managed to compromise several government web sites, with continuing DDoS attacks against numerous other Georgian government sites, prompting the government to switch to hosting locations to the U.S, with Georgia's Ministry of Foreign

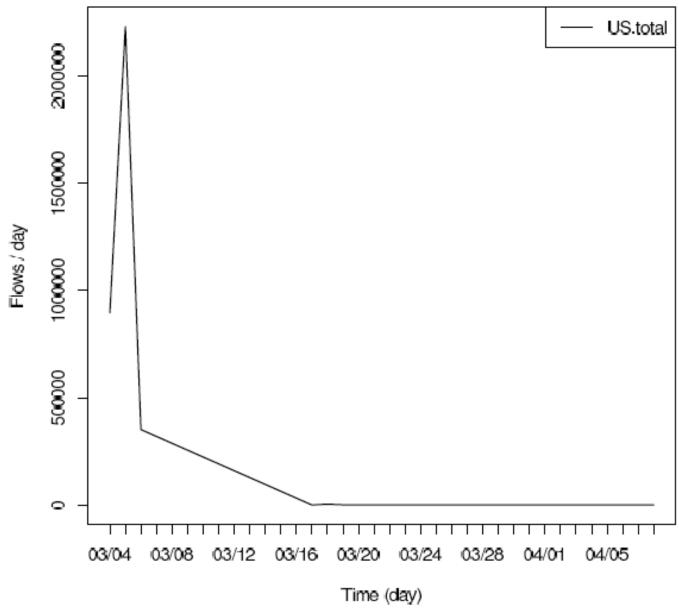


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A three-week wave of massive cyber-attacks on the small Baltic country of Estonia, the first known incidence of such an assault on a state, is causing alarm across the western alliance, with Nato urgently examining the offensive and its implications.



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