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Field Trial against Cyber-attacks through International Collaboration

ISPs' Effort to Establish Quick Response Scheme

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1. Our Security Concerns
2. Outline of PRACTICE Field Trial
3. Quick Response against Cyber-attacks
4. Cyber-attacks observed by PRACTICE System
5. Case studies on Cyber-attacks
6. Conclusions

Our Security Concerns

Do Japanese feel secure?

- Do Japanese feel secure about using the Internet?

Some security reports show that Malware infection rate in Japan is significantly low compared with other countries.

Local Infection Risk reported by Kaspersky

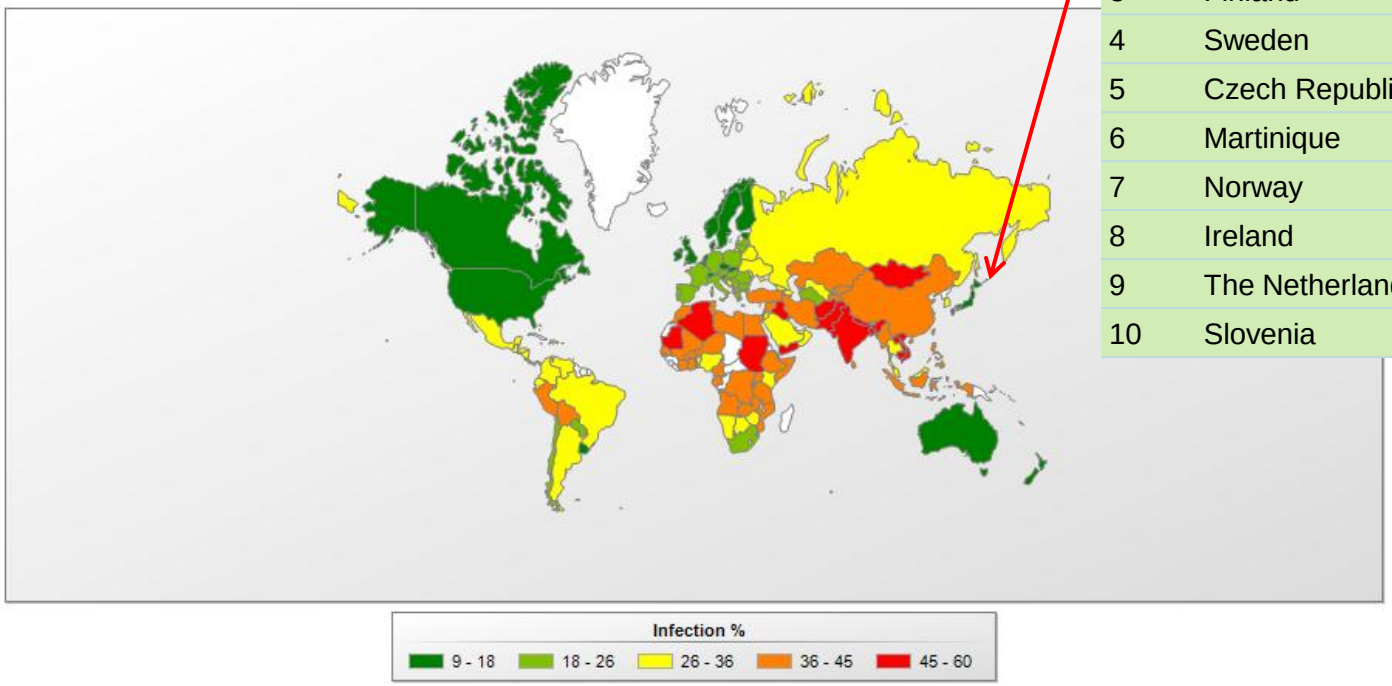
- **Japan has the lowest risk of infection according to Kaspersky report.**

The Top 10 countries with the lowest risk of local infection were:

IT Threat Evolution: Q2 2013

http://www.securelist.com/en/analysis/204792299/IT_Threat_Evolution_Q2_2013

Rank	Country	%
1	**Japan**	**9.01%**
2	Denmark	9.72%
3	Finland	11.83%
4	Sweden	12.10%
5	Czech Republic	12.78%
6	Martinique	13.94%
7	Norway	14.22%
8	Ireland	14.47%
9	The Netherlands	14.55%
10	Slovenia	14.70%



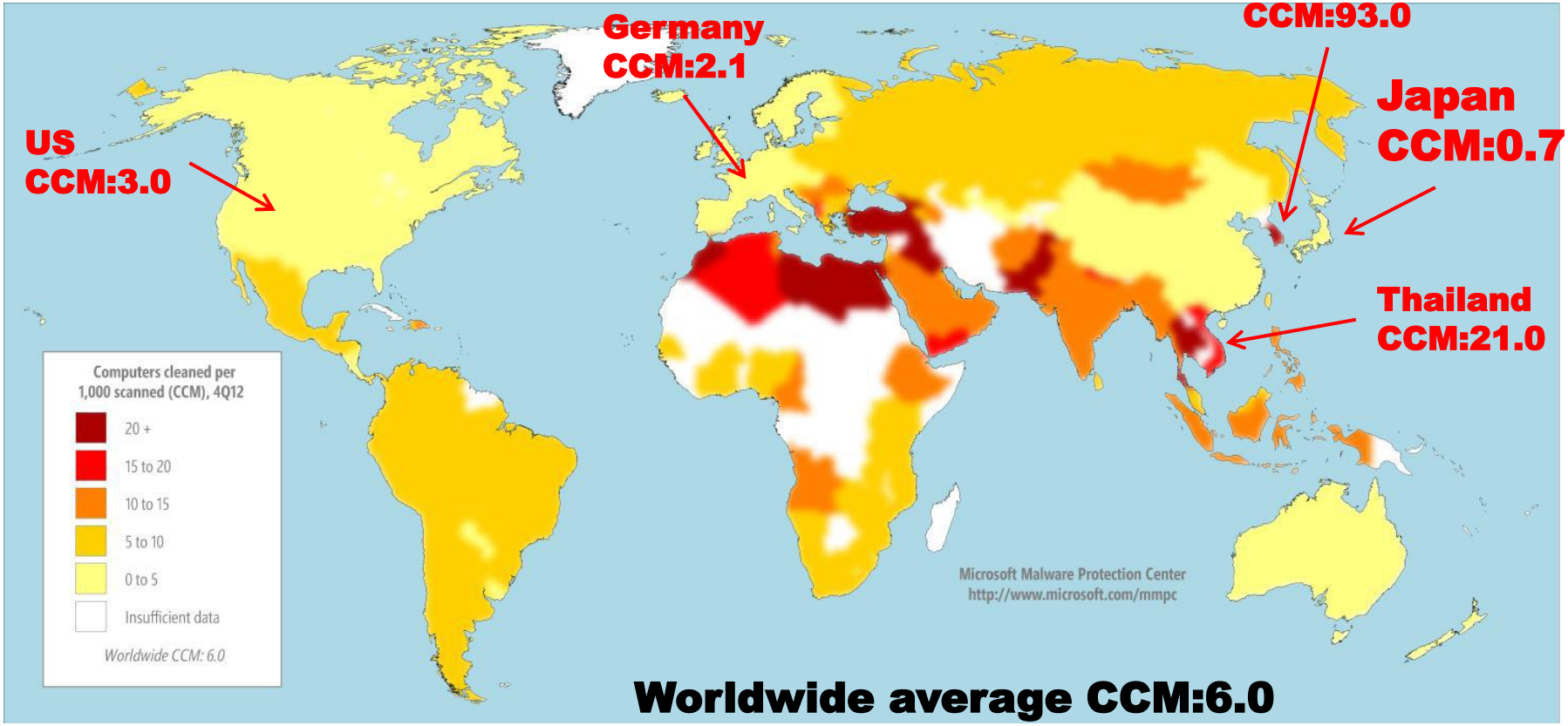
Malware infection rates reported by Microsoft

- **Malware infection rate in Japan is significantly low according to Microsoft.**

Microsoft Security Intelligence Report Volume 14

Infection rates by country/region in 4Q12 (bottom), by CCM

CCM is the number of computers cleaned for every 1,000 executions of MSRT.



But Many Attacks occur…

- **Some Security Experts comment that many malwares exist in Japan.**

Citadel Makes a Comeback, Targets Japan Users

<<TrendMicro 2013-09-02>>

http://blog.trendmicro.com/trendlabs-security-intelligence/citadel-makes-a-comeback-targets-japan-users/

Through investigation and collaboration between our researchers and engineers, we discovered a malicious online banking Trojan campaign targeting users in Japan, with the campaign itself ongoing since early June of this year. We've reported about such incidents in the past, including in our Q1 security roundup – and we believe this latest discovery shows that those previous attacks have been expanded and are a part of this particular campaign

Alert regarding compromised websites

<<< JPCERT/CC Alert 2013-06-07 >>>

https://www.jpcert.or.jp/english/at/2013/at130027.html

JPCERT/CC has been receiving a large number of incident reports regarding compromised websites (A
According to the reports, most of the
embedded iframes or obfuscated Ja
attack site. When a user visits a cor
infected by malware.

CERT China claims Japan and US lead in attacks on Chinese internet sites <<<SOPHOS 2013-03-22>>>

http://nakedsecurity.sophos.com/2012/03/22/cert-china-claims-japan-and-us-lead-in-attacks-on-chinese-internet-sites/

The People's Daily Online reported Monday that the number of foreign attacks against Chinese internet infrastructure "remain severe." China's CERT stated that a total of 47,000 foreign IP addresses were involved in attacks against 8.9 million Chinese computers last year.

They claim that **most of these attacks originate from Japan**, the United States and the Republic of Korea (South Korea)

Our Concerns

- We evaluate that Malware Infection Rate in Japan still remains low level.
- But we are exposed to the cyber-threats.

Number of Malwares detected by honeypot

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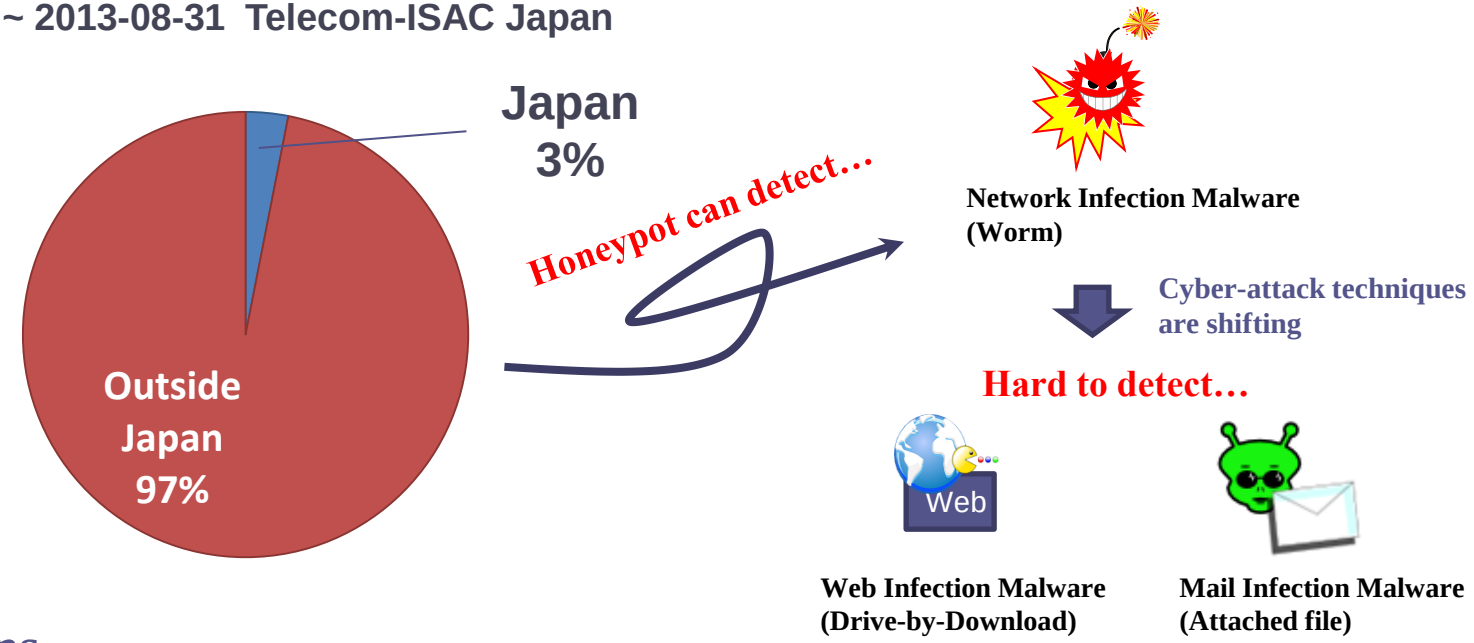


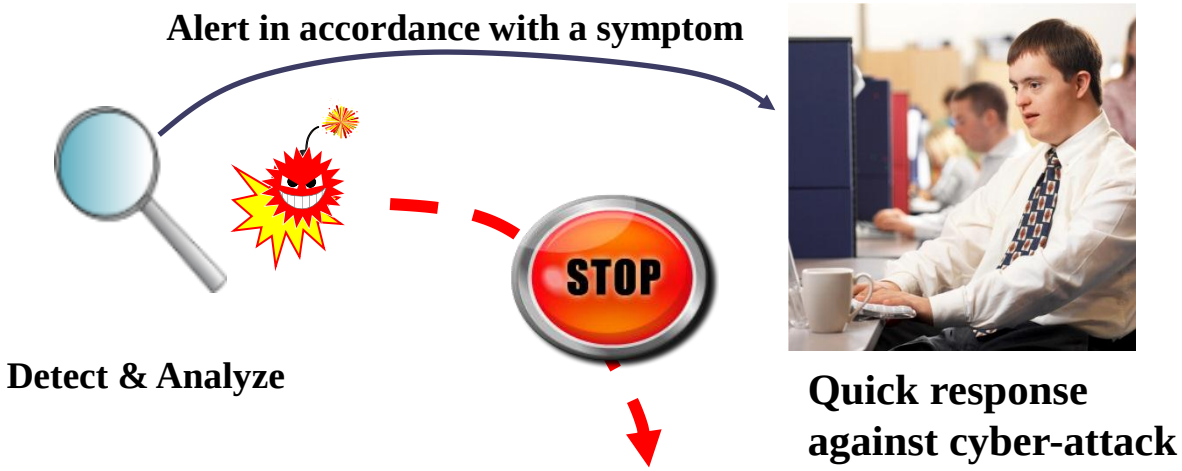
Our Concerns

- Most malwares we detected by our honeypot came from outside of Japan.
- Cyber attack techniques are more sophisticated and complicated.
- We might not detect those sophisticated and complicated cyber-attacks.
- One day, a large-scale cyber-attack may occurs…

Our challenge

- **Predict an emerging cyber-attack before an actual damage occurs.**

Detect a symptom of an emerging cyber-attack



Occurrence of large-scale of cyber-attack

DDoS

Web defacement

Information leakage

Outline of PRACTICE Field Trial

Telecom-ISAC Japan

Established in July 2002

- As the first Information Sharing and Analysis Center (ISAC) in Japan
- 19 member companies including telecommunications carriers and ISPs
- The objective is to enhance security countermeasures for the information and telecommunication industry, by establishing a mechanism to share and to analyze the security incidents within the members

Telecom-ISAC Japan
Telecom Information Sharing and Analysis Center Japan

Cyber attack defense exercise

Cyber Clean Center

19 member companies

Anti-bot countermeasures project

Wide area monitoring

Information sharing

Incident handling

Reputation database system

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Proactive Response Against Cyber-attacks
Through International Collaborative Exchange

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Route monitoring system

What's PRACTICE?

PRACTICE, Proactive Response Against Cyber-attacks Through International Collaborative Exchange, has started with support from the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications.

ACTIVITIES

Detect and Analyze Cyber-attacks through International Collaboration

Predict Emerging Cyber-attacks
(Early Detection of Emerging Risks)

Take Countermeasures
(Quick Response)

Objective of Field Trial (PRACTICE-FT)

Establish ISPs' Quick Response Scheme through International Collaboration.

Major Players & Roles in PRACTICE

- PRACTICE-FT is trying to establish Quick Response Scheme.

PRACTICE Field Trial (PRACTICE-FT)

•Detect & Analyze Cyber-attacks
•Countermeasures (Quick Response Scheme)

Telecom-ISAC Japan
Telecom Information Sharing and Analysis Center Japan

NTT Communications

ISP Collaboration

PRACTICE

Sponsored by MIC

MIC
Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications

•Research
•Prediction
(Early Detection of Cyber-attacks)
•Warning

PRACTICE R&D

KDDI Etc.

Supported by NICT

NICT National Institute of Information and Communications Technology

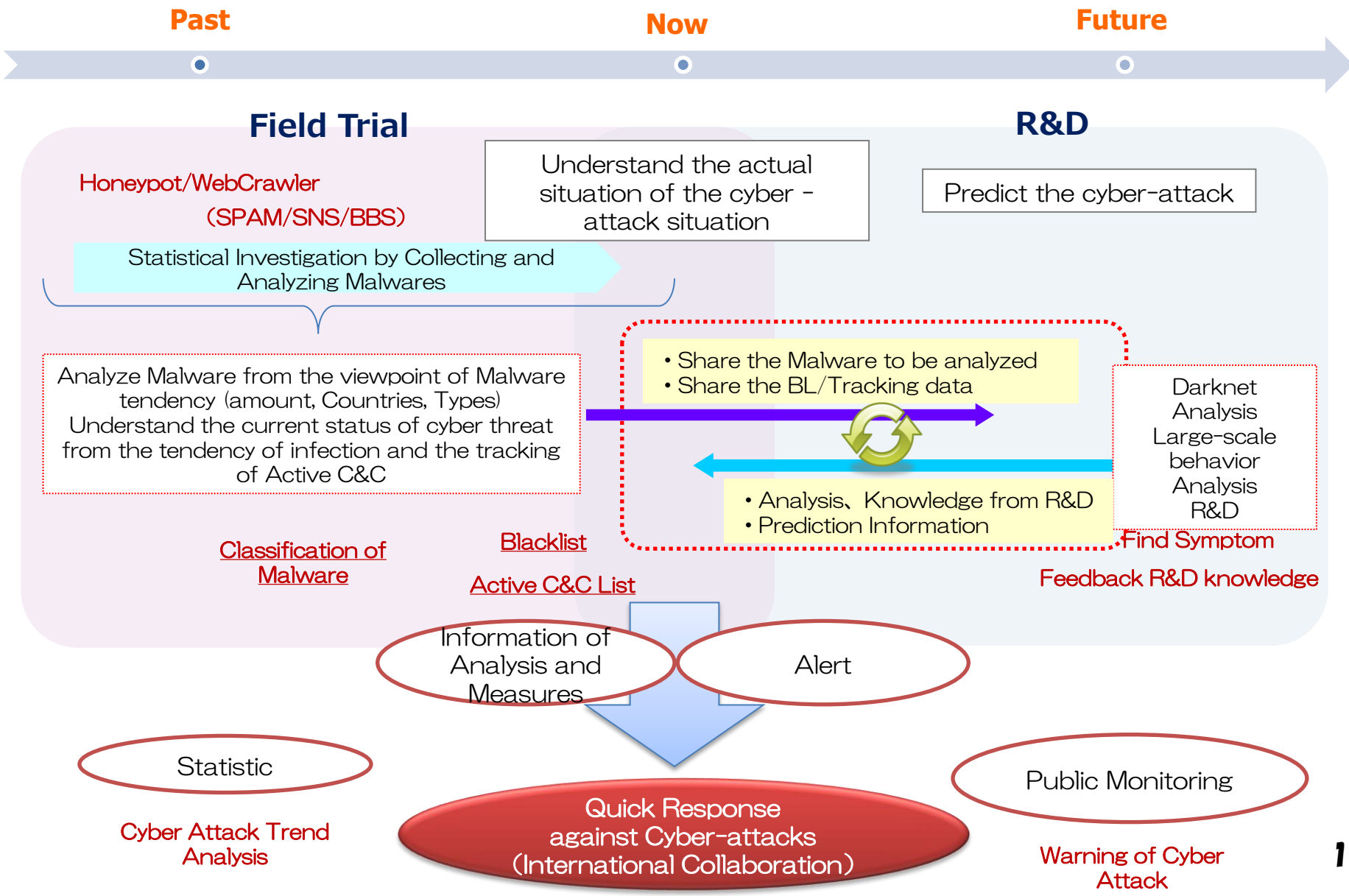
International Collaboration

Foreign organizations (Government, ISP…)

•Data Sharing
•Discussion
•Countermeasures

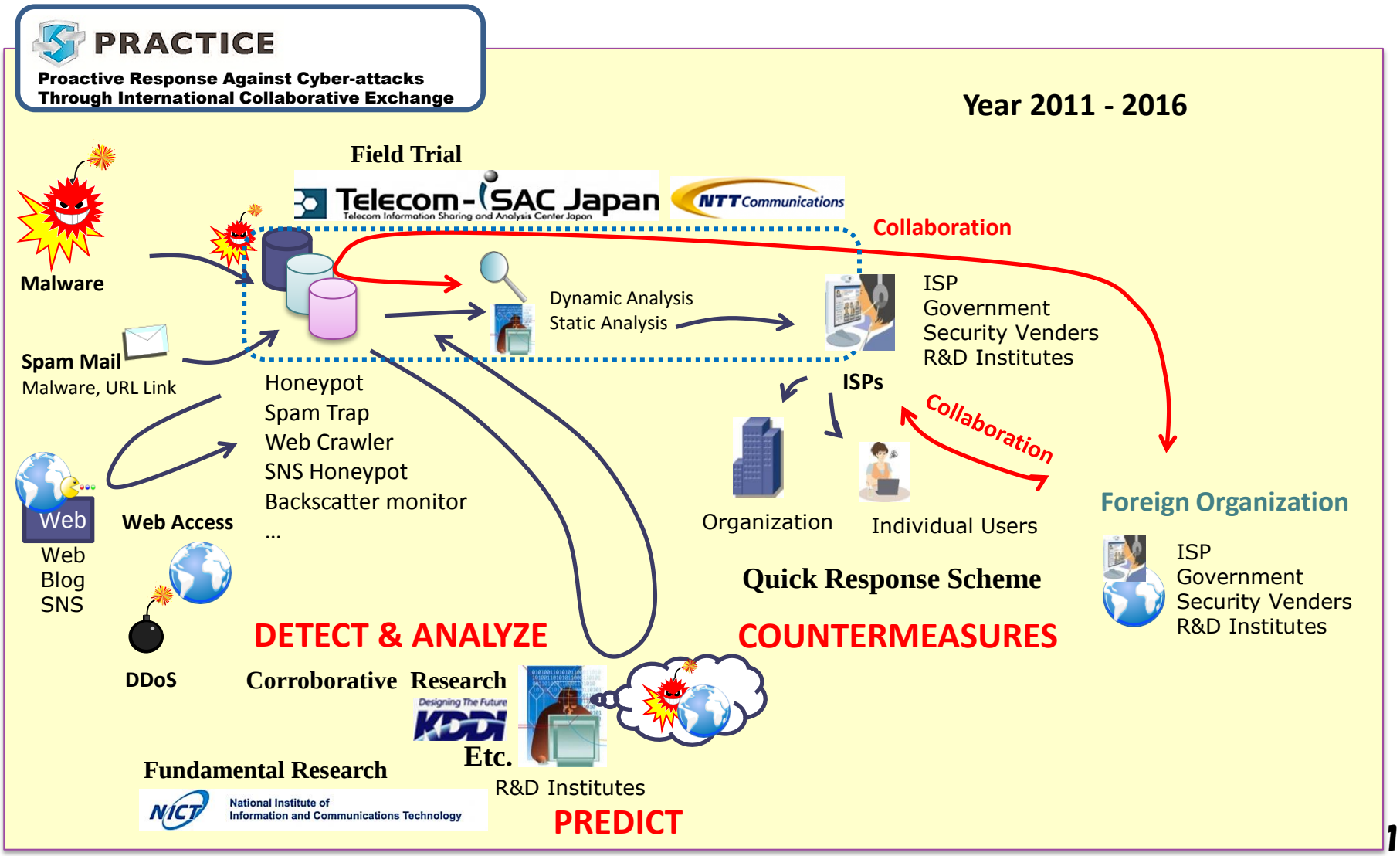
Ref) Collaboration with PRACTICE R&D Team

Scope of field trial and R&D



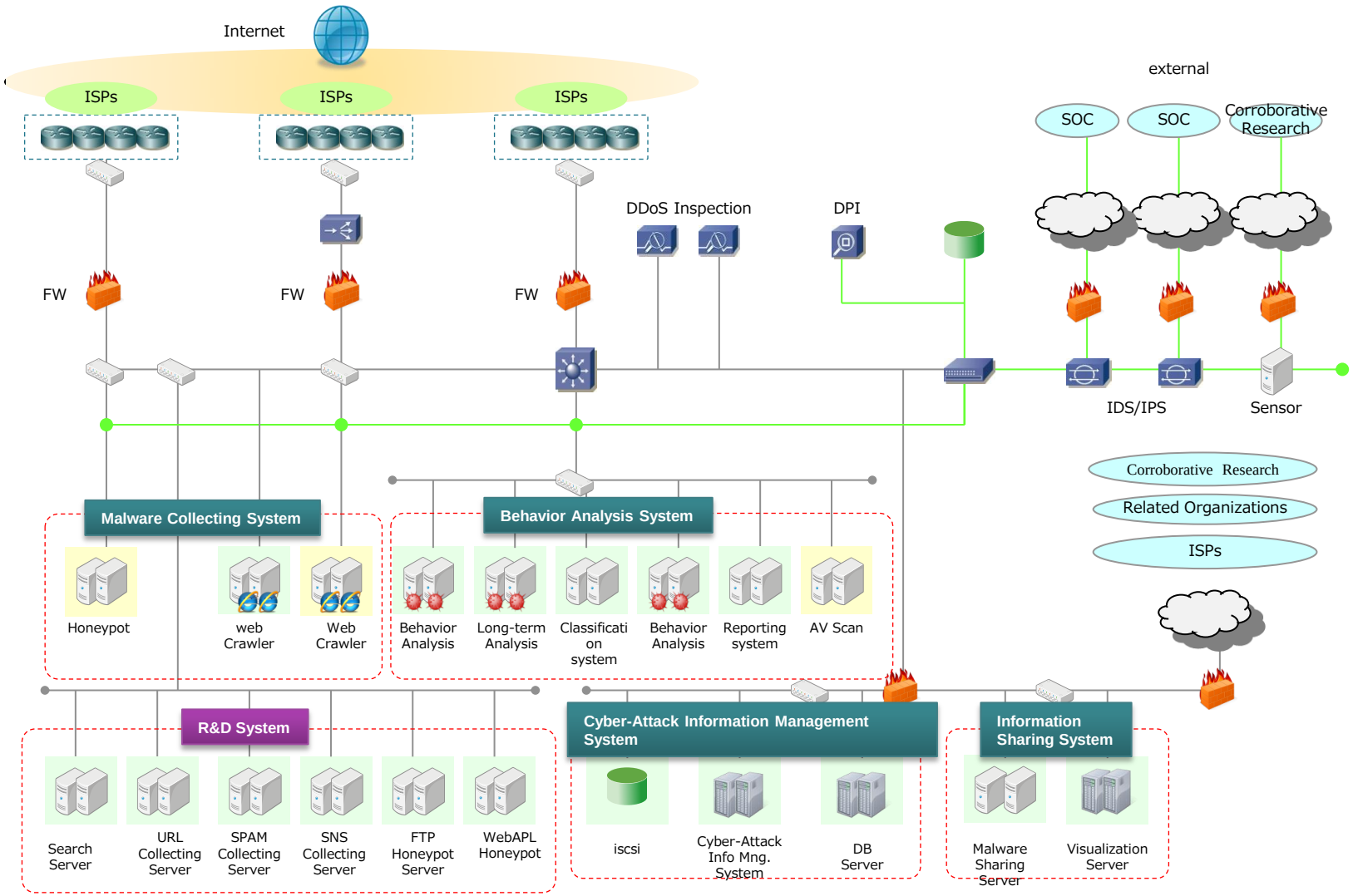
Activities of PRACTICE

- **Establish Quick Response Scheme against Cyber-attacks.**



System Configuration

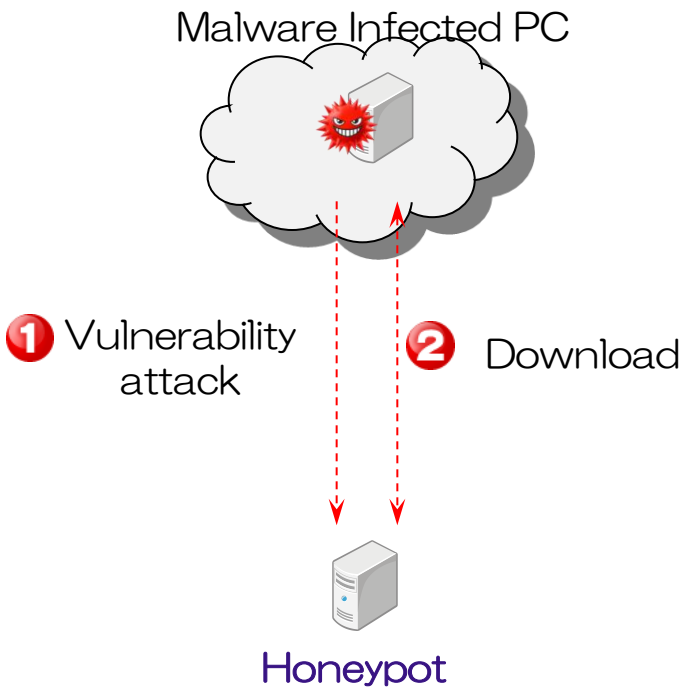
- **Build Systems to Detect and Analyze Various types of Cyber-attacks.**



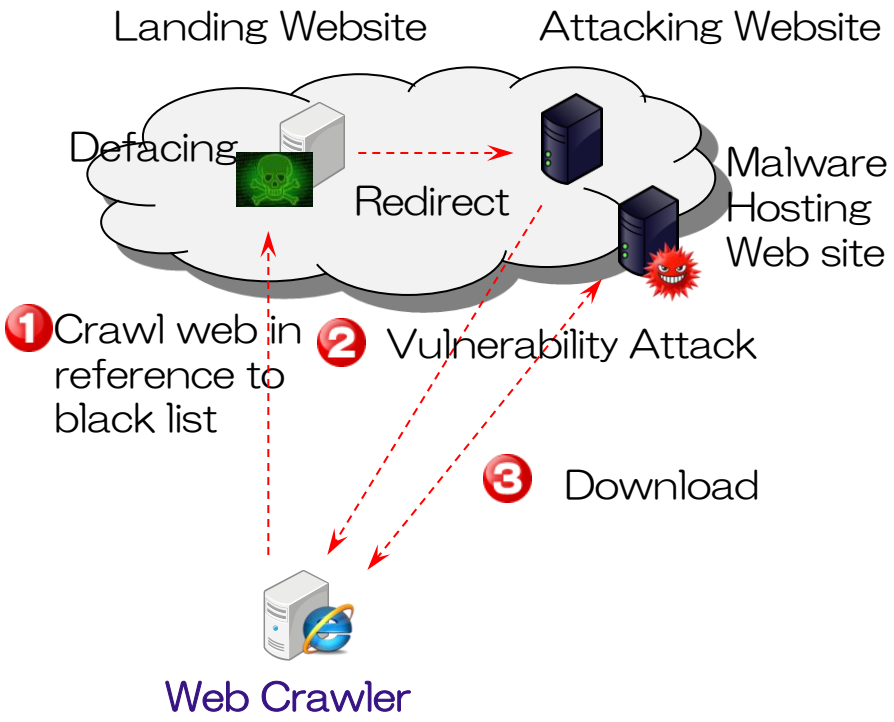
Malware Detecting Systems

- Honeypot collects Network Infection Malwares.
- Web Crawler collects Malicious URL and Web Infection Malwares.

【Network Infection Detecting System】



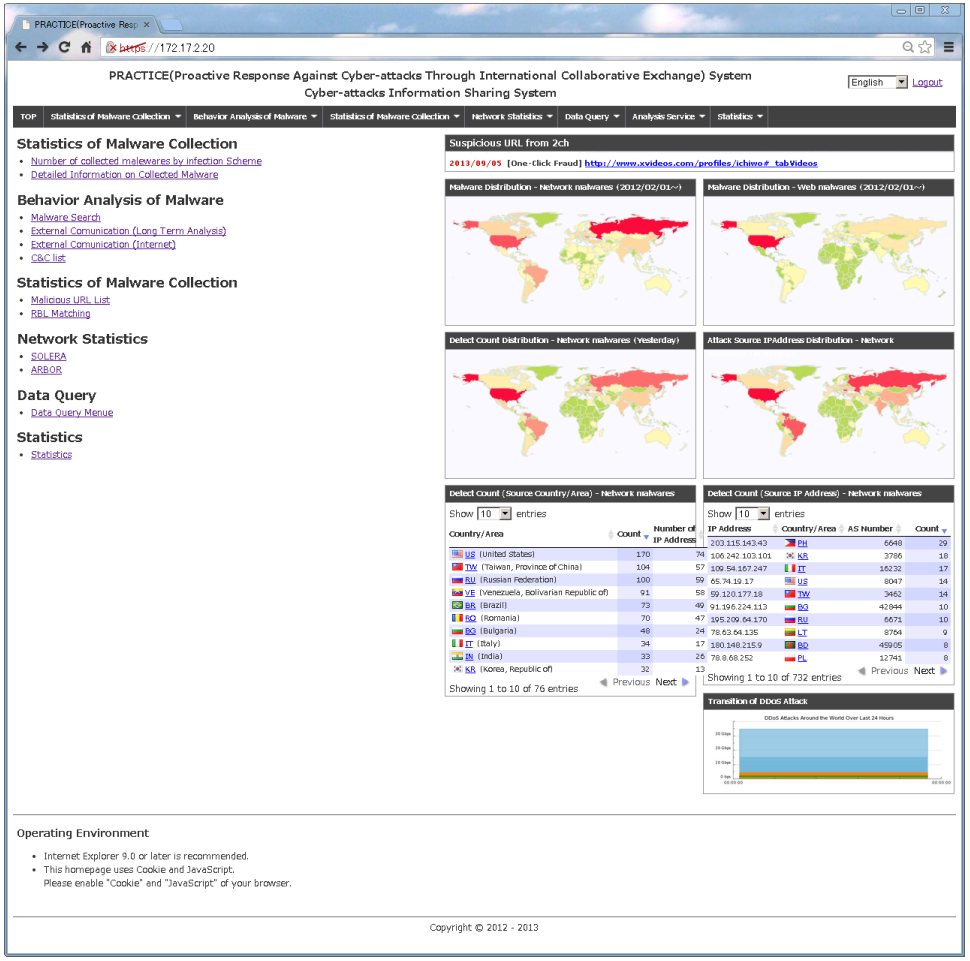
【Web Infection Detecting System】



Data Sharing with ISPs

- **Information Sharing System Provides Cyber-attack Information detected and analyzed by PRACTICE System.**

Information Sharing System



- **Statistics of Malware Collection**
- **Behavior Analysis of Malware**
- **Malicious web**
- **Analysis Service**
- **Data Query**

International Collaboration

- **International Collaboration is a KSF.**

Necessity of International Collaboration

- Cyber-attacks are borderless.
  90% of attacks detected by honeypot come from outside of Japan.
- Difficult to detect various types of cyber-attacks.
- Impossible to take countermeasures without International Collaboration.

To fight against Cyber-attacks, We would like to Collect and Share Cyber-attack Data through the International Collaboration

Currently, Discussing with

- ID-SIRTII (Indonesia)
- ETDA (Thailand)
- MCMC (Malaysia)
- Others

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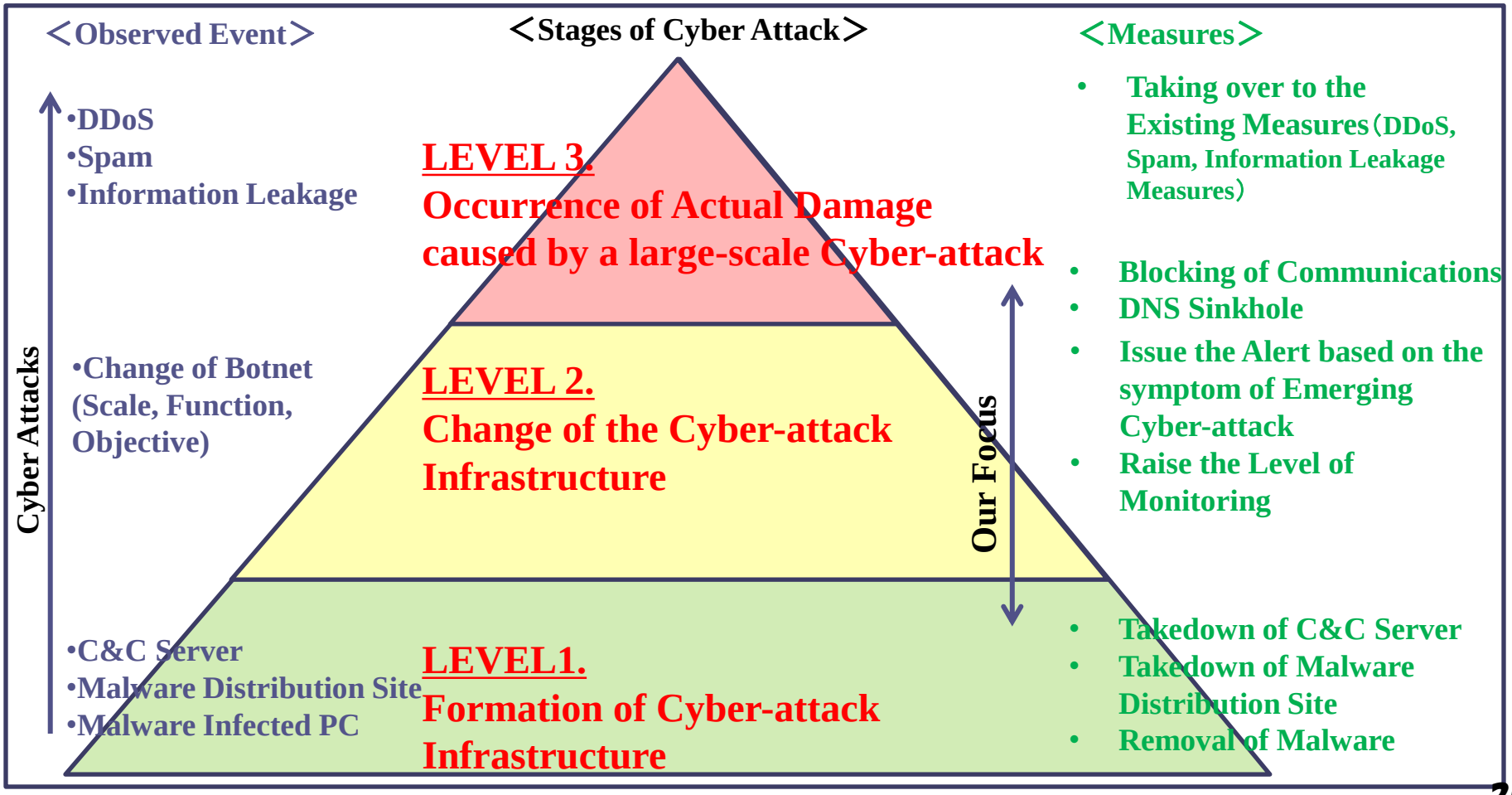
- **Share Cyber-attack Information**
- **Analyze and Understand the Reality of Cyber-attack**
- **Find a symptom of Cyber-attack**
- **Quick Response**

Quick Response against Cyber-attacks

Building Quick Response Scheme against Cyber Attack
Scope of PRACTICE Activities

- Find a Symptom of Cyber-attack by Observing Cyber-attack Infrastructure
- Build Quick Response Scheme
- Prevent the Damages before a Large-scale Cyber-attack occurs



Phase of Quick Response

- **Consider Three Phases to respond an Emerging Cyber-attack quickly.**

Zero-day Quick Response

Prevent Cyber-attack Damage before Cyber-attack-Infrastructure is Utilized

- Take down Malware-distribution Site
- Remove Malware from Malware-infected PC
- Take down C&C Server

Raise the Monitoring Level

Raise the Monitoring Level based on the Information on Cyber-attack symptoms

- Issue the Alert
- Raise the Monitoring Level
- Plan the Measures

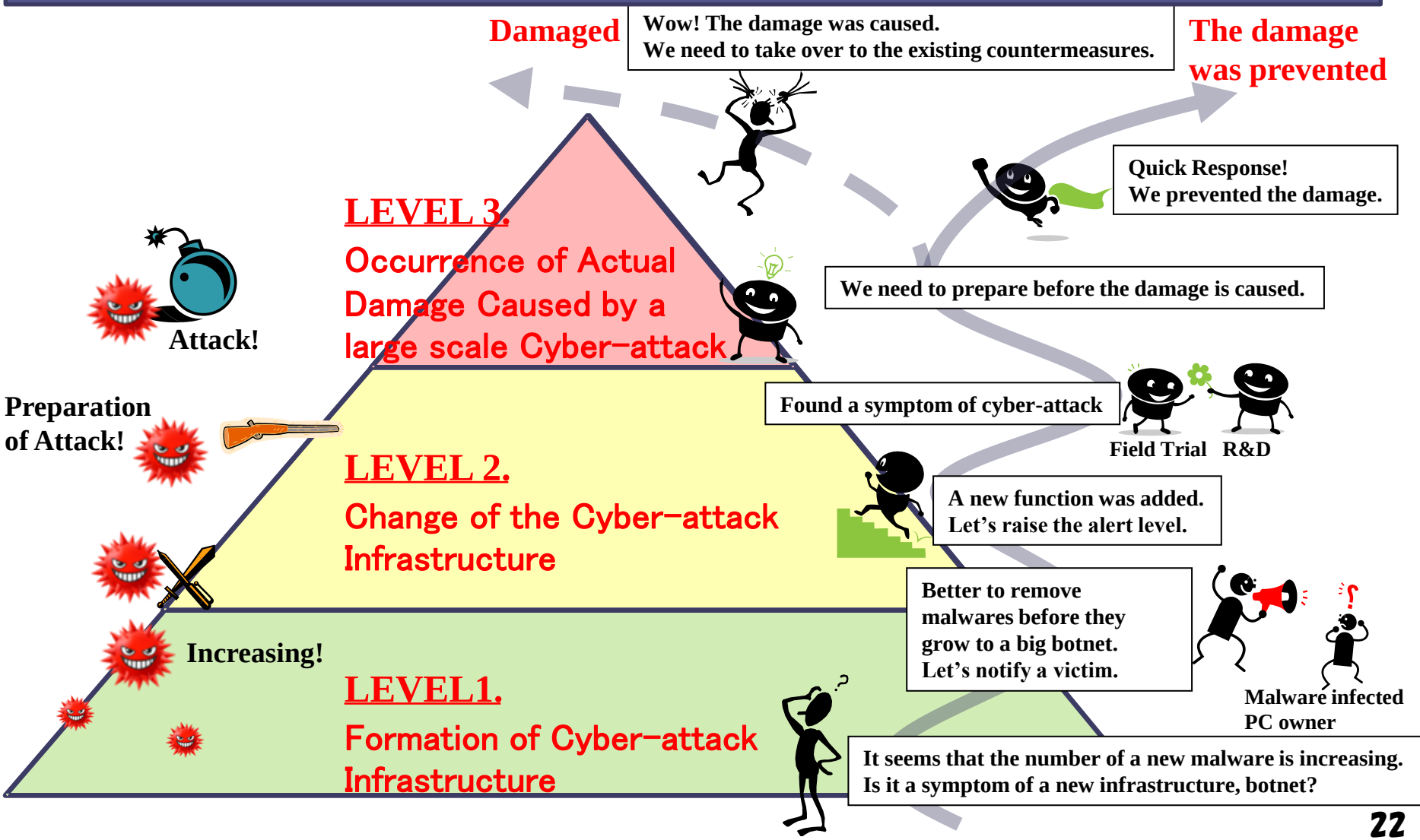
Quick Response（Measures）

Issue the Alert before Cyber-attack occurs or at an early stage, forward the Information to the existing measures (DDoS, Spam and Information Leakage) and block the Communication Channels as an Emergency Evacuation, if necessary

- Block Communication Channels to certain IP address, Port, or URL
- DNS Sinkhole

Example of Quick Response against Cyber-attack

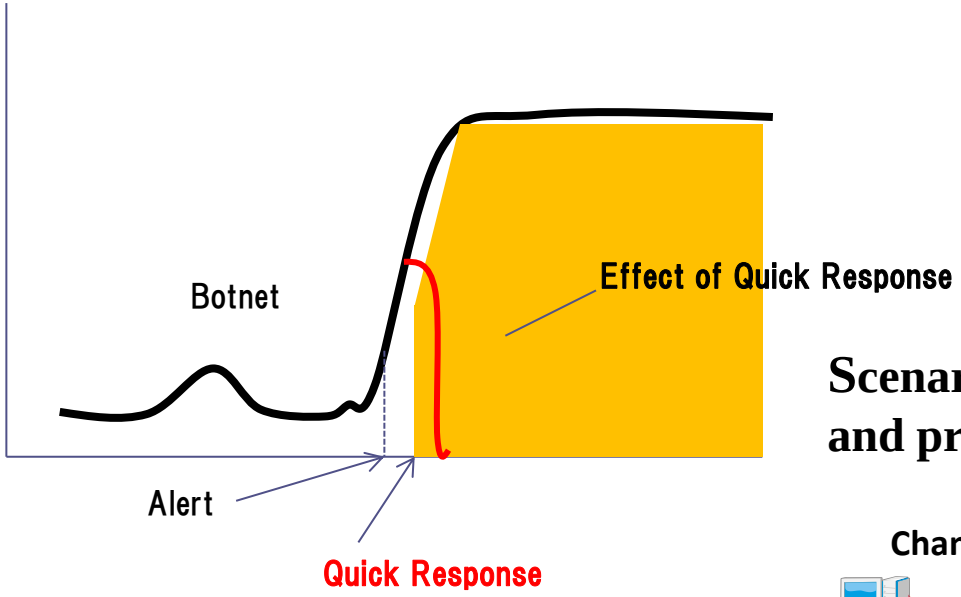
- We monitor Cyber-attack in each level and take actions according to the level.



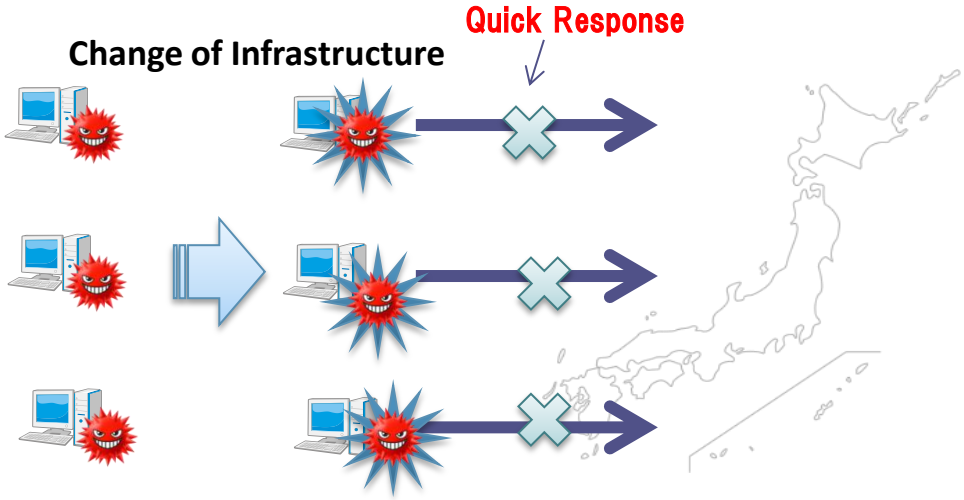
Scenarios of Quick Response

- Draw up scenarios according to each level.

Scenario 1. Detect and Takedown an emerging botnet



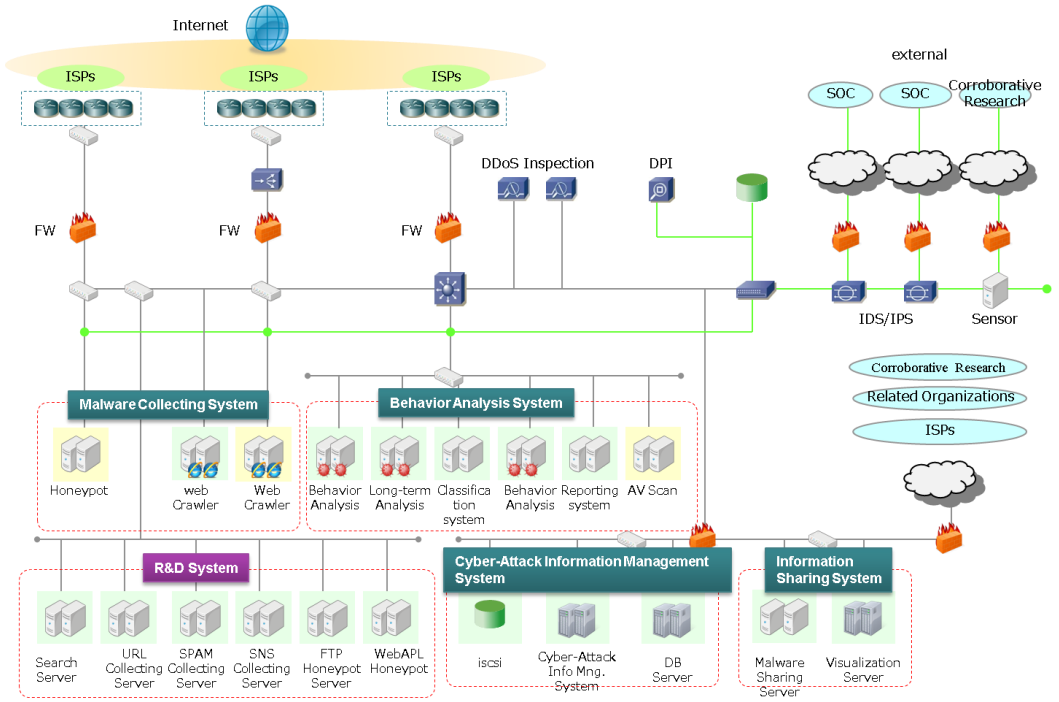
Scenario 2. Detect a change of infrastructure and prevent the occurrence of damage



Approach to Finding Symptom

- Collect and Analyze Various kinds of Cyber-attacks
- Find Symptom of Emerging Cyber-attack

Field Trial System



Deploy and Operate Field Trial System which detects various cyber attacks

＜Features＞

- **Collect and Analyze Information over a long duration**
- **Backed up Technically, Reliable own collected data**
- **Large-scale System**
- **Information Sharing System which can aggregate data in various terms (Malaware, Countries, Duration)**

Symptom Analysis

Provide Data to R&D Team

- **Malware Sample**
- **Communication Log**

- **Alert the Symptom of Cyber-attacks**
- **Find the Initial Behavior of Botnet**

Our Approach (Field Trial Team)

①Find a change of the number of Cyber-attacks

②Estimate the Possibility of emerging cyber attack risk in Japan by observing global data

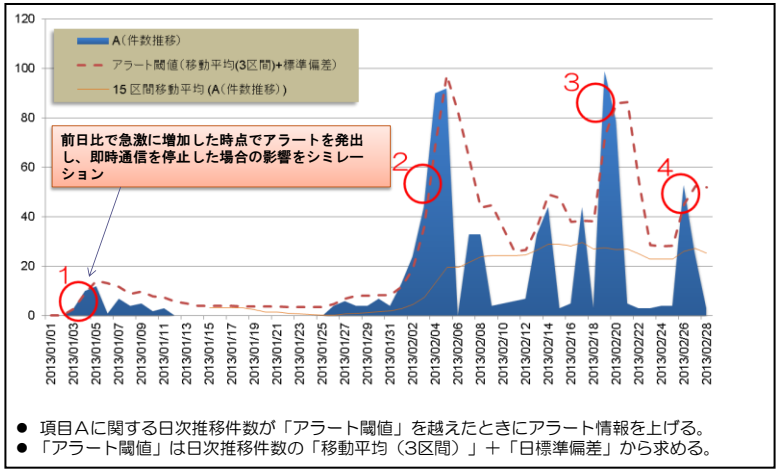
Quick Response

- **Zero-day Quick Response**
- **Increase Monitoring**
- **Quick Response (Measure)**

Approach to Finding Symptom
Field Trial Team's Approach

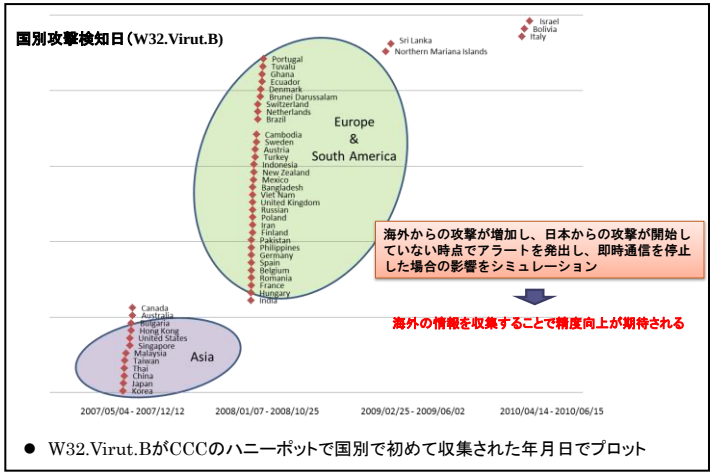
- Analyze 7-year Cyber-attack Data Collected through the Cyber Clean Center and PRACICE Project
- Estimate the Impact in case that Cyber-attack is Blocked in Early Stage

①Find a change of the number of Cyber-attacks



- 項目Aに関する日次推移件数が「アラート閾値」を越えたときにアラート情報を上げる。
- 「アラート閾値」は日次推移件数の「移動平均（3区間）」＋「日標準偏差」から求める。

②Estimate the Possibility of Emerging Cyber-attack risk in Japan by observing Global Data



- W32.Virut.BがCCCのハニーポットで国別で初めて収集された年月日でプロット

Write an Algorithm which calculates a Symptom for Quick Response

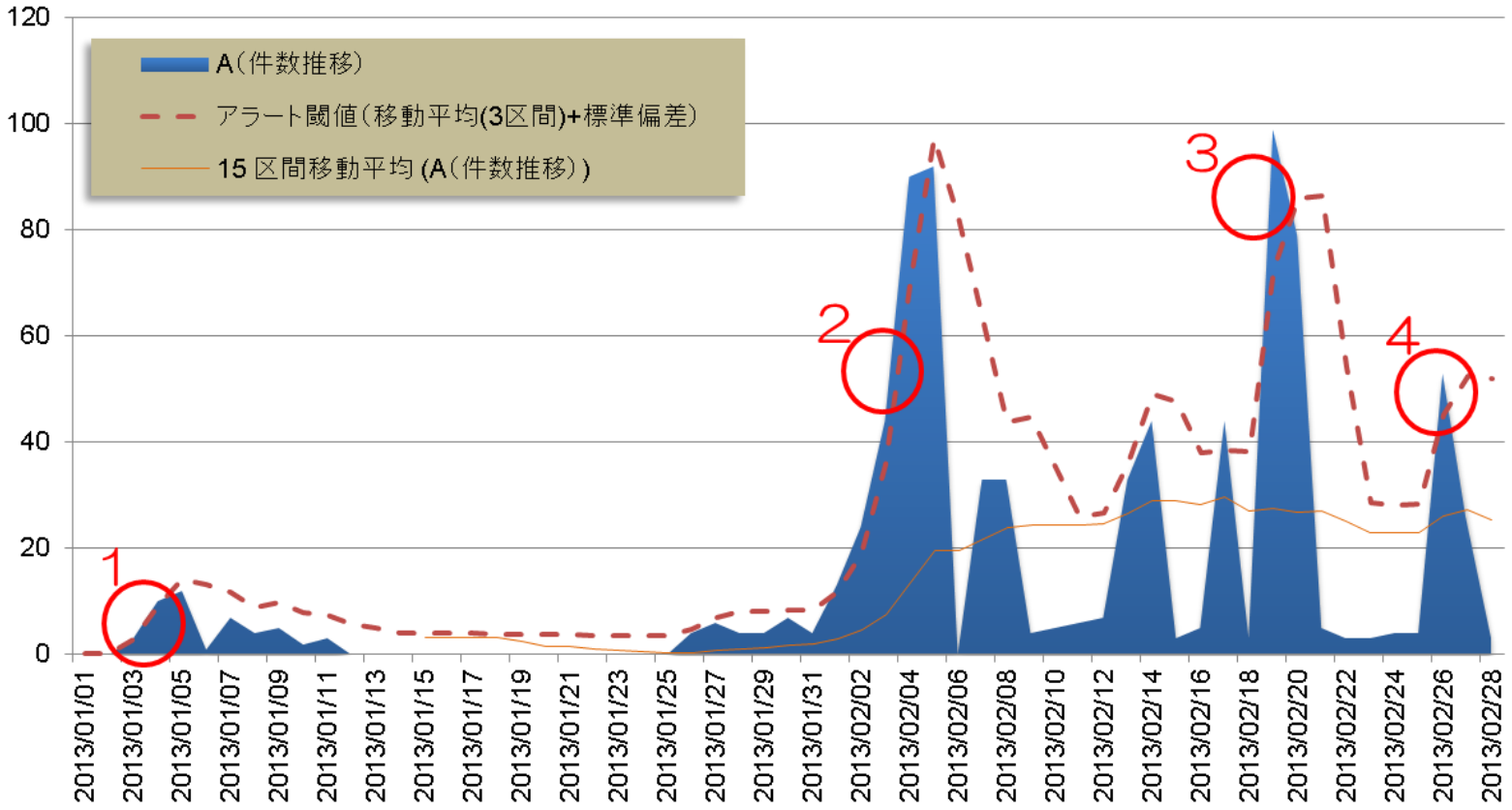
Validate the Algorithm by Using Accumulated Real Data

Find the best algorithm and parameter, and implement a function which issues the alert in the system.

Approach to Finding Symptom
Field Trial Team's Approach

- **Issue the alert by analyzing the malware trend.**

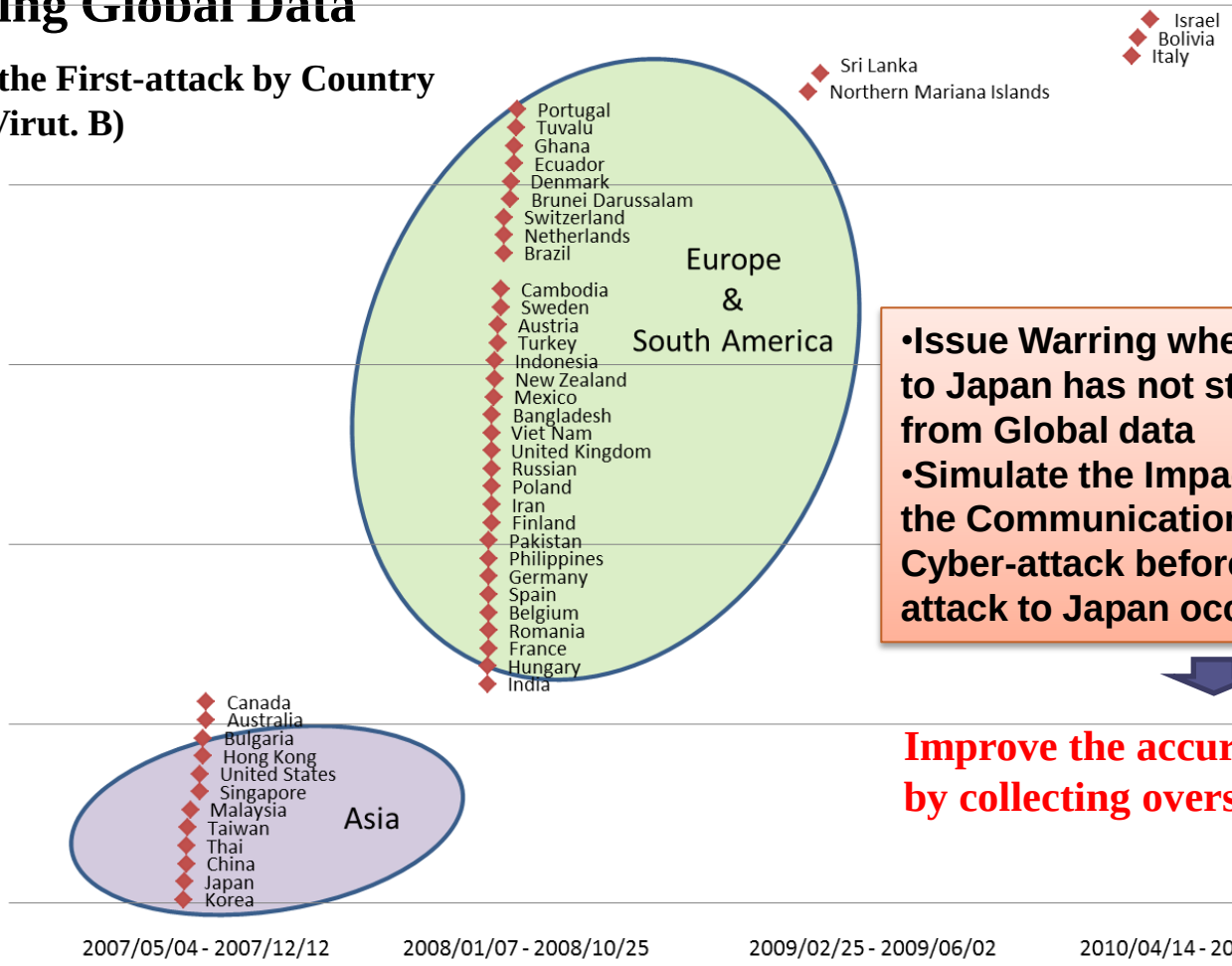
①Find a change of the number of Cyber-attacks



- **Find the verity of Cyber-attack trend according to the region.**

②Estimate the Possibility of Emerging Cyber-attack risk in Japan by observing Global Data

Date of the First-attack by Country (W32. Virut. B)



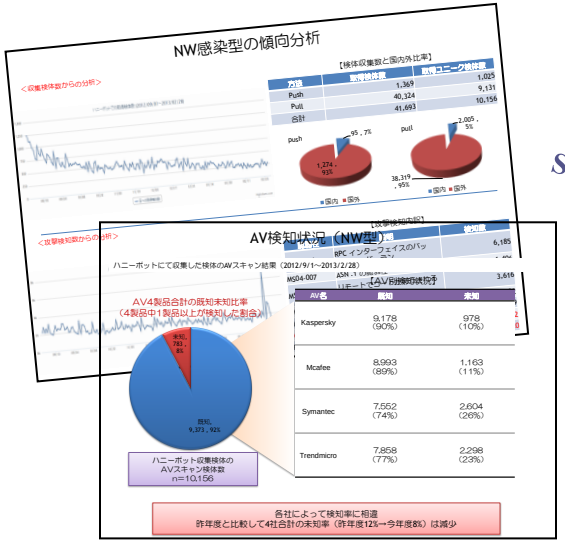
- **Issue Warring when a Cyber-attack to Japan has not started judging from Global data**
- **Simulate the Impact of Blocking the Communication Channel of Cyber-attack before the Cyber-attack to Japan occurs**

Improve the accuracy of estimation by collecting overseas information

Utilizing PRACTICE Data

- PRACTICE Data can be utilized in Various Applications.

Statistics



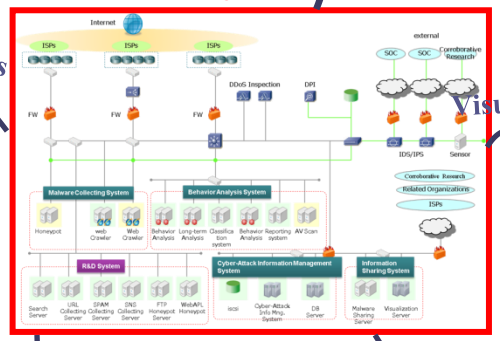
Quick Response (Countermeasures)

Symptom

Statistics

Visualization

Field Trial System



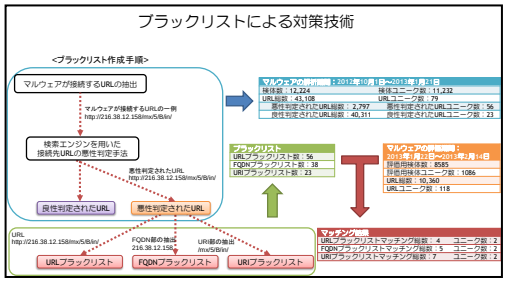
Information Sharing System

Blacklist

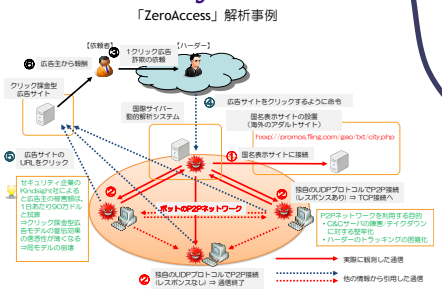
Analysis

Data Sharing

Blacklist



Validation of Cyber-attack



- **PRACTICE R&D Team⇒Prediction**
- NICT
- Overseas PRACTICE Partner

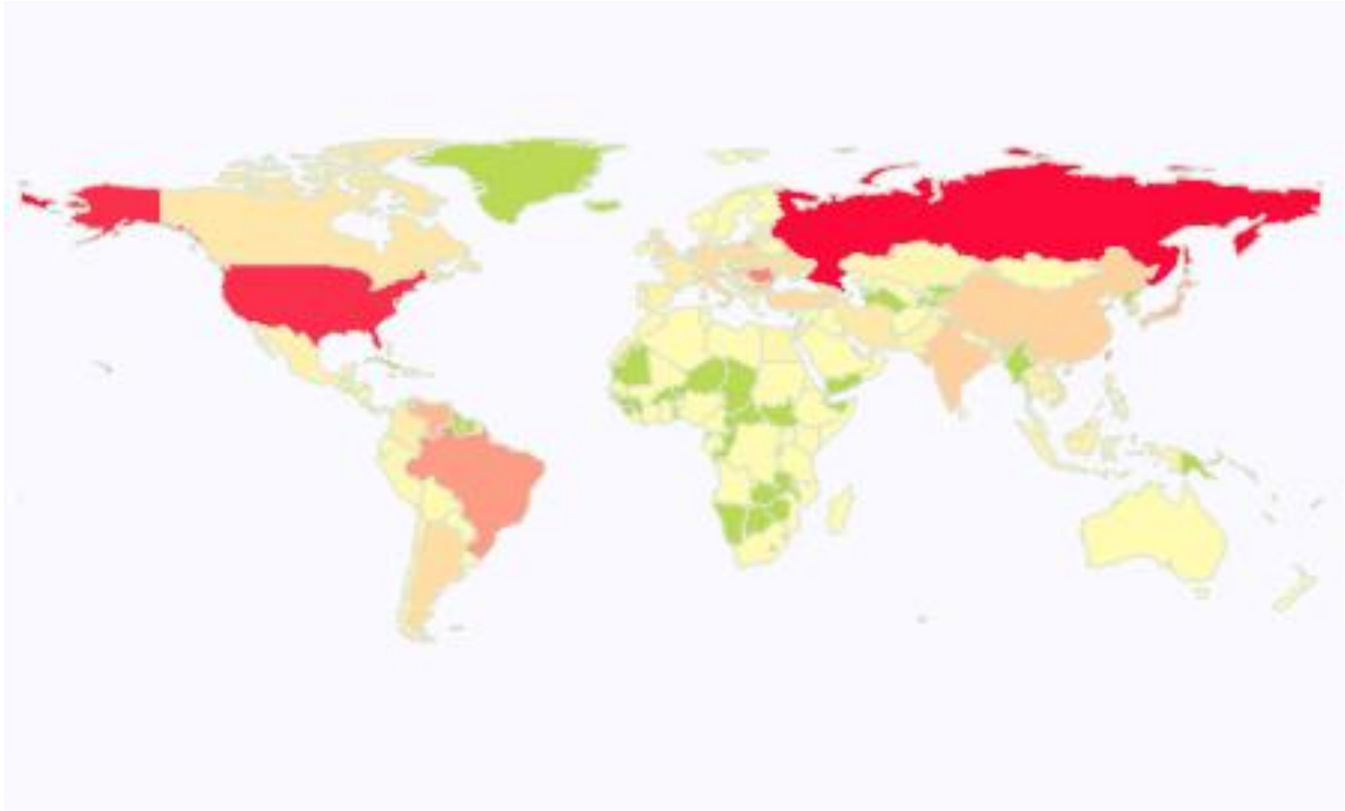
Cyber-attacks observed by PRACTICE System

Where does malware come from?
Network Infection Malware

- Many network infection malwares come from Russia, US and Taiwan.

Number of Malware collected by honeypot

2013/01/01 ~ 2013/06/30



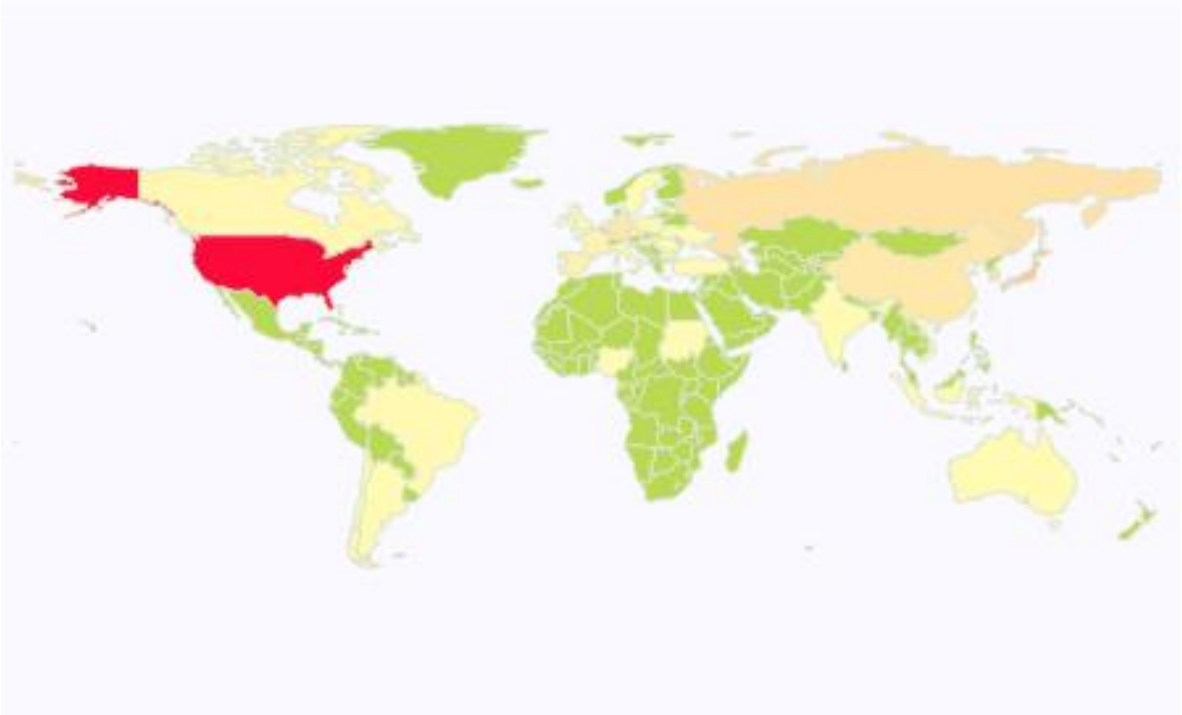
1 Russian Federation
2 United States
3 Taiwan, Province of China
4 Romania
5 Brazil
6 Japan
7 Venezuela, Bolivarian Republic of
8 Bulgaria
9 Hungary
10 Netherlands
11 India
12 China
13 Italy
14 Korea, Republic of
15 Turkey
16 Poland
17 Germany
18 United Kingdom
19 Argentina
20 Ukraine

Where does malware come from?
Web Infection Malware

- 54% of web infection malwares come from US.

Number of Malware collected by Web crawler

2013/01/01 ~ 2013/06/30



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4 Russian Federation
5 China
6 Germany
7 Spain
8 France
9 Czech Republic
10 Italy
11 EU
12 Hungary
13 Canada
14 Netherlands
15 Taiwan, Province of China
16 Poland
17 United Kingdom
18 Virgin Islands, British
19 Brazil
20 Australia

Malware and Vulnerability

- **Monthly statistics regarding malware and vulnerability remain as same as usual.**

2013/07/01 ~ 2013/07/31

◆Network Infection Malware Top5
[TrendMicro]
No.1 WORM_DOWNAD.AD
No.2 WORM_ALLAPLE.IK
No.3 Mal_DownAd-2
No.4 PE_VIRUT.AV
No5. WORM_DOWNAD.DAM

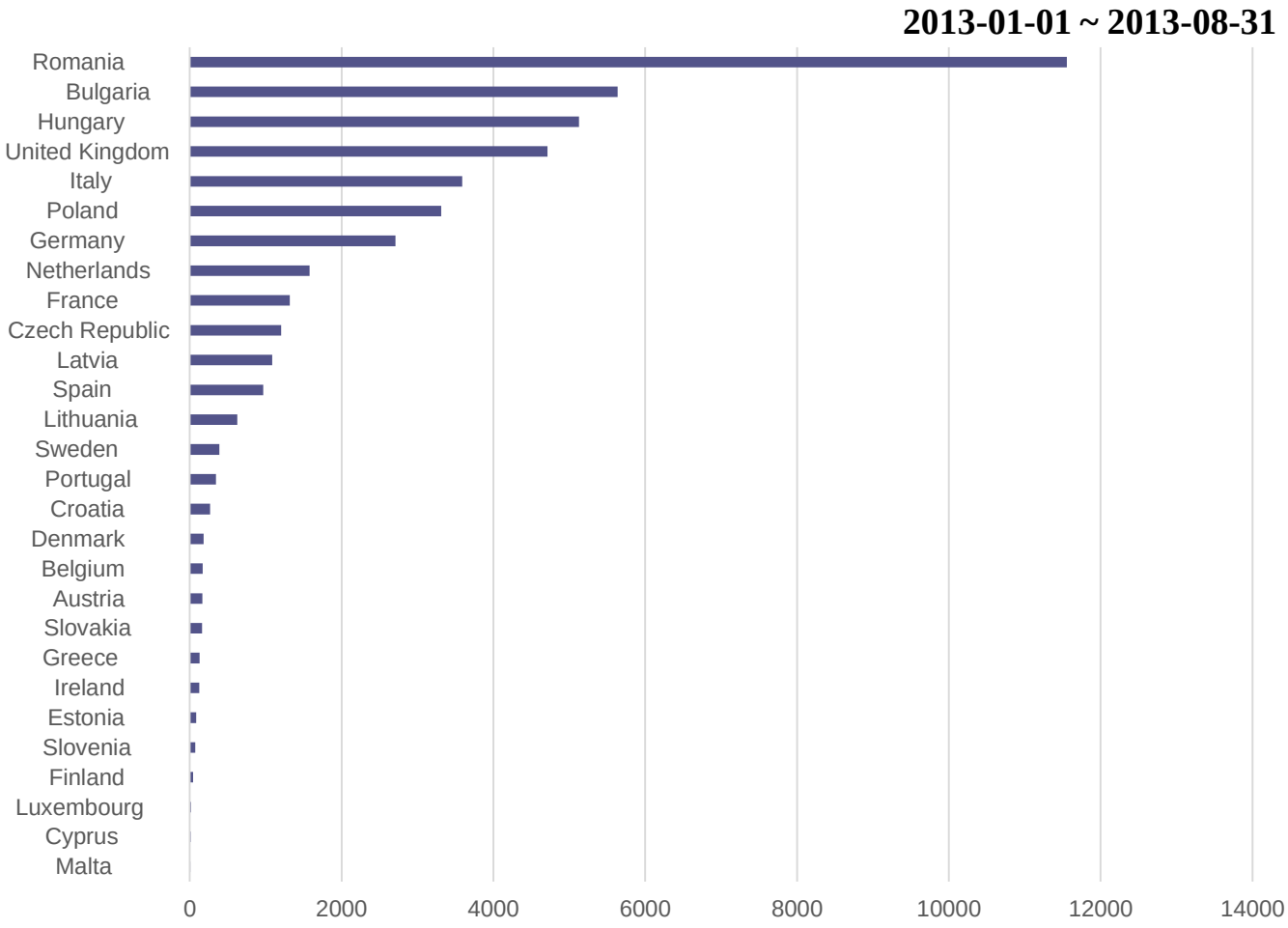
◆Web Infection Malware Top5
[TrendMicro]
No.1 TROJ_CLIKER.SMB
No.2 TROJ_INJECT.AQW
No.3 TROJ_YSMARSYS.N
No.4 TROJ_VILSEL.BK
No.5 Mal_Socks1

◆Vulnerability used by
Network infection malware Top5
No.1 MS08-067
No.2 MS03-026
No.3 MS04-011
No.4 MS06-040
No.5 MS05-039

◆ Vulnerability used by
Web infection malware Top5
No.1 MS06-014
No.2 MS09-002
No.3 CVE-2008-2992
No.4 CVE-2009-0927
No.5 MS10-018

Number of Malwares from EU

- PRACTICE system collects malware by honeypot.
- Most countries in world, number of malwares collected by honeypot is less than 1000.



Malicious URLs in EU

- PRACTICE system crawls malicious URLs based on own seed URL list.
- Spain has many malicious URLs that host malwares.
- Most countries have less than 100 URLs that host malwares

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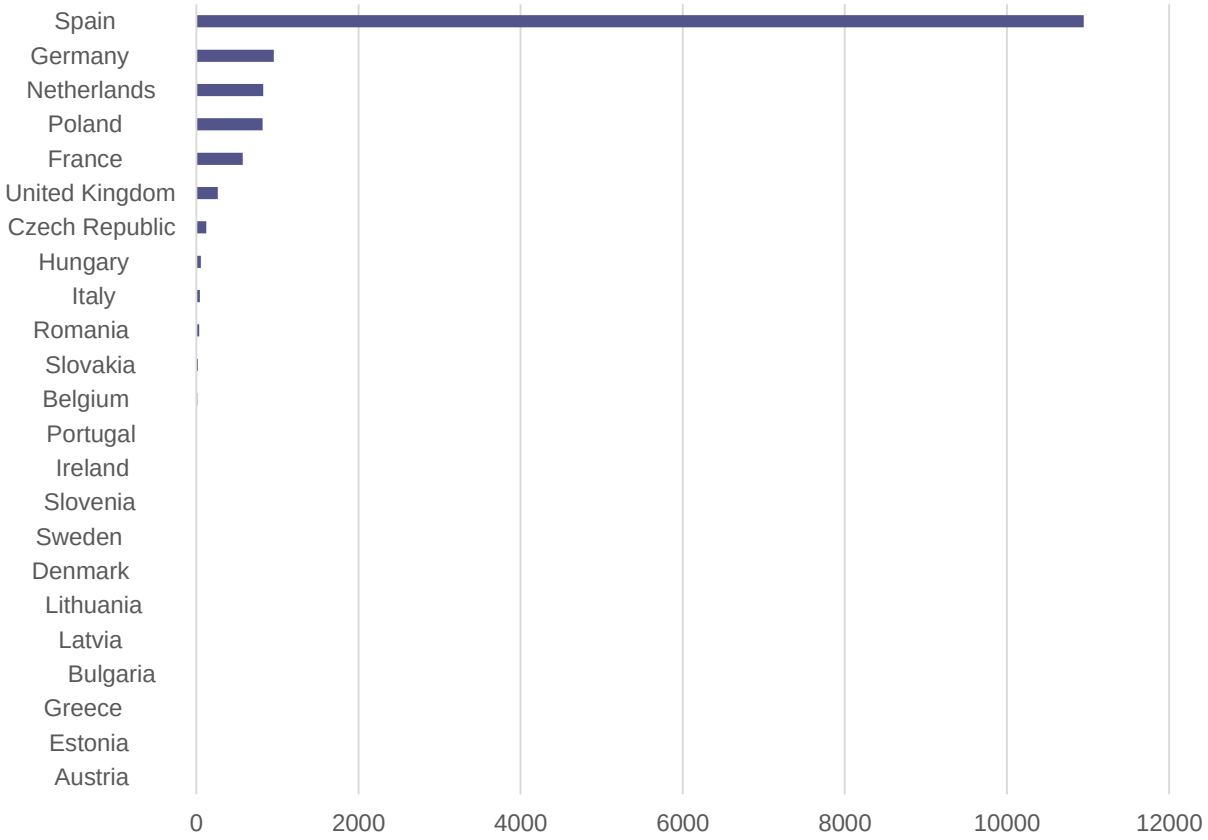


Case Studies on Cyber-attacks

Case 1. ZeroAccess

ZeroAccess could be used for a Large-scale Cyber-attack

- A Large number of ZeroAccess-infected PCs are in Japan.
- Currently, ZeroAccess is used for One-click fraud.

1,700,000 ZeroAccess-infected PCs
were detected by PRACTICE System.
(Jan. 1 – Jun. 30, 2013)

One-click fraud

P2P Botnet

【Herder】

Mass infection

Adding a New function is easy!

- **DDoS**
- **Spam**
- **Information Exploitation**

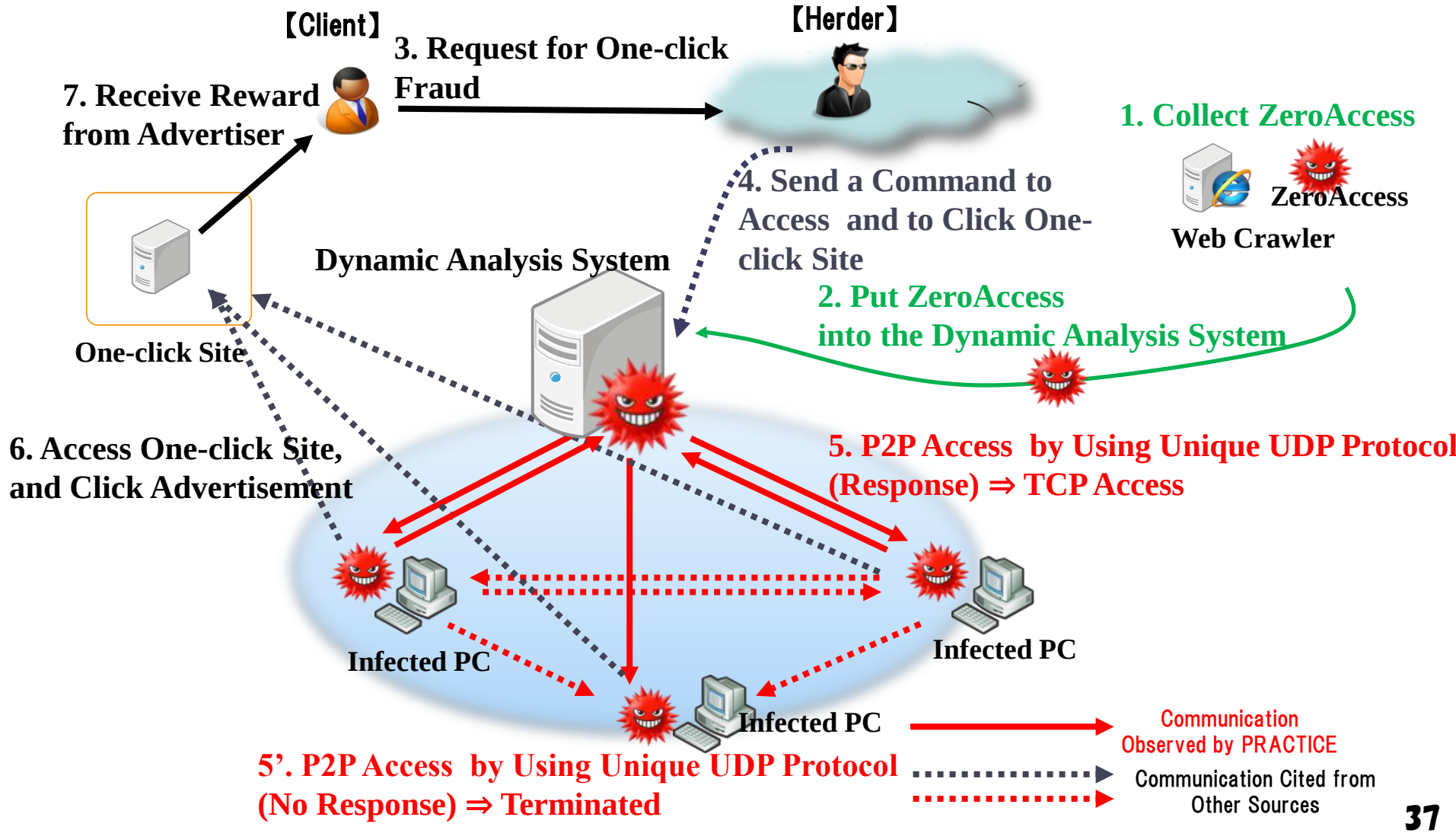
ZeroAccess

Form an Infrastructure for Cyber-attack (Botnet)

- **We are concerned that ZeroAccess will be used for a Large-scale Cyber-attack in the future.**
- **We are focusing and monitoring ZeroAccess.**

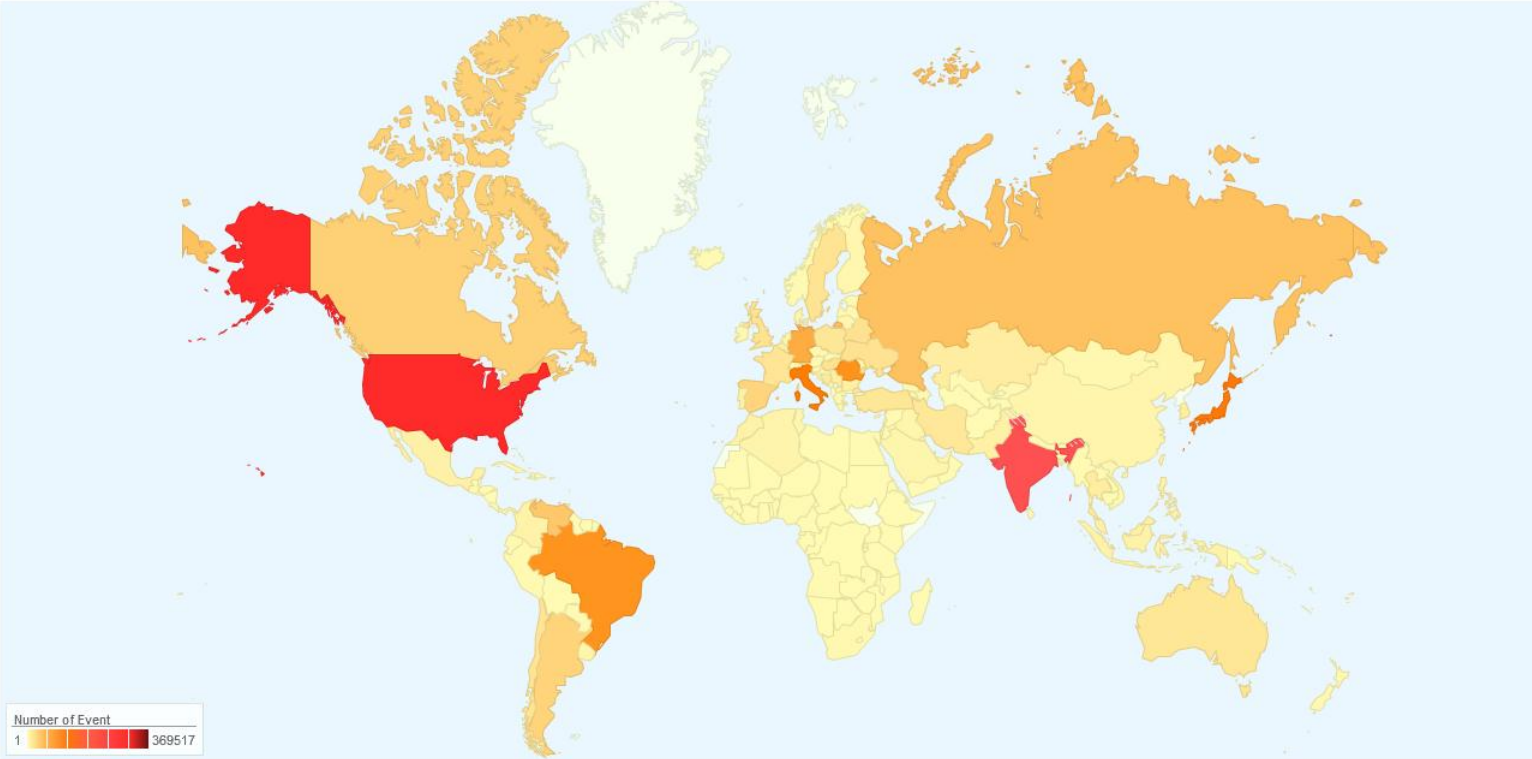
Case 1. ZeroAccess
Our Trial to Find a ZeroAccess

- **Find a ZeroAccess-infected PC, and Observe its Behavior.**



Case 1. ZeroAccess
ZeroAccess Detected by PRACTICE System

- **A Large Number of ZeroAccess-infected PCs are Detected by PRACTICE System.**



Top10 detected countries

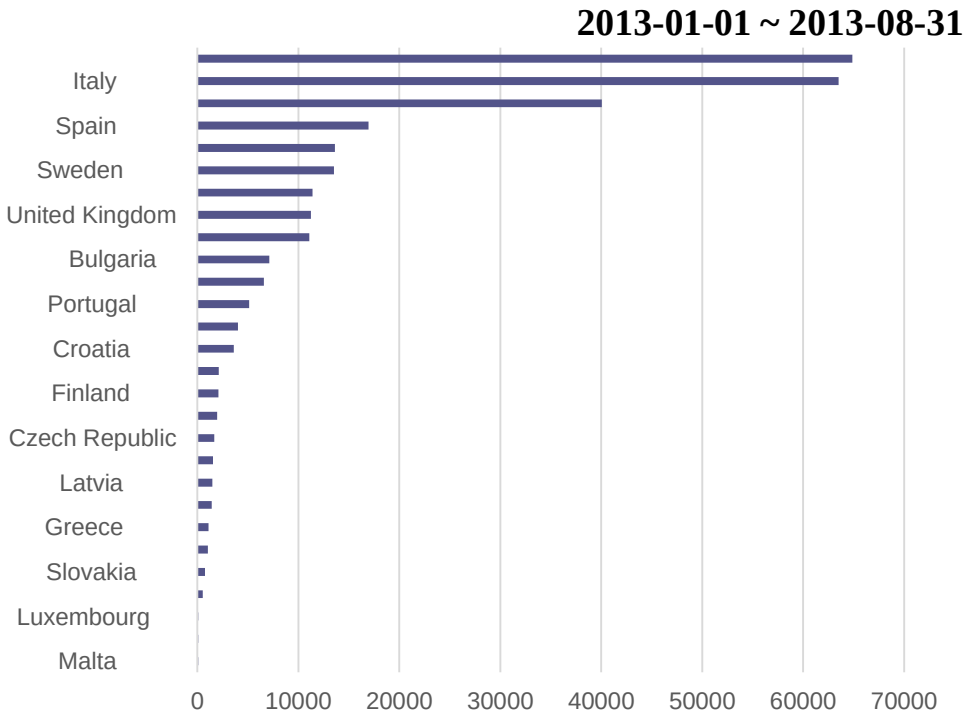
Country	US	IN	JP	RO	IT	TW	BR	DE	RU	CA
Number of Unique IP addresses	190,490	125,870	84,051	64,867	63,526	57,676	50,860	40,066	35,442	25,989

Case 1. ZeroAccess

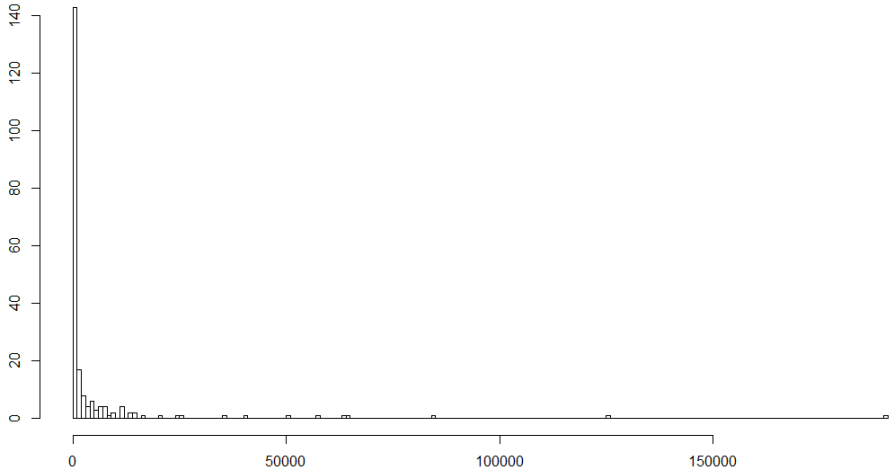
ZeroAccess in EU Detected by PRACTICE System

- PRACTICE system detected ZeroAccess communication from EU countries.
- Most countries in world, detected IP address are less than 1000.

Number of ZeroAccess infected IP addresses in EU

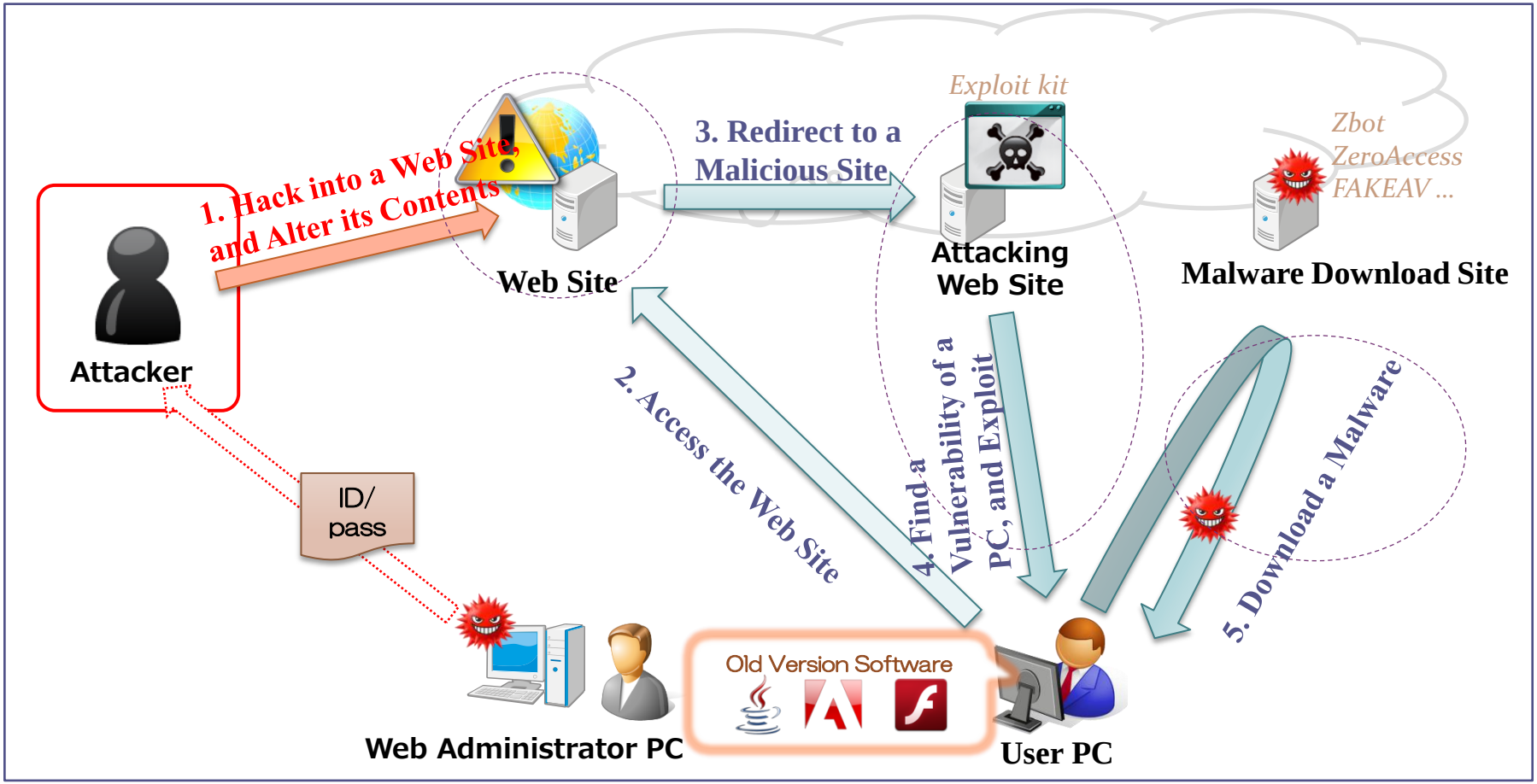


Histogram of number of ZeroAccess infected IP addresses in world



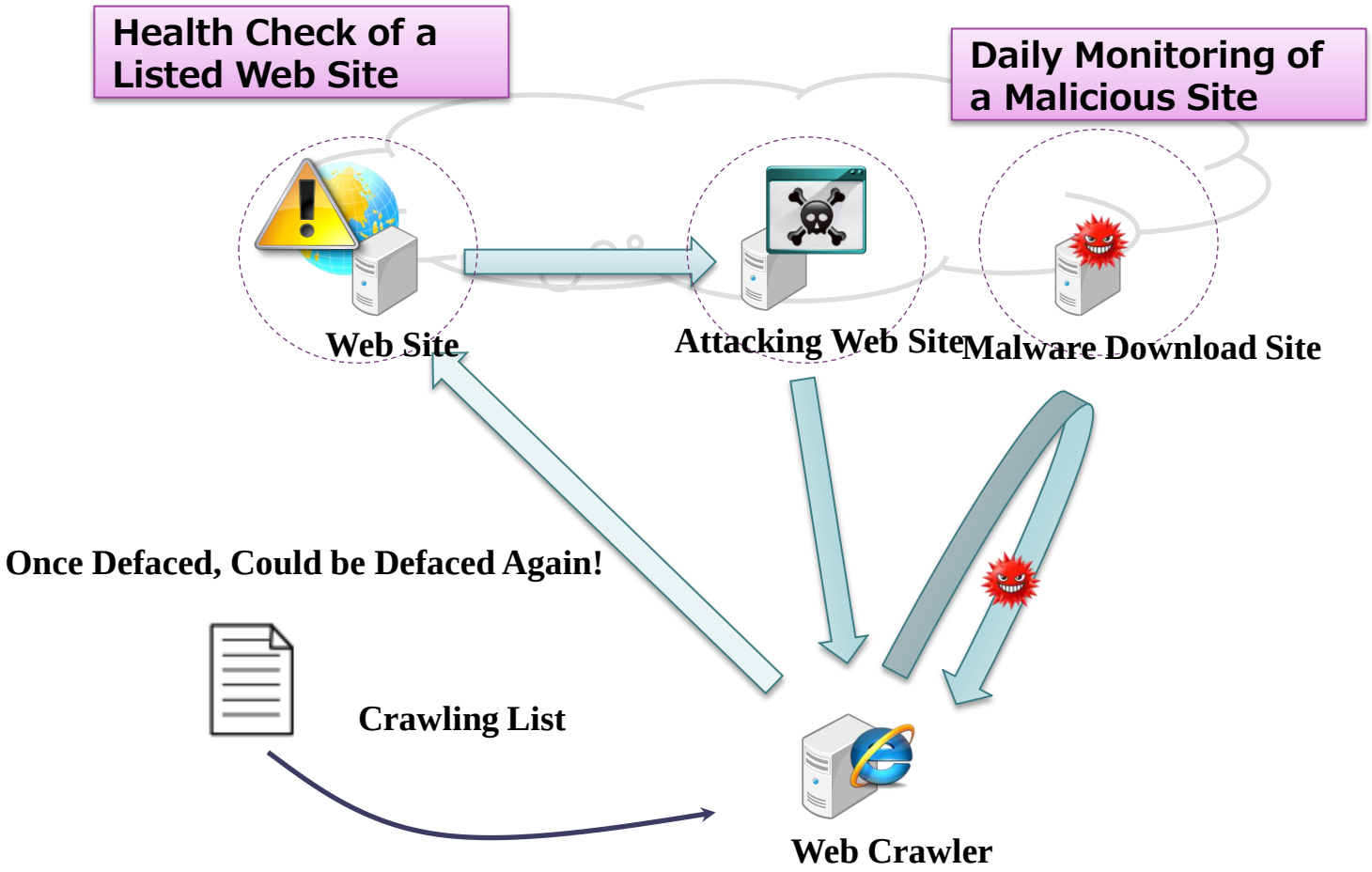
Case 2. Web Defacement
Web defacements are spreading

- Web Defacement is one of our concerns at this time.
- Many Web sites are defaced in Japan.
- A Parson accessing the defaced site gets infected with Zbot.



Case 2. Web Defacement
Our Trial to Find a Defaced Web Site

- **Web Crawler checks Listed Web sites and finds Malicious sites.**



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- PRACTICE is focusing on Predict(Finding a Symptom of Cyber-attack) and Quick Response
- PRACTICE-FT is working on Establishing Quick Response Scheme
- In order to Establish Quick Response Scheme, PRACTICE-FT is trying to find a Symptom of Cyber-attack with R&D Team
  We recognize three levels in accordance with the cyber-attack
- International Collaboration is Important to Find a Symptom and Establish Quick Response Scheme

Thank you for your time and consideration.

We are looking forward to collaborating with you!

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