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Web Traffic Monitoring

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Why Monitor?

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Why do we need to monitor?

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- Company policy for computer use
 - What is appropriate?

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- Business related activities:
 - Support Company business goals and objectives
- Non-business related activities:
 - as approved by management
 - negligible, not interfering with work responsibilities and required business activities
 - Examples: volunteerism, continuing education, professional development



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Why do we need to monitor?

- Company policy for computer use
 - What is NOT appropriate?
 - Disclosure of confidential or sensitive data owned by or entrusted to Motorola to unauthorized recipients
 - Misuse of trademarks or service marks of Motorola or other organizations
 - Misuse of copyrighted material or other violation of copyrights held by Motorola or others

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Why do we need to monitor?

- Company policy for computer use
 - What is NOT appropriate?
 - Communicating in ways that disparage other companies' products or services (excluding objective reports of substantiated fact with limited internal distribution)
 - Communicating information that could be perceived as official Motorola positions or endorsements without proper management approval
 - Communicating using confrontational or improper language or using statements that are defamatory

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Why do we need to monitor?

- Company policy for computer use
 - What is NOT appropriate?
 - Creating, storing, or transmitting illegal or otherwise offensive material
 - Participating in any activity which could be interpreted as harassment
 - Originating or distributing chain letters
 - Misrepresenting an individual's identity or the source of communications or data

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Why do we need to monitor?

- Company policy for computer use
 - What is NOT appropriate?
 - Attempting to break into any computer ("cracking") without proper authorization, whether within Motorola or another organization
 - Accessing confidential information on computer resources without authorization
 - Promoting political or religious positions
 - Operating a personal business, or use for personal gain



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Why do we need to monitor?

- Company policy for computer use
 - What is NOT appropriate?
 - Participating or engaging in activities that violate the law, the Motorola Code of Conduct, Key Beliefs, or any Motorola policies or standards, including Human Resources, financial or security
 - Soliciting, except as provided for in the Human Resources publication "Working Together"

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Why do we need to monitor?

- Company policy for computer use
 - What is NOT appropriate?
 - Export or import of any governmentally-controlled technical data or software (such as software encryption) to or from unauthorized locations or persons without appropriate licenses or permits

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Why do we need to monitor?

- Network traffic
 - Before and after "normal" hours
 - Lunch time
 - Global corporation: there is ALWAYS someone trying to be productive

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Why do we need to monitor?

- Incident response (examples)
 - Insider information posted on Yahoo message boards
 - Stalker traced back to a pager number assigned to the Corporation
 - RFP competitive results and analysis disclosed to losing bidder
 - Hacking tools, software from warez sites found running on internal network

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How It All Began...

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How It All Began...

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- Posting on Yahoo message board disclosed confidential company information
- Legal department enlisted our help to find out if the posting came from within our network
- Network Security Team's RealSecure evaluation + a few Perl scripts = ad hoc system



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What We Did and Did Not Find

- Did NOT find evidence that the posting came from inside
- DID find URLs for pornographic and other inappropriate sites
- Did NOT find managers who approved this inappropriate use
- DID find outraged managers ready to deal with our findings

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The "System" Today

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- 1998 one facility
- 1999 positioned server to pick up 3 facilities
- RealSecure logs all outgoing requests to web gateway
- Weekly automated job searches through the week's logs for activity to report

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• Weekly report of high-volume IP addresses (machines) - sample headings:

Searching pattern: . in log file: ...

Total HTTP requests: 8280520, total hits: 8280520,

percentage:100%

Source IP Hits Start-End Time Stamps

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- Weekly report of keyword hits on IP addresses (machines) using keywords from such categories as:
 - sex/pornography
 - racism
 - hacking/cracking
 - abuse of drugs
 - identity masking

– etc....

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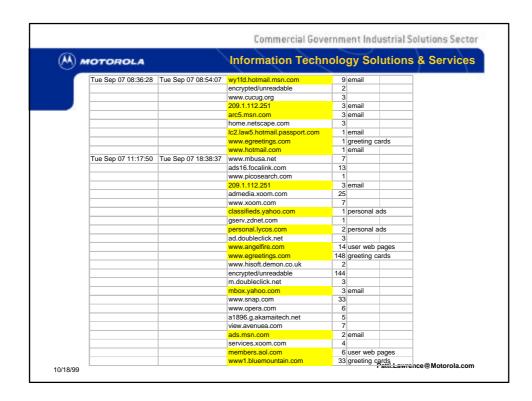
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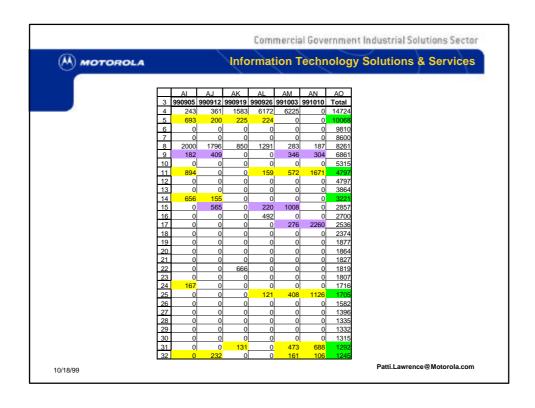
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- Raw log file for each IP address in the "keyword" report
- Summary file for each address showing times of activity and counts per web server (15-minute rule)
- Counts of "hits" are added to a cumulative spreadsheet, sorted by descending cumulative total

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- False hits analysis samples:
 - abcnews.go.com ("teenyicon.gif")
 - accommodationsexpress.com
 - www.al-anon.alateen.org
 - www.certificationshack.com
 - www.dallasexaminer.com
 - www.flowersexpress.com
 - www.jelloboy.com ("Nude teen stick figures")

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- False hits analysis even more samples:
 - www.JoesCrabShack.com
 - www.radioshack.com
 - www.securitiesexam.com
 - www.sunglassexpress.com
 - www.texasexes.org
 - www.uswest.net
 - xxx.lanl.gov (my favorite)

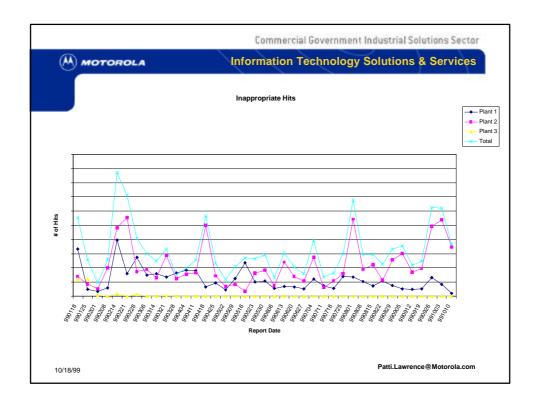
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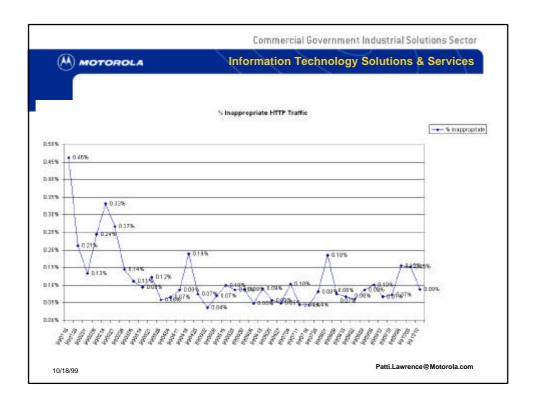
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- Generate weekly summary reports and charts
 - Cover page, summary and status of open cases
 - Spreadsheets of historical data by IP address
 - Charts

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- Cases opened for highest hitters, work our way down the list
- Find the computer
- Identify the user (whenever possible)
- Document the evidence using fill-in-theblank template

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User Name: User Network ID: User Location: User Department:

HR Representative:

Investigation Report Contents:

Ш	Electronic/Printed IP logs containing IP address of machine, count of web hits based on search criteria		
	Electronic/Printed IP logs containing IP address of machine, breakdown of web hits by site based on		
	search criteria		
	Electronic/Printed web browser history showing dates/times the sites were accessed		
	Electronic/Printed cookie file from web browser		
	Electronic/Printed computer security logs showing who was logged into the computer at the times in		
	the samples		
_	Electronic copy of Netscape user directory		
	Electronic copy of users email files (available only if stored on hard disk)		
ä	Electronic copy of directories containing evidence		
	Printed list of directories copied		
	Printed examples of data found		
_	Statements from others involved		
	□ Not Included		
	■ Not included ■ Included		
	Included		

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On {date}, weekly web traffic logs revealed the computer connected at IP address {IP address} had been to pornographic sites. The currently associated machine ID at this IP address is {machine ID}, assigned to {name or "multiple users" as appropriate}.

According to the web traffic log, at least one user on the machine connected at {IP address} has accessed pornographic sites on the dates and times reported in attached web traffic summaries.

{Choose a paragraph that fits the situation or create a similar one; delete those not; replace terms in brackets with the appropriate data}

The NT security log was reviewed for the dates and times in question. The security audit had not been turned on so there was no data in the security log. There are {number of user accounts} users on the computer, so to determine who was going to pornographic web sites we searched the cache and Netscape history files of all the users who had Netscape profiles on the machine.

The NT security log was reviewed for the dates and times in question. The security audit had not been turned on so there was no data in the security log. However, {name} was the only user on the machine.

The NT security log was reviewed for the dates and times in question. The ID shown logged in was {userID}. This ID belongs to {name}.

The Unix security log was reviewed for the dates and times in question. The ID shown logged in was $\{userID\}$. This ID belongs to $\{name\}$.

This machine is running Windows, is a portable computer, and has no security installed on it. It was in the docking station in {name}'s office, and the only Netscape profile on the machine was for {full email address for the user}.

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{Choose a paragraph that fits the situation or create a similar one; delete those not used; replace terms in brackets with the appropriate data}

brackets with the appropriate data] We found that the {Netscape and/or Internet Explorer} user profile associated with the following person had been used to access pornographic sites:

had been used to access pornographic sites:

Upon viewing the user's {Netscape and/or Internet Explorer} historical files, we found the following evidence the user had been to pornographic sites:

evidence the user had been to pornographic sites:

Upon viewing the user's (Netscape and/or Internet Explorer) historical files, we found no evidence this user had been to pornographic sites, indicating web activity had been cleared from the machine some time before we went to the machine for investigation on {date}.

{name}	{name of file	{site name}
,	containing	{site name}
	evidence}	{site name}
		{site name}
	{name of file	{site name}
	containing	{site name}
	evidence}	{site name}
		{site name}
	{name of file	{site name}
	containing	{site name}
	evidence}	{site name}
		{site name}
	{name of file	{site name}
	containing	{site name}
	evidence}	{site name}
		{site name}

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{Choose a paragraph that fits the situation or create a similar one; delete those not used; replace terms in brackets with the appropriate data: attach printed copy of directory listing!

brackets with the appropriate data; attach printed copy of directory listing}

The hard drive of the computer contained {number of} files consuming {amount of} disk space with pornographic data with file dates ranging from {start date/time} to {end date/time}.

pornographic data with file dates ranging from {start date/time} to {end date/time}.

The user's network home directory contained {number of} files consuming {amount of} disk space with pornographic data with file dates ranging from {start date/time} to {end date/time}.

The computer contained {executable program name} indicating the likelihood that a CD-ROM burner, jaz drive, zip drive, or other mass storage device was in use on the computer. We found {mass storage device name(s)} {in the office / attached to the machine / installed internally in the machine}.

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- Investigation helps
 - Administrative account
 - Network access to machine
 - Security log from machine/ntlast.exe
 - Directory listings from machine
 - Web traffic logs and summaries
 - Web browser files and other files on machine
 - Files on user's network drive

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Netscape Cookies

www kiss com FALSE / FALSE 1262332800 KissSearch PROFILEWEIGHT2=&ENDDATE=8%2F10%2F99+10%3A53%3A13+AM&PROFILEDRINK S=&PROFILECOUNTRY=1004&PROFILERELIGION=&PICTUREFLAG=&PROFILEAGE2=&PROFILESEXPREF=1&PROFILEHEIGHT2=&PROFILESMOKES=&PROFILEWEIGHT1=&STARTDATE=8 %2F10%2F98&PROFILECHILDREN=&PROFILESEX=1&PROFILEAGE1=&PROFILEHEIGHT1=&SCAPERSER + APPROFILE + APPROFEARCHDATE=8%2F10%2F99+10%3A53%3A13+AM DatingClub.Com FALSE / FALSE 1249926908 DCVISIT DatingClub.Com FALSE / 2094752928.29287257 WEBTRENDS ID FALSE 1293753600 (IP deleted)-.imgis.com TRUE / FALSE 1091543 59F68616DEC19E3B88B602DE3004A518 FALSE 1091543994 JEB2 STRING singlesites PARTNER SINGLE RETURN VISITOR aff.carprices.com FALSE / FALSE 965952104 E 965952104 PARTNER FALSE 965951522 use SINGLE www.one-and-only.com FALSE / 522 usergroup 0 RMID 88b602dd37b1b3c0 FALSE 1293839999 FALSE 946684799 .jobs.com TRUE / u_edition_0_0 .snap.com TRUE home FALSE 946684799 TRUE u_vid_0_0 04a891f8 .snap.com www.amcitv.comFALSE / FALSE 1565114549 Apache cache-engine-03.chi.ais.net.314534934394549283 personals.yahoo.com FALSE 949359600 TRUE / prop=p&c0=Scottsdale&s0=AZ&z0=85252&r0=Phoenix TRUE / FALSE 934963200 FALSE 934963200 .amazon.com session-id-time 934963200 002-9419992-6572637 .amazon.com session-id .amazon.com TRUE / FALSE 2082787304 002-4511810-3623549



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Netscape Preferences

```
user_pref("browser.bookmark_columns_win", "v1 1 1:10000 2:2996 4:1999 3:1999");
user_pref("browser.bookmark_window_rect", "132,132,929,729");
user_pref("browser.cache.disk_cache_size", 15000);
user_pref("browser.cache.memory_cache_size", 15000);
user_pref("browser.download_directory", "D:\\Download\\");
user_pref("browser.download_directory", "D:\\Download\\");
user_pref("browser.startup.homepage", "http://sstg.geg.mot.com");
user_pref("browser.startup.homepage_override", false);
user_pref("browser.url_history.URL_1", "www.yam.ch/");
user_pref("browser.url_history.URL_11", "www.msnbc.com/");
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Developing Relationships



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Developing Relationships

- Human Resource Management
 - Help set priorities
 - Deal with user and his/her management
 - Apply disciplinary measures
 - I never have to confront the users and usually could not identify them if I saw them

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Developing Relationships

- Corporate Legal Department
 - Issues involving software licensing (freeware vs. shareware, etc.)
 - Sometimes initiate investigation request
 - Assist with decisions regarding evidence storage and retention, etc.



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Developing Relationships

- Physical Security Department
 - Liaison with local, state, and federal law enforcement when required
 - Need to be informed if evidence suggests the possibility of bodily harm or destruction of property
 - Place cameras when a "public" machine does not indicate who was using it

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Developing Relationships

- Law Enforcement
 - Notification of suspected illegal activity
 - Avoid changing anything on the machine (preservation of evidence)
 - Provide technical expertise in interpreting evidence (especially with local-level agencies)



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Developing Relationships

- Network Architecture Team
 - Locate a machine when inaccessible over the network
 - Provide access to network services not normally required

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Lessons Learned

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Lessons Learned

UNIX limitations

- when trying to parse the data the Unix operating system (Solaris 2.6) can not handle a file size larger then 2GB. This required daily generation of a new log file and combining all at the end of the week
- Tabling output in procedures resulted in over
 40 files being open at a time

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Lessons Learned

RealSecure limitations

- Version we are using has a memory leak,
 requiring us to start/stop process on an hourly
 basis to avoid loss of data
- This is an older version of the software, and no longer being maintained
- Newer versions don't work with our processes

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Lessons Learned

Network limitations

- We had to add two new network segments to support the Real Secure engine, which could not handle ATM.
- We had to dual-homed the system to the monitored network and the "out of band" network used to pull the data off the system because the level of 2-way traffic caused network traffic problems (packet collisions)

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Lessons Learned

• People issues

- Habits and Impressions --> Increased activity
 - "They haven't caught me yet"
 - "They aren't downsizing right now"
- Need to raise policy awareness level
 - orientation of new employees and contractors
 - reminders to existing employees and contractors
- Manager reaction: "Now I understand why there was a productivity problem..."



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Lessons Learned

- People issues
 - Creative surfing
 - "Glare screens"
 - Non-standard web browsers
 - Web sites that don't hit keywords
 - Remote access surfing
 - If you can't identify who is on the machine, try searching the log for web-based email!

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Plans for the Future

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Plans for the Future

- Evaluate, test, implement filtering software
- Continue monitoring
 - Some things will slip through filtering software
 - We expect continued historical-evidence requests outside scope of filtering software
- Automate everything that can be automated
- Analyze keywords for possible changes
- Cover more facilities/business units

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Questions, Comments, Suggestions...

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