EP 110: Spam Botnets

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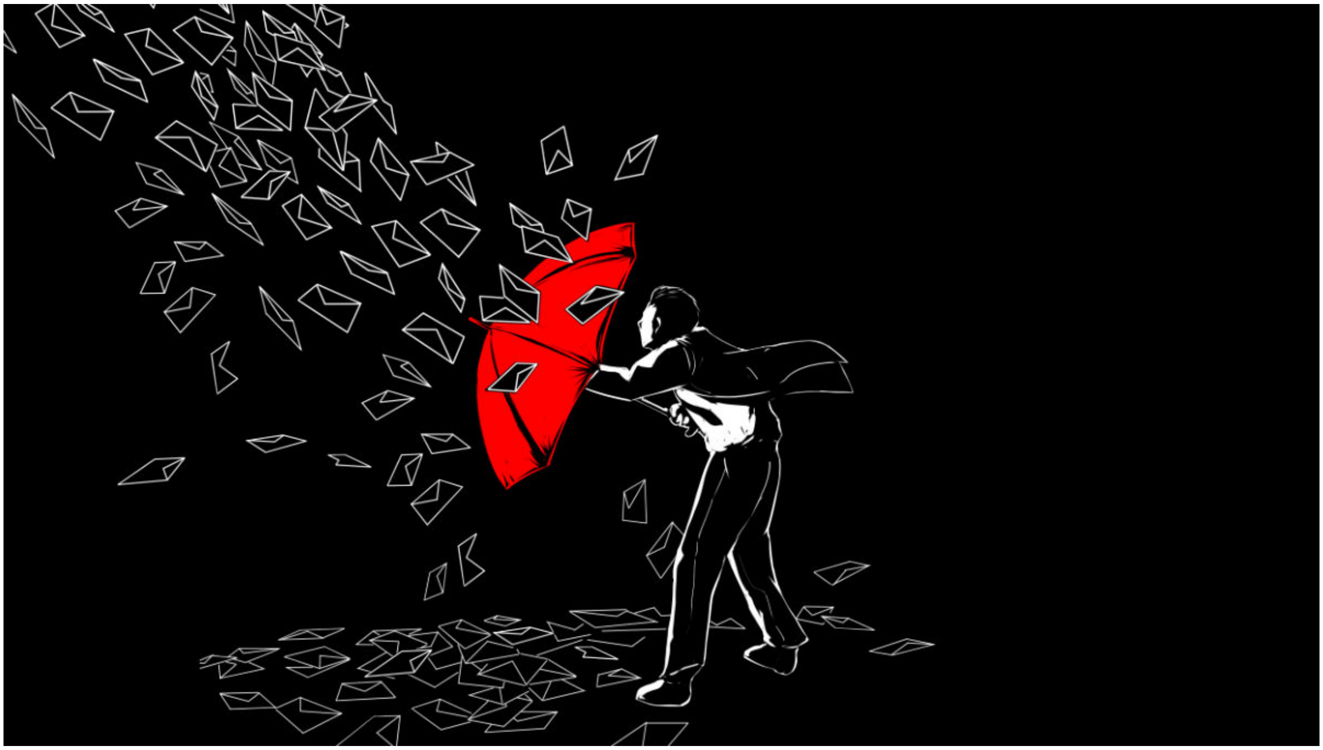

This episode tells the stories of some of the worlds biggest spamming botnets. We'll talk about the botnets Rustock, Waledac, and Cutwail. We'll discover who was behind them, what their objectives were, and what their fate was.

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JACK: I grew up in the US, close to my grandma. She was old and needed medicine, and often she'd buy her medicine in Mexico. I have many fond memories of taking an all-day road trip to Mexico, getting across the border, trying to find la farmacia, hoping we'd get the right medicine there, figuring out a way to get it back over the border, and then driving home. The thing is, here in the US, medicine is crazy expensive, so making the trip down to Mexico for medicine was worth it to us. [MUSIC] My grandma was just someone looking for deals and trying to save money. But this is a common story I've heard from other people in the US, too. Yeah, it's often illegal to do this, because the US doesn't want people importing drugs that aren't FDA-approved, but still, people do it. But then, another option landed on the table; pharmacies began to appear online. Suddenly, you could order your medicines from your computer and get it delivered right to your front door, and that changed everything.

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