Get Rich or Die Trying "Making money on the Web, the black hat way"

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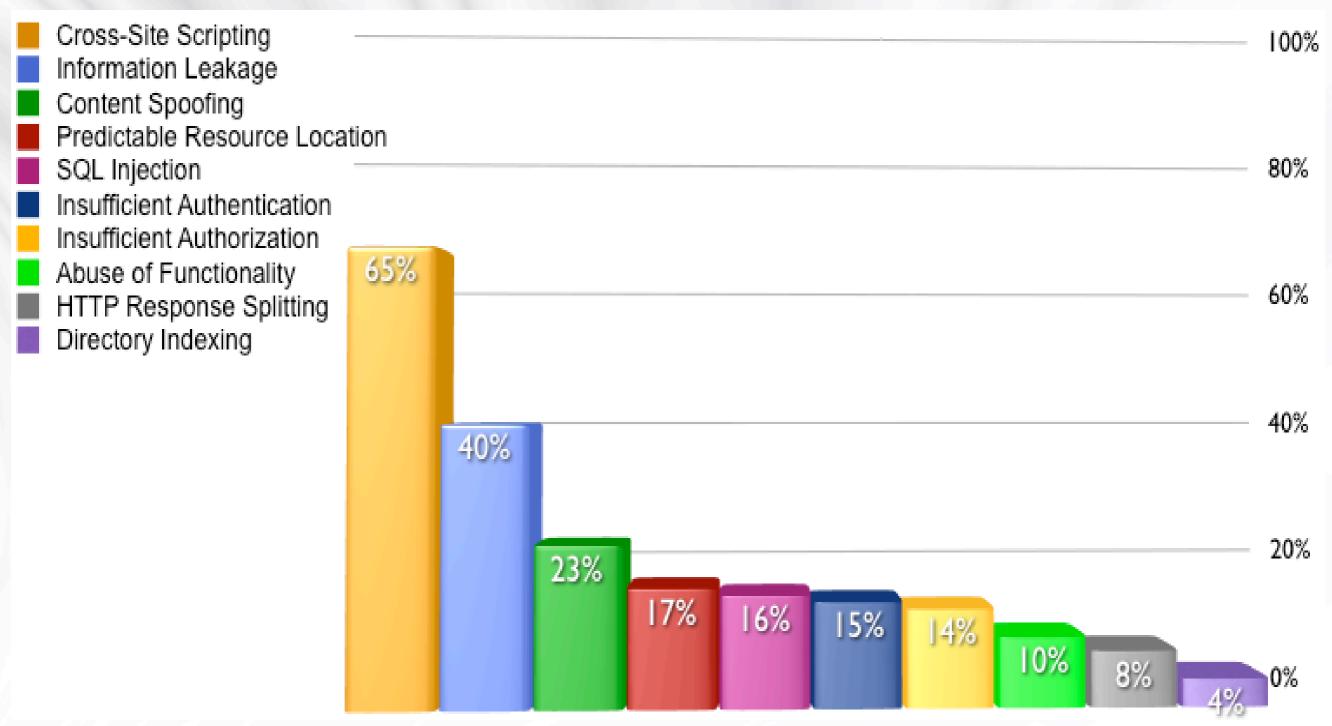
WhiteHat Sentinel

- Unlimited Assessments customer controlled and expert managed – the ability to scan websites no matter how big or how often they change
- Coverage authenticated scans to identify technical vulnerabilities and custom testing to uncover business logical flaws
- Virtually Eliminate False Positives Operations Team verifies results and assigns the appropriate severity and threat rating
- Development and QA WhiteHat Satellite Appliance allows us to service intranet accessible systems remotely
- Improvement & Refinement real-world scans enable fast and efficient updates



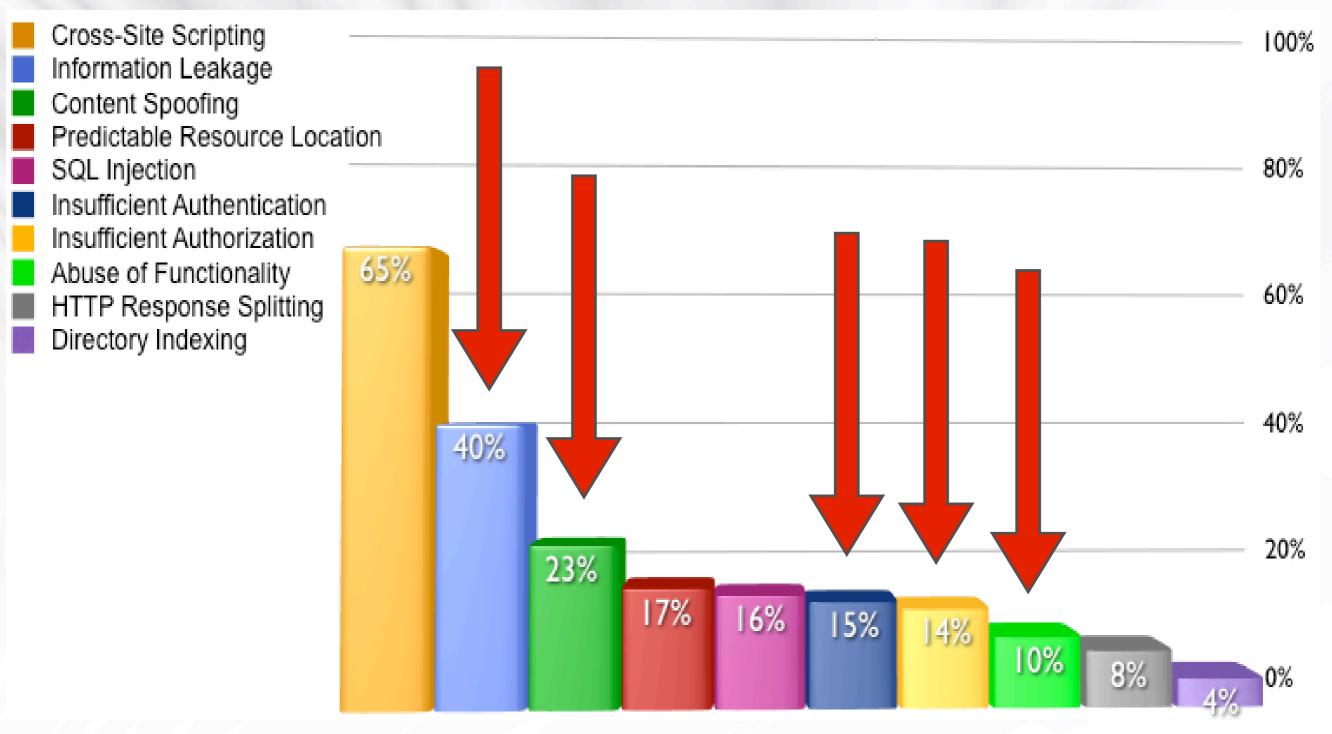


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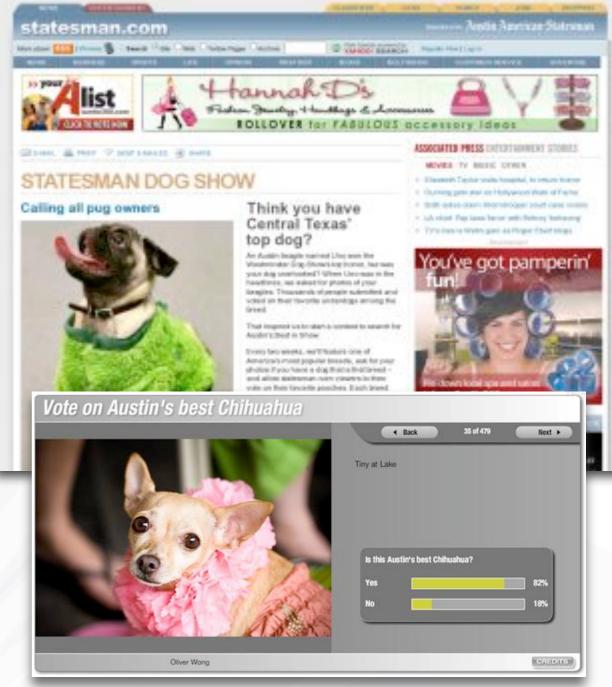
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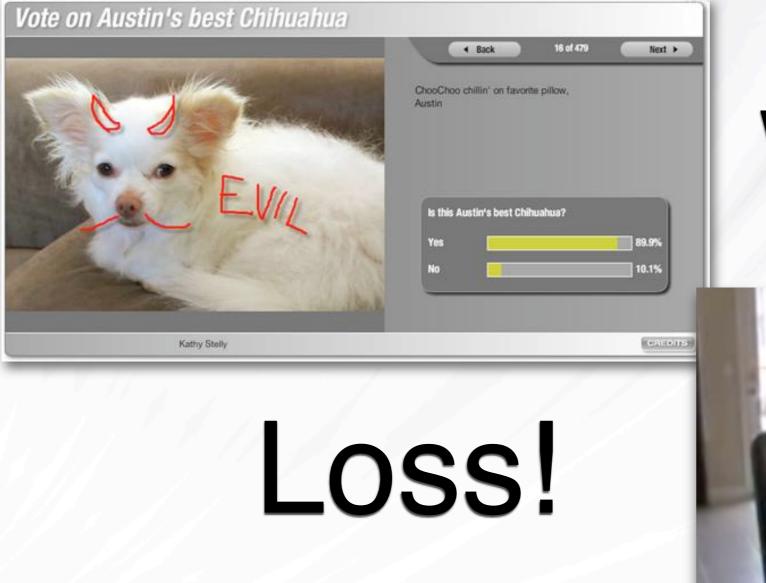
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Burp Proxy http://portswigger.net/proxy/

RSnake boosts Tiny into 1st...

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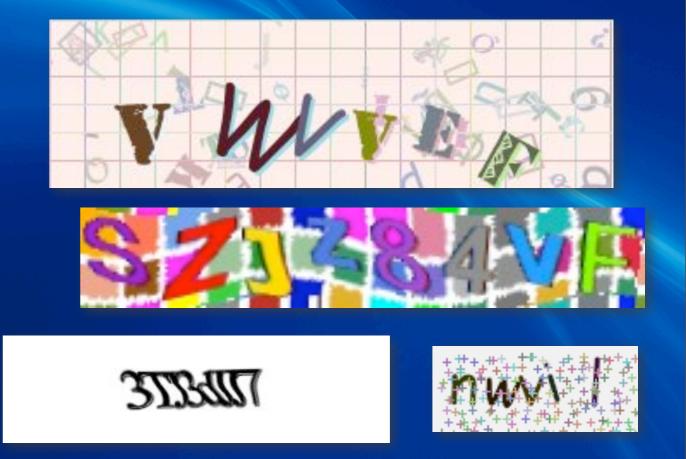
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Spammers want to defeat CAPTCHAs to register for free online accounts on Gmail, YahooMail, Windows Live Mail, MySpace, FaceBook, etc. for spam distribution.

As CAPTCHA technology has become more ubiquitous a market has emerged for those who can successfully defeat the security measures in any manner possible.

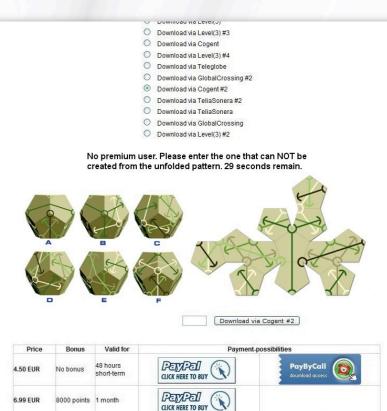
CAPTCHA solving done in 3 ways...

1) Flawed Implementation

- Not enough entropy in the answers
 - i.e. "what is 4 + 1?"
- The same answers can be replayed multiple times

CAPTCHA Effectiveness Test

- 1) Test should be administered where the human and the server are remote over a network.
- 2) Test should be simple for humans to pass.
- 3) Test should be solvable by humans in less than a several seconds.
- 4) Test should only be solvable by the human to which it was presented.
- 5) Test should be hard for computer to pass
- 6) Knowledge of previous questions, answers, results, or combination thereof should not impact the predictability of following tests.
- 7) Test should not discriminate against humans with visual or hearing impairments.
- 8) Test should not possess a geographic, cultural, or language bias.



2) OCR

A Low-cost Attack on a Microsoft CAPTCHA

"Our attack has achieved a segmentation success rate of 92%, and this implies that the MSN scheme can be broken with an overall (segmentation and then recognition) success rate of more than 60%."

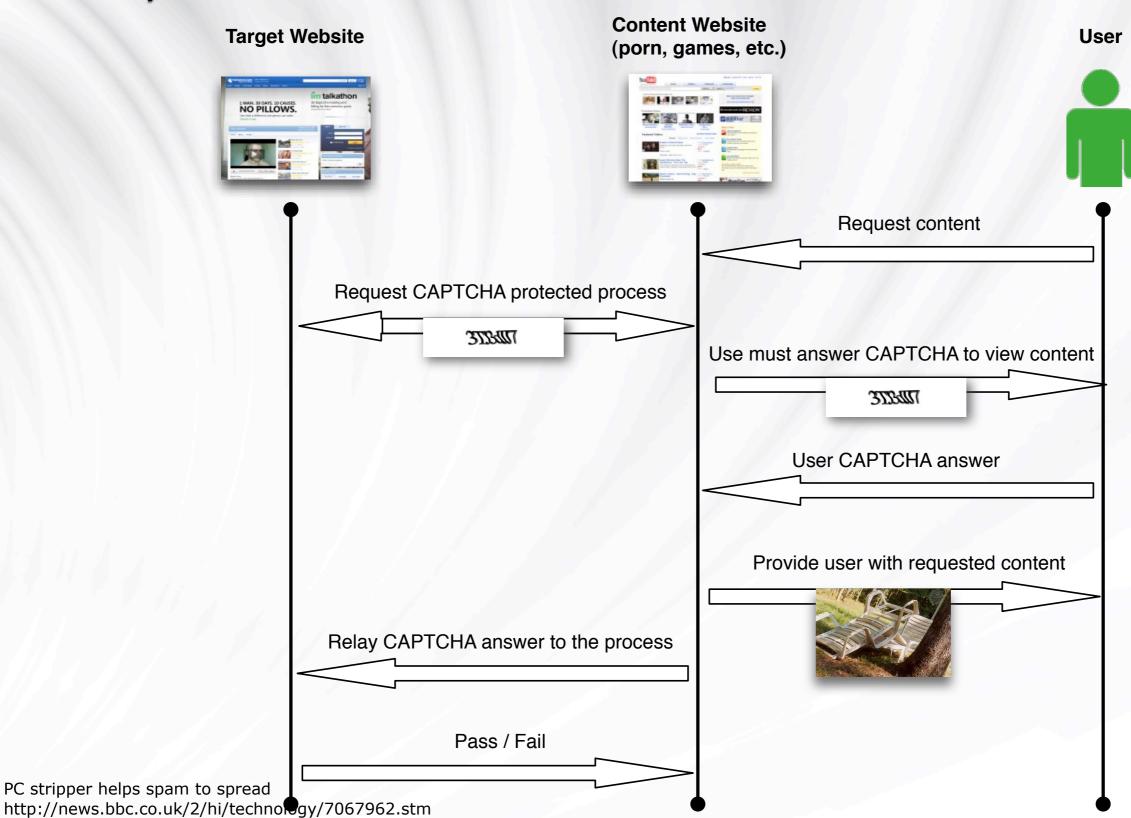
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Jeff Yan and Ahmad Salah El Ahmad School of Computing Science, Newcastle University, England

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A Low-cost Attack on a Microsoft CAPTCHA http://homepages.cs.ncl.ac.uk/jeff.yan/msn.htm

3) Mechanical Turk / "The Turk"



Solving and creating captchas with free porn http://www.boingboing.net/2004/01/27/solving-and-creating.html

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web visum (vision, in latin) is your eyes for the web http://www.webvisum.com/



RSnake is contacted by a Romanian CAPTCHA Solver...

"300-500 CAPTCHAs per person per hour. The clients pay between \$9-15 per 1000 CAPTCHAs solved. The team works around 12 hours a day per person. That means they can solve somewhere around 4800 CAPTCHAs per day per person, and, depending on how hard the CAPTCHAs are, that can run you around \$50 per day per person (his estimate)."

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Hijack a Sprint user's accounts

With just a cell phone number...

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"change their billing address, order a whole bunch of cellphones sent to a drop location, and leave the victim paying the bill. There's also the stalker's wet dream: add GPS tracking to their cellphone and secretly watch their every movement from any computer."

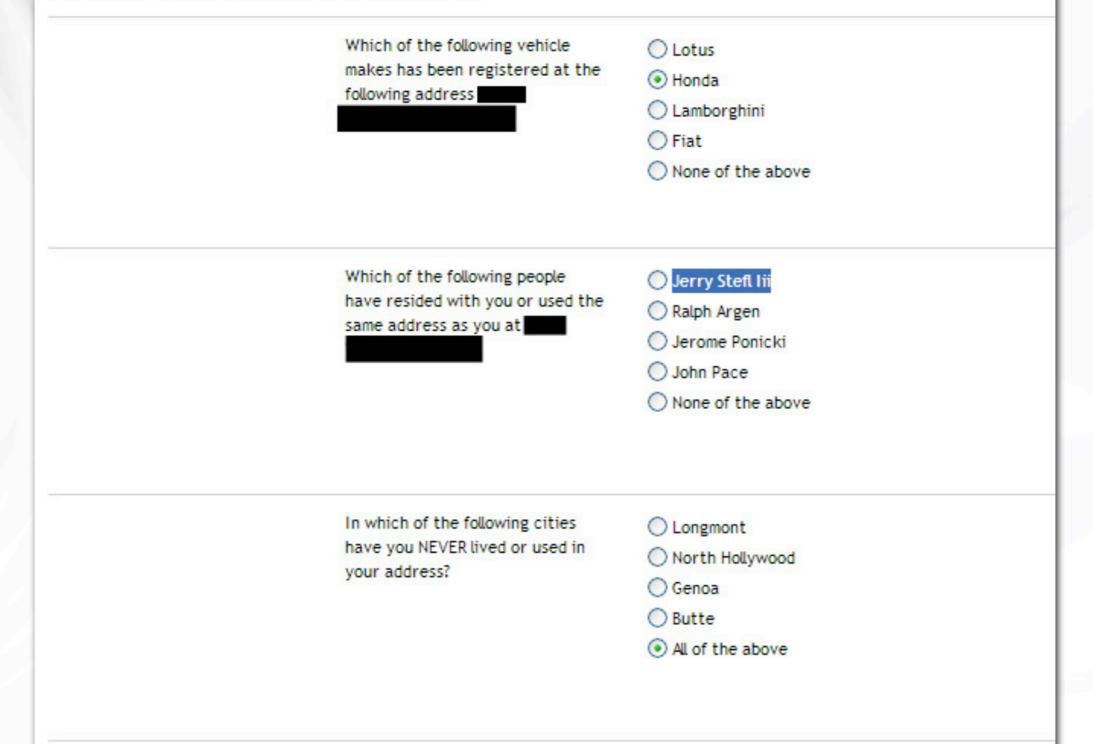
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Change Billing Information Signed on as

Account number:

Account Administrator:

To change your billing address or contact information, update the fields below:

If you want your billing statements sent to a different address than where the phones are used, please contact Customer Care. This may affect how you are taxed. Explanation of Taxes

*Due to billing cycles, your changes may not be reflected on your next invoice.

Billing and Contact Information

* Indicates Required Information

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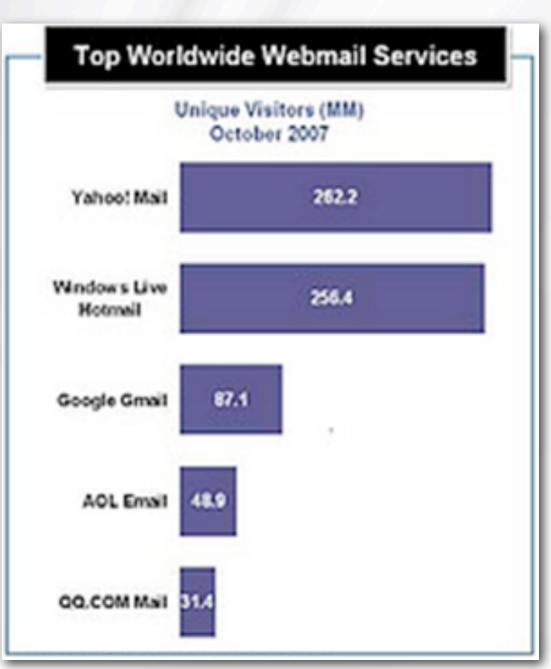
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China-based online "Password Recovery" services: You pay them to hack into "your" account.

300 Yuan (\$43) to break an overseas mailbox password, with 85% probability of success.

200 Yuan (\$29) to break a domestic mailbox password, with 90% probability of success.

1000 Yuan (\$143) to break a company's mailbox password (no success rate given).

Also on the menu: passwords for 163, 126, QQ, Yahoo, Sohu, Sina, TOM, Hotmail, MSN...etc.

Mailbox passwords for sale, Chinese hacker business or scam? http://www.thedarkvisitor.com/2008/04/mailbox-passwords-for-sale-chinese-hacker-business-or-scam/ http://news.cnnb.com.cn/system/2008/04/14/005548493.shtml





(USD) minimum. They accept Western Union.

Hire to Hack http://www.hire2hack.net/ , MSN,

Optional Information :

Submit your Order

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- Someone developed a script trying thousands of possible valid coupon IDs. Orders of merchandise worth over \$50,000 were bought for mere dollars where 200 or more individual coupons applied.

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Coupons are not currency, only a tool for marketing. Instead investigated by the Secret Service and now they face counts of mail fraud. "Micro-deposits" of a random few cents (\$0.01 - \$2.00) are used to verify financial accounts and routing numbers are correct and to verify that customers received it.



Real life: Office Space Hack

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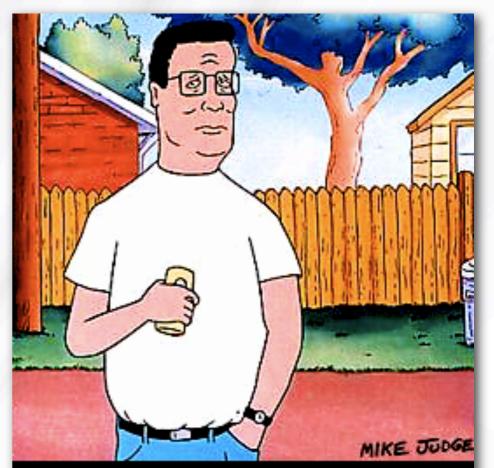


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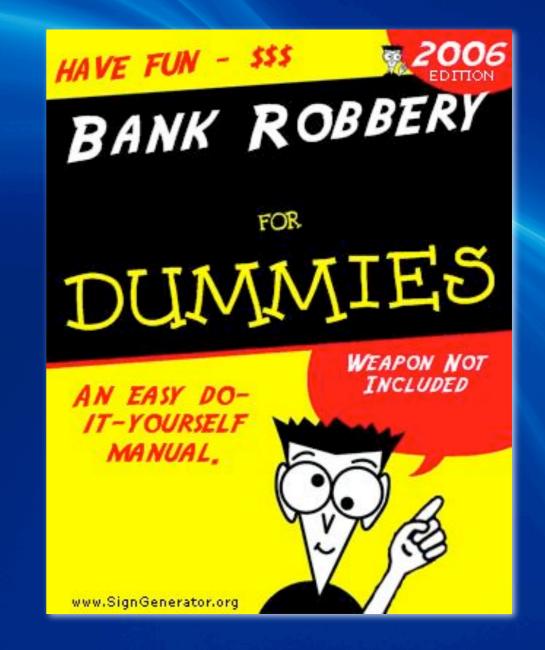
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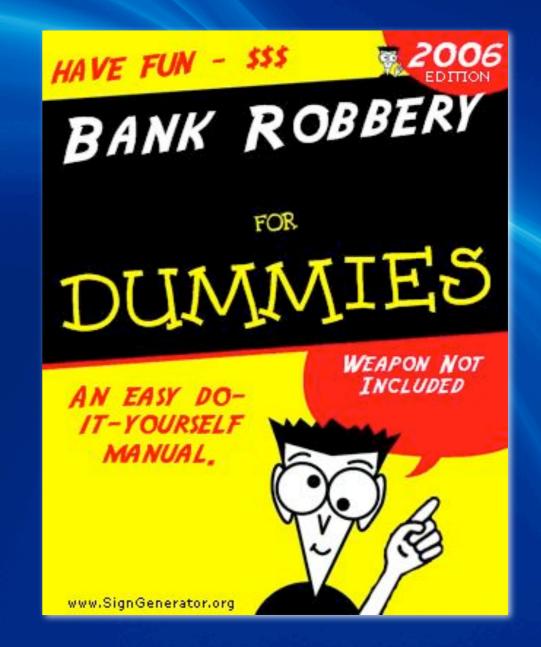
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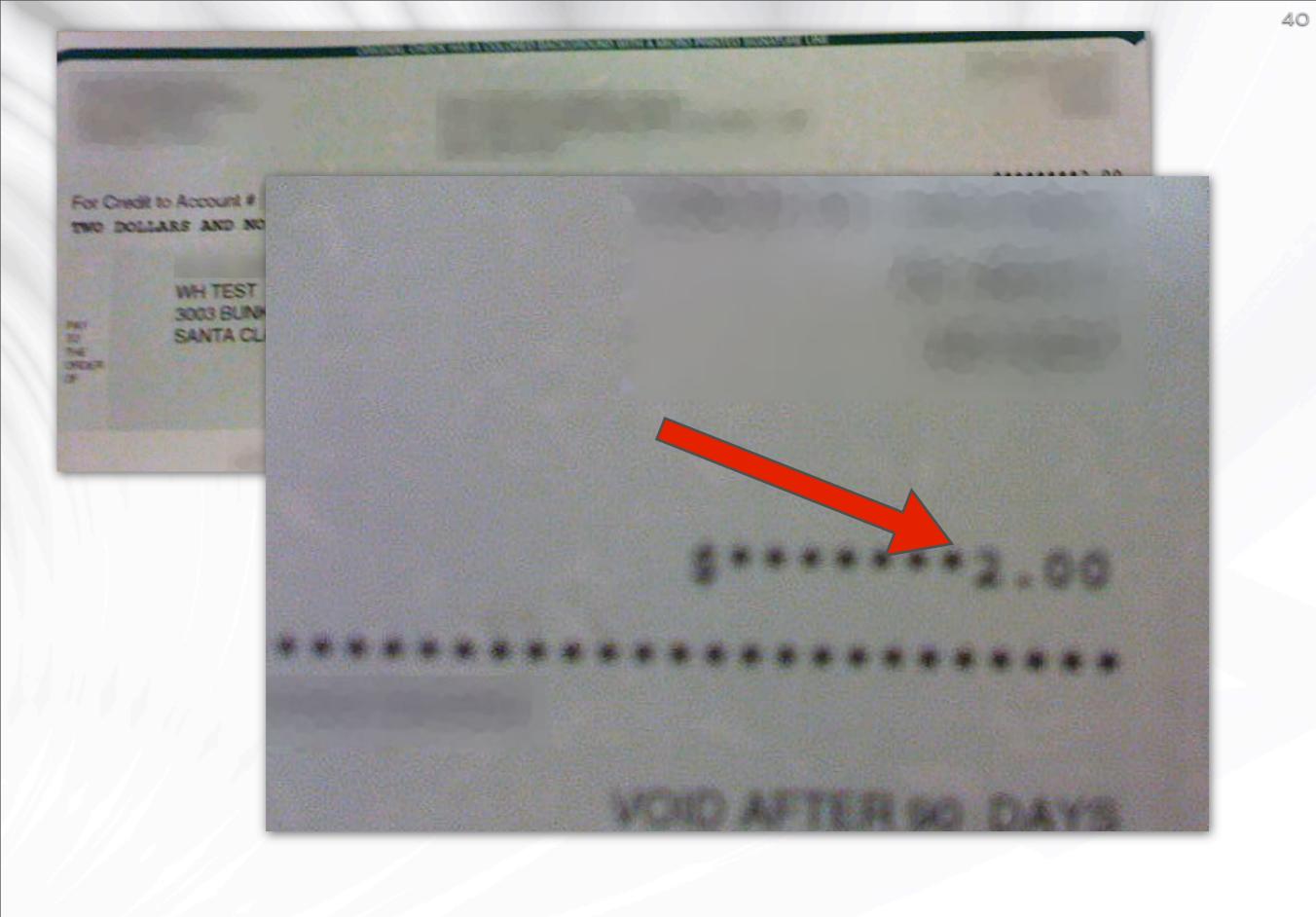
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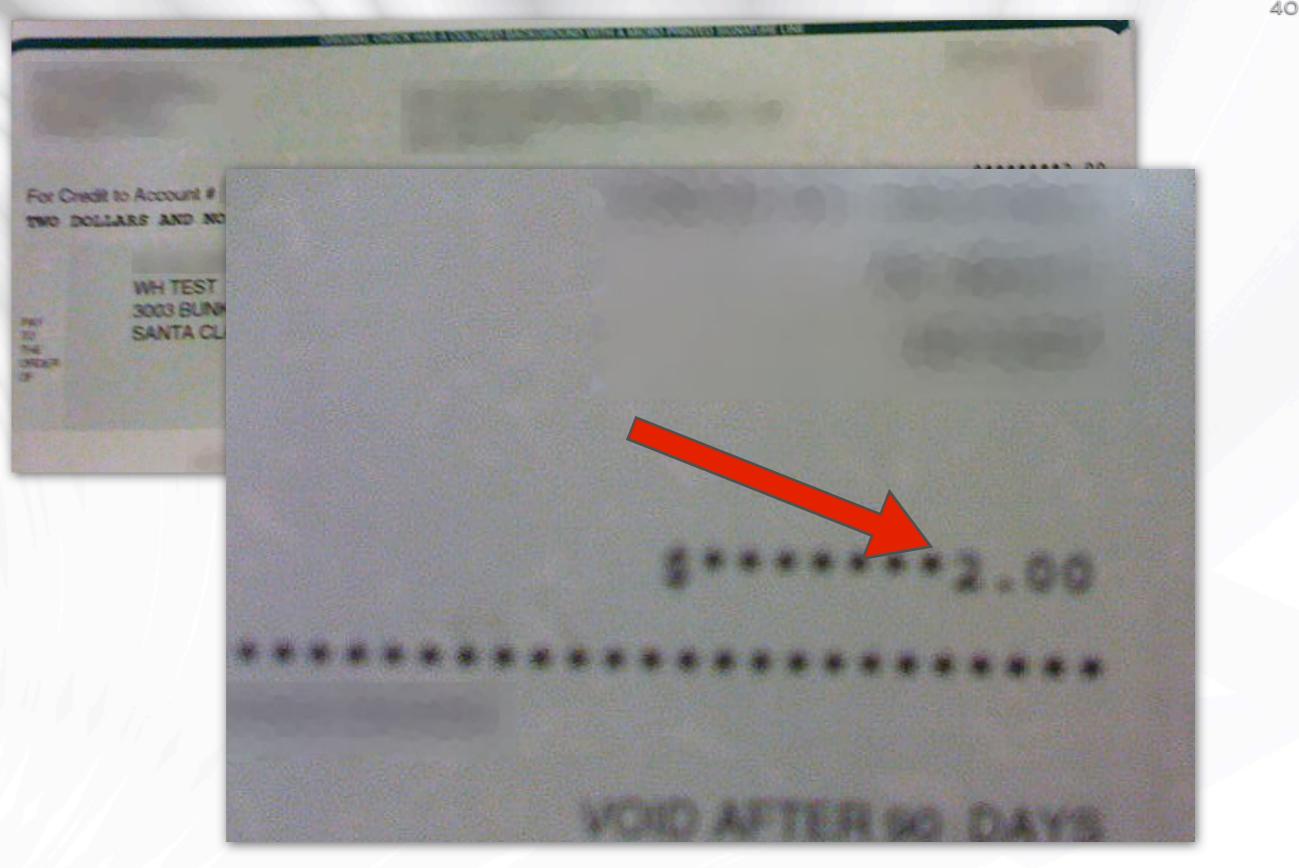
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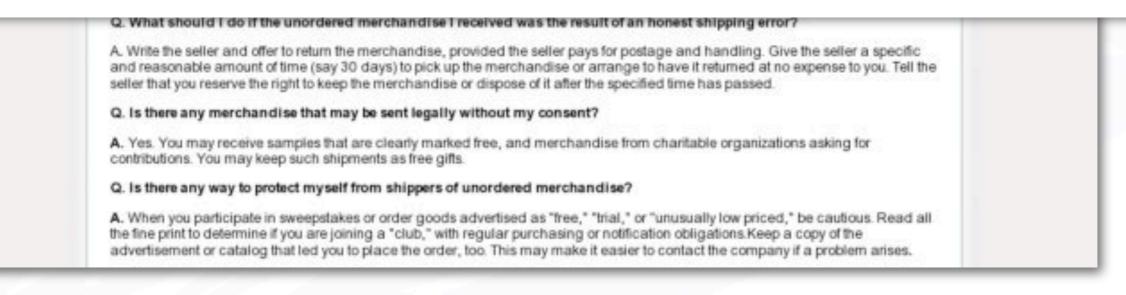


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The players

Merchant: Pays commissions to affiliates for customer clicks, account sign-ups, purchases, etc.

Affiliate: Collects commissions for driving customers towards merchants in the form of cost per-click (CPC) or cost per-acquisition (CPA).

Customer: The person who buys stuff or signs-up for promotions.

Affiliate Network: Technology framework connecting and monitoring the merchant, affiliate, and customer.



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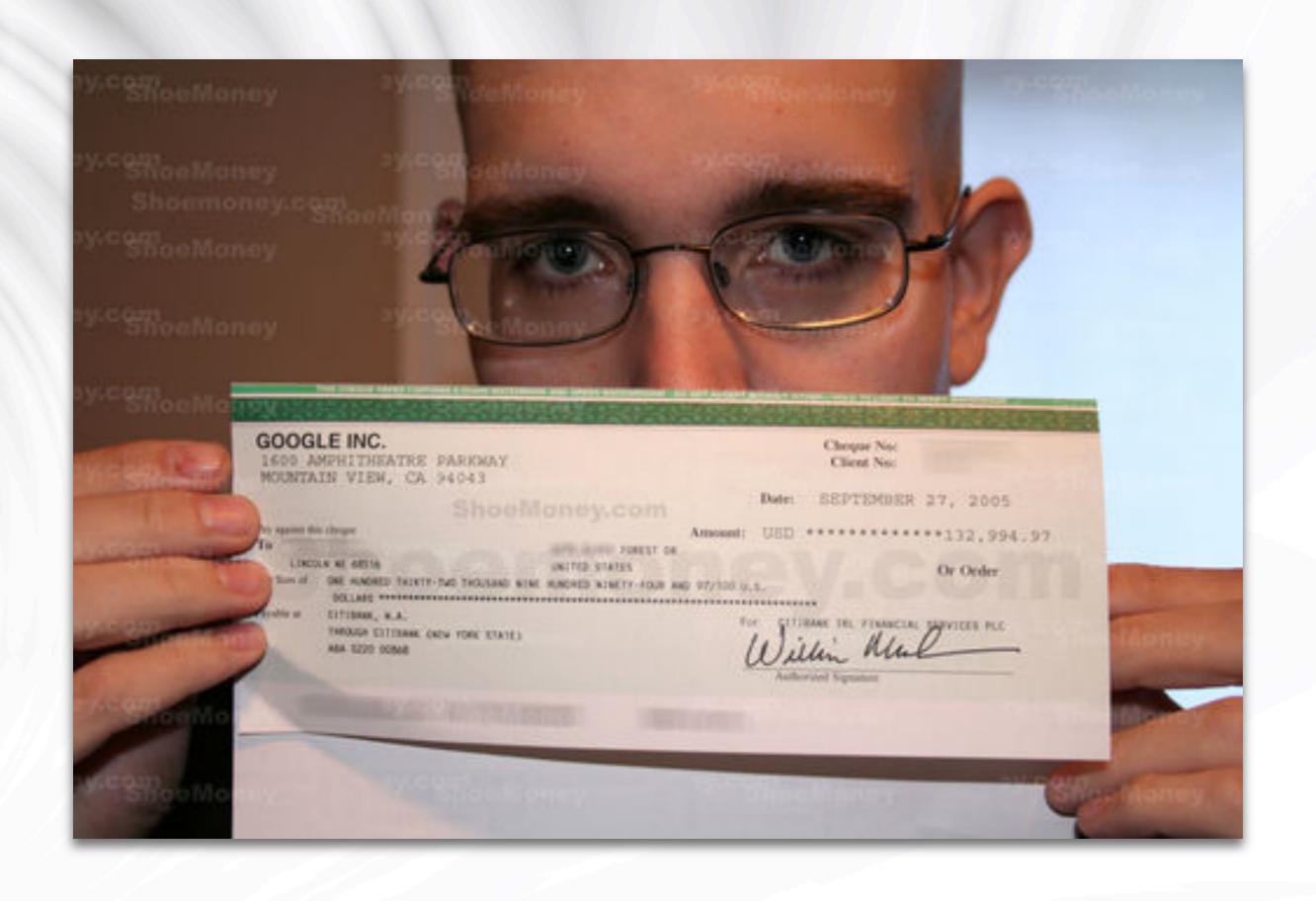
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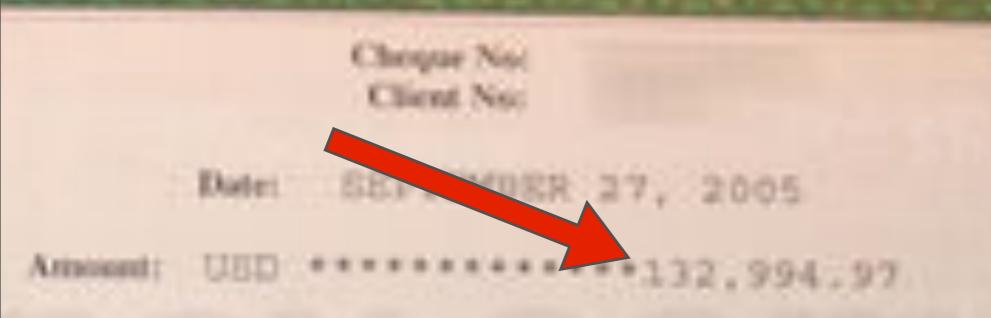
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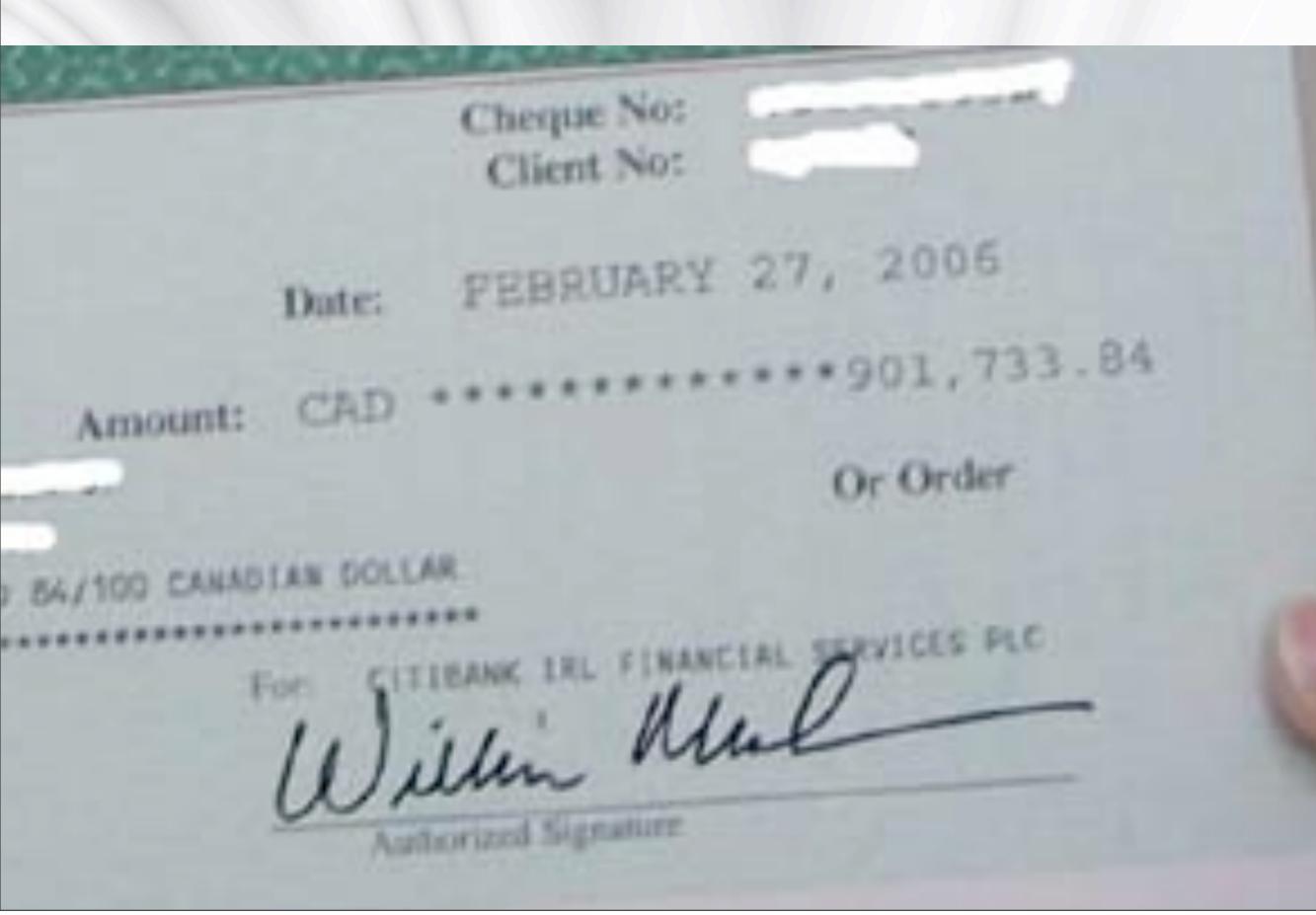
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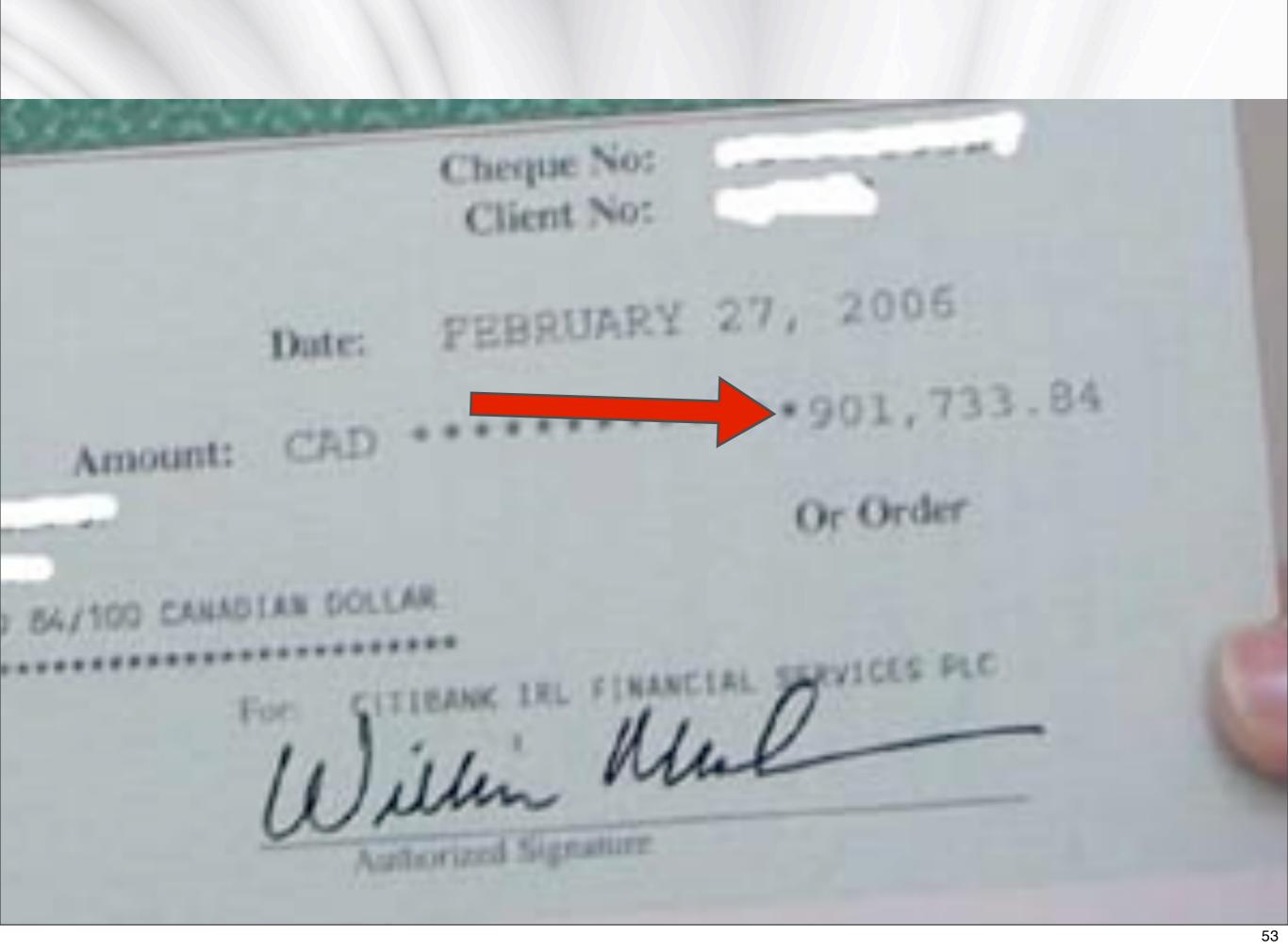
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Affiliate Programs Vulnerable to Cross-site Request Forgery Fraud http://www.cgisecurity.org/2008/08/affiliate-progr.html

Nothing besides pesky affiliate networks terms of service requires the user to actually "click a link" to be cookied with an affiliate ID.

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Invisible!

Aggressive affiliates figure out they can post their code anywhere online and not just on their own websites (message boards, guest books, social networks, etc).

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By 2005, Merchants and Affiliate Networks got wise to cookie stuffing, start monitoring referers and conversion rates, and began kicking out suspicious affiliates.

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Getting the word out...

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http://website/press_release/08/29/2007/00001.html http://website/press_release/08/29/2007/00002.html http://website/press_release/08/29/2007/00003.html

Before granting read access to the press release Web page, the system ensures the user is properly logged-in.

SEC Vs. The Estonian Spiders http://www.webpronews.com/topnews/2005/11/02/sec-vs-the-estonian-spiders



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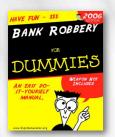




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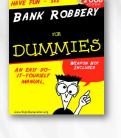
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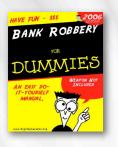


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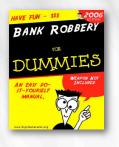


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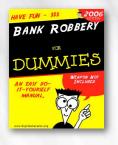


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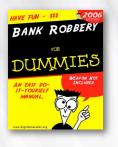


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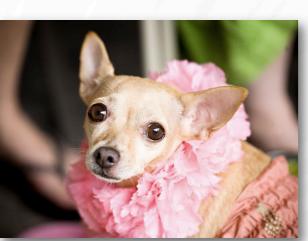
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