

DISSECTING EXPLOIT KITS

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AGENDA

- Exploit Kits flow and top vulnerabilities
- Market and geolocation related stats
- Magnitude Exploit Kit with live demos
- Sundown Exploit Kit with live demos
- Conclusions



demo time!



LIVE DEMO

EXPLOIT KITS FLOW AND TOP VULNERABILITIES

WHAT IS AN EXPLOIT KIT

- A toolkit
- Redirects victim to a landing page
- Identifies and exploits client side vulnerabilities
- Delivers malicious payload

EXPLOIT KIT FLOW



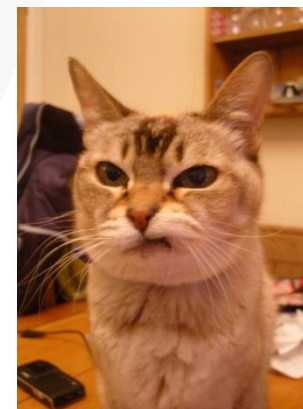
Redirection

Landing
page

User
machine
identification

Payload

Exploitation



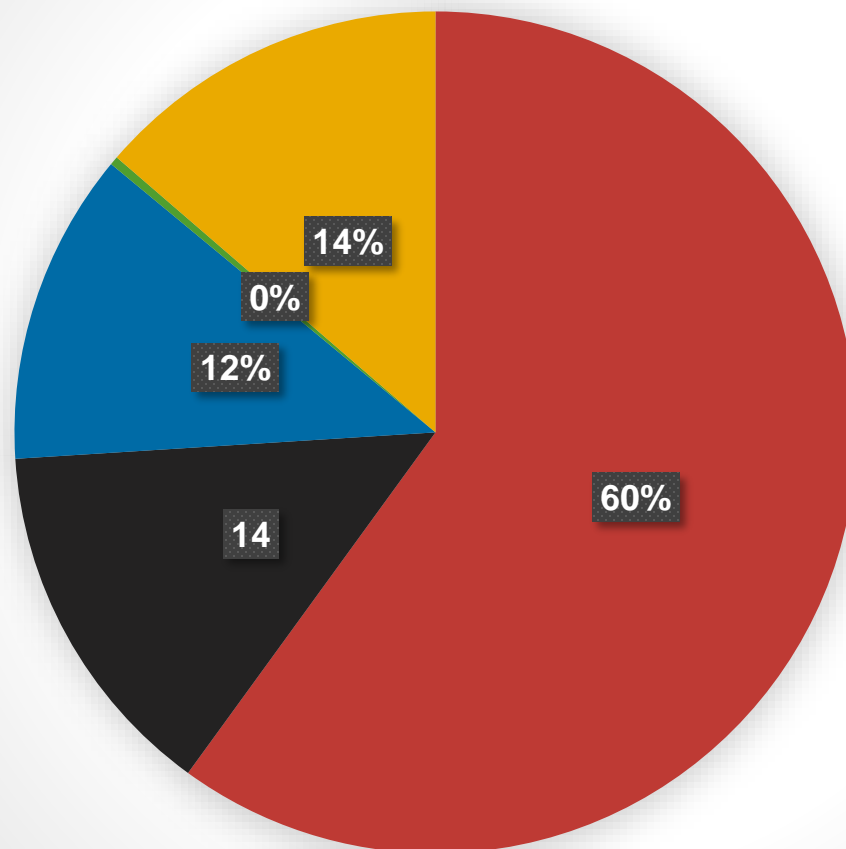
TOP VULNERABILITIES

- In 2016, Adobe Flash provided 6 out of top 10 vulnerabilities used by Exploit Kits
- Rest of the top 10 are IE and Silverlight vulnerabilities
- CVE-2016-0189 is linked the most to Exploit Kits, especially to Sundown
- CVE-2015-7645 was used by 7 Exploit Kits

EXPLOIT KITS MARKET

MARKET – 2015

Exploit Kits Types

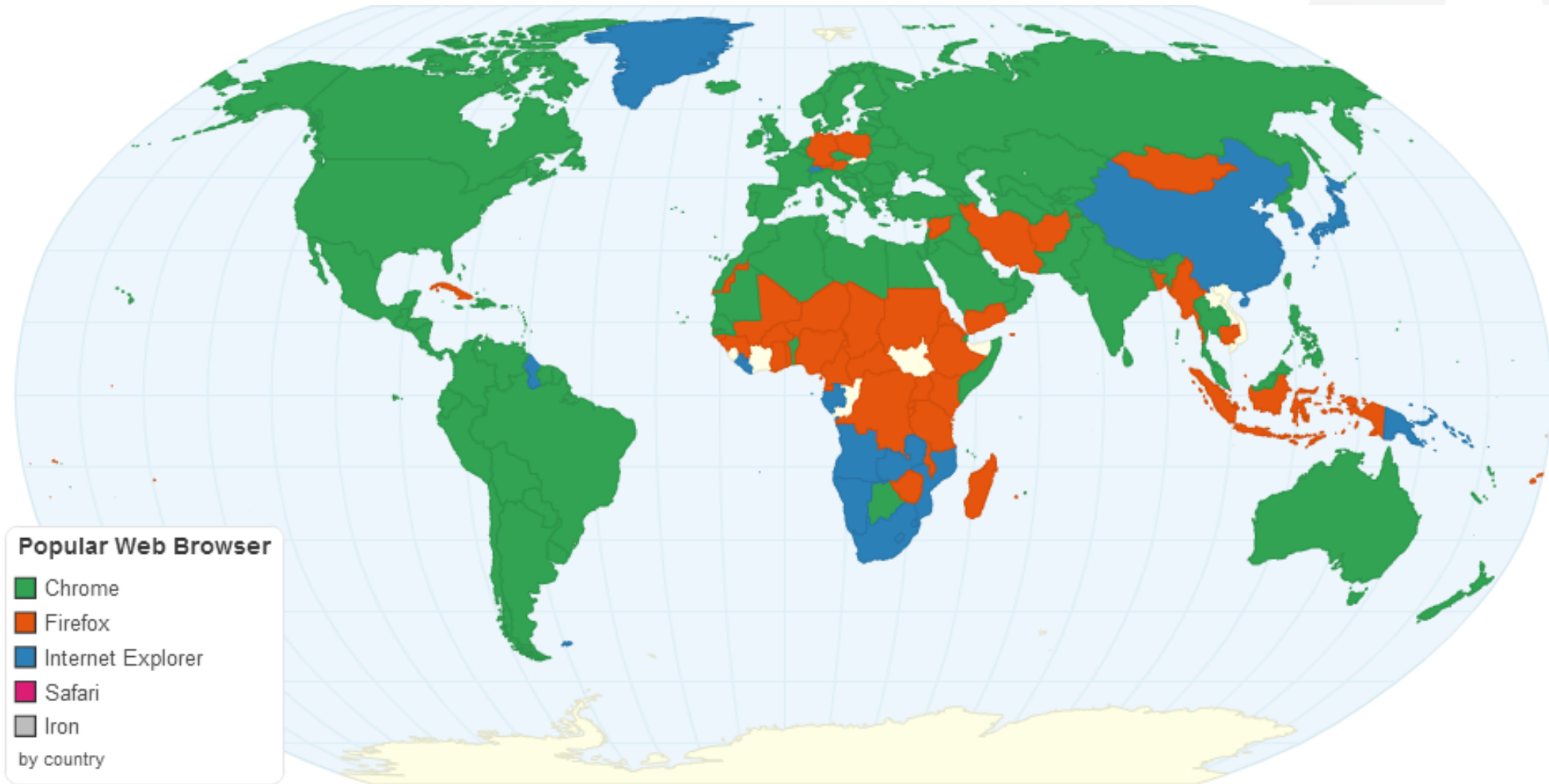


- Angler
- Nuclear
- Magnitude
- Sundown
- Others

MARKET – 2015

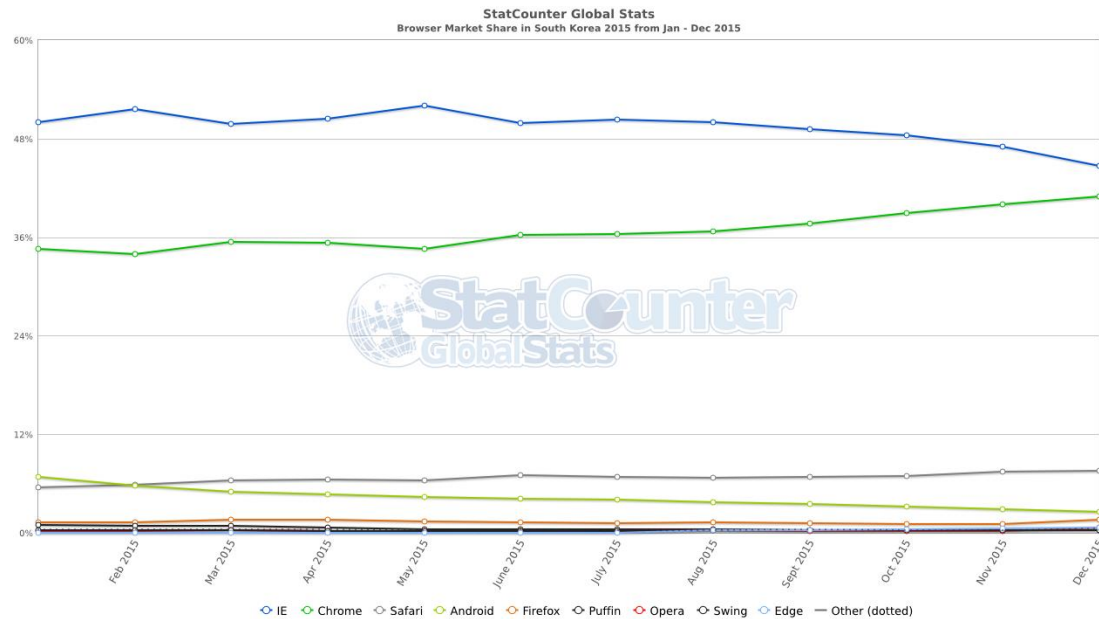
- According to [TrendMicro](#):
 - Angler 60%
 - Nuclear 14%
 - Magnitude 12%
 - Sundown 0.33%
 - Others 13.67%
- Angler has the biggest share
- Magnitude has some share of the market
- Sundown still has less than 1%

MARKET – 2015

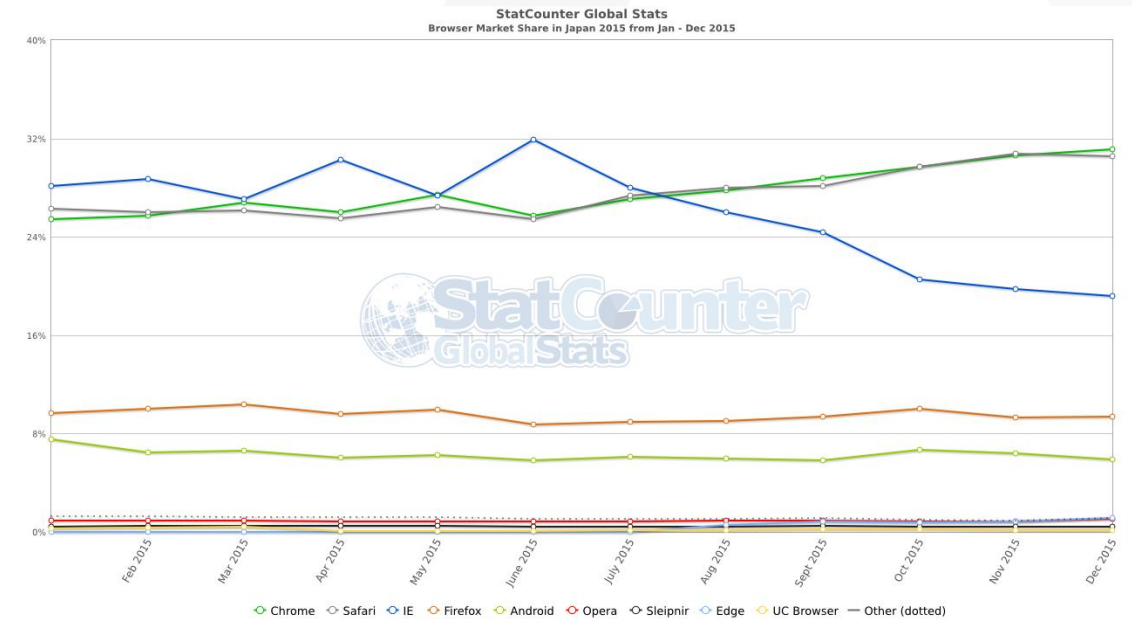


BROWSER MARKET SHARE 2015

JAPAN 2015

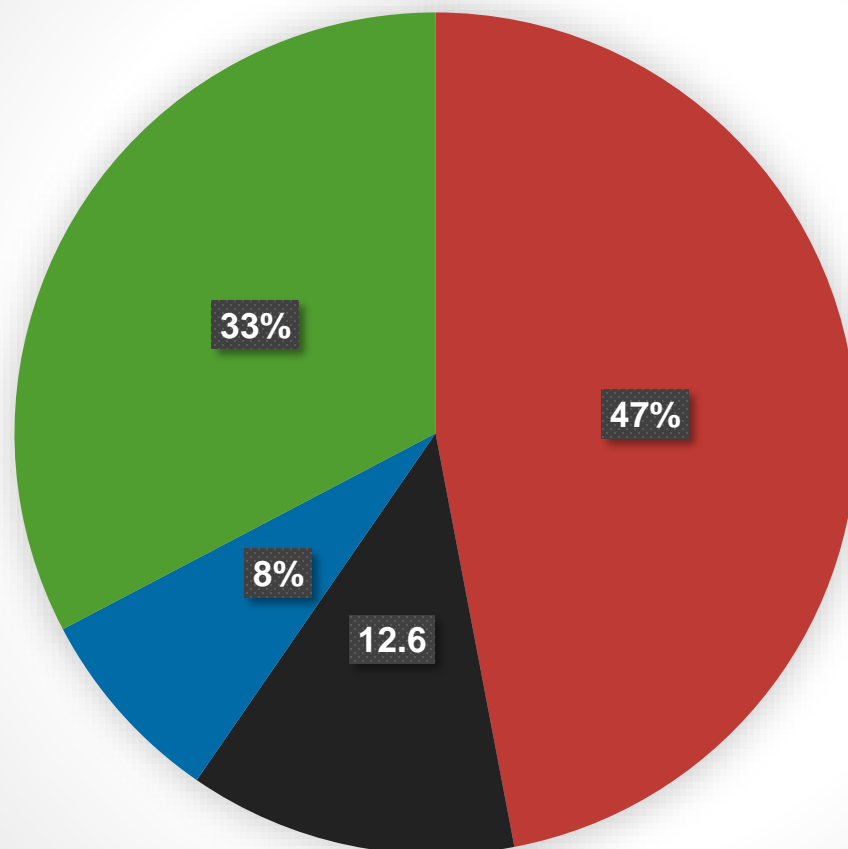


SOUTH KOREA 2015



MARKET – 2016

Countries Most Affected



■ Japan

■ US

■ Taiwan

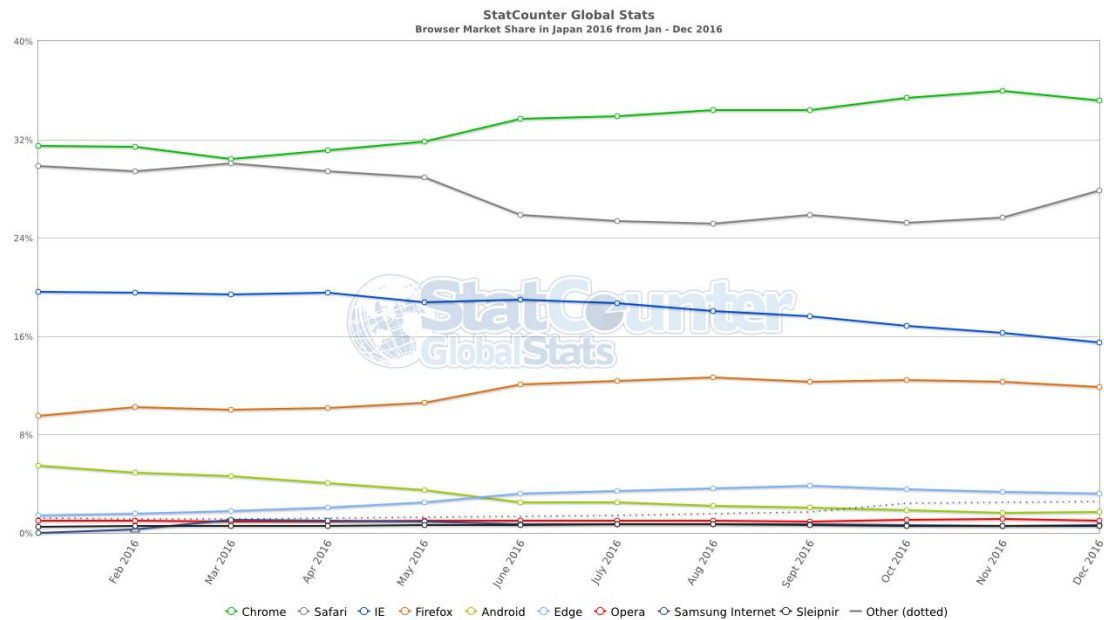
■ Others

MARKET – 2016

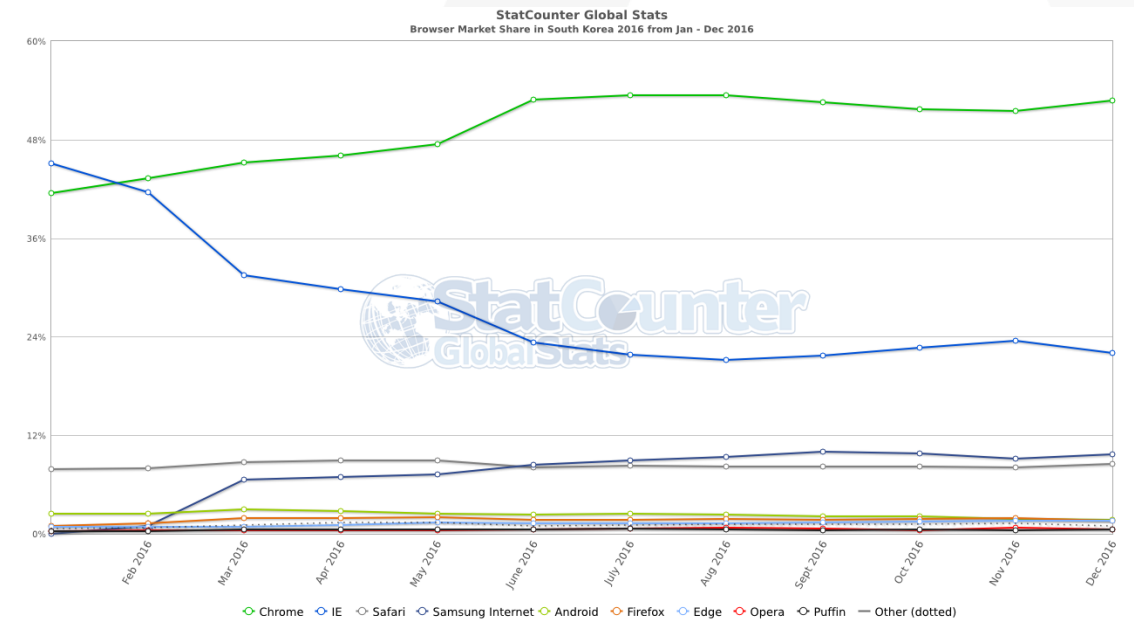
- Countries most affected:
 - Japan 47%
 - US 12.7%
 - Taiwan 8%
 - Others 33%
- Japan with almost 50% of the market share
- Taiwan is also with a relatively high share
- US is going strong as well

BROWSER MARKET SHARE 2016

JAPAN 2016



SOUTH KOREA 2016



MARKET – EARLY - MID 2017

- According to [ThreatPost](#):
 - RIG who was big in 2016, almost disappeared
 - Still delivering ransomware in Southeast Asia
 - The most common
 - Sundown is still here
 - Changing variants
 - Adapting to changes
 - Magnitude
 - Low volumes
 - Affects Southeast Asia

MAGNITUDE EXPLOIT KIT

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- Started to headline in 2013
- Malware As a Service
- 31% of the market in 2014
- Functional admin panel
- Targeted victims



LIVE DEMO

SUNDOWN EXPLOIT KIT

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- Still active
- Adjustable to changes
- Copy-paste code



LIVE DEMO

CONCLUSIONS

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- The EK market is slowly dying
- Easy to overcome by keeping software up to date
- Difficult to get exploits to work on victim's machine
- Less usage of IE
- Less usage of Flash

QUESTIONS?

THANK YOU!