Cyber Distopian Tales
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Cyber Dystopia

- Carnivore, implemented by FBI around 1997
  - Packet Sniffer installed in the Americans ISP. Its main objective was to capture email messages
- DCSNet, FBI point and click system
  - Used to instant wiretap US cellphones/landlines
- ECHELON, beginning of the 70's (US DoD)
  - Used to capture satellite, microwave communications (SIGINT)
- PRISM, NSA surveillance program
  - XKEYSCORE, FoxAcid, QUANTUM, TAO
Cyber Dystopia

More info at:
– Cryptome.org
– Wikileaks.org
Facial Recognition

- What is it?
- How it works?
  - Face Detection
  - Face Tracking
  - Face Recognition
- Building systems;
- How can we defend against it?
What is it?

“A facial recognition system is a computer application for automatically identifying or verifying a person from a digital image or a video frame from a video source. One of the ways to do this is by comparing selected facial features from the image and a facial database.

It is typically used in security systems and can be compared to other biometrics such as fingerprint or eye iris recognition systems.” - Wikipedia
Haar Cascades – Adam Harvey

How it works?
Haar Cascade

- What is it?
  - A “cascade” is a series of Haar like features that combined, form a classifier

- What is a Haar like feature then?
Haar Cascade
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- A single identifier is not enough
  - They are called “weak identifiers”
  - Haar cascade consist of a series of weak classifiers
  - They need to pass a series of classifiers in order to detect a face
Advantages

- Extremely fast
- Scalable
- Can be used to detect any objects
Disadvantages

- Mostly effective on frontal images/faces
- Not color friendly
- Work better in plain background areas
Local Binary Patterns

- Divide the image in blocks (16x16 pixels)
- Search in the neighborhood the value of each pixel
- We have our patterns
Facial Recognition for the Masses

Public Data
- Social Networks

Private Data
- ID cards
- Passports
- Driver licence
Facial Recognition for the Masses

Public Data
- (Semi-)Legal
- Low quality of photos
- Public Data
- Fairly easy to acquire
- http://graph.facebook.com/$i/picture?type=large

Private Data
- Illegal to acquire
- High quality of photos + Name
- Well, is private...
- How to acquire it? Grab in from the private network of Casa da Moeda? (Out of the question)
Facial Recognition for the Masses

● We are going to mass scan Facebook
● The more “legal” option
● Large database of photos and names
● Easy how to automatize the task
● Use TOR ;)


Facial Recognition for the Masses

Use LWP::Simple;

for ($i=1; $i < 999999999999999999; $i++){
    if (is_success (getstore
        "http://graph.facebook.com/$i/picture?type=large", count)){
        print "[+] User ID $i FOUND\n";
        system ("wget -q
            http://graph.facebook.com/$i/picture?type=large -O $i.jpg -q");
    }
}

(Yes, I am using system(). I like to live on the edge)
DEMO

http://bit.ly/1JqIwEq
How to protect

- Mask, Hoodie, sunglasses and hats or other basic face covering
  - Masks are illegal
- Fooling cameras
  - Dracula teeth, fake nose, facial paint on points of interest
- Starting on Meth? :)

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*Note: The content provided is for illustrative purposes only and may not reflect accurate or current information.*
TODO List

● Port python scripts to Android / iOS
● Joining it with:
  – Voice detection / recognition
  – Video Analytics
  – License Plates
  – Devices that leak ESSID;
GRACIAS!

Questions?