

Russian Degrees at Work







Join two professionals and graduates of Middlebury's Master Program in Cybersecurity as they share their experiences applying their knowledge of Russian in the fast growing cybersecurity field.

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Ben Mattern

Title: Wizard Spider: tracking the Russian cybercrime group's use of banking trojans and ransomware . **Description:** The presentation will start off with a description of the characteristics and tactics of the eCrime group Wizard Spider, including preferred attack vectors, malware, victims, and developing trends. This will be followed by how the group launders its proceeds, and the talk will wrap up with a discussion on what one can do to help protect themselves and their institutions from these types of attacks.

Julius Moye

Title: "Flint24": The Rise and Fall of One of Russia's Top Cybercriminals, Aleksiy Stroganov.

Description: In March 2020, the Russian Federal Security Service arrested over 25 individuals connected with a massive "carding" scheme in Russia – an operation involving the theft and sale of personal credit card data from around the world. The case focuses on Alexey Stroganov (A.K.A. Flint24), who has been operating as one of Russia's top carders for nearly two decades. Stroganov's organization ran some prominent dark web credit card marketplaces including BuyBest and Goldenshop and was responsible for 'several high-profile data breaches including at Caribou Coffee and the Russell Stover Chocolate Company. There have been many interesting questions surrounding the purpose and timing of the arrest. Stroganov was connected to one of Russia's top officials in the State Duma who was working on cybercrime legislation. This case highlights some interesting characteristics of both cyber financial crime typology as well as Russian political affairs and corruption.

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Wednesday, January 27 at <u>5:30pm(MST/AZ) via Zoom</u> Click here to join meeting: https://arizona.zoom.us/ i/82775406996