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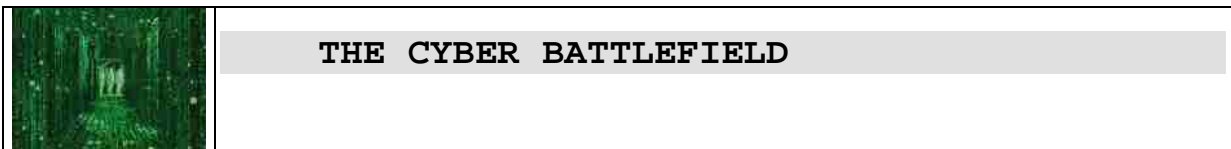
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**THE CYBER BATTLEFIELD**

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Editing and especially sending a newsletter is not as easy as it may seem. Most of us at the ACIPSS-newsletter-staff are electronic road warriors, editing the newsletter at, and sending it from the most curious locations (once even from the top of a mountain), thus depending on a whole array of providers. We had decided, however, for long, not to waste anybody's precious time with our problems. It is the result (the weekly newsletter, more or less punctually) that counts in the end.

Today, however, we are going to share our nightly experience with you for some reasons:

- a) just for your plain and simple information,
- b) for your amusement,
- c) and/ or to show you how we got rid of our "problem" because it might be your problem too, in case you are editing a newsletter yourself.

Here the timeline of current events:

This week's newsletter had been finished at 0117hrs

 ACIPSS_nl_2010-16.doc	1.028.608	Microsoft Word...	15.04.2010 01:22:37
 ACIPSS_nl_2010-16.pdf	288.072	Foxit PDF Docu...	15.04.2010 01:17:34
 Afghanistan _ Doppelagent.pdf	55.996	Foxit PDF Docu...	14.04.2010 20:38:37

and was uploaded to the ACIPSS-server the same minute

ACIPSS_nl_2010-15.pdf	267.089	Foxit PDF Docum...	09.04.2010 02:18:00	-rw-r--r--	ac
ACIPSS_nl_2010-16.pdf	288.072	Foxit PDF Docum...	15.04.2010 03:17:00	-rw-r--r--	ac
antrag_auf_mitgliedschaft.pdf	323.275	Foxit PDF Docum...	29.05.2009	-rw-r--r--	ac

The time difference as seen in this server sheet is caused partially due to a badly synchronised windows system clock and partially due to two different (internet) time zones, which is NOT the problem addressed here.

Much to our annoyance (we were already tired as dogs then) our mail client produced the following error script over and over again:

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Ein unbekannter Fehler ist aufgetreten. Betreff 'ACIPSS-Newsletter 16/2010', Konto:
'ACIPSS Newsletter', Server: 'smtp.telering.at', Protokoll: SMTP, Serverantwort: '554
5.7.1 Message refused by FortiGuard-AntiSpam because it contains one or more
banned URI's. http://Networkads.net This email has been rejected. The email message
was detected as spam.', Port: 25, Secure (SSL): Nein, Serverfehler: 554,
Fehlernummer: 0x800CCC6F

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We looked up the "Fehlernummer 0x800CCC6F" in the web and were advised to run a Windows registry scan. Which we did, nn problems were found and "fixed" (whereupon other programs would not work any more, also not the problem here) but, alas, the email with the newsletter could not be sent.

This morning one of our tech wizards took a closer look into the matter and directed our attention towards the "banned URL": <http://Networkads.net>. We had reported on that malware affecting WordPress-blogs in 1045/2010:

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1045/2010 -----
          Hundreds of Wordpress Blogs Hit by 'Networkads.net' Hack
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(Krebs) A large number of bloggers using Wordpress are reporting that their
sites recently were hacked and are redirecting visitors to a page that

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Our table of contents copied into the email initially (!!!) showed the according entry:

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1045/2010··Hundreds·of·Wordpress·Blogs·Hit·by·'Networkads.net'·Hack¶

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Although this specific entry was NOT placed as a link (please note the missing characteristic blue font), the anti-spam-filter at our provider apparently went mad because of those 13 plain letters (and a dot).

So we just deleted "networkads.net", with the new line now as follows:

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1045/2010  Hundreds of Wordpress Blogs Hit by Hack

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And "voila", it worked.

*Summary: If you encounter similar problems, just have a look if your have placed some "banned URLs" in the message block of your email, even if they are not formatted as a link.*

Deadline for application: 20 April 2010

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