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Data Theft

VPN Compromise

Account Credential Compromise

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About Matta

Security Consultancy since 2001:

- Penetration Testing
- Application Testing
- Code Review
- Binary Evaluation
- Training
- Vulnerability Assessment

Largest Clients:

- Financial
- Retail
- e-Commerce

The Team Today

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Where we Work

In the last 12 months:

- UK
- Netherlands
- USA
- Singapore
- Hong Kong
- China
- India
- Saudi Arabia



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A Short Chronology in Security

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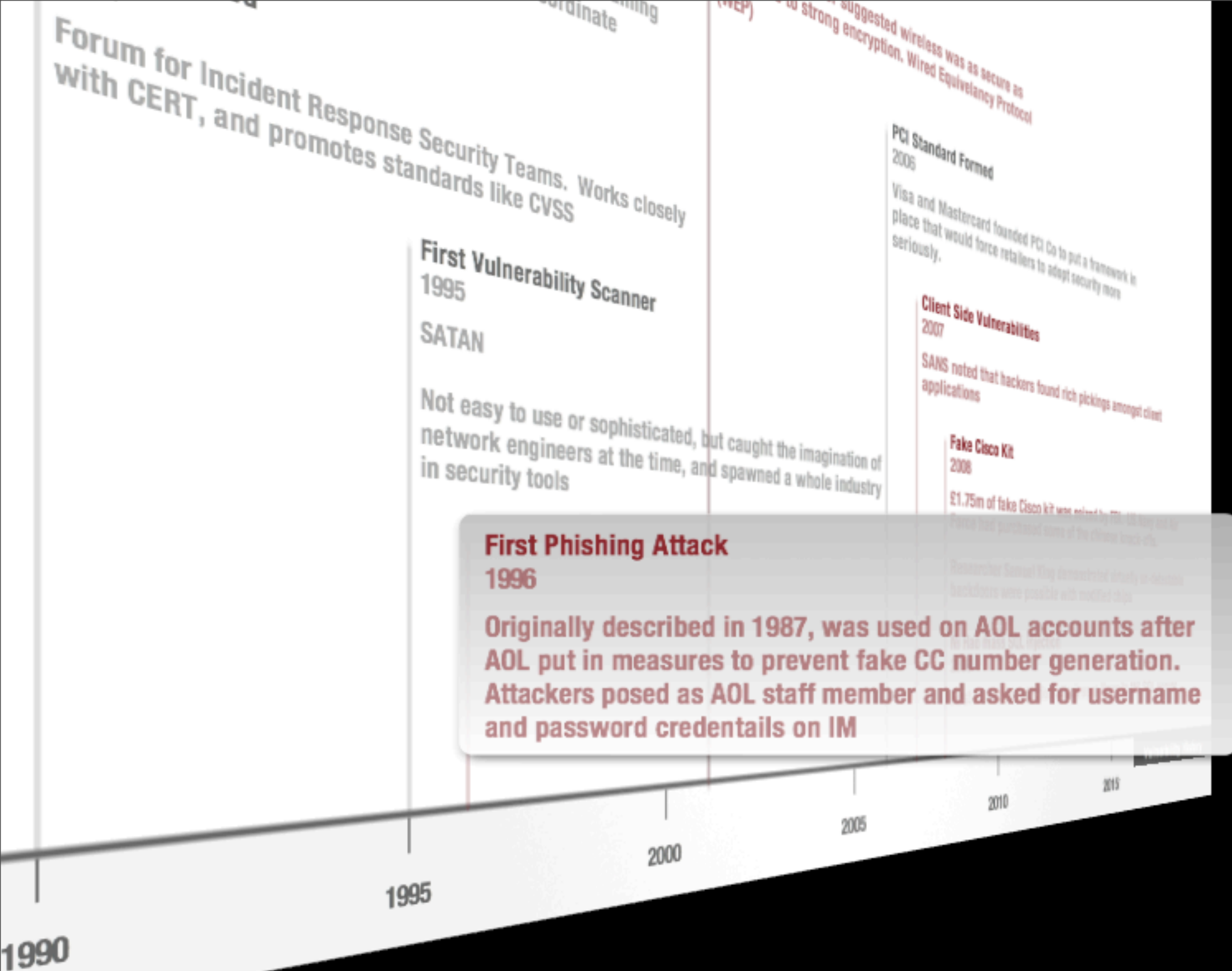
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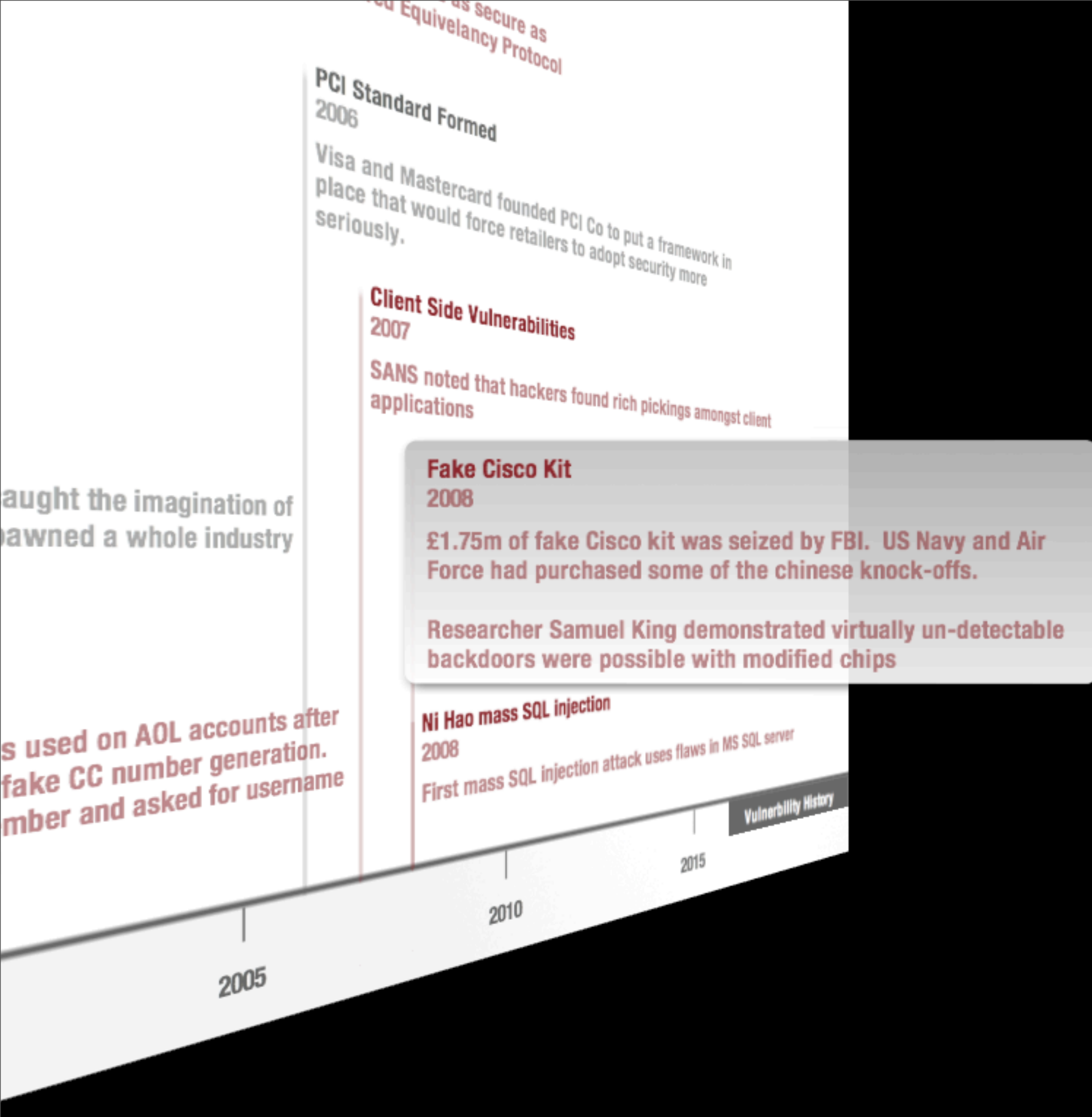
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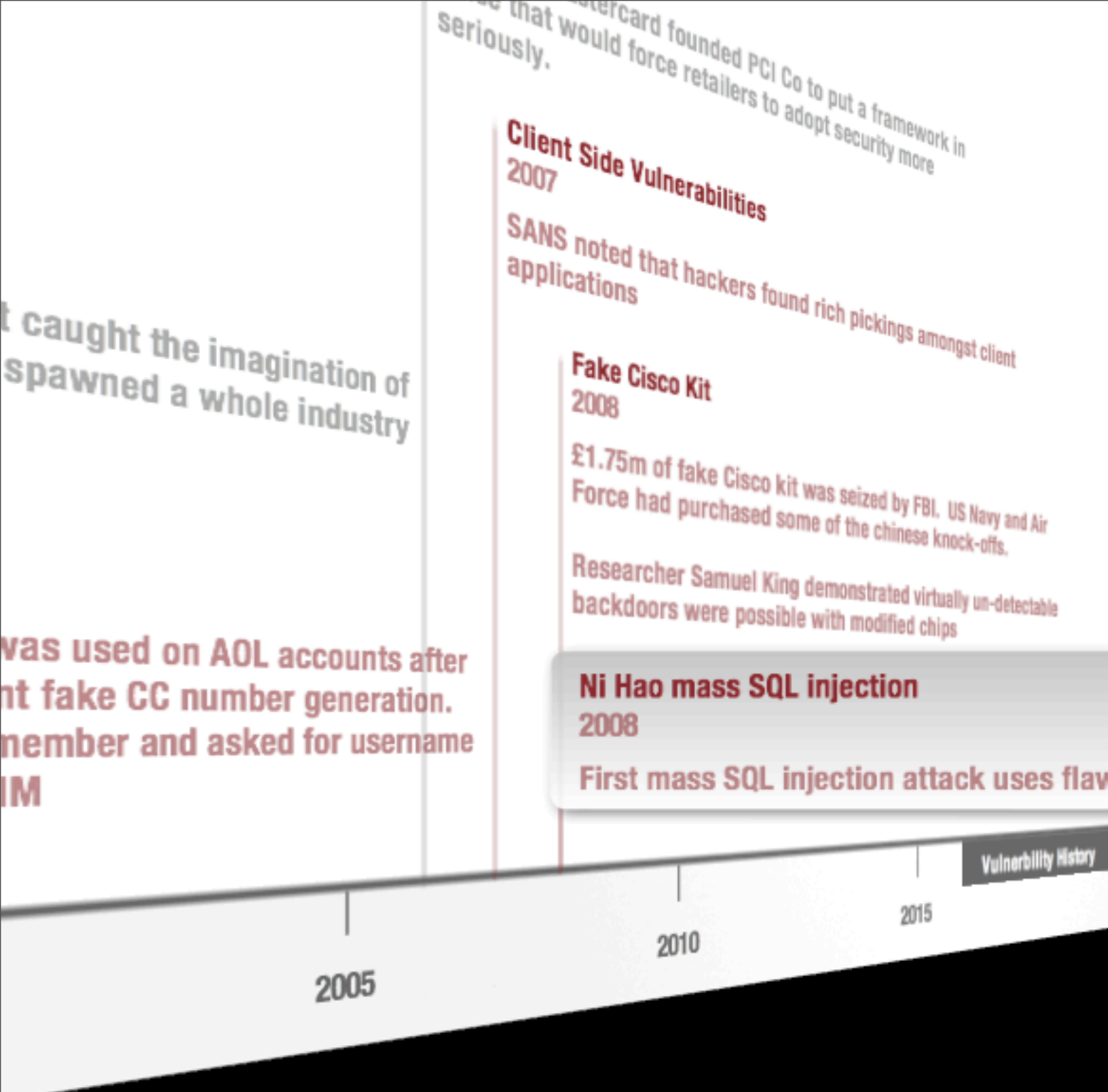
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20 Years on...

Attackers still find new ways, and interesting new methods on old ways to compromise systems

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Client Side Exploitation

Why attackers have been focusing on Clients

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Why?

- Very few internet-facing services nowadays
- Enterprise OS's are getting more secure
- Webapps are still vulnerable but frameworks are providing some security
- More stealthy - who cares if a user's machine crashes?
- Easier to find vulnerabilities in client-side software

What?

- XSS - Malicious HTML / Javascript injected on the clients' browsers
- Memory corruption vulnerabilities in client-applications (Browsers + plugins and commonly used third party software)
- Network foo - Intercepting traffic in various ways (ARP / DNS / DHCP Spoofing, MiTM, TCP Session Hijacking, etc.)

How?

- Social Engineering - click on this link / open this file
- Running a rogue network? Rogue AP?
- Polluting online sites with malware

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Rogue AP

- Essentially an Access Point in promiscuous mode
- Personally tested in various locations. On plane, within seconds 30+ connections. Customer sites, many associations within seconds.
- Big problem because it's hard to detect, even for a savvy guy with security expertise

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How does it work?

- Attacker sets up Powerful Wireless Card in Master mode (Acting as an Access Point in promiscuous mode)
- Clients probe their favorite networks on a regular basis, we respond to all requests (linksys, NETGEAR, BT_Openzone, etc.)
- Associated already? - no problem send DEAUTH

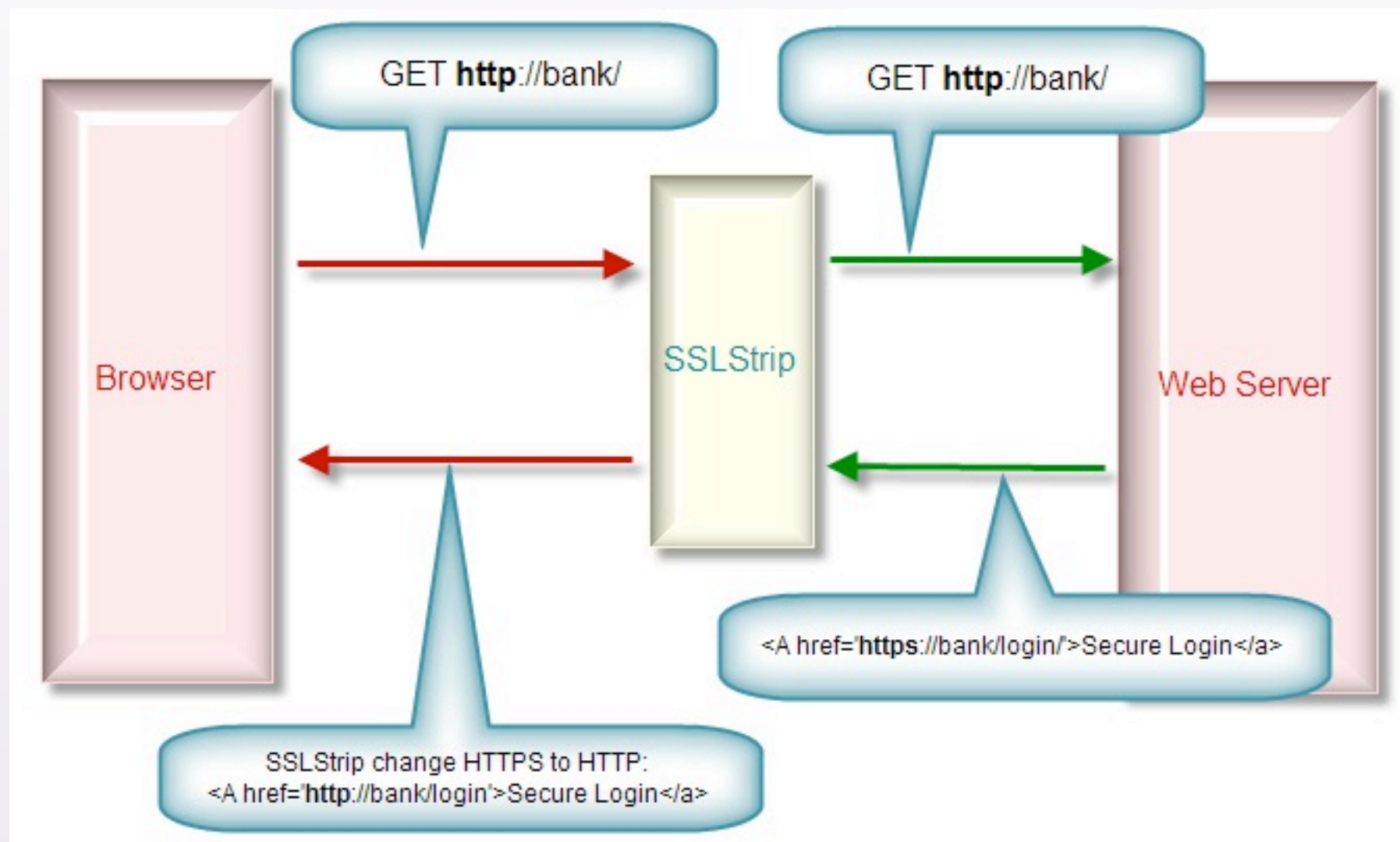
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What can we do?

- Everything!
- We control DNS
- We route your traffic - modify / inject packets
- MiTM SSL or better strip it
- Poison your cache with malicious JS
- Are your updates secure? I think not

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SSLStrip





Questions

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