Cyberspace – What, Why and How



Strategic implications and use of Cyberspace

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What is Cyberspace?

A global domain within the information environment consisting of the interdependent network of information technology infrastructures, including the internet, telecommunications networks, computer systems, and embedded processors and controllers.

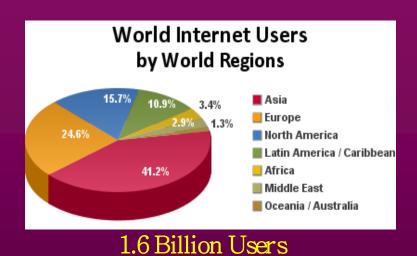


Nature of cyberspace

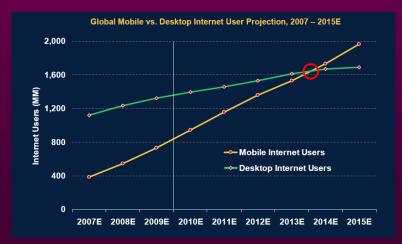
- Cyber seen as a domain along with Land/Sea/Air
- Technology as a driver for:
 - Productivity
 - Communication
 - Economic Growth
- Influence of Social Networking
 - Reaction against government (Arab Spring/London Riots)
- Cyberspace is global and unrestricted
- Low entry level cost



The Internet - People

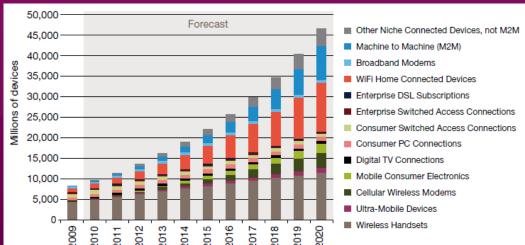


World Internet Penetration Rates by Geographic Regions 74.4% North America Oceania / 60.4% Australia 48.9% Europe Latin America 29.9% Caribbean Middle East Asia Africa World, Avg. 23.8% 10% 20% 30% 40% 50% 60% 70% 80% 90%





The Internet - Things



More devices than people

Machine to Machine
Wifi home connected devices

Ubiquitous and pervasive computing

Location and context aware

Process control automated
Instrumentation of key systems
Smart metering initiatives
Remote diagnostics and maintenance
Opaque control algorithms
Automated resource management/allocation





Why is Cyberspace Important?

Opportunities

- Transparency
- Faster comms/processes
- Economic prosperity
- Fosters innovation
- Freedom of expression

Threats

- Dependency
- Unbounded
- Easy Access
 - Cost
 - Technology
- Graduated spectrum of threat actors
- Deniability



Questions?

