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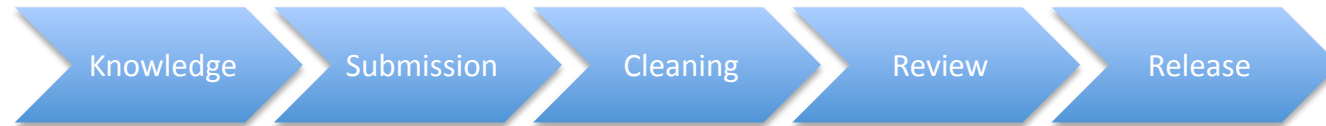
The problem

- Why are there no 1000 cryptome.org or WikiLeaks projects already?
 - Not everybody has the guts or can live in the grey realm of the law
 - Biggest entry barrier into the topic is missing knowledge of mainly legal and technical aspects
 - Full document releases are needed for detailed analysis and research by 3rd parties; repercussions (e.g. gag orders) are likely to happen

The question

How do we get from a few projects to many projects?

Leaking in general



Parties involved



- They all have different functions and responsibilities when it comes to leaking
- They all scale differently with what they do

Impact zones of leaks

- Local scale
 - On the country level
 - Localized problems
 - More loosely coordinated
- Global scale
 - Effects of the leak are internationally noticed
 - Likely to be coordinated internationally
 - Work on the data can be hell in terms of required manpower

Possible concepts

- Make a WikiLeaks clone ... the all in one solution
 - Still only one more
 - Does not address certain structural problems
 - Arms up who offered help but never got a reply
 - Many attack vectors that interfere with the scaling of internal processes and overall effectiveness
 - WikiLeaks has its place and we do not dispute that, but feel that this approach is not the answer to the question of how we get more leak projects

Possible concepts cont.

- Commercialize it
 - Lets imagine an entity that does this for 1000 users ... we are a start-up
 - ... as if authorities would ever let that happen, not to mention Banks, PayPal, Amazon, and the rest of the posse
 - Look at how fragile the companies are when it comes to standing up against political pressure
 - Assume we manage this ... with success comes power and the desire of the corporate hive mind for self sustainability aka market domination
 - Means we could not tell you how to do things to start on your own, so the general knowledge would be unavailable to you (... Intellectual Property, patents on technology, 1-click leak anyone?)
 - You know the drill ... nope that is not why we do what we do in the first place

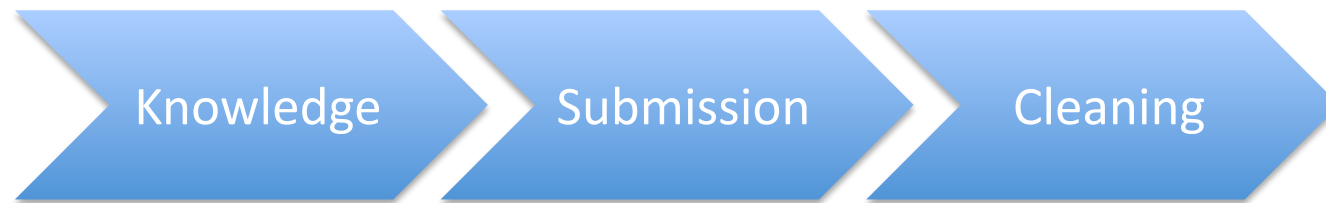
Possible concepts cont.

- The academic solution
 - Make a wiki and stuff all the knowledge about leaking you can find in there
 - Addresses the entry barrier problem
 - Sounds doable ... but how effective is knowledge without experience through implementation
 - Providing only the knowledge would foster some unknown number of projects

Possible concepts cont.

- Hybrids
 - Identify functions and attack vectors that you have as an organization
 - Break it down and put together the organizational functions that make sense to protect you from the establishment ...
 - ... while being able to scale without too many sacrifices to security and safety (for all parties) ...
 - ... and without the need for too much secrecy when it comes yourself within the given environment
 - We could not work out the breaking down part by defining responsibilities within WikiLeaks ... so here we are

What OpenLeaks does



The Knowledge Base

- To provide the submission part to 3rd parties we need to know the legal situation
- The results of this are documented in a public Knowledge Base
- Along with other information that is of interest to the various parties like sources, leak projects, lawyers or the general public
- Give me a globe and a pin; then spin the globe; the likeliness to hit unknown territory is very high
- So one of the main goals is to “map” the legal landscape
- Once you know legal and operational issues you can deal with them to spawn your own leaking platform if you see the need

The Submission System(s)

- We focus on the technology
 - that is what we are good at and come from
- The situation is that there are parties _you_ might already trust but which lack the technical expertise in this field
- How many BP docs would Green Peace get if they would be interested in working with us?
- We have an architecture but that does not mean it's a one size fits all ... aka golden bullet solution for our members
- The system is adapted to the requirements of those that have a need to receive leaks and would like to work with us
- The source decides _who_ gets access to the data not OpenLeaks
- Data is made available to community members if it is allowed by the source!

The cleaning

- Keeping documents clean from source data is a complex issue
- Technical problems for reviewers
 - various media formats
 - security problems
- Human resources
 - verification of material can take weeks some times
 - do not scale well within one organization
- The data is cleaned to protect sources and reviewers alike

What about the release part?

- Just because you send something to a leak site does not mean it gets published ... policies
- There are other projects out there that can release the documents
- It's a choice the Recipient of the data makes
- Different level of sensibility and types of content require different types of outlets
- We just interface there ...
- ... which also helps to protect the identity of the Reviewers/Users/People that press enter to release something

Members

- 50% are chosen by us
- 50% through a public voting process
- There is a user contribution model ... but generally it is for **free**
- We want to be neutral and get a diverse set of members not all press, NGO's, only Europe or whatever
- We hope that it is diversity that builds and strengthens the global community

Misc comments

- We do not want a single entity vendor lock-in
- Knowledge is the key ingredient to multiplication ... so we try to provide as much of it as we can without jeopardizing safety
- Kickstart a community that can exist on its own and focuses on data journalism ...
 - Maximize the impact of leaks by having a diverse set of members, trust relationships and experiences
 - That is not driven by purely commercial interests and exclusive contracts for the really important stuff

Misc comments cont.

- By lowering the entry barrier and making sure that there are some instances of leak sites we hope to foster growth through competition
- The devil is in the details and are a lot of them we did not cover
- As was said yesterday we will add more details to our website as we progress to build the project ...
- .. and would like to use the next camp talk about them

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- Right now we do not use any social media service to talk about OpenLeaks
- Consider it a fake unless the account is documented on our website
- Please keep in mind that we start from scratch in some areas of the project ... so we need time to rebuild