

Domain Stalking

Or, How to 0wn a company legally

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Domain stalking

- What is it?
 - Watching specific domains expiry dates and;
 - Purchasing outright and doing good or,
 - Paying for the domain for the company
 - Buying domains from cyber squatters and giving them to proper owners
 - Abandoned domains used for disinformation and thought provoking discussion

History?

- Passport.com
- Networkassociates.com
- Norton.com
- Jellobiafra.org, .net
- Gatt.org

Passport.com

- Expires over Christmas 1999
- Breaks Hotmail, MS panics
- Kind linux user notices lack of payment, ponies up \$35 to cover the tab
- Next day, everything is peachy
- MS sends him a \$500 cheque that he auctions off on Ebay for charity

Networkassociates.com

- PDA alarm goes off, check NAI.com - NAI.com renewed
- On a whim, check networkassociates.com, nearly choke on lunch
- Try to make payment, maxed out card ☐
- Call Rob Rosenberger @ Vmyths.com
- Rob asks for donation, gets \$1000 for Muscular Dystrophy
- Fun had by all parties

5282-0050

\$0.11 postage due!

POSTAGE DUE.11

Rob Rosenberger
Vmyths.com
P.O. Box 50
Wellman, IA

52356-0050

**** U.S. POSTAL SERVICE ****
WELLMAN IA 52356 52356
189486 45.00
MOLLY # 01
02-26-01 14:41:51

CUSTOMER RECEIPT

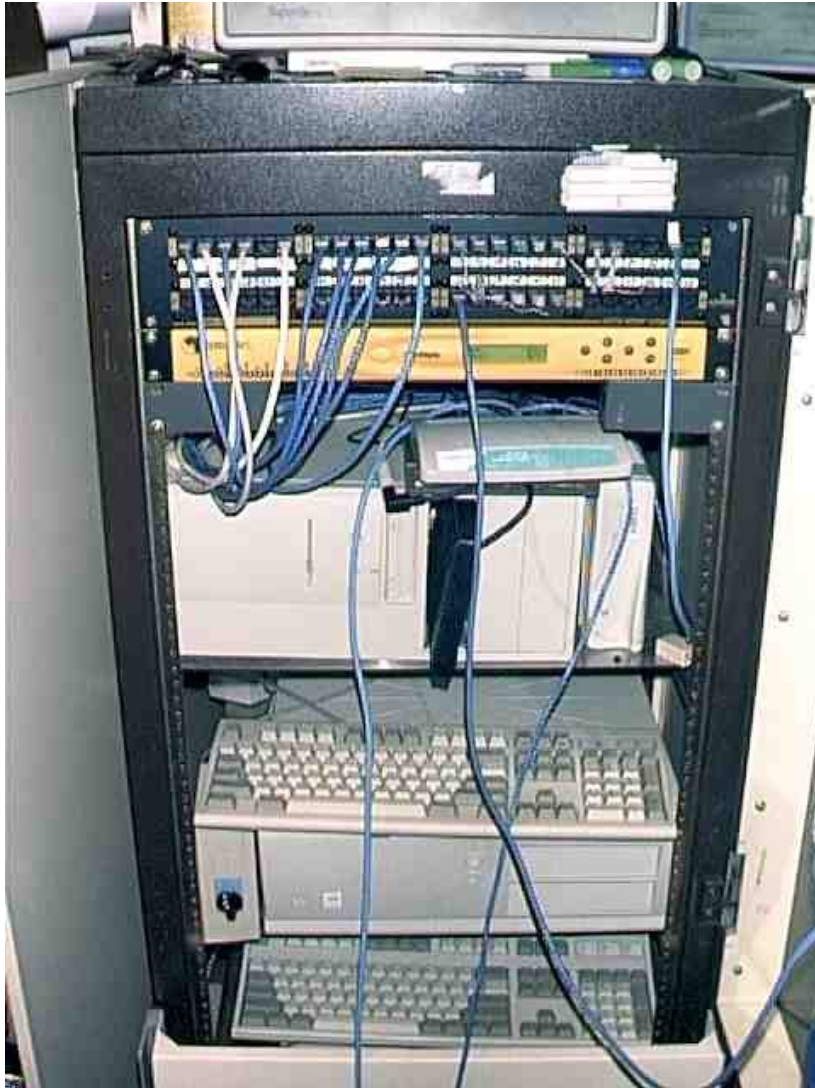
109 POST VAL IMP	.11
TOTAL	.11
CASH T	.11
CHANGE	.00

THANK YOU

Norton.com

- **Check domain, expires in 2 days, 1 day, Expired**
- **Waited 4 days for a late payment just in case**
- **Made payment, after upping card limit this time**
- **Emailed contact address in domain record letting them know what happened and a contact number**
- **Phone call 2 hours later from manager, VERY thankful. Offers product as a thank you. Hmmmm..**
- **Ask for \$35 to goto the red-cross, A letter for the wall, Jokingly ask for their most expensive firewall product.**

They sent the damn thing!



Jellobiafra.net

- Jello's H2K speech, lamenting the loss of his name online
- Started a watch and wait
- Call up record label when it finally came up for sale and had Uli, the 'very' general manager purchase it

JelloBiafra.org

- Uli doesn't check his messages, It's been up for sale for over a month
- I purchased it to make sure it got to where it should be
- Made public spectacle of myself with Jello onstage

Gatt.org

- Bought by rtmark.com and setup like the WTO site as a spoof, extolling the WTO's true nature
- Control was given to The Yes Men
- Yes Men representatives mistakenly invited to trade conferences where they use the time for 'useful' presentations
- Successfully dissolved the WTO, even made it as far as the floor of the Canadian Parliament

How?

- Rwhois.net - Whois lookup
- Keep schedule in PDA
- Pick appropriate targets and have a purpose
- No blackmail / extortion
- Guilt a donation to charity or just donate registration fee
- Disinformation?

Problems

- 10 year domains
- Edgy admins
- Network Solutions not playing fair
- WIPO

Targets of the future?

- Whoever is suing 2600 this week
- MPAA members
- RIAA members
- Metallica
- Human rights violators

Worthy recipients

- EFF
- Red Cross
- Disease research
- The latest 2600 lawsuit
- Jello Biafras Appeal (fill the shoe)
- Any worthy charity you support

Other ways?

- Old name domains – ie gatt.org
- SSL and other security certificates
 - ISS, Symantec, F-secure

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Need pics of me onstage with Jello