

Blacknight Urge the Internet Infrastructure Community to join The Secure Domain Foundation



SDF aims to combat malicious use of Internet infrastructure

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Summary **Michele Neylon, CEO of Blacknight, the leading Irish domain registrar and hosting provider urges the Internet community to join The Secure Domain Foundation in their mission to combat malicious use of industry infrastructure.**

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Details Michele Neylon, CEO of Blacknight, the leading Irish domain registrar and hosting provider urges the Internet community to join The Secure Domain Foundation in their mission to combat malicious use of industry infrastructure.

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The Secure Domain Foundation (SDF) is a Canadian non-profit organization conceived in 2012 to assist domain name registrars, registries (ccTLD and gTLD), hosting providers, and other Internet infrastructure providers in combatting the malicious use of their services. Neylon who has long been involved with law enforcement in the eradication of malware, fake pharma and other online abuses is a vocal supporter of the mission of the SDF.

The organization was created in response to a lack of formal response to issues of abuse within the Internet governance community. Among the goals of the organization is to provide registries, registrars and Internet infrastructure providers with the tools and intelligence that will enable them to proactively reduce malicious use of their services. The SDF seeks to do this by identifying and highlighting malicious actors in the domain name provider / infrastructure space and working with organizations such as ICANN, IANA, RIPE, ARIN, to develop and promote better global security policies.

SDF Co-Founder Norm Ritchie explains: "The Secure Domain Foundation was created in response to the lack of action from ICANN against malicious use of infrastructure. Registrars, registries and other providers need to be able to take proactive steps to protect their users online and the best way we can begin to do that is by gathering as much knowledge of who the bad actors are as we possibly can. We urge the entire infrastructure community to get involved as these are issues that can damage all areas of our industry."

The SDF offers a free adversary intelligence API that allows their industry partners to obtain real time reputation and validation data on multiple data points including: postal address validation, phone number validation, name server reputation, email address reputation, IP address reputation, web browser fingerprint reputation, malware and botnet related domain name reporting and domain registrar abuse complaint turnaround rankings.

As of April 2014, the SDF has a searchable database consisting of over 115,000,000 records and analyse over 100,000 malicious code samples per day to identify threats and associated domain names.

Neylon who is also the Registrar Liaison of the SDF Steering Committee and Advisory board, explains: "The Secure Domain Foundation's ethos and goals are aligned with our own, so we are proud to be associated with their work." "The Internet is a force for good but it can and is abused by criminals and

others. Organisations like SDF and others work to mitigate the negative impact that criminal behaviour can have on the eco-system and for those of us who like to evangelise the Internet as a good place to live and work their contributions are important.”

To learn more about the SDF, and fighting online abuse please visit <http://www.thesecuredomain.org/>

Relevant links

- [The Secure Domain Foundation](#)
- [Blacknight Hosting & Domains](#)

Quotes

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About Blacknight

Blacknight (<http://www.blacknight.com/>) are an Irish based, ICANN accredited domain registrar and hosting company. Recipients of several awards for their revolutionary use of social media, Blacknight are one of Europe’s most cutting edge Internet companies. Blacknight constantly seek to lead the way by introducing innovative solutions for its client base and provide dedicated servers and co-location as well as a comprehensive range of Microsoft Windows and Linux based hosting plans and domain name registration services to business globally. IP transit services and other solutions for more demanding business and academic customers are offered a la carte.