

# On the New Threats of Social Engineering Exploiting Social Networks

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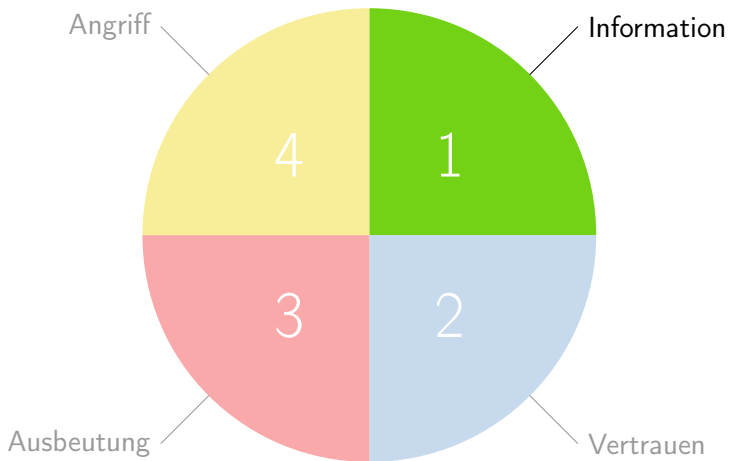
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# Ausgangssituation

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# Problemstellung

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Wie können Daten bestimmter Individuen bzw. Unternehmen über Soziale Plattformen automatisch extrahiert und so dargestellt werden, dass sie für einen Social Engineering Angriff benutzt werden können. Zudem sollen Gegenmaßnahmen zu diesen Angriffen erarbeitet werden.

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# Verlaufszyklus eines Angriffes

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# Ziele

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- Finanzielle Bereicherung
- Industriespionage
- Spass - Macht
- Identitätsdiebstahl
- Datendiebstahl
- Soziale Überlegenheit



# Informationen sammeln

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- Möglichkeiten der Informationsgewinnung
  - Firmen-Website
  - Persönliche Homepage
  - Dumpster Diving
  - Phishing
  - Trojanische Pferde
  - Newsgroups & Mailinglisten
  - Job Sites
  - ...
- Ziel: Informationen  $\Rightarrow$  Vertrauen

# Vertrauen erarbeiten

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- Informationen
- Verantwortung der Handlungen des Opfers entnehmen
- Hilfestellung
- Beziehung
- Stellung
- ...

# Ausbeutung, Manipulation & Angriff

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- Human Based Attacks
  - Identitätsdiebstahl
  - Vortäuschen von Ermächtigungen
  - Technischer Support
  - Reverse Social Engineering
  - Shoulder-Surfing
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  - Persönlicher Auftritt

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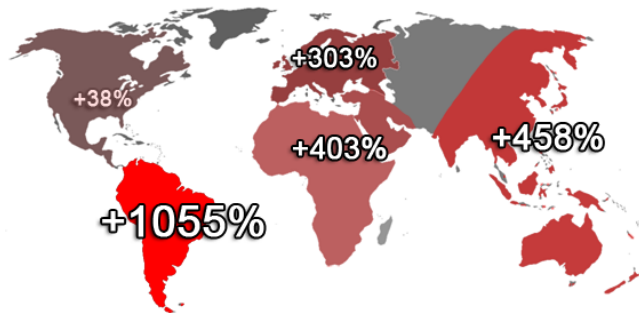
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- Computer Based Attacks

- Phishing
- Spam
- Malware
- Suggestion vertrauenswürdiger Quelle

# Soziale Netzwerke

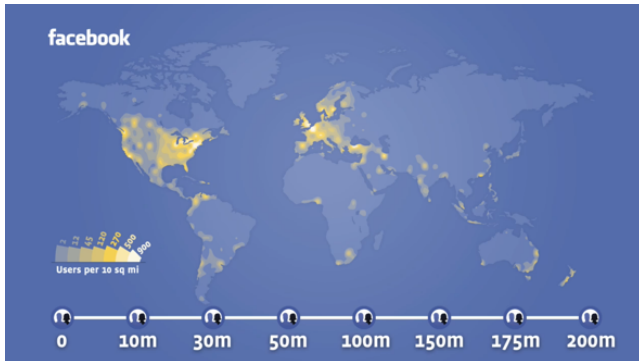
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<http://www.techcrunch.com/2008/08/12/facebook-is-not-only-the-worlds-largest-social-network-it-is-also-the-fastest-growing/>

# Soziale Netzwerke

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<http://www.venturebeat.com/2009/04/08/trying-to-analyze-facebooks-latest-statistics-more-status-updates-more-content-sharing/>

## Ein konkretes Soziales Netzwerk: Twitter

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- Soziales Netzwerk & Microblogging Anbieter
- Gegründet 2006
- Mehr als ~ 1.780.000 User
- Genutzt von Privatpersonen & Unternehmen
- [http://www.twitter.com/\[username\]](http://www.twitter.com/[username])



twitter

Follow

## Maintenance window rescheduled

<http://tinyurl.com/qb8y99>*ungefähr 15 Stunden ago from twitterfeed*Password reset emails not working, fix on the way <http://tinyurl.com/qz3k3h>*ungefähr 16 Stunden ago from twitterfeed*

Back from site maintenance, working on site latency issues

<http://tinyurl.com/gdsog>*5:47 PM May 8th from twitterfeed*Heading into maintenance mode; <http://tinyurl.com/c6ngsa> See you in a bit!*1:54 PM May 8th from web*Planned maintenance tomorrow, Monday <http://tinyurl.com/c6ngsa>*3:16 PM May 7th from twitterfeed*Search running behind <http://tinyurl.com/dgltv3>*6:17 PM May 4th from twitterfeed*Welcoming [@akshay\\_adb](#) and [@ded](#) to the team today. Also, our new office (next to the old office)!*4:00 PM May 4th from web*Updating your status via a URL Param ( <http://bit.ly/tweet-in-param> ) has been fixed!*5:18 PM Apr 30th from web*Display issues during code changes <http://tinyurl.com/cy6k2u>*2:40 PM Apr 30th from twitterfeed*Bringing back disabled features (sidebar trends, background image uploads) <http://tinyurl.com/d75q4g>*10:47 AM Apr 30th from twitterfeed*Fixing the elevated error rate <http://tinyurl.com/cpwc73>

Name Twitter

Location San Francisco, CA

Web <http://twitter.com>

Bio Always wondering what everyone's doing.

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1,091,962

[following\\_profile](#)[followers\\_profile](#)

Updates

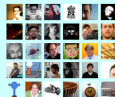
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Favorites

Actions

block [twitter](#)

Following



RSS feed of twitter's updates



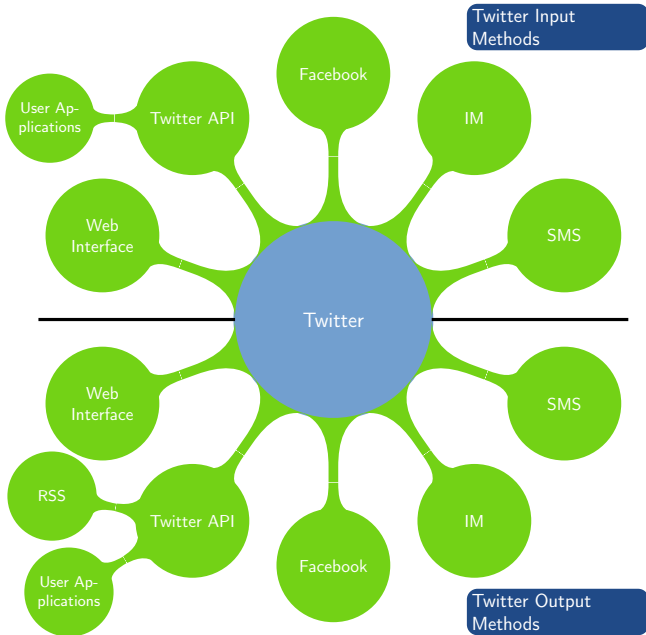
# Tweet

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„@max you should check the weather forecast, see  
<http://tinyurl.com/plmr3m>“

9:34 AM August 11th from web in reply to max

- 140 Zeichen
- @username, #topic, . . .
- Uhrzeit & Datum
- Benutzte Infrastruktur
- reply, new message



# Twitter API

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- <http://apiwiki.twitter.com/Twitter-API-Documentation>
- GET, POST HTTP-Methoden
- GET Anfragen beschränkt auf 150 Requests pro Stunde
- JSON, XML, RSS, Atom

GET <http://twitter.com/users/show/barackobama.json>

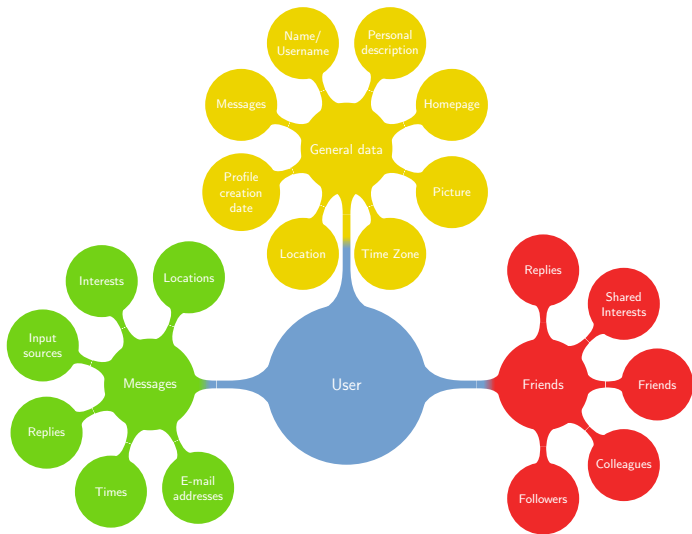
## Twitter API (2)

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created_at: "Mon Mar 05 22:08:25 +0000 2007"  
description: "The president of the United States of America"  
favourites_count: 0  
followers_count: 1221122  
friends_count: 776706  
id: 813286  
location: "Chicago, IL"  
name: "Barack Obama"  
profile_image_url: "http://s3.amazonaws.com/twitter_production/ ↩  
profile_images/219314140/obama_4color_omark_normal.jpg"  
protected: false  
screen_name: "BarackObama"  
statuses_count: 272  
time_zone: "Central Time (US & Canada)"  
url: "http://www.barackobama.com"
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# Prototyp

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# Evaluation

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- Neue Gefahren
  - Informationsphase wird ersetzt bzw. erleichtert
  - Geringes Risiko entdeckt zu werden
  - Firmen & Privatpersonen verwundbar
  - Automatisierte Angriffe
- Ausblick
  - Zusätzliche Quellen
  - Genauere Informationsanalyse
  - Weitere Automatisierung

## Related Work (1)

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- The Art of Deception
  - K. Mitnick, W. Simon
  - ISBN 076454280X
- Social Engineering: The “Dark Art”
  - T. Thornburgh
  - <http://doi.acm.org/10.1145/1059524.1059554>
- Social Phishing
  - T. Jagatic, N. Johnson, M. Jakobsson, F. Menczer
  - <http://doi.acm.org/10.1145/1290958.1290968>
- Social Networks and Context-Aware Spam
  - G. Brown, T. Howe, M. Ihbe, A. Prakash, K. Borders
  - <http://doi.acm.org/10.1145/1460563.1460628>



## Related Work (2)

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- Information Revelation and Privacy in Online Social Networks
  - R. Gross, A. Acquisti, H. John
  - <http://doi.acm.org/10.1145/1102199.1102214>
- A Few Chirps About Twitter
  - B. Krishnamurthy , P. Gill, M. Arlitt
  - <http://doi.acm.org/10.1145/1397735.1397741>
- Why We Twitter
  - A. Java, X. Song, T. Finin, B. Tseng
  - <http://doi.acm.org/10.1145/1348549.1348556>

# Fragen?

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git clone http://home.cs.tum.edu/siegel/dev/thesis.git
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