

## THE INVESTIGATOR

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Our integrated team of investigators and support services ensure that the investigations are conducted in a timely fashion with leading edge techniques.

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### What is Cyber-Crime?

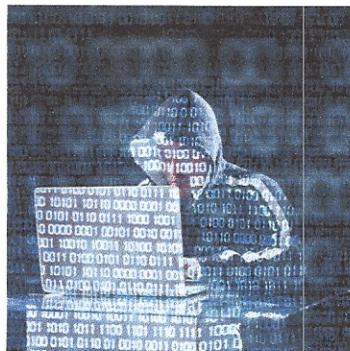
Cyber-crime has reached epidemic levels due to the unregulated growth of the internet and easy access through often unprotected tablets and smart phones. Cyber-crime refers to any crime which involves a computer and a network. Net-crime is the exploitation of the internet.



The word cyber-crime can be defined as the intentional actions that are committed against individuals or groups with a criminal motive to harm or defame the reputation of the victim or cause physical or mental harm to the victim directly or indirectly.

Government agencies, corporations, and individuals engage in cyber-crimes on a regular basis. These crimes include financial theft, fraud, espionage, and other cross border crimes. This is often described as cyber warfare. Cyber-crime in the USA is estimated to cost \$100 billion annually.

### Computer Fraud



Computer fraud takes on many personalities. From a bogus link to the redirection to a fraudulent web site, computer fraud is always evolving. It can be described as a dishonest representation for the purpose of misleading someone for the purpose of

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causing a loss.

The loss can be financial, information related or data related. The fraudster will benefit by:

- Altering data to cover unauthorized or fraudulent transactions.
- Altering software codes to access confidential information.
- Stealing information for financial gain.
- Altering or deleting stored data.

Computer fraud is often difficult to detect and the problem may be present for several months before the situation is addressed.

## Harassment & Cyber Bullying

Harassment is a common form of cyber-crime and is often referred to as cyber bullying.

The harassment generally focuses on gender, race, religion, nationality, and sexual orientation. The clear purpose is to damage someone's reputation.



It is sometimes referred to as cyber stalking or on-line predators. For example, a cellular phone is often used in these types of crime to persuade, induce, and coerce a minor into prohibited sexual conduct. In the US, harassment is clearly distinct from cyber bullying. While harassment is related to a sexual content cyber bullying does not have to be of sexual nature.

## News

### May 20, 14 "BlackShades" Cyber-crime ring busted\*



More than 500,000 computers in over 100 countries have been infected by sophisticated malware which takes over a computer and hijacks the webcam. Charges against 100 people

have been laid. The FBI said that "BlackShades" has been sold to several thousand users since 2010. The malware lets hackers steal personal information, intercept key strokes, and hijack webcams to make secret recordings of users. "BlackShades" can also be used to encrypt and lock a computer's data files, blocking the rightful owners from regaining access unless they pay a ransom.

**\*Source CBC News**