

Computing

# Lesson 4: Rise of the Bots

Cybersecurity

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# Task 1: Malware quick read

Your local cybersecurity police force want you to make a quick read fact sheet to help educate the public on malware.

Pick one of the following to research:

- Viruses
- Worms
- Ransomware
- Trojans

## **You will need to:**

1. Research the malware to give information as to what is it.
2. Describe how it would break the Computer Misuse Act (see notes from the previous lesson).
3. Find a case study about where the malware was used and what impact it had.



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The websites on the next two slides will help you with this task.

Please ask a parent or carer for permission before attempting this task.

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## Viruses

- [oaknat.uk/comp-virus-wiki](http://oaknat.uk/comp-virus-wiki)
- [oaknat.uk/comp-virus-example-wiki](http://oaknat.uk/comp-virus-example-wiki)
- [oaknat.uk/comp-norton-virus](http://oaknat.uk/comp-norton-virus)

## Worms

- [oaknat.uk/comp-worm-wiki](http://oaknat.uk/comp-worm-wiki)
- [oaknat.uk/comp-norton-worm](http://oaknat.uk/comp-norton-worm)
- [oaknat.uk/comp-comodo-worm](http://oaknat.uk/comp-comodo-worm)



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## Ransomware

- [oaknat.uk/comp-ransomware-wiki](https://oaknat.uk/comp-ransomware-wiki)
- [oaknat.uk/comp-ransomware-mb](https://oaknat.uk/comp-ransomware-mb)
- [oaknat.uk/comp-norton-malware](https://oaknat.uk/comp-norton-malware)

## Trojans

- [oaknat.uk/comp-trojan-wiki](https://oaknat.uk/comp-trojan-wiki)
- [oaknat.uk/comp-norton-trojan](https://oaknat.uk/comp-norton-trojan)
- [oaknat.uk/comp-kaspersky-trojan](https://oaknat.uk/comp-kaspersky-trojan)



# Malware: [insert malware type here]

What is [insert malware here]?

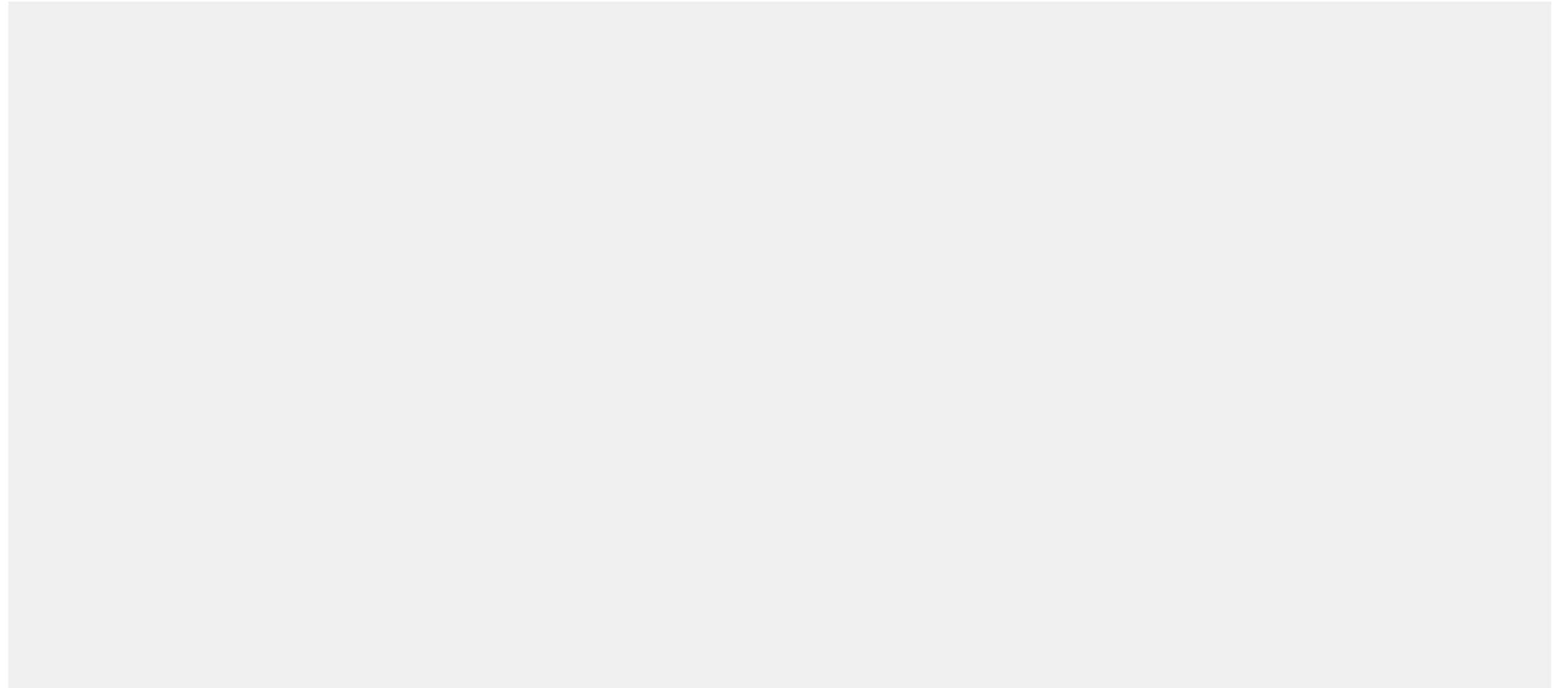
What the law says



# Malware: [insert malware type here]

Case study

[Malware] in the real  
world (Explorer task)



## Task 2: Botnet

“We have identified a total of 50,258 automated accounts that we identified as Russian-linked and tweeting election-related content during the election period.”

*Source: [blog.twitter.com/official/en\\_us/topics/company/2018/2016-election-update.html](https://blog.twitter.com/official/en_us/topics/company/2018/2016-election-update.html)*

What are the potential consequences of 50,258 automated accounts (non-human users) posting election-based content?

