

**Long Term Cybersecurity research  
Summaries of projects granted in the first NWO call for proposals (2012)**

<b>Project number</b>	CYBSEC.12.016 / 628.001.008	
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<b>Project title</b>	Cyber Crime Offender Profiling: The Human Factor Examined	
<b>Scientific summary</b>		
<p>Research on the human factor in cyber crime has not kept pace with research and innovation regarding its technological dimensions. Yet, while the latter may be able to defuse a threat, they do little to tackle its causes. Like any type of crime, understanding the causes of cyber crime requires insight into offender motivations, personality, social networks, and the development of criminal careers. To date, very little research has ventured into these aspects leading our knowledge of the field to be strewn with questions rather than answers. The proposed project addresses this gap by applying established insights from criminological research to shed new light on the human factor in cyber crime. In doing so, it identifies profiles of key individual-level correlates, with a view on developing more effective cyber crime policy and better targeted interventions.</p> <p>The project combines the analysis of data from multiple sources:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) police and public prosecutor's registration data,</li> <li>(2) data on offender characteristics from the Dutch Probation Service, and</li> <li>(3) primary survey and interview data that will specifically be collected for the project.</li> </ol>		
<b>Applicable NCSRA theme</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cybercrime/underground economy</li> </ul>		