

***BRIDGING BARRIERS:***  
**LEGAL AND TECHNICAL OF**  
**CYBERCRIME CASES**

# The Expanding Scene of Cybercrime

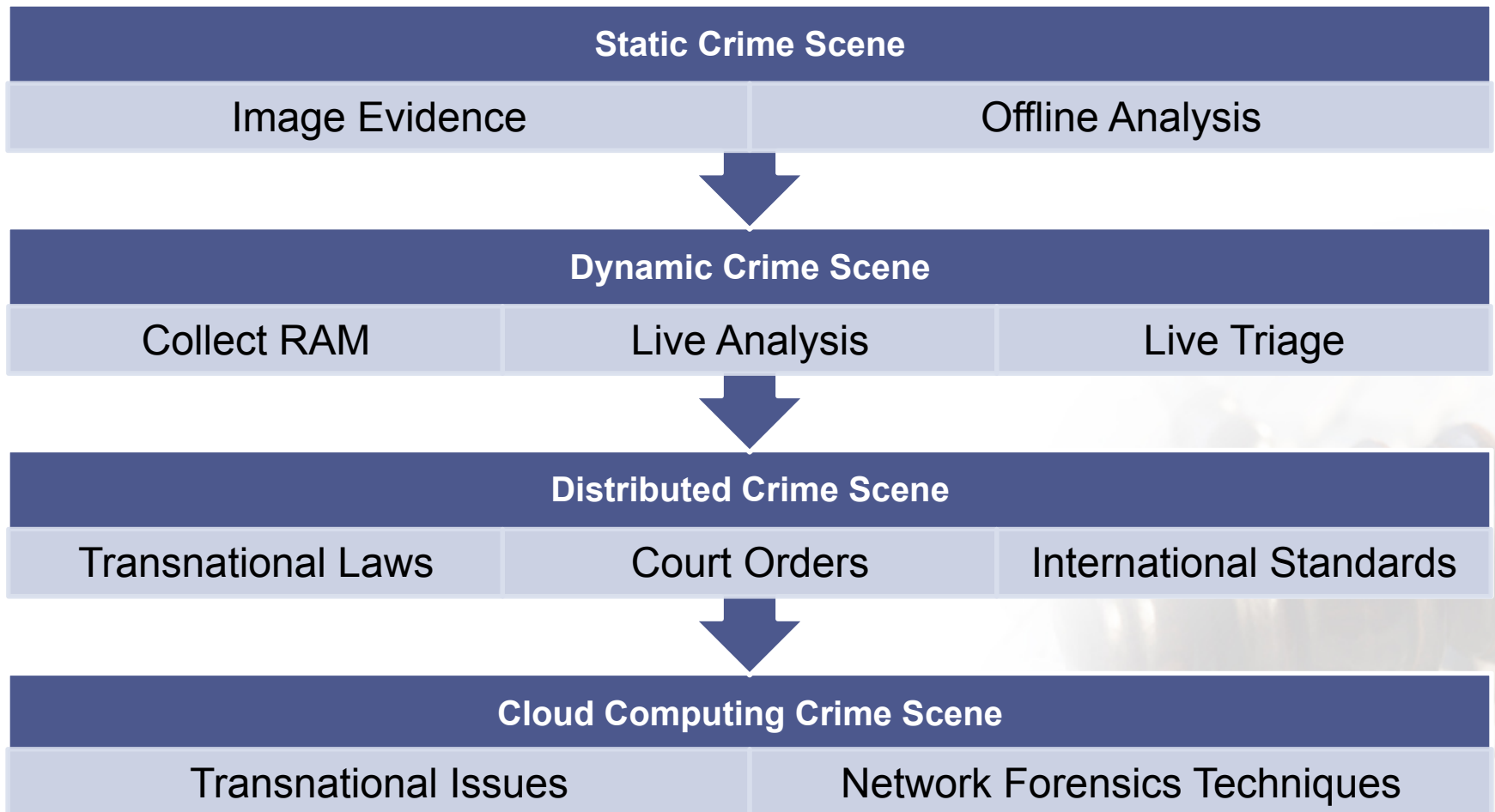
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# Introduction

- US Department of State Antiterrorism Assistance Program
- Provides training and related assistance to law enforcement and security services worldwide
- Trained over 48,000 law enforcement officials from over 141 countries

# Digital Crime Scenes





# Static Crime Scene

## The Good Old Days



# Static Crime Scene

- Scene Attributes:
  - Evidence Contained in Portable Devices
  - Evidence Stored on Non-Volatile Media
  - 25+ Years of Police Experience



# Static Crime Scene

- Response Techniques:
  - Power Off Devices
  - Collect Devices and Return to Lab
  - Image all Media in its Entirety
  - Offline Analysis of Data



# Dynamic Crime Scene

Larger RAM

Smarter  
Criminals

Encrypted  
Files

Encrypted  
Volumes

Critical  
Servers

Running  
Processes

Active  
Connections

Massive  
Data Sets

Complex  
RAIDs

# Dynamic Crime Scene

- Scene Attributes:
  - Running Computers
  - Mission Critical Servers
  - RAM Containing Potential Evidence
  - Suspicion of Encryption
  - Huge Disk Storage



# Dynamic Crime Scene

- Response Techniques:
  - Live Collection of RAM
  - Logical Imaging of Relevant Evidence
  - Field Triage of Systems
  - Acquisition of Mounted Volumes





# Distributed Crime Scene

Webmail

Social  
Network Sites

Transnational  
Evidence

Hacking  
Cases

Online Fraud

Remote  
Storage

Evidentiary  
Standards

Cross Border  
Legal  
Differences

# Distributed Crime Scene

- Scene Attributes
  - Evidence Held by Service Providers in Unknown Locations
  - Evidence that Crosses International Borders
  - Evidence in Remote Places that is Time Sensitive
  - Need for Speed



# Distributed Crime Scene

- Response Techniques:
  - Mutual Legal Assistance Treaties
  - Court Orders for Data
  - Multi-Jurisdiction Cases
  - Questionable Access Methods
  - ISO Compliant Evidence Processing



# Cloud Computing Crime Scene

IaaS

PaaS

SaaS

Cross Border  
Issues

Unclear  
Location of  
Data

No Physical  
Access to  
Machines

Shared  
Computing  
Resources

Data Privacy  
Concerns

Distributed  
Storage

# Cloud Computing Crime Scene

- Scene Attributes
  - Distributed Evidence
  - Virtual Machines
  - Large, Shared Data Centers
  - Impossible to Seize and Image Everything
  - Cooperation with the Cloud Service Provider Needed



# Cloud Computing Crime Scene

- Response Techniques
  - Network Forensics Tools
  - Evidence Located Based on Access Rather than Device
  - Logical Image Acquisition
  - Collection and Analysis of Virtual Machines
  - Court Orders for Production of Data

# Summary

- Digital Crime Scenes are Increasingly Complex and Distributed
- Digital Forensics Techniques Must Evolve and Focus on “Best Evidence”
- International Standards (e.g. ISO 17025) Should be Adopted
- International Mutual Legal Assistance Must Be Improved