The DHS Centers of Excellence (COE) Summit was held from May 17-21, 2021. It was a completely virtual event, attended by more than 1,200 registrants from government, industry, academia, and non-profit organizations. The event included panel discussions, keynote addresses, and virtual tours of COE facilities. Attendees engaged with COEs in areas such as digital forensics, cybersecurity, and emerging technologies. The event highlighted the COEs’ contributions to enhancing homeland security capabilities and their role in supporting the nation’s security efforts.

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Shining a Light on the Dark Web

The last decade has seen a sharp rise in criminal activity on the dark web, including the trade in illicit narcotics, identity documents, and cybercrime services. This rise has been driven in part by the greater anonymity of sites not indexed by search engines, and by the growing use of anonymous cryptocurrencies as payment. In response, researchers at CINA are conducting cutting edge research into dark web marketplaces to reveal their size, scope, and underlying business models. Our work is part of a broader effort to develop new capabilities for law enforcement and other stakeholders to address the challenges posed by the dark web.

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