

Brief history of the biggest English and Russian Darknet Markets



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February 2011

Silk Road established - first modern Darknet Market.



October 2013

Silk Road shut down by FBI.

first Russian Darknet Markets. RAMP became an early leader.



2012

Part of the Silk Road crew established Silk Road 2.0. Future #1 Dream Market established in the same month.

November 2013

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September 2014

AlphaBay launched -
future # 1 English DNM.

 **AlphaBay** Market

January 2015

Hydra established.

 **HYDRA**

Silk Road 2.0. seized.

November 2014

Hansa Market launched.

 **HANSA**

August 2015

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First half of 2017

"War" between RAMP and Hydra.

July 2017

Establishment of Berlusconi Market, an English speaking DNM.



Berlusconi Market

Fall of biggest western DNMs: Alphabay and Hansa. Dream Market becomes #1. RAMP is closed. Hydra becomes #1 Russian DNM.

July 2017



APOLLON

Apollon Market created, English speaking DNM which will become important in 2019.

March 2018

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April 2018

Empire Market established - English speaking DNM that will become #1 in 2019.



April-May 2019

Dream Market (the biggest DNM) went offline and Wall Street Market (second biggest) was seized by law enforcement. Cryptonia Market established.



Beginning of DDoS attacks campaign on main English language Darknet services: Dream Market, Wall Street Market, Empire Market and main TOR forums. Attacker "Hereusgo" used new unknown DDoS method.

January 2019

Russian news site lenta.ru published series of videos about Hydra.

September-October 2019

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November 2019

Two big English speaking DNM went offline. Berlusconi seized by law enforcement. Cryptonia went down for maintenance and never came back. Since then only Empire remains.

January 2020

Apollon Market exit scam. In 2019 it had become one of the biggest English speaking DNM.

Hydra announced ICO for new Hydra projects (Eternos, ASPNet etc.)

December 2019

Appointed date for launch of new Hydra projects.

September 2020