

Cybersecurity Awareness

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Integrated Business Technologies

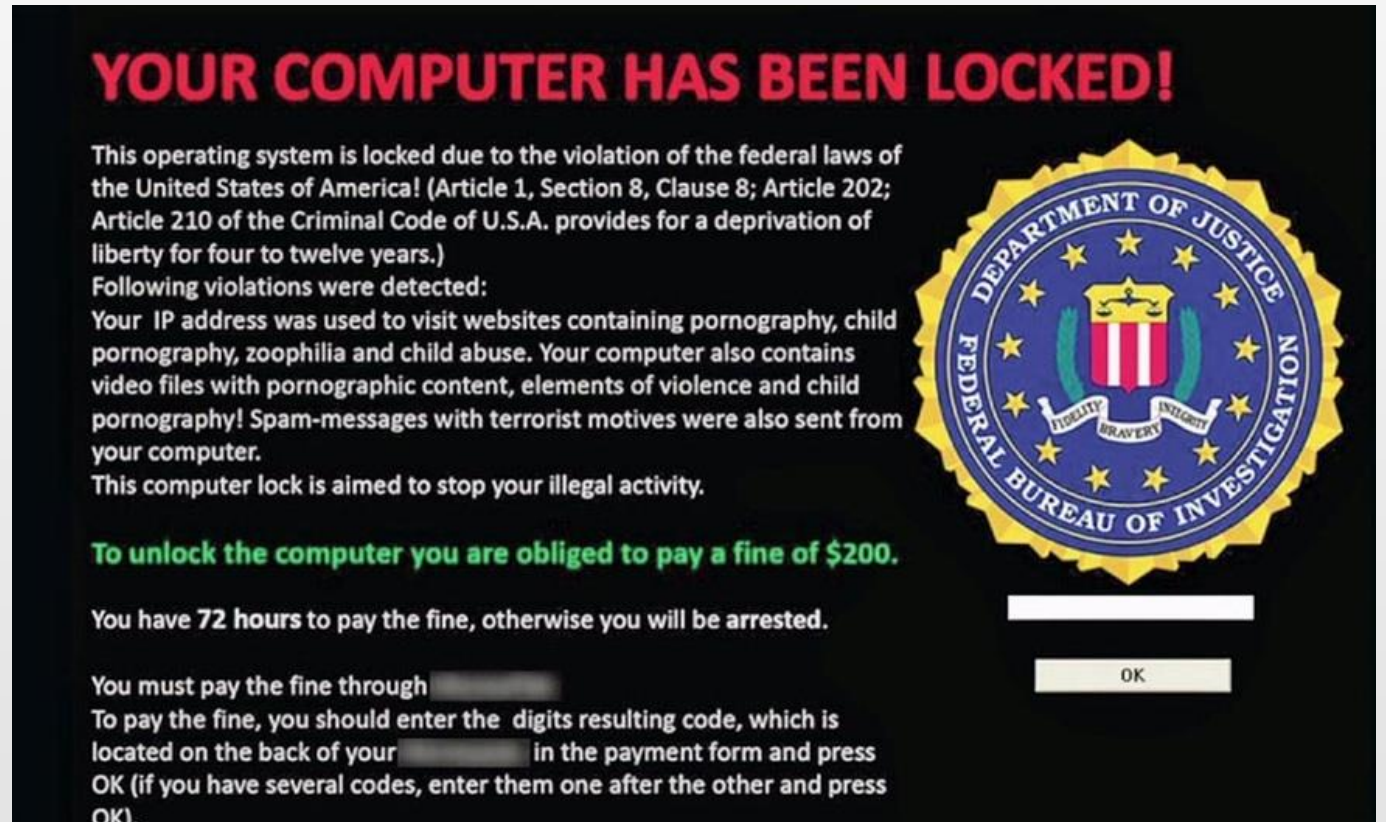
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WHY WE'RE HERE

- My mission when I started as an MSP
- My experience with Ransomware
- My new mission has been to bring security focus to the owners and staff of all small businesses who CAN avoid getting breached.



AGENDA

- ❑ Evolution of Cybercrime – **WHY** this is happening
- ❑ Prime Targets – **WHO** it's happening to
- ❑ Threat Vectors – **HOW** the bad guys get in
- ❑ Your Role – **WHAT** you can do to protect yourself, your family and your employer
- ❑ Time to Shift – **WHAT** you need to win
- ❑ Resources – **WHERE** you can go to learn more

EVOLUTION OF CYBERCRIME

Why is this happening?

WHY – THE EVOLUTION OF CYBERCRIME

Payment systems*

#	NAME	MARKET CAP	PRICE
1	BTC Bitcoin	1.04724416244e+11	 \$6117.67
2	ETH Ethereum	43575743019.4	 \$434.30
3	XRP Ripple	18177638381.9	 \$0.462982
4	BCH Bitcoin Cash	12160605068.9	 \$706.75

от **2000\$** за
выполненный
проект

Постоянно требуется написание автозаливных инжектов под **Zeus/SpyEye**

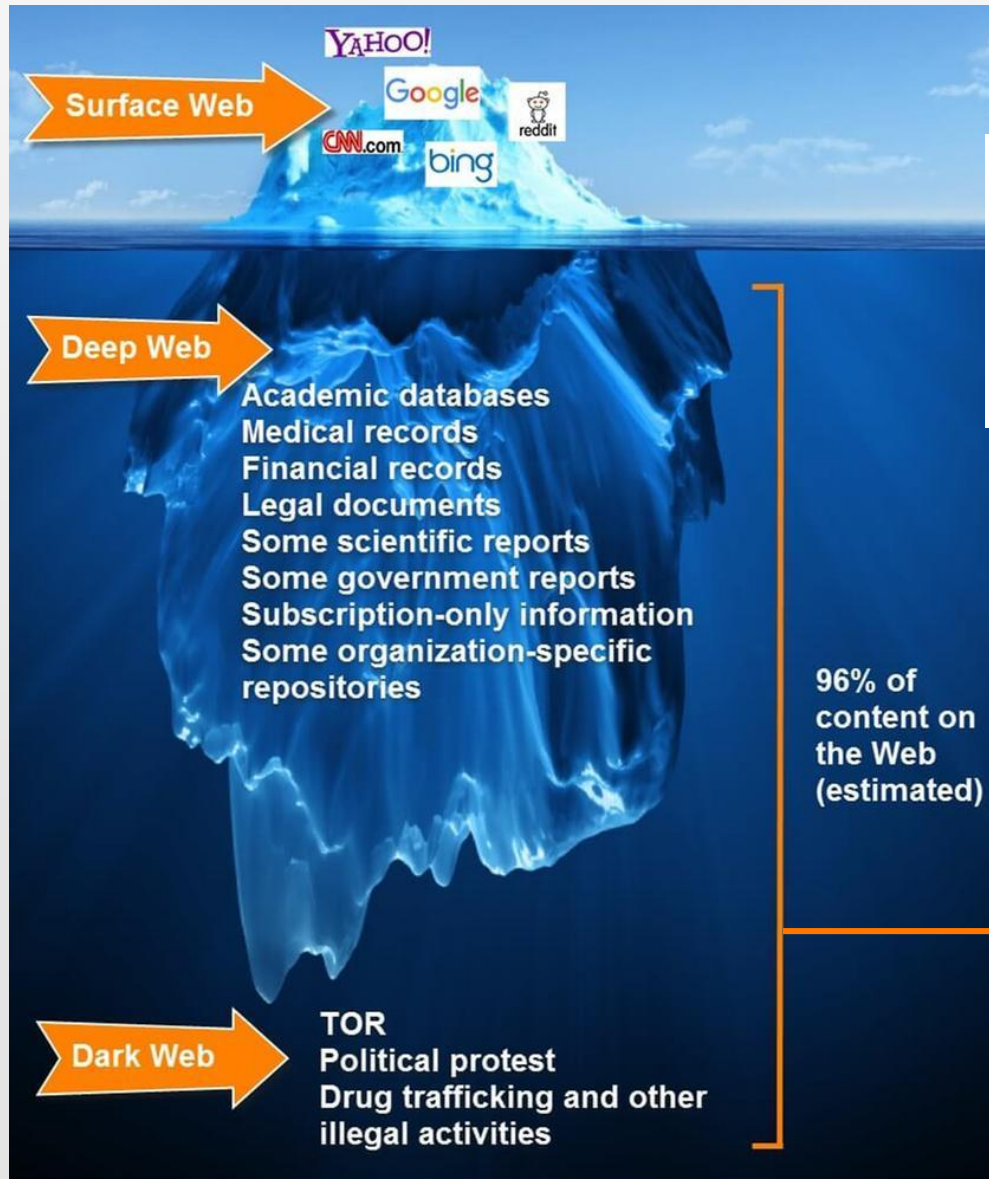


Job postings



Marketplaces

CYBERCRIME ON THE DARK WEB



Stolen credentials are used to test for open door access into corporate networks

197 Days: the average length of time it takes for organizations to identify a data breach

19 Minutes to Escalation: Russian Hackers Move the Fastest



News

New data from CrowdStrike's incident investigations in 2018 uncover just how quickly nation-state hackers from Russia, North Korea, China, and Iran pivot from patient zero in a target organization.

By KELLY JACKSON HIGGINS Executive Editor at Dark Reading, 2/19/2019

Stolen Credentials Are Sold Here

CYBERCRIME ONLINE SHOPPING...



Spy Eye v1.3



2011
08/02
08:48:53



Find INFO



Statistic



FTP accounts



Settings



Screen shots



BOA Grabber



CC Grabber



Certificate Grabber



E-Mail Grabber



FTP Grabber



BUGS



10459 k
+2
+1

Get Credit Cards v0.1

+180

Bot GUID :

Report date region : ...

Data :

Limit :

with CVV only : ☐

with Address only : ☐

Ag **Agora Beta**

gazumpel joehuang Wallet 0.00000000 BTC - \$ 376.68 USD

[Listings](#) [Profile](#) [Wallet](#) [Orders](#) [Forums](#) [Info/Help](#)

0 NEW MESSAGES LOGOUT

LISTINGS

Counterfeits (600+)

Data (400+)

Drug paraphernalia (100+)

Drugs (12800+)

Electronics (100+)

Forgeries (200+)

Information (1400+)

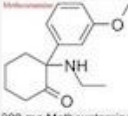
Jewelry (100+)

Services (500+)

Tobacco (200+)

Weapons (100+)

Other (100+)



300 mg Methoxetamine
0.27344164 BTC



Meth
Crystal Meth 28 grams
2.62291600 BTC



MDPPP (Simulation of
0.74333651 BTC



Rolex - Daytona 50th
0.95306360 BTC



10gr. Eitzolam FREE
1.72560263 BTC



Paragon Backup amp;
0.04645853 BTC



Diesel Jeans #M1
0.20972708 BTC



1 OZ High potency Magic
0.46458532 BTC



The Art of Making Money:
0.00262822 BTC



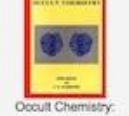
20g 84%+ MDA
2.72114261 BTC



Armani watch - AR1447 -
0.86280131 BTC



\$5000 Worth of Internet
0.02654773 BTC



Occult Chemistry:
0.00388215 BTC



Mega carding guide
0.07964319 BTC



GP (122g) Of Critical
1.99107996 BTC



0.02654773 BTC



5x DespicableMe#39.s
0.34512052 BTC



25 grams - Speed
0.34512052 BTC



Hygetropin 100iu human
0.76988425 BTC



28g | 1oz [Utopia#39.s]
2.49548688 BTC



Super Haze, FREE
0.66369332 BTC



5 Gr. HIGH Quality MDMA
0.31857279 BTC



500 x LUCKY CLOVERS
2.92025061 BTC



How I have made
0.02654773 BTC



14g PROPER QUALITY
0.28937028 BTC



50gm Indian Traditional
0.73006265 BTC



200 tabs. Dianabol 10mg
0.13604621 BTC



\$100 AUD | Stealth
0.29202506 BTC



28 Grams Sour Diesel x
1.02738726 BTC



Kamagra Oral Jelly
0.01194647 BTC

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CYBER CRIME IS COMPETITIVE!

Ransomware Rivalry



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the address bar displaying 'janusqqd62zx75ef.onion'. The website has a dark theme with green accents. The main heading is 'Ransomware Rivalry'. Below it, a section titled 'PROFIT FROM PETYA & MISCHA!' is followed by four columns of text describing the ransomware's features: High Infection Rates, Provably Fair Rates, Free Crypting Service, and Easy Administration. To the right, a 'PAYMENT SHARE' section includes a table detailing the share of profits based on the volume of Bitcoin generated per week.

PROFIT FROM PETYA & MISCHA!

HIGH INFECTION RATES
PETYA comes bundled with his little brother MISCHA. Since PETYA can't do his evil work without administrative privileges, MISCHA launches when those can't be obtained.
PETYA does a low level encryption of the disk, which is a completely new technique in ransomware. MISCHA acts as an traditional file-based ransomware. For more informations see our FAQ.

PROVABLY FAIR
As professional cybercriminals, we know that you can't trust anyone. So we developed a payment system based on multiple addresses, where no one (including us) can rip you off.
For more informations see our FAQ.

FREE CRYPTING SERVICE
We provide you FUD crypted binaries, and that 24/7. No need to buy shitty crypters or waste your money on expensive crypting services.
Additionally, for our distributors with the highest volume, we provide a private stub. That means a even more stable infection rate. For more informations see our FAQ.

EASY ADMINISTRATION
Administrative Tasks like viewing the latest infections, setting the ransom price or decrypting your binary can be done with an clean and simple web-interface.
We also have an qualified support, which will help you with any problems. Since this project is still in beta, we are open for any bug-report or feature-request.

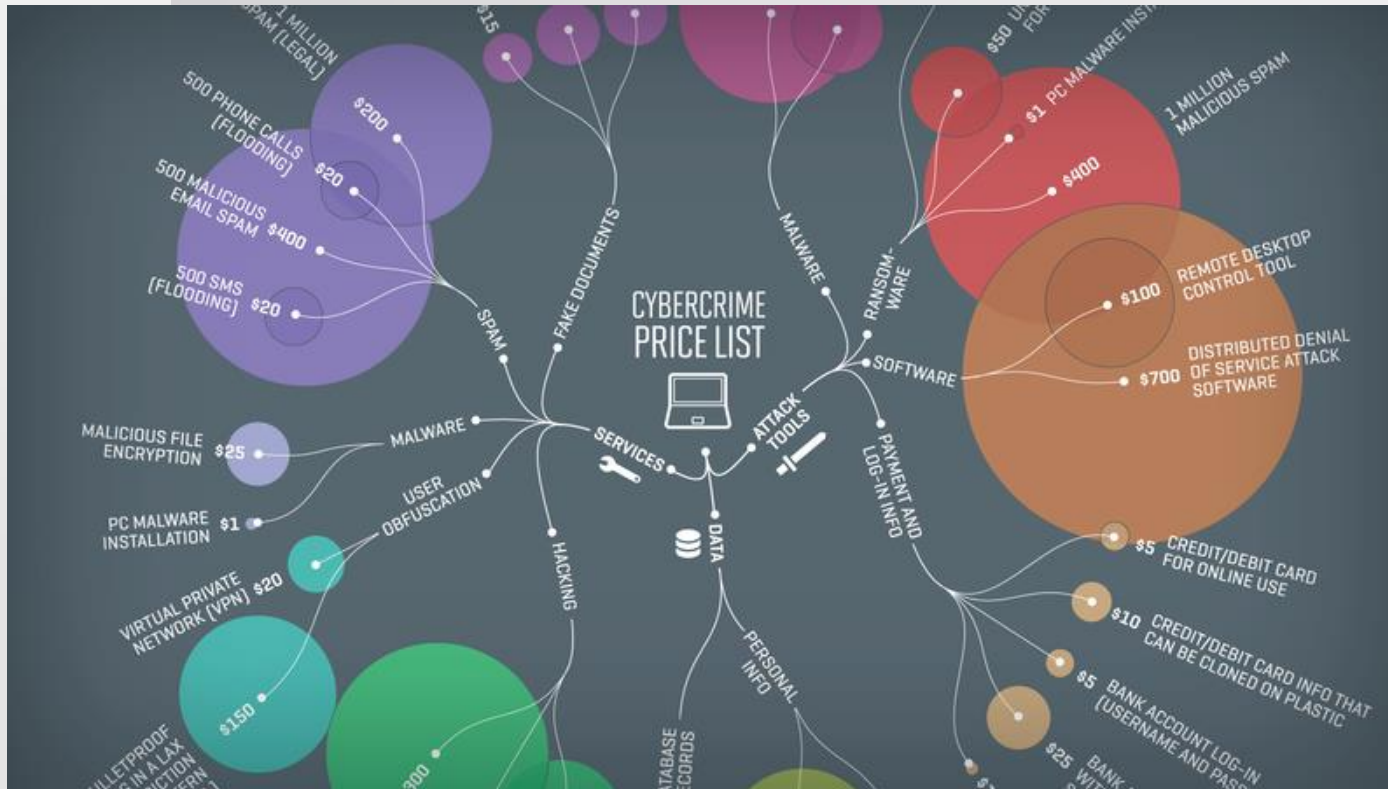
PAYMENT SHARE
Your share on the payments you have generated is calculated with the following table. The more volume you generate in one week, the more share on the profit you get.

Volume/Week	Share
<5 BTC	25%
<25 BTC	50%
<125 BTC	75%
>=125 BTC	85%

Example: If you generate a volume of 125 BTC, you get a payout of 106.25 BTC. That are at the moment about 45,000 USD! To get a volume over 100 BTC is not a big deal with the right technique!

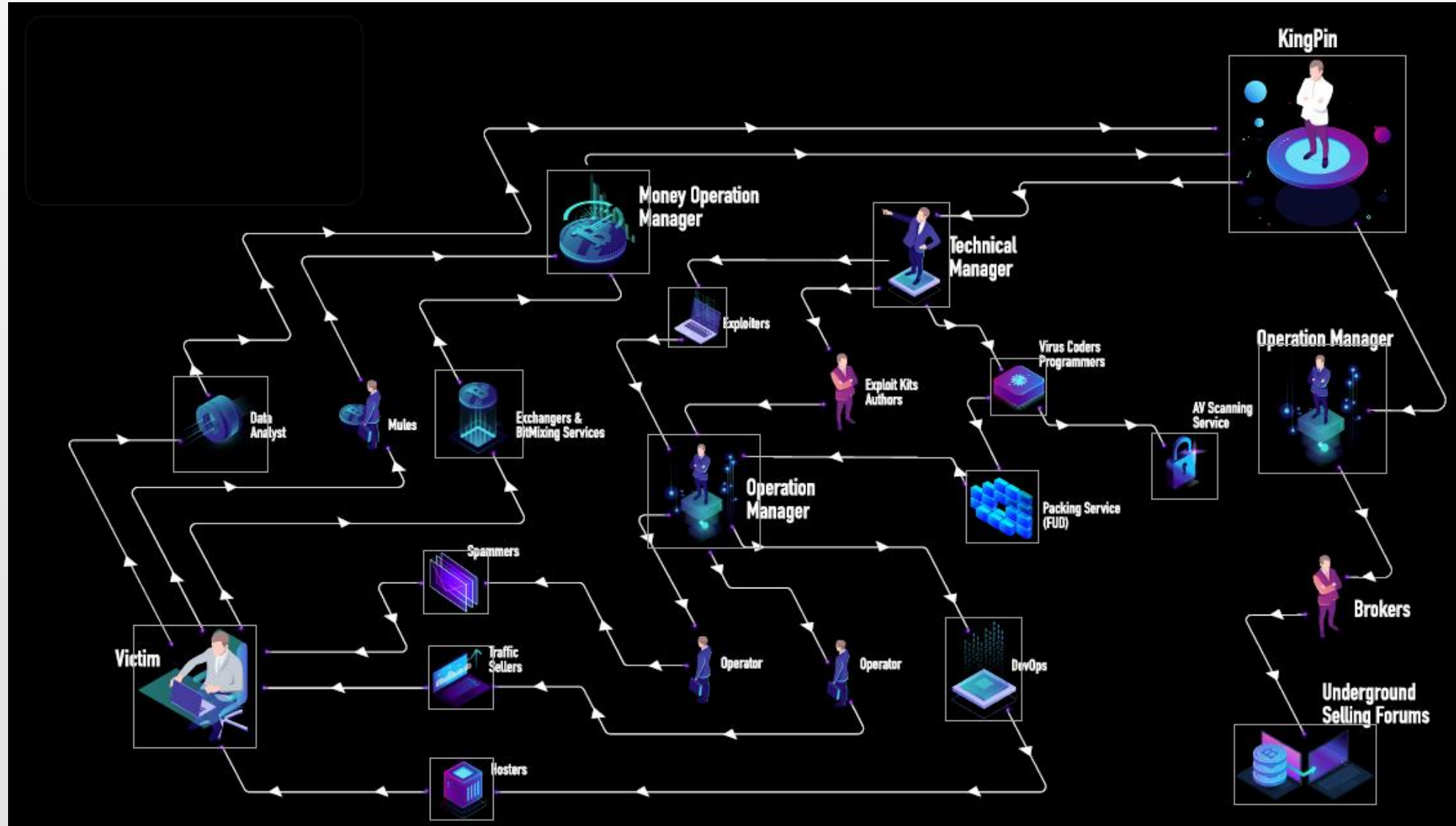
PHISHING

Lucrative Payoff



CYBERCRIME PRICE LIST			
ATTACK TOOLS	MALWARE	\$200	REMOTE ACCESS TROJAN
		\$50	PASSWORD STEALER
	RANSOMWARE	200	SOPHISTICATED LICENSE FOR WIDESPREAD ATTACKS
		\$50	UNSOPHISTICATED LICENSE FOR TARGETED ATTACKS
		\$1	PC MALWARE INSTALLATION
		\$400	1 MILLION MALICIOUS SPAM
	SOFTWARE	\$100	REMOTE DESKTOP CONTROL TOOL
		\$700	DISTRIBUTED DENIAL OF SERVICE ATTACK SOFTWARE
	PAYMENT & LOG-IN INFO	\$5	CREDIT/DEBIT CARD FOR ONLINE USE
		\$10	CREDIT/DEBIT CARD INFO THAT CAN BE CLONED ON PLASTIC
		\$5	BANK ACCOUNT LOG-IN (USERNAME AND PASSWORD)
		\$25	BANK ACCOUNT LOG-IN WITH ACCESS TO EMAIL, SECURITY ANSWERS, ETC.
		\$1	EXISTING PAYPAL ACCOUNT
DATA	PERSONAL INFORMATION	\$3	SOCIAL SECURITY AND DATE OF BIRTH VERIFICATION
		\$150	CREDIT REPORT 750+ CREDIT SCORE
	DATABASE RECORDS	\$25	1 MILLION COMPROMISED EMAIL/PASSWORDS
SERVICES	HACKING	\$100	EMAIL ACCOUNT
		\$100	SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNT
		\$300	CMS WEBSITE (WORDPRESS, ETC.)
	USER OBFUSCATION	\$150	BULLETPROOF HOSTING IN A LAX JURISDICTION (CHINA, EASTERN EUROPE, ETC.)
		\$20	VIRTUAL PRIVATE NETWORK (VPN)
	MALWARE	\$1	PC MALWARE INSTALLATION
		\$25	MALICIOUS FILE ENCRYPTION
	SPAM	\$20	500 SMS (FLOODING)
		\$400	500 MALICIOUS EMAIL SPAM
		\$20	500 PHONE CALLS (FLOODING)
		\$200	1 MILLION EMAIL SPAM (LEGAL)
	FAKE DOCUMENTS	\$25	DIGITAL COPY OF FAKE CREDIT/DEBIT CARD
		\$25	DIGITAL COPY OF FAKE DRIVER'S LICENSE OR PASSPORT
		\$15	DIGITAL COPY OF FAKE UTILITY BILL OR SOCIAL SECURITY CARD

WHAT ORGANIZED CRIME LOOKS LIKE



PRIME TARGETS

Who is this happening to?

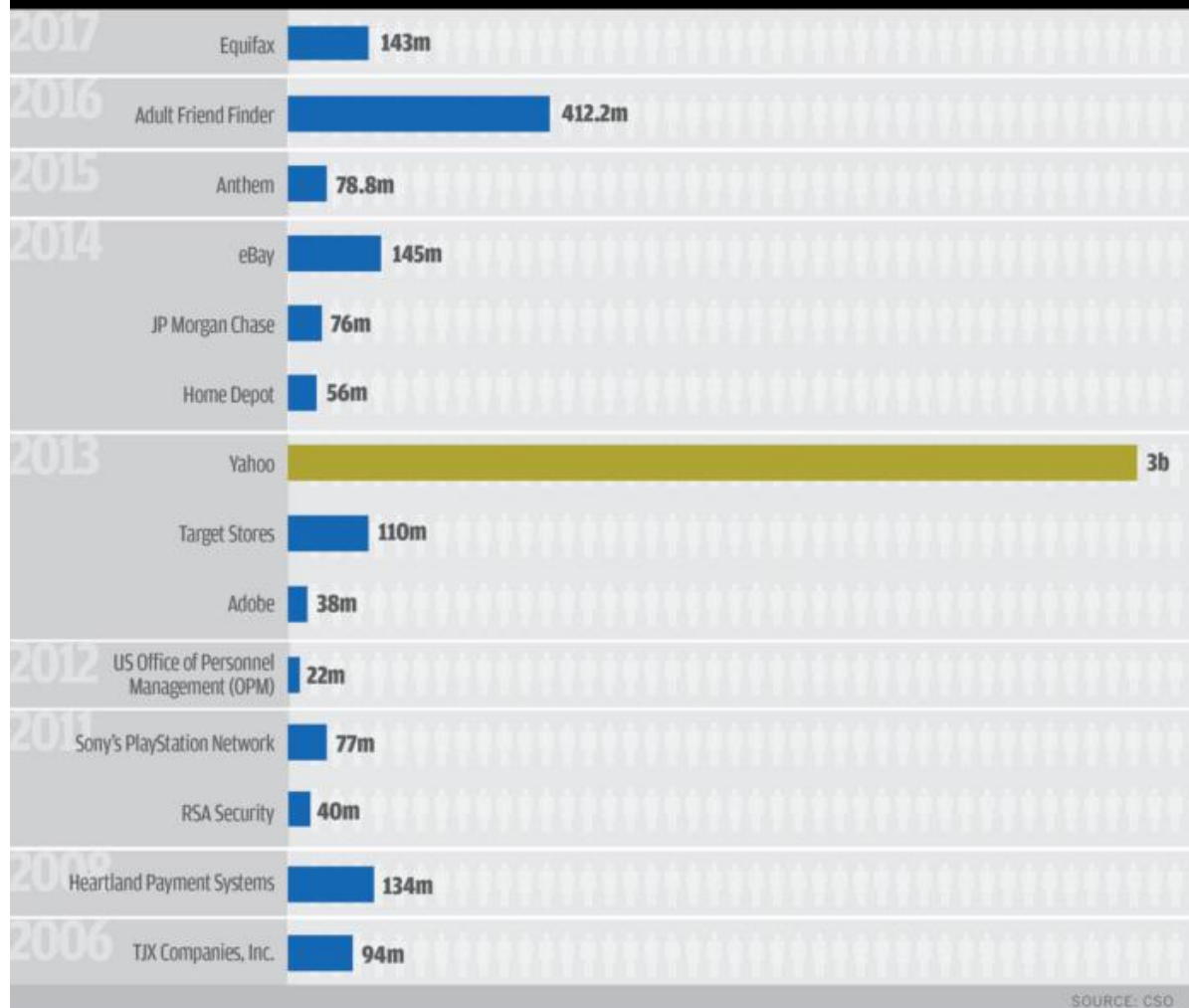


Biggest **DATA BREACHES** of the 21st century

Accounts
Compromised

by the millions

by the billions



SOURCE: CSO

Not “if,” but “when”...



57%

of SMBs will be victimized by phishing
or social engineering attacks.



33%

of SMBs will have devices
compromised or stolen.



30%

of SMBs will experience
credential theft.

Source: Ponemon

Will you be prepared?

WHY SMALL BUSINESSES ARE PRIME TARGETS

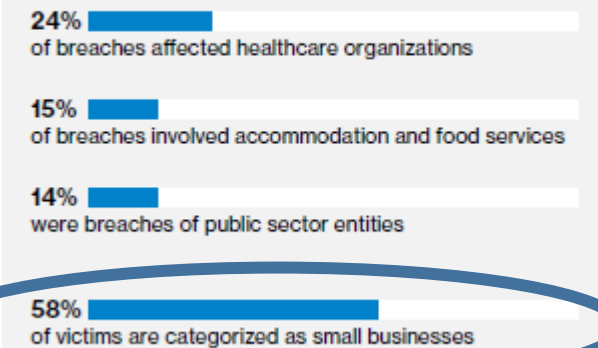
MALICIOUS EMAIL PER USER BY ORGANIZATION SIZE (YEAR)

ORGANIZATION SIZE	USERS TARGETED (1 IN)
1-250	6
251-500	6
501-1000	4
1001-1500	7
1501-2500	4
2501+	11

Source: Symantec 2019 Internet Threat Report

- ❑ Budget – SMB's spend less than 10% of their annual budget on IT (including support). They can't afford a \$40,000 firewall and CISO on staff.
- ❑ Low IT skill level or no support unless something breaks
- ❑ Aging equipment and unpatched devices
- ❑ Owners wear many hats and don't focus on security
- ❑ SMB's don't believe it will happen to them
- ❑ SMB's believe their data is not valuable
- ❑ SMB's far behind Enterprise in educating employees

Who are the victims?



Source: Verizon 2018 DBIR Report

THREAT VECTORS

How the bad guys get in

PHISHING - HOW IT WORKS

1. You inadvertently download a file with a spy-agent attached.

How?

- a) Opening an email attachment with a hidden payload.
- b) Visiting an infected website via link from an email or just normal web browsing.

2. The agent sits dormant on your PC or Mac undetected by Malware/Virus scanning tools. This is called a Zero Day infection.



"In 2019, it is estimated that a business will fall victim to a Ransomware attack every 14 seconds." Cybersecurity Ventures, 2018

RANSOMWARE

- ❑ Reported by Unit 42, a cyber forensic and reporting entity of Palo Alto Networks: As of Summer of 2021 – the average ransomware payment demand has hit a new record high of \$570,000.
- ❑ 2020's average was \$312,000, a 171% growth in just a year – meaning it is working.
- ❑ Quadruple extortion is the newest trend amongst ransomware groups, coming in 4 different forms:

Average Ransomware Payment Hits \$570,000 in H1 2021

A new report finds ransomware gangs now bundle extortion methods to make victims pay up after an attack.

August 09, 2021

#1 = Encryption, in which victims pay to regain access to scrambled data and compromised systems

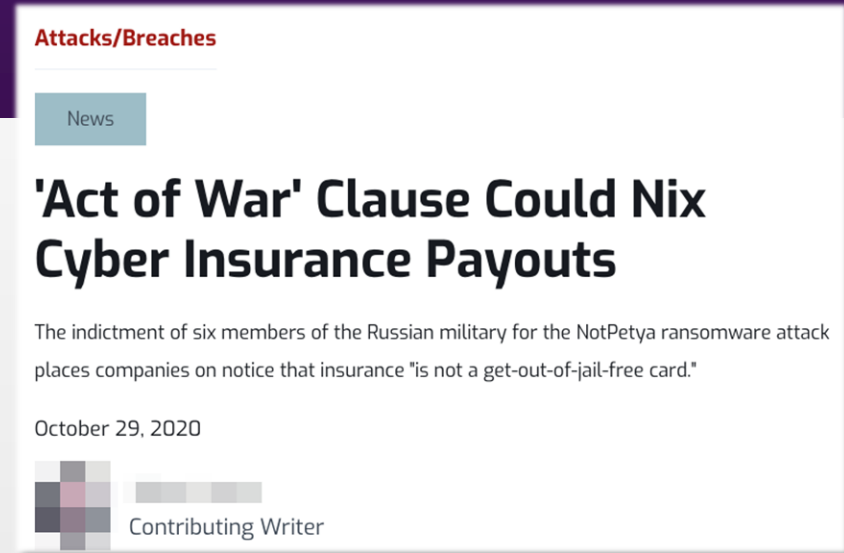
#2 = Public Disclosure, in which attackers release sensitive information if ransom isn't paid

#3 = Denial of service (DoS), in which ransomware gangs launch DoS attacks to shut down a victim's public websites.

#4 = Harassment, in which attackers contact a victim's customers, business partners, employees, and media to tell them an organization was hacked.

RANSOMWARE

- ❑ As a further form of persuasion, ransomware threat actors are more recently masking their identities, carrying out their attacks from various countries such as China or Russia.
- ❑ The reason for them doing this not only to mask their identity, but also coercing victims into paying that which cyber insurance firms are having tough times covering claims with due to “Act of War” clauses.
- ❑ Did you know you could be breaking the law if you pay a ransom, and those funds go to a terrorist group?

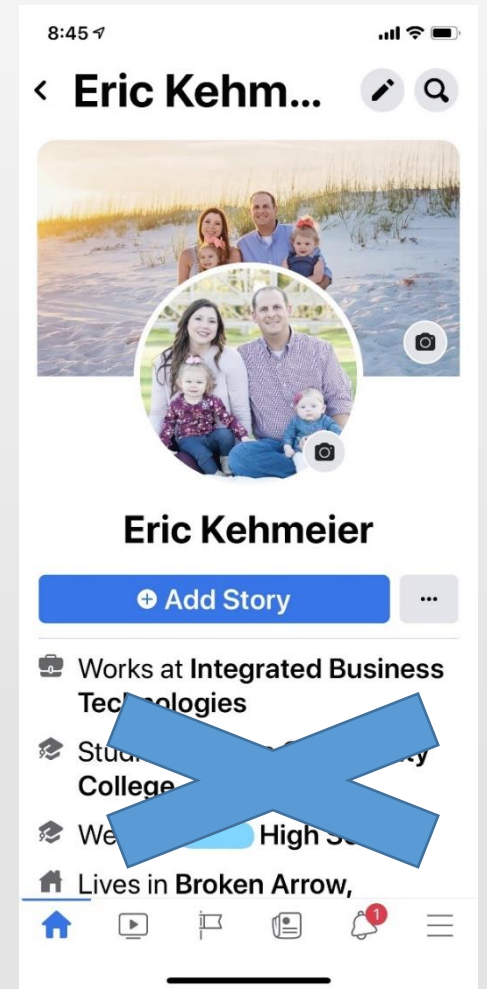


SOCIAL ENGINEERING & PRETEXTING

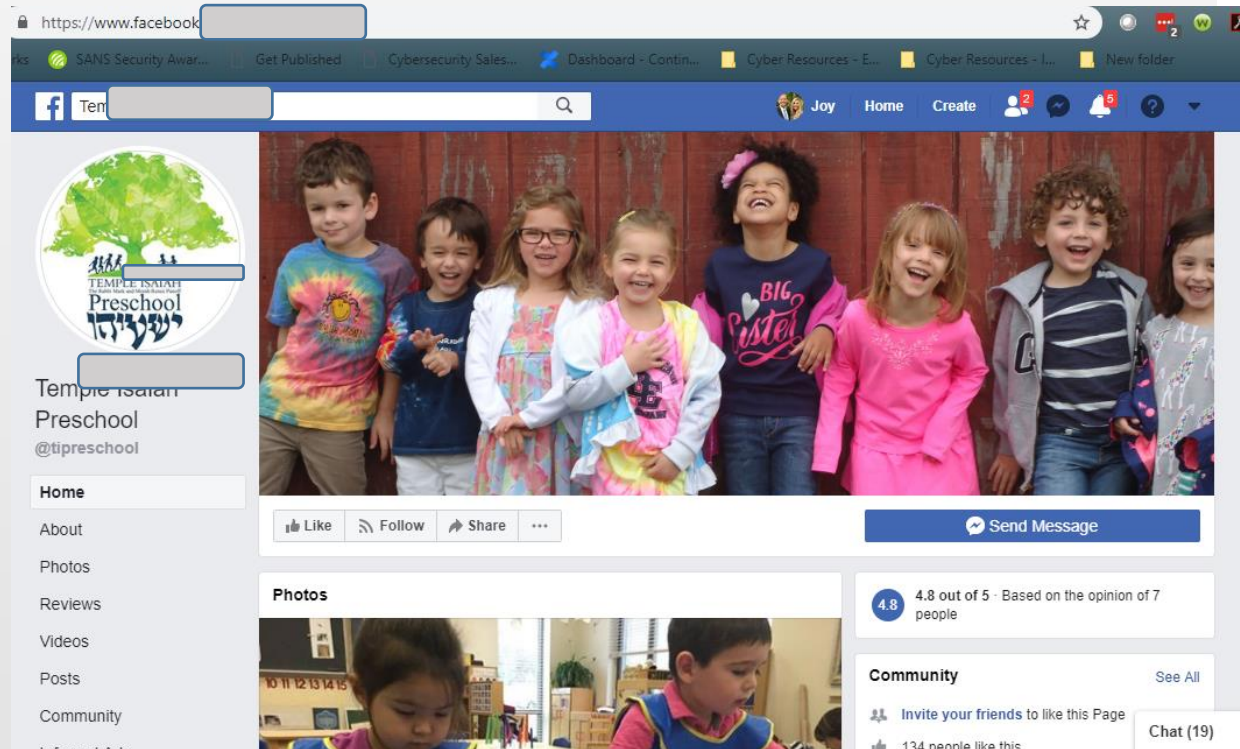
Social engineering, in the context of [information security](#), refers to [psychological manipulation](#) of people into performing actions or divulging confidential information. A type of [confidence trick](#) for the purpose of information gathering, fraud, or system access, it differs from a traditional "con" in that it is often one of many steps in a more complex fraud scheme.

Social Engineering & Pretexting *do not* involve Malware at the outset. They are plotted and planned against specific victims.

As of 2018, global losses to BEC (business email compromise) have exceeded US\$12 billion. ~Trend Micro, Year End Review 2018



SOCIAL ENGINEERING - PHONE CALLS



How to protect yourself from tech support scams

- If you receive an unsolicited email message or phone call that purports to be from Microsoft or another company asking that you to send personal information or click links, ignore or report the email, or hang up the phone. In general, unless you are absolutely sure you can trust the caller or the sender, do not share personal information, click links, or install applications when requested.

Note that Microsoft does not send unsolicited email messages or make unsolicited phone calls to request for personal or financial information, or fix your computer.

- Do not trust unsolicited calls. Do not provide any personal information.

Remember, Microsoft will never proactively reach out to you to provide unsolicited PC or technical support. Any communication we have with you must be initiated by you.

- Download software only from official vendor websites or the Microsoft Store. Be wary of downloading software from third-party sites, as some of them might have been modified without the author's knowledge to bundle support scam malware and other threats.
- Use [Microsoft Edge](#) when browsing the Internet. It blocks known support scam sites using Windows Defender SmartScreen (which is also used by Internet Explorer). Furthermore, Microsoft Edge can stop pop-up dialogue loops used by these sites.

Don't call the number in the pop-ups. Microsoft's error and warning messages never include a phone number.

- Enable [Windows Defender Antivirus](#) on Windows 10. It detects and removes known support scam malware, such as [SupportScam:AutoIt/Noland](#), [SupportScam:JS/TechBrolo](#), [SupportScam:MSIL/Hicurdismos](#), [SupportScam:MSIL/Tifine.A](#), [SupportScam:Win32/Cusax](#), [SupportScam:Win32/Monitnev](#), and [SupportScam:MSIL/Secupoint.A](#).

Reporting tech support scams

Help Microsoft stop scammers, whether they claim to be from Microsoft or from another tech company, by reporting tech support scams: www.microsoft.com/reportascam.

*Source: Microsoft website 6-28-2018

MOBILE DEVICES ARE FAIR GAME



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August 17, 2018 @ 7:25 AM

Mobile App Security Threat Forces Google Play Store to Remove 145 Android Apps

By Wylie Wong

SECURITY

Malicious iOS app popup windows c your Apple ID

It's simple to spoof a password request window, and nearly impossible and devs should watch out for.

By Brandon Vigilante | October 11, 2017, 8:50 AM PST

APPLE REMOVES 300 INFECTED APPS FROM APP STORE

JOSEPH COX SECURITY 09.21.15 11:50 AM

*Source: Webroot 2016, Verizon State of Security Report 2018, <http://fortune.com/2017/09/14/google-play-android-malware/> Wired online magazine <https://www.wired.com/2015/09/apple-removes-300-infected-apps-app-store/> <https://securityintelligence.com/news/mobile-app-security-threat-forces-google-play-store-to-remove-145-android-apps/>

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Google Play S

Recent History

September 24, 2019 | Malw



- Recently, Google Play Store has been in the spotlight quite often for hosting malware-laced apps.
- Some of these apps have millions of downloads, posing a massive threat to a considerable chunk of Android users.

Context

Although Google lets in an app on the Play Store only after it satisfies a [list of requirements](#), certain malicious apps seem to have discovered cracks to slip through. Sometimes, such apps record millions of downloads before they're discovered containing malware.

Google has been regularly weeding out malware-infected apps from the Play Store, but the openness of the platform is a roadblock in this battle.

Prominent incidents

Android users are told only to download apps from the official Play Store. Let's take a look at the recent instances of Google-approved apps sneaking in malware.

July 2019 - Around 205 malicious apps that were [reported](#) to have been downloaded more than 32 million times in July alone. These apps were found to contain malicious code that had the capabilities of stalkerware, backdoor, subscription scams, and more.

August 2019 - A popular PDF creator called [CamScanner](#) was discovered to contain a malicious module called 'Trojan-Dropper.AndroidOS.Necron'. The module was observed to show intrusive ads. After Kaspersky reported this to Google, the application was immediately removed.

September 2019 - This month witnessed the discovery of a [new malware campaign](#) to deliver the Joker Trojan. Google promptly removed the 24 apps that hid malicious code in the advertisement framework.

Google removed two adware apps: Sun Pro Beauty Camera and Funny Sweet

Just in September 2019, 25 malicious apps with 2.1 million downloads in total were observed serving random ads to generate revenue.

The takeaway

Google Play Store is still the safest place to download Android applications, but with so many incidents reported, users are advised to be on alert. No app is completely immune to being exploited for malicious purposes.

MACS ARE FAIR GAME

Mac Infections of Interest

- While Mac threats are far less common, 2015 has shown there is a clear focus to attack Macs
 - DYLD_PRINT_TO_FILE exploit – single command to gain root privileges
 - OpinionSpy – Around since 2010 with new development in 2015
 - Adware PUAs – VSearch distributed through App Store downloads
 - Vulnerabilities – 147 documented in 2014, most of any OS

Cluster 2 (nsamples=668)
KeRangerRansom.A (53 samples)
KeRangerRansom.D (28 samples)
Tsunami.A (1 samples)
Unknown (586 samples)



	name
1344	Blackhole.D
30	Freezer.A
690	Freezer.A
866	Freezer.A
553	Freezer.A
1046	Blackhole.B
355	Blackhole.C

AND MUCH MORE

- Social Engineering – Phone calls! Microsoft is never going to call you to tell you they found a problem/breach!
- Mobile devices are fair game!
- Apple Mac's are fair game too!
- Text/SMS messages
- Cryptojacking - Malicious mining via compromised websites
- Cryptomining - Malware-based attacks a user's device (CPU)
- IoT (Internet of Things) devices – Alexa, doorbells, camera's, TV's, Thermostats, and even your refrigerator. There is no anti-virus or firewall installed on these devices.

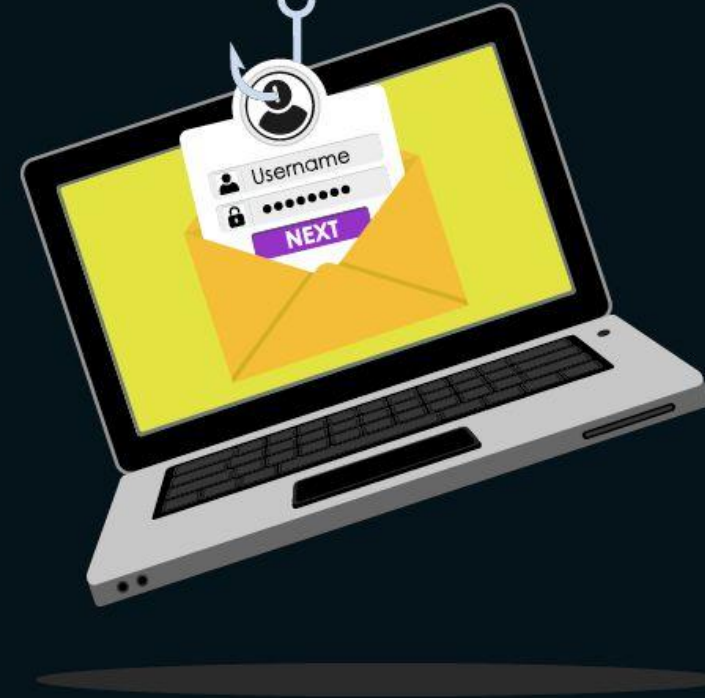
YOUR ROLE

What you can do to protect yourself,
your family and your employer

OFFICIAL WORD ON PREVENTION...

**63% of identity
deception-based
email attacks
impersonate a trusted
individual or brand.**

Security awareness
training for all employees can
reduce your risk significantly.



- Make sure employees are aware of ransomware and of their critical roles in protecting the organization's data.
- Patch operating system, software, and firmware on digital devices (which may be made easier through a centralized patch management system).
- Ensure policies and procedures exist to automatically update and remediate vulnerabilities.

I.T. SECURITY SUGGESTIONS

What YOU can do!

Passwords:

Strong passwords that rotate every 90 days

Example 1:

- | | |
|---------------------------------|-------------|
| • Animal (static) | Antelope |
| • 2 nd Character cap | aNtelope |
| • How many letters total? | aNtelope8 |
| • How many vowels? | aNtelope84 |
| • One character or symbol | aNtelope84/ |

Example 2:

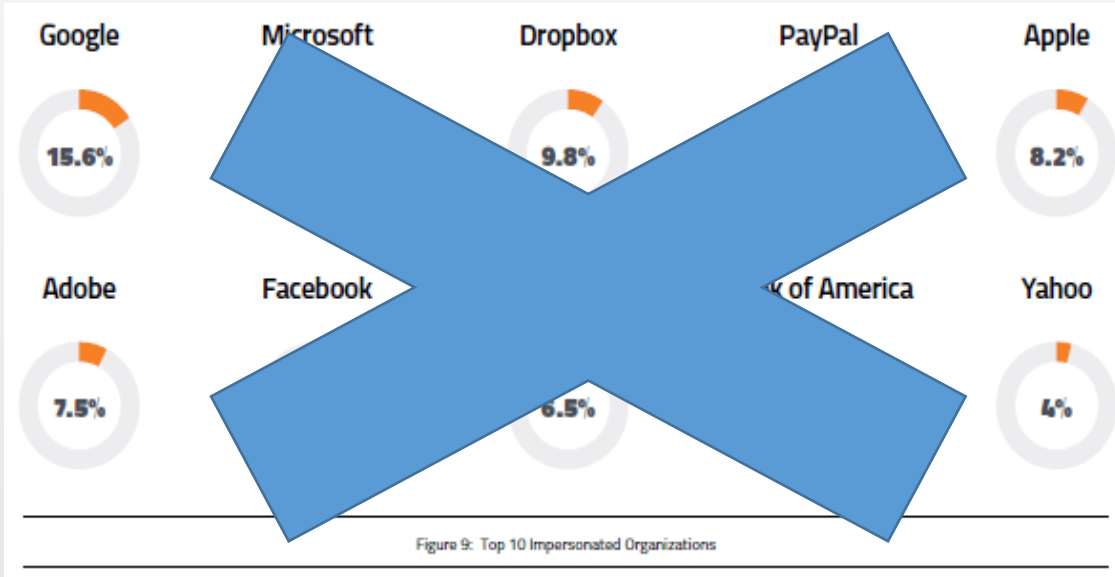
- Phrase: Crazy Hackers Can't Guess My Password
1510 **chcgmP1510***



STRONGER IS BETTER

Number of Characters	Numbers Only	Lowercase Letters	Capital & Lowercase Letters	Numbers, Capital & Lowercase Letters	Numbers, Capital & Lowercase Letters, Symbols
4	Instantly	Instantly	Instantly	Instantly	Instantly
5	Instantly	Instantly	Instantly	Instantly	Instantly
6	Instantly	Instantly	Instantly	1 sec	5 secs
7	Instantly	Instantly	25 secs	1 min	6 mins
8	Instantly	5 secs	22 mins	1 hour	8 hours
9	Instantly	2 mins	19 hours	3 days	3 weeks
10	Instantly	58 mins	1 month	7 months	5 years
11	2 secs	1 day	5 years	41 years	400 years
12	25 secs	3 weeks	300 years	2k years	34k years
13	4 mins	1 year	16k years	100k years	2m years
14	41 mins	51 years	800k years	9m years	200m years
15	6 hours	1k years	43m years	600m years	15b years
16	2 days	34k years	2b years	37b years	1t years
17	4 weeks	800k years	100b years	2t years	93t years
18	9 months	23m years	6t years	100t years	7q years

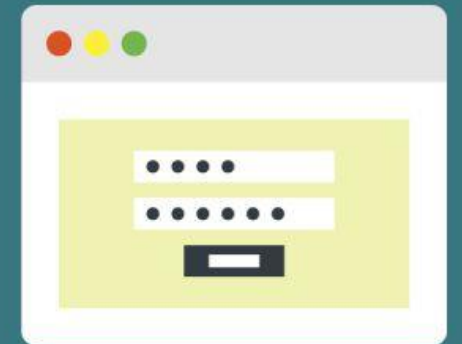
RE-USE OF PASSWORDS



Use a password manager!

Examples: Keeper, Lastpass, 1Password

One of the most **costly mistakes** that users make is **using the same password for multiple websites or tools.**



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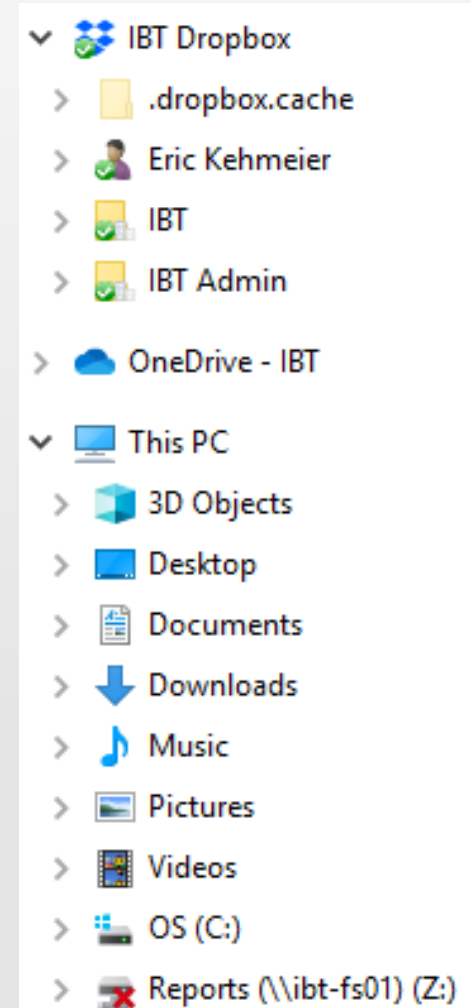
What YOU can do!

Data Saving:

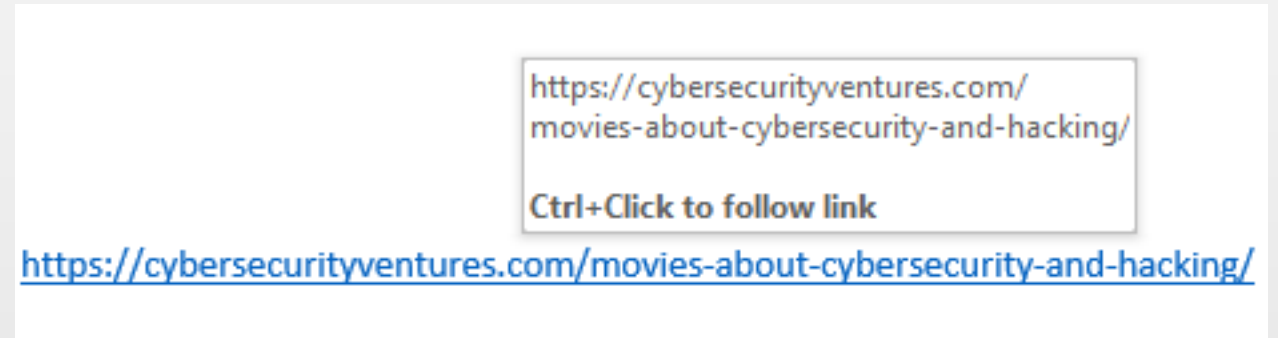
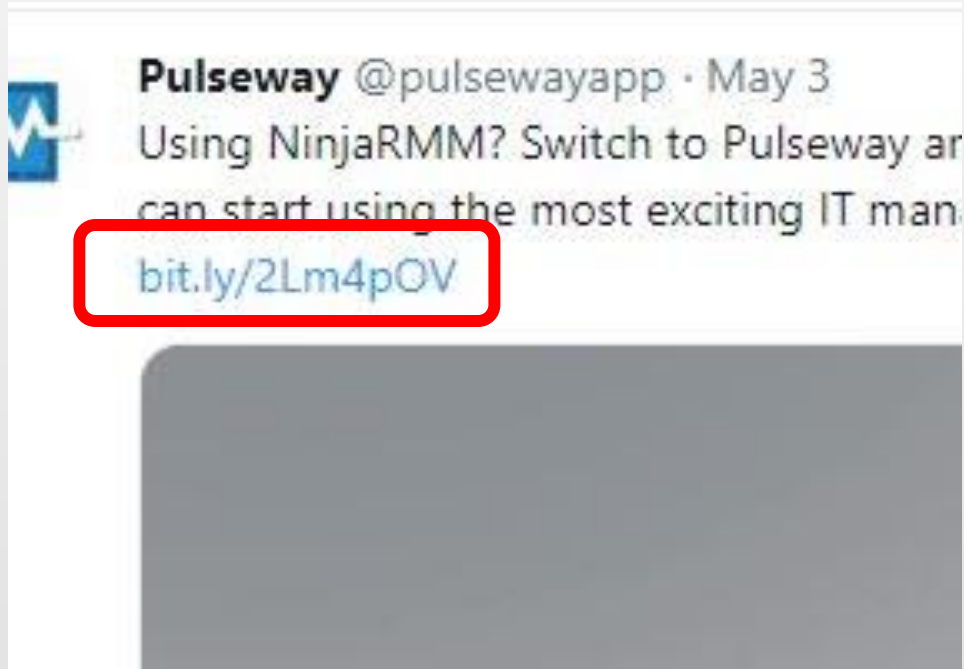
Must be on the (company name) server drives (not your desktop) or the company (One Drive, SharePoint, Drop Box, or other cloud-based storage).

If accessing from home:

- ☐ Make sure your computer is updated with latest paid Anti-Virus, Anti- Malware updates /subscription
- ☐ Make sure your Windows Updates are turned on – spot check monthly.
- ☐ Restart your computer at least weekly to refresh and install pending updates.
- ☐ Follow remote worker policy



ABBREVIATED DOMAINS

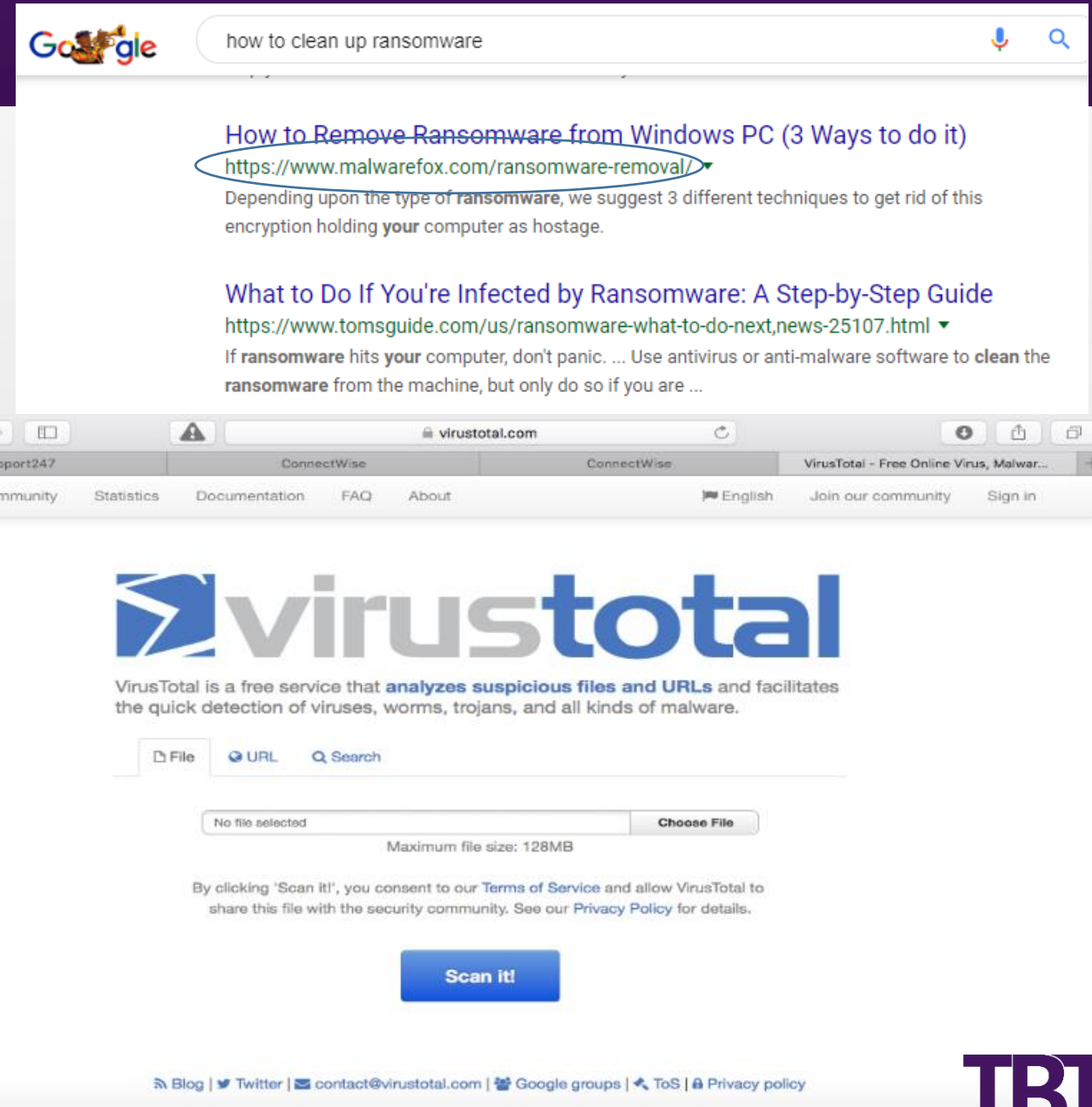


WEB SEARCHES

- Note the actual URL (green) that you are being sent to *Ignore Blue Header*

Unsure?

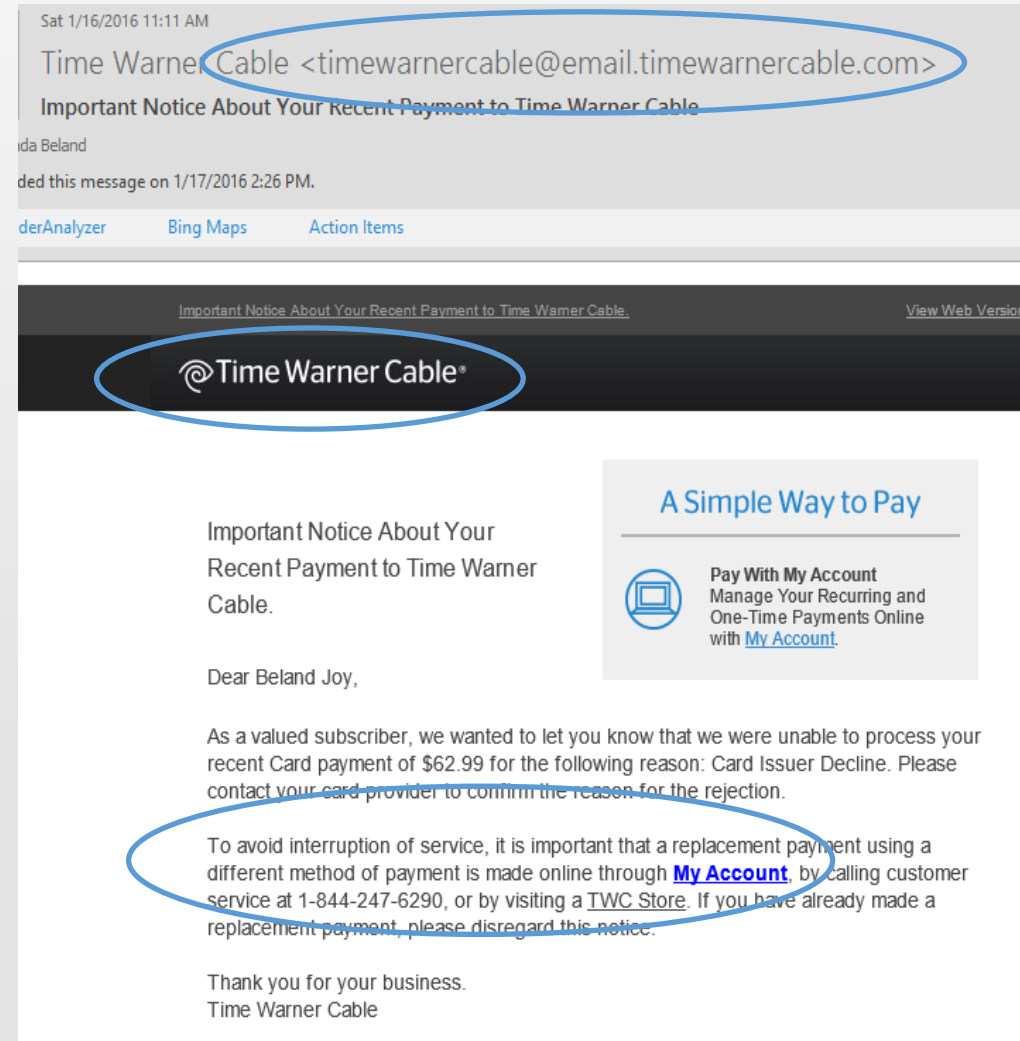
<https://virustotal.com>
to check it first



I.T. SECURITY SUGGESTIONS

What are the signs of a phishing email?

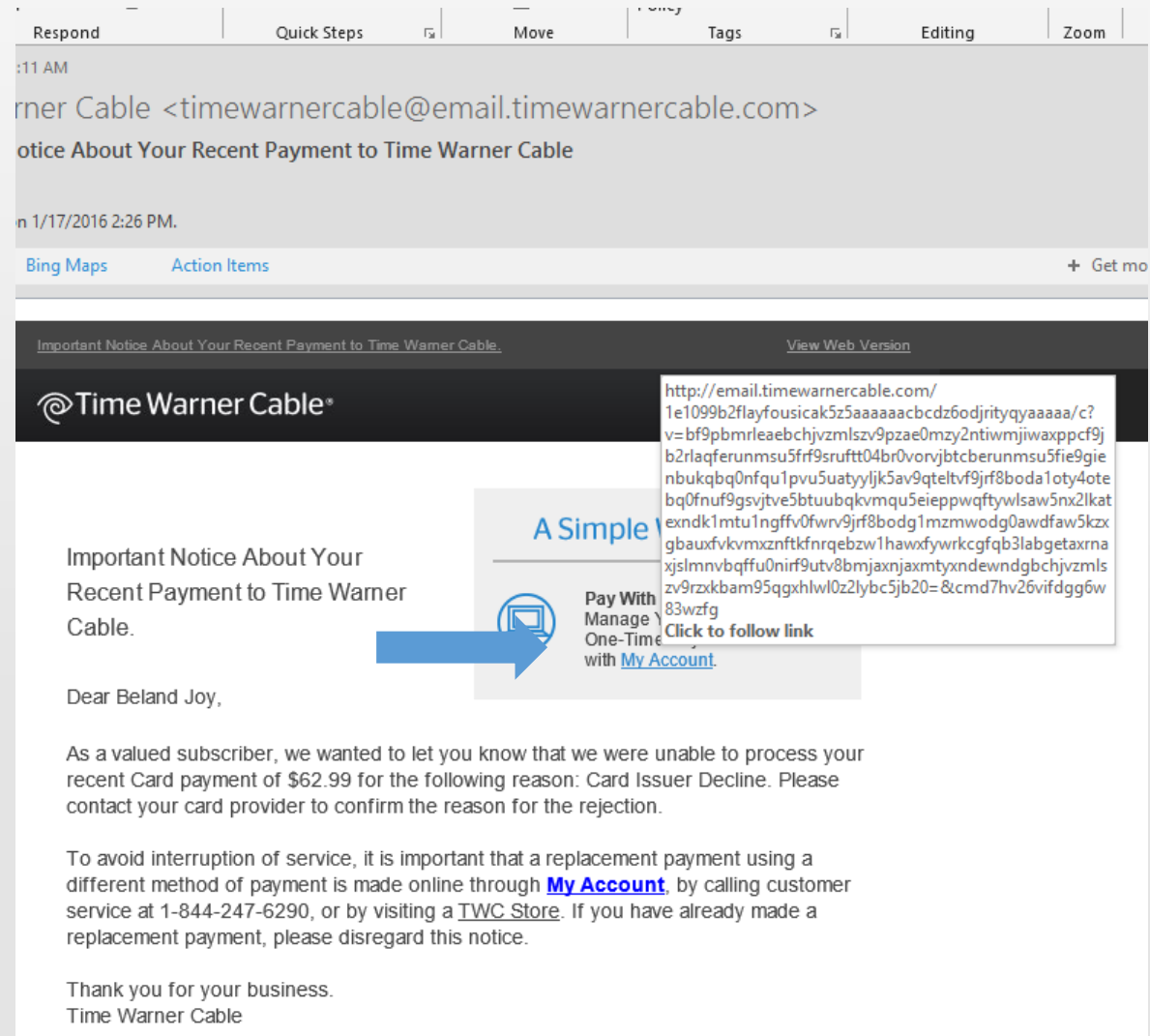
- Sender actual email address is not correct
- Logos misplaced, off color or missing altogether
- URL's to click on with an urgent request to take action immediately



I.T. SECURITY SUGGESTIONS

The URL "hover":

- Be the master of your mouse.



HOW DO YOU THINK YOU'VE BEEN DOING SO FAR?



HOW DO YOU THINK YOU'VE BEEN DOING SO FAR?

1 of you clicked on the hyperlink in our test email. That's 9%. Way better than the average we see, which is upwards of 30% ... but still, it's 9% more than we want!

Random Phishing Test Report - JAN 2019			
	IP	Event	Timestamp
@[redacted].com	162.208.94.226	open	2019-01-08T19:11:58.694Z
[redacted].com	162.208.94.226	open	2019-01-09T00:47:06.934Z
le@[redacted].com	99.112.138.7	open	2019-01-09T01:48:26.535Z
@[redacted].com	167.89.85.54	delivered	2019-01-08T17:27:57.530Z
@[redacted].com	167.89.85.54	delivered	2019-01-08T18:40:40.057Z
[redacted].p.com	167.89.85.54	delivered	2019-01-08T18:44:10.080Z
@[redacted].com	167.89.85.54	delivered	2019-01-08T19:31:15.670Z
ez@[redacted].com	167.89.85.54	delivered	2019-01-08T23:08:07.221Z
@[redacted].com	167.89.85.54	delivered	2019-01-08T23:11:56.570Z
[redacted].com	167.89.85.54	delivered	2019-01-09T00:54:25.895Z
@[redacted].com	162.208.94.226	click	2019-01-08T22:19:08.709Z



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With identity theft on the rise, you need protection. We'll monitor your info and alert you if we find it on the Dark Web.

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TIME TO SHIFT

WHAT you need to win

DOES THIS SOUND LIKE YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW?

Do you cross your fingers and hope every time you hear about the latest cybersecurity breach, praying that you aren't using any of the software, scripts, or vendors impacted?

Do you have a wavering sense of security relying on the same cybersecurity protocols you've utilized for years, knowing deep down they're not enough to keep you safe?

Do you lay awake at night worrying what security threat is going to hit next and hoping that you'll have a clean enough back-up to be able to recover if you're impacted?

Do you think I'm not big enough, our data is sensitive, or it will never happen to us?

TIME TO SHIFT

There are 5 key shifts every business needs to make to ensure their business and employees are safe in a constantly-changing and more threatening world.

Once You Make Them...

You can focus on running your business

You'll have full confidence in your technology stack, whether your employees are working in the office or remote.

SHIFT #1

Acknowledge Your Weak Links.

- ☐ Employees are the primary cause of breaches
- ☐ Understand the full attack surface/what's at stake
- ☐ One simple mistake is all it takes to undermine years of hard work building up your organization's reputation
- ☐ Properly tune your tools, being only as efficient as the team or individual handling the tuning. More security tools are pointless if you aren't using the correct ones properly. (There is no silver bullet)

SHIFT #2

Support Your Employees Wherever they Are

- ❑ The lay of the land has changed in 2022. Workstations are no longer assumed to be confined within the locked office doors of a business outside of the normal 8AM – 5PM day.
- ❑ Thus – you need to keep in mind the following:
 - Have the right security tools
 - Tune these mechanisms effectively
 - Protect the full attack surface, wherever the employee may travel.

SHIFT #3

In a Zero Trust World, Compliance Doesn't Equal Security

Compliance isn't

☐ True or False – At risk of reputational damage

☐ True or False – Compliance is not security

☐ True or False – Compliance is not security

☐ True or False – While compliance is necessary, it does not need to focus on security

☐ Complacency where

is in Hand

Protect your business's

security insights

Security-mindedness

Compliance businesses do not focus on security measures.

Prevents every breach.



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By [REDACTED] // DECEMBER 28, 2020

An agency can run a completely compliant network and still be breached by a trusted user's account being exposed.

CYBER DEFENSE

CYBER THREATS

SHIFT #4

Ounce of Prevention is better than Pound of Cure

- Using a Hammer VS Using a Screwdriver
- In 2022, we speak with a ton of businesses who still think backups are a sufficient control to augment their security posture.
- This, contrary to popular belief, is a reactive use of the wrong tool for the job.
- Negotiating with Criminals VS Budgeting for Prevention
- Absorbing the cost of a breach is inherently more financially disruptive than paying for cyber security that prevents breaches.

CIO Magazine laid out good guidelines for IT budgeting and found that Small and Medium Business on average spent 6.9% of revenue on IT.

SHIFT #5

Invest in Support

Accessibility & Security – A Fragile Balance

Accessibility is the process of creating products that are usable by people with the widest possible range of abilities, operating within the widest possible range of situations.

In IT Support, Engineers work to assist users to leverage technology to make their workday more efficient. When technology fails to meet its trusted expectation, that's where IT Support comes into play.

**Where accessibility is added,
security is always subtracted.**



Security can be simply described as the quality or state of being secure.

In Cyber Security, SOC Engineers work alongside MSPs to implement various forms of security technology to prevent malicious activity entering a company's environment. In almost every form of security implementation, either cyber or physical, some form of Accessibility is sacrificed for higher levels of security.

**Where security is added,
accessibility is always subtracted.**

WHAT YOU NEED TO WIN

1. Acknowledge Your Weak Links.
2. Support your employees wherever they are.
3. Compliance isn't security, but they go hand in hand.
4. Ounce of Prevention is better than Pound of Cure.
5. Invest in support.

These five shifts alone are enough to upgrade your cybersecurity posture and put you ahead of 88% of businesses.

And... You'll be able to sleep better at night!

RESOURCES

WHERE you can go to learn more?

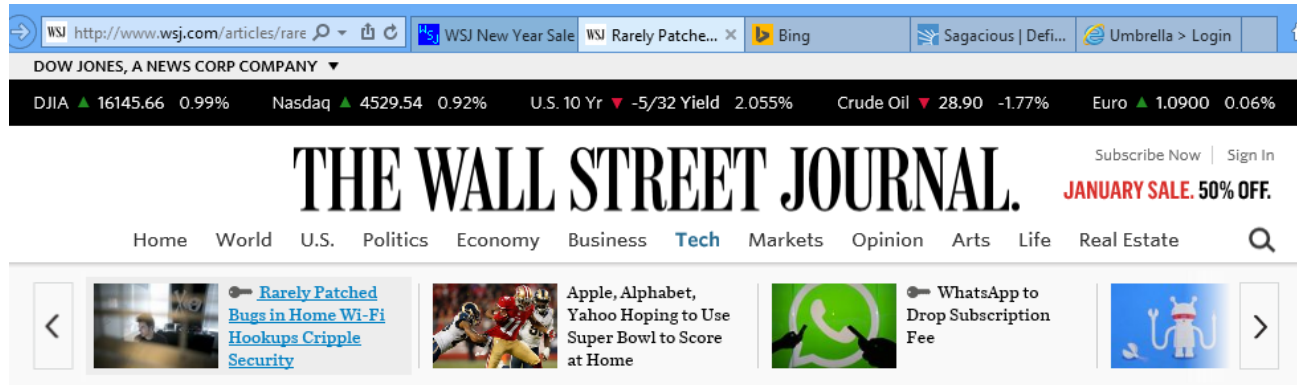
INCIDENT RESPONSE

Signs of infection:

- ✓ Browser redirecting to a different website than what you'd expect
 - ✓ Someone tells you they received an email from you that you did not send
 - ✓ Popups that tell you your computer is infected or that you need to run a tool that you're not expecting and familiar with
 - ✓ Computer slows down immediately after clicking something
 - ✓ An overload of coupons or junk mail
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- ❑ First step: Unplug the computer from the internet / network connection (demo blue cables on back of computers). If you're on Wi-Fi, turn off the Wi-Fi connection.
 - ❑ Second step: Take a photo of the pop-up or website redirect with your smart phone and open a service ticket so we can receive the photo and advise on how to handle.



NOT JUST IN THE OFFICE, BUT AT HOME



Of the endpoints reporting an infection, 68% were consumer devices, while 32% were business endpoints

Devices that use Windows 10 are at least twice as secure as those running Windows 7.

Source: Webroot 2019 Threat Report

Home routers are an easy target because many are largely on price, for devices that typically sell for less than \$100. Customers acquire the routers either from retailers or directly from service providers. Once routers are sold, manufacturers have little incentive to update them to improve security because they are often used for years after what manufacturers term their "warranty" meaning they no longer issue updates.

The same problem is evident in smartphones and other Internet-connected computers in everything from printers to television sets.

I.T. SECURITY SUGGESTIONS

What you can do – iPhone Mobile Devices

- Turn on Apple iCloud/Find my iPhone, Review all settings
- Settings /Privacy
 - /Contacts, Camera
 - /Bluetooth Sharing
 - /Advertising
- Settings /Privacy /Location Services /Look at list to see what is using your location
 - System Services /
 - Location-Based iAds
 - Frequent Locations
- Back up regularly using iTunes
- Don't download any app that you don't NEED if it's not from an established company
- If you lose it, let your IT team know RIGHT AWAY



I.T. SECURITY SUGGESTIONS

What you can do – Android Mobile Devices

- All Mobile Devices should have a PIN (phones and tablets)
- Android devices should use Google Play Protect or Android Oreo for updates and security
- Use Brave Browser Ad Blocker (from Google Play Store)



Source: <https://www.android.com/play-protect/>
<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.brave.browser>

CALL BLOCKING

FREE Apps from your cellular carrier!

- AT&T - Active Armor
- Verizon - Call Filter
- T-Mobile - Scam Shield
- U.S. Cellular - Call Guardian
- Sprint - Call Screener

Register you Cell Phone Number!

<https://www.donotcall.gov/>

CALL BLOCKING

Wireless Device Solutions

- [Apple](#) iPhones have an opt-in “Silence Unknown Callers” call-screening and blocking feature.
- [Google](#) Pixel phones have a “Call Screen” call-screening and blocking feature; Google offers several free, opt-in, call-blocking tool apps for [Android](#) phones; and [Google Voice](#) users can use a call management tool to block unwanted calls.
- [Samsung partners with Hiya](#) to offer a call-blocking solution called Smart Call to label potentially unwanted calls.

EXECUTIVES

The tip of the spear!

EXECUTIVE BEST PRACTICES

- Business

- Remove your personal info from your website
- Have a conversation with your Bank about security. They may have recommendations like Positive Pay for your business and could enable MFA on your accounts
- Setup google alerts for your company and yourself
- Is your employee handbook updated? This is where your computer and acceptable use policy is and that is what IT should be implementing

- Personal

- Update your home router and computer (change wi-fi password yearly)
- Lock your credit reports
- Rotate your credit cards yearly (Read your statements)
- Stop Junk Mail - www.optoutprescreen.com or call 1-888-567-8688

Five Things CEOs should Know

1. Cyber-attacks and security breaches will occur and will negatively impact your business. Today, the average cost of the impact of a cyber breach is \$4.9 million.
2. According to most cybersecurity surveys, over 60% of all data breaches originate from unauthorized access from one of your current or former employees, or third-party suppliers.
3. Achieving information security compliance with one or more government regulatory standards for information security (i.e. ISO 27001, NIST 800-171, HIPAA, NYDFS, etc.) is good, but not sufficient to ensure real cybersecurity.
4. Cyber liability insurance premiums are significantly increasing in cost and often do not cover all of the damages caused by a cyber breach.
5. To achieve real information security and data resilience it is vital to combine managed Monitoring, Detection, and Response services with comprehensive disaster recovery and business continuity plans.

Source: <https://www.bdo.com/insights/business-financial-advisory/cybersecurity/%E2%80%8Bwhat-ceos-should-know-do-about-cybersecurity>

Ten Things CEOs should Do!

1. Ensure everyone in the organization from the top-down receives appropriate cybersecurity education and awareness training.
2. Hire an independent company to conduct a cyber risk assessment against government regulatory compliance requirements and industry standards to identify potential gaps in your company's information security policies, processes, plans, and procedures.
3. Verify that periodic penetration testing by certified Ethical Hackers is being conducted to identify potential cybersecurity vulnerabilities in your organization's information systems.
4. Require a timely and effective software patch management program be implemented by your Information Technology team to mitigate known security vulnerabilities as quickly as possible.
5. Ensure the organization has 24/7/365 monitoring, detection, and response capabilities for its information systems.

Ten Things CEOs should Do!

6. Verify the organization has an appropriate cyber breach incident response plan, including the policy and procedures related to ransomware attacks.
7. Hire an independent firm to conduct a cyber liability insurance coverage adequacy evaluation.
8. Establish information security key performance indicators (i.e. number of cyber-attacks, number of data breaches, network uptime, network downtime, cost of cyber breaches, cost of cyber insurance, cost of information security as a percentage of total company IT cost, etc.).
9. Ensure your company has well-documented and periodically tested disaster recovery and business continuity plans to quickly recover lost or stolen data to mitigate potential damages of cyber breaches.
10. Mandate additional layers of information security via encryption, multi-factor authentication, and highly restricted access to your company's most valuable information assets.

CYBERSECURITY CHECKLIST



For a copy of our 15-point checklist to protect your business from a Cyber Attack, please scan this QR Code.

THANK YOU!

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