

Hackers' Perspective on Your Infrastructure and How to Keep Them Out of Your Life

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Awareness >> Behavior >> Culture

Each organization processing sensitive data **must aim for a responsible security culture.**

Awareness comes with experience



Issue No.

Fee

Rem
Type

O/D

S/C

T/P

PRACTICAL DRIVING TEST PASS CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that:

Behavior comes with awareness



**Culture comes
with
understanding**



Culture comes with understanding

Did you know that one of the main reasons for information loss are...

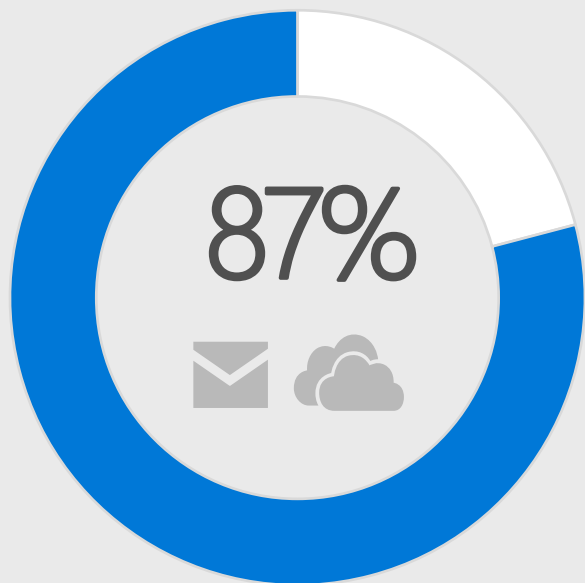
UNEDUCATED
EMPLOYEES

THE TOP CAUSE OF
ORGANIZATIONAL
DATA BREACHES:

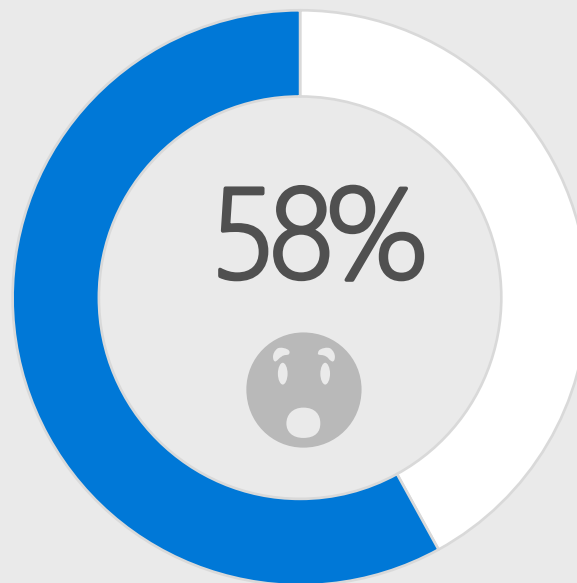
"NEGLIGENT INSIDERS"

TODAY'S ORGANIZATIONS
EXPERIENCE AN AVERAGE OF
14.4 INCIDENTS/YEAR
OF UNINTENTIONAL DATA LOSS
THROUGH EMPLOYEE NEGLIGENCE

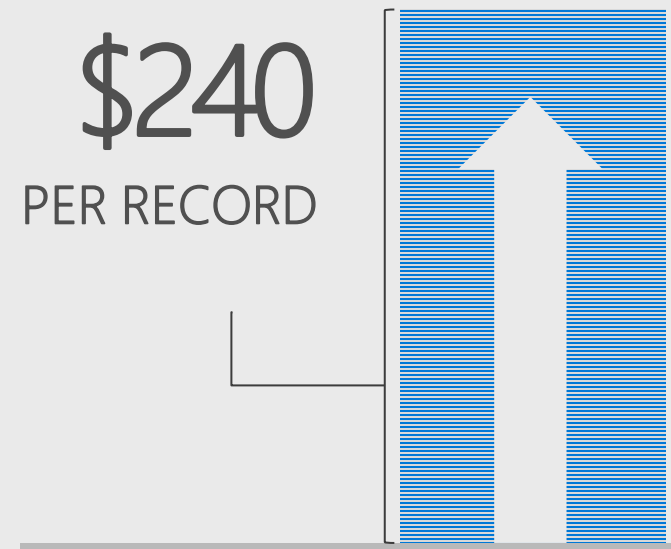
Data Leakage



...of senior managers admit to **regularly** uploading work files to a personal email or cloud account¹



Have accidentally sent sensitive information to the **wrong person**¹



Average per record **cost of a data breach** across all industries²

¹Stroz Friedberg, "On The Pulse: Information Security In American Business," 2013

²HIPPA Secure Now, "A look at the cost of healthcare data breaches," Art Gross, March 30, 2012



We have **the best security solutions...**

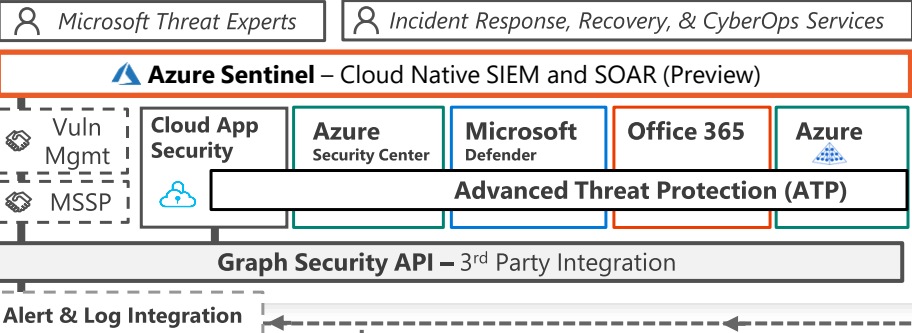


...but the security landscape has changed.

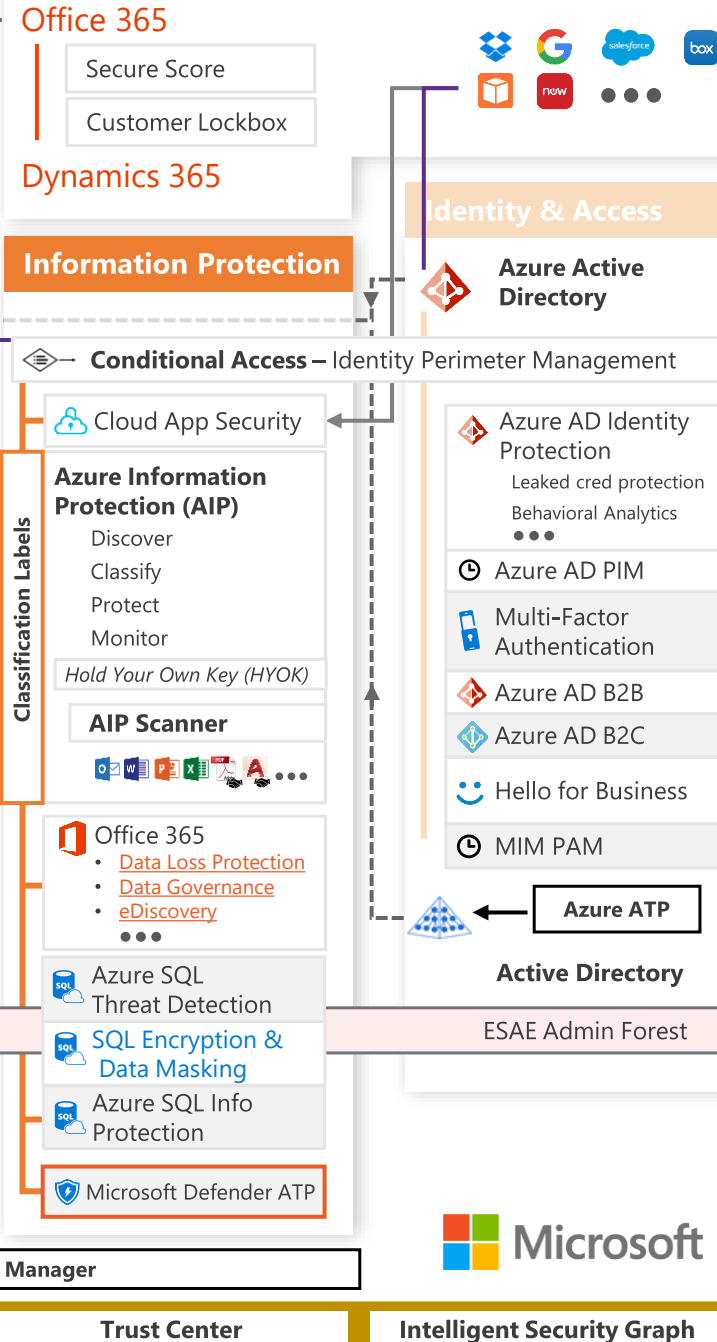
Cybersecurity Ventures predicts
there will be additional 3.5 million
cybersecurity job openings by 2021

*Source: [Cybersecurity Ventures](#)

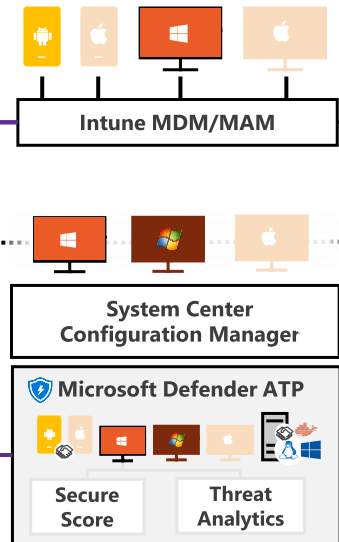
Security Operations Center (SOC)



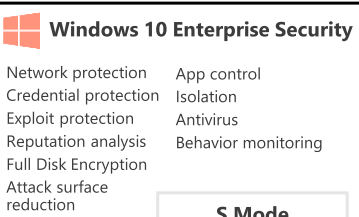
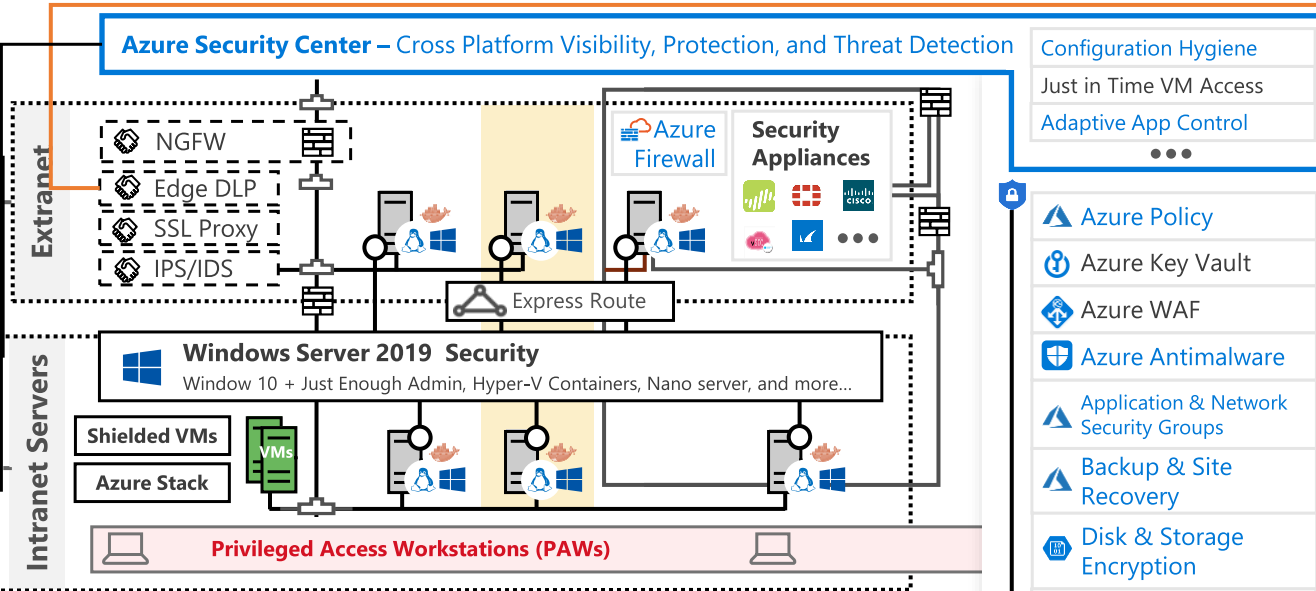
Software as a Service



Clients



Hybrid Cloud Infrastructure



IoT and Operational Technology



Included with Azure (VMs/etc.) Premium Security Feature

Security Development Lifecycle (SDL)



"THERE ARE TWO KINDS OF BIG COMPANIES, THOSE WHO'VE BEEN HACKED, AND THOSE WHO DON'T KNOW THEY'VE BEEN HACKED."

-JAMES COMEY, FBI DIRECTOR

200+

Median number of days attackers are present on a victims network before detection

80

Days after detection to full recovery

\$3Trillion

Impact of lost productivity and growth

\$3.5Million

Average cost of a data breach (15% YoY increase)



7 Security Issues that just should not happen

Here comes the 1st issue...



#1: PATHETIC PASSWORDS

15%

IN APPROXIMATELY 15% OF
PHYSICAL SECURITY TESTS
PERFORMED AT CLIENT SITES
WRITTEN PASSWORDS
WERE FOUND ON AND
AROUND USER
WORKSTATIONS

THE MOST COMMON
CORPORATE PASSWORD
IS **Password1** BECAUSE IT
JUST BARELY MEETS THE
MINIMUM COMPLEXITY
REQUIREMENTS OF
ACTIVE DIRECTORY FOR
LENGTH, CAPITALIZATION
AND NUMERICAL FIGURES



#2: PEEPING ROM

WORKERS SURVEYED THAT SAY THEY HAVE BEEN ABLE TO SNEAK A PEEK AT A CO-WORKER'S OR STRANGER'S WORK STATION IN THE WORKPLACE OR A PUBLIC PLACE



ONE IN THREE WORKERS LEAVE THEIR COMPUTERS LOGGED ON TO NETWORK RESOURCES AND UNLOCKED WHEN THEY ARE AWAY FROM THEIR DESK



26.4%

OF MALWARE IS KEY LOGGER OR APPLICATION-SPECIFIC – WHICH OFTEN REQUIRES DETAILED KNOWLEDGE OF OR PHYSICAL ACCESS TO A TARGETED SYSTEM

Bootkey:

Class names for keys from HKLM\SYSTEM\CCS\Control\Lsa

Data
GBG
JD
Skew1

\$MACHINE.ACC
(SYSTEM's Clear Text Password)

DPAPI_SYSTEM (Master Keys)
HKLM\SECURITY\Policy\Secrets

More information: <http://cquireacademy.com/blog>

SAM/NTDS.dit
(MD4 Hashes)
C:\windows\system32\config
C:\windows\system32\NTDS

LSA Secrets
(Service Accounts)
HKLM\SECURITY\Policy\Secrets

MSDCC2
(Cached Logon Data)
HKLM\SECURITY\Cache

Classic Data Protection API

④ Based on the following components:

Password, data blob, entropy

④ Is not prone to password resets!

Protects from outsiders when being in offline access
Effectively protects users data

④ Stores the password history

You need to be able to get access to some of your passwords from the past

Conclusion: OS greatly helps us to protect secrets



Classic DPAPI **Flow: getting** **the system's** **secrets (easy)**



Cached Logons: It used to be like this...

Windows 2003 / XP

The encryption algorithm is RC4.

The hash used to verify authentication is calculated as follows:

$DCC1 = MD4(MD4(Unicode(password)))$

$LowerUnicode(username)$

is

$DCC1 = MD4(hashNTLM \cdot LowerUnicode(username))$

Usage in the attack

Before the attacks facilitated by pass-the-hash, we can only rejoice the "salting" by the username.

There are a number pre-computed tables for users as Administrator facilitating attacks on these hashes.



Cached Logons

Windows Vista / 2008 +

The encryption algorithm is AES128.

The hash is used to verify authentication is calculated as follows:

$\text{MSDCC2} = \text{PBKDF2}(\text{HMAC-SHA1}, \text{Iterations}, \text{DCC1}, \text{LowerUnicode(username)})$

with DCC 1 calculated in the same way as for 2003 / XP.

Usage in the attack

There is actually not much of a difference with XP / 2003!

No additional salting.

PBKDF2 introduced a new variable: the number of iterations SHA1 with the same salt as before (username).

Sysmon stores a hash base



	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	A	B	C	D	E	F	0123456789ABCDEF
0000h:	10	00	0A	00	10	00	1C	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00
0010h:	8B	04	00	00	01	02	00	00	02	00	00	00	0A	00	18	00	<.....
0020h:	26	C7	A8	43	88	7F	D0	01	04	00	01	00	01	00	00	00	&Ç"C^..Đ.....
0030h:	01	00	0A	00	10	00	00	00	10	00	00	00	12	00	24	00\$.
0040h:	4A	4F	26	05	63	9B	C3	22	9F	97	77	E6	B0	CD	52	BA	JO&.c>Ä"Y-wæ°IR°
0050h:	C0	76	14	67	D6	68	37	04	87	72	95	DC	19	6D	26	90	Äv.gÖh7.+r•Ü.m&.
0060h:	15	5C	25	C7	A8	17	05	7B	A3	D0	5C	6F	3C	A7	82	4A	..%Ç"...{£Đ\o<\$,J
0070h:	52	72	D1	B6	1F	91	6B	B7	9C	D2	20	9A	1B	25	ED	A0	RrÑŋ.'k·æÖ š.šİ
0080h:	68	E5	4D	3E	42	F6	C4	BA	68	A1	BD	CB	5A	73	4A	89	hâM>BöÄ°h;¼EZsJ%
0090h:	07	C7	E2	C5	50	20	4E	D6	CD	02	BA	BB	E6	E9	CA	F0	.ÇâÂP NÖİ.°»æéÊð
00A0h:	8C	17	4E	CF	60	F7	90	D3	37	FB	30	4B	C3	95	B7	02	Æ.Nİ`÷.Ó7û0KÃ•..
00B0h:	D6	38	75	63	D2	0F	15	AD	3A	C4	32	53	D5	8B	66	7D	Ö8ucÒ...-:Ä2SÖ<f)
00C0h:	9D	FB	5D	AA	30	7E	B7	A5	F5	9B	57	32	D9	47	EE	EE	.ûj]°0~·¥ð>W2ÜGİİ
00D0h:	5C	07	6C	3B	64	78	A7	B1	78	C2	EA	F5	98	A8	CB	B1	\.l;dx\$±xÂêð~"Ê±
00E0h:	DD	34	92	00	93	9F	65	9D	38	E7	7B	F9	69	53	97	50	Ý4'."Ÿe.8ç{ùİS-P
00F0h:	CB	82	49	38	CF	B4	CA	F9	4B	EB	D8	8E	4C	D4	6D	CE	Ê,I8İ'ÊùKêøŽLÔmİ
0100h:	09	7E	6F	F6	65	49	C6	9F	61	8D	4A	16	24	3A	40	CB	.~oöeIÆŸa.J.\$:@Ê
0110h:	CC	3C	D8	FD	FC	91	6B	E5	84	5E	68	9C	69	D7	B4	FD	İ<øýü'ká„^hœİ×'ý
0120h:	62	44	8D	23	E8	0A	1E	BE	BB	34	EB	81	23	FE	E3	0E	bD.#è..¼»4è.#pã.
0130h:	76	55	9E	63	9E	DE	57	DC	0C	60	BE	A8	53	AF	BD	AA	vUžcžšWÜ.``¼"S~¼ª
0140h:	AB	3F	ED	7A	EE	B4	62	50	EC	E1	B8	B1	8F	9E	A6	2B	«?İzİ'bpİá,±.ž!+
0150h:	9B	85	71	63	D9	6C	66	09	C2	70	DC	63	E6	22	E8	08	>...qcÜlf.ÂpÜcæ"è.
0160h:	A4	55	5F	36	C2	64	1E	2B	B8	80	6A	A5	AC	17	92	41	»U_6Âd.+„€jŸ~.'A
0170h:	3C	21	2E	DF	CC	EA	75	9E	99	31	C4	D6	8C	AF	C7	04	<!..ßİêuž™İÄÖÇ_Ç.
0180h:																	

Encrypted Cached Credentials: Legend

Name	Value	Start	Size	Color	Comment
struct Header h		0h	96	Fg: Bg:	
ushort username_len	16	0h	2	Fg: Bg:	
ushort domain_len	10	2h	2	Fg: Bg:	
ushort mail_nick_len	16	4h	2	Fg: Bg:	
ushort cn_len	28	6h	2	Fg: Bg:	
ushort u1	0	8h	2	Fg: Bg:	
ushort logon_script_len	0	Ah	2	Fg: Bg:	
ushort profile_path_len	0	Ch	2	Fg: Bg:	
ushort home_dir_len	0	Eh	2	Fg: Bg:	
uint user_sid	1163	10h	4	Fg: Bg:	
uint primary_group_id	513	14h	4	Fg: Bg:	
uint u2	2	18h	4	Fg: Bg:	
ushort group_sids_len	10	1Ch	2	Fg: Bg:	
ushort domain_netbios_name...	24	1Eh	2	Fg: Bg:	
FILETIME last_local_logon	04/25/2015 18:47:22	20h	8	Fg: Bg:	
ushort u3	4	28h	2	Fg: Bg:	
ushort u4	1	2Ah	2	Fg: Bg:	
uint u5	1	2Ch	4	Fg: Bg:	
ushort u6	1	30h	2	Fg: Bg:	
ushort u7	10	32h	2	Fg: Bg:	
uint u8	16	34h	4	Fg: Bg:	
uint u9	16	38h	4	Fg: Bg:	
ushort domain_name_len	18	3Ch	2	Fg: Bg:	
ushort email_len	36	3Eh	2	Fg: Bg:	
byte iv[16]	JO& c>Ä"Y-wæ°IR°	40h	16	Fg: Bg:	

Encrypted Cached Credentials

DK = PBKDF2(PRF, Password, Salt, c, dkLen)

Microsoft's implementation: MSDCC2= PBKDF2(HMAC-SHA1, DCC1, username, 10240, 16)

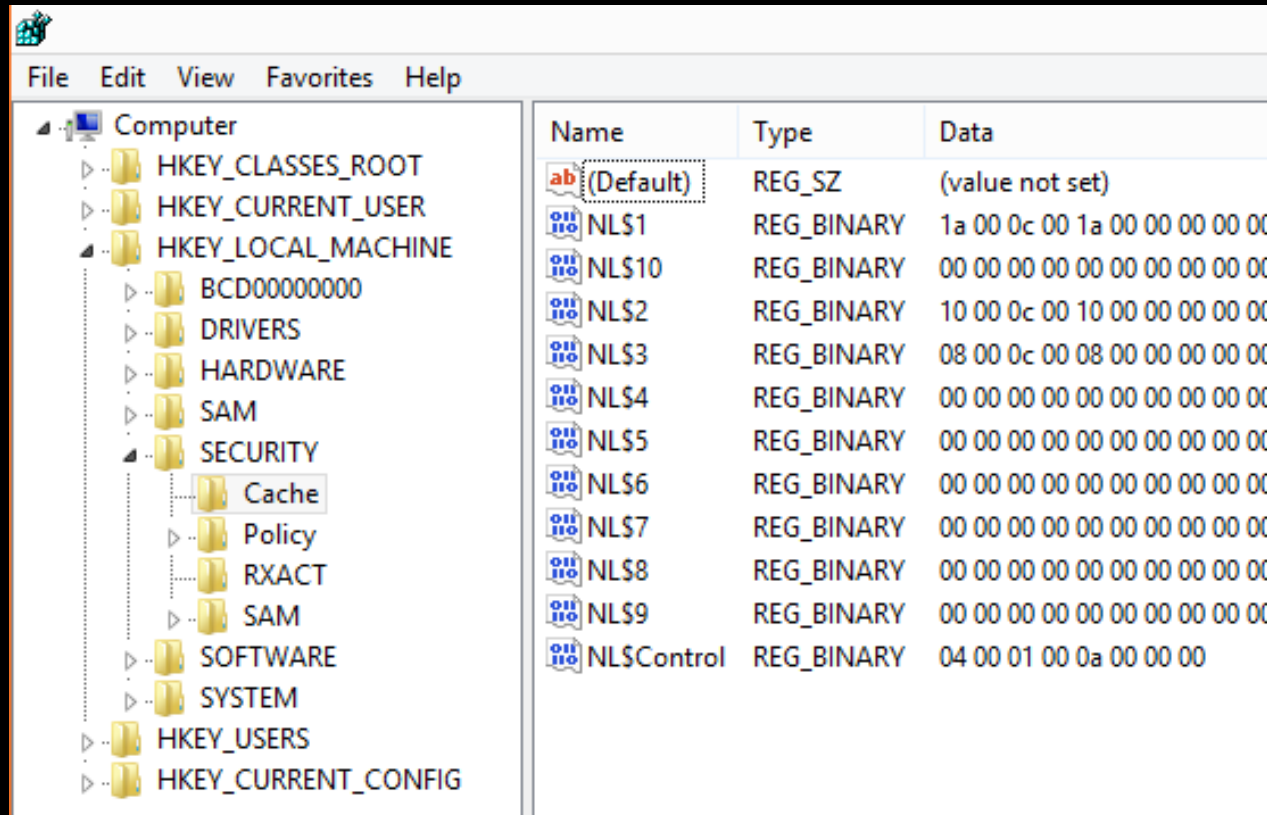
Cached Logons: Iterations

The number of iterations in PBKDF2, it is configurable through the registry:

HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SECURITY\Cache DWORD
(32) NL\$IterationCount

If the number is less than 10240, it is a multiplier by 1024 (20 therefore gives 20480 iterations)

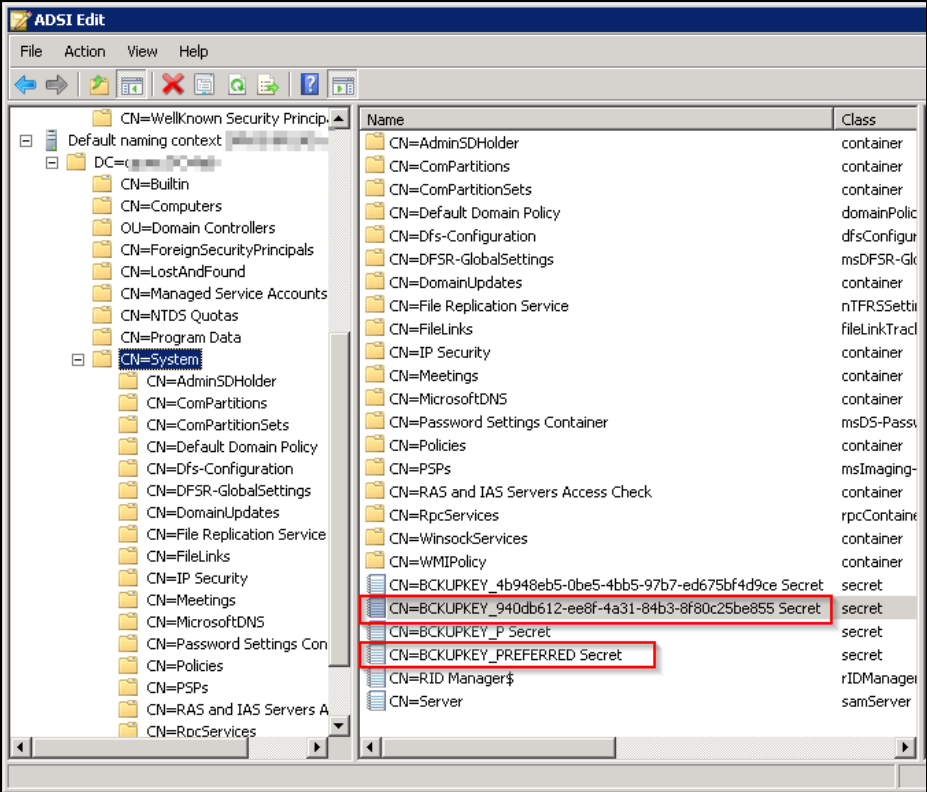
If the number is greater than 10240, it is the number of iterations (rounded to 1024)



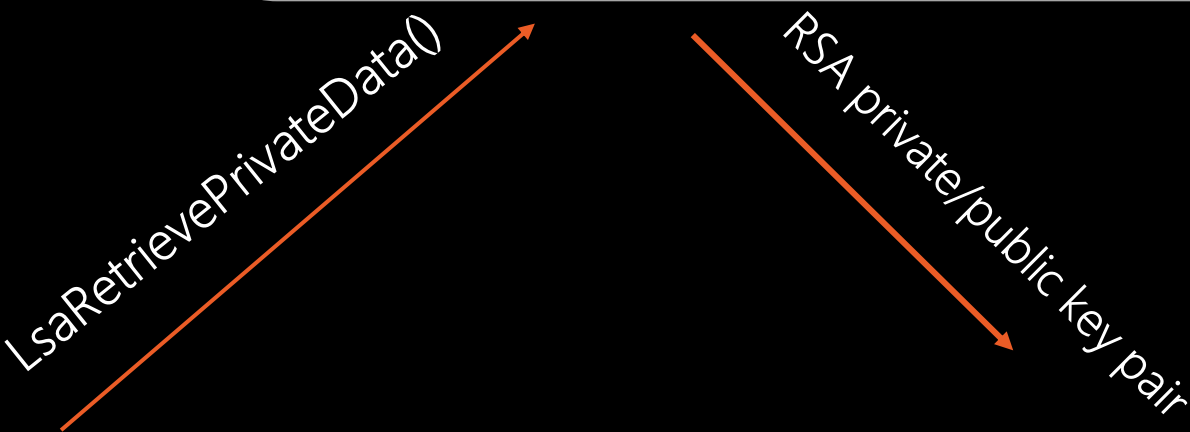
Classic DPAPI **Flow: getting** **the user's** **secrets**



Retrieving Golden Key from LSA – CQURE's way



AD secret? HOW?!



CQLsassSecretsDumper

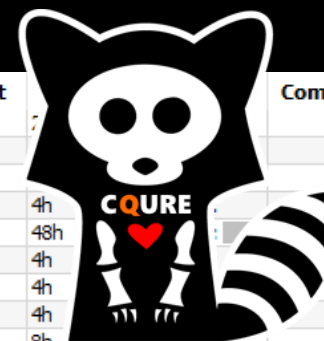
GoldenKey.pfx

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DomainKey contains some
GUID and
256-byte len secret – RSA??

*Dude, look in
the AD...*

Name	Value	Start	End	Size	Comment
struct MasterKeyFile mkf		0h			
uint version	2	0h			
uint unknown1	0	4h			
uint unknown2	0	8h	4h		
wchar_t guid[36]	36dce03f-6c5e-4e98-83c8-2533e0419b7d	Ch	48h		
uint unknown3	0	54h	4h		
uint unknown4	0	58h	4h		
uint policy	0	5Ch	4h		
quad masterkeyLen	136	60h	8h		
quad backupkeyLen	104	68h	8h	Fg: Bg:	
quad credhistLen	0	70h	8h	Fg: Bg:	
quad domainkeyLen	372	78h	8h	Fg: Bg:	
struct MasterKey masterkey		80h	88h	Fg: Bg:	
uint version	2	80h	4h	Fg: Bg:	
byte iv[16]	5w>2□□□□«Ô,ç €»	84h	10h	Fg: Bg:	
uint rounds	24000	94h	4h	Fg: Bg:	
uint hash Algo	32777	98h	4h	Fg: Bg:	
uint cipher Algo	26115	9Ch	4h	Fg: Bg:	
byte cipherText[104]	Ç)•+àä=)<Vi;» □ ñ°»ĐâCEI¶·ÂZ □Ø†<Ä...	A0h	68h	Fg: Bg:	
struct MasterKey backupkey		108h	68h	Fg: Bg:	
struct DomainKey domainkey		170h	174h	Fg: Bg:	
uint version	2	170h	4h	Fg: Bg:	
uint secretLen	256	174h	4h	Fg: Bg:	
uint accessCheckLen	88	178h	4h	Fg: Bg:	
struct GUID guidKey	940db612-ee8f-4a31-84b3-8f80c25be855	17Ch	10h	Fg: Bg:	
byte encryptedSecret[256]	CEâ/EÀ½□°°EIMiU!#VxâXa@UxJUG?!!%«ðð...	18Ch	100h	Fg: Bg:	
byte accessCheck[88]	`Ú□qâ□Šŷ@š«é9•†?` c□□□-§@61□...	28Ch	58h	Fg: Bg:	



DPAPI in pictures Example: KeePass

ProtectedUserKey.bin

0000h:	01 00 00 00	D0 8C 9D DF	01 15 D1 11	8C 7A 00 C0ÐE.B...Ñ.Ez.À
0010h:	4F C2 97 EB	01 00 00 00	9E 4F 95 AE	CF 21 62 46	OÄ-ë....zo•@I!bE
0020h:	AC EA 6B E2	FC FC 23 B3	00 00 00 00	02 00 00 00	-ëkâüü#.....
0030h:	00 00 10 66	00 00 00 01	00 00 20 00	00 00 5E 67	...f.....^g
0040h:	54 64 F4 D5	D7 E4 CB 14	23 53 B4 8E	4B 44 61 F9	TdôÖ×äË.#S'ŽKDaù
0050h:	CE E3 76 9D	F4 25 08 23	44 DC 35 32	C2 70 00 00	îäv.ô%.#DÜ52Âp..
0060h:	00 00 0E 80	00 00 00 02	00 00 20 00	00 00 D6 BD	...€.....Ö%
0070h:	40 A5 3D 14	B7 6A 84 54	56 6E 6C 03	B8 9D 8D DA	@¥=.·j„TVn1...Ú
0080h:	D0 AF C8 1B	F2 16 26 E4	1C F3 A3 FA	10 1B 50 00	Ð-È.ò.ë.ä.óéú..P.
0090h:	00 00 2F C6	5A 86 0F 66	04 BA 25 D5	C2 A3 89 EB	../ÆZ+.f.°%ÖÄ£%ë
00A0h:	2C 33 E1 38	6E D6 41 0E	D3 E9 E7 E3	B7 5D B2 E8	,3á8nÖA.Óéçã·]²è
00B0h:	B4 3F 79 36	0F 6E 1F D1	67 D0 B7 06	D8 C1 20 25	'?y6.n.ÑgÐ·.ÖÄ %
00C0h:	C1 B5 DF 11	9F DD FF A4	CF BC A6 3E	20 A5 C9 4C	Äpß.ÝÝÿ×Î4!> ¥ÉL
00D0h:	AA D4 C3 16	4F 68 C7 AB	B0 66 80 E5	DA 2D 6E A0	°ÖÄ.OhÇ«°feäÚ-n
00E0h:	CA 35 40 00	00 00 1D 0D	07 C3 22 BD	40 6E EB 58	Ê5@.....Ä"»s@nëX
00F0h:	54 C7 B8 9D	7E 1E 6A 93	41 59 EB B3	8E 4A 66 72	TÇ,.~.j"AYë³ŽJfr
0100h:	5F 43 0A D9	40 CC 37 09	19 AF 6F 7C	91 21 1F 60	_C.Ü@Î7.._o '!..
0110h:	59 35 2E 20	01 CE 38 F7	E4 5C 0D 8A	8B 28 80 11	Y5. .Î8÷\..Š<(€.
0120h:	84 84 AB 24	91 52			""«\$'R

Name	Value	Start	Size	Color	Comment
struct DPAPIBlob blob		0h	126h	Fg: Bg:	
uint version	1	0h	4h	Fg: Bg:	
> struct GUID provider	df9d8cd0-1501-11d1-8c7a-00c04fc297eb	4h	10h	Fg: Bg:	
uint mkversion	1	14h	4h	Fg: Bg:	
> struct GUID mkguid	ae954f9e-21cf-4662-acea-6be2fcfc23b3	18h	10h	Fg: Bg:	
uint flags	0	28h	4h	Fg: Bg:	
uint descriptionLen	2	2Ch	4h	Fg: Bg:	
> wstring description[1]		30h	2h	Fg: Bg:	
uint cipherAlgo	26128	32h	4h	Fg: Bg:	
uint keyLen	256	36h	4h	Fg: Bg:	
uint saltLen	32	3Ah	4h	Fg: Bg:	
> byte salt[32]	^gTdôÖ×äË□#S'ŽKDaùîäv♦ô%□#DÜ5...	3Eh	20h	Fg: Bg:	
uint strongLen	0	5Eh	4h	Fg: Bg:	
uint hashAlgo	32782	62h	4h	Fg: Bg:	
uint hashLen	512	66h	4h	Fg: Bg:	
uint hmacLen	32	6Ah	4h	Fg: Bg:	
> byte hmac[32]	Ö½@¥=□j„TVnI□,♦♦ÚÐ-È□ò□8ä□ó...	6Eh	20h	Fg: Bg:	
uint cipherTextLen	80	8Eh	4h	Fg: Bg:	
> byte cipherText[80]	/ÆZ+□f□°%ÖÄ£%ë,3á8nÖA□Óéçã·]²è...	92h	50h	Fg: Bg:	
uint signLen	64	E2h	4h	Fg: Bg:	
> byte sign[64]	□□Ä"½s@nëXTÇ,♦~□j"AYë³ŽJfr_CÜ...	E6h	40h	Fg: Bg:	

The master password for KeePass files encrypted & stored as cipherText (80 bytes)

DPAPI blob:
Legend

Solution: Privileged Access Management

⌵ Administrative / power user access

A privileged user is someone who has administrative access to critical systems

Privileged users have sometimes more access than we think (see: SeBackupRead privilege)

Privileged users have possibility to read SYSTEM and SECURITY hives from the registry

Domain Admins should log on only to the Domain Controllers

⌵ Access Monitoring / Effective Access

We need to know about who and where has access to

Access should be role driven





#3: USB STICK UP



60%

OF USERS WHO FIND RANDOM USB STICKS IN A PARKING LOT WILL PLUG THEM INTO THEIR COMPUTERS

ADD THE
COMPANY
LOGO,
AND THAT
NUMBER INCREASES TO



90%



35%

OF USERS REPORT HAVING EXPERIENCED A VIRUS INFECTION THROUGH A USB DEVICE

Solution: Whitelisting

⌵ Code execution prevention

It is an absolute necessity taking into consideration the current security trends

PowerShell is a new hacking tool

⌵ Scripting languages are the biggest threat

Ransomware can be in a form of PowerShell script

Just Enough Administration: PowerShell should be blocked for users and limited for helpdesk to use the necessary commands

⌵ It is necessary to know what executes on your servers

Sysmon is perfect for this

AppLocker / DeviceGuard in the audit mode



Scenario

You receive the email about the new voice mail:

You received a voice mail : VOICE548-457-6638.wav (27 KB)

Caller-Id: 548-457-6638

Message-Id: S5VAAC

Email-Id: paula.j@gmail.com

Download and extract the attachment to listen the message.

We have uploaded fax report on dropbox, please use the following link to download your file:

https://www.dropbox.com/meta_dl/eyJzdWJfcGF0aCI6IiLCaAidGVzdF9saW5rljogZmFsc2UsICJzZXJ2ZXliOiAiZGwuZHIJvcGJveHVzZXJjb250ZW50LmNvbSIsICJpdGVtX2lkIjogbnVsbCwgImIzX2Rpcil6IGZhbHNiLCaAidGtleSI6IiJueGxzczWh0MDF5ZnloOHMifQ/AAPQJWOgwKVSIAJCmizztc3dqjAlfdlgyD87Cw0mgJOlxw?dl=1

Sent by Microsoft Exchange Server

What do you do?



#4: PHISH BITING



69%

OF IT SECURITY PROS SAY
THEY COME ACROSS PHISHING
MESSAGES THAT GET PAST
SPAM FILTERS



27%

OF IT ORGANIZATIONS
HAVE TOP EXECUTIVES OR
PRIVILEGED USERS WHO
HAVE FALLEN FOR MALICIOUS
EMAIL ATTACKS

USERS TRAINED IN AVOIDING PHISHING AND SCAM EMAILS FELL FOR
THESE MALICIOUS EMAILS 42% LESS THAN THOSE WITHOUT TRAINING


Question: Is this a phishing email?





Sun 8/3/2014 3:47 PM

Jointres <jointres@avisbudget.com>

Avis Car Rental Cases R 13819726

To  Paula Januszkiewicz

 Message

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Sincerely,

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Attachment: Rental Receipt

Attacks happen FAST and are HARD to stop

If an attacker sends an email to
100 people in your company...



...**23 people** will open it...



...**11 people** will open the
attachment...



...and **six** will do it in the
first hour.



Source: VerizoData Breach Investigations Report



#5: RECKLESS ABANDON



70%

OF USERS
DO NOT
PASSWORD
PROTECT
THEIR
SMARTPHONES



89%

OF PEOPLE
WHO FIND LOST
CELL PHONES
RUMMAGE
THROUGH THE
DIGITAL CONTENTS TO LOOK
AT SENSITIVE INFORMATION

Classic Data Protection API

⌚ Based on the following components:

Password, data blob, entropy

⌚ Is not prone to password resets!

Protects from outsiders when being in offline access
Effectively protects users data

⌚ Stores the password history

You need to be able to get access to some of your passwords from the past

Conclusion: OS greatly helps us to protect secrets



Solution: Incident Response Plan

Action list

In case of emergency situation: allows to act reasonably and according to the plan

Increases chances that evidence is gathered properly

Allows to define responsibilities for recovery

Discussions provide management with understanding of security

Recovery plan

Centralization of the event logs

BYOD management strategy

'Connect and go' approach for better efficiency



#6: HOOKING UP WITH ANOTHER MAN'S WI-FI



BY 2015, THE NUMBER OF WIFI HOTSPOT DEPLOYMENTS WILL INCREASE BY **350%**



ONLY 18 PERCENT OF USERS USE A VPN TOOL WHEN ACCESSING PUBLIC WI-FI

FBI

THE FBI RECENTLY RELEASED AN ALERT TO TRAVELERS WARNING AGAINST AN UPTICK IN MALWARE PASSED OFF AS SOFTWARE UPDATES ON HOTEL INTERNET CONNECTIONS

Lack of SMB Signing (or alternative)

Key learning points:

- ✓ Set SPNs for services to avoid NTLM:
SetSPN -L <your service account for AGPM/SQL/Exch/Custom>
SetSPN -A Servicename/FQDN of hostname/FQDN of domain domain\serviceaccount
- ✓ Reconsider using Kerberos authentication all over
<https://technet.microsoft.com/en-us/library/jj865668.aspx>
- ✓ Require SPN target name validation
Microsoft network server: Server SPN target name validation level
- ✓ Reconsider turning on SMB Signing
- ✓ Reconsider port filtering
- ✓ Reconsider code execution prevention but do not forget that this attack leverages administrative accounts



SMB2/3 client and SMB2/3 server signing settings

Setting	Group Policy Setting	Registry Key
Required *	Digitally sign communications (always) – Enabled	RequireSecuritySignature = 1
Not Required **	Digitally sign communications (always) – Disabled	RequireSecuritySignature = 0

* The default setting for signing on a Domain Controller (defined via Group Policy) is “Required”.

** The default setting for signing on SMB2 Servers and SMB Clients is “Not Required”.

Effective behavior for SMB2/3:

	Server – Required	Server – Not Required
Client – Required	Signed	Signed
Client – Not Required	Signed*	Not Signed**

* Default for Domain Controller SMB traffic.

** Default for all other SMB traffic.

Allowing unusual code execution

Key learning points:

Common file formats containing malware are:

- ✓ .exe (Executables, GUI, CUI, and all variants like SCR, CPL etc)
- ✓ .dll (Dynamic Link Libraries)
- ✓ .vbs (Script files like JS, JSE, VBS, VBE, PS1, PS2, CHM, BAT, COM, CMD etc)
- ✓ .docm, .xlsm etc. (Office Macro files)
- ✓ .other (*LNK, PDF, PIF, etc.*)

If SafeDllSearchMode is enabled, the search order is as follows:

1. The directory from which the application loaded
2. The system directory
3. The 16-bit system directory
4. The Windows directory
5. The current directory
6. The directories that are listed in the PATH environment variable



Old protocols or their default settings

Key learning points:

- ✓ **SNMPv3 addresses: user-based system for access control, a means to properly authenticate users, and a method for encrypting SNMP traffic between agent and host**
- ✓ **SQL issues – TDS provides by default lack of encryption**
- ✓ **ODBC Driver – check if it has a secure networking layer built into it**

NTLMv1 / NTLMv2

- ✓ Security Options in GPO allow to monitor where NTLM is used
- ✓ General direction is to get rid of NTLM

SSL / TLS

- ✓ **TLS v1.3 is still an Internet Draft**
- ✓ **SSL 2.0 and 3.0 have been deprecated by the IETF (in 2011 and 2015)**
- ✓ **Disable SSL 2.0 and 3.0, leaving only TLS protocols enabled**



Solution: Machine Learning for Threat Protection

- ⌵ Antivirus solution is not enough
 - ⌵ Signature and behavioral recognition is not enough too
 - ⌵ In most cases it is possible to run an unknown code
 - ⌵ ... if not then it is possible to run PowerShell
 - ⌵ Windows Defender ATP – have a look!

- ⌵ Modern solutions
 - ⌵ Are capable of machine learning but it takes time
 - ⌵ Are quite easy to implement but require a lot of understanding of what they actually do



For example: What if we use a custom reflective PE Loader to create and run custom code?



#7: A LITTLE TOO SOCIAL

67%

OF YOUNG WORKERS THINK CORPORATE SOCIAL MEDIA POLICIES ARE OUTDATED



70%

REGULARLY IGNORE IT POLICIES

52%

OF ENTERPRISES HAVE SEEN AN INCREASE OF MALWARE INFECTIONS DUE TO EMPLOYEES' USE OF SOCIAL MEDIA

Solution: *Talk Security to Employees*

Sad facts

Most of the companies we deal with did not have security policies in place that included security awareness education programs.

Management understands risk. IT also understands it. This can be nicely combined together when we use appropriate language.

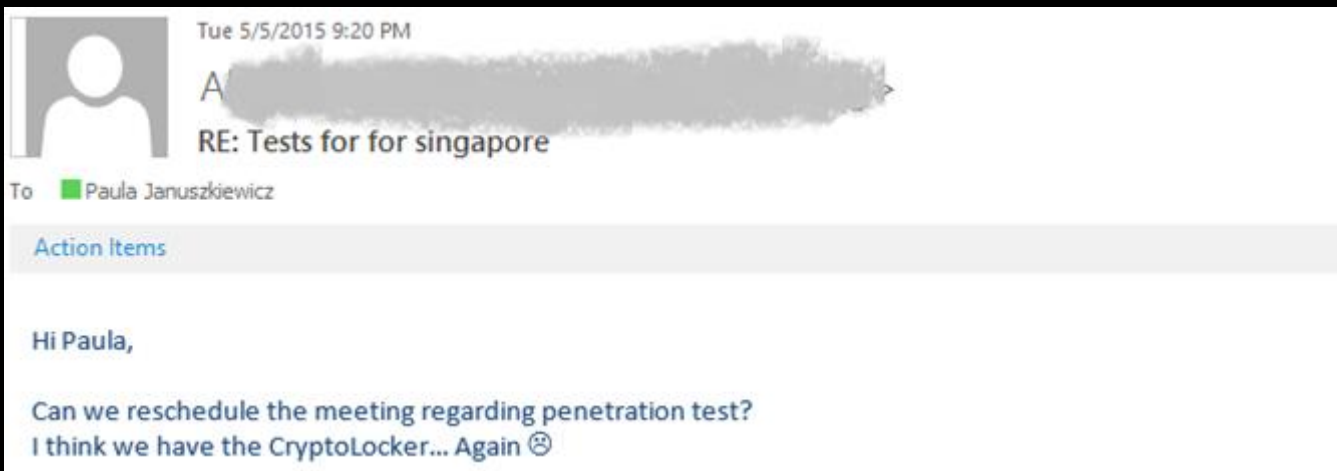


Photo: the New York Times Magazine

Agenda

Security Awareness Idea

Summary

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Things to avoid in 2021

**Why human
factor is so
important?**



Reason 1: Security is both a Reality and Feeling

⌵ For Security Practitioners

Security is a reality based on the mathematical probability of risks

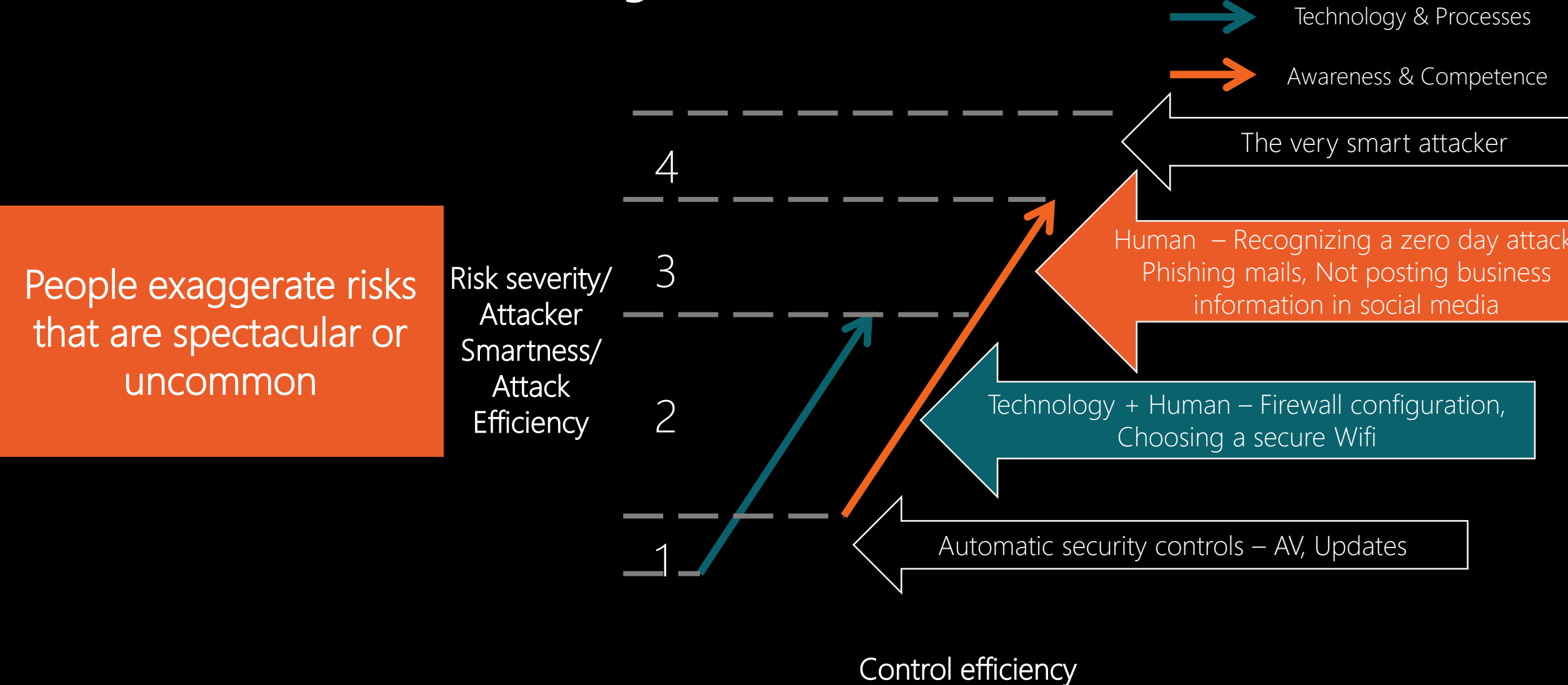
⌵ For End User

Security is a feeling

Success lies in influencing the “feeling” of security



Reason 2: Not every attack(er) is that smart



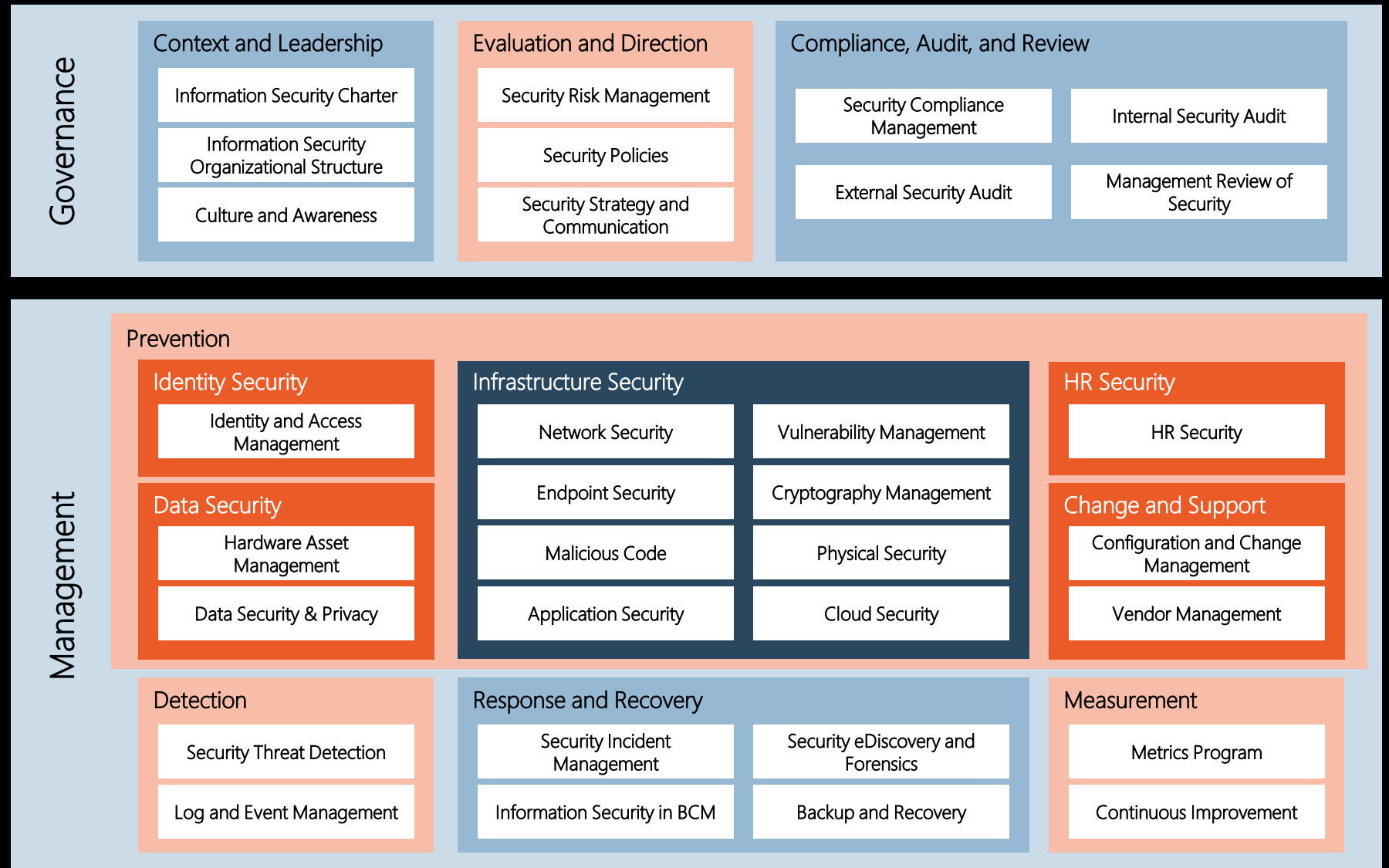
Reason 3: Technology...yes, but humans... of course!

Aircrafts have become more advanced, but does it mean that pilot training requirements have reduced?

Medical technology has become more advanced, but will you choose a hospital for it's machines or the doctors?



A best-of-breed security framework



The 11 key cyber security questions

1. Do we treat cyber security as a business or IT responsibility?
2. Do our security goals align with business priorities?
3. Have we identified and protected our most valuable processes and information?
4. Does our business culture support a secure cyber environment?
5. Do we have the basics right? (For example, access rights, software patching, vulnerability management and data leakage prevention.)
6. Do we focus on security compliance or security capability?
7. Are we certain our third-party partners are securing our most valuable information?
8. Do we regularly evaluate the effectiveness of our security?
9. Are we vigilant and do we monitor our systems and can we prevent breaches?
10. Do we have an organized plan for responding to a security breach?
11. Are we adequately resourced and insured?

Summary: Best Practices

Understanding is the key to security

Continuous vulnerability discovery

Context-Aware Analysis

Prioritization

Remediation and Tracking

Configuration reviews

Put on the Hacker's Shoes

Prevention is the key to success

How can we know what to prevent if we do not know what is the threat?



Additional Resources

Websites

Ars Technica
The Register
The Hacker News
Dark Reading
Krebs on Security
Computer World
Threat Post
Beta News
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