

Red Teaming

Simulating Social Engineering Threats

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Presentation Outline



1. Who Are We?

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3. Cybersecurity in Healthcare

1. Social Engineering – A Relevant Threat

2. Key Takeaways

#WHOAREWE

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Critical Information Infrastructure – Government Sector Lead

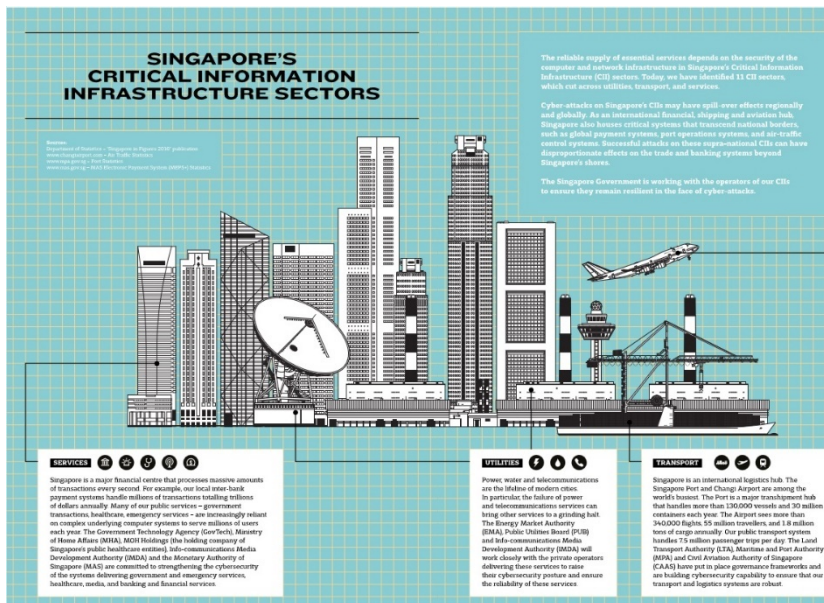


Image source: Cyber Security Agency of Singapore

11 Sectors of Critical Information Infrastructure

SERVICES	UTILITIES	TRANSPORT
<p>Government services Emergency services Healthcare Media Banking and financial services</p>	<p>Power Water Telecoms</p>	<p>Transport Airport Seaport</p>

Image source: Benjamin Ang, Centre of Excellence for National Security

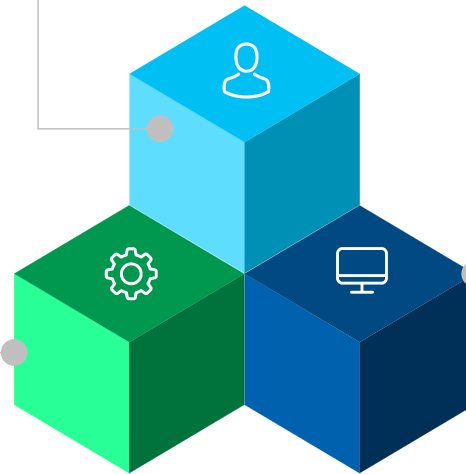
Hard Cybersecurity Problems

Social Engineering Attacks

- Phishing emails to deliver malware
- Social engineer through social media and messaging applications

Shadow IT & Weak Hosting Sites

- Unmanaged IT Systems
- Projects hosted on insecure vendor's hosting site



Supply-chain Attack

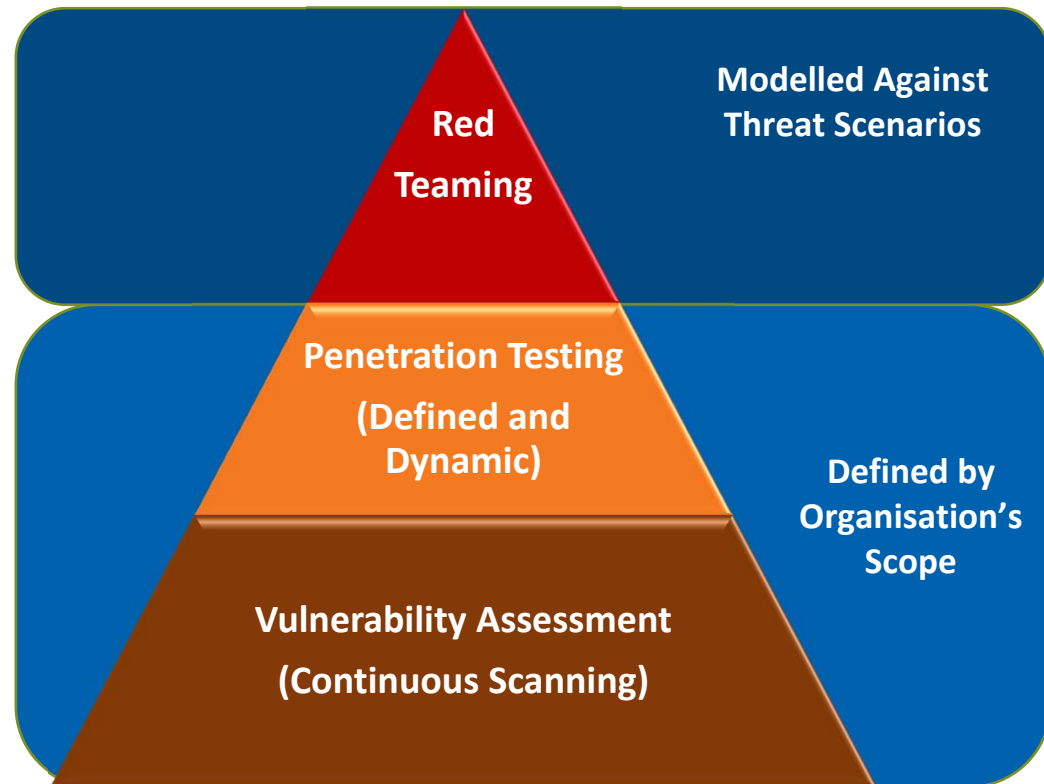
- Trusted hardware and trusted software vendors
- Internet facing that interacts with business partner's portals that do not have end-to-end integrity protection.

Adversary Simulation



Holistic Security Testing Approach

- Important to test IT environment (People, Process & Technology)
- Incorporate 3 tiers into System Development Life Cycle (SDLC):
 - Secure configuration review & Vulnerability Assessment
 - Penetration Testing
 - Adversary Simulation



VAPT vs Red-teaming (Adversary Simulation)

Why Adversary Simulation?

Vulnerability Assessment Penetration Testing (VAPT)

is an asset-centric security test, where the testers would focus on testing the security of the IT system, e.g. Web Application & S/W, that contains the data.



IT System – Safe
Data – Gold Bar

VAPT Analogy

Testers would validate the security of the safe to ensure that it could not be opened without secret and key.

Adversary Simulation (AS) is an adversarial-goal centric security test, where the testers would test the IT environment, including PPT, with the goal of identifying the weakness that might lead to access of data.

E.g. Lack of IT administration process, insecure administrative laptop and etc.



IT Environment – Bank
(People, Process & Tech)

AS Analogy

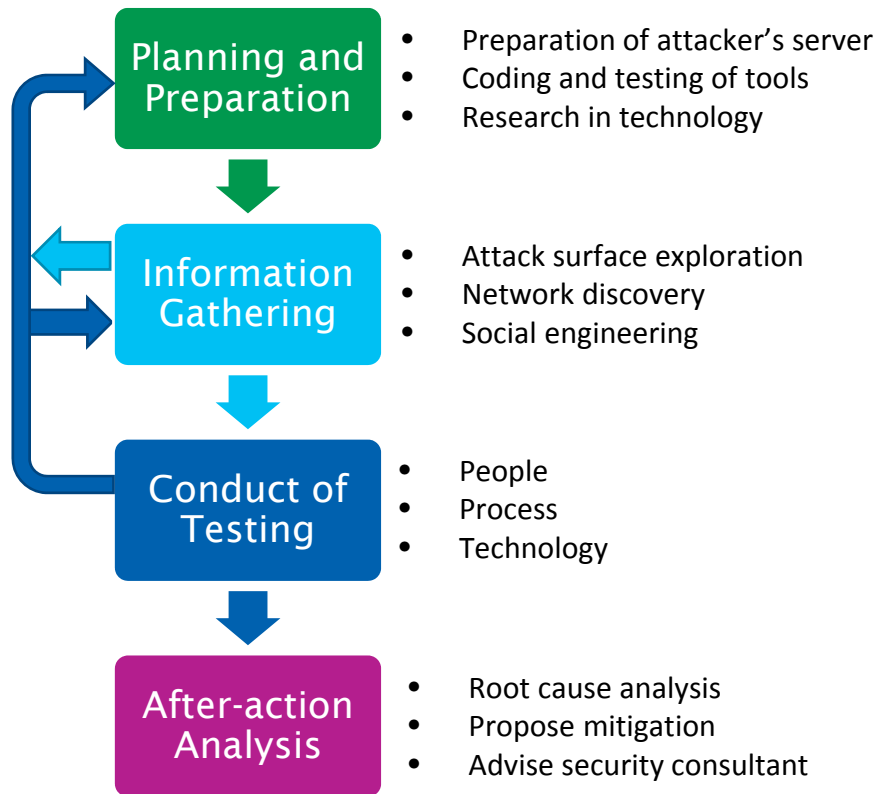
Testers would simulate an attacker to steal the gold bars (in the safe) that is located inside the bank.

The attacker would probably need to bypass the security operations and do things like:

- Social engineer the authorized personnel
- Break through the windows
- Compromise the security IT systems

Adversary Simulation

Methodology & Simulated Attackers



Sophisticated threat actor

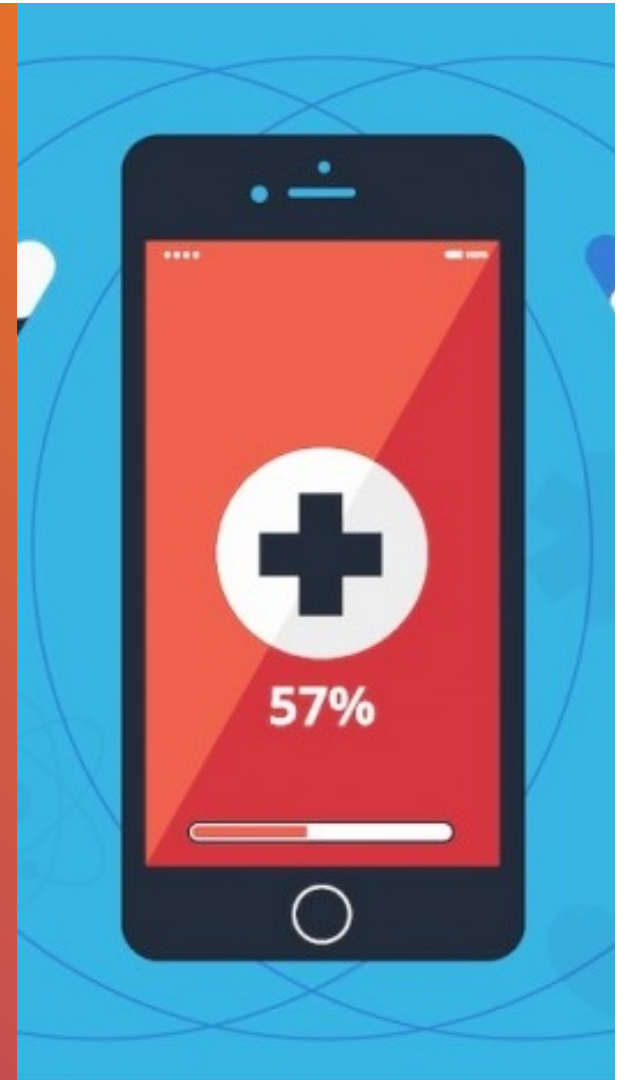
An attacker with skills and abilities above run-of-the-mill hackers, however, not as resourceful as state-sponsored threat actors who are equipped with unknown hacking tools, tactics and procedures.



Malicious insider

An attacker who is a person within the organization, such as an employee, former employee, contractor or business associate, who abuses their access to data and systems, to conduct malicious acts.

Cybersecurity in Healthcare



Digital Transformation of Healthcare

Private health sector urged to digitise records

Image source: Straits Times



Singapore Govt may start using drones to deliver medicine and for security

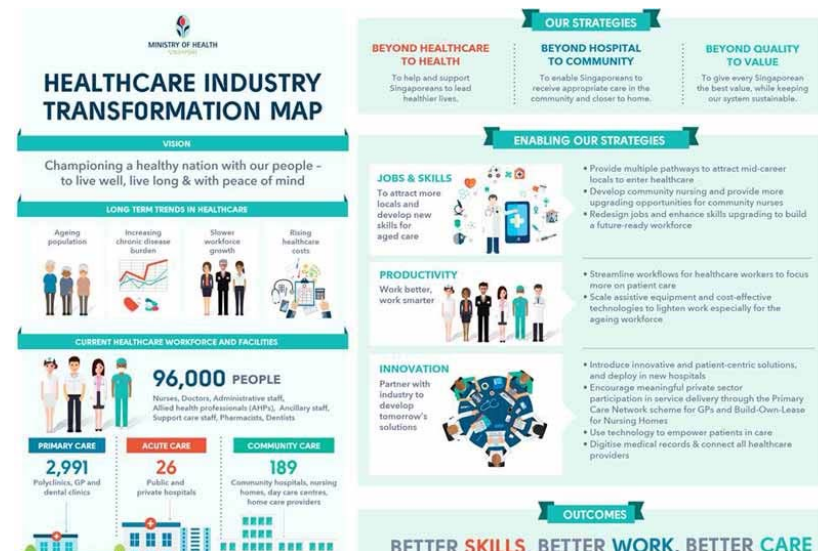


Image source: Opengovasia

Cyberattacks in Healthcare



Image source: GovTech Singapore

- Ranks among the top five industries most targeted by cyberattacks
- Puts not only patient data but also human lives at risk
- Become part of the organizational culture in both healthcare providers and medtech companies
- Governments can help by enacting industry-wide standards for cybersecurity in healthcare

Healthcare Data Breaches



Healthcare Data Breaches



Image sources: Healthcare IT News



UK hospitals hit with massive ransomware attack

Sixteen hospitals shut down as a result of the attack

By Russell Brandom | @russellbrandom | May 12, 2017, 11:36am EDT

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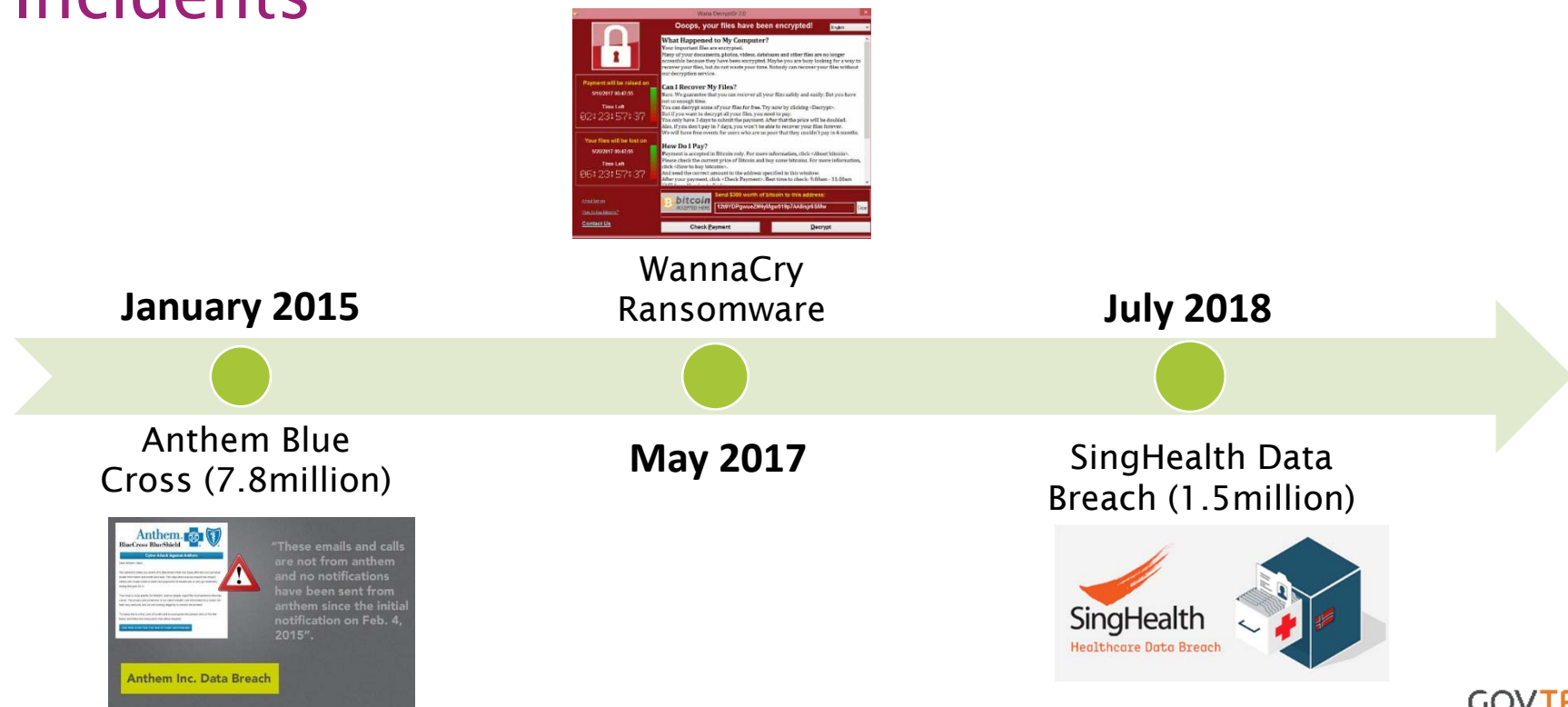
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MOST READ



Timeline of Key HealthCare Cybersecurity Incidents



Social Engineering – A Relevant Threat

Exploiting the weakest link – Us
Humans



What is social engineering?

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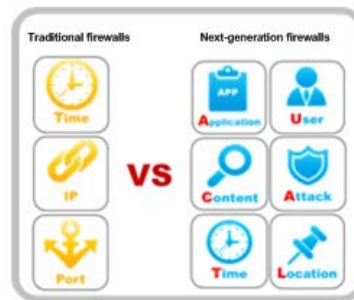


(<https://www.networkaccess.com/cyber-criminals-use-social-engineering-hack-businesses/>)

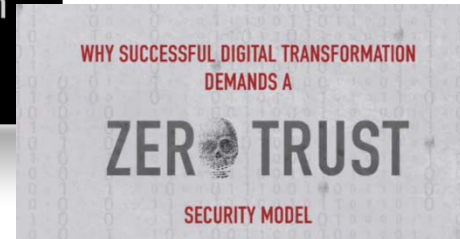
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Why social engineer?

- Why social engineer?



Because There Is No
Patch To Human
Stupidity



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Exploiting TRUST

Trust – Closely linked with benevolence, which leads to trust, resulting in information leakage and compromise of system

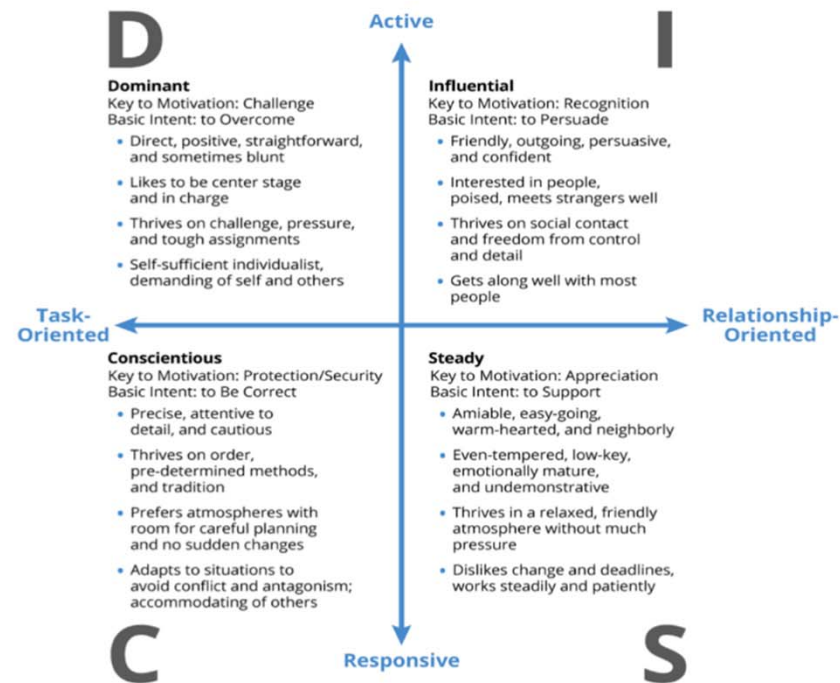


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Exploiting DISC

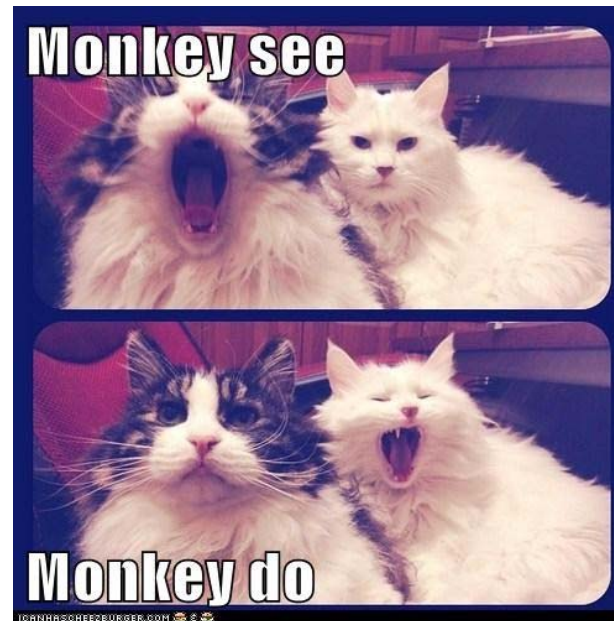
DISC – Observable human behaviors (4 key traits)



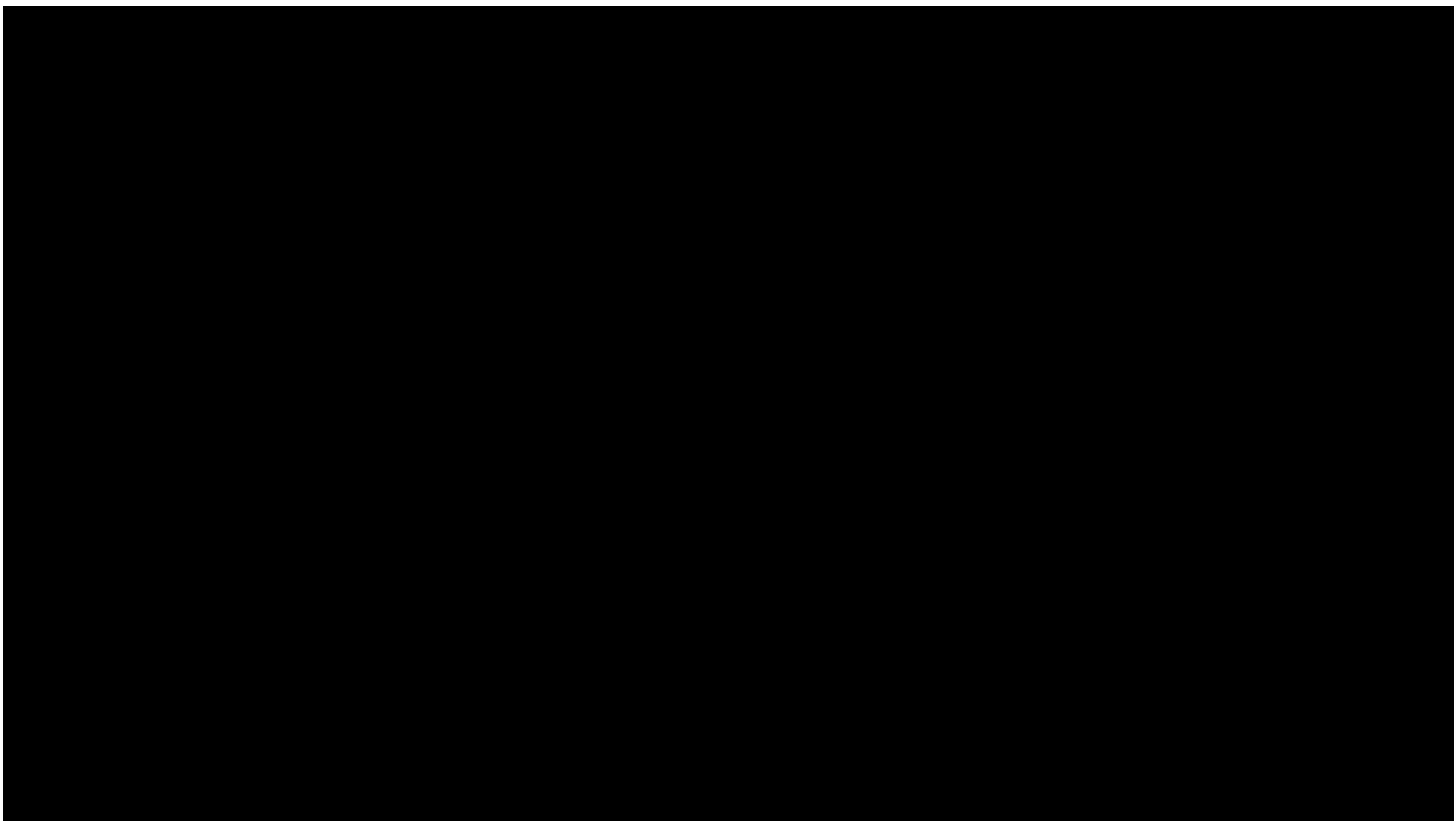
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Exploiting HERD MENTALITY

Herd mentality – Influence



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The Big Four

Social Engineer's Playbook

1. Who am I?
2. What do I have to offer?
3. How long do I need?
4. Am I a threat?

Exploiting Trust

- Sympathy

Sympathy



Please,
help me!

(so I can help YOU!)

**HELP US
IMPROVE**

TAKES
1 MINUTE

INCREDIBLE
Things

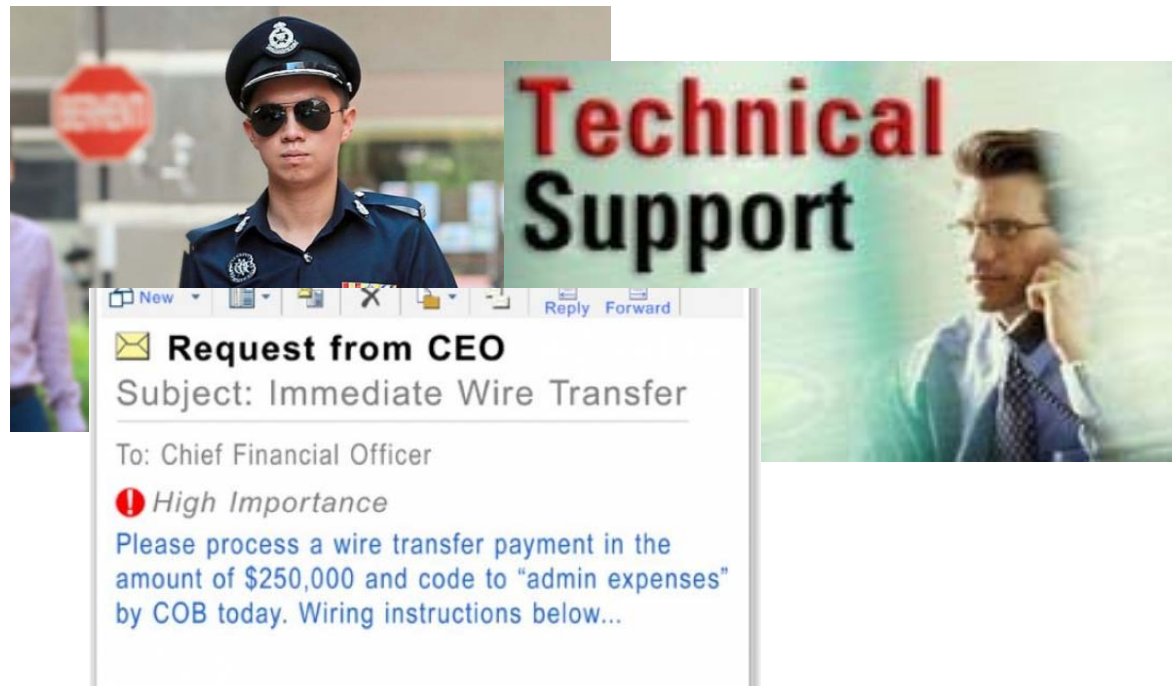
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Exploiting Trust

- Authority

Assumed Authority



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Exploiting Trust

- Scarcity

Scarcity - to create a feeling of urgency in a decision-making context



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Image source: 9 essential ways to use Scarcity to increase sales – Kaleigh Moore (<https://sumo.com/stories/scarcity-marketing>)

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Common Social Engineering Delivery Techniques





Phishing

Emails appearing to be from reputable sources with the goal of influencing or gaining personal information



Vishing/Smishing

Eliciting information or attempting to influence action via the telephone, may include such tools as “call/SMS spoofing.”



In-person Impersonation

Pretexting as another person with the goal of obtaining information or access to a person, company, or computer system.

Types of Social engineering attacks: Email

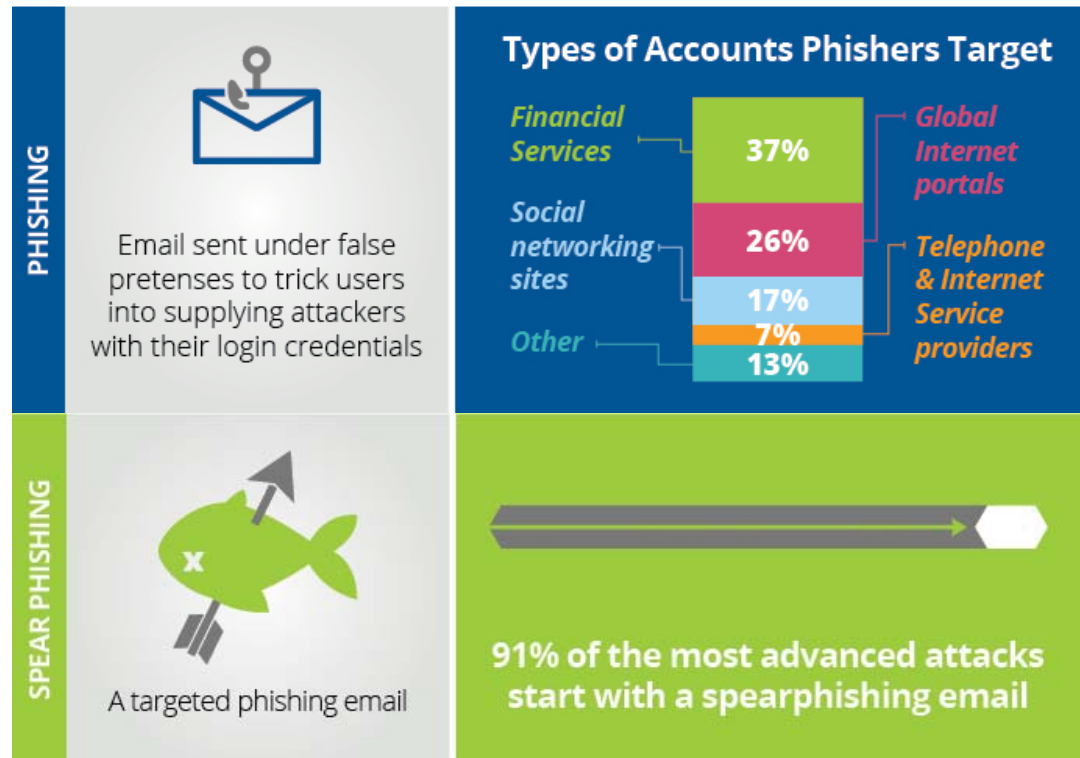


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Types of Social engineering attacks: Voice & Text Message



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Types of Social engineering attacks: Man-in-the-middle

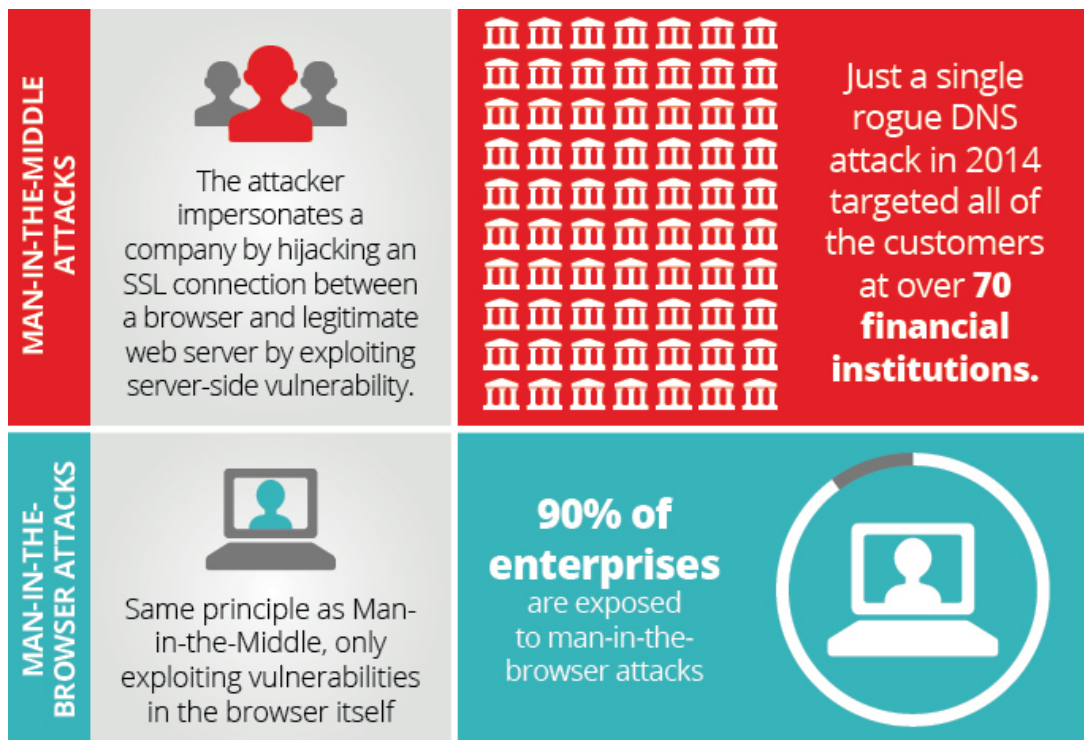


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Types of Social engineering attacks: Social Media



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Types of Social
engineering
attacks:
In-person
Impersonation

- Types of Social engineering attacks:
- In-person Impersonation



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New Email Phishing Campaign – Breach Data

New Phishing Campaign Using Breach Data

Image source: IntelTechniques

Posted on July 12th, 2018

I woke up today to find five emails from concerned clients. They all referenced the exact same phishing email that is making the rounds heavily today. First, here is the verbatim message to all five recipients that contacted me:

I do know, REDACTED (a real, accurate password) is your pass word. You do not know me and you're most likely thinking why you are getting this e-mail, correct?

In fact, I actually setup a malware on the adult vids (porno) web site and you know what, you visited this site to experience fun (you know what I mean). While you were watching video clips, your web browser initiated functioning as a RDP (Remote Desktop) with a keylogger which gave me access to your display screen and cam. Just after that, my software gathered all of your contacts from your Messenger, FB, as well as email.

What did I do?

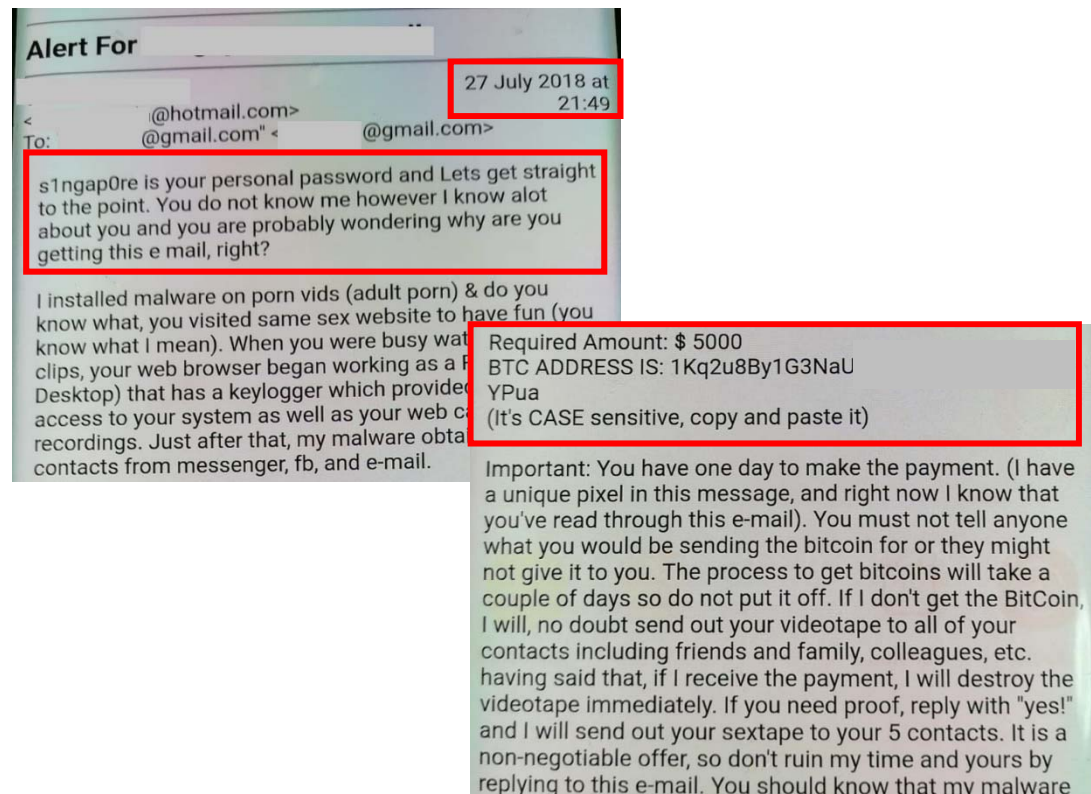
I made a double-screen video. 1st part shows the video you were watching (you have a nice taste rofl), and 2nd part shows the recording of your web cam.

exactly what should you do?

Well, in my opinion, \$2900 is a reasonable price for our little secret. You will make the payment through Bitcoin (if you do not know this, search "how to buy bitcoin" in Google).

BTC Address: 1PLrSKJmzww51A178Ug
(It is cAsE sensitive, so copy and paste it)

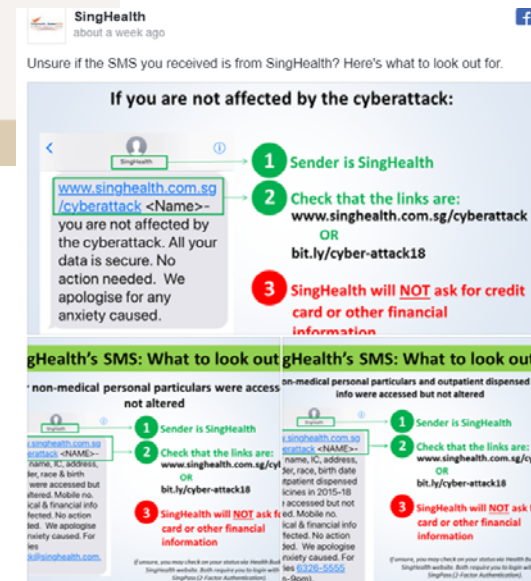
New Email Phishing Campaign arising from SingHealth Data Breach



Other phishing attacks arising from SingHealth Data Breach

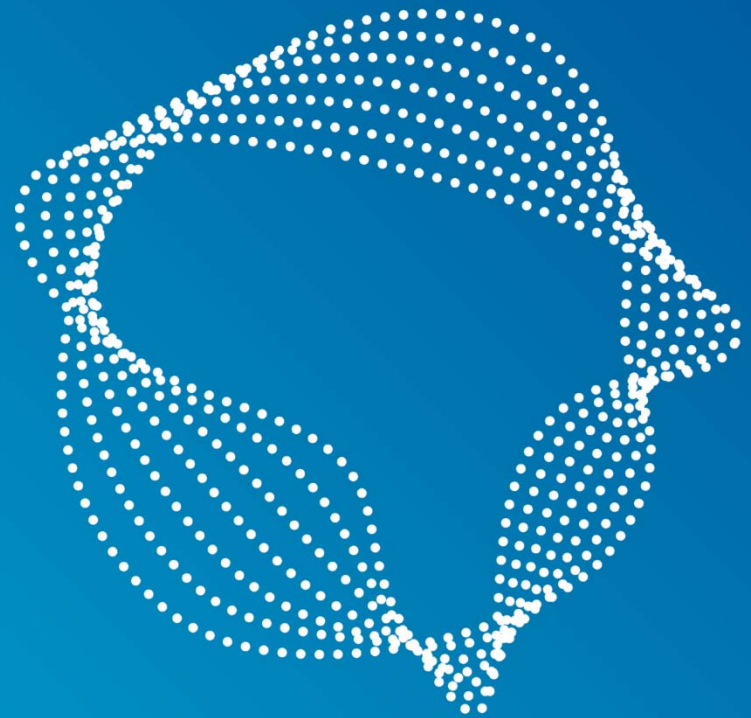


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Key Takeaways

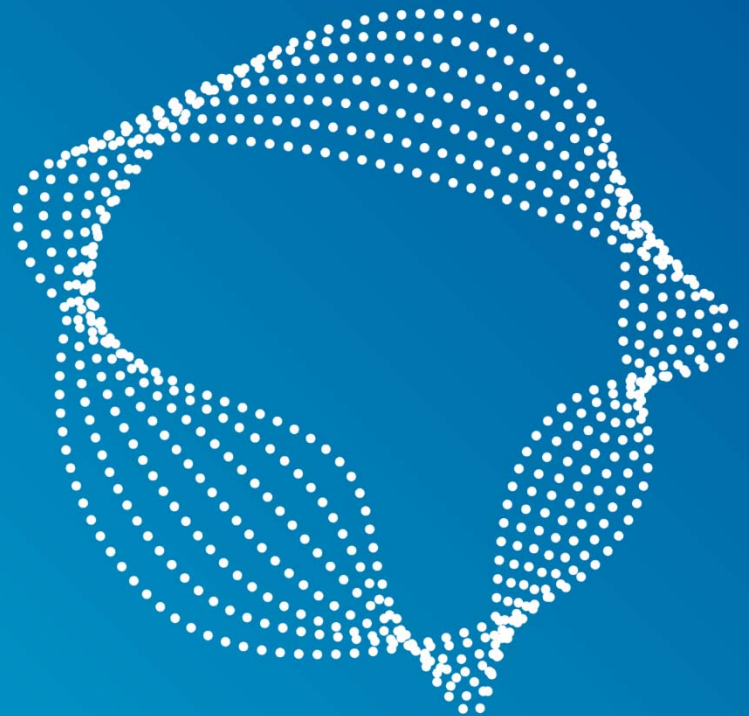


Key Takeaways

- Phishing techniques consider human behaviours to increase success rate
- Processes help to mitigate phishing attacks
- Cyber security awareness assessment identifies weaknesses in these processes and not People
- Determine level of security awareness maturity
 - SANS 5 stages Security Awareness Maturity Model (<https://www.sans.org/sites/default/files/2018-05/2018%20SANS%20Security%20Awareness%20Report.pdf>)

Stay vigilant & don't be
an easy phishing
target!

Questions?



Thank you

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