

Cyber Security Training Seminar



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The real problem

“The human factor is truly security’s weakest link.”

**The Art of Deception
by**

Kevin Mitnick, convicted CyberCriminal



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- **The Joint Chiefs of Staff**

Cyber Mission Force: 140+ teams

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- **EVERYTHING!**
 - Your IQ
 - Personal interests, likes, dislikes
 - Browsing history
 - Habits
 - When you access the Internet, check mail

The difference between



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Ad Agency

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- One of today's biggest technology issues
- The 1979 Smith Decision
- The EU's General Data Protection Regulations
- California's Consumer Privacy Act
- Facebook's Zuckerberg on the hot seat
- Apple's Ad campaign
- 2019: Personal data is worth more than oil
- Edward Snowden – We are talking about people, not data

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The *NEW* way of thinking

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1. Those that *have* been breached

2. Those that *will* be breached

(the FBI and Lowell McAdam, Verizon CEO)



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- **2018 and 2019 – Too many to list!**

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● Insiders



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- **Individuals, Lone Wolves**



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- Hacktivists (Anonymous and others)
 - Infamous Estonia hack



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- State-sponsored Terrorists
 - China, North Korea, Russia, Iran



Well Organized Criminal Networks

Source: [19] A distributed command control system [20]

Redesignated Nationalities, where malice is actually listed are marked in red with the Trojan Horse's icon sign.

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3x more than the previous #1 targets,
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emails, texts, *web sites*

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Emails using Spam



- 98% of all email is SPAM
- Easy to create
- Easy to spoof addresses (impersonate someone else)

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- Viruses in email attachments

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Others:

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- **Confirm the identity of anyone that sends you a link or attachment**



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- Incredibly dangerous
- Very expensive to build and deploy

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- **There are new, very dangerous ones:
N. Korea vs. Sony**



Transparency and Reporting:

The major shift in U.S. Policy

A word about the future of Cyber Security techniques

- Zero day threats, password hacking, and stealth malware are the problem
- Firewalls and Anti-Virus are useless against them
- The answer?
- **SIEM: Security Information and Event Management**
- **Utilizing Behavioral Analytics and Artificial Intelligence**

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- **Notebook computers with Confidential Data – Use Encryption**

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Can't remember them? Use Last Pass



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**Use 2-Factor/Multi-Factor Authentication
(2FA, MFA) wherever possible**

**Stops more than 90% of all BEC's
(Business Email Compromises)**

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Never e-mail PII !!!!

(Personally Identifiable Information)

**Use secure encrypted portals to share
files containing PII**



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Logical Security

Meta-data

What it is

What is the risk

Solution:

Convert to PDF or use Redaction Software



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Check your credit card accounts at least monthly

Freeze your Credit Reports





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1. Backup personal data to the cloud: Carbonite, Mozy, iBackup.
2. Change your passwords, make them strong, keep them private. NEVER use the same password for more than one site. Use Last Pass or another secure password manager.
3. Use 2-Factor/Multi-Factor Authentication (2FA, MFA) wherever possible.
4. Keep your Computer, Anti-Virus, Browsers, Flash & Java up to date. No win 7, XP, Vista
5. Configure Anti-Virus to scan anything plugged in to your computer.
6. Beware of unsolicited links or attachments. Never open a link or attachment unless you are ABSOLUTELY sure it is safe. Report anything that is suspicious – DO NOT CLICK ON IT!
7. Beware of Pop-ups telling you that you need to call to remove a virus or update/optimize your computer. If you get one, close out of all programs and reboot your computer. NEVER call the number on the screen.
8. NEVER allow anyone to access your computer unless you are absolutely sure they are from your corporate help desk. If you are unsure, call your corporate help desk to confirm that they are who they say they are.
9. Beware of phone scams – “I’m from the Help Desk, Microsoft, the IRS, your bank....” HANG UP the phone immediately. NEVER engage the hacker in any way!
10. Lock your computer when you are leaving it for any period of time.
11. Logoff your computer every night. Leave it on, though, so it can receive updates.
12. Reboot your computer at least once a week.
13. NEVER email Personally Identifiable Information (PII). Use secure encrypted portals to share files containing PII.



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- 14. Never e-mail work products to your personal email account.**
- 15. Never use Flash Drives you “found” or ones given to you. Buy and use brand names.**
- 16. Smartphones: Beware of the apps you use. Delete the ones you don’t use.**
- 17. Smartphones: Use biometrics & strong passwords. Wipe them before discarding them.**
- 18. Never use public USB charging stations- Always use your own charger.**
- 19. Encrypt laptops that have PII or confidential data on them.**
- 20. Only use secure websites (<https://>) when entering any personal or financial information (credit card numbers, Social Security Number, Driver’s License, etc.).**
- 21. Always convert sensitive files to PDF before sending them to strip out metadata.**
- 22. Never use “free” music/video sharing sites. Legitimate streaming sites like Pandora and Spotify are fine, though.**
- 23. Protect and encrypt your wireless networks with passwords.**
- 24. Check your bank accounts daily and credit cards at least monthly for suspicious activity.**
- 25. Freeze your credit reports. It is easy and it is the best protection against identity theft.**
- 26. If you think you have been breached: TURN OFF THE COMPUTER and CALL FOR HELP!**

Questions

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