# 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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**Cyber Mission Force: 140+ teams** 



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### Privacy

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#### EVERYTHING!

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























Hardware









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A LOT of information about you, your life, your family, friends,

**EVERYTHING** 



### **Privacy**

- 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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# Everyone and every company is under attack



#### The old way of thinking

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There are 2 kinds of companies:

1. Those that know they are under attack

2. Those that don't



#### 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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### 5 Distinct Groups



#### Insiders





Individuals, Lone Wolves





- Hacktivists (Anonymous and others)
  - Infamous Estonia hack



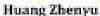


- State-sponsored Terrorists
  - China, North Korea, Russia, Iran



Conspiring to Commit Computer Fraud; Accessing a Computer Without Authorization for the Purpose of Commercial Advantage and Private Financial Gain; Damaging Computers Through the Transmission of Code and Commands; Aggravated Identity Thefi; Economic Espisoage; Theft of Trade Secrets







Wen Xinyu



Sun Kailiang



Gu Chunhui



Wang Dong





#### Well Organized Criminal Networks

Figure 2: The Cytercrime Infrastructure, and the ISP's that connect it to the internet.

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Retailers are attacked most.

3x more than the previous #1 targets, financial institutions



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Multiple methods of infection:

emails, texts, Web sites



#### **Emails using Spam**



Easy to create

Easy to spoof addresses (impersonate someone else)





#### **Emails**



Viruses in email attachments



#### Others:

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#### **Most Result in:**



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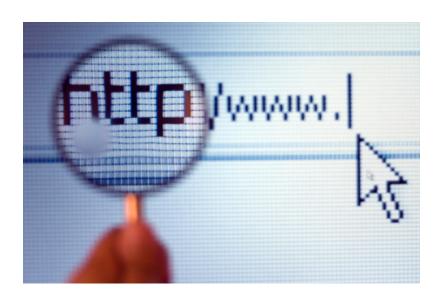


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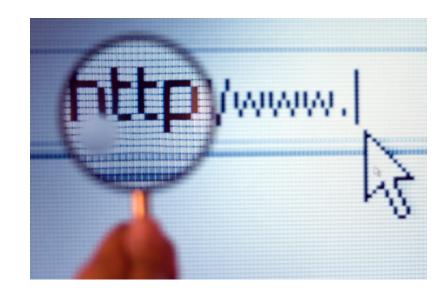


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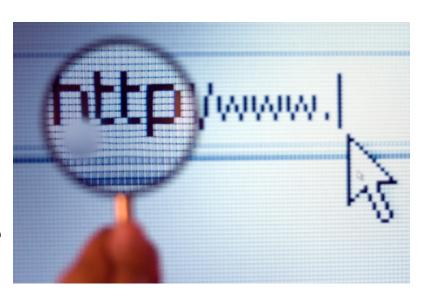
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- Confirm the identity of anyone that sends you a link or attachment



#### **Texts**

- Viruses in texts
- Incredibly dangerous
- Very expensive to build and deploy





## The economics of virus/malware/spyware creation

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    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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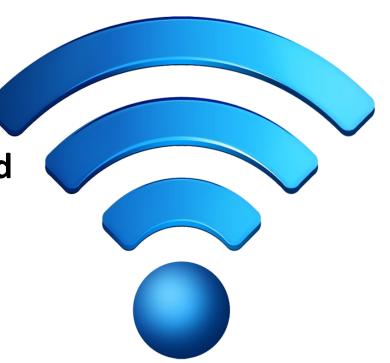
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Notebook computers with Confidential Data – Use Encryption



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#### Can't remember them? Use Last Pass



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

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



#### Never e-mail PII !!!!

(Personally Identifiable Information)

## Use secure encrypted portals to share files containing PII



## Never e-mail work products to your personal e-mail account



Meta-data
What it is
What is the risk

**Solution:** 

**Convert to PDF or use Redaction Software** 



#### Check your bank accounts daily

Check your credit card accounts at least monthly

#### Freeze your Credit Reports





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### Be a HARD target!



#### What you can do at work and home to protect yourself

- 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.
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- 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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