

# Cybersecurity Emerging Trends and Threats

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# Cyber Security Capabilities

Information Security Thought Leadership and Service for over 20 years

- Largest Credit Union Service Practice\*
- Penetration Testing and Vulnerability Assessment
  - Red Team, Black Box, and Collaborative Assessments
- IT/Cyber security risk assessments
- IT audit and compliance (GLBA, FFIECI, CIS, etc...)
- PCI-DSS Readiness and Compliance Assessments
- Incident response and forensics
- Independent security consulting
- Internal audit support

\*Callahan and Associates 2018 Guide to Credit Union CPA Auditors.



# Raise Your Hand If...



Cloud Computing, Compute Model for a Smarter Planet  
Globalization and Globally Available Resources



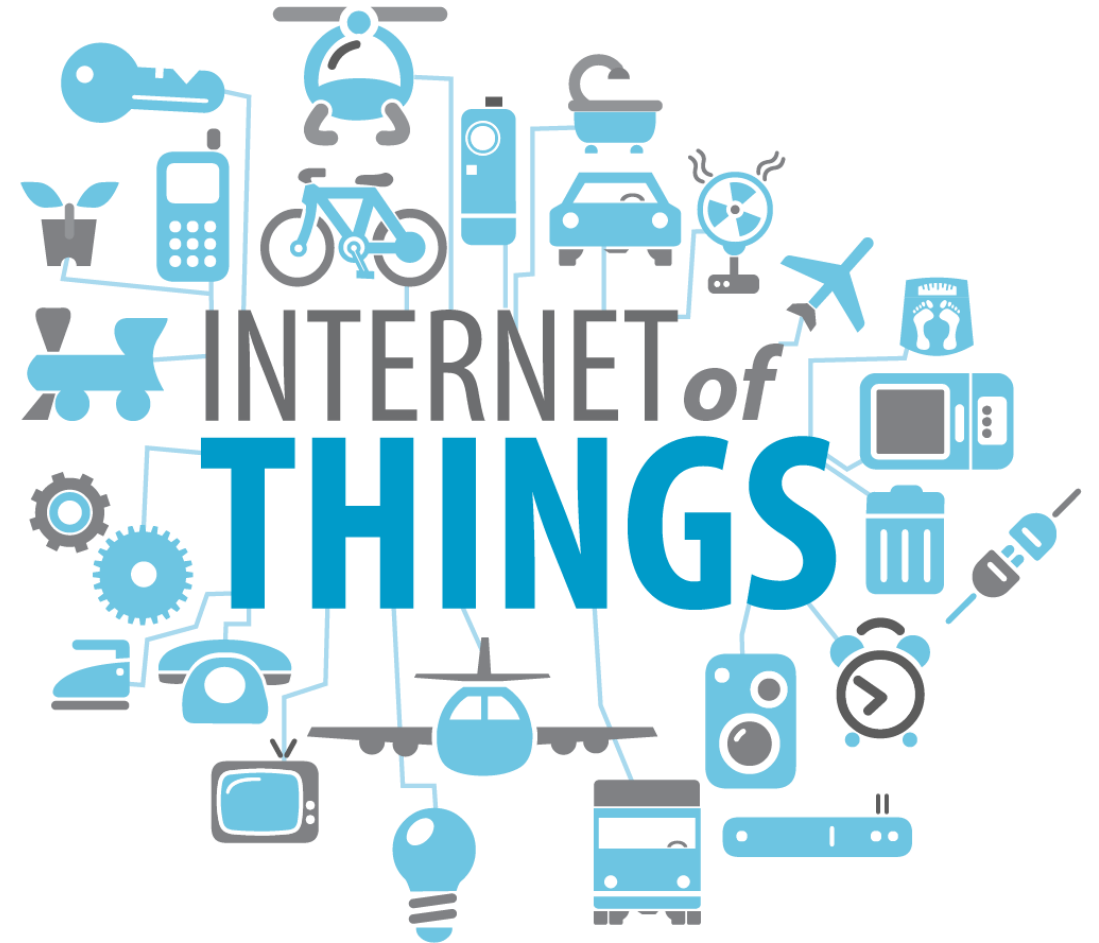
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# Everything Can Talk to Everything....

- Security cameras
  - HVAC systems
  - Door sensors and proximity readers
  - “Chrome wants to remember your location...”
  - “Hey Alexa, what’s my balance?”
- **“Presence”**



Sun Tzu:

*“Know your enemy and know yourself  
and you can fight a hundred battles  
without disaster”*

The Current State of Cybercrime

# Credit Card Breaches in the News (Two Years Ago...)



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## Kmart Confirms Breach at Unspecified Number of Stores

Mathew J. Schwartz • June 1, 2017

Kmart has suffered a data breach affecting "some, not all" of its 735 U.S. locations as a result of its point-of-sale systems being infected by malware designed to siphon payment card data. The retailer described the malware as "undetectable by current anti-virus systems and application controls."



Fraud

## New Standard Designed to Enhance EMV



Anti-Malware

## Russian Company Pins European Bank Attacks on North Korea



ACH Fraud

## An Anti-Fraud Effort Quickly Pays Off



Anti-Malware

## Chipotle: Hackers Dined Out on Most Restaurants



Breach Response

## WannaCry's Ransom Note: Great Chinese, Not-So-Hot Korean



Anti-Malware

## Samba: Patch Critical Bug Now, US-CERT Warns



Anti-Malware

## WannaCry 'Link' to North Korea Remains Tenuous

# Credit Card Breaches in the News (Two Years Ago...)

“...The PoS malware was designed to collect information stored on the magnetic stripe of payment cards, including cardholder's name, payment card number, card verification code, and expiration date.

However, the company pointed out that the investigation found no evidence suggesting that hackers made off with **additional information** belonging to the affected cardholders, and that "not all guests who visited the listed restaurants" are affected by the breach....”

## Hackers Stole Customers' Credit Cards from 103 Checkers and Rally's Restaurants

May 31, 2019 Swati Khandelwal



If you have swiped your payment card at the popular Checkers and Rally's drive-through restaurant chains in past 2-3 years, you should immediately request your bank to block your card and notify it if you notice any suspicious transaction.

Checkers, one of the largest drive-through restaurant chains in the United States, disclosed a massive long-running data breach yesterday that affected an unknown number of customers at 103 of its Checkers and Rally's locations—nearly 15% of its restaurants.



# Largest Cyber Fraud Trends - Motivations

- Black market economy to support cyber fraud
- Business models and specialization
- Most common cyber fraud scenarios we see affecting our clients
- Theft of Credentials &
- Account take overs
- Theft of PII and PFI
- Theft of credit card information
- Ransomware and Interference
- w/ Operations



# Firewalls are Hard to Break People on the Other Hand...

Social Engineering Improves the Hackers Odds

# What Makes Social Engineering Successful?

***“Amateurs hack systems, professionals hack people.”***

*Bruce Schneier*

Social Engineering relies on the following:

- The appearance of “authority”
- People want to avoid
- Inconvenience
- Timing, timing, timing...



# Pre-text Phone Calls (Phishing by phone)

- “Hi, this is Randy from Comcast Business users support. I am working with Dave, and I need your help...”
  - Name dropping → Establish a rapport
  - Ask for help
  - Inject some techno-babble
- “I need you to visit the Microsoft Update site to download and install a security patch. Do you have 3 minutes to help me out?”
- Schemes result in losses from fraudulent ACH transactions,...





# Physical (Facility) Security

## ***Compromise the site:***

- “Hi, Sally said she would let you know I was coming to fix the printers...”

## ***Plant devices:***

- Keystroke loggers
- Wireless access point
- CDs or Thumb drives



# Email Phishing is a Root Cause Underlying Most Breaches

Two Minutes of Inconvenience

# Email Phishing Objectives

## Goals:

- Convince target to do something
- Gain access to:
  - Business email accounts (“BEC” or Business Email Compromise”)
  - Financial accounts (payroll, AR/AP, e-Treasury management, etc...)
  - Network resources and confidential/sensitive information
  - Personal email accounts, cloud accounts, social media accounts

## Malware infection via:

- Links to malicious website containing drive-by malware
- Email Attachments
  - ZIP, RAR, HTA, JAR, etc....
  - **Office documents with MACROS and/or PowerShell script**

Phishing?

[External] ACTION REQUIRED: Password Review - Message (HTML)

FILE MESSAGE MIMECAST ADOBE PDF

Ignore Delete Reply Reply All Forward More Quick Steps Move Tags Editing Find Related Select Zoom Dynamics 365

Sat 10/27/2018 5:12 PM

Help Desk <mypassword@claconnect.com>

[External] ACTION REQUIRED: Password Review

To Romes, Randall J.

Retention Policy CLA Inbox - 18 Months (1 year, 6 months) Expires 4/27/2020

**IMPORTANT SECURITY NOTICE**

Due to a recent rise in security breaches in our industry, the government has mandated higher information security standards. As passwords are the primary mechanism of defense against unauthorized access, we are being required to check the complexity of all employees' passwords and recommend changes if they fall short of the standards.

Every three years, CPA firms are required to obtain an independent review of their system of quality control for their accounting and auditing practice. The most recent review report received by CLA expressed a rating of pass, which is the most positive report that can be received!

Please assist us in continuing to be compliant and visit <https://passwordsecurity.claconnect.com> to test the strength of your passwords. Failure to do so may result in your account being locked out.

Thank you for your cooperation,

**CLA IT Security**

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Phishing?

Citrix Receiver - New Version - Message (HTML)

FILE MESSAGE MIMECAST ADOBE PDF

Ignore Delete Reply Reply All Forward More Meeting To Manager Team Email Quick Steps Move Actions Follow Up Tags Editing

Thu 10/25/2018 6:31 AM

Service Desk

Citrix Receiver - New Version

To: CLA All

Retention Policy: CLA Inbox - 18 Months (1 year, 6 months) Expires: 4/25/2020

### Important Message

**What:** Citrix Receiver – New Version

**Who:** All Personnel

**Date:** Thursday 11/01/2018

**Time:** 6 a.m. CT

**Impact:** When you login on Thursday morning you will be prompted to install the updated Citrix Receiver. The update is available in software center now if you would like to run it prior to Thursday morning. In software center, select "Receiver for Windows Repair."

**Installing Citrix Receiver:**  
When you receive the message below click Install to begin the installation. You can click cancel to delay the install temporarily but will continue to receive the install message until the receiver has been updated.

**Citrix Receiver**

**This installation will terminate all Citrix applications.**  
**Please save and close any open Citrix applications before installing.**

# Payment Fraud

“Why do you rob the banks???”

Impersonation and Persuasion

# Payment Fraud – Account Take Overs

- When is the last time you wrote a check???
- Electronic payments are the norm...
  - Wire transfers & ACH payments
  - Online banking
  - "Send money"
    - (Corporate) Account Take Over (CATO)
      - Compromise accounts/credentials that can move money
    - Persuasion Attacks
      - Convince others to send money

# Persuasion Attacks (Two Years Ago...)

- CEO asks the controller...
- Common mistakes
  - Use of private email
  - “Don’t tell anyone”

## Omaha's Scoular Co. loses \$17 million after spearphishing attack

Fraudsters convinced an Omaha company to send \$17.2 million to a bank in China



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Fraudsters targeting an Omaha company last summer used extremely well-targeted emails to convince its controller to send a series of wires totaling \$17.2 million to a bank in China.

First, there were emails, supposedly from the CEO, saying that Scoular was buying a company in China. The emails weren't from the CEO's official email address, and, moreover, warned the controller not to communicate about the deal through other channels "in order for us not to infringe SEC regulations."

The emails also instructed the controller to get the wire instructions from an actual employee of the company's actual accounting firm, KPMG. Plus, the phone number provided in the email was answered by someone with the right name.

### MORE ON CSO: [How to spot a phishing email](#)

Since Scoular was, in fact, discussing expanding in China, the controller fell for the emails and sent off the money.

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# Persuasion Attacks (more recently)

**Krebs on Security**  
In-depth security news and investigation

<https://krebsonsecurity.com/tag/bec/>

- CEO asks the accountant...
- Common mistakes
  - Use of private email
  - “Don’t tell anyone”

## 18 Firm Sues Cyber Insurer Over \$480K Loss

A Texas manufacturing firm is suing its cyber insurance provider for refusing to cover a \$480,000 loss following an email scam that impersonated the firm’s chief executive.

At issue is a cyber insurance policy issued to Houston-based **Ameriforge Group Inc.** (doing business as “AFGlobal Corp.”) by **Federal Insurance Co.**, a division of insurance giant **Chubb Group**. AFGlobal maintains that the policy it held provided coverage for both computer fraud and funds transfer fraud, but that the insurer nevertheless denied a claim filed in May 2014 after scammers impersonating AFGlobal’s CEO convinced the company’s accountant to wire \$480,000 to a bank in China.

According to documents filed with the U.S. District Court in Harris County, Texas, the policy covered up to \$3 million, with a \$100,000 deductible. The documents indicate that from May 21, 2014 to May 27, 2014, AFGlobal’s director of accounting received a series of emails from someone claiming to be **Gean Stalcup**, the CEO of AFGlobal.



“Glen, I have assigned you to manage file T521,” the phony message to the accounting director **Glen Wurm** allegedly read. “This is a strictly confidential financial operation, to which takes priority over other tasks. Have you already been contacted by Steven Shapiro (attorney from KPMG)? This is very sensitive, so please only communicate with me through this email, in order for us not to infringe SEC regulations. Please do not speak with anyone by email or phone regarding this. Regards, Gean Stalcup.”

# Ransomware

Would you like your pictures back?

# Ransomware (two years ago...)

## Hospital ransomware: A chilling wake-up call

Hollywood Presbyterian was forced to pay up, just like everyone else.



# Ransomware (more recently)

## Hackers Demand \$770,000 Ransom From Canadian Banks

Cybercrime: FBI Says Ransomware, Extortion Continue to Dominate

Mathew J. Schwartz (@euroinfosec) • June 1, 2018 • 0 Comments

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Bank of Montreal head office in Montréal. (Photo: DXR, via Wikimedia Commons)

Hackers have demanded a ransom of 1 million Canadian dollars (\$770,000) each from two banks, payable in the cryptocurrency exchange system Ripple's XRP token, national Canadian broadcaster [CBC News](#) reports.

**See Also:** [How to Keep Your Endpoints Safe from Cybercrime](#)

The ransom demand comes on the heels of the Bank of Montreal, operating as BMO Financial Group, and Simplii Financial, a banking subsidiary of the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce, on Monday reporting that they'd been warned that some of their client data may have been exposed on Sunday (see [Two Canadian Banks Probe Alleged Exposure of Customer Data](#)).



# Ransomware

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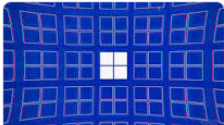
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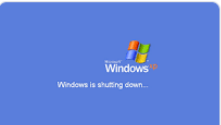
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## Ransomware - Security News - Trend Micro USA

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GandCrab Ransomware Found Targeting MySQL Databases. May 27, 2019. Security researchers saw a spate of attacks targeting Windows servers running ...

## Surge of MegaCortex ransomware attacks detected | ZDNet

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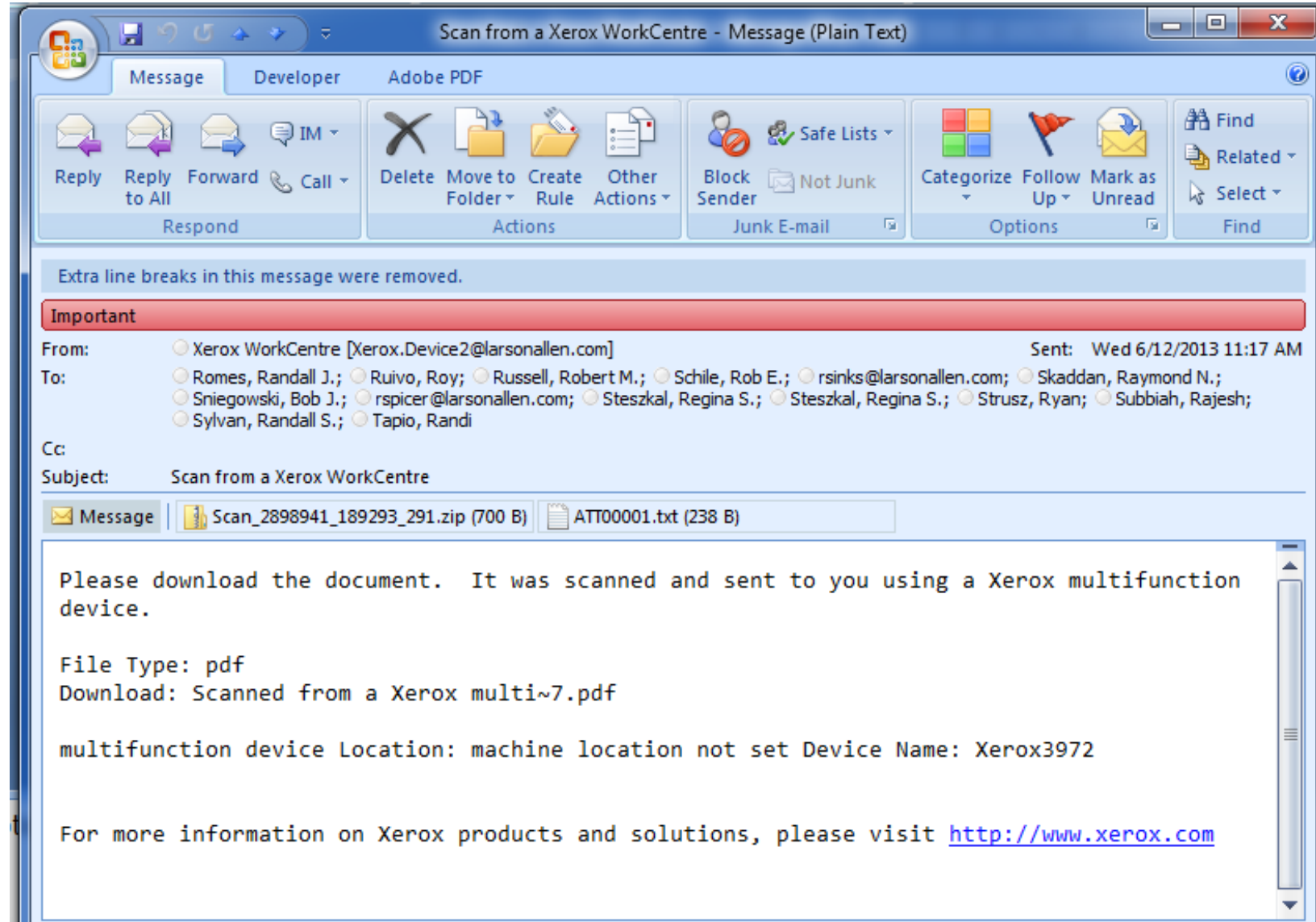
May 6, 2019 - Vitali Kremez (@VK\_Intel) May 4, 2019. This is a new approach compared to past "targeted ransomware attacks" that either relied on:.

## Hackers Are Holding Baltimore Hostage: How They Struck and What's ...

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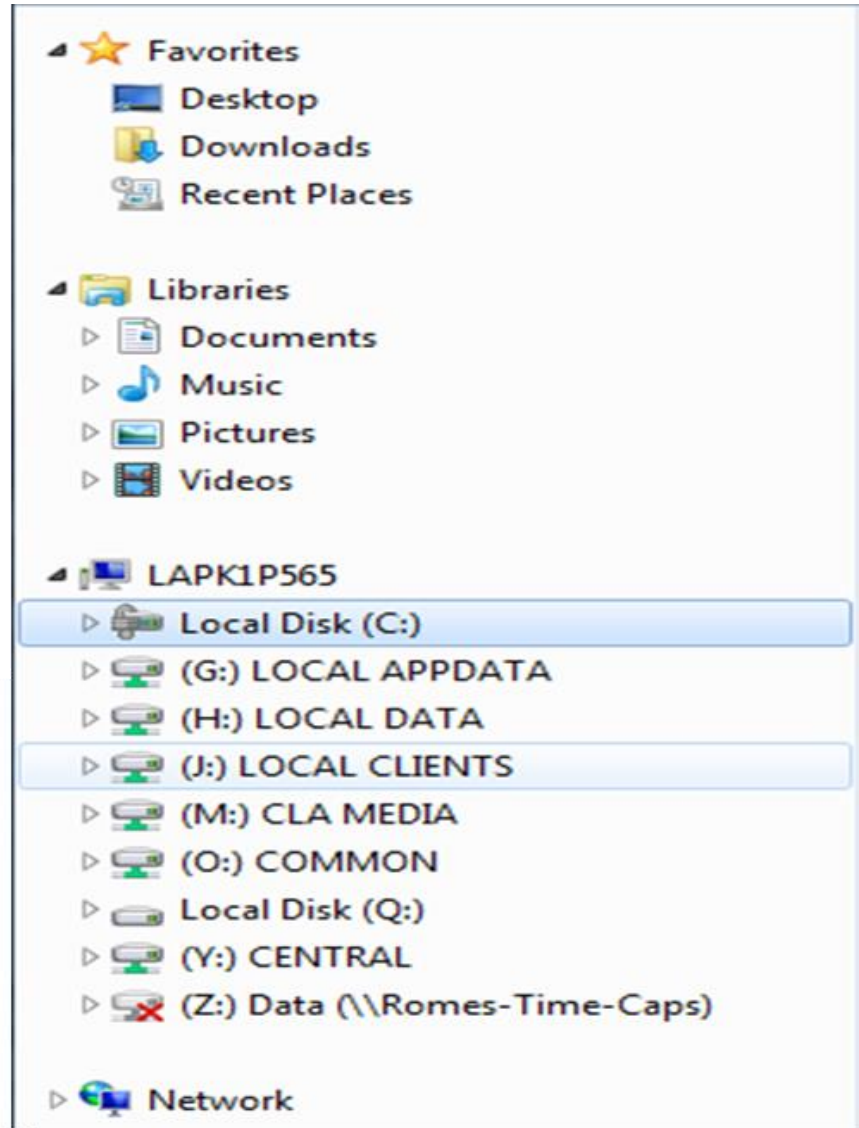
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# Ransomware



# Ransomware

- Malware encrypts everything it can interact with



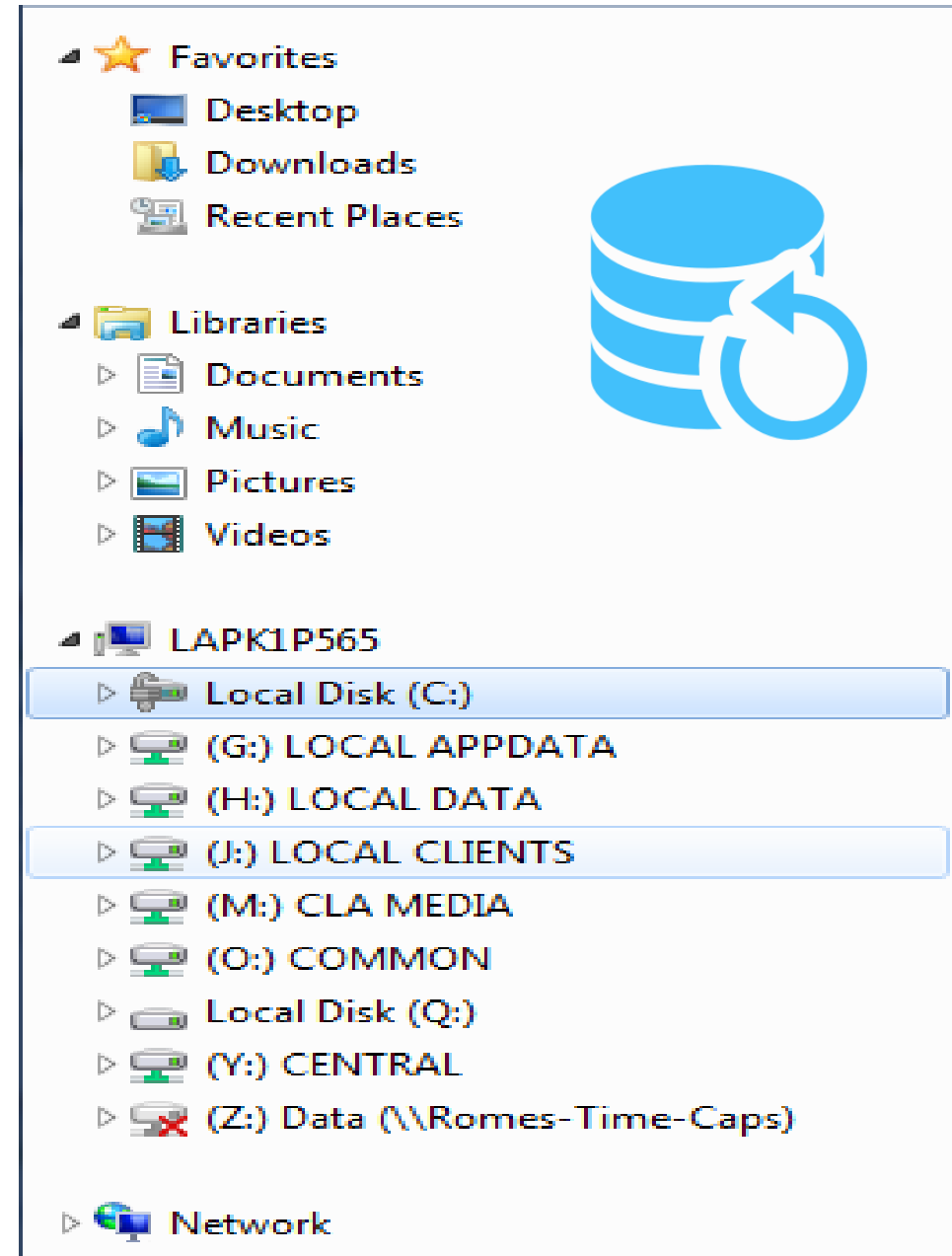
# Ransomware Defensive Strategies

1. Filtering capabilities
2. Users that are aware and savvy
3. Minimized User Access Rights
4. Current operation systems and up to date/patched software



# Ransomware Defensive Strategies

5. Working backup and restore capabilities
6. Secure the backup process
  - Backups should be done with a service account.
  - Storage location of back ups should be very restrictive – read only access even for most administrators.
  - Identify which users could encrypt backups if they were to become infected.
  - You could also restrict the backup network access temporally similar to a bank vault.



# Back End Payment Systems

- Hack them one at a time?
- Or all at once???



# Backend Payment Systems - SWIFT

## Ecuador Bank Hacked — \$12 Million Stolen in 3rd Attack on SWIFT System

Friday, May 20, 2016 Swati Khandelwal

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Bangladesh is not the only bank that had become victim to the cyber heist. In fact, it appears just a part of the widespread cyber attack on global banking and financial sector by hackers who target the backbone of the world financial system, SWIFT.

Yes, the global banking messaging system that thousands of banks and companies around the world use to transfer Billions of dollars in transfers each day is under attack.

A third case involving SWIFT has emerged in which cyber criminals have stolen about \$12 million from an Ecuadorean bank that contained numerous similarities of later attacks against Bangladesh's central bank that lost \$81 Million in the cyber heist.

## Bangladesh Bank Attackers Hacked SWIFT Software

Attackers Used Malware to Steal \$81 Million, BAE Systems Says

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The attackers who stole \$81 million from Bangladesh Bank in February used malware that allowed them to hack into the bank's SWIFT software to transfer money, as well as hide their tracks, according to technology consultancy BAE Systems Applied Intelligence.

See Also: [Rethinking Endpoint Security](#)

The consultancy notes that it's found "custom malware" developed by an individual based in Bangladesh, which "contains sophisticated functionality for interacting with local SWIFT Alliance Access software running in the victim infrastructure."

SWIFT is a Belgium-based cooperative of 3,000 organizations that maintains a messaging platform that banks use to move money internationally. "SWIFT is aware of a malware that aims to reduce financial institutions' abilities to evidence fraudulent transactions on their local systems," a SWIFT spokesman tells Information Security Media Group. "Contrary to reports that suggest otherwise, this malware has no impact on SWIFT's network or core messaging services."

# Backend Payment Systems

## Carbanak - Biggest Bank Heist EVER

- \$1B over 2 years
- Average \$10M per bank.
- 2 to 4 months per bank
- Methods: Online Banking, Swift, ATMs
- Attackers primarily in Russia, Ukraine, China
- Banks primarily Russia, Europe, United States

### 18 Carbanak Gang Tied to Russian Security Firm?

JUL 16

Among the more plunderous cybercrime gangs is a group known as “Carbanak,” Eastern European hackers blamed for **stealing more than a billion dollars** from banks. Today we’ll examine some compelling clues that point to a connection between the Carbanak gang’s staging grounds and a Russian security firm that claims to work with some of the world’s largest brands in cybersecurity.

The Carbanak gang derives its name from the banking malware used in countless high-dollar cyberheists. The gang is perhaps best known for **hacking directly into bank networks using poisoned Microsoft Office files**, and then using that access to force bank ATMs into dispensing cash. Russian security firm **Kaspersky Lab estimates** that the Carbanak Gang has likely stolen upwards of USD \$1 billion — but mostly from Russian banks.

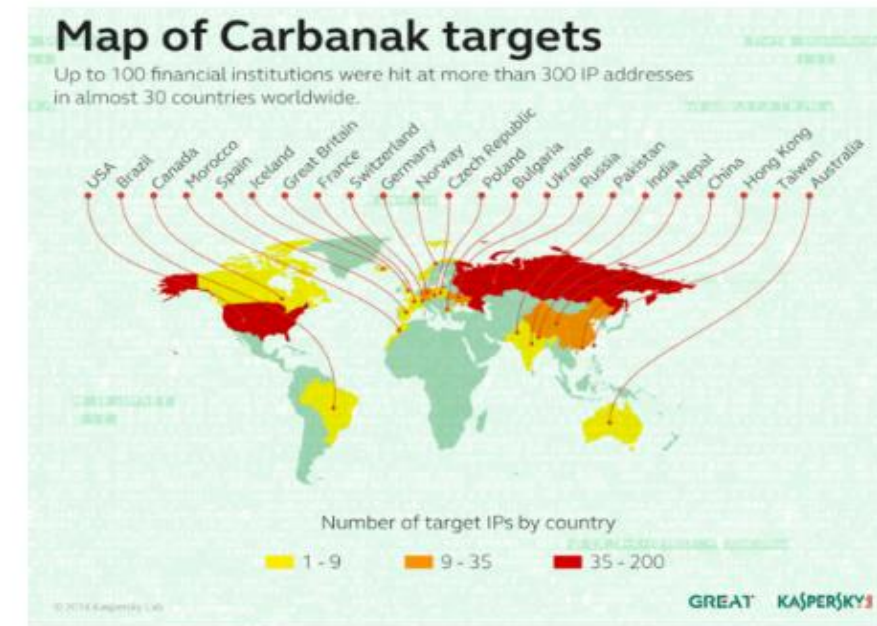
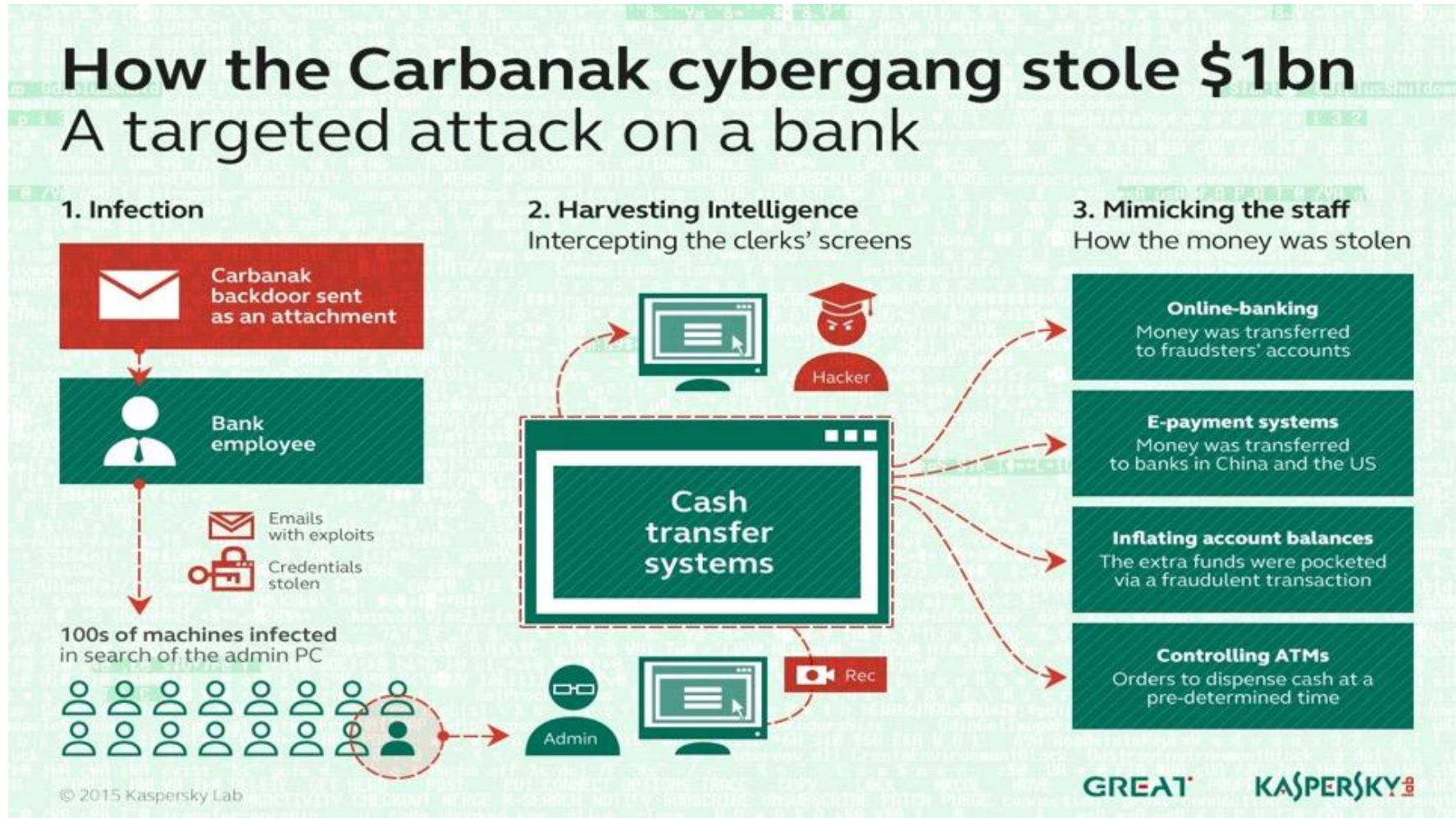


Figure 9. Geographical distribution of targets according to C2 data



# Backend Payment Systems

## Carbanak - Biggest Bank Heist EVER



# A Unique CATO Example

## EXAMPLE 1

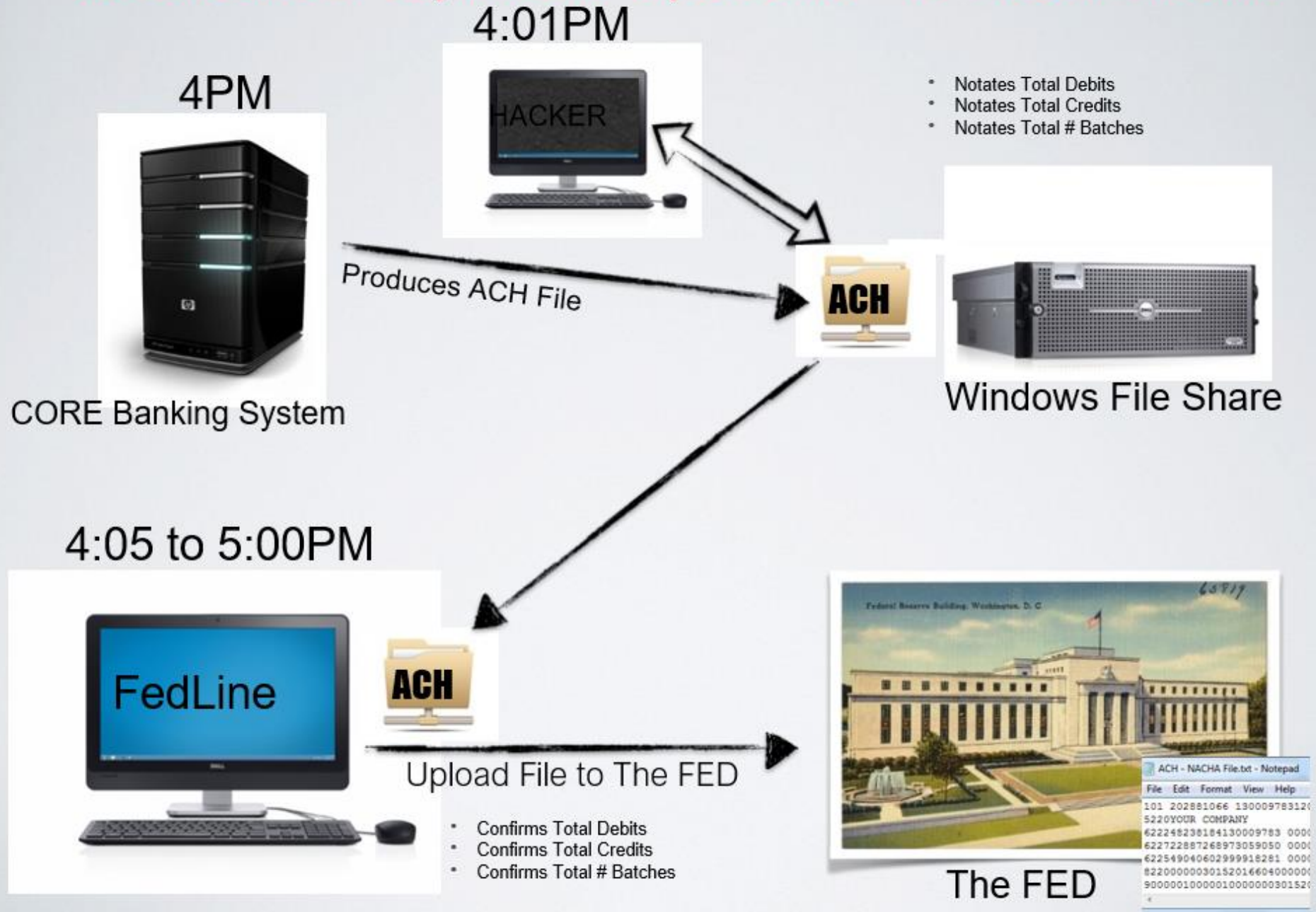
- 3 Member accounts
  - Adam and Beth
    - ❖ Accounts compromised “previously”
    - ❖ No changes
  - Joe
    - ❖ Account compromised – PII Changed
    - ❖ New/replacement debit card ordered
  - Account to account transfers initiated (to Joe account)
    - ❖ Funds removed from Joe account

## EXAMPLE 2

- 3 Member accounts
  - Mike and Sue
    - Accounts compromised “previously”
    - No changes
  - Ann
    - New account set up with minimal funds
    - Member to Member transfers initiated (to Ann account)
      - Funds removed from Ann account

- Unique twist related to Core and Internet Banking Conversion...

# Backend Payment Systems - Is ACH Next?





# The Boy Scouts Motto: *“Be Prepared”*

Strategies and Action Items



# Strategies

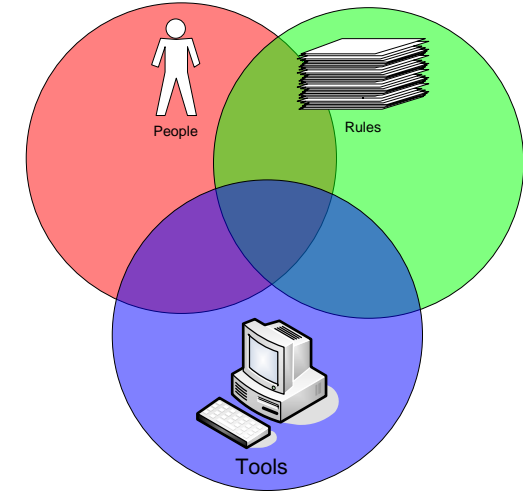
Our information security strategy should have the following objectives:

- Users who are aware and savvy
- Systems that are hardened and resistant to malware and attacks
- Resilience Capabilities: Monitoring, Incident Response, Testing, and Validation

# Policies and Standards

## ➤ People, Rules and Tools

- What do we expect to occur?
- How do we conduct business?



## ➤ Standards based operations from a governance or compliance framework:

- GLBA/FFIEC, NCUA 748 A&B, etc...
- PCI – DSS
- CIS Critical Controls, NIST, ISO

# Standards Based Operations



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## Basic

- 1 Inventory and Control of Hardware Assets
- 2 Inventory and Control of Software Assets
- 3 Continuous Vulnerability Management
- 4 Controlled Use of Administrative Privileges
- 5 Secure Configuration for Hardware and Software on Mobile Devices, Laptops, Workstations and Servers
- 6 Maintenance, Monitoring and Analysis of Audit Logs

## Foundational

- 7 Email and Web Browser Protections
- 8 Malware Defenses
- 9 Limitation and Control of Network Ports, Protocols, and Services
- 10 Data Recovery Capabilities
- 11 Secure Configuration for Network Devices, such as Firewalls, Routers and Switches
- 12 Boundary Defense
- 13 Data Protection
- 14 Controlled Access Based on the Need to Know
- 15 Wireless Access Control
- 16 Account Monitoring and Control

## Organizational

- 17 Implement a Security Awareness and Training Program
- 18 Application Software Security
- 19 Incident Response and Management
- 20 Penetration Tests and Red Team Exercises

# Disciplined Exception Control, Vulnerability Management and Monitoring

- Monitoring (“built in”)
  - Key system configurations
  - System and application logs
  - Accounts
  - Critical data systems/files
  - Data activity and flow
- Scanning (independent)
  - Patch Tuesday and vulnerability scanning
  - Rogue devices



# Passwords

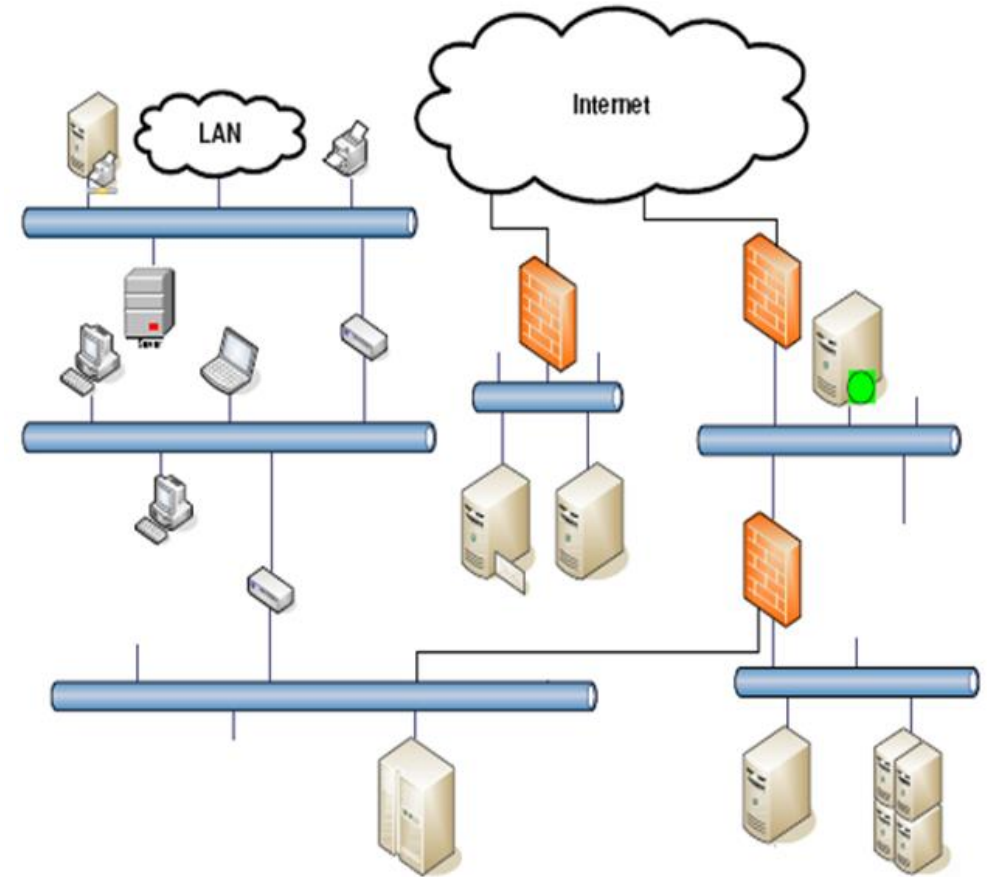
- Good Passwords
- Two Factor / Multi-Factor Authentication
- Password Managers

Password Audit	Total
Number of passwords audited	855
Passwords cracked	794
Passwords that were all letters	63
Passwords that were all numbers	5
Passwords that were an English word	20
Passwords that were a word with numbers appended to it	200
Passwords that were the same as the username	6
Passwords that do not meet Windows complexity	584

# Know Your Network

## Know What “Normal” Looks Like

- Infrastructure
  - Servers & Applications
  - Data Flows
  - Archiving vs. Reviewing
- 
- System inventory
  - Application inventory
  - Data inventory





# Audit Logs and Password Auditing

- Configure system auditing/logging
  - Understand and document logging capabilities
  - Ensure all systems are configured to log important information
  - Retain logs for at least 1 year, longer is better
- Audit systems for default/weak passwords
  - Most systems have default passwords
    - Google: “Default password list”
  - Don’t overlook “simple” systems
    - E.g. Printer/multi-function devices, IP security cameras, etc.
    - IoT devices...

# Action Items

- Test backup and restore processes
  - Periodically test backup systems to ensure you can recover from ransomware
  - Have IT perform a full, bare-metal system restore (operating system, applications, and data)
  - Have IT document how long it takes to recover various files or systems

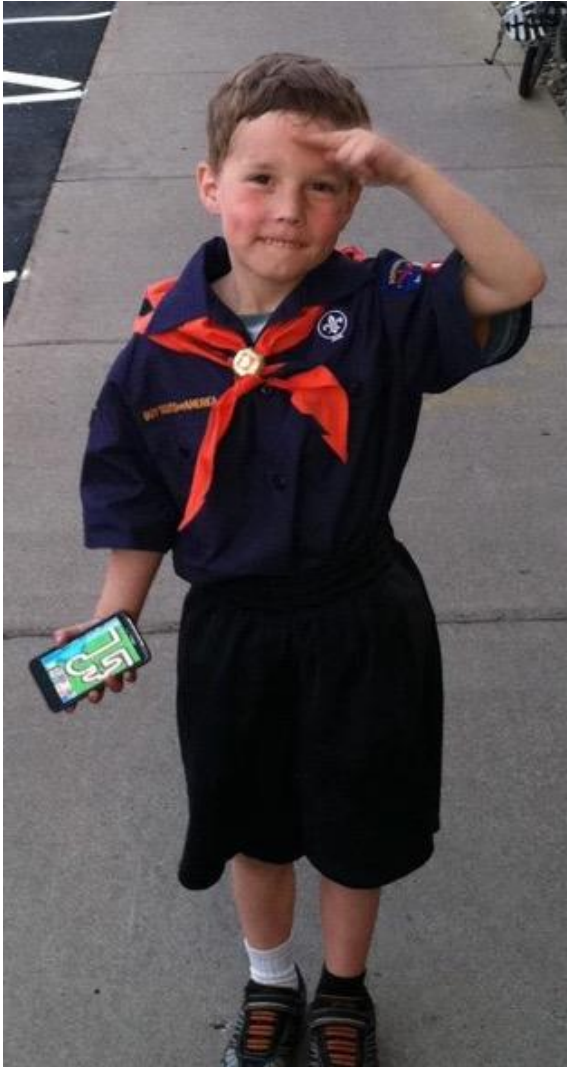
➤ **PRACTICE**



# Action Items

- TEST systems and people - Validate that your expectations are being met for cybersecurity
  - Penetration Testing
    - Collaborative/Informed/White Box
    - Uninformed/Black Box
  - Social Engineering Testing
  - True Breach Simulation
    - Red Team/Blue Team

➤ **PRACTICE**



# Questions?



# Thank you!

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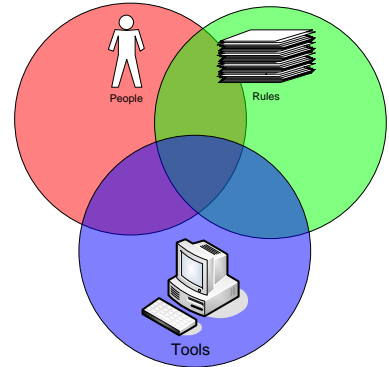
# Understanding the CIS Critical Controls



*Create Opportunities*  
We promise to know you and help you.



# Policies and Standards



- People, Rules and Tools
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  - How do we conduct business?
- Standards based operations from a governance or compliance framework:
  - GLBA, FFIEC, state laws, etc...
  - PCI – DSS
  - **CIS Critical Controls**, NIST
- Disciplined exception management

# Standards Based Operations

- Standards for your in-house systems that your IT staff manages and maintains.
- Standards for the the in-house systems provided by and/or managed by your service providers.
- Standards for your systems hosted at a third party (cloud/service bureau).

• NIST  
National Institute of Standards and Technology

• FFIEC  
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Payment Card Industry Security Standards council

• CSA  
Cloud Security Allowance



# Standards Based Operations

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Critical Security Control	NIST CSF v1.1		PCI DSS 3.2	FFIEC Information Security Booklet (2016)	FFIEC Examiners Handbook	FFIEC Cybersecurity Assessment Tool (CAT)	Cloud Security Alliance		
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# Standards Based Operations



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- 4 Controlled Use of Administrative Privileges
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- 6 Maintenance, Monitoring and Analysis of Audit Logs

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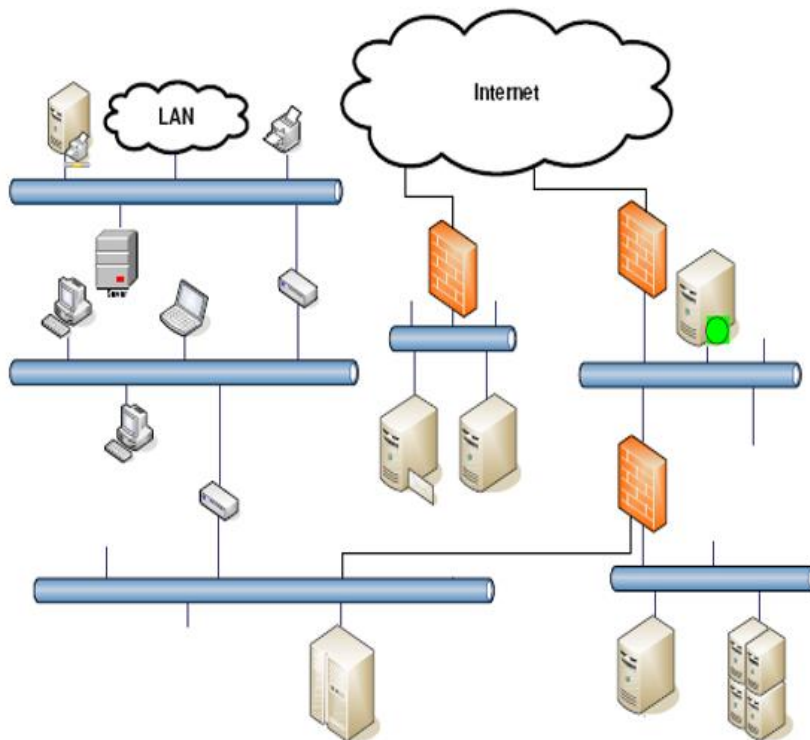
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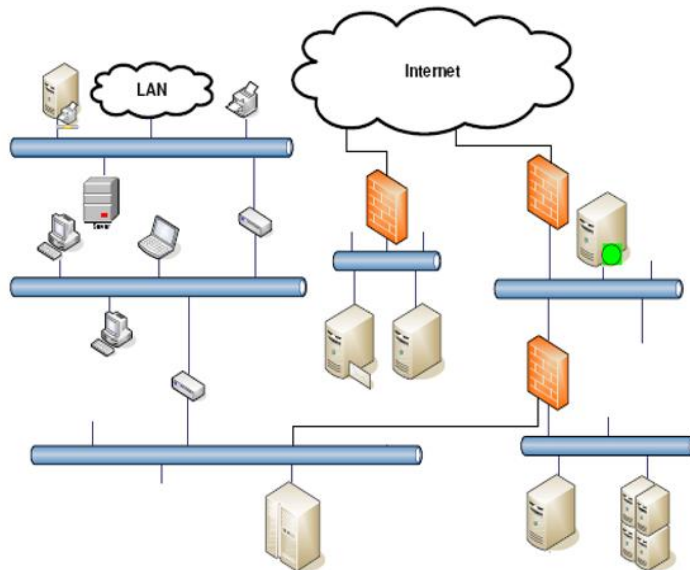
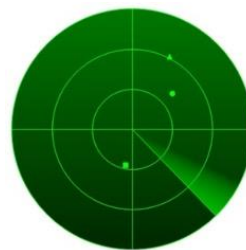
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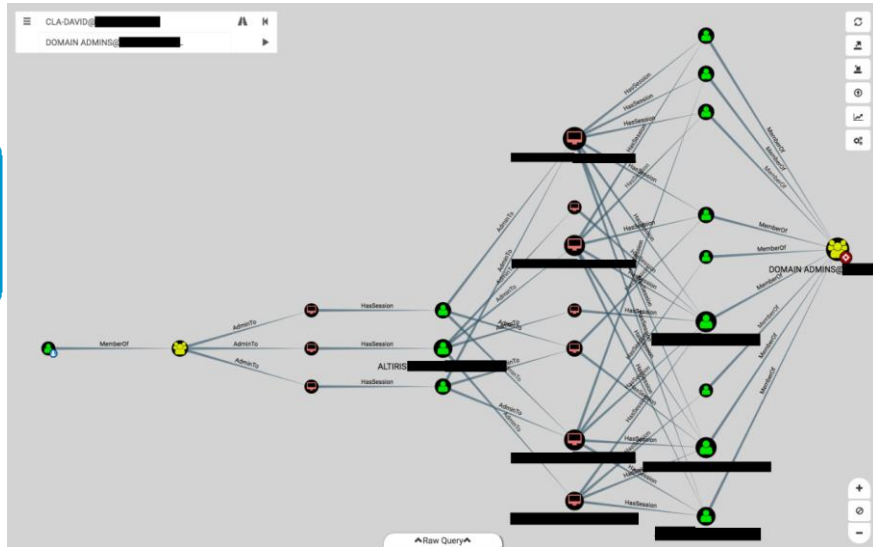
- Monitoring (built in) and scanning (independent) for vulnerabilities
  - “Patch Tuesday” and vulnerability scanning
  - Rogue devices



# Passwords

- Controlled use of administrative privileges
  - Standard users should not have admin rights
  - Administrators should have two sets of credentials
- Do NOT log into workstations with administrator privileges

## 4 Controlled Use of Administrative Privileges



# Secure Configurations (standards...)

## 5 Secure Configuration for Hardware and Software on Mobile Devices, Laptops, Workstations and Servers

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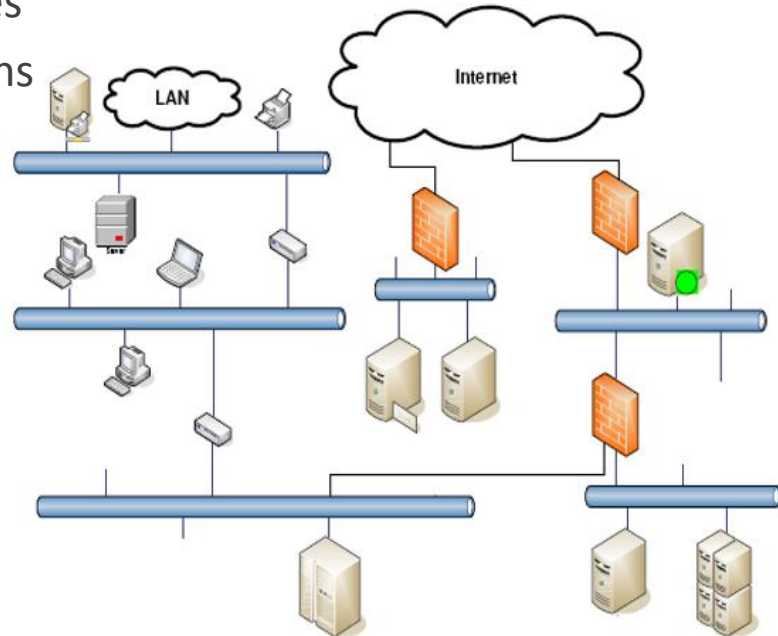




# Log Files

## Centralization and Correlation of event logs

- System and application logs
- Critical data systems/files
- Key system configurations
- Data activity and flow
- Accounts
- Retention...



### 6 Maintenance, Monitoring and Analysis of Audit Logs





# ***Foundational Controls***

Layered Defenses and Operational Maturity

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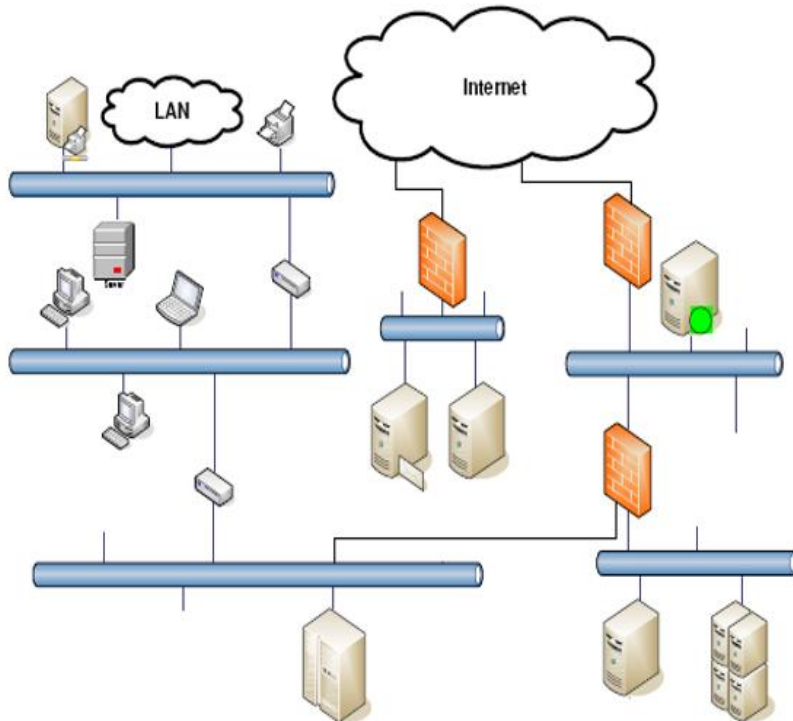
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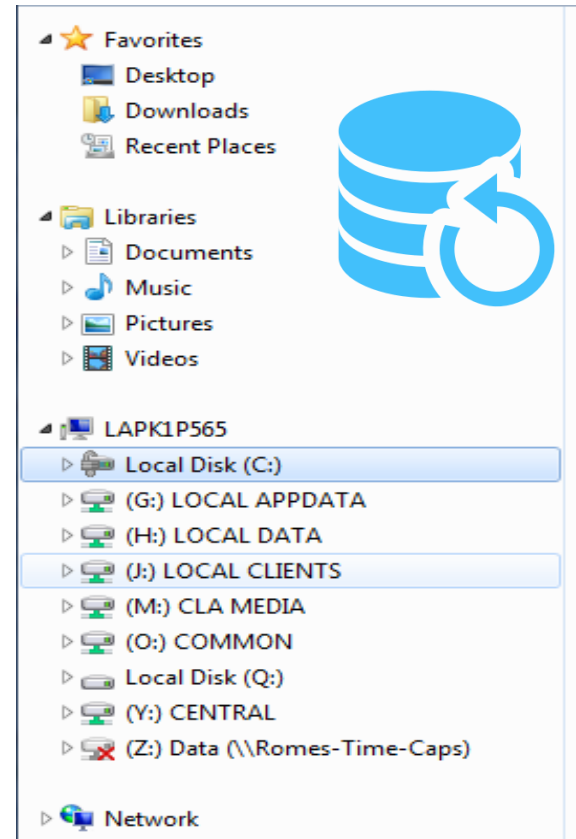
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and Control



# Resilience

## Back up and Restore

- Secure the backup process
  - Backups should be done with a service account.
  - Storage location of back ups should be very restrictive – read only access even for most administrators.
  - Identify which users could encrypt backups if they were to become infected.
  - You could also restrict the backup network access temporally similar to a bank vault.
- Working backup and restore capabilities
  - *PRACTICE*





# *Organizational Controls*

## Improvement Processes and Resilience

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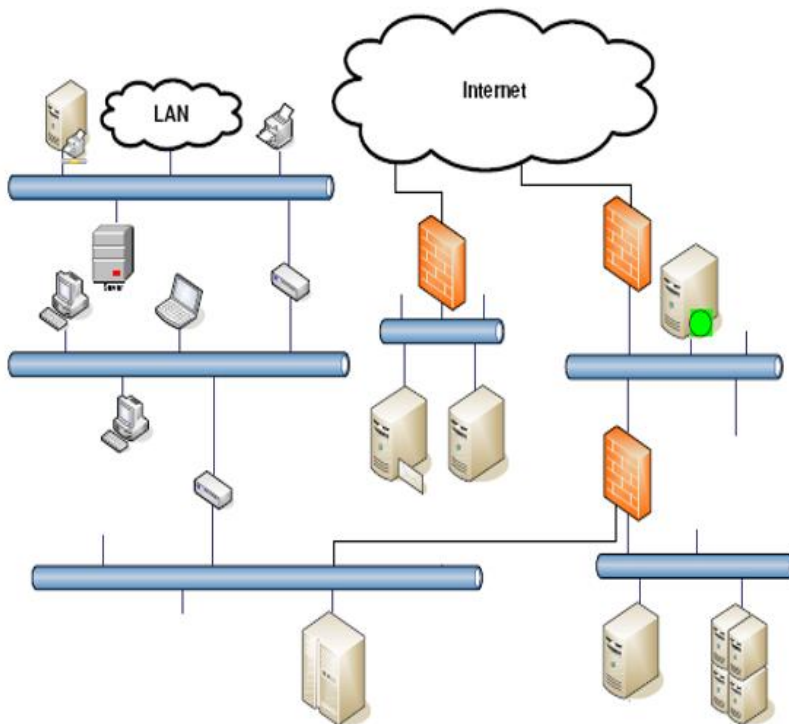
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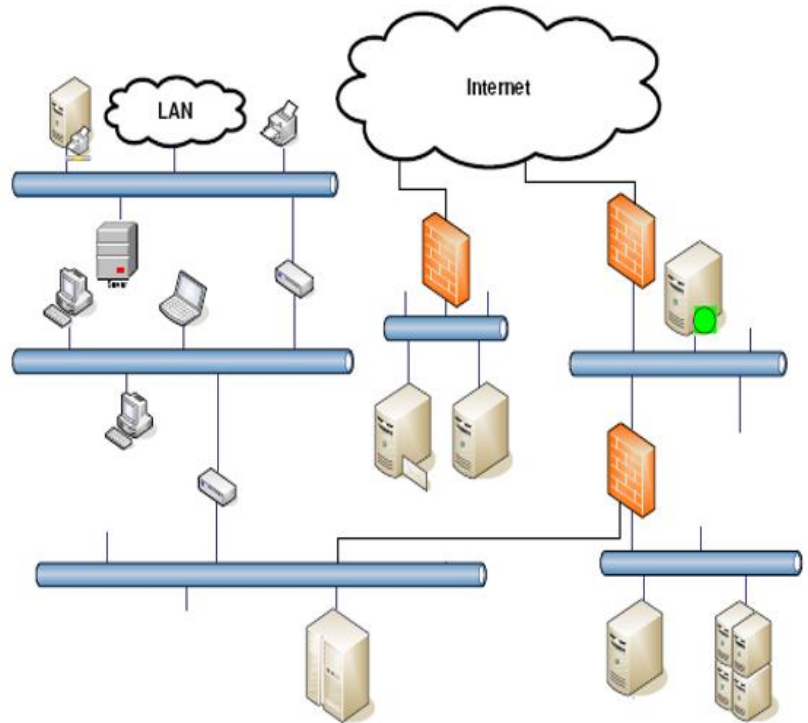
**20** Penetration Tests and Red Team Exercises



# Know Your Network

## Know What “Normal” Looks Like

- Infrastructure
  - Servers & Applications
  - Data Flows
  - Archiving vs. Reviewing
- 
- System inventory
  - Application inventory
  - Data inventory



# Cloud and Internet of Things (IoT)

Extend the controls to service providers

- “Traditional” 3<sup>rd</sup> party service providers
- Cloud hosting services
- IoT systems and service providers

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# Internet of Things (IoT)

- These “Things” are “computers”
- They have software that needs to be updated
- They provide remote access and control
- They have presence and sensing
- They are sending and receiving data
- Examples include:
  - \_\_\_\_\_
  - \_\_\_\_\_

## 26 P2P Weakness Exposes Millions of IoT Devices

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A peer-to-peer (P2P) communications technology built into millions of security cameras and other consumer electronics includes several critical security flaws that expose the devices to eavesdropping, credential theft and remote compromise, new research has found.



*A map showing the distribution of some 2 million iLkP2P-enabled devices that are vulnerable to eavesdropping, password theft and possibly remote compromise, according to new research.*

The security flaws involve **iLkP2P**, software developed by China-based **Shenzhen Ynni Technology**. iLkP2P is bundled with millions of Internet of Things (IoT) devices, including security cameras and Webcams, baby monitors, smart doorbells, and digital video recorders.

iLkP2P is designed to allow users of these devices to quickly and easily access them remotely from anywhere in the world, without having to tinker with one's firewall: Users simply download a mobile app, scan a barcode or enter the six-digit ID stamped onto the bottom of the device, and the P2P software handles the rest.



<https://krebsonsecurity.com/2019/04/p2p-weakness-exposes-millions-of-iot-devices/>

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<https://cloudsecurityalliance.org/>
- FFFIEC:  
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- CIS:  
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- NIST:  
<https://www.nist.gov/topics/internet-things-iot>





# Summary

- Standards Based IT Operations
  - Framework based operations aligned with accepted standards:
    - CIS Critical Controls
    - FFIEC
    - NIST
  - Manage, Monitor, and Test controls

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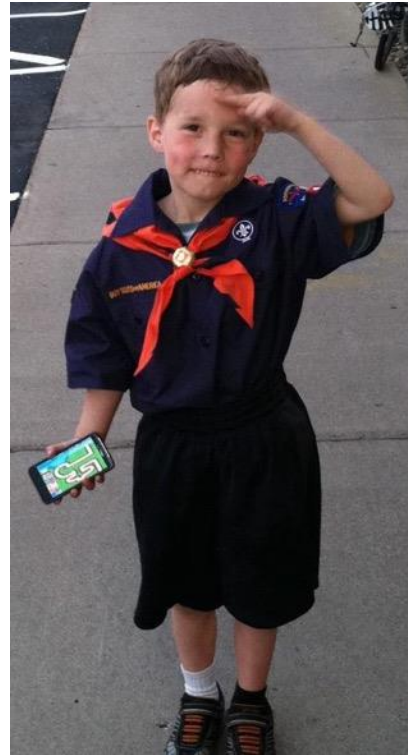
# Summary

- Apply Standards and Required Controls to Your Service Providers
  - In-house/on-prem systems provided by third parties
  - Hosted/Cloud based systems and service providers
  - Awareness of IoT devices
  - Manage, Monitor and Test the systems

 **PRACTICE**



# Questions?





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# ABC's of Hardening the Network

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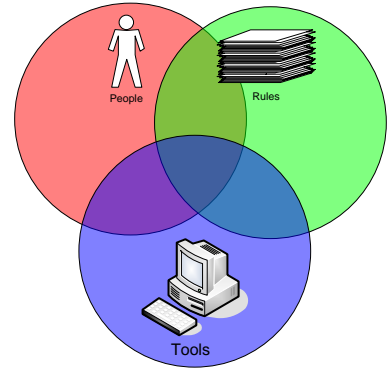
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# Bottom Line Up Front

- Why do you have it?
- What is it supposed to do?
- Turn off the components you don't need
- Change the defaults
- Train your people
- Manage, Tune, and Monitor the systems





# Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council (FFIEC) Guidelines

- FFIEC provides a handbooks for guidelines on information security
  - <https://ithandbook.ffiec.gov/it-booklets/information-security/>
- Cybersecurity Assessment Tool
  - CAT helps financial institutions identify risks and determine cyber attack preparedness
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# Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council (FFIEC) Guidelines

## II.C.9 Network Controls

### Action Summary

Management should secure access to computer networks through multiple layers of access controls by doing the following:

- Establishing zones (e.g., trusted and untrusted) according to the risk profile and criticality of assets contained within the zones and appropriate access requirements within and between each security zone.
- Maintaining accurate network diagrams and data flow charts.
- Implementing appropriate controls over wired and wireless networks.

Networks should be protected by a secure boundary, identifying “trusted” and “untrusted” zones. Internal zones, typically trusted, should segregate various components into distinct areas, each with the level of controls appropriate to the content and function of the assets within the zone. The institution’s trusted network should be protected through appropriate configuration and patch management, privileged access controls, segregation of duties, implementation of effective security policies, and use of perimeter devices and systems to prevent and detect unauthorized access. Tools used to enforce and detect perimeter protection include routers, firewalls, intrusion detection systems (IDS) and intrusion prevention systems, proxies, gateways, jump boxes,<sup>25</sup> demilitarized zones, virtual private networks (VPN), virtual LANs (VLAN), log monitoring and network traffic inspecting systems, data loss prevention (DLP) systems, and access control lists.

The trusted network should be further segregated into internal layers, including production, staging, and development environments. Within those environments, management should

<sup>25</sup> A jump box, or jump server, provides administrators with access to or control of other servers or devices in the network. Because of this capability, additional security measures should be implemented.

### II.C.10(d) Patch Management

Frequently, security vulnerabilities are discovered in operating systems and other software after deployment. Hackers often will attempt to exploit these known vulnerabilities to try to gain access to the institution’s systems. Third parties issue patches to address vulnerabilities found on institution systems and applications.<sup>33</sup> Management should implement automated patch management systems and software to ensure all network components (virtual machines, routers, switches, mobile devices, firewalls, etc.) are appropriately updated. In addition, management should use vulnerability scanners periodically to identify vulnerabilities in a timely manner.

As part of the institution’s patch management process, management should establish and implement the following:

- A monitoring process that identifies the availability of software patches.
- A process to evaluate the patches against the threat and network environment.
- A prioritization process to determine which patches to apply across classes of computers and applications.
- A process for obtaining, testing, and securely installing patches, including in the institution’s virtual environments.
- An exception process, with appropriate documentation, for patches that management decides to delay or not apply.
- A process to ensure that all patches installed in the production environment are also installed in the disaster recovery environment in a timely manner.
- A documentation process to ensure the institution’s information assets and technology inventory and disaster recovery plans are updated as appropriate when patches are applied.

The institution should have procedures that include how to implement patches to mitigate risks of changing systems and address systems with unique configurations. Before applying a patch, management should back up the production system. Additionally, management should define appropriate patch windows and, whenever possible, restrict the implementation of patches to defined time frames to minimize business impact or potential down time.

# Center for Internet Security (CIS) Benchmarks

- The Center for Internet Security (CIS) Benchmarks provides documented standards for internet security, CIS Benchmarks and Controls are recognized globally as a best practice for securing IT infrastructure.
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  - Desktop and Web Browsers
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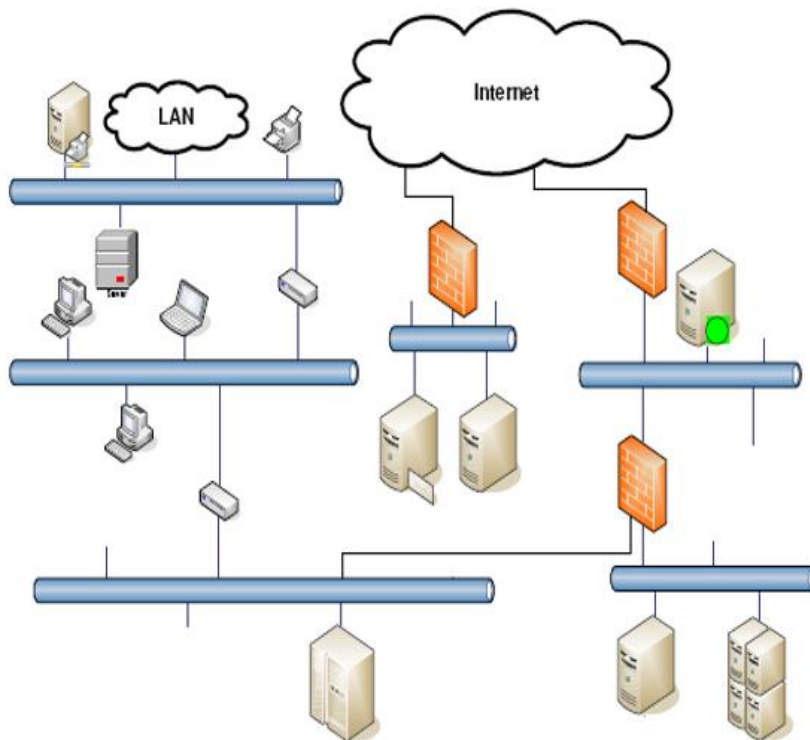
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# Center for Internet Security (CIS) Benchmarks

## Profile Definitions

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Items in this profile apply to Domain Controllers and intend to:

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- provide a clear security benefit; and
- not inhibit the utility of the technology beyond acceptable means.

- **Level 1 - Member Server**

Items in this profile apply to Member Servers and intend to:

- be practical and prudent;
- provide a clear security benefit; and
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Items in this profile also apply to Member Servers that have the following Roles enabled:

- AD Certificate Services
- DHCP Server
- DNS Server
- File Server
- Hyper-V
- Network Policy and Access Services
- Print Server
- Remote Access Services
- Remote Desktop Services
- Web Server

*1.2.2 (L1) Ensure 'Account lockout threshold' is set to '10 or fewer invalid logon attempt(s), but not 0' (Scored)*

### Profile Applicability:

- Level 1 - Domain Controller
- Level 1 - Member Server

### Description:

This policy setting determines the number of failed logon attempts before the account is locked. Setting this policy to 0 does not conform to the benchmark as doing so disables the account lockout threshold.

The recommended state for this setting is: 10 or fewer invalid logon attempt(s), but not 0.

### Rationale:

Setting an account lockout threshold reduces the likelihood that an online password brute force attack will be successful. Setting the account lockout threshold too low introduces risk of increased accidental lockouts and/or a malicious actor intentionally locking out accounts.

### Audit:

Navigate to the UI Path articulated in the Remediation section and confirm it is set as prescribed.

### Remediation:

To establish the recommended configuration via GP, set the following UI path to 10 or fewer invalid login attempt(s), but not 0:

```
Computer Configuration\Policies\Windows Settings\Security Settings\Account Policies\Account Lockout Policy\Account lockout threshold
```

Microsoft Windows Server 2016 CIS Benchmark example



# Hardening the Network - Workstations

- Configuration hardening
  - CIS benchmarks as guidelines
- Account Controls
  - Limit local administrative privileges
  - Enforce use of strong passwords
    - ◊ Microsoft LAPS
  - Perform periodic audit scans on workstations, to ensure best practices are being followed
- Utilize local protection IE, fire-walling/anti-virus
  - Enable Host Intrusion Prevention (HIPS) if anti-virus supports
  - Ensure anti virus definitions are kept up to date
- Patching
  - Keep all systems up to date
  - Validate patching effectiveness with authenticated vulnerability scans
- Third party software should be update to date or removed



# Hardening the Network – Firewalls

- Configuration hardening
  - CIS benchmarks keep all firewalls operating systems up to date
- Configure strong non default passwords
- Harden/tune your rules
  - Document the business need
- Document configuration changes and exceptions
- SSL/Egress filtering
- Web content filtering
- Enable SSL Inspection
  - Palo Alto
- Enabling intrusion prevention
  - Palo Alto/Checkpoint



# Hardening the Network – Internet of Things (IoT)

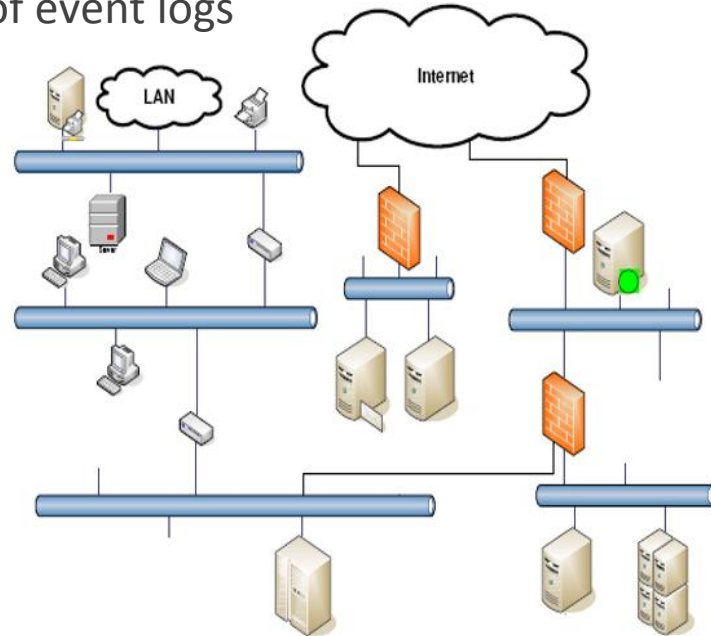
- Inventory authorized devices and software
- Secure configurations
  - Understand connectivity and data “collection”
  - IoT devices typically lack the range of configuration changes that workstations and servers offer, when configuration options are available, they should be reviewed and a baseline of these controls as a best practice.
- Isolation and segmentation
- Vulnerability Assessments
  - Perform regular vulnerability assessments, as if any other device on the network



# Log Files

## Centralization and Correlation of event logs

- Centralize
- Secure
- Programmatically process
- Retention
  - System and application logs
  - Critical data systems/files
  - Key system configurations
  - Data activity and flow
  - Accounts



**6** Maintenance,  
Monitoring and  
Analysis of Audit  
Logs



# Common Security Issues

- Default credentials
- Legacy protocols in use
- SIEMs, HIPS, end-point controls not being utilized
- Excessive user account permissions
- Little to no segmentation in place
- Insecurely configured services and software
- Password policies not meeting best practice
- Missing critical security patches



# Cloud and Internet of Things (IoT)

Extend the controls to service providers

- “Traditional” 3<sup>rd</sup> party service providers
- Cloud hosting services
- IoT systems and service providers

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# Internet of Things (IoT)

- These “Things” are “computers”
- They have software that needs to be updated
- They provide remote access and control
- They have presence and sensing
- They are sending and receiving data
- Examples include:
  - \_\_\_\_\_
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## 26 P2P Weakness Exposes Millions of IoT Devices

APR 19

A peer-to-peer (P2P) communications technology built into millions of security cameras and other consumer electronics includes several critical security flaws that expose the devices to eavesdropping, credential theft and remote compromise, new research has found.



*A map showing the distribution of some 2 million iLinkP2P-enabled devices that are vulnerable to eavesdropping, password theft and possibly remote compromise, according to new research.*

The security flaws involve **iLinkP2P**, software developed by China-based **Shenzhen Ynni Technology**. iLinkP2P is bundled with millions of Internet of Things (IoT) devices, including security cameras and Webcams, baby monitors, smart doorbells, and digital video recorders.

iLinkP2P is designed to allow users of these devices to quickly and easily access them remotely from anywhere in the world, without having to tinker with one's firewall: Users simply download a mobile app, scan a barcode or enter the six-digit ID stamped onto the bottom of the device, and the P2P software handles the rest.



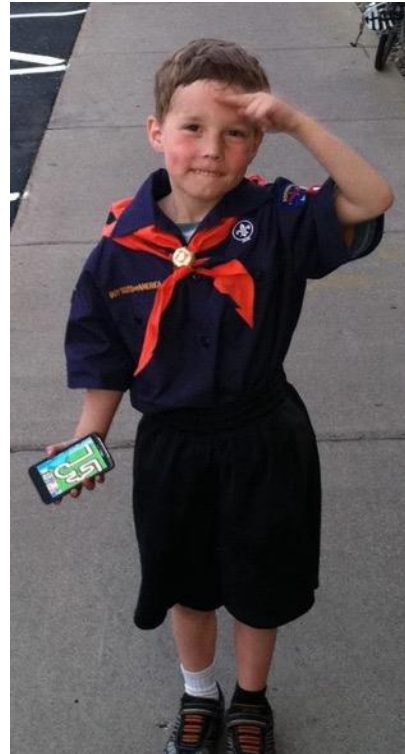
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# Questions?





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