



Be Prepared: How to Recognize, React, and Respond to a Security Breach

Protecting your network from phishing and ransomware

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Learning Objectives

At the end of this session, you will be able to:

- Recognize how your credit union can be infected, and affected, by ransomware
- Identify ways to react and respond to a security breach
- Implement changes to your existing incident response plan, or develop a new plan



Sun Tsu – The Art of War

“If you know the enemy and know yourself, you need not fear the result of a hundred battles.

If you know yourself but not the enemy, for every victory gained you will also suffer a defeat.

If you know neither the enemy nor yourself, you will succumb in every battle.”





The Threat

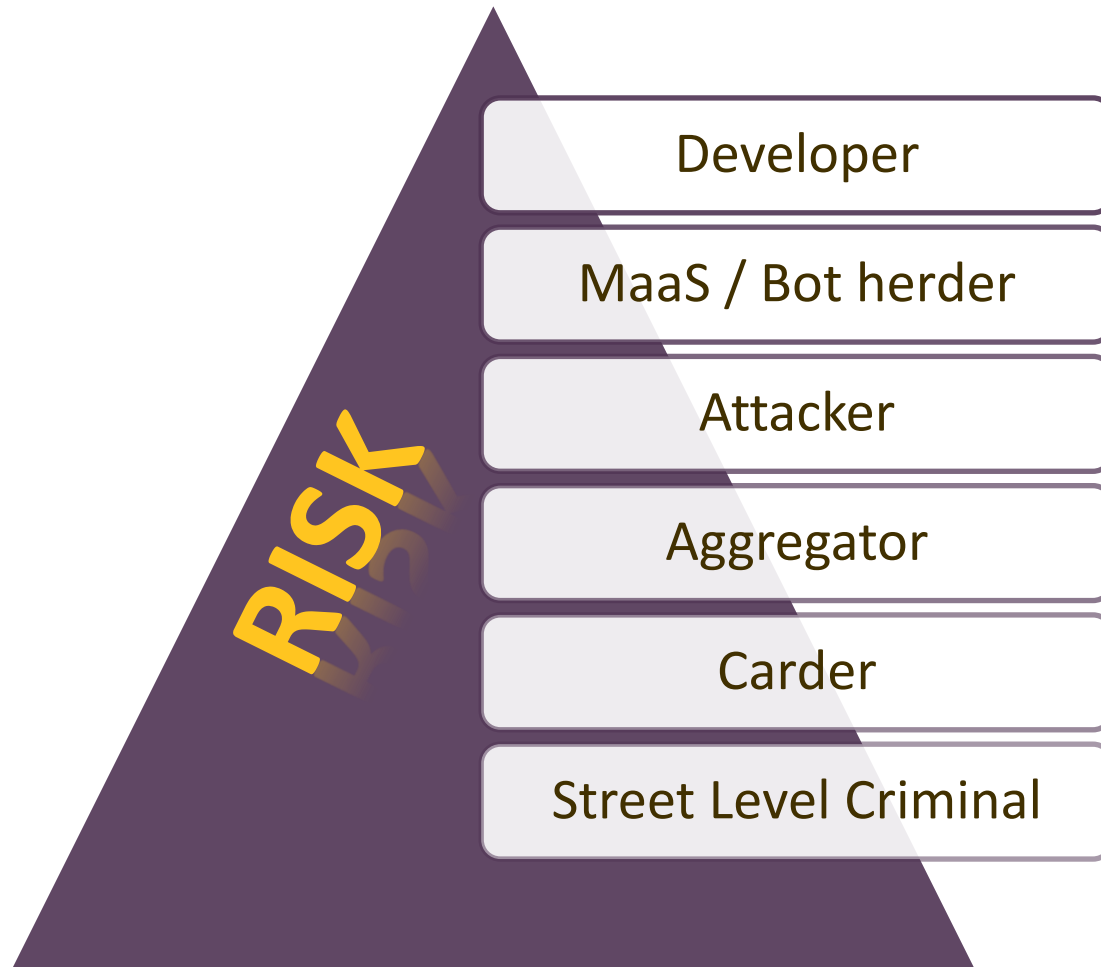
Know your enemy

Threat Profile

- More diversification
- More sophistication
- More “hands-on” effort
- Specialized targeting
- Increased specialization
- Cost / Benefit analysis



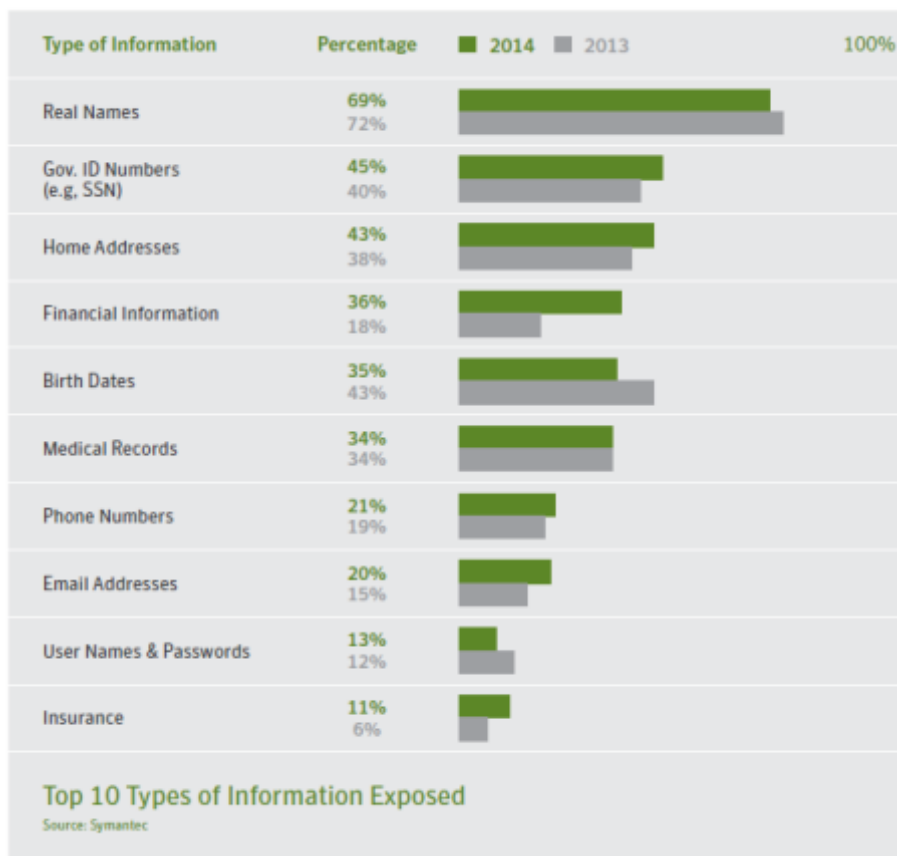
Specialization



What do they want?

- Social statement
- Notoriety
- Moonlighting
- Any data has value
- “Low hanging fruit”

\$ MONEY \$



How do they get in?

- Email Phishing
 - “Spear Phishing”
- Malware
 - targeted
 - ransomware
- Poor Configuration
- Social Engineering
- Employees



Email Phishing Objectives

Goals:

- Gain access to your network resources
- Get you to do something

Malware infection via:

- Links to malicious website containing drive-by malware
- Email Attachments (.exe, .zip, .doc, .pdf, etc...)
- Downloading a malware from a website

Gain information by:

- User credentials submitted into a compromised website
- Ask the user



Protecting Yourself

- Most breaches or malware infections start from one of two scenarios
 - Phishing email
 - Browsing to a compromised/malicious website
- It is important to learn how to identify if the email message or the website are legitimate and safe



Types of Email Phishing

Traditional Email Phishing

A hacker sends a email to a large amount of people (from hundreds to millions), hoping a few will take the bait.

Spear Phishing

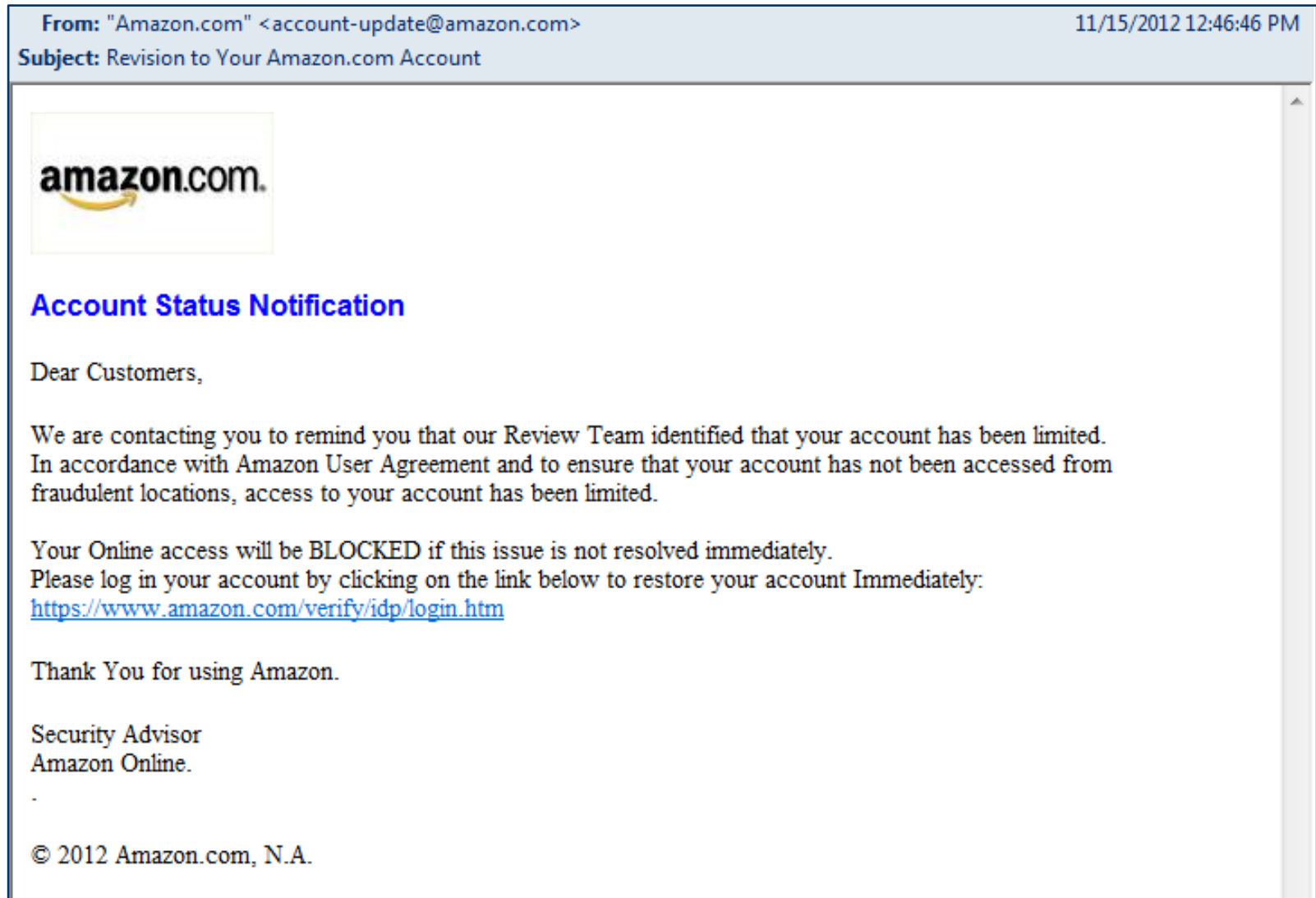
A specific target is identified and a custom message is sent.

Whaling

A specially crafted message is sent to the executives or upper management of a business.



Spotting a Malicious Link

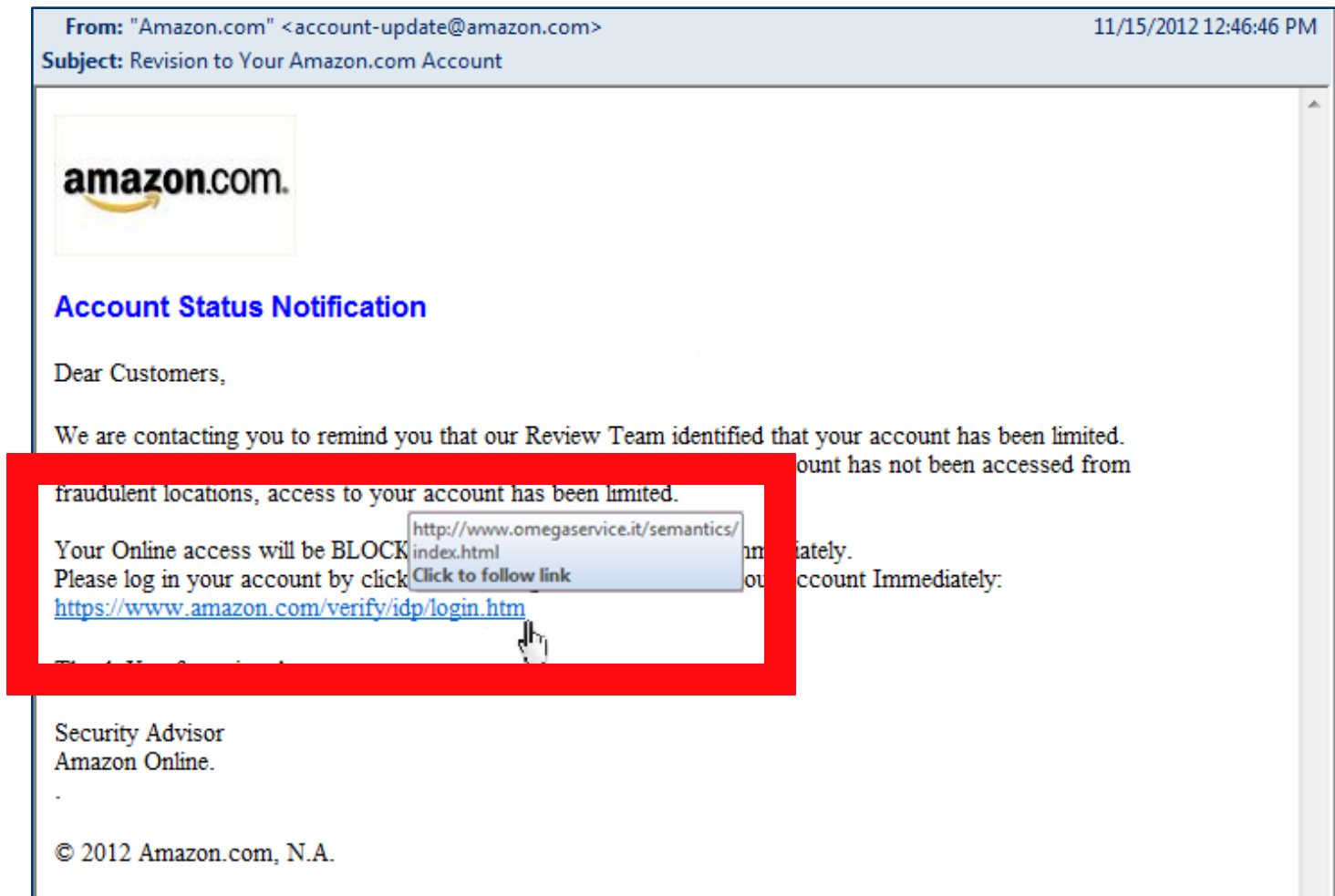


The link requests the user to visit a website to perform account maintenance.



Uncovering a Malicious Link

1. Hovering over a link with your mouse will show the true path of an email link.



2. This link appears to go to Amazon but is actually going to a malicious site.

Spoofed Internal Source

- Hackers are becoming more sophisticated with their email phishing attacks everyday.
- It is becoming more common for an email phishing message to appear to come from a trusted internal source.



Staff Security Awareness

Learning how to identify phishing emails and malicious websites is key to protecting yourself online:

- Don't trust attachments
- Don't trust links
- Ensure you are visiting the website you think you are visiting
- Don't browse the web/check email as an administrator
- If something looks odd...

CHECK IT BEFORE YOU CLICK IT!



Inevitable

It is not a matter of IF... only WHEN

Boy Scouts Motto: ***Be Prepared!***

The goal is to quickly:

- Detect
- Remove
- Remediate





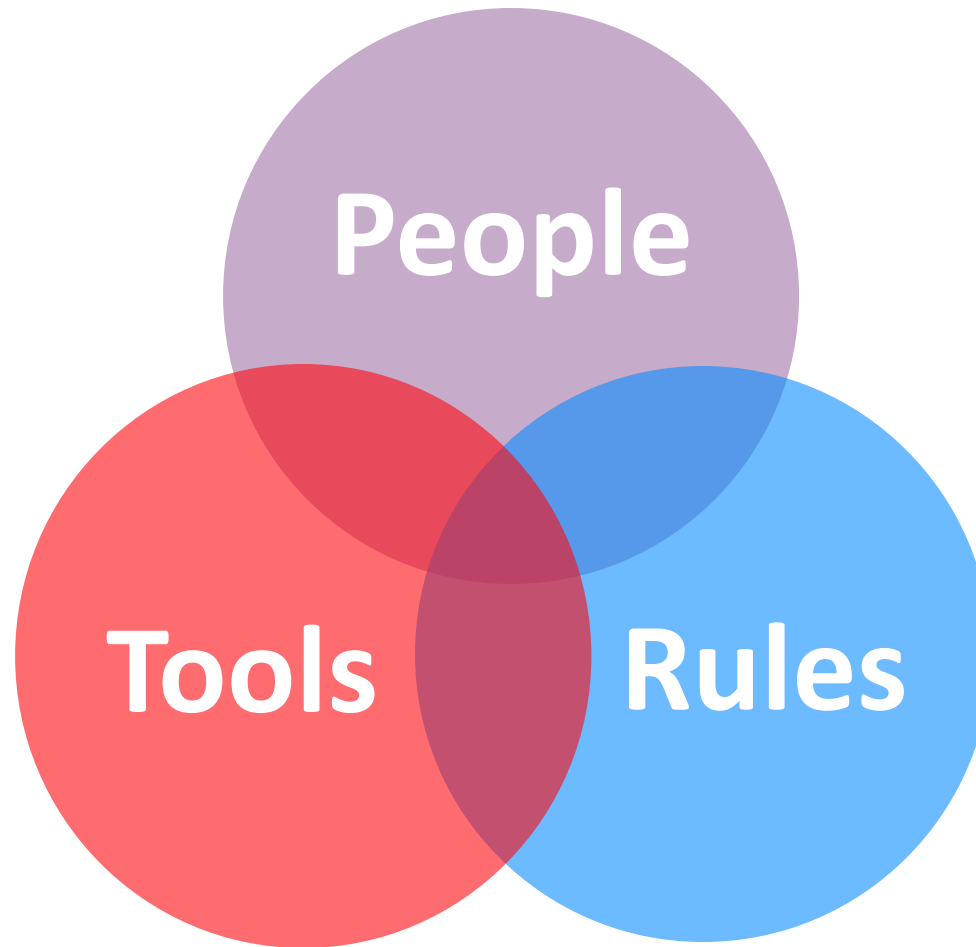
Preparation

Know yourself

How well do you know your network?



Preparation



Security = Culture

*Security is a **BUSINESS** issue, NOT a technical issue!!*

- *Administrative Policies / Procedures*
- *Physical Access Controls*
- *Technical Security Controls*

PEOPLE

Who is on the wall?

Are they prepared?

Do they understand their role?



Incident Response



We do not expect firefighters to learn how to fight a fire when we call them!

Why do we expect our IT staff to handle incidents with no training or tools?

Fire Team Paradigm

Concepts

- Specialized gear
- Specialized training
- Tools are tested
- Simple repeatable tasks
- Fast response is expected
- Communicate effectively



Does this look like your team?



Does it feel like this?



Or is this more of the reality?



RULES

- Do our policies and procedures support our:
 - Mission?
 - Vision?
 - Reality?
- Do our staff understand them?
- Are they being followed?



Incident Definition

Criteria:

1. Natural definition
2. Easy to conceptualize
3. Efficient
4. Effective
5. Easy to implement with a small IT department
6. It has to work!

“Incident”

*“An **incident** is any thing that potentially impacts the, Confidentiality, Integrity, or Availability of your network resources.”*



Incident Continuum



Incidents can be further subdivided based on the impact.

- Minor
- Major
- Critical

Categorization allows for analysis by management for strategic planning

Communication

Incident Command System

- A standardized approach to the command, control, and coordination of emergency response
- Able to adapt to any complexity and scale
- Cost effective with no duplication of work
- Responders are left to focus on the incident
- Incident Commander coordinates and updates
- Timely and accurate information for management
- Documentation is key



TOOLS

- Do they have the tools to respond?
 - Do they know how to use them?
 - Do they use them enough to be efficient and effective?
- Do they have the knowledge to respond?
 - Do they understand the threats to the network?
 - Are they learning the latest strategies and techniques?



Cyber Insurance

- Increasing in popularity
- Details are important
- What is covered?
 - ✓ 1st Party losses
 - ✓ 3rd Party losses
- Should end up being like health insurance





Ransomware

Mitigation Techniques

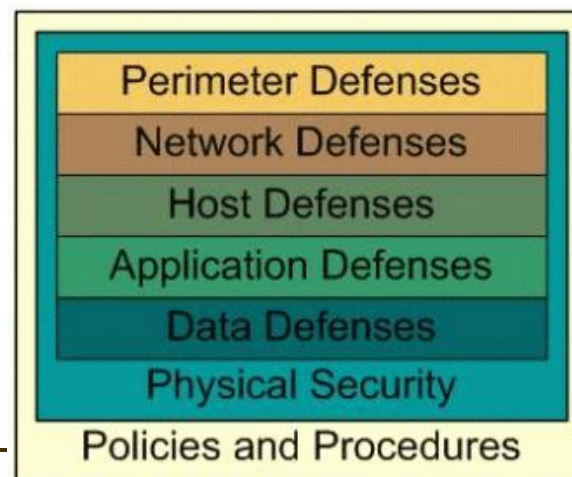
Ransomware

- Attack on the **Availability** of network data
- Easier to do than exfiltration of the data
- Uses strong encryption to render victims files unreadable
- Payments are often in Bitcoin
- Cyber criminals attempt to delete host and network backups
- User credentials are used for network access
- Many variants and constant evolution

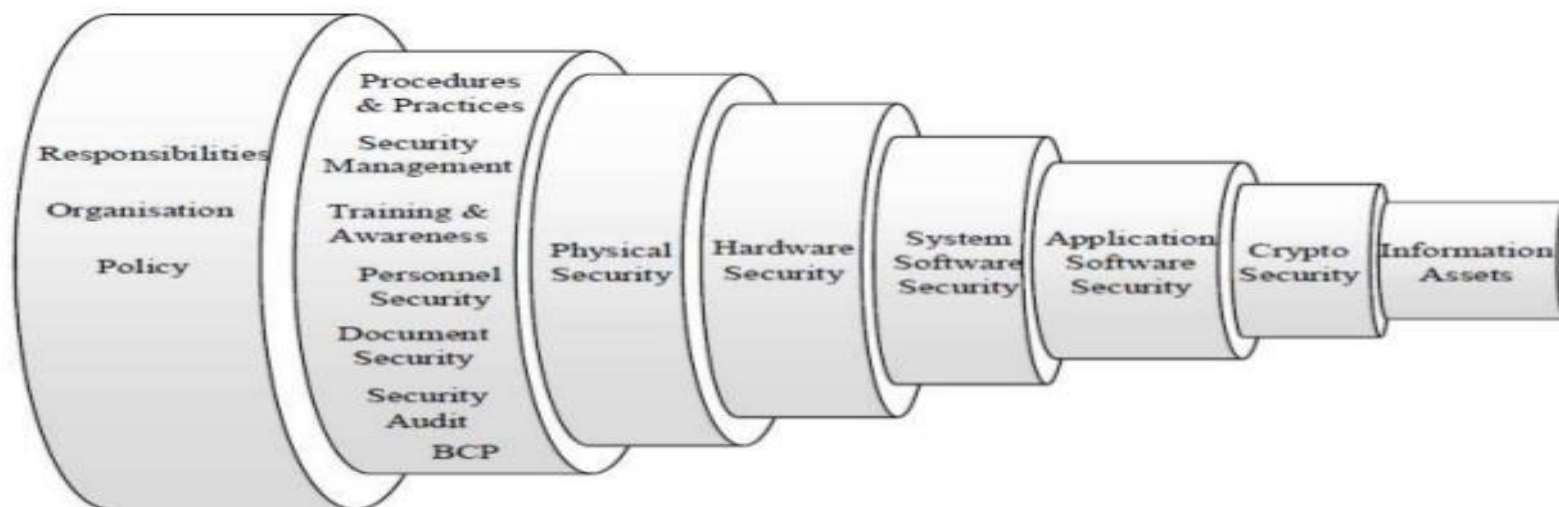


Defense in Depth

- Castle Defense
- Layered Defenses
- Applied many ways



Generic Defense in Depth Layering



Defensive Strategies

- Staff Awareness
 - Education strategies
 - In-service training
- Email Spam Filters
 - Setup
 - Tested
 - Examine spam that gets through
- Removal of ads from the network
 - Webproxy



Defensive Strategies (cont.)

- Software Restriction Policies
 - Not allowing files/DLLs to run in AppData
 - [https://technet.microsoft.com/en-us/library/cc759648\(v=ws.10\).aspx](https://technet.microsoft.com/en-us/library/cc759648(v=ws.10).aspx)
- Applocker
 - Similar to SRP
- EMET
 - <https://technet.microsoft.com/en-us/security/jj653751>



Backups

- Best effective response
- Secure your backups
 - Service account
 - Network connection only allowed for backup
 - “Read only”
 - Test your backups



Mitigation

- Employees that are aware and savvy
 - Training
 - Testing
 - Simplify policies
- Resistant and resilient network
 - Defense in Depth
 - More resources for “crown jewels”
 - Backups are the best
- Active Monitoring
 - Understand what is “normal”
 - Detection is critical



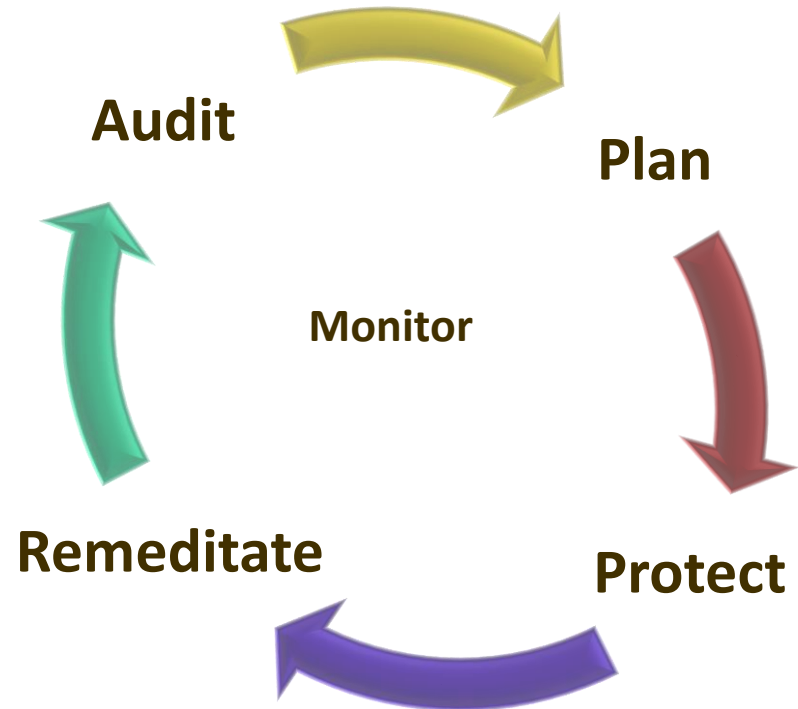


Incident Response

Effective and Efficient Response Strategies

Incident Response Goals

- Plan
 - Confidentiality
 - Integrity
 - Availability
- Remediate
- Audit

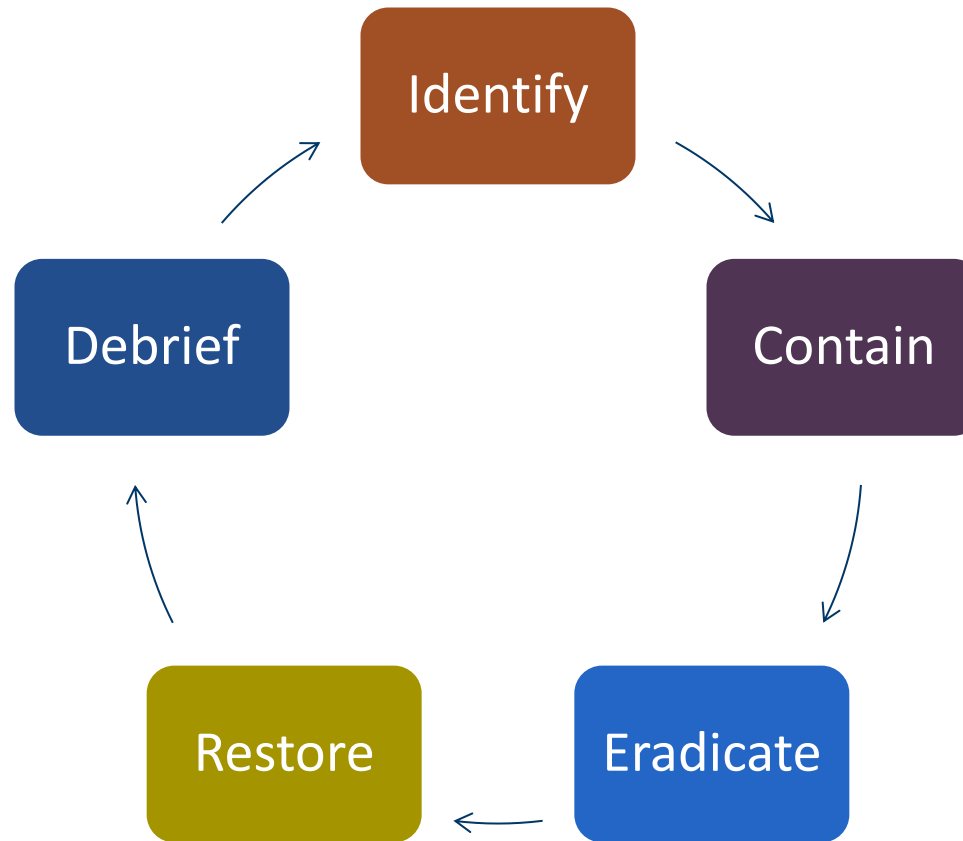


Plan

- Create an incident response plan
- Establish incident response policies
- Defense in Depth
- Intelligently protect your “crown jewels”
- C.I.A.
 - Confidentiality
 - Integrity
 - Availability



Defense Strategy



Ransomware Investigation

- Remove computers from network
 - Teach staff to remove ethernet jack
- Identify Source
 - Interview the victim
 - Email
 - ◇ Identify others who got the email and delete them
 - Website
 - ◇ Block the IP address from your network
- Review logs for abnormal outbound traffic



Ransomware Analysis

Analyze malware in a test environment

- Regshot
 - ◇ Snapshots the registry (before and after)
- Process Monitor
 - ◇ Records all processes
- Process Explorer (with Symbols and signing set up)
 - ◇ Observe and review processes
- Wireshark
 - ◇ Record and analysis of network traffic

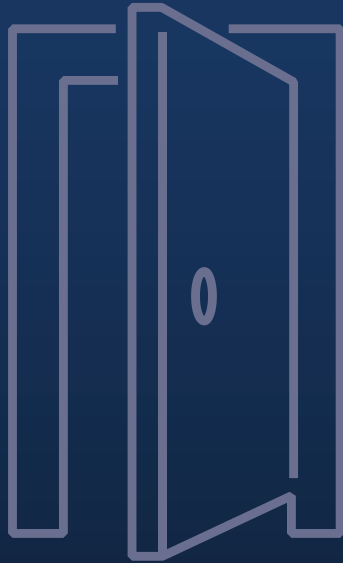
Use that information to respond and remediate



Questions?



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