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Introduction and A Look at Security Trends

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Agenda



Intro to Information Security

Economics of Information Security

Security Trends



The Shifting IT Environment

(...or why security has become so important)



- The business has to adhere to regulations, guidelines, standards,...
 - SAS 112 and SOX (U.S.) upped the ante on financial audits (and supporting IT systems)
 - PCI DSS requirements on companies that process payment cards
 - HIPAA, GLBA, BASEL II, ..., many more
- Audits have changed the economics of risk and create an "impending event"

Hackers may attack you but auditors will show up

- Disclosure laws mean that the consequences of failure have increased
 - Waves of disclosure legislation

Shift: Technology



- Many applications/transactions now operate over the web
- Cloud is changing our notion of a perimeter
- Worker mobility is redefining the IT landscape
- Shadow IT is becoming enterprise IT
- Majority of web transactions are now encrypted (SSL)
- The security model has changed from good people vs. bad people to enabling partial trust
 - There are more "levels" of access: Extranets, partner access, customer access, identity management, ...

Shift: Attackers



- Cyber criminals are becoming organized and profit-driven
 - An entire underground economy exists to support cybercrime
- Attackers are shifting their methods to exploit both technical and human weaknesses
- Attackers after much more than traditional monetizable data (PII, etc.)
 - Hacktivism
 - State-sponsored attacks
 - ◆ IP attacks/breaches

Shift: Customer expectations



- Customers, especially businesses, are using security as a discriminator
- ◆In many ways security has become a non-negotiable expectation of businesses
- Security being woven into service level agreements (SLAs)
- ◆The "average person" is now familiar with security

Big Questions



- How do you communicate the value of security to the enterprise (and management)?
- How do you measure security?
- How do you rank risks?
- How do you reconcile security and compliance?
- How can you be proactive and not reactive? What is "security intelligence" and how would you actually consume, act on or share it?
- What changes are likely in privacy laws, data sovereignty, trust?
- What about big issues in the news like breaches of very personal data that cannot be reset or revoked? How should/can we adapt what we do based on them?
- How do you adapt to new paradigms like IoT?



The Economics of Security



Hackernomics (noun)

A social science concerned chiefly with description and analysis of attacker motivations, economics, and business risk. Characterized by

5 fundamental immutable laws and 4 corollaries



Most attackers aren't evil or insane; they just want something

Corollary 1.a.:

We don't have the budget to protect against evil people but we can protect against people that will look for weaker targets



Security isn't about security. It's about mitigating risk at some cost.

Corollary 2.a.:

In the absence of metrics, we tend to over focus on risks that are either familiar or recent.



Most costly breaches come from simple failures, not from attacker ingenuity

Corollary 3.a.:

Bad guys can, however, be VERY creative if properly incentivized.

The CAPTCHA Dilemma



Completely

Automated

Public

Turing test to tell

Computers and

Humans

Apart









In the absence of security education or experience, people (employees, users, customers, ...) naturally make poor security decisions with technology

Corollary 4.a.:

Systems needs to be easy to use securely and difficult to use insecurely





Attackers usually don't get in by cracking some impenetrable security control, they look for weak points like trusting employees



A Visual Journey of Security Trends



2015 Submission Titles + Quick Abstract



2016 Submission Titles + Quick Abstract



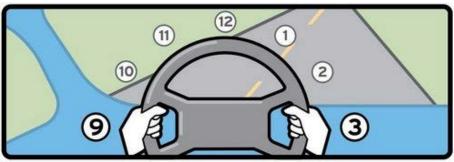
Some hot areas...



- Hot topics:
 - Internet of Things (IoT) security
 - Data sovereignty and legislative volatility
 - Cyber Insurance
 - Privacy vs. Security
- Of particular intrigue
 - Breaches implications of the theft of persistent PII









Enjoy the rest of the conference!!