The Economics of Cybersecurity: Homework 5

Due: February 27 at 5:00pm

Reading #1 (6 points)

Read the FBI's 2022 Internet Crime Report. Answer the following questions:

- 1. How was this data collected?
- 2. What are the three most common types of internet crimes? Briefly define each one (you may cite the Appendix A).
- 3. What are the three costliest types of internet crimes? Briefly define each one (you may cite the Appendix A).
- 4. Look through the data provided.
 - (a) Write down something in the data that confirmed your intuitions.
 - (b) Write down something in the data that surprised you. What was surprising about it?
- 5. What are the threats (if any) to the reliability of this data?

Reading #2 (4 points)

Read the industry report The State of Ransomware 2023 Answer the following questions:

- 1. How was this data collected?
- 2. Look through the data provided.
 - (a) Write down something in the data that confirmed your intuitions.
 - (b) Write down something in the data that surprised you. What was surprising about it?
- 3. What are the threats (if any) to the reliability of this data?

Reading #3 (5 points)

Read the paper Measuring the Changing Cost of Cybercrime. Answer the following questions:

- 1. What are some of the significant differences between this paper and the FBI report?
- 2. What are some findings in this paper that differ from the findings in the FBI report?
- 3. Do the ransomware findings in this paper match what is in the State of Ransomware 2023 Sophos report?

Come to class prepared to discuss this paper in depth.

Reading #4 (Optional)

Read the paper A Large-Scale Measurement of Cybercrime Against Individuals. Pat yourself on the back for doing the optional reading.