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Forward to the Past and Back to the Future - Cybercrime in 2023/2024

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- "100 Most Influential people in IT in Finland" – TiVi'2019→
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 - Troubleshooting
 - Windows Internals
 - Security, Social Engineering, Auditing
- Trophies:
 - Best Session at Advanced Threat Summit 2020
 - Best Speaker at NIC, Oslo 2016, 2017, 2019, 2020, 2022 and 2023
 - Ignite 2018 – Session #1 and #2 (out of 1708) !
 - TechEd Europe and North America 2014 - Best session, Best speaker
 - TechEd Australia 2013 - Best session, Best speaker





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:kalsarikännit:

KALSARIKÄNNIT

The feeling when you are going to get drunk home alone in your underwear – with no intention of going out.

A drink. At home. In your underwear. And there is a word for it: *Kalsarikännit*.

(Are you worried about pronouncing it right? See [ThisisFINLAND's article and video.](#))

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Simpsons - Kalsarikännit 🍷 + 🍷 + FI = 😊

Katso myö...

Jaa

KALSARIKÄNNIT:
Drinking at home in your underwear.



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Case Helsinki

21.5.2024 – At least 150000 impacted

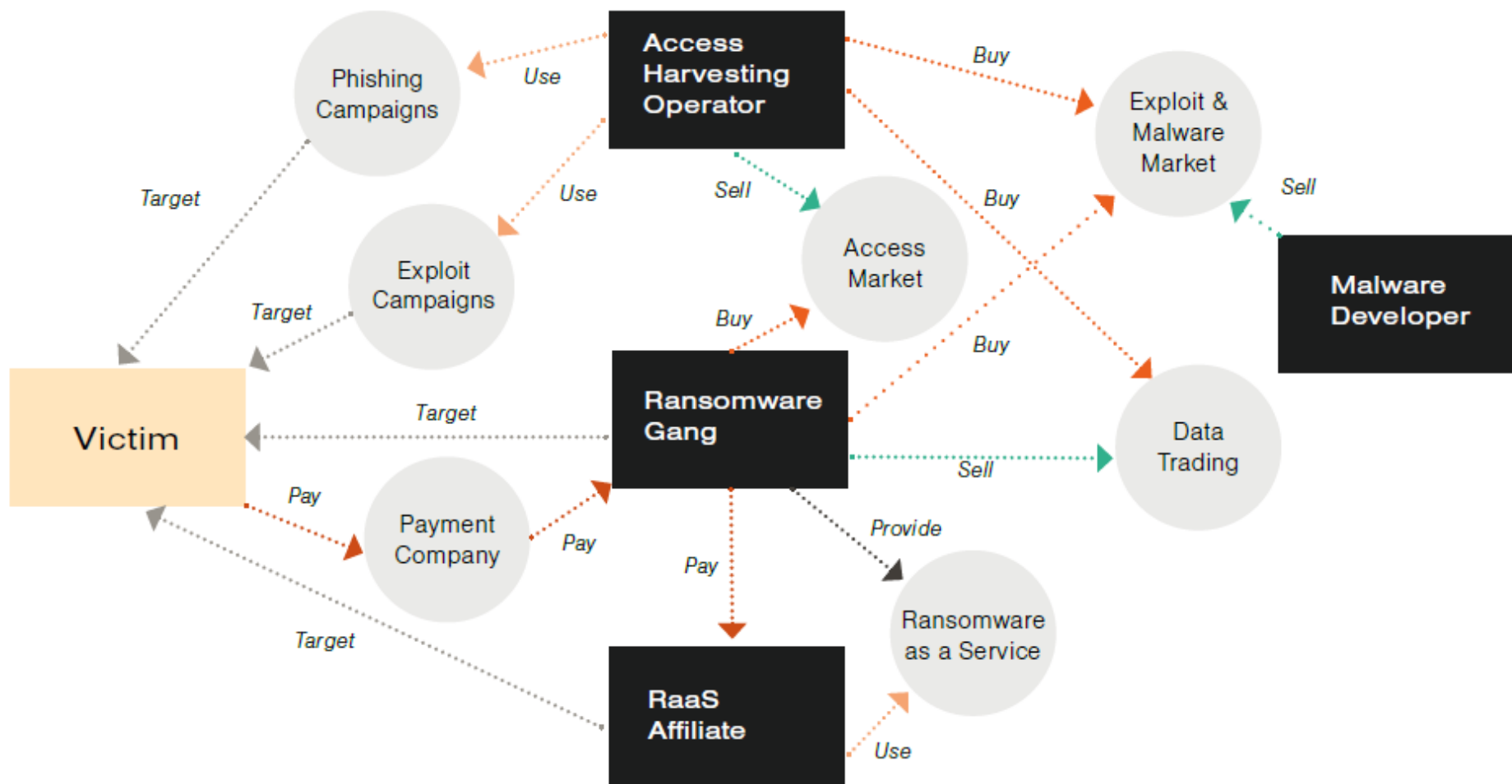
Ransomware is still a 'when' more than an 'if'

For the third year in a row, at least three out of four organizations suffered one or more ransomware attacks in the preceding twelve months:

- 25% stated that they were not attacked, which should be noted with caution since many security firms warn that the attacker can be lurking in your environment for 60 to 200 days prior to incurring damage or asking for the ransom. If true, then a high percentage of those respondents may simply have not discovered the breach yet
- 26% stated that they were attacked four or more times in the past year.

66%

of organizations in EMEA suffered at least one attack in the previous year



USA – Ransomware Cases

	2021	2022	2023
Hospital systems*	27	25	46
K-12 school districts*	62	45	108
Post-secondary schools	26	44	72
Governments	77	106	95
Totals	192	220	321

**Hospital systems are compromised of multiple hospitals and school districts of multiple schools. The total number of hospitals and schools impacted is explained in the sector-specific sections below.*

Average Ransoms Paid in US

- 2018 = 5000\$
- 2023 = 1.500.000\$

Last week VmWare 0-day vulnerability

- Price: 1,7M\$
- When Criminals get more money their budget for the next attacks increase → 0-Day attacks become more common
- Sadly, the enemy is also becoming more bold and cruel...



NOT Happy #1



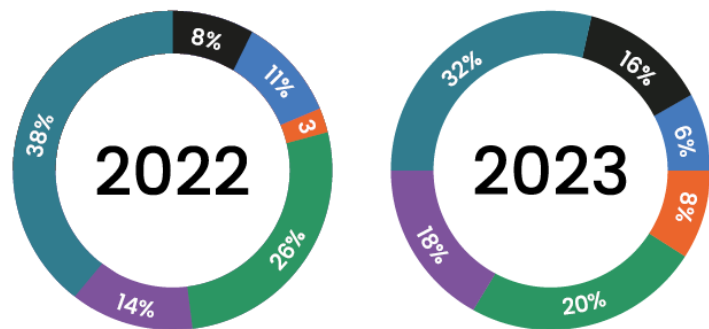
- “Nearly 83% of all traffic to Finland was network-layer attack traffic. China followed closely with 68% and Singapore again with 49%”.

Nordea DDoS

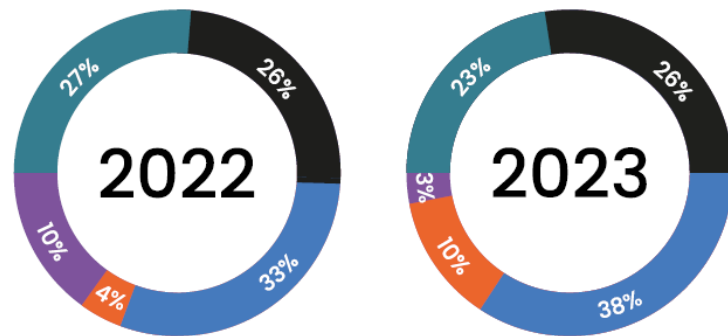
Attack coming from Nordic
homes



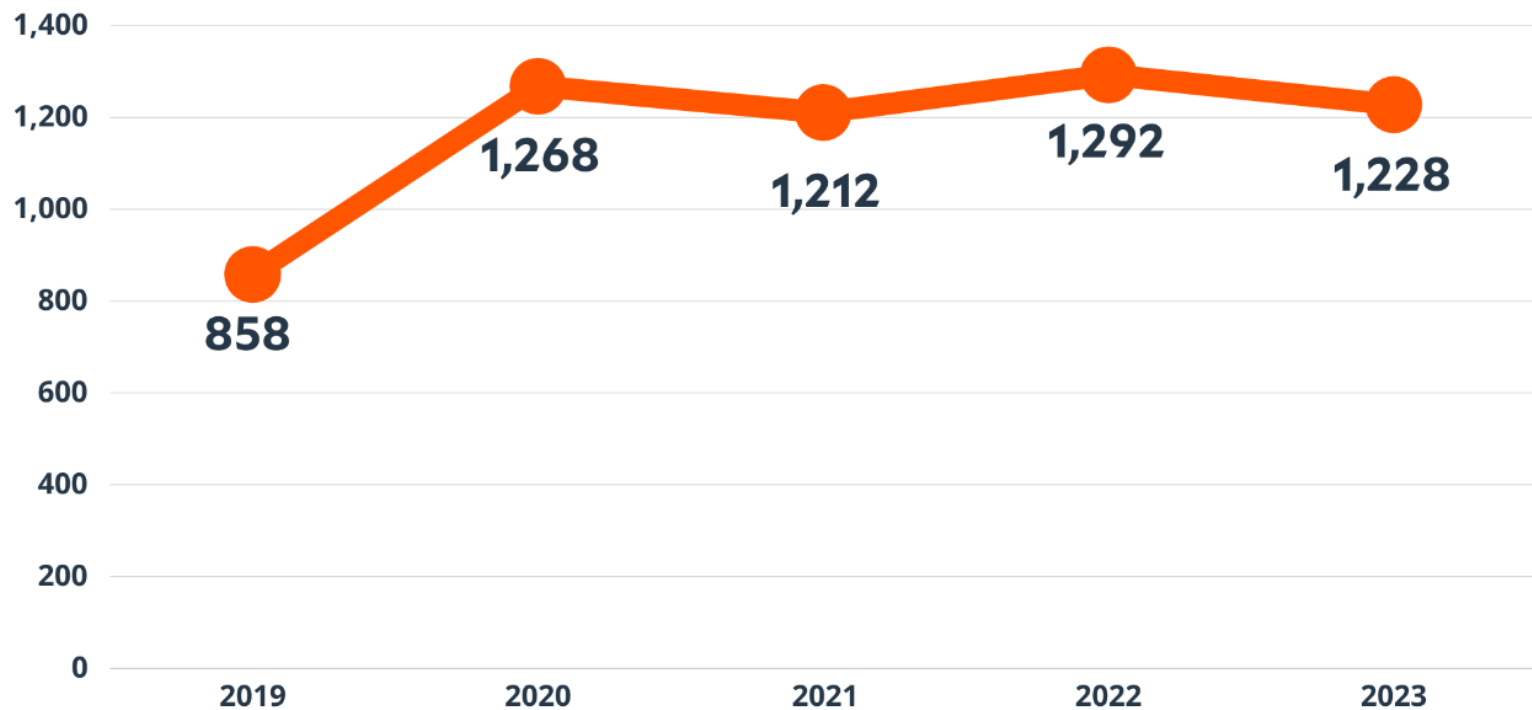
Attack types



Attack vectors



Total Number of Microsoft Vulnerabilities (2019-2023)





Finland in 2023

PANKKIEN TIETOON TULLEET HUIJAUKSET

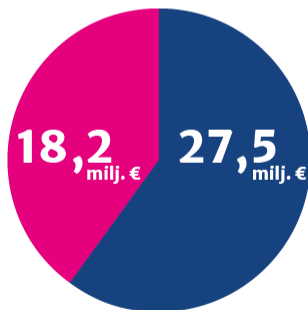


Huijauksia yhteensä 01-06/2024

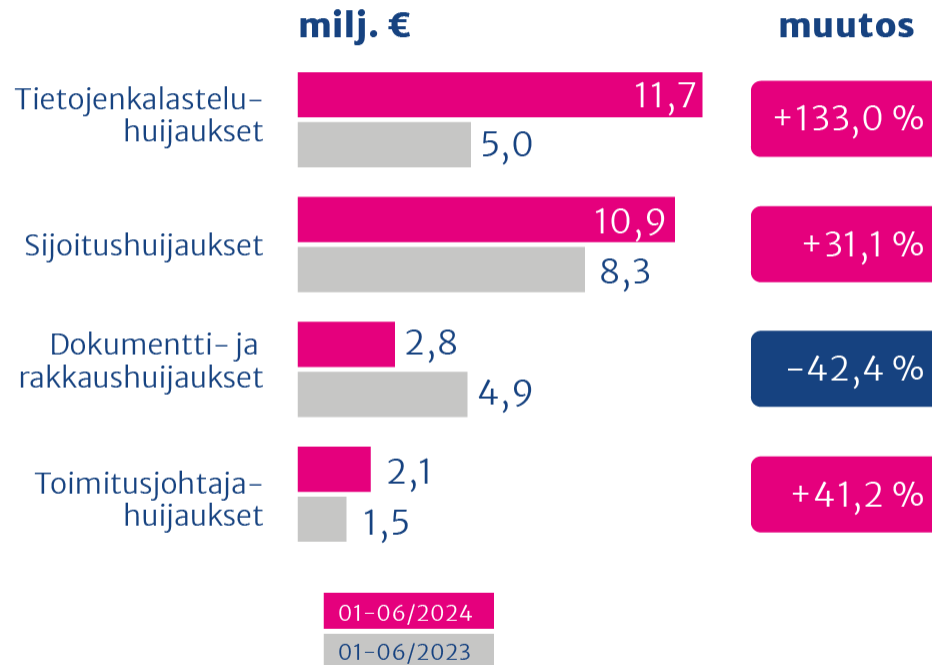
45,7
milj. €

+28,2 %
vrt. 01-06/2023

Pankkien
pysäyttämät
ja palauttamatt
maksut



Suomalaiset
menettäneet
verkkorikollisille



How to avoid being scammed

- Call Back!
 - “Because of recent security incidents, I need to call you back”
- Remember that banks (and other officials) do not send links in messages or email
 - When you open an SMS on the phone and reply to it, the links get activated – Hence, if someone instructs you to do so, they are not up to any good
- When ever you visit a website that handles money (or equal assets) or your private information, always use their address (or a shortcut you built) directly, and NEVER through a Google search!
 - Make shortcuts/favorites for the ones you use constantly, and use them
- If someone says that they know your password or other personal information, don’t care – they have been found on some other breach and used to make you convinced that they have hacked you – They have not.
 - New twist is the “I know where you live” scam using Google Street View images

Päivitä omat tietosi



S-Pankki <S-Pankki_Asiakaspalvelu@itli-i.info>
To



↩ Reply

↩ Reply All

➡ Forward



ti 5.3.2024 13.50

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S-Pankki

Päivitä asiakastietosi

Hyvä asiakkaamme,

Verkkopankissa tietoturvapäivitysten vuoksi verkkopalvelujen käyttäjien on hyväksyttävä tietoturvapäivitys ja päivittää yhteystiedot ajantasalle.

Meidän velvollisuutemme on yhdessä kanssasi huolehtia siitä, että pankkiasiointiin liittyvät tietosi ovat ajan tasalla. Siksi pyydämme sinua nyt päivittämään tietosi vastaamalla muutama kysymykseen.

Suosittellemme päivittämään tiedot heti, niin asiasta ei tarvitse murehtia myöhemmin.

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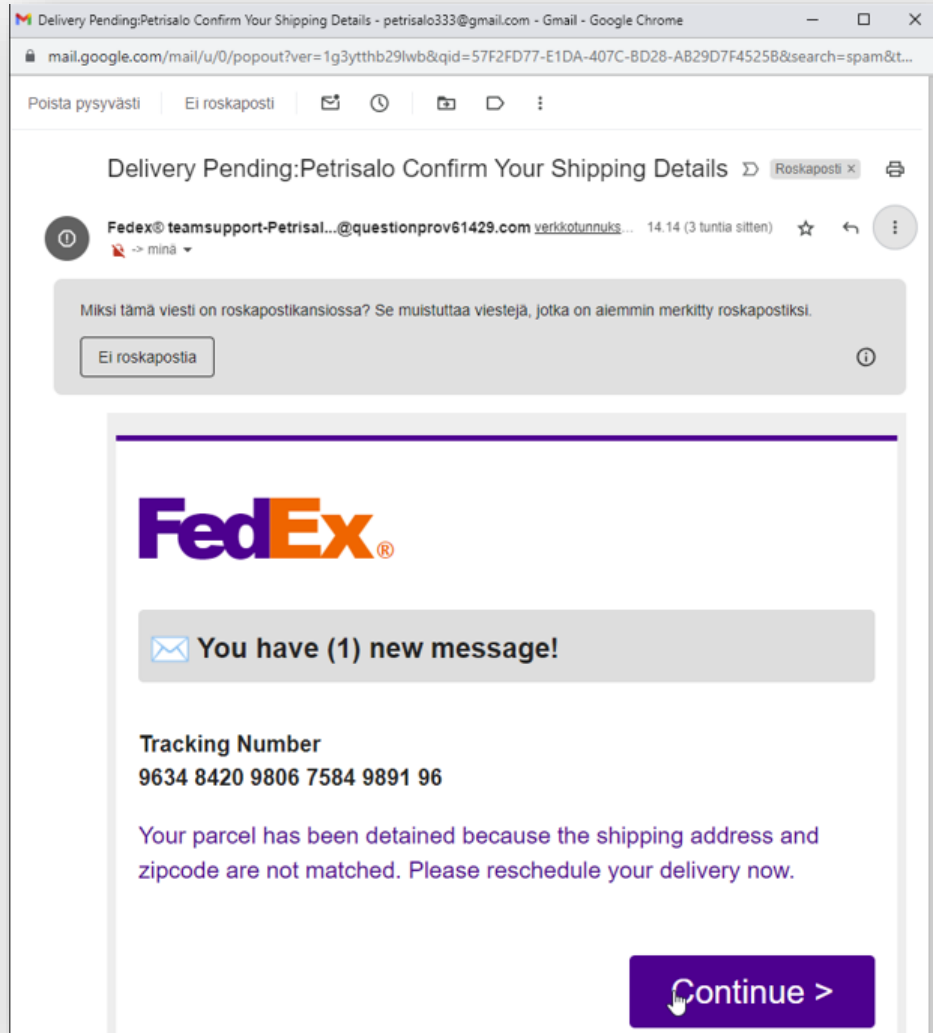
Päivitä S-Pankin tunnuksilla

Näin päivität tietosi verkkopankissa

Kirjaudu verkkopankkiin yllä olevasta painikkeesta

Vastaa kirjautumisen jälkeen aukeavaan kyselyyn. Jos kysely ei aukea automaattisesti, klikkaa oikeasta yläkulmasta omaa nimeäsi ja valitse *Henkilötiedot*-otsikon alta *Päivitä tiedot*.

Terveisin
Asiakaspalvelu
S-Pankki.





Your Invoice # 56700-19815



noreply <billyddstevensuv@gmail.com>
To Sami Laiho



Reply



Your payment was successful

Invoice ID- TT898304



Dear Client,

Help Line - [1\(888\)806-3981](tel:1(888)806-3981)

Here are the renewal details:

\$552.00 successfully authorised from your account.

Note- This charge/invoice would reflect in next 24/48 Hours.

Details:

ORDER ID #: 407-0353423-8812042
Item/Plan: Total Tech support plan for 1 pc
Net Amount: \$552.00
Transaction Date: 16 August 2023
Item number- 2897652AYP

We have used your updated AUTO PAY method to execute this transaction.

To cancel/refund or to change the Auto Pay method, please call: [1\(888\)806-3981](tel:1(888)806-3981)

If you are not aware of this transaction, kindly contact on [1\(888\)806-3981](tel:1(888)806-3981)

What you get- Telephonic and online support session with in-home geeks.

Hardware is not covered under this.

Peripherals software issue will also be catered.

Thank you for being a valued customer

Premium Virtual Support

Consumer ID:18101059



Lähettilä: [Kanta.fi](#) >
Vastanottaja: oykanta@alice.com >
tänään 16.18

Uusi ilmoitus : ref 0F22L0I03



Hyvä asiakas,

tilisi on poistettu käytöstä lisätutkimuksia varten

Sinun on aktivoitava tilisi, Meidän on tarkistettava joitain tietoja, Sen jälkeen kaikki on palannut normaaliksi

Voit tarkastella sitä napsauttamalla seuraavaa linkkiä:

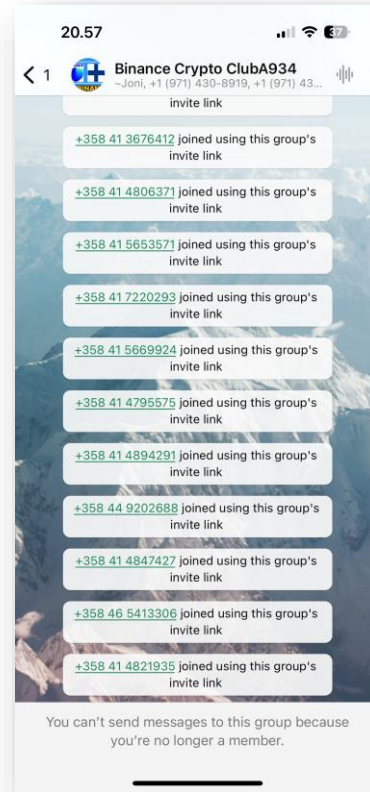
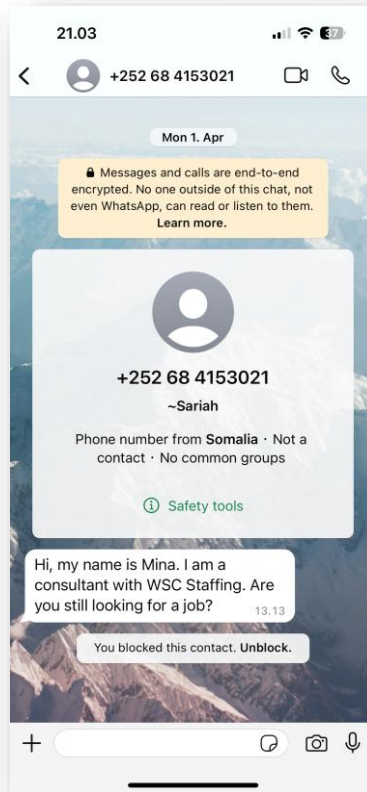
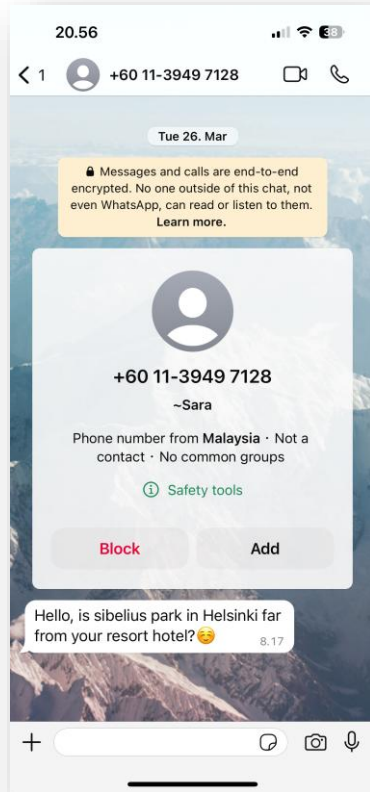
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WhatsApp / Signal Scams

“Carly”





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TED

16.1.2024

First Recorded Case of CEO Scam² in Finland

Meet SamiBot

What can I do to avoid AI-scams?

Call back

Ask to turn their head

Secret word or secret gesture



Password Quality

NIST SP 800-63 standard

- Passwords shorter than eight characters are prohibited, with a minimum of 15 characters recommended.
- Scheduled, mandatory password rotation is considered an outdated practice and therefore prohibited.
- It's also prohibited to impose requirements on password composition (such as "your password must contain a letter, a number, and a symbol").
- It's recommended to allow using any visible ASCII characters, spaces, and most Unicode symbols (such as emojis).
- Maximum password length, if enforced, must be at least 64 characters.
- Using and storing password hints or security questions (such as "your mother's maiden name") is prohibited.
- Commonly used passwords must be eliminated through the use of a stop-list of popular or leaked passwords.
- Compromised passwords (for example, appearing in data breaches) must be reset immediately.
- Login attempts must be limited in both rate and number of unsuccessful attempts.

How to protect your home computer/network

- Make your daily account a limited user, and create a separate admin-account
 - Or use MakeMeAdmin <https://github.com/pseymour/MakeMeAdmin>
- Update system updates instantly when you get them
 - "Short and controlled downtime" vs "Long and expensive downtime controlled by someone else"
- Set routers and IoT devices to automatically update themselves
- If you use a 4G/5G connection on your laptop, block Remote Desktop in your Windows firewall – It's open by default
- If you are Tech savvy
 - separate IoT-devices to separate network
 - and you need to access your devices from the outside, use Tailscale or equal Wireguard VPN

How to protect your home computer/network

- Use a different password for every system
 - You should have a password manager
 - It's more important to have a strong password than it is to periodically change them
- Never leave the default password on anything!
- Use Biometrics or PIN-codes if they are available
 - In Windows a 6 digit PIN-code is safer than a 15 character password, as it is tied to the security chip (TPM) of your computer and will not work anywhere else
- Always use MFA if available

How to protect against scams at home

- Always use a phone/tablet rather than a computer
 - Reboot your handheld devices occasionally
- Use a mobile certificate (in Finland we have this thing called the “Mobiilivarmenne”) for everything else except online banking
- You should do a favor for your parents as well by teaching them to do the same

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Remember the Evals

