



# The Presentation 1 Title Page: Vulnerabilities in Social Media

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Figure 1: Steal Data  
Cyber Attack ([Freepik,  
n.d.](#)).

# What is Social Media Vulnerabilities?



- Social Media Vulnerabilities are the providence of critical information on social media that can “disrupt your life and harm or harass you, your co-workers, or even your family members”(NSA, 2021).

Figure 2: Sandy\_ppl-16 ([Freepik, n.d.](#)).

# How is Social Media Vulnerabilities Used?

- Used To generate Revenue because “Social media attacks are estimated to generate over \$3 billion annually for cyber criminals “(HHS, 2020).
- “Roughly 3.5 billion people on social media” (HHS, 2020).
- “Social media attacks can be used to compromise healthcare organizations” (HHS, 2020).

# Who uses Social Media Vulnerabilities?



- Cyber Criminals are individuals who commit cyber crime.
- Cyber Crime is “crime that is committed using the Internet, for example by stealing someone's personal or bank details or infecting their computer with a virus”(Oxford University Press, 2022)

Figure 4: Data Security ([Freepik, n.d.](#)).

# Types Social Media

- Facebook
- Twitter
- LinkedIn
- Instagram
- Spotify



Figure 5: Social Media ([Freepik, n.d.](#)).

# Phishing Scams On Social Media



Figure 6: Phishing Account Concept ([Freepik, n.d.](#)).

- “Phishing is when attackers attempt to trick users into doing 'the wrong thing', such as clicking a bad link that will download malware, or direct them to a dodgy website” (NCSC, 2022).
- Phishing is one the most common forms of Social Engineering attacks.
- Can take place on Social Media
- Often attempted through direct messages, posted links, Shorten URLs, and clickbait (CIO, 2020).

# Oversharing on Social Media



- The posting of locations, family photos, and status updates allows opportunities for others to glean in your personal and private life (CSA, 2021).
- Results in a vast amount of data being available to cyber criminals.

Figure 7: Social Media Popularity  
([Freepik, n.d.](#)).

# Social Media's Affiliation With Data Leaks



- “1.3 billion users have had their data compromised in the last five years” (HHS, 2020).
- “Almost half of all illicit exchange of information in 2017 and 2018 was associated with social media breaches” (HHS, 2020).
- The personal data of “533 million Facebook users worldwide was leaked on a forum popular with cybercriminals for free”(CSA, 2021).
- Leaks include “mobile numbers, Facebook IDs, names, e-mail addresses, birth dates and biographical information” (CSA, 2021).

Figure 8: Data Leaking ([Freepik, n.d.](#)).



# Malware can be spread through Social Media



- Malware is a “Hardware, firmware, or software that is intentionally included or inserted in a system for a harmful purpose”(NIST, 2021).
- Malware can be “serious threat that homes, businesses (of all sizes), and individuals” (CIO, 2020).

Figure 9: Malware Abstract  
([Freepik, n.d.](#)).

# What are some Countermeasures?



- Countermeasures are “actions, devices, procedures, techniques, or other measures that reduce the vulnerability of an information system” (NIST, 2021).
- Turn Off location settings on devices and apps (NSA, 2021).
- Don’t use internet hotspots without security measures (NSA, 2021).
- Monitor cyber footprint (NSA, 2021).
- More secure privacy settings
- Harder passwords

Figure 10: Cloud Computing  
([Freepik, n.d.](#)).

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