

Data and Information

Data

- Raw numbers, text, and dates
- Not organized
- Example
 - Details regarding antimalware scans on individual hosts



Information

- Results from processed data
- Insights
- Example
 - How often specific malware types cause security incidents within the organization

Data and Information



- Reliability of data
 - Confidentiality and integrity of processing systems and data
- Data transformation
 - Formatting and dissimilar processing systems
- Solid information = informed decision making

Data Analytics



- Can involve large volumes of data (big data)
- Technology and automation can process big data quickly



Data Analytics



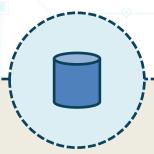
- Performance insights
 - Placement of database servers to increase performance
 - Reduction in amount of time to complete a transaction with a customer
- Security insights
 - Patterns or abnormal network, host, and app usage
 - Indications of wrong-doing
- Cost efficiencies
 - Removal of duplicate job roles and systems
 - Streamline, remove, and replace processes

Data Analytics



- Supports informed decision making
 - Overall summaries
 - Hidden patterns
 - Prediction modeling
- Data analytics technology solutions
 - Cluster nodes working together
 - E.g. Apache Hadoop

Storage Area Networks



- Dedicated network for storage communications
- Storage consumers access shared storage over the network
- Storage consumer can also use local storage
 - Direct attached storage (DAS)
- IS auditors may need to audit backup procedures
 - Backup agents may not be needed on storage consumers



Storage Area Networks



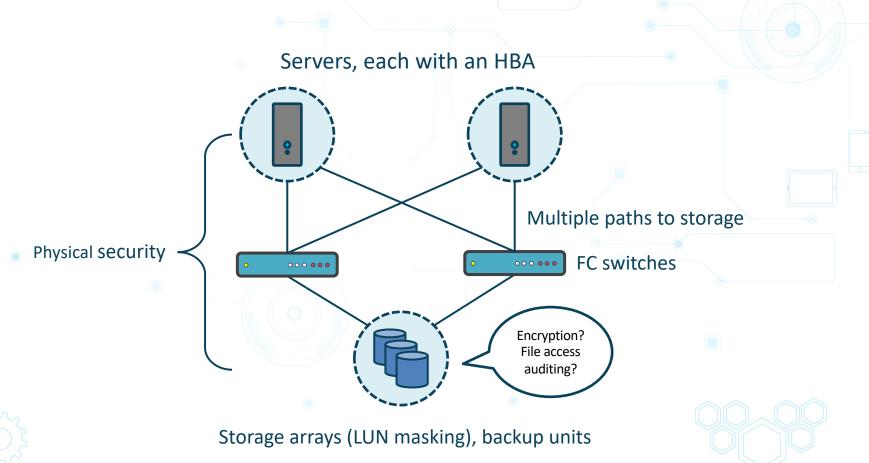
- Standard network equipment
 - Switches
 - NICs
- SCSI disk commands are embedded within IP packets



Fibre Channel

- Specialized equipment
 - Host bus adapters (HBAs)
 - Fibre channel (FC) switches

Fibre Channel SAN

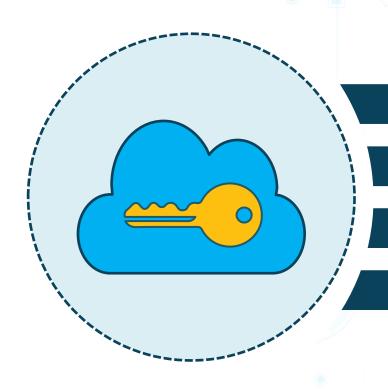


Cloud Storage Security



- Laws and regulations
 - Is cloud storage allowed?
 - Location of cloud provider datacenters within national boundaries?
 - Nationality of cloud data center technicians

Cloud Storage Security



Cloud provider security compliance

Encryption of data at rest (AES 256)

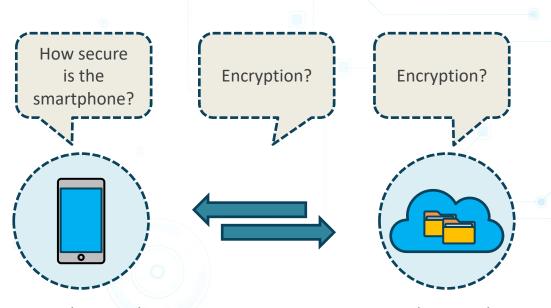
Data retention policies

Data wiping practices





Cloud Storage Security











Database Security



- On-premises and cloud
 - Database servers
 - Databases
- Mobile devices
 - SQLite



Database Security



- Network security
 - Isolated from other network hosts
 - Never placed in the DMZ
- Server security
 - Hardened OS
 - Patches applied
 - Server firewall rules
 - Multi-factor user authentication

Database Security



Encryption of data at rest

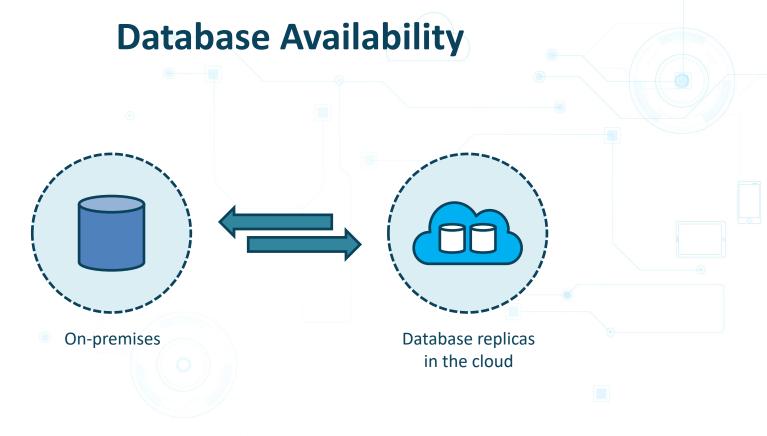
Data masking

Queries: secure coding and input validation

Database object, row, and column security





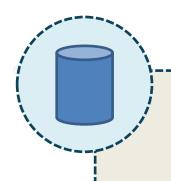






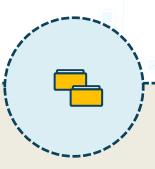


Backup and Restore



- On-premises backup
- Cloud backup
- Backup schedule and tape rotation
- Data retention policies
- Data immutability
- Restored data and ACLs





Full

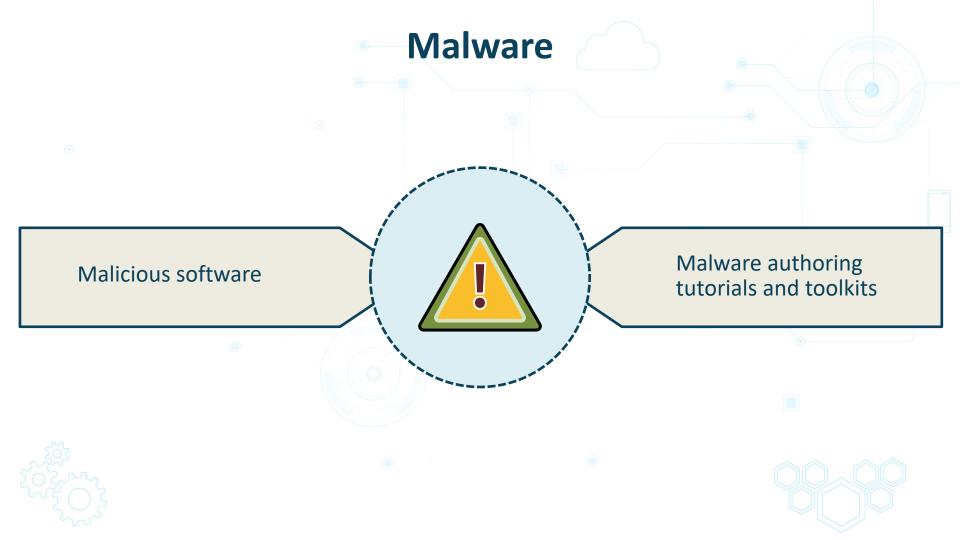
All data

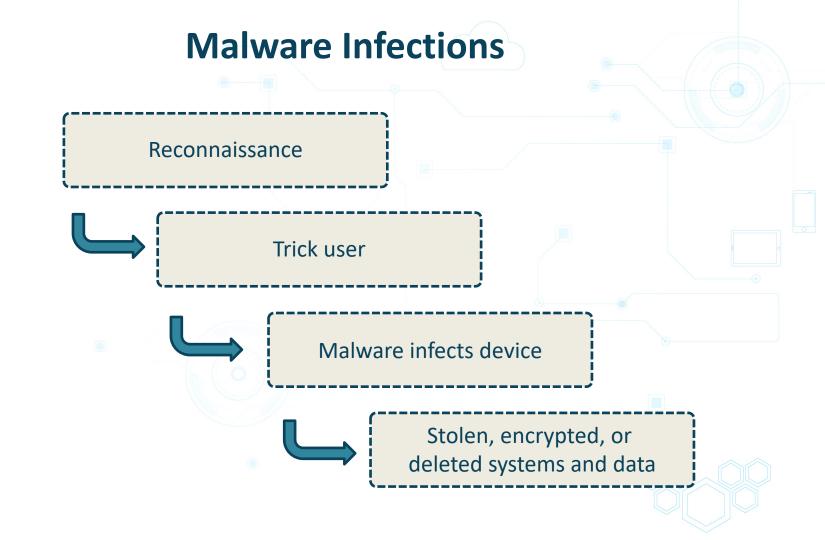
Incremental

New and modified data since last full or incremental

Differential

New and modified data since last full backup





Malware Types



Trojan

- Wolf in sheep's clothing
- Appears benign
- Often used to deliver other types of malware



Virus

- Attaches itself to files
 - Office productivity
 - App installation
 - Media
 - Illegal downloads of music, movies, and TV shows

Malware Types



Worm

- Does not need to be attached to a file
- Self-propagating over the network
- Scans for vulnerable file sharing hosts



Ransomware

- Prevents system start-up
- Encrypts data files
- Demands ransom payment in the form of Bitcoin
 - There is never a guarantee that decryption keys will be provided

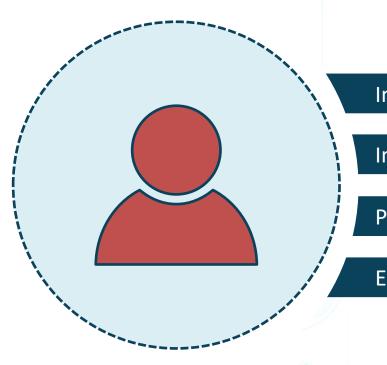
Social Engineering



 Goal is the disclosure of sensitive information from unsuspecting victims



Social Engineering - Fear



Impersonating government departments

Impersonating law enforcement

Phishing

Extortion, sextortion, and blackmail





Social Engineering Without Malware

Impersonation of communications provider technician over phone



Attacker shows up dressed appropriately

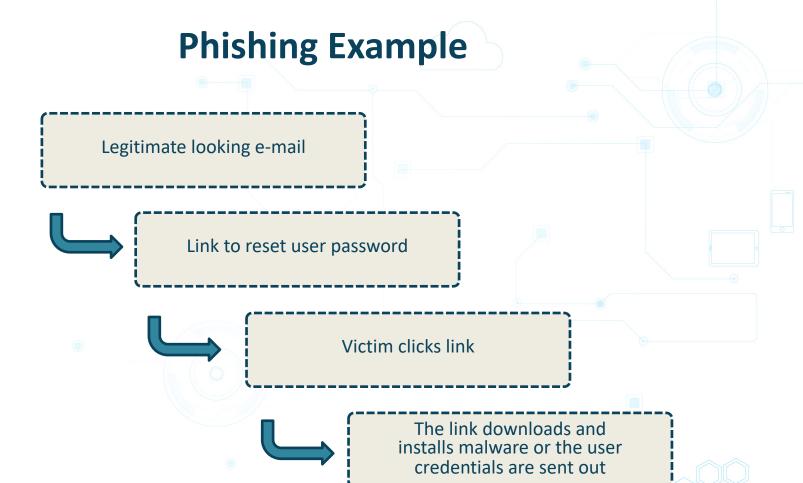


Victim allows attacker into server room or wiring closet



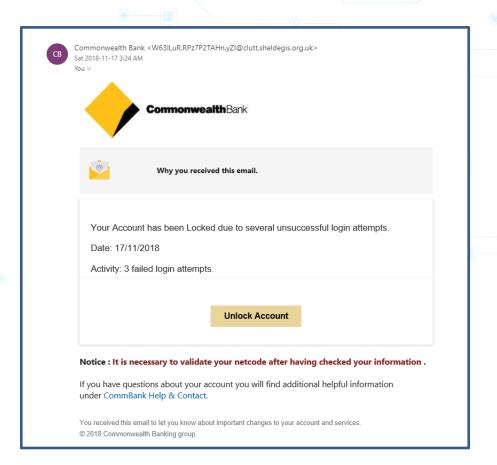
Attacker now has physical access to equipment







Phishing E-mail Message





Social Engineering Mitigation Controls



Administrative

- User training and awareness
- Security documentation easily accessible to users
- Periodic e-mail reminders about security
- Security posters in workplace



Technical

- E-mail spam filtering
- Antimalware up-to-date
- Network firewall rules
- Host firewall rules
- Intrusion detection and prevention systems

In this exercise, you will

- List ways to secure a storage area network
- List ways to secure a database server
- Define social engineering
- Describe ways to prevent malware infections





Storage Area Network Security

- Isolated network
- LUN masking
- Separate SAN management interface on protected network
- Separation of duties





Database Server Security

- Isolated network
- Network, host, and database firewall rules
- OS hardening
- Principle of least privilege
- Database object, row, and column security
- Data masking
- Encryption of data in transit and data at rest

Social Engineering

- User deception
- Sensitive information disclosure
- Does not have to use technology





Malware Prevention

- User awareness and training
- Up-to-date antimalware solution
- Intrusion detection and prevention systems