YOUR LIFE
YOUR CAUSE
YOUR DATA!

learn how to do a threat model and
protect yourself and your data

WHAT IS A THREAT MODEL AND WHY USE IT?

Now we are using Twitter for getting news, emails or Facebook to be in touch with other people, dating websites to meet new people... And it is changing all the time.
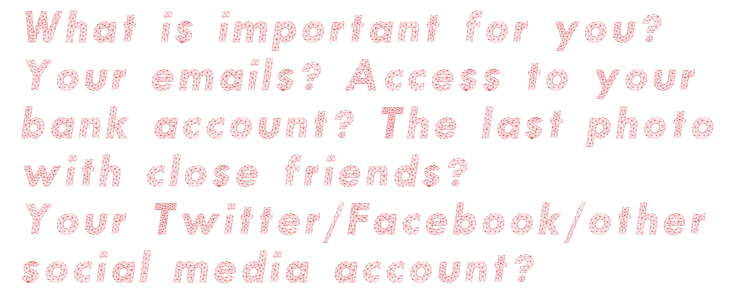
In the middle of all this, there are these scaring articles: LinkedIn was hacked and I should changed my password, Yahoo was hacked and I should change it too.

So this zine will present you a nice tool to manage all this:
THE THREAT MODEL.

Threat model is just applying something you already do everyday: protecting yourself. Do you lock the door of your house? Do you take care of your bag when you are in a place full of people? Then you are already creating a threat model unconsciously ! And the more important is: you are taking the decisions for your life about the risks you want to take! It is exactly the same thing with digital devices.

Let see together how to create this model consciously for digital security!

WHAT DO YOU WANT TO PROTECT?

LET'S DO IT TOGETHER!

What is important for you? Your emails? Access to your bank account? The last photo with close friends?
Your Twitter/Facebook/other social media account?

In my case, I'm very worried about my private information, especially my emails and pictures with close friends.

I'm a media activist. It may be dangerous if my photos or videos end up in the wrong hands.

WHO DO YOU WANT TO PROTECT IT FROM?

WHAT MAY HAPPEN TO THIS INFORMATION?
WHAT ARE YOU AFRAID OF?

I'm afraid of my data being used by private companies or sold to other commercial companies.

I'm afraid to have my content in the hands of police or government..

IS IT IMPORTANT TO PROTECT YOURSELF? IMPORTANT HERE MEANS TWO THINGS:

LIKELIHOOD AND GRAVITY. HOW LIKELY IS IT THAT YOU WILL NEED TO PROTECT IT?

HOW BAD ARE THE CONSE-QUENCES IF YOU FAIL?

FOR EACH BAD THING THAT CAN HAPPEN, WRITE IF IT IS LIKELY TO HAPPEN AND IF IT IS VERY BAD (YOUR DATA, YOUR CHOICE)

It is very likely that private companies will use my data for money, I don't know how but I consider it very bad if it happens.

The police, for example, would start to harassment to my group. It would be bad because we could not continue our work.

HOW MUCH TROUBLE ARE YOU WILLING TO GO THROUGH IN ORDER TO TRY TO PREVENT THOSE? WHICH EFFORT ARE YOU READY TO MAKE?
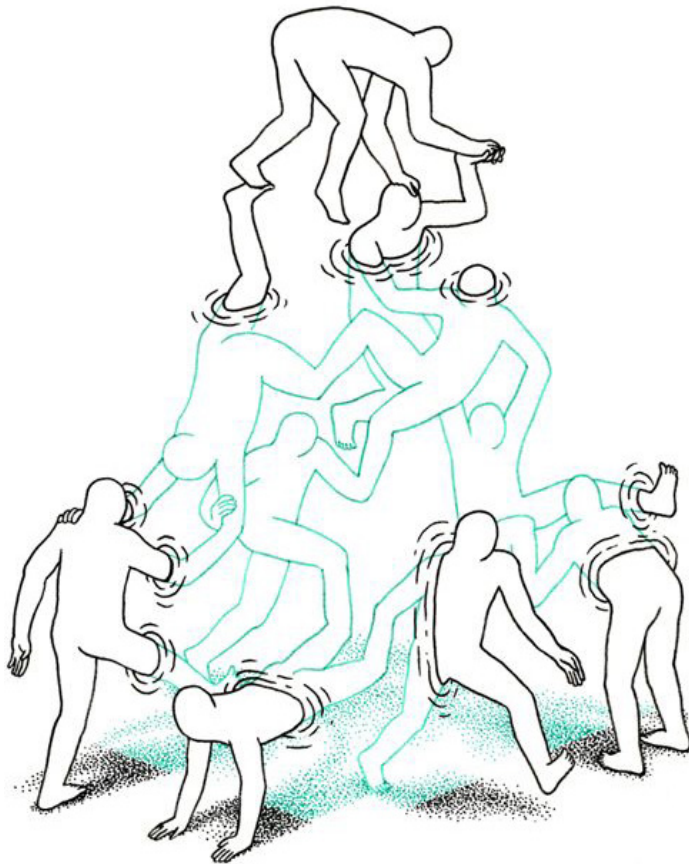
LIST THE DIFFERENT THREAT AND ADD THE EFFORT YOU ARE READY TO MAKE TO PREVENT THEM

I'm ready to make a lot of effort to limit the utilization of my private information by companies, but not to refuse any communication.

Our group is ready to learn how to use some tools to protect us but we need to continue using Facebook to spread our work.

YOU HAVE MADE YOUR FIRST THREAT ANALYSIS. HI FIVE!

Now you have written what is important for you to protect, you have to find some solutions to protect them.
Here are some awesome guides with a lot of tools to help you :

EFF Surveillance Self Defense ssd.eff.org
Security in a box securityinabox.org
Zen and the art of making tech work for you
genderit.org/resources/zen-and-art-making-tech-work-you

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And even after these ideas and reading, perhaps you won't find some solutions for some of your threats. In this case, it may be a good idea to look in your friends if you know other people that may share the same threat, and ask them. Or you can go to dedicated events to ask for some ideas or solutions. Digital Security training may be done by some organizations around you, ask them. Or some events known as Cryptoparties may be organized in your city to speak about security and privacy, check on www.cryptoparty.in!

Few things you should keep in mind before we say goodbye:
• Model are based on your perception and your feelings, it is not totally rational and it is ok. Only you can decide what is good for your security.
• Models are evolving based on what you learn or what you live. A solution that was good for you one year ago is perhaps now not the right one, let's find another one!
• Sometimes, we are not ready to make a lot of effort for some threat that are not essential for you, and it is ok. You data, you choice!

Thanks for reading us, we hope that this zine helped you a bit in your digital journey. If you liked it, feel free to spread the good word!

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