

# Lecture : Social Engineering

BKACAD's Security Training

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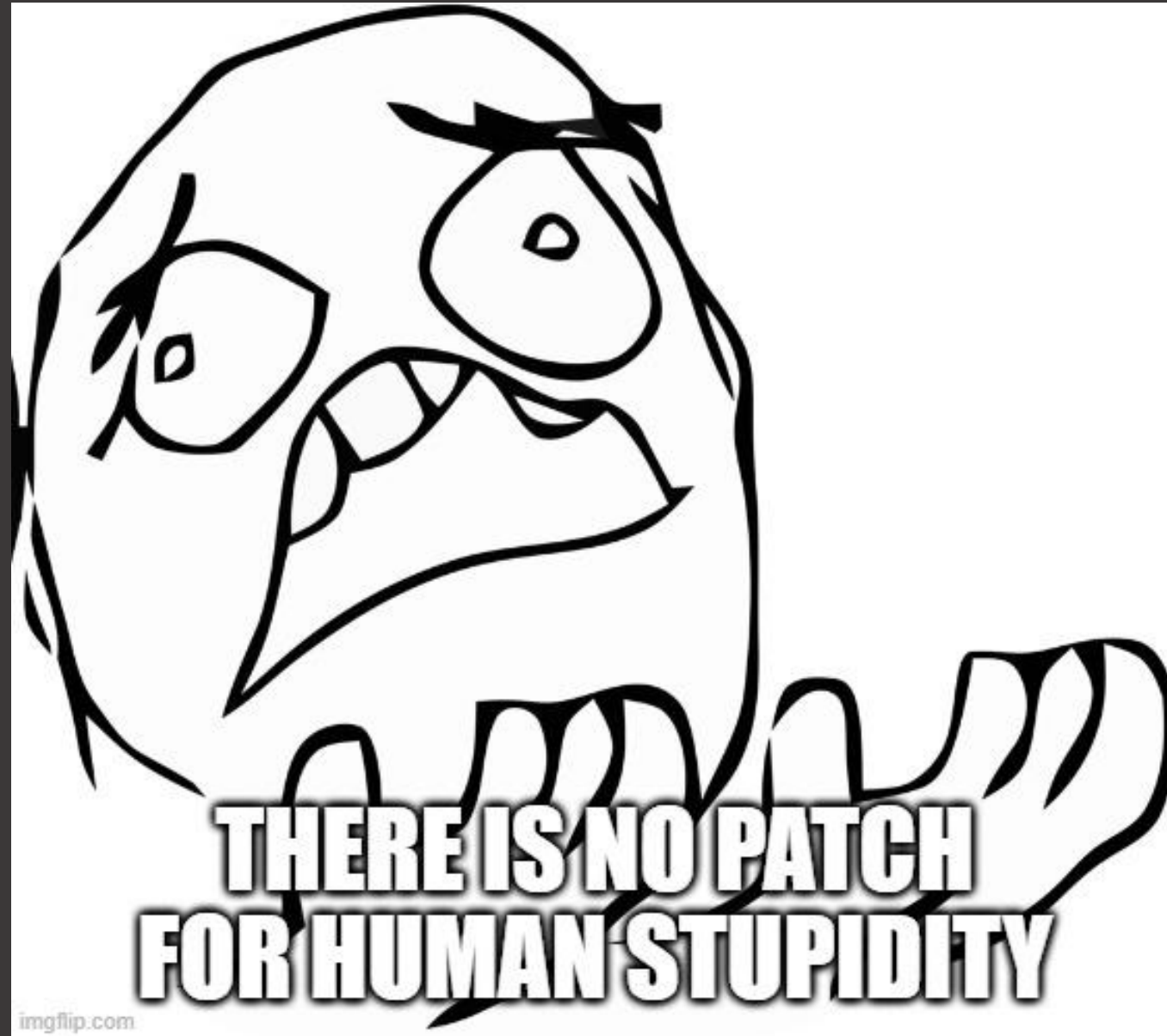
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# Social Engineering

## Concept

Is the art of convincing people to reveal confidential information.

Targets: Help desk personnel, technical supporters, admins,...

Depend on the fact that people are unaware of their valuable information and careless about protecting it

# Social Engineering

## Impact

Economic Losses

Damage to Goodwill

Loss of Privacy

Dangers of Terrorism

Lawsuits and Arbitration

Temporary or Permanent Closure

# Social Engineering

## Factors that make companies vulnerable to attacks

Insufficient Security Training

Unregulated Access to the Information

Several Organizational Unit

Lack of Security Policies

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# Types of SE Attack

## Human-based Social Engineering

• Gathers sensitive **information by interaction**

- Techniques:
- Impersonation
  - Reverse Social Engineering
  - Tailgating
  - Vishing
  - Dumpster Diving
  - Eavesdropping
  - Shoulder Surfing
  - Piggybacking

## Computer-based Social Engineering

• Social engineering is carried out with the **help of computers**

- Techniques:
- Phishing
  - Spam Mail
  - Pop-up Window Attacks
  - Instant Chat Messenger

## Mobile-based Social Engineering

• It is carried out with the **help of mobile applications**

- Techniques:
- Publishing Malicious Apps
  - Repackaging Legitimate Apps
  - Using Fake Security Applications
  - SMiShing (SMS Phishing)

# Types of SE Attack

## Human-based: Impersonation

The attacker pretends to be someone legitimate or an authorized person

Help attacker tricking a target to reveal sensitive information

# Types of SE Attack

## Human-based: Vishing

Is an impersonation technique in which attacker tricks individuals to reveal person and financial information using voice technology like: VoIP, Telephone system,...

# Types of SE Attack

## Human-based: Eavesdropping

Unauthorized listening of conversations or reading messages

Interception of audio, video or written communication

Can be done using communication channels such as telephone lines, email, etc...

# Types of SE Attack

## Human-based: Shoulder Surfing

Using direct Observation techniques such as looking over someone's shoulder to get PIN code, passwords,...

Also be done from a longer distance with using vision enhancing devices

# Types of SE Attack

## Human-based: Dumpster Diving

Looking for treasure in someone else's trash



# Types of SE Attack

## Human-based: Reverse Social Engineering

When attacker presents himself as an authority and the target seek her/him advice after or before offering the information that attacker need

# Types of SE Attack

## Human-based: Piggybacking

“I forgot my ID badge at home. Please help me!”

An authorized person allows an unauthorized person to pass through a secure door

# Types of SE Attack

## Human-based: Tailgating

An unauthorized person wearing fake ID badge enter secure area by closely following authorized person through a secure door requiring access keys

# Types of SE Attack

## Computer-based: Pop-up Windows

Automatically pop up while user surfing the internet and ask for user's information like passwords

# Types of SE Attack

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## Computer-based: Chain Letter

Email that offer free-gift and the condition that user has to forward the email for friends

# Types of SE Attack

## Computer-based: Instant Chat Messenger

Gathering information by chatting with gathering information  
such as: birthday, maiden names,...



# Types of SE Attack

## Computer-based: Spam Email

Unwanted email to collect financial information, social security number, network information,...

# Types of SE Attack

## Computer-based: Phishing

Is technique in which an attacker send an email or provide a link that acquire a user's personal or account information.

# Types of SE Attack

## Computer-based: Phishing

Types:

- Spear Phishing: Targeted phishing attack aimed at specific person or group in orgs
- Whaling: Target high profile like – CEO, CFO,...
- Pharming: Redirect web Traffic using DNS cache poison or host file modification

# Types of SE Attack

## Mobile-based: SMiShing

SMS + Phishing

# Types of SE Attack

## Mobile-based: Other attacks

Fake Security Application

Publishing Malicious Apps

Repackaging Legitimate Apps

=> Will be presented in [Lecture: Android Security](#)

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## Exercise

1. At Kali machine, Fake Facebook site with tool named SET

Hint: `setoolkit`

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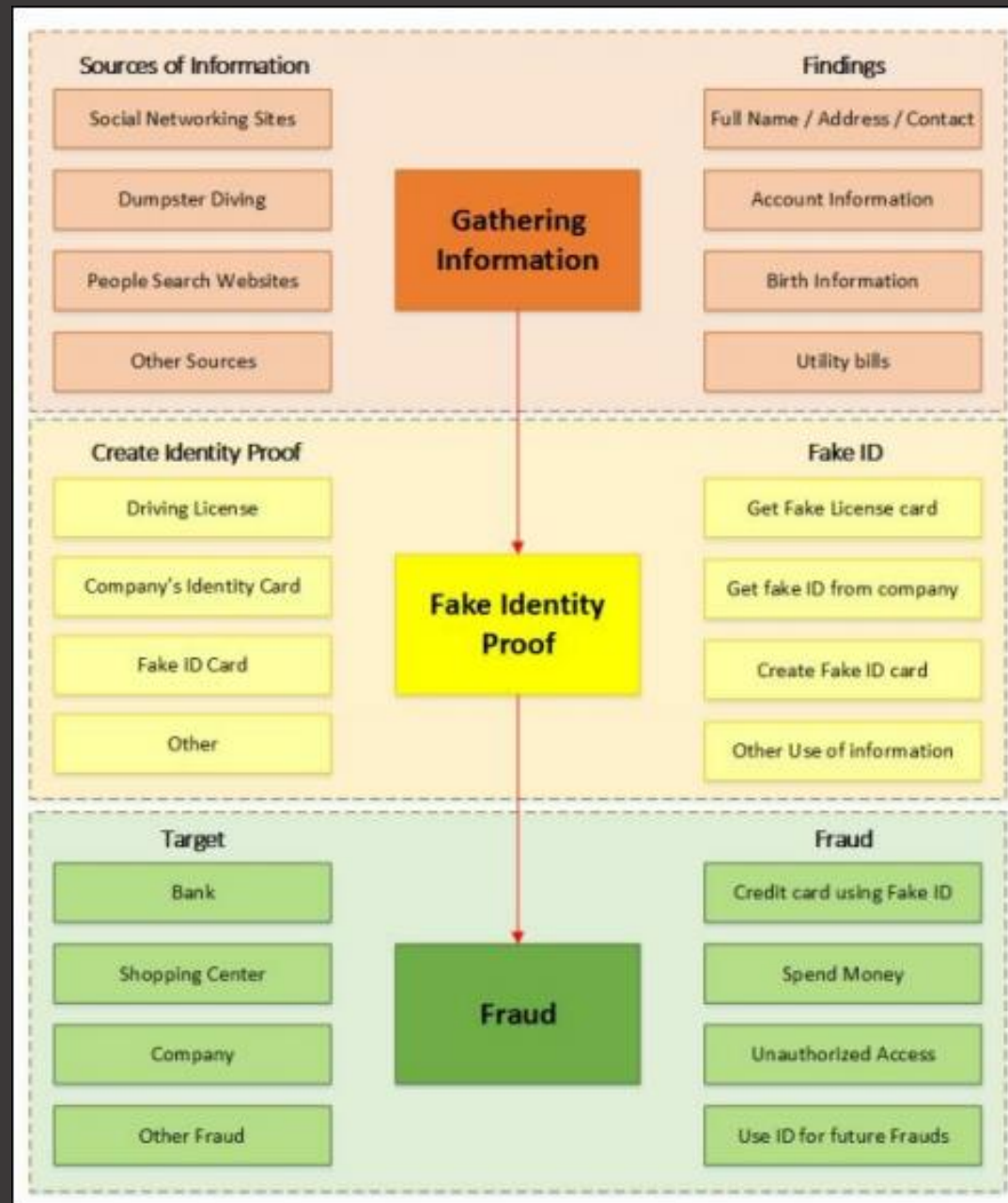
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# Countermeasure

## Solutions

Training awareness

Monitoring + logging

Physical Security

Privacy & Policy in corporate