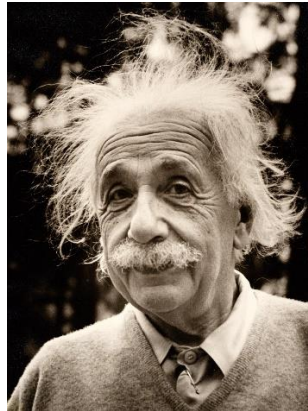


Cybersecurity Awareness Month

Do Your Part and Be Cyber Smart

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Please don't judge the hair, our thoughts evaporate through the skin pores of our heads, *and our hair reacts accordingly.*
We are just too busy trying to save the world, patting it down will take time.
Thank you all for understanding...



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Agenda

- **Early days**
- **Modern day** (*the cyber world & other worlds*)
- what is **cybersecurity**
- Importance of **cybersecurity**
- Impacts of **crimes** & threats crime in our lives
- Scenario
- **Phishing**
- Mitigations

Q&A

- Computers can be hacked, but is it possible for the human **brain** to be hacked as well ?
- Are we semi machines ?



Early Days

In the early days we solely relied on:

- **Grocery shops**
- **Bookshop**
- **Post Office**
- **Shops (*Shopping*)**
- **Banks**
- **Cinemas (*Movies*)**
- **Schools**
- **Work**
- **Conference Meeting**

The Computer *and its* Evolution



Computers make our lives easy, so we want to have access to that ease everywhere

This draws us to technology both physically and mentally

In Modern Days (*Today*)

- Cyberworld, the Future & the threats (*Easy of life*)
- The other Worlds (*Threats to life*)

Threats to the Cyber world

Health (*unauthorized access to patient records, tampering with medical devices leading to incorrect diagnoses or treatments,*) , e.g. WannaCry attack ransomware

Education (*data breaches involving student information, disruptions in online learning, or theft of academic research*) e.g Blackbaud Data Breach (2020)

Mental Health(*Cars could be remotely hijacked, lead to accidents, have their functions altered maliciously*) e.g., social media, etc.

Financial Sectors (*theft of funds, unauthorized transactions, manipulation of financial records, and a loss of trust in financial institutions*)

Government (*unauthorized access to classified information, disruptions in public services, manipulation of election systems, and undermined public trust*)

Social Life (*unauthorized access to personal messages, spreading of misinformation, stalking, or other forms of cyber harassment*)

Threats to the Cyber world (Future)

Metaverse *(rampant identity theft, unauthorized access, fraud, manipulation of virtual assets)*

Cryptocurrencies *(Vulnerabilities could lead to theft of funds, unauthorized transactions, manipulation of the blockchain)*

Smart Cars *(Cars could be remotely hijacked, lead to accidents, have their functions altered maliciously)*

Smart Cities *(hackers could cause traffic chaos, power outages, interfere with emergency services, or steal citizen data)*

Military *(Vulnerabilities could lead to unauthorized access to defense systems, misinformation campaigns)*

Neuro link *(there's potential for unauthorized brain data access, manipulation of a user's neural device)*

Artificial Intelligence *(compromised AI can make wrong decisions, be used maliciously)*

The way forward

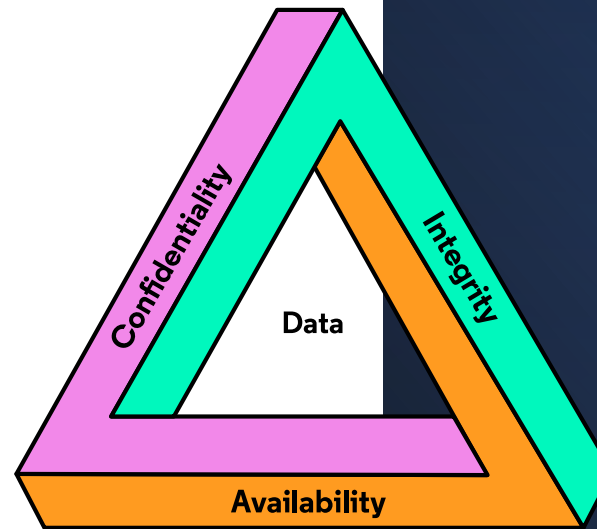
- We cannot do without technology today (*we are tech*)
- *We have become so **dependent**, our lives depend on it*
- There is the need for **security** just like what we have in the real world
- A **cyberworld** calls for **cybersecurity**

*We need to Stop **cyber attacks** like these*



What exactly does **Cybersecurity** entail ?

- Cybersecurity refers to the practice of protecting *computer systems, networks, and data from theft, damage, disruption, or unauthorized access.*
- Aimed at ensuring **confidentiality**, **integrity**, and **availability** of data. The **CIA** triage

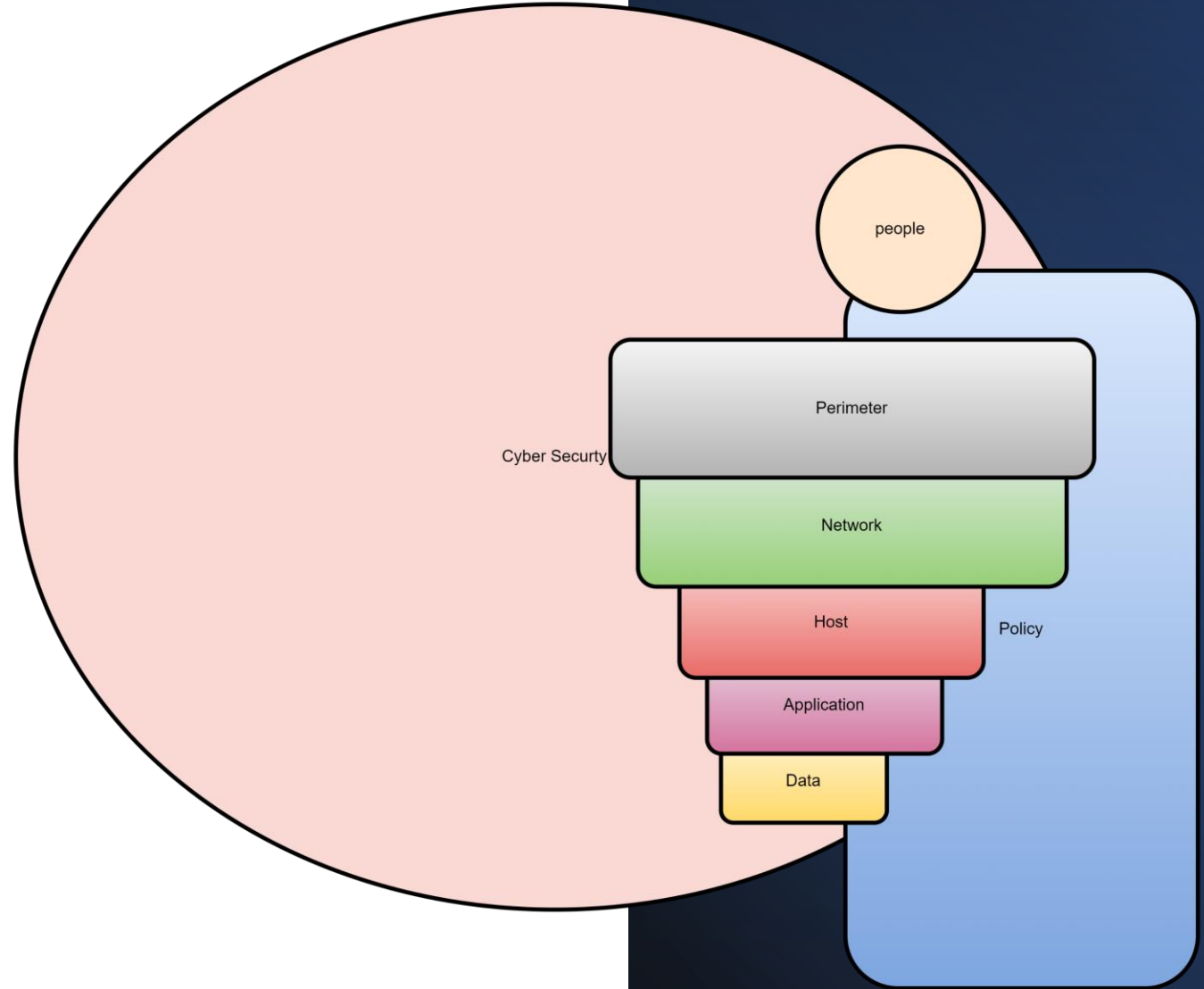


Importance Of **Cybersecurity**

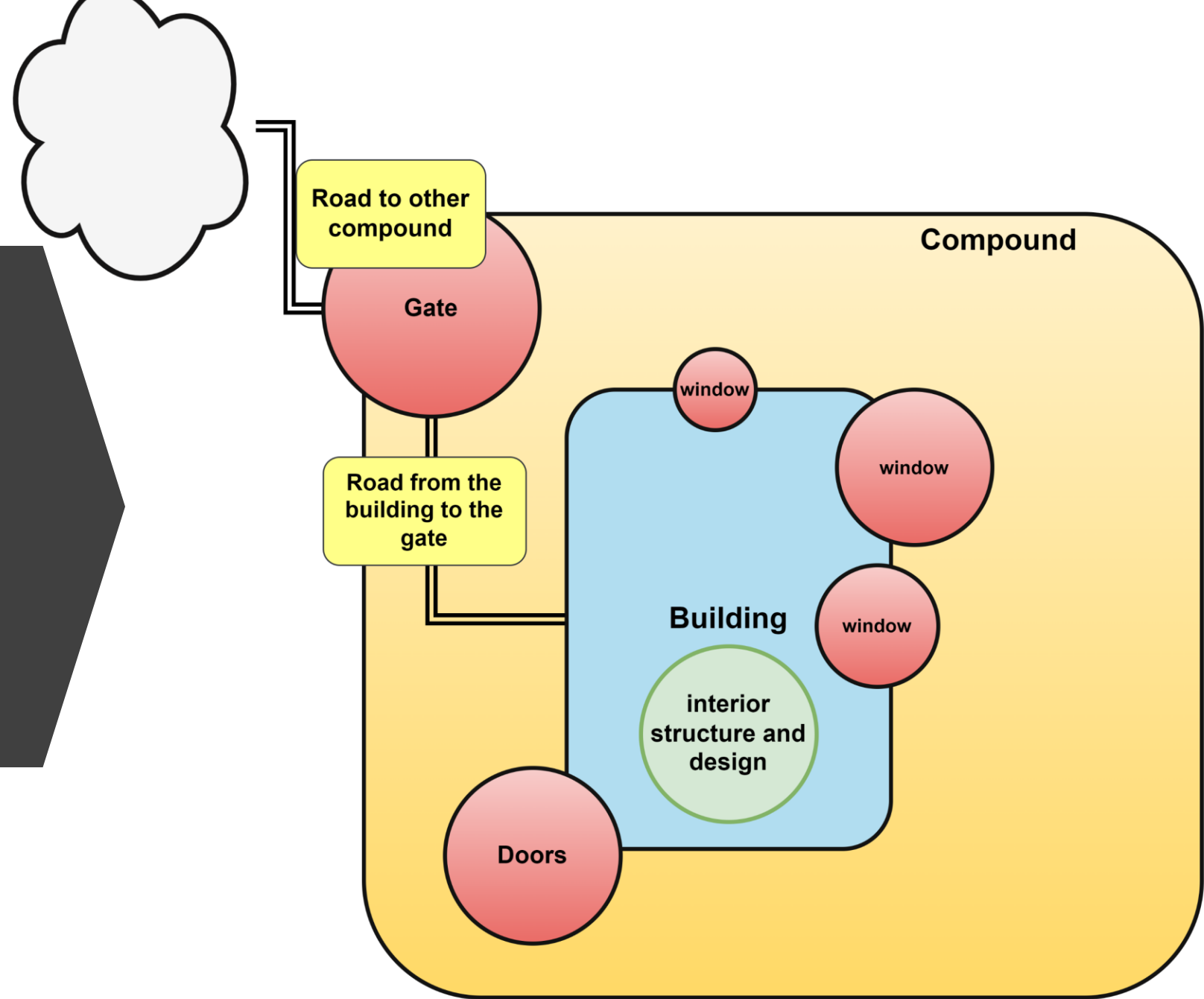
- **Protection of Data:** As data becomes more central to our lives and businesses, cybersecurity ensures that sensitive personal and business data is protected from unauthorized access and cyber threats.
- **Prevention of Unauthorized Access:** Cybersecurity measures prevent hackers and cybercriminals from accessing and misusing personal, financial, or business information, which could lead to identity theft or financial loss.
- **Maintaining Business Continuity:** For businesses, a cybersecurity breach can result in downtime and disruption. Implementing strong cybersecurity measures ensures uninterrupted business operations.
- **Boosting Customer Trust:** When customers know that their data is secure with a company, they are more likely to trust and engage with it. A secure online presence strengthens customer loyalty and trust.
- **Regulatory and Compliance Reasons:** Many industries have regulations requiring businesses to take certain cybersecurity measures to protect customer data. Non-compliance can result in hefty fines and legal repercussions.

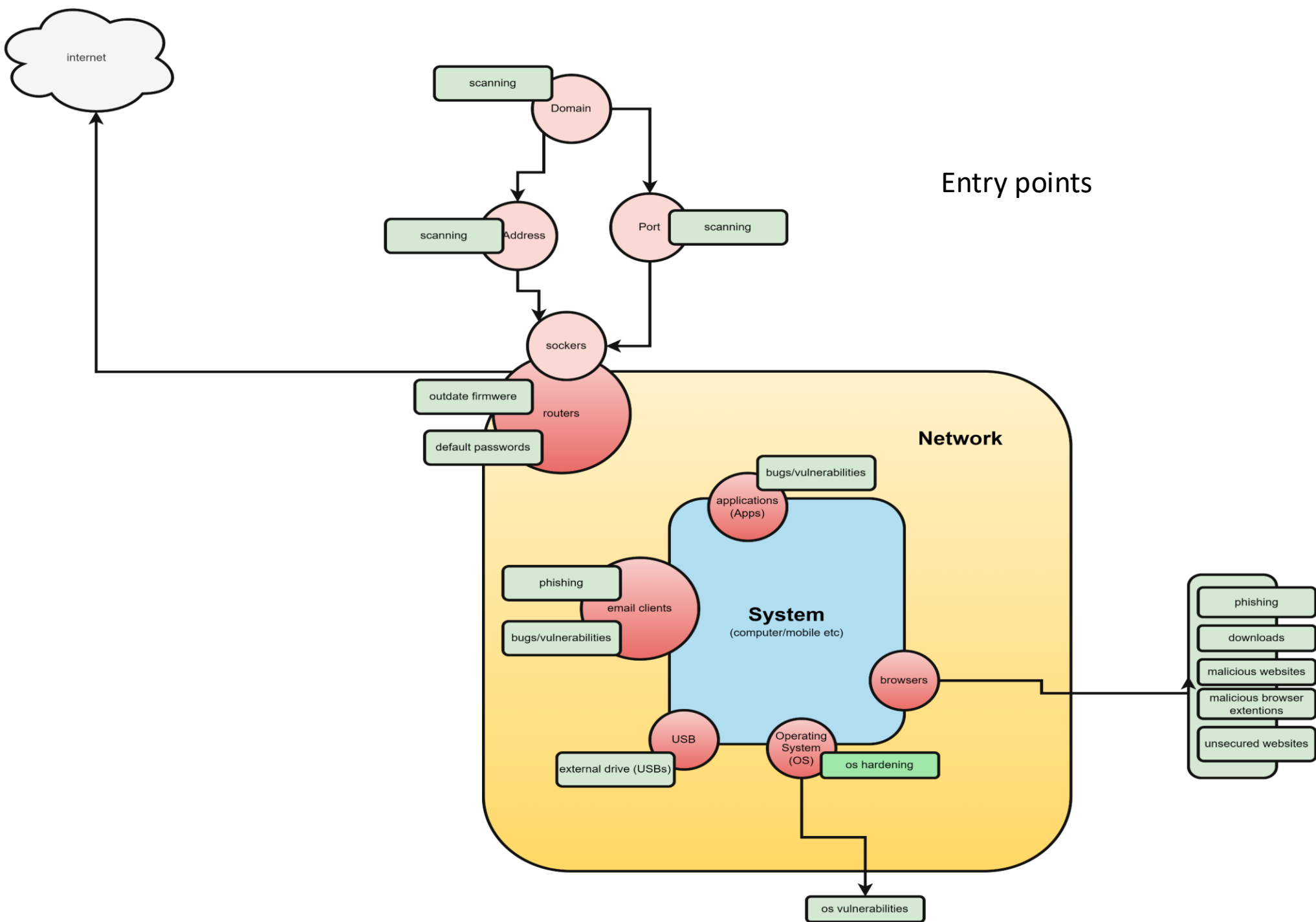
Breakdown Of Cybersecurity

- **People**
- Hardware
- Network
- Applications
- **Data**
- Procedures



The Breakdown





Cybersecurity frameworks

- Cybersecurity frameworks provide structured approaches and best practices to managing and securing an organization's information and technology assets

NIST Cybersecurity Framework

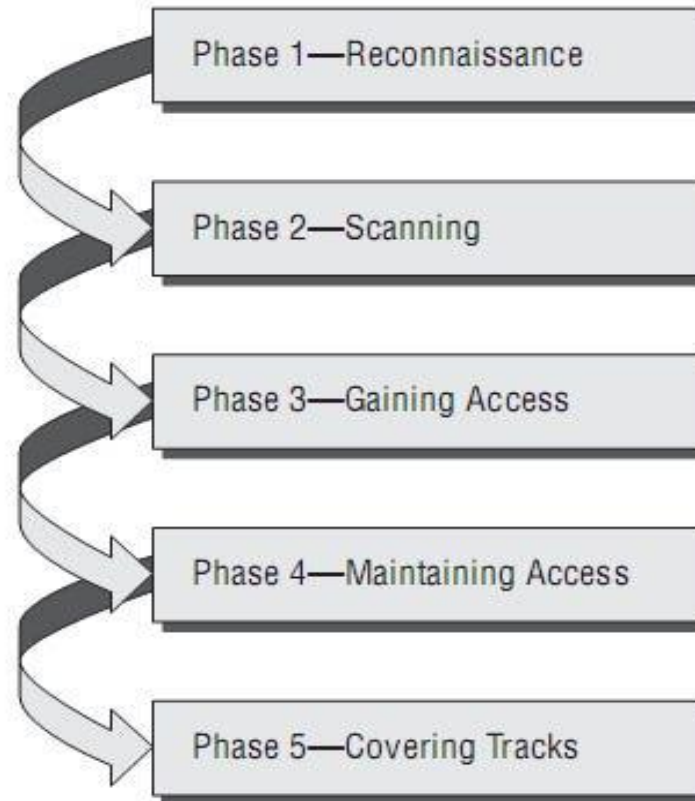


Threats	Functions & Safeguards				
	Identify	Protect	Detect	Respond	Recover
Out of Memory	-Inventory of IT systems	-Autoscaling instances -Increase instance sizes	-Infrastructure monitoring alerts on memory usage to trigger incident	-DevOps pipeline redeploys with new instance size -Restart Machine	-Change Configuration Settings to account for this threat
SQL Injection	-Identify web pages which require user input	-Sanitize input fields -Use cases which use SQL attacks -WAF/RASP	-SAST/DAST Scanner -IDS alert	-Block bad user accounts -Turn off API	-Post-mortem -Backups
Insider Threat	-List of users with Admin Privileges	-Require two person approval	-Log privileged activities	-Contact Security -Remove user access	-Legal Investigation

A Cyber **Attack** (*structure – A hackers mindset*)



Types of Hackers



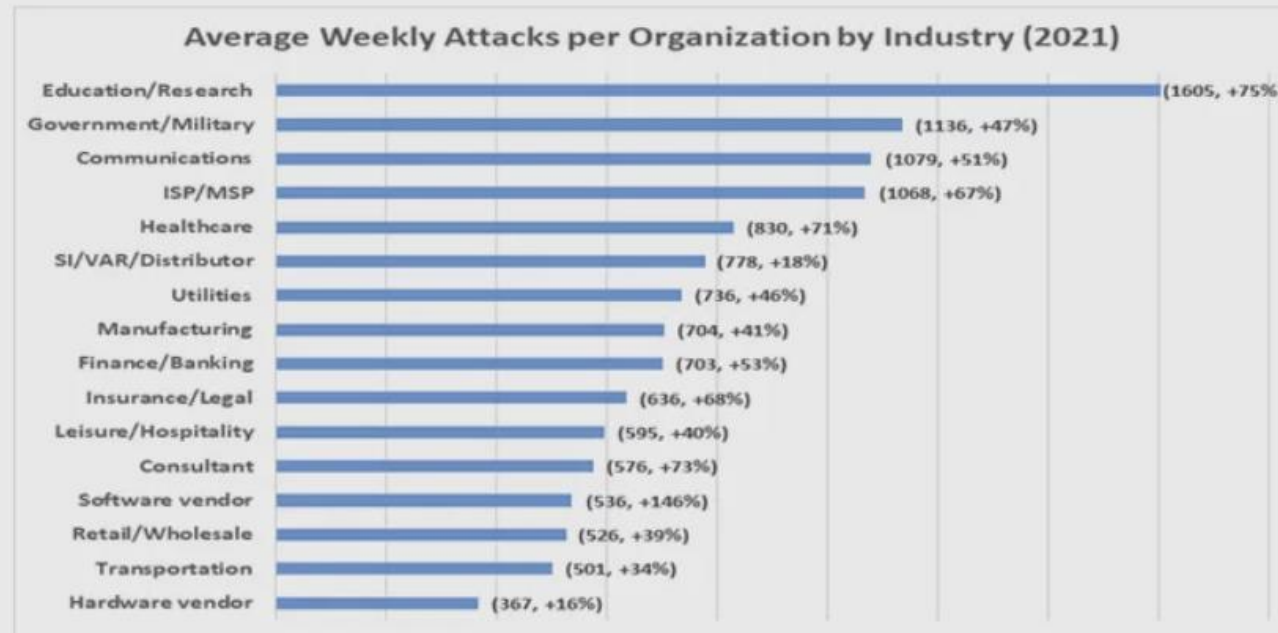
Cyber *Crimes*

- **Malware:** Malicious software designed to harm or exploit devices, networks, or services.
- **Ransomware:** Malware that encrypts a victim's files, demanding payment to restore access.
- **Virus:** Malware that self-replicates by inserting its code into other programs
- **Phishing:** Deceptive attempts, usually via email, to steal sensitive information by posing as a trustworthy entity.
- **Denial of Service (DoS) Attack:** An attack aimed at making a service unavailable by overwhelming it with traffic.
- **Identity Theft:** Illegally acquiring and using someone's personal data, typically for financial gain.
- **Worms:** Malware that replicates itself to spread to other computers, often using network connections, without requiring human intervention.
- **RATs (Remote Access Trojans):** Malicious software that allows a hacker remote access and control over a victim's computer without their knowledge.

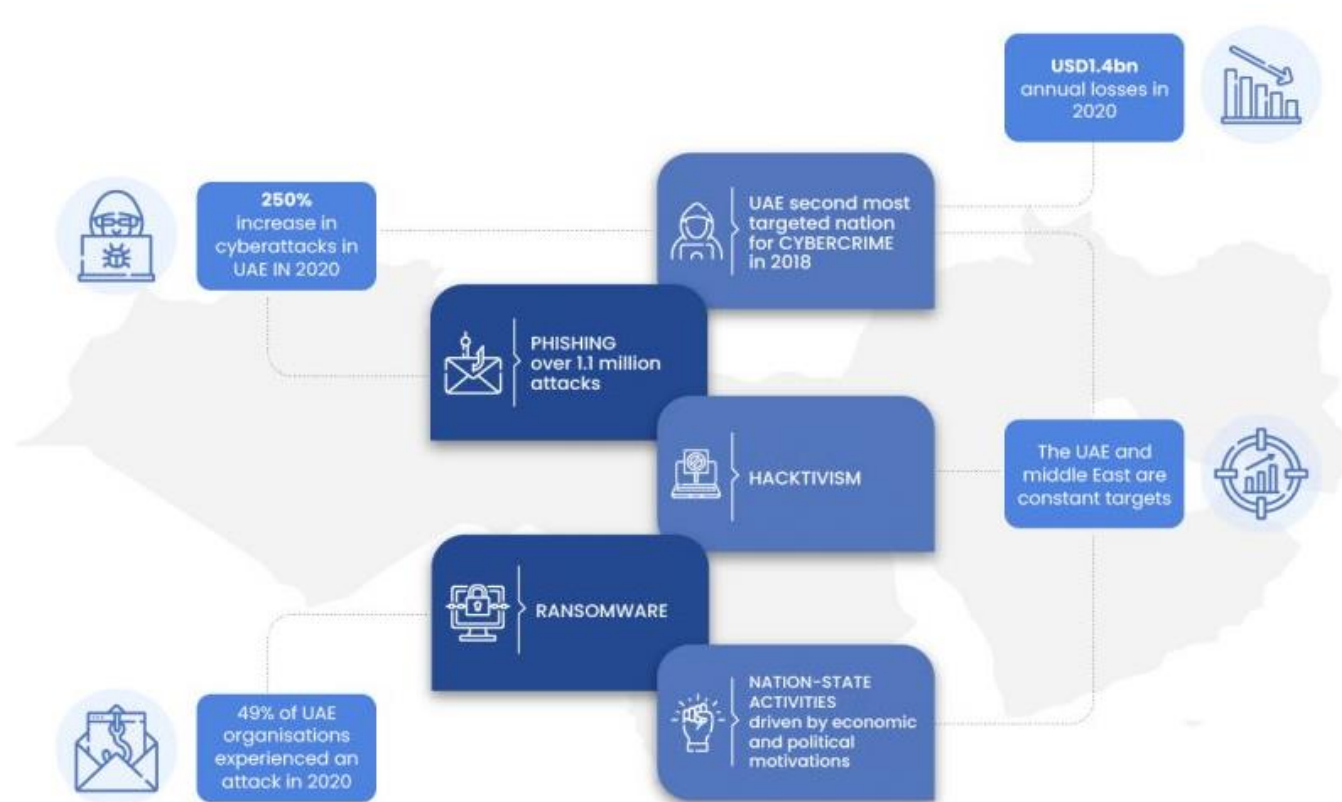
Statistics of *cyber attacks* in the UAE

- According to a blog by [Internation Security Journal](#), there were 311 attacks in a week per organization **in 2021, while in Kuwait and Saudi Arabia, there were 409 and 392 attacks respectively.**
- It is believed that due to remote working, [cyber attacks in the UAE](#) have increased by 190%. **Brute force attacks were 15.8 million on RDP** (Remote Desktop Protocol).
- Not only in UAE, but the whole Middle East has reported over [2.57 million phishing attacks](#) in 2020.
- The UAE [experienced a 250% increase](#) in cyber attacks in 2020, led **primarily by phishing and ransomware attacks.**
- An article by [ITP.net](#) has revealed that, according to a report, **72% of the CISOs in the UAE feel unprepared to deal with a cyber attack.**
- In 2020, **UAE lost \$1.4 billion** due to [cyber attacks](#).

Cyber Attacks on Organizations (*UAE*)



Notable Attacks in the *UAE*



BREAK