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How RSA Was Breached

Timo Hirvonen 2013-06-18



RSA?









GSI SecurID Authentication

SecurID Username	
PASSCODE	
Authenticate	

This site is for GSI-issued tokens only. For AT&T tokens, contact GS HELPDESK.

PASSCODE refers to a PIN followed by current TOKENCODE (the digits displayed on your token device). Remember, a PASSCODE can only be used once, you must wait for the tokencode to change before authenticating again.

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The strength of security, broad application support, and variety of authentication methods offered by RSA SecurID authentication have made it the two-factor authentication solution of choice for more than 30,000 organizations and 40 million people worldwide.

RSA brand currently protects more than <u>250</u> million online identities





organization is the undisputed market leader with its SecurID family



Attack Timeline



2011-03-14: Adobe Security Advisory

Security bulletin

exploited in the wild in targeted attacks

via a Flash (.swf) file embedded in Microsoft Excel (.xls) file

CVE-2011-0609



2011-03-17: Open Letter to Customers



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attack resulted in certain information being extracted

information is specifically related to RSA's SecurID



2011-03-21: Adobe Patch

Security bulletin

Security update available for Adobe Flash Player

Release date: March 21, 2011

Vulnerability identifier: APSB11-05

CVE number: CVE-2011-0609

Platform: All Platforms

SUMMARY

A critical vulnerability has been ider 10.2.154.18 and earlier versions for Flash Player 10.1.106.16 and earlie Advisory APSA11-01, could cause a reports that this vulnerability is bein embedded in a Microsoft Excel (.xls

Adobe recommends users of Adobe earlier versions for Chrome users) f Player 10.2.153.1 (Adobe Flash Play

Security bulletin

Security Advisory for Adobe Flash Player, Adobe Reader and Acrobat

Release date: March 14, 2011

Last updated: March 21, 2011

Vulnerability identifier: APSA11-01

CVE number: CVE-2011-0609

Platform: All Platforms

10.1.106.16 and earlier versions for Android update to Adobe Flash Player 10.2.156.12. Adobe recommends users of Adobe AIR 2.5.1 and earlier versions for Windows, Macintosh and Linux update to Adobe AIR 2.6.





Topics

Anatomy of an Attack

Authentication	Written on April 1, 2011 by Uri Rivner Comments (40)					
Cloud Security	I was on a tour in Asia Pacific when I first heard the news about the attack. The					
Compliance	investigation into this attack continues but I'm eager to share some information with you about it.					
Cybercrime and Fraud	Let's first make sure everyone is on the same page. The number of enterprises hit by APTs grows by the month; and the range of APT targets includes just about every					
Cyberwarfare	industry. Unofficial tallies number dozens of mega corporations attacked; examples are in the press regularly, and some examples are here , and here .					



The attacker in this case sent two different phishing emails over a two-day period.

The two emails were sent to two small groups of employees; you wouldn't consider these users particularly high profile or high value targets. The email subject line read "2011 Recruitment Plan."



The email was crafted well enough to trick one of the employees to retrieve it from their <u>Junk mail folder</u>, and open the attached excel file. It was a spreadsheet titled "2011 Recruitment plan.xls.



The spreadsheet contained a zero-day exploit that installs a backdoor through an Adobe Flash vulnerability (CVE-2011-0609).



The exploit injects malicious code into the employee's PC, allowing full access into the machine. The attacker in this case installed a customized remote administration tool known as Poison Ivy RAT variant;





(Reuters) - Unknown hackers have broken into the security networks of Lockheed Martin Corp (LMT.N) and several other U.S. military contractors, a source with direct knowledge of the attacks told Reuters.



They breached security systems designed to keep out intruders by creating duplicates to "SecurID" electronic keys from EMC Corp's (EMC.N) RSA security division, said the person who was not authorized to publicly discuss the matter.



The hackers learned how to copy the security keys with data stolen from RSA during a sophisticated attack that EMC disclosed in March, according to the source.



Rick Moy, president of NSS Labs, an information security company, said the original attack on RSA was likely targeted at its customers, including military, financial, governmental and other organizations with critical intellectual property.

He said the initial RSA attack was followed by malware and phishing campaigns seeking specific data that would link tokens to end-users, which meant the current attacks may have been carried out by the same hackers.



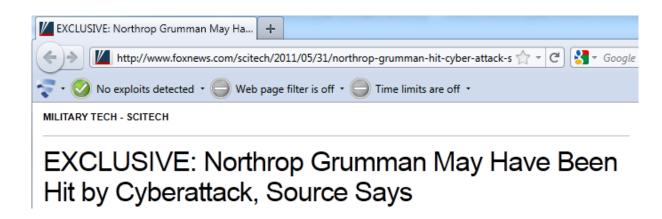
2011-05-31: L-3 Communications targeted



"L-3 Communications has been actively targeted with penetration attacks leveraging the compromised information," read an April 6 e-mail from an executive at L-3's Stratus Group to the group's 5,000 workers, one of whom shared the contents with Wired.com on condition of anonymity.



2011-06-01: Northrop Grumman



On May 26, Northrop Grumman shut

down remote access to its network without warning -- catching even senior managers by surprise and leading to speculation that a similar breach had occurred.

"We do not comment on whether or not Northrop Grumman is or has been a target for cyber intrusions,"



2011-06-06: RSA Admits SecurID Compromise





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To Our Customers:

On March 17, 2011, RSA publicly disclosed that it had detected a very sophisticated cyber attack on its systems, and that certain information related to the RSA SecurID® product had been extracted. We immediately published best practices and our prioritized remediation steps, and proactively reached out to thousands of customers to help them implement those steps. We remain convinced that customers who implement these steps can be confident in their continued security, and customers in all industries have given us positive feedback on our remediation steps.

Certain characteristics of the attack on RSA indicated that the perpetrator's most likely motive was to obtain an element of security information that could be used to target defense secrets and related IP, rather than

financial gain, PII, or public embarrassment. For this reason, we worked with government agencies and companies in the defense sector to replace their tokens on an accelerated timetable as an additional precautionary measure. We will continue these efforts.



2011-06-06: RSA Admits SecurID Compromise

Against this backdrop of increasingly frequent attacks, on Thursday, June 2, 2011, we were able to confirm that information taken from RSA in March had been used as an element of an attempted broader attack on Lockheed Martin, a major U.S. government defense contractor. Lockheed Martin has stated that this attack was thwarted.



2011-06-06: RSA Admits SecurID Compromise





An offer to replace SecurID tokens for customers with concentrated user bases typically focused on protecting intellectual property and corporate networks.







2011-07-26: Cost of RSA Breach: \$66 Million

The Washington Post with Bloomberg

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Where Washington and Business Intersect

Posted at 04:46 PM ET, 07/26/2011

Cyber attack on RSA cost EMC \$66 million

By <u>Hayley Tsukayama</u>



The compromising of information on almost 40 million RSA security tokens, which protect sensitive military and financial networks, was a major cyber attack. (MICHAEL CARONNA)

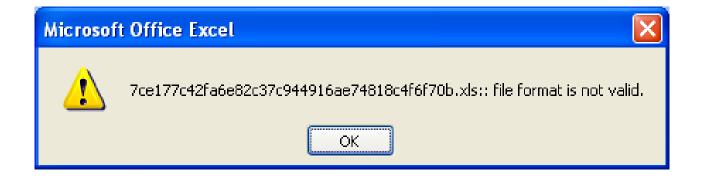
vice president David Goluden.

In its <u>earnings call Tuesday</u>, EMC disclosed that it spent \$66 million in its second quarter to deal with a cyber attack that compromised its RSA Security division.

"We incurred an accrued cost associated with investigating the attack, hardening our systems and working with customers to implement our remediation programs," said EMC's executive



2011-08-22: Email Discovered





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2011-03-19: Email Uploaded to VirusTotal

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File name: file-1994209_msg

Submission date: 2011-03-19 18:02:08 (UTC)

Current status: finished

Result: 18 /41 (43.9%)

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Antivirus	Version	Last Update	Result
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Avast	4.8.1351.0	2011.03.19	SWF:CVE-2011-0609-A
Avast5	5.0.677.0	2011.03.19	SWF:CVE-2011-0609-A
AVG	10.0.0.1190	2011.03.19	-



2011-03-04: Excel file uploaded to VirusTotal

0 VT Community user(s) with a total of 0 reputation credit(s) say(s) this sample is goodware. 1 VT Community user(s) with a total of 3 reputation credit(s) say(s) this sample is malware.

File name:

survey-questions_2011.xls

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2011-03-04 17:58:53 (UTC)

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Result:

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There is a more up-to-date report (33/44) for this file.

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Avast5	5.0.677.0	2011.03.04	-
AVG	10.0.0.1190	2011.03.04	-



Demo Time



What Would Have Stopped the Infection?



What Would Have Stopped the Infection?

- Uninstalling Flash, or disabling Flash content in Microsoft Office
- Limited user account
- Office 2010
- Windows 7
- Microsoft EMET



Thank You!

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