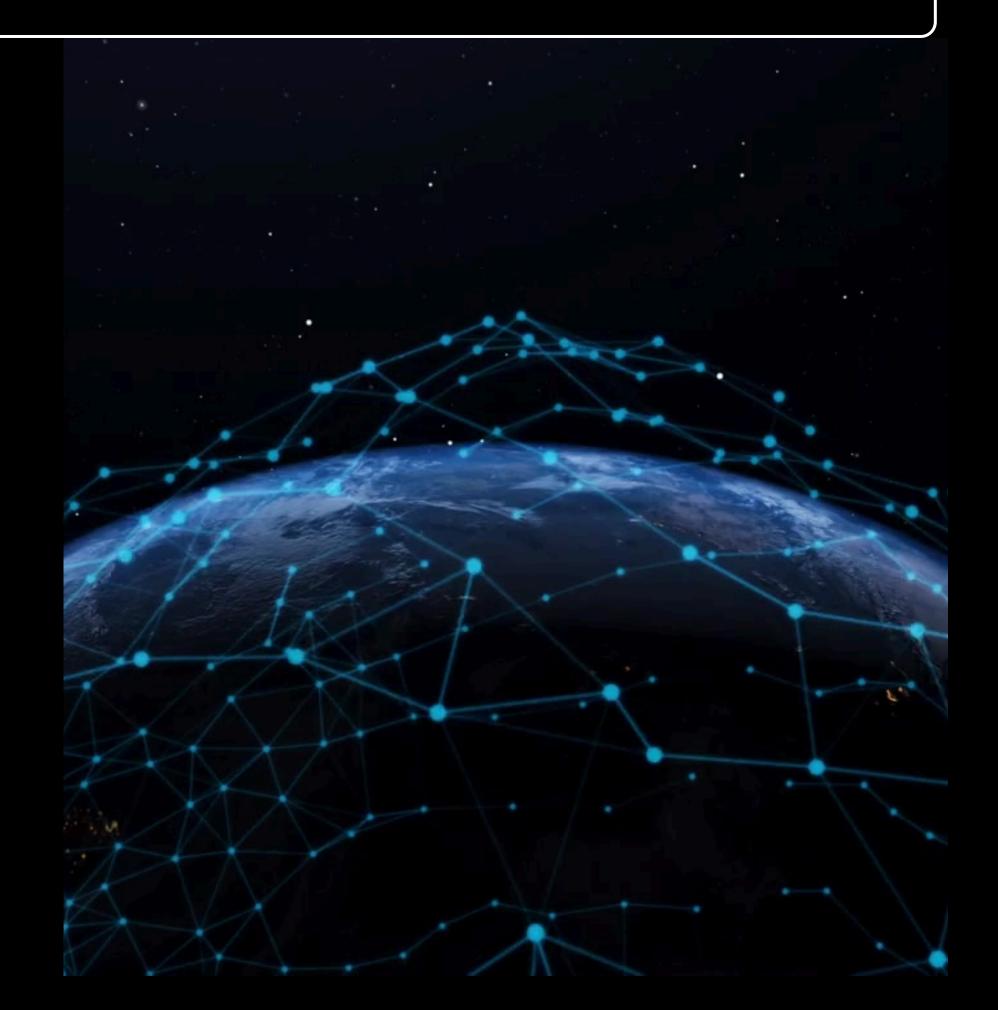
Learning from Real-World Access Control Breaches

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Target (2013)

In 2013, Target Corporation suffered a massive data breach that exposed credit card and personal information of over 110 million customers. The attackers gained access through network credentials stolen from a third-party HVAC contractor.



Cause of the Breach

POOR ACCESS CONTROL

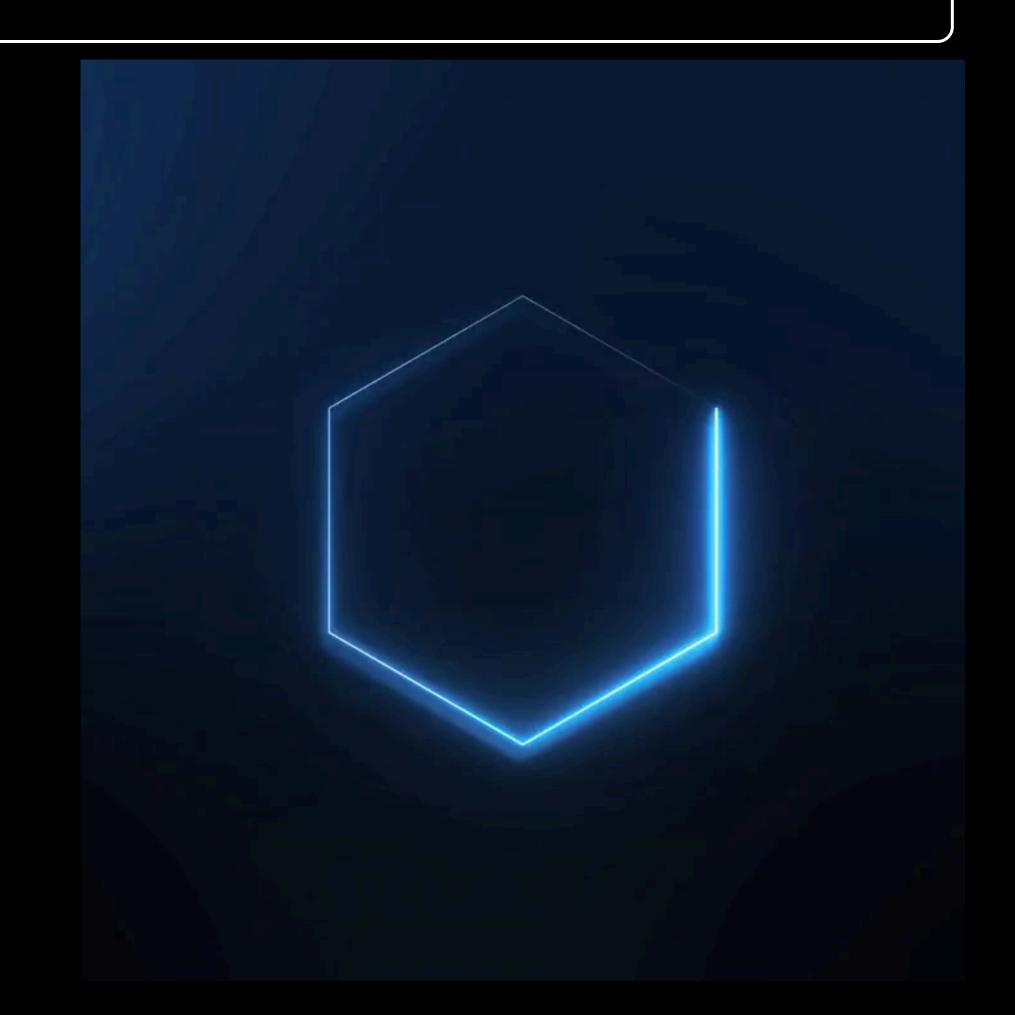
Third-party had broad access to the internal network

No network segmentation

No Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA)

Lessons Learned

- Restrict third-party access
- Enforce network segmentation
- Monitor access logs regularly
- Implement Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA)
- Use Role-Based Access Control (RBAC)



Mitigation Strategies



Apply RBAC for minimum privilege

1



Use MFA for all admin or sensitive access

2



Regularly audit and monitor access logs

3

