CYBER SECURITY: AWARENESS

UNDERSTANDING THREATS AND BEST PRACTICES

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INTRODUCTION

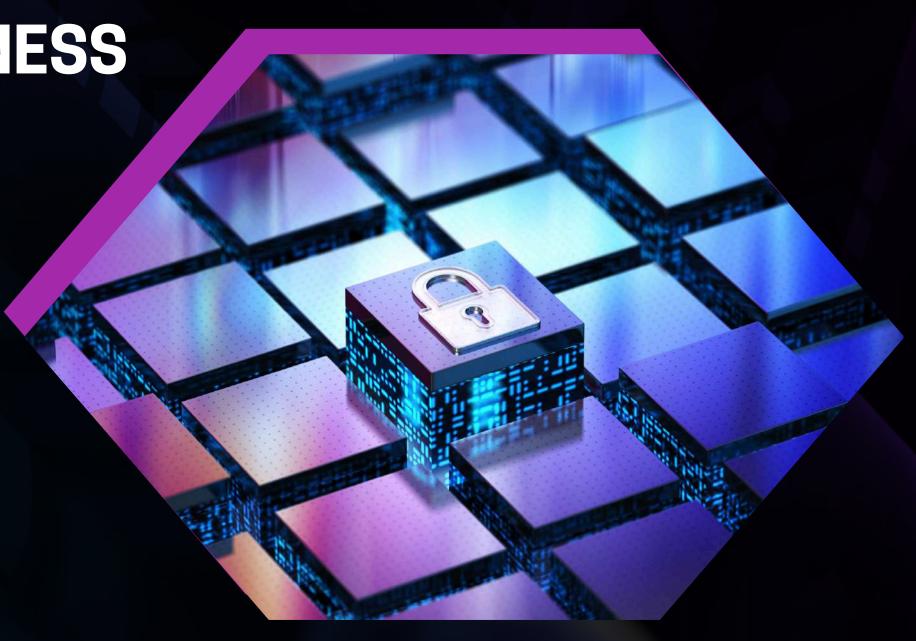
CYBERSECURITY AWARENESS

The knowledge of cyber threats and ways to protect personal & organizational data.

Why It's Important:

- Cybercrime costs \$4.88M per breach (IBM, 2024)
- 80% of breaches result from human error (Verizon, 2022)

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MAJOR CYBERSECURITY THREATS



PHISHING



SOCIAL ENGINEERING



RANSOMWARE



MALWARE



DDOS ATTACKS



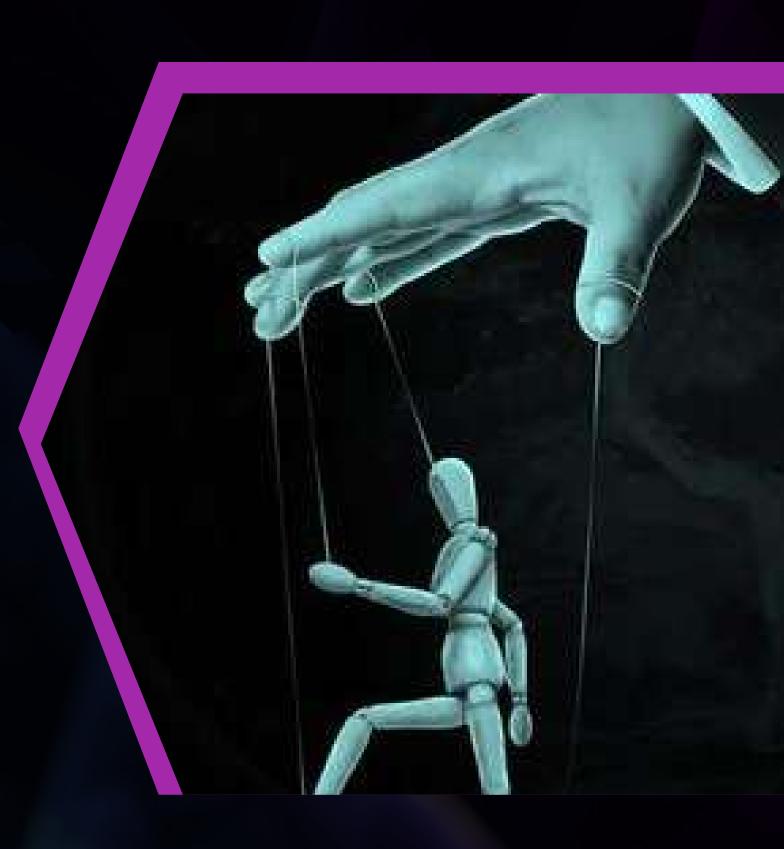
WHAT DO YOU PHISHING?

- Definition: Fake emails or messages trick users into revealing data.
- Impact: 30% of breaches involve phishing (Verizon, 2022)
- Prevention: Verify sender details, don't click unknown links.



WHAT DO YOU SOCIAL ENGINEERING?

- Definition: Fake emails or messages tricking users into revealing data.
- Impact: 30% of breaches involve phishing (Verizon, 2022)
- Prevention: Verify sender details, don't click unknown links.





WHAT DO YOU RANSOMARE?

- Definition: Malware encrypts files, demanding ransom for access.
- Impact: \$5.12M average cost per attack (IBM, 2024)
- Prevention: Regular backups, strong security policies.



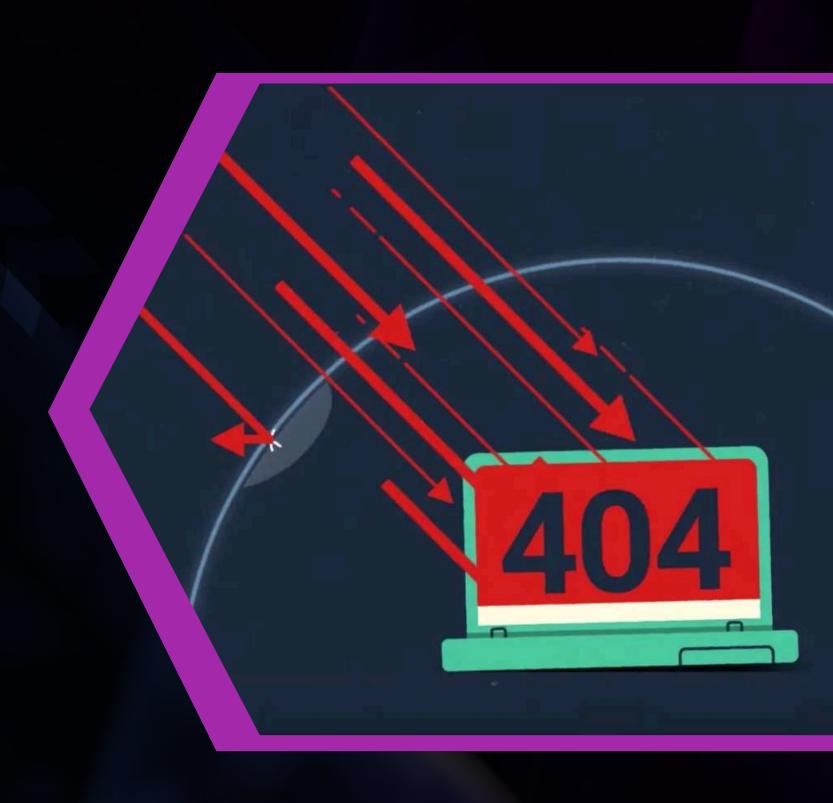
WHAT DO YOU MALWARE?

- Definition: Harmful software that steals or damages data.
- Impact: Spreads via downloads, USBs, email attachments.
- Prevention: Install antivirus, don't download unverified files.



WHAT DO YOU DDOS ATTACKS?

- Definition: Overloading a server to make it unavailable.
- Impact: Disrupts business operations, government services.
- Prevention: Use firewalls & anti-DDoS solutions.



REAL-WORLD CYBERSECURITY INCIDENTS



- WANNACRY (2017)
- EQUIFAX BREACH (2017)
- SOLARWINDS ATTACK (2020)

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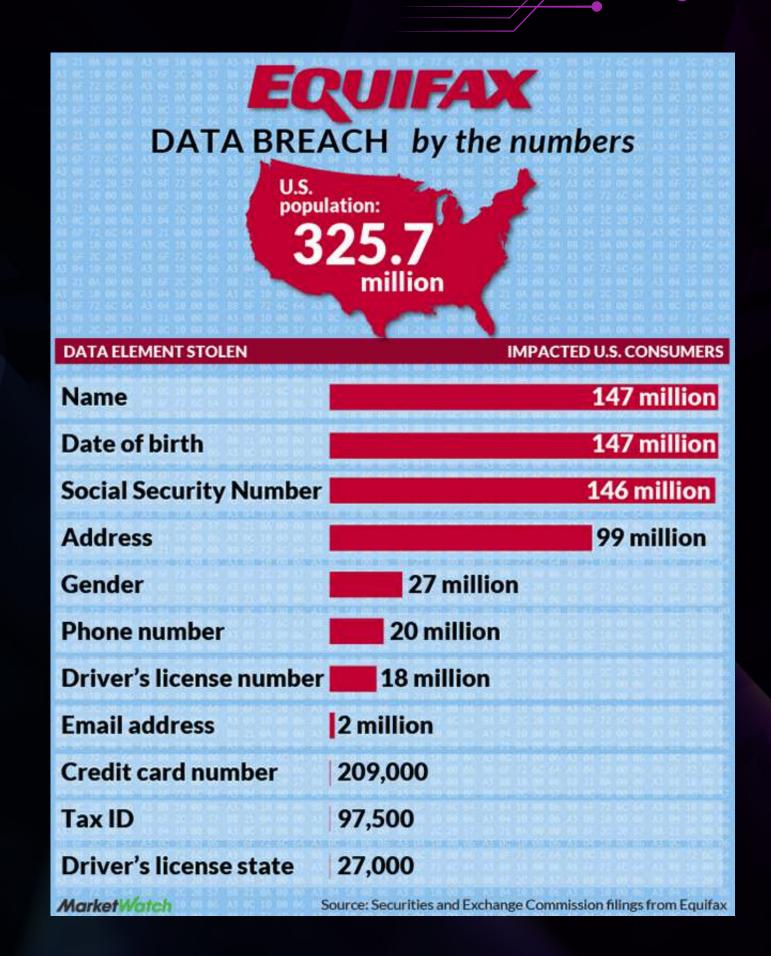
- Impact: Hit 200,000+ computers in 150 countries.
- **Lessons**: Update software, back up data.



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EQUIFAX DATA BREACH (2017)

- Impact: 147 million users' sensitive data exposed.
- Lessons: Patch systems, monitor for suspicious activity.



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SOLARWINDS SUPPLY CHAIN ATTACK (2020)

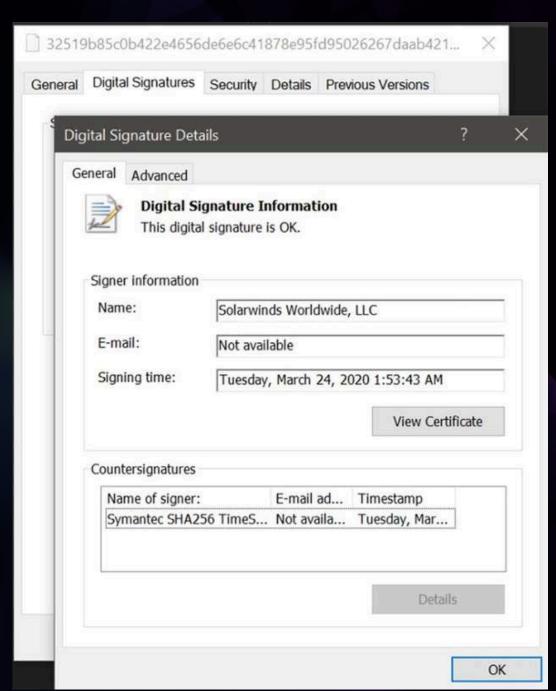
• Impact: US agencies and global

businesses are affected by malware-

infected software updates.

• Lessons: Secure supply chains, adopt

zero-trust policies.



CYBERSECURITY & BEST PRACTICES



CYBERSECURITY BEST PRACTICES

- Strong, Unique Passwords Use password managers.
- Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA) Add a second verification step.
- Update Software Regularly Patch vulnerabilities.
- Beware of Phishing Emails & Links Verify before clicking.
- Backup Data Securely Store copies offline & in the cloud.



FUTURE OF CYBERSECURITY

- Emerging Threats:
 - Al-powered cyberattacks
 - loT device vulnerabilities
 - Quantum computing risks
- Call to Action: <u>Stay ahead by learning and adapting!</u>



CONCLUSION & CALL TO ACTION

- Key Takeaways:
 - Cyber threats are evolving; awareness is critical.
 - Follow best practices to stay protected.
 - The cost of cybercrime is rising—prevention is key.

"Cybersecurity is everyone's responsibility."



REFERENCES & FURTHER READING

- IBM Cost of a Data Breach Report 2024
- Verizon 2022 Data Breach Investigations Report
- National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST)
 - Guidelines
- Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA)
 - Resources (cisa.gov)



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