Most Interesting Cyber Security Incidents of 2021

2021 has been an interesting year. It felt like a wannabe 2020 tbh, trying to reiterate the experience from its predecessor. It was undoubtedly successful in repeating the same for cyber security teams across the industry. According to a recent report by Accenture security, there was a rise of 31% in cybersecurity incidents at an organization level.

Here are 3 of the fascinating incidents/developments from 2021 which caught my eye and kept me up till 1 am, studying about them!

**Domain Name Attacks**

Entrepreneurs of startups or mega-corporations have a lot in hand, from handling sudden government policy changes to paying electricity bills for their offices. In the midst of all this, sometimes tracking the domain and maintaining it may not be at the top of the to-do list. It may be challenging for even the largest corporations to keep track of every domain.

A hilarious example of this was when Google Argentina lost its domain [www.google.com.ar](http://www.google.com.ar) and was bought by a Web Developer for $2.57 (No million or billion, simple $2.57). For a brief moment, it looked like this

Graphical user interface

Description automatically generatedThe smile when you take over Google's domain

Google later got the site back, and even though this dude didn't intend to misbehave, not everyone is an angel.

There can be several reasons for not maintaining domain names or leaving some domains unsecure. Most commonly, it's by mistake but can also be due to financial constraints or a company just changing its name and therefore abandoning the domain.

This can lead to some catastrophic cases of s[ocial engineering](https://www.imperva.com/learn/application-security/social-engineering-attack/#:~:text=Social%20engineering%20is%20the%20term,in%20one%20or%20more%20steps.), like [phishing](https://www.imperva.com/learn/application-security/phishing-attack-scam/#:~:text=Phishing%20is%20a%20type%20of,instant%20message%2C%20or%20text%20message.), where malicious actors can pretend to be trustworthy entities without any common red flags.

Cyber security came on every Organization's radar when the pandemic hit modern civilization, asking humanity to sit at home. Hundreds of businesses were forced to develop sophisticated business plans to cater to the work from home demand. Majority of businessess

As businesses rushed work from home, hackers rushed to take advantage of this hasty shift. We saw an approximate 11 percent rise from 2018 to 2020.

2021, the wannabe 2020 kept up with the trend with a 31% further rise. One place where we don't wanna see compounding now do we haha.

So let's see the top threats in cybersecurity for 2021 and like Netflix likes to put it Death to 2021