

Introduction to Cybersecurity

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Cybersecurity

Outline

- Cyber Crimes
- Cybersecurity Principles
- Vulnerabilities
- Staying safe

Cyber Crime



Cyber crimes are, as the name implies, crimes committed using computers, phones or the internet.



Some types of cyber crime include:

- Illegal interception of data.
- System interferences.
- Copyrights infringements
- Sale of illegal items



The background of the slide is a photograph of a dirt road winding through a forest. The road is light-colored and leads towards a bright horizon, flanked by tall grass and trees. The text is overlaid on this image.

Security is a process,
not a product.

Bruce Schneier

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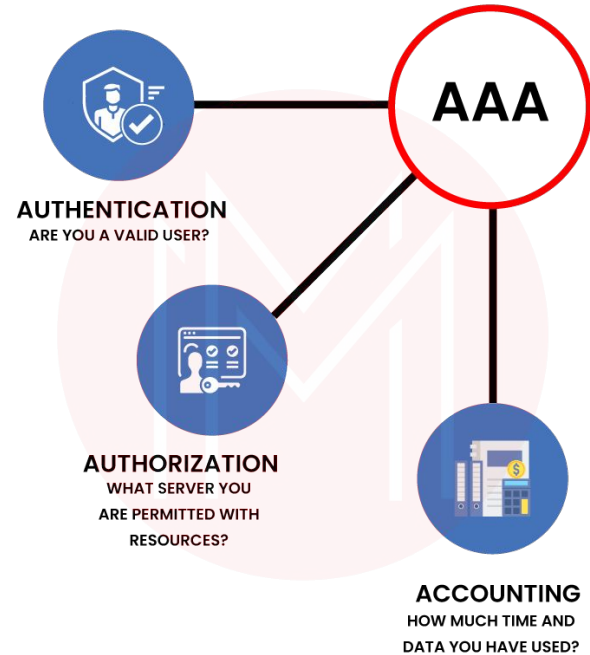
Cyber Security

- Cyber security refers to technologies, processes and practices involved in protecting individuals and organisations from cyber crime.
- It is designed to protect integrity of networks, computers, programs and data from attack, damage or unauthorised access.



Cyber Security Principles

There are six key principles in cyber security



Cybersecurity Principles

Confidentiality

A set of rules that limit access or place restrictions on certain type of information

Availability

The guarantee of reliable access to the information by authorized people

Integrity

Assurance that the information is trustworthy and accurate

Cybersecurity Principles



Authorisation

Process of determining what an authenticated user is allowed to do.

Authentication

Process of verifying the identity of a user, system or device before access to resources

Accountability

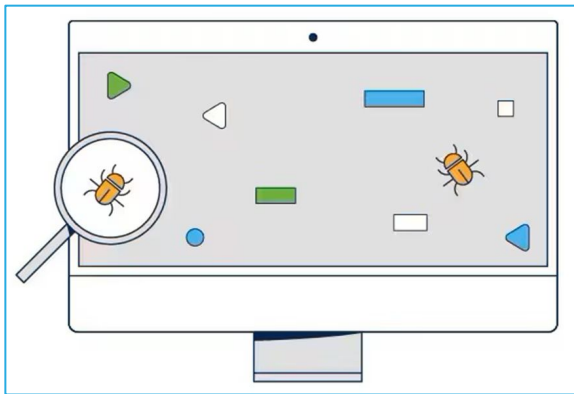
Process of recording and tracking user activities on a system

Cyber Threat

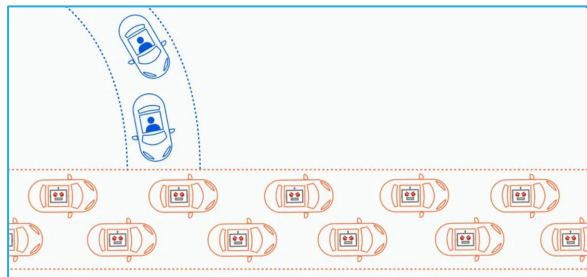
- A cyber threat is any malicious act that attempts to gain access to a computer network without authorisation or permission from the owners.
- It refers to the wide range of malicious activities that can damage or disrupt a computer system, a network or the information it contain.
- Most common cyber threats: social engineered trojans, unpatched software, phishing, network worms etc.



Cyber Threats



Malware



Denial of Service

From: authenticationmail@trust.ameribank7.com
To: johnsmith@email.com
Subject: **A new login to your bank account**



Bank of America

Dear account holder,

There has been a recent login to your bank account from a new device:

IP address: 192.168.0.1

Location: Miami, Florida

4 new transactions have been made with this account since your last login.

If this was not you, please reset your password immediately with this link:

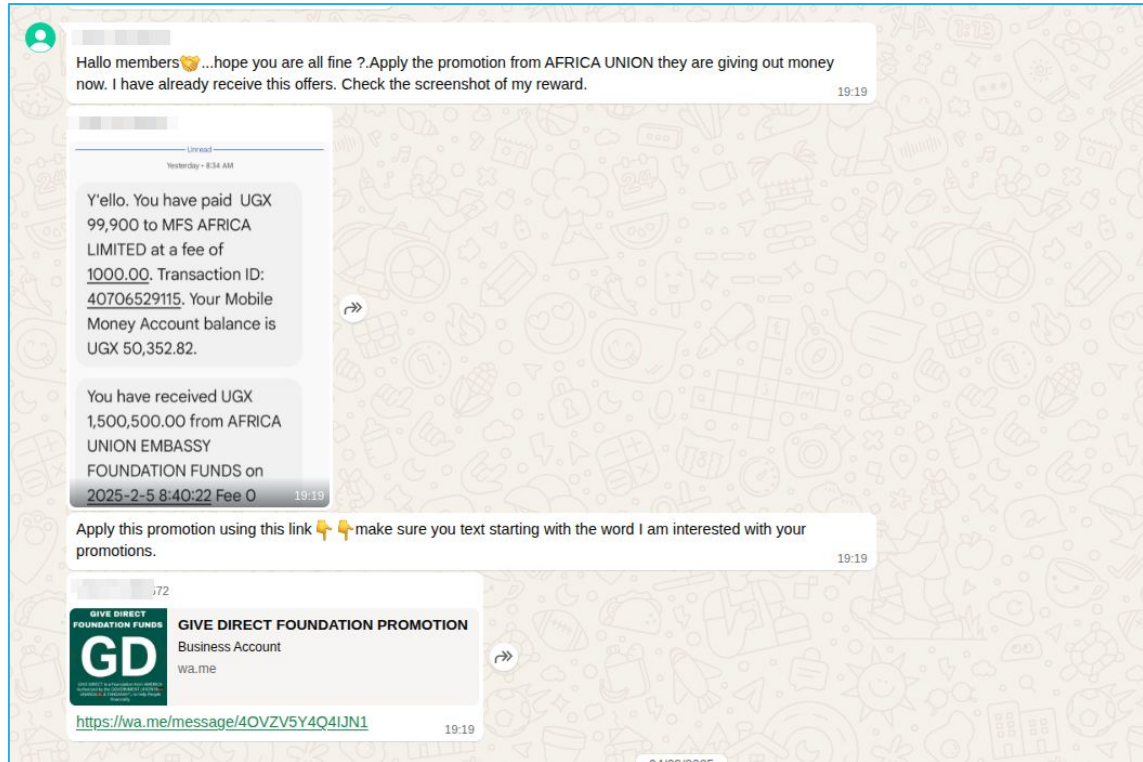
<https://trust.ameribank7.com/reset-password>

Thank you,

Bank America

Phishing

Cyber Threats



What threat is this?

Sources of Cyber Threats

Cyber threats can come from a wide variety of sources, some notable examples include:

- National governments
- Terrorists
- Industrial secret agents
- Rogue employees
- Hackers
- Business competitors
- Organization insiders



Cyber Threat Classifications



How people think they get hacked:



What really happens!!



Cyber Threats Classifications



Unstructured

Resources: Individual or small group

Organization: Little to no

Funding: Negligible

Attack: Easy to detect and make use of freely available cyber attack tool.

Exploitation based on documented vulnerabilities.

Structured

Resources: Well trained individual or group

Organization: Well planned

Funding: Available

Attack: Against particular individual or organisation

Exploitation based on information gathering.

Highly structured

Resources: Extensive resources

Organization: Extensive

Funding: Negligible

Attack: Long term attack on a particular machine

Exploitation with multiple methods: technical, social and insider help

Motives, Goals and Objectives of Cyber Attacks

- Disrupt business continuity
- Perform information theft
- Manipulating data
- Create fear and chaos by disrupting critical infrastructures.
- Bring financial loss to the target
- Propagate religious or political beliefs.
- Achieve a state's military objectives
- Demand Ransom



**Attacks = Motive
(Goal)+Method+Vulnerability**

Types of Cyber Attacks

Advanced Persistent Threat (APT):

A network attack in which an unauthorised person gains access to network and stays there undetected for a long period of time.

Backdoor:

Method of bypassing normal authentication and gaining access in OS or application.



Types of Cyber Attacks

Buffer Overflow:

An exploit that takes advantage of the program that is waiting for a user's input.

Man-in-the-middle Attack:

This attack intercepts and relays messages between two parties who are communication directly with each other.

Denial of Service Attack:

An attack where the attackers attempt to prevent the authorised users from accessing the service.

What happened at the Bank of Uganda

EAST AFRICA

Bank of Uganda awaiting police report on alleged \$17 mln hacking theft

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Elias Biryabarema
Reuters

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The Bank of Uganda, Uganda's central bank, in Kampala, Uganda, on Wednesday, May 17, 2023. Uganda estimates that it will need \$28.1 billion to adapt to the effects of climate change and cut emissions until the end of the decade. Photographer: Katumba Badru Sultan/Bloomberg via Getty Images

KAMPALA, (Reuters) – The Bank of Uganda said it was awaiting a police investigation into a news report that offshore hackers stole 62 billion Ugandan shillings (\$16.8 million) from the central bank.

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Impacts of Cyber Attacks

A successful cyber attack can cause major damage to organisations or systems, as well as to business reputation and consumer trust.

Some potential results include:

- Financial loss.
- Reputational damage.
- Legal consequences.



Common Types of Malicious Code

Virus:

Malicious software program, when it is executed, it replicates itself by modifying other computer programs and inserting its own code.



Network worm:

Standalone malware which replicates itself in order to spread to other computers.

Trojan Horse:

A program that claims to free your computer from viruses but instead introduces viruses onto your system.



Vulnerability

A cyber security term that refers to a flaw in a system that can leave it open to attack.

Vulnerability is the composition of three elements:

- A flaw in system
- Access of attacker to that flaw.
- Capability of attacker to exploit the flaw



Classification of Vulnerabilities

Vulnerabilities are classified according to the asset:

- Hardware.
- Software.
- Network.
- Personal.
- Physical site.
- Organizational.



Vulnerabilities Continued

Some of the vulnerability in the system occur due to:

- Missing patches.
- Cleartext credentials.
- Using unencrypted channels.
- RF Emission.



Simple Steps to Stay Secure

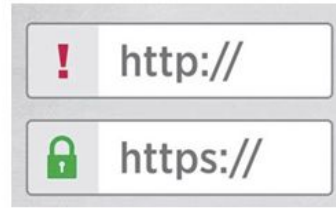


- Creating strong passwords
- Using multi-factor authentication (MFA)
- Software updates & patch management
- Recognizing phishing attempts
- Safe browsing habits: visit secure sites, avoid clicking suspicious ads or pop-ups.



Simple Steps to Stay Secure

LastPass...



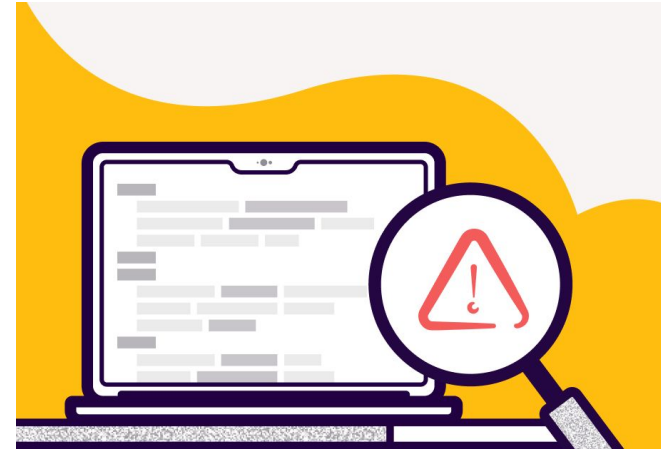
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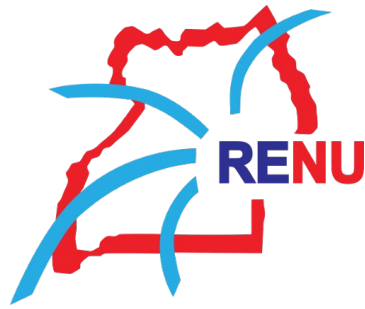


Pentesting



Vulnerability
Scans





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