

Security Awareness Brief

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Security Awareness

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Enabling Research & Education Collaboration

Outline

- Security Process
- Policy Framework
- Cyber Threats
- Countermeasures
- Web Security
- QnA + Discussion

A photograph of a dirt road winding through a forest. The road is light-colored and leads into the distance, flanked by tall grasses and trees. The scene is somewhat dimly lit, suggesting an overcast day or late afternoon.

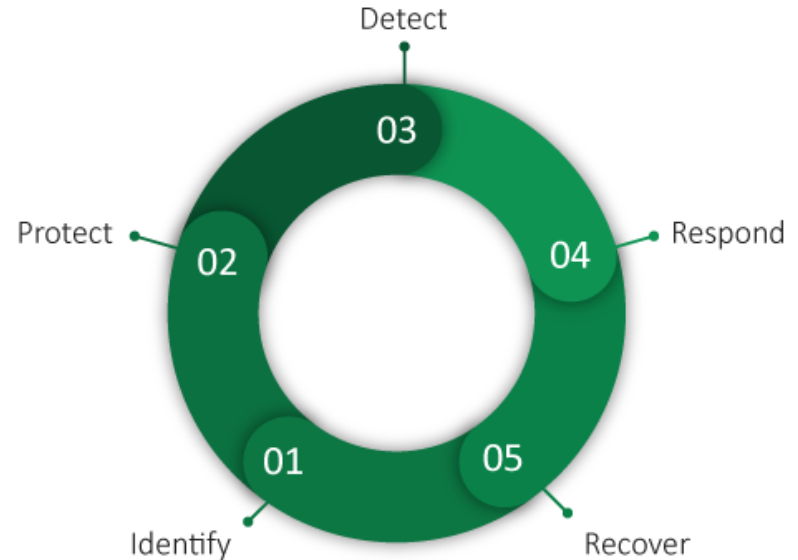
**Security is a process,
not a product.**

Bruce Schneier

quote fancy

The Security Process...

- Prepare for future problems
 - Hackers, Viruses, Ransomware
- What is at risk
 - Student data, finances, Email systems, IoTs
- Efforts to mitigate the risk
 - Strong passwords, 2FA, Biometric Authn
- Monitor for breaches and IoCs
 - Windows Defender, Windows Firewall
- Have a response plan
 - Containment, Backups, User training
- Restore operations after an incident



Policy Framework

- Why Policy is important?
 - Permissible, Disallowed activities
 - Specify how you want people to behave
- Enforcement of the policy
 - Firewalls, Application filtering
 - Link to your disciplinary procedure
 - Monitor network activity
 - Consequences
- Google “School AUP” for templates



Acceptable Use Policy

1. Monitor the use of 
2.  **SAFE** and secure
3. Follow  **RULES** 
4. Take care of 
5. We will share info. 

Cyber Threats



Phishing



Ransomware



DDoS



Malware



Insider Threat

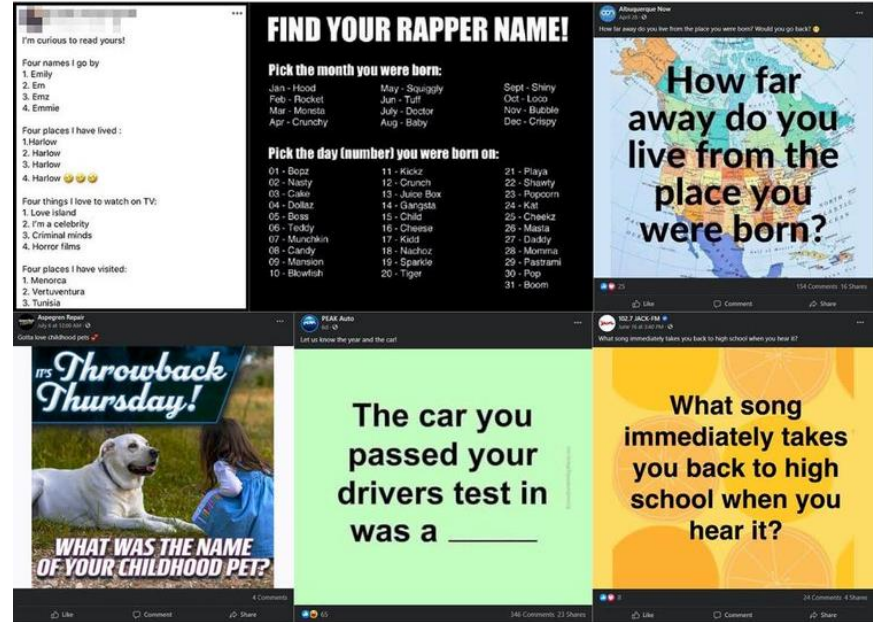
Cyber Threats: How we are hacked...

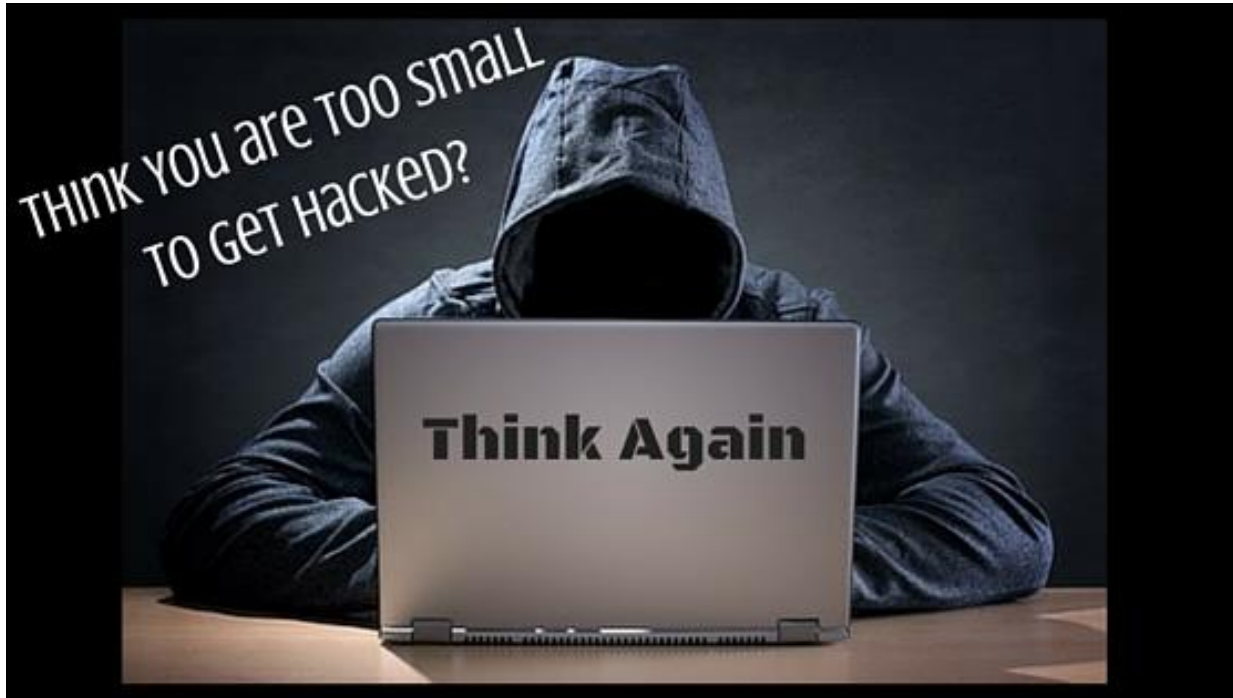


How people think they get hacked:



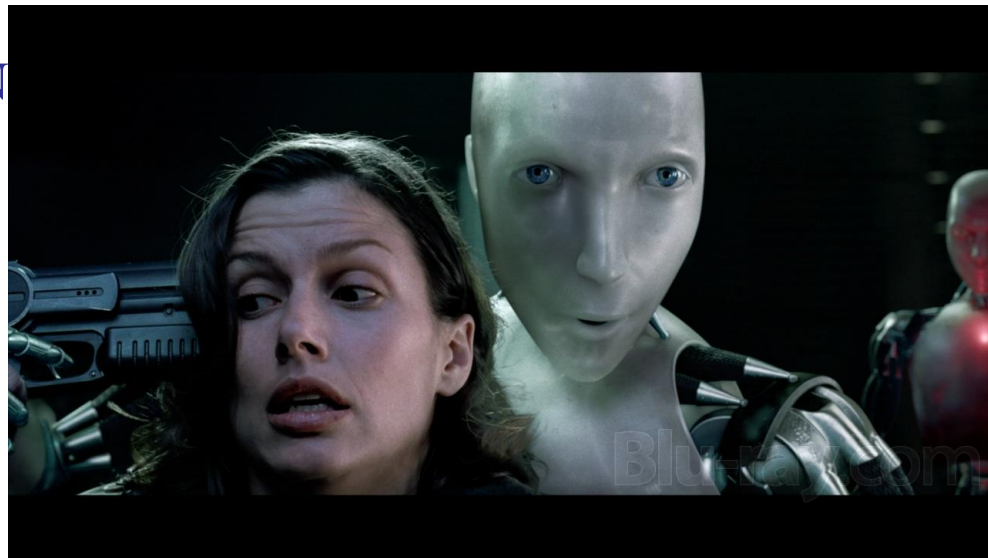
How they really get hacked:





Behavior of a Compromised Machine...

- Outbound connections to CnCs
- Attack other machines on the LAN
- Start spewing Spam
- Anti-virus alerts
- Slow speeds
- Pop-ups or Ads



Virus Protection



- Spread through user actions
 - Poor browsing habits
 - Opening email attachments
 - Clicking “OK” or “Install” when you shouldn’t
 - Clicking malicious links
- A firewall is not “enough”



FIREWALL

- Keep all systems updated
- Free windows protection
 - Windows 10: Windows Defender
 - Windows 8.1: Windows Defender
 - Windows 8: Update to Windows 8.1
 - Windows 7: Disabled security essentials and install virus protection
 - Windows XP: Throw them out

Users’ machines don’t get infections without the user’s help

Countermeasures...

- Get rid of obsolete operating systems
- Use built-in security features
 - Don't turn off built-in firewalls
- Network-based containment
- User education
 - Human firewalls
 - No quick fix
- Keep all systems updated
- Traffic Filtering
 - Outbound ports to block:
 - 25/TCP – Unauthenticated SMTP
 - 123/UDP - NTP
 - 135-139/TCP & UDP – NetBIOS
 - 389/UDP - cLDAP



Web Security

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Privacy on the Internet



Unpacking the Privacy Paradox

The privacy paradox is a dichotomy between **a person's intentions to protect their online privacy versus how they actually behave online** and, as a result, compromise their privacy.



Burglars jailed for holiday raid on John Terry's mansion



The gang targeted John Terry's home after spotting images posted online by him during his skiing holiday in the Alps



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Apple has detected an unauthorized sign-in to your iCloud account. Please verify your account by replying to this alert with your Apple ID and password. If no response is received your account will be locked for security.

Dear Apple Customer,
To get back into your apple account, you'll need to confirm your account. It's easy. Click the link below to open a secure browser window. Confirm that you're the owner of the account and then follow the instructions. ...
Update Now >
Before log in your account will be Confirmed, let us know right away. Reporting it is important because it helps us prevent fraudsters from stealing your information. Yours sincerely, apple



Jennifer Lawrence leaked nude photos: Apple iCloud password hack could be 'responsible for security breach'

Tech experts are now saying weak passwords gave hackers the chance to access private pictures thanks to a software glitch

By **David Raven**
13:41, 1 Sep 2014 | UPDATED 10:37, 23 Sep 2014



2014: try googling 'apple security icloud'

Kirsten Dunst tweeted her response to the leak, expressing her anger through the medium of emoji.



Because there is no patch for human stupidity

Social Engineering



The clever manipulation of the natural human tendency to trust!

Jeff Bezos hack: Amazon boss's phone 'hacked by Saudi crown prince'

Exclusive: investigation suggests Washington Post owner was targeted five months before murder of Jamal Khashoggi

● **Revealed: the Saudi heir and the alleged plot to undermine Jeff Bezos**

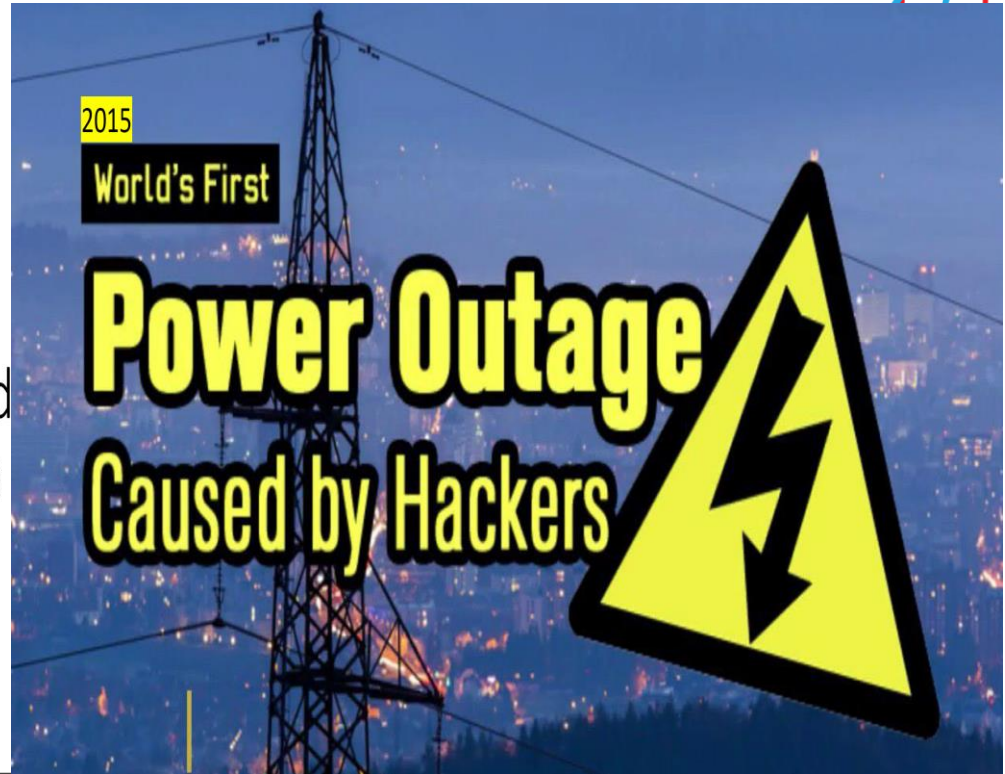


Jeff Bezos, the Saudi crown prince, and the alleged phone-hacking plot - video explainer

The Amazon billionaire Jeff Bezos had his mobile phone “hacked” in 2018 after receiving a WhatsApp message that had apparently been sent from the personal account of the crown prince of Saudi Arabia, sources have told the Guardian.

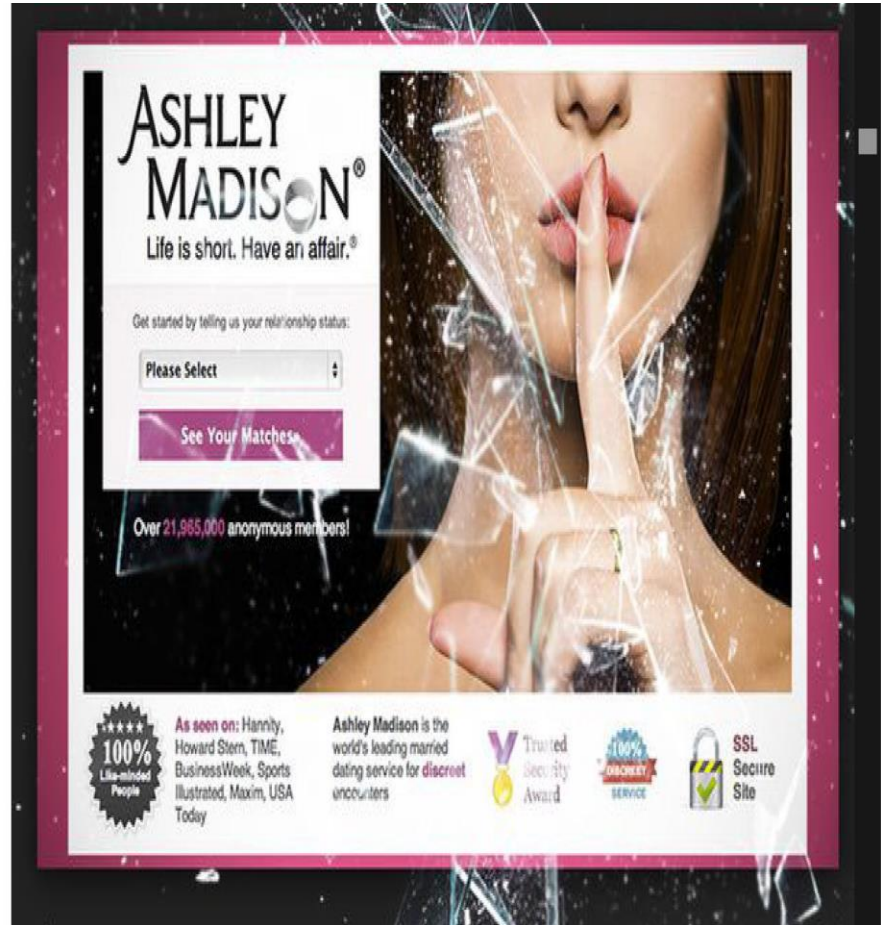


2014: Sony Pictures hacked by North Korea

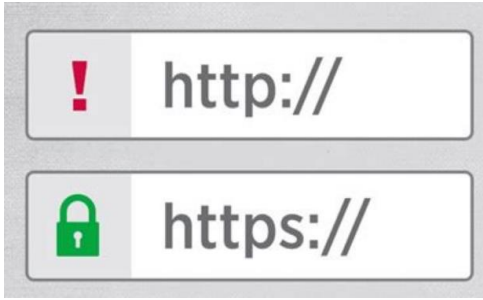


2015: Madison Ashley data leak

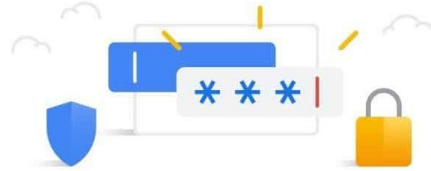
- 25gb of company data stolen (emails, user data)
- Usernames & passwords from customers put online
 - Suicide, divorce and public humiliation



Web Safety



Password Manager



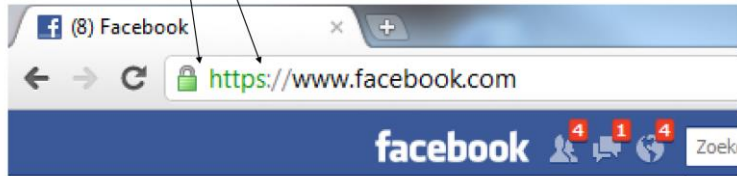
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FIREWALL



Use **https** if possible...always.



Log out...always

- Otherwise others might be able to take over your session
 - Be certain to log out on devices that are not yours (e.g. school pc)
 - Log out when using public networks



Follow these web safety rules!!!

DO

- Use **HTTPS** sites
- Use a **trusted VPN**
- Use password managers
- Use **STRONG** passwords
- Setup **MFA** if possible
- Update your browser & extensions **regularly** to **stable** versions
- Use **different** browsers
- Update & enable **trusted** FW + AV

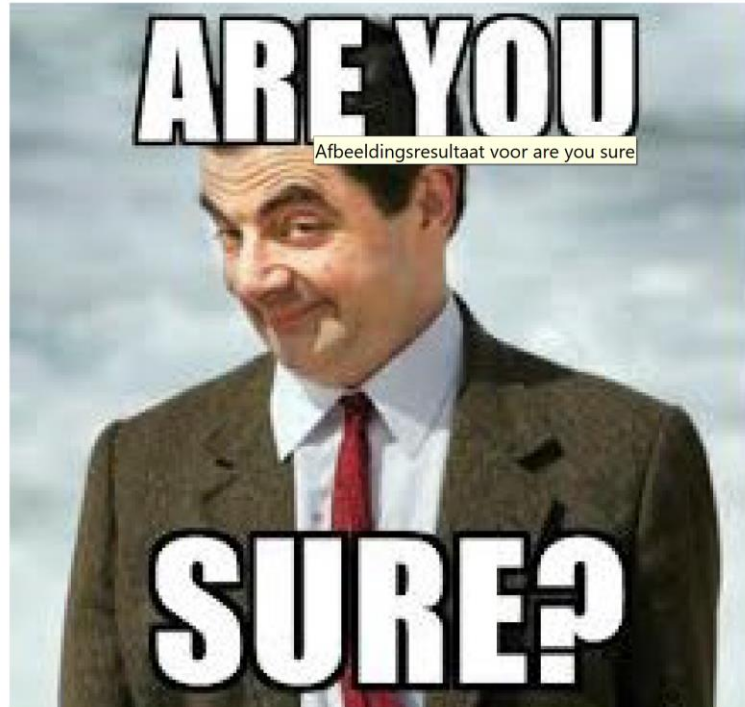
DON'T

- Save passwords in browsers
- Click links carelessly
- Share **too much** information online
- Download and install **untrusted** apps
- Ignore software updates
- *Share any passwords



DATA
WITH GREAT ~~POWER~~ COMES GREAT RESPONSIBILITY..

My phone can't be hacked!



Famous last words



*"It won't happen
to us"*

Random company Ltd.

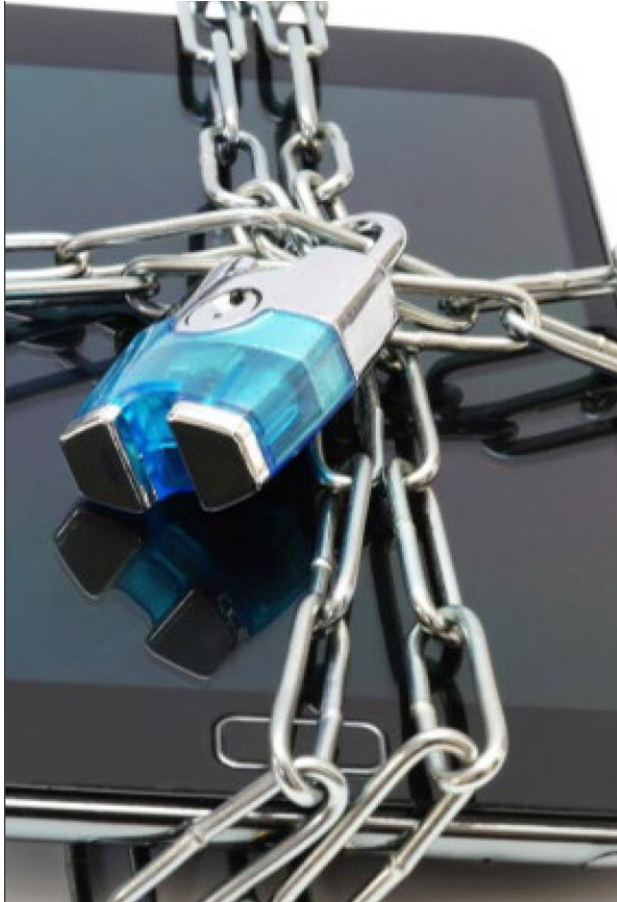
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The unhackable 'smart' phone





Don't forget your weakest hardware link

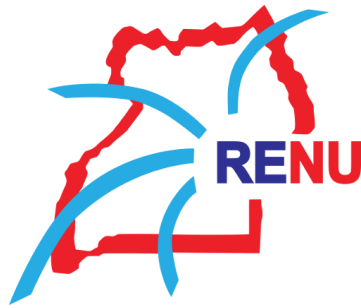
- Secure your mobile phone/tablet (minimum Pincode)
- You always carry a gigantic data-source with you
- Can easily e stolen

- Never use unofficial apps!
- Only install 'store' apps (but remain vigilant)

It's like the Wild West, the
Internet. There are no rules.

Steven Wright

 quote fancy



QnA + Discussion

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For anything cybersecurity-related

SECURITY IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY