

# Seciritylabs Stepping into the hacker's shoes - part one

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### Agenda



#### Our meeting today

- 1. Hacking yesterday, today and tomorrow
- 2. Industries at risk
- 3. Cost of doing nothing
- 4. Mobile security
- 5. Security of IoT
- 6. Security of Industrial Systems (ICS/SCADA)
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Introduction

### Disclamer



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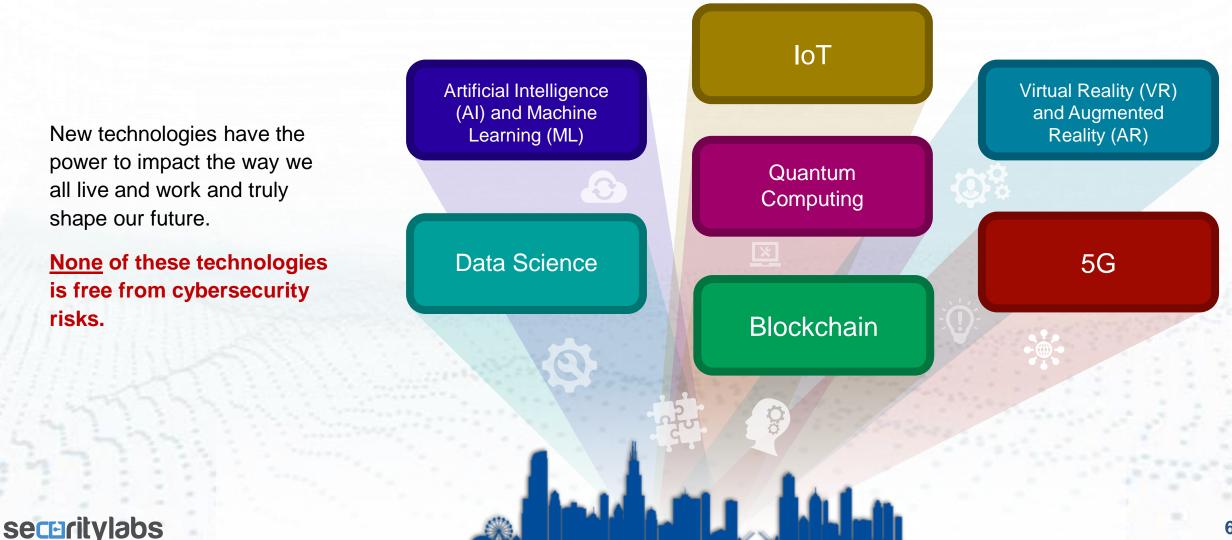


### Stepping Into the Hacker's Shoes - Part One

# Hacking yesterday, today and tomorrow

New technologies are already here so are the cybersecurity risks





### News are full of worrying articles about cybersecurity

new data shows





### Industries at risk

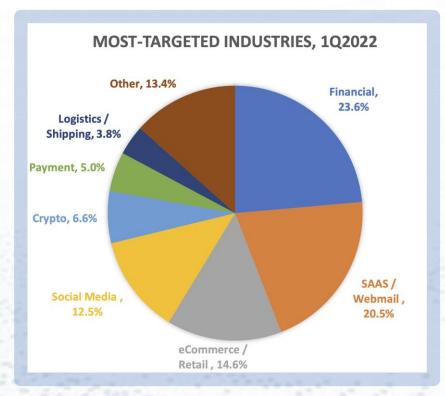
### Targeted industries



Source: IBM 2021

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### Industries targeted for phishing



Source: Anti Phishing Working Group 2022 (https://www.antiphishing.org)



### Cost of doing nothing



**Average Ransom Payout** Size of each known payment +63% from Q3 in 2021 Average known Payout = **Cyber Threat Landscape** USD \$322k 67% of Chief Information Security Officers: "Worse" SIGNIFICANTLY BETTER BLACKFOG SOMEWHAT BETTER Published May 2022 ABOUT THE SAME **Cyber Breach Frequency** SOMEWHAT WORSE 39% of Firms breached at least once in last year SIGNIFICANTLY WORSE No Breaches 61% 2-5 Breaches Survey of 411 CISOs **CISOs** CONECT Published June 2022 1 Breach 6-9 Breaches 10+ Breaches 3% 🔹 Cymulate Survey of 858 senior decision-makers Published June 2022

You would still pay if you do nothing about cybersecurity. Actually, you might pay more than you think...

# Approach to cybersecurity



### Reactive

- React only after security breach occurs
- Hoping the incident "never happens to me"
- Not knowing the security and performance posture
- Costs of recovering from attacks much greater comparing to proactive security approach

### **Proactive**

- Focus on preventing security issues in advance
- Test security in lab
- Regular tests of live systems
- Detect security vulnerabilities
- Act accordingly on findings
- Improve security and processes
- Much less expensive compared to being reactive

# Why CISO thinks his company is "secure"?



- …"because we bought a new firewall NG in January and it protects us so well"…
- …"because we have already invested £30000 to cybersecurity last year and we never had a single incident"...
- …"because we control all the inbound traffic and have an antivirus installed"…
- …"because our business does not attract hackers"…
- …"because our infrastructure is in the cloud so it is very secure"…
- …"because we conducted penetration test last year"…
- …"because we recently passed a compliance audit"…

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# THIS IS ALL WRONG

# Financial and insurance

Why financial services? Well, because it is all about money!

#### What attackers are after?

Your money, of course. They might not necessarily grab all your money at once, but rather execute multiple micro transactions on your behalf. Your account can be used for unauthorised or illegal payments and you would not know about it.

#### **Typical attack vectors:**

Weak/stolen credentials, phishing email, malicious mobile app stealing your data.

#### **Top protective controls:**

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Do not re-use credentials, use MFA, always manually log out from the banking website you've finished using, learn how to recognize phishing emails, compliance with the industry requirements, do not do multiple thing in your laptop/phone when using internet banking.





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## (%) Telecommunication security (including 5G)

#### Why telecommunication?

All our data this or that way go through the telecommunication systems.

#### What attackers are after?

All type of sensitive and personal data (individuals and businesses), metadata, DoS.

#### Typical attack vectors:

Misconfigured and unpatched devices (on the provider side and on the customer side), known vulnerability (e.g., zero day), weak/default credentials, lack of network segmentation, malicious insider, supply chain threat, insecure IoT.

#### **Top protective controls:**

Have hardware devices patched and properly configured, have the devices security tested (ideally by unbiased 3<sup>rd</sup> party), network segmentation, security awareness training for personnel, compliance with the industry requirements, rigorous control of the supply chain, control system access.





# 😽 Security of IoT

#### Why IoT?

IoT devices are the least secure from all. Typically they are a part of the internal network (home or corporate) so, if compromised, they can be a door to the network and everything in it. Quite often IoT devices are very cheap, forgotten by the vendor and never patched.

#### What attackers are after?

IoT devices are of a low value to attackers (unless they are wearables), so they rather used for pivoted attacks, using IoT devices as a part of botnet.

#### Typical attack vectors:

Misconfigured and unpatched IoT device, known vulnerability (e.g., zero day), "insecure by design", weak credentials.

#### **Top protective controls:**

Use IoT devices from reputable vendors, have IoT device patched and properly configured, have IoT devices in a separate network segment. Bonus tip: reduce the number of IoT devices in your house. Not everything should be controlled by Alexa. ;-)



# Mobile security



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#### Why mobile devices?

Mobile phone is always on. All our life with all details: interests, pictures, passwords, secrets – all is there.

#### What attackers are after?

Literally everything which is on your phone (email, calls, chat history, personal data, credentials, geolocation, metadata – all can be monetized by hackers).

#### Typical attack vectors:

Weak/stolen credentials, malicious mobile app that is stealing our data, clicking the wrong link (especially in hybrid apps), app "insecure by design", weak cryptography, insecure 3<sup>rd</sup> party components.

#### **Top protective controls:**

Do not re-use credentials, use MFA, do not install unverified apps, automatically update your phone and apps, always log out from the website you've finished using, do not download suspicious files, learn how to recognize phishing emails.



# Security of Industrial Systems (ICS/SCADA)



#### Why ICS/SCADA?

ICS/SCADA devices are used by CNI, manufacturing and manage pretty much all industrial processes these days. ICS devices are well-known for being notoriously insecure as typically they operate in an air-gapped environment (which is not always the case).

#### What attackers are after?

Unauthorised access, DoS, takeover control of an industrial process, steal sensitive operational data, in consequence: blackmailing, ransom, etc.

#### Typical attack vectors:

Old, misconfigured and unpatched ICS device, known vulnerability (e.g., zero day), weak/default credentials, malicious insider, vulnerable USB drive, supply chain threat, insecure industrial IoT.

#### **Top protective controls:**

Have ICS device patched and properly configured, have ICS devices security tested, do network segmentation, security awareness training for personnel, compliance with the industry requirements, rigorous control of the supply chain, control system access.



### Automotive security



#### Why cars?

Modern cars have tons of electronic components, they are connected to the automotive cloud and can be managed remotely. Isn't it cool to start/stop someone else's car?

#### What attackers are after?

All type of sensitive and personal data, technical parameters of the car, geolocation (e.g., so they know you are not at home). The cherry on the top would be stealing your car or stopping it in the middle of the highway.

#### Typical attack vectors:

Insecure car components (e.g., infotainment system, ECUs), known vulnerability (e.g., zero day), weak/default credentials, malicious "insider" (in the garage), "backdoor by design", supply chain threat.

#### Top protective controls:

Have your car reviewed by an authorised dealer, do not do your own modifications in the car, control supply chain, rigorous control of the supply chain, compliance with the industry requirements. Bonus tip: consider using bicycle. ;-)



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### Medical security



#### Why healthcare systems?

Modern medical systems feature the abundance of electronic devices and subsystems, they also use digital medical records (DMR). This data can be stolen and sold and devices circumvented.

#### What attackers are after?

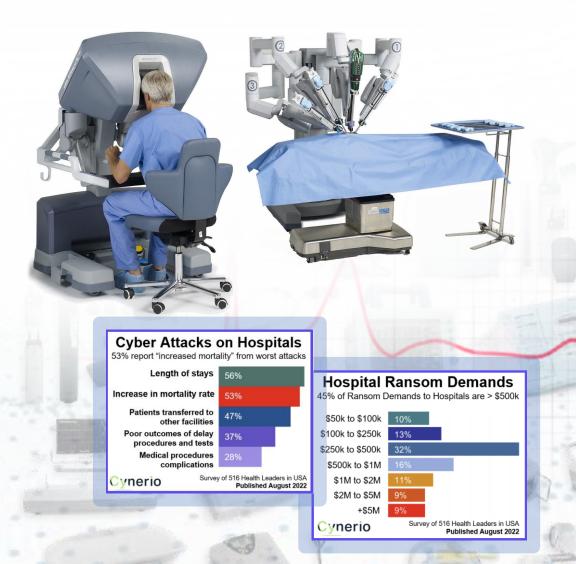
Digital medical records (DMR), parameters of medical equipment, taking remote control of the equipment.

#### Typical attack vectors:

Insecure/malicious mobile app, weak/stolen credentials, phishing email, known vulnerability (e.g., zero day), supply chain threat.

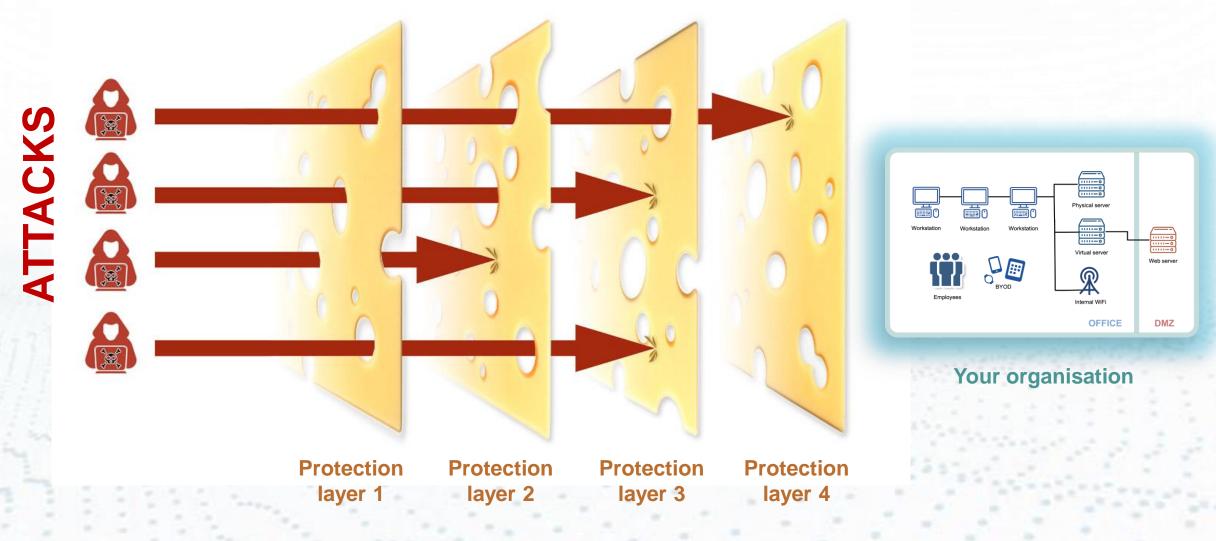
#### Top protective controls:

Keep software and OS up to date and patched, security awareness training for personnel, use trusted equipment vendors, rigorous control of the supply chain, control system access, compliance with the industry requirements. Bonus tip: stay healthy and avoid doctors. ;-)



### Takeaways: defense in depth





# Takeaways: how to secure your industry

### **Generic protective controls for businesses:**

- Map the network
- Identify all your IT assets
- Identify critical systems
- Reduce the attack surface
- Patch and update
- Keep software and OS up to date and patched
- Run security awareness training for personnel
- Use trusted equipment vendors
- Control of the supply chain
- Control system access
- Be compliant with the industry requirements
- Conduct regular security assessments (penetration testing) exercises
- Never "assume" security. Always have it tested!





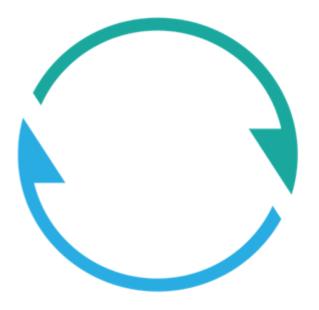






### Questions





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