

Navigating the 2020 Cyber Threat Landscape

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## Meet the Presenter





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- Young hacker (Modems, phreaking, 2600, BBS, etc)
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# **Agenda**

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Five 2020 security threats & trends that affect everyone



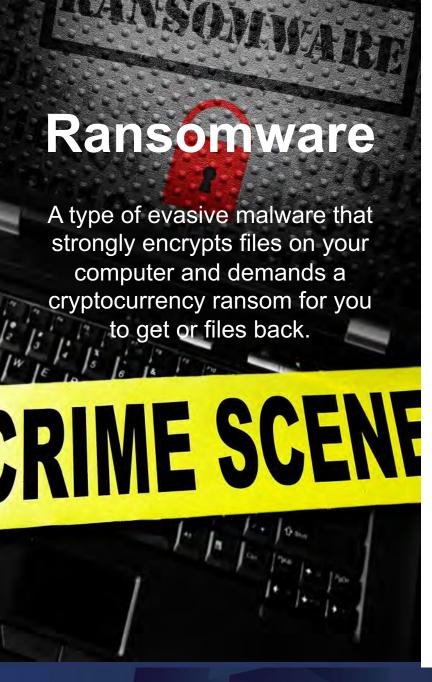
Six work from home security tips for a pandemic



Summary:

Network and endpoint security for the win







## **Quick History**

- Spammed, shotgun ransomware
  - Cryptolocker, Cryptowall
- Vertical, targeted ransomware
  - WannaCry
- MSP Ransomware
  - Sodinokibi



#### **Latest Evolutions**

- Latest antimalware evasions
- Ransomware as a Service (RaaS)
- Target backups (NAS)
- Kills hundreds of security processes



## **Targets, Tactics, and Trends**

- Healthcare
- Local and state government
- Industrial Control and Manufacturing
- MSPs, CSPs, and SPs
- ... What's next?





# 2020 Prediction - Ransomware Targets the Cloud

# Ransomware Defenses

Advanced Network Malware Detection (APT & IAV)

▶ Good Firebox Policy

AuthPoint

Threat Detection and Response

**▶** DNSWatch



# Spear Phishing A very well designed and targeted email masquerading as legitimate correspondence. It tries to socially engineer you into doing something you shouldn't.



## **Quick History**

- Phishing around since the 90s
- Notable spear phishing started 2010
- RSA's hack started w/spear phishing (2011)
- Anthem breach was a spear phish (2015)
- DNC Hack (2016), etc...



## **Latest Evolutions**

- Automated social network recon
- Org partner mapping
- Brand impersonation
- Whaling & targeted smishing/vishing



## **Targets, Tactics, and Trends**

- 90-95% of breaches start with spear phish
- 94% of spear phish use files not links
- Leading cause of account takeover
- 28% of phishing is targeted
- 30% open spear phish; ~14% click
- Lowest volume, but highest impact cost



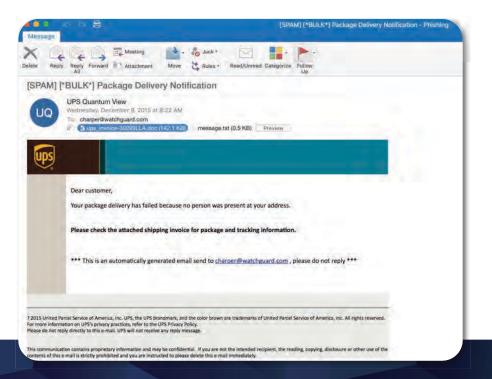


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**Whaling** – spear-phishing that targets C-levels





## Old phishing example:

- Not individualized
- Bulk recipients
- Uses real assets
- Malicious document

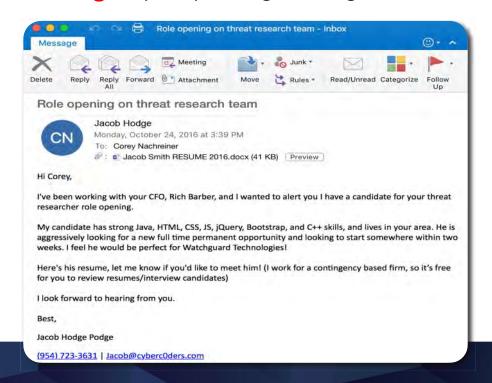


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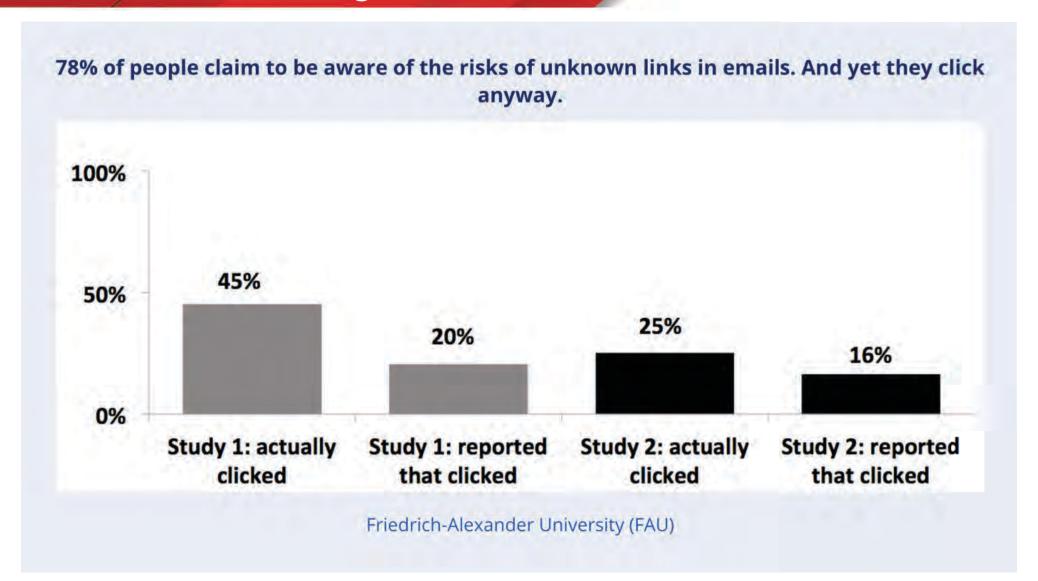


## **Spear-phishing example:**

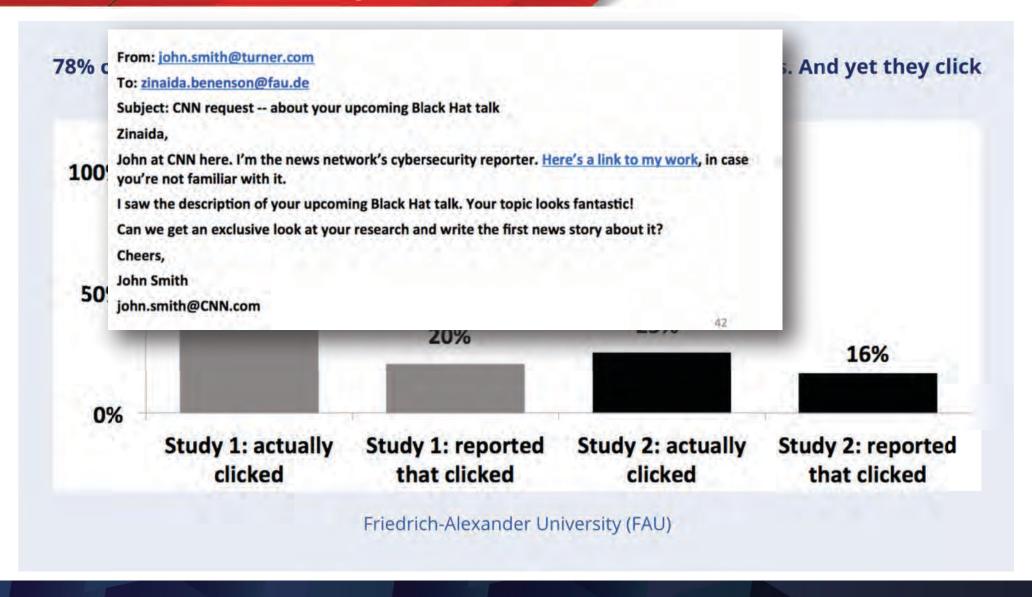
- Personalized to me
- Fits my job role
- Understands business relationships
- Sender makes sense in context
- Malicious attachment fits context



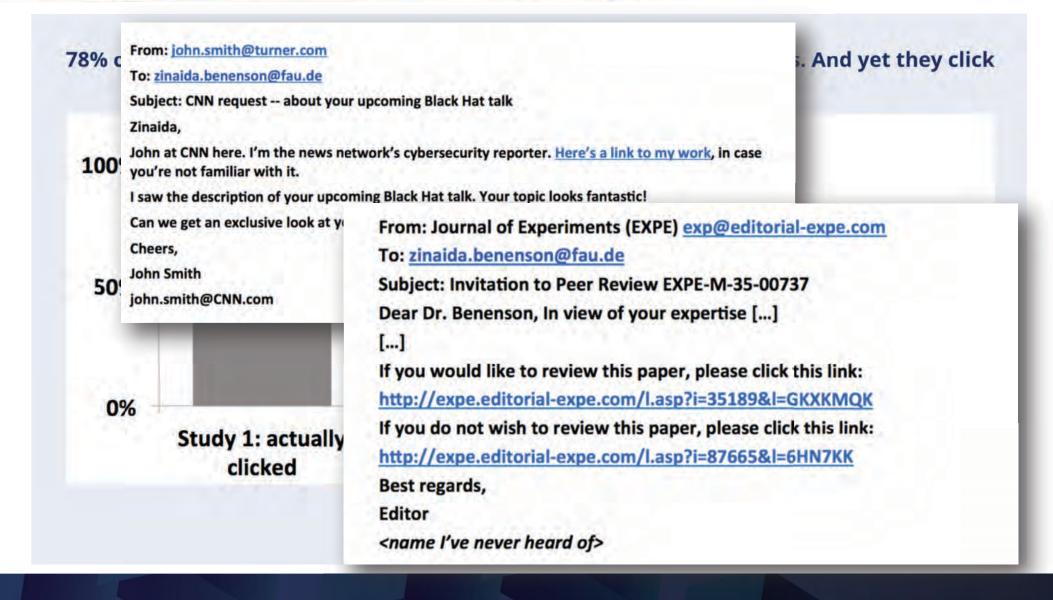
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## Covid-19 Related Phishing

## Watch out for:

- Fake CDC info
- Unemployement scams
- Fake video conference links (Zoom)
- Fake stimulus emails

From: CDC <envhealthmedia@cdchealth.org>
Sent on: Tuesday, March 3, 2020 7:22:13 PM

To:

Subject: COVID19: Community spread now up by 70% [EXTERNAL]

Warning: Level 3, Community Spread! Alert - Level 2, Practice Enhanced Precautions

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and public health officials have reported a total of 60 confirmed cases who have tested positive for the virus that causes COVID-19, including six patient who have died.

For full Transcript of the CDC Telebriefing Update on COVID-19 and cases that might be around your community, see below;

#### CDC Newsroom Releases

CDC works 24/7 protecting America's health, safety and security. Whether disease start at home or abroad, are curable or preventable, chronic or acute, or from human activity or deliberate attack, CDC responds to America's most pressing health threats. CDC is headquartered in Atlanta and has experts located throughout the United States and the world.

# Spear Phishing Defenses

- ► DNSWatch
- ▶ WebBlocker
- Advanced Malware Detection
- ► AuthPoint



# **Fileless** Malware sophisticated and evasive type of malware that avoids writing files to your computer storage, making it harder for endpoint solutions to detect.



## **Quick History**

- Memory resident viruses of the 80s
- Fileless network worms of the 00s
  - CodeRed, SQL Slammer
- "Living off the Land" attacks today
  - Powersploit, Powerware



#### **Latest Evolutions**

- DLL and memory injection
- Use of legitimate Windows tools
  - PowerShell, Netsh, etc
- Attached to zero day exploits



## **Targets, Tactics, and Trends**

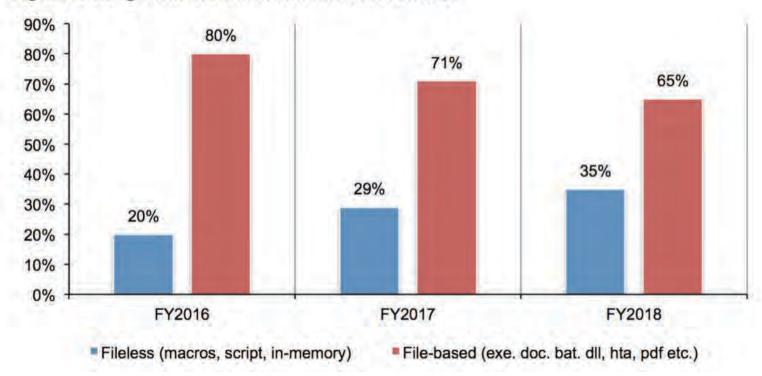
- Really picked up around 2016
- Not always completely fileless
- Often starts with Office documents
- PowerShell threats increased 460% in 2019





## Fileless Malware Growing

Figure 2. The growth of fileless and file-based attacks



- 77% of attacks that successfully compromised organizations in 2017 utilized fileless techniques - Ponemon Institute
- Fileless malware attacks accounted for 52% of all attacks in 2017 - Carbon Black





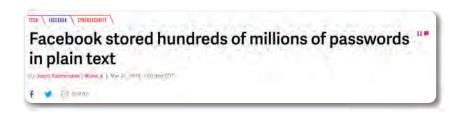
# Fileless Malware Defenses

- ► Intrusion Prevention System
- Advanced Malware Detection
- ► Threat Detection and Response

# **Huge Target on Authentication**







74% of data breaches involve privileged credential abuse warns Centrify study

Privilege access abuse responsible for three quarters of data breaches, according to major study of 1,000 IT chiefs from Centrify, painting a worrying picture for UK business leaders

by News Reporter on 26 February 2019 14:16

# Massive Data Breach Exposes 773 Million Emails, 21 Million Passwords

Security researcher Troy Hunt reported last week a massive data breach, a collection of 772,9-4,991 unique emails and 21,222,975 unique passwords.

By Jessica Davis Jan 23, 2019





# Account **Takeover**

An attack where the invader successfully logs into an org impersonating a trusted employee. Often involves lost or stolen credentials.



## **Quick History**

- 2002: First mandatory breach disclosure law
- 2004: Gates, "passwords are dead"
- 2011: Sony PSN lost 77m passwords
- 2013: Google exec, "passwords are dead"
- 2013 Yahoo lost 1b passwords
- 2019: Collection 1-5 leak, 2.2b passwords



#### **Latest Evolutions**

- Password Spraying (common passwords)
- Credential Stuffing (leaked passwords)
- Mimikatz & WCE
- SMS 2FA bypass
- SIM swapping



## **Targets, Tactics, and Trends**

- Reddit (2FA bypass)
- Cred Stuffing:
  - Citrix
  - HSBC
  - State Farm
  - Retail vertical
- Passwords still top factor in 2020







## Account Takeover Defenses

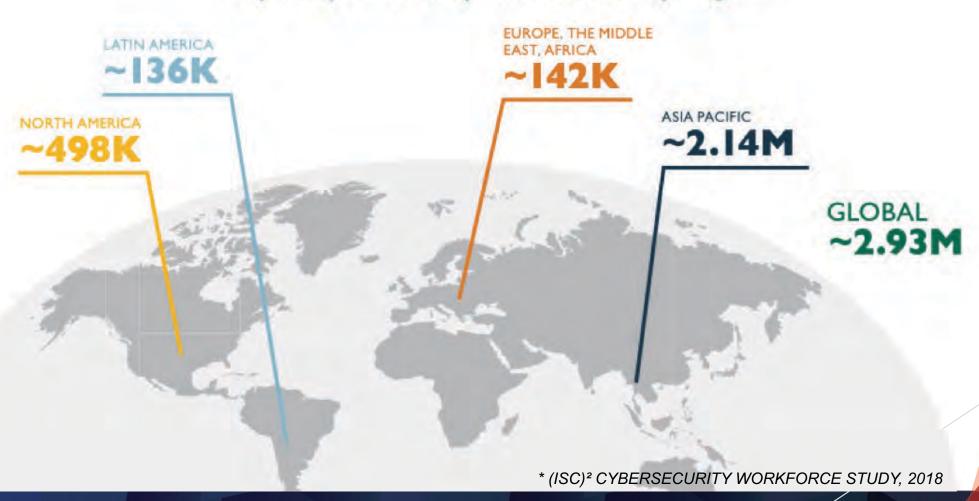
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2020 Prediction:
The Cybersecurity
Skills Gap Widens

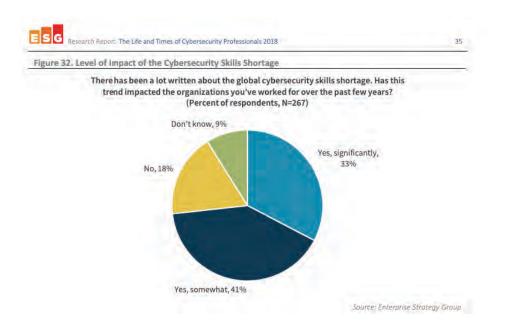
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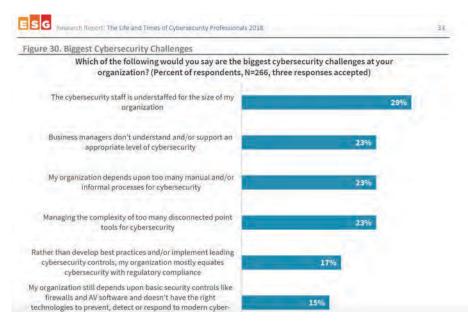




## 2021 Projected Cybersecurity Skill Gap

- 74% of companies claim the shortage lessens their security
- 29% claim it's their top cybersecurity challenge
- Cybersecurity Ventures' predicts 3.5m unfilled jobs in 2021

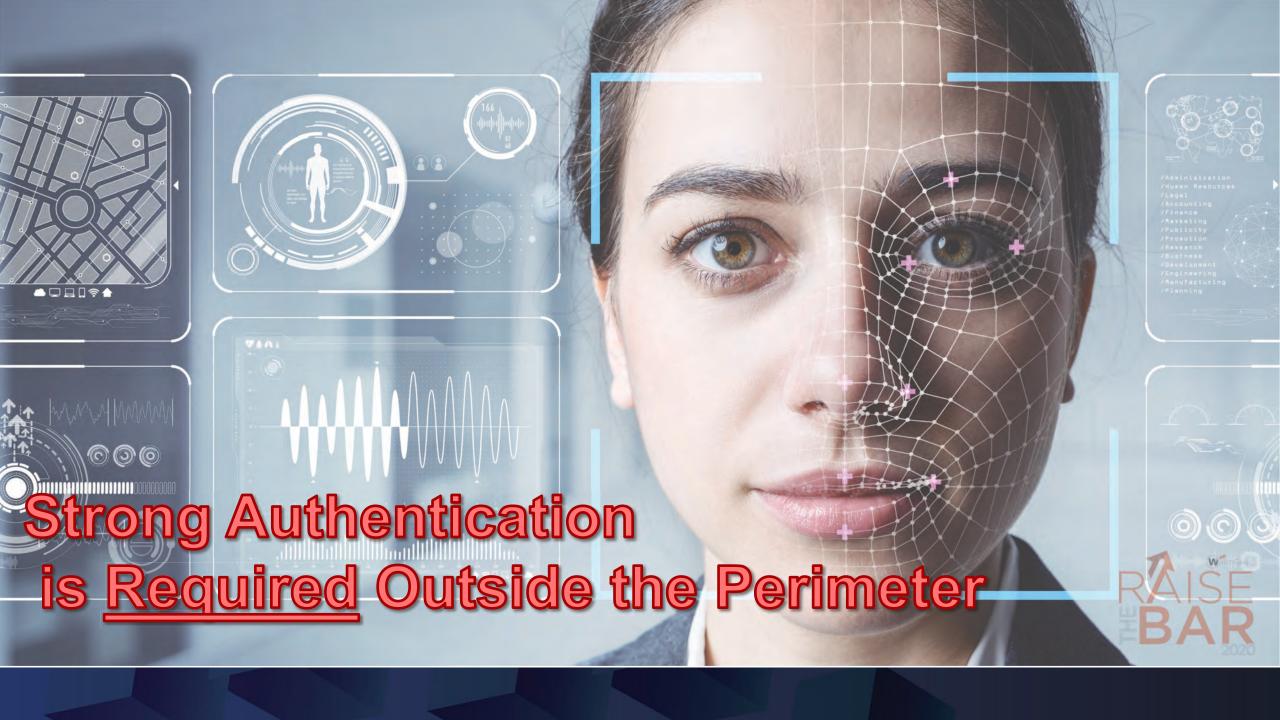














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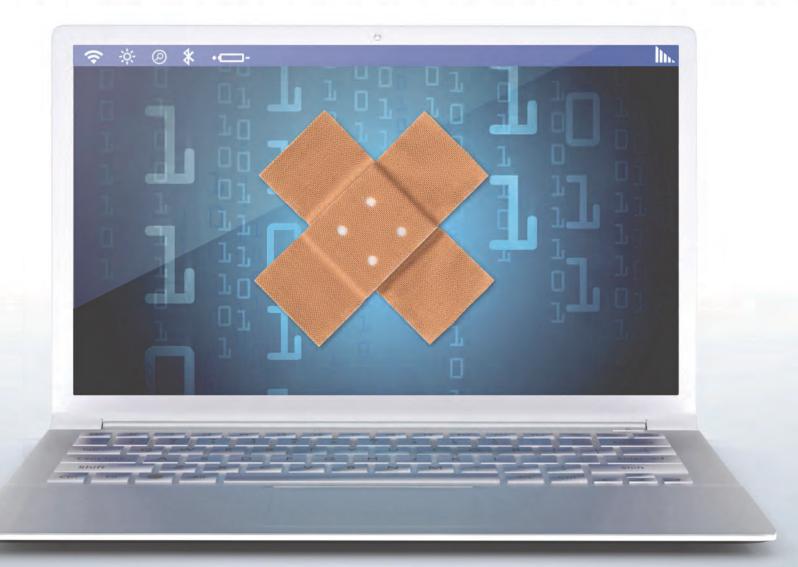




New Tools, New Targets (Zoom, etc.)

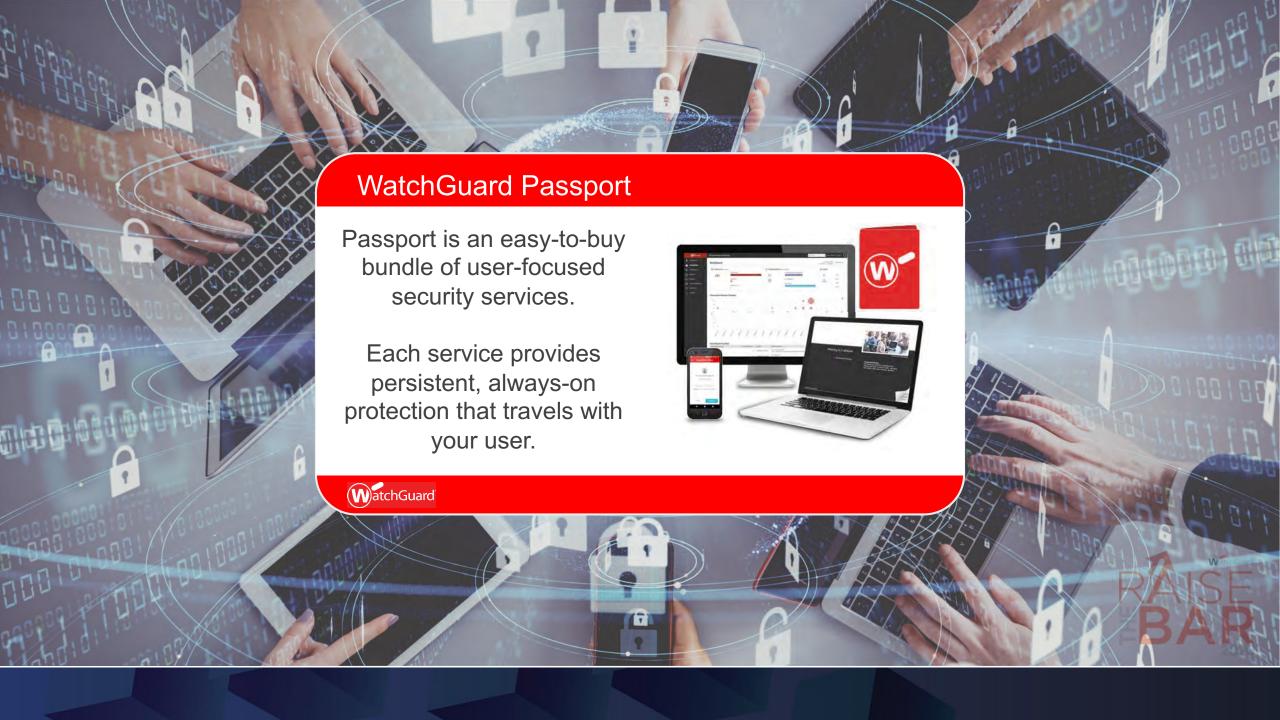


# Updates Matter: A Culture of Patching











Two companies, ONE powerful security platform – from the network to the user





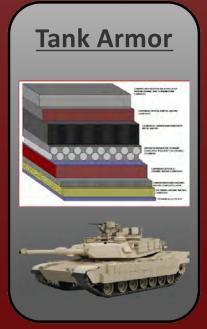


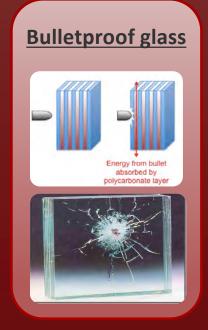
That's too scary..... Puppy break!



# **Layered Defense Still Wins...**





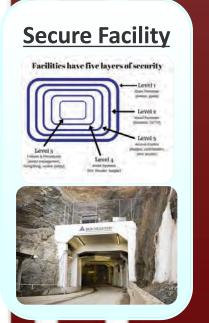


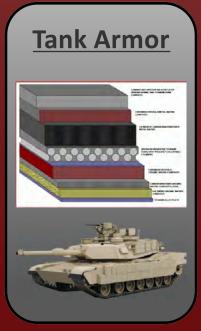


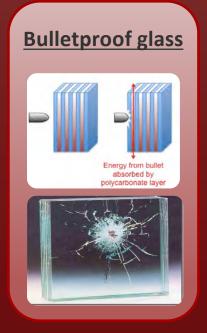




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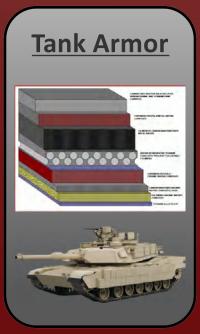


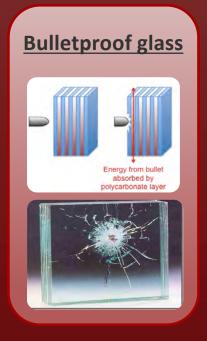




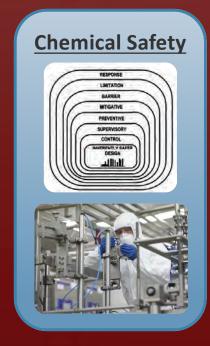
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### Layered Security Breaks the KillChain











**DELIVERY** 



Filtering









Blocker



AntiVirus





COMPROMISE/ EXPLOIT









Gateway AntiVirus



INFECTION/ INSTALLATION









Gateway AntiVirus



**COMMAND AND CONTROL** 



Blocker























Defense

LATERAL MOVEMENT/ **PIVOTING** 













OBJECTIVES/ EXFILTRATION



Filtering





Protection

## 2020 Focus: Advanced Antimalware Pipeline



#### **Gateway Antivirus**

Catches the most common malware on the internet

#### **Intelligent AV**

AI-based antimalware predictively stops zero day malware immediately



#### **APT Blocker**

Behavioural sandbox solution identifies most evasive malware



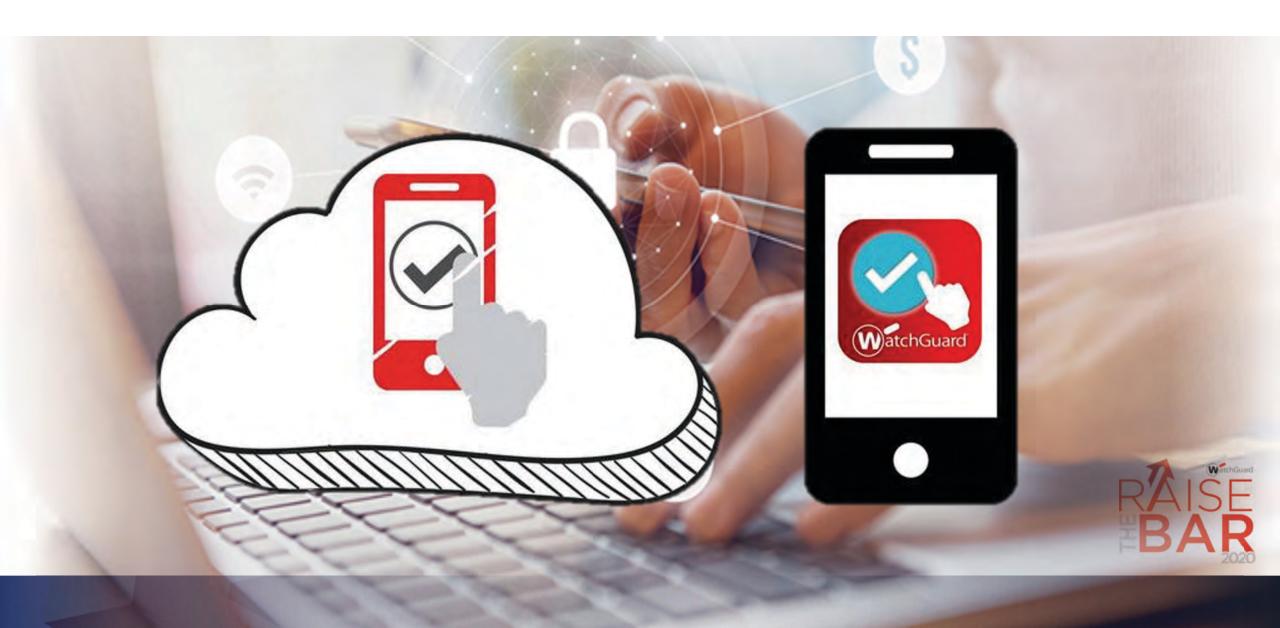
#### **TDR**

Host-based solution detects & remediates what slips through

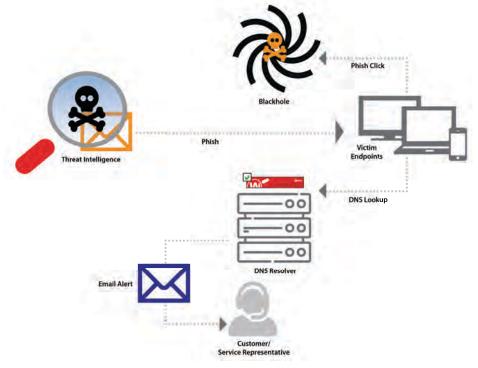




### **2020 Focus: MFA with AuthPoint**



# 2020 Focus: DNS Filtering













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#### **Daily Security Bytes**



#### InfoSec Blog



#### The 443 Podcast



Google: 2019 Security Predictions Review – Hot Predictions

or <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f-Y88U6iu9k">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f-Y88U6iu9k</a>







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Brandon Dawson & Dave Robards Cardone Enterprises

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#### **NEW DOCUMENTS:**

- PPP Loan Forgiveness Application
- April 15 PPP Final Rule for Eligible Payroll Expenses
  - Dealers Helping Dealers Q&A
    - Bob Goldberg Q&A
  - Webinars guiding dealers through the crisis
    - COVID-19 Explanation of Laws
- Employee Rights Under the Family First Coronavirus Response Act Notice
  - CARES Act information
  - Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) information
    - Essential Business Letter
    - Short-Term Cash Flow Management During the COVID-19 Crisis
      - CDC & OSHA Guidelines for Employers
- U.S. Chamber of Commerce Grant for small employers
  - Bob Goldberg article on the use of face masks
  - BTA COVID-19 LinkedIn Discussion Group link