## **Kuwait 5th ERM Conference**

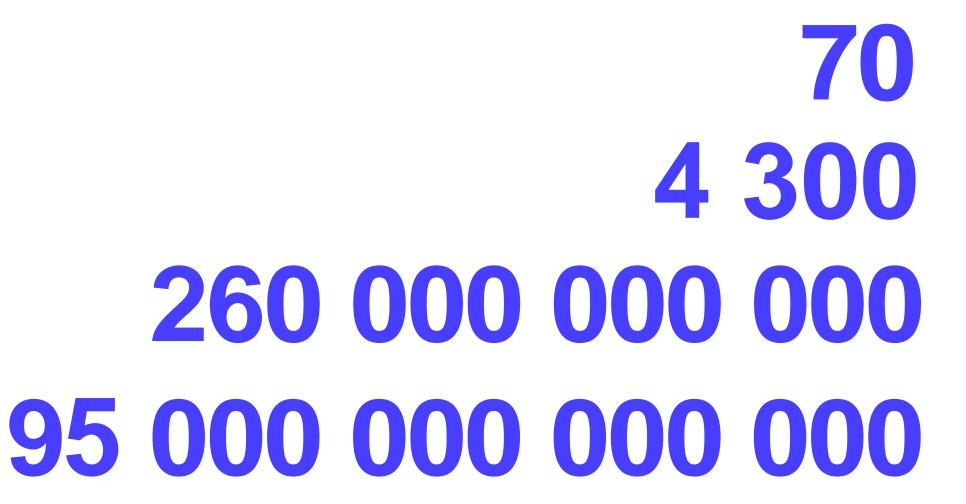
# Threat Landscape Overview

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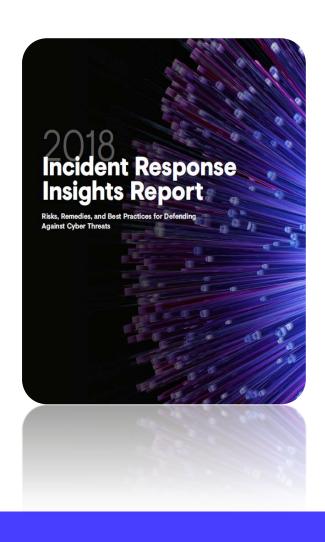
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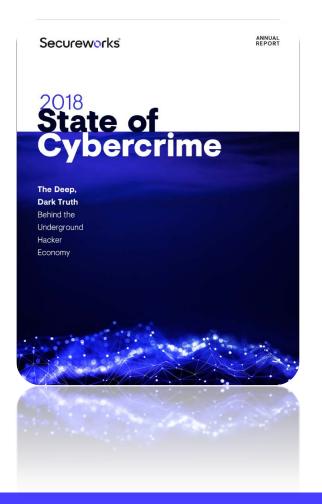


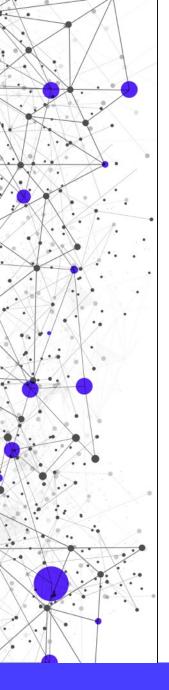


## Overview of two 2018 reports

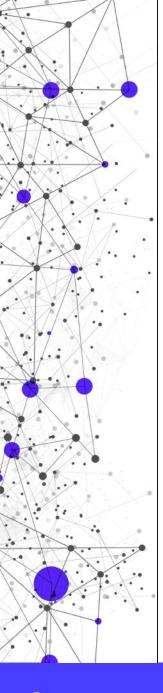
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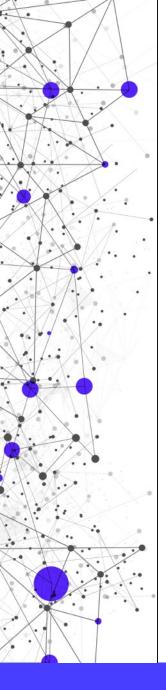
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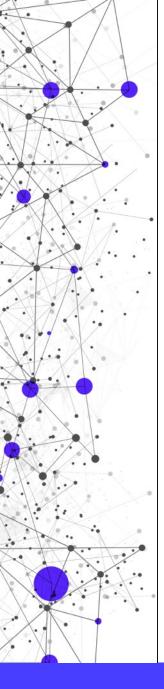
## **Key Learnings 1**

"background noise" from low level criminality is impacting businesses around the world and should not be ignored

- Cryptocurrency mining remains an extremely popular way for criminals to monetize access to infected computers.
- No significant decrease in the volume of ransomware, banking malware, point-of-sale (POS) memory scrapers or other threats available for purchase on underground forums.
- Unscrupulous hosting providers help cybercriminals stay below the radar by offering them access to anonymized servers and Internet access.
- Spam remains the leading means by which criminals deliver malware.



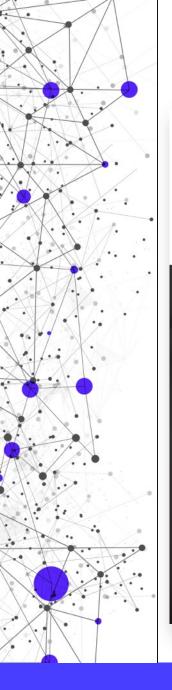
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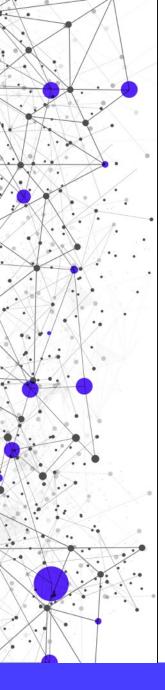
## **Key Learnings 2**

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- Personally identifiable information (PII), including full biographic dossiers, payment card data and other bulk data sets, are regularly offered for sale in underground forums.
- Criminals also use forums to sell access to compromised systems and organizations.



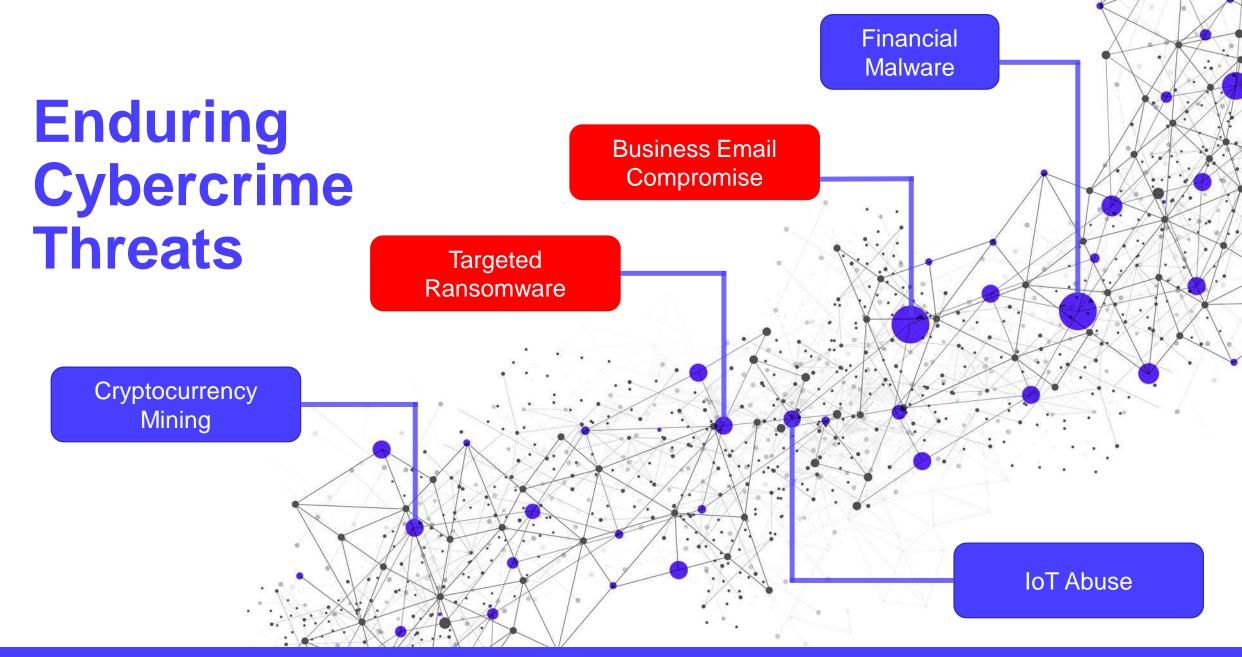
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- PoS Malware intrusions
- ATM jackpotting and "global cashout" operations
- Banking malware continues to evolve
- Targeted ransomware operations:
  - SamsamCrypt
  - BitPaymer
- Boundary between nation-state and cybercriminal actors continues to blur





# "\$12 BILLION" - May 2018



#### Public Service Announcement

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Jul 12, 2018

Alert Number I-071218-PSA

Questions regarding this PSA should be directed to your local **FBI Field Office**.

Local Field Office Locations: www.fbi.gov/contact-us/field

### BUSINESS E-MAIL COMPROMISE THE DOLLAR SCAM

This Public Service Announcement (PSA) is an update a Business E-mail Compromise (BEC) PSA 1-050417-PSA www.ic3.gov. This PSA includes new Internet Crime Co complaint information and updated statistical data for t 2013 to May 2018.

#### DEFINITION

Business E-mail Compromise (BEC)/E-mail Account Cor sophisticated scam targeting both businesses and indiv transfer payments.

The scam is frequently carried out when a subject combusiness e-mail accounts through social engineering or techniques to conduct unauthorized transfers of funds.

The scam may not always be associated with a request variation of the scam involves compromising legitimate accounts and requesting Personally Identifiable Inform Tax Statement (W-2) forms for employees.<sup>1</sup>

The following BEC/EAC statistics were reported to the IC3 and are derived from multiple sources, including IC3 and international law enforcement complaint data and filings from financial institutions between **October 2013** and **May 2018**:

Domestic and international incidents: 78,617

Domestic and international exposed dollar loss: \$12,536,948,299

The following BEC/EAC statistics were reported in victim complaints where a country was identified to the IC3 from **October 2013 to May 2018:** 

Total U.S. victims: 41,058

Total U.S. victims: \$2,935,161,457

Total non-U.S. victims: 2,565

Total non-U.S. exposed dollar loss: \$671,915,009

The following BEC/EAC statistics were reported by victims via the financial transaction component of the IC3 complaint form, which became available in June 2016<sup>3</sup>. The following statistics were reported in victim complaints to the IC3 from **June 2016 to May 2018:** 

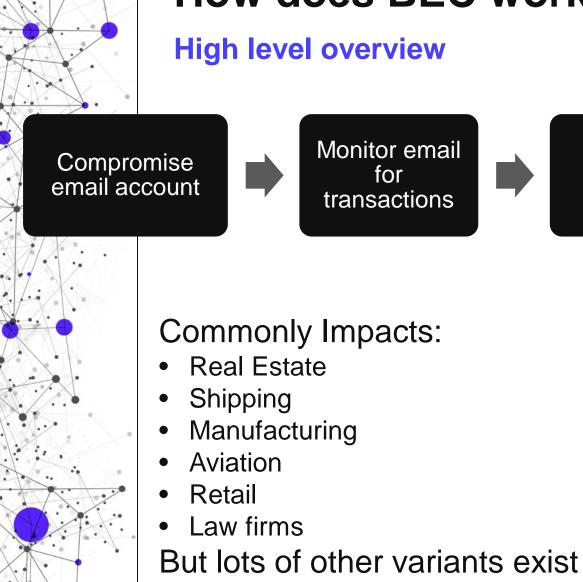
Total U.S. financial recipients: 19,335

Total U.S. financial recipients: \$1,629,975,562

Total non-U.S. financial recipients: 11,452

Total non-U.S. financial recipients exposed dollar loss: \$1,690,788,278

#### How does BEC work?



Buyer pays

money to

fraudster

account

Modify

payment

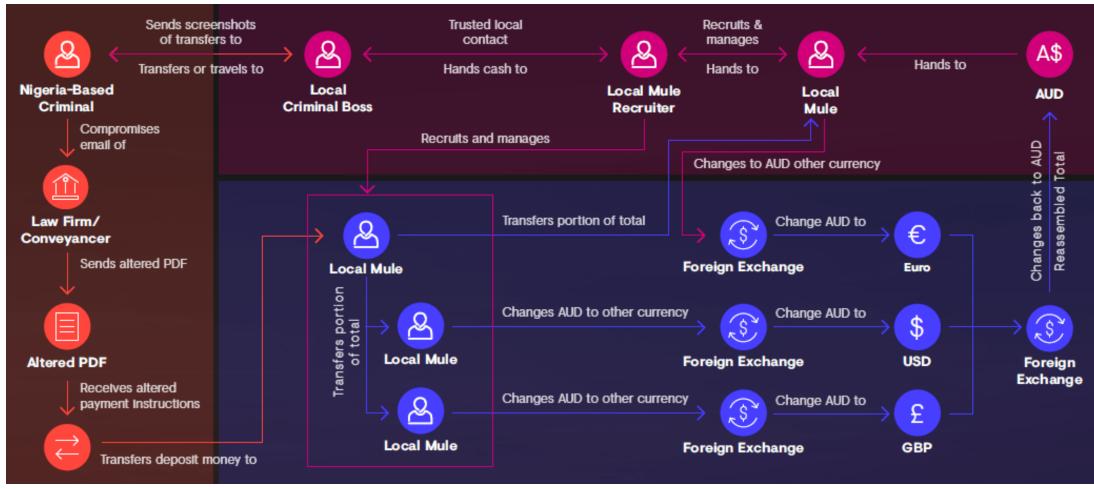
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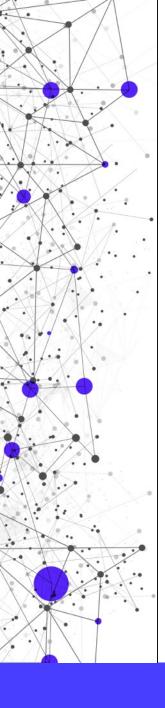
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## **Business Email Compromise**

#### **GOLD MILTON**



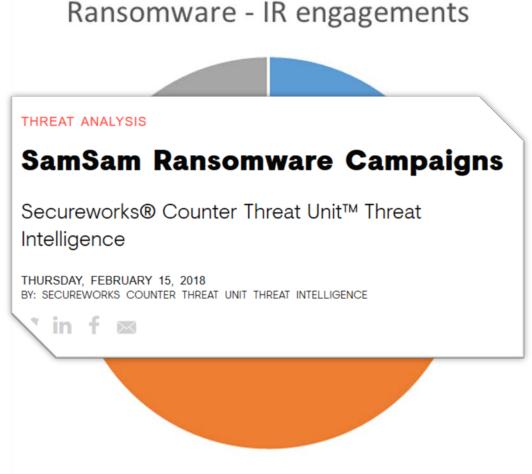




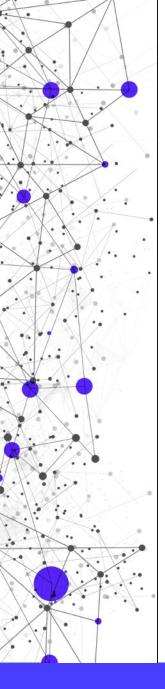
## Is ransomware use reducing?

#### Possibly...

- Criminals are business oriented
- Organisations are better prepared
- Still a major threat to unprepared organisations
- GOLD LOWELL is having a lot of success with targeted Ransomware attacks using SamSam Crypt.



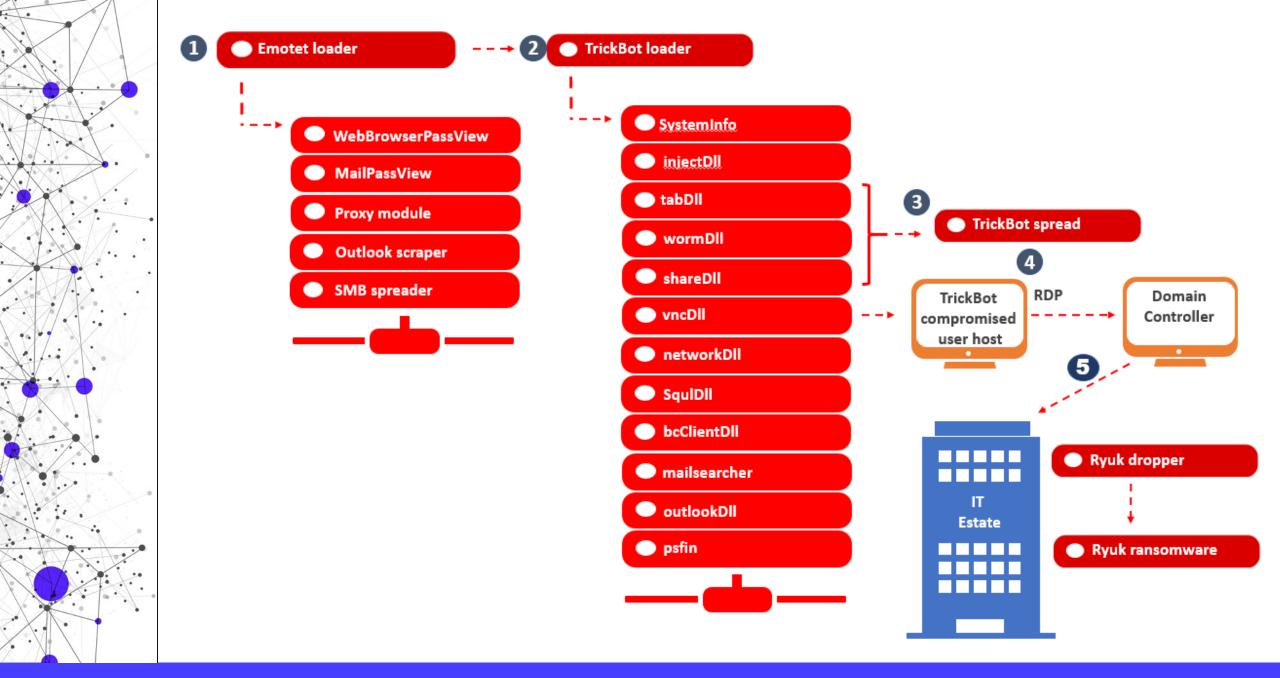
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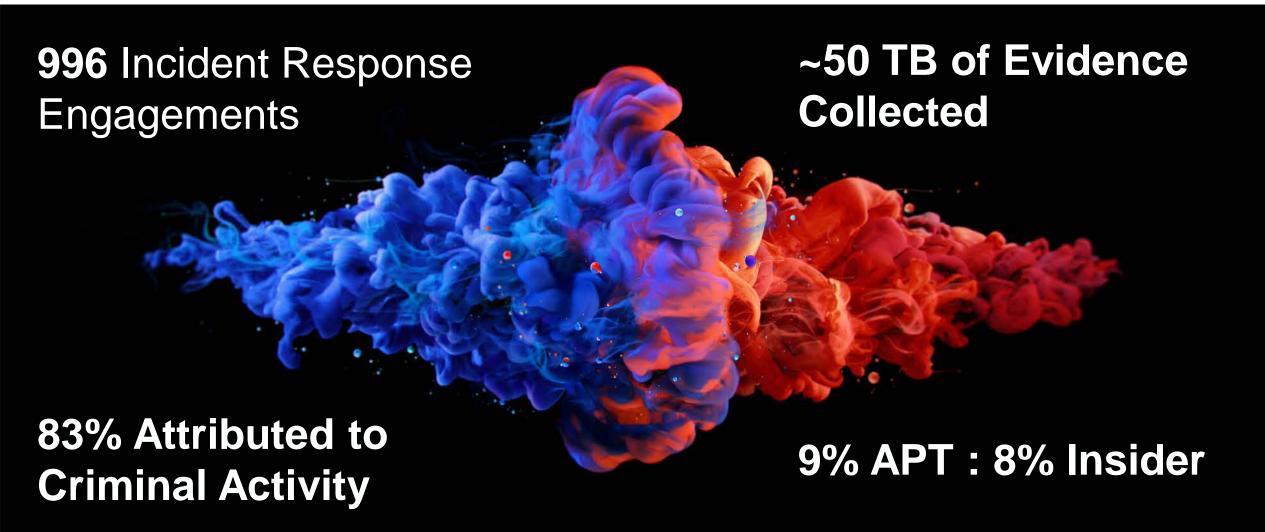
## Targeted ransomware still highly effective

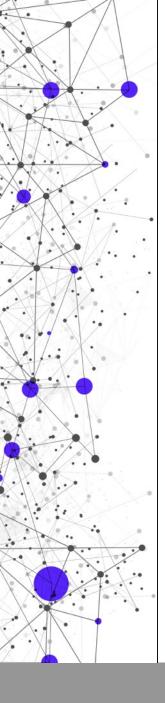
Organisations are more likely to pay if a significant percentage of their business is affected.

- Targeted Ransomware Examples:
  - SamSam Crypt
  - Bitpaymer
  - Ryuk / Hermes

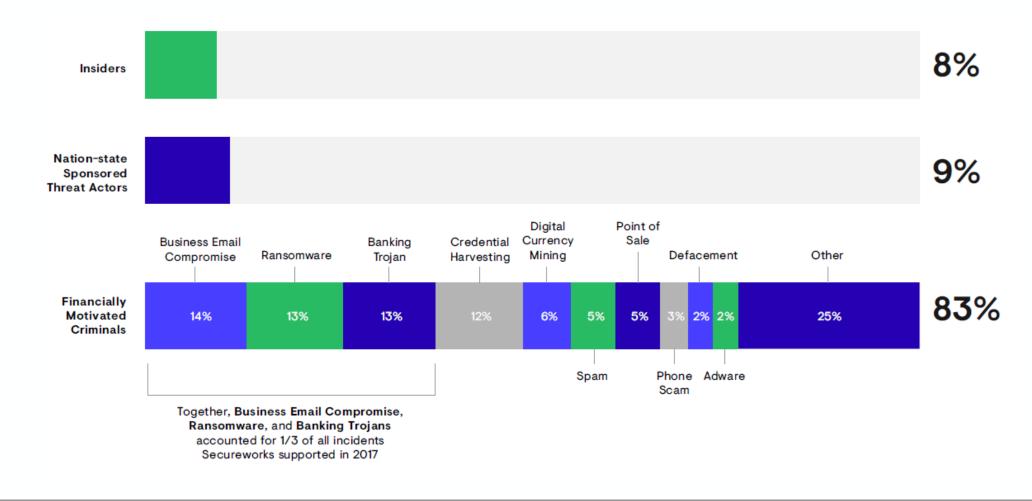


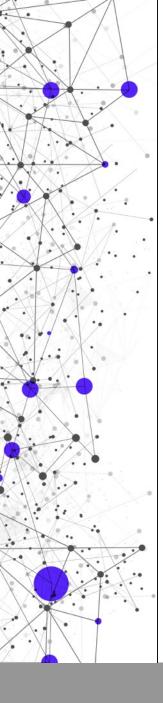
# 2018 IR Insights Report





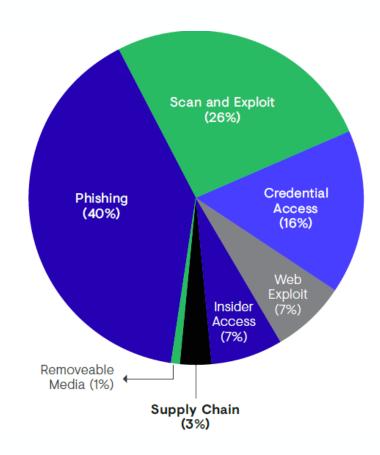
### **A Global Profile of Threats**



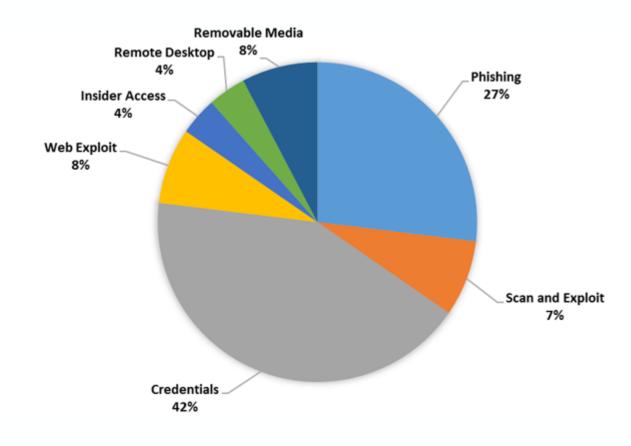


## **How Attackers Gained Entry**

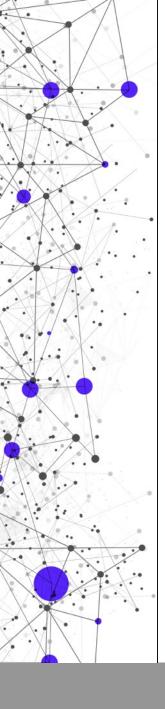
2017 vs 2018 (interim results)



2017: 12 Months



2018: July - September



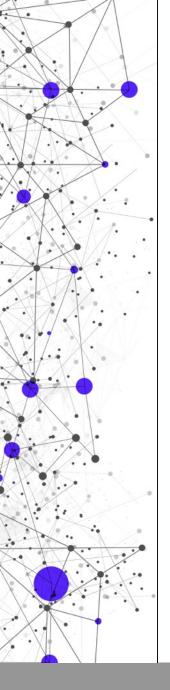
## Patch > Vulnerability Management > Zero Day

Prioritise efforts based on real world intelligence

"The idea that attacks are routinely leveraging zeroday vulnerabilities which defenders are powerless to prevent is a myth.

In almost every case where software vulnerabilities were exploited to gain access to a network or system, the vendor had released security patches for those vulnerabilities months beforehand."







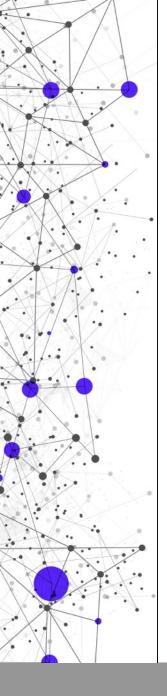
## Adopt Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA)

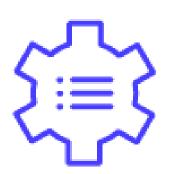
Networks and services that are accessed remotely by users cannot be protected by a user name and password alone. Sooner or later, public-facing accounts without MFA will be compromised.

#### Critical for:

- Reducing the impact of credential theft during an intrusion TIP: If you use an SMS token based solution, consider
- Mitigating or reducing the risk of Business Email transitioning to hard or soft tokens. SMS tokens are Compromise (BEC) fraud to the business.
- increasingly prone to capture at the ISP level or via SIM

   Mitigating or reducing the impact of Password Spraying swap attacks.



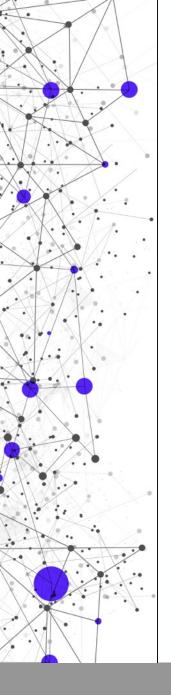


## Implement or Enhance Logging

Too often, incident responders are unable to piece together what happened because logs were not available or did not contain the right information.

#### Critical for:

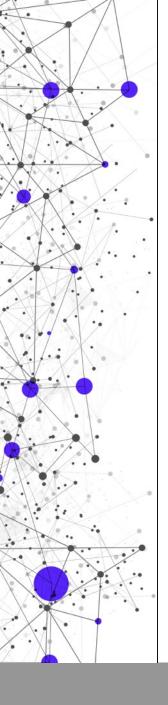
- Early detection, reducing adversary dwell time
- Understand the scope of the breach
- Determine initial access vector
- Determine compromised accounts

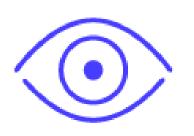




### Manage User Account Privileges

Attackers routinely exploit redundant accounts or accounts with unnecessary access rights to obtain more privileges in a compromised network. They often target administrative access on end user systems to gain an initial foothold.



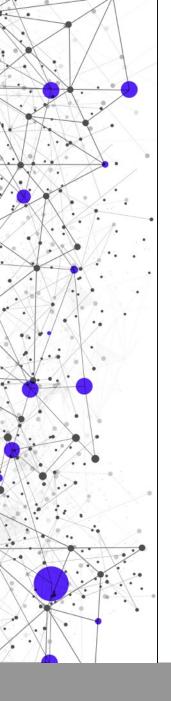


### Integrate Endpoint Security Capabilities

A consolidated view of suspicious behaviors and events on endpoint systems is a powerful tool for detecting and responding to a threat after a compromise. Such endpoint visibility is crucial in understanding the nature of an ongoing intrusion.

#### • Critical for:

- Early detection, reducing adversary dwell time
- High context record of activity
- Like CCTV for your End-Point estate





## Develop or Practice Incident Response Planning

Responding to incidents effectively is difficult without the right preparation. Organizations are more resilient when tried and tested response plans are in place.

