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Polling Question 1

Do you want CPE credit?



Objectives

- What is a vulnerability
- Recent vulnerabilities, including zero-day vulnerabilities
- Controls and processes to aid in detection
- Baseline controls for ongoing mitigation

What is a vulnerability?

- Weakness in an information system, system security procedures, internal controls, or implementation that could be exploited or triggered by a threat source
- Hole in code
- Allows cyber criminals to compromise systems
- Discovered daily

Examples of Vulnerabilities

- Software/operating system
- Firewall/network configuration
- Zero-day
- Authentication

Polling Question 2

How prepared do you feel your organization is?



Colonial Pipeline Company

May 2021

- Result of a vulnerability that led to a single compromised VPN password that granted access on April 29, 2021
 - · Account was enabled but not active
- Password since discovered inside a batch of leaked passwords on the dark web
 - Colonial employee may have used the same password on another account that was previously hacked

Microsoft Power Apps

August 2021

- Result of a vulnerability in the design of the application
- Approximately 38 million records across 47+ organizations
- Various types of records exposed
 - Employee records; COVID-19 testing, tracing, and vaccinations; names, dates of birth, Social Security numbers, addresses, and demographic details
- Misconfiguration was by third party, not Microsoft directly

Apache Log4j

December 2021

- What is Log4j?
- · Many don't know how they were affected
- Extensive efforts to pinpoint vulnerable devices
- Thousands of attempts to exploit the vulnerability

Apache Log4j

December 2021

- Organizations have a duty to take reasonable steps to mitigate known software vulnerabilities
- FTC threatening action against those failing to mitigate
- Incident response component
- You patched and resolved the issue.
 - But were you already affected?

Bernalillo County

January 2022

- Result of a vulnerability that led to a ransomware attack, resulting in a data breach
- Ramifications
 - · Closing government buildings
 - Blocking of jail camera feeds and entrapment of inmates due to failure of automatic door mechanisms
 - · Some public services unavailable
- Fire and rescue operations continued due to backup contingencies

Puma

January 2022

- Sports manufacturer notified of data breach following a ransomware attack against a third party (Kronos) in December 2021
- Personal information of over 6,632 employees, including Social Security numbers, compromised
- · No customer data was affected
- Did not regain access to data until end of January

Bridgestone

February 2022

- Ransomware attack that led to the disconnection of manufacturing from the network (production halted for a week)
- Announced in March that they would leak the stolen data if ransom not paid
- Able to do a comprehensive security check and reconnect network

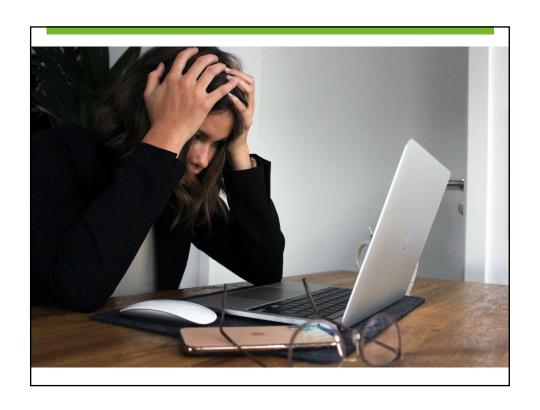
GiveSendGo

February 2022

- Result of a vulnerability that led to a compromise of donor data
- Data included names, donation amounts, and limited credit card information of over 92,000 donors
- Website redirected to a rogue domain that offered a downloadable file
- Just three days after, the company was alerted to serious security issues









Establish Baseline Controls

- Monitor different sites that give vulnerability information
- Monitor vendor alerts
- Establish an inventory of hardware and software so you know what could be vulnerable
- · Perform vulnerability scanning
 - · Penetration testing

Security Concerns

- Third-party vendors
 - New relationships
 - Existing vendors
- Organization responsibilities
- End-user assistance



New Third-Party Vendor Relationships

- General inquiry
- Workforce
- Information security
 - Cloud storage
- Policy documentation



Existing Vendor Relationships

- Periodic oversight procedures
 - Review of audit reports
 - Backup or disaster recovery testing
 - · Financial condition
 - · Existing contracts
 - · Vendor oversight



Organizational Responsibilities

- Ongoing monitoring of critical infrastructure and vendor services
 - · Patch management reporting
 - Malware management reporting
 - Backup process
 - Vulnerability scanning
 - · Network penetration testing



Inventory

- Hardware inventory
 - Servers, workstations, laptops
 - · Mobile devices
 - Networking equipment
- Software
 - · Installed applications
 - · Web applications

Vulnerability Testing

- Identification of potential vulnerabilities that may be exploited
- Assurance of system state (updates and upgrades implemented)
- Identification of security control weaknesses along with related risk ratings according to industry classification

Network Penetration Testing

- Vulnerability verification to prove existence of vulnerabilities
- Benefits
 - Reveals vulnerabilities that can be exploited successfully
 - Reveals ways hackers could actually gain access to your resources
 - · Tests ability to respond to a real threat

End-User Assistance

If you see something, say something!



Polling Question 3

Has your organization experienced any major vulnerabilities within your environment?



System Provisioning

- Establish system-hardening process
 - Remove unnecessary applications
 - Disable built-in administrator account
 - · Install anti-malware solution
 - Apply system restrictions (USB access, local administrative rights, etc.)
- Implement review procedures (never set and forget)



User Provisioning and Access

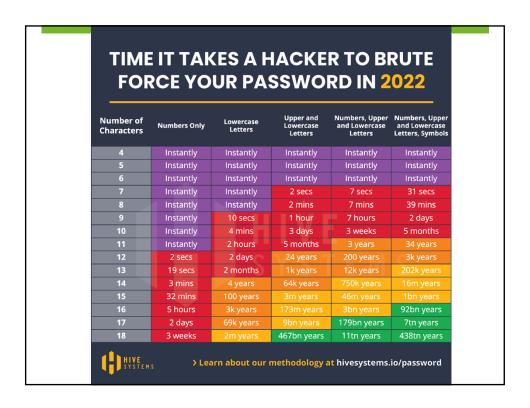
- Minimum rights for users
- Review regularly
 - · Job transfers
 - No longer needed



Password Security

- Numbers, characters, symbols
- Avoid common words
- Change often and when compromised
- Length 8...12...??





Password Security

- Unique and private passwords
 - Password manager?
- Business ≠ personal
- Account lockout and inactivity threshold
- Biometrics
- Layered security



Multi-Factor Authentication

- · Critical for all cloud applications
 - · Remote access, email, AWS/Azure
- Mobile devices, email message, tokens
- · Consider IP address, time, and day restrictions



Email

- · Easily spoofed or hacked
- Not all services are encrypted
- · Confidential email MUST be secured
 - · Sending and receiving
- If not needed, limit or restrict web mail

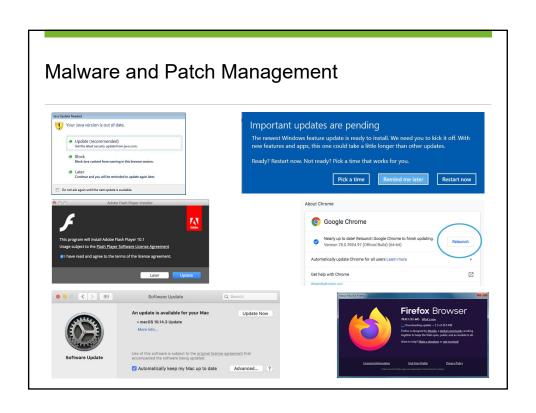


Wi-Fi Networks

- Ensure properly secured Wi-Fi, including those at home offices (WPA2 encryption or better)
 - Avoid use of public Wi-Fi; if necessary, use a VPN!
- · Secure password for access
- Guest network for non-business systems (segregate)
- Keep personal and business devices up to date



• Consider the use of mobile hotspots



Device Management

- Centralized system
 - · All devices present
 - · Receive latest updates or definition files
 - · Remediate issues
- · Limited user rights
 - Downloaded apps from Internet
 - · Browser add-ons



Web Surfing

- Avoid questionable websites
- Be cautious when downloading
- Use updated browsers
- Inspect URLs
- Be wary of malvertising



Social Networking

- Impersonation
 - Phishing and vishing
- Identity theft
- Pretexting
- Security questions and answers
- Data not always private





Data Storage

- Cloud applications typically can be accessed from any location on any device
- Risk of applications being accessible on unauthorized devices, resulting in data management concerns



Internet of Things (IoT) Devices

- Inventory devices in use
- · Layered security controls
 - · Strong passwords
 - · Evaluate data and analytics sharing
 - · Patching procedures
 - · Disable features
 - Segmented network
- · Consider listening capability



Remote Access Tools

- VPNs, LogMeIn, GoToMyPC, Remote Desktop Protocol (RDP)
- Increase in end users
- Require proper security measures
 - Quick fixes vs. long-term solution
- Does this affect strategic planning?



Shadow IT

- Apps or devices that are utilized without IT knowledge
 - · Personal or mobile devices
- Rogue cloud services
 - Personal email, document scanning, cloud storage
- Appropriate authorization procedures



Incident Response

- · Determine cause of the incident
- Determine the impact and how to resolve
- · Notify appropriate parties
- · Contact vendors, if applicable

Polling Question 4

Do you feel that this presentation was helpful?

Key Takeaways

- New threats happening every day no one is immune!
- Loss of reputation can be significant
- Manage vendor relationships appropriately
- Establish ways to identify vulnerabilities within your own environment

Key Takeaways

- Maintain adequate security controls
 - Provide necessary tools for users
 - Doesn't have to be expensive!
 - · Train to build culture of awareness

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