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Mitigation Strategies for the Emerging Threat Environment

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Outline For Today's Presentation

- What's "malware"?
- Where did it come from?
- How does it work?
- What are the risks?
- What are our obligations?
- What's next?

What is Malware?



Your PC ran into a problem and needs to restart. We're just collecting some error info, and then we'll restart for you. (0% complete)

If you'd like to know more, you can search online later for this error: HAL_INITIALIZATION_FAILED
if you'd like to resolve the issue over the phone you can call our support at 1-800-418-4202

Malware

Software that is specifically designed to **disrupt, damage, or gain unauthorized access** to a computer system.

Types of Malware

RANSOMWARE



Blackmails you

SPYWARE



Steals your data

ADWARE



Spams you with ads

Types of Malware

WORMS



Spread across computers

TROJANS



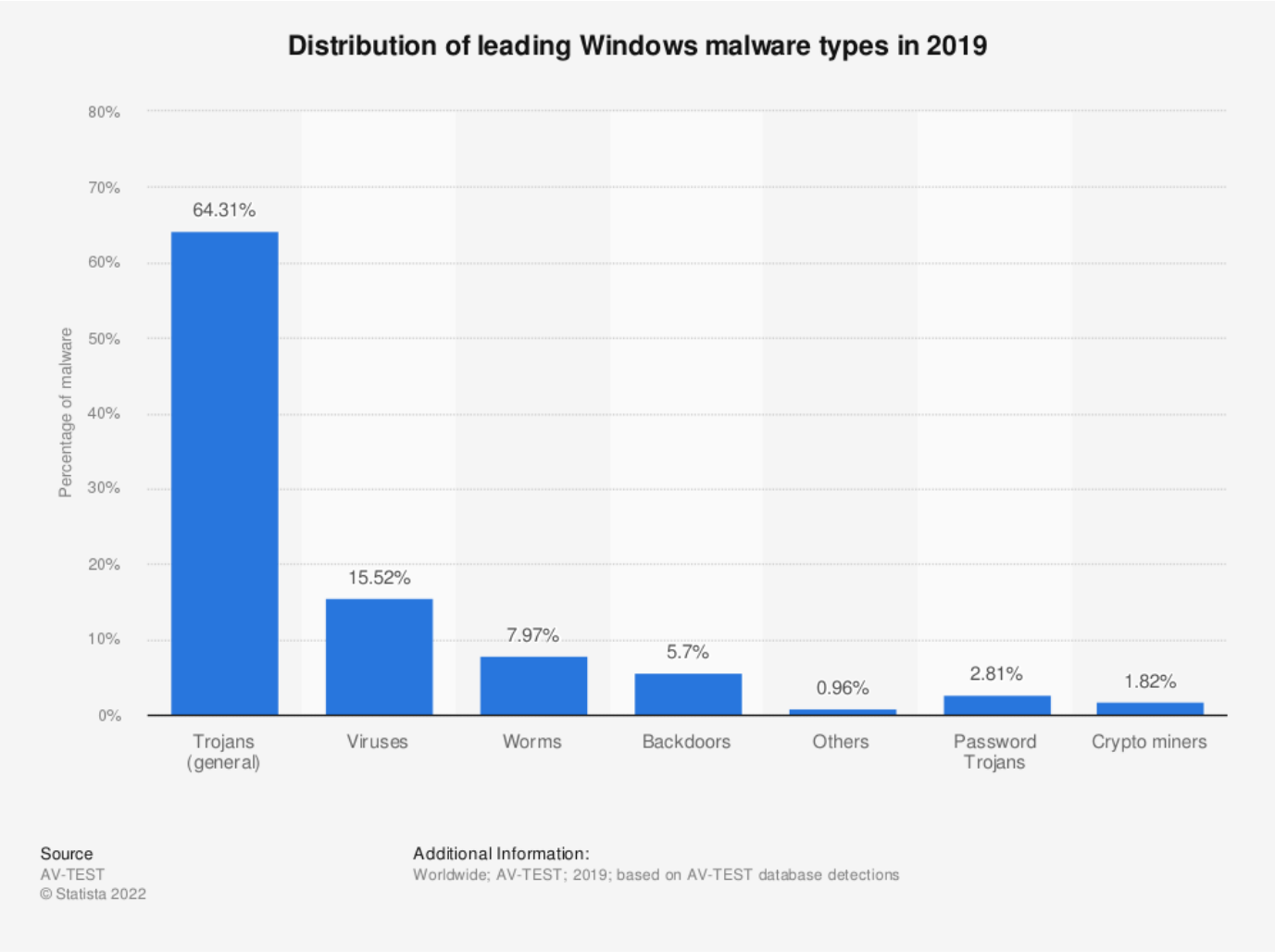
Sneak malware onto your PC

BOTNETS



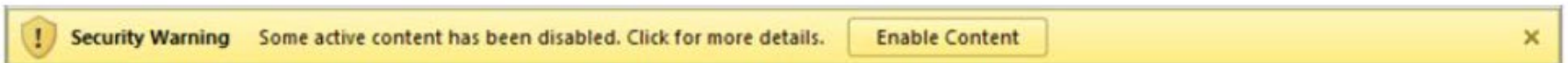
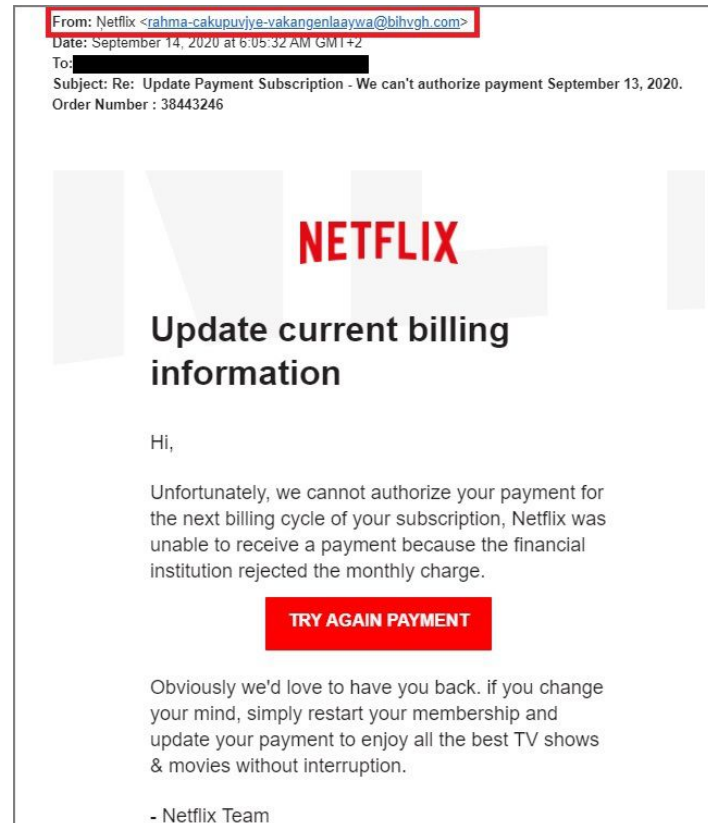
Turn your PC into a zombie

Where Does It Come From?



How Does It Work?

1. Trojan Horses & Worms
2. Unexpected Email Links
3. Office Macros
4. Infected Removable Drives
5. Compromised Web Pages



Security Challenges

287

Average number of days to identify and contain a data breach
(IBM Security Research 2021)

600%

The rise in global cost of cybercrime in 2021 to \$6T USD, now the third-largest world economy after the USA and China
(Cybersecurity Ventures)

97%

Percentage of companies that have been affected by a cybersecurity breach in their supply chain
(PrivacySharks.com)

\$172B

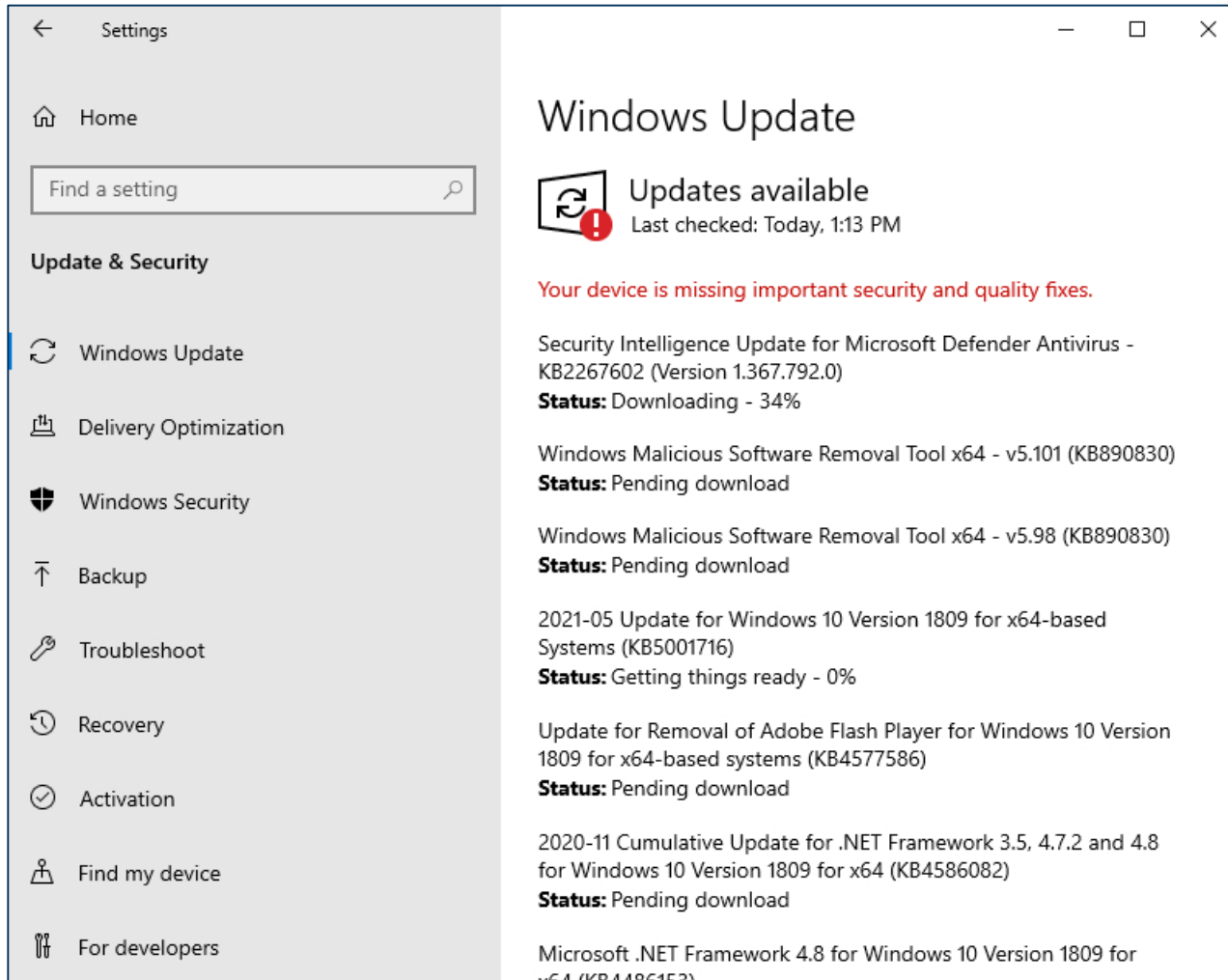
Expected spending on information security solutions in 2022, up 12% from \$155 billion in 2021
(Gartner Research)

93%

Percentage of company networks that cyber criminals can penetrate
(Positive Technologies)

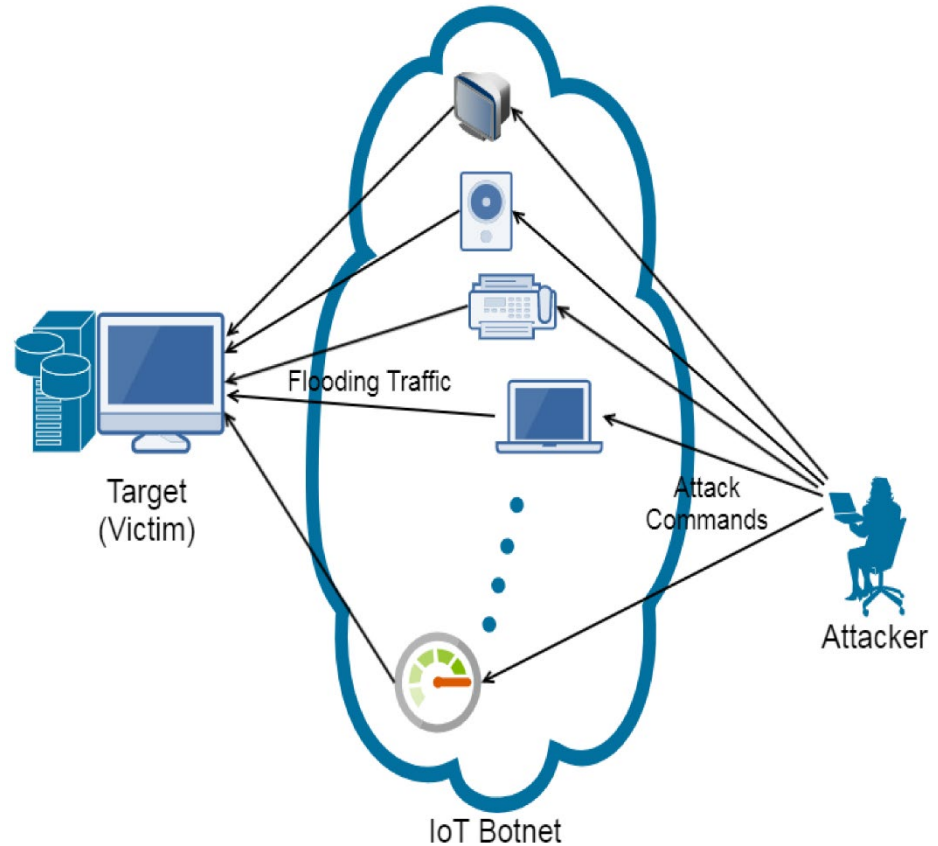
Trends in Malware

Hidden Ransomware



IoT Device Attacks

- IoT = Internet of Things
- Targets smart devices (speakers, video doorbells, baby monitors, etc.)
- Launching off point to access larger network of information
- DDoS attacks



Zeus Gameover

- Type of Trojan
- Bypasses centralized servers
- Cannot trace stolen data
- Popular for financial crimes



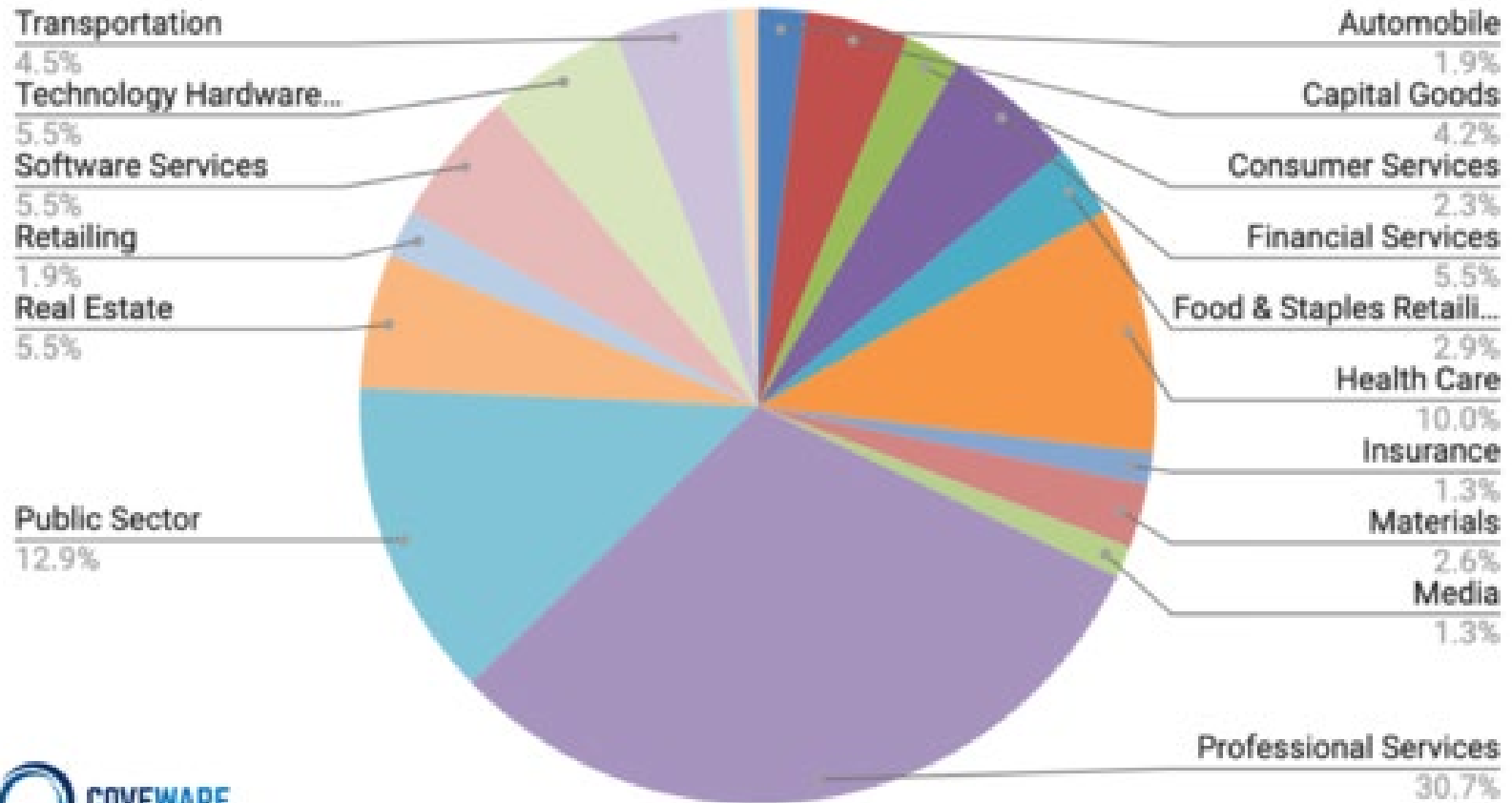
Other Trends

- **Fleeceware:** Charging app users money after apps are deleted; popular on Android devices.
- **RaaS:** “Ransomware as a Service,” contracting out for malware attacks
- **Data Monetization:** Criminals stealing data to sell for profit, particularly to competitors.

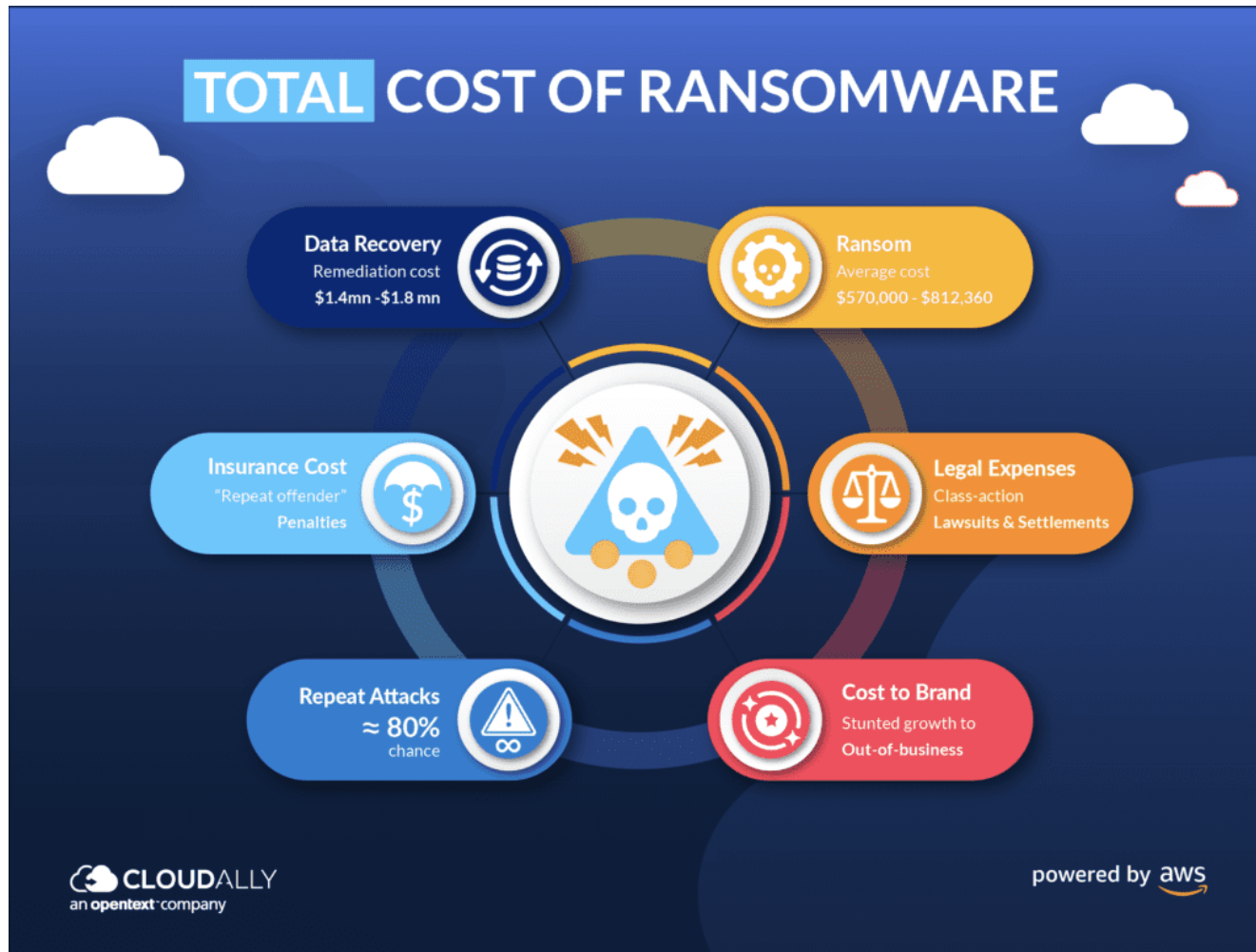
Industry Risks

Notable Past Attacks

Common Industries Targeted by Ransomware in Q2 2020



Legal Exposure & Costs



Specific Risks to Law Firms

- Law firms are popular targets
 - Six different law firms were targeted in January and February 2023 as part of two disparate threat campaigns distributing GootLoader and FakeUpdates (aka SocGhosh) malware strains.
- The number of law firms reporting a security breach increased from 26% in 2019 to 29% in 2020.
- Nearly $\frac{3}{4}$ of breaches are due to employee actions (either intentional or accidental)
- Cyber Insurance comes into the picture

Notable Past Attacks on Law Firms



Obligations

General Data Privacy Standards

- **Federal:**
 - U.S. Privacy Act of 1974
 - Children’s Online Privacy Protection Act
- **State:**
 - California Consumer Privacy Act
 - Maryland Online Consumer Protection Act
- **Industry:**
 - National Institute of Standards and Technology (“NIST”)

Unique Obligations for Law Firms

- **Industry-Specific Regulations**
 - Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002
 - New York State SHIELD Act
 - HIPPA
- **Ethical Obligations**
 - ABA Model Rule of Professional Conduct 1.6
 - ABA Formal Opinion 483

Trends in Cybersecurity

Mitigation Strategies

- Security Systems
- Advanced Protection Technology
- Education
- Patches
- Tabletop Exercises

Evolving Practices

- Disaster Recovery Plans
- Network Segregation
- Threat Reputation Services



**The Solutions:
UltraDDR, UltraDDoS
Protect and UltraWAF**

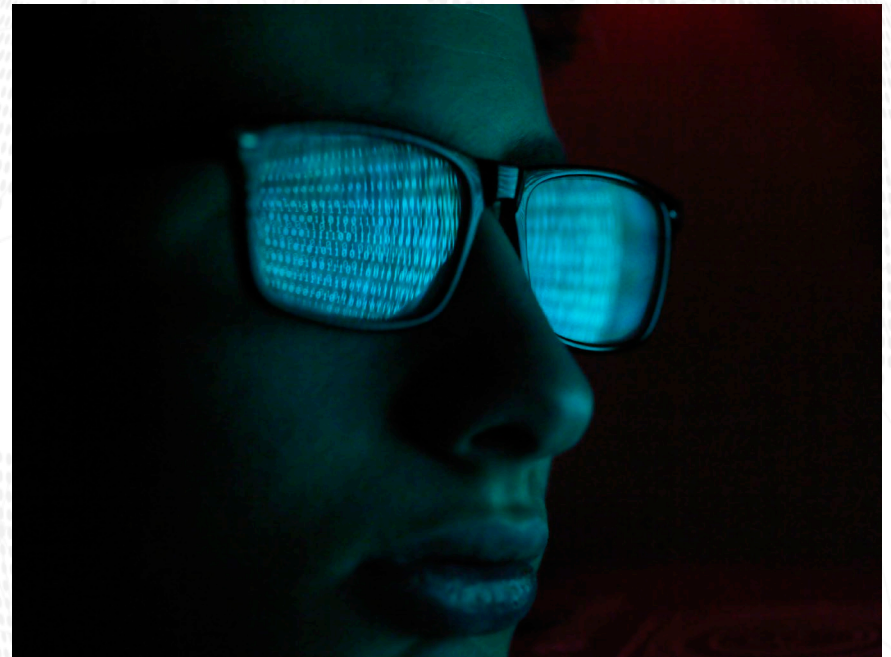


Why UltraDDR?

Bad actors will always get in if they want to

UltraDDR makes sure their attack won't be effective

It's all about real-time visibility into anomalies and adversary communication to stop the attack before it gets started.





Get Proactive and Preventative: Deal With Cyber Risks Before The Attack

Not After You've Had To Inform Your C-Suite

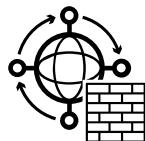
Stop connections to attacker infrastructure before adversaries can use it

Prevent attackers from initiating new attacks

Minimize the noise and distraction of false positives and negatives

Deploy in minutes to improve your existing security investments

UltraDDR – Protective DNS Service



UltraDDR

DDR = DNS Detection and Response



Detection

Protect against adversary infrastructure before it's used

Continuous observability to map attacker assets, understand physical locations of attacks, and prepare proactively for new threats



Response

Prevent attackers from initiating new attacks

Mitigate in real-time to render existing intrusions inert

Watch and analyze suspicious communications to move to block or greenlight

Summary & Wrap-Up

Questions?

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