

Thinking *Inside* the Box: How to Identify and Tackle Insider Cyber Threats

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Agenda

- Review insider cyber threats in healthcare organizations
- Identify the risks related to cybersecurity incidents
- Practical tips to protect against cybersecurity insider threats



Insider Threat

Ransomware, malware, business e-mail compromise, phishing/whaling, etc. – are all part of a (growing) trend termed the “insider threat”



It's on OCR's Radar & Other Regulators'

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How Big is the Insider Threat?

Threat actors	N	percent
Online scam artist (e.g., phishing, spear phishing)	56	37.6%
Negligent insider (well-meaning but negligent individuals with trusted access who may facilitate or cause a data breach or other cyber incident)	31	20.8%
Hacker (e.g., cybercriminal, script kiddie, or other bad actor)	30	20.1%
Malicious insider (bad actors with trusted access who seek to steal information or damage IT infrastructure)	8	5.4%
Social engineer (e.g., vishing or otherwise) (not via online means)	7	4.7%
Hacktivist (hacking for a politically or socially motivated purpose; not a nation state actor)	6	4.0%
Don't know	6	4.0%
Nation state actor	3	2.0%
Other	2	1.3%

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(Former FBI) Expert's Perspective



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Who are the Insiders?

- Current Employees
- Former Employees
- Third Party Vendors (remember Target?)
- Outsourced Work
 - Recent Capital One data breach (rented servers)
- Who all has credentials at your organization?

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Types of Insider Threats

•Malicious (Bad Actor)

A "Malicious Insider" make a conscious decision to intentionally commit theft or cause harm to an organization

•Negligent

A "Negligent Insider" has awareness of a corporate data security policy, but chooses to ignore it (it's inconvenient)

•Inadvertent (Accidental)

An "Inadvertent Insider" makes a mistake and sends information to someone who should not have received it

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Insiders: What are They After?

•Financial Information

- HR information
- Customer financial information

•Business Information

- Marketing/Sales strategies
- Trade secrets/intellectual property

•Industry-specific information?

- Patient Information
- "Big Data"

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Insiders: The Dangers

- Can go undetected for years
- Hard to distinguish harmful acts with regular business
- Easy to cover tracks
- Difficult to prove guilt

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Insiders: Possible Warning Signs

- Unusual data movement
- Unauthorized access attempts
- Suspicious employee behavior
- Stolen credentials
- Policy violations
- Disgruntled employee/Unusually enthusiastic employee
- Uptick in frequency of travel
- Unexplained change in financial circumstance

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So...What Happens?



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Ransomware War

Ransomware attacks against medical, educational & governmental organizations - are reported across the US - 150,057 views

Ransomware Map

- Municipality
- Medical
- Education
- Law Enforcement
- Other
- Federal Government
- Other / No data

https://www.google.com/maps/d/viewer?mid=1UE6Nk9RG1t1c1_AeqqpxzGz&ll=35.93512547397221%2C-97.34848677802608&z=3

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Here's How It Begins...

From: <Name of executive / CEO / CFO> <corporate email address>
Reply-To: <Name of executive / CEO / CFO> <non-corporate email address>
To: <Targeted victim in HR / Finance>
Subject: SALARY REVIEW

Hello

Kindly send me the 2015 W-2 (PDF) of all our company staffs for a quick review

Thanks

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It Looks Legitimate

From: IRS Online <irs@irs.com>
 Reply-To: "Support@irs.com" <support@irs.com>
 Date: Thursday, April 11, 2013 12:13 PM
 Subject: Final reminder: Notice of Tax Return ID: 10H583326/13

IRS
 Department of the Treasury
 Internal Revenue Service

04/11/2013
 Reference: 10H583326/13

Claim Your Tax Refund Online

Dear Taxpayer,

We identified an error in the calculation of your tax from the last payment, amounting to \$ 319.95.

In order for us to return the wrong payment, you need to create a e-Refund account after which the funds will be credited to your specified bank account.

Please click "Get Started" below to claim your refund:

[Get Started](#)

Link has nothing to do with IRS (or IRS.gov)

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Here's How It Ends...



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Just Imagine ...



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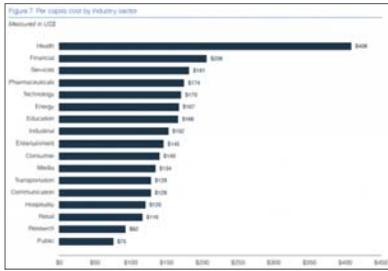
It Could Happen to You!



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Cost of a Data Breach



<https://healthsecurity.com/news/healthcare-data-breach-costs-remain-highest-among-industries>

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Ransomware \$\$\$ Up

- All of 2015: \$24M
–Average demand: \$295
- All of 2016 total: \$1B
–Average demand: \$ 679
- 2017 average demand: \$1,077
- 2018 average demand: \$522
–“High end” demands exceeding \$15,000

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Ransomware Activity Up

- Healthcare and financial services hit hardest
- Most infections come from emails
- Every 40 seconds, another business is attacked
- 22% of victims had to cease operations after attack
- 1 in 6 experienced 25+ hours of downtime (imagine that!)
- Expected to cost the global economy \$6 Trillion per year by 2021
- Recovery costs are outweighing demand

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Ransomware Attacks

Patients diverted to other hospitals after ransomware locks down key software

Crypto-ransomware increasingly targets bigger victims; most stay silent about it

By Sean Gallagher - Feb 17, 2016 6:56am CST



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Passwords

- "Keys to the castle"
- Email password
- Strong passwords
- Two-factor authentication
- Password manager

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Force Thoughtfulness

- Auto-completion on recipient email addresses
- Overcoming employees who believe that the policy doesn't apply to them

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"Nebraska Nice"

- Desire to help
- The KEY to social engineering
- Fail to challenge
 - Hold door open
- Assume innocence
- Out of Office messages?

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Remember This ...

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More Insider Threats

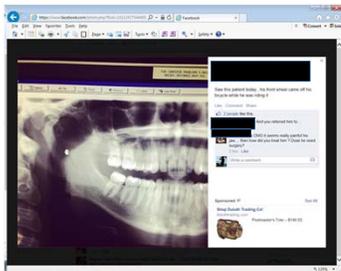


"Oh, that's a time-saving system we came up with. If we ever forget our user name or password we just look it up on one of the sticky notes."

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Facebook, Snapchat, Twitter



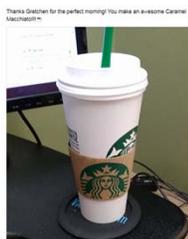
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Social Network Landmine



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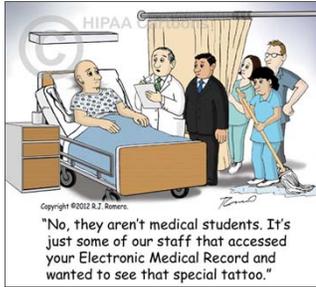
(It's this easy!)



Example (No HIPAA Violation) – but you get the point!

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Snooping is *Still* a Problem



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"No, they aren't medical students. It's just some of our staff that accessed your Electronic Medical Record and wanted to see that special tattoo."

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HIPAA Requirements

- Covered Entities have an obligation to implement administrative, technical, and physical safeguards to protect the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of protected health information
- Must conduct a "Security Risk Analysis"
- OCR is putting the "pedal to the metal" on enforcement*

* Deven McGraw, former Deputy Director for Health Information Privacy at HHS, Office for Civil Rights

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HIPAA Requirements

- Security Risk Assessment (for HIPAA and Meaningful Use)

- Conduct/review each reporting period
- Mitigating risks? Timeline updated?



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Security Controls

• Review employee access for the two following principles:

Need to Know: Identifying access based on what data users need to perform job duties

Least Privilege: Granting users access to only that data users need to perform job duties

• And then...MONITOR ACCESS



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Other Items to Think About

- Bring Your Own Device ("BYOD")
 - Hospital issued vs. Employee owned
 - Personal use on Hospital-owned devices
 - PHI on devices? Remote access?
 - Policies regarding use
 - Limiting a users ability to download unapproved software
 - Ability to remotely wipe
 - Mobile Device Management software

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Other Items to Think About

- Inventory of where PHI resides
- Monitoring the monitors-remember Privileged Users
- ENCRYPTION
- Reporting line
- Sanctions for workforce who violate policies and procedures
 - Communicating
 - Applying consistently

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Workforce Training

- Critical component of security program
- Targeted and repetitive
- Create understanding of real risks
- Lots of good training resources (commercial and free)
 - Caution – you might get what you pay for!



HIPAA Requires Culture Change



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