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# Cyber Crime: The Threat is Real!

## State of North Carolina Cyber Symposium - October 2021

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# Agenda

## Intro to KnowBe4

## Threat Intel

Cyberwarfare

NIST Recommendations

## Engagement

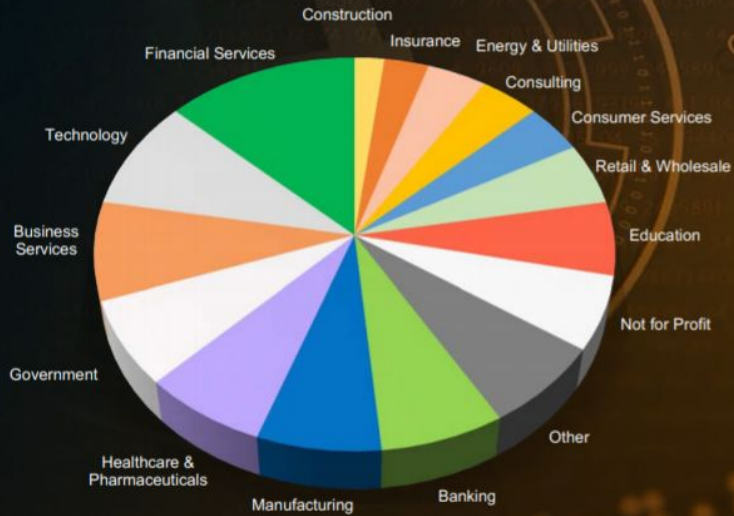
Phishing Benchmarking 2021 Report  
Assessments - Awareness & Culture  
Value Adds & Resources

## Demo Presentation

Building a Phishing/Training Campaign  
Automation in the Platform - Ease of Use



Over  
**40,000**  
Customers



## About Us

- The world's largest integrated Security Awareness Training and Simulated Phishing platform
- We help tens of thousands of organizations manage the ongoing problem of social engineering
- CEO & employees are industry veterans in IT Security
- Global Sales, Courseware Development, Customer Success, and Technical Support teams worldwide
- Offices in the USA, UK, Netherlands, Norway, Germany, South Africa, United Arab Emirates, Singapore, Japan, Australia, and Brazil



# Russian GRU Conducting Global Brute Force Campaign to Compromise Enterprise and Cloud Environments



National Cyber  
Security Centre  
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## CYBERSECURITY ADVISORY



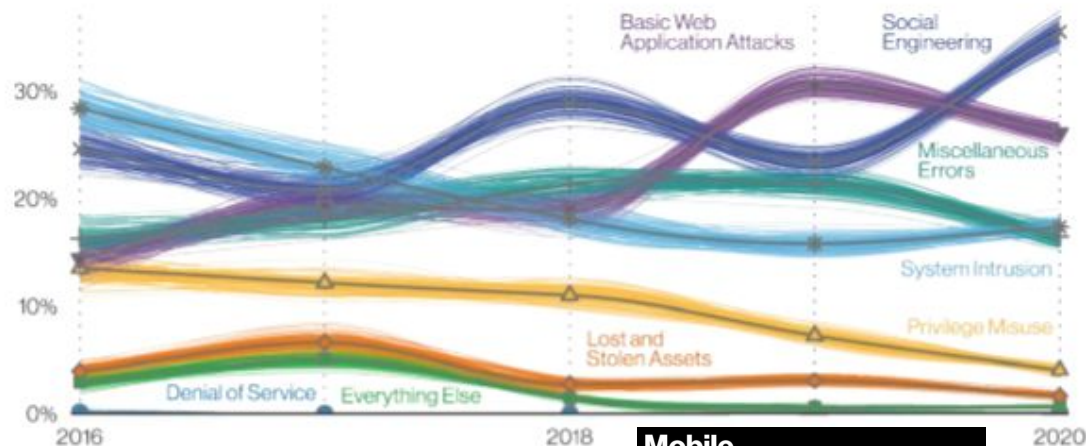
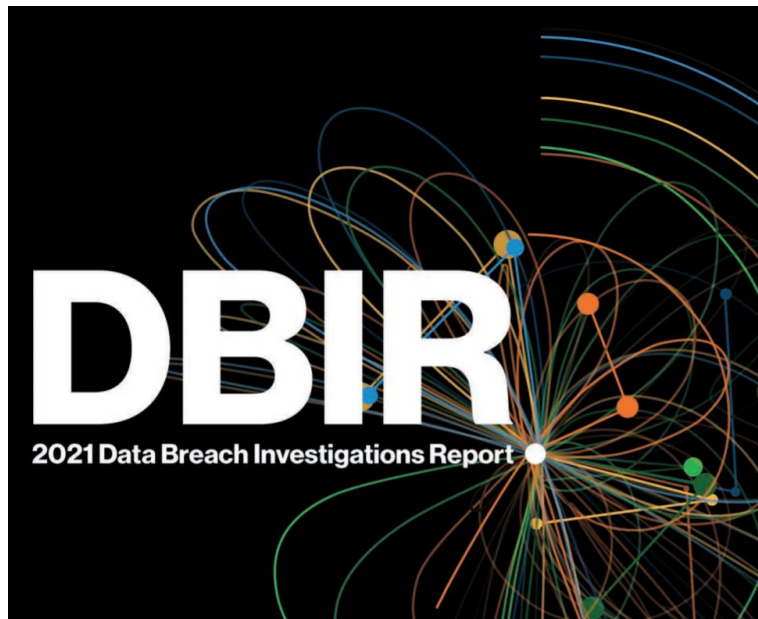
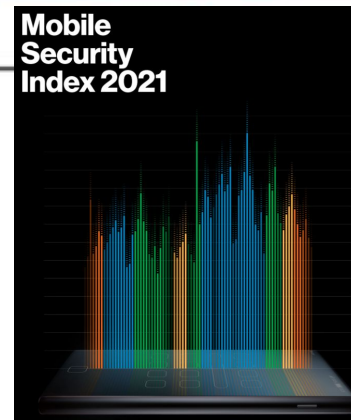


Figure 45. Patterns over time in breaches



## VERIZON'S 2021 DATA BREACH INVESTIGATION REPORT:

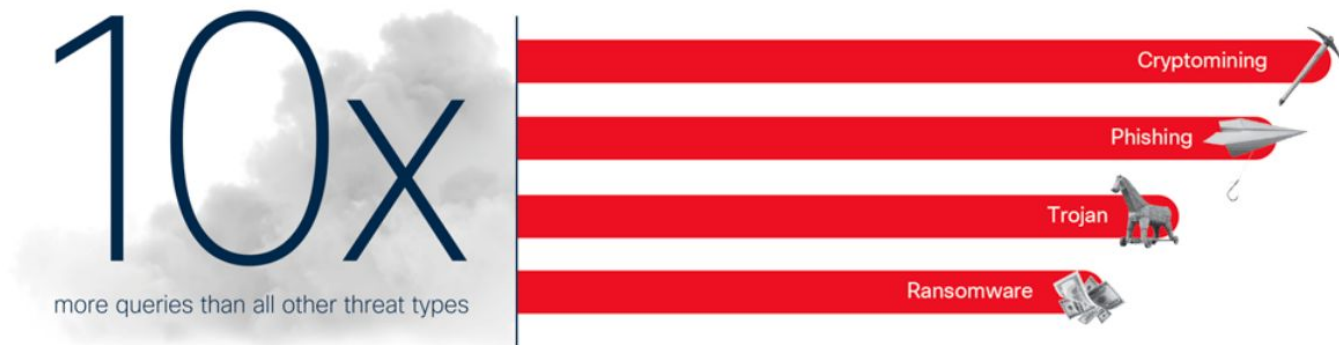
Verizon's latest report puts a spotlight on one of the largest and most unpredictable risk factors in your cybersecurity strategy - **your users...**

According to the Report: **PHISHING is #1 Threat Action (involved in 36% of breaches)**

**85% of data breaches involved a human element!** Approximately 1/3 of data breaches involve Social Engineering



# Cisco's Cybersecurity Threat Trends 2021 Report



Featuring exclusive statistics, comprehensive data, and easy to digest threat analysis, this report can **help you prepare** for the cyber attacks of today, tomorrow, and beyond.

*2021 Cybersecurity threat trends* explores how cyber criminals:

- Executed a legion of highly coordinated, multi-step attacks
- Leaned on four types of cyber attacks above all others
- Used **old technologies** to launch **new ransomware attacks**
- Used **fake CDC and vaccine sign-up sites** to gain access to data

In the last year, cyber criminals delivered a wave of cyber attacks that were not just highly coordinated, but far more advanced than ever before seen.

# Cybersecurity threatscape



ptsecurity.com

Q2 2021

## Statistics

The # of attacks on governmental institutions (amongst all attacks on organizations) soared from 12% in Q1 2021 to 20% in Q2 2021

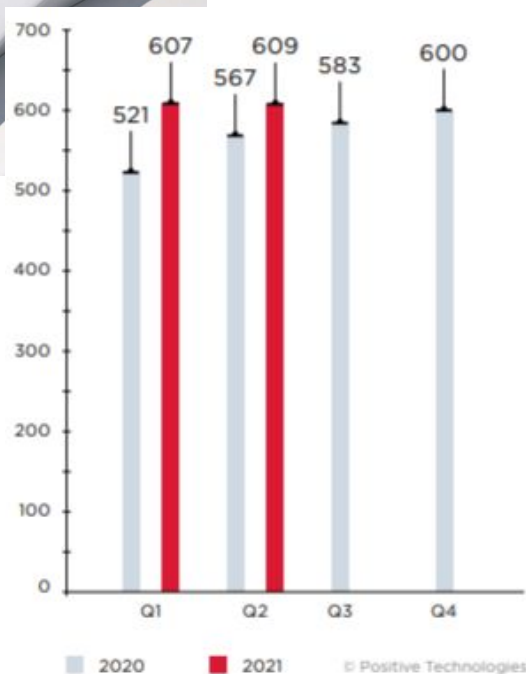


Figure 1. Number of attacks in 2020 and 2021 (per quarter)

77% of attacks were targeted

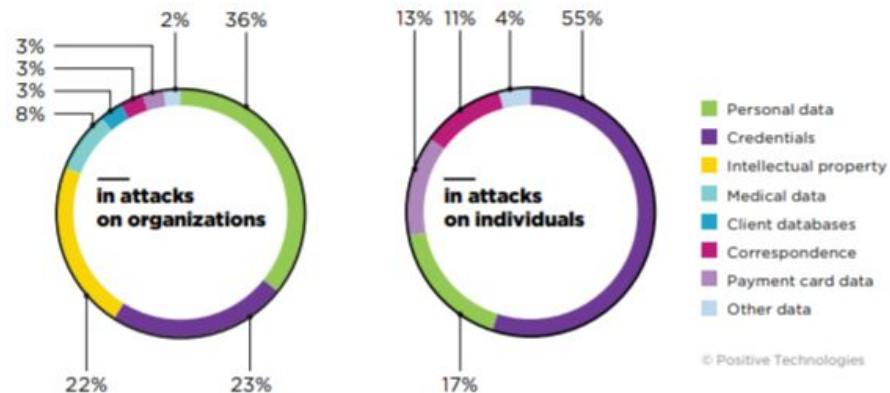


Figure 3. Types of data stolen

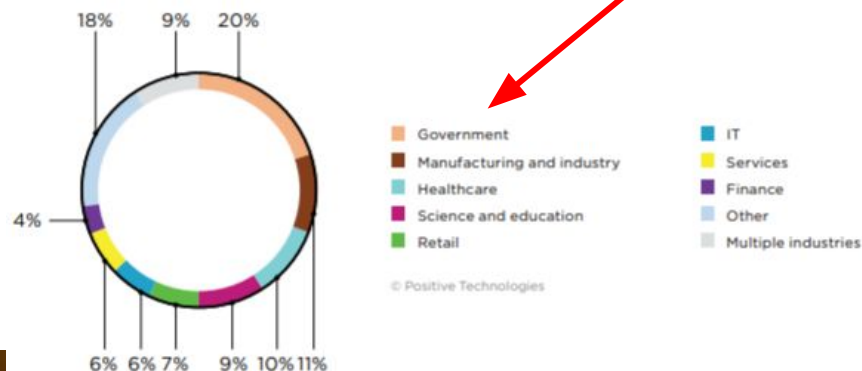


Figure 4. Victim categories among organizations

SP 800-53 Rev. 5 Security & Privacy Controls for Information Systems & Organizations:

<https://csrc.nist.gov/publications/detail/sp/800-53/rev-5/final>

### Critical New Language to Sections Covering Security Awareness

- Provide Frequent Simulated Social Engineering Testing to include “providing practical exercises no-notice attempts to collect information, gain unauthorized access, or simulate the adverse impact of opening malicious email attachments or invoking, via spear phishing attacks, malicious web links”
- NIST Recommendation - NO NOTICE
- NIST Recommendation - NOT ONE-DIMENSIONAL
- NIST Recommendation - INC HIGHLY CRAFTED SPEAR PHISHING ATTACKS

**In essence, NIST is saying your simulated social engineering testing needs to reflect real world threats so that you have a true understanding of your susceptibility to such threats!**





## What techniques do hackers use most of the time?

According to our research, the majority of the emails that are reported to us use social engineering schemes that have been around for many years.

- **Fake invoices, POs, and RFQs**
  - “Your invoice is past due. [Click here to pay it now.](#)”
- **Fake package/parcel delivery notifications**
- **Fake file delivery/sharing/signing notifications**
- **Bogus online account verifications/updates**
- **Email upgrade/update notifications**
  - “Your email is due for upgrade. Upgrade your email or ALL emails will be deleted. [UPGRADE NOW.](#)”
- **Email password expiration notifications**
  - “Your password is expired. [Enter your account portal now](#) to create your new password so you can log in.”
- **Email deactivation warnings**
  - “Your email will be deactivated if you don’t [click here](#) to cancel deactivation.”

# Most Interesting Phishing Techniques: Timer

Most interesting  
example  
of actual  
phishing  
email  
received  
@  
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**From:** notice@emailaccounts-services.gov  
**Reply-to:** notice@emailaccounts-services.gov  
**Subject:** You've only got three minutes

**REAL REPORTED PHISH**

User: [[email]]

This is your **final opportunity** to prevent your email account from deactivation.

Click below to cancel deletion of your account and the loss of all of your data.

[<<Cancel Deletion of My Account>>](#)

If you do not log into your account in the next 3 minutes you account will be **permanently deleted**.

3:00

# Social Engineering Red Flags

## FROM

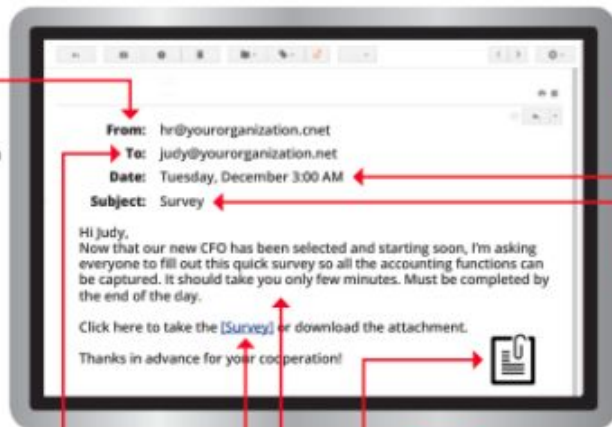
- I don't recognize the sender's email address as someone I **ordinarily communicate with**.
- This email is from **someone outside my organization and it's not related to my job responsibilities**.
- This email was sent from **someone inside the organization** or from a customer, vendor, or partner and is **very unusual or out of character**.
- Is the sender's email address from a **suspicious domain** (like micorsoft-support.com)?
- I **don't know the sender personally** and they **were not vouched for** by someone I trust.
- I **don't have a business relationship** nor any past communications with the sender.
- This is an **unexpected or unusual email** with an **embedded hyperlink** or an **attachment** from someone I haven't communicated with recently.

## TO

- I was cc'd on an email sent to one or more people, but I **don't personally know** the other people it was sent to.
- I received an email that was also sent to an **unusual mix of people**. For instance, it might be sent to a random group of people at my organization whose last names start with the same letter, or a whole list of unrelated addresses.

## HYPERLINKS

- I hover my mouse over a hyperlink that's displayed in the email message, but the **link-to address is for a different website**. (This is a **big red flag**.)
- I received an email that only has **long hyperlinks with no further information**, and the rest of the email is completely blank.
- I received an email with a **hyperlink that is a misspelling** of a known website. For instance, [www.bankofamerica.com](http://www.bankofamerica.com) — the "m" is really two characters — "r" and "n."



## DATE

- Did I receive an email that I normally would get during regular business hours, but it was **sent at an unusual time** like 3 a.m.?

## SUBJECT

- Did I get an email with a subject line that is **irrelevant** or **does not match** the message content?
- Is the email message a reply to something I **never sent or requested**?

## ATTACHMENTS

- The sender included an email attachment that I **was not expecting** or that **makes no sense** in relation to the email message. (This sender doesn't ordinarily send me this type of attachment.)
- I see an attachment with a possibly **dangerous file type**.

## CONTENT

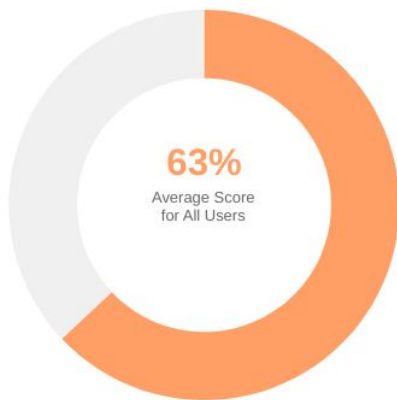
- Is the sender asking me to click on a link or open an attachment to **avoid a negative consequence** or to **gain something of value**?
- Is the email **out of the ordinary**, or does it have **bad grammar** or **spelling errors**?
- Is the sender asking me to click a link or open up an attachment that **seems odd** or **illogical**?
- Do I have an **uncomfortable gut feeling** about the sender's request to open an attachment or click a link?
- Is the email asking me to look at a **compromising or embarrassing picture** of myself or someone I know?



## Baseline Security Knowledge Assessment

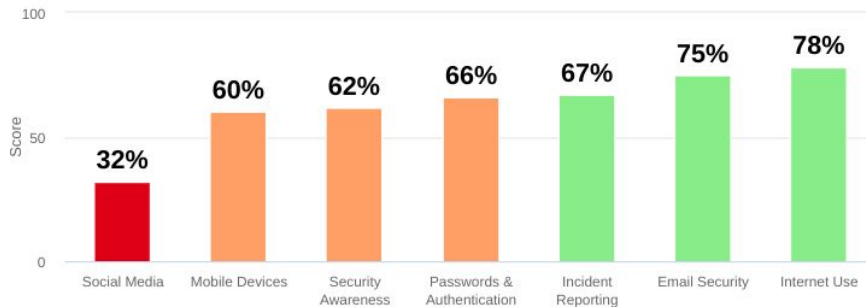
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For Assessment: Security Awareness Proficiency Assessment

[Overview](#)[Users](#)

### Score Per Knowledge Area

Average for Completed Assessments



### Creating Your Next Campaign

Knowing your organization's strengths and weaknesses is only the first step. Using your SAPA results, you can create more effective and targeted training campaigns that will strengthen your human firewall. Below are explanations of the seven knowledge areas. Click on the name of the knowledge area to view matching content in the ModStore that you can include in your next training campaign.

#### Social Media

When using social media, your users should consider how their social media presence impacts your organization. Since anyone can learn information about your users and your organization through social media, it is important for your users to follow the organization's guidelines when interacting on social media platforms.



Security  
Awareness  
Proficiency  
Assessment

Available in  
the  
Modstore!

Know where  
to tailor your  
training  
campaigns!

# Security Culture Survey



## KnowBe4 Research

## Security Awareness & Culture Surveys

For Assessment: Security Culture Survey (SCS)

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### Your Security Culture Score

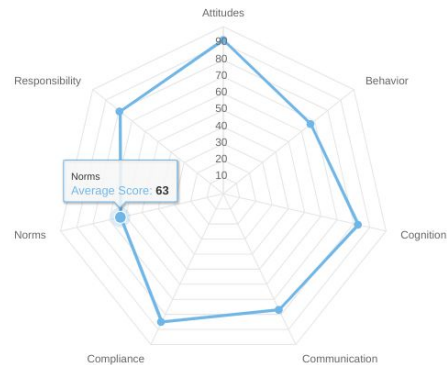
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### Security Culture Index

90 - 100	Excellent
80 - 89	Good
70 - 79	Moderate
60 - 69	Mediocre
0 - 59	Poor

For more information on the Security Culture Index, [click here](#)

### Results by Dimension



[Download User Feedback](#)

### Security Culture Dimensions

Security culture is defined by seven dimensions. Each dimension has an impact on the security of your organization.



### Get 52X reduction in risky security behaviors (new research!)

[News](#) | [Reports](#) | [Research](#) | [Risk and Security](#)

New research from CLTRe, a KnowBe4 company, reveals empirical evidence that organizations with improved security culture see significantly lower risky...

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# RESOURCES...

## Cybersecurity Awareness Kit is out for October!

*Developing a Successful SA Program - 5 Part Series:*

[https://support.knowbe4.com/hc/en-us/articles/4406863822483#h\\_01FFGCHGPA58A26AM2J0DMDE2X](https://support.knowbe4.com/hc/en-us/articles/4406863822483#h_01FFGCHGPA58A26AM2J0DMDE2X)



**On-Demand Webinar**

**E-Book**

**Interactive Weekly Planner**

**Interactive Courses**

**Videos**

**4 Infographics**

**4 Tip Sheets**

**4 Posters/Digital Signage**

2021 Cybersecurity Awareness Month Resource Kit User Guide



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# SECURITY AWARENESS PLANNER



## 20 Ways to Block Mobile Attacks

Don't let your guard down just because you're on a mobile device. Be just as careful as you would on a desktop!

### WiFi

- Don't allow your device to auto-join unfamiliar networks.
- Always turn off WiFi when you aren't using it or don't need it.
- Never send sensitive information over WiFi unless you're absolutely sure it's a secure network.

### Apps

- Only use apps available in your device's official store - NEVER download from a browser.
- Be wary of apps from unknown developers or those with limited/bad reviews.
- Keep them updated to ensure they have the latest security.
- If they're no longer supported by your store, just delete!
- Don't grant administrator, or excessive privileges to apps unless you truly trust them.

### Browser

- Watch out for ads, giveaways and contests that seem too good to be true. Often these lead to phishing sites that appear to be legit.
- Pay close attention to URLs. These are harder to verify on mobile screens but it's worth the effort.
- Never save your login information when you're using a web browser.



### Bluetooth

- Disable automatic Bluetooth pairing.
- Always turn it off when you don't need it.

### Smishing (phishing via SMS)

- Don't trust messages that attempt to get you to reveal any personal information
- Beware of similar tactics in platforms like What's App, Facebook Messenger, Instagram, etc.
- Treat messages the same way you would treat email, always think before you click!

### Vishing (voice phishing)

- Do not respond to telephone or email requests for personal financial information. If you are concerned, call the financial institution directly, using the phone number that appears on the back of your credit card or on your monthly statement.
- Never click on a link in an unsolicited commercial email.
- Speak only with live people when providing account information, and **only** when you initiate the call.
- Install software that can tell you whether you are on a secure or fake website.

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# CEO FRAUD

WHO IS THAT EMAIL REALLY FROM?



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## **Ransomware attacks on US government organizations cost \$18.9bn in 2020**



In 2020, 79 individual ransomware attacks were carried out against US government organizations, potentially impacting 71m people & costing an est'd \$18.88 billion in downtime and recovery costs.

Over the last few years, ransomware has become a huge cause for concern. For gov entities, it can mean extended downtime, lost files, and the inability to access key infrastructure and services, including 911 and utilities.

<https://www.comparitech.com/blog/information-security/government-ransomware-attacks/>

# RANSOMWARE HAS GONE NUCLEAR

**55%** OF SMALL  
BUSINESSES  
pay hackers the ransom

**\$20**  
BILLION  
projected ransomware  
damage costs by 2021



## RANSOMWARE 2.0

- Destroys backups
- Steals credentials
- Publicly exposes victims
- Leaks stolen data
- Threatens victim's customers

Sources:  
https://cybersecurityventures.com/global-ransomware-damage-costs-predicted-to-reach-20-billion-usd-by-2021/  
https://cybersecurityventures.com/cybersecurity-market-report/  
https://threatdatacenter.com/blog/ransomware-payoffs/

RANSOMWARE  
ATTACKS A  
COMPANY EVERY

**14**  
SECONDS

RANSOMWARE  
COSTS ARE  
PREDICTED TO BE

**57x**  
MORE  
over 6 years by  
the end of 2021

<https://www.knowbe4.com/ransomware>



## Hostage Rescue Manual

This free manual is packed with actionable info that you need to prevent infections, and what to do when you get hit.

You will also receive an Attack Response Checklist and a Prevention Checklist. You will learn more about:

- What is Ransomware?
- Am I Infected?
- I'm Infected, Now What?
- Protecting Yourself in the Future
- Resources

Don't be taken hostage. Download your 20-page rescue manual now.

Get Your Manual



## Free Ransomware Simulator Tool


Is your network effective in blocking ransomware attacks?

Bad guys are constantly coming out with new strains to evade detection. Is your network effective in blocking all of them when employees fall for social engineering attacks?

KnowBe4's RanSim gives you a quick look at the effectiveness of your existing network protection. RanSim simulates 20 ransomware infection scenarios and 1 cryptomining scenario and will show you if your workstation is vulnerable.

Learn More





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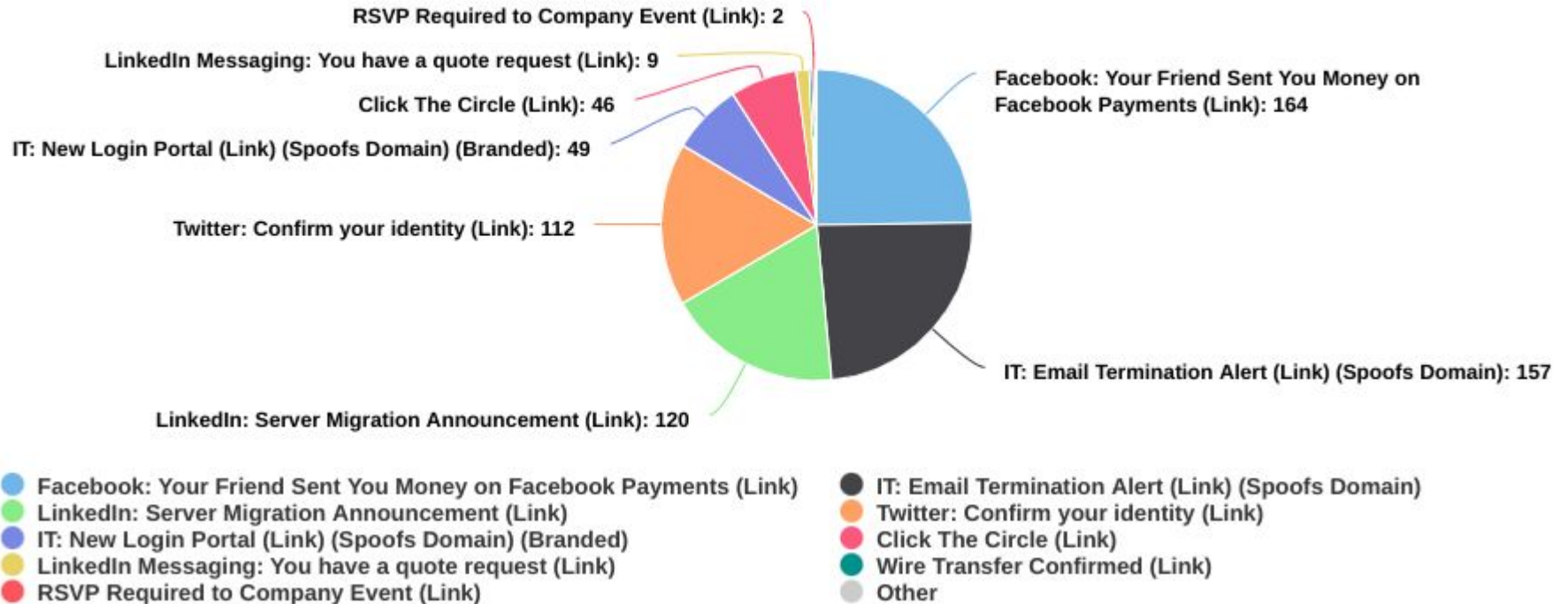
Live Demo

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Console

## ADVANCED REPORTING...what type of phishing emails are your users clicking on? (sample report)

### Failures by Email Template

Phishing Security Tests 04/01/2021 - 10/01/2021

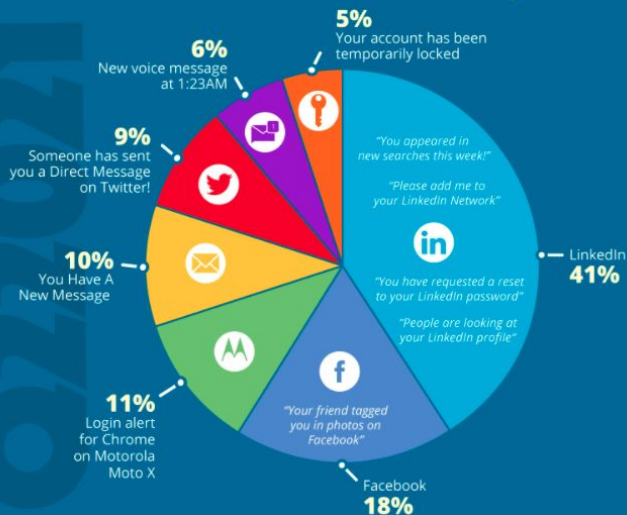


# KnowBe4 RESOURCES...

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## TOP-CLICKED PHISHING TESTS

### TOP SOCIAL MEDIA EMAIL SUBJECTS



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## TOP 10 GENERAL EMAIL SUBJECTS

✓ Password Check Required Immediately	23%
✓ Vacation Policy Update	17%
✓ Important: Dress Code Changes	13%
✓ ACH Payment Receipt	10%
✓ Test of the [[company_name]] Emergency Notification System	8%
✓ Scheduled Server Maintenance -- No Internet Access	7%
✓ COVID-19 Remote Work Policy Update	6%
✓ Scanned image from MX2310U@[[domain]]	6%
✓ Security Alert	5%
✓ Failed Delivery	5%

Q2 2021

Top 10  
Reported  
Suspicious  
Emails

## COMMON "IN THE WILD" ATTACKS

- Zoom: Important issue
- IT: Information Security Policy Review
- Mastercard: Confirmation: Your One-Time Password
- Facebook: Your account has been temporarily locked
- Google: Take action to secure your compromised passwords
- Microsoft: Help us protect you - Turn on 2-step verification to protect your account
- Docusign: Lucile Green requests you to sign Mandatory Security Training documents
- Internship Program
- IT: Remote working missing updates
- HR: Electronic Implementation of new HRIS

## KEY TAKEAWAY

This quarter we see more security-related warnings, account activity messages and half of them are work-related. Cybercriminals are preying on heightened stress, distraction, urgency, curiosity, and fear in users. These types of attacks are effective because they cause a person to react before thinking logically about the legitimacy of the email.



# NEW Homecourse

**knowbe4.com/home  
course**

**Password: homecourse**

**Share this free resource with  
your friends & families...Security  
Awareness starts in the home!**

**Reduce risks your family faces.**

## KnowBe4 Home Internet Security Awareness Training Course

### KnowBe4 Home Internet Security Awareness Training

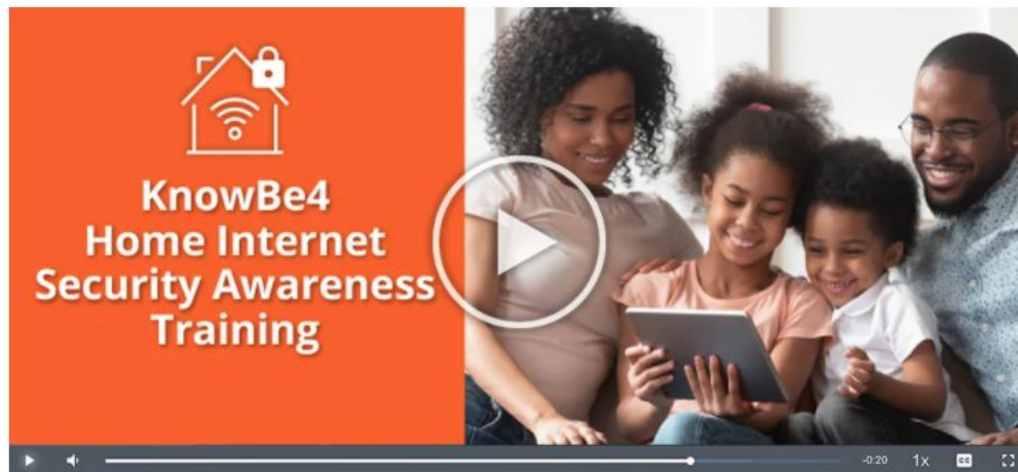
Ninety percent of people today are concerned about the online safety of their families.

This course is designed to assist all members of your family in making wise decisions when it comes to internet usage.

Learn steps you can take to reduce the risks your family faces from online threats, as well as how to secure your home network, especially if working from home.

#### In this module, you will:

- Discover that cybercriminals target everyone, even home-based users
- Learn how to protect yourself and your family against online fraud
- Explore ways to improve the security of your home network, especially if working from home



# New Whitepaper:

## Building an Effective and Comprehensive Security Awareness Program



## Plan Like a Marketer, Test Like an Attacker

While every leader can reduce risk by targeting employee PPP, there are several best practices that can bring about lasting change.



### Use real-world attack methods

Your simulated phishing exercises must mimic real attacks and methodologies. Otherwise, your "training" will simply give your organization a false sense of security.



### Don't do this alone

Involve other teams and executives, including Human Resources, IT and Compliance teams, and even Marketing. Create a positive, organization-wide culture of security.



### Don't try to train on everything

Decide what behaviors you want to shape and then prioritize the top two or three. Focus on modifying those behaviors for 12-18 months.



### Make it relevant

People care about things that are meaningful to them. Make sure your simulated attacks impact an employee's day-to-day activities.



### Treat your program like a marketing campaign

To strengthen security, you must focus on changing behavior, rather than just telling staff what you'd like them to know. Give them the critical information they need, but stay focused on conditioning their secure reflexes so your workforce becomes an effective last line of defense.

# FRESH NEW CONTENT BREAKDOWN 2021...

1,342 Pieces of  
Education & Training  
Content

319 Interactive  
Training Modules

489 Video Modules

23 Mobile-1st Modules

236 Posters & Artwork

248 Newsletters &  
Security Documents

25 Games

2 Assessments

## 2 Minute MP4 Videos...



Security Snapshots #08 - Public Wi-Fi  
Video Module



Security Snapshots #07 - Passwords  
Video Module



Security Snapshots #06 - Cloud Sharing  
Video Module



Security Snapshots #05 - Clean Desk Policy  
Video Module



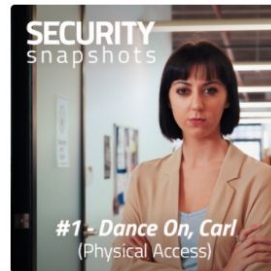
Security Snapshots #04 - Document Disposal  
Video Module



Security Snapshots #03 - Phishing  
Video Module



Security Snapshots #02 - Oversharing/Safe Media  
Video Module



Security Snapshots #01 - Physical Access  
Video Module



Award Winning Content in the Modstore!



# New Content

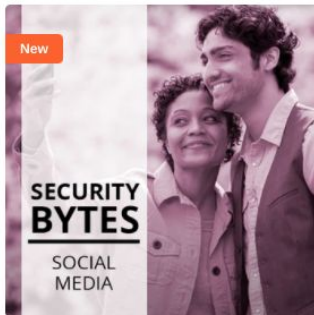
Security Bytes -  
1 minute  
mp4  
format

Embed on  
your  
Intranet or  
Video  
stream site!  
Expand the  
message!



Security Bytes: Following Policy

Video Module



Security Bytes: Social Media

Video Module



Security Bytes: Mobile Security

Video Module



Security Bytes: Incident Reporting

Video Module



Security Bytes: Physical Security

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Security Bytes: PII

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Security Bytes: Phishing

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Security Bytes: Passwords

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# New Series September - *Voice on Security...*



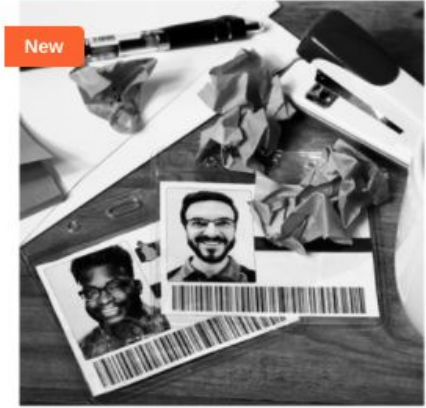
Voice on Security: USB Drop



Voice on Security: Piggybacking



Voice on Security: Spear Phishing



Voice on Security: Keep a Clean Desk

From our Partners at The Security Awareness Company - humorous, original, combined with effective training techniques, ranging from 2-3 mins in duration. Now LIVE in the modstore!

<https://insideman.knowbe4.com/>

# THE INSIDE MAN



FESTIVAL DE CANNES

HOME

INSIDE THE EPISODES

MEET THE CHARACTERS

AWARDS & REVIEWS

BEHIND THE SCENES

## THE INSIDE MAN SEASON 3 NOW AVAILABLE

Watch The Trailer



The background is a dark orange gradient. It features a faint world map in the upper right, binary code (0s and 1s) scattered across the center, and a banner with the text 'RISK ALERT' and a warning triangle icon. There are also several circular icons at the bottom right, including one with a mail envelope, one with a musical note, and one with a document. A line graph with an upward arrow is also visible.

# Thank You!

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