



# Cybersecurity Threat Landscape

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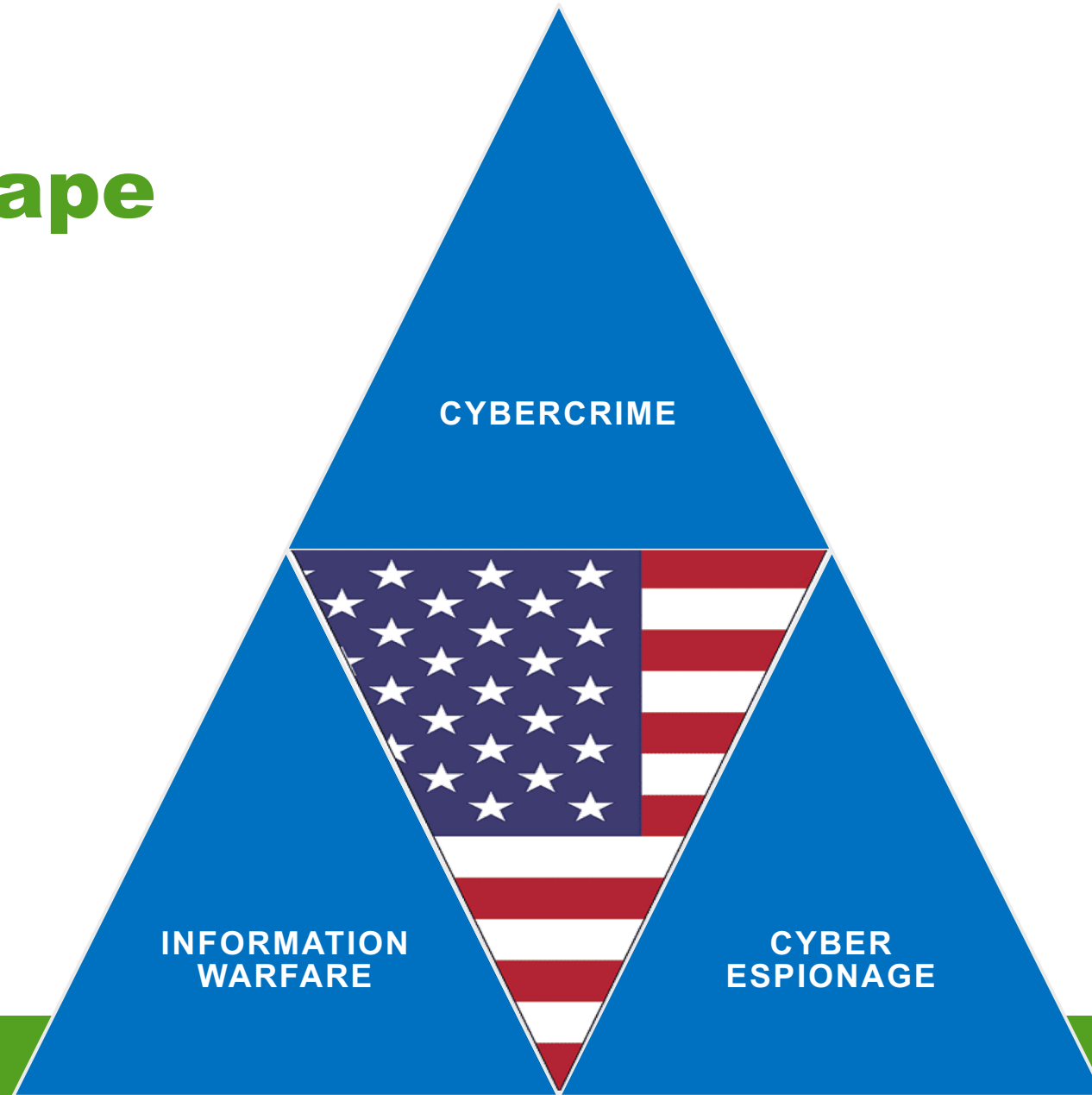


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# Threat Landscape





# CyberCrime-Playstation Network Hack

## Security Breach Missteps

What are you doing to make sure you aren't making the same \$171 million mistakes?

**April 20, 2011**

PlayStation Network experiences beginning of network outage.

**April 26, 2011 - 9:30 AM PT**

PlayStation Network outage for 6 days and still no answers available for its customers.

**April 26, 2011 - 1:00 PM PT**

Later that same day, Sony says billing addresses, user names, passwords and possibly credit card info belonging to its PlayStation Network customers have been stolen.

**April 28, 2011**

A database of 2.2 million Sony customer credit cards is offered for sale on an underground Internet forum.

**April 29, 2011**

Government officials question what Sony is doing and how they will make things right with customers.

**April 30, 2011**

PlayStation Network services announced they will be up and running later in the week and customers will get a free 30-day service and theft protection monitoring service.

**May 2, 2011**

PlayStation Network breach extends to Sony Online Entertainment.

**May 4, 2011**

Reports surface about Anonymous' potential involvement in the hack, but they deny it.

**April 27, 2011**

News about how unhappy users are with the lack of information from Sony continues to run rampant and Sony is sued.

**May 5, 2011**

NY Attorney General subpoenas Sony and the same day the CEO offers the first apology and explanation for what may have happened.

**May 6, 2011**

According to reports, a security expert testifies to a House subcommittee that Sony knew it was in possession of outdated security software.

**May 7, 2011**

Sony says the PlayStation network might not be up and running as quickly as they thought due to more testing needed.

**May 12, 2011**

Sony announces "perks" post-breach.

**May 14, 2011**

Sony begins relaunch of PlayStation Network in stages.

**May 16, 2011**

Japan's government announces they are waiting for better security measures from Sony.

**May 17, 2011**

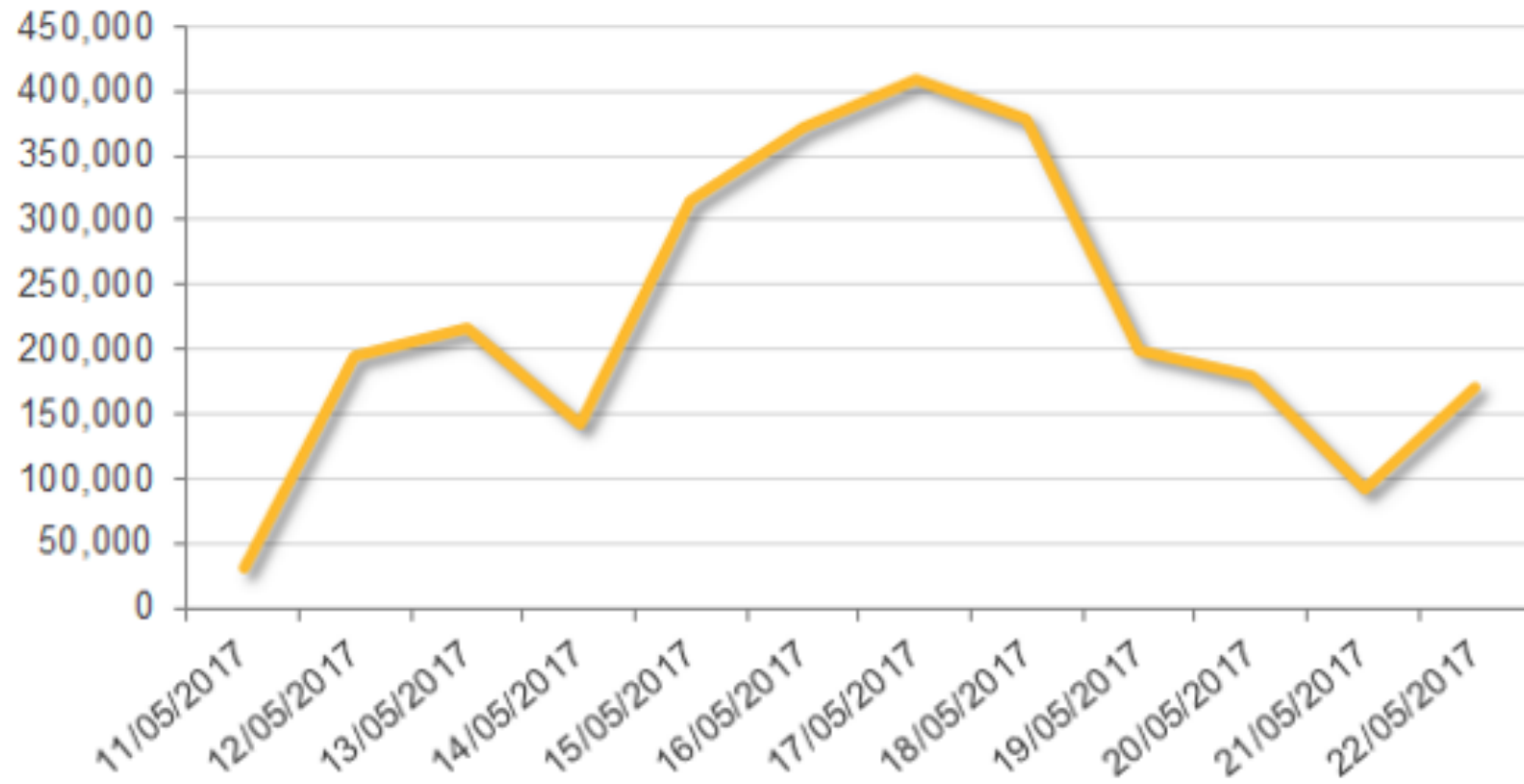
Sony CEO Howard Stringer announces security has been restored and Sony is safe.

**May 18, 2011**

PlayStation Network experiences a vulnerability in its password reset interface and takes the site down "for maintenance."



# CyberCrime-WannaCry Ransomware



# Proliferation of Ransomware

- ▶ October 04, 2019 - The FBI released an alert this week about an increase in ransomware attacks across all sectors, including healthcare, state and local governments, and other infrastructure targets. **Ransomware attacks have doubled in 2019.**
- ▶ Ransomware attacks against at least **621** government agencies, healthcare providers and schools in the first nine months of 2019, **largely without repercussions.**
- ▶ The **FBI: victims should not pay the ransom** because it does not guarantee an organization will regain access to its data.
- ▶ **Paying ransoms emboldens criminals** to target other organizations and provides an alluring and lucrative enterprise to other criminals.
- ▶ Your insurance company: **PAY THE RANSOM**
- ▶ Some victims who paid a ransom were never provided with decryption keys.
- ▶ Due to flaws in the encryption algorithms of certain malware variants, **victims may not be able to recover some or all of their data even with a valid decryption key.**



# Biggest **DATA BREACHES** of the 21st century

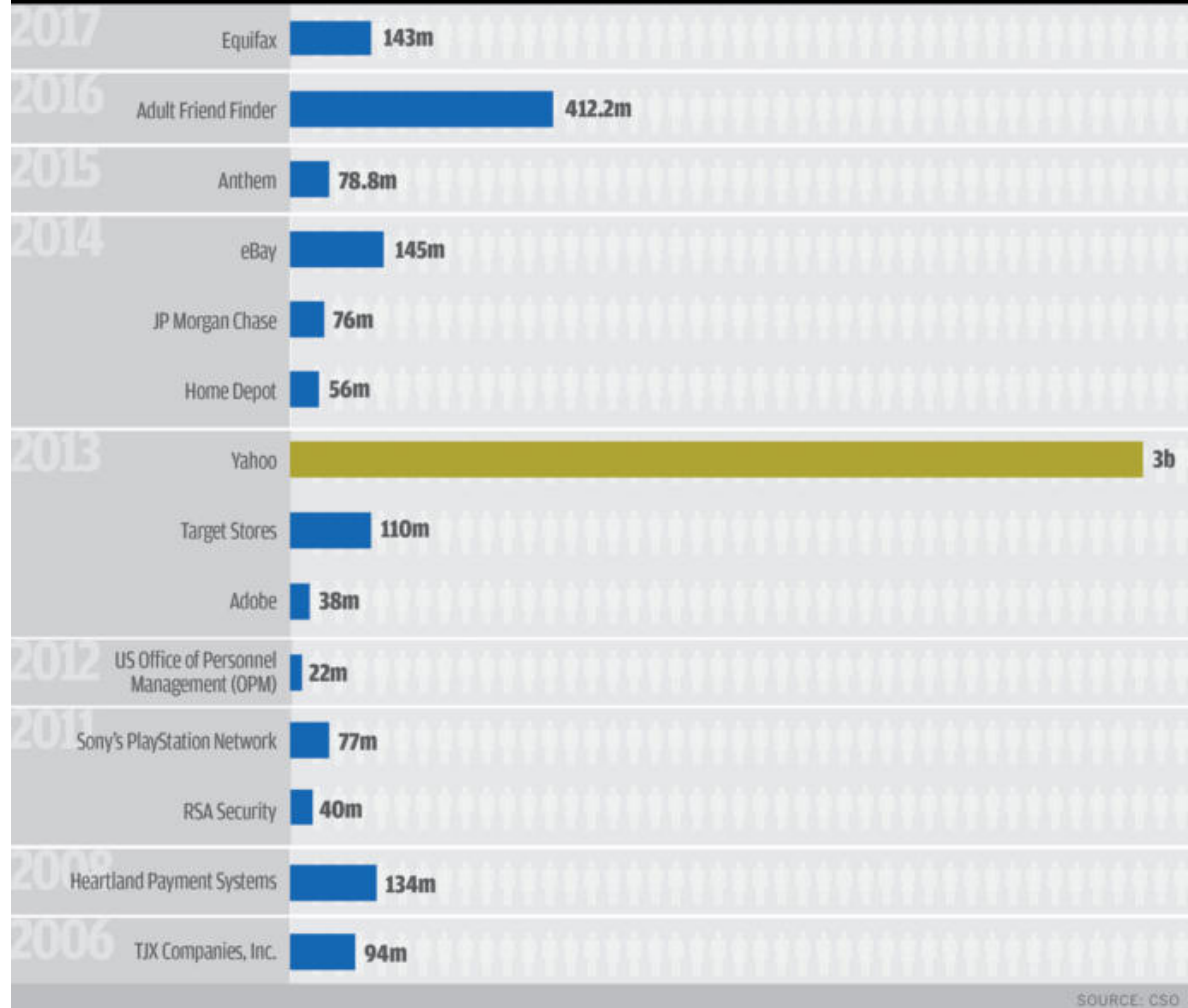
Accounts  
Compromised



by the millions



by the billions



SOURCE: CSO



# Equifax Data Breach



- ▶ Unpatched software led to the exposure of credit data on 145.5 million customers.
- ▶ 30 back doors identified
- ▶ Question: Are there any negative repercussions for Equifax?



# Cybercrime- Data Breaches

- ▶ Data is the “exhaust” of the Information age
- ▶ Worldwide, we create more data per day than we did from the beginning of time until 2004.
- ▶ “ You have zero privacy anyway. Get over it.” –Scott McNealy, CEO of SUN Microsystems, 1999.
- ▶ “Privacy is obsolete, only people your age think it exists” –Proctor High School Student, Summer 2013



# Information Warfare

Oil Pipeline- Turkey, 2008



# Information Warfare

The saga of **Ukraine** since 2014 illustrates the Russian blueprint for future cyberwar.



# Ukraine Chronology

2004 Presidential race:



Pro-Russian Viktor Yanukovich's



Pro-Western Viktor Yushchenko.

-Yushchenko Survives poisoning two weeks before the election and wins.

-Ukraine is Pro-Western for six years.



# Yushchenko poisoning, sound familiar?



# Ukraine Chronology

2010 Presidential race:



**Pro-Russian Viktor Yanukovych's**



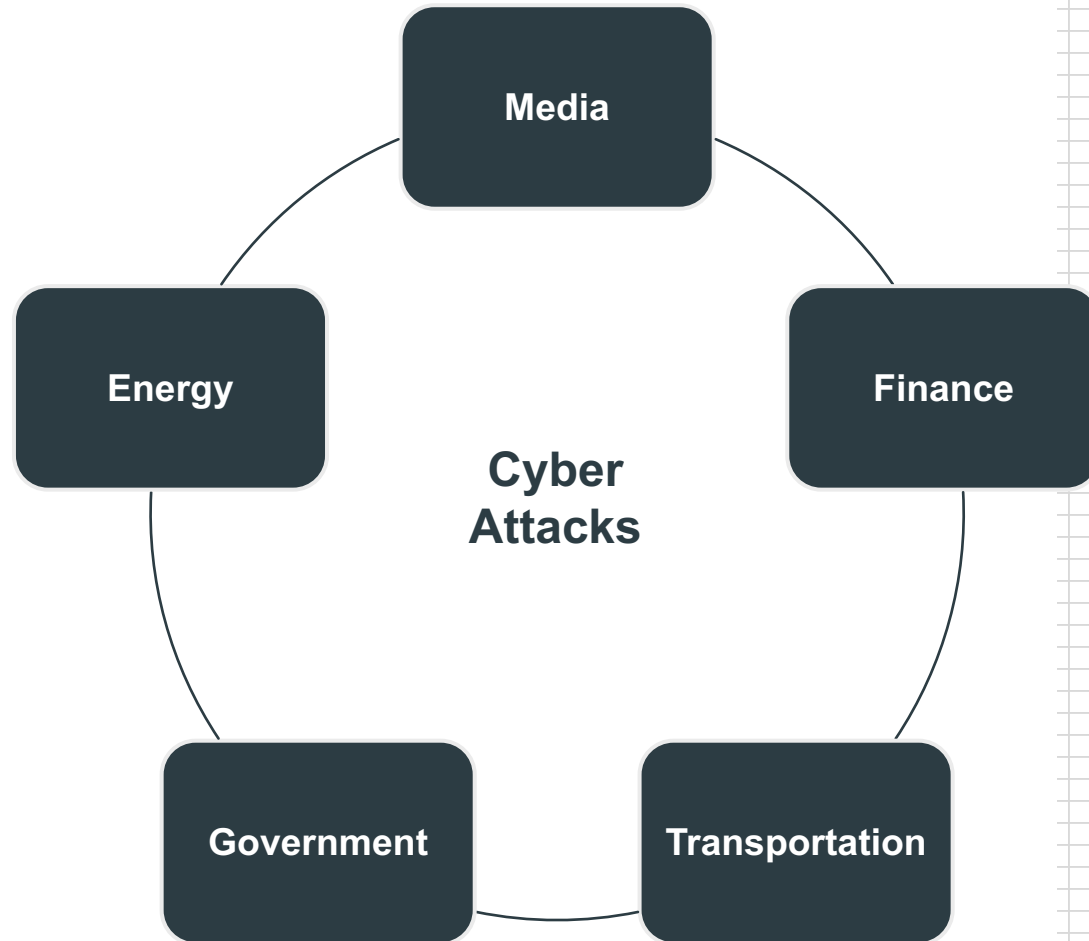
**Pro-Western Yulia Tymoshenko.**

- Yanukovych** wins and serves until 2014.
- Withdrawal from alignment with EU/NATO in 2014 Sparks the Ukrainian Revolution.
- **Yanukovych** flees to **Russia**, **Paul Manfort** returns to the US having advised Yanukovych from 2004-2014.



# Ukraine Chronology

- ▶ **Yanukovych** government is overthrown in February of 2014.
- ▶ Russia invades and annexes Crimea in April.
- ▶ Russia launches persistent and effective cyber attacks on Ukrainian Critical Infrastructure
- ▶ Two 12-hour long **blackouts** in 2015 and 2016 affecting 100,000 people are attributed to Russian hackers.
- ▶ Ukrainian Finance Ministry loses terabytes of financial data to KillDisk as they prepare the budget in August 2016.



# Information Warfare

- ▶ Ukraine moves government web presence to a hosting service located in the United States.
- ▶ The attacks continue....is this an act of war against the United States?
- ▶ Common attack signature is identified:
- ▶ **BlackEnergy** Trojan delivers the
- ▶ **KillDisk** Payload.
- ▶ *Identical signature found within American power and water utilities in 2014.*



# Information Warfare: EU Targets

- ▶ Two days before **France's** presidential run-off in May 2017, malicious hackers leaked nine gigabytes of e-mails from candidate Emmanuel Macron's campaign onto the web.
- ▶ In **Germany**, questions arise over the lack of Russian interference in Sept 2017 election after May 2015 hack of 16GB of Bundestag e-mails and documents.



# Information Warfare: US Target

- ▶ In the **United States**, Bots proliferate on Social Media focusing on divisive issues such as gun control, race relations, and pro-choice/pro-life positions in Late 2015/ Early 2016
- ▶ In the months leading up to the November 2016 election focus shifts to promote Republican candidate.
- ▶ USC Researcher Emilio Ferrera finds that 20% of Twitter content in the four weeks prior to the election was generated by 50 million bots.
- ▶ Emergence of “Computational Propaganda”



# Information Warfare: US Target

- ▶ Clinton Campaign Chairman John Podesta and DNC Staffer fall victim to a phishing campaign.
- ▶ Private emails and confidential documents appeared online day after day — procured by Russian intelligence agents, posted on WikiLeaks and other websites.



# Information Warfare

## Stuxnet: The Good Guys Strike Back!





# CyberEspionage-China

- ▶ PLA Unit 61398 attacked at least 1,000 domestic companies since 2016 and successfully breached at least 141.
- ▶ Average breach time 356 days, longest breach time 1,764 days.
- ▶ Primary compromise method is Spear Phishing.



# PLA Unit 61398



# CyberEspionage-China

## Operation Shady RAT



# CyberEspionage-China

**China debuts the J-31 on December 26, 2016.**



# CyberEspionage-China

**Thrip Attack Group**  
**Spying on Communications, Mapping and Defense Targets**  
Wide-ranging espionage operation uncovered using Symantec's new Targeted Attack Analytics tool



**Targeted Sectors**

 Satellite communications	 Mapping/geospatial imaging
 Telecommunications	 Defense

**Motives**

 Espionage	 Catchamas malware
 Possible disruption	 Off-the-shelf administration and penetration testing tools

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# CyberEspionage- Secure Supply Chain

- ▶ “Pivoting” within a network has now expanded to pivoting between networks.
- ▶ Interconnected supply chains especially vulnerable due to “trust” relationships.
- ▶ Trust relationships manifest through:
  - ▶ VPNs “Island Hopping”
  - ▶ Websites “Watering Holes”
  - ▶ E-mail “Reverse Business E-Mail Compromise”
- ▶ DoD Gets Serious in Q4 of 2018.



# Secure Supply Chain- CIR

- ▶ Destruction of logs
- ▶ Secondary command-and-control server (C2) used on a sleep cycle
- ▶ Increased use of Steganography

**DURING THE PAST 90 DAYS, HAVE YOU ENCOUNTERED INSTANCES OF ATTEMPTED COUNTER-INCIDENT RESPONSE?**

RESPONDENTS  
ANSWERING  
**YES** HAVE  
INCREASED BY  
**5%**  
EACH QUARTER



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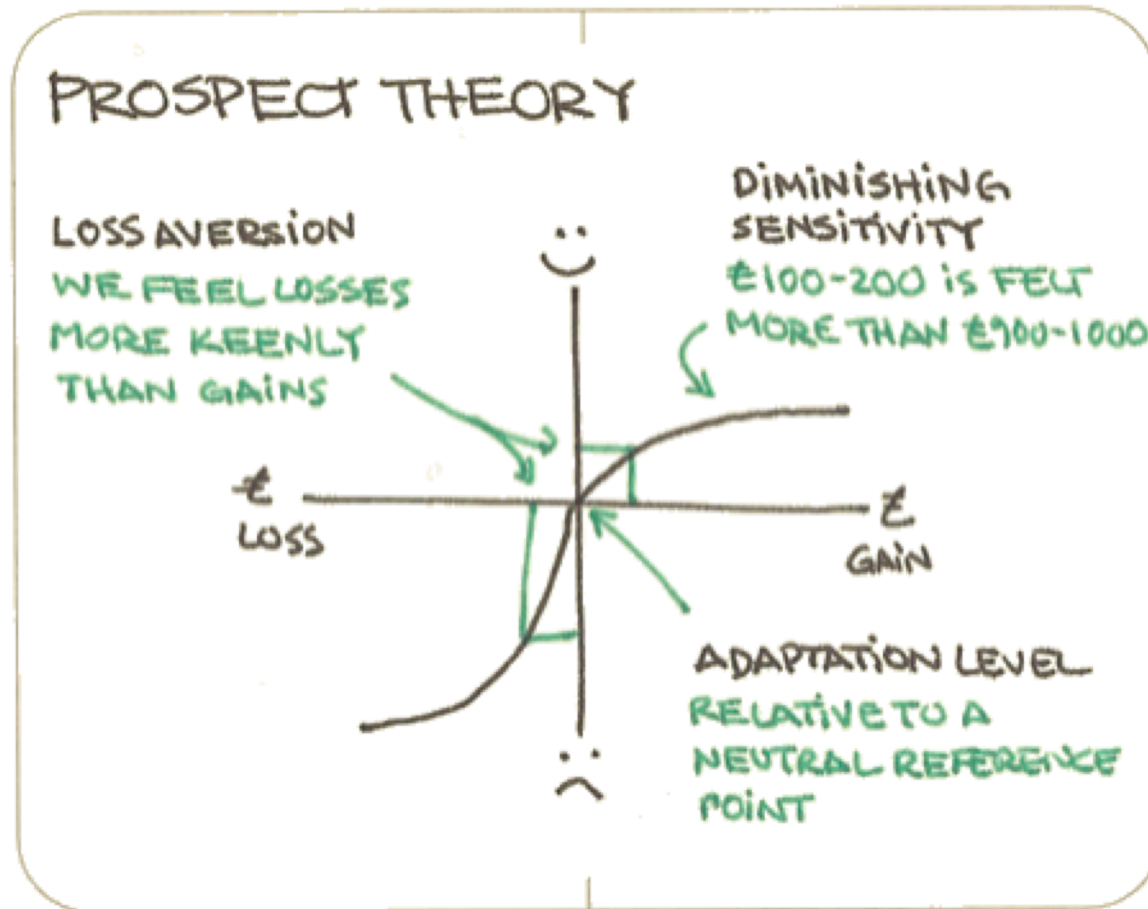


# Underinvestment in Cyber Defenses

- ▶ **Prospect Theory** by *Daniel Kahneman*, Nobel Prizewinner in Economics.
  - ▶ Given a choice to receive a **guaranteed \$500** or a **50/50 chance for \$1000**, what would you choose?
  - ▶ Confronted with a **guaranteed loss of \$500** or a **50/50 chance to lose nothing**, what would you choose?



# Prospect Theory



# Underinvestment in Cyber Defenses

- ▶ US spends \$13 Billion on USS Gerald Ford, contracts for two more aircraft carriers at \$14 Billion and \$15 Billion each.
- ▶ Out of a \$716 Billion federal defense budget, \$15 billion authorized for cybersecurity-related activities (2%).
- ▶ Mr. Trump's homeland security adviser, Thomas P. Bossert, who oversaw cybersecurity policy, was dismissed after John R. Bolton took over as national security adviser.
- ▶ The cybersecurity coordinator at the White House, Rob Joyce, left his post and returned to the National Security Agency to run the most elite of the US cyberforces.
- ▶ The White House lost its two most senior, and most knowledgeable, cybersecurity policymakers in the span of a few weeks in April of 2018. Neither has been replaced.

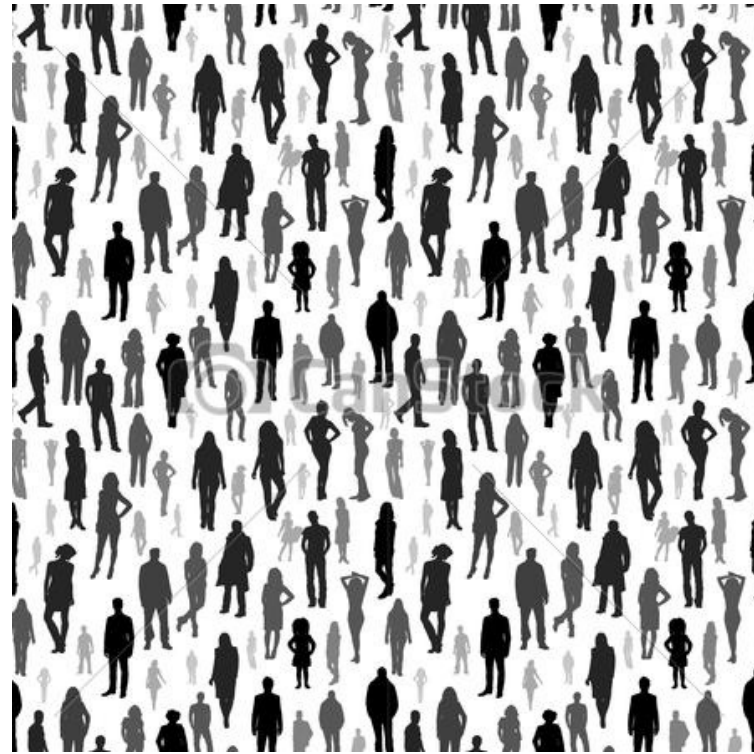


# Workforce Shortage

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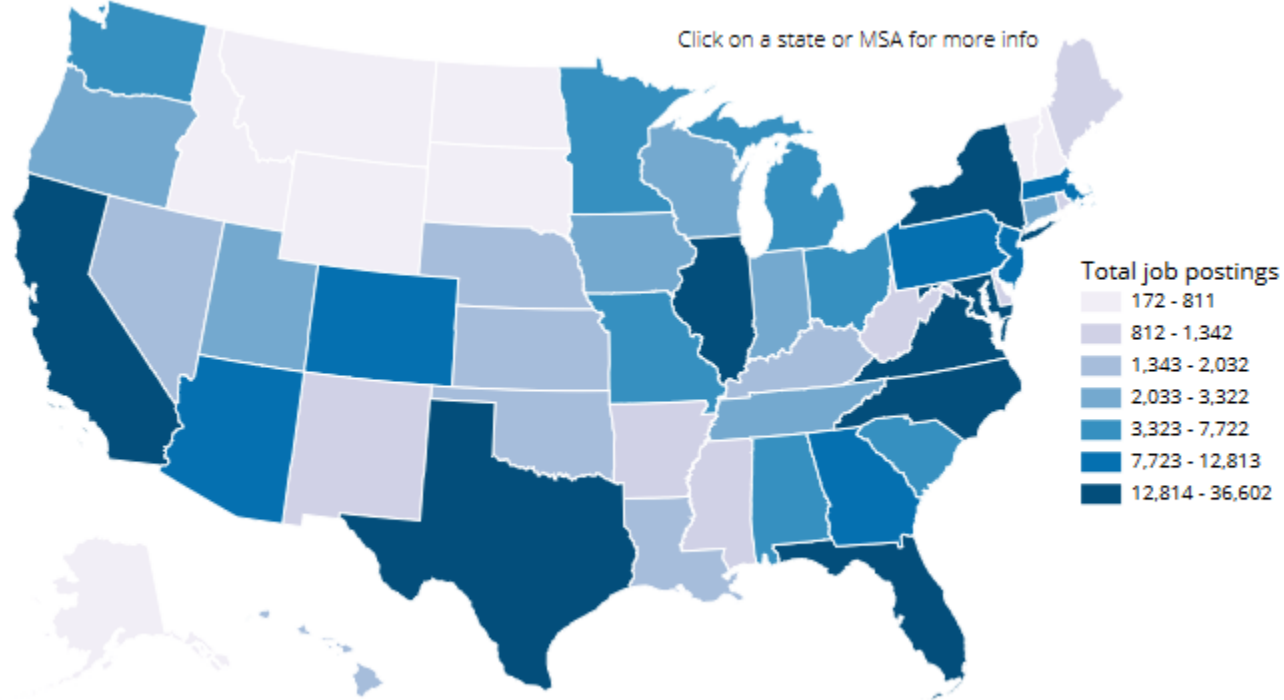


FORCES OF EVIL



# Workforce Shortage

- ▶ 306,000 unfilled cybersecurity positions Nationwide
- ▶ Roughly 10,000 existing positions within the Federal Government are currently unfilled.



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**Salary Estimate**

\$70,000	(31855)
\$90,000	(24829)
\$100,000	(19492)
\$110,000	(13617)
\$125,000	(6739)

**Job Type**

Full-time	(38151)
Contract	(3153)
Part-time	(1295)
Commission	(377)
Temporary	(375)
Internship	(150)

**Location**

Washington, DC	(2175)
New York, NY	(1090)

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**Cyber Security Analyst, Entry/Junior Level**

Brockwell Technologies, Inc. (BTI) ★★★★★ 3 reviews  
Huntsville, AL

HBSS (Host Based Security Solution). EMASS (Enterprise Mission Assurance Security System). The position requires daily interaction with the JBC-P cybersecurity...

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**Information Security Analyst I - CSOC Analyst**

TD Bank ★★★★★ 5,076 reviews  
Mount Laurel, NJ

Information Security Certification or Accreditation an asset. Participate in security management strategy and framework development....

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**Cyber Security Architect**

Florida Crystals Corporation ★★★★★ 133 reviews  
West Palm Beach, FL 33401

The Cyber Security Architect/Threat Intelligence position reports to the VP of Information Security. Works with security peers, Infrastructure, BASIS, Partners...

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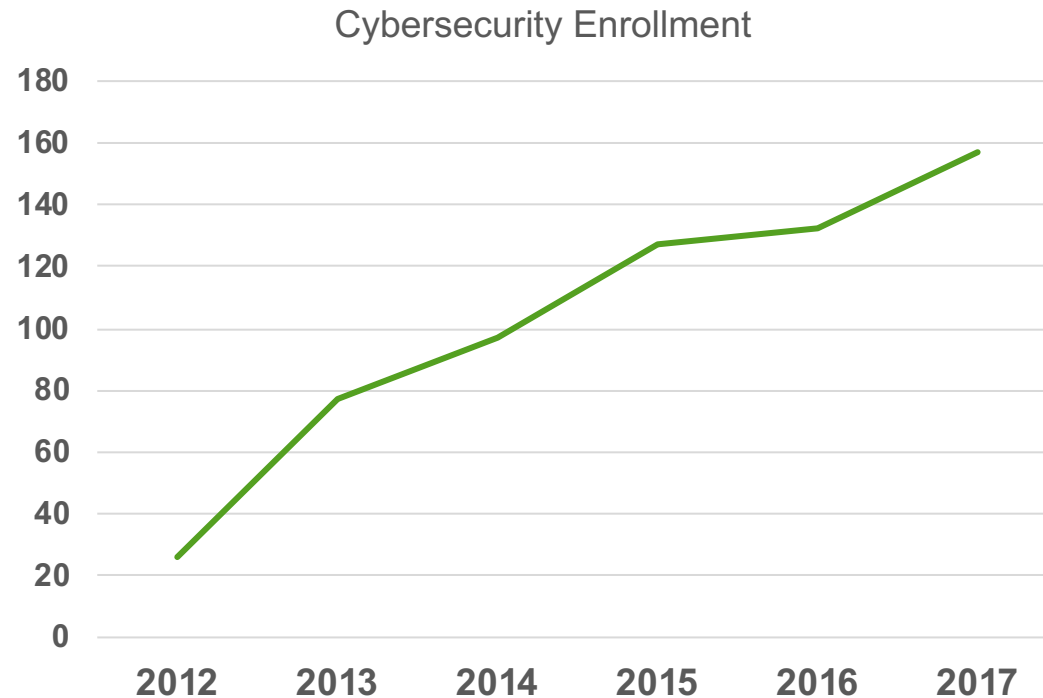
# Results of Talent Shortage- Government

- ▶ Shadow Brokers penetrate the Equation Group and auction tools and zero-days.
- ▶ Wikileaks release of CIA Vault 7 including weaponized zero-days and malware.
- ▶ Deep Root analytics exposes aggregated voter data of 198 million US voters.
- ▶ **Office of Personnel Management** hack **exposes SF-86 clearance forms.**
- ▶ Cybercriminals have launched ransomware attacks against at least 621 government agencies, healthcare providers and schools in the first nine months of 2019, largely without repercussions.



# Cybersecurity at MVCC

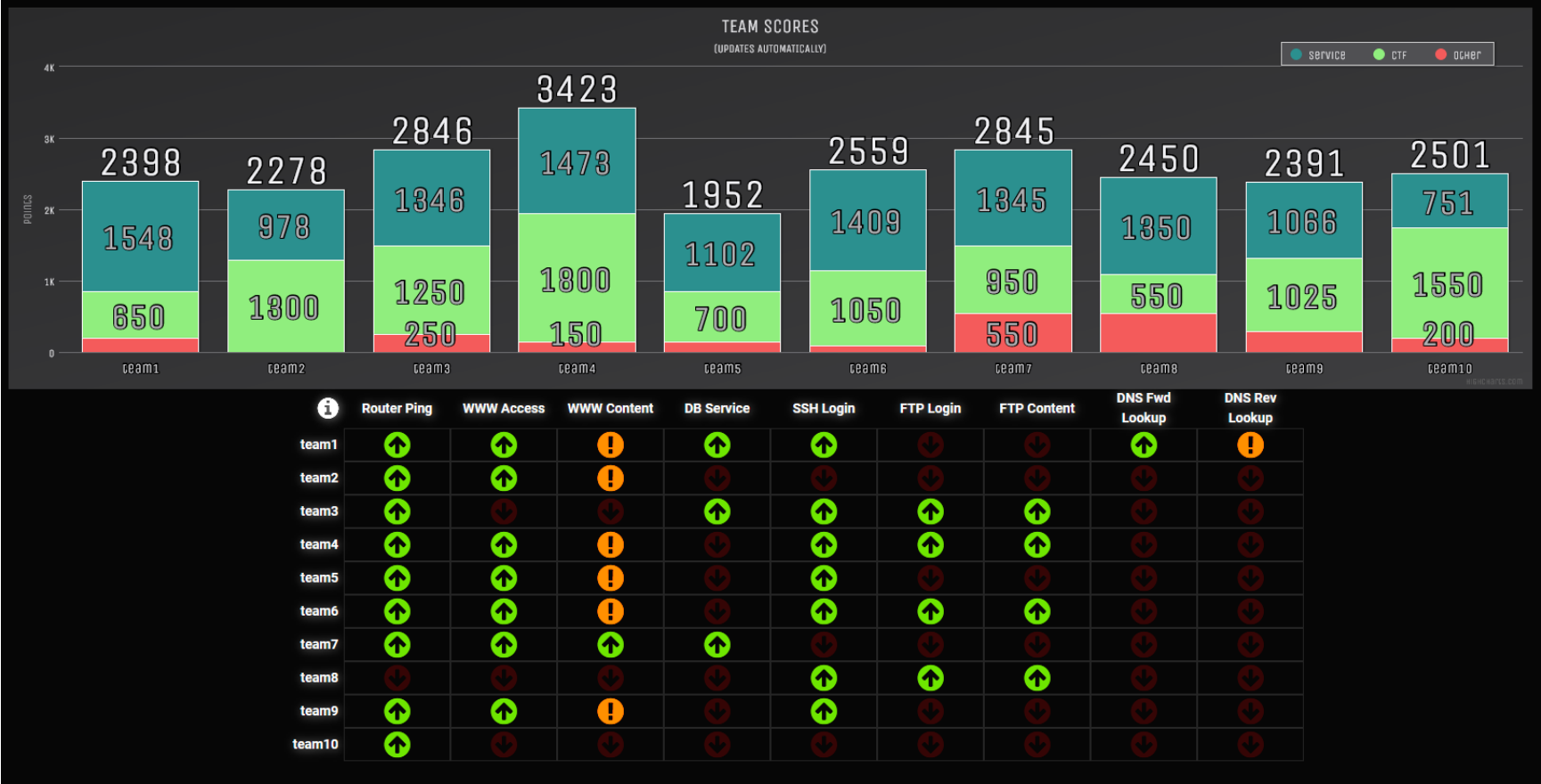
- ▶ Designated a Center of Academic Excellence in Cyber Defense by the National Security Agency and Department of Homeland Security in 2016. One of 40 Community Colleges Nation-Wide.
- ▶ One of 5 Regional Resource Centers (Northeast) for 240 CAE Institutions.



# CNY Hackathon



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# Takeaways

- ▶ Significant threats from CyberCrime, Information Warfare, Cyber Espionage
- ▶ U.S. leads in developing advanced tools and cyber weapons, not enough boots-on-the-ground.
- ▶ Small manufacturers have a limited attack surface, investment in secure practices and threat intelligence may mitigate most exposure.

