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# THE FURRY AND THE SOUND

A mock disaster security vulnerability fable

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....with apologies to Faulkner

# AGENDA

- A brief introduction
- What is an Incident and how do I know if I'm having one?
- 2017 The fury and the sound! Incident
- Questions

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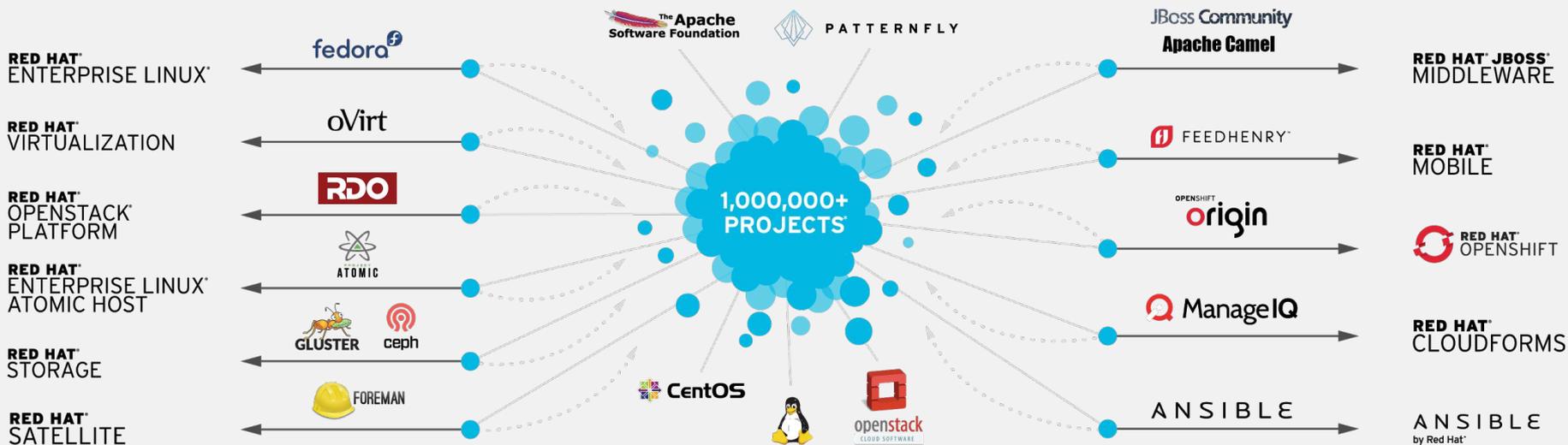
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# COMMUNITY POWERED SECURITY



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# WHY SHOULD I CARE ABOUT “INCIDENTS?”

# “FUN” CYBERSECURITY FACTS

## ANYONE CAN BE A TARGET

NO, YOU'RE NOT TOO SMALL. NO YOU DO NOT HAVE TO HAVE ANYTHING OF VALUE.

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63% OF ALL ATTACKS IN 2016 WERE A RESULT OF  
**PASSWORD GUESSING/REUSING CREDENTIALS**

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**PHISHING IS THE GO-TO ATTACK VECTOR**  
IF YOU HAVE A VALID EMAIL, CHANCES ARE THAT YOU'VE BEEN PHISHED

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## 84% OF BREACHES TAKE MONTHS OR YEARS TO DISCOVER

SADLY, ~80% OF THOSE BREACHES ARE REPORTED TO YOU VIA AN EXTERNAL ENTITY  
LAW ENFORCEMENT OF CUSTOMERS

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# A CYBER-INCIDENT FABLE

# THE STAGES OF AN INCIDENT - “PICERL”

**P**REPARATION

**I**DENTIFY

**C**ONTAINMENT

**L**ESSONS  
**L**EARNED

**R**ECOVER

**E**RADICATE

# WHAT IS OUR COMPANY?

**SportsBall.org.com**

Our tagline:

“All your balls R belong to us.”

Who are we?:

A hip

social-sports-fantasysports-gaming-chill-dating-video  
-chat-micro/macroblogging spot



# THE PLAYERS



## PRODUCT MANAGEMENT

Hey man, he's got a deadline to hit.



## OUR CEO

Rags-to-riches-to MORE-riches story. She's the brainchild of our ideas and the charismatic figure behind the company.



## SECURITY ARCHITECTURE

Highly technical, not highly-social. Yeah, he's THAT guy



## IT OPS

The unsung heroes, keeping the place held together with bubblegum and popsicle sticks.

BUT WAIT... WE HAVE ONE MORE SEAT...



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# WHAT'S SPORTSBALL.ORG.COM'S RISK PROFILE?

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- Our whole toolchain, infrastructure and application, exclusively runs on FOSS.
- Our “***S*Portal!!!”** or Sports-Portal, is a mash-up of many different tools and apps (and is completely **EXTREME!**).
- *Sportsball.org.com* does deal with PII, and is toying with the idea of a for-fee service to access premium content.

# WHERE IS OUR PROBLEM?

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# THE ANATOMY OF A MODERN PHISH

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One phish utilizing multiple vectors:

- Shortened url with redirects that try to beefhook the browser before going to content.
- "smb" url that attempts to get username & NTLM password hash (who filters ports 137, 138, 445?)
- Regular link if media can't be played, try it here: url
- Custom video content on the website
  - Links in the customer video content to malicious site(s)
  - Buffer overflow with exploit code: \*note what it can do in memory\*
  - Process injection
  - Purely Memory Resident

# SHARING IS CARING

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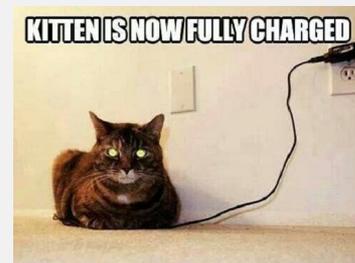
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# THAT ESCALATED QUICKLY!

*What are your organization's objectives in the event of a cyber-incident: Prosecute or Eradicate? - each has a very different reaction.*

*Do you have a cyber-incident response plan?  
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# LIGHT ON THE HORIZON

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*What are your emergency testing procedures?*

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# WAT?

*How do you manage traffic to/from your servers?*

*Can anyone log into anything on the network?*

*How would you KNOW if something was going on?*

Bob Awesome using his automation tool, Prancible, pushes out the mitigation.

Hours after the initial fix is in place previously affected machines start experiencing high network loads almost as if they were being DDoS'ed from inside the network.



# (UN)SPREADING THE DISEASE

*Can anyone install devices on your network?*

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# ... BUT THEN

*Backups and Patch Management - two of the MOST fundamental processes you MUST have.*

*Are they working well in your organization?*

*Do you have an Emergency Patching procedure?*

*How/where will you test fixes to ensure there are no regressions in YOUR environment?*

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# LESSONS LEARNED



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WRAPPING IT ALL UP...



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Maintain relationships with key external stakeholders, such as law enforcement	Train, practice and run simulation breaches

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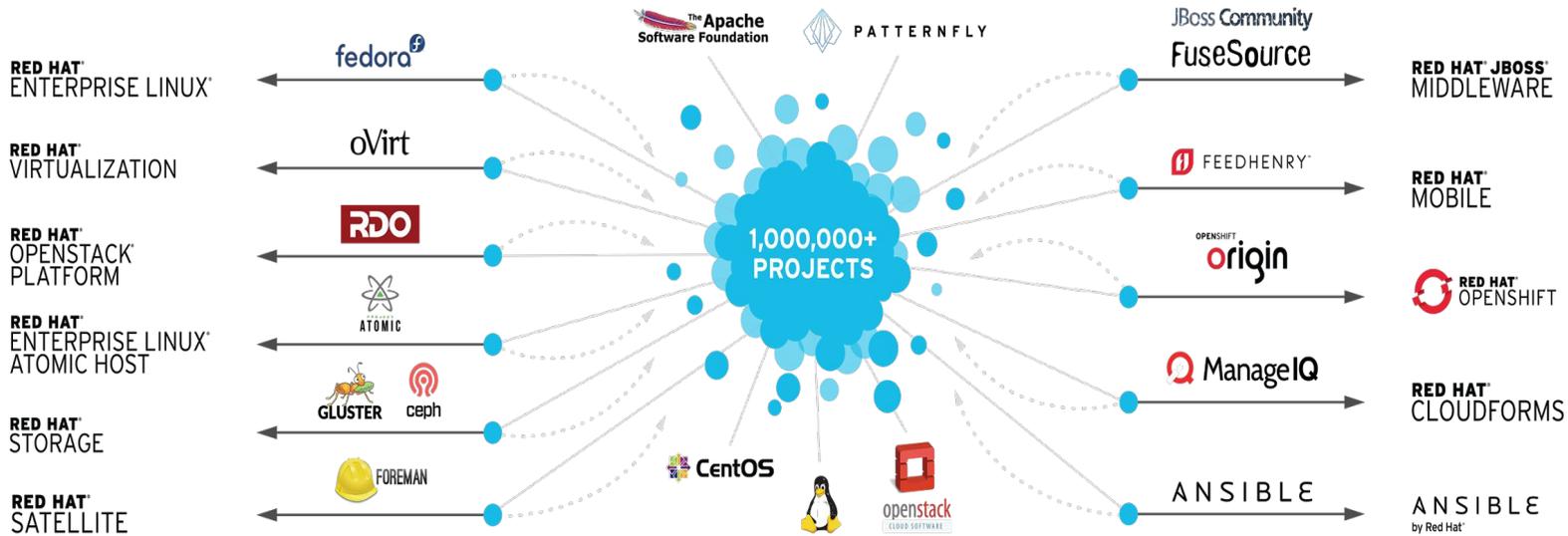
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- Anyone can be a target. No, you're not too small and no you don't not have anything of value.
- 63% of all attacks in 2016 were a result of password guessing/reusing valid credentials.
- Phishing (attacks via email) are the go-to attack vector; chances are if you have email, you've been phished.
- Most breaches (84%) take months or years to discover. Sadly, ~80% of those breaches are reported back to you via an external entity (Law Enforcement or Customers).
- *“Half of all exploitations happen between **10 and 100 days** after the vulnerability is published.” - (VDBIR)*
- *“sometimes you just can't fix a vulnerability—be it because of a business process, a lack of a patch, or incompatibilities. At that point, for whatever reason, you may have to live with those residual vulnerabilities. It's important to realize that mitigation is often just as useful as remediation—and sometimes it's your only option.” - (VDBIR)*

# Krebs on Security and his giant hand tell us....



## YOU ARE A TARGET

### Username & Passwords

Once hacked, cyber criminals can install programs on your computer that capture all your keystrokes, including your username and password. That information is used to log into your online accounts, such as:

- Your bank or financial accounts, where they can steal or transfer your money.
- Your iCloud, Google Drive, or Dropbox account where they can access all your sensitive data.
- Your Amazon, Walmart or other online shopping accounts where they can purchase goods in your name.
- Your UPS or FedEx accounts, where they ship stolen goods in your name.

### Email Harvesting

Once hacked, cyber criminals can read your email for information they can sell to others, such as:

- All the names, email addresses and phone numbers from your contact list.
- All of your personal or work email.

### Virtual Goods

Once hacked, cyber criminals can copy and steal any virtual goods you have and sell them to others, such as:

- Your online gaming characters, gaming goods or gaming currencies.
- Any software licenses, operating system license keys, or gaming licenses.

### Botnet

Once hacked, your computer can be connected to an entire network of hacked computers controlled by the cyber criminal. This network, called a botnet, can then be used for activities such as:

- Sending out spam to millions of people.
- Launching Denial of Service attacks.

You may not realize it, but you are a target for cyber criminals. Your computer, your mobile devices, your accounts and your information all have tremendous value. This poster demonstrates the many different ways cyber criminals can make money by hacking you. Fortunately, by taking some simple steps, you can help protect yourself and your family. To learn more, subscribe to OUCH!: a security newsletter designed to help people just like you.

[www.securingthehuman.org/ouch](http://www.securingthehuman.org/ouch)



### Identity Hijacking

Once hacked, cyber criminals can steal your online identity to commit fraud or sell your identity to others, such as:

- Your Facebook, Twitter or LinkedIn account.
- Your email accounts.
- Your Skype or other IM accounts.

### Web Server

Once hacked, cyber criminals can turn your computer into a web server, which they can use for the following:

- Hosting phishing websites to steal other people's usernames and passwords.
- Hosting attacking tools that will hack people's computers.
- Distributing child pornography, pirated videos or stolen music.

### Financial

Once hacked, cyber criminals can scan your system looking for valuable information, such as:

- Your credit card information.
- Your tax records and past filings.
- Your financial investments and retirement plans.

### Extortion

Once hacked, cyber criminals can take over your computer and demand money. They do this by:

- Taking pictures of you with your computer camera and demanding payment to destroy or not release the pictures.
- Encrypting all the data on your computer and demanding payment to decrypt it.
- Tracking all websites you visit and threatening to publish them.

This poster is based on the original work of Brian Krebs. You can learn more about cyber criminals at his blog at <http://krebsonsecurity.com>

# A Cyber-Incident Fable



# The Stages of an Incident

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  - **Purely Memory Resident:** Memory resident attacks are generally the most preferred as most technologies do not inspect memory. As an attacker, finding a way to live in memory purely would be most desirable. When writing to disk, most applications will conduct scans, baselines, and other identifications of potentially malicious software. The ability to be detected when writing to disk becomes significantly greater.

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# Wrapping it all up...



# Threat Modeling Sportball.org.com

## JUST FOR NOTES - REMOVE ONCE READY

### Threat Modeling 101

**\$FACTORS** taking **\$ACTIONS** against **\$ASSETS** via **\$VECTOR** for **\$OUTCOMES** because of **\$MOTIVATIONS**

Threat - The term "threat" refers to the source and means of a particular type of attack. A threat assessment is performed to determine the best approaches to securing a system against a particular threat, or class of threat. **Threats (effects) generally can NOT be controlled**

Risk - The term "risk" refers to the likelihood of being targeted by a given attack, of an attack being successful, and general exposure to a given threat. A risk assessment is performed to determine the most important potential security breaches to address now, rather than later. **Risk CAN be mitigated**

Vulnerability - The term "vulnerability" refers to the security flaws in a system that allow an attack to be successful. Vulnerability testing should be performed on an ongoing basis by the parties responsible for resolving such vulnerabilities, and helps to provide data used to identify unexpected dangers to security that need to be addressed. Such vulnerabilities are not particular to technology -- they can also apply to social factors such as individual authentication and authorization policies. **Vulnerabilities CAN be treated**

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