



# SOCIAL NETWORKING'S EFFECT ON BUSINESS SECURITY CONTROLS

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# AGENDA

- Social media attack overview
- Stages of an attack
- Attack simulation
- Prevention and detection
- Security recommendations



# SOCIAL MEDIA: COMMON ATTACKS

- Account Takeover
- Impersonations
- Phishing
- Customer scams
- Information leakage
- Hashtag/traffic hijacking

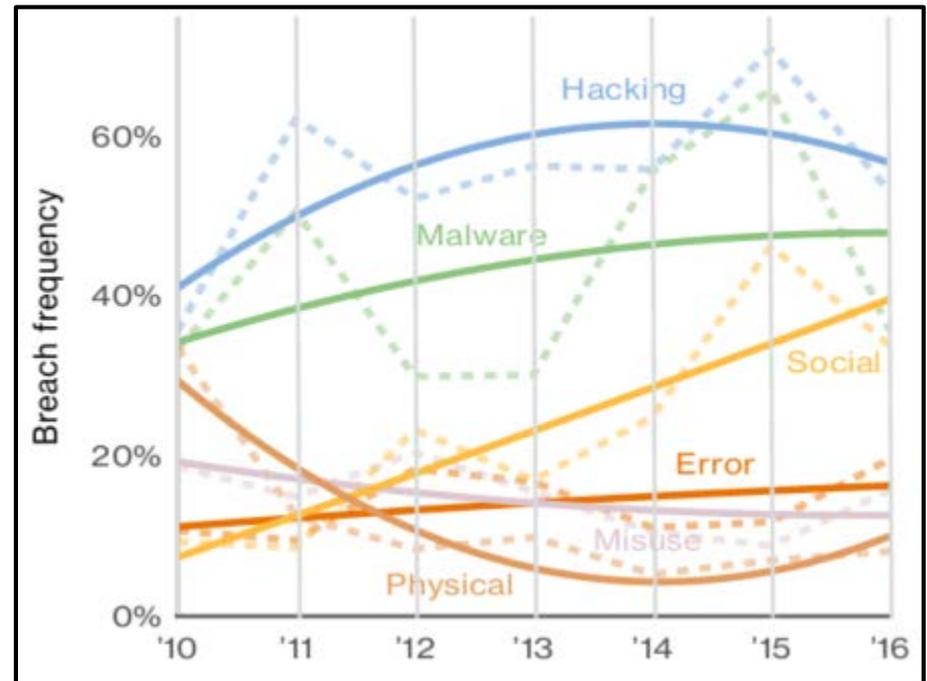


# HOW BAD IS IT REALLY?

- LinkedIn
  - 2012
    - 6.5 million encrypted passwords posted on Russian crime forum
  - 2016
    - 167 million login credentials
    - 160 million compromised accounts had unique email addresses
- Facebook
  - 2013
    - Year-long breach exposed 6 million users
- Twitter
  - 2016
    - 32 million Twitter credentials stolen (Twitter was not breached)
    - Credentials stolen by malware infecting browsers

# HOW BAD IS IT REALLY?

- 43% of breaches were social attacks
- 66% of malware via malicious email attachments
- 7.5% fall for phishing emails



# STAGES OF A SOCIAL NETWORKING ATTACK

- Target a company
- Identify users in target company
- Identify users to target
- Target via information online
- Target via password guessing
- Target via personal email
- Gain access to the target users' system(s)

# TARGET A COMPANY: WHY?

- Motive:
  - Headlines
  - Money
  - Retaliation
  - Politics
- Smaller companies have smaller budget for security and hence fewer defenses



# IDENTIFY USERS IN TARGET COMPANY

- Searching on internet
  - Using tools to identify the email address
  - Using tools to identify the schema for example if email schema is  
firstname.lastname@company.com
  - Using websites such as LinkedIn, Twitter, Facebook, Google searches to see what users are doing and also what product company are using.
  - Social engineering and calling the secretary to find information

# IDENTIFY USERS TO TARGET VIA INFORMATION ONLINE

- Once target users are identified, the hacker uses tools to gather information on those users
- Several tools are readily available online and information can be gathered from online sites for free or with a cost to have more targeted attacks
- This information will also be used for password guessing attacks against target user accounts on social media sites

# SOCIAL MEDIA SITES: RIPE WITH PERSONAL INFORMATION

- Facebook:
  - Personal information
  - Family members name include there wife and children information
  - Travel history
  - Friends' names
  - Date of birth
  - Spouse/Partner
  - Residency: past and present
  - Relatives and other Family information
  - Interests
  - Photos
  - Unusual information such as boarding passes

# ONLINE DATA DISCOVERY

Example: Site to upload the barcodes or QRcodes to gather information

- Reveals information such as:
  - Traveler's name
  - Frequent flyer number
  - Individual who booked the flight
  - Emergency contact information

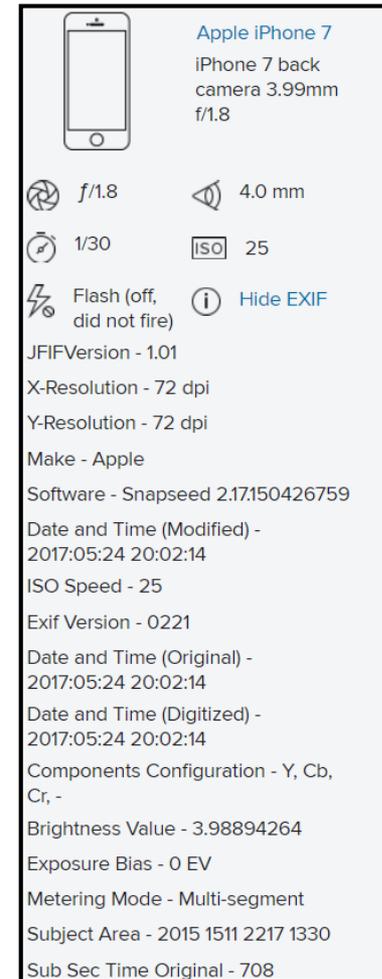


The screenshot shows a web interface for a 'Free Online Barcode Reader'. It features a title 'Free Online Barcode Reader' and a step-by-step process:

- 1. Select barcode types**: This section contains several options with checkboxes and corresponding icons:
  - 1D: Code 39, Code 128... (with a 1D barcode icon highlighted by a red box)
  - PDF417 (with a PDF417 barcode icon)
  - Postal: IMB, 4state ... (with a postal barcode icon)
  - QR code (with a QR code icon)
  - DataMatrix (with a DataMatrix barcode icon)
  - Driver License, ID cards (with a driver license icon)
- 2. Select Image File (PDF, TIFF, JPEG, BMP, GIF or PNG)**: This section includes a 'Choose File' button, the text 'No file chosen', and a note 'Maximum file size: 12 Mb.'
- 3. Read**: A red button labeled 'Read' is positioned at the bottom of the interface.

# ONLINE DATA DISCOVERY

- Sites can reveal user information
  - Flickr
  - Snapchat
- Flickr photo metadata example



# DEMO: IDENTIFY TARGETS USERS

- 1) Demo: theh
- 2) Demo: Sn1
- 3) Building a list using free provided internet tools such as intelius.com, whitepages.com, instantcheckmate.com, Nuwber.com, onerep.com

### Search results for **Jon Hanny** in **Ashburn, VA**

We found **Jon Hanny!**

<b>Address History</b> Ashburn, VA Palo Alto, CA Simi Valley, CA Fremont, OH Florissant, MO <a href="#">View More</a>	<b>Relatives</b> Diane Hanny Richard Hanny Matthew Hanny Stephanie Robinson	<b>Worked at</b> Snl Financial Inc Cooley Llp Buckleysandler Llp  <small>This information for purposes of identification only (not included in reports)</small>	 <b>Jon Hanny, 43</b> Ashburn, VA  <a href="#">Get a Report on Jon Hanny</a>
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# DEMO: IDENTIFY TARGETS USERS

- Paid version can provide more information here is an example

Age 67 (born Jun 9, 1945)  
Also Known As Joe P Doe, JP Doe, John Paul Doe

*Click any section of this summary to view full results or see a preview of the available information.*

### Contact Information

- Addresses** 2 found  
1234 NE 567th PL  
Miami, FL 33176-3619
- Phone Numbers** 4 found  
(444) 333-8888  
(777) 253-8270
- Email Addresses** 4 found  
jdoe@csettlements.com  
joedoe@yaahooo.com
- Social Networks** 4 found  
in

### Family & Work

- Relatives** 3 found  
Larry Clark Clark  
Betty Lisa Kerry
- Marriage & Divorce**  
No marriage & divorce records available
- Education** 2 found  
University of Notre Dame Mendoza College of Business  
The Ohio State University
- Employment** 5 found  
Chicago Settlements Inc  
Nationwide Friendly Limited

### Court Records

- Criminal Records** [learn more](#)  
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# DEMO: BUILDING A PASSWORD LIST

- We can build a password list that we can try
  - 1) CL Demo
  - 2) Password profiling : CY DEMO

# DEMO: USING THE PASSWORD LIST

- Using password list on company sites can create too much noise
  - Demo: cred

# TARGET USERS VIA PERSONAL EMAIL

- Building trust:
  - Target Users by sending them personalized emails with no bad links
  - Use collected information to formulate emails, using there friends' and family member names
  - Send emails with Gmail or Yahoo with valid username to build credibility

# TARGET USERS VIA PERSONAL EMAIL

- Sample trust-building email exchange

Great chatting with you at Cars and Coffee

Inbox x

 **Ben Robinson** <ben10. 1:31 PM (0 minutes ago) ☆  
to me ▾

Jon:

It was a pleasure meeting you at Cars and Coffee a while back. I found your contact information on LinkedIn and wanted to reach out to you because we have similar interests. How is your wife and children? Any luck finding a car for your son? I remember when my son got his license and buying him his first car. I was an emotional wreck. How are you faring? Anyway, I just thought it would be cool to reach out and make a connection. I hope to hear from you soon.

Take care.

Ben Robinson

**Jon Hanny** <jehanny@gmail. 1:42 PM (0 minutes ago) ☆  
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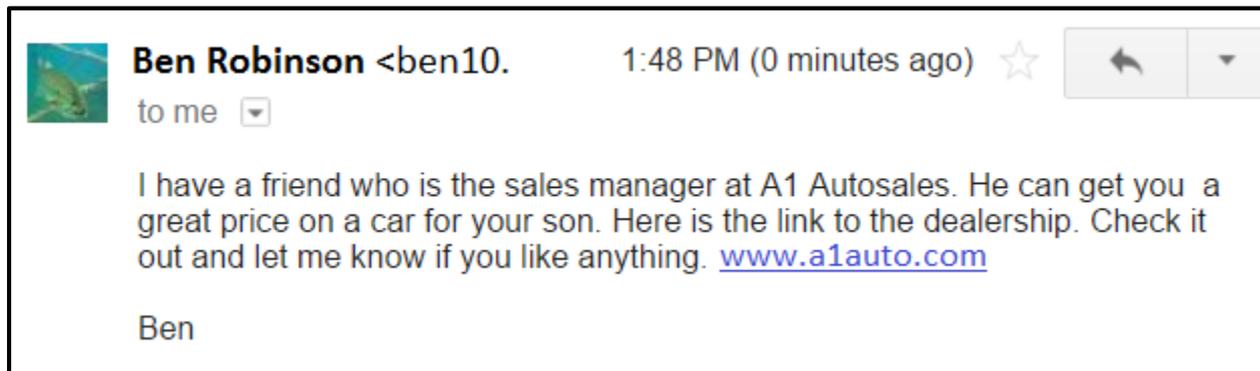
No I haven't found a car. Car shopping is a real pain. Send me a LinkedIn request and we can link up.

...

Jon

# DEMO: ATTACK

- After the victim replies, send malicious email
  - Sample email below
  - Link is actually malicious



# PREVENTION AND DETECTION

- Technical Controls
  - Email filtering
  - Web filtering
  - SIEM
  - Access control
  - Dark web monitoring
  - Vulnerability/Patch management
  - Anti-Malware/Endpoint protection



# DETECTION AND PREVENTION

- Administrative Controls
  - Social Media Policy
  - Awareness Training
  - Insurance



# SOCIAL MEDIA SECURITY RECOMMENDATIONS

- LinkedIn
  - Enforce Two-Step verification
- SnapChat
  - Lock down the “Who Can...” settings
- Instagram
  - Enable two-factor authentication
  - Do not add phone number, location
  - Set profile to private

# SOCIAL MEDIA SECURITY RECOMMENDATIONS

- Facebook
  - Enforce Two-Step authentication
  - Enable “Get alerts about unrecognized logins”
  - Who can see my stuff – friends or custom
  - Who can see my friends list – friends or custom
- Strong passwords
  - Always use strong passwords
  - Each account should have unique password
- Always be mindful of your posts