# Tomorrow's Contested Cyberspace: What It Means for Us

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# **Microsoft on the Front Lines**

Protecting 850K organizations in 120 countries Analyzing 755 threat signals every day

Tracking

**40+** nation-state actors & 140+ threat groups

Blocked





#### 2005 Internet User Map

Sizing Legend	Percent Penetration of Internet Users					sers	Number of Internet Users								
= 2M Internet Users							USA	China	Japan	Germany	United	Brazil	South	India	
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Data visualization and design created by Column Five Media, data provided by Euromonitor Intl.; map concept derived from Geographies of the World's Knowledge, Graham, M., Hale, S.A., and Stephens, M. (Convoco! Edition, London, 2011).



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# Microsoft global network



# **Microsoft Intelligent Security Association**



# The growing threat of cybercrime

- A threat to national security
- Cybercriminals attacking all sectors
- Ransomware attacks increasingly successful
- Cybercrime supply chain continues to mature

POSITIVE TRENDS

- Transparency: governments and companies coming forward
- Priority: new laws, task forces, resources, partnerships





WITH NO **TECHNICAL KNOWLEDGE OF** HOW TO CONDUCT **A CYBERCRIME** ATTACK, AN **AMATEUR** THREAT ACTOR **CAN PURCHASE** A RANGE OF **SERVICES TO** CONDUCT THEIR **ATTACKS WITH ONE CLICK.** 

110 Beens

#### The State of Cybercrime

## **Cybercrime as a service (CaaS)**

#### Trends we're seeing:

- The number and sophistication of cybercrime services is increasing.
- Homoglyph domain creation services are increasingly requiring payment in cryptocurrencies.
- Sellers of cybercrime services are increasingly offering compromised credentials for purchase.
- CaaS services and products with enhanced features for avoiding detection are emerging.
- End-to-end cybercrime services are selling subscriptions to managed services.

PhaaS, cybercriminals offer multiple services within a single subscription. In general, a purchaser needs to take only three actions: Select a Provide an email Pay the PhaaS 3 phishing site address to receive merchant in template/design credentials cryptocurrency. obtained from from among the phishing victims. hundreds offered. Tracking illicitly gained cryptocurrency Curve 72.19 ETH AscendEX.com ETH AscendEX.com 46.77 stolen funds 2021-12-11 **Uniswap V3** 

This diagram illustrates the laundering routes used by AcendEX hackers, uncovered by Microsoft's Digital Crimes Unit.

# 2,750,000

Site registrations successfully blocked by DCU this year to get ahead of criminal actors that planned to use them to engage in global cybercrime.

## **Ransomware and extortion: A nation-level threat**

## Human operated ransomware targeting and rate of success model



Model based on Microsoft Defender for Endpoint (EDR) data (January-June 2022).

#### The typical human-operated attack



More so than malware, attackers need credentials to succeed in their operations. The successful human operated ransomware infection of an entire organization relies on access to a highly privileged account.

# Ransomware insights from frontline responders



## Ransomware incident and recovery engagements by industry



# 93%

of Microsoft ransomware recovery investigations revealed insufficient controls on privilege access and lateral movement.

#### The State of Cybercrime

## The phishing threat landscape

## 710 million

phishing emails blocked per week.

## 1hr 12m

The median time it takes for an attacker to access your private data if you fall victim to a phishing email.

### 531,000

Unique phishing URLs hosted outside of Microsoft taken down at the direction of our Digital Crimes Unit.

### 1hr 42m

The median time for an attacker to begin moving laterally within your corporate network once a device is compromised.



## **Business email compromise themes** (January-June 2022)



#### Phishing page impersonating a Microsoft login with dynamic content



### About our nation state data



## IoT and OT exposed: Trends and attacks



IoT devices pose unique security risks as entry and pivot points in the network. Millions of IoT devices are unpatched or exposed.

Attacks against remote management devices



Web attacks against IoT and OT



#### Devices and Infrastructure

## Spotlight on firmware vulnerabilities

27%

Contained accounts with passwords encoded using weak algorithms. 32%

of firmware images analyzed contained at least 10 known critical vulnerabilities. Microsoft is partnering with government and industry on firmware analysis technology for deeper visibility and full lifecycle device security.

#### Security weaknesses in firmware images analyzed

Weak passwords	27%
10+ Critical known vulnerabilities	32%
10+ Critical vulnerabilities 6+ years old	4%
10+ Certificates expired 3+ years	13%
Presence of dangerous components	36%

## What we're seeing in DDoS attacks

**DDoS attack duration distribution** 

(March 20-21May 2022)





## **Tracking the Russian Propaganda Index**



Microsoft is building on its already mature cyber threat intelligence infrastructure to develop a broader, more inclusive view of cyber influence operations.

## Russian false narrative around purported bioweapons and biolabs in Ukraine



Nov 29, 2021 Narrative uploaded to YouTube Feb 24, 2022 Narrative "sent into battle" just as Russian tanks crossed the Ukraine border.

## Russian state actors' wartime cyber tactics threaten Ukraine and beyond

Most targeted industry sectors in Ukraine since the invasion



# Cyber Resilience

Understanding the risks and rewards of modernization becomes crucial to a holistic approach to resilience.

## Governments act to improve critical infrastructure security and resilience

Governments worldwide are developing and evolving policies to manage critical infrastructure cybersecurity risk.



July 2021-June 2022

## The importance of modernizing systems and architecture

90%

72%

98%

84%

98%

100%

82%

84%

98%

70%

90%

62%

52%

70%

60%

56%

90

Low maturity security operations

Lack of information protection control

Limited adoption of modern security frameworks

100

#### Key issues impacting cyber resiliency



Insecure configuration of identity provider
Insufficient privilege access and lateral movement controls
No multifactor authentication

54% 44% 88% This chart shows the 76% percentage of impacted 50% customers missing basic 88% security controls which 86% are critical to increasing 82% organizational cyber resilience. Findings are based on Microsoft engagements over the past year.

Over 80 percent of security

approaches.

incidents can be traced to a few

missing elements that could be

addressed through modern security

As we develop new capabilities for a hyperconnected world, we must manage the threats posed by legacy systems and software.

# Recommendations

**Understand strategic priorities** of Russia, China, Iran, and North Korea to identify high-value data targets and at-risk technologies, information, and business operations.

Assess the threat landscape of critical infrastructure and highvalue organizations to determine risk exposure and the likelihood of being targeted for intellectual property theft or third-party partnerships.

**Implement a proactive cybersecurity strategy** and legal framework that defines and addresses changing roles and responsibilities for all parties involved in any security incident.

**Conduct due diligence** on third-party contractors.

**Implement latest patches** for internet-facing servers, systems, databases, and applications.

**Enable multi-factor authentication** for corporate network access wherever possible.

### The cybersecurity bell curve:

Basic security hygiene still protects against 98% of attacks



#### **Enable multifactor authentication**

Make it harder for bad actors to utilize stolen or phished credentials by enabling multifactor authentication. Always authenticate and authorize based on all available data points, including user identity, location, device health, service or workload, data classification, and anomalies.

#### Apply least privilege access

Prevent attackers from spreading across the network by applying least privilege access principles, which limits user access with just-in-time and justenough-access (JIT/JEA), risk-based adaptive polices, and data protection to help secure both data and productivity.

#### Keep up to date

Mitigate the risk of software vulnerabilities by ensuring your organization's devices, infrastructure, and applications are kept up to date and correctly configured. Endpoint management solutions allow policies to be pushed to machines for correct configuration and ensure systems are running the latest versions.

#### Utilize antimalware

Stop malware attacks from executing by installing and enabling antimalware solutions on endpoints and devices. Utilize cloud-connected antimalware services for the most current and accurate detection capabilities.

#### **Protect data**

Know where your sensitive data is stored and who has access. Implement information protection best practices such as applying sensitivity labels and data loss prevention policies. If a breach does occur, it's critical that security teams know where the most sensitive data is stored and accessed.



## Microsoft-DOD Zero Trust Alignment

# Zero Trust with M365+Azure



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- Cloud Application Development (CAD)
- Server & Cloud Administration (SCA)
- CyberSecurity & Operations (CSO)





# Digital Dexterity Impact on Security

"People are the heart of digital business transformations, but few organizations have a comprehensive strategy to ensure that talent and digital business strategies are aligned."

- Gartner; Closing the Digital Dexterity Gap in Digital Business Strategies, July 2018



Source: Gartner (June 2018)



## MSSA | By the numbers January 2023, Program All Up

Graduates 3,526 Graduation Rate 95%

#### Employed or Continuing Education

#### 97%

(includes 12% who chose to pursue a degree - DoD/IMCOM consider continuing education as a result of this program a measure of employment) Employed in Tech 92%

Unique Companies That Have Hired MSSA Graduates nearly 1000 Hiring Partners Who Have Hired 3+ graduates = 113 companies 10+ graduates = 29 companies



# MSSA | Graduate Profile

- ~8 years active duty
- >90% have active security clearances
- High in learning agility
- Disciplined
- Grace under pressure
- Effectively deals with ambiguity
- Excellent teaming skills
- Highly collaborative
- Experienced in leadership & managing teams

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# Roles | MSSA grads have been hired as

- Software Engineers
- Service Engineers
- IT/Network Support
- Operations
- Project Managers
- Program Managers
- Help Desk
- (IT) Consultant
- Support Engineer
- (IT) Sales
- Customer Engineer (previously called PFE)
- Customer Success Account Manager (previously called Technical Account Manager)
- Supply Chain Management
- And many more





