The Evolving Cyber Landscape: Threats, Claims, and Technology

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Overview

- The cyber landscape continues to evolve, largely driven by various claims trends that have pushed rapid evolution across the marketplace.
- The early days of nearly exclusive concern over notification expenses following a breach have come and gone, with a new era of business continuity and funds transfer fraud claims driving significant frequency.





Cyber Claims Trends





The cyber threat is real

- Cyber criminals are exploiting phishing schemes and technology vulnerabilities at an unprecedented rate
- Ransomware and financial fraud continue to be the most frequent events and severity of loss is rapidly increasing
- No company or industry is immune cyber events are affecting companies of all shapes and sizes



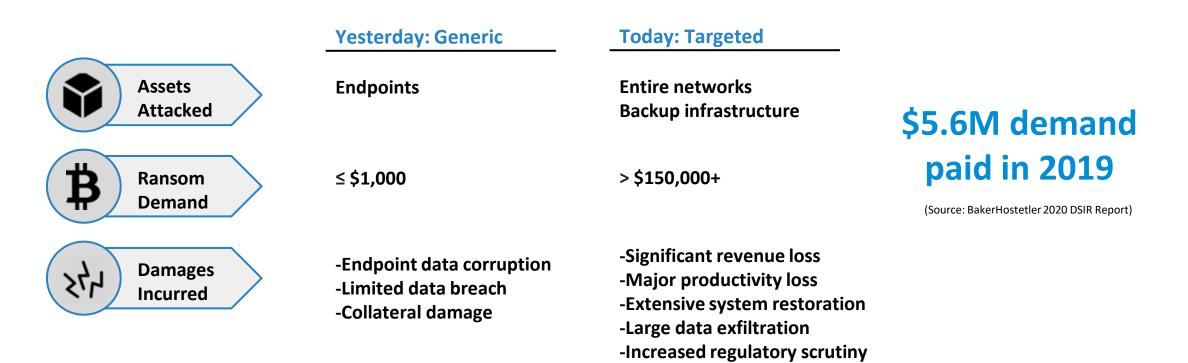
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Ransomware continues to evolve

Ransomware has become increasingly more sophisticated and lucrative over time

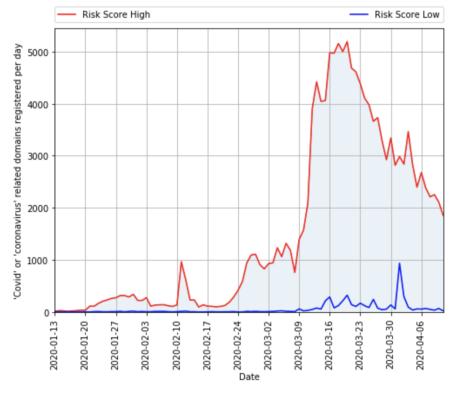




Ransomware attack vectors

- Email phishing and misconfigured RDP ports are the most prevalent attack vectors for ransomware
- Researchers have observed a sharp increase in suspicious COVID-themed emails and websites
- Cyber criminals are actively targeting points of aggregation to launch attacks at a much larger scale (e.g., managed IT service providers)

COVID-themed domain trends

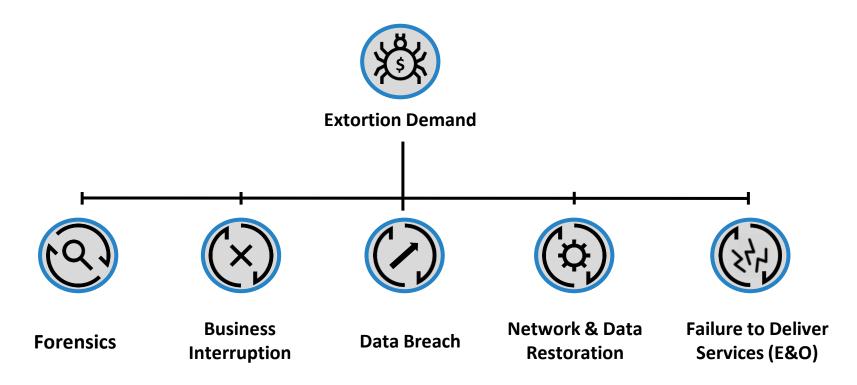


(Source: Cyber Threat Coalition / DomainTools)



Ransomware is more than extortion

Ransomware often triggers multiple coverages which increase the severity of loss







Business Interruption

- The severity of BI events has increased due to ransomware & outsourced IT services
 - Data restoration is contributing to productivity loss and extra expense
 - Revenue loss requires forensic accounting
- Industries once viewed as "low risk" due to minimal data privacy concerns have shown high exposure to BI events and the market is reacting
- Business interruption extends beyond network security events
 - Dependent Business Interruption
 - System Failure
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 - Non-IT Provider Systems

Industries hit hardest by ransomware

- Manufacturing
- Prof. Services
- Healthcare
- Public Entities
- Understand how BI retentions can vary (waiting periods + dollar (\$) retentions)



Financial Fraud

- Email is the predominant attack vector cyber criminals research victims and execute targeted phishing campaigns
- Companies that transact at high volume are more susceptible to financial fraud it's easier for suspicious activity to go unnoticed
- Business email compromise (BEC) increases the risk of both first and third party wire fraud loss

Coverage Spotlight **SOCIAL ENGINEERING**

Ensure no call-backs, check for coverage of 'other property' and scope of who's funds are covered

CLIENT ACCOUNT / INVOICE MANIPULATION

Third-party social engineering coverage triggered by fraudulent invoices being sent from insured's email



(Source: Crypsis 2020 Incident Response & Data Breach Report)

FUNDS HELD IN ESCROW

Some policy forms only cover 'your' funds, not the funds of others in your possession



Common Policy Issues / Exclusions to Avoid

Breach Costs – Reimbursement vs Pay on Behalf

Many policy forms offer to reimburse the insured for these expenses, but still require you to utilize their vendors. Most SME companies don't have the funds to front this cost.

Full Prior Acts / Lingering Undetected Malware

New retro date can exclude previously undiscovered events if wording is not written on a "First Discovered" basis (vs "First Occurred") or with a retroactive date of "Full Prior Acts".

Data Restoration Coverage Differences

Many forms don't cover data recreation, only coping and backup media (very cheap).

Inadequate PII Definitions

Insureds want coverage triggered for any exposure of non-public personal information, not the carrier's opinion as to what defines PII

Definition of Network

Many forms require a contract to be in place with outsourced providers storing your data. Most businesses have 4th and 5th parties that hold their data and don't realize this fact.

Breach of Contract Exclusions

Consider policy wording when signing contracts with indemnification language.

- Non-Disclosure Agreements
- Confidentiality Agreements
- Service Level Agreements
- Business Associate Agreements
- Merchant Services Agreements



Common Policy Issues / Exclusions to Avoid

- Laptop Breaches confined to devices that are in your "Direct and Continuous Physical Control."
- Coverage Applies to the Insured's "Network" specifically carves out coverage for any public infrastructure (cloud, e-mail, databases, outsourced hosted software, etc.). Offline data could be excluded.
- Nonpublic Personal Information is defined as "two or more elements of information not available to the general public..."
- Privacy Event Expenses applies to a breach notice law, on a reimbursement basis.
- Privacy Regulatory Coverage Only newer policy forms will address regulatory violations not triggered by a data breach, rather the misuse of data. New laws and regulations need constant evaluation.

- Intellectual Property If insured is responsible for securing third-party IP, coverage may not apply.
- Broad Exclusion for the failure of products/services (doesn't specifically state the insured's products/ services). Could exclude coverage for a breach due to a failure in performance of a security product.
- Malfunction or Error is any mechanical failure, faulty construction, error in design, latent defect, wear or tear, gradual deterioration, electrical disturbance, Storage Media failure or breakdown or any malfunction or error in programming or error or omission in processing.
- Social Engineering requires a 'call-back' out-of-band verification for social engineering coverage to actually be triggered (which removes almost all need for the coverage in the first place).



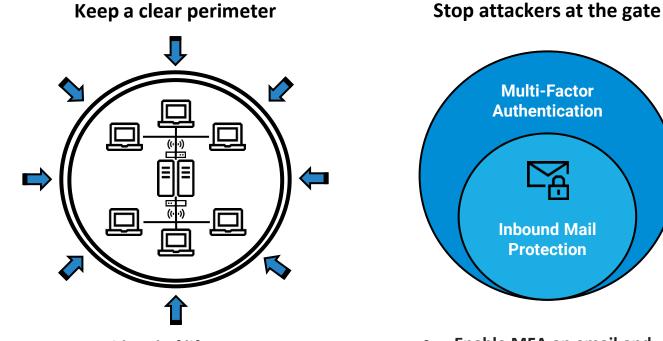


Cyber Prevention & Recovery





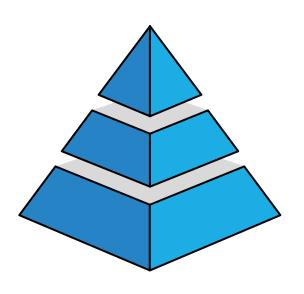
Solid prevention is multi-layered



- Avoid end of life systems
- Patch known vulnerabilities
- **Keep databases off perimeter**
- **Close remote desktop access**



- Enable MFA on email and remote access tools
- Securely configure email and use filtering technology



Implement procedures

- **Data access controls**
- **Funds transfer protocols**
- The "human firewall"





Preparation is key to recovery

- Have a documented plan and regularly test it
- Segregate and maintain multiple sources of backups
- Cyber insurance can protect your bottom line







Future of Cyber Insurance



Insurers are focusing on technology



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Insurers are leveraging technology to...

- Enhance the underwriting process
- Verify security controls
- Identify vulnerabilities
- Collect data for actionable intelligence
- Create better products and services





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