

**A Presentation on Computer Security
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Survey

- **PC Users**
- **MAC Users**
- **Business Owners**
- **Online Banking Users**
- **Social Networking Users**

Topics

- **Security Methods**
- **Web Activity/Email**
- **Social Networking Sites**
- **Wireless Networking**
- **Encryption**

Topics (cont'd)

- **Online Banking Account Hijacking**
- **Macs and Mobile**
- **Software Tools for Security**
- **Payments and Protections**
- **Questions**

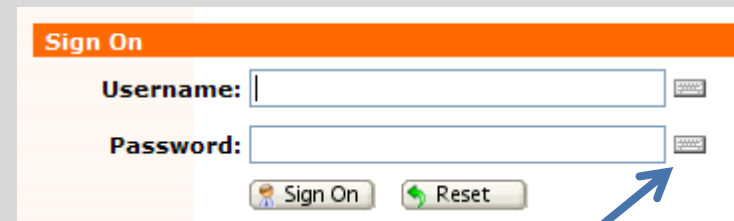
Evolution of Security Methods

- **User Name and Passwords**
 - Simplest of authentication methods
 - Susceptible to brute force attack and/or guessing
 - Strength limited by system configuration and ability to support complexity



Logon ID:

Password:



Sign On

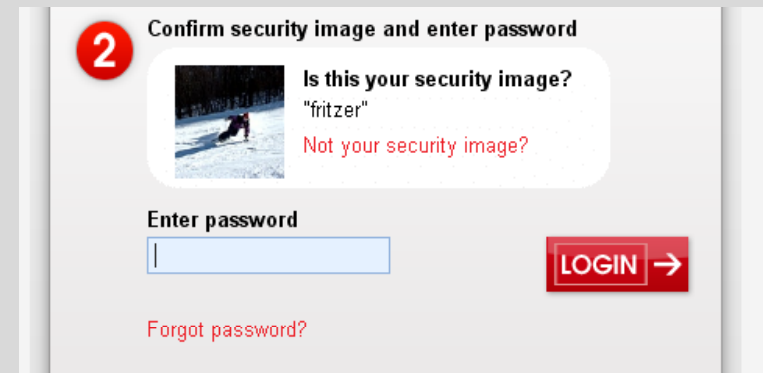
Username:

Password:

Virtual Keyboard

Evolution of Security Methods

- **Site Authentication**
 - User selected images and/or passphrase associated with credentials
- **Multi-Factor Authentication**
 - Adds “What you have”
ie Tokens
 - Advanced malware can intercept and defeat



2 Confirm security image and enter password

Is this your security image?
"fritzer"
Not your security image?

Enter password

LOGIN →

[Forgot password?](#)



RSA SecurID Username and PASSCODE Request

access requires you to authenticate using your SecurID token.
CODE (your PIN + the number on your SecurID token), and click **Send**. If you have not yet created a PIN, j
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ou make a mistake.

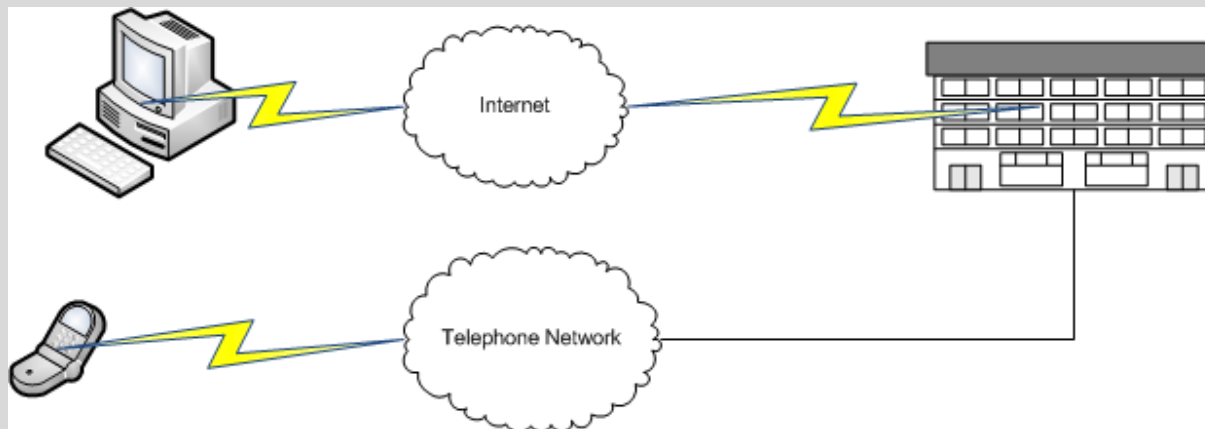
required to authenticate with your new PIN. Wait for the code to change on your token and then enter it in

Username:

PASSCODE:

Evolution of Security Methods

- **Out of Band Authentication**
- **Use separate medium to authenticate user**



Evolution of Security Methods

- **Hardened Portable Virtual Environment**
 - Operating System
 - Browser
 - Access only to Approved Websites



Web Activity

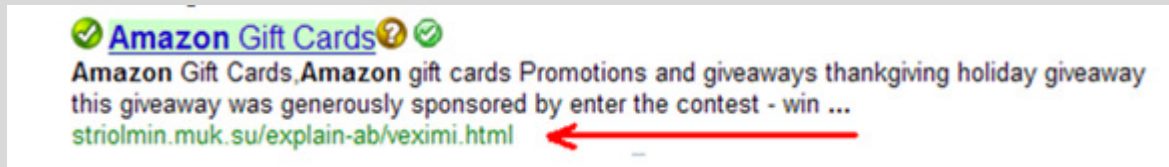


Infected website locations

Sophos Web Threats Dashboard – 6/7/2011

Web Activity

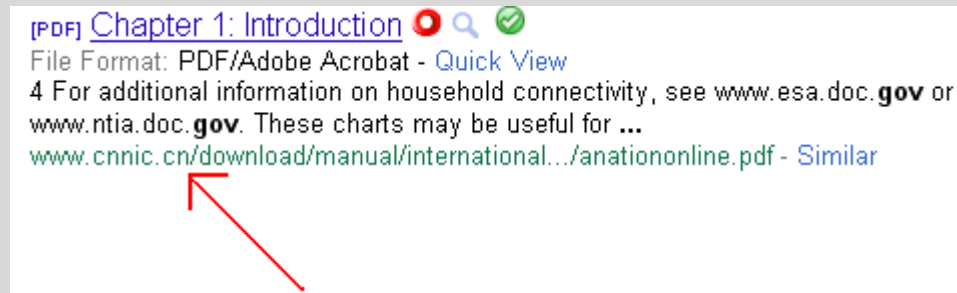
- Search Results to bogus sites
- Indiscriminant searching



- Visiting compromised or bogus sites leads to downloads to further compromise

Web Activity

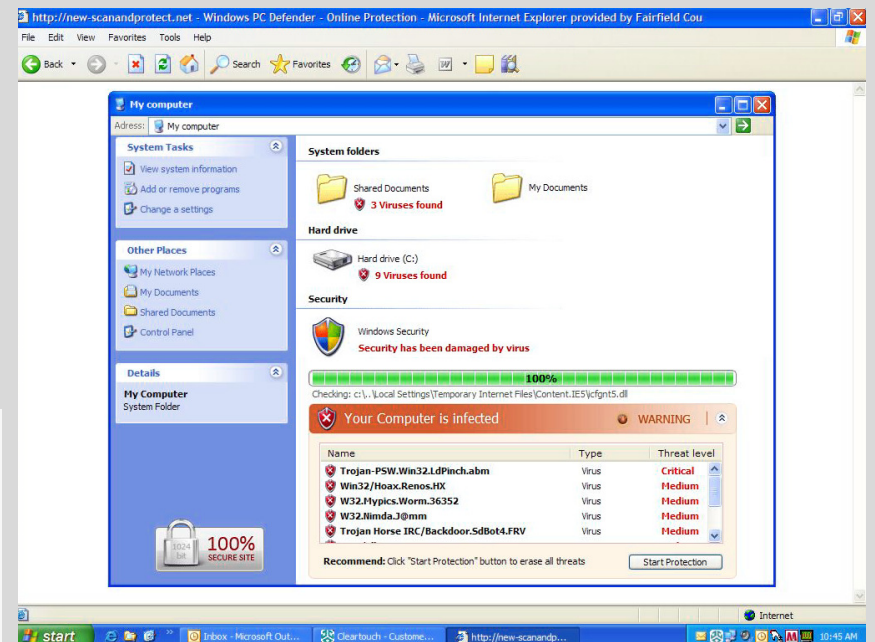
- **Determining where you are actually going**



- **The domain immediately to the *left* of the first single-slash is your real destination**

Web Activity

- **Pop-ups**
 - Appear to be from anti-virus software
 - Click thru leads to download of malicious software

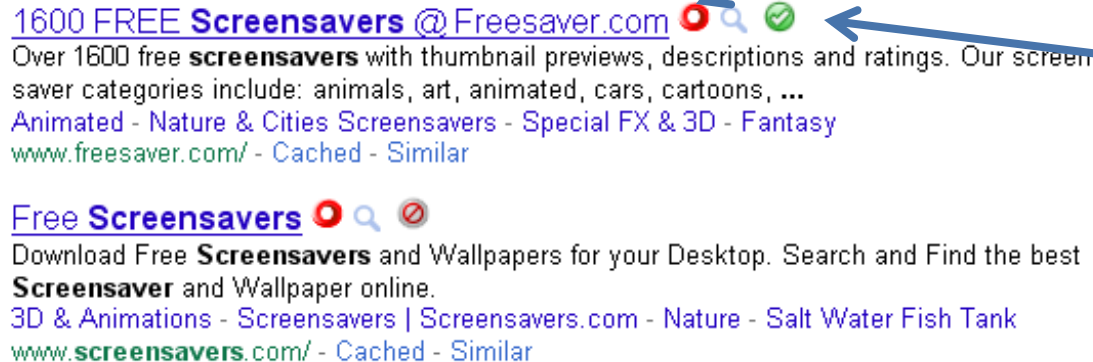






Web Activity

- Use your search engines search field instead of typing your address in the browser 'address' field
- Consider using a trusted 3rd-party browser add-on for security





Web Of Trust

SiteAdvisor



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Web Activity



Community-powered tools
that boost trust on the web.

McAfee | SiteAdvisor®

We tested this site and didn't find any significant problems.

Secure Email Appliance
cyglan.com

- Linked to green site
- 0 pop-ups

[Read site report](#)

Ratings

Reputation ratings are based on real user ratings and they tell you how much site. How reliable are the ratings?

This website does not yet have a reputation. Leave your rating.

Trustworthiness



Vendor reliability



Privacy



Child Safety



Phishing

- **Typically an official-looking e-mail is sent to potential victims pretending to be from their ISP, retail store, bank, freight carriers, etc.**
- **Embedded links direct user to malicious website to collect personal information or deliver payload**

Phishing

- Phishing emails are more convincing than ever (the old tell-tale signs are quickly becoming a thing of the past: impertinent emails, poor spelling, malicious attachments...)

Subject: Rejected ACH transaction, please review the transaction report

Dear bank account holder,

The ACH transaction, recently initiated from your bank account (by you or any other person), was rejected by the Electronic Payments Association. Please review the transaction report by clicking the link below:

[Unauthorized ACH Transaction Report](#)

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Hover the mouse over the link to reveal the destination

Subject: Rejected ACH transaction, please review the transaction report

[http://nacha.org.fffazsa.me.uk/
ACHNetwork/Unauthorized/report.php?
transaction_id=5003174916&reference=19
256172605576656695664604248730494798
2636529095387516801&email=ellenk@rid
gefieldbank.com](http://nacha.org.fffazsa.me.uk/ACHNetwork/Unauthorized/report.php?transaction_id=5003174916&reference=192561726055766566956646042487304947982636529095387516801&email=ellenk@ridgefieldbank.com)
Click to follow link

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Phishing

Reducing the chances of being tricked

- **Is the arrival of the email expected?**
 - **Unsolicited vs. anticipated communication?**
 - **“Connecting-the-dots” (are you your own “worst enemy” when it comes to security)**

Web Based E-mail

- Offers convenient “access anywhere”
- Often a vector of malware through pop-ups, advertising and scams
- Potential to compromise corporate security environment



Social Networking

- **Social Networking – not just your garden-variety web traffic**
- **Facebook, and similar sites, employ “Applications” that can pose serious security risks**
- **Should these sites be successfully blocked? Can they be allowed in a controlled manner?**

Facebook -- Apps
Facebook -- Apps HTTP Proxy
Facebook -- Browsing Activity 1
Facebook -- Comment
Facebook -- HTTP Proxy Activity 1
Facebook -- IM Chat Buddy List
Facebook -- IM Chat Message Send
Facebook -- Like 1
Facebook -- Mail Message Send
Facebook -- News Feed Post Link Attachment
Facebook -- News Feed Post Share Action
Facebook -- Poke
Facebook -- Video

Social Networking

Tweet

f Share

Free Tube Hub hot sexy girls links spread virally on Facebook

Tweet

f Share

Rihanna and Hayden Panettiere sex video spreads Mac malware on Facebook

TimeSpentHere rogue app spreads virally on Twitter

Tweet

f Share

IMF boss rape video? Mac malware spreads via Facebook links

Tweet

f Share

**World funniest condom commercial?
Facebook hit by viral likejacking attack**

Wireless Networking

- ***Private Wi-Fi needs to be secured***
 - ***Change the default administration password immediately***
 - ***Implement a Service Set Identifier (Network name) and a strong network access code***
 - ***Use WPA2 encryption***
 - ***Consider MAC address filtering***

Wireless Networking

- ***Public Wi-Fi Tips***
 - ***Use HTTPS***
 - ***HTTP sessions can be captured***
 - ***Enable Firewall***
 - ***Disable File Sharing***
 - ***Do not use for sensitive transactions***
 - ***Consider use of a VPN***

Encryption

- ***Data Encryption***
 - ***Laptops***
 - ***Sensitive data***
 - ***Credit cards for payment***
 - ***Credit Applications***
 - ***Personally identifiable information***

Who's Talking?

- *Applications and Processes are constantly communicating*
- *TCPView displays the processes, protocols, source and destination*

Process	Protocol	Local Address	Remote Address	State
OUTLOOK.EXE:6476	TCP	fc...	lo... fcbc al:62473	ESTABLISHED
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OUTLOOK.EXE:6476	TCP	fc...	lo... fcbc al:62401	ESTABLISHED
OUTLOOK.EXE:6476	UDP	fc...	lo... fcbc al:62401	ESTABLISHED

App and
PID

Protocol

Local and
Remote

Who's Talking?

- *Task Manager displays the processes and applications*

iexplore.exe	6468		00	51,684 K
OUTLOOK.EXE	6476		00	140,712 K
mDNSResponder....	6804	SYSTEM	00	3.812 K

Application

Process
ID

Who's Talking to Whom?

- *Wire Shark is a packet capture and analysis tool*

Filter: Expression... Clear Apply

No.	Time	Source	Destination	Protocol	Info
653	4.704670	10.2.2.87	70.42.185.10	HTTP	GET /style/video.player.css HTTP/1.1
656	4.705507	10.2.2.87	70.42.185.10	HTTP	GET /script/swfobject.js HTTP/1.1
657	4.707049	70.42.185.10	10.2.2.87	HTTP	HTTP/1.1 304 Not Modified
658	4.707177	10.2.2.87	70.42.185.10	HTTP	GET /script/jwplayer.js HTTP/1.1
662	4.721125	10.2.2.87	70.42.185.11	HTTP	GET /css/now.css HTTP/1.1
663	4.723293	72.14.204.148	10.2.2.87	HTTP	HTTP/1.1 302 Moved Temporarily
671	4.741158	10.2.2.87	8.18.45.80	HTTP	GET /ad/tr/12309-128223-1105-4?mpt=[CACHEBUSTER] HTTP/1.1
674	4.749948	72.32.204.221	10.2.2.87	HTTP	HTTP/1.1 200 OK (application/x-javascript)
680	4.758713	8.18.45.80	10.2.2.87	HTTP	HTTP/1.1 200 OK (GIF89a)
687	4.798566	70.42.185.10	10.2.2.87	HTTP	HTTP/1.1 304 Not Modified
688	4.798689	10.2.2.87	70.42.185.10	HTTP	GET /script/omniture/s_code.js HTTP/1.1
690	4.799850	70.42.185.10	10.2.2.87	HTTP	HTTP/1.1 304 Not Modified
692	4.801412	70.42.185.10	10.2.2.87	HTTP	HTTP/1.1 304 Not Modified
693	4.801882	70.42.185.10	10.2.2.87	HTTP	HTTP/1.1 304 Not Modified

Account Hijacking

- ***Information theft***
 - *Phishing -> Malware, Keyloggers*
 - *Hacking the FI or service provider*
 - *Theft from hard copy documents*
 - *Insiders*
- ***Targets***
 - *High value, low tech (private education, religious organizations, non-profits)*

Account Hijacking

- ***Recruitment of Money Mules***
 - *Job Offers*
- ***Execution***
 - *Synchronized activity of draining victim's account*
 - *Rapid movement of money from mules to criminal enterprise*

MAC Users Beware!!

[MAC Video](#)

MAC Users Beware!!

More Mac malware - top tips for avoiding infection

- If you use Safari, turn OFF the *open "safe" files after downloading* option.
- Don't rely on Apple's built-in XProtect malware detector.
- Install genuine anti-virus software.
- Refuse any anti-malware software which offers a free scan but forces you to pay for cleanup.

Mobile Device Security

- **Threat is small relative to Windows computers but is GROWING!**
- **Risks**
 - **Data theft** - **Disruption of networks**
 - **Hijacking of phone to send revenue generating SMS**
 - **Windows and Symbian OS most targeted**
- **Over 200 examples of malicious code**

Mobile Device Security

- **Vectors**
 - **Email**
 - **MMS**
 - **External Memory Cards**
 - **PC Synchronization**
 - **Bluetooth**

Software Toolchest

- ***Anti-Virus***
 - *AVG*
 - *Avast*
 - *Check with your ISP*
- ***Encryption***
 - *TrueCrypt*
 - *GPG*
- ***Firewall***
 - *Comodo*
 - *Zone Alarm*
- ***Password Vault***
 - *Keepass*
- ***Anti-Malware***
 - *Malwarebytes*
 - *SuperAntiSpyWare*
 - *Prevx*
- ***Communications***
 - *TCPView*
 - *Wireshark*
- ***Browser Add-ons***
 - *SiteAdvisor (McAfee)*
 - *WOT*
 - *NoScript*

Protection of Payments

- **Payments**
 - **Checks**
 - **Debit/Credit Cards**
 - **Automated Clearing House**
 - **Wires**

Protection of Payments

- ***Checks***
 - ***Easily created, replicated and modified***
 - ***Blank checks should be secured***
 - ***Opt out of receiving presented checks***
 - ***Use online banking for check retrieval***
 - ***Positive Pay for businesses***
 - ***Frequently review your account for invalid transactions***
 - ***Report errors promptly (generally 60 days)***

Protection of Payments

- ***Cards***
 - *Subject to electronic theft (malware, skimming)*
 - *Promptly report loss or theft of a card*
 - *Issuers (VISA/Mastercard) frequently minimize risk of loss*
- ***Fraud Countermeasures***
 - *Neural Network Transactional Profiling*
 - *Location/Vendor/History*
 - *Alerts*
 - *Restrictions on Overseas Transactions or vendors*

Protection of Payments

- ***Automated Clearing House (ACH)***
 - *Unauthorized debiting of accounts*
 - *Small dollar amount*
 - *TEL or WEB*
- ***Difficult to detect systematically***
 - *Promptly report loss*
 - *Review your account frequently*

Protection of Payments

- ***Online Bill Payment***
 - *Similar to a fraudulent check or ACH*
 - *New Payee is added*
 - *Payment is sent*
- ***New Biller Alert***
 - *Email notification when a new biller is added*
 - *Review your account frequently*

Protection of Payments

- ***Wires***
 - ***Customer Identification***
 - ***Transaction history***
 - ***Two Person Integrity/Dual Controls***
 - ***Technical restrictions***

Payments in Transition

- ***Mobile Payments***
 - *Many players/industries*
 - *Telco, Retailers*
 - *Starbuck's Mobile Payment*
- ***Person to Person Payments***
 - *Can be delivered to e-mail address or cell phone number*
 - *Back ends to bank account*
 - *Uses ACH to deliver funds*

Parting Thoughts

- ***Security is a System of Shared Responsibility***
 - *End users*
 - *Operators*
 - *Technology*
 - *Processes*
- ***Tips***
 - *Subscribe to Alerts if available*
 - *Note the last login times when accessing systems*
 - *Do not share that which you don't want stolen*
 - *Don't be a stranger to your online banking site*

Questions



References and Resources

- **Consumer Banking Information**
 - <http://www.fdic.gov/consumers/consumer/information/shopprot.html>
- **Antiphishing Working Group**
 - <http://www.antiphishing.org/index.html>
- **Website Trust Ratings**
 - <http://www.mywot.com/>
 - <http://www.siteadvisor.com/>
- **IT Security Blog**
 - <http://nakedsecurity.sophos.com/>
- **Internet Crimes Complaint Center**
 - <http://www.ic3.gov/default.aspx>