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# Cybersecurity – Adapting Business to the New Normal

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# Cyber Incident Case Study – The Background

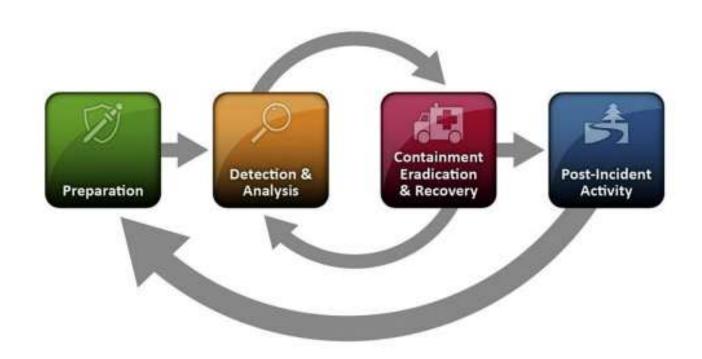
A client contracted us to perform a forensic investigation into a cyber security breach.

### **WHAT WE DID:**

Conducted an analysis on the security incident following the **NIST Incident Response framework**.

### **OBJECTIVE:**

This analysis aims to perform a triage on the incident so that a strategy can be provided on the next step for the client.



Source https://www.nist.gov/cyberframework

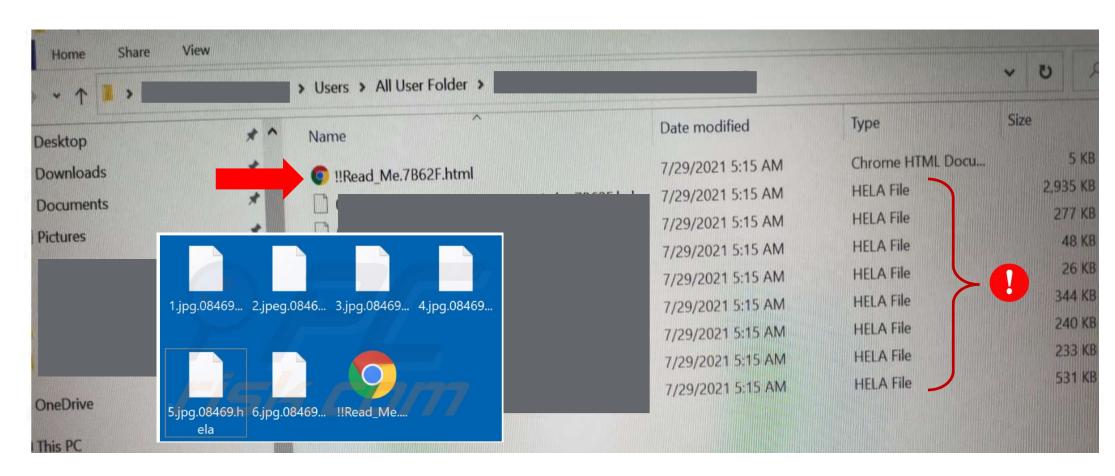
### Incident #1 – Hela Ransomware

WHO: A listed company WHEN: 28 July 2021

### **WHAT HAPPENED:**

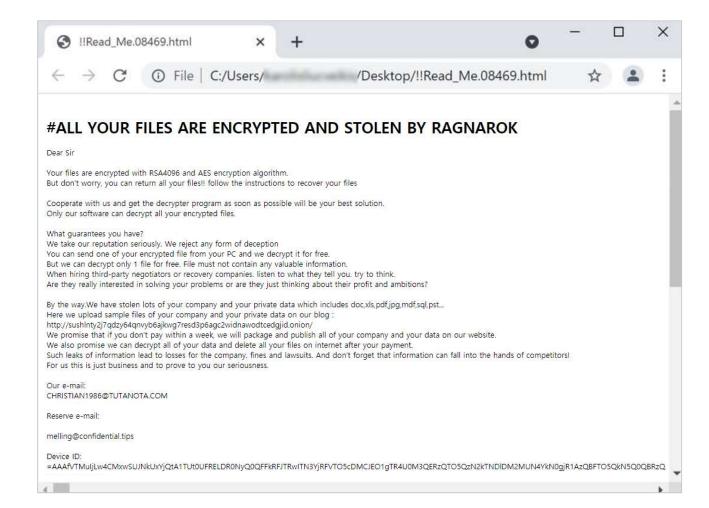
- Users reported that they cannot login and access to the company network
- IT team checked and discovered that they was a large number of the files in the domain controller and network drive with an '.hela' extension
- Their domain controller is located on premise
- IT team later discovered that their backup drive on the same domain controller was also affected
- There was a "!!Read\_me.7B62F.html" file

# Incident #1 – Hela Ransomware Analysis



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IT clicked on the Read\_me file and the message is as follows



# What to do next?



# Firewall Analysis

We advised the IT team to check the firewall logs to determine if any data was copied out of the network. If personal data is involved, the company will need to inform PDPC.



### **Internet Research**

### We did a web research on the email address in the Read-me message

https://www.pcrisk.com > removal-guides > 21439-hela... •

How to remove Hela Ransomware - virus removal steps

3 days ago — Cyber Criminal Contact, CHRISTIAN1986@TUTANOTA.COM and melling@confidential.tips. Symptoms, Cannot open files stored on your computer, ... You visited this page on 30/7/21.

https://medium.com > ... ▼

[SoW] W5 July | EN | Story of the week: Ransomware on the ...

3 days ago — ... conducted through email without a separate chat page; Malware : 65c3956288e16bdcc55e3c9c6b94ba5b; Contact mail : CHRISTIAN1986@TUTANOTA.

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Veri Kurtarma ve Analiz Hizmetleri - DrDisk Lab

İletişim: CHRISTIAN1986@TUTANOTA.COM ve melling@confidential.tips. AV Algısı: Win32:RansomX-gen [Ransom], Gen:Heur.Ransom.RentS.Gen.1, Win32/Kryptik.

### christiain1986@tutanota.com







https://tutanota.com > ... ▼

Безпечна електронна пошта: безкоштовна, захищена ...

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Використовуйте шифровану е-пошту на всіх своїх пристроях за допомогою ...

Missing: christian1986@ | Must include: christian1986@

You visited this page on 30/7/21.

https://howtofix.guide > hela-virus \*

HELA (.hela Virus Files of Ransomware) — How to remove ...

This decryption tool is created by ransomware developers, and can be obtained through the email, contacting CHRISTIAN1986@TUTANOTA.

# **Internet Research**

reat Summary:		
Name	Hela virus	
Threat Type	Ransomware, Crypto Virus, Files locker	
Detection Names	Avast (Win32:RansomX-gen [Ransom]), BitDefender (Gen:Heur.Ransom.REntS.Gen.1), ESET-NOD32 (A Variant Of Win32/Kryptik.HGSY), Kaspersky (HEUR:Trojan.Win32.DelShad.gen), Microsoft (Ransom:Win32/Ragnarok.PC!MTB), Full List Of Detections (VirusTotal)	
Encrypted Files Extension	.[random_number].hela	
Ransom Demanding Message	!!Read_Me.[random_number].html	
Cyber Criminal Contact	CHRISTIAN1986@TUTANOTA.COM and melling@confidential.tips	
Symptoms	Cannot open files stored on your computer, previously functional files now have a difference extension (for example, my.docx.locked). A ransom demand message is displayed on your desktop. Cyber criminals demand payment of a ransom (usually in bitcoins) to unlock your files.	
Distribution methods	Infected email attachments (macros), torrent websites, malicious ads.	
Damage	All files are encrypted and cannot be opened without paying a ransom. Additional password-stealing trojans and malware infections can be installed together with a ransomware infection.	
Malware Removal (Windows)	To eliminate possible malware infections, scan your computer with legitimate antivirus software. Our security researchers recommend using Combo Cleaner.   Download Combo Cleaner	
	To use full-featured product, you have to purchase a license for Combo Cleaner. 7 days free trial available.	



https://medium.com/s2wlab/sow-w5-july-en-story-of-the-week-ransomware-on-the-darkweb-d142ea4a3fe2



# **Next Action Steps**

### Notification to relevant authorities on the cyber incident

- IT team reported the case to the Singapore Police Force ("SPF") and Cyber Security Agency ("CSA")
- The SPF proposed a list of decryptor tools to decrypt the files but it did not work
- The CSA informed the company that they will revert back again in a few days





### **Backup and recovery process**

- We advised their IT team to perform a cloud backup of their SaaS HR and Finance data
- Their file server contained a lot of operational data which included Contracts, Projects files, Marketing data, etc.



# **Next Action Steps**

- IT updated the Board and Management that a lot of the files in the file server were encrypted with an '.hela' extension.
- These files consisted of the day-to-day internal business operations, HR details and customers personal details.

What will be your next course of action?

# The Story Continues

- IT tried to perform data restoration from their backup
- But discover that their backup had been also encrypted
- They did not receive any follow up email from the attackers demanding ransom
- STORY ENDING Company data is encrypted forever!



### What is the biggest news on the internet NOW?

### **THE STRAITS TIMES**

**SINGAPORE** 

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Up to half of employees can return to their workplace from Aug 19



### Previously, it was...

### **THE STRAITS TIMES**

Uncovering the KTV 'butterfly' effect in Singapore as Covid-19 cluster grows to 88 cases



KTV lounges remain popular with men aged between 20 and 50. ST PHOTO: NG SOR LUAN

### **THE STRAITS TIMES**

KTV and Jurong Fishery Port Covid-19 clusters linked: Ong Ye Kung



Health Minister Ong Ye Kung said that the two clusters differ genetically from the Delta variant that infected people in the Tan Tock Seng Hospital and Changi Airport clusters ST PARTOS GINTAY MARK CHEDING

### Just a few MONTHS ago

KEY

POINTS

hacking.

### The New York Times

### Cyberattack Forces a Shutdown of a Top U.S. Pipeline

The operator, Colonial Pipeline, said it had halted systems for its 5,500 miles of pipeline after being hit by a ransomware attack.







The ransomware attack on meat processing giant JBS raises the

issue of food security as a national security threat caused by criminal



### Another big company hit by a ransomware attack





### Ransomware Group Demanding \$50M In Accenture Security Breach: Cyber Firm

Accenture is not confirming the ransom demand. 'At the end of the day, paying the ransom is never a good idea,' one solution provider CEO told CRN.

By Kyle Alspach

August 12, 2021, 01:16 PM ED

## Started a Long Time Ago

### **THE STRAITS TIMES**

# Scam linked to Covid-19: Victims lose \$110k to fake officials © PUBLISHED APR 14, 2020, 5:00 AM SGT

Scammers stole more than \$110,000 in a new Covid-19-related ruse in which callers impersonate staff from the Ministry of Health (MOH) before referring victims to purported officials from China.

Source: https://www.straitstimes.com/singapore/courts-crime/scam-linked-to-covid-19-victims-lose-110k-to-fake-officials

### Incident #2

### **WHAT HAPPENED:**

- **CEO received an anonymous email with personal data of 5 senior members**. These included their addresses, phone numbers, emails, and date of births.
- Head of IT was asked to investigate and there were no abnormal activities.
- There were abnormal incoming and outgoing traffic information on the logs.
- CEO received a 2<sup>nd</sup> anonymous email with a link to a video file.
- IT downloaded the file onto a standalone computer and clicked on the video file.
- The video plays showing that the attacker have access to a spreadsheet that contained all their customer information and internal HR information
- CEO received a 3<sup>rd</sup> anonymous email that asked for 2 bit coins within 24 hours. If not, their confidential data would be released on the dark web.





### Should you pay the ransom?

SingCERT <u>does not recommend</u> paying the ransom. Doing so does not guarantee that the data will be decrypted or that your data will not be published by threat actors.

It also encourages the threat actors to continue their criminal activities and target more victims. Threat actors may also see your organisation as a soft target and may strike again in the future.

### **Impact**

• **Personal information** related to HR or any others could be compromised and this could be a violation of the Personal Data Protection Act. If there is a confirmed compromise of personal data, the DPO will need to activate the data breach response plan and notify PDPC within 3 calendar days if there is a material impact.



• Confidential financial information could be compromised and this could be used to the advantage of the attacker and this could be a violation of the SGX listing Act on "Insider trading".



Confidential business/operation information could be compromised and this might be
disadvantage to the company if there is/are any potential business collaboration
activities.



# **Security Tips**



Make sure you **protect all personal information**, not only yours but those that you are handling as well



Do not send to your personal account any confidential information



Protect your personal email account with **2FA** 

### **Vendor Considerations**

### **THE STRAITS TIMES**

**TECH** 

Personal data of 30,000 users of NTUC's e2i training and job matching services may have been breached

The institute said that it was alerted to a data incident on March 12 in which a malware had infected the mailbox of an employee of an e2i-appointed third party vendor, contact centre services firm i-vic International.

The malware is often distributed through spam e-mail and is able to hinder analysis and evade detection.



July 6, 2021 5:11 PM +08 Last Updated 14 days ago

### **Technology**

# Up to 1,500 businesses affected by ransomware attack, U.S. firm's CEO says

WASHINGTON, July 5 (Reuters) - Between 800 and 1,500 businesses around the world have been affected by a ransomware attack centered on U.S. information technology firm Kaseya, its chief executive said on Monday.

### **THE STRAITS TIMES**

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All 12 Ho Kee Pau outlets closed after pest infestation found at supplier's premises



# CSA Cyber Security Landscape 2020



The below key malicious cyber activities in 2020 are referenced from the Cyber Security Agency Singapore Cyber Security Landscape 2020 report.

Key malicious cyber security threats	Descriptions	Risk index
Ransomware	89 ransomware cases were reported to CSA in 2020, a sharp rise of 154 per cent from the 35 cases reported in 2019. The cases affected mostly Small-and-Medium Enterprises (SMEs), and hailed from sectors such as manufacturing, retail and healthcare.	High
Malicious Command and Control (C&C) Servers & Botnet Drones	CSA detected about 6,600 botnet drones with Singapore IP addresses daily, an increase from 2019's daily average of 2,300. Variants of the Mirai and Gamarue malware were prevalent among infected botnet IP addresses in 2020, with Mirai malware, which primarily targets Internet-of-Things (IoT) devices, staying strong due to the continuing growth of IoT devices locally.	Low
Phishing	Globally, 2020 saw a surge in COVID-19-related phishing campaigns. COVID-19 themes very likely accounted for over 4,700 of malicious URLs spoofing local entities and services that were in greater demand during Singapore's circuit breaker period, which included online retail and payment portals.	High

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Website Defacements	495 '.sg' websites were defaced in 2020, a decrease of 43 per cent from 873 in 2019. The majority of victims were SMEs, and no government websites were affected. The significant fall in 2020 is consistent with global trends and suggests that activist groups could have chosen other platforms with potentially wider reach (e.g. social media) to embarrass their victims.	Moderate
Cybercrime	Online cheating2 cases made up the top cybercrime category in Singapore, recording a rise of almost 62 per cent from 7,580 cases in 2019, to 12,251 cases in 2020. This trend is attributed to the rapid growth of e-commerce	Low

# **Anticipated Cybersecurity Trends**







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The report highlighted several emerging cybersecurity trends to watch against the backdrop of an increasingly complex and dynamic cyber threat landscape. Near-term trends include:

(a) Evolving Traits of Ransomware Attacks. Ransomware has evolved into a massive and systemic threat, and is no longer restricted to the sporadic and isolated incidents observed. Globally, the recent spate of high-profile ransomware incidents affecting essential service providers and key firms – such as the fuel pipeline company Colonial Pipeline (United States) and meat processing company, JBS (Brazil) - have demonstrated that the attacks could cause real-world effects and harm, and may have the potential to become national security concerns. The proliferation of such attacks spells an urgency for businesses to review their cybersecurity posture and ensure that they build their systems to be resilient in recovering from any successful cyber-attacks.

(b) <u>Targeting of Remote Workforce</u>. Social distancing measures during the COVID-19 pandemic have led to the rapid adoption of remote working. However, poorly configured network and software systems - which are part of the new remote work ecosystems - have widened the attack surface and exposed organisations to greater risk of cyber-attacks.

(c) <u>Increased Targeting of Supply Chains.</u> A successful breach in the supply chain, as seen in the high-profile SolarWinds supply-chain breach at the tail end of 2020, provided cyber threat actors a single pivoting point to multiple victims. While such attacks are not new, they are becoming more sophisticated. The compromise of a trusted supplier or software can result in widespread repercussions worldwide, as victims could include major vendors with huge customer bases.

Overview of Cyber Threats in 2020

ACEMENTS ....

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ransomware cases were reported to CSA, with cases hailing from the manufacturing, retail and healthcare sectors. This was a significant rise of 154% in cases over the whole of 2019

**PHISHING** 47,000

phishing URLs with a Singapore-link were detected. A slight decrease of 1% as compared to 2019

NUMBER OF CASES SINGCERT HANDLED IN

2020: 9,080

2019: 8,491



COMMONLY SPOOFED GOVERNMENT ORGANISATIONS

MINISTRY OF EDUCATION (MOE)

MINISTRY OF MANPOWER (MOM)

SINGAPORE POLICE FORCE (SPF)

IN SINGAPORE:

# CYBERCRIME



### **ONLINE CHEATING**



### COMPUTER MISUSE ACT

non- 3.621

### CYBER EXTORTION

020: 245

unique and locally hosted C&C servers were discovered, a spike from 530 recorded in 2019



SECTORS

SOCIAL **NETWORKING FIRMS** 

TECHNOLOGY

BANKING AND

FINANCIAL SERVICES

COMMONLY SPOOFED

AMAZON, PAYPAL AND FACEBOOK WERE COMMONLY SPOOFED BRANDS





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# **COVID-19 Impact**

INTERPOL Who we are Crimes How we work Our partners What you can do News Wanted persons

Home > News and Events > News > 2020 > INTERPOL report shows alarming rate of cyberattacks during COVID-19

Shift in targets from individuals to governments and critical health infrastructure

An INTERPOL assessment of the impact of COVID-19 on cybercrime has shown a significant target shift from individuals and small businesses to major corporations, governments and critical infrastructure.

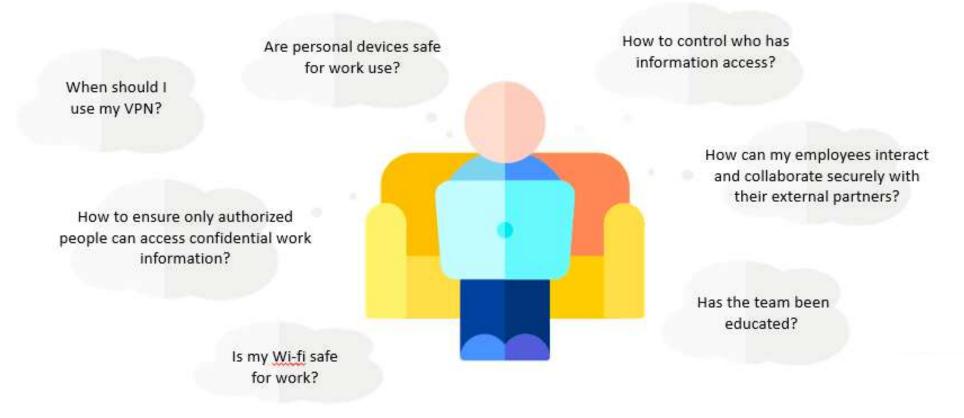
With organizations and businesses rapidly deploying remote systems and networks to support staff working from home, criminals are also taking advantage of increased security vulnerabilities to steal data, generate profits and cause disruption.

In one four-month period (January to April) some 907,000 spam messages, 737 incidents related to malware and 48,000 malicious URLs – all related to COVID-19 – were detected by one of INTERPOL's private sector partners.

Are you able to IDENTIFY a phishing or fake email?

If unsure, please VERIFY!

# WFH Risks



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# Hacking Wi-Fi is child's play! 7-year-old shows how easy it is to break into a public network in less than 11 MINUTES

Just two days after an investigation revealed how much personal information public Wi-Fi networks can 'suck' from phones, a child has shown how easy the hotspots are to hack.

A seven-year-old broke into a Wi-Fi hotspot in just 10 minutes and 54 seconds after watching an online video tutorial.

The ethical hacking demo was carried out under the supervision of an online security expert to highlight just how vulnerable the networks are.



Betsy Davies (pictured) watched an online video tutorial before being asked to hack into a Wi-Fi hotspot. It took the seven-year-old 11 minutes to infiltrate the network by setting up a rogue access point - frequently used by attackers to activate a 'man in the middle' attack, and begin eavesdropping on - or 'sniffing' - traffic

When you are working from home, ensure PASSWORD CONTROL to connect to your WIFI?

Ensure ENCRYPTION is enabled.

### Collaboration Tools Risk





DOUDLE VERIFY with the sender if you are asked to click or download any links or files.

# How to Keep Malicious Software Off My Computer?

- ✓ Be suspicious
- ✓ Comply with security policies and procedures
- ✓ Never disable or tamper with virus protection software
- ✓ Always scan files from external storage media
- ✓ Never re-configure your computer to provide file sharing or web application services
- ✓ Report any suspicious programs found running on your PC



### As a General Good Practice



DO NOT open any files and/or click on links from unknown email



If you received such email, please immediately delete the email



If in doubt, **check** with your local IT support

# Cyber Risks

### **THE STRAITS TIMES**



Personal info of 1.5m SingHealth patients, including PM Lee, stolen in Singapore's worst cyber attack



# **Technology Risks**



WORLD NEWS JUNE 6, 2019 / 11:55 AM / 2 MONTHS AGO

# U.S. finds American guilty in Singapore HIV data leak case

SINGAPORE (Reuters) - A U.S. citizen who leaked the names of more than 14,000 HIV-positive people in Singapore has been found guilty by a U.S. court of illegally transferring personal data and threatening the Singapore government, court filings



### **Information Risks**

### **THE STRAITSTIMES**

MAS probes case of UOB's unshredded client data



## PDPA Updates

#### **Mandatory Data Breach Notification**



Likely to result in **significant harm** to an affected individual

Significant scale

(≥500 affected individuals)

#### Notification to AFFECTED INDIVIDUALS

Likely to result in **significant harm** to an affected individual

#### **Exceptions to notify individuals**

e.g. Remedial action was taken to reduce risk of significant harm, or when PD was encrypted to a reasonable standard

#### PD that is considered likely to result in **significant harm** to an individual when compromised

Individual's full name or national identification number



#### Any of the following:

Financial, medical, life/health insurance, vulnerable person, private key to authenticate or authorise a record or transaction

Individual's account information

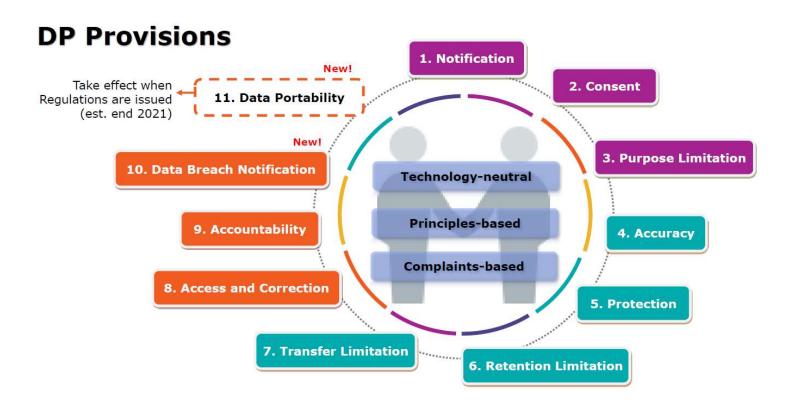


#### Any of the following:

Biometric data, security / access code, password or answer to security question used to permit access to or use of an account

PERSONAL DATA
PROTECTION COMMISSION
SINGAPORE

# PDPA Updates





# PDPA Updates

#### **Deter Irresponsible Behavior**



**Enhanced Powers of the Personal Data Protection Commission (PDPC)** 

#### Data Protection (DP)

- Financial penalty cap:
- Organisations: Up to S\$1m or 10% of annual turnover\*New!, whichever is higher
- Individuals<sup>new!</sup>: Up to \$5,000 or imprisonment not exceeding 2 years, or both. Offence for egregious mishandling of PD for knowing or reckless unauthorised:
  - disclosure of PD
  - > use of PD for a gain or to cause harm to another person
  - > re-identification of anonymised data

#### Do Not Call (DNC)

- Financial penalty cap:
  - Organisations: Up to S\$1m or 5% of annual turnover\*New!, whichever is higher
  - Individuals: Up to S\$200,000

# Higher financial penalty caps will take effect no earlier than Feb 2022

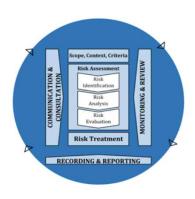
# Important Things to Note



Cyber resilience involves
continuously
strengthening the risk
management process



Constant education & awareness is required



Leverage on auditor's experiences

# Cyber Insurance

### Are you protected with cyber insurance?

Annual Revenue of the Insured	Plan 1 (\$250,000)	Plan 2 (\$500,000)	Plan 3 (\$1,000,000)
\$1,000,000 and below	\$963	\$1,070	\$1,284
\$1,000,001 to \$2,500,000	\$1,070	\$1,391	\$1,712
\$2,500,001 to \$5,000,000	\$1,391	\$1,819	\$2,247
\$5,000,001 to \$10,000,000	\$1,819	\$2,354	\$2,996

Annual Revenue of the Insured	Gold Plan – Choice of Limit of Liability		
	Plan 1 (\$500,000)	Plan 2 (\$1,000,000)	Plan 3 (\$2,000,000)
\$1,000,000 and below	\$1,284	\$1,605	\$1,926
\$1,000,001 to \$2,500,000	\$1,605	\$1,926	\$2,461
\$2,500,001 to \$5,000,000	\$2,140	\$2,568	\$3,210
\$5,000,001 to \$10,000,000	\$3,210	\$3,638	\$4,280

# Cyber Digital Footprint (Threat Intelligence/ Hunting)

# **Business Data Breach Report**

#### 173 stolen records

- Company scanned:
- Cyber criminals are actively trading your client's stolen information.
- 42 current or former staff have had information stolen 173 times, an average of 4.1 times each.

### Types of Information Stolen

- Stolen username
- Stolen email address
- Stolen password
- Stolen password salt
- Stolen security question
- Stolen credit card

- Stolen personal information
- Stolen gender
- Stolen address
- Stolen country
- Stolen city
- Stolen ID number

# Singapore's Push for Digitalisation





# In Conclusion

- 1. Support from the Boards, Directors and management is very important
- 2. Technology risk should always be part of the organisation risk management framework
- 3. Boards, Directors and Management must always try to stay abreast with the latest technology news and risks

If not, you will become another cyber breach statistic!



# Thank you

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