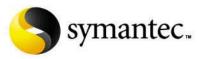


Selling Security: Responding to market forces

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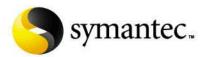


Impacting Businesses

Increased Volume and Variety of Attacks is Increasing Liability

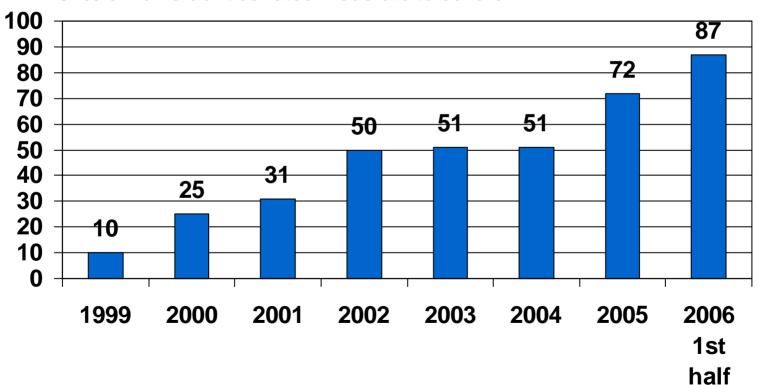
2005 Reported Data Breaches

| 15-Feb-05 ChoicePoint | ID thieves accessed | 145,000 | | 18-May-05 Univ. of Iowa | Hacking | 30,000 |
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| 25-Feb-05 Bank of America | Lost backup tape | 1,200,000 | | 19-May-05 Valdosta State Univ., GA | Hacking | 40,000 |
| 25-Feb-05 PayMakx | Accidental/x (0) (0) | 25,000 | | 20-May-05 Purdue Univ. | Hacking | 11,000 |
| 8-Mar-05 DSW/Leta De Cale | Accidental 4x8% | 100,000 | | 26-May-05 Duke Univ. | Hacking | 5,500 |
| 10-Mar-05 LexisNexis | Passwords compromised | 32,000 | | 27-May-05 Cleveland State Univ. 28-May-05 Merlin Data Services | Stolen laptop Bogus acct. set up | 44,420 9,000 |
| 11-Mar-05 Univ. of CA, Berkeley | Stolen laptop | 98,400 | | 30-May-05 Motorola | Computers stolen | Not disclosed |
| 11-Mar-05 Boston College | Hacking | 120,000 | | 5-Jun-05 CitiFinancial | Lost backup tapes | 3,900,000 |
| 12-Mar-05 NV Dept. of Motor Vehicle | Stolen computer | 8,900 | | 10-May-05 Fed. Deposit Insurance Corp. | | 6,000 |
| 20-Mar-05 Northwestern Univ | Hacking | 21,000 | | 16-Jun-05 CardSystems | Hacking | 40,000,000 |
| 20-Mar-05 Univ. of NV., Las Vegas | Hacking | 5,000 | | 17-Jun-05 Kent State Univ. | Stolen laptop | 1,400 |
| 22-Mar-05 Calif. State Univ., Chico | Hacking • • | 59,000 | | 18-Jun-05 Univ. of Hawaii | Dishonest Insider | 150,000 |
| 23-Mar-05 Univ. 0 0 1 5 1 0 1 | est insid | er .7,00010 | 7% | 22-May-05 Eastman Kodak | Stolen laptop | 5,800 |
| 28-Mar-05 Univ. of Chicago Hospital | Dishonest insider | unknown | 3 70 | 22-Jun-05 East Carolina Univ. 25-May-05 Univ. of CT (UCONN) | Hacking | 250 |
| 1-Apr-05 Georgia DMV | Dishonest insider | "hundreds of th | | 28-May-05 Univ. of C1 (UCONN) 28-May-05 Lucas Cty. Children Services | Hacking | 72,000 900 |
| 5-Apr-05 MCI | Stolen laptop | 16,500 | | 29-Jun-05 Bank of America | Stolen laptop | 18,000 |
| 8-Apr-05 Eastern National | Hacker | 15,000 | | 30-Jun-05 Ohio State Univ. Med. Ctr. | Stolen laptop | 15,000 |
| 8-Apr-05 San Jose Med. Group | Stolen computer | 185,000 | | 1-Jul-05 Univ. of CA, San Diego | Hacking | 3,300 |
| 11-Apr-05 Tufts University | Hacking | 105,000 | | 6-Jul-05 City National Bank | Lost backup tapes | Not disclosed |
| 12-Apr-05 LexisNexis | Passwords compromised | Additional 280,0 | | 6-Jul-05 Mich. State Univ. | Hacking | 27,000 |
| 14-Apr-05 Polo Ralph Lauren/HSBC | | | | 19-Jul-05 Univ. of Southern Calif. (USC) | | 270,000 |
| 14-Apr-05 Calif. Fastrack | Dishonest Inside CC | idental | exp | | Ozcking | 42,000 |
| 15-Apr-05 CA Dept. of Health Services | Stolen laptop | 21.600 | | 30-Jul-05 San Siego Co. Employees ke 30-Jul-05 Calif. State Univ., Dominguez | t Hacking | 33,000 9,613 |
| | | | | 31-Jul-05 Call Poly-Pomona | Hacking | 31,077 |
| 18-Apr-05 DSW/ Retail Ventures | Hacking | Additional 1,300 | | 2-Aug-05 Univ. of Colorado | Hacking | 36,000 |
| 20-Apr-05 Ameritrade | Lost backup tape | 200,000 | | 8-Aug-05 Sonoma State Univ. | Hacking | 61,709 |
| 21-Apr-05 Carnegie Mellon Univ. | Hacking | 19,000 | | 10-Aug-05 Univ. of North Texas | Hacking | 39,000 |
| 26-Apr-05 Mich. State Univ's Wharton C | | 40,000 | | 17-Aug-05 Calif. State University, Stanisla | a Hacking | 900 |
| 26-Apr-05 Christus St. Joseph's Hospita | · | 19,000 | | 18-Aug-05 Univ. of Colorado | Hacking | 49,000 |
| 28-Apr-05 Georgia Southern Univ. | Hacking | 20,000 | C I | 22-Aug-05 Air Force | Hacking | 33,300 |
| 28-Apr-05 Wachovia, Bank of America, | | 676,000 | St | olen comput | Cel in Sotop | 2 / 3851 |
| 29-Apr-05 Oklahoma State Univ. | Missing laptop | 37,000 | | 30-Aug-05 J.P. Morgan, Dallas 30-Aug-05 Calif. State University, Chance | Stolen Laptop | Not disclosed |
| 2-May-05 Time Warner | Lost backup tapes | 600,000 | | 10-Sep-05 Kent State Univ. | ~ | 154 100,000 |
| 4-May-05 CO. Health Dept. | Stolen laptop | 1,600 | | 15-Sep-05 Miami Univ. | Stolen Computers Accidental exposure | 21,762 |
| 5-May-05 Purdue Univ. | Hacking | 11,360 | | 16-Sep-05 ChoicePoint | Hacking | 9,903 |
| 7-May-05 Dept. of Justice | Stolen laptop 80,000 | 80,000 | | 19-Sep-05 Children's Health Council, Sar | | 5,000 |
| 11-May-05 Stanford Univ. | Hacking | 9,900 | | 22-Sep-05 City University of New York | Exposed online | 350 |
| 12-May-05 Hinsdale Central High School | Hacking | 2,4 <u>00</u> | | 23-Sep-05 Bank of America | Stolen laptop | Not disclosed |
| 16-Ma -05 (es borge a) Crt C | edebreach | 1es 757 | + m | nillion record | Shoraffe | cted |
| 18-May-05 Jackson Comr I. College, Mich | n Hacking | 8,000 | | 29-Sep-55 Univ. of Georgia | ridoking / kriodot | 1,000 |
| | | | | 15-Oct-05 Montclair State Univ. | Exposed online | 9,100 |

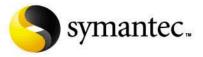


Software Vulnerabilities (average discovered each week)

- > 3 days average before exploit is available (80% easy to exploit)
- > 97% of vulnerabilities rated moderate to severe

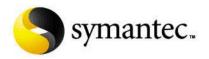


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Inflection Points

- Malware becomes self-spreading
- Protecting the system to protecting the transaction
 - "Is this malware?" becomes "Is this data safe"
- Separation of payload from delivery
- 15 minutes of fame to economic gain
- General threats to personalized threats
- Future: Malware outnumbers good software
 - The future is now for email
 - Blacklists replaced by whitelists
- Mobile devices become too powerful and general to lock down
- Reputation-based approaches
- > Perimeter vs. endpoint
- Signatures switch from malware to vulnerabilities



Lock and Key

How could a guard determine the shape of a key that opens this lock

Well, the guard could x-ray the lock ...

So even though he's never seen a real key, he can tell me the shape of a key that can open this lock...

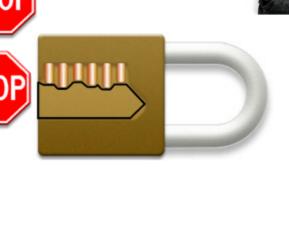
And from the pins, he could guess what shape key would open the lock...

Given this specification, a guard could block anyone with a matching key from approaching the lock. What if someone changes the shape of

the key shaft to avoid detection?

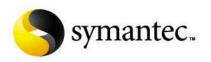
We'll no longer recognize the key... But on the other hand, now it won't open the lock!

And it doesn't matter what color the key is, or what it's "head" looks like, all the guard cares about is the shape of the *key shaft*...







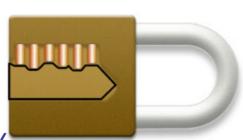




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A software vulnerability is just like our padlock.

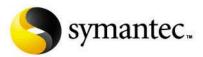
Every vulnerability has its own unique shape.
And only network packets with a *complementary*shape can successfully attack the vulnerability.



Once we know a vulnerability's shape, we can create a *vulnerability signature* that checks for that complementary shape.

Such a *vulnerability signature* will then block *all* future attacks against the vulnerability, from their inception!

Why? Because for the attack to work it must have the right shape... But if it has the right shape, it must match the signature.





Technology Evolution Has Created New Challenges

OLD CHALLENGES

Indiscriminate Threats

Noisy & Visible -

15 Minutes of Fame

Technical Remediation

Data Corruption

Viruses, Worms

Malware-focused

Equipment failure

Interactions

Information

Infrastructure

NEW CHALLENGES

Targeted Infiltration

Threats - silent & unnoticed - Thieves

Denial of Service

IT Policy Compliance

Information Leakage

Trojan Horses, Phishing

IT Complexity and Virtualization

IT Service Level Mgt.



Thank You!



