

Building and Updating an Incidence Response Plan

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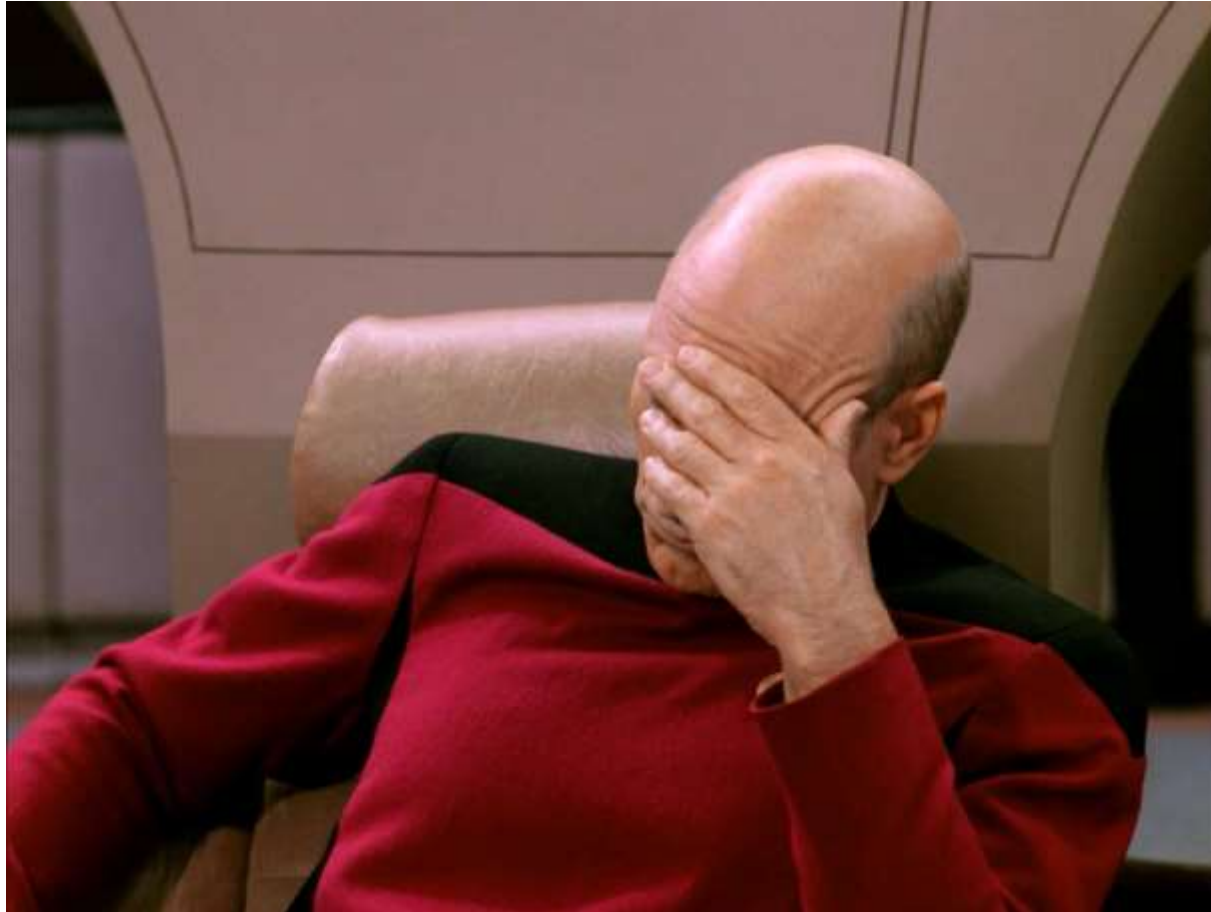
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The average time between an attacker breaching a network and its owner noticing the intrusion is 150 days.

How is your IR Process



Incident Response Maturity Levels

Maturity Level		Ad-hoc		Maturing		Strategic
		As Needed	Dedicated Part-Time	Full-Time	SOC/IR+	Fusion
Existing IR Capabilities	People	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 0-1 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1-3 Specialization 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2-5 Formal roles 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ~10 Shifts (24x7) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 15+ Intel, SOC, and IR Teams
	Process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chaotic and relying on individual heroics; reactive General purpose run-book Tribal knowledge 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Situational run books; some consistency Email-based processes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requirements and Workflows documented as standard business process Some improvement over time 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Process is measured via metrics Minimal Threat Sharing Shift turnover SLAs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Processes are constantly improved and optimized Broad Threat sharing Hunt teams
	Technology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> AV Firewalls IDS/IPS 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SIEM Sandboxing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continuous Monitoring Endpoint Forensics Tactical Intelligence 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Malware Analysis Additional Intelligence IT Operations Integration 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Intel+Incident Response Drives Security Program Strategic Intelligence Coordination with Physical Security/Intelligence
CMM Equivalent		Initial	Repeatable	Defined	Managed	Optimized

Slower Response = Greater Risk



66%
of breaches took
months or even
years to discover



60%
of breaches have
data exfiltrated in
first 24 hours



60,000
Number of alerts
hackers set off at
Global Retailer



229
Median number of
days advanced
attackers present
before detection



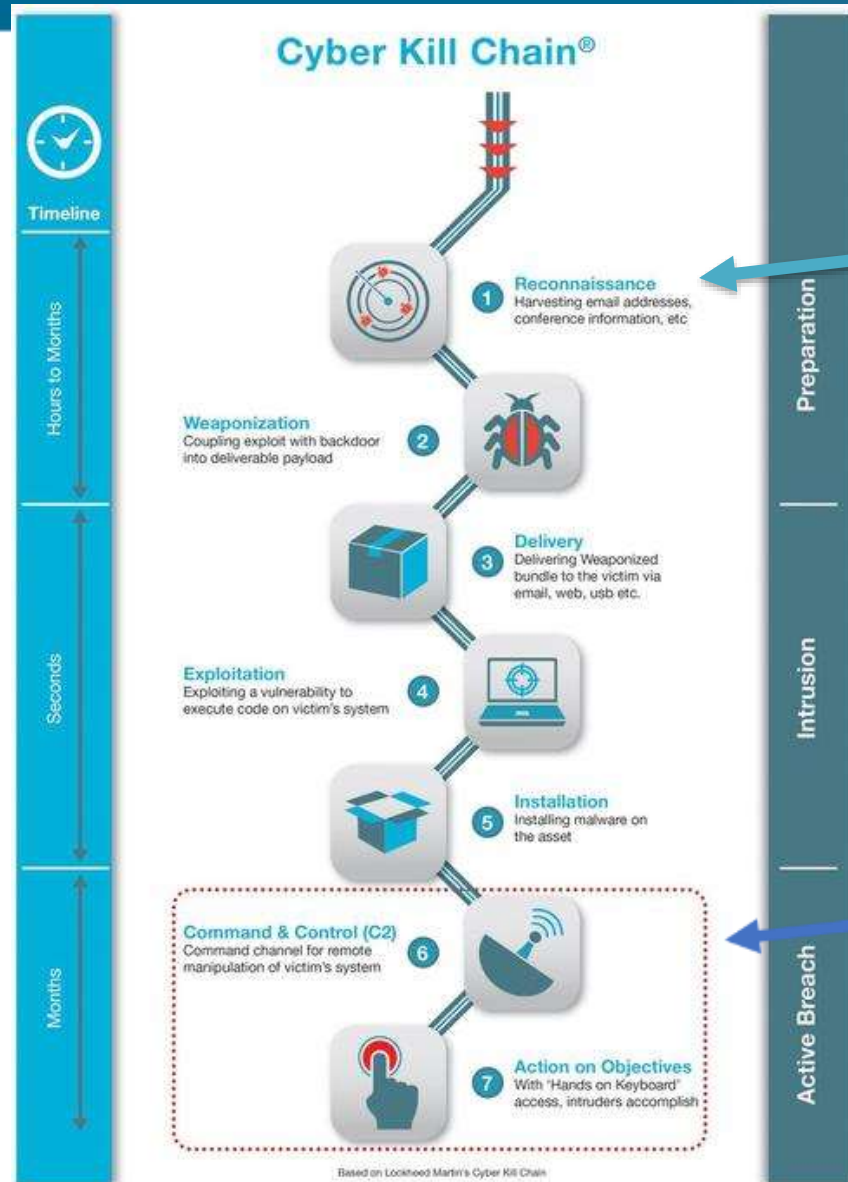
33%
Of organizations
discover breaches
through their own
monitoring

Why Security Approaches Fail

- It is not a fair fight to begin with
- Bad guys have the economic advantage
- People, Process and Technology Issues
- **Security Technology Issues**
- **Silo'ed Point Products that do not work together**
- Bolt on security, static and not integrated
- We are designing in complexity on purpose!
- **Hyper focus on Product**
- To much noise, complexity, expertise = unsustainable posture



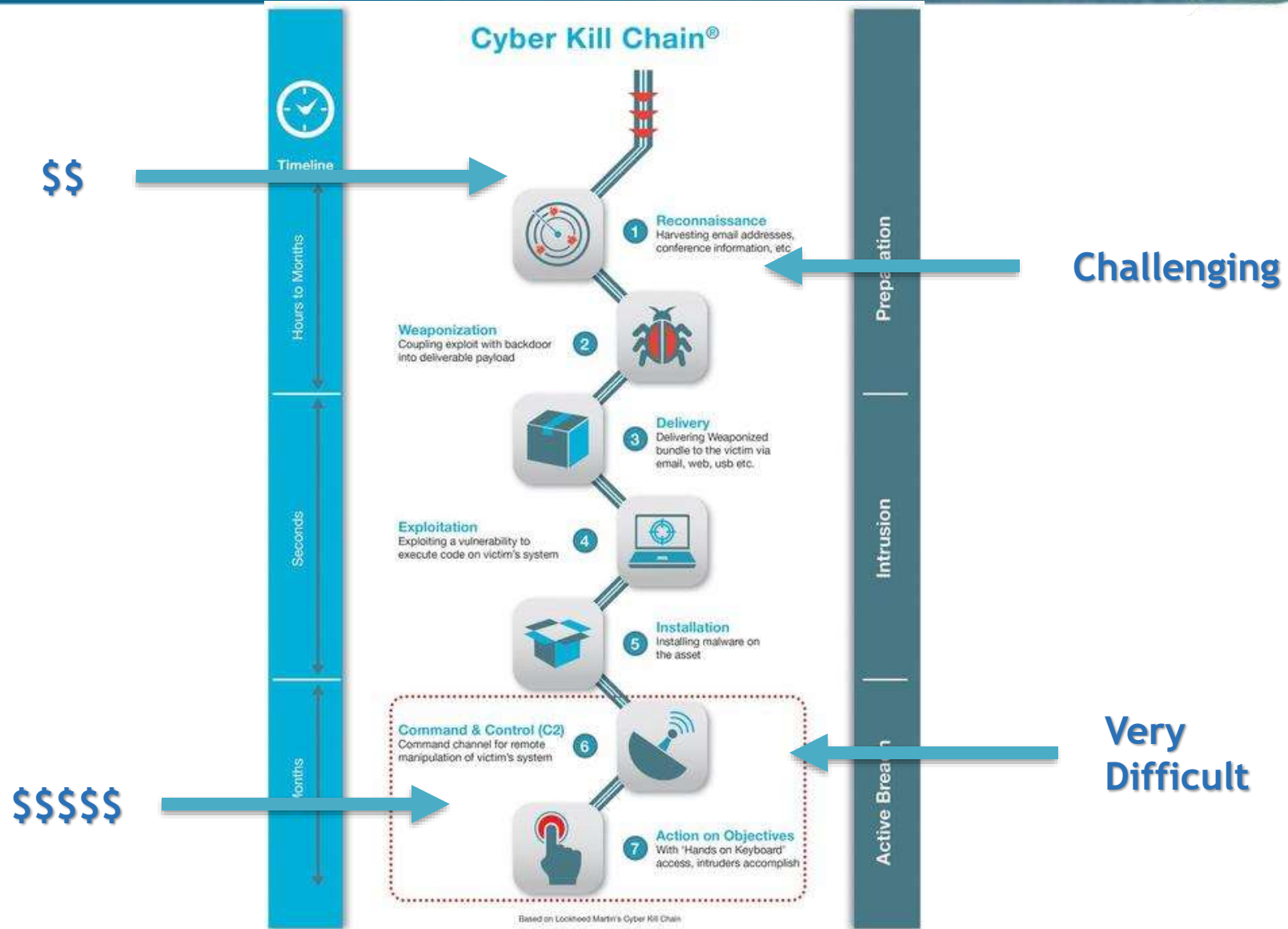
The Cyber Kill Chain



Hopefully, you are here.

Hopefully, you are NOT here.

Addressing the Threat



Look Familiar?

Hacker for Hire

Hacker Houses contracted to infiltrate your organization

Survey

What does environment look like? What are the countermeasures?

Write

Craft context-aware/sandbox aware malware to penetrate *this* environment

Test

Validate malware works, can evade countermeasures

Execute

Deploy malware. Move laterally, establish secondary access

Accomplish

The mission: Extract data, destroy, plant evidence, compromise.

Need Help? No Problem!

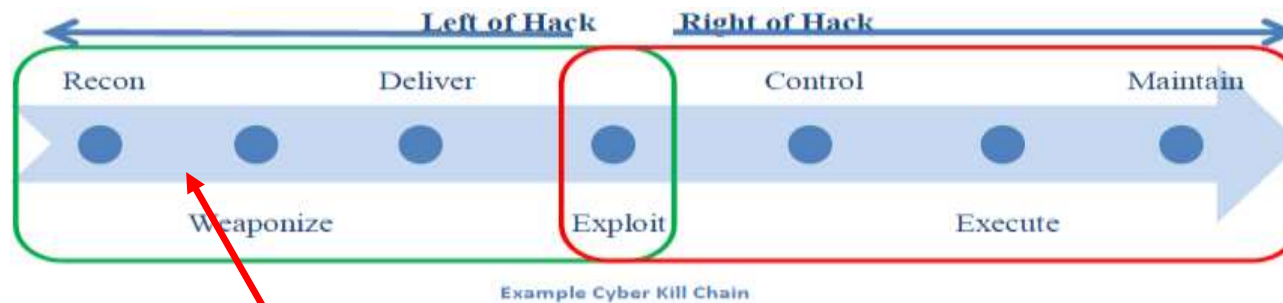
24/7 Hacker Tech Support Available!



Incident Response & Vulnerability Management

Malware Exploits Vulnerabilities

More Vulnerabilities = Larger Attack Surface



Opportunity

Decrease Number of Vulnerabilities

Reduce the Attack Surface

IR & The Kill Chain



Incident
Response

1st Step - Risk Assessment

Identify the sources of Risk

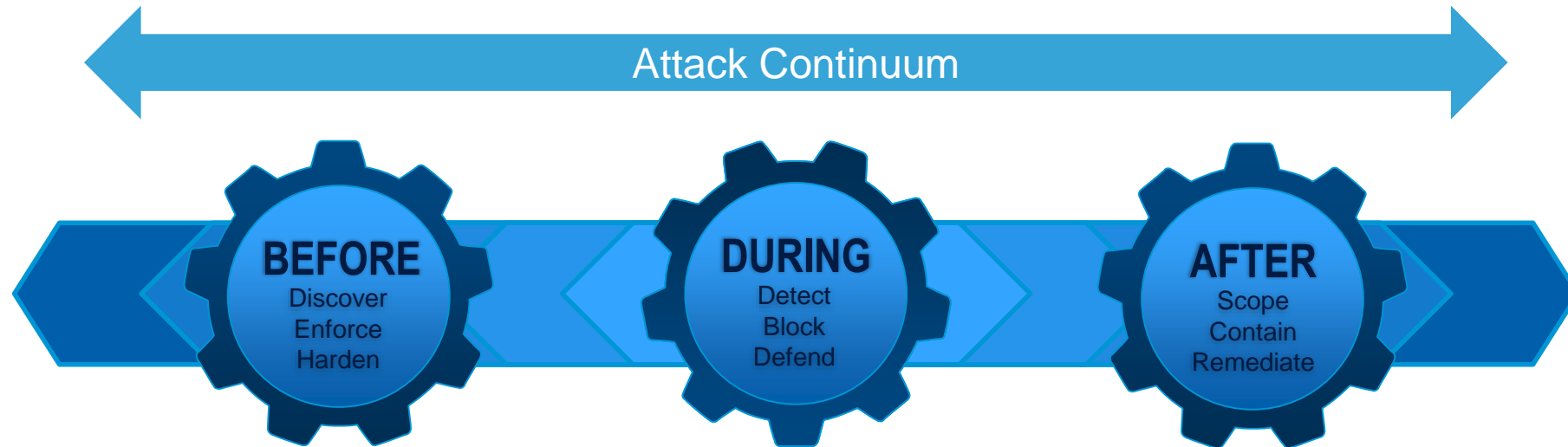
What is the Impact (to the business)

**Develop a Risk Reduction and
Mitigation Strategy**

**Define it in Policy, Processes,
and Procedures**



Keep it Simple





Damage Control

Goal: Return the business to its operational mission, learn, implement compensating controls.

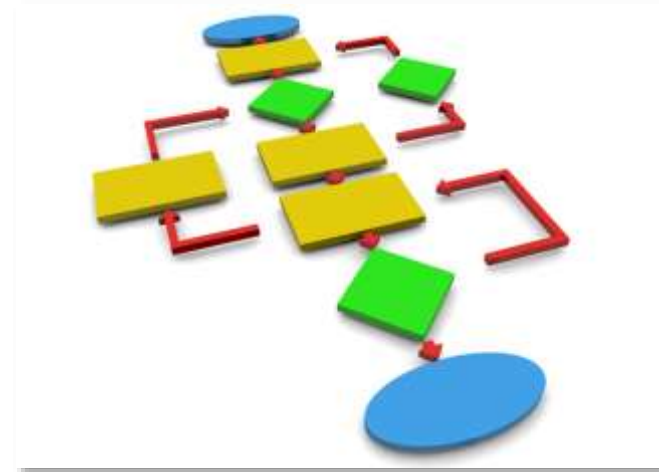
- **Scope** – Determine just how bad a breach is. Assess its impact and know how to prioritize your efforts. (Do you know what types of data is on the affected servers?)
- **Contain** – Lock it down. No matter how bad it is, if it spreads, it will only be worse.
- **Remediate** – Clean up and get back to business. But don't just "remove" the bad, learn from it and implement compensating controls (BEFORE the next attack).

Plan the Work, Work the Plan!

- Documentation
 - Record dates and times
 - Who, what, when, where, why
- Activate the IR Team
- Secure the Scene
 - Evidence preservation
 - Chain of custody
- Lock Down the Affected Assets
 - Take offline, but leave on
- Interview those involved
- Priorities and Risks
- Forensics team deployment
- Notify Law Enforcement



- IR Team touch points cadence
- Remediation
- Forensic Review
- Notifications (Legal)
 - Data Breach Notification Vendor
 - Breach Insurance vendor
- C-Suite Updates



Be Prepared!



- Develop (and Test) an Incident Response Plan
 - Notification Process?
 - What are the legal obligations?
- Build an IR Team
 - Who is in charge?
- Measure effectiveness of Security Controls
 - Adequately staffed and trained?
 - Repeatable processes?
 - Logging and alerting?
- Refine process and test routinely

New North Carolina Breach Law



Attorney General Josh Stein
North Carolina Department of Justice

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- New Sense of Urgency!
- Changes:
- New Definition of Breach.
 - Unauthorized access or acquisition
- Shortened Notification Period
 - 15 days to notify the affected party and the NC AG's office
- “Reasonable Safeguard” Requirements
 - Security controls
- Strengthen Penalty Provisions
 - \$5000 per record affected

Improve? - Time to Practice

- Assess, Plan, Acquire, Test, Repeat
- OODA Loops
 - Observe, Orient, Decide, Act
- Use your Risk Management Process and current Risk Assessment as a reference guide
- Revisit IR Plan frequently
- Practice, Practice, Practice



Two Options:

Roll Your Own IR Program

- Benefits: scalable to your organization, maybe cheaper
- Challenges: difficult to maintain readiness, may not be cheaper

IR as a Service

- Benefits: maybe cheaper, well defined, proven results
- Challenges: initial and recurring expense justification



Questions?



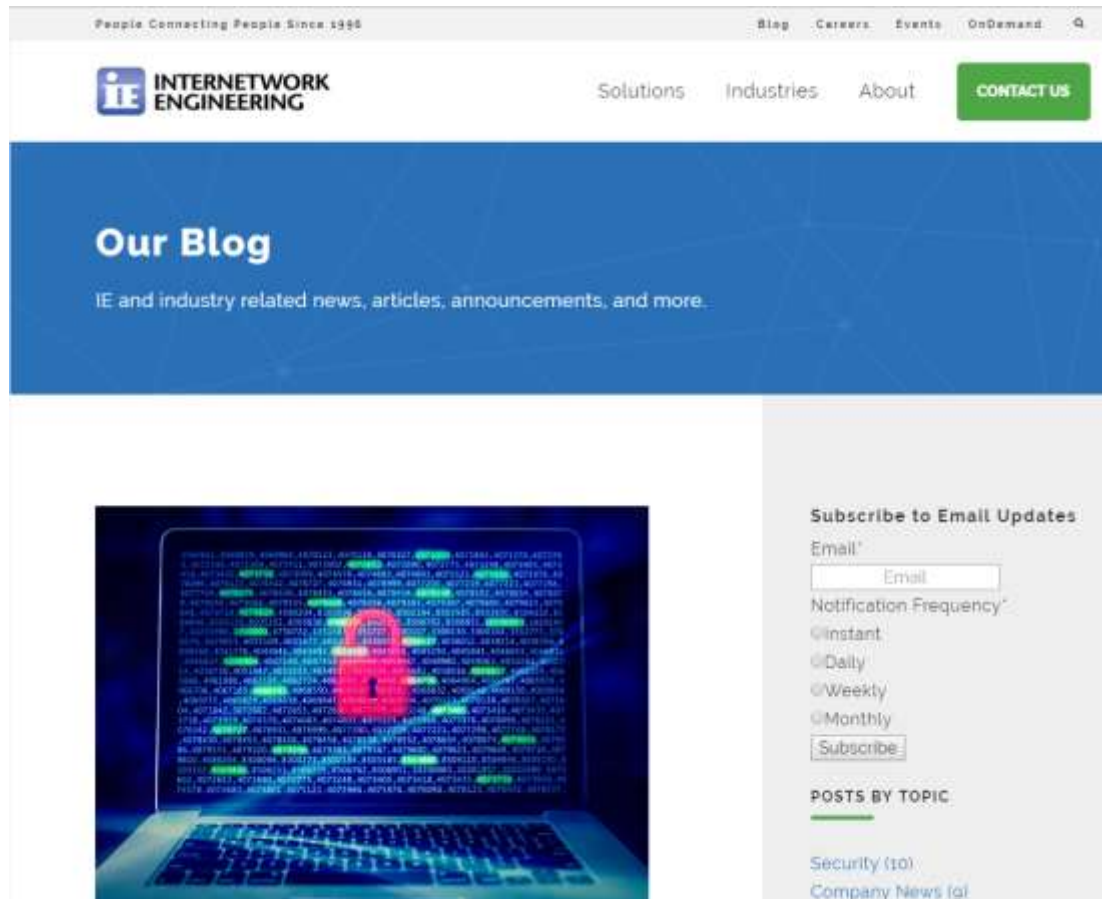
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