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# Healthcare Risks and Security Best Practices

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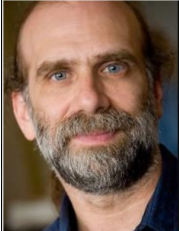

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# Technology is the answer!



If you think technology can solve  
your security problems, then you  
don't understand the problems and  
you don't understand the  
technology.

— Bruce Schneier —

**AZ QUOTES**

[www.schneier.com](http://www.schneier.com)

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## Risk Defined

**Risk** is a function of the likelihood of a given **threat** source exercising a particular potential **vulnerability** and the resulting **impact** of that adverse event on the organization.





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## Thinking about Healthcare Risk

- Threats
  - Criminal
  - Hacktivism
  - Insiders
- Vulnerabilities
  - Lack of Incident Response
  - Unpatched software
  - Weak authentication
  - Untrained workers
- Controls
  - System hardening
  - Patch management
  - Network segmentation





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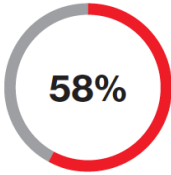
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## Healthcare Risk Landscape



58%

58% of incidents involved insiders – healthcare is the only industry in which internal actors are the biggest threat to an organization.

Source: [http://www.verizonenterprise.com/resources/protected\\_health\\_information\\_data\\_breach\\_report\\_en\\_xg.pdf](http://www.verizonenterprise.com/resources/protected_health_information_data_breach_report_en_xg.pdf)



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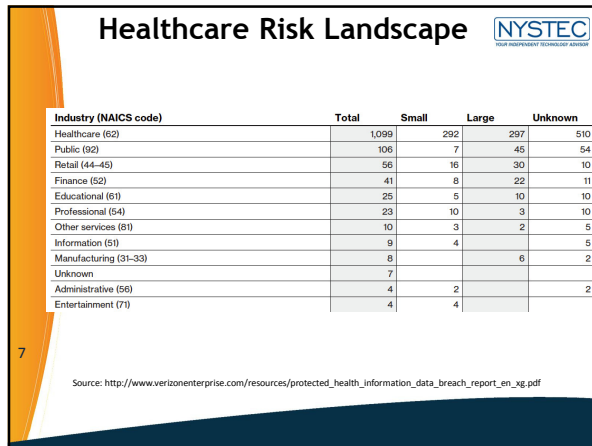
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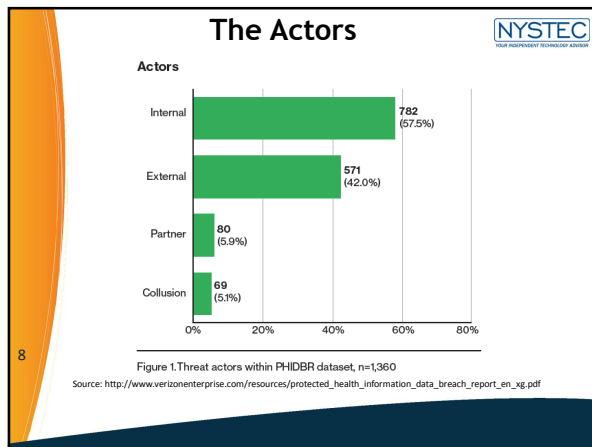
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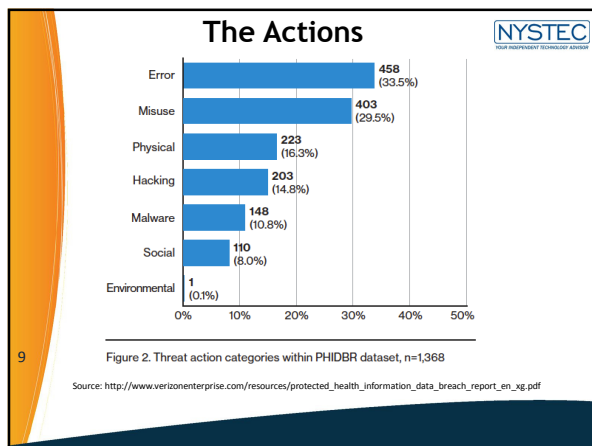
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## Threats



Source: krebsonsecurity.com



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## Threats

Countries hit in initial hours of cyber-attack



\*Map shows countries affected in first few hours of cyber-attack, according to Kaspersky Lab research, as well as Australia, Sweden and Norway, where incidents have been reported since

Source: Kaspersky Lab's Global Research & Analysis Team



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## Threats



A surgical center affiliated with St. Peter's Hospital has been hit by the second-largest computer breach of patient records in New York state since 2016. Timesunion.com





Sheriffs warn of hackers after upstate attack  
Thedailystar.com







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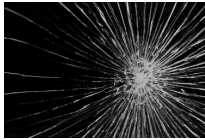
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## Impact of a Breach

- Financial
  - Revenue loss
  - Cost of breach \$154-\$158/record (2016 Ponemon Institute\*)
  - Credit monitoring (~\$40/person per year)
  - HIPAA penalty up to \$1.5M/year
  - Cost of litigation and mitigation
- Other
  - **Public safety**
  - Productivity loss
  - Legal/regulatory/contract issues
  - Damage to reputation
  - **Loss of Life**





\* <https://securityintelligence.com/media/2016-cost-data-breach-study/>

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## Why is Healthcare such a target?

- IOT and Medical Devices
- Value of health data
- Low barriers to market entry
- Critical services provided
- Late adopters of technology
- HIPAA not enough





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## Healthcare Security



### Best Practices



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## #1 Incident Response



- Are you ready?
- Incident Response Plan
- Tabletop exercises
- Expert help when needed
- Considerations
- No longer if, but when



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## #2 Patch, Patch, Patch



- Remove the low hanging fruit
- Make it part of your IT culture
- Updates to software
- Some outages is a small price to pay
- Software & hardware inventories



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## #3 Vulnerability Assessment



- External scanning
- Internal scanning
- Web Application Testing
- Authenticated scanning
- Penetration Testing
- Social Engineering
- Physical Security



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- ### #5 Security Awareness Training NYSTEC
- Emails
  - Lunch and Learns
  - Posters
  - Phishing Awareness
  - Regular staff awareness training
  - Screen savers
  - Make it part of your corporate culture
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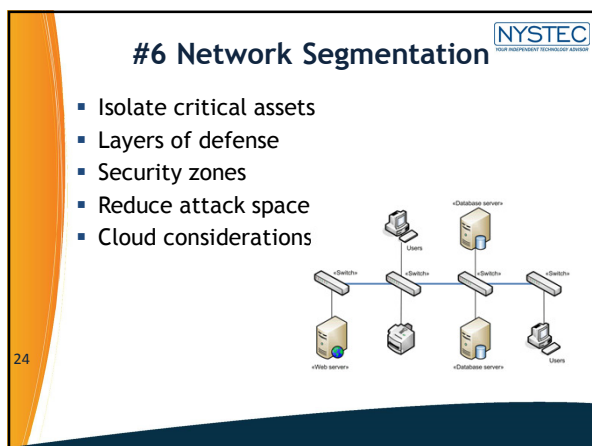
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## #7 Critical Data Handling



- Data Classification
- Asset Inventory
- Isolation of sensitive data
- Backups, backups, backups
- Think before you expose your data

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## #8 Multifactor Authentication



- Passwords are dead
- Credential theft is too common
- MFA is effective and worth the cost
- Mandatory for privileged access
- Recommended for all

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## #9 Cloud/Hosted Services



- Considerations
- Benefits
- Risks



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### #10 Align with CIS Top 20\*

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Inventory of Authorized and Unauthorized Devices

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Inventory of Authorized and Unauthorized Software

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Secure Configurations for Hardware and Software

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Continuous Vulnerability Assessment and Remediation

5

Controlled Use of Administrative Privileges

6

Maintenance, Monitoring and Analysis of Audit Logs

7

Email and Web Browser Protections

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Malware Defenses

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Limitation and Control of Network Ports

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Data Recovery Capability

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Secure Configurations for Network Devices

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Boundary Defense

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Data Protection

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Controlled Access Based on the Need to Know

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Wireless Access Control

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Account Monitoring and Control

17

Security Skills Assessment and Appropriate Training to Fill Gaps

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Application Software Security

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Incident Response and Management

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Penetration Tests and Red Team Exercises



\* <https://www.cisecurity.org/critical-controls.htm>

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### Security is a Process. Built In, Not Bolted On.

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### Questions



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