

4 WAYS TO PROTECT YOUR CHARTER SCHOOL FROM CYBER ATTACKS

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AGENDA

- About Me
- The Cyber Threat Landscape
- 4 Ways To Protect Your Charter Schools Form Cyber Attacks and Self Assessment

ABOUT ME

MY RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

25 Years Experience

27 Cybersecurity Programs

Published Cybersecurity Book Author

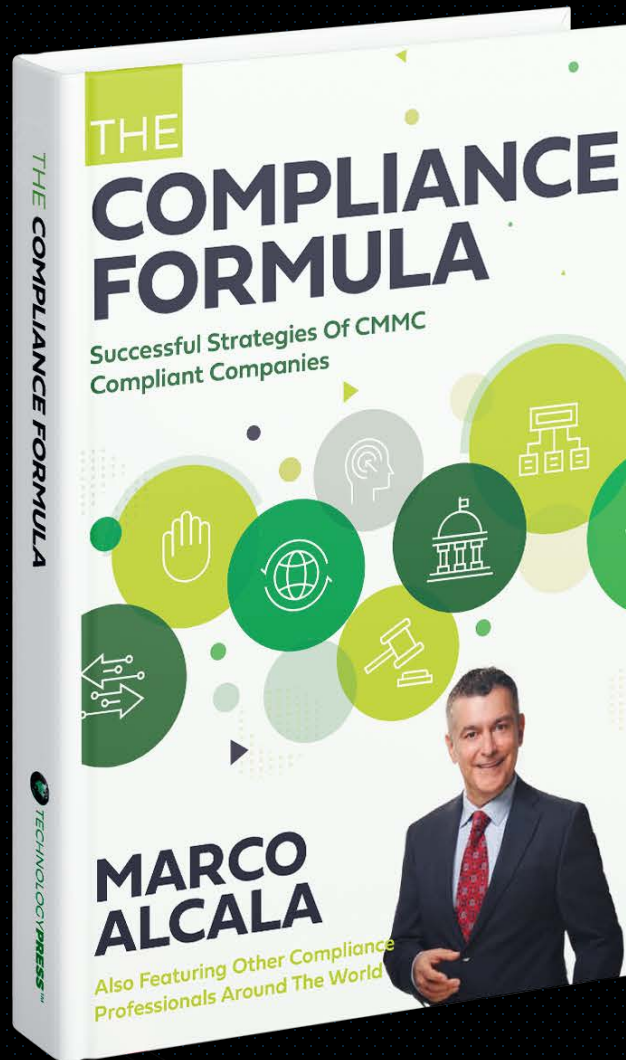
CYBER CHUMP!



If You THINK Your Computer Network Is Secure,
You Are A Sitting Duck For Hackers!
(But NOT If You Follow This Proven Plan)

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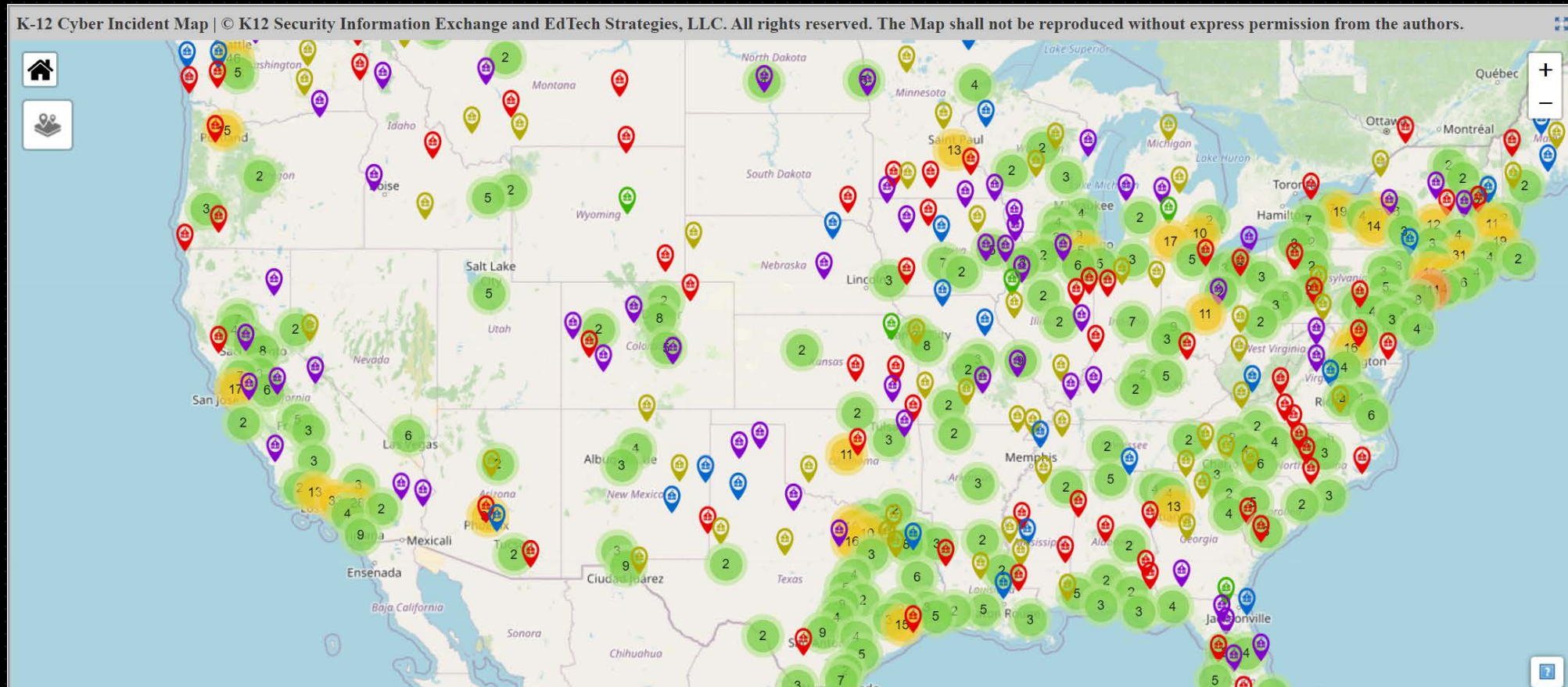
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ENOUGH ABOUT ME

THE CYBER THREAT LANDSCAPE



SCHOOL CYBER INCIDENTS



Source <https://www.k12six.org/>



EASY MONEY

\$10 PER STUDENT RECORD

\$1 PER STAFF/TEACHER
RECORD

CYBERCRIME MARKET VALUE

Business Email Compromise (BEC) 1.1 billion in 2022

BEC will grow to 2.8 billion by 2027

Ransomware payments of \$457 million in 2022

Sources: <https://www.marketsandmarkets.com> and <https://www.bleepingcomputer.com>



ALL EXPENSES
PAID RETREATS

HOW MUCH THE BAD GUYS GET PAID

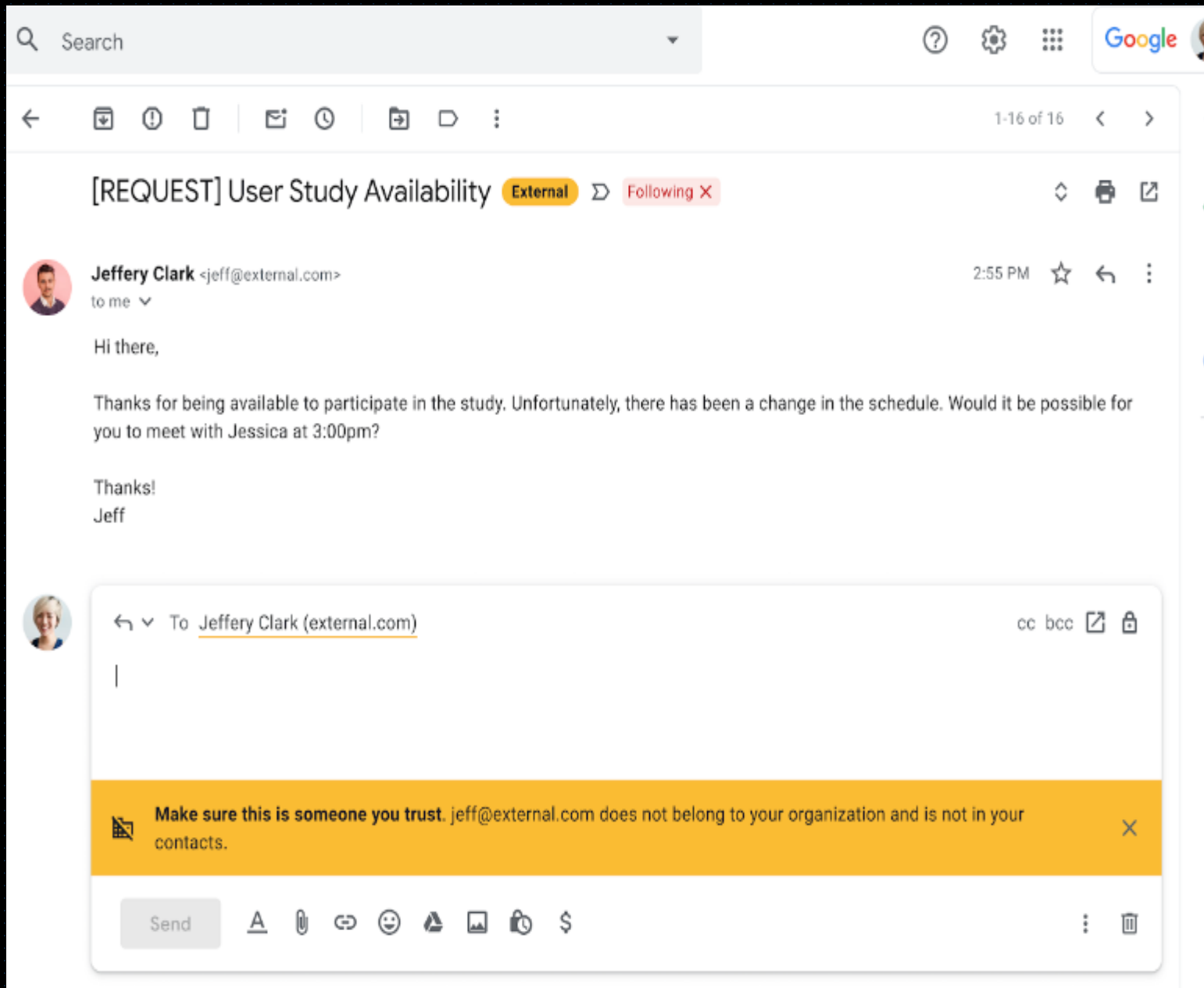
\$5,000/MONTH – DURING TRAINING

\$60,000/MONTH – AFTER PROBATION

\$90,000/MONTH – IF THEY ARE GOOD

THAT WAS THE CYBER THREAT LANDSCAPE

1. EMAIL SECURITY CONTROLS



1.1 - EXTERNAL EMAIL TAGGING

SOLUTIONS FOR EXTERNAL EMAIL TAGGING:

Google Workspace:


Warn for external recipients

Office 365

Transport rule to prepend “External” to subject line



[Redacted]

To  Robby Garon



Click [here](#) to download pictures. To help protect your



ATP Scan In Progress
Outlook item



1.2 - EMAIL ATTACHMENT SCANNING

SOLUTIONS FOR EMAIL ATTACHMENT SCANNING:

Google Workspace:

[Set up rules to detect harmful attachments](#)

Office 365

[Set up Safe Attachments Policies In Microsoft Defender For Office 365](#)

This link is being scanned

The following link is being scanned to determine if it includes malicious software:

www.phoenix.gov

Try clicking the link in a few minutes after the scan is done. [Learn more about Malware](#)

 Close this page and wait for the scan to finish

1.3 - EMAIL LINKS SCANNING

SOLUTIONS FOR EMAIL LINKS SCANNING:

Google Workspace:

[Turn on External Images and Links Protection](#)

Office 365

[Set up Safe Links Policies In Microsoft Defender For Office 365](#)

Subject: Security Notice. Someone have access to you system.

Hi!

As you may have noticed, I sent you an email from your account.

This means that I have full access to your acc: On moment of crack [REDACTED]@stocktonusd.net password: password

You say: this is my, but old password!

Or: I will change my password at any time!

Of course! You will be right,

but the fact is that when you change the password, my malicious code every time saved a new one!

I've been watching you for a few months now.

But the fact is that you were infected with malware through an adult site that you visited.

If you are not familiar with this, I will explain.

Trojan Virus gives me full access and control over a computer or other device.

This means that I can see everything on your screen, turn on the camera and microphone, but you do not know about it.

I also have access to all your contacts and all your correspondence from e-mail and messangers.

Why your antivirus did not detect my malware?

Answer: My malware uses the driver, I update its signatures every 4 hours so that your antivirus is silent.

I made a video showing how you satisfy yourself in the left half of the screen, and in the right half you see the video that you watched.

With one click of the mouse, I can send this video to all your emails and contacts on social networks. I can also post access to all your e-mail correspondence and messengers that you use.

If you want to prevent this, transfer the amount of \$741 to my bitcoin address (if you do not know how to do this, write to Google: "Buy Bitcoin").

My bitcoin address (BTC Wallet) is: 1MrUDSrZiqD3ijxsBUpt2SukoFy534orP2

After receiving the payment, I will delete the video and you will never hear me again.

I give you 48 hours to pay.

I have a notice reading this letter, and the timer will work when you see this letter.

Filing a complaint somewhere does not make sense because this email cannot be tracked like my bitcoin address.

I do not make any mistakes.

If I find that you have shared this message with someone else, the video will be immediately distributed.

Bye!

1.4 -SPOOFED EMAILS

SOLUTIONS SPOOFED EMAILS:

Sender Policy Framework (SPF)

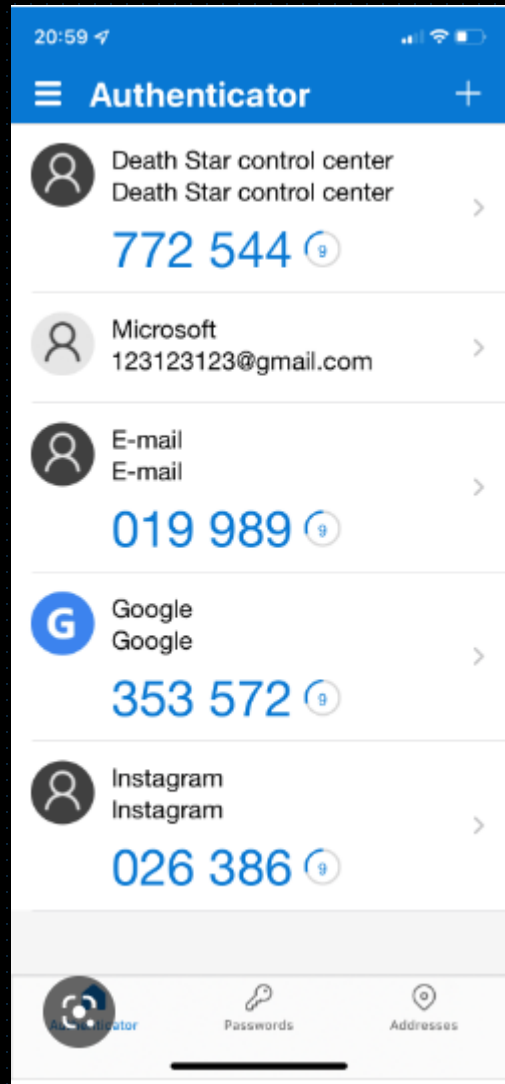
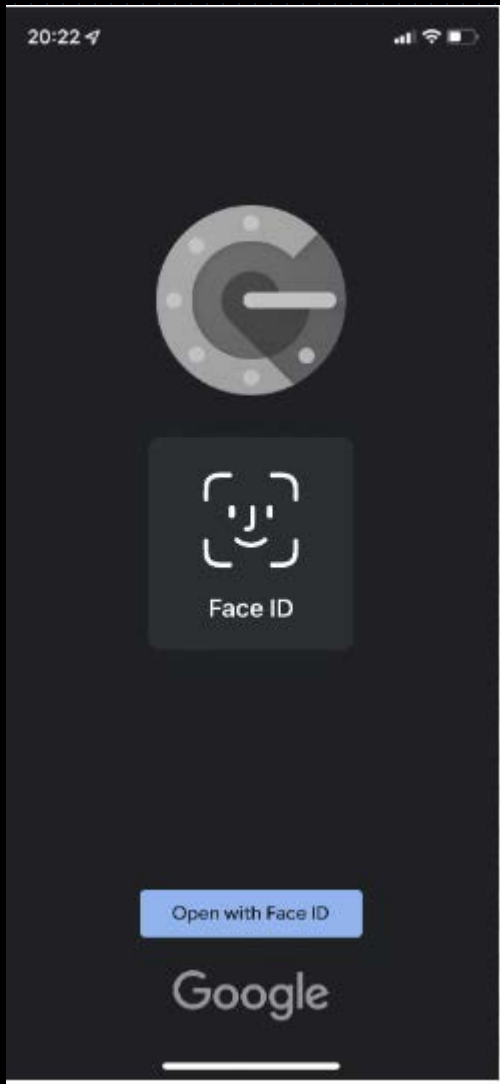
[Configuring SPF](#)

Domain-based Message Authentication Reporting and Conformance (DMARC):

[How to configure DMARC](#)

Domain Keys Identified Email (DKIM)

[How to configure DKIM](#)



1.5 –EMAIL MULTIFACTOR AUTHENTICATION (MFA)

SOLUTIONS EMAIL MULTIFACTOR AUTHENTICATION:

Google Workspace

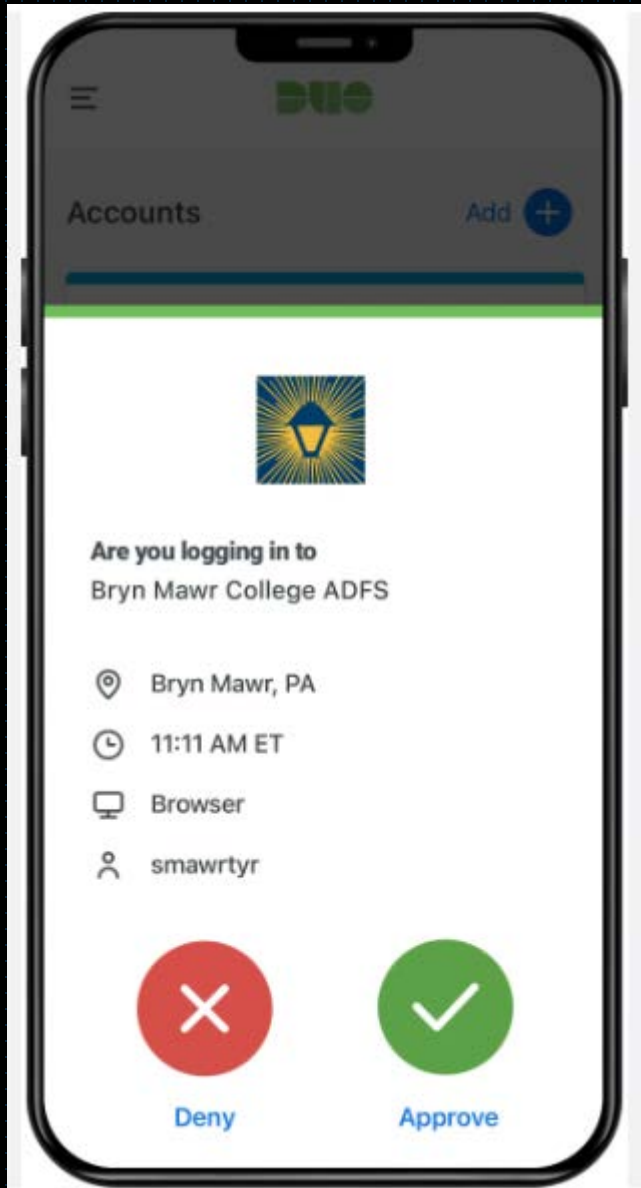
[How to configure 2-step Verification](#)

Microsoft 365

[How to configure M365 Multi-factor Authentication](#)

THAT CONCLUDES EMAIL SECURITY CONTROLS

2. INTERNAL SECURITY CONTROLS



2.1 – MULTIFACTOR AUTHENTICATION (MFA) FOR CLOUD APPS, VPN, REMOTE DESKTOPS, AND SYSTEM ADMINISTRATOR ACCOUNTS

MFA FOR CLOUD APPS, VPN, REMOTE DESKTOPS, AND ADMINISTRATOR ACCOUNTS:

MFA Providers

[Duo Security](#)

[JumpCloud](#)

[Okta](#)



2.2 – DATA ENCRYPTION FOR LAPTOPS, DESKTOPS, SERVERS, AND MOBILE DEVICES

DATA ENCRYPTION SOLUTIONS:

APPLE

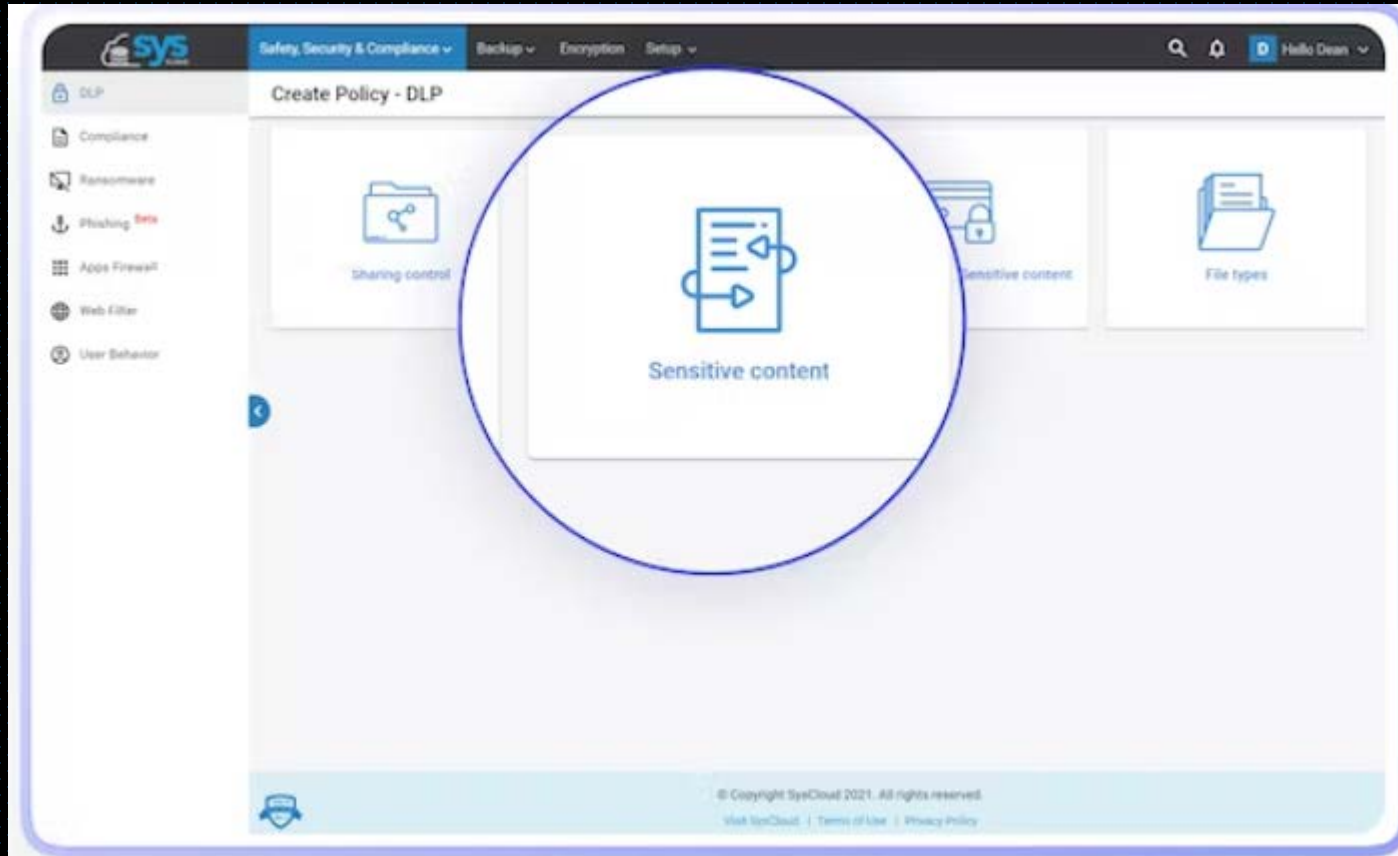
[How to configure Apple FileVault](#)

GOOGLE

[Requiring Data Encryption For Mobile Devices and Endpoints](#)

MICROSOFT

[Configuring data encryption using Microsoft Intune](#)



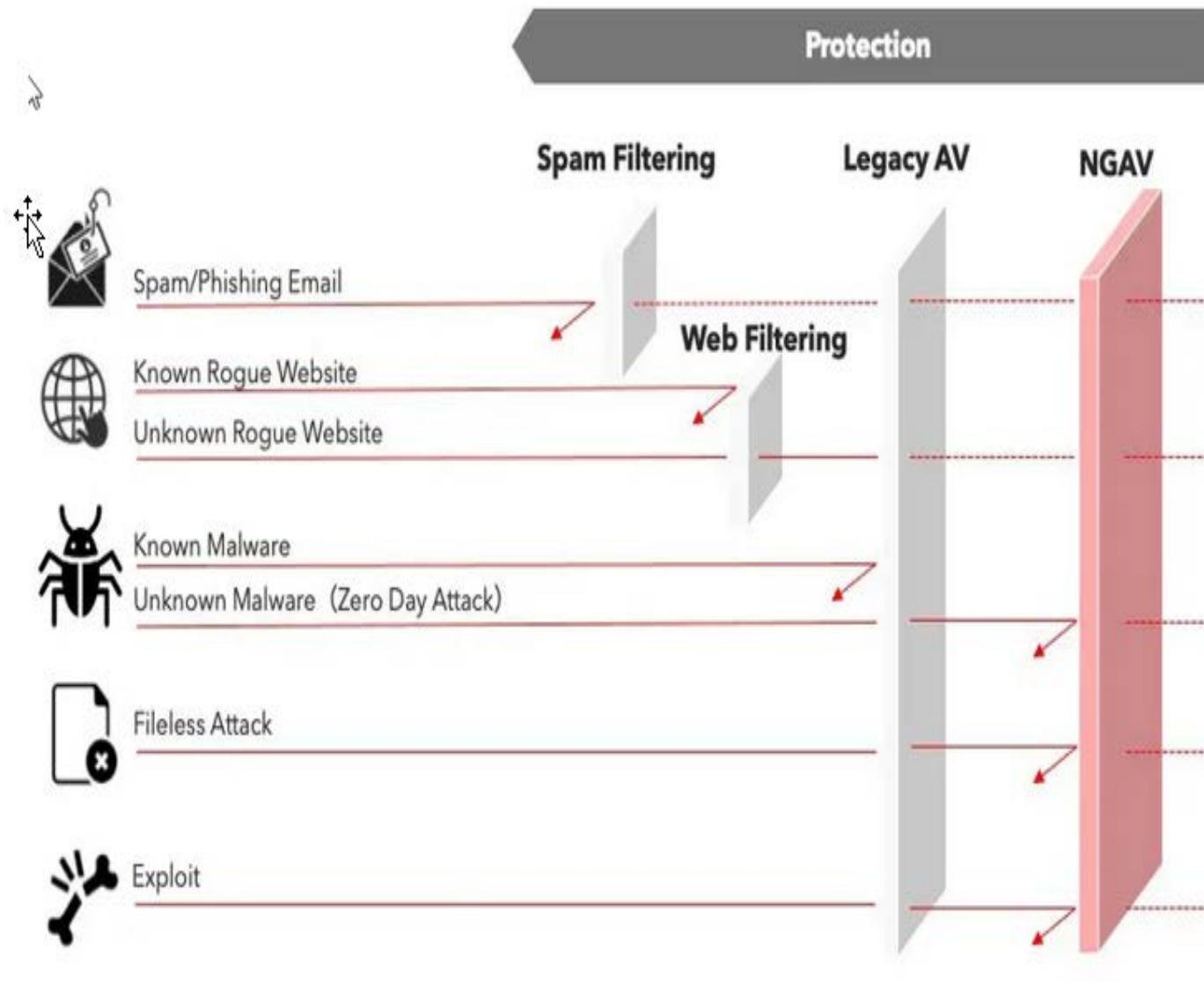
2.3 – DATA LOSS PREVENTION (DLP)

DATA LOSS PREVENTION SOLUTIONS:

DLP Providers For K-12 Schools

Managed Methods

Syscloud



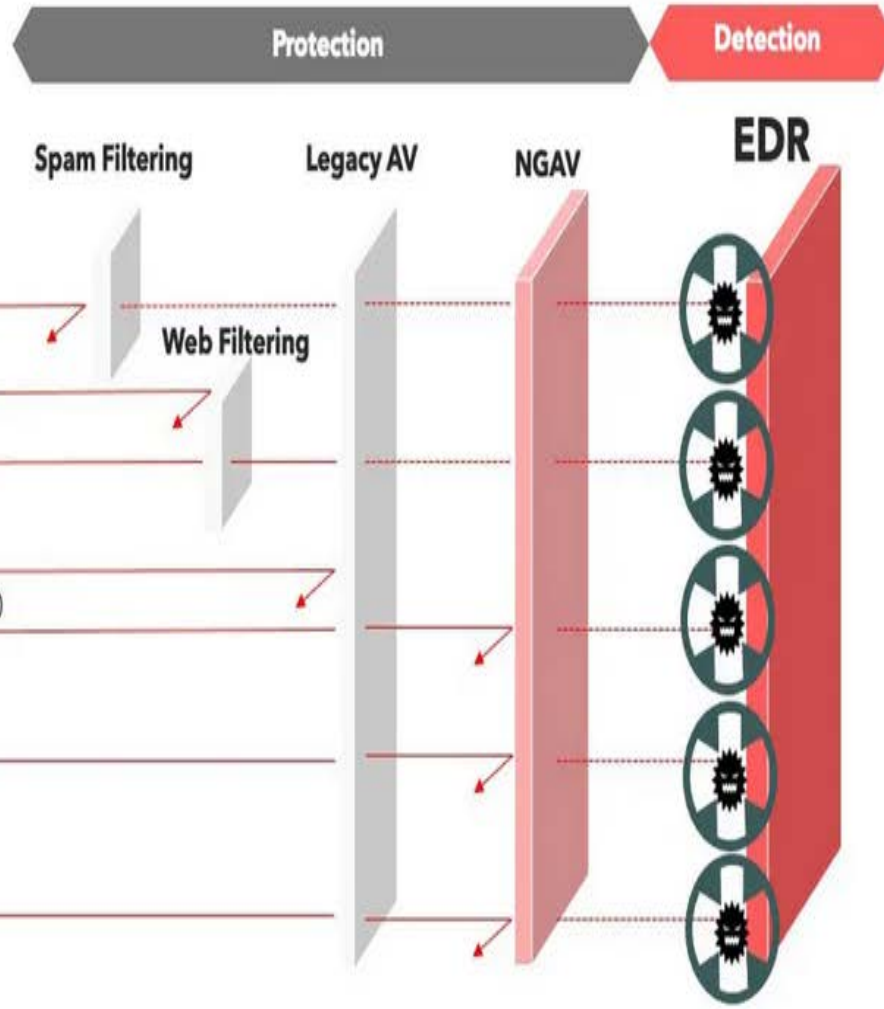
2.4 – NEXT GENERATION ANTIVIRUS (NGAV)

NEXT GENERATION ANTIVIRUS SOLUTIONS:

CrowdStrike

Microsoft

SentinelOne



2.5 – ENDPOINT DETECTION AND RESPONSE (EDR)

ENDPOINT DETECTION AND RESPONSE SOLUTIONS:

CrowdStrike

Microsoft

SentinelOne

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Application Installer	✓	📱 📶
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	RMM Tool	✓	📱
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	OS Files	✓	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Default-WorkStations	✗	

2.6 – APPLICATION ALLOWLISTING

APPLICATION ALLOW LISTING SOLUTIONS:

ThreatLocker

CYBERARK

Accounts

Search for accounts

Add Accounts

277 results for: All accounts

☆	Status	Username	Address	Platform ID	Safe	SafeDescription	Access Request
☆	-						
☆	-						
☆	△						
☆	-						
☆	-						
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2.7 – PRIVILEGED ACCOUNT MANAGEMENT (PAM)

PRIVILEGED ACCOUNT MANAGEMENT SOLUTIONS:

[BeyondTrust](#)

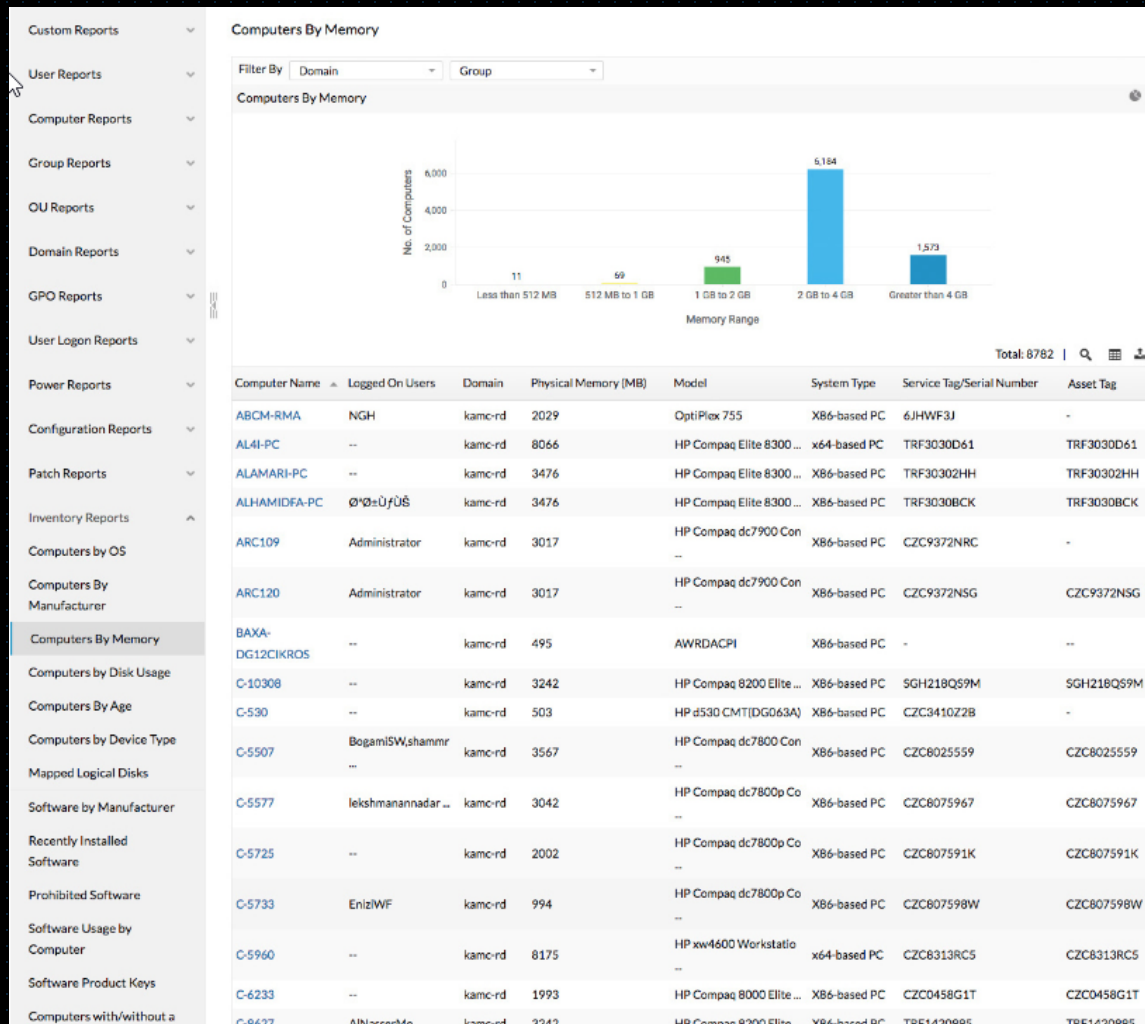
[CyberArk](#)



2.8 – HARDENED BASELINE FOR SERVERS, DESKTOPS, LAPTOPS, AND MOBILE DEVICES

HARDENED BASELINES SOLUTIONS:

[Center for Internet Security](#)



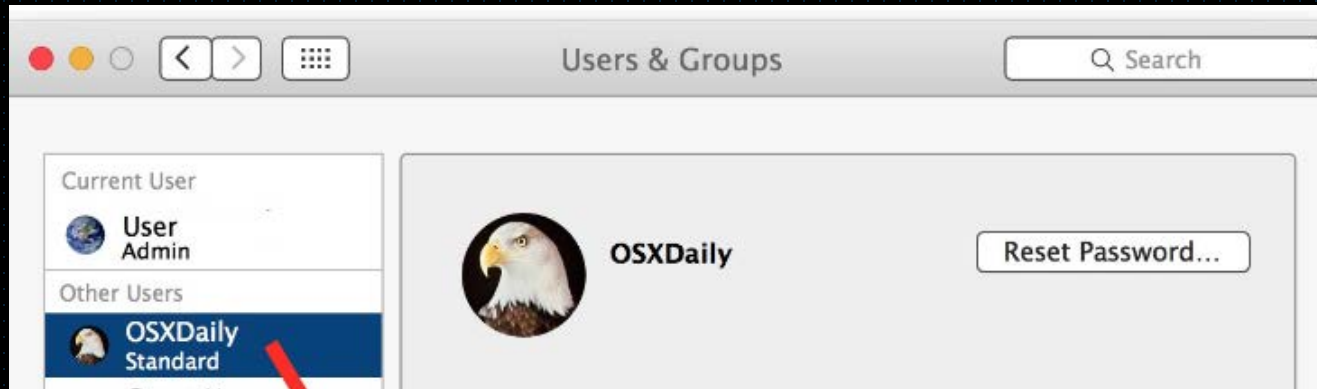
2.9 – AUTOMATED HARDWARE AND SOFTWARE INVENTORY

AUTOMATED HARDWARE AND SOFTWARE INVENTORY SOLUTIONS:

[ManageEngine](#)

[NinjaOne](#)

[Tanium](#)



2.10 – STANDARD USER ACCOUNTS FOR NON-IT USERS

SETTING UP COMPUTER USERS AS STANDARD USERS:

[Chromebooks](#)

[Google Workspace](#)

[Macs](#)

[Microsoft 365](#)

[Microsoft Windows](#)

Configuring update for Windows 10
5% complete
Do not turn off your computer

2.11 – SECURITY PATCH UPDATES



SECURITY UPDATES SYSTEMS:

Chromebooks

Google Workspace Mobile Device Management (MDM)

Macs

PCs and mobile devices



Your Windows 7 PC is out of support

As of January 14, 2020, support for Windows 7 has come to an end. Your PC is more vulnerable to viruses and malware due to:

- No security updates
- No software updates
- No tech support

Microsoft strongly recommends using Windows 10 on a new PC for the latest security features and protection against malicious software.

[Learn more](#)[Remind me later](#)

[Don't remind me again](#)

2.12 – SEGREGATION OF END OF LIFE OR END OF SUPPORT SOFTWARE

SOLUTIONS FOR SEGREGATING END OF SUPPORT SYSTEMS:

Zero Trust Platforms

[Iboss](#)

[ThreatLocker](#)

OpenDNS



This site is blocked due to content filtering.

sex.com

Sorry, sex.com has been blocked by your network administrator.

[> Report an incorrect block](#)

This site was blocked due to the following categories: **Adult Themes, Lingerie/Bikini, Nudity, Pornography, Sexuality**

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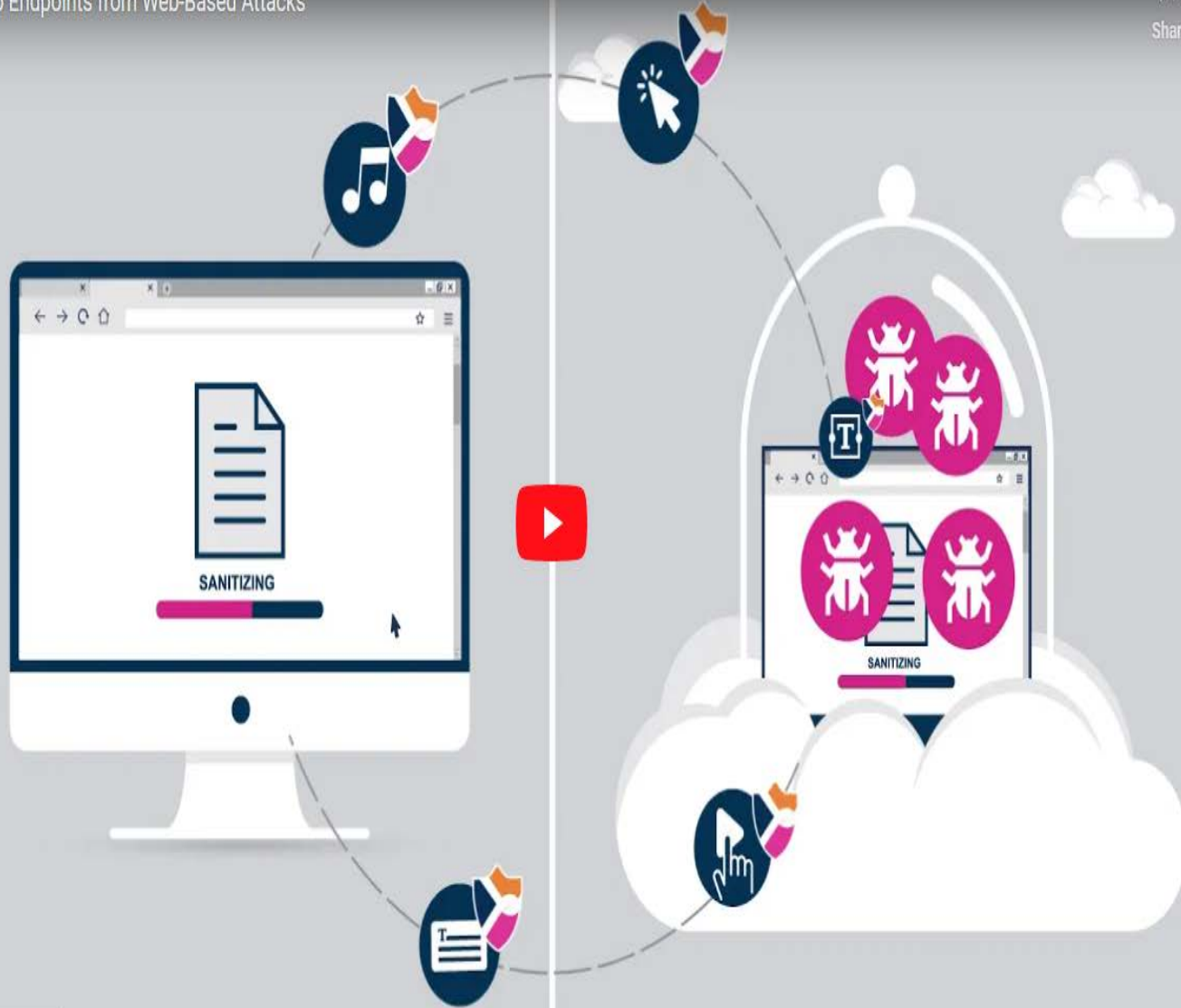
2.13 – PROTECTIVE DOMAIN NAME SYSTEM (PDNS)

PROTECTIVE DNS SYSTEMS:

Cisco Umbrella

DNSFilter

TitanHQ Web Security



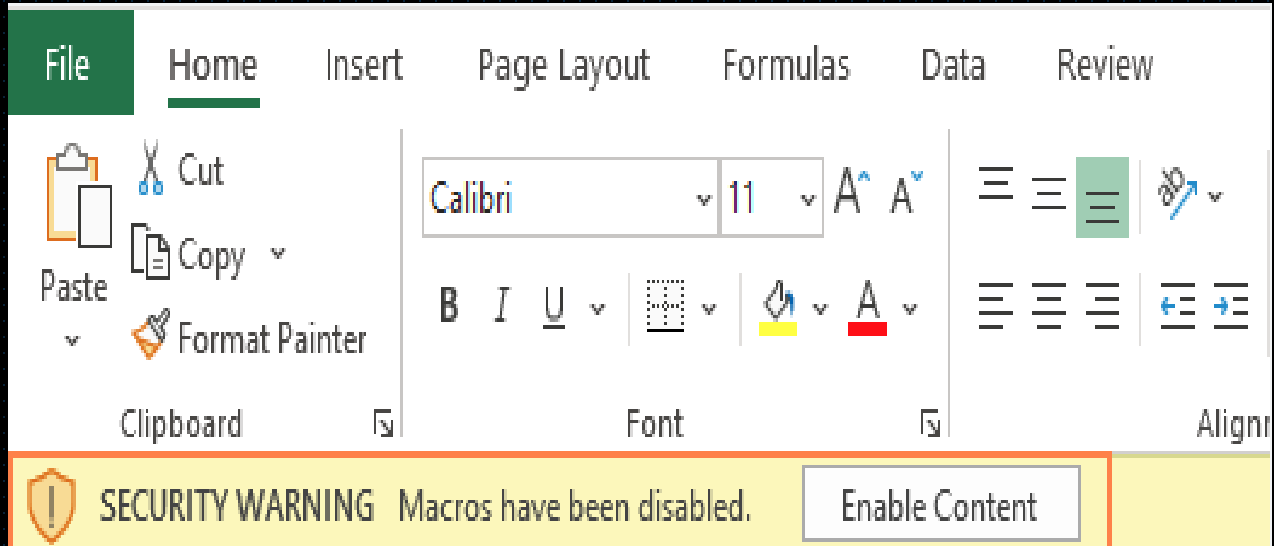
2.14 – APPLICATION ISOLATION AND CONTAINMENT

APPLICATION ISOLATION AND CONTAINMENT SOLUTIONS:

[Ericom](#)

[CylancePROTECT](#)

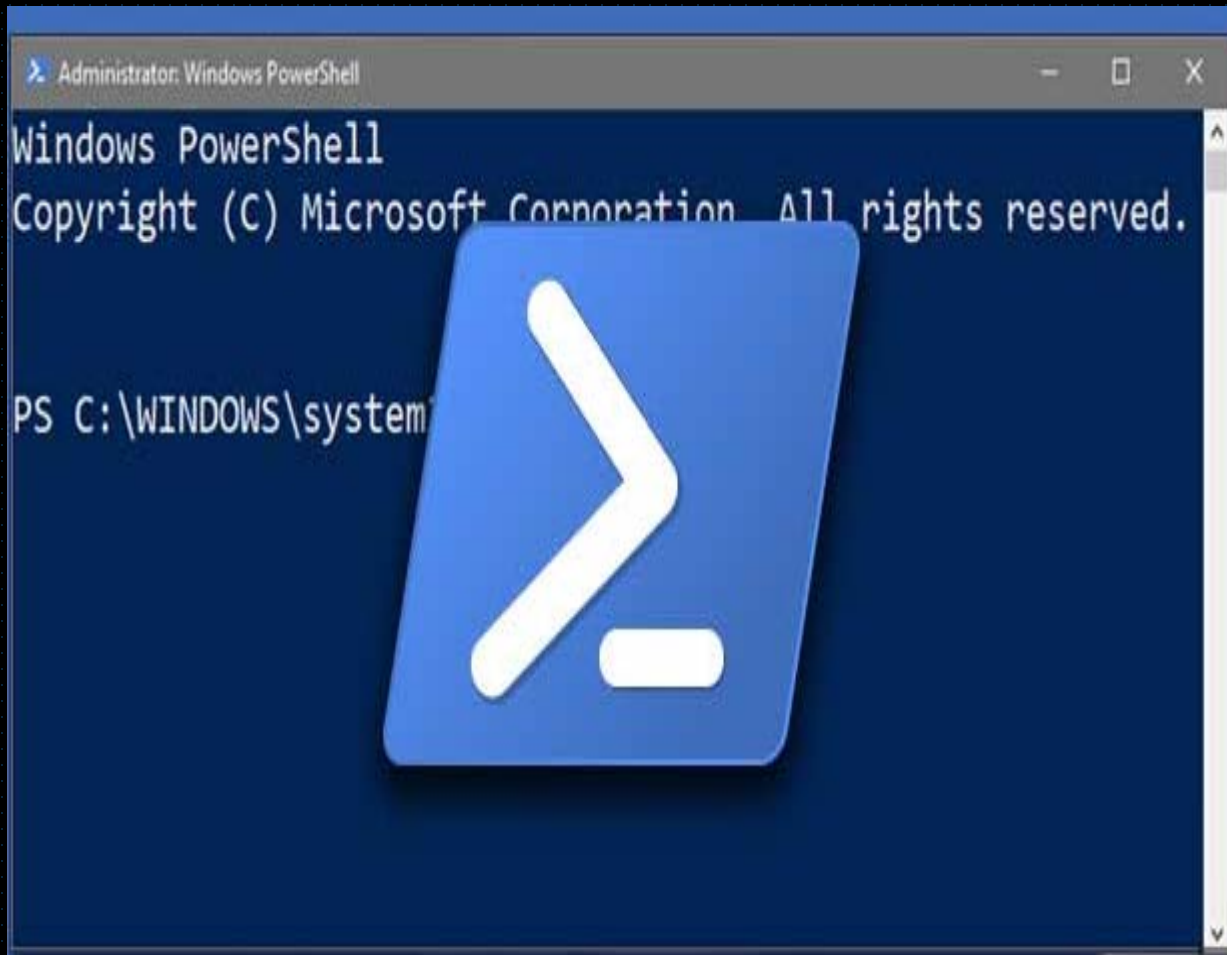
[Menlo Security](#)



2.15 – DISABLING MICROSOFT OFFICE MACROS

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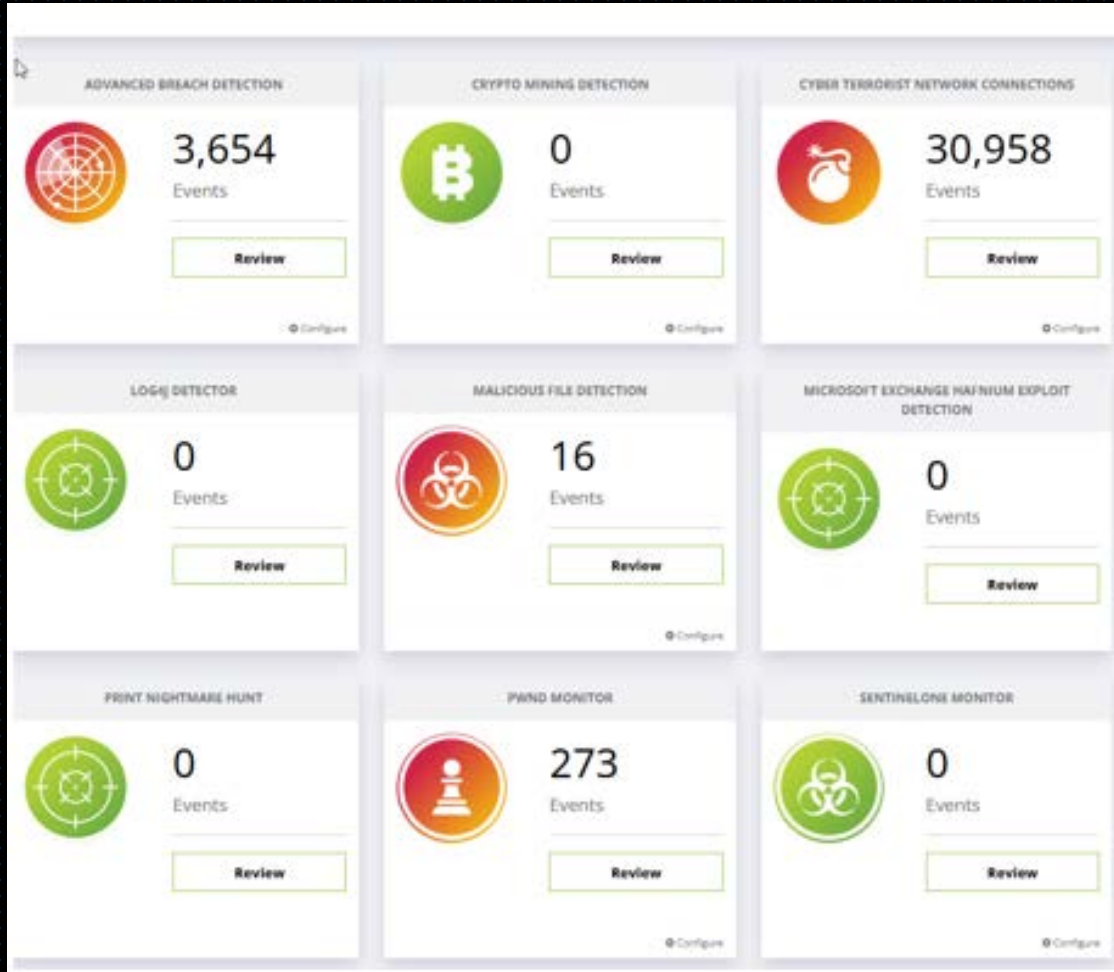
[How to disable Microsoft Office macros via group policy](#)



2.16 – MICROSOFT POWERSHELL BEST PRACTICES

MICROSOFT POWERSHELL ENVIRONMENT RECOMMENDATIONS:

Environment Recommendations



2.17 – SECURITY INFORMATION AND EVENT MANAGEMENT (SIEM)

SIEM PROVIDERS:

Artic Wolf

Binary Defense

Elastic



2.18 – SECURITY OPERATIONS CENTER (SOC)

SOC PROVIDERS:

[Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center® \(MS-ISAC®\)](#)

[Artic Wolf](#)



2.19 – THIRD-PARTY PENETRATION TESTING

THIRD-PARTY PENETRATION TEST PROVIDERS:

CrowdStrike

Rapid 7

SecureWorks

WE ARE DONE WITH INTERNAL SECURITY
CONTROLS

3. BACKUP AND RECOVERY POLICIES

3

Copies of Data

3.1 – THE 3-2-1
RULE

3 COPIES OF DATA:

1. Live data and on-site backup copy
2. Cloud provider immutable backup copy

Multi-Factor Authentication



3.2 –
MULTIFACTOR
AUTHENTICATION
(MFA)
PROTECTION FOR
BACKUPS

MFA FOR BACKUP APPLICATIONS:

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Protected VMs

Description

This report lists protected and unprotected VMware vSphere and Microsoft Hyper-V VMs including their last backup job status.
Note: VM replicas not protected by any Veeam Backup & Replication job are not accounted in this report.

Report Parameters

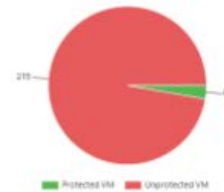
Scope: Virtual Infrastructure
RPO: 24 hours (1/7/2023 7:00:00 AM)
VM exclusion rule: VM backup, Replication, Backup copy, Cloud Director backup, Cloud Director replication
Job types: VM backup, Replication, Backup copy, Cloud Director backup, Cloud Director replication
Analyze VM templates: No
Excluded jobs: -

Summary

VMs Overview

Total VMs:	215
Including VM Replicas:	7
Protected VMs:	4
With Backup:	6
With Replication:	0
Unprotected VMs:	215

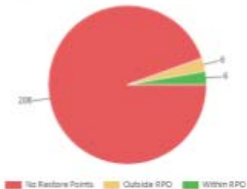
Protected VMs



VM Last Backup State



VM Last Backup Age



Details

Protected VMs (VMware)

Location: vcenter01.tech.local>prgtwex01.tech.local

VM Name	Protection Type	Job Name	Available Restore Point	Oldest Restore Points	Latest Restore Point
Status: Success					
dlug01	Backup	MS SQL Backup	5	12/31/2022	1/8/2023 1:03:46 AM
rhe01	Backup	RHEL Backup	6	12/24/2022	1/7/2023 10:00:45 PM
Status: Warning					
apache04	Backup	Web Servers Backup	6	12/31/2022	1/7/2023 6:02:51 AM
apache05	Backup	Web Servers Backup	6	12/31/2022	1/7/2023 6:02:51 AM
wcd160C	Backup	AD Backup	72	12/24/2022	1/8/2023 2:01:47 AM
inord01	Backup	Oracle Linux Backup	8	12/24/2022	1/7/2023 11:40:56 PM

Unprotected VMs (VMware)

Location: vcenter01.tech.local>prgtwex01.tech.local

VM Name	VM Creation Date	Creator	VM Size (GB)	Available Restore Points	Last Backup (Replica) Date
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Unprotected VMs: Last backup more than 6 months ago.

3.3 – MONTHLY BACKUP REPORTING AND TESTING

BACKUP PROVIDERS WITH AUTOMATIC TESTING AND REPORTING:

Datto

Veeam

THAT IS IT FOR BACKUP POLICIES

4. PHISHING CONTROLS



4.1 – CYBERSECURITY TRAINING

CYBERSECURITY TRAINING PROVIDERS:

[CISA Online Training Toolkit](#)

[Consortium for School Network \(CoSN\)](#)

[Fortinet](#)



4.2 – WIRE TRANSFER OR ELECTRONIC PAYMENT PROTOCOL

SAMPLE WIRE TRANSFER PROTOCOL:

Establishing a Wire Transfer Protocol to Avoid Fraud

Microsoft Outlook interface showing an email from Axcent Technology. The email body contains a red warning box and a quote request.

[Caution: Suspicious Email!] Quote Request

Axcent Technology <axcenttechnology@gmail.com>
To: info info

This email was reported as malicious, please handle this email with great care! Links and attachments appear in this email are probably not safe and might compromise your computer. The Security team is now aware and is investigating this incident. Please check back on this email when the issue is resolved

Greetings,

I would like to be furnished with detailed information on availability, price and method of payment of the below Ubiquiti.

4.3 – ANTI-PHISING PLATFORM

ANTI-PHISHING PLATFORM PROVIDERS:

Avanan

IronScales

Managed Methods

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QUESTIONS?

ONE MORE THING