



# SOCIAL ENGINEERING

BUSINESS IMPACT



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# AGENDA

Thank you for the interest





# INTRODUCTION

Social engineering, in the context of information security, refers to psychological manipulation of people into performing actions or divulging confidential information...Wikipedia

# “BUGS” IN HUMAN HARDWARE

Social engineering is the term used for a broad range of malicious activities accomplished through human interactions. It uses psychological manipulation to trick users into making security mistakes or giving away sensitive information



# SOCIAL ENGINEERING ATTACKS

Motive determines everything

A social engineering attack is an orchestrated campaign against employees at either a variety of companies or one high valued business using a variety of digital, in-person or over the phone techniques to steal intellectual property, credentials or money.



# ATTACK METHODOLOGY

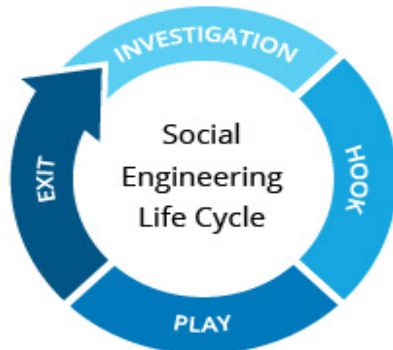
It starts with “Hi”

## Preparing the ground for the attack:

- Identifying the victim(s).
- Gathering background information.
- Selecting attack method(s).

## Closing the interaction, ideally without arousing suspicion:

- Bringing the charade to a natural end.
- Removing all traces of malware.
- Covering tracks.



## Deceiving the victim(s) to gain a foothold:

- Engaging the target.
- Spinning a story.
- Taking control of the interaction.

## Obtaining the information over a period of time:

- Expanding foothold.
- Executing the attack.
- Disrupting business or/and siphoning data.

# FORMS OF SE ATTACKS

Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit. Aliquam nec sem.



## PHISHING

Looks legit



## TAILGATING

Right behind you



## PRETEXTING

Lie to me one more time...



## BAITING

Click and get sweets...I promise



## SCAREWARE

You have less than 2 minutes



## SPEAR PHISHING

Hello... from the boss side





# Phishing

Keep the hook

Phishing scams might be the most common types of social engineering attacks used today

Characteristics:

1. Often unsolicited
2. Seek to obtain personal information such as names, addresses and passwords
3. Uses link shorteners or embed links to redirect users to suspicious websites
4. Incorporates threats, fear and sense of urgency
5. Often crafted with grammar and spelling errors



# PRACTICAL EXAMPLE

Apologies to Victoria, Oga Livi we go jam

Hi Mr. Livinus,

There was a login attempt into your account today at 12:00 EST from 202.168.23.56 in Canada.

Your XERO account has been temporarily disabled to protect you. [Click here to login immediately](#) or call +1(485)34564.

We apologize for the inconvenience  
At your service,

XERO support team.



Click here to [Reply](#), [Reply to all](#), or [Forward](#)

## Convincing Email

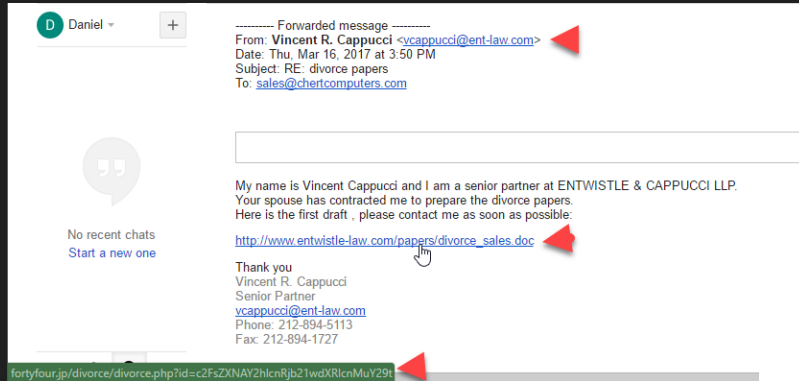
After gathering information about chert.ng, the attacker crafts a personalized email to all employees in Chert  
(Also an example of spear phishing)

## CAUGHT?

Unsuspecting victims believing their accounts have been truly hacked tried to prove their identity as requested by the hacker

```
[fragment] =>
[userName] => victoria@chert.ng
[password] => 4in@nceChert
[RequestVerificationToken] => YEBLiXWsdI4K-fbNHkcA894-1TBsNBHUog7TVbIkICRtQz5btLQ67SdB56BDIsUVUep
b-Y1LI7uHLcCc63iDDCALBHR1ZwEgLTIBq2VDTXqAiQFrJJLztfoHN__m0uEu9wEA2
)
Array
(
  [fragment] =>
  [userName] => livinus@chert.ng
  [password] => nigeria01
  [RequestVerificationToken] => YEBLiXWsdI4K-fbNHkcA894-1TBsNBHUog7TVbIkICRtQz5btLQ67SdB56BDIsUVUep
  b-Y1LI7uHLcCc63iDDCALBHR1ZwEgLTIBq2VDTXqAiQFrJJLztfoHN__m0uEu9wEA2
)
```

# PRACTICAL EXAMPLE 2



From: London Green <longre4550@nrms.org>  
Date: 2 March 2017 at 23:29:26 GMT  
To: undisclosed-recipients;  
Subject: Urgent Request For Quotation Sales Offer112632

**Dear Sir,**

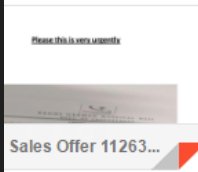
We would like to take this opportunity to introduce ourselves as one of the leading Importer Distributor in the country.

Recently we have a Request to quote for the followings see attach for more details

Please Contact us urgently to confirm us what will be the Distributor Price.

Your Prompt Response will be highly Appreciated,

With Best Regards.



# BEHAVIOURAL FLAWS

Show me your flaws and I will tell you who you are...Daniel C.O



## Trust

Thinking everybody want your best interest...Sike!!!

## Desire To be Helpful

Someplace somewhere someone is trying to help

## Greed

Ifa or longer throat, trying to get something for nothing

## Curiosity

Some people like behaving like cats...then get killed – opening attachments from unknown senders

## FEAR

Fear of the unknown, or losing something

## Ignorance

Can lead to stupidity  
-Dumpster diving

# SCARY



## What makes social engineering scary



Social engineering is one of the most overlooked yet most effective ways for a malicious user to extract information to gain access into a network



There is no science or appliance that can fully protect against social engineering

# Why Should You Care?

## Employees Targeted By Hackers



### Note:

**Business impact of social engineering attacks to organizations:**

- Legal
- Financial
- Operational
- Reputational

Source: Verizon's "2012 Data Breach Investigation Report"

# BUSINESS IMPACT

A system or institution is only as strong as its weakest link

## Cloud effect

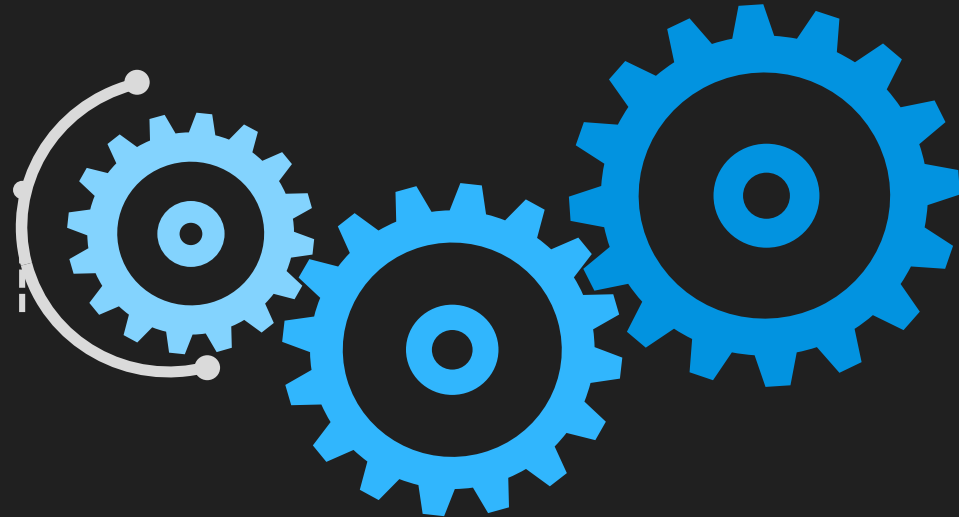
Most businesses move their infrastructure and critical application to the cloud to prevent hacking, but... they forget one thing...

## Reputational Impact

Once hacked, twice shy

## Legal Repercussions

1000 ways to get sued



## Compliance Risk

SE threatens compliance

# DEFENCE AGAINST SE ATTACKS

Raising the shield of common sense

## Well-Documented Security policy

Every organization should have a well-documented and accessible security policy of a good security strategy.

## Awareness

Employees need to be informed on latest security threat that could impact the organization negatively



## Trainings

For the policies to be effective, training must be regular. All new employees must be trained as soon as they start with the organization

## Looking Too good to be true

It's probably is





# DEMONSTRATION

In this demo, I will be giving a Chert system solution employee her biggest sale this year...or will I (Rubs hands suspiciously )