

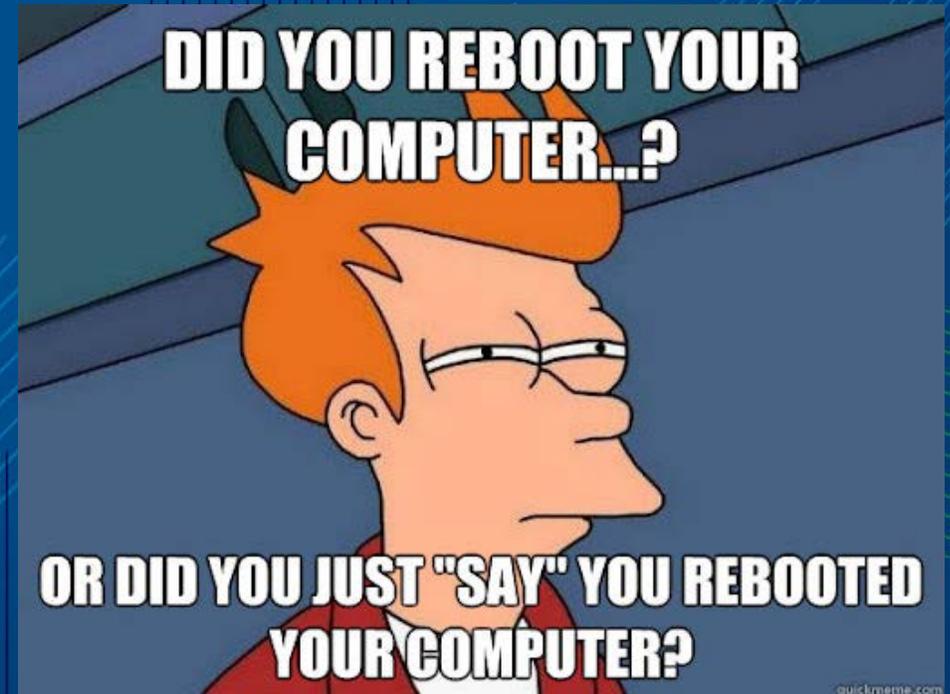
# Did you reboot?

*Staying secure in the new normal*

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# Introduction

As 2021 began, the world faced the possibility that we have not entirely put the unparalleled challenges of 2020 behind us.

Social engineering techniques used by criminally motivated threat actors to tailor phishing campaigns, malicious emails and fraudulent scams are not slowing down.



# Introduction



COVID-19 has significantly impacted economic, social, business and political spheres. With the continuing release of vaccines and vaccination rollout plans, financial institutions and social media platforms will likely continue to be the target of intelligence-gathering efforts by state-sponsored adversaries through 2021.

# Introduction

- When your computer acts up...
- When your IT team makes updates...
- When you haven't in a while...
- When your processors need a break...



# Overview

**PHISHING**

**MALWARE**

**INTERNET  
OF THINGS**

**DEEPFAKES  
AND AI**

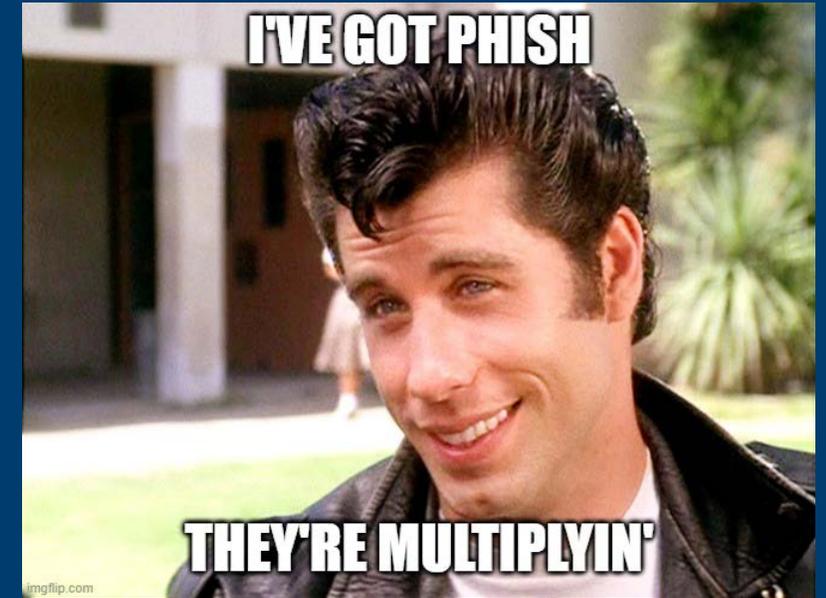


# The new face of social engineering

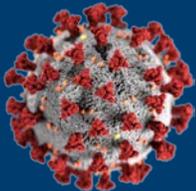


## Phishing Activity Trends Report reveals:

- Phishing maintained **near-record levels** in the first quarter of 2021...
- After **landmark increases in 2020** where reported phishing had doubled
- “There are many more attacks that are [going] unreported, meaning that the situation out on the internet **is worse than the mounting numbers indicate.**”



# Phishing



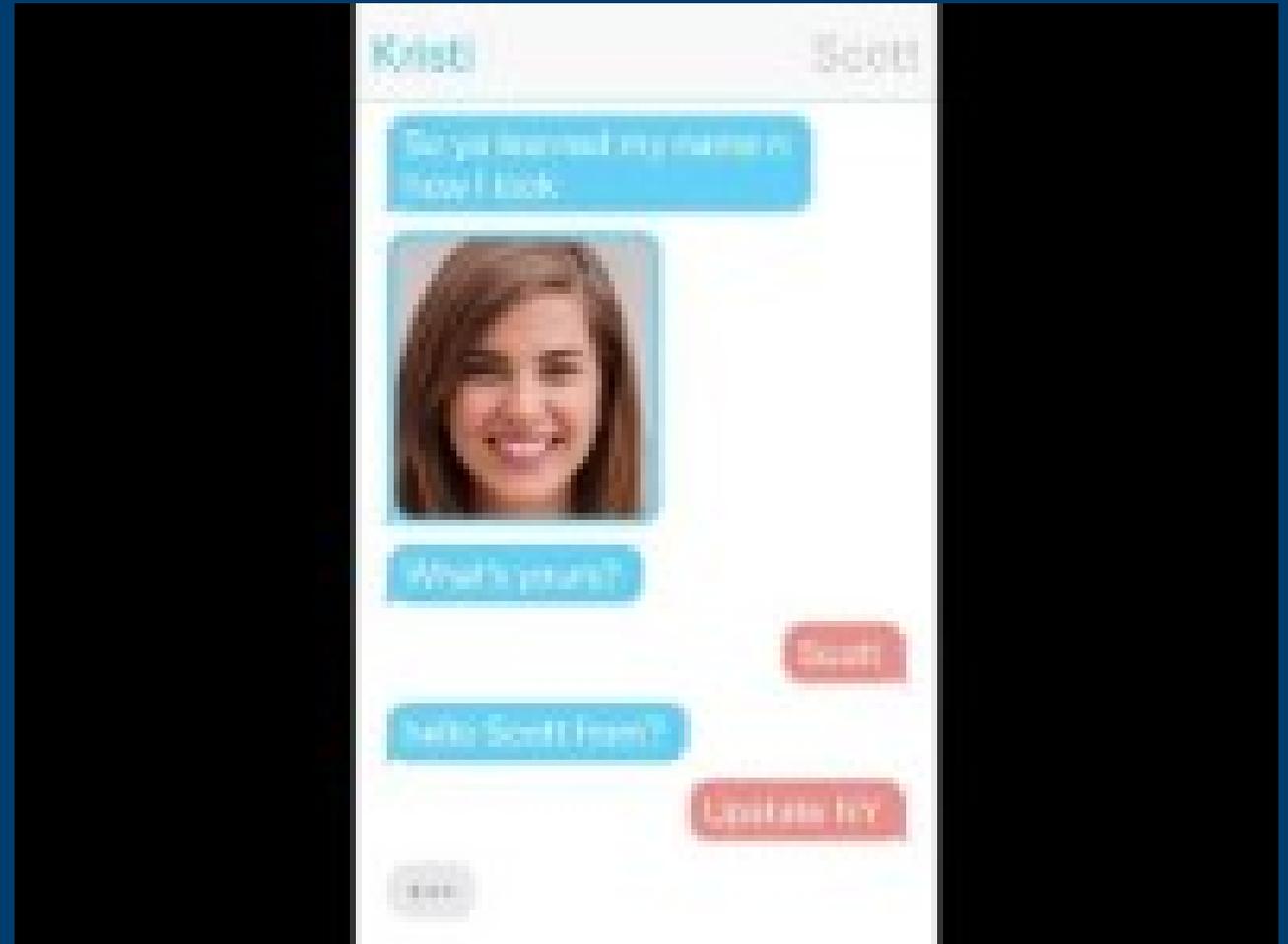
# Phishing



A screenshot of a Facebook post from Edwin Mancilla, posted 4 minutes ago. The post contains a public plea for help regarding a suspect who ran over a relative. The text describes the incident at a gas station and offers a \$35,000 reward for identification. A video link is provided at the bottom.

**Edwin Mancilla**  
4m · 📷

Please! This is a public plea as we need HELP: Footage has been uploaded of the suspect that ran over one of my relatives yesterday at one of our local gas stations in which the suspect is seen getting into an argument with a group of people inside before attempting to run them over after they are seen exiting the store. My cousin was at the wrong place at the wrong time and was killed on the spot as the suspect is seen ramming his truck into the group. The person is seen fleeing in an unmarked licensed plate vehicle, a reward of \$35,000 has been set to identify this person. If you recognize this person please contact your local authorities asap! Video 1:31 minutes - <https://cnnewsalert133.wixsite.com/alert/?aa19>



A screenshot of a text message conversation between Kristi and Scott. The messages are as follows:

Kristi: Did you witness my relative's fatal kick?

Scott: [Profile picture of a woman]

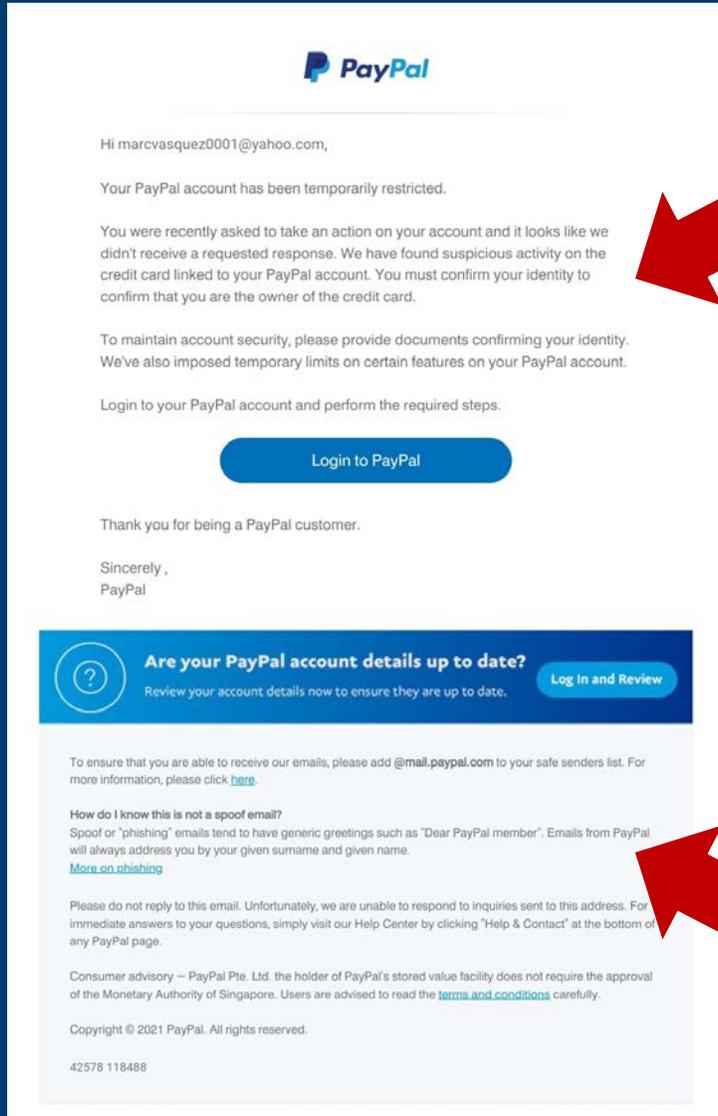
Kristi: What's your name?

Scott: Scott

Kristi: Hello Scott from?

Scott: Unlabeled ID

# Phishing



Hi marcvasquez0001@yahoo.com,

Your PayPal account has been temporarily restricted.

You were recently asked to take an action on your account and it looks like we didn't receive a requested response. We have found suspicious activity on the credit card linked to your PayPal account. You must confirm your identity to confirm that you are the owner of the credit card.



### Are your PayPal account details up to date?

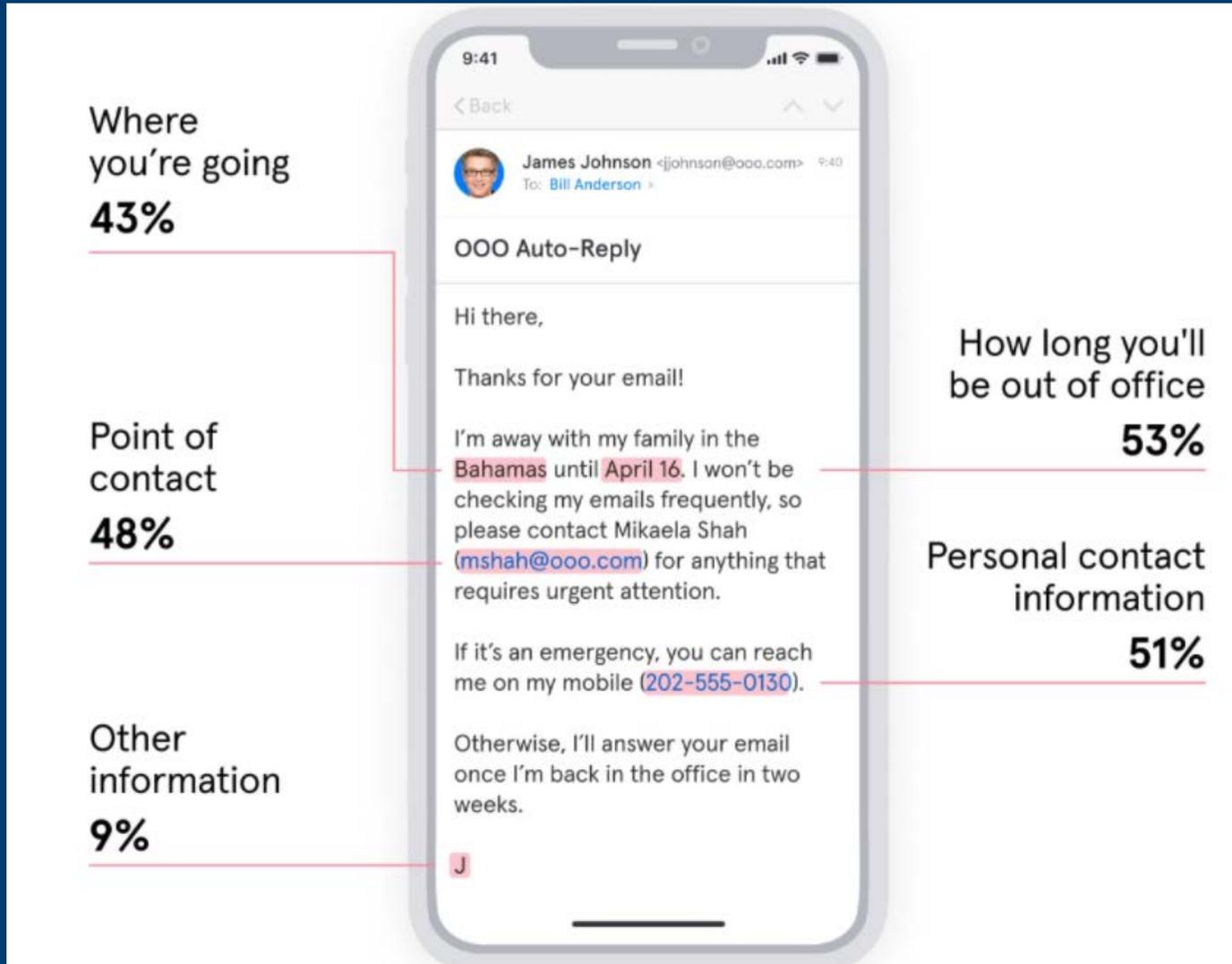
Review your account details now to ensure they are up to date.

[Log In and Review](#)

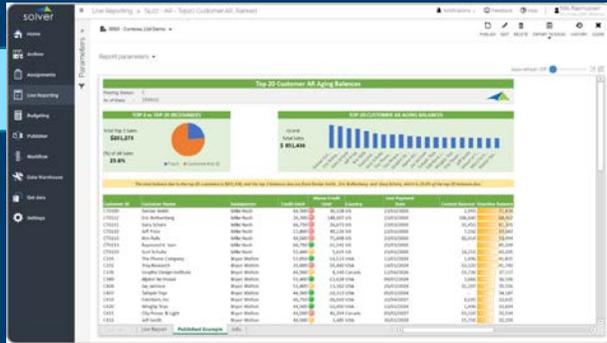
To ensure that you are able to receive our emails, please add @mail.paypal.com to your safe senders list. For more information, please click [here](#).

How do I know this is not a spoof email?  
Spoof or "phishing" emails tend to have generic greetings such as "Dear PayPal member". Emails from PayPal will always address you by your given surname and given name.  
[More on phishing](#)

# Phishing



# Phishing – Business Email Compromise

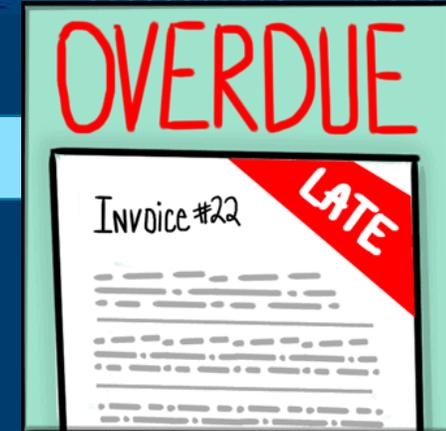


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## CONTACTS

SETUP YOUR DATA

Customer ID	Company	Contact	Contact Type
CU0001	Adventure Works	Greg Akselrod	Personal
CU0002	A Datum Corporat	Abolrous, Hazem	Business
CU0003	Alpine Ski House	Abu-Deyah, Ahmed	Personal
CU0004	Blue Yonder Airlin	Ackerman, Pilar	Business
CU0005	City Power & Light	Adams, Terry	Business
CU0006	Coho Vineyard	Agarwal, Nupur	Business
CU0007	Coho Winery	Alexander, Sean P	Business
CU0008	Coho Vineyard & V	Barnett, Dave	Business

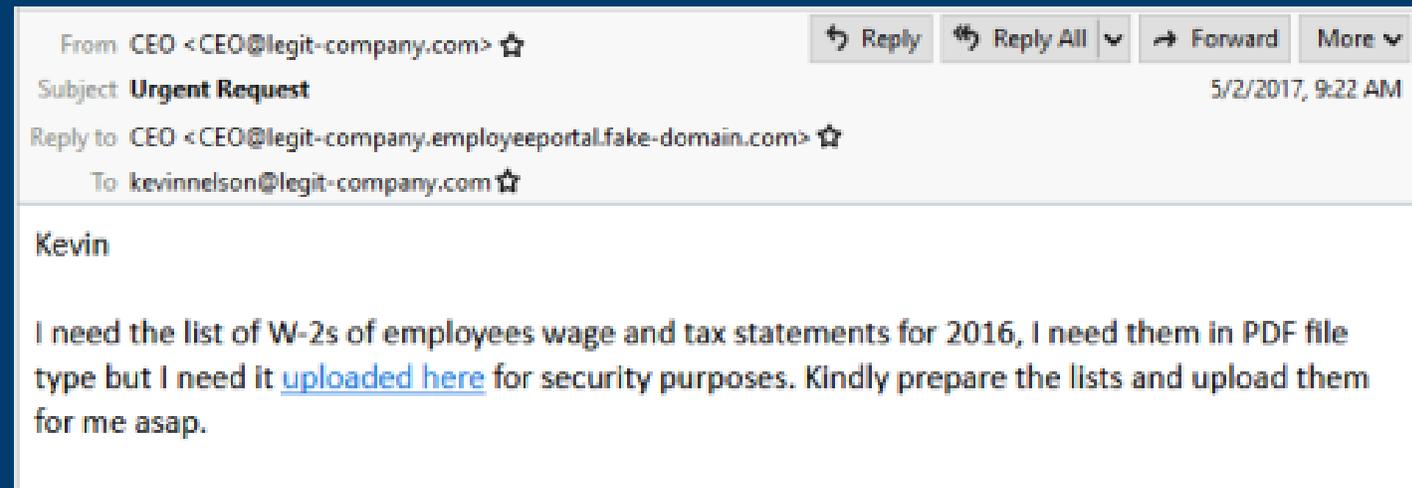


# Phishing – Business Email Compromise

**Between May 2020 and June 2021, security researchers analyzed:**

- More than 12 million spear phishing and social engineering attacks
- The impact on more than 3 million mailboxes
- Covering more than 17,000 organizations

They found that **one in 10 social engineering attacks** are business email compromises (BEC).



## Ransomware/malware is the threat of 2021

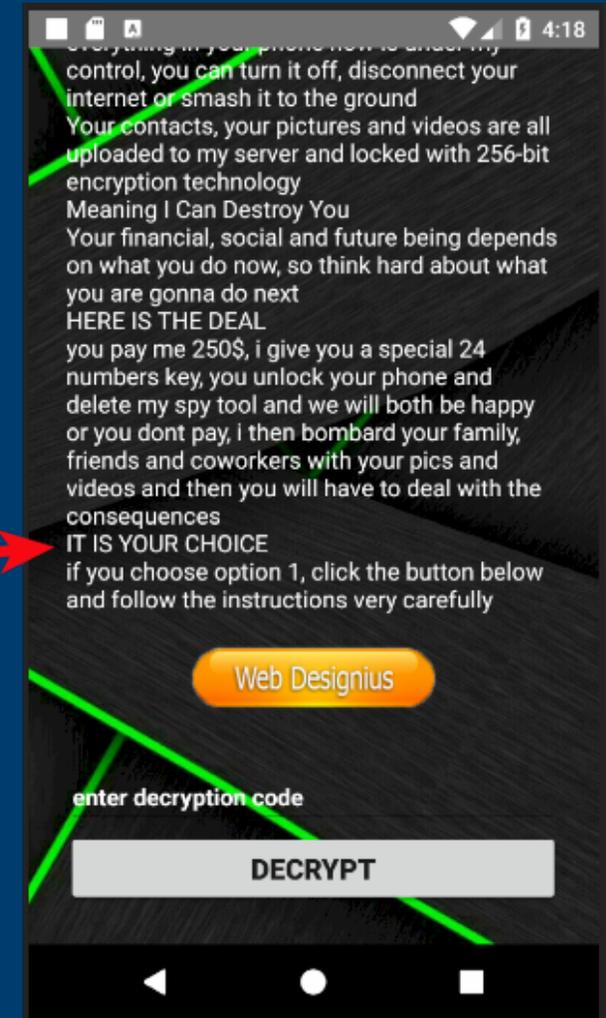
- Security researchers have even discovered that ransomware attacks against **healthcare** have jumped about 45 percent since early November 2020.
- In addition, 69 percent of **financial institutions** had been victims of cyberattacks (PPP).



# Malware

## CovidLock:

- This type of ransomware infects victims via malicious files promising to offer more information about COVID-19
- Once installed, CovidLock encrypts data from devices and denies access. To be granted access, you must pay a ransom of USD 100 per device



## “Smaller organization”:

- When a team member leaves whether due to a new job offer, changes of circumstance, illness or in unfortunate cases, death, that account should be removed from corporate networks
- This oversight is one that cybercriminals took advantage of to exploit more than 100 accounts in order to spread ransomware



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*All of your files have been encrypted with military grade algorithms. We ensure that the only way to retrieve your data is with our software. We will make sure that you receive your data swiftly and securely when our demands are met. Restoration of your data requires a private key which only we possess. A large amount of your private files have been extracted and is kept in a secure location. If you do not contact us in seven working days of the breach we will start leaking the data. After you contact us we will provide you proof that your files has been extracted. To confirm that our decryption software works email to us two files from random computers. You will receive further instructions after you send us the test files.*

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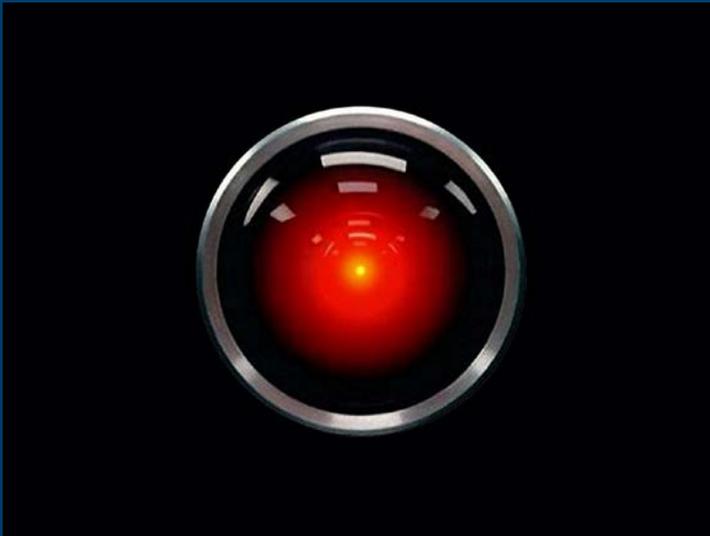


# Internet of things

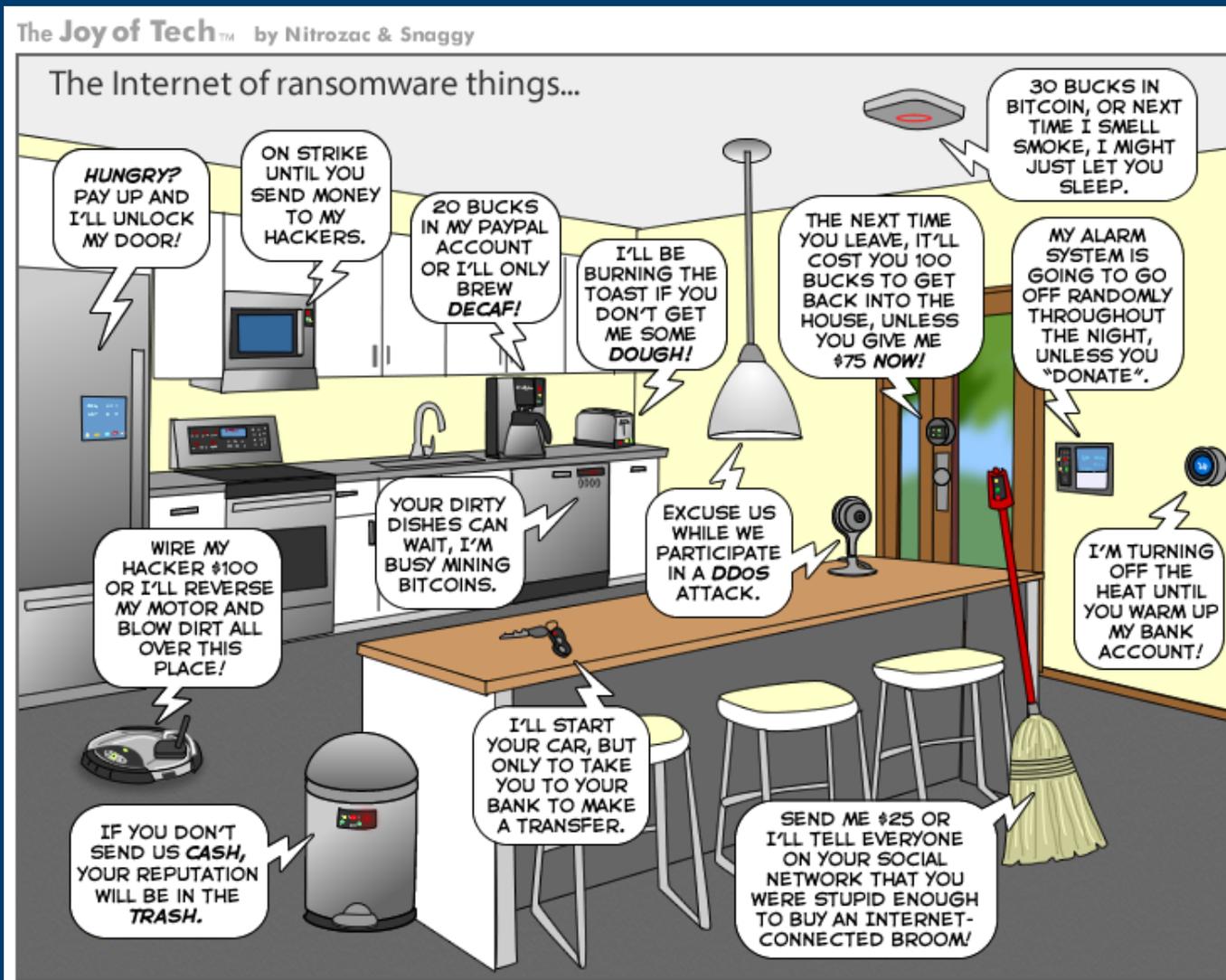
What if all the devices in your life could connect to the internet?

Everything: computers, smart phones, clocks, speakers, lights, doorbells, cameras, windows, window blinds, hot water heaters, appliances, cooking utensils – you name it.

What if those devices could all communicate, send information and take commands?



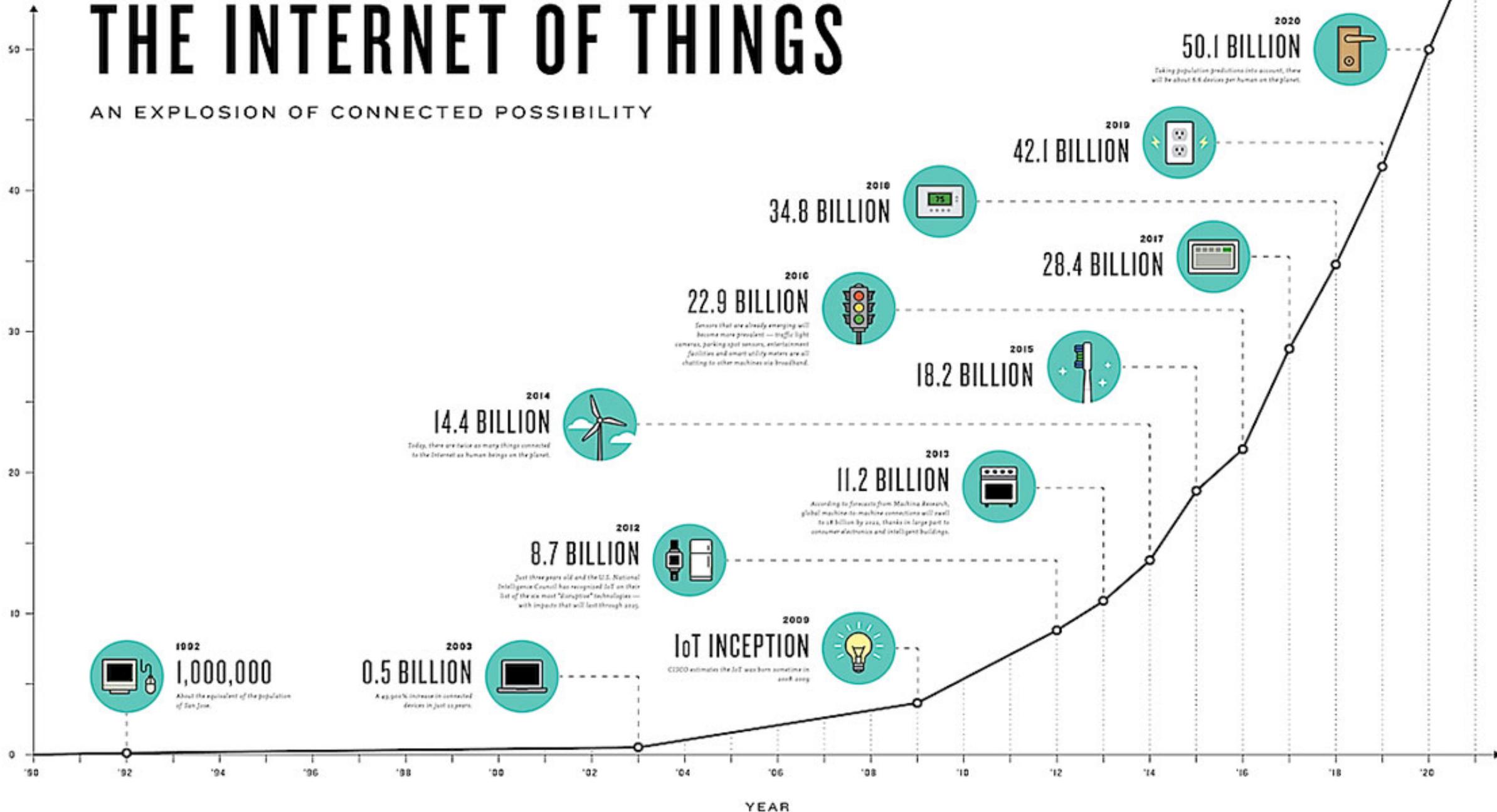
# Internet of things



# THE INTERNET OF THINGS

AN EXPLOSION OF CONNECTED POSSIBILITY

BILLIONS OF DEVICES



# Internet of things - Stuxnet

## How does it work:

- Malware enters via a USB and is shielded by a certificate that looks authentic
- It then looks for specific software that handles the nuclear centrifuge
- Once it finds a target, it downloads the most recent version of itself and begins compromising the organization's zero day vulnerabilities
- Specifically, it begins spinning the centrifuges to failure – all the while telling the controllers everything is fine – until it's too late.



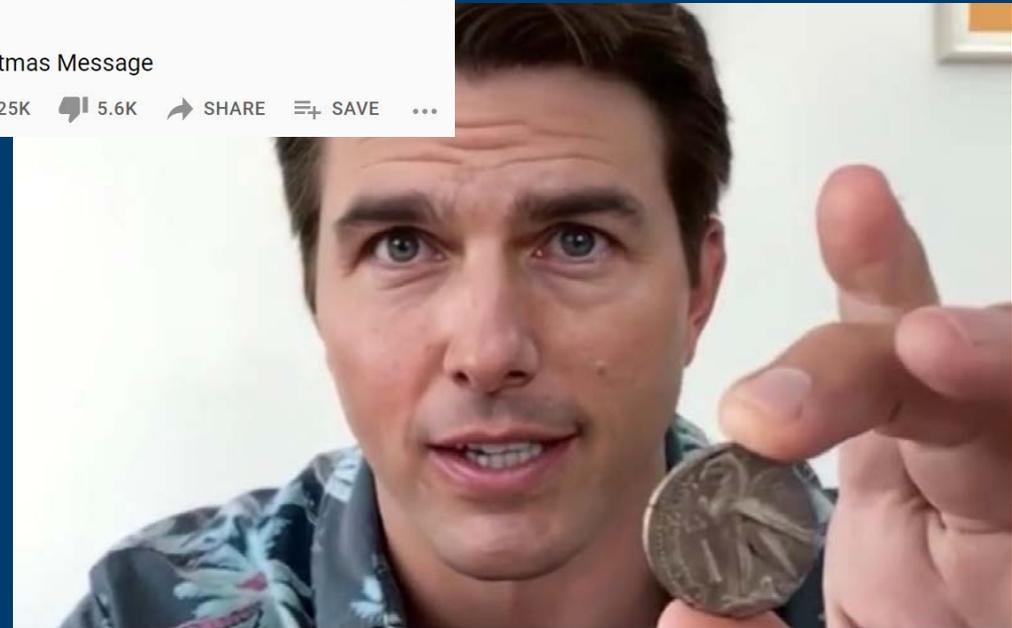
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This Game of Thrones Deepfake Made Jon Snow Apologize for Season 8 (Nerdist News Edition)



# Deepfakes and the rise of AI

## So, what's the problem:

- Dancing Queen, Jon Snow and Tom Cruise = innovative and funny
- 96 percent are pornographic in nature – mapping female celebs, politicians, etc. onto existing pornographic videos
- Fake videos are spreading beyond the celebrity world to fuel revenge porn
- Deepfake technology is being weaponized against women



# Deepfakes and the rise of AI

## We can figure that out, so what else?

- Deepfake technology can create convincing but entirely fictional photos from scratch
  - Non-existent Bloomberg journalist, “Maisy Kinsley”, who had a profile on LinkedIn and Twitter, was probably a deepfake.
  - “Katie Jones”, claimed to work at the Center for Strategic and International Studies, but is thought to have been created on LinkedIn for spying
- Audio can be deepfaked too, to create “voice skins” or “voice clones” of public figures



# This is a little scary. What can we do?

- Phishing may be *one of the oldest tricks in the book...*
- Know the red flags
- Verify the source
- Misery loves company (vishing, smishing, etc.)
- If it feels phishy... it probably is



**AVOID  
BECOMING  
A VICTIM OF  
PHISHING**

# This is a little scary. What can we do?

- Install antivirus protection on your personal devices
- Use encryption and VPN especially on public wifi
- Listen to your email security tools
- Educate those around your circle of influence
- Use passphrases instead of passwords
- Download files only from sources you can trust
- Be careful of too good to be true social media ads

**AVOID  
ALLOWING  
MALWARE  
ONTO YOUR  
DEVICES**

# This is a little scary. What can we do?

- Monitor your devices – all of them
- Change your Wi-Fi password often
- Turn off your Wi-Fi when you're not using it
- Hide by using a Virtual Private Network or VPN
- Research devices – specifically surrounding security
- Know who has access to what wireless-wise

**AVOID  
ALLOWING  
OUTSIDERS IN  
THROUGH WIFI**

# This is a little scary. What can we do?

- Is the message controversial or polarizing?
- Use several trusted sources to confirm the video's message
- Take off your passion hat and put on your thinking cap
- Unrealistic hair
- Strange eyes
- Can you see individual teeth?
- Does the face and body sync up?

**AVOID FALLING  
FOR FAKE  
VIDEO AND  
AUDIO SCAMS**

**CYBERSECURITY IS  
EVERYONE'S JOB.**

**INCLUDING  
YOURS.**



**CYBERSECURITY  
AWARENESS  
MONTH**

**STAYSAFEONLINE.ORG/  
CYBERSECURITY-AWARENESS-MONTH**





Think of your  
personal information like  
your toothbrush.  
*Don't share it.*

A message from the  
UMB Security Awareness Team  
[umb.com/security](http://umb.com/security)

# Thank you.

The screenshot shows the UMB website navigation bar with the following elements:

- UMB logo
- PERSONAL (selected)
- BUSINESS
- ATM or Branch (with location pin icon)
- Contact Us (with envelope icon)
- Search (with magnifying glass icon)
- Log In (with arrow icon)

Below the navigation bar are five menu items, each with a dropdown arrow:

- Open: Checking or Savings
- Apply: Credit Card or Loans
- Plan & Invest: Wealth Management
- Explore: Products & Services
- Learn: About UMB

The main content area features a security banner with a background image of a hand touching a screen. The text in the banner reads:

Data Security with UMB  
**Be safe. Be secure. Be informed.**  
Your privacy and security are important to us. We are committed to data security and want to ensure our customers are prepared with tools and resources to protect their banking experience.

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