# Review & strengthen cyber security governance in 2021

Protecting data and communications in a digitally-connected market

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## Understand the risk Take action



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#### About us

IT Governance is a leading global provider of cyber risk and data privacy management solutions.

- We deliver projects all over the world to clients across the spectrum of cyber security and resilience, data privacy, incident response and business continuity.
- Our unique and unrivalled blend of products and services include bespoke and fixed-price consultancy, training, toolkits, software, staff awareness e-learning and penetration testing.
- We pride ourselves on our ability to serve an international customer base and deliver a broad range of integrated, highquality solutions globally, while meeting the real- world needs of today's organisations, directors and practitioners.
- IT Governance is a subsidiary of GRC International Group plc, focused on delivering IT governance, risk management and compliance solutions.

Our Protect • Comply • Thrive approach is aimed at helping your organisation achieve resilience in the face of constant change.



## Group overview

GRC International Group Companies GDPR.co.uk DQM GRC eLearning



#### Introduction

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- IT Governance is the leading global provider of IT governance, risk management and compliance solutions.
- Author of *IT Governance An International Guide to Data Security and ISO27001/ISO27002* and many other books on cyber security, compliance and governance.

IT Governance has a team of 35 experienced consultants, covering the entire range of GRC disciplines. We typically recruit additional consultants to meet specific project requirements and we are currently increasing the depth of our ICS/OT resource to meet the requirements of our growing CNI consultancy practice.













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## Threat landscape

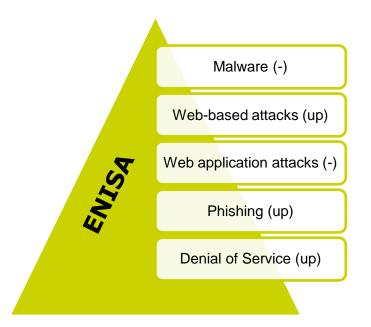
The European Union Agency for Cybersecurity (ENISA) Threat Landscape Report 2020

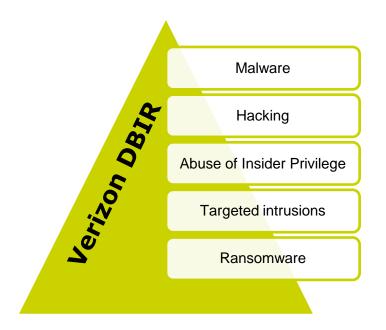


Source: ENISA Threat Landscape 2020 - List of top 15 threats — ENISA (europa.eu)



#### TOP 5 ATTACKS: 2020







### Multiple vulnerabilities expose organisations.

Bad actors exploit uncertainty to attack weaknesses.

















#### Ransomware

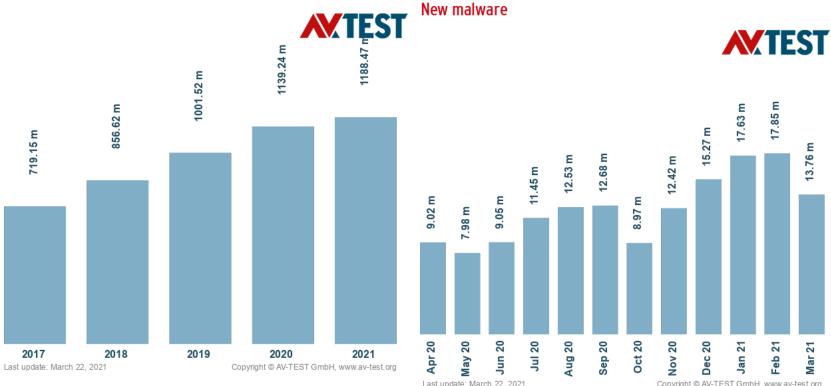




#### Malware attacks

Total cost of Malware vs new Malware

#### Total malware









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### Most organisations struggled in 2020



**51%** 

of organisations have suffered from a ransomware attack.

Source: <u>State of</u>
<u>Email Cyber Security</u>
<u>2020 Report,</u>
<u>Mimecast</u>



46%

report having cyber security breaches or attacks in the last 12 months.

Source: <u>Cyber</u> <u>Security Breaches</u> <u>Survey 2020</u>



85%

received little or no security training to help make informed business risk decisions and mitigate risk.

Source: <u>2020 Cyber</u> <u>Threat Intelligence</u> <u>Report</u>



**52%** 

of all cyber attacks in March 2020 were finance-related

Source: <u>Carbon</u> Black



**69%** 

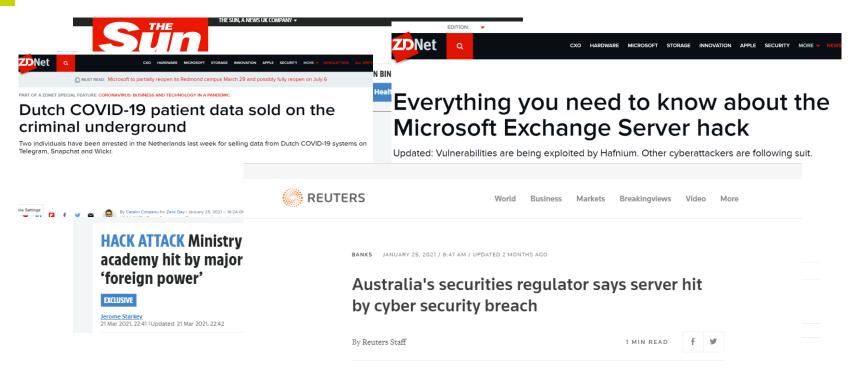
have not changed the default password on their home Wi-Fi Router.

Source: <u>Proofpoint</u> 2020 State of the Phish Report



### Major cyber attacks in 2021

In the headlines





#### Headline data breaches in 2020/21

**Examples** 

blackbaud



#### Blackbaud

Suffered a ransomware attack which affected educational institutions and charities in the UK, the US and Canada.

#### **Spotify**

Musicians had their Spotify pages defaced iust a week after it suffered a credential stuffing attack which compromised over 300,000 accounts.



#### **Twitter**

In June, celebrity Twitter accounts were hacked, which resulted in 398 people being scammed out of more than £109,000 in Bitcoins.



T-Mobile

American telecommunicati ons provider T-Mobile has disclosed a data breach after an unknown number of customers were apparently affected by SIM swap attacks.



#### **Foxtons** Group

Under scrutiny for downplaying the severity of a cyber attack that has compromised the financial details of 16,000 customers.

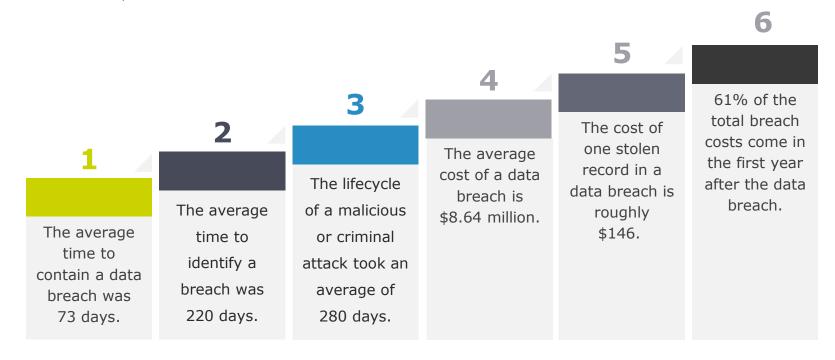


Hackers Break Into **'Biochemical** Systems' At Oxford University Lab Studying Covid-19



### Key data about cyber breaches

IBM Data Breach Report 2020





#### What about attacks on SMEs?



43% of SMEs have no cyber security plan.

32% of SMEs rely on free, consumer-grade cyber security software.

Reality: SMEs are under-protected, under-resourced and are easy targets!

Unpatched vulnerabilities make for easy targeting.

23% of SMEs have no endpoint security.

58% of SMEs think they're not a target for cyber attacks.

Phishing and stolen credentials the top risks for SMEs.

**RUSI: Cyber Fraud** and 'Silent Stealing'



# **Cyber security and Privacy: Two Sides of the Same Coin**



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## Post Brexit, GDPR becomes two.

Which means?



UK is a Third Party to the EU – and vice versa

Trading into the EU requires compliance with both legal frameworks.

Trading internationally may have other privacy compliance requirements

Fines – up to 4% of global revenue – could be levied under both laws!



#### Cyber and privacy

Data protection due diligence and planning now part of deal prep.

#### **Privacy**

- Lawful basis for processing personal data?
- Legitimate interest tests?
- DPIAs?
- Special categories of data?
- Customer acquisition, email marketing lists (Articles 13 and 14)

#### **Cyber security**

- Penetration tests.
- Access and authorisation policies.
- History of breaches and incidents.
- Continuity plans.
- Certifications Cyber Essentials, ISO 27001, Sector-specific (eg HIPAA)



# The Board and Senior Managers: Managing cyber exposure



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#### Accountability under GDPR

What it means for the Board and Directors

- Article 5: Principles relating to processing of personal data
- "The controller shall be responsible for, and be able to demonstrate compliance with, paragraph 1 ('accountability'). "





## Application of the principle of accountability

What it means for the Board and Directors

Governance: Board accountability	Corporate risk register Monthly/quarterly reports on compliance and incidents	
	Nominated responsible director	
Clear roles and responsibilities	Data Protection Officer Head of Cyber Security	
Compliance Framework	PIMS/ISMS	
	Cyber incident response	
	Cyber Essentials a minimum security standard	
	Certification and data seals (Article 42) – ISO 27001	
Data Protection by Design and by Default	Data Flow Audits Penetration testing ISMS Audits	
	Data Protection Impact Assessments (DPIA) and Risk Assessments	'Apply technical and organisational measures'
		'Taking account of the State of the Art'



#### Practical steps: what you should do now

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#### **Update your privacy posture**

 Adapt your documentation to UK GDPR and put in place appropriate processes for all extra-UK data flows.



## Put a cyber security and privacy strategy in place

 Once you have accepted that there is a risk, put in place a cyber security and privacy strategy. If you don't have the resources internally to manage this, it is likely to be possible to outsource it and use the skills of expert professionals.



#### **Train your staff**

 All staff need to understand the new privacy and data protection laws, as well as being able to spot phishing and BEC attacks.

#### Staff awareness programmes

The human firewall to prevent cyber attacks and data breaches

#### Reduce the risk

## Reduce vulnerabilities

Improve detection

Improve social engineering awareness

Improve knowledge on how to work securely

Recognise attacks

Know how to report and respond





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