

Three Ways To Lose Data And One Way To Stop It

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Agenda

- Introduction to CERT
- Data Theft How bad is it?
- Case Studies of Data Theft
 - Insider
 - Outsider
 - Malware
- Mitigation Strategy
- Application to your organization



What is CERT?



- Center of Internet security expertise
- Established in 1988 by the US Department of Defense on the heels of the Morris worm that created havoc on the ARPANET, the precursor to what is the Internet today
- Located in the Software Engineering Institute (SEI)
 - Federally Funded Research & Development Center (FFRDC)
 - Operated by Carnegie Mellon University (Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania)



Data Theft - How bad is it?

- "It is inherently difficult to assign an economic value to some types of information that are subject to theft."
 - ONCIX Report to Congress on Foreign Economic Collection and Industrial Espionage, 2009-2011 (October 2011)





Case Studies

Case Study 1 - Insider Demo







Case Study 2 - Outsider/Hacker Demo







Case Study 3 - Malware Demo





Common Failures

Failures

- We are afraid to use the right tools the wrong way
- We don't know what we're looking for...
 - ...so we try to look at EVERYTHING
- Security devices are not generating efficient and analyst-friendly indicators, and warnings







How to stop it?

Mitigation Demo







How to Apply What You Have Learned Today

- In the first three months following this presentation you should:
 - Baseline your network activity
 - Baseline your host activity
 - Decrypt encrypted traffic, especially https!
- Within six months you should:
 - Create network and host-based signatures that can capture any deviations from that baseline
 - Network volume anomalies
 - Regular Expressions (e.g. "CONFIDENTIAL")
 - Use of shared privileged accounts



Useful Tools

- Splunk http://www.splunk.com
- SiLK http://tools.netsa.cert.org/silk/
- Snort http://www.snort.org
- Insider Threat Controls http://www.cert.org/insider_threat/



Caveats

- Consult with Legal counsel to ensure legality of monitoring measures.
- Make sure you have policies in place that define employer/employee rights and responsibilities!
- Awareness make sure employees know what is company proprietary information.



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