Ransomware Incident Response

Cyber Security Services



The State you are now

- Data is not available
- Business Interruption
- Financial Damage & Legal Implications & Liabilities
- A hacker was inside your network
- Third Party liability
- Possible Data Leak Issues



Data is not available

- No Access to your critical files
- No Access to your CRM / ERP / Databases / Accounting / Invoicing
- You don't know if you will ever be able to reclaim your data and you rely on hacker's intentions and capabilities
- Your backups are not working / They are compromised





Business Interruption

- Some files may have been lost forever
- Your company cannot easily return in normal operation after the breach
- There is no specific Timeline for returning to normal business





A hacker was inside your network

- Your credentials were probably compromised
- You don't know if they are still inside
- Even if you restore your data, you still don't know if they left an open communication with your infrastructure
- Think for one moment: If you were inside your infrastructure with total access, what would you do to blackmail you? This is what probaly the hacker will do.





Third Party liability

- In case you have integrations with third parties (Clients/Vendors) that the hackers will move to their infrastructure, too (Lateral Movement)
- In case you have third party data in your network and they are breached, you have Legal and financial Liability to third parties



Data Leak Issues

- The following data is usually leaked by hackers:
 - Employee Data (Covid Lists)
 - Patents (Private Research)
 - Financial Information (Shareholder's data)
 - Legal (Legal agreements under NDA)
 - Commercial (NDAs and third party information)
- The hackers probably made a copy of some files and transferred them outside your network
- They can blackmail you for Data Leak





Financial Damage, Legal & Liabilities

- Under the European Law (GDPR Compliance) you bare responsibility to protect all sensitive data inside your network upon severe Financial and Legal Penalties
- You are obliged to notify the local authorities for any Cyber Security data breach within 72 hours
- You are obliged to notify all your employees for the data breach and possible credentials are compromised
- You are obliged to notify all your Vendors / Clients in case you hold on sensitive data
- The local authorities have the right to inspect your infrastructure current status and fine your Organization up to 4% of total revenues and max. 20.000.000 euros
- The Tax Authorities have the right to fine the Organization in case of total loss of all tax records





Fact: Your infrastructure was vulnerable

- Since a non authorized person was inside your premises, he can still be inside or he can make a new breach in the near future.
- Let's identify some very serious cyber security issues.
 - Your current protection didn't prevent the attack (Endpoint Security, Antivirus, Firewall)
 - Your backups didn't work as they should have
 - You don't know if files left your infrastructure without notice
 - You don't know how he got in and how long he was inside
- You must change protection solutions and strategy
- Cyber Security in these days is not Set & Forget It needs 24/7 monitoring and proper setup. We can help you with that





Ransomware Incident Response procedure

- We have handled thousands of Ransomware Attacks & Incidents successfully so we understand the organizations' current status and the management's agony
- We carry out a specific procedure according these are the steps:
 - **1**. Identification of the Ransomware Variant in our Lab
 - 2. Classification of the Ransomware Variant and its behavioral analysis through database resources from similar incidents around the world
 - 3. Web and Dark Web research in partners and private forums for possible decryptor or reverse engineering methods
 - 4. Identify if the attackers are capable of providing a solution (Proof of Concept)
 - 5. Price Negotiation & Communication with the hacker's team through secure & anonymous infrastructure
 - 6. Research for reference regarding the credibility of the hacker's team
 - 7. Cryptocurrency facilitation of the payment in case you decide to carry out a payment to the hacker's team
 - 8. Reporting for Cyber Insurance & Local Authorities

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- 9. Threat Intelligence Report (if requested from the client)
- **10**. Cyber Exposure Analysis for leaked credentials and (if requested from the client)
 - External perimeter Cyber Posture and Company's Cyber Rating (if requested from the client)



What we can offer to your organization

- **1.** Ransomware Incident Response
- 2. Perform Fast Digital Forensics
- **3.** Protect the infrastructure during the incident
- **4.** Legal Consultation
- 5. Protect & Monitor your infrastructure from Future Incidents with Managed Cyber Security Services
- 6. Reporting & Documentation for Insurance
 - Cyber Insurance





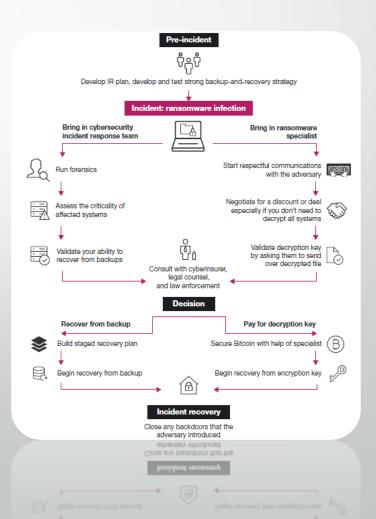
Perform Fast Digital Forensics

- Identify if the hacker is still inside your network
- Find evidence about malicious activity
- Identify the initial date of the infiltration from the attack
- Identify if data has been leaked from your infrastructure
- 3 days after the full deployment of our tools (software agents) we will finish the forensics investigation
 - When the attack started?
 - Which endpoint started the attack?
 - How the attacker penetrated your system?
 - What data was leaked?
- Identify & categorize any malicious external activity to your infrastructure



Ransomware Incident Response

- Evaluate the current State of the data loss
- Protect your encrypted state of the data which is crucial
- Investigate Data Recovery possibilities
- Investigate Reverse Engineering Options for Files Decryption
- Initiate & Handle Hacker's Communication & Negotiation
- Provide instructions & guidance regarding the payment





Protect the infrastructure during the incident

- Install & Monitor remote agents throughout all your endpoints to monitor any malicious activity within the network
- Protect Endpoints & Servers against a new Files Encryption Attack
- Protect your backups & implement a Disaster Recovery Policy
- Apply Sandbox to any unknown application





Legal Consultation

- Provide Legal Advise and explain your typical obligations for reporting the incident
- Handle the appropriate Steps in order to avoid Legal Implications





Protect & Monitor your infrastructure from Future Incidents

- IT Support does not prevent Cyber Security Attacks
- Cyber Security Services are offered to prevent Cyber Security Incidents that can cause Business Interruption & Financial Losses
- Our job is to consult your IT Team and to monitor your infrastructure
- Security Operation Center Services (Monitor for any malicious actions & activity 24/7/365)
- Provide bulletproof Endpoint Protection along with monitoring
- Collect Logs from Endpoints & Servers and analyze every suspicious move
- Virtual CISO (Cyber Security Officer) Services





Threat Intelligence & Cyber Exposure

- Provide a Threat Intelligence report for the Threat Actors
- Behavioral Analysis of the Threat Actor team
- Strategy of the negotiation based on the Threat Intelligence Report
- Cyber Exposure analysis for leaked credentials
- Cyber Rating & External Perimeter Cyber Posture





Cyber Security Insurance

- Protect your business from the unknown
- Consultation for your infrastructure
- Proposal from multiple vendors





Success Rates

- Our team has handled more than 500 ransomware incidents between 2019-2021. We have handled negotiations up to 25.000.000 USD
- Our negotiators usually achieve a reduction of the ransomware price from 10-80% depending on the ransomware family
- We have about 98% success rate to get the files decrypted in cases where our team gets involved from the beginning of the incident.





Incident Response Methodology

- Collect Sample of Encrypted and un-encrypted files from Client along with the ransomware note
- Identification of Ransomware variant and research if there are possible decryptors or reverse engineering solutions available
- Contact with the Hacker team to identify the Ransomware demand
- Credibility assessment of the Threat Actor team to identify the negotiation tactic based on previous cases, in our extensive database of incidents
- Threat intelligence report provision for the threat actor team
- Perform Proof of Concept for the Hacker team in order to prove that they have the correct decryptor
- Consultation with the client regarding the coordination of the incident to minimize business interruption and define the cost of data loss and data exfiltration
 - Backing up the current encrypted state and securing these backups
 - Identifying sources of data within the infrastructure
 - Looking for unencrypted data with the infrastructure
- Initiation of the negotiation process based on the final strategy meeting with the clients Executives
- Reporting for the incident



Some of our Clients





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