



Cyber security and risk  
How likely is an attack?



# Agenda

- Latest cyber crime data and trends
- Cyber attack likelihood
- Risk psychology
- Leadership and risk management
- Digital cyber risk report
  
- Maritz Cloete and Rich Jackson (Moore ClearComm)
- Mike Clarke (Empowered People Thrive)

“Our psychology is a significant obstacle to appropriate risk preparation.”

*End Times: A Brief Guide to the End of the World*

*Bryan Walsh*

# LATEST CYBER ATTACK DATA

## Latest cyber attack data

- World Economic Forum 2018 Global Risks Report:

“The top three risks to global stability over the next five years are natural disasters, extreme weather and cyber attacks.”

- We can “see” and “feel” natural disasters and extreme weather, they impact society as a whole and are accepted as a global issue
- The threat of cyber attacks is less tangible
- This probably makes cybercrime a greater threat than society realises

“Prediction is very difficult,  
especially if it’s about the  
future.”

*Niels Bohr*

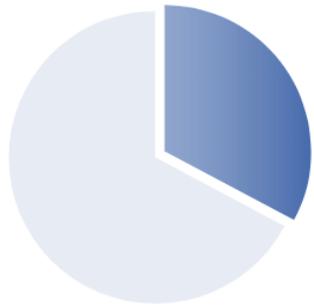
*(Father of the atomic model, Nobel Laureate)*

## Latest cyber attack data

- 70-75 million people are victims of cyber crime, each year
- Cybercrime rose by 600% at the peak of the COVID-19 Pandemic
- Every company is a reachable target, and has operations, brand, reputation, and revenue pipelines that are at risk from a cyber attack
- In 2022, 34.5% of company executives confirmed that their organizations accounting / financial data was targeted by cyber criminals
- International Data Corporation (IDC) says that “AI in the cybersecurity market is growing at a CAGR of 23.6% and will reach a market value of \$46.3 billion by 2027” (*Forbes*)
- The cost of cybercrime is predicted to hit \$8 trillion in 2023 and will grow to \$10.5 trillion by 2025 (*Cybersecurity Ventures*)

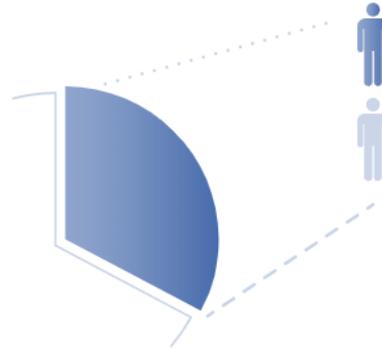
# Latest cyber attack data cont.

1 in 3



users click on harmful content in phishing emails, and out of these

1 in 2



proceed to enter sensitive information

(16.5% of recipients)

Digital Natives\* are

↗ 65%

more likely to click on phishing emails than older users

# Emerging threats and trends

- Ransomware: more refined and intelligent
- Phishing / Vishing: enabled by AI
- Supply chain targeting
- Insider threats on the increase
- Internet of Things (IoT)
- Business Email Compromise attacks continue to increase
- MOVEit hack 2023



## QUESTION

Why aren't more organisations reacting to the obvious and immediate threat of cyber crime?

## QUESTION

What are the basic first steps we should recommend any business (or leader) takes, to reduce their cyber risk?

# CYBER ATTACK LIKELIHOOD

## Cyber-attack likelihood

- 39% chance your business will suffer a cyber-attack this year (based on 2022 global average)
- 75% of security professionals say cyber risk has increased due to geopolitics, AI, and remote work
- Only 14% of SMES rate their ability to mitigate cyber threats as “highly effective”
- Of those businesses reporting an attack, 27% say they are attacked every week

- Most common attack method is phishing (83%), a human-based attack strategy (social engineering)
- Supply chain attacks are increasing, vastly widening the payload of a successful cyber incident
- 37% year-over-year increase of supply chain attacks, between 2021 and 2022
- Every organisation is part of a supply chain, very few assess or consider the risks posed by suppliers

# RISK PSYCHOLOGY

### Risk defined:

- Probability or threat of damage, injury, loss, or any other negative occurrence that is caused by external or internal vulnerabilities, and that may be avoided through preemptive action

### Risk Management:

- Identification, evaluation, and prioritization of risks (defined in ISO 31000 as the “effect of uncertainty on objectives”) followed by
- Application of resources to minimize, monitor, and control the probability or impact of unfortunate events, or to
- Maximize the realisation of opportunities

Example of risk apathy in cyber security:

- 91% of people know that password recycling poses huge security risks, yet
- 59% still use the same password - everywhere
- This means that 6 in 10 people knowingly take (and accept) a risk with their cyber security
- They are your employees and colleagues, and carry this mentality into the business environment

## QUESTION

What is the human psychology of risk – and why do human beings carry out actions even when they know it's a dangerous thing to do?

## QUESTION

Are some people instinctively more likely to accept risks where others may not – and if so, why?

# LEADERSHIP & RISK MANAGEMENT

- 82% of boards or senior management within UK businesses rate cyber security as a 'very high' or 'fairly high' priority
- 54% act to identify or assess their cyber risk
- 13% of businesses assess risks posed by suppliers
- 61% of large businesses invest in staff training
- Compared to 17% of businesses overall

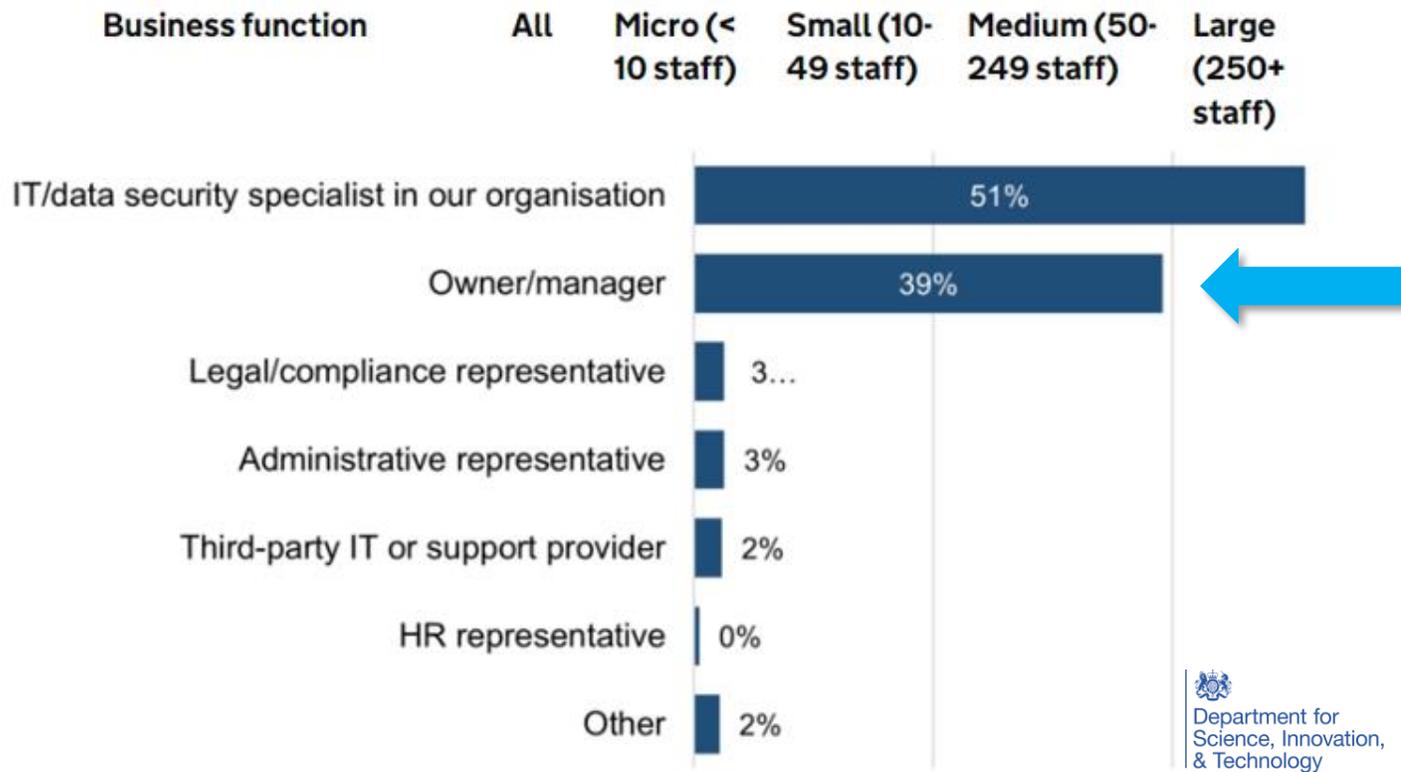
“Board members have a pivotal role in improving their organisation’s cyber resilience and exploiting the opportunities that technology brings.”

*Lindy Cameron*

Chief Executive Officer, NCSC

Cyber Security investment and culture, must be led from the top

Main decision maker when investing in cyber security improvements:



5.5 million businesses in the UK  
99.9% are SME

Why businesses invest in improved cyber security measures:



Good cyber security provides a competitive advantage, as well as protecting an organisation, its customers, suppliers and employees.

## QUESTION

What drives a leader to decide that investing in (or developing) a cyber security culture is the right thing to do or (conversely) to ignore the risk?

## QUESTION

Do leaders or business owners convince themselves that “it won’t happen to us” and where does that psychology come from?

# DIGITAL CYBER REPORT

# Free Digital Cyber Report

- Digital cyber risk report, provides a hacker's eye view of your organisation
- Using your domain as a starting point, we can identify the vulnerabilities that could be exploited by attackers
- Your report will uncover any data breaches, stolen credentials, shared servers, missing security certificates and more

Digital Cyber Risk Report includes:		
Breached Email Addresses	Hosts Sharing Nameservers	HTTP Security
Blacklisted Domains	Permutations	DNS Security

# QUESTIONS

## Our next event

### Creating a culture of privacy

**Date:** Thursday 9 November 2023

**Time:** 10.00am-11.00am

**Speakers:**

- Rich Jackson, Strategic Business Manager, Moore ClearComm
- Meagan Mirza, Data Protection Officer, Moore ClearComm

Booking link: [Webinar invitation: Creating a culture of privacy](#)

**Location:** Zoom

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