

How much security does an SME need?

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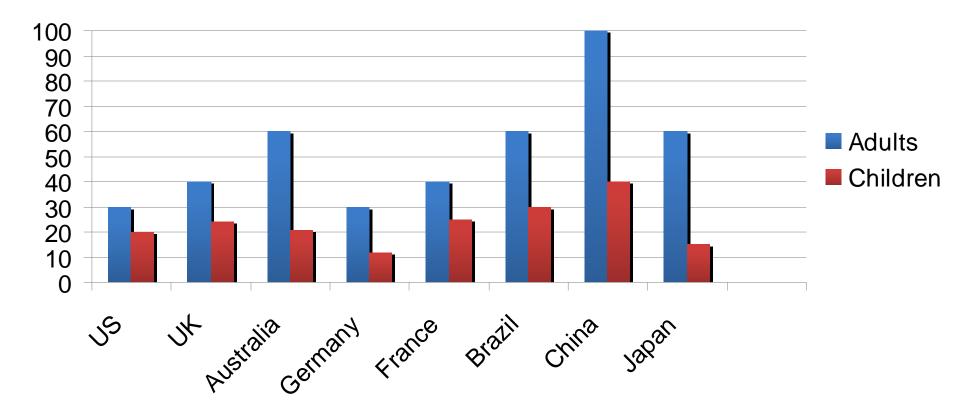






- ISO 27005 definition of information security risk:
 - Potential that a given threat will exploit vulnerabilities of an asset or group of assets and thereby cause harm to the organization.
 - It is measured in terms of a combination of the likelihood of an event and its consequences.
- Risk = Threats x Vulnerabilities x Probability of Impact.

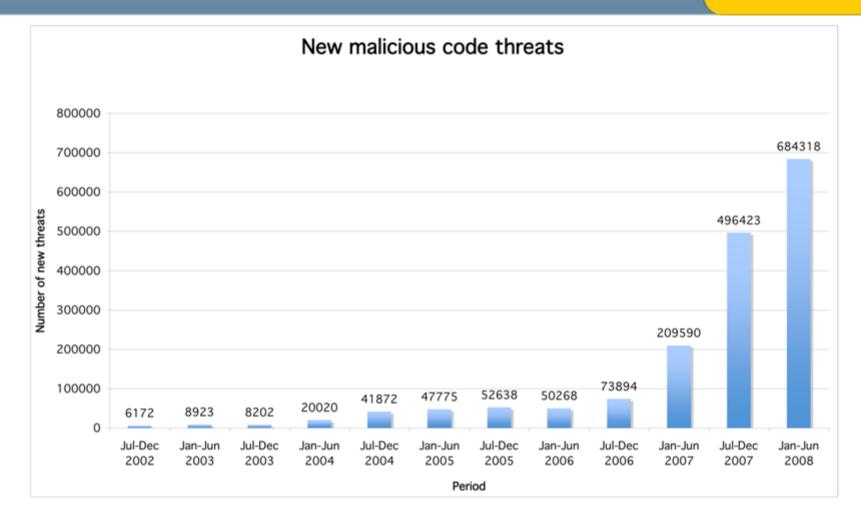
Median Number of Hours Online per Month



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Malware threats continue to increase





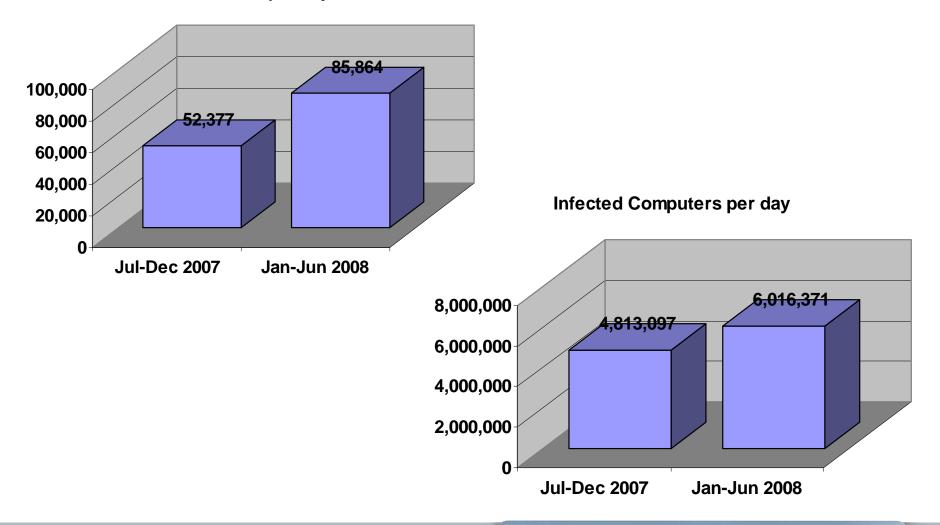
Growth indicates new malware is developed by programmers employed by criminal organizations.

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More Bots



Active Bots per day



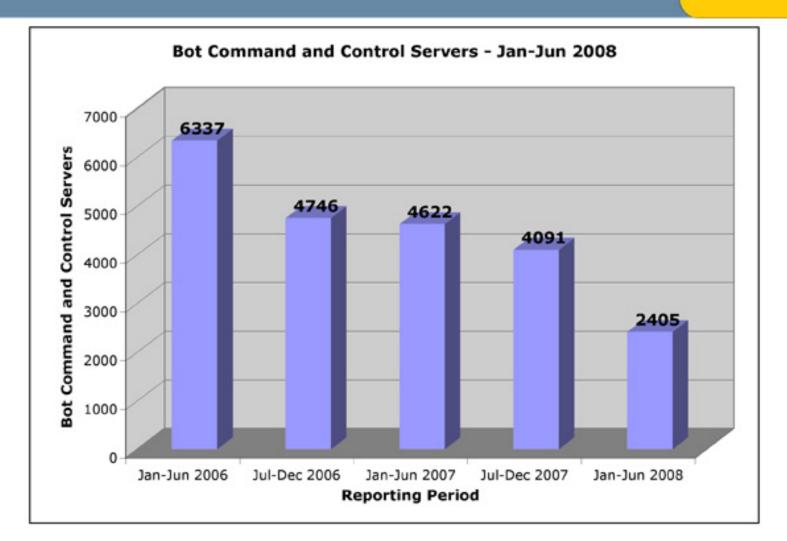


Rank	Country	Bot Numbers	% of World Bots
1	Germany	469439	10%
2	Spain	357619	7%
3	Italy	271010	6%
4	Poland	258437	5%
5	France	238223	5%
6	United Kingdom	193826	4%
7	Portugal	71903	1.5%
8	Hungary	25754	0.5%
9	Netherlands	24731	0.5%
10	Sweden	20143	0.4%
TOTAL			40%

Symantec Data: September 2008

... Fewer Controllers

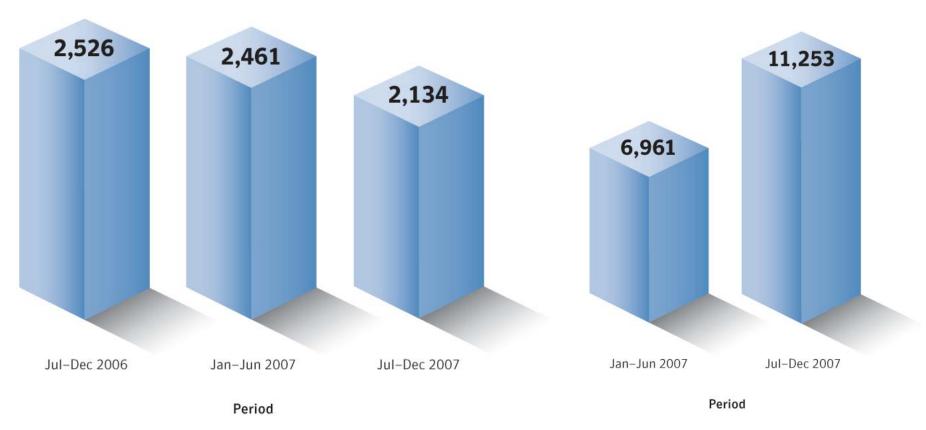




Cyber-Criminals are becoming more organized!

Websites are the focal point



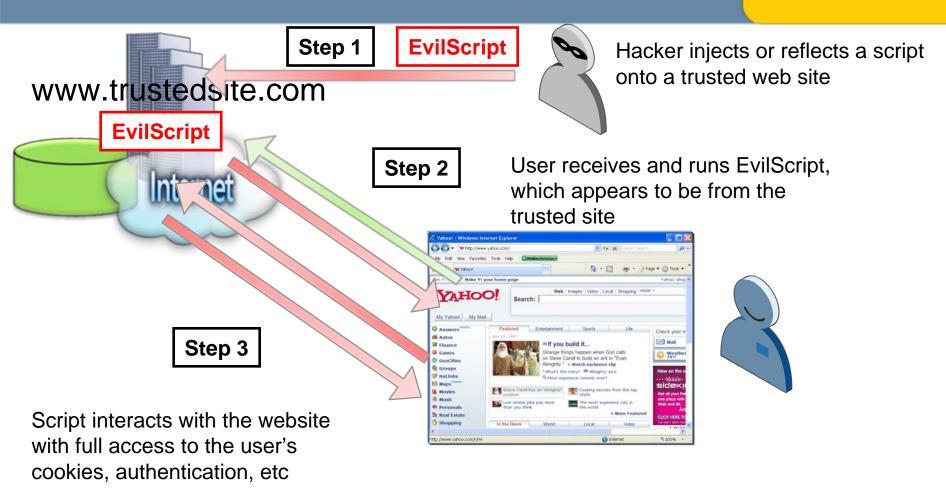


Traditional Vulnerabilities

Cross-Site Scripting

How cross-site scripting works

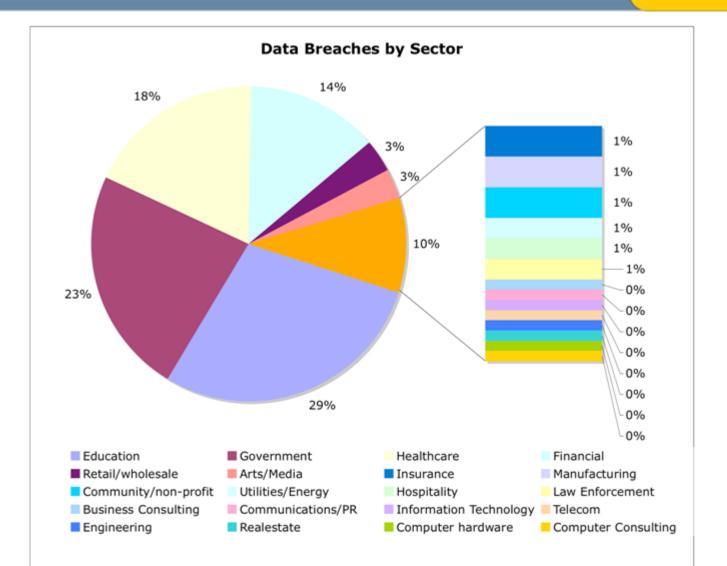




Blocking any of these steps stops the attack

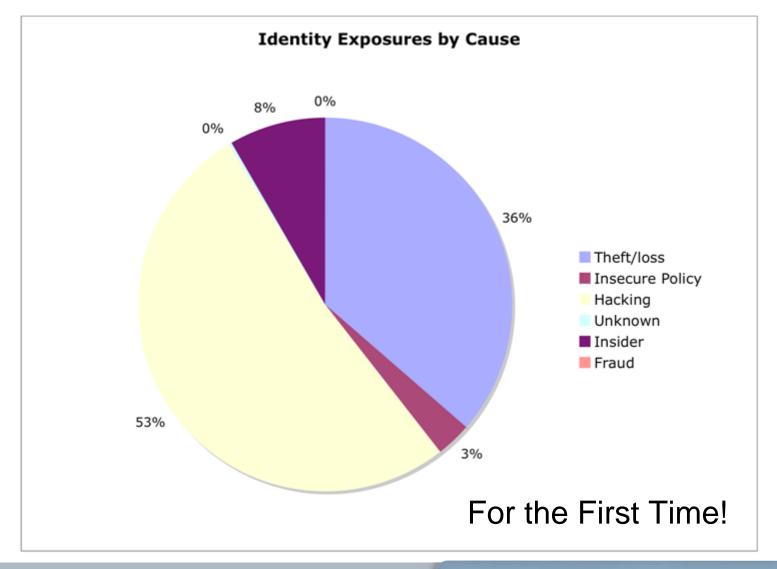
Data Breaches Jan-Jun 2008





Hacking Causes Most Exposure









2 ENISA on Risk Assessment & Management

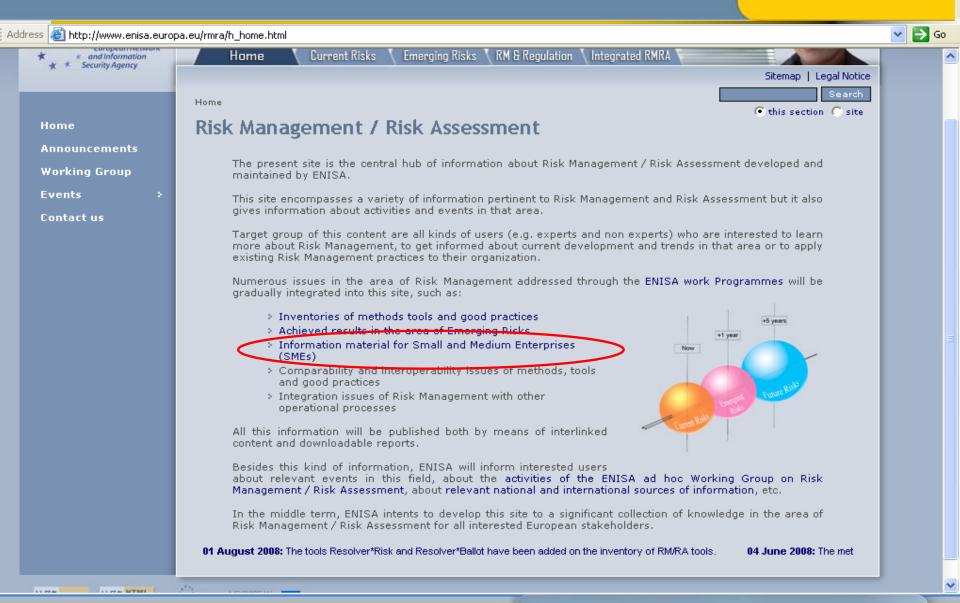
ENISA and Information Security Risk

- European Network and Information Security Agency:
 - Centre of excellence
 - Best practice exchange
 - Government/industry cooperation
- Management Board (from EU Governments)
- Permanent Stakeholders Group (expert group)
- Working Group on Risk Assessment and Management <u>http://www.enisa.europa.eu/rmra/h_home.html</u>

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ENISA Risk Assessment/ Management



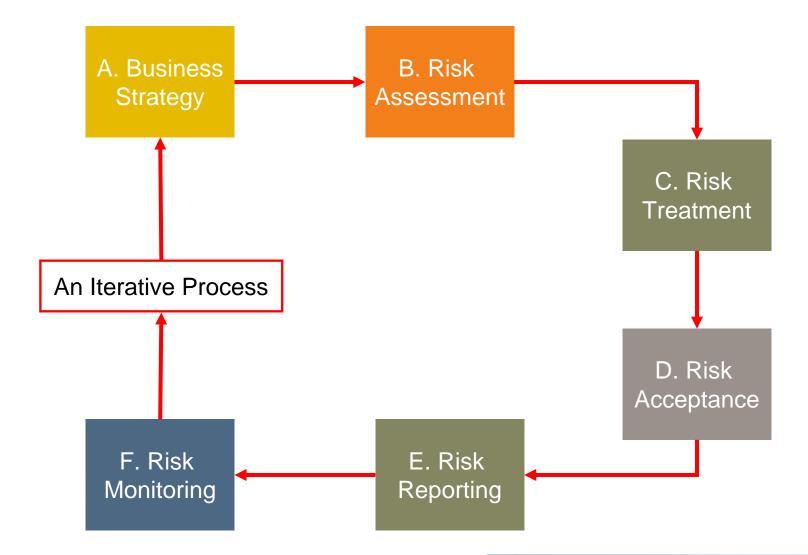


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Basic Risk Management





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3 Making it work for SMEs

Assessing Exposure to Threats and Vulnerabilities

- Business exposure:
 - Size and complexity of the business
 - Attitude to change.
- Exposure to problems:
 - Likelihood of technical problems
 - Likelihood of problems caused by people
 - Likelihood that people have the knowledge & means to cause problems.
- Use of IT:
 - Complexity of IT systems
 - Importance of Internet to the business
 - Partner access to your network
 - Home and remote access to your network.

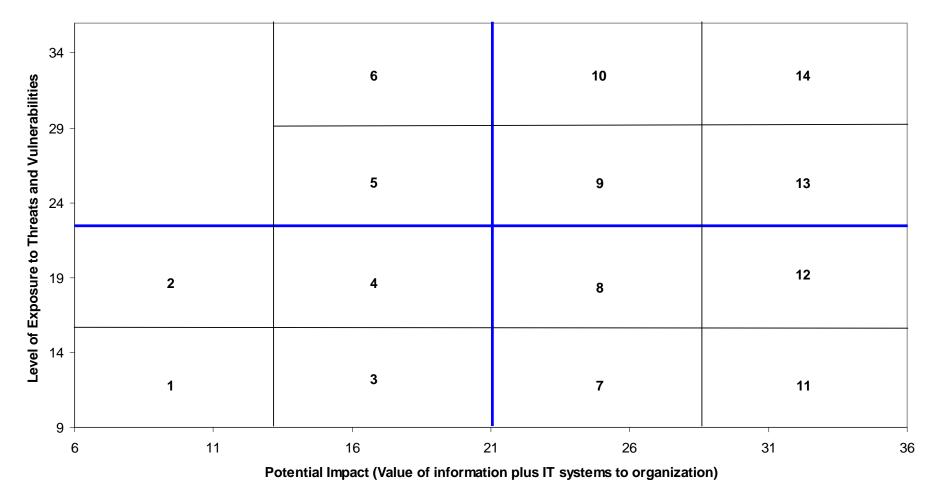
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Assessing Potential Impact

- Importance of legal and regulatory requirements to your business.
- Value of information to your business:
 - Loss of availability
 - Loss of integrity
 - Loss of confidentiality.
- Value of IT systems to your business:
 - Importance in enabling you to achieve objectives
 - Importance of your systems to your business partners.

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Exposure and Impact Vector for:



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Example Approach (Level 2)

- General Information:
 - Basic understanding of risks and some investment in resources.
- Degree of Action:
 - Basic concern with a few processes, focusing on risk treatment.
- Requirements:
 - Understanding information assets.
 - Understanding stakeholders and organization.
 - Understanding risk acceptability and strategy for managing this.
 - Identifying business strategies relevant to risk management.
 - Understanding basic threats and impacts and having a simple plan to deal with these.

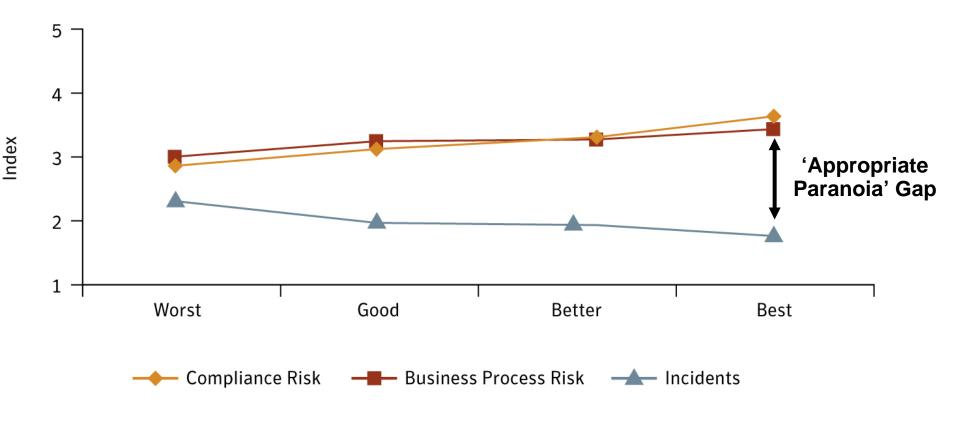
Example Recommendations (Level 2)



- Use basic guides to good practice and keep simple checklists.
- Coordinate and cost the actions to be taken.
- Prioritize actions to be taken.
- Assign responsibility for carrying out actions.
- Produce basic reports about the actions carried out.

Understanding leads to action





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Any questions...?

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