Your Biggest Risk Could Be You
Supplementary Reading
Cyber Theft

The lack of sophisticated switches - or networking devices - means it is difficult for investigators to figure out what the hackers did and where they might have been based, he added.

Cyber Theft

"Over the past year, websites keep disappearing, and site administrators have run off with millions of dollars of customers’ money”, Wired reports.

What they do is known as an “exit scam”. Administrators take all the bitcoins users have stored in on-site accounts and simply vanish.

Identity Theft

“She was pretending that he was her own and commenting on when was he going to start teething. Her friends were saying that they loved his hair. She was treating him as her own and that was the most petrifying thing. I didn’t know people did this.”

- Lindsey Paris

"People would make up fake Facebook accounts and they would message her and she wouldn't respond and they would still come at her," Jackie said.

The Cyber Threat Alliance estimates that the group behind the CryptoWall ransomware attacks caused $325 million in damages, after infecting hundreds of thousands of computers across the world.

Social Engineering Attack - Baiting

The impact of a cyber attack can be devastatingly quick and damaging, extending well beyond financial implications into the realms of regulatory, legal, reputational, and more.

Social Engineering Attack - Phishing

An unusually sophisticated identity phishing campaign targeted Gmail users, seeking to gain control of their entire email histories and spread itself to all of their contacts, Google confirmed Wednesday.

http://www.nbcnews.com/tech/security/massive-phishing-attack-targets-millions-gmail-users-n754501
It said access to Ms. Kawamoto's records had been gained from the same Internet address used by the person who accessed the phone records of Mr. Perkins. A caller used the last four digits of her husband's Social Security number to establish an online account with AT&T to view the records.

Social Engineering Fraud

Organizations in India have lost several hundred crores by falling prey to such schemes, where typically fraudsters manipulate some aspects of human behaviour to persuade employees to share information.

It was also essential that privacy settings within social network accounts were at their highest, to ensure it was only your real friends you shared your status updates with, he added.

Oversharing

Google tracks and records your location

So, for example, it might know that you're female, aged 18-24 and interested in banking, consumer electronics, mobile phones, shooter games, rap and hip hop and toys.

http://www.wired.co.uk/article/google-history-search-tracking-data-how-to-delete
It is essential to sufficiently invest in employee training so that the “human firewall” can provide an adequate first line of defence against increasingly sophisticated phishing and ransomware.

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