

# Humans of Security

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# 2016 Cybersecurity Skills Gap

## Too Many Threats

**\$1 BILLION:** PERSONALLY IDENTIFIABLE INFORMATION (PII) RECORDS STOLEN IN 2014<sup>1</sup>

**97%** BELIEVE APTs REPRESENT CREDIBLE THREAT TO NATIONAL SECURITY AND ECONOMIC STABILITY<sup>2</sup>

**MORE THAN 1 IN 4** ORGANIZATIONS HAVE EXPERIENCED AN APT ATTACK<sup>3</sup>

**\$150 MILLION:** AVERAGE COST OF A DATA BREACH BY 2020<sup>4</sup>

**1 IN 2** BELIEVE THE IT DEPARTMENT IS UNAWARE OF ALL OF ORGANIZATION'S INTERNET OF THINGS (IOT) DEVICES<sup>5</sup>

**74%** BELIEVE LIKELIHOOD OF ORGANIZATION BEING HACKED THROUGH IOT DEVICES IS HIGH OR MEDIUM<sup>6</sup>

## Too Few Professionals

3 million global shortage of cybersecurity professionals in 2019

**3X** RATE OF CYBERSECURITY JOB GROWTH VS. IT JOBS OVERALL, 2010-14<sup>8</sup>

**84%** ORGANIZATIONS BELIEVE HALF OR FEWER OF APPLICANTS FOR OPEN SECURITY JOBS ARE QUALIFIED<sup>9</sup>

**77% OF WOMEN** SAID THAT NO HIGH SCHOOL TEACHER OR GUIDANCE COUNSELOR MENTIONED CYBERSECURITY AS CAREER. FOR MEN, IT IS 67%.<sup>11</sup>

**89% OF U.S.** CONSUMERS BELIEVE IT IS IMPORTANT FOR ORGANIZATIONS TO HAVE CYBERSECURITY-CERTIFIED EMPLOYEES.<sup>12\*\*</sup>

**Cyberattacks are growing, but the talent pool of defenders is not keeping pace.**

Although attacks are growing, cybersecurity professionals are a skilled global cybersecurity students to CSXP, the first attracting and enabling cy

# Cybersecurity worker shortage hits 3 million

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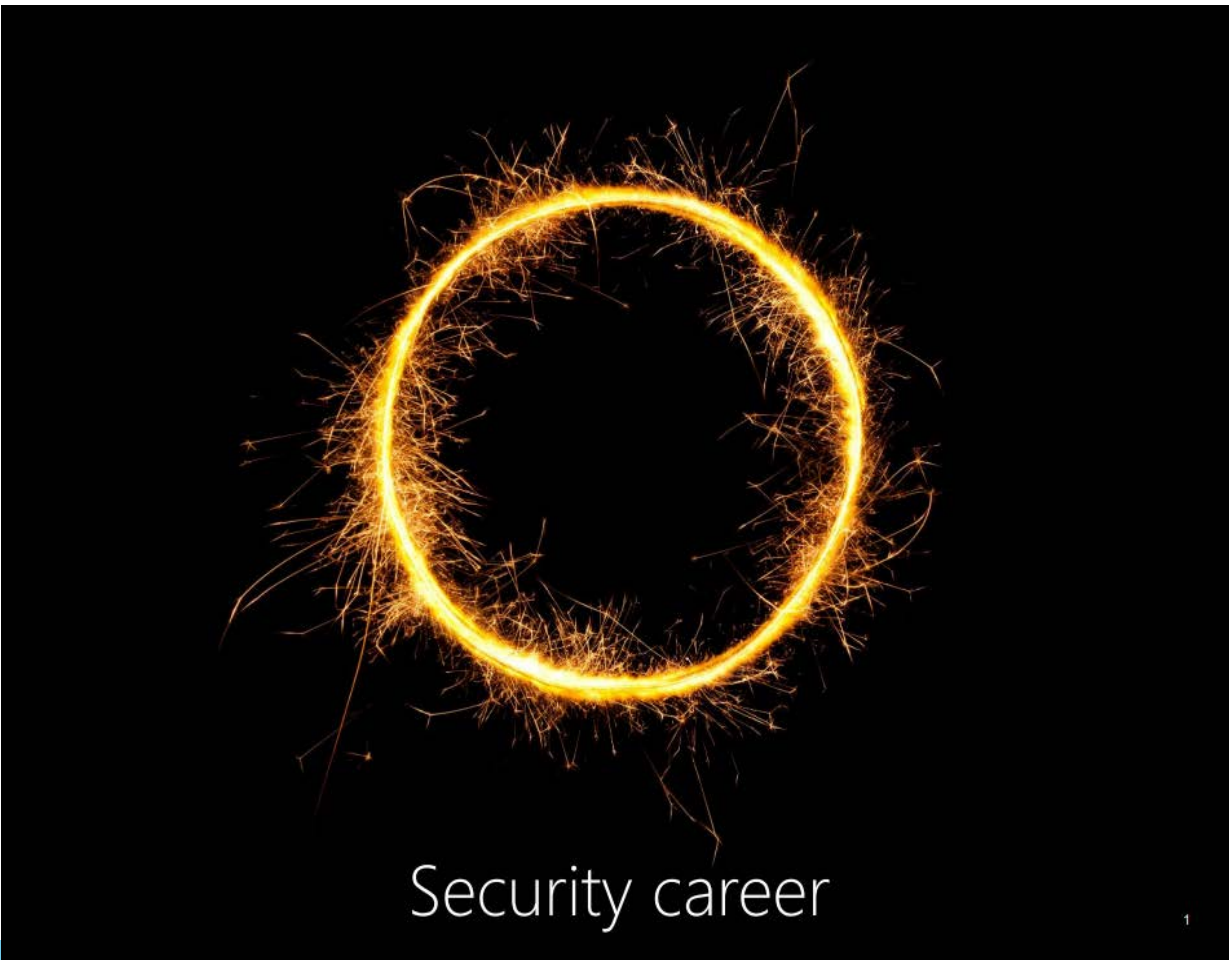
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# Career in Security

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Security career

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Information\\_security](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Information_security)

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The Free Encyclopedia

Review this article as it captures the main principles of security.

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## Information security

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

**Information security**, sometimes shortened to **InfoSec**, is the practice of defending **information** from unauthorized access, use, disclosure, disruption, modification, inspection, recording or destruction. It is a general term that can be used regardless of the form the data may take (e.g. electronic, physical).<sup>[1]</sup>

### Overview [ edit ]

#### IT security

Sometimes referred to as **computer security**, information technology security is information security applied to technology (most often some form of computer system). It is worthwhile to note that a **computer** does not necessarily mean a home desktop. A computer is any device with a **processor** and some memory. Such devices can range from non-networked standalone devices as simple as calculators, to networked mobile computing devices such as smartphones and tablet computers. IT security specialists are almost always found in any major enterprise/establishment due to the nature and value of the data within larger businesses. They are responsible for keeping all of the **technology** within the company secure from malicious cyber attacks that often attempt to breach into critical private information or gain control of the internal systems.

#### Information assurance

The act of providing trust of the information, that the Confidentiality, Integrity and Availability (CIA) of the information are not violated. E.g., ensuring that **data** is not lost when critical issues arise. These issues include, but are not limited to: natural disasters, computer/server malfunction or physical theft. Since most information is stored on computers in our modern era, information assurance is typically dealt with by IT security specialists. A common method of providing information assurance is to have an off-site backup of the data in case one of the mentioned issues arise.

#### Threats [ edit ]

Information security threats come in many different forms. Some of the most common threats today are software attacks, theft of intellectual property, identity theft, theft of equipment or information, sabotage, and information extortion. Most people have experienced software attacks of some sort. **Viruses**,<sup>[2]</sup> **worms**, **phishing attacks**, and **Trojan horses** are a few common examples of software attacks. The **theft of intellectual property** has also been an extensive issue for many businesses in the IT field. **Identity theft** is the attempt to act as someone else usually to obtain that person's personal information or to take advantage of their access to vital information. Theft of equipment or information is becoming more prevalent today due to the fact that most devices today are mobile.<sup>[citation needed]</sup> **Cell phones** are prone to theft, and have also become far more desirable as the amount of data capacity increases.<sup>[citation needed]</sup> **Sabotage** usually consists of the destruction of an organization's **website** in an attempt to cause loss of confidence on the part of its customers. Information extortion consists of theft of a company's property or information as an attempt to receive a payment in exchange for returning the information or property back to its owner, as with **ransomware**. There are many ways to help protect yourself from some of these attacks but one of the most functional precautions is user carefulness.<sup>[citation needed]</sup>

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## Visit our webpage and jumpstart your security career...

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/governments/services-for-government/information-management-technology/information-security/professional-development/jump-start-your-security-career>

The screenshot shows the British Columbia Government website. At the top is the BC logo and navigation links. The main content area is titled "Jump start your Security Career" and includes an introductory paragraph about the digital world and a shortage of security professionals. It also features a section "What is a Security Professional?" and "Steps to jump start your Security Career" with a list of Wikipedia articles to read. A sidebar on the left contains a navigation menu with categories like "Privacy & Personal Information", "Information Security", "Professional Development", "Awareness", "Defensible Security", "Security Threat and Risk Assessment", "Records Management", "Access to Information", "IM/IT Capital Investment", and "Identity and Authentication Services".

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### Jump start your Security Career

Are you interested in a career as a security professional?

The world is more digital then ever before. A 2018 report from [CIRA](#) found that 54% of Canadians owned 5 or more digital devices. With all these connected devices, Canadian citizens and businesses face a greater chance than ever before of having a data breach. As the risk posed by cyber criminals increases, as do the careers and opportunities in Information Security. Currently there is a forecasted global shortage of 3.5 million cyber security professionals by 2021 and in Canada alone we are estimated to require 8,000 by 2022.

A career in cybersecurity is not only an in demand job, it is also one that is rewarding and challenging. As a cybersecurity professional you get the opportunity to work in a constantly evolving environment, dealing with technologies and systems that go on to serve millions and millions of users. As a professional in this field you may be dealing with technologies that can span from robots, to cars, to websites, the variety is endless.

Due to the variety of work that security professionals do, their backgrounds are quite diverse. Not every job requires significant technical knowledge. In Canada there is no 4 year cybersecurity degree, though there are diplomas and masters programs. Approximately half of security professionals will have a computer science or engineering degree. Others spent a lot of time on the help desk or other IT roles. Still others have little or no IT experience. Careers in security are often not suggested by academic advisors and counsellors because there is no defined path to become a security professional.

On this page we outline some tips to help you educate yourself and take the next step towards a career as a security professional.

#### What is a Security Professional?

A strategic thinker able to interpret the changing threat landscape, understand the implications of changing technology, and enable the business to achieve it's goals.

#### Steps to jump start your Security Career

Expand All | Collapse All

1. Read the following Wikipedia articles

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# Cybersecurity has never been as imperative



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# Recent Study

A study this year of the highest profile breaches revealed they could have been prevented with one or more of the following:

- 1) security awareness
- 2) patching
- 3) offline backups
- 4) password management
- 5) supply chain security

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## Awareness



## Backups



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motivation



## Executives

- language

## Threat Actors or Cybercriminals

- types
- sophistication
- resources



## Employees

- weakest link or strongest asset?

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# Nudge Theory

- concept in behavioral science, political theory and behavioral economics
- proposes positive reinforcement and indirect suggestions to influence behavior and decision making of groups or individuals
- can't remove options, individual must be free to choose
- just incent them to choose the right option



# Example: Security Question

The image shows a screenshot of the TD My Accounts website. The top navigation bar includes 'TD My Accounts', 'Contact Us', 'Products & Services', 'Markets & Research', and 'Life Planning'. The main content area is titled 'Interac e-Transfer® - Decline Money' and features a progress bar with four steps: 1. Security Question (checked), 2. Enter Information (active), 3. Verify Information, and 4. Confirmation. A message states: 'You've chosen to decline the money transfer. You can enter a message below, which will be included in the email that will be sent to the sender.' Below this, a table shows the transfer details: Sender: Science America, Amount: \$3,000.00. A text input field for a message is present, with a placeholder: 'Please don't include personal information or any marketing material in your message.' A large blue 'WHY?' is overlaid on the screen. On the left, a sidebar menu lists various account services like 'Accounts', 'Pay Bills', 'Transfers', 'Interac e-Transfer®', 'Send Money', 'Receive Money', 'Add Accounts & Services', and 'Profile & Settings'. At the bottom, there is a 'My Links' section with options like 'Choose my links', 'Pay Bills', 'Make a Transfer', 'Purchase Mutual Funds', 'WebBroker', and 'View epost Bills'.

This screenshot shows the TD website's deposit interface. At the top, it says 'Interac e-Transfer' and 'Contact Us'. Below that, it displays 'Deposit Your Money' for '\$3,000 CAD' from 'Science America'. An expiration date of 'September 8, 2016' is shown. The user is prompted to 'Select Your Financial Institution' from a grid of logos including ATB Financial, BMO, CIBC, Manulife Bank, National Bank, and TD. A red box highlights the 'Deposit' button. Below the grid, there are dropdown menus for 'Select Your Financial Institution' and 'Select Province or Territory' (with 'British Columbia' selected). A 'Don't Bank Online?' section at the bottom offers 'Other Options'.

# Example: Ransomware

**Ransomware attack knocks Nunavut government services offline**

All Word documents and PDF files the virus had access to are encrypted and unreadable by the government, according to Martin Joy, Nunavut's director of information, communications and technology.

According to their investigation, the government's network around the world (IT) staff had confirmed the attack.

The virus was likely downloaded on Friday night when a user clicked on a web page.

Joy said security systems in place at the time looks like the DoppelPaymer, but the systems weren't yet trained to detect, Joy said.

**Nunavut government rebuilding network after ransomware attack**

**Canadian Nunavut government systems crippled by ransomware**

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# CONFIDENTIAL Baltimore acknowledges for first time that data was destroyed in ransomware attack

## Atlanta's cyber attack cost taxpayers



By IAN DUNCAN  
BALTIMORE SUN | SEP 11, 2019 | 4:08 PM



Baltimore's auditor said Wednesday that IT department performance data was lost when hackers locked city files in May — the first disclosure of data being destroyed in the attack.

### LATEST POLITICS

#### POLITICS

Weeks after blasting Baltimore a rodent-infested, Trump to pay a to Charm City

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#### POLITICS

Ruppersberger, Cummings, Sarb call on ICE to end alleged 'bait and switch' practices

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#### POLITICS

Baltimore officials impose rare \$40,000 penalty for contractor that failed to meet goal for working with black-owned partners

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**Do you lock your door at home?**

**Have you ever been robbed?**

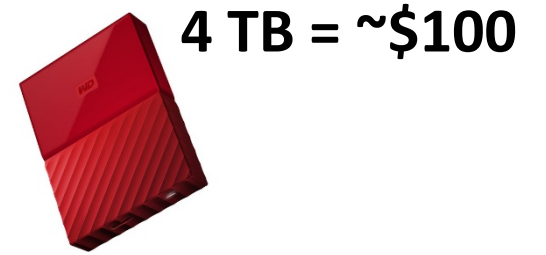
**If not, why do you lock your doors?**

**BACKUP YOUR DATA!**



# Backups (Personal)

- 1) buy a storage device
- 2) connect to your computer
- 3) copy files to it
- 4) disconnect from computer
- 5) repeat on a schedule 



# Ransomware Examples

**Your files are encrypted.**  
To get the key to decrypt files you have to pay **500 USD/EUR**. If payment is not made before **20/01/15 - 16:13** the cost of decrypting files will increase **2 times** and will be **1000 USD/EUR**

Prior to increasing the amount left:  
**167h 59m 00s**

Your system: Windows XP (x32) First connect IP: [redacted] Total encrypted **2860 files**.

[Refresh](#) [Payment](#) [FAQ](#) [Decrypt 1 file for FREE](#) [Support](#)

We are present a special software - CryptoWall Decrypter - which is allow to decrypt and return control to all your encrypted files.  
**How to buy CryptoWall decrypter?**



- 1. You should register Bitcoin wallet (click here for more information with pictures)**
- 2. Purchasing Bitcoins - Although it's not yet easy to buy bitcoins, it's getting simpler every day.**  
*Here are our recommendations:*
  - LocalBitcoins.com (WU) - Buy Bitcoins with Western Union
  - Coincafe.com - Recommended for fast, simple service. Payment Methods: Western Union, Bank of America, Cash by FedEx, Moneygram, Money Order. In NYC: Bitcoin ATM, In Person
  - LocalBitcoins.com - Service allows you to search for people in your community willing to sell bitcoins to you directly.
  - coinrr.com - Another fast way to buy bitcoins
  - bitquick.co - Buy Bitcoins instantly for Cash
  - How To Buy Bitcoins - An international directory of bitcoin exchanges.
  - Cash Into Coins - Bitcoin for cash.
  - CoinJar - CoinJar allows direct bitcoin purchases on their site.
  - anxpro.com
  - bittylicious.com
  - ZipZap - ZipZap is a global cash payment network enabling consumers to pay for digital currency.

**3. Send 2.17 BTC to Bitcoin address: 1JYYzNHdAGC7noiE4eKatuYA4AThqVocDd**

**4. Enter the Transaction ID and select amount:**

Note: Transaction ID - you can find in detailed info about transaction you made.  
(example 44214efca56ef039386ddb929c40b34f19a27c42f07f5c3e2aa08114c4d12)

**5. Please check the payment information and click "PAY".**

Your sent drafts				
Num	Draft type	Draft number or transaction ID	Amount	Status
Your payments not found.				

**0 valid drafts are put, the total amount of 0 USD/EUR. The residue is 500 USD/EUR.**

CryptoLocker

## Your personal files are encrypted!



Your important files **encryption** produced on this computer: photos, videos, documents, etc. [Here](#) is a complete list of encrypted files, and you can personally verify this.

Encryption was produced using a **unique** public key **RSA-2048** generated for this computer. To decrypt files you need to obtain the **private key**.

The **single copy** of the private key, which will allow you to decrypt the files, located on a secret server on the Internet; the server will **destroy** the key after a time specified in this window. After that, **nobody and never will be able** to restore files...

**To obtain** the private key for this computer, which will automatically decrypt files, you need to pay **100 USD / 100 EUR / similar amount in another currency**.

Click <Next> to select the method of payment and the currency.

**Any attempt to remove or damage this software will lead to the immediate destruction of the private key by the server.**

Private key will be destroyed on  
**9/24/2013  
6:21 PM**

Time left  
**54 : 15 : 15**

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# Example: RCMP or CRA Scam

## Police raid Indian call centres linked to 'CRA phone scam' that have victimized Canadians



Raids follow CBC story on scammers contacting Canadians, claiming to be Canada Revenue Agency

 [David Common](#) · CBC News · Posted: Oct 30, 2018 9:00 PM ET | Last Updated: October 31, 2018



Police have raided call centres in India linked to the so-called CRA scam, where Canadians received calls telling them they owed taxes — and must pay or be jailed. 'We're going to work jointly, collaboratively to take you down,' says RCMP Supt. Peter Payne, regarding the force's work with Indian officials to stop the scammers. (CBC)

## 32 arrested in India after allegedly posing as Canadian officials in call centre fraud



BY [AMANDA CONNOLLY](#) - GLOBAL NEWS

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# Summary & Call to Action

- humans are doing this to humans
  - social engineering still prevalent
- not a victimless crime
  - victims are often not the firm breached but their customers

- call to action

- spread the word – get it out there
- tell 15 people and tell them to tell 15 people

Week 1: 50  
Week 2: 750  
Week 3: 11,250  
Week 4: 168,750  
Week 5: 2,531,250  
Week 6: 37,968,750

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# Next Generation of Talent

- 3.5 million global shortage of security professionals forecasted by 2021
- 3 million global shortage estimated now
- many jobs, challenging/rewarding, good salary, benefits, coworkers, technology...
- no other industry will help you get started as much....



**WE NEED YOU!**



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