



# Cyber Security and the Auditor

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# State of Cyber Security

Fundamentals

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## The Challenge

Cloud technology, big-data, mobile working and social applications have made companies more productive and agile.

However, the wholesale adoption of these technologies also brings cyber security risk.

**The assets that make your company run, if breached, could bring the whole company down.**

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## Quantifying the threat

Last year, Luxembourg computer incident response centre (CIRCL) received 83,610 reports of cyber attacks in the Grand Duchy. The figure rose 18 times compared with the 4,500 incidents reported in 2011.

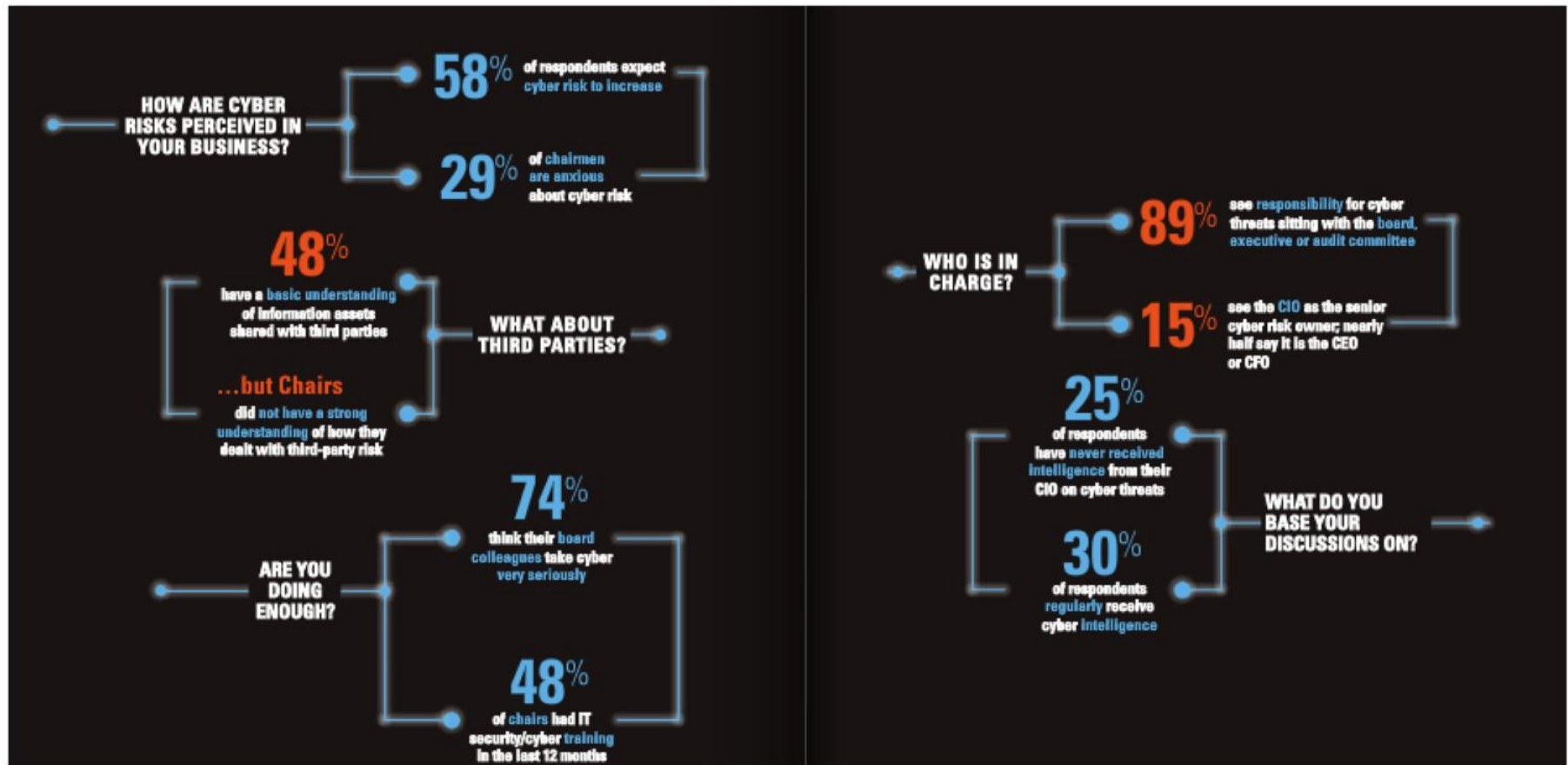
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In December 2013, Target acknowledged a data breach centered on its Point-of-Sale systems within its U.S. retail stores. A few weeks later, Target announced that the breach had expanded to include additional compromised systems, leading to the theft of additional customer information. In total, personal information in the form of names, mailing addresses, phone numbers, and e-mail addresses for up to 70 million people was stolen.<sup>6,7</sup>

**KPMG's 2015 FTSE 350 Cyber Governance Health Check:**



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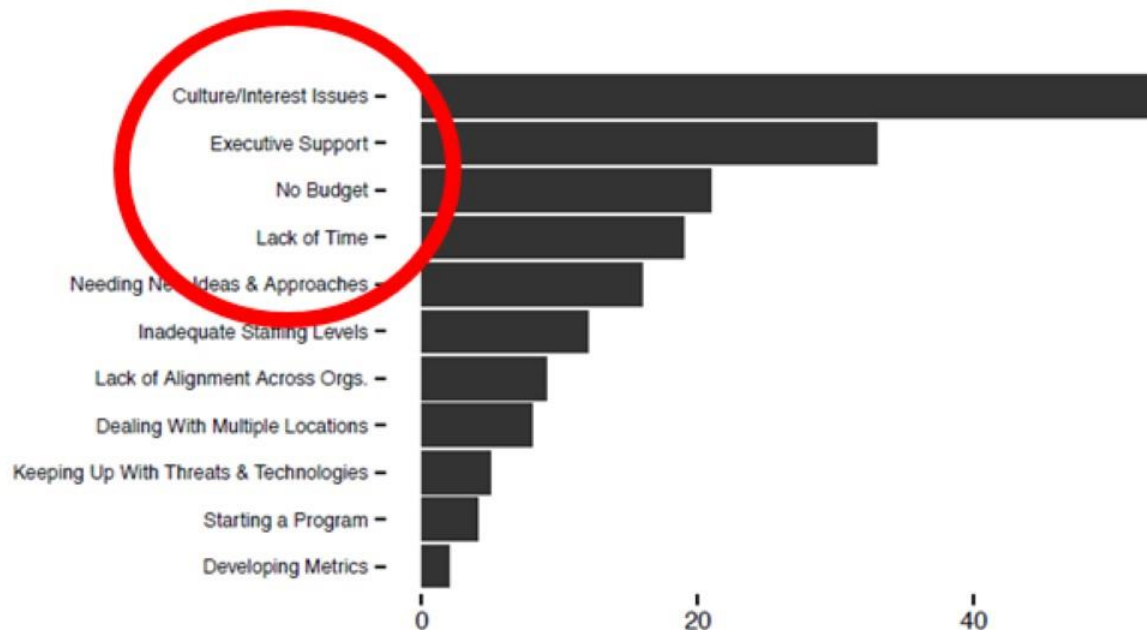


Source: KPMG 2015 FTSE 350 Cyber Governance Health Check - ["An insight into the issues of today and tomorrow"](#)

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## What ISOs say...

### What Do You Feel Is the Biggest Challenge You Are Facing With Your Security Awareness Program?



Source: SANS 2015 Security Awareness Survey



# Threat Landscape

What are we dealing with?



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A panorama of cybercriminal activity and circumstances which facilitate criminal behaviour

- Social Engineering, **Spear Fishing** [CEO Fraud]
- System Design Flaws, Misconfiguration [Zero-Day Exploits]
- Attacks on mobile devices [Postbank case]
- **Advanced Persistent Threats (APT)**
- Financial cut-backs, Lack of awareness and support
- PoS attacks [Target case, other retailers in the US]

... and many more!

# Threat Landscape

**Spear phishing: A more **targeted and sophisticated** form of phishing.**

**Unlike standard phishing schemes that use mass e-mails, spear phishing schemes target individuals that fit a certain profile.**

**For example, they may only target **high-ranking employees of a specific company** or governmental agency, or users of a specific site.**

**Further more, the request for information may appear to come from a colleague working at the same company.**

**The goal of these scam artists is to lure recipients into divulging sensitive information about themselves and/or their organization. Sophisticated **attackers do extensive research** on their targets prior to sending out e-mails, so they not only look realistic, but the information requests seem plausible and do not raise suspicion. This added element of **social engineering** and relevance makes a spear phishing message **particularly effective and dangerous.****

# Threat Landscape

**APT1 is an enterprise scale and *presumably* military-funded **data theft** and **espionage operation**, which has been active since **2006**.**

**APT1 has targeted about **150** organizations and corporations worldwide (incl. Luxembourg). The volume of information *believed* to be stolen comprises hundreds of **TERABYTES**.**

**Individual targets were subject to constant data theft for as long as **4 years and 10 month**.**

**Largest data volume reportedly stolen from a **SINGLE entity** was **6.5TB** over a **10 month** period.**

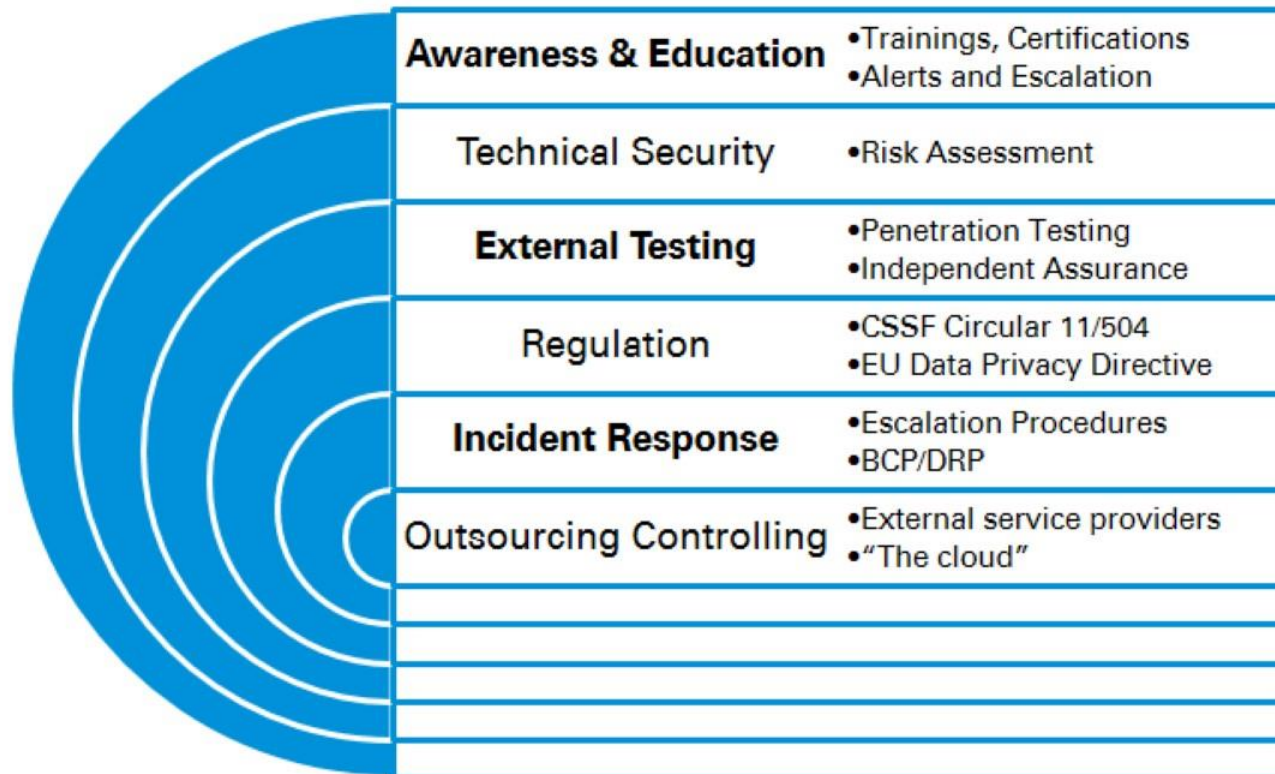


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## Awareness & Education



It is critical to **provide ongoing training** and education for all employees, including C-level executives, in order to increase **cyber awareness**.

Organizations need to

- **clearly define roles** and responsibilities,
- promote greater collaboration, and improve **communication** to, and beyond, the team.

# Pass

# The Auditor's Perspective

## External vulnerability testing

Scan

Identify

Remediate

Pass

Using the **specialist knowledge** of independent experts supports an organization's cyber security strategy by providing **details on vulnerabilities.**

Early detection of weak points significantly reduces the **risk of exploitation.**

# The Auditor's Perspective

## Incident response



Organizations create comprehensive incident response plans but:

- **sometimes do not test them until a real event occurs**
- view creating an incident response plan as a **one-time event as opposed to an ongoing process.**

Off-the-shelf plans are often **outdated and ineffective** against evolving threats and changing technology.

# Fail



# The Auditor's Perspective

## Incident response



Organizations should establish policies, processes, and procedures that are **tailored** to their culture, environment, response personnel, and most importantly, business objectives.

Documentation should be **concise**, and should **evolve constantly to remain current** with both external trends as well as shifts in business objectives.

# Pass



# Summary

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- **Awareness programs** are an essential part of any robust **Cyber Security strategy**
- Tailored and well-tested **Incident Response** plans ensure swift recovery from cyber attacks
- **External vulnerability scanning** will increase the overall security level

KPMG's Cyber Security brochure:





# Thank you!



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