



Why is Collaboration the Future of Cyber Security for Fintech?

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Cyber Security

*Learning something that makes you dumber

- Layered security works but ...
 - Are we getting dumber with each layer we add?
- We can't seem to stop consuming sec-tech
 - How many layers can we possibly have?
- There aren't enough good guys to go around
 - More tech means more experts we don't have
- So we must find ways to help the good guys
 - Strength in numbers?

Balancing Limited Cyber Resources

- Marginal returns from enterprise security model
 - Ever-evolving endpoint security and monitoring tech
 - Sifting through a myriad of data and alerts
- This model (like the AV industry) will not scale
 - Severity and number of successful attacks will ↑
 - PwC: detected incidents 38% YoY ↑ 2014 to 2015
 - Verizon: confirmed breaches 55% YoY ↑ 2014 to 2015
- Security teams are at a disadvantage
 - Security teams lack information (to use or share)
 - Need look-back on attacks that have happened and also need to have insight about those in progress

Carbanak

- APT-style phishing-based attack
 - Began in 2013
 - \$1B+ over 2 years
- Multiple breaches
 - 100+ banks, 30+ countries
- Failure of existing enterprise security model
 - Bad guys executing well-coordinated attacks

The Opposition is Better Organized

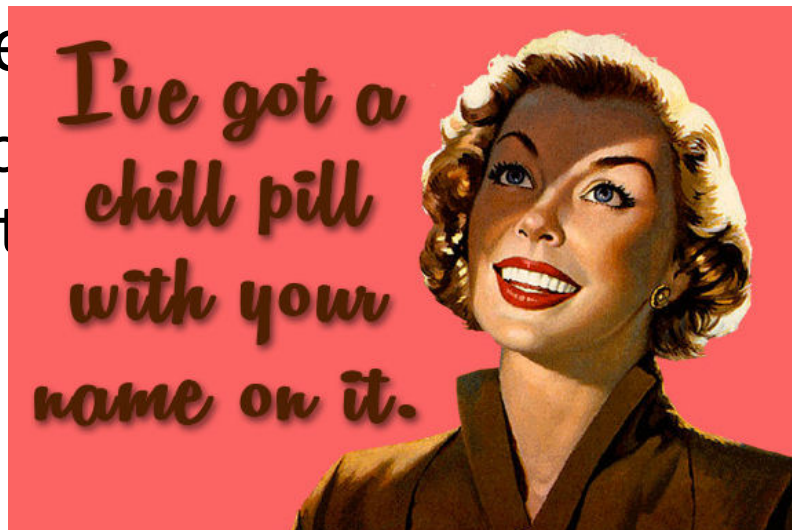
- Bad guys share vulnerability info freely, quickly
 - Good guys dig a hole, bury their heads in the sand
 - Partially driven by legal department anti-trust concerns
- Attacks: spread in hours, undetected for months
 - According to [Risk Analytics](#), 75% of attacks spread from victim zero to victim one within 24 hours*
 - 40% of those (30% of all) spread within the first hour
 - A growing attacker/defender detection deficit
 - Median days threats are present before detection is 205
 - Median days between exploit and remediation is 120

*[Verizon 2015 Data Breach Investigation Report \(DBIR\)](#)

Better Living Through Collaboration

- The practice of taking meds (drugs) to make life more enjoyable:
 - “Wow, Jenny was always so depressed, but now that she takes a bottle of Prozac in the morning and washes it down with vodka, she seems really relaxed and happy.” <http://urbandictionary.com>

- Better cybe
 - The lack of collaboration is the bane



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What Do Cybersecurity Teams Need?

- Visibility into incident info from peers
 - May be same attack methods or different
- Ability to effectively exchange information
 - Not dump raw but add qualified, enriched content
- Ability to effectively collaborate
 - Joint problem solving via shared expertise
- Share our experts and share our pain
 - Ability to open the kimono (sharing economy)

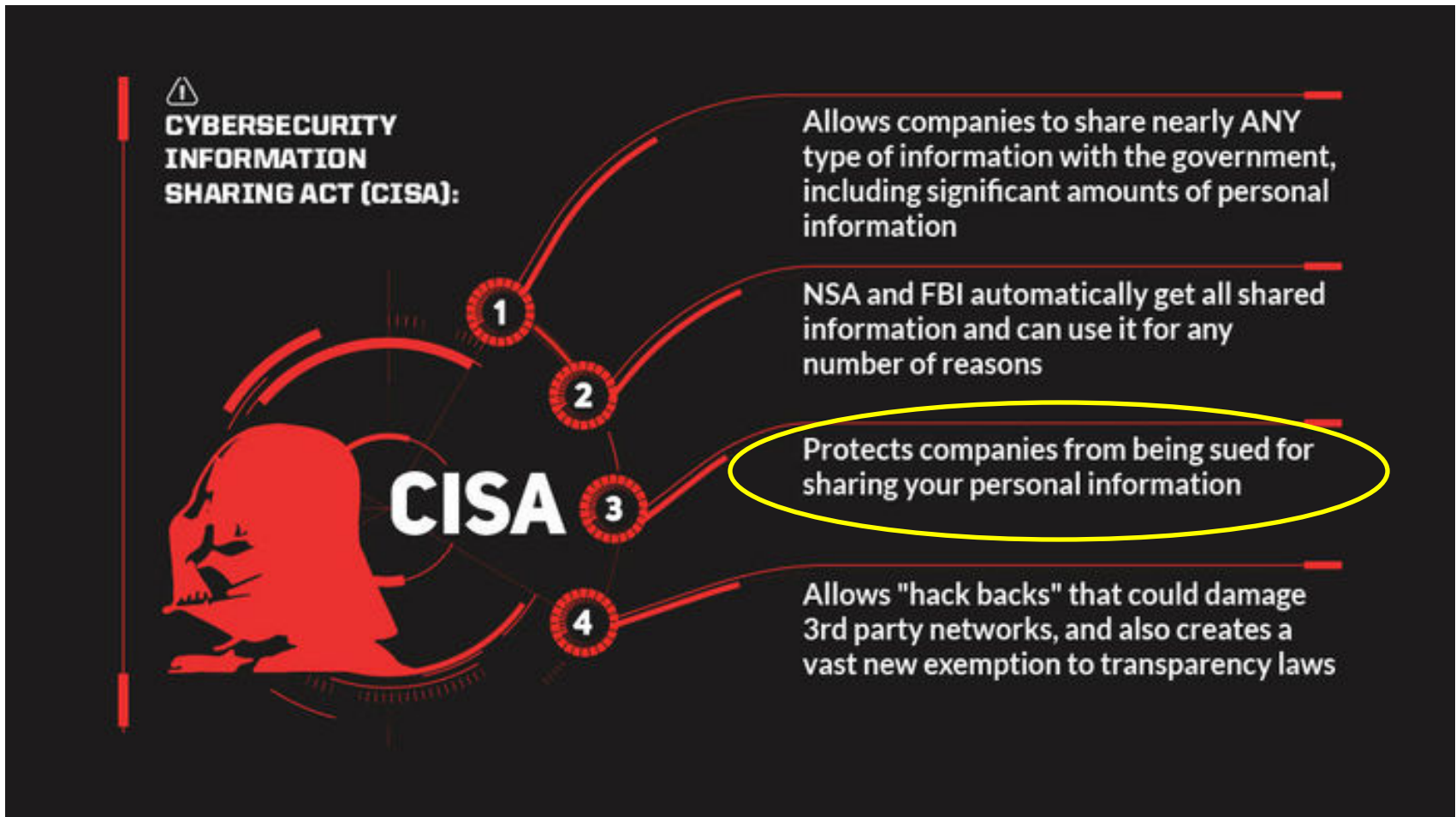
Other Good Guys Who Collaborate

- Counter Terrorism (National + International)
 - [U.S. DHS Fusion Centers](#)
 - “A collaborative effort of two or more agencies that provide resources, expertise and information with the goal of maximizing the ability to **detect, prevent, investigate, and respond** to criminal and terrorist activity.”
- Scientists and Solving Hard Problems
 - Multi-sectoral collaboration to solve HIV/AIDS
 - Manhattan Project during WWII
 - [Team of Rival Scientists Come Together to Fight Zika](#)
 - New York Times, 30-Mar-2016

So Why Don't We Share?

- Business risks slow information sharing
 - Legal / Government Concerns
 - Disclosing PII, IP, CCI (liability issues)
 - Anti-trust violations
 - Flagged as “in bed with” the government
 - Market / Financial Risks
 - Brand reputation
 - Cost of disclosing breach
- Some help from safe harbor legislation
 - U.S. Cybersecurity [Information Sharing] Act (12/2015)
 - Removes legal and government concerns **but ...**
 - Leaves market and financial risks **and ...**

CISA is not Perfect



Overcoming Sharing Limitations

- Without incentives to share quickly
 - Threat data is recycled (has limited value)
 - Relationships are ad-hoc (untrusted)
 - Incident data is outdated (yesterday's news)
- Basic algebraic equation: { VI ↑ → TE ↓ }
 - As the value of the info exchanged increases the time to exchange decreases
- We need platforms to support and facilitate the rapid exchange of high-value information
 - Must share incident info of value faster

Many Years of Talk

- Underground Sharing Scene (informal yet seminal)
 - [Computer Anti-Virus Research Organization](#) (CARO)
 - Intimate, informal, and thumbing noses at legal
 - Maybe supplanted by the [Cyber Threat Alliance](#) (CTA)
 - Suffers from underlying competitive challenges
- U.S. Information Sharing & Analysis Centers
 - [FS-ISAC](#) most advanced but limited effectiveness vis-à-vis reducing time (insufficient early warning) and not global
- Attack/Event Threat Intelligence Hub/Repository
 - Bulletin-board like services to consume and post info
 - Primarily for intelligence and research staff
- Threat Intelligence Hype (since about 2013)

Problems with Threat Intelligence

- Info overload – data too raw or generic
 - Threat intel vendors selling unrefined data scraped from web, collected via sensors and honeypots and no sector relevance
- Lack of anonymity
 - How do you contribute while protecting enterprise secrets?
- Unqualified data and sources, no consistent engagement
 - Challenge of garbage-in, garbage-out
- No standards or common exchange infrastructure
 - Challenge of sharing data and extracting meaningful value
- Lack of context or filters
 - Many indicators of compromise but what's relevant to me?
 - Should I worry about a spear-phishing attack on aviation sector?

Clarifying Our Goal

- Enrich cyber incident information while minimizing risk of exposing sensitive info
 - Reduce reputational risk
 - Redaction control
 - Anonymity in sharing
 - Improve detection / incident response speed
 - Incident reports correlated with threat intel feeds
 - Increase sharing of threat / incident info
 - Real-time sharing results in faster detection / response

Building Blocks Needed

- Trust
 - Must establish a way to build a trusted community (or communities) and maintain trust
- Connectivity and Productivity
 - Must incorporate into the workflow and business of cybersecurity (processes) inside the enterprise
- Regulation and Compliance
 - CISA enables sharing of cybersecurity information between companies and government
- Vendor Independence

Human Intelligence in Cyber Security

- Establish a Single Point of Truth
 - Dealing with [The “Fog of More”](#) (Tony Sager)
- Digest and correlate information
 - Aggregate into event threads
 - Enrich with related context
- Enable and promote collaboration
 - Bank A wants to know that Bank B is under attack
 - What are the attack details?
 - How can the attack effect Bank A?
 - How can Bank A work to help Bank B solve the problem?

Faster

- FBI Roundtable – not scalable or continuous
 - Not trusted (not auditable or compliant)
 - Disruptive (leave the office for in-person meeting)
 - Typically post-mortem (not real-time)
- Social-Media (Sharing Economy) Engagement
 - Always-on discussions around an event
 - P2P, vetted group, un-vetted groups, public
 - Share structured and unstructured data
 - Complete or redacted
 - Correlated and enriched content, digestible feeds

What's App/Slack for Cyber Security?

- What's App Groups
 - Primarily text with photo/video enrichment
 - Recently added P2P but no group crypto
- Slack: “Team Communication for 21st Century”
 - Open and Private Channels and P2P Messaging
 - Drag/Drop/Share Files
 - Connectivity to Key Apps (like Salesforce) for more complete contextual search, content enrichment

Emerging InfoSharing Ideas

- Create optics around issues and reach a wide audience
 - If “X” gets attacked by Ransomware, who needs to know?
 - Other teams inside the enterprise? Peers at other enterprises?
- Can enterprise security operators (secops) cut their dependence on specific solution or service providers by working together?
- Thanks to CISA, private enterprises (in US) can begin working together on cyber security problems without anti-trust issues
 - But how can you add value to those who share while still including the little guys who may have less to share?
 - What about those outside the US?

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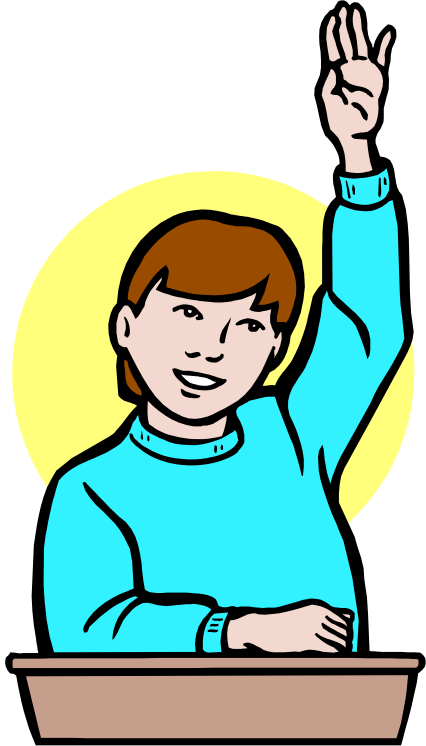
- Need anonymity and privacy protection
 - Mechanisms to protect the enterprise by redacting content (like PII or names) before it is shared
- Digest and correlate events in real time
 - Incident data from both cyber security and other enterprise tools
 - feeds from threat exchanges and open-source reporting
- Must feed into SIEM and workflow managers
- Must present information of value to the collaborator (by role or objective)

Emerging InfoSharing Ideas

- Must enable secops collaborating on an event to look at and work on the same data together
- The power of collaboration requires that many people are engaged in feeding and consuming
- Supplement event data with security infrastructure data to score product impact
 - Vendor performance against specific problems

Sample Vendors

- Early Threat Intelligence Innovators:
 - [ThreatConnect](#) (threat intelligence platform)
 - [Anomoli](#) (was ThreatStream)
 - [ThreatMetrix](#) (cybercrime/fraud)
- Big (vendor-centric consume-and-post clouds):
 - IBM [X-Force Exchange](#)
 - Check Point [ThreatCloud IntelliStore](#)
 - FireEye / iSight [Threat Intelligence](#)
- Emerging Innovators (the watch list):
 - [Comilion](#)
 - [TruStar](#)



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