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Example of a Chat Question

Overview

- Discuss cyber insider threats and indicators
- Identify commonalities of insider IT and espionage threats
- Discuss observable and reportable characteristics of cyber insider threat
- Identify best practices for the prevention and detection of cyber insider threats

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Fraud: An insider’s use of IT for the unauthorized modification, addition, or deletion of an organization’s data (not programs or systems) for personal gain, or theft of information which leads to fraud (identity theft, credit card fraud).

Theft of Intellectual Property: An insider’s use of IT to steal confidential or sensitive information from the organization.
Sabotage: An insider's use of IT to direct specific harm at an organization or an individual.

Chat Question 1

Who is the cyber insider threat?

Recent Cyber Insider & Espionage Cases

Manning leaks reams of classified information

Snowden discloses thousands of classified documents

WikiLeaks

Xiang Dong (Mike) Yu possibly stole 4,000 documents from Ford

Ex-Dow scientist charged with stealing trade secrets for China

David Yen Lee stole trade secrets from Valspar to bring to Chinese competitor
Traditional Insider Threat meets Cyber

• Most saboteurs and spies had common personal predispositions that contributed to their risk of committing malicious acts.
• In most cases, stressful events including organizational sanctions and unmet expectations, contributed to the likelihood of insider IT sabotage and espionage.
• Suspicious behaviors were often observable before and during insider IT sabotage and espionage.

Technical actions by many insiders could have alerted the organization to planned or ongoing malicious attacks.
• Many organizations ignored or failed to detect rule violations.
• Lack of physical and electronic access controls facilitated activity.

Traits of Insider IT Threats: Espionage & Sabotage

• Serious Mental Health Disorders
• Personality Problems
• Social Skills and Decision Making Deficits
• History of Rule Violations
Traits of Insider IT Threats: Espionage & Sabotage

Chat Question 2

Based on the described traits of cyber insider threats, which character is more cause for concern?

Milton – socially awkward, classic “nerd?”

Or Peter – clean cut, well liked around the office, classic “cool guy?”

Insider Threat Indicators: Espionage Cases

- Violation of physical security policies and procedures
- Download and use of password crackers
- Compromise of supervisor’s computer
- Unauthorized encryption of information
- Unauthorized “web surfing” and watching videos in violation of acceptable use policy
- Violation of password management policy
### Insider Threat Indicators: Espionage Cases

- Access of information outside of need to know
- Concealment strategies
- Download and installation of malicious code and tools
- Hacking
- Unauthorized encryption of information
- Unauthorized information transfer
- Violation of acceptable use policy

### Insider Threat Indicators: Sabotage Cases

- Creation of backdoor account
- Download and installation of malicious code and tools
- Failure to comply with configuration management policy
- Unauthorized information transfer
- Access from new employer’s system
- Installation of an unauthorized modem for later access
- Disabling of anti-virus on insider’s computer to test virus for later use in sabotage
- Network probing
- Refusal to swipe badge to record physical activity
- Use of organization's system for game playing

### Insider Threat Indicators: Sabotage Cases

- System access following termination
- Sharing passwords with others
- Refusal to return laptop on termination
- Access of websites prohibited by acceptable use policy
- Downloading and use of hacker tools such as root kits, password sniffers, and password crackers
- Failure to document systems or software
- Unauthorized access of customer’s systems
- Failure to create backups as required
- Unauthorized use of coworkers machines left on
Opportunity
• Motive
• Lack of Inhibition for Betray
• Trigger

Insider Indicators Plus:

Unwitting/Careless Insiders

“There is No Patch for People”

Chat Question 3

Despite your aggressive efforts in Cybersecurity Training and Awareness, an employee reports that they downloaded an attachment to an email which they now suspect may have been malicious.

How do you respond?
Unwitting/Careless Insiders

The Insider as Asset

Best Practices

Implement defense-in-depth: a layered defense strategy that includes technical, organizational, and operational controls

Consider:

• Personnel Security
• Physical Security
• Information Security
• Industrial Security

Reporting Requirements

DoD Directive 5240.06

Table 3. Reportable FIE-Associated Cyberspace Contacts, Activities, Indicators, and Behaviors

DoD personnel shall report the contacts, activities, indicators, and behaviors stated in...enclosure as potential ...threats against the DoD, its personnel, information, material, facilities, and activities, or against U.S. national security.

(DoD personnel who fail to report information as required may be subject to judicial or administrative action, or both, pursuant to applicable law and regulations.)
NISPOM 1-302 a. Adverse Information.
Cleared contractors shall report adverse information coming to their attention concerning any of their cleared employees.

Industrial Security Letter 2013-05/NISPOM 1-301
Cleared contractors shall report all possible or actual incidents of espionage, sabotage, terrorism or subversive activity to the Federal Bureau of Investigation and DSS.

Conclusion
You are the first line of defense

Threat + Vulnerability = RISK

(Insider) + (Access) = HIGH RISK

Questions
Cybersecurity Training Products

Past Webinars
• Insider Threat
• Potential Espionage Indicators (PEI): Detecting Actions Outside the Norm

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• CDSE Cybersecurity