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Social Engineering

The **BLUF** highlights what we at **The Threat Lab** are watching, listening to, reading, and thinking about. In this issue, we highlight artifacts related to social engineering, which is the process of manipulating people into divulging information they shouldn't share or acting in ways they shouldn't act.



PODCAST

From Episode 69 of the podcast, **Darknet Diaries**, "This episode, security consultant and master social engineer, Christopher Hadnagy, joins us to share his stories and wisdom. He describes what it was like to be a social engineer before the world knew what social engineering was and tells some of his amazing stories from his long career in penetration testing."

Listen to the podcast

<https://darknetdiaries.com/episode/69/>



VIDEO

From Jenny Radcliff's presentation at **The Internet Days**, "Jenny Radcliffe is known as 'The people hacker'. She doesn't know much about technology, but she can get into any building using social engineering and her expertise in the art of negotiation and persuasion... Encryption, passwords and locked doors won't help when Radcliffe focuses on the systems' weakest links: people."

Watch the video

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=unHCHtO_7c&t=12s



ARTICLE

From the article by Bullée, Montoya, Pieters, Junger, & Hartel, **On the anatomy of social engineering attacks—A literature-based dissection of successful attacks**, "This paper focusses on the social influence techniques offenders use in social engineering attacks to make their targets comply."

Read the article

<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/full/10.1002/jip.1482>

The Defense Personnel and Security Research Center (PERSEREC) founded **The Threat Lab** in 2018 to realize the DoD Counter-Insider Threat Program Director's vision to incorporate the social and behavioral sciences into the mission space. Our team is headquartered in Seaside, California, and includes psychologists, sociologists, policy analysts, computer scientists, and other subject matter experts committed to workforce protection.

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