### State of Cyber Security in Myanmar

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## Introduction

### an information security practitioner

- Penetration Testing, Vulnerability Assessment (aka red team)
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#### a programmer

Java, c#, python

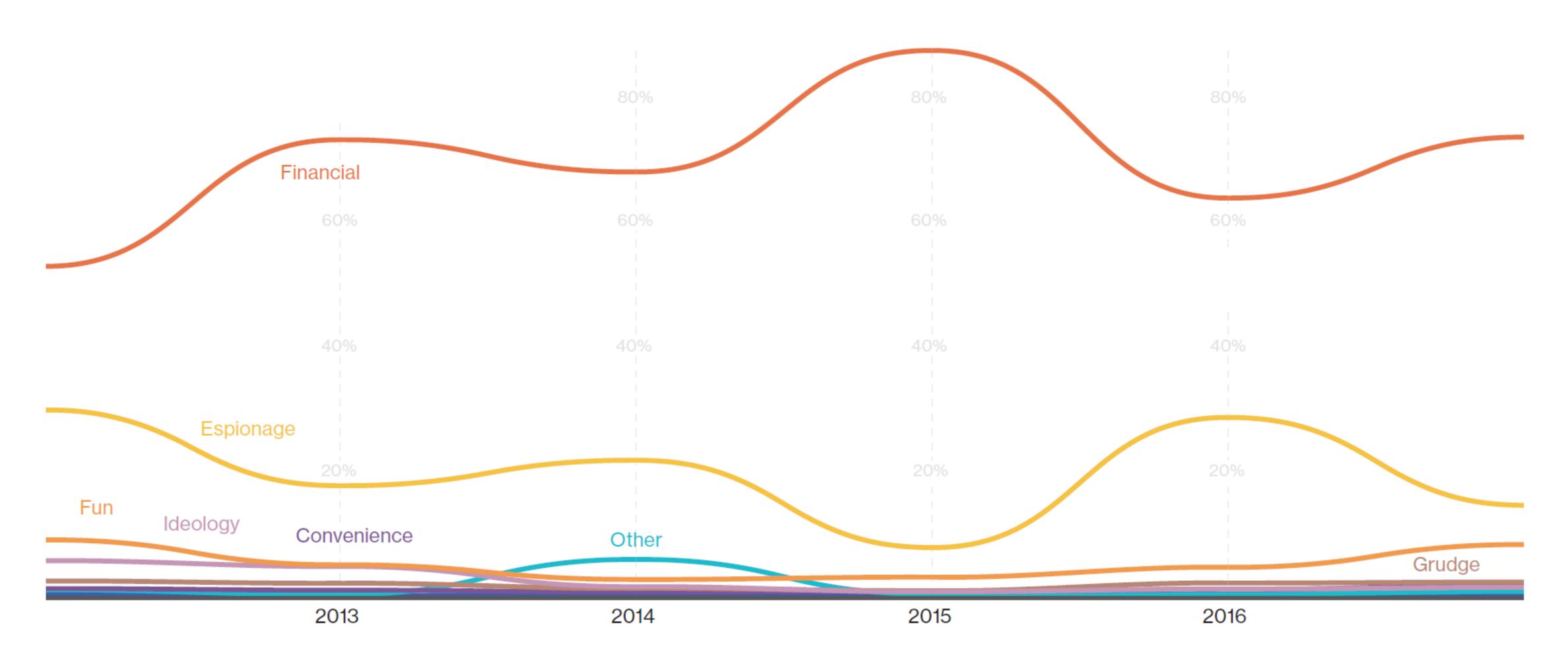
### a visiting lecturer/trainer

IT, Software Development, Cybersecurity

# Around the Globe

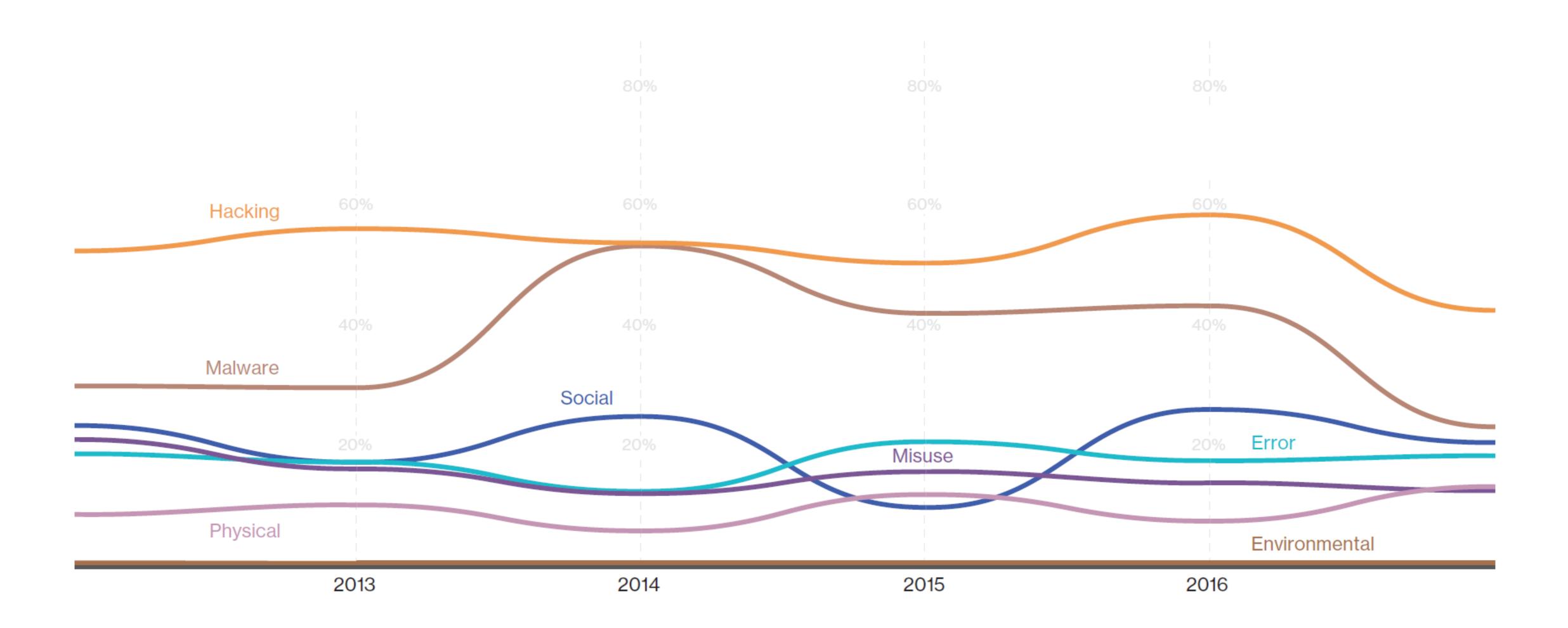
## DBIR Trends - Motives





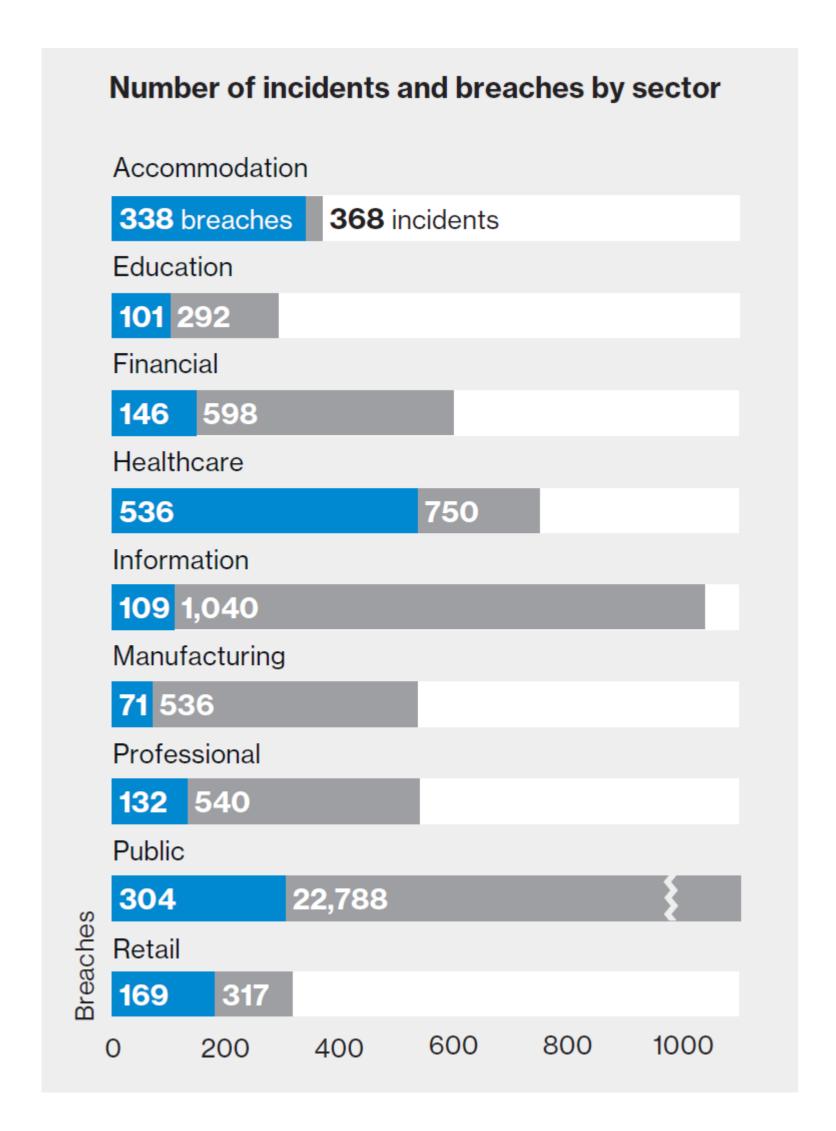
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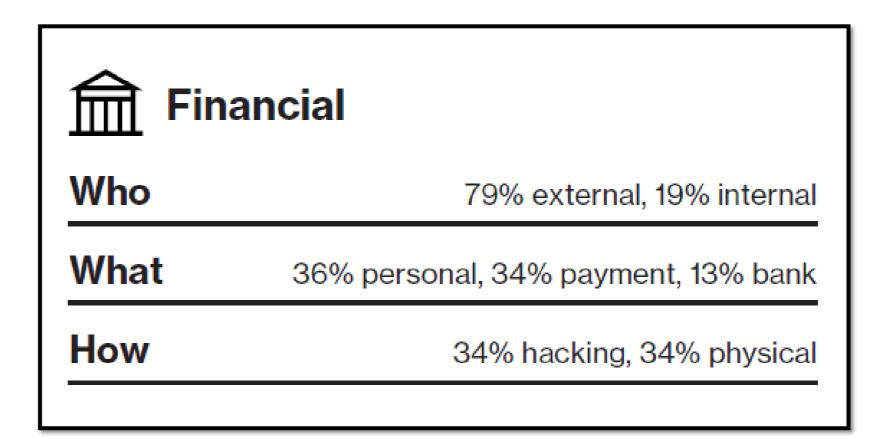


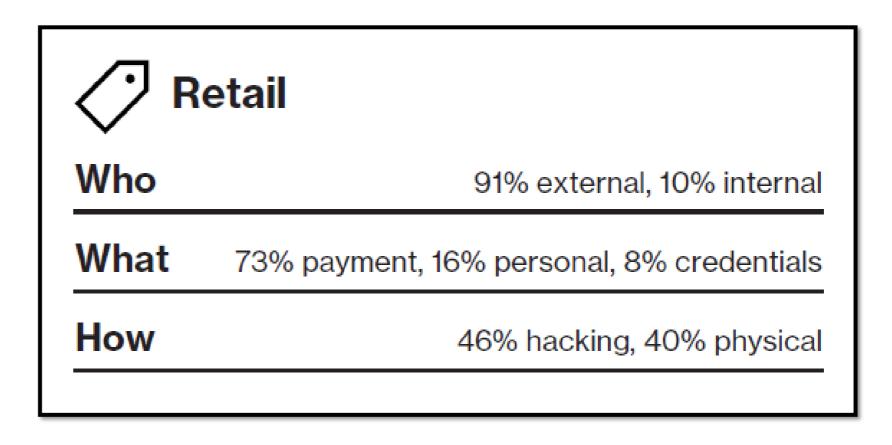


# DBIR Trends - Industry



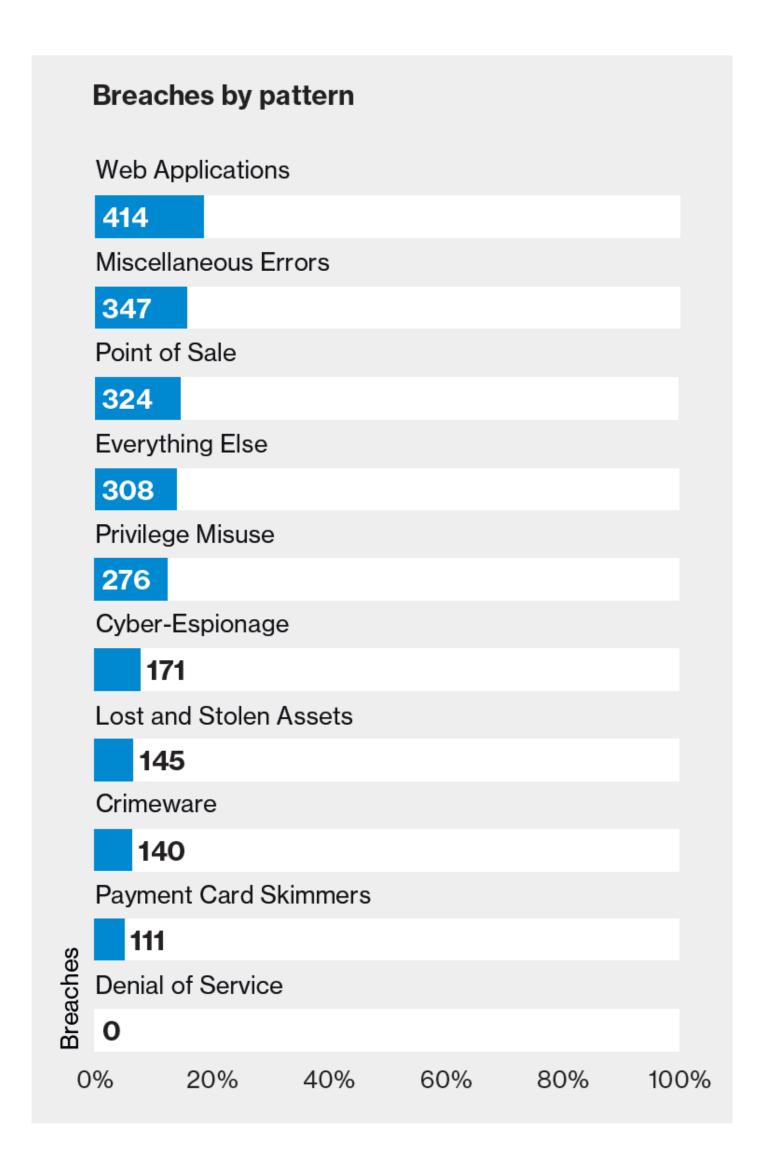






## DBIR Trends - Patterns





#### Web Application Attacks

Any incident in which a web application was the vector of attack. This includes exploits of code-level vulnerabilities in the application as well as thwarting authentication mechanisms.

#### Notable findings

The number of breaches in this pattern are reduced due to the filtering of botnet-related attacks on web applications using credentials stolen from customer-owned devices. Use of stolen credentials is still the top variety of hacking in breaches involving web applications, followed by SQLi.

#### **Payment Card Skimmers**

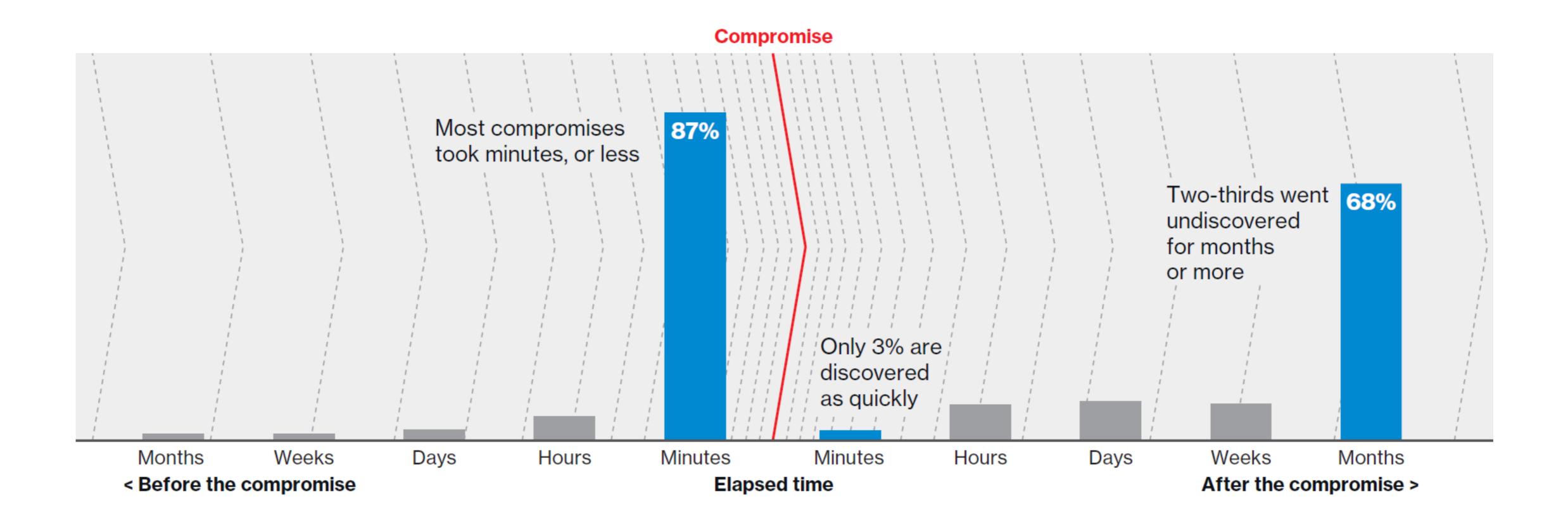
All incidents in which a skimming device was physically implanted (tampering) on an asset that reads magnetic stripe data from a payment card.

#### Notable findings

While commonly associated with ATMs, gas pump terminals were just as likely to be targeted in this year's dataset.

## DBIR Trends - Detection





# in Myanmar?

# Cyber Crime Trends



The lack of broadband connectivity also affects the amount of cybercrime—one official we interviewed said that once a country gets broadband connectivity, usually without adequate defenses, cybercrime spikes within a few days.

## BEC Scam



#### **BEC Scam Losses Top \$12 Billion: FBI**

By Eduard Kovacs on July 16, 2018









The losses and potential losses reported as a result of business email compromise (BEC) and email account compromise (EAC) scams exceed \$12 billion globally, according to an alert published last week by the FBI.

The report is based on data collected by the FBI's Internet Crime Complaint Center (IC3), international law enforcement and financial institutions between October 2013 and May 2018. The amounts represent both money that was actually lost by victims and money they could have lost had they taken the bait.

BEC scams, which involve sending requests for fund transfers and personally identifiable information from hijacked business email accounts, have been observed in 50 U.S. states and 150 countries, with money being sent to 115 countries.

The top destinations for money generated by BEC scams are Asian banks in China and Hong Kong, but a significant number of schemes involve financial organizations in the U.K., Mexico and Turkey.

According to the FBI, more than 78,000 complaints have been made globally between October 2013 and May 2018, with over 41,000 victims reported in the United States. Targeted individuals and businesses lost or could have lost \$12.5 billion, nearly \$3 billion of which in the U.S. Losses increased by 136% between December 2016 and May 2018.

#### **DEFINITION**

Business E-mail Compromise (BEC)/E-mail Account Compromise (EAC) is a sophisticated scam targeting both businesses and individuals performing wire transfer payments.

The scam is frequently carried out when a subject compromises legitimate business e-mail accounts through social engineering or computer intrusion techniques to conduct unauthorized transfers of funds.

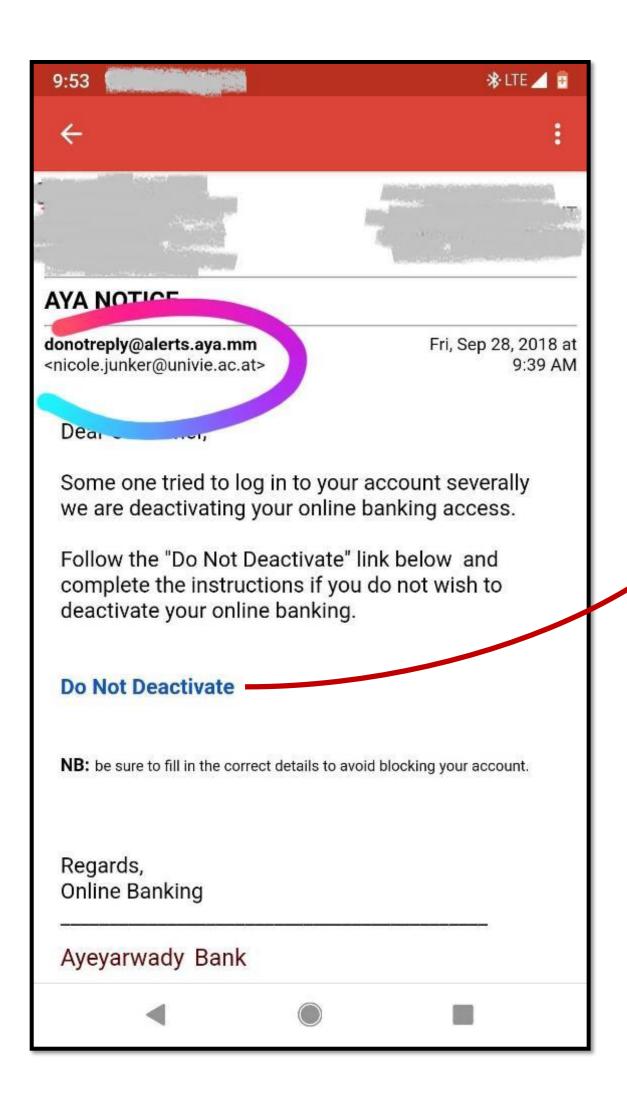
The scam may not always be associated with a request for transfer of funds. A variation of the scam involves compromising legitimate business e-mail accounts and requesting Personally Identifiable Information (PII) or Wage and Tax Statement (W-2) forms for employees.<sup>1</sup>

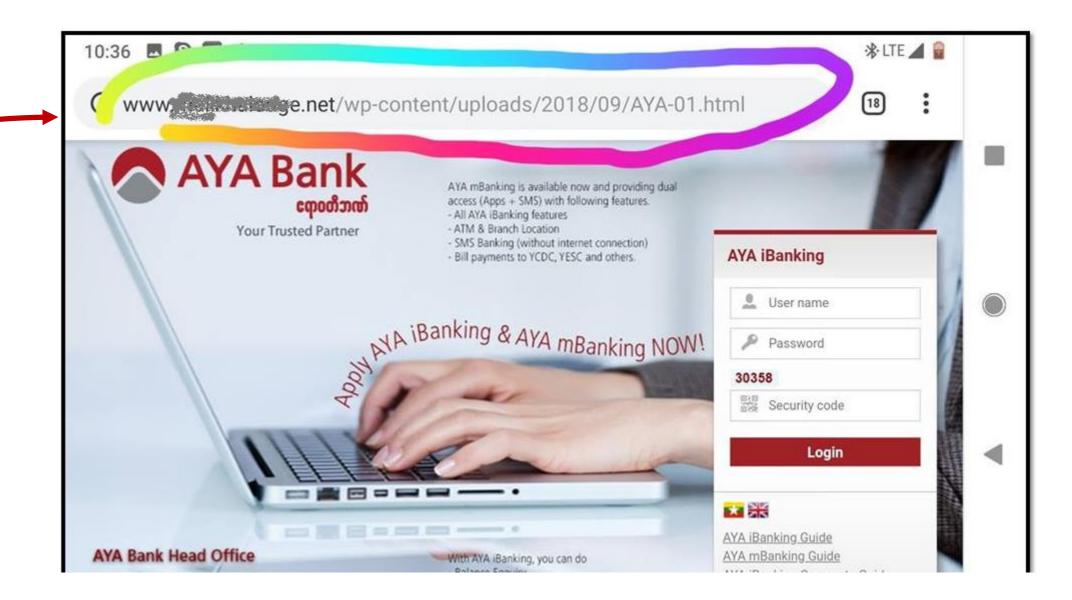
## BEC Scam

Most of the BEC scams in Myanmar are not reported.

Lost ranging from USD 10,000 to USD 500,000 per scam

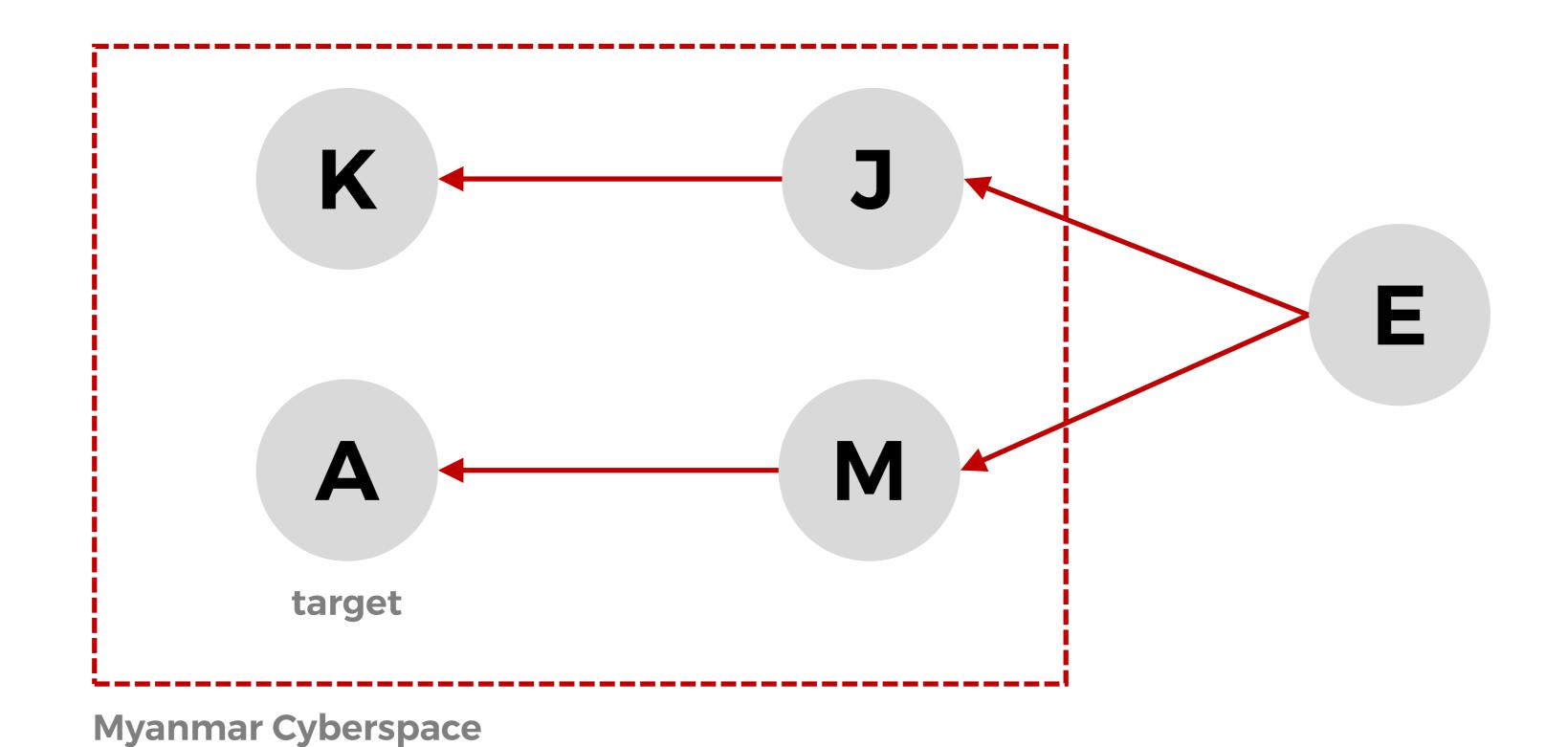
# Phishing





# Phishing

Domestic /Foreign threat actors are targeting now Myanmar business



# Fraud/Hack

#### Four foreigners hit with heavy prison terms over ATM fraud

Defendants arrive at Bohtahtaung Township court on Friday morning. (Teza Hlaing | Frontier)



#### By SU MYAT MON | FRONTIER

YANGON – Four foreigners have received heavy prison sentences after being convicted of using fraudulent pre-paid cards to withdraw millions of kyats from ATMs in Yangon.

British national Mr Niranjan Rasalingham received a 17-year prison term after being found guilty of a range of offences under the Penal Code, the 1947 Immigration Act and the Electronic Transactions Act.

His three Indian co-defendants were found guilty under the Penal Code and Immigration Act, and received sentences ranging from seven to nine years.

In announcing her verdict, the Botahtaung Township Court judge said the fraudulent ATM cards used to withdraw the money had been examined by the Singapore office of global payments company Visa. It had deemed them fake,

## Two Nigerians withdraw money by hacking KBZ account of an economic adviser

Two Nigerian citizens hacked the KBZ Bank account of an economic adviser of a businessman and withdrew money on July 17, police confirmed on July 22.

The police however did not release details. According to initial reports, the adviser opened a case under section 66 (c) of the Telecommunications Law on July 19, one of the two hackers was arrested in Kamayut Township, Yangon, on July 21.

"It is true that money was withdrawn after the bank account had been hacked" the head of Mingalar Taungnyunt Township Police Force told the Daily Eleven.

## Honorable Mentions

#### Fake News

- Lucky draw pages
- Like and Share

### Cyber Bullying

Few isolated cases leading physical and psychology harm

### Online spread of hate speech

Racial, Religious, Politics

### **Breach of Privacy**

Celebrities accounts, Sextortion



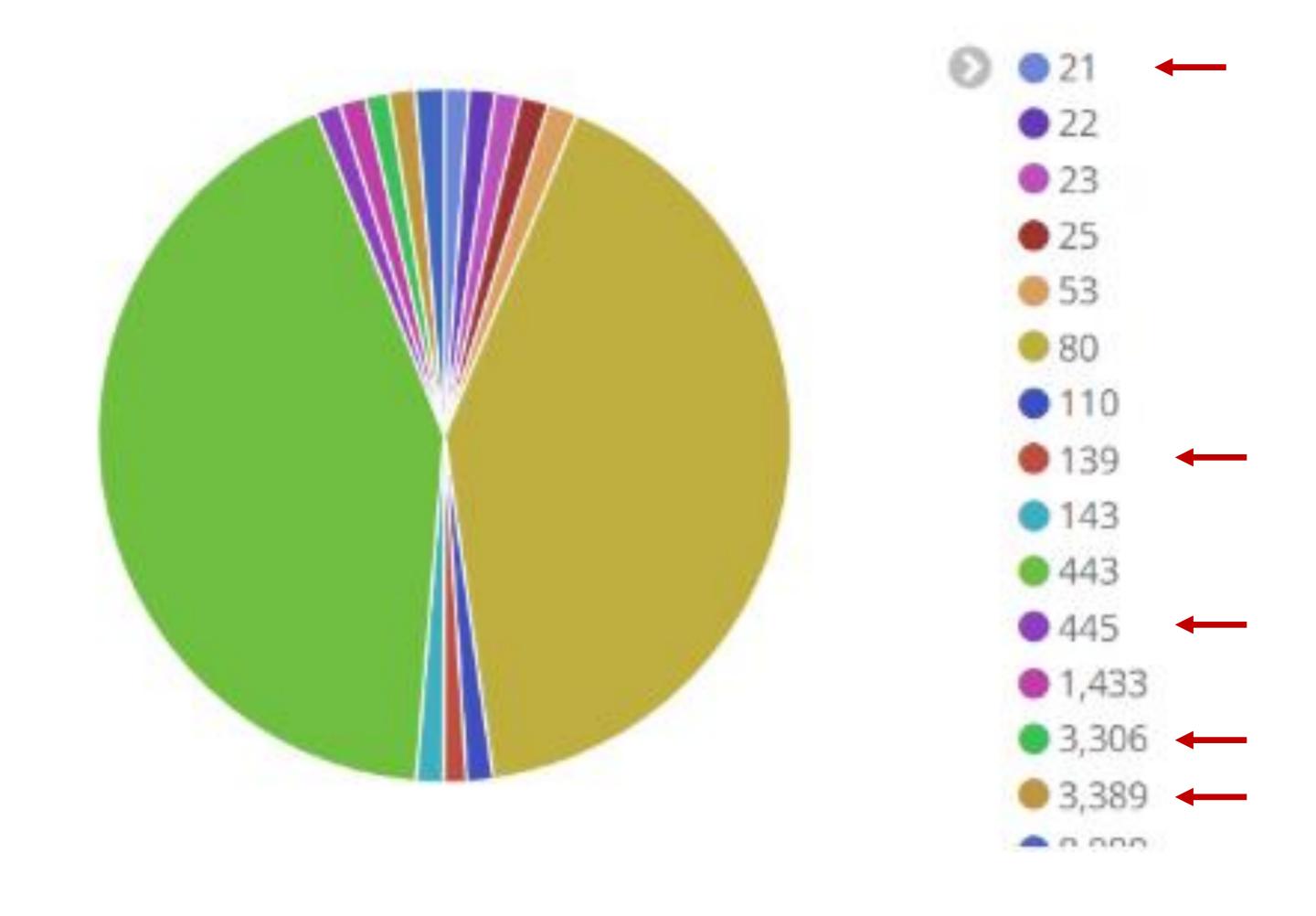
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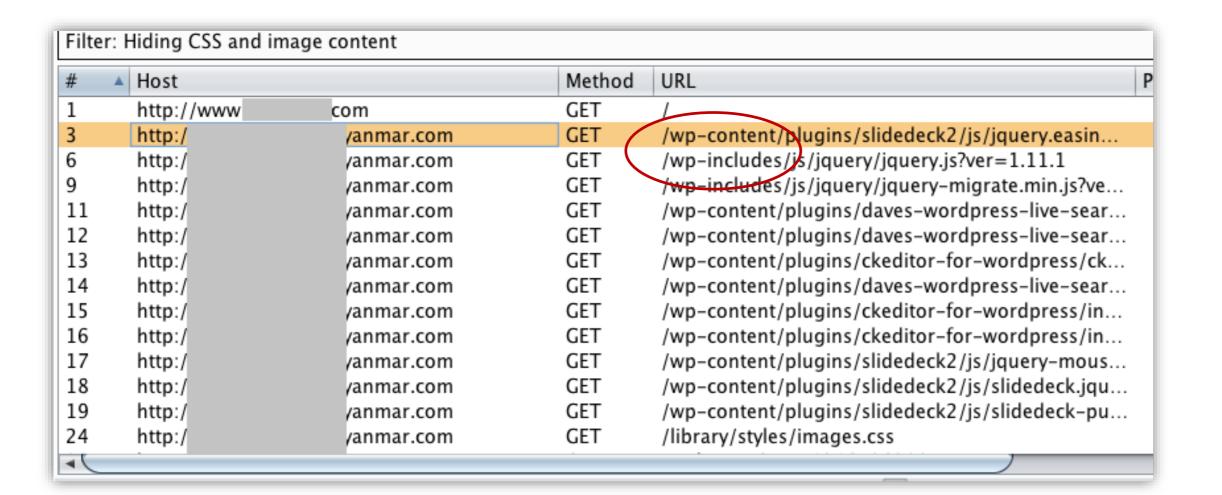
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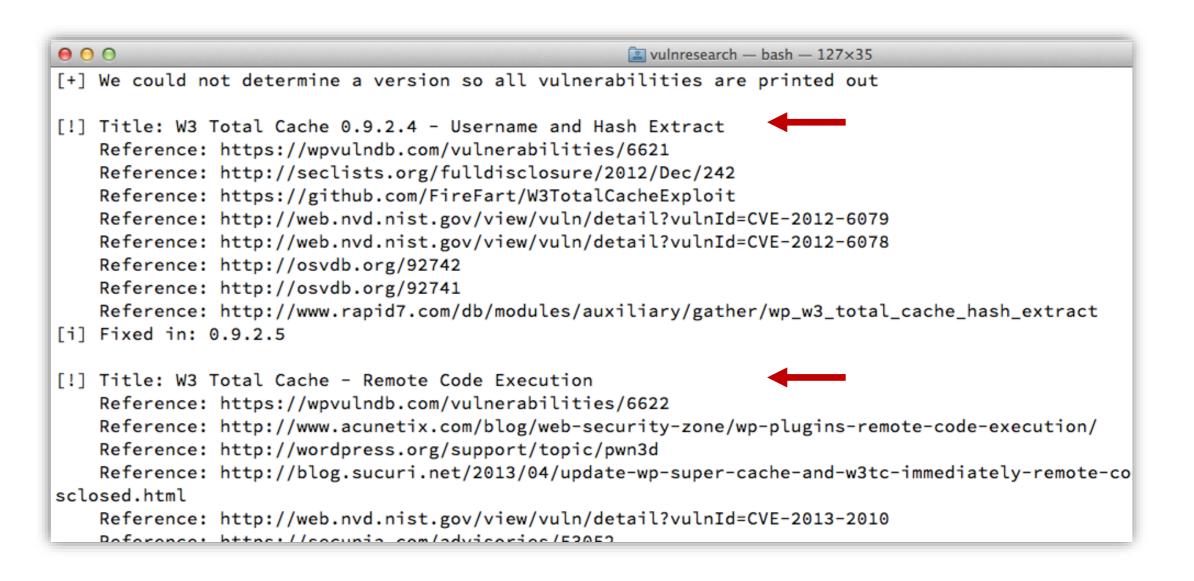
Internet accessible common services

# Myanmar Cyberspace: Exposures



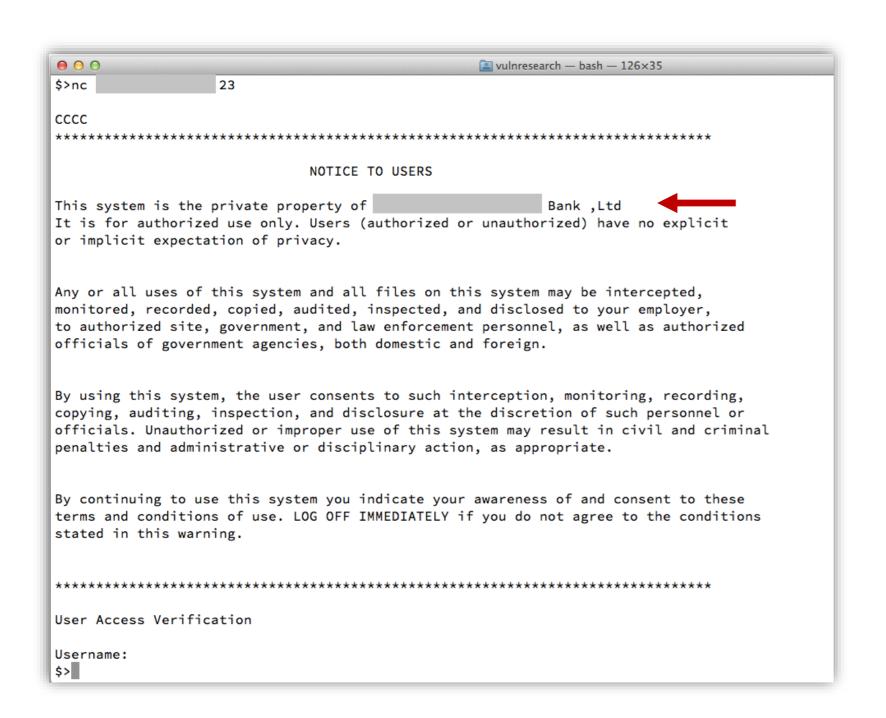


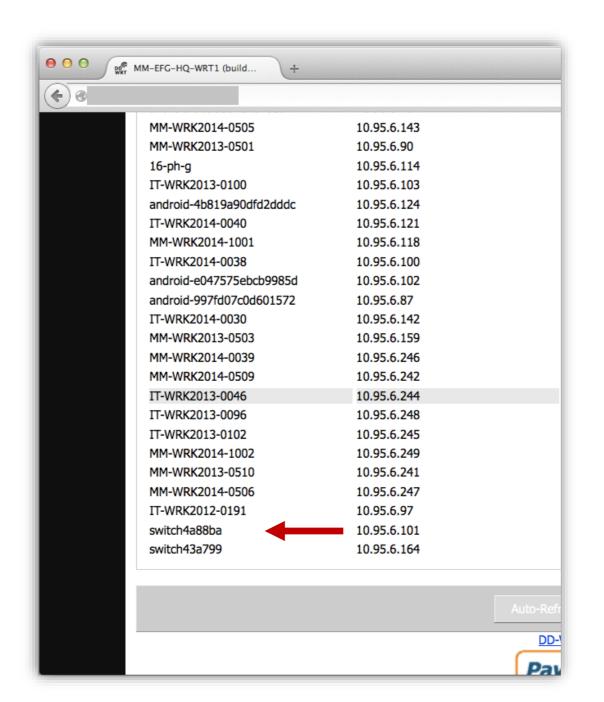






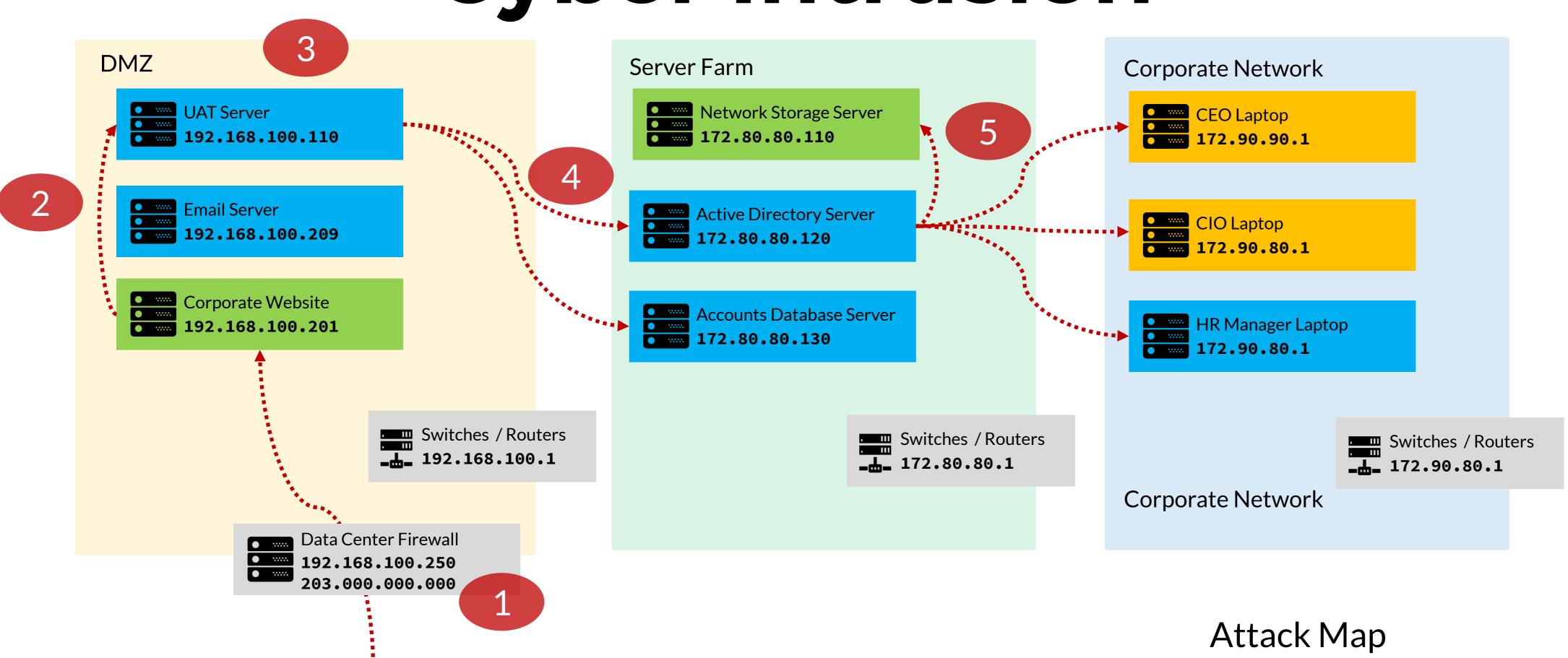
# Myanmar Cyberspace: Exposures







# Cyber Intrusion



- 1. Low Hanging Fruits
- 2. Pivot
- 3. Credentials Dumping
- 4. High Value Assets
- 5. Target Assets

# Cyber Security

to protect detect respond

Via people process technology

preserve confidentiality integrity availability

# People: Workforce

### Not sizable industry

Shortage of job opportunities

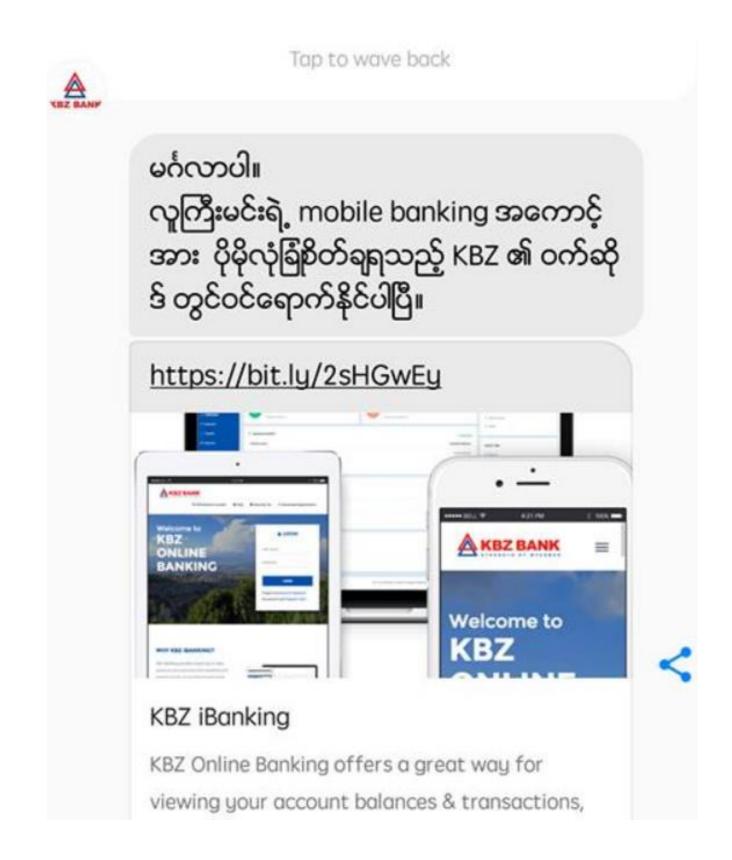
### Shortage of skilled professionals

At least for the local skilled professionals

# People: Consumers

#### Low level awareness

- Oblivious to common online safety measures
- Vulnerable to social engineering attacks



# People: Consumers

#### Culture?

Respect for own or other privacy



# People



**Cyber security conferences** 



Skilled based cyber security training programs



**Awareness Campaigns** 

## Process

### No industry regulation on cyber security (yet)

- Banking
- Telecommunication
- Internet Service Providers
- Online services

# Process: Example Regulation

- Board of Director and Senior Management accountability for Risk Management
- IT Security Awareness
- Technology Risk management Framework
- IT Service Management
- Reliability, Availability and Recoverability
  - BCP
- Security Monitoring
  - Real-time monitoring capacity (24/7)
- Security Testing
  - Annual Penetration Testing

# Process: Example Regulation

- Must implement process and framework to identify critical system
- Maximum of
  - unscheduled downtime 4 hours per annum
- Upon system failure
  - Recovery Time Objective (RTO) less than 4 hours
- For each incidents
  - Notification to authority in 60 minutes
  - Root cause and business impact analysis in 14 days

## Process: ISO

- To guide organizations of all size and industry to build Information Security Management System (ISMS) or information security program
- Formerly British Standard 7799 (BS7799)
- Contains series of documents (guides) for organizations to follow to implement ISMS
- ISO 27001: General Requirement
  - The most common of ISO 27000 series
- Per typical ISO implementation
  - Implementation (Usually Consulting, Third Party Assisted)
  - Third Party Auditing and Certification
- ISO 27015: Financial Sector

## Process: NIST CSF

- The newest and the most recent framework
  - 2018
- Originally to improve critical infrastructure cybersecurity
  - 16 sectors per US DHS
  - Financial services, telecommunication, electricity generation, water supply and etc.
- Vendor neutral
  - No compliance, No Certification
  - Ideal Self assessment tools
  - Free
- Consists of Three Parts:
  - Framework Core
  - Framework Profile
  - Framework Implementation Tiers

## Process: CIS

### Critical Security Controls

- Informed by real world attacks
- Developed by global communities
  - ASD 35 Mitigation Strategies is the Australian counter part
- Align with top compliance frameworks

### Objectives

- Block initial compromise
- Address detection
- Disruption attackers objectives

#### Effectiveness

First 5 controls (claims to) deter 85% of cyber attacks

# Technology

#### **Prevention Oriented**

Aka traditional defense

Preventive
Firewall – NGFW
Minimize Administrative Privilege
Antivirus
Patching
Network segmentation

Detective
Intrusion Detection
Account Monitoring
Incident Response
Regular log review
Lateral Movement Detection

Prevention and detection controls are not mutually exclusive

# Technology: Trend

EPP NGFW

**SIEM** 

**EDR** 

**Alerting** 

**Cyber Threat Intelligence** 

**Machine Learning** 

**Automation** 

Orchestration

#### Legend

**EPP: Endpoint Protection** 

NGFW: Next Generation Firewall

SIEM: Security Information Event Management

EDR: Endpoint Detection and Response

## Conclusion

#### Risk

Threat actors both domestic and foreign are targeting Myanmar business

### Challenges

• Lack of resources, regulations and guidelines

### Opportunities

Learn and adopt suitable tools

## Thank you!



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