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## **NEWS & UPDATE**

### New Partners

AiSP would like to welcome AZ and Scantist as our new Corporate Partners. AiSP looked forward to working with our Partners to contribute to the Cybersecurity Ecosystem.





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Professional Development

Membership



AiSP would like to thank Institute of Technical Education (ITE) for their continued support in developing the cybersecurity landscape:



Institute of Technical Education



### News and Updates

### AiSP x CSA SG Cyber Leader x PDD Networking Event on 19 July

It was a great evening of networking and interaction at the AiSP x CSA SG Cyber Leader x PDD Networking Event on 19 July 2022 organised by AiSP and JTC.

More than 60 Cyber Leaders from AiSP Corporate Partners (CPP) came together and heard from our Speakers (Johnny Kho, Selwyn Scharnhorst, Steven Wong moderated by Sophia Ng) on the future of Cybersecurity in the region. Our leaders also had the opportunity to hear more on the plans of the Punggol Digital District through the networking.

AiSP would like to thank JTC for hosting us and Cyber Security Agency of Singapore - CSA and Singapore Institute of Technology for supporting the event and being part of the panel discussion.





### Knowledge Series Events

### **Incident Response Management on 6 July**

As part of Digital for Life movement, AiSP is committed to help Singaporeans of all ages and walks of life to embrace digital learning as a lifelong pursuit.

On 6 July, AiSP was delighted to have our Corporate Partners, BeyondTrust & Blackpanda with us to support the event with the theme on Incident Response Management.

We would like to thank Mr Tony Low for giving the opening address and Mr Kevin Pang and Mr Victor Tan for sharing their insights at the webinar.





### Cyber Threat Intelligence on 20 July

As part of Digital for Life movement, we hope to help Singaporeans of all ages and walks of life to embrace digital learning as a lifelong pursuit.

On 20 July, we had our knowledge series focusing on Cyber Threat Intelligence where our Corporate Partner, IronNet & Micro Focus has shared insights on Cyber Threat Intelligence.





### Security Operation on 24 August





Key takeaways include: The importance of continuous security monitoring and the need for data telemetries for limitless visibility. Evolution and adoption of extended and detection response (XDR) in modern SOC Adoption of dynamic analytics and automation to help detect today's and future attacks Enhance your Cyber and Cloud Security with Vectra AI Speaker: Sharat Nautiyal, Security Architect, Vectra Al Supply chain attacks, ransomware, account compromises and data breaches are some of the many threats facing organisations today. And some can be nearly impossible to detect. Learn how with security-led AI, Vectra can identify threats and attacks before the damage is done. The sooner you identify a breach / attack the better you can protect your organisation. Date: 24 August 2022, Wed Time: 3PM - 4.30PM Venue: Zoom Registration: https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/6616589024995/WN\_uYWm8JZR8WDHHzh3p6hHw

### Upcoming Knowledge Series

As part of knowledge sharing, AiSP is organising regular knowledge series webinars based on its **Information Security Body of Knowledge 2.0** topics. Our scheduled topics for webinars in 2022 are as follows (may be subjected to changes),

- 1. Security Operation BOK Series, 24 Aug 22
- 2. Internet of Things BOK Series, 19 Oct 22
- 3. DevSecOps BOK Series, 16 Nov 22

Please let us know if your organisation is keen to be our sponsoring speakers in 2022! Please refer to our scheduled 2022 webinars in our <u>event calendar</u>.



### Cybersecurity Awareness & Advisory Programme (CAAP)

### Staying Cyber Safe with Cyber Trust & Cyber Essentials on 28 July

On 28 July, in collaboration with SCCCI, AiSP organised a webinar on Staying Cyber Safe with Cyber Trust & Cyber Essential.

We would like to thank Tony Low for giving the opening address and the following speakers for sharing insights with the participants: Ms Veronica Tan (Cyber Security Agency of Singapore (CSA)), Mr Balijit Singh (GIC), Mr Dave Gurbani (CyberSafe), Mr Kamal (TÜV SÜD) and Ms Alice (BSI).





### AiSP x SIAA - Automation, Robotics & IoT Security Workshop on 25 August





Businesses are expected to spend over \$1 trillion on Internet-of-Things (IoT) projects in 2023. To reap the potential benefits of IoT, businesses rely on an entire ecosystem of vendors and solutions to cover everything from the IoT devices' hardware and software, to connectivity, data storage and analysis, and more. This makes IoT a complex ecosystem that is difficult to realize, maintain, and manage.

In this session, learn how you can adopt an integrated IoT strategy to protect against threats that target IoT ecosystem and still be empowered to deliver on the promise of IoT.

#### <u>Connecting the dots in OT Cybersecurity</u> Speaker: Daren Tay, Regional Technical Manager, Nozomi Networks Asia Pacific

Connecting IT and OT can sometimes be challenging, but both teams know the importance of Cybersecurity. Join our session to find out why visibility is fundamentally imperative in addressing today's critical infrastructure and industrial networks cybersecurity challenges over safety concerns.

Date: 25 August, Thursday Time: 2PM – 5PM Venue: Singapore Industrial Automation Association Registration: <u>https://forms.gle/LKhRQaNJtG6dT6Yx7</u>



### AiSP Cybersecurity Awareness E-Learning





#### Why Should You Take This E-Learning & How Will It Help You?

Through this E-learning, we prepare your business and your employees to kickstart your journey in digital transformation and be more cyber safe. With the various contents provided in the E-Learning which will be update consistently, you have be able to have a better understanding on the digital business landscape and how to set up your initial cybersecurity framework.

An e-certificate will be given once you have completed the core modules for the e-learning and passed the quiz.

#### Why Is this E-Learning Special?

AiSP works very closely with our partners to produce contents that are up to date and relevant from you and your business. The content will be updated consistently to ensure our subscribers have at least **1 new** content updated in the platform.

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Individual	Bundle (Min. 5 pax) <sup>#</sup>
\$7.90/month (Before GST)	\$6.00/pax/month (Before GST)*
*Minim	um 1 year subscription

\*Please submit subscribers' Name, Organisation & Designation, Contact Email and Contact Number separately in Excel format.

Please contact AiSP Secretariat at <a href="mailto:secretariat@aisp.sg">secretariat@aisp.sg</a> if you have any queries.

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# Student Volunteer Recognition Programme (SVRP)

### AiSP Youth Symposium on 2 July

On 2 July, as part of Youth Day Celebrations, AiSP organised the inaugural AiSP Youth Symposium with various talks from company representatives. MOS Sun Xueling was the Guest of Honour for the event.

During the event, there was a panel discussion on our Youth in the Future moderated by AiSP EXCO member & SVRP lead Soffenny Yap, joined by MOS Sun Xueling, SVRP Honorary Ambassador Tay Gao Jun, GovTech Singapore Thomas Lim, Singapore Institute of Technology Raymond Chan and ST Engineering Cybersecurity Woo Lip Lim. It was an engaging and insightful session for the youths as they shared their perspectives from different walks of life.

A big thank you to our sponsors & supporting partners for making the event possible: Cyber Security Agency of Singapore (CSA), DBS Bank, GovTech Singapore, Huawei Singapore, IMDA Digital for Life Movement, National Trades Union Congress (NTUC) U Associate, Singapore Institute of Technology & ST Engineering Cybersecurity.







### Learning Journey to Singtel office on 4 July

As part of Youth Day Celebration, AiSP brought over 60 ITE West students to tour our Corporate Partner, Singtel office. They had the opportunity to visit the backend operations of Singtel and find out more about what each job entails. Thank you AiSP CPP, Fortinet for sponsoring the lunch for the students.



### Learning Journey to Acronis on 12 July

On 12 July, AiSP brought over 30 ITE West students on a learning journey to visit our corporate partner, Acronis office. It was an insightful day for the students as they get to ask first hand questions on the daily work of cybersecurity personnel.



Our student volunteer drive is ongoing till Dec 2022 for those who are interested to volunteer but not sure where to start. Please click <u>here</u> to apply today. Call for Nomination for Student Volunteer Recognition Programme has ended on 31 July 2022.



### AiSP Cyber Wellness Programme



Click here to find out more!



### Ladies in Cybersecurity



### Ladies Talk Cyber Series

For the Fourteenth edition of AiSP's 'Ladies Talk Cyber' series, we interviewed Ms Su Mon Kywe, who is currently working as a security manager at the National Health Group (NHG).

### How to be successful in cybersecurity field

In celebration of <u>SG Women year</u>, AiSP's secretariat decided it was timely to launch a series of interviews of female leaders across industries who fulfil high impact roles, and learn about their journeys, experiences and insights. The initiative aims to shed some light on what it takes to make it in this field. The interviews can be source of invaluable career insights as well as opportunities for those in the field to get a deeper understanding of the industry, and how its leaders are innovating to disrupt the cyber landscape.

### Introducing women with a deep interest in cybersecurity

Su Mon is currently working as a security manager at the National Health Group (NHG). She liaised with cluster information security officers (CISOs) from hospitals, polyclinics, and pharmacies for various security initiatives, such as technical risk advisory, risk assessment, and application security training.

Please click <u>here</u> to view the full details of the interview.





AiSP x WiSAP Spill the Tea Webinar on 14 July

AiSP held our first joint event with WiSAP (Women in Security Alliance Philippines) on 14 July with an evening of sharing at the AiSP x WiSAP Spill the Tea Session. It was our pleasure to have our panellists Ms Justine Co, Ms Sherin Y Lee, Ms Lav Tambuyat and Ms Sandy Cheong moderated by Ms Soffenny Yap. The panel shared on their personal experience in their daily jobs and how they are coping between their career and personal life. They also shared on what motivated them to stay in this industry and what are some of their biggest setbacks that they faced in their journey as well as what they hoped to achieve in the future.





### **Upcoming Ladies in Cyber Events**

### AiSP International Cyber Women's Day Celebration on 1 Sept

International Women in Cyber Day is a global movement of women and male advocates who recognize September 1st as a special day set aside to bring awareness to the challenges women face and celebrate women's achievements within the cybersecurity industry.

This year, AiSP will be doing a sharing on our past achievements and updates on our new programme. We will end of the event with a networking and drinks (Free Flow of Beer & Red Wine). It will also be a night of networking and recruitment where every AiSP Female mentors can bring a female friend to join in the event too to know more about our programme.





Open to all Females only. Please email to <u>secretariat@aisp.sg</u> if you are interested to join.



### Learning Journey to Ensign InfoSecurity on 6 Sept

As part of the International Cyber Women Day Celebrations 2022, AiSP will be organising a learning journey to Ensign InfoSecurity on 6 Sep 22 from 2pm to 5pm where we will invite about 50 to 70 female Youths (Subjected to COVID restrictions) from our Student Chapters to come together physically for a day of celebration, learning journey and visiting the Ops Centre at Ensign InfoSecurity and interacting with the working personnel at Ensign. Join us for an afternoon of enriching activities ranging from Dialogue Session with our Guest of Honour, Ms Gan Siow Huang, Minister of State in the Ministry of Education and Ministry of Manpower, Recruitment Talk, Internship Opportunities and visit to the Ops Centre. The event is open to all female students in tertiary level. Join MOS Gan, Ms cAsh Chng, Ministry CISO and Ms Sherin Y Lee at the event to hear what they have to share.

The details for the event are as follow:

Date: 6 Sep 22 (Tue)

Time: 2pm to 5pm

Venue: Ensign InfoSecurity (Singapore) Pte Ltd located at 30A Kallang Pl, #08-01, Singapore 339213

Dress code: Smart Casual

Guest of Honour: Ms Gan Siow Huang, Minister of State in the Ministry of Education and Ministry of Manpower

\*Light Refreshments will be provided at the event



Open to Female students only. Register <u>here</u> by 12 Aug 22 or scan the QR code below.





### Special Interest Groups

AiSP has set up four <u>Special Interest Groups</u> (SIGs) for active AiSP members to advance their knowledge and contribute to the ecosystem are:

- Cloud Security
- Data and Privacy

- Cyber Threat Intelligence
- IoT

We would like to invite AiSP members to join our <u>Special Interest Groups</u> as there are exciting activities and projects where our members can deepen their knowledge together. If you are keen to be part of a SIG, please contact <u>secretariat@aisp.sg</u>











### The Cybersecurity Awards



### Thank you for all your nominations TCA 2022 Call for Nominations has ended on 1 July.

In its fifth year, The Cybersecurity Awards 2022 seeks to honour outstanding contributions by individuals and organisations, to local and regional cybersecurity ecosystems.



Visit <u>www.thecybersecurityawards.sg</u> for more information.



The Cybersecurity Awards has three (3) award categories: Professionals, Enterprises and Students -a total of eight (8) awards:

Professionals

- 1. Hall of Fame
- 2. Leader
- 3. Professional

### <u>Students</u>

4. Students

Enterprises 5. MNC (Vendor) 6. MNC (End User) 7. SME (Vendor) 8. SME (End User)

Please email us (<u>secretariat@aisp.sg</u>) if your organisation would like to be our sponsors! Limited sponsorship packages are available.

### Digital for Life

### Skills for Good Festival 2022 at Toa Payoh Hub on 23 – 24 July

As part of Digital for Life movement, we hope to help Singaporeans of all ages and walks of life to embrace digital learning as a lifelong pursuit. On 23 and 24 July, AiSP and our Corporate Partner – Acronis were at Toa Payoh HDB Hub for the Skills For Good Festival 2022. Acronis provided free onsite installation of Cyber Protection software on mobile phones. On 23 July, AiSP Vice- President Sherin Y Lee & Co-Lead for Cyber Wellness Faith Chng shared on the different Cybersecurity Career and their journey in Cyber for Women. AiSP Vice- President Tony Low was present on 24 July as he shared on the importance of Cybersecurity Awareness and Advisory Programme (CAAP).

The event was a great platform to gain insights on industry trends and jobs in Singapore's key growth areas – the Digital, Green and Care economies - and pick up skills for the good of self, for community and for life.







### CREST

### An update from CREST

CREST has been working with multiple internal and external stakeholders to redefine our vision and mission. When CREST was initially formed back in 2005, it was built to serve the needs of the technical assurance industry in the UK. As we reflect on 2022, the organisation has come a long way. We are now a truly international organisation with almost 300 members; we deliver examinations in all corners of the globe and Asia, and across the multiple cybersecurity disciplines, including penetration testing, threat intelligence, Intelligence-led testing, vulnerability assessments, SOC, and incident response. As a result, it is time for us to recalibrate our focus and publish updated statements on where we are heading on what we strive to achieve.

### An evolved identity

CREST is rebranding. We are listening, adapting, and responding to our member's needs. We have a newly appointed leadership team — evolving and improving our organisation process and examination strategy. The rebrand is an evolution, not a revolution; however, it is a clear signal that we are changing, with a renewed focus on our members and our exam takers.



#### A new website aimed at connecting buyers with CREST member companies.

We have launched a new website that supports governments, regulators, and buyers to engage with CREST accredited companies. This allows our members to create content that showcases their capabilities. The site works harder to guide buyers to capable service providers. We provide sales leads, data, and analytics to members about what buyers are searching for to provide our members with commercial opportunities.

#### Exam updates in 2022

A new exam delivery model is coming that will leverage remote proctoring to provide exam takers with the ability to take exams anytime and anywhere. This will allow us to deliver exams across the globe whilst enabling exam takers to take examinations from the convenience of their own homes. The movement to this model will take time. However, it will commence in 2022, with both registered and certified exams available during the year.

#### Improved pathways into CREST

CREST is delighted to announce strategic relationships with Hack The Box and Immersive Labs. We are working together to develop training pathways through Hack The Box and Immersive labs that will enable exam takers to better prepare for CREST examinations. As part of the relationships, CREST accredited companies will be given access to dedicated environments that will provide a series of CREST aligned learning and development instances.

In addition, by being a member of CREST, Hack The Box and Immersive Labs will provide reduced-cost access to some of their wider lab environments. This is a massive win for both exam takers wanting to build skills and member companies looking to develop learning and development pathways.

#### Evolving accreditation process

We have launched an updated accreditation process requiring all individuals involved in scoping, delivering, and sign-off of a CREST accredited service to demonstrate their current skills and competencies. As we move through 2022, we will run a series of industry consultations to shift to a tiered accreditation model that we hope to launch in 2023.

#### A consistent international governance structure

At the end of 2021, CREST ran a series of elections across all our regions. We now have elected council members operating in Asia, Australasia, the US, Europe, and the UK. This new structure facilitates local decision-making geared to supporting CREST member companies domestically and internationally. Through these new councils, we are already forming new strategic alliances with multiple governments and regulatory stakeholders, all with the intention of driving opportunities for CREST member companies.

The cybersecurity industry is evolving rapidly, and the needs and expectations of members and external stakeholders are continually increasing. We aim to be the go-to global organisation for cybersecurity accreditation and certification through our continuous focus on improvement.



With a renewed focus on the exam candidate experience and significantly enhanced member benefits, we aim to enhance the CREST member company experience continually. CREST is committed to all our exam takers and our CREST member companies. We are laser-focused on supporting our members to build and enhance their skills and competencies across the industry in Asia. We are actively pursuing pathways that drive inclusion and maximise existing returns on investment.

We are here to enhance the cybersecurity ecosystem. Please feel free to get in touch with our Regional Advocate and Chair for CREST Asia, Emil Tan -<u>emil.tan@crest-approved.org</u>

Visit our website for further news and updates: <u>www.crest-approved.org</u>

### Upcoming Activities/Events

#### **Ongoing Activities**

Date	Event	Organiser
Jan – Dec	Call for Female Mentors (Ladies in Cyber)	AiSP
Jan – Dec	Call for Volunteers (AiSP Members, Student Volunteers)	AiSP

#### **Upcoming Events**

Date	Event	Organiser
4 Aug	LawSoc Cybersecurity Conference	AiSP & Partner
15 Aug	School Talk at Victoria School	AiSP & Partner
22 Aug	AiSP x CSA Joint Event with AVIP Members with CE CSA	AiSP & Partner
24 Aug	Knowledge Series – Security Operations	AiSP & Partner
25 Aug	IASA BITAS Conference 2022	Partner
25 Aug	AiSP x SIAA - Automation, Robotics & IoT Security Workshop	AiSP & Partner
29 Aug – 1 Sept	Virtual AppSec APAC 2022	Partner
30 Aug	Learning Journey for Anderson Secondary to Cisco	AiSP & Partner
30 Aug	Making Zero Trust A Reality	Partner
31 Aug	Cybersecurity Innovation Day 2022 by CSA	Partner
1 Sept	AiSP International Cyber Women's Day Celebrations 2022	AiSP
6 Sept	AiSP Ladies in Cyber Learning Journey to Ensign	AiSP & Partner
6 Sept	PDD Connect Smartness Event	Partner
6-7 Sept	Identity Week Asia	Partner
13 Sept	Cyber Leaders Series	Aisp
13 – 14 Sept	SMEICC Conference Series	Partner
14 Sept	Identity & Access Management BOK Series	Aisp



15 Sept	GTACS 2022	Partner
26 Sept	Cloud Security Summit	Aisp

\*\*Please note events may be postponed or cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances.

### **CONTRIBUTED CONTENTS** Article from Data & Privacy SIG

### The Rising Concern of Data Privacy Around the World

For a long time, organisations large and small have been collecting data from their customers without their complete knowledge and consent. Since the true purpose of such data collection is kept hidden from consumers and tucked deep inside the terms and conditions, many consumers click the "agree to terms and conditions" check box without understanding its impact. They have handed over so much of their information to companies without even realising it.

User data has a huge market value, resulting in companies pooling and selling the personal data of individuals on a large scale. Websites all over the world collect and store this data in many forms:

- Personal data, including an individual's name, gender, IP address, and location
- Engagement data, such as text messages, emails, mobile apps, and social media pages
- Behavioral data, in the likes of purchase history, visits to certain areas and product usage information
- Behavioral data metrics, as in consumer satisfaction, purchase criteria, and product desirability

Global tech giants have been found to keep more information about users than what they require, and they often claim to use this data to personalise content and improve the user experience. However, the fact is that these companies sell this data to advertisers, publishers, and other third parties.

For instance, ad performance with respect to a particular user is shared with advertisers, who then customise their ads based on the user's behavior to hyper-target them for conversion. Users' location information is also commonly shared and used to display personalised local ads. In response, many data subject request have made attempts to erase their digital footprints and secure their personal information that's available online because of privacy concerns.

Typically, data refers distinct pieces of information, usually formatted and stored in a way that is concordant with a specific purpose whereas data privacy refers to protecting data in terms of data collection, use, and disclosure.



The aim is to secure multiple types of data, like first-party data (information that brands and creators collect directly from their consumers), second-party data (information acquired from the company that collected it), and third-party data (information purchased from other sources, ideally including data from different sources aggregated in one place).

As consumers become more knowledgeable about their data rights and how their data is used, they will demand that it be protected and secured. An increasing number of consumers have expressed concerns about the way their personal information is used by companies. With rising concern from the general population over the misuse and abuse of data, there is a need for global data regulations that focus on strengthening consumer privacy and data protection.

Over the last few years, data misuse has extended far beyond creepy advertisements that target individual customers. The increased focus on privacy concerns is driven by the numerous cybersecurity attacks that have led to massive breaches of personal data. Data breaches cost organisations time, money and more importantly, reputation. This loss happens in the form of data loss, which can be compensated to some extent, and through irreversible damage to their reputation, which eventually leads to the loss of customers. Customer loyalty is almost impossible to regain.

The global rise in ransomware attacks is a major source of concern for businesses. According to Security Brief Asia, 65% of Singapore organisations were hit by ransomware attacks in 2021, more than twice the number from the previous year (25%). 64% of attacks resulted in data being encrypted, a considerable increase from the 49% that was reported by respondents in Singapore in 2020<sup>1</sup>. Organisations in Singapore that are hit by a ransomware attack are paying an average of around S\$1.5 million.<sup>2</sup>

Thus, many governments are starting to regulate data collection and management by companies. With privacy being declared a fundamental right by the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights, there is an immediate obligation to preserve privacy rights.

### Data Privacy Regulations: The Impact on Business

Data privacy regulations enable businesses to optimise their data handling practices and ease cross border digital transactions. However, they require businesses to strengthen their data management technologies in order to build strong digital capabilities. The core idea is to create compliant, efficient business models that protect customers' data privacy.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> <u>https://securitybrief.asia/story/ransomware-hits-65-of-organisations-in-singapore</u>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> <u>https://www.businesstimes.com.sg/technology/singapore-companies-pay-average-s15m-after-ransomware-attack-report</u>



There are two major changes businesses can expect as a result of data privacy regulations. First, privacy will become a fundamental expectation among customers. Second, transparency in privacy policies will no longer be optional. As consumers become more aware about data policies and with governments enforcing privacy requirements, companies are learning that implementing data privacy policies can create a business advantage by keeping them ahead of the curve.

On the other hand, from a business standpoint, the cost of compliance will shoot up since organisations might have to allocate separate staff and financial resources just to keep up with these regulations. With high noncompliance penalties and the potential risk of losing their brand value, organisations will be forced to pay to achieve compliance. The other impact on businesses is overregulation of policies. Customers become burdened by endless consent forms for every data process, taking away the ease of use of online platforms.

Through widespread implementation of regulations across the globe, businesses are at risk of noncompliance and increased investment. Many frameworks are being developed to help businesses find the right combination of optimal investment and compliance with regulations. Gartner's data security governance framework<sup>3</sup> describes how businesses can meet legal requirements while dealing with consumer data.

The framework suggests the following steps:

- Identify and discern the type of data that is impacted by data privacy compliance regulations.
- Develop privacy impact assessments for data protection and administer these periodically while keeping all business stakeholders involved.
- Configure technology controls to minimise risk to an acceptable level.
- Review security policies methodically and whenever business risks change.

The common misconception about data privacy regulations is that they only impact the legal department. That said, the point often missed is that everyone who works with data in a company must be aware of the regulations and stay compliant. Many experts studying these regulations propose that this has less to do with data management and more to do with change management processes. Businesses need to rethink and restructure the way they handle customer data. The better approach to integrating these privacy regulations into a business is to implement change management.

The proposal is such that investing in analytics and automation technologies should be any company's first step towards building a robust, compliant system that ensures adherence to most if not all privacy regulations. Most data privacy laws mention the customers' access rights, which essentially means that a customer can at any time ask for a copy of all the data that is being gathered on them, or for their data to be deleted.

https://www.gartner.com/en/documents/3978381



Businesses will need digital, automated solutions to comply with these requests efficiently. For example, forms that autofill necessary details, desktop guidance tools, or virtual assistants will make the process faster with minimal manual effort. This will in turn reduce the possibility of mishandling data.

The constant shift of data privacy laws will only become more rigorous with time. The ideal step for any business to take would be to voluntarily comply with all the privacy laws in the locations where their businesses operate. Furthermore, countries and states affected indirectly by their businesses must also be taken into consideration as regulations like how the PDPA/GDPR require. In order to avoid or reduce exorbitant fines, operational interruptions, and the loss of customers, the sooner businesses plan and comply with these laws, the more successful they will be for all stakeholders.

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### Article from Cyber Threat Intelligence SIG

### Rantings of a Cyber Security Analyst

Disclaimer, for any marketing people reading this article, please note I am not specifically targeting anyone. These are just my personal views and I hope to shed some light, which I hope would make everyone's cyber security journey better.

Al, Machine Learning, Automation... the list of trend words goes on. I am not a salesperson, have never seen myself as one. As a technical person, all I want is a feasible solution to solve problems. Often, we hear lots of buzz words and how they can magically prevent attacks. The continuous write ups about how Product A can stop ransomware.

Are they lying? No. I genuinely believe every vendor has come up with unique ways to identify behaviours of a ransomware. Mind you, this is no easy feat as encryption is a legitimate process. Think of device encryption, encrypting your own files for secure



storage or transmission. Ransomware behaves the same way and to identify which is legitimate and which is not poses a tough challenge.

So why do I bring up this topic you may ask? I have seen many cases of companies being hit with ransomware and their immediate thought is that the product has failed them. I have even encountered a company that has changed their endpoint security vendor three times over a course of a few years, each due to a ransomware attack.

I am sure the conversation went like this: -

Local IT Team: We got hit with ransomware, Product A failed us! They told us they can prevent ransomware attacks!

**Product B Sales:** Our product can protect you against ransomware! (Pulls out Gartner and some other research article to back their claims).

**Local IT Team:** Ok, let's change to Product B.

\*Few months or years later, another ransomware incident occurs\*

Local IT Team: Product B failed us! They said they can prevent ransomware attacks!

**Product C Sales:** We have the best ransomware protection in the market! (Again, pulls out Gartner and other research articles)

#### \*The cycle continues\*

Now, is it true that all products failed? Did all the marketing, research articles lie to us? Being a threat analyst, I looked at these attacks and find that in most cases, these products will block the payloads used by the threat actor. So how, you may ask, did the ransomware still occur?

One important thing that I feel all these hype about ransomware attacks failed to talk about is that these are humans that have trained themselves to overcome security controls in as short amount of time as possible.

It is no longer a case of someone within the office accidentally clicking on a link or downloading a file. We are at an age where threat actors are putting in effort to understand how different OS works, what tools are available to them, how to obtain access and privileges. Noticed I never mentioned anything about improving their ransomware payload. These skills allow them to quickly identify security gaps, granting them permissions to shut off or overcome security products, or find a machine that has weaker controls. Some of these groups even proudly advertise they are testing your security controls.



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Just send a r All data wil	After going to * We are always ready to cooperate and find the best way to solve your problem. * The faster you write, the more favorable the conditions will be for you.
Your warranty contact emai	* Our company values its reputation. We give all guarantees of your files decryption, such as test
or Q	decryption some of them We respect your time and waiting for respond from your side
BTC wallet:	tell your MachineID: and LaunchID:
Ryuk	Sensitive data on your system was DOWNLOADED.
NO system is	If you DON'T WANT your sensitive data to be PUBLISHED you have to act quickly.
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I am not advocating ransomware groups, but those who got breached needs to acknowledge the truth in the highlighted statement above. Bear in mind, they referenced security system, not a specific product.

In a ransomware attack, I would like to say the ransomware is the end result, but it is the breach we should be concern about. Everyone seems to be so focused on the end result of seeing encrypted files that many failed to even consider breach prevention or detection. It just so happens that having the end result of ransomware draws the most profit for the threat groups now, but with a breach of an environment, the threat actor is free to do anything they wish.

You can buy the best gate, marketed as being hard to cut though with saws or any other tools, with a lock that has been advertised as unpickable but left a key hidden under the floor mat for convenience. If your house gets broken into because someone saw you place the key there, would you say the lock or gate failed you?

So, the answer is no, the marketing and sales did not lie to you, they just answered the specific question of "Can your product prevent ransomware" which they are not wrong for answering yes.



Maybe it is time the security teams step up to design and determine the requirements to secure their networks and not just follow trends and asking vague requirements.

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Views and opinions expressed in this article are my own and do not represent that of my places of work. While I make every effort to ensure that the information shared is accurate, I welcome any comments, suggestions, or correction of errors.

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### Article from The Cybersecurity Awards 2021 Winner – Ng Hoo Ming



I'm truthly honoured and grateful to be awarded with the Hall of Fame award 2021 by the AiSP. It came as a pleasant surprise. It wasn't the aim that I hankered for my professional career objective. Let me take this opportunity to express my heartfelt gratitude to the committee for your kind recommendation and awarded me with this prestigious accolade. I would also like to thank the Bosses, Colleagues and Industrial partners for your trusts and support rendered to me throughout my 30 over years of career in the cyber security field, without that I would have given up long ago in this challenging task.

Why I ended up spending my entire professional life in the cyber security field? I was by training a software engineer in the 80s. There wasn't security per se at that time. I recalled after my study, I was posted to the Ministry of Home Affairs as a research and development engineer to develop secure solutions to protect Government's secret data. It was a very technically challenging and fulfilling role, as there wasn't anyone assuming this critical role in the Government. I derived much satisfaction when you see your solutions being deployed successfully Government wide supporting the day-to-day secure computing needs at the national level and created many first in Singapore if not industry security solutions. It was this reason that sustains my strong commitment to continue pursuing a career in the cyber security field.



Besides the many security solutions that I had developed, there were other related works throughout my career that I have the opportunity to contribute to in making Singapore's cyber space more secure. When I was appointed as the Director in charge of the newly formed Singapore Infocomms Technology Security Authority (SITSA) in 2009. I have established the national incident reporting framework to facilitate the proper handling of cyber incidents at the national level to deal with major threats to national security which include cyber-terrorism and cyber espionage. I have also spearheaded the development of a cyber security readiness maturity index to guide the critical information infrastructure sectors in their effort to better improving their cyber security posture systematically. Another major work undertaken by me was to help the Cyber Security Agency, when it was established in 2015, to develop its operation capability.

In my final remarks to everyone there. To be respected in this field or equally in other profession, it is paramount to have "Professional Integrity". Without that you would not be able to garner the respect of others. Be a "TRUE CONSULTANT" not a "CON" "SUL" "TANT".

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