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NEWS & UPDATE

AiSP New Corporate Partner

AiSP would like to welcome Boston Consulting Group (BCG) and DBS Bank Ltd as our new Corporate Partners. AiSP looked forward to working with our Partners to contribute to the Cybersecurity Ecosystem in 2021.





MOU SIGNING WITH DIVISION ZERO (DIVO)

AiSP signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Division Zero (Div0) on 14 April 2021 to further deepen the engagement and collaboration for both parties. Div0 is an open, inclusive and completely volunteer-driven cybersecurity community which aims to promote a vibrant cybersecurity community and safer cyberspace.

Through this MOU, it aims to create a formal basis for co-operation and collaboration between AiSP and Div0 to create a vibrant and dynamic international information and cybersecurity ecosystem. This will help to expand on the various areas of cooperation and increase exposure for members from both sides.

As like-minded partners, AiSP and Div0 are committed to organize more exciting events and activities for our members.





CYBER ATTACK 2021

Cyber Attack 2021 was held on 16 April 2021 at Parkroyal Hotel where AiSP President Mr Johnny Kho was invited to be one of the panelists to discuss on The Million Dollar Question: Are Your Assets Safe?

Interesting questions such as "What is an asset in your organisation", "How do you define the criticality of the different assets in your organisation" were exchanged during the event. It was an engaging and insightful afternoon for the audience as they learned about the role and responsibility in managing the Security of these assets.



JOB OPPORTUNITIES IN THE CYBERSECURITY SECTOR

On 20 April, Mr Johnny Kho (AiSP President), Ms Soffenny Yap (EXCO Committee Member) and Ms Sugar Chan (EXCO Co-Opted Member) gathered with representatives from CSA and NTUC to share on the various job opportunities in the cybersecurity sector. Audience took away valuable insights from our cybersecurity experts and were inspired by their passion in their area of expertise.





Knowledge Series Events

AiSP Knowledge Series Webinar - Software Security on 14 Apr 21

On 14 April night, **Mr Donald Wee from Data Terminator and Mr Eugene Lim from Division Zero (Div0)** shared with our participants on the insights of Software Security as part of our BOK series. Many thanks to our sponsor, **Data Terminator** who have generously supported the event.





Our upcoming Knowledge Series Webinar Event – Business Continuity will be on 12 May 2021 by speakers from Cisco & Responsible Cyber.



AiSP Knowledge Series - Business Continuity

12 May 2021 | 3 PM - 5 PM (SGT)

3.00 PM

Opening Address

By AiSP

3.15 PM





By Mr Joshua McCloud, National Cybersecurity Officer, CISCO

With board and executive-level recognition of cybersecurity as a key enterprise risk, cyber resilience has become an important aspect of business continuity planning.

In this session we will discuss how Cisco operationalizes cyber resilience as part our business continuity activities, holding ourselves to account through board-led, cross functional governance and auditing processes.

4.05 PM



By Mr Mikko Laaksonen, Technical Information Security Officer, Responsible Cyber

Convergence of cybersecurity and business continuity is a must. Ensuring an integration of appropriate technology aspects into the BCM plans and processes is not yet a common practice. This topic addresses main considerations when building a BCM. It also brings up good practices for integrating cyber security incidents into BCM.

4.55 PM

Closing

By AiSP



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About our 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 2021 are as follows (may be subjected to changes),

- 1. Data and Privacy SIG, 29 Jun
- 2. Cyber Defence Ethical Hacking, 14 Jul (hybrid*)
- 3. OT/IOT IoT Security, 25 Aug (hybrid*)
- 4. Operation and Infrastructure Security, 15 Sep
- 5. CTI SIG, 29 Sep (hybrid*)
- 6. Security Operations Incident Response Management, 13 Oct
- 7. Emerging Trends Blockchain & Al for Cyber Security, 17 Nov

Please let us know if your organisation is keen to be our sponsoring speakers in 2021!

AiSP members who registered for the event, can playback the recorded event via their member profile in Glue Up. If you did not sign up for the event, please email event@aisp.sg for assistance. Please refer to our scheduled 2021 webinars in our **event calendar**.



^{*}Subjected to Singapore Government's directives for physical events during COVID-19 pandemic.





We have received new enquires from Singapore and overseas for award nomination after the 2020 call for nomination was closed on 30 Sep 2020. For our nominees to have more time to prepare their submission, we are pleased to commence **TCA 2021** marketing and the nomination period will be from <u>1 Feb 2021 to 15 May 2021</u>.

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

Students

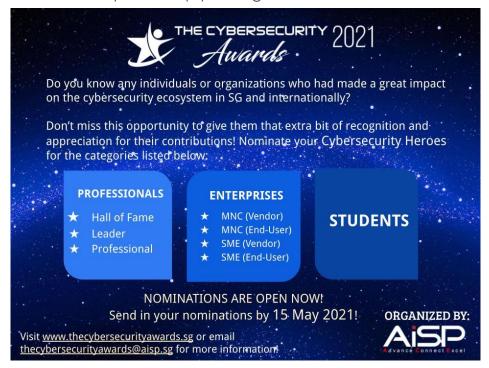
4. Students

Enterprises

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

The Cybersecurity Awards 2021 winners will be announced in October 2021 at the Award Ceremony. The nomination period will be from 1 Feb 2021 to 15 May 2021.

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





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Cybersecurity Awareness & Advisory Programme (CAAP)

AiSP hope to elevate CyberSecurity Awareness as integral part of SME Business Owner Fundamentals and Establish a Self-Sustainable Support Ecosystem programme with active participation from Agencies, Business Associations, Security Communities and Vendors. Join our upcoming event on 2 June either physically or virtually to discover the importance of cybersecurity and cloud data protection.

Cybersecurity Awareness Workshop



| 2 June 2021 | 1.30PM - 5.00PM | **Lifelong Learning Institute**

Organised by:

Information Security Professionals

KEY HIGHLIGHTS



Importance of Cybersecurity and Solutions

By Mr Tony Low, CAAP Co-Chair

With the disruption of the pandemic, many cyber threats such as phishing and data breaches has increased over the past 12 months. For 2021, many SMEs in Singapore are looking to increase their cybersecurity to protect against the increased cyber threats.

Beginning your journey on cloud data protection with Thales



By Mr Collin Chow, Managing Director, Root Security

With the rising number of data breaches, it has been proven that data is the new oil. Are you at lost on how to secure your critical data that your company holds? Join us to understand how you can easily protect your data anywhere, meet compliance mandates while focusing on your core business needs.

Identity and Access Management 101 with Thales

By Mr Collin Chow, Managing Director, Root Security

With the changes that is happening in the threat landscape for information technology, the importance of cybersecurity has never been more important. Join us in this session to learn how you can implement an effective cloud identity and access management (IAM) strategy in your organization which will help to prevent a cybersecurity attack.



Sharing on Cybersecurity Courses

With the rising cyber threats, SMEs need to continuously enhance their knowledge in cybersecurity to protect themselves. Find out what are the cybersecurity courses available for SMEs to upskill themselves.

Supporting Partners:









Student Volunteer Recognition Programme (SVRP)





The SVRP Awards Ceremony was held on 24 Mar 21 at Lifelong Learning Institute Event Hall with Senior Minister of State for Communications and Information and Health, Dr Janil Puthucheary as the Guest of Honour. He presented the awards to the Gold winners. The Award Ceremony was supported by:





A total of 64 winners from ITEs and Polytechnics received the award for the various categories. Our heartiest congratulations once again to all the winners! Please click <u>here</u> for the list of winners for 2020.



Our <u>SVRP 2021 nomination form</u> is available now for IHL students to apply! To encourage more students to volunteer, secondary school and pre-university students are welcome to participate! Please refer to <u>SVRP framework</u> and <u>SVRP 2021 nomination form for secondary school and pre-university students</u>! We are having a student volunteer drive from now till Dec 2021 for those who are interested to volunteer but not sure where to start. Please <u>click here</u> to apply today.



STEER YOUR WAY INTO SINGAPORE'S CYBERSECURITY ECOSYSTEM TODAY!

Since 2018, the Association of Information Security Professionals (AiSP) has been recognising student volunteers in Singapore, through its **Student Volunteer Recognition Programme (SVRP)**.

SVRP has also expanded to cater to varied interests of our youths in Singapore by,

- Volunteering in our activities as student volunteers, be it events, research or using your skills to help others to be more cybersafe.
- Participating in our SVRP nominations (annual cycle commences on 1 Sep) for IHL students or secondary school and pre-university students, listing your voluntary activities that are cybersecurityrelated.
- Attending our events to raise knowledge, these events are free for student members from our Academic Partners.

Please visit https://www.aisp.sg/svrp.html for more details!



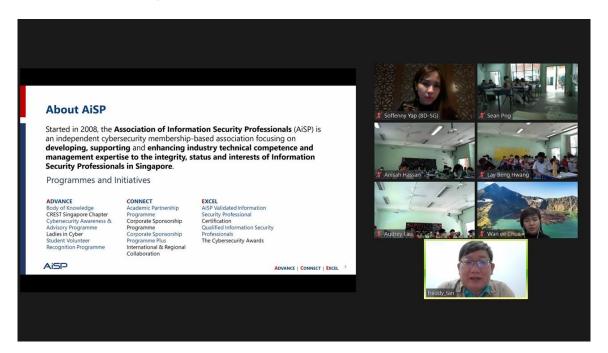
Connect with us on LinkedIn, Facebook, Instagram, YouTube and Telegram today.

Under AiSP's <u>Academic Partnership Programme (APP)</u>, the IHLs can include AiSP Student Chapter in their respective institutes. Please refer to our <u>Student Chapters</u> for the list of current committee members and we look forward to expanding the list in 2021!

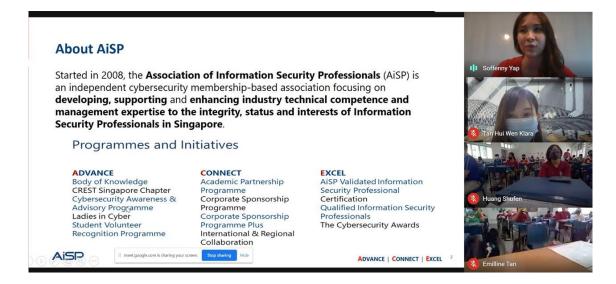


Career Talk & Sharing in Schools

On 7 April 2021, students from Tanjong Katong Secondary School had the opportunity to hear from Ms Soffenny Yap and Mr Freddy Tan who are our SVRP leads. It was an insightful session for the students as they learned about cybersecurity career, challenges faced in the industry and our very own SVRP program.



Second career talk for April was held on 9 April which our AiSP EXCO Co-opted Member & Co-Lead for Student Volunteer Recognition Programme (SVRP), Ms Soffenny Yap shared with students from Greenridge Secondary on the insights for career prospects in Cybersecurity industry.





SINGAPORE CYBER SECURITY INTER ASSOCIATION (SCSIA) CYBER DAY QUIZ



As part of AiSP's CyberFest 2021 and in conjunction with Singapore Cyber Day 2021 (11 November 2021), the Singapore Cyber Security Inter Association (SCSIA) is organizing an online quiz competition for primary, secondary and tertiary students (aged 25 years and below) in Singapore. This competition aims to pique interest in students and equip with knowledge on Cyber Security.

From 25 March onwards, 3 questions will be posted on Facebook and Linkedin every Thursday. **Answers will be revealed after 30 September** (when the competition ends). Please note that you must complete all **29 weeks of questions** to qualify for the total scoring.

E-Certificate of Participation will be given to all participants. **Attractive Prizes will be given to the top scorers.** You may find the link access below to the past quiz questions. Stay tuned to our Facebook and LinkedIn for the upcoming quiz questions!

Week	Link Address
Week 1 Quiz	https://forms.office.com/r/XGHBUPQJJe or Scan the QR Code below
Week 2 Quiz	https://forms.office.com/r/gWsMr1ZfLs
	or Scan the QR Code below



Week 3 Quiz	https://forms.office.com/r/ikiwzBiSnV Scan the QR Code below
Week 4 Quiz	https://forms.office.com/r/C0XdFvtqcs Scan the QR Code below
Week 5 Quiz	https://forms.office.com/r/bPYdNn3Ytm Scan the QR Code below Research Proceedings Proceded Proceded
Week 6 Quiz	https://forms.office.com/r/gmgSSn2syS



Sharing of Cybersecurity with NTUC Members

Sign up for NTUC Union Membership today and have access to a wide array of benefits from workplace protection to lifestyle benefits (attached below for merchants deals)!



Sign up now and receive an OTO Spinal Support worth \$238!



Ladies in Cybersecurity



Ladies Talk Cyber Series

For the Second edition of AiSP's 'Ladies Talk Cyber' series, we interviewed Sandy Cheong, who works with Cyber Risk Management team in her role at OCBC Bank Group Operational Risk Management (ORM) about her experiences in the industry and how we can encourage more women to enter the field.

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

Sandy focused on cybersecurity governance and technology risk management throughout her career, covering both public and private sector organisations such as the Monetary Authority of Singapore, the Cyber Security Agency of Singapore and KPMG. She joined OCBC Bank's Group Operational Risk Management (ORM) function in 2019, where she works with the Cyber Risk Management team to continuously enhance cyber risk management and governance for the Bank.

Please click here to view the full details of the interview.



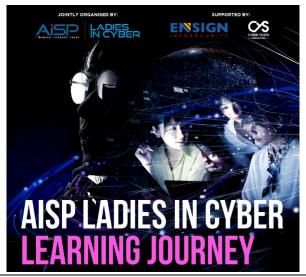
Join us in our next Ladies in Cyber Cross Border Webinar on 31 May 21 (Mon)

AiSP & Cyber Together from Israel will be organising the Ladies in Cyber Cross Border Webinar on **31 May 21 (Mon) at Singapore time 8pm / Israel time 3pm**. Please click <u>here</u> to register for the event. Please feel free to invite all your female colleagues and female friends to join in the session too.



Join us in our next Ladies in Cyber Dialogue Session on 14 Jun 21 (Mon)

AiSP will be organising a Virtual Dialogue Session on 14 Jun 21 for female students. Join Ms Sun Xueling, Minister of State for Ministry of Education and Ministry of Social and Family Development and Dr Tan Mei Hui, Vice-President of Singapore Computer Society Cybersecurity Chapter moderate by Ms Sherin Y Lee, AiSP Vice-President in a closed-door dialogue session on the issues of Supporting women in the workplace and in their career aspirations. Please click here to register for the event. Please feel free to invite all your female colleagues and friends to join in the session too.







This session features pre-recorded videos by our speakers. Targeted at security professionals from both the Cyber and Physical security domains, the two-part Regional Cyber Security meets Physical Security digital event brings together a panel of high-profile speakers to share their expertise that will help you keep abreast of the latest development in the security industry and upgrade your children. skillsets.

Welcome Address









Guest of Honour



Our Speakers



























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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
- Cyber Threat Intelligence
- Data and Privacy
- 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 in 2021. Please contact us if you are keen to be part of our SIGs as we are actively recruiting members for 2021!









For AiSP Members only

As we are always looking for new ways to engage our members, AiSP has categorised the various ways for **member-only access** as part of our digital engagement during COVID-19 pandemic,

- 1. Members-only access for webinar playback
- 2. LinkedIn closed group
- 3. Participate in **member-only events** and closed-door dialogues by invitation
- 4. <u>Volunteer</u> in our initiatives and interest groups, as part of career and personal development

If you have missed our virtual events, some of them are made available for members' access via <u>Glue Up</u> platform. Please email (<u>event@aisp.sg</u>) if you need any assistance.

We wish to remind our members to renew their 2021 membership if they have not done so.



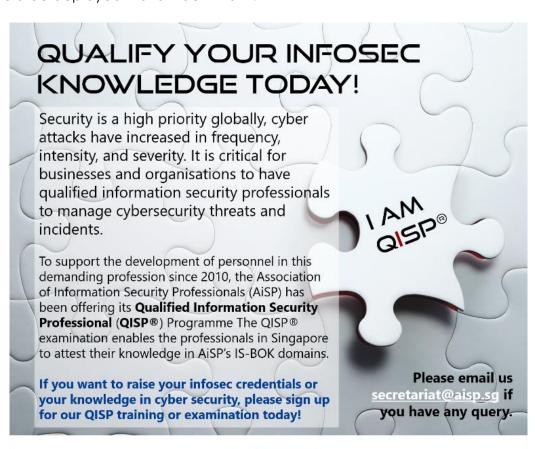
Call for Volunteers

As AiSP focuses in raising the professional standing of information security personnel and professions in Singapore since 2008, we have been running various initiatives to address diverse needs and developments. Please **email us** for more details!

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Qualified Information Security Professional (QISP®) Course

QISP® is designed for entry to mid-level Information Security Professionals, and any IT Professionals who are keen to develop their knowledge in this field. It will be enhanced to complement AiSP's Information Security Body of Knowledge (IS-BOK) 2.0._Our online examination via Pearson VUE platform would be deployed worldwide in 2021.





Connect with us on LinkedIn, Facebook, Instagram, YouTube and Telegram today.

Please **contact AiSP** if you are keen to leverage the enhanced QISP® for your learning and development needs, or you would like to develop courseware based on AiSP's IS-BOK 2.0 overseas.



BOK 2.0 Knowledge Series

As information security developments are accelerating during COVID-19 pandemic and the trend is expected to be the same for 2021, we have covered the application and implementation of our BOK 2.0 topics at workplaces in our past webinars. This series is useful for working professionals who are preparing for our QISP® examination so that their knowledge remains current.

CREST SINGAPORE CHAPTER

The CREST Singapore Chapter was formed by CREST International in partnership with CSA and AiSP to introduce CREST penetration testing certifications and accreditations to Singapore in 2016.

Our CREST practical exam had resume since February 2021. Please click <u>here</u> for the exam schedule for 2021.

CRESTCon Singapore 2020/2021

The CREST Singapore Chapter is organising the <u>first CRESTCon Singapore 2020/2021</u> in November 2021 and is now calling for paper submission till 30 Jun 2021. Please <u>email secretariat</u> if your organisation is keen to sponsor the event!







The AiSP **CyberFest™** is a series of cybersecurity events and initiatives that take place from 8 to 12 November 2021 in Singapore.

Connect with us on LinkedIn, Facebook and Instagram today.



UPCOMING ACTIVITIES/EVENTS

Ongoing Activities

Date	Event	Ву
Jan-Dec	Call for Female Mentors (Ladies in Cyber)	AiSP
Jan-Dec	Call for Volunteers (AiSP Members, Student Volunteers)	AiSP
Feb-May	Feb-May Call for Nomination for The Cybersecurity Awards 2021 AiSP	
Feb-Jun	Call for Paper Submission for CRESTCon Singapore 20/21	AISP CREST SG

Upcoming Events

Date	Event	Ву
1-31 May	SGUnited Career & Skills Discovery Fair by SCCCI	Partner
4 - 7 May	Black Hat Asia Virtual	Partner
11-May	Regional Cyber Meet Physical Security 2021	Partner
12-Мау	AiSP Knowledge Series – Physical Security, Business Continuity and Audit	AiSP & Partner
18-May	AiSP CREST Webinar AiSP &	
21-May	AiSP CAAP Focus Group with SBF	AiSP & Partner
21-May	AiSP & Trend Micro Zero Trust Webinar	AiSP & Partner
21-May	MFA-SCP Smart Nation: Strategies, Opportunities and Cybersecurity Management by Civil Service College	Partner
25-May	Punggol Digital District Industry Event	Partner
28-May	AiSP CAAP Focus Group with People Association	AiSP & Partner
31-May	AiSP Ladies in Cyber Session with Cyber Together	AiSP & Partner
2-June	AiSP CAAP Workshop	AiSP & Partner
10-June	AiSP SIG Combined Event	AiSP & Partner
11-June	AiSP CAAP Focus Group with NTUC	AiSP & Partner
14-June	AiSP Ladies in Cyber Learning Journey to Ensign AiSP &	
16-June	AiSP Knowledge Series – Security Architecture & Engineering	AiSP & Partner
21-June	CAAP Awareness with People Association at Harmony Camp	Partner
21 – 25 Jun	CYS Summit	Partner
22-Jun	AiSP & Cyber Together Webinar – Cybersecurity Leaders Series	AiSP & Partner
25-Jun	AiSP x SFA CAAP Awareness Workshop: Singapore SMEs' Digital Adoption and Concerns	AiSP & Partner
29-Jun	AiSP Knowledge Series - Data & Privacy	AiSP & Partner

^{**}Please note events may be postponed or cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances.



CyberFest® is a community-led initiative that would take place from 08 to 12 Nov 2021 in Singapore.



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Insights from The Cybersecurity Awards 2020 Winner – Data Terminator

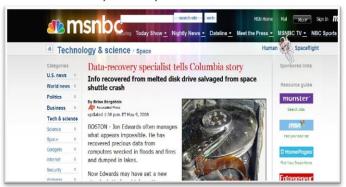


Why Data Destruction is Absolutely Vital for Cybersecurity

In this current highly digitised world, we appreciate the usage of electronic devices that enable us to store and process huge amounts of information. However, when such storage devices (viz. flash and hard drives) reach the end of their useful lives, many are unaware of the consequences of not disposing of data appropriately.

In fact, besides Government agencies having the need to protect official secrets, enterprises are also required to comply with regulatory requirements like PDPA (Personal Data Protection Act) or GDPR (General Data Protection Regulation) to ensure the protection of personal data.

With the advancement of technology, data stored can easily be recovered if it is not destroyed correctly. A good case would be the US Space Shuttle Columbia that crashed on 1 February 2003. Data recovery specialists retrieved 99% of the information stored in the charred hard drives in over just two days.*



There are many other forms of data storage within servers, photocopiers, printers, CCTV recorders and some IoT devices. The need for proper destruction of the data stored within these items was mostly forgotten when they reached their end-of-life or due for a technical refresh.

At Data Terminator, we provide One-Stop Data Destruction Products and Services to ensure that our customers' data are securely destroyed, either on-site or in our secured facility.

With our 3P (Products, Peoples and Process) approach, customers can have complete peace of mind, trusting us to destroy their endof-life data with confidence and in compliance with the necessary regulatory requirements.



Data Terminator was founded and managed by experienced and trained specialists with over 30 years of IT and security experience; with a proven track record serving Data Centres, key Government Ministries and Agencies. It is also the recipient of The Cybersecurity Award 2020 (TCA 2020) ** – SME (Vendor) category.

Our services are in tandem with enterprises' strategies of meeting stringent security guidelines and standards required for the appropriate sanitisation and destruction of their electronic storage media

To find out how your data can be securely disposed of, please speak with our specialist on 6463 9212 or visit www.data-terminator.com



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^{*}https://www.computerworld.com/article/2535754/shuttle-columbia-s-hard-drive-data-recovered-from-crash-site

^{**}The Cybersecurity Awards 2020 honours outstanding contributions by individuals and organisations, to local and regional cybersecurity ecosystems.

The Awards are organised by the Association of Information Security Professionals (AiSP), and supported by Cyber Security Agency of Singapore (CSA) and the following professional and industry associations that are part of the Singapore Cyber Security Inter Association - Centre for Strategic Cyberspace + International Studies (CSCIS), Cloud Security Alliance Singapore Chapter, HTCIA Singapore Chapter, ISACA Singapore Chapter, (ISC)2 Singapore Chapter, The Law Society of Singapore, Singapore Computer Society and SGTech.



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Insights from our new Corporate Partner Programme (CPP) - Acronis

Cybersecurity trends to look out for: extortion among the top threats in 2021

With the massive Solarwinds-based attack shockingly exposed in December 2020, having hit major corporations, like the US Government and Microsoft, it's become clear that the targets for cyber criminals in 2021 will be everyone – including corporations, remote workers and MSPs.

Cybercrime is evolving, driven by emerging trends – 2021 may be the first year when data extortion officially becomes the main threat to businesses worldwide. With more criminals exposing private data, even after they've successfully extorted a ransom, we've already seen ransomware destroy businesses and lives this year.

Attacks on healthcare operators continue as hackers seek to cause maximum chaos - hospitals worldwide have reportedly experienced a 45% increase in cyber-attacks in the last 2 months. Even vaccine researchers are not safe from state actors and other groups wishing to steal secrets for profit.

The big attacks of 2020 set the tone for 2021, and it's worth analysing the recent key trends. History tends to repeat itself, and those who have learned the lesson are better prepared to meet the challenges and defy attackers when it counts.

The below findings are reflected and analysed in the <u>Acronis Cyberthreats Report 2020</u>, prepared by our global network of Cyber Protection Operation Centers (CPOC) – and available for free.

In 2020, the world saw:

- 31% of global companies were attacked by cybercriminals at least once a day a dramatic ramping up of attacks. Microsoft patching close to 1,000 flaws in its products in just 9 months as high as 15-20% more than in 2019 with Windows and Office still the biggest malware magnets.
- More than 1000 companies had their data leaked due to ransomware attacks, at least 20% more than last year

 with ransomware still No.1 among cyberthreats. Maze ransomware, in particular, accounted for almost 50% of all known cases.
- COVID-19 scams offering fake financial support and fake free testing, both of which were phishing scams to harvest data. Also, fake remote education apps and medical leave documents installing malware.
- New variations on sextortion scams that threaten the leaking of supposedly recorded video from a victim's webcam, as well as threats to infect a victim's family with COVID-19.
- Remote workers under massive attack, with 92% of global organizations adopting new technologies to facilitate remote workers, IT departments struggling to cope.

Staggering malware stats of 2020

With independent malware testing lab AV-Test recording 400,000 new malware samples per day in Q3 2020, cybercriminals are taking automation to a whole new level. The top-10 malware families included Emotet, Agent Tesla, XMRig, Formbook, Trickbot, LokiBot, Remcos, Qbot, Nanocore and Azorult.

With ransomware still the No.1 threat to businesses worldwide, the top-10 ransomware families are Maze, REvil/Sodinokibi, SNAKE (EKANS), Nemty, NetWalker (aka Mailto), Ragnar Locker, MegaCortex, CLOP, DopplerPayer and Thanos – with some groups trying to infect as many users as possible, while others focus on high value targets only.



The Maze ransomware family proved most troublesome, not just encrypting data but stealing terabytes of private data in targeted attacks – with both small businesses and massive global brands falling victim to it virtually every week throughout much of 2020, it's clear that no-one is safe.

And while some strains pretend to pride themselves on not attacking hospitals, schools or governments, there is zero honour among thieves, especially when ransom payments can now be anywhere from \$200,000 to tens of millions, depending on the size of company hooked or data's sensitivity.

Malicious websites have also grown in numbers, with the US seeing the largest number of blocked URLs in Q3 2020 at 16.4%, followed by Germany, the Czech Republic, Spain, the UK, China, South Africa, Hong Kong, Italy and Australia rounding out the top-10 countries. While showing significantly less blocked URLs last year, both Japan and Singapore made it to the top-20 countries.

Key research findings for Acronis Cyber Protection Week Global Report 2021

Investing in more solutions doesn't mean more protection

To protect business data, applications, and systems – particularly during the pandemic's shift to remote work environments – organizations added new solutions to their IT environments. It's not working.

- ~75% of IT professionals report that their organizations have all recommended cybersecurity technologies in place
- 80% of organizations have up to 10 different protection and security tools running simultaneously
- Despite this, securing remote environments, ensuring availability, and maintaining employee productivity are still top challenges for IT pros
- More than half of organizations saw downtime due to data loss last year

A lack of awareness is creating a lack of protection

Significant gaps in awareness regarding cybersecurity and technology capabilities are costing individuals and organizations time, money, and security.

- Just 13% of IT users and IT professionals follow backup best practices
- 68% of IT users and 20% of IT professionals wouldn't know if their data had been unexpectedly modified because tools don't make it easy to find out
- 43% of IT users don't know if their anti-malware stops zero-day threats because it's not easy to find out
- ~25% of IT users don't know what ransomware, cryptojacking, Dos/DDoS, and IoT attacks are
- 10% of IT pros don't know if they're subject to data privacy regulations, risking major fines for potential compliance violations

IT users don't feel accountable for the protection and security of their data and devices

Personal reliance on technology continues to grow but efforts to protect that technology isn't keeping pace, likely due to false assumptions and a reliance on automatic solutions.

- 85% of IT users spent more time on their devices last year. Only half of them took extra steps to protect those devices
- 1/3 of IT users don't update their devices for a week after being notified
- While 90% of IT users perform backups, 75% have irretrievably lost data at least once, suggesting that they don't know how to back up or recover properly
- Patch management and vulnerability assessment tools that would simplify cybersecurity see low adoption



Top cyberthreats for the Asia-Pacific region

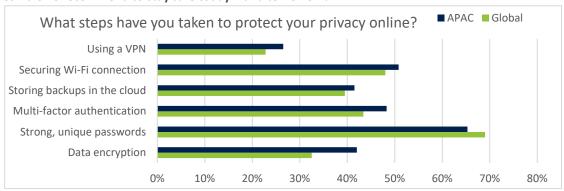
- Personal IT users in the Asia-Pacific (APAC) region are taking a broader approach to defending their data, applications, and systems from the same challenges and issues as the rest of the world.
- The cyberthreats that concern personal and professional IT users in the APAC region are consistent with our Global Report findings indicating that the potential damage of these cyberthreats is universally understood.

Personal IT users	IT professionals
1. Data theft	1. Data theft
2. Malware	2. Malware
3. Phishing Attacks	3. (Tie) DoS / DDoS and Phishing attacks
4. Ransomware	4. IoT attacks
5. DoS / DDoS attacks	5. Ransomware

Committed to protecting privacy online

IT users in the APAC region reported higher rates of adoption for all online privacy services and processes compared to the global response. This suggests that individuals in the region are more willing to dedicate time and money to their privacy and protection.

What does Acronis recommend to stay safe today - and tomorrow?



- Patch your OS and apps software exists to handle this automatically
- Always be prepared for phishing attempts, don't click on any suspicious files
- Use a VPN while working with business data no exceptions
- Make sure your cyber protection solution is running properly
- Use an encrypted password manager and never reuse work passwords for personal needs, not to put your corporate network at risk
- Ensure your IT staff are expertly trained in all of these areas so all staff have work and home computers that are properly secured and updated
- Run security training in your organization, so the staff are exposed to insecure situations and can recognize them

We live in the world where digital space became the 5th basic human need, in addition to air, water, food and shelter. We rely on digital space to make our life more comfortable, but with that, we're exposing ourselves to a whole new dimension – with its own rules and risks. Nowadays, most businesses consume the benefits of the digital world on a daily basis – and simple cyber hygiene rules, like the ones above, can help lower the risks. There are simple but advanced defence tools – like <u>Acronis Cyber Protect</u>, that helps businesses safely exist in the digital world.

Each business is to decide for themselves – but if you want to continue operating in the digital world in 2021, you won't be able to remain dependant on weak elements, like outdated complex solutions and unsuspecting employees. Otherwise, you won't do business long enough to know better.

Learn more at www.acronis.com or contact Seok Cheng at SeokCheng.Chia@acronis.com.



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Insights from our Corporate Partner Programme (CPP) – Trend Micro



Providing Higher Confidence Detections

In this year's simulations, MITRE Engenuity focused on techniques associated with notorious threat groups Carbanak and FIN7. The test included two simulated breaches, one at a hotel and one at a bank, using typical advanced persistent threat (APT) tactics such as elevation of privileges, credential theft, lateral movement, and data exfiltration.





Highlights of Trend Micro's Results from the MITRE Engenuity ATT&CK Evaluations

96%

of attack coverage delivered to provide visibility of 167 out of 174 simulated steps across the evaluations, allowing customers to build a clear picture of the attack and respond faster.

139

pieces of telemetry were enriched by the Trend Micro Vision One™ platform, providing extremely effective threat visibility to better understand and investigate attacks—a critical piece for security operations center (SOC) analysts.

100%

of attacks against the Linux host were detected, capturing all 12 attacker steps, which is especially important considering the huge increase of use by many organizations.

90%

of attack simulations were prevented very early in each test thanks to automated detection and response.

Deflecting risk early on frees up investigation resources so teams can focus on solving harder security problems.

Access Report and Resources: https://bit.ly/3dAMeAN





Cloud based applications is one of the areas in which threats will increase in 2021. It is more critical than ever to understand the risk posed by potentially compromised user identities. How do you determine malicious behaviour and the infiltration of your organization by a rogue actor?

On **21 May 11am**, join **Trend Micro & AiSP** to learn more about the Zero Trust Model, get clarity on misconceptions and how organisations can use this security framework to help secure their networks, applications, and data in this cloud-native era. The webinar will discuss what this model means for SOC, Security and Network teams and get an early look at how Trend Micro can help your journey.

Register here

Featured Speakers:



Johnny Kho, President, AiSP



Biswajit De, Snr Technical Consultant, Trend Micro

What you'll learn in 60 minutes:

- What the Zero Trust Model really means and understanding the mindset
- Various approaches and steps towards Zero Trust Transformation including use cases
- > Importance of Zero Trust Risk insights and how to get continuous assessment and visibility
- How to provide ability to dynamically control user access to authorized corporate resources only based on the user's risk posture
 - Threat detection to protect emails, endpoints, cloud workloads, and network

Register Now



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Complimentary Affiliate Membership for Full-time Students in APP Organisations

If you are currently a full-time student in the IHLs that are onboard of our <u>Academic Partnership</u> <u>Programme (APP)</u>, AiSP is giving you complimentary Affiliate Membership during your course of study. Please click <u>here</u> for the application form and indicate your student email address, expected graduation date and name of your institution in the form.

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AiSP offers one-time one-year complimentary Affiliate Membership to all active NTUC members (membership validity: 2020 to 2021) from 1 Jul 2020 to 30 Jun 2021. The aim is for NTUC members to understand and know more about information security and Singapore's cybersecurity ecosystem. This does not include Plus! card holder (black-coloured card), please clarify with NTUC on your eligibility.

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AiSP Validated Information Security Professionals (<u>AVIP</u>) membership helps to validate credentials and experience for IS-related work including cybersecurity, professional development and career progression for our professionals. Interested applicants should be qualified <u>AiSP Ordinary Members</u> (<u>Path 1</u>) to apply for AVIP.

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- AVIP members will be invited for key dialogue sessions with national & industry leaders for their opinions on cyber security.
- AVIP members will be invited to represent AiSP for media interviews on their opinions on cyber security.



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We believe that through promoting the development, increase and spread of cybersecurity knowledge, and any related subject, we help shape more resilient economies.

Our Vision

A safe cyberspace supported by a strong and vibrant cybersecurity ecosystem.

Our Mission

AiSP aims to be the pillar for Information Security Professionals and the overall Information Security Profession through:

- promoting the integrity, status and interests of Information Security Professionals in Singapore.
- enhancing technical competency and management expertise in cybersecurity.
- bolstering the development, increase and spread of information security knowledge and its related subjects.

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