Corporate Account Takeover & Information Security Awareness
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What will be covered?

- What is Corporate Account Takeover?
- How does it work?
- Types of Security Threats and Countermeasures
- Current Trends
- How to Protect?
- How to Detect?
- What to do when Fraud happens to me?
What is Corporate Account Takeover?

A fast growing electronic crime where thieves typically use some form of malware to obtain login credentials to Corporate Online Banking accounts and fraudulently transfer funds from the account(s).
Cyber threats to financial institutions and other national critical infrastructure is real and growing at an alarming rate.

Estimated 40,000 Chinese hacking groups

Average age ~ 2X years

Income: $2-3 Million per year
How does it work?

- Criminals target victims by scams
- Victim unknowingly installs software by clicking on a link or visiting an infected Internet site.
- Fraudsters begin monitoring the accounts
- Victim logs on to their Online Banking
- Fraudsters Collect Login Credentials
- Fraudsters wait for the right time and then depending on your controls – they login after hours or if you are utilizing a token they wait until you enter your code and then they hijack the session and send you a message that Online Banking is temporarily unavailable.
Types of Security Threats & Countermeasures
Malware

Short for malicious software, is software designed to infiltrate a computer system without the owner's informed consent.

Malware includes computer viruses, worms, trojan horses, spyware, dishonest adware, crimeware, most rootkits, and other malicious and unwanted software.
Viruses

- A computer program that can copy itself and infect a computer.

- The term "virus" is also commonly, but incorrectly used to refer to other types of malware, adware, and spyware programs that do not have the reproductive ability.

- Some viruses try to avoid detection by killing the tasks associated with antivirus software before it can detect them.
Spyware

- Type of malware that is installed on computers and collects little bits of information at a time about users without their knowledge.

- The presence of spyware is typically hidden from the user, and can be difficult to detect.

- It can install additional software, redirecting Web browser, change computer settings, different home pages, and/or loss of Internet.
Form of malware that deceives or misleads users into paying for the fake or simulated removal of malware. Has become a growing and serious security threat in desktop computing. Mainly relies on social engineering in order to defeat the security software. Most have a Trojan Horse component, which users are misled into installing.

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Possible risk level: 

Description: These programs steal MSN Messenger passwords using a fake dialogue box for entering MSN password. The program terminates connection and advises re-connecting, and info entered is sent to the virus writer.

Recommended: Please click “Protect Now” to enhance your PC protection against potentially harmful items.
Criminally fraudulent process of attempting to acquire sensitive information (usernames, passwords, credit card details) by masquerading as a trustworthy entity in an electronic community.

Commonly:
- Social engineering
- Auctions
- Online transactions
- IT administrators
Dear customer,

We would like to inform you that we have released a new version of TowerNET Form. This form is required to be completed by all TowerNET users. If you are a former customer of the North Fork bank, using Treasury Optimizer service for online banking, please use the same button to login and choose Treasury Optimizer form from a menu on the web-site.

Please use the "Log In" button below in order to access the Form.

Log In

Add us to your address book
Please add our address—shown in the "From" line above—to your electronic address book to make sure that important account messages don't get blocked by a SPAM filter.

Important Information from Capital One
This e-mail was sent to john@acme.com and contains information directly related to your account with us, other services to which you have subscribed, and/or any application you may have submitted.

The site may be unavailable during normal weekly maintenance or due to unforeseen circumstances.
This email is fraudulent.

URGENT messages with LOG IN links which hide the web address should be considered fraudulent.

Dear customer,

We would like to inform you that we have released a new version of PowerNet Form. This is required to be completed in order to access the Form.

[Log In]


Click to follow link

Add us to your address book

Please add our address—shown in the "From" line above—to your electronic address book to make sure that important account messages don't get blocked by a SPAM filter.

Important Information from Capital One

This e-mail was sent to john@acme.com and contains information directly related to your account with us, other services to which you have subscribed, and/or any application you may have submitted.
Message from Customer Service

To: john@acme.com

Date: Sat, 30 May 2009 13:47:52 -0700

We would like to inform you that we have released a new version of Bank of America Customer Form. This form is required to be completed by all Bank of America customers.

Please follow these steps:

2. Follow given instructions.

Because email is not a secure form of communication, please do not reply to this email. If you have any questions about your account or need assistance, please call the phone number on your statement or go to Contact Us at www.bankofamerica.com.

Bank of America, Member FDIC.
© 2009 Bank of America Corporation. All Rights Reserved.
This email is fraudulent. It is addressed to you but your name is not used, and there is no indication they know your account information.


Click to follow link
Dear John Doe,

Your credit card ending in 9595 will expire soon. To avoid any disruption to your PayPal service, please update your credit card expiration date by following these steps:

1. Log in to your PayPal account.
2. Go to the Profile subtab and click Credit Cards in the Financial Information column.
3. Choose the credit card that needs updating and click Edit.
4. Enter the update [https://www.paypal.com/us/cgi-bin/webscr?cmd=bc-signup] and click Follow Link.

Or simply get the PayPal credit card approved almost instantly, and there’s no annual fee. Apply today.

Sincerely,
PayPal

Please do not reply to this email. This mailbox is not monitored and you will not receive a response. For assistance, log in to your PayPal account and click the Help link in the top right corner of any PayPal page.

To receive email notifications in plain text instead of HTML, update your preferences.
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1. Log in to your PayPal account.
2. Go to the Profile subtab and click Credit Cards in the Financial Information column.
3. Choose the credit card that needs updating and click Edit.
4. Enter the updated details.

Or simply get the PayPal Card, which is currently being approved almost instantly, and there's no annual fee. Apply today.

Sincerely,
PayPal

This email is authentic. It is addressed to you personally. The sender appears to know the last 4 digits of your account number. The links are obscured but hovering on the link shows a valid PayPal address.
Hello!

We were not able to deliver postal package you sent on the 14th of March in time because the recipient’s address is not correct. Please print out the invoice copy attached and collect the package at our office.

Your United Parcel Service of America
This email is fraudulent. It is not addressed to you by name. The FROM address is nonsense. The fraudster is counting on you to open the zip and execute the enclosed computer virus.
Some experts feel e-mail is the biggest security threat of all.

The fastest, most-effective method of spreading malicious code to the largest number of users.

Also a large source of wasted technology resources.

Examples of corporate e-mail waste:

- Electronic Greeting Cards
- Chain Letters
- Jokes and graphics
- Spam and junk e-mail
Hoaxes attempt to trick or defraud users.

A hoax could be malicious, instructing users to delete a file necessary to the operating system by claiming it is a virus.

It could also be a scam that convinces users to send money or personal information.

Phishing attacks fall into this category.
Statistics

Where does it come from?

- Malicious websites (including Social Networking sites)
- Email
- P2P Downloads (e.g. LimeWire)
- Ads from popular web sites

Web-borne infections:

According to researchers in the first quarter of 2011, 76% of web resources used to spread malicious programs were found in 5 countries worldwide ~ United States, Russian Federation, Netherlands, China, & Ukraine.
What your institution can do!

**PROTECT**

- **Know your Customers - Develop a Risk Assessment:**
  - Determine which customers are high-risk
  - Types of transactions – wires, institution to institution, SEC Code, daily files, high limits/frequencies, financial stability

- **Provide Ongoing Security Awareness Training for BOTH Employees & Corporate Customers**
  - TRAIN! TRAIN! TRAIN!

- **Make sure that your Customers are Aware of Basic Online Security Practices**

- **Review your Contracts**
  - Make sure that you clearly state roles & responsibilities of both parties and dispute resolution processes

- **Stay Informed**
  - Attend webinars/seminars & other user group meetings

- **Develop a layered security approach**

- **Perform a Due Diligence review of any third-party service providers for Online Banking Services**
What your institution can do!

**DETECT**

Detection is closely associated with protection because some measures that protect also help identify fraud.

Layered Security

It has already been proven that a single layer is easy for hackers to get through. If one layer develops a security weakness then hopefully the other layers will provide sufficient protection.

- Monitoring of IP Addresses
- New User Controls
- Calendar File – Frequencies and Limits
- Dual Control
- Fax or Out of Band Confirmation
- Secure Browser or Secure Browser Key
- Pattern Recognition Software

Train institution employees on Fraud warning signs
What your institution can do!

RESPOND

- Make sure your Incident Response Plan (IRP) includes procedures for a Corporate Account Takeover (Make sure that your IRP includes after-hours contact information for Corporate Customers)
- Make sure that “all” employees are trained, with specialized training for employees that process Wires or ACH Transactions.
- Update IRP to include the directory for FED ACH routing number contact information
  [http://www.fededirectory.frb.org/search_ACH.cfm](http://www.fededirectory.frb.org/search_ACH.cfm)
- Make sure you have a Notice of Fraudulent Activity in your IRP
- Procedures for processing a Fraudulent ACH file alert
- Establish procedures for customer relations and documentation of recovery efforts
- Develop a contingency plan to recover or suspend any systems suspected of being compromised
- Make sure your IRP has procedures and contact information for the US Secret Service as well as other law enforcement and regulatory agencies
What your institution can do!

RESPOND (Cont.)

- Contact customer to verify fraudulent transactions
- Reverse all suspected fraudulent transactions
- Send a “fraudulent ACH file or wire alert” through FedLine
- Distribute list of transactions to a group of employees with calling assignments and instructions to call on the largest items first
- Ask the institutions to place a hold on the funds - send Notice of Fraudulent Activity letter
What your institution can do!

SAMPLE

Forwarded by MPLS/FRS

From: John Doe
MPLS/FRS

To: MPLS/FRS

Date: 11/26/20/05:35 PM

Subject: Fw: Templates

A FRAUDULENT file was processed for __________________________ (Bank Name & ABA) in error on ___________ (mm/dd/yy). The
original file was processed on ___________ (mm/dd/yy) with settlement on ___________ (mm/dd/yy). The FRAUDULENT file was
processed on ___________ (mm/dd/yy) and will settle on ___________ (mm/dd/yy). A correction file was processed on
___________ (mm/dd/yy) and will settle on ___________ (mm/dd/yy). For additional information, contact ______________ (Bank Name) at
(Bank’s phone number).

(Bank Name & ABA) hereby assumes all responsibility and liability for any processing errors, losses, damages and
liability in any way arising out of the transmission of the broadcast message. (Bank Name & ABA) also agrees
to indemnify and hold harmless the Federal Reserve Bank, its agents and employees, from and against all claims, damages, lawsuits, and
expenses, including reasonable attorneys’ fees, in any way arising out of the transmission of the broadcast message.
What your Customers can do!

PROTECT

- Education is Key – Train employees
- Install and Maintain Real Time Anti-virus/Anti-spyware/Firewall software and keep it up to date
- Secure your computer and networks
- Limit Administrative Rights
  - Do not allow employees to install any software without receiving prior approval.
- Install and Maintain Spam Filters
- Surf the Internet carefully
- Install security updates to operating systems and all applications as they become available
- Block Pop-Ups
- Do not open attachments from e-mail
- Do not use public Internet access points
- Recommend dual control from separate devices
What your Customers can do!

DETECT

Education is Key – Train their employees
Reconcile Accounts Daily
Be on the alert for suspicious emails
Anti-virus/Anti-spyware/Firewall software and keep it up to date

Perform a full scan at least once a month

Note any changes in the performance of your computer

Dramatic loss of speed, computer locks up, unexpected rebooting, unusual popups, etc.
What your Customers can do!

RESPOND

Education is Key – Train their employees

Make sure that their employees know how and to whom to report suspicious activity to at the Company & the Institution

Contact the institution:

> If they Suspect a Fraudulent Transaction
> If they are trying to process an Online Wire or ACH Batch & receive a maintenance page.
> If they receive an email claiming to be from the institution and it is requesting personal/company information.
Questions or Comments