



IS YOUR ORGANIZATION PREPARED FOR A BREACH?

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Introduction



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OVERVIEW

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HOW TO PREPARE FOR A BREACH

EXECUTIVE BUY-IN

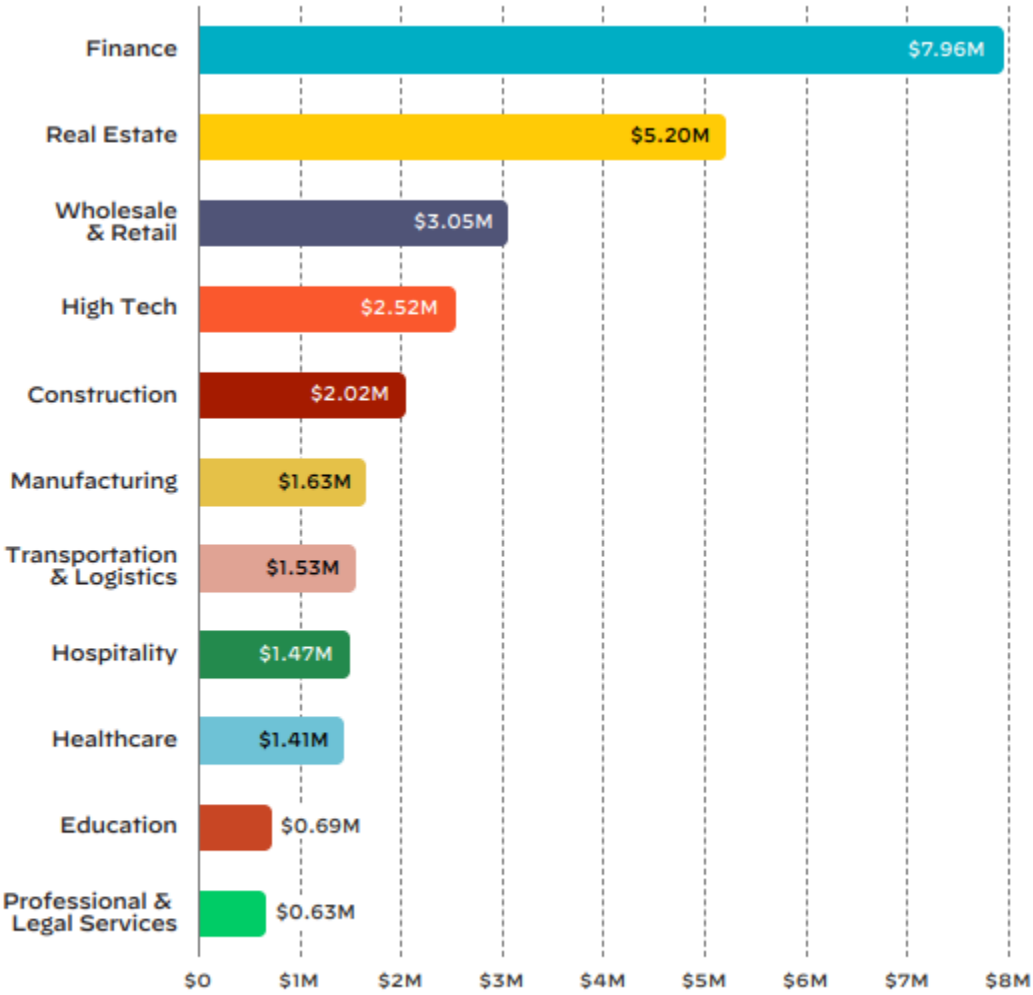


Figure 6: Average Ransom Demand by Industry

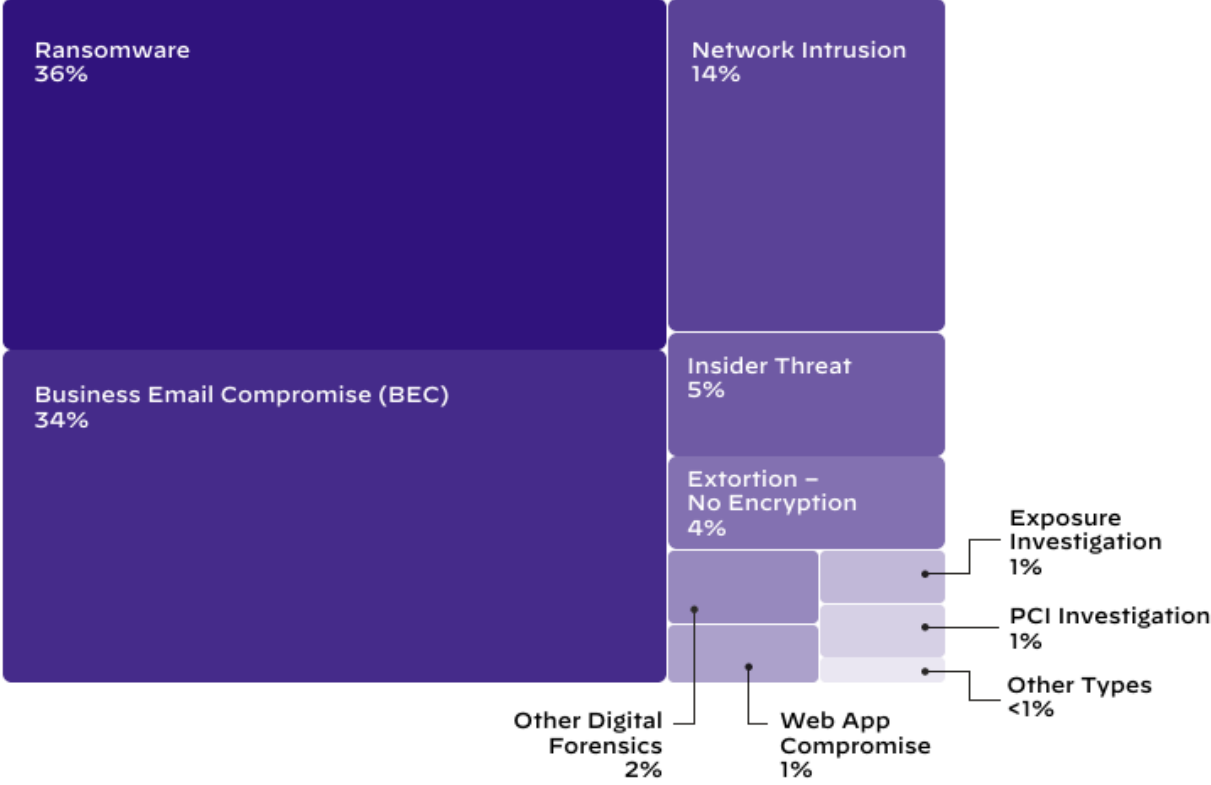


Figure 1: Types of Investigations Conducted by Unit 42 in 2022

<https://start.paloaltonetworks.com/2022-unit42-incident-response-report>

BEST PRACTICE GUIDANCE

- ▀ [CIS CSC #17 Incident Response and Management](#)
- ▀ [NIST SP 800-53r5 Security and Privacy Controls for Information Systems and Organizations](#)
- ▀ [NIST 800-61r2 Computer Security Incident Handling Guide](#)

DOCUMENT YOUR PLAN

- Start small and get something in place
 - Plan for it to be a living document
- Don't boil the ocean
 - Focus on High-Likelihood incidents first

About 42,400,000 results (0.52 seconds)

Incident management plan template



Train and Certify

Manage Your Team

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TABLETOP TESTING

- Start small (both in team and scenario details)
- Identify the expected outcomes & get buy-in early
- Scenario Inspirations:
 - [CISA Tabletop Scenarios](#)
 - [NARUC Cybersecurity Tabletop Exercise Guide](#)
 - [Backdoors & Breaches \(DnD for IR\)](#)
 - [CIS Six Tabletop Exercises to Help Prepare Your Cybersecurity Team](#)



LIVE TESTING

- Don't wait until you are ready for a formal Red Team – you can try to “catch” your regularly scheduled penetration tests
 - Which attacker techniques can you identify (alerts, logs, etc.)?
 - Which attacker techniques will you be unable to prevent?
 - What would your response look like (start creating runbooks)?

Vulnerability
Scanning

Vulnerability
Assessment

Penetration
Testing

Red
Team

Purple Team
Exercise

Adversary
Emulation

SCYTHER's Ethical Hacking Maturity Model

WHAT DOES A BREACH LOOK LIKE

CAPITAL ONE CASE STUDY

- ▀ “On July 19, 2019, we determined that an outside individual gained unauthorized access and obtained certain types of personal information from Capital One credit card customers and individuals (...).”
 - Capital One’s public report released on July 29, 2019
- ▀ According to the FAQ published by Capital One, the company discovered the incident thanks to their Responsible Disclosure Program on July 17, 2019, instead of being discovered by regular cybersecurity operations.

CAPITAL ONE CASE STUDY

- The FBI and Capital One identified several accesses through anonymizing services such as TOR Network and VPN service provider IPredator, both used to hide the source IP address of the malicious accesses;
- The SSRF attack allowed the criminal to trick the server into executing commands as a remote user, which gave the attacker access to a private server;

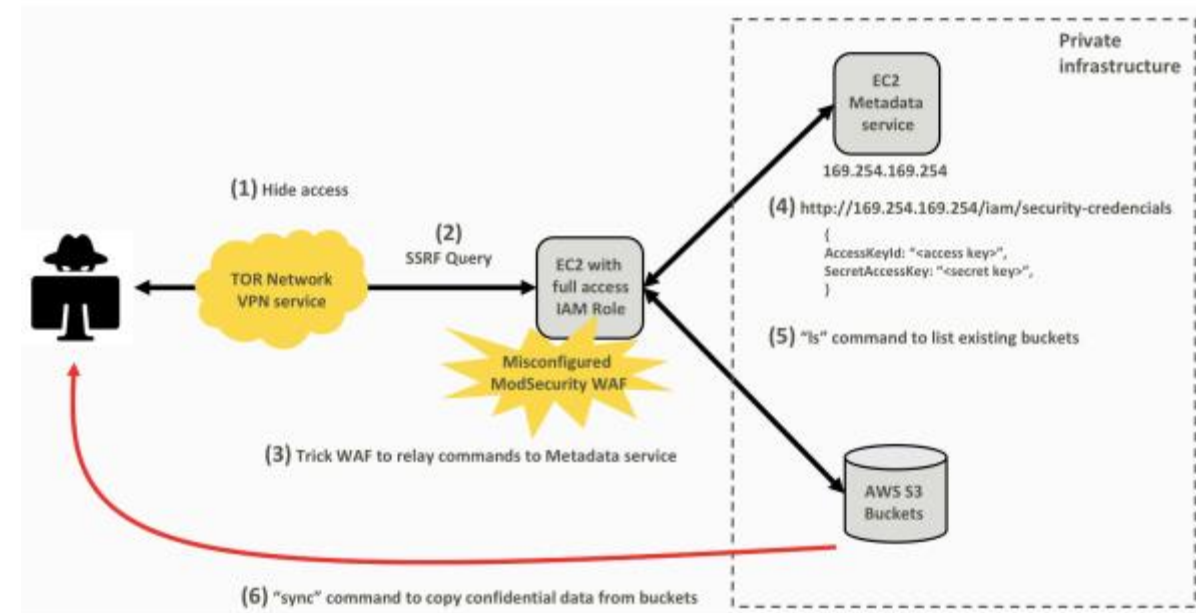


Figure 2: Diagram of the attack: Capital One case study

<https://web.mit.edu/smadnick/www/wp/2020-07.pdf>

CAPITAL ONE CASE STUDY

- The WAF misconfiguration allowed the intruder to trick the firewall into relaying commands to a default back-end resource on the AWS platform, known as the metadata service (accessed through the URL `http://169.254.169.254`);

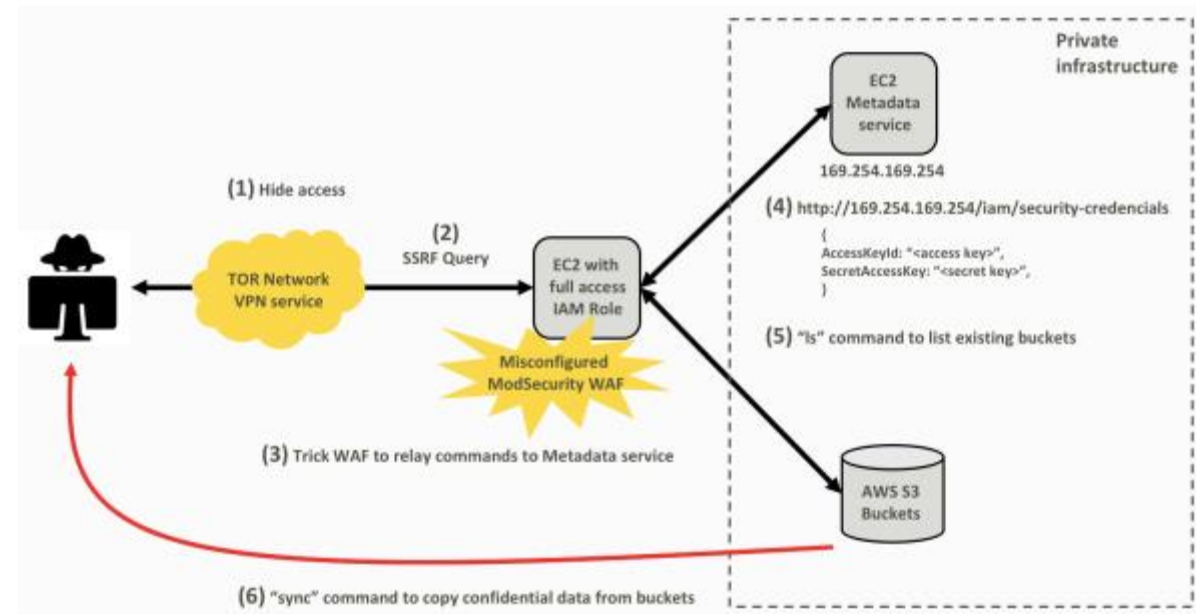


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- By combining the SSRF attack and the WAF misconfiguration with the access to the metadata service containing temporary credentials for such environment, the attacker was able to trick the server into requesting the access credentials. The attacker then used the URL “<http://169.254.169.254/iam/securitycredentials>”, to obtain the AccessKeyId and SecretAccessKey from a role described in the FBI indictment as “*****-WAF-Role” (name was partially redacted). The resulting temporary credentials allowed the criminal to run commands in AWS environment via API, CLI or SDK;

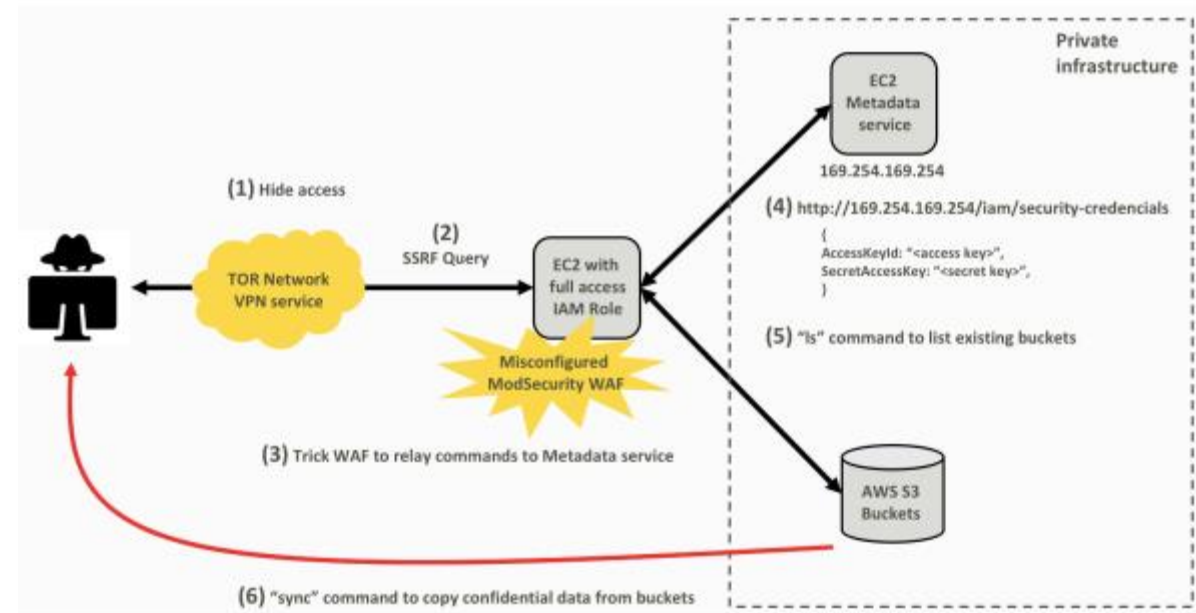


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- By using the credentials, the attacker ran the "ls" command multiple times, which returned a complete list of all AWS S3 Buckets of the compromised Capital One account ("\$ aws s3 ls");
- Lastly, the attacker used the AWS sync command to copy nearly 30 GB of Capital One credit application data from these buckets to the local machine of the attacker ("\$ aws s3 sync s3://bucketone."). This command gave the attacker access to more than 700 buckets, according to the FBI report.

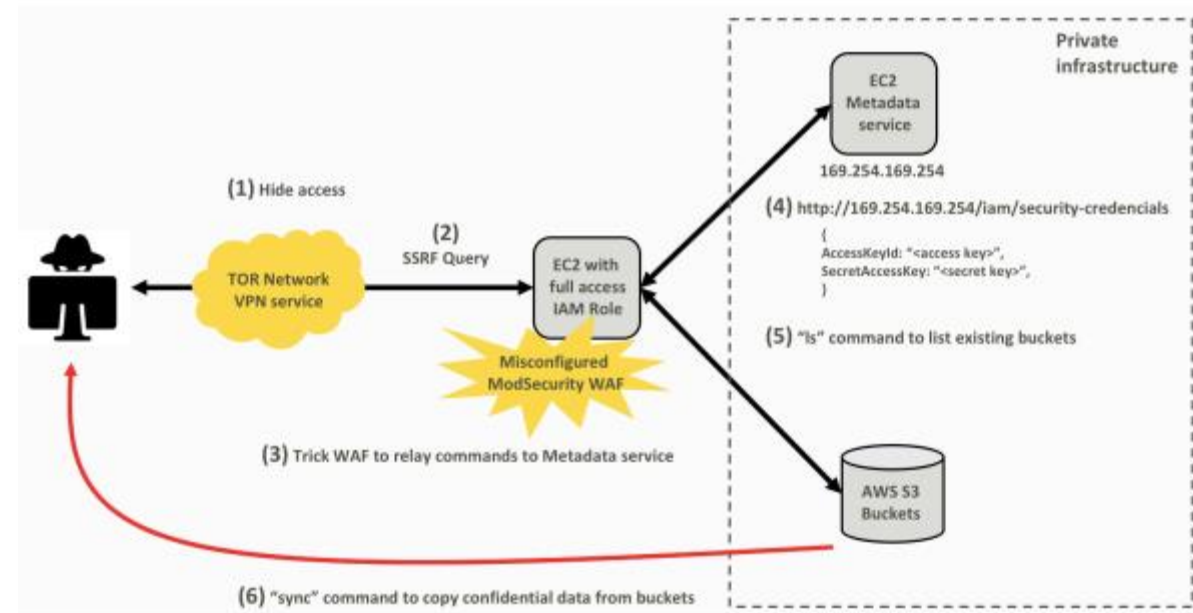


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WHAT SENIOR LEADERSHIP CAN DO

SET THE TONE

- ▀ What are the current security initiatives and priorities
 - Compliance vs. Security as the end goal
- ▀ When was the IRP last reviewed and tested?
 - You do have one, right?
- ▀ What attention does the “lessons learned” phase receive?
- ▀ Identify your resources
 - In-house skills
 - Legal/Insurance benefits & responsibilities
 - Trustworthy partners

VALIDATE FUNDAMENTAL CONTROLS

- Follow a framework, don't play Whack-a-Mole, specifically:
- Secure Authentication
 - Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA)
 - Brute-Force/Password-Spray Mitigations
- Endpoint Detection and Response (EDR)
- Logging, alerting, and detection abilities



QUESTIONS



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