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# Dealing with Data Breaches

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# Digitization of HR Content



# Ubiquity of Personal Data



# Diversification of Threat Actors

## Nation-state actors

- Highly resourced, sophisticated
- IP, critical infrastructure, propaganda value
- APT, Las Vegas Sands, Finance, Oil



## Organized crime

- Personal information, credit cards
- Supported by black market for stolen data
- Target, Home Depot

## Hacktivist, Script Kiddies, White Hats



# The Nature of the Threat

In Chinese intrusion cases handled by Mandiant, 94% of the victim companies didn't realize their networks had been breached until someone else told them.

On average, companies' networks had been breached for 416 days before the intrusion was detected.

"Nation-states willing to spend unlimited amounts of money for technology, intelligence gathering, and bribery can overcome just about any defense."



-- Alan Paller, Director of Research, SANS Institute

# Proliferation of Laws & Regulations

**HIPAA**

**FTC Section 5**

**SEC guidance**

**GLBA**

**PCI DSS**

**NLRB Guidance**

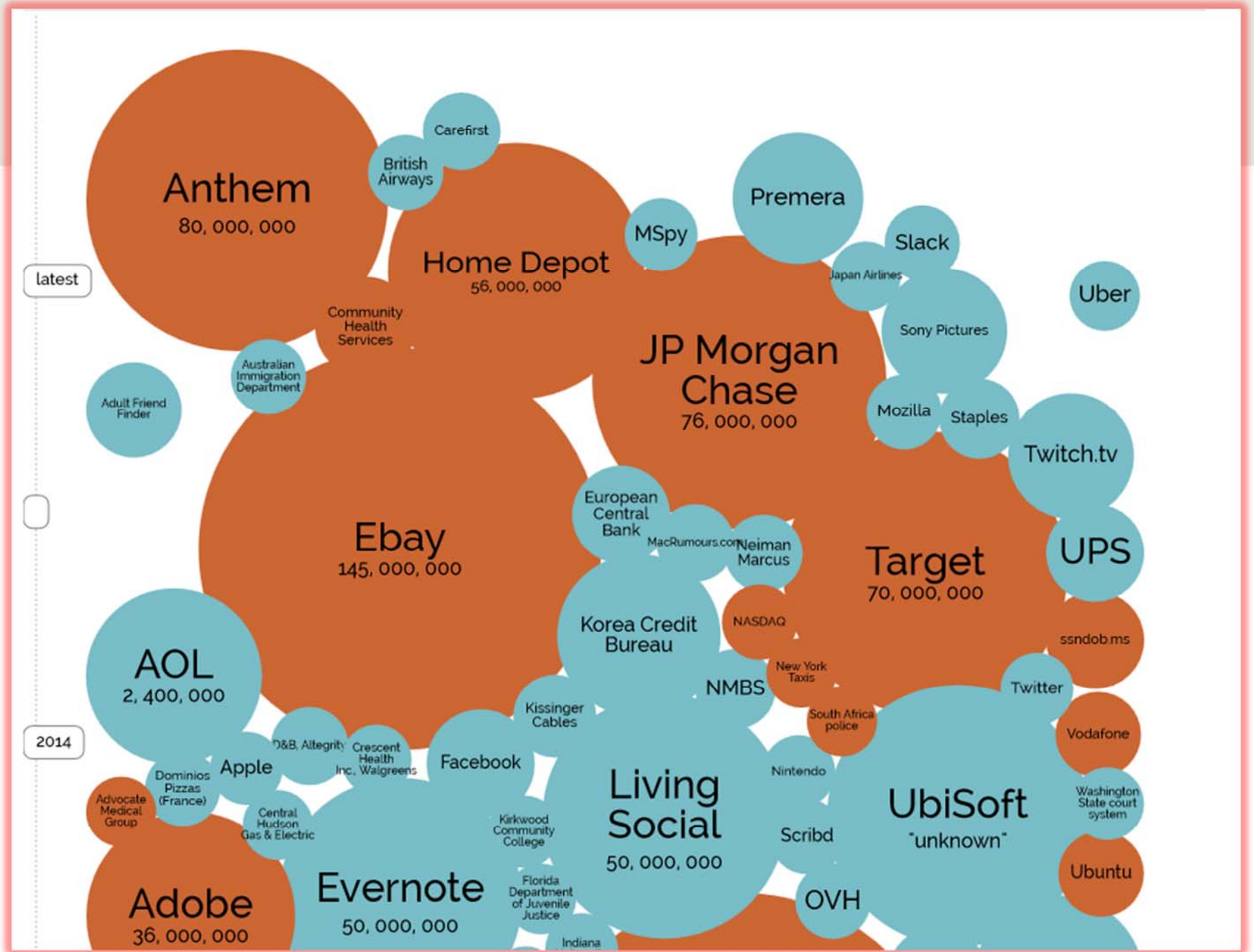
**State Data Security Laws**

**State Breach Notification Laws**

# THE PERFECT STORM

- HHS Settles with Health Plan for Records on Copier for \$1.2M
- Mortgage Co. Fined \$50K for Tossing PII in Dumpster
- Alaska DHHS Fined \$1.7M for stolen unencrypted thumb drive
- WellPoint Fined \$1.7M for exposure of PHI online
- CVS Fined \$2.25M for disposing of health records in dumpster
- ChoicePoint pays \$10M for unauthorized disclosure of PI
- AT&T fined \$25M for breach of social security numbers





Source: <http://www.informationisbeautiful.net/visualizations/worlds-biggest-data-breaches-hacks/>



# Three Types of Class Actions

## Consumer Actions

- High profile recent decisions from Sony Playstation, Adobe, and Target endorsing a **lower bar** for standing
- Negligence, statutory claims surviving

## Employee Actions

- Recent Sony Interview decision adopted consumer standing law

## Financial Institutions Actions

- Target is settling for \$67M with Visa; MasterCard TBD

# Shareholder Litigation

## Major cases

- Target (2014)
- Wyndham (2014) (since dismissed)
- Home Depot (2015)

## Claims

- Breach of fiduciary duty
- Failure of responsible oversight
- Failure adequately to protect corporate assets

## Allegations

- Officers, Board failed to devote regular attention and resources to data security
- Failed to heed warning of other prominent data breaches
- Company engaged in *per se* inadequate practices



# How Do You Protect Your Company?

## Company-wide data security program

- All stakeholders – IT alone can't secure your data
- Coordinated, high-level engagement across components, business lines
- Written policies and practices -- IRP
- Train, audit, and enforce

## Securing data shared with third-parties

- Due diligence
- Effective contracting

## Insurance Coverage

- Cyber policy; interaction among policies

# Labor & Employment Issues

- Onboarding process
- HR records practices
- Network & Employee Monitoring
  - Employee handbook, logon banners, BYOD registration
- Training
- Internal investigations, employee interviews
- Enforcement and discipline
- Separation, change of roles

Questions?

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## Additional Resources



# Effective Security Controls



## Administrative Controls

- Employee background checks, training, discipline, termination
- Network segmentation, device management, and access control
- Incident Response Plan

## Physical Controls

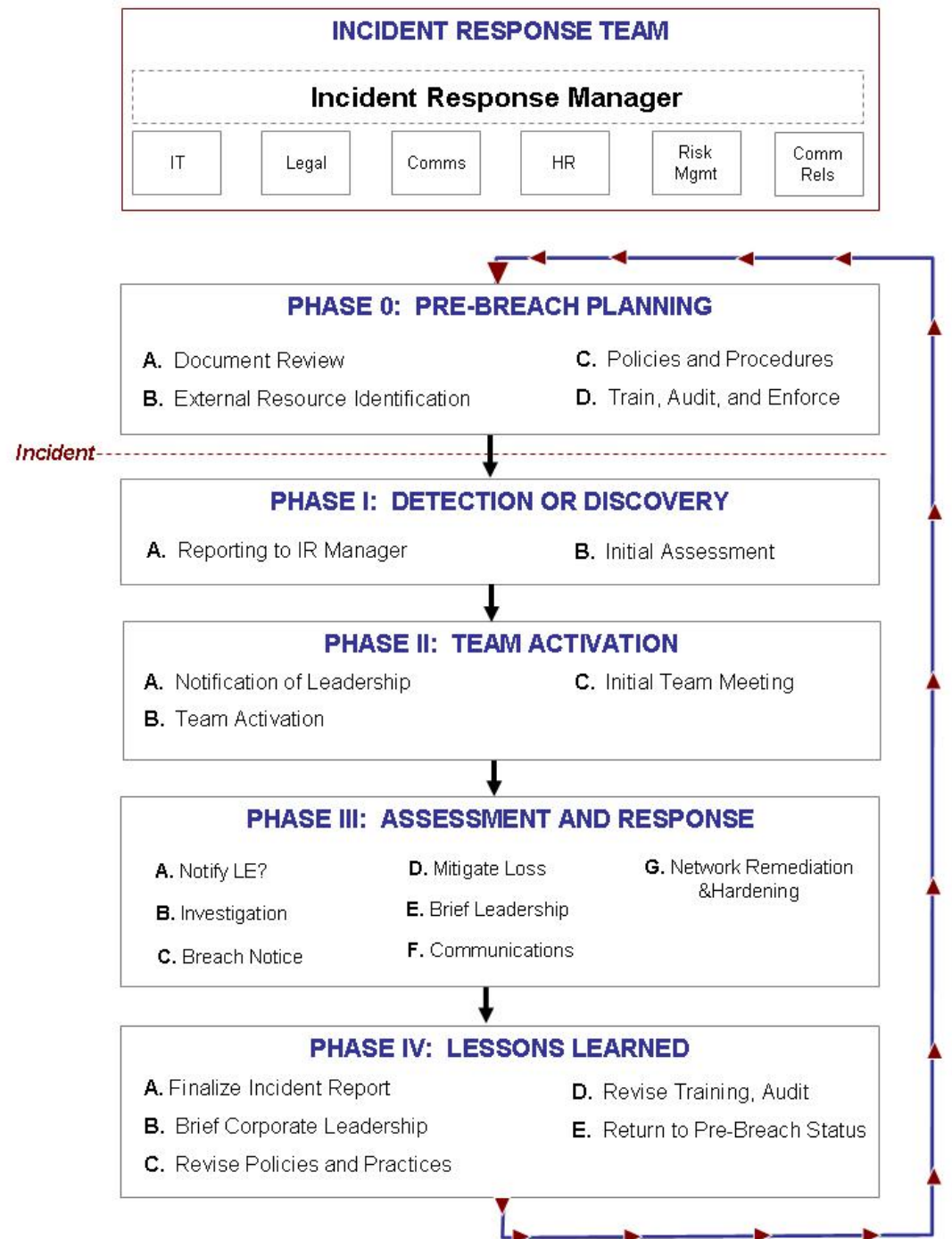
- Building and area access
- Workstation security

## Technical Controls

- Firewalls, log aggregation and analysis, encryption, anti-virus
- Passwords, two-factor authentication

# Incident Response Plan

**Fig. 1 – SCENARIO C INCIDENT RESPONSE**  
Team Structure and Process



# Critical Questions

- What information do you collect?
- Where do you store it?
- How do you use it?
- With whom do you share it?
- How do you dispose of it?
- How is your network configured?
- What servers, clients, and devices are on your network?
- What software and applications do you run?
- How do you manage patches, updates, and antivirus?

## Critical Questions - 2

- How do you control access?
- What are your logging practices?
- Who is on your incident response (IR) team?
- When did you last review, exercise your IR plan?
- When was your last security audit?
- When was your last penetration test?
- What 3d parties have access to your network, data?
- How is data security addressed in your hiring, training, and termination policies?
- How are your physical facilities secured?

# Resources

- National Institute of Standards and Technology, ***Framework for Improving Critical Infrastructure Cybersecurity*** (Feb. 12, 2014) (<http://www.nist.gov/cyberframework/upload/cybersecurity-framework-021214-final.pdf>)
- ISO/IEC 27000 series, ***Information Security Management Systems*** (available on amazon.com)
- The SANS Institute, ***The Critical Security Controls for Effective Cyber Defense*** (<https://www.sans.org/media/critical-security-controls/CSC-5.pdf>)
- The Center for Internet Security, ***Security Benchmarks*** (<http://benchmarks.cisecurity.org/>)
- Governance of Enterprise Security: ***CyLab 2012 Report*** (Carnegie Mellon University CyLab, May 2012) (<http://globalcyberrisk.com/wp-content/uploads/2012/08/CMU-GOVERNANCE-RPT-2012-FINAL1.pdf>)