

# Cybersecurity Essentials

cyber securITy\_ IT consulting & training\_ cyber awareness\_

# Technology is Amazing









**“Most hacked nation”**

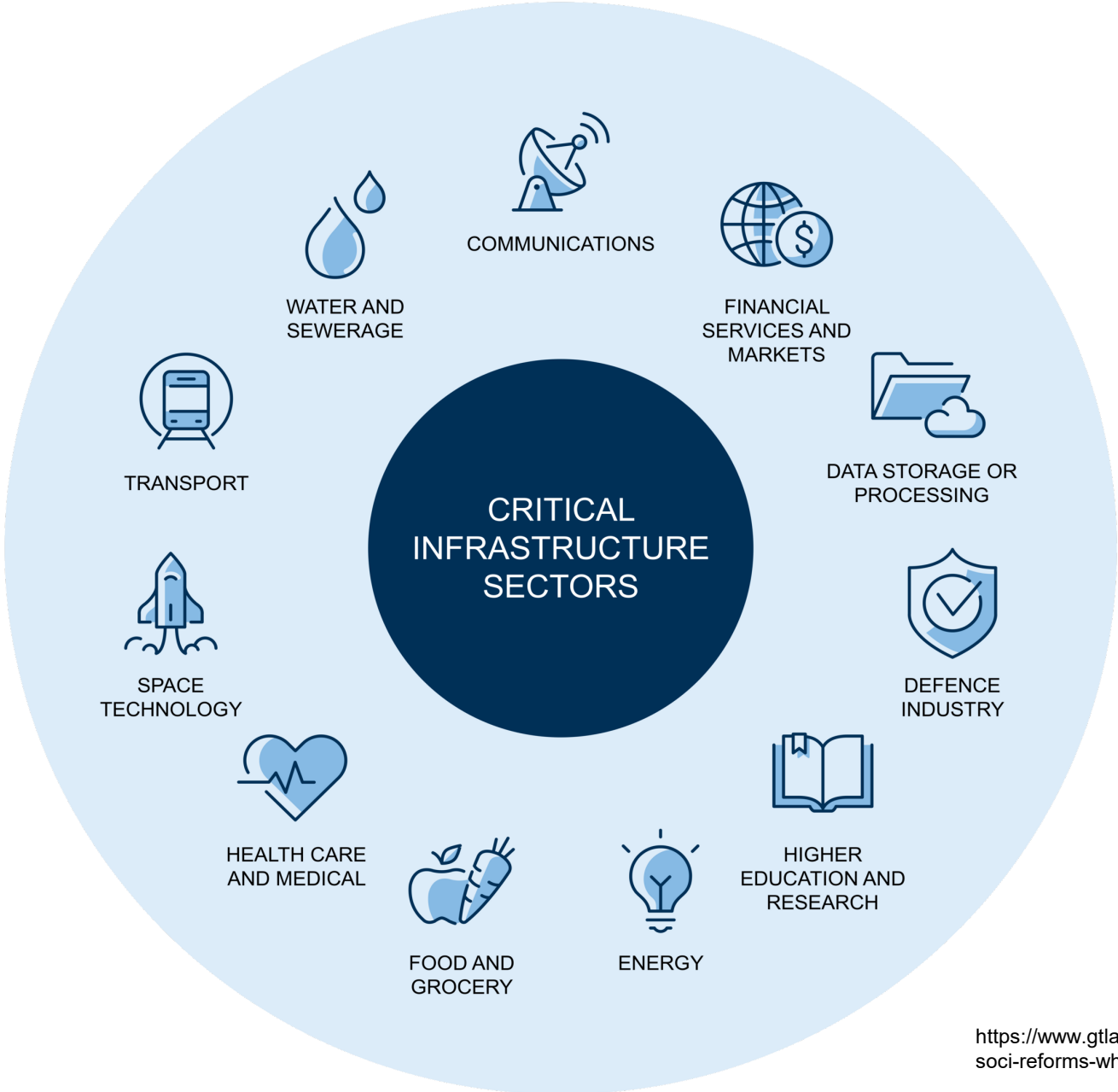
**In the last quarter of 2022**







# Security Legislation Amendment (Critical Infrastructure) Act 2021 (SOCI Bill)



# 2024 Cybersecurity Predictions

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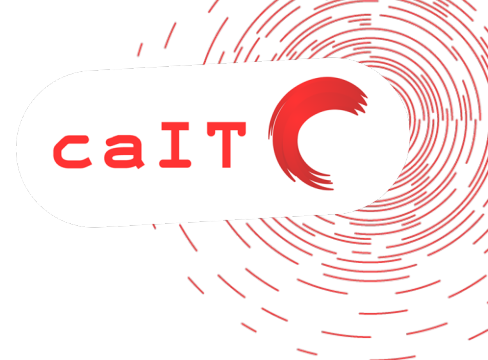
-  AI will be widely used by hackers and scammers
-  Hackers will find new ways to bypass biometric authentication
-  Leaked nudes will be trending on the dark web
-  The number of amateur hackers will grow
-  Sales of stolen customer data will rise



# Why Small Businesses are a Target\_



- 1. Limited Cybersecurity Resources:** Small businesses often lack the budget and resources to invest in robust cybersecurity measures, making them an easier target for cybercriminals than larger organisations.
- 2. Valuable Data:** Despite their size, small businesses hold valuable data such as customer information, payment details, and proprietary business information that can be lucrative for cybercriminals.
- 3. Less Awareness and Training:** Employees in small businesses may not receive adequate training on cybersecurity practices, leading to vulnerabilities such as falling for phishing scams or using weak passwords.
- 4. Third-Party Vulnerabilities:** Small businesses often work with larger companies and can be targeted as a way to gain access to more extensive networks and sensitive information through these connections.
- 5. Underestimating the Threat:** Many small business owners believe they are too small to be targeted, leading to complacency and insufficient protective measures, which cybercriminals exploit.



### Top 3 **cybercrime** reported by **businesses**:

1. email compromise
2. business email compromise fraud
3. online banking fraud.



The average self-reported **cost of cybercrime** to **businesses increased** by **14% per cent**.

- **\$46,000** for **small business**
- **\$97,200** for **medium business**
- **\$71,600** for **large business**



**What is the number 1 way  
hackers get into  
businesses?**







According to a research at Cambridge University, it doesn't matter in what order the letters in a word are, the only important thing is that the first and last letter be at the right place. The rest can be a total mess and you can still read it without problem. This is because the human mind does not read every letter by itself, but the word as a whole.

# Social Engineering

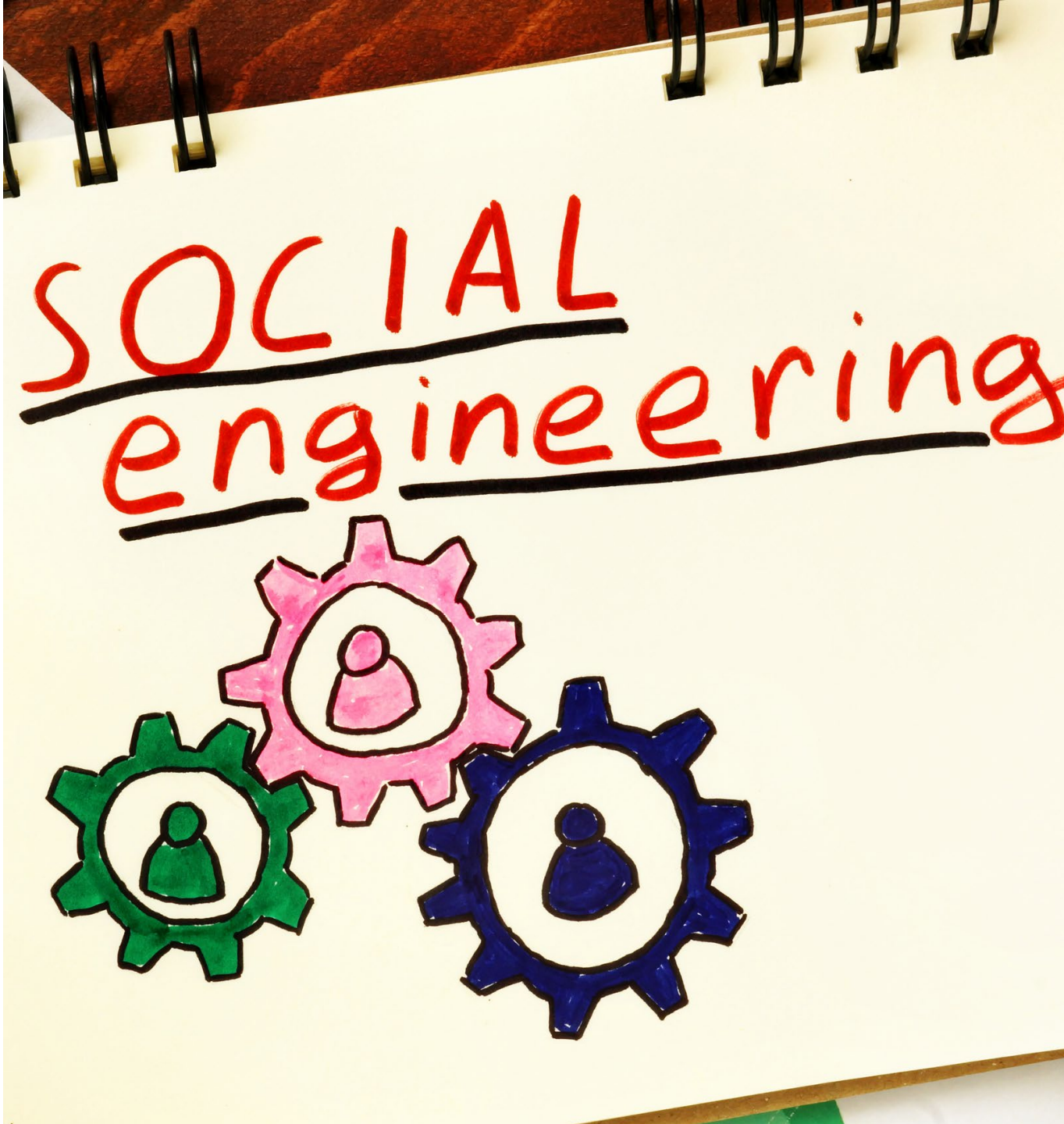
Social engineering involves the **manipulation of individuals** into performing actions or releasing confidential information for the purpose of **information gathering, fraud, and system access.**

# ChatGPT:

“Hack This Email!”

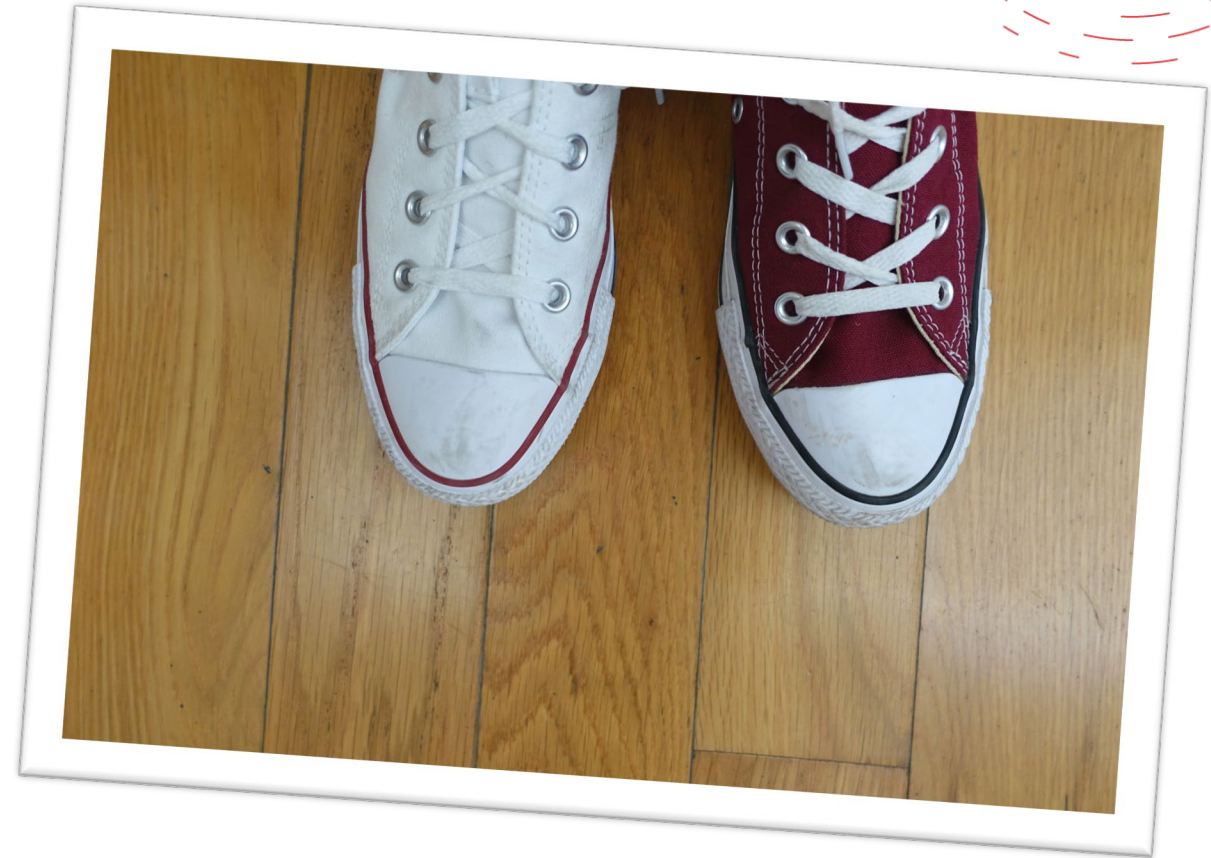


- Fear
- Greed
- Curiosity
- Helpfulness
- Urgency





We all have off days....

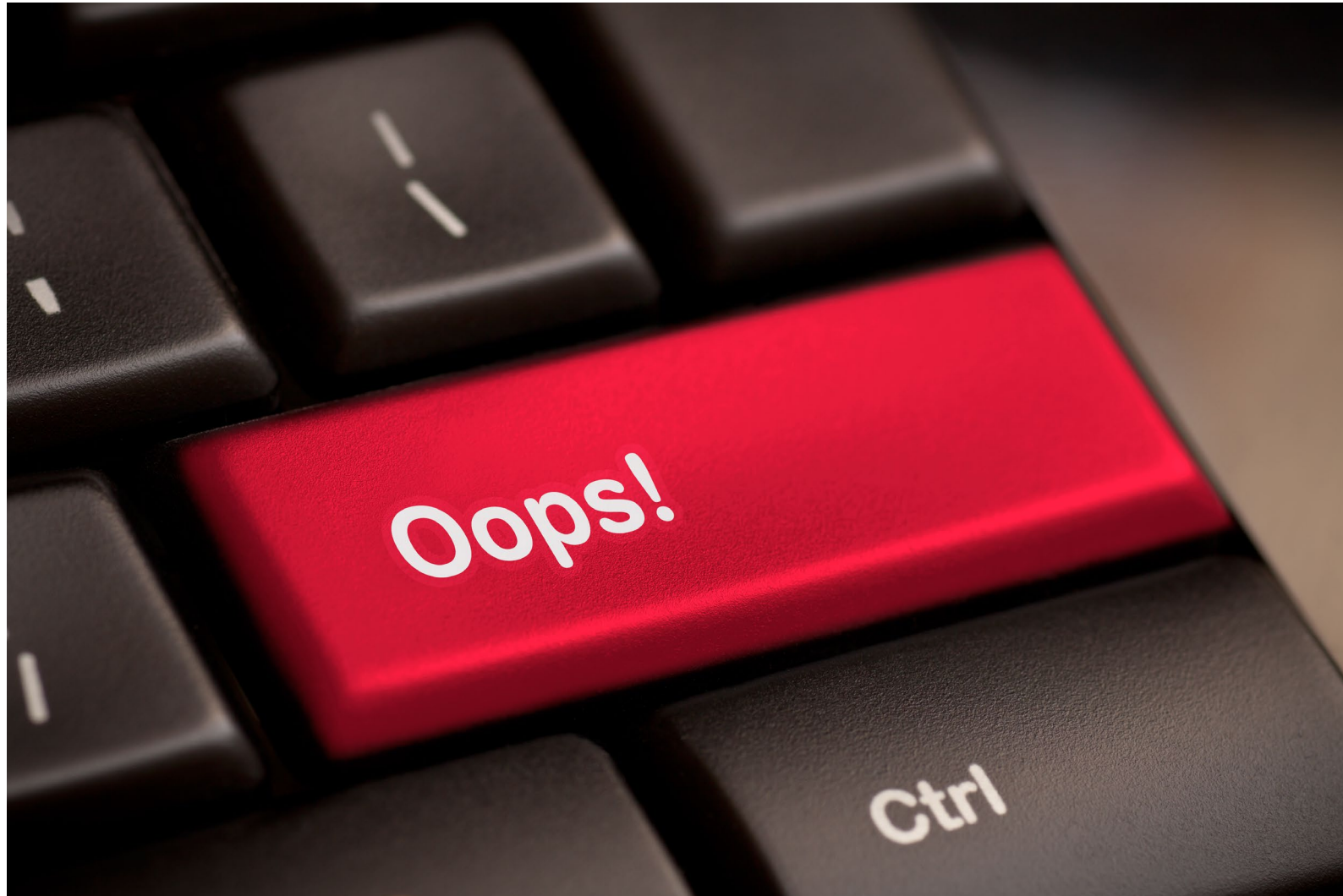
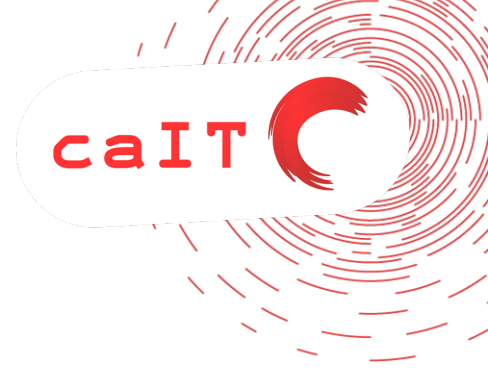


And hackers use this to their advantage





And before you know it...





# How to spot a Phish



# Learn how to spot a Phishing Email

Trigger	Check
A sense of emotion	Look for 'urgency' in request
An <i>unusual</i> request	Confirm request with sender
Context relevant event	"Was I expecting this email?"
Poor template or signature block	Email reflect normal behaviour?
Unknown sender domain	Confirm identity
Poor grammar	Be detail oriented
Unusual or obscure link	Hover over links
http:// vs https:// link	

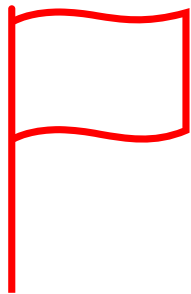
# Phishing\_



☉ Three questions to ask when opening emails:

1. Do I know the sender?
2. What type of language are they using?
3. What are they asking me to do?

The red flags



**From:** Microsoft office365 Team [<mailto:cyh11241@lausd.net>]

**Sent:** Monday, September 25, 2017 1:39 PM

**To:**

**Subject:** Your Mailbox Will Shutdown Verify Your Account



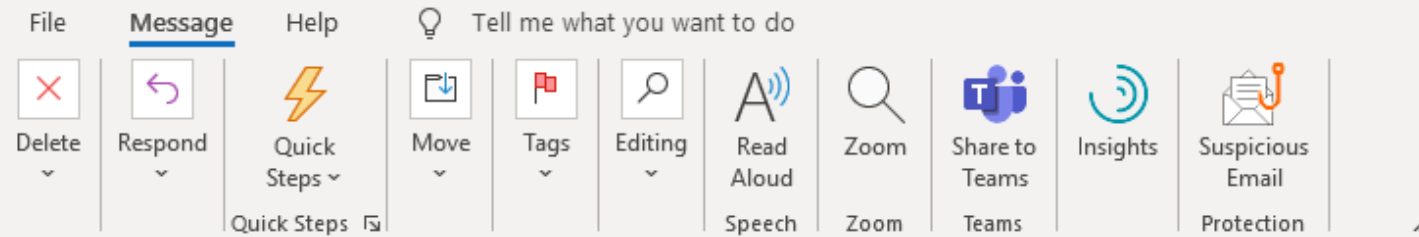
Detected spam messages from your <EMAIL APPEARED HERE> account will be blocked.

If you do not verify your mailbox, we will be force to block your account. If you want to continue using your email account please verify.

[Verify Now](#)

Microsoft Security Assistant


[Microsoft office365 Team!](#) ©2017 All Rights Reserved



[EXTERNAL] Your DHL package is in transit but additional payment is needed




DHL <noreply@package-dhl.com>

To  Caitriona McElroy forde



12:39 PM

 If there are problems with how this message is displayed, click here to view it in a web browser.



Dear Customer,

Your package is in transit, but additional payment is needed to receive your package.

Please pay \$1.99 in additional shipping costs. This payment must be made within the following 24 hours.

Once the payment is made, you will receive your package as soon as possible.


[CLICK HERE TO REVIEW](#)

Thank you,  
DHL EXPRESS Billing Team

[EXTERNAL] Chat Message in Teams




MS Team Updates <message@teams-microsoft.us>

To  Caitriona McElroy forde

Reply Reply All Forward ...

Thu 11/11/2021 12:57 PM

Microsoft Teams



**Team member left an offline AudioChat!**

Play AudioChat!


Microsoft




You are receiving this email because you have subscribed to Microsoft Teams. [Privacy Statement](#).



[EXTERNAL] Critical security alert




Google <no-reply@useraccounts-google.com>  
To  Caitriona McElroy forde

 Reply  Reply All  Forward 

Thu 11/11/2021 12:59 PM



Caitriona McElroy forde 



## Sign-in attempt was blocked

[Caitriona.Forde@v](#)

Someone just used your password to try to sign in to your account from a non-Google app. Google blocked them, but you should check what happened. Review your account activity to make sure no one else has access.

[CHECK YOUR ACTIVITY](#)

You received this email to let you know about important changes to your Google Account and services.

Google LLC, [1600 Amphitheatre Parkway, Mountain View, CA 94043, USA](#)  
1540560208000000



## New Billing Details - URGENT!!!



John Smith

Fri 29/04/2022 8:20 AM

To: You



Invoice - April 2022.pdf

1 KB



Hi Jane,

See attached our new billing details.

Please send payment for your latest invoice (attached) ASAP to confirm you have received this email.

Kind regards,

John Smith

Accounts Manager



We've had a lot of complaints about copyright infringement. Some content in your account violates copyrights. Instagram will delete infringing accounts shortly. If you do not want your account to be deleted and your account does not violate copyrights, you can let us know.

[Appeal](#)

from  
 Meta

From CommBank

Subject **Your CommBank is temporarily locked**

9:39 am

To Undisclosed recipients; ☆



Dear User,

This is to notify you of the error(s) found on your account details

Please confirm there is no change in your profile details using our website below

<http://www.commbank.com.au>

Note : Failure to confirm details may lead to access locked out.

**Regards,**  
CommBank.



# Smishing\_



We were unable to deliver your package - let us know, @ if you have already received @ it <http://www.michaelleo.cn/b/df/?w8r.dk&5L3-BT726>

Dear Customer,

Your AppleID is due to expire Today, Please tap <http://bit.do/cRqb6> to update and prevent loss of services and data.

Apple smsSTOPto43420

Shipment tracking link is already available, check it now! <http://spdzzc.com/b/rj/?tlbes3143307>

Your package is being delivered to you. Kindly confirm the outstanding payment of (11,99 AUD) using the following link : <https://hyp.ae/qpEcC>



# Data Breaches

# World's Biggest Data Breaches & Hacks

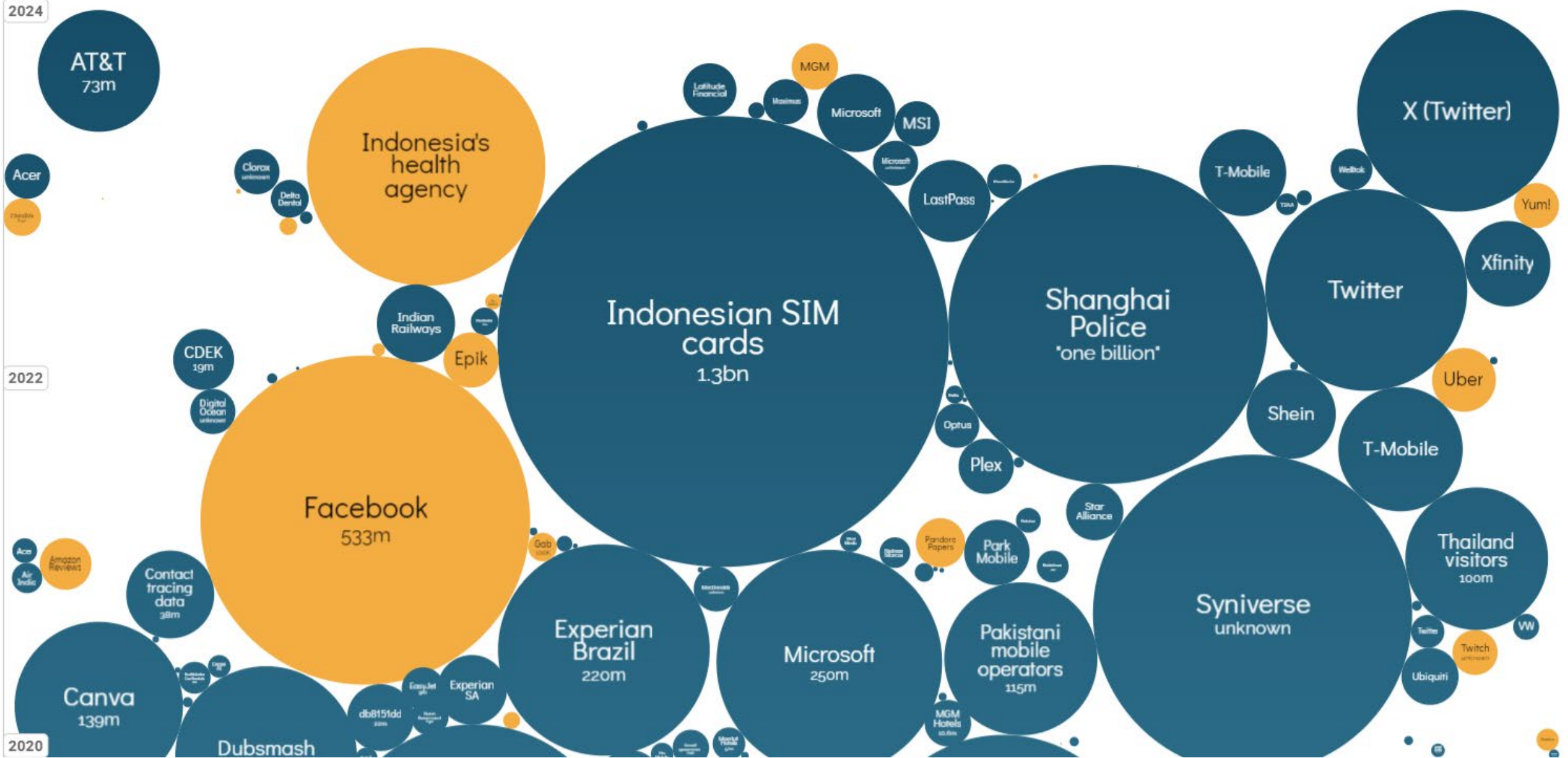
interesting story

Selected events over 30,000 records stolen

UPDATED: Jan 2024

size: records lost filter

search...



Protecting yourself\_



# Have you become a victim?

A screenshot of the 'have i been pwned?' website. The main heading is '';--have i been pwned?' in white text on a blue background. Below it is the subtitle 'Check if your email or phone is in a data breach'. A search input field contains the email 'caitriona\_mcelroy@yahoo.co.uk' and a button labeled 'pwned?'. The result is 'Oh no — pwned!' in white text on a dark red background, with a sub-message: 'Pwned in 10 data breaches and found 1 paste (subscribe to search sensitive breaches)'.

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Check if your email or phone is in a data breach

caitriona\_mcelroy@yahoo.co.uk pwned?

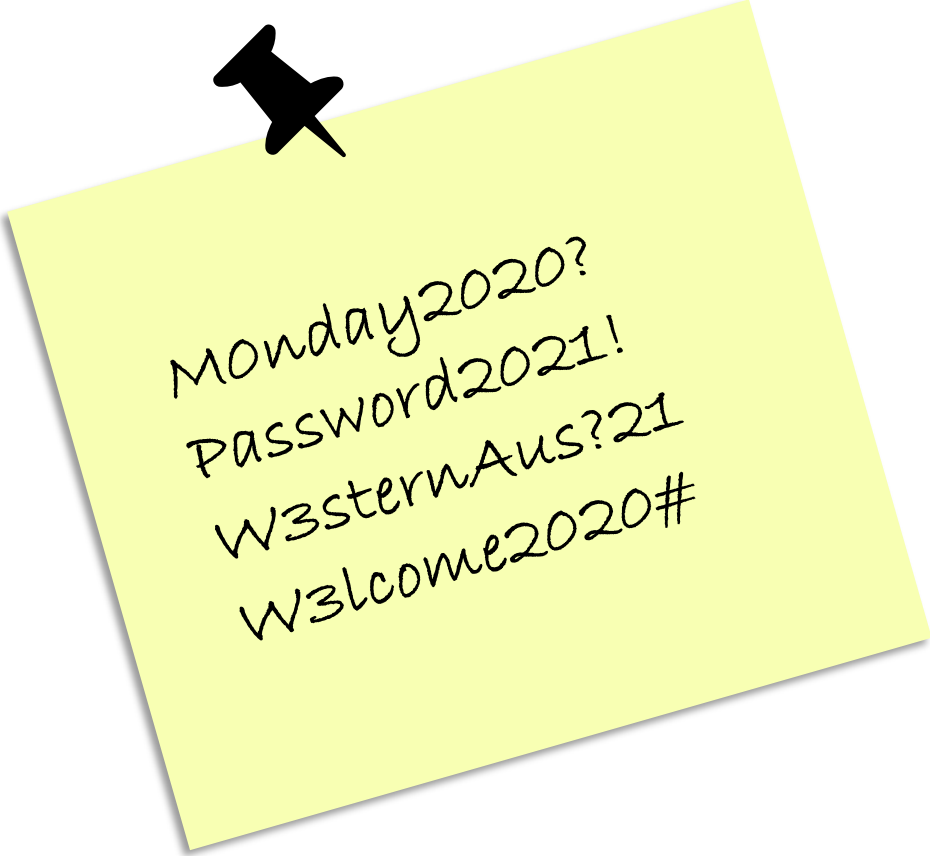
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Pwned in 10 data breaches and found 1 paste (subscribe to search sensitive breaches)

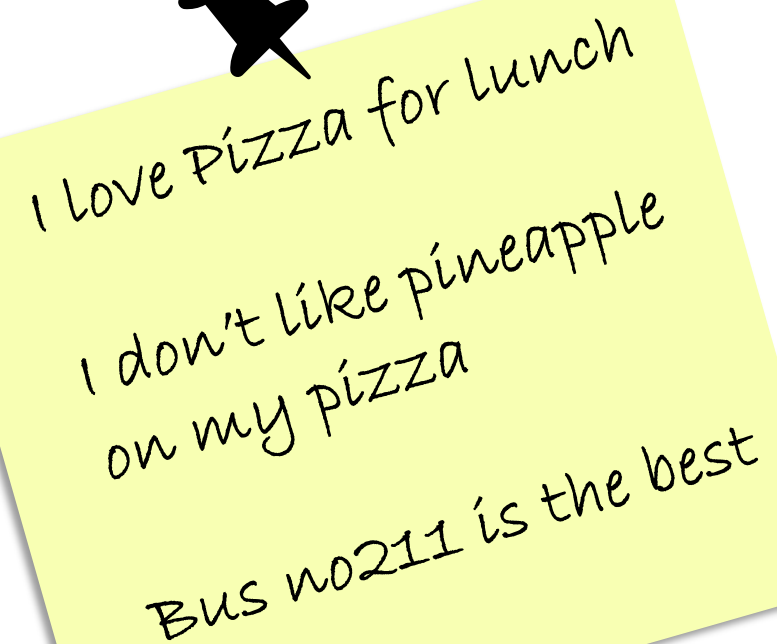
<https://haveibeenpwned.com>



# Passwords V' s Passphrase



Monday2020?  
password2021!  
W3sternAus?21  
W3lcome2020#



I love Pizza for lunch  
I don't like pineapple  
on my pizza  
Bus no211 is the best



# Why length V' s Complexity?

Password/Passphrase	Brute Force Attack	Dictionary Attack
password123	Instantly	Instantly
Spaghetti95!	48 hrs	30 mins
5paghetti95!	24 hrs	1 hrs
A&d8j+1	2.5 hrs	2.5 hrs
I don't like pineapple on my pizza	1 Year	40 days

# The top 10 most common passwords:

1.123456111111

2.123123

3.12345

4.1234567890

5.qwerty

6.123456789

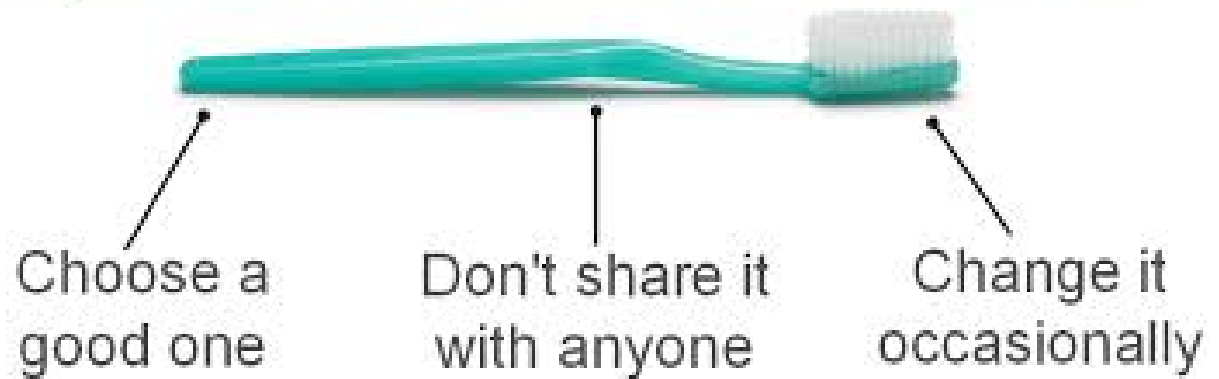
7.picture1

8.password

9.12345678

10.senha

A password is like a toothbrush



# Password Management

If you live, we  
passwords are  
that you use a  
web site it may  
anyone's account, it  
is a display of  
manager  
your saved  
passwords.



Master password (passphrase) – the only password

you'll need to remember

We recommend using a passphrase like 'I don't like pineapple on my pizza'.

→ Unique password

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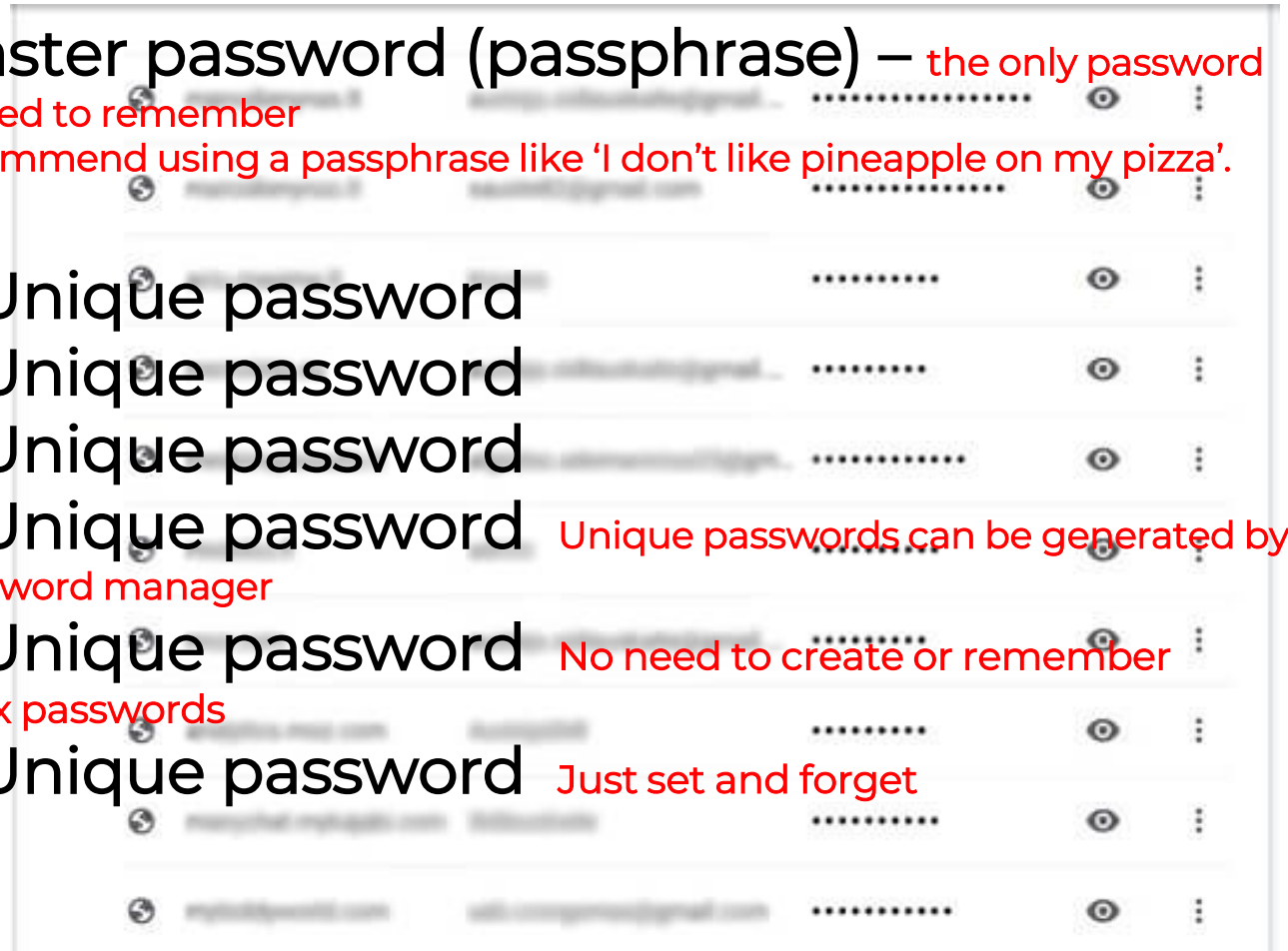
Unique passwords can be generated by

the password manager

No need to create or remember

complex passwords

Just set and forget





“Multi-Factor  
Authentication Can  
Prevent 90% of  
Attacks”

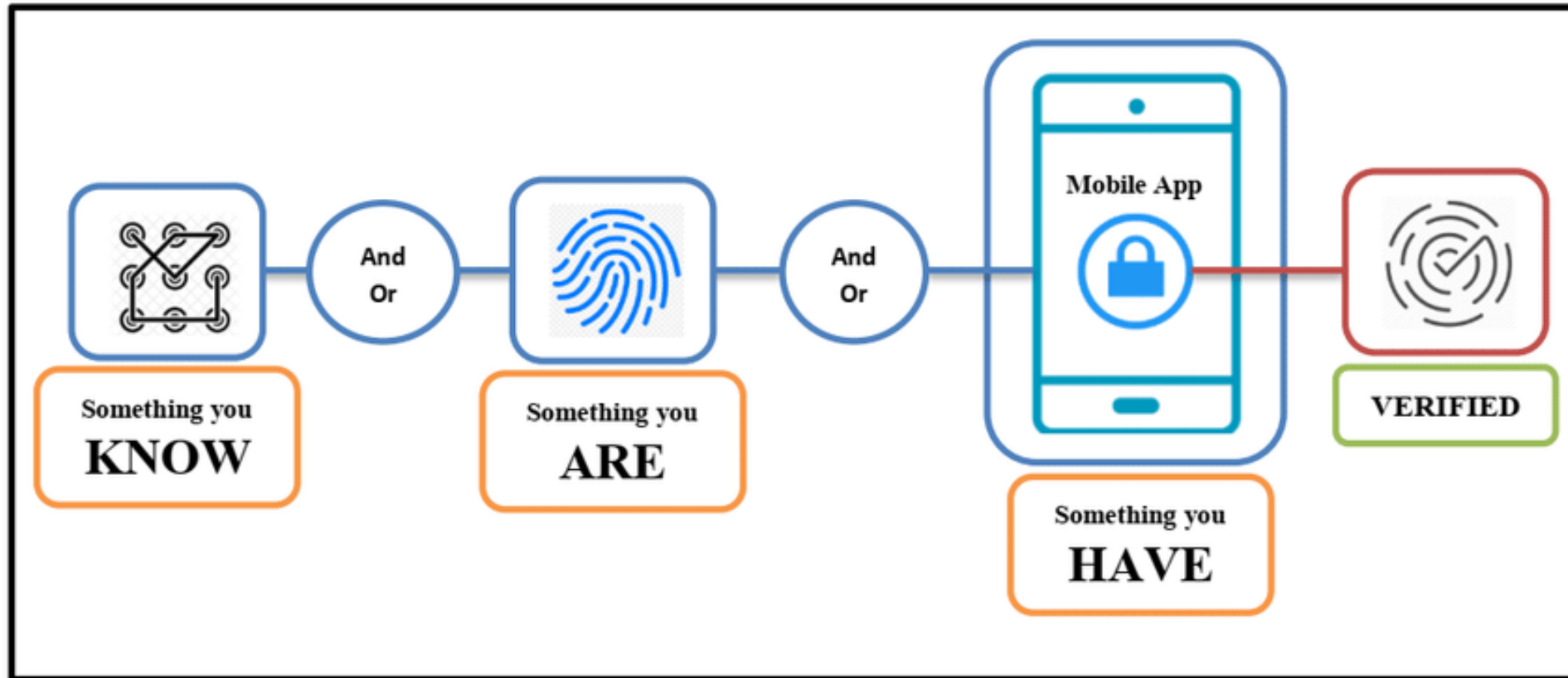


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Multi-factor means using a combination of the following:



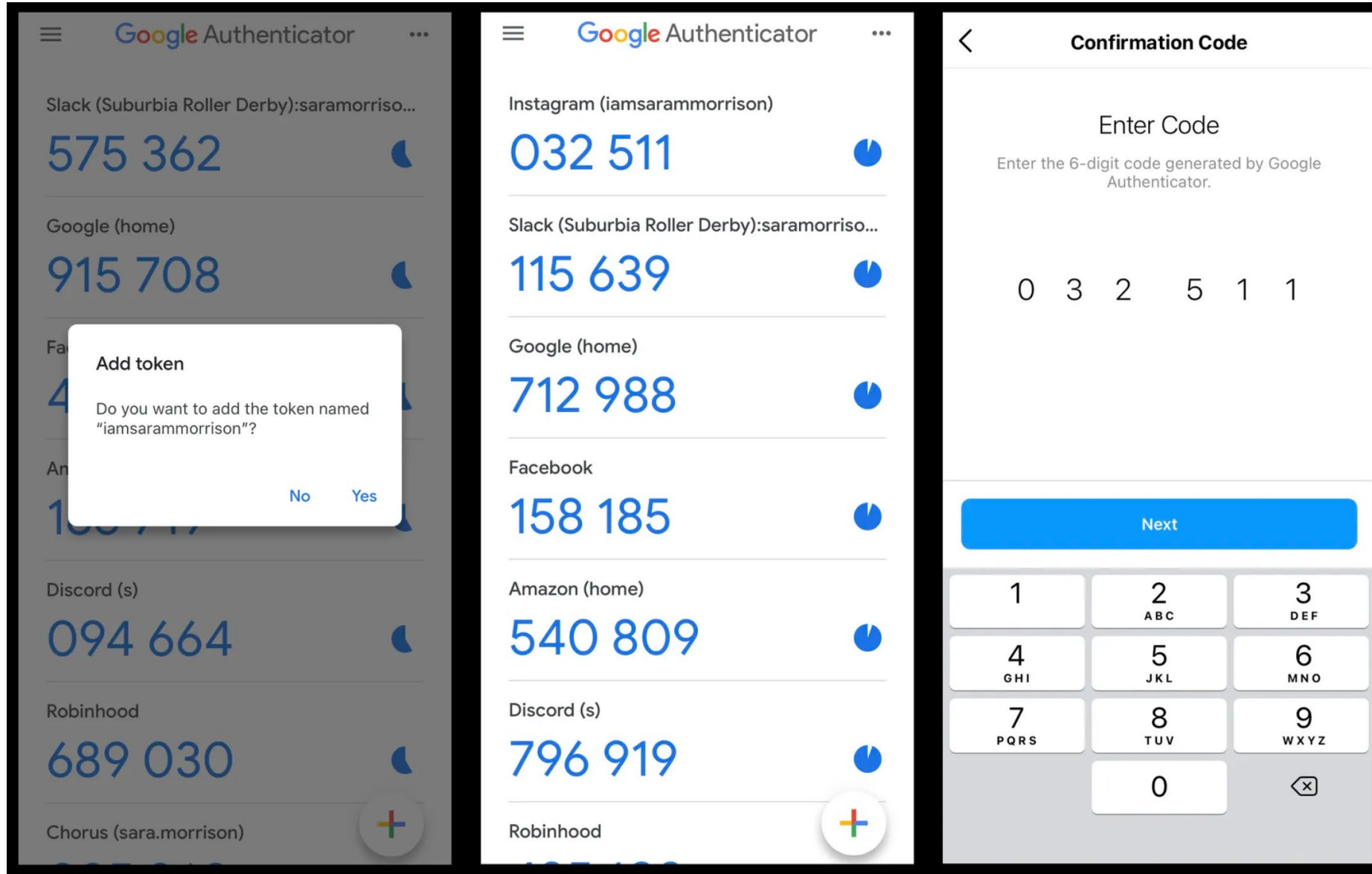
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Set it up for:

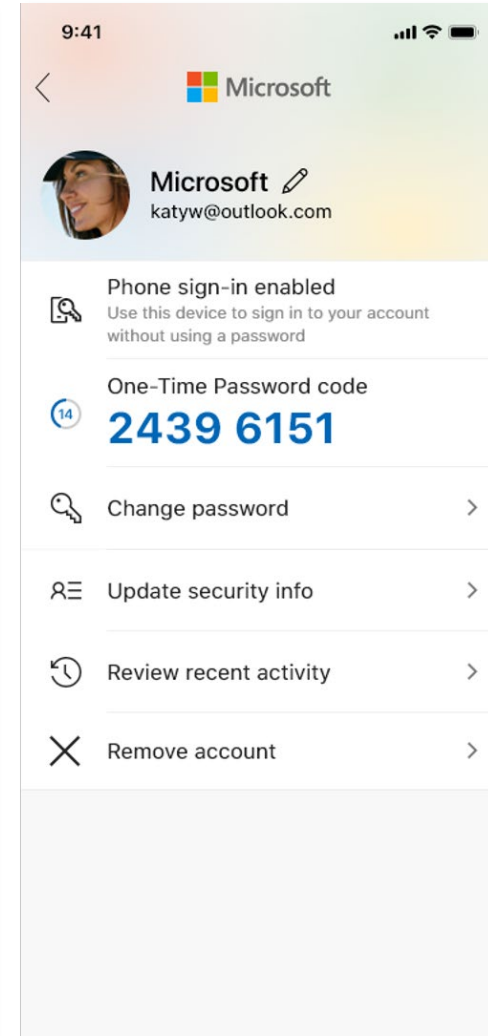
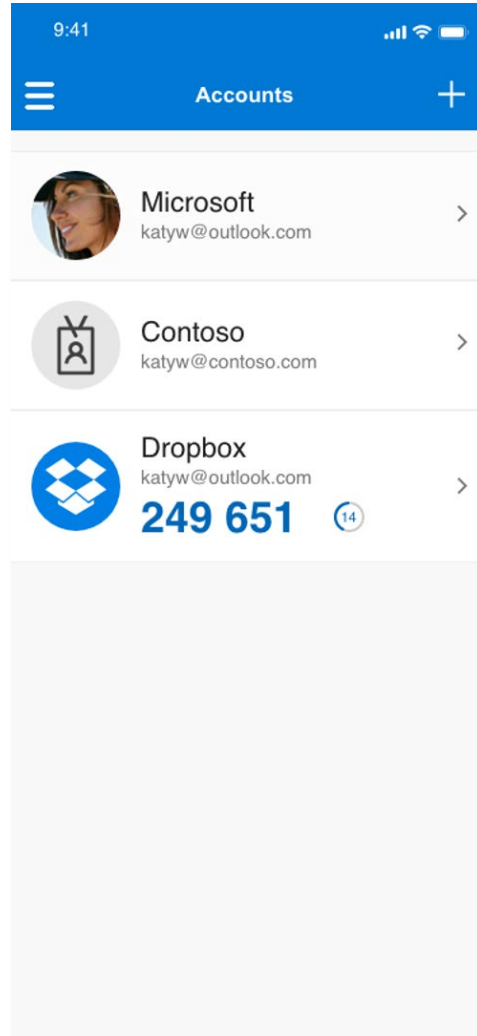
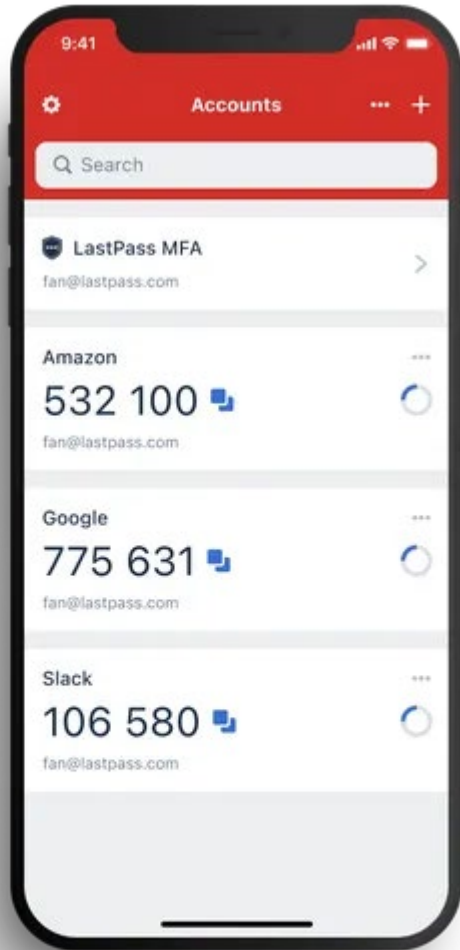
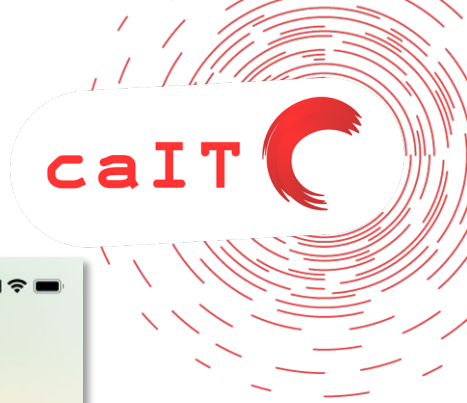
- Social media accounts
- Online banking
- Email accounts & mailboxes– Office 365
- Online databases
- Accounting Software
- CRM/Customer Database
- Domain name and hosting accounts
- Any online platform you save data



# Multi-factor Authentication



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# Case Studies

# Case Study 1

## LinkedIn

- Social Engineering – Convincing email pretending to be from event organisers
- Phishing – Email with link to click
- Ransomware



## Case Study 2

# Real Estate Company



- Phishing – Email for credential harvesting (Microsoft 365)
- Social Engineering – Convincing the buyer they were speaking with the sales agent
- Business Email Compromise – Targeting companies who deal with large financial transactions and trust accounts

## Case Study 3 Not for Profit



- Business Email Compromise – CEO mailbox compromised while overseas.
- Sent email from CEO to finance team to pay urgent invoice of \$25K

What to do if you fall victim? \_

## Actions to take \_

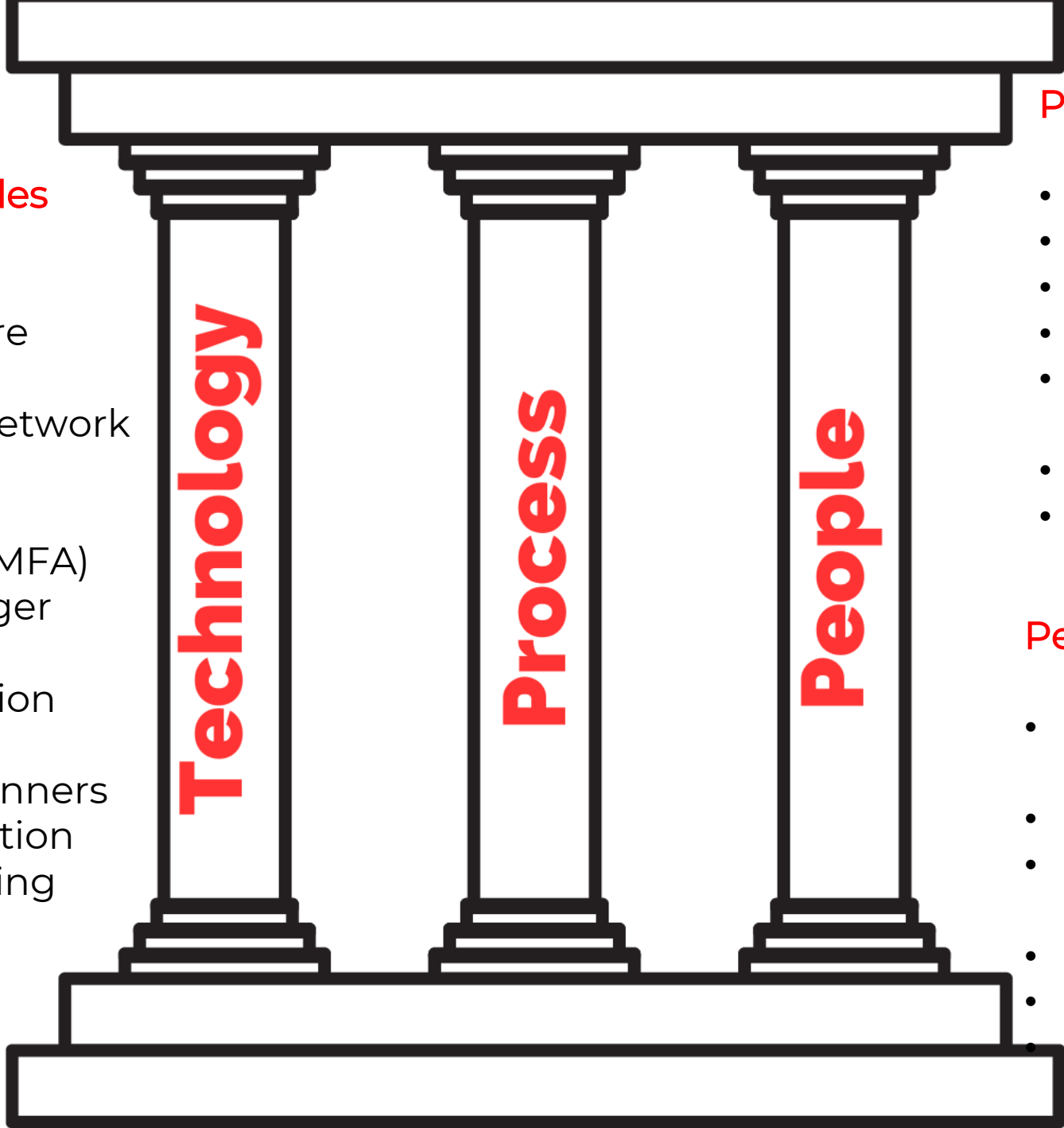
- Turn off your computer and disconnect from Internet/Network
- Get professional help
- Change all passwords
- Inform bank
- Run virus scans
- Inform authorities





# Main takeaways...

- Don't click links or open attachments in emails that look suspicious
- Password hygiene is essential – Implement a password manager
- Multi-factor Authentication on everything
- **Backup your important data (Crown Jewels)**
- Regular software updates on all devices
- **Train your team**



**Technology examples**

- Firewall
- Antivirus software
- Spam Filter
- Virtual Private Network (VPN)
- Multi-factor authentication (MFA)
- Password Manager
- Encryption
- Intrusion Detection System (IDS)
- Vulnerability scanners
- Endpoint Protection
- Penetration testing

**Process examples**

- Finance & HR
- Incident response plan
- Access control
- Security risk assessment
- Security policy and procedure documentation
- Change management process
- Business continuity and disaster recovery plan

**People examples**

- Regular training and awareness sessions
- Background checks
- Limit access to sensitive information
- Use secure collaboration tools
- Monitor user activity
- Create a security culture

# Leaving thought...

**1 in 55**



\*Odd's of you having a car accident

**1 in 4**



\*Odd's of a cyber attack