

# **EMAIL AMONG MILLIONS**

The Path of an Email Attack

### 269 billion emails are sent

each day.1

Every day, attackers send a whopping 150 million phishing emails. If printed and laid end-to-end, these malicious messages would stretch over 26,000 miles—far enough to circle the earth.

> Intellectual **Property**

## **Biggest Targets**

Most commonly, cyber predators target managers and executives, financial data, and intellectual property—seeking out proprietary information and personal data to leverage for their own gain or sell.

More attackers are going after

personal contact info, customer information and physical assets.

Managers and **Executives** 

Nearly 2 out of every 3

emails sent are SPAM.2

Almost all cyber crimes start with email.3

A majority of organizations

**Financial Data** 

have been spear phished.4

### **How It Happens**

### AN UNEXPECTED **APPROACH** Cyber attackers use

phone calls to help circumvent controls.



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PHISHING

the employee clicks on an embedded link and unwittingly downloads malware.

Assuming the email is real,



**ENGINEERING** The attacker sends a follow-up email,

referencing the

**SOCIAL** 

phone call.



**EXFILTRATION** Once infected, hackers use

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### email, web, file transfer and tunneling protocols to retrieve stolen data.



### With stolen data in hand, hackers monetize the data in a variety of ways, such as holding it for ransom or

selling it over the dark web.



The Costs of an Email Breach

REMEDIATION TIME

### **FINANCIAL COST** \$3.62M 66 days 27.7% Likelihood a second material data Average cost of Average time required breach will occur within 24 an email breach to contain the breach months<sup>5</sup>

\$245

INDUSTRIES

**MOST-IMPACTED** 

On average globally, a breach costs \$141 for

Average cost per stolen record<sup>5</sup>

RECURRENCE RATE

**Are Significant** 

each stolen record, but some industries such as

health care and financial services are

disproportionately affected.



### Safeguard your organization's Get real-time, automated protection business assets against from spear-phishing and other

Protect your organization from

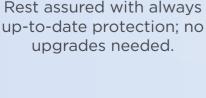
hard-to-detect multi-vector.

multi-flow attacks.

Stay secure, whether your email

environment is on-premises,

cloud-based or a hybrid.



phishing and ransomware.

socially engineered attacks.

Respond to threats more effectively with comprehensive,

contextual threat intelligence.

- Protect your people, data and assets with FireEye Email Security. Learn how at www.FireEye.com/email.html
- Reduces business risk of unauthorized access
- Saves operational costs
- Deploys in minutes with no physical infrastructure
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