



# Cybersecurity:

How to help your clients  
protect their business

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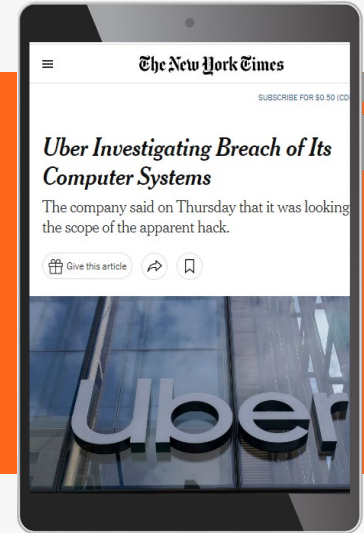
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# Session Topics

**Cybersecurity trends, threats, best practices and free resources to help protect your business**



# The headlines can be scary!



**46%** of companies will be hit with some form of virus or malware<sup>1</sup>

**90%** of companies will experience a phishing attack<sup>1</sup>

**27%** of companies will be hit by ransomware<sup>1</sup>

**27%** of companies will be affected by a business email compromise<sup>1</sup>



Cyberattacks have negative long-term implications for a company's reputation and relationship with customers

Can your clients afford to lose customers due to a data breach?

#1

Security and privacy safeguards are the most important factor for consumers when deciding to do business with a company

60%

of consumers are unlikely to shop with companies that have a significant data breach

88%

of customers won't use a brand they don't trust with data<sup>1</sup>

Sources:

The Great Data Exchange, Become 2020.

1. <https://techwireasia.com/2021/02/customers-are-losing-patience-with-data-security-issues/>



Mastercard is committed to helping small businesses mitigate cyber risk



The consequences of failing to take proactive cybersecurity actions can be disastrous.

Let's explore actions your clients can take to help improve cybersecurity

*“It takes 20 years to build a reputation and few minutes of cyber-incident to ruin it.”*

**Stephane Nappo**  
Global Head Information Security,  
Société Générale International Banking



# Let's focus on 6 key topics for cybersecurity culture change for your clients' businesses



**Authentication**



**Data Backup and Recovery**



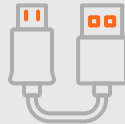
**Software Updates**



**Phishing**



**Ransomware**



**USBs**



# #1. Authentication

Verifying the identity of a user, process, or device, often as a prerequisite to allowing access to resources in an information system.<sup>1</sup> Goal: Make it difficult for fraudsters to gain access to protected resources.



**63%**

of data breaches result from weak or stolen passwords<sup>2</sup>

**23M**

people use password 123456. This takes less than a second to crack<sup>3</sup>

**50%**

of people use the same password for all their logins<sup>3</sup>

The screenshot shows a dashboard titled 'Findings' for 'Canada'. It features a table with columns for Rank, Password, Time to Crack It, and Count. A button 'Get the 2020 password list' is visible in the top right.

RANK	PASSWORD	TIME TO CRACK IT	COUNT
4	12345	< 1 Second	127,183
5	12345678	< 1 Second	185,258
6	qwerty	< 1 Second	96,528
7	abc123	< 1 Second	87,945
8	tiffany	17 Minutes	86,615
9	password1	< 1 Second	77,681
10	testing	< 1 Second	73,114
11	hockey	< 1 Second	65,388
12	1234567	< 1 Second	61,671

Sources:  
1. National Institute of Standards and Technology  
2. Cyber Readiness Institute  
3. Web Tribunal (2023) Impressive Password Statistics to Know in 2023



# Authentication: Solutions



Strengthen your passwords or passphrases with 14 to 16+ characters that include a combination of upper- and lower-case letters, numbers, and characters.

Learn more: [Beyond Simple Passwords video](#)



Never reuse passwords on multiple accounts



Never share passwords with others



Use a trusted, secure password manager application



Enable two-factor authentication:

- Two-factor requires you to input a unique code that is sent to your mobile device for each new login.
- Two-factor authentication creates an important security link between the password and the person.

Learn more: [Multi-Factor Authentication article](#)





## #2. Data backup and recovery

# 21%

of ransomware attacks are backup systems targeted until they were unusable<sup>1</sup>

Data backup and recovery is the process of creating and storing backup copies of data to safeguard businesses from data loss due to breaches, external attacks, software crashes and hardware failures.<sup>2</sup>



## Solutions



- ✓ Separate the backup infrastructure from the active directory (Active Directory is a database that stores and organizes enterprise resources as objects.)
  - Backup data on an external hard drive and store it in a locked, fire/waterproof location
  - Or use cloud storage or an online backup service
- ✓ Since ransomware attacks often propagate on the same operating system, it may be worthwhile to adopt a different operating system for the backup infrastructure
- ✓ To further reduce the risk of an administration account being compromised, backup administration access should also be strengthened, for example with multi-factor authentication (MFA).

Learn more: [Data Backup & Recover video & tools](#)

## #3. Software updates

# 60%

of attacks in 2019 exploited gaps in software already on computers<sup>1</sup>

A software update or patch is a set of changes to an operating system, program, app or its supporting data designed to update, fix or improve it. This includes fixing security vulnerabilities and other bugs.

Failure to patch systems in a timely fashion can leave your operations vulnerable and exposed.



# Software updates: Solutions



When you receive a notification to update to the latest version of your software or operating system, it's best to update right away

- Turn on the auto updates whenever it is offered
- A best practice is to assign one person to manage updates for all company computers



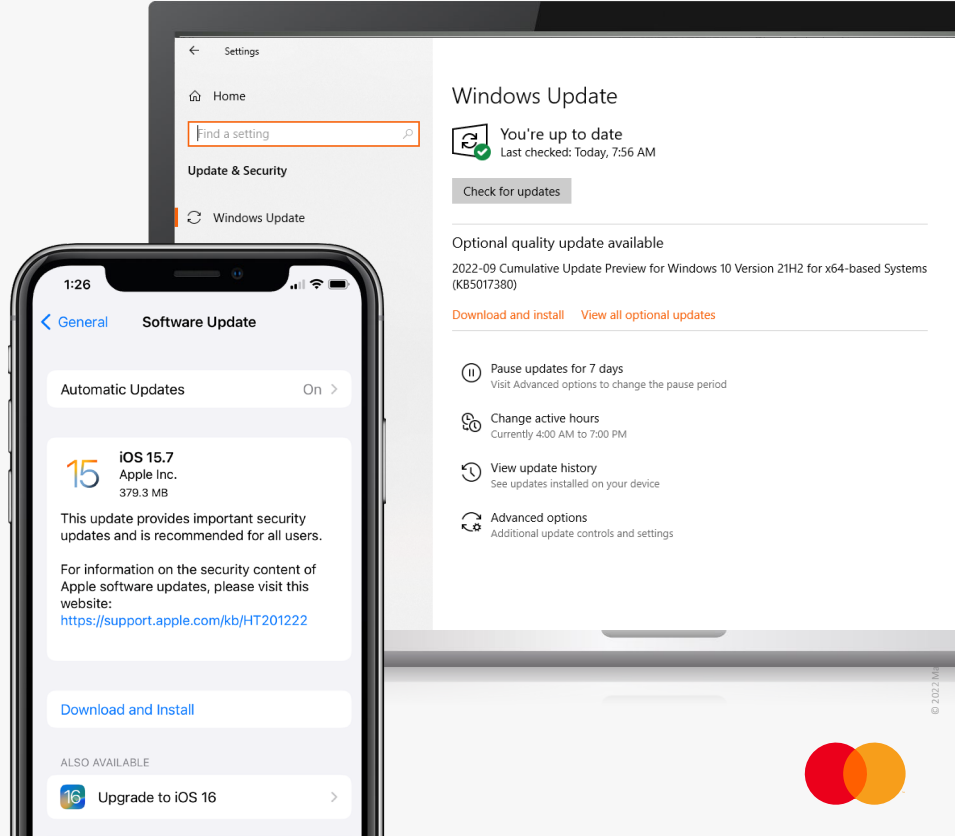
Updates are issued often for programs like Microsoft Word and Excel, as well as your computer operating system like Windows or MacOS



Update all software and apps

- On your business and personal devices
- Both those issued by the company and those downloaded by employee
- These updates often include security patches

Learn more: [Patching Essentials](#)





## #4. Phishing

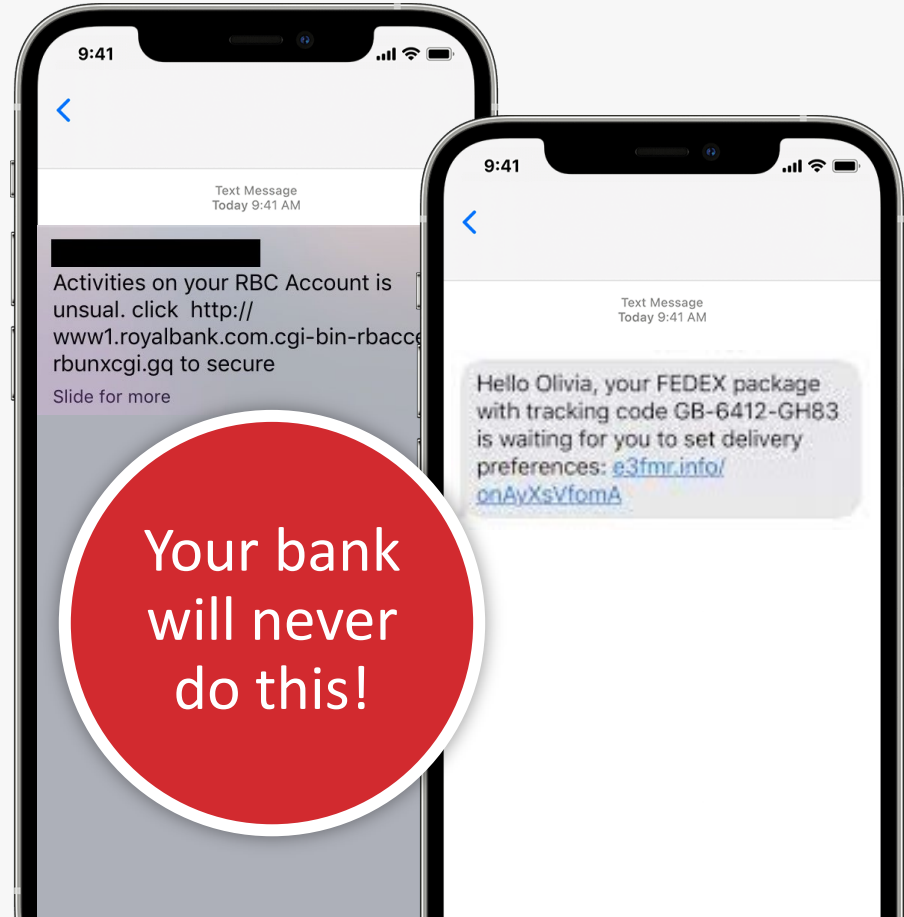
# 91%

of all cyberattacks start with a phishing email<sup>1</sup>

Phishing attacks are the practice of sending fraudulent communications that appear to come from a reputable source. The goal is to steal sensitive data like credit card, PII, and login information, or to install malware on the victim's machine.

A phishing email may look like a real message. But opening it may result in downloading software viruses or giving attackers access to your data.

Once you have been caught in a phishing net, your systems may become infected with malware, a type of ransomware designed to encrypt files on a device, rendering any files and the systems that rely on them unusable. Malicious actors then demand ransom in exchange for decryption.








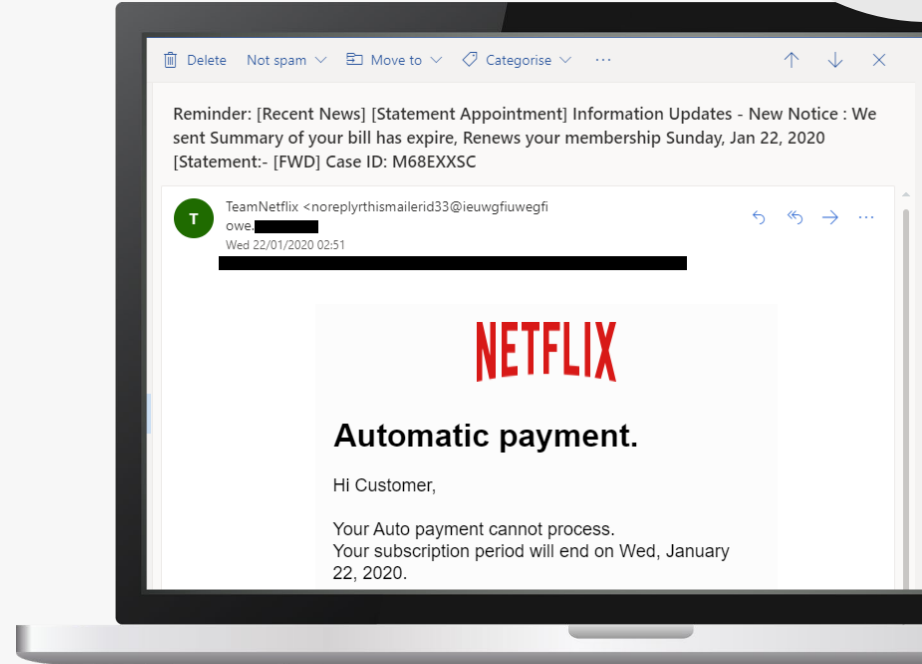
Your bank will never do this!





# Phishing: Solutions

-  Check the sender's email address and any other identifying information (e.g., company logo, address and contact details) for any inconsistencies, misspellings, or signs it may be fake.
  - Details may often look similar but be slightly off
-  If you are not familiar with the email sender, do not click any links or download any attachments in the email.
  - Call the customer service phone number found on the supposed sender's website to seek information.
-  Delete any suspicious emails and immediately empty your trash. Inform employees of the suspicious email.
-  Back up data often in case your data is taken hostage.
-  Ask yourself, "Do I know you (the sender) like that?"



Learn more: [Protecting Your Small Business: Phishing video](#)  
[Phishing Prevention video](#)



## #5. Ransomware

- Ransomware is a form of malware that infects your computer or device.
- When ransomware takes control of your computer or device, it locks you out of that computer, device or certain files entirely.
- The bad actors will require a lot of money from organizations to get their critical assets and information back.
- Business as usual is locked down until you can access your data

## Solutions

- ✓ Avoid suspicious downloads, as cyber criminals commonly spread ransomware through email attachments, infected programs and compromised websites.
- ✓ Regularly back up your files.
- ✓ Keep your operating system updated.
- ✓ Contact [No More Ransom.org](https://www.nomoreransom.org) if your business is hit with a ransom attack

**NO MORE RANSOM!**

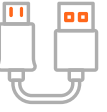


## #6. USBs and removable media



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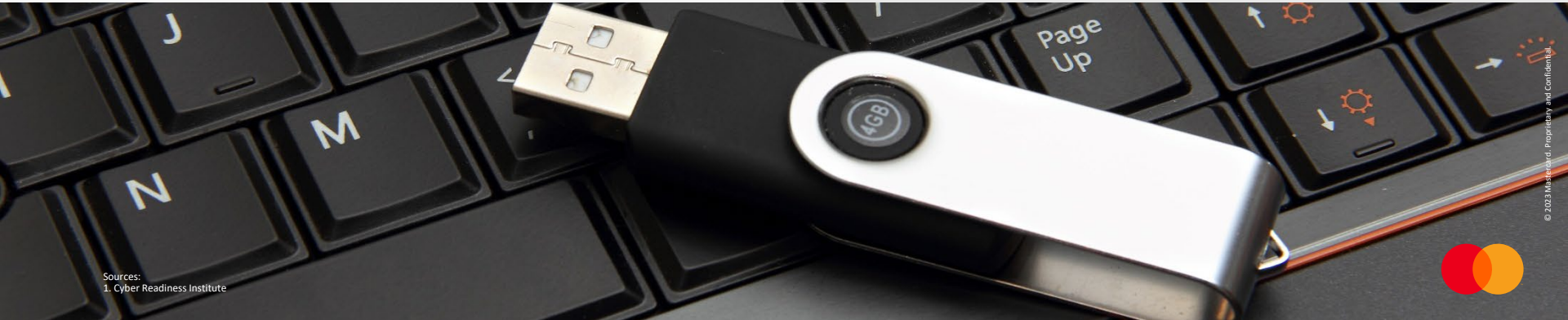
of malware infections originate from infected USBs<sup>1</sup>

USB drives can be useful for sharing files between computers, but they can also be used to deliver viruses and malware. There's no way to tell where the drive has been or who may have compromised it.



## Solutions

-  Introduce easy-to-use alternatives to USB drives, such as cloud-based file-sharing services so that USB drives are less necessary.
-  Use good judgment: If you don't know where the drive came from, don't plug it in.



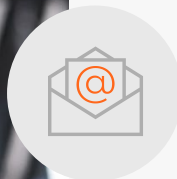
# Review: Best practices and tips



- ✓ Use two-factor authentication whenever available
- ✓ Don't reuse the same passwords across multiple sites
- ✓ Use strong passwords



- ✓ Keep software up to date with the latest patches
- ✓ Consider automatic updates when available
- ✓ Back your data up regularly
- ✓ Share data in the cloud rather than USBs to enhance security



- ✓ Avoid clicking on links and attachments in emails
- ✓ If you weren't expecting the email, verify using a trusted phone number
- ✓ Don't be rushed by a sense of urgency in the message
- ✓ Listen to your gut: If something feels off, delete the message



- ✓ Register for **Mastercard Identity Theft Protection**, it's **free** for Mastercard credit card holders

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# How to report cyberattacks and helpful resources

- File a police report with your local police department or sheriff's office.
- Check with your state's law enforcement office and Attorney General for any required reporting.
  - This is especially important to comply with data breach reporting requirements.
- File a complaint with the FBI's Internet Crime Complaint Center (IC3).
- Leverage resources, you are not alone.



**NO MORE RANSOM**



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**U.S. Small Business  
Administration**



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We offer free access to cybersecurity education, resources, and tools designed to help small and midsize businesses (SMBs) secure their digital ecosystem.

*Why is cybersecurity important for your business?*

- **90%** of SMBs will experience a phishing attack<sup>1</sup>
- **83%** of SMBs are not financially prepared to recover from a cyberattack<sup>2</sup>
- **46%** of SMBs will be hit with some form of virus or malware<sup>1</sup>

Visit the Mastercard Trust Center to learn how to improve the security of your digital ecosystem

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