# Technology Update 

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## Accounting Technology Evolution



Somewhere, something went terribly wrong

# Accounting Technology, in the Beginning 

ABACUS

- 2700-3200 BC
- Europe, Russia, China
- Hindu-Arabic Numeric System
- Still widely used


Accounting Technology, in the Beginning, Cont'd

PASCALINE

- Early 1600's
- First analog calculator with a "camy" function
- Rouen, France



## Accounting Technology,

 in the Beginning, Cont'dDifference Engine

- Charles Babbage
- 1800's
- Notable other inventions


Accounting Technology, in the Beginning, Cont'd

Cranking Calculators


Accounting Technology, 1950's and 1960's


Accounting Technology


Accounting Technology, 1970's and 1980's


Accounting Technology, 1970's and 1980's, Cont'd


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# Accounting Technology, 

 1970's and 1980's, Cont'd

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## Accounting Technology,

 1980's

Accounting Technology, 1990's


Accounting Technology, 1990's

## Accounting Technology, <br> Today

- Software licensed on subscription basis
- Monthly or annual fee versus upfront perpetual lic ensing fee
- Centrally hosted (reduced ITsupport costs)
- Accessible from any computer (or device) with intemet
- No application and servermaintenance on - site
- Downsides:
- Timely payment woes, Trust, datacenter hacks
- Examples
- QuickbooksOnline
- XERO
- Freshbooks
- Single-entry a c counting?



## Accounting Technology, Today

## Single Entry Accounting:

- Used in the interest of simplicity, especially when accounting background is not presen
- Empha sizes income sta tement a ccounting
- Not self balancing, enrors are more likely



## Accounting Technology, Today

Mic rosoft Office 365

- Office, in the cloud
- Subscription basis

D Office 365

- Home orbusiness
- You always have the most up-to-date version
- Desktop installed version are also a vailable for download
- reduces need forcomplex in-house hosting
- 1 user up to $+50,000$


## Accounting Technology, <br> Today

Excel 2016

- Features:
- Quick Analysis Button
- New Charts
- Enhanced Database Features
- New Templates
- Equation Drawing
- Touch / Mouse Mode

- "Tell Me"

Accounting Technology, Today


Skype for Business


LastPass....|


Accounting Technology, Today


Accounting Technology, Today


Accounting Technology,
Today

Hardware

- Curved and large monitors
- Perceived screen largerthan reality
- More immersive experience
 <br> Accounting Technology,

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## Today 



Accounting Technology,
Today

Hardware, continued

- Desktop virtualization (BYOC)
- microcomputers



## Other Cool Stuff!



Google X Project Loon


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## The Changing World of Malware



## THEN AND NOW

- Virus Infections
- Malware Spreading
- Hacking has evolved
- Sta ying protected



## NIMDA VIRUS




## SASSER VIRUS



## MYDOOM VIRUS




Imphot of zanoncoess botnct

## ZEROACCESS BOTNET



## History / Operation

- Discovered 5/2011
- Spread by email, infected download (keygen), web advertising, $3^{\text {rd }}$ party paid to run insta ller on systems.
- Disa bles a ll sec urity
- Can reappear after full reinstall




## HOW MALWARE SPREADS

## What is Malvertising?

MALICIOUS ADVERTISING ("MALVERTISING") IS A TYPE OF ONLINE ATTACK WHEREIN MALICIOUS CODE HIDDEN WITHIN AN ONLINE AD INFECTS YOUR COMPUTER WITH MALWARE.




## SPEAR PHISHING



# From: Dan Oakes [support@aicpa.org](mailto:support@aicpa.org) Forged email address <br> Subject: Income tax return fraud accusations. <br> Date: February 20, 2012 5:42:21 AM EST <br>  <br> merican Institute of CPAs* 

Cancellation of Accountant status due to tax return fraud accusations

## Valued AICPA member,

We have been notified of your alleged assistance in tax retum fraudulent activity for one of your employers. According to AICPA Bylaw Paragraph 700 your Certified Public Accountant status can be terminated in case of the fact of presenting of a misguided or fraudulont tax return for your client or employer.
Please familiarize yourself with the complaint below and respond to it within 14 days. The failure to do so within this werm will result in cancellation of your Accountant license.

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Voicemail Message
You have received a voicemail at 2012-10-01 36:54:55 CST.

You are receiving this message becaus we were unable to htp://sheltonsprin
You are message did not go through because the voicemail with
unavailable at that moment.
Click to follow link

* The reference number for this message is RUOX OSIO7-1261609993-4699584144-05.

The length of transmission was 12 seconds.
The receiving machine's ID: XXB98-CA602-E47RSZ,
This message can be opened using Adobe Reader. If you have not
already installed Adobe Reader, download it for free: http://get.adobe.com/reader/
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*Mobile Broadband coverage not available in all areas.
** Based on U.S. carriers.
Attention New Jersey customers and small businesses: FREE e-cycling for electronic devices with video screens more than 4 inches at nearby collection sites. http://wwiw.nj.gov/dep/dshw/ew/aste/collectionsites.pdf or 1-866-DEPKNOW


Dear Customer:
We are writing to you because we need to speak with you regarding a security concern on your American Express. Our records indicate that you recently used your American Express card on February 10, 2015.

For your security, new charges on the accounts listed above may be declined. If applicable, you should advise any
Additional Card Member(s) on your account that their new charges may also be decined.
To secure your account, please click log.
Your prompt response regarding this matter is appreciated.
Sincerely,
American Express

Contact Us
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To leam more about e-mall securtily or report a suspicious e-mall, please vist us at americanexpress. comvphisting. We kindy ask you not lo reply io tis emar but instead contiat us vid customer service.

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## HACKING HASEVOLVED

## Old

- Centra lized
- Custom Built
- Physic a l on Site Servers
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- Target Large Business

New

- Distributed / Specia lized
- Purchase or rent
- Online tools
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- Sma ll Business


## ONLINE TOOLS \& LEARNING



## MARKEIPLACE \& TRADING

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SpyEye 1.3.48

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"TA530 customizes the e-mail to each target by specifying the target's name, job title, phone number, and company name in the email body, subject, and attachment names. On several occasions, we verified that these details are correct for the intended victim. While we do not know for sure the source of these details, they frequently appear on public websites, such as LinkedIn or the company's own website. The customization doesn't end with the lure; the malware used in the campaigns is also targeted by region and vertical

While these campaigns aren't approaching the size of, for example, Dridex and Locky blasts that go after very large numbers of random recipients, TA530 targets hundreds, thousands, or even tens of thousands of recipients in US, UK, and Australian organizations. These attacks are quite large relative to other selective or spear phishing campaigns.
"We observed TA530 at times targeting only a specific and narrow vertical, such as Retail and Hospitality. At other times, the campaigns appear more widespread. Overall, the volume of messages targeting each vertical is shown below:"

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Risk
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Risk




2012
$50 \%$
 increased 55\% in 2015.

| 2013 | 2014 |  |
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| 779 | 841 | 2015 |
| $+91 \%$ | $+8 \%$ | 305 |
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The last five years have shown a
steady increase in attacks targetin
businesses with less than 250 employees.
Spear-Phishing Attacks
by Size of Targeted Organization

Symantec.

## ANTIVIRUS SOFTWARE

The New York Times had deployed Symantec anti-wrus software to protect their systems. but Symantecs software was only able to successfully detect 1 of the 45 viruses which were installed on the New York Times computers (about a $2.2 \%$ success rate). When asked why their ant: virus software falled to protect the Times. Symantec trankly stated: "Antivirus software alone is not enough." Instead they recommended a blended security approach using muliple types of protections.
http://anti-virus-software-review.toptenreviews.com/history-of-the-computer-virus.html
Antivirus Isn't Dead, It Just Can't Keep Up


Much has been sidid in recent weels about the state of antivins techalogy. To add ficts to the debate
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Even the best antivirus likely can't save your files from a ransomware infection

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With new types of computer viruses being released every day, the dangerons place. dangerous place, especially if you value the
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forms of malware out there right now is called ramsomware, a virus that
encopts a user's files,
leaving them scrambled
unless the victim pays for the decreption key
It's a criminal business model that has proven eatremely profitable. Some of the lurgest actors may be maling millions on the scam.

What makes the scam so effective is the fact that, without backups, paying is often a vietim's only recourse. The problem has gotten so bad that FBI Assistant Special Agent Joseph Boanvolonta sald at the 2015 COber
Security Summit that FBI often advises victims to just pay the ransom. FBI spokesperson has since walked back the comment, saying that the FBI doesn't make recommendations but rather presents the options - it just that there aren't many options.


Probability of Malware Detection for Antivirus Solutions


Data collected and research performed by Lastine Labs
For more information please visit www. Lastline com/abs
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## SPAM FILIERING

- Google boastsit catches 99.9\% of spam
- 2015 Spam at 12 year low
- We will always have spam

Global spam volume as percentage of total e-mail traffic from January 2014 to December 2015, by month

The statistics shows the share of global spam volume as percentage of total e-mail traffic as of December 2015, sorted by month. As of December 2014, spam messages accounted for 66.41 percent of e -mail traffic worldwide. This share decreased to 54.42 percent in the most recently reported period.


## FIREWALS/ BLOCKING

- Not perfect
- Frequently misc onfigured (human error)
- Mobile workers
- Not effective to stop CryptoWa ll/CryptoLocker


## OS \& SOFTWARE PATCHING

- Better than it has everbeen / Still needs work
- Reactive
- The patch itself is a roadmap for a successful exploit
- Not effective to stop CryptoWa ll/CryptoLocker


## ENC RYPTION

## Encrypting data at rest is vital, but it's just not happening

Regulators and security strategists recommend encrypting data at rest. but few organisations do it, and most get it wrong. Good thing there are bigger problems to tackle first.
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But according to IBRS security analyst James Turner. all of this is actually an argument against putting too much effort into encrypting the data

The question that needs to be asked about full-disc encryption is 'What is the attack that it's actually preventing' If the computer is on and functioning. and someone's actually using it. then full-disc encryption really isn't protecting against anything A hacker can Just go through a web vuinerability or whatever. and get access to all the plaintext stuff:' Turner told ZDNet

Health Data Encryption Not Completely Effective, Study Finds By Sara Heath on September 04, 2015
"CryptDBłbased systems are often used by organizations because few changes are required to the legacy database infrastructure and they run on encrypted data in the 'same way as they would operate on plaintext data, according to the paper," a press release states. These systems are also said to be faster than others.
To test CryptDB, researchers performed a series of four different kinds of cyberattacks on authentic patient information at over 200 large hospitals and 200 small hospitals. The researchers chose to test with data stored in EHRs because that is the data that is typically targeted
by hackers and would yield the most accurate results by hackers and would yield the most accurate results.
The study found that CryptDB is not always successful in protecting that information. In fact, the study's "cumulative attack" accessed disease severity, mortality risk, age, length of stay, admission month, and admission type for at least 80 percent of patients at 95 percent of the 200 large hospitals. The attack also accessed admission month, disease severity, and mortality risk for 100 percent of patients at nearly 100 percent of the 200 small hospitals.

## BACKUPS

- Very important
- Always encrypt backup data
- An untested backup = no backup
- An undocumented =no backup
- Tape backups? (71\% fa ilure rate on restores)
- Online backups?
- Hard disk backups? (CryptoWall/ CryptoLocker)
- 3-2-1 Rule


## NEW EMERGING MODEL

## STAFF RESPONSIBILTY \& C ONTINUOUS TRAINING



## ASSUME YOU ARE COMPROMISED

- System Monitoring
- Log changes
- Mainta in incident response plans
- Regular computer reinsta lls
- Develop baseline measurements and regula ly check
- Intrusion testing
- Consult with legal \& insurance


## HOSTED SEC URITY



## QUESTIONS?


[^0]:    "ask the it guy"

