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X-Force State of the Threat

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Expert analysis and data sharing on the global threat landscape



The IBM X-Force Mission

- **Monitor** and evaluate the rapidly changing threat landscape
- **Research** new attack techniques and develop protection for tomorrow's security challenges
- **Educate** our customers and the general public
- **Integrate** and distribute Threat Protection and Intelligence to make IBM solutions smarter

Collaboration with other IBM Security research groups

Global Technology Services (GTS)

- MSS Security Operations Centers (SOC)
- XF Threat Analysis Service (XFTAS)
- Cyber Index Report
- Emergency Response Services (ERS)

Improve security
IBM maintains the world's largest threat & vulnerability database

Reduce cost
Save up to 55% on information security management

Lower risk
Reliable protection guaranteed level agreement

Trusteer R&D

- Banking and Finance attacks
- APT and Advanced Malware
- 0day application exploits
- Spear-phishing attacks
- Data exfiltration



AppScan R&D

- Joint research with Android exploitation
- App Vulns & Database collaborations

Evaluate IBM Security Appscan

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QRadar and other IBM products

- SIEM collaboration, integrated traffic analysis
- Identity & Access – Security Web Gateway Appliance (with PAM)
- IBM PSIRT – vulnerability discovery and coordination

High profile breaches continue to make headlines

Bloomberg

Saudi Arabia Says Aramco
Cyberattack Came From
Foreign States

– Bloomberg, Dec 2012

InformationWeek

Lockheed Martin Suffers
Massive Cyberattack

– InformationWeek, May 2011

theguardian

Facebook hacked in
'sophisticated attack'

– The Guardian, Feb 2013

The New York Times

RSA Faces Angry Users After Breach

– The New York Times, June 2011

THE WALL STREET JOURNAL.

Fed Acknowledges Cybersecurity Breach

– The Wall Street Journal, Feb 2013

THE WALL STREET JOURNAL.

NASDAQ Confirms Breach
in Network

– The Wall Street Journal, Feb 2011

THE HUFFINGTON POST

Apple Hacked: Company
Admits Development
Website Was Breached

– Huffington Post, July 2013

CNN

South Carolina taxpayer
server hacked, 3.6
million Social Security
numbers compromised

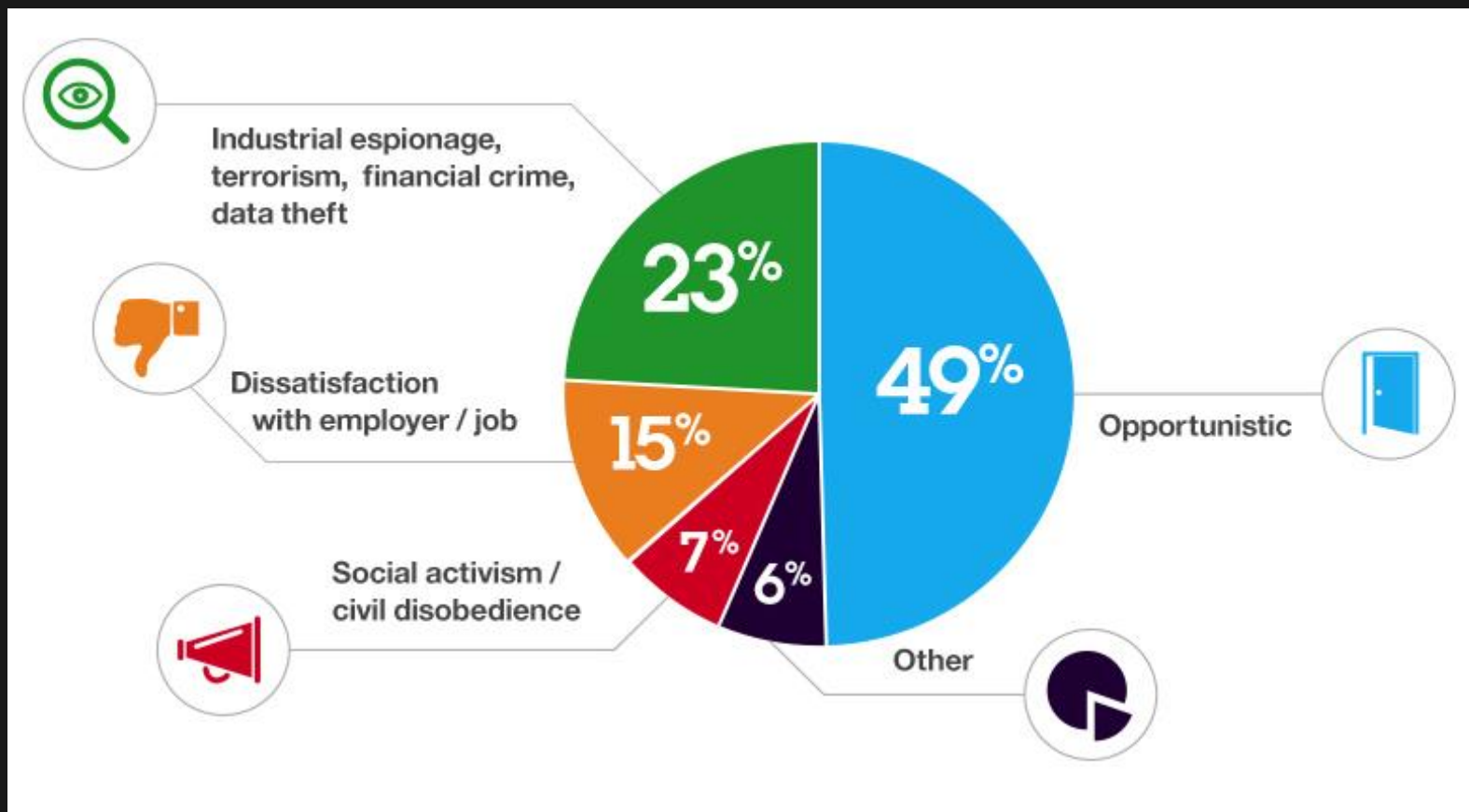
– CNN, Oct 2012

WIRED

Chinese hacking of US media is 'widespread phenomenon'

– Wired, Feb 2013

Motivations of the Attacker



Source: IBM Security Services 2013 Cyber Security Intelligence Index

Why is this happening? An increase in sophistication and motives

National Security,
Economic Espionage



Nation-state
actors, APTs
Stuxnet,
Aurora, APT-1

Notoriety, Activism,
Defamation



Hacktivism
Lulzsec,
Anonymous

Monetary
Gain



Organized crime
Zeus, ZeroAccess,
Blackhole Exploit Pack

Nuisance,
Curiosity



Insiders, Spam,
Script-kiddies
Nigerian 419 Scams,
Code Red

The attack targets and vectors have also changed

National Security,
Economic Espionage

The Organization

Customer lists, Intellectual property,
Financial filings, Product plans,
Business process data, Administrative credentials

Notoriety, Activism,
Defamation

The User

Bank Credentials, Social Logins, Ransom

Monetary
Gain

The Computer

Spam, Click fraud, DDoS, CPU Cycles

Nuisance,
Curiosity

more than
half a billion records
 of personally identifiable information (PII) were leaked in 2013

A historical look at security incidents by attack type, time and impact, 2011 to 2013

conjecture of relative breach impact is based on publicly disclosed information regarding leaked records and financial losses

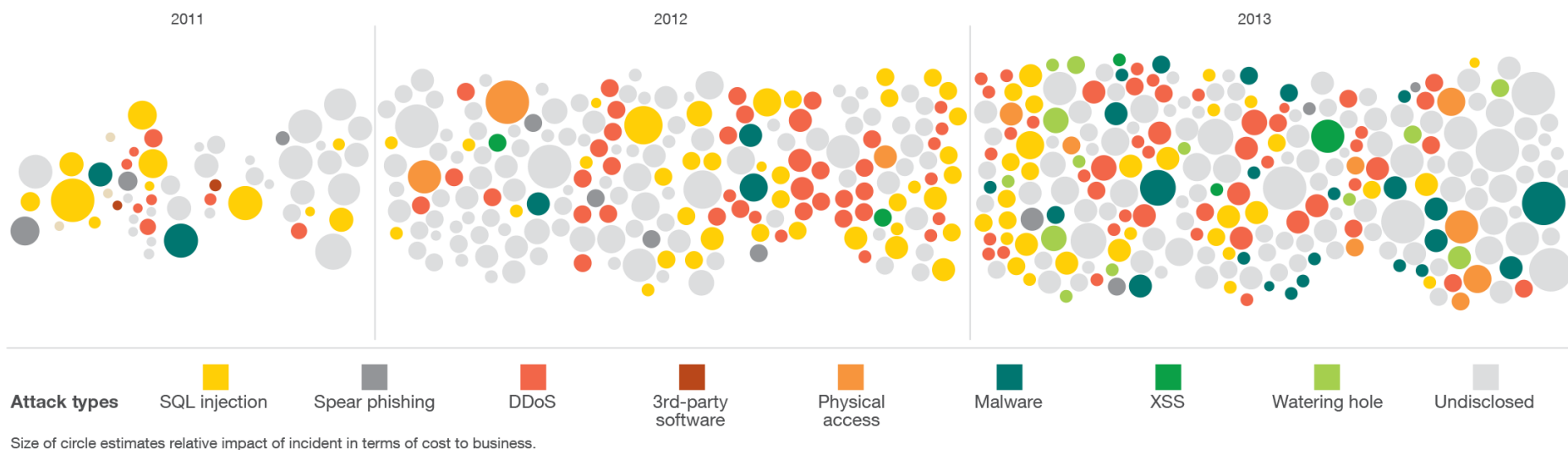


Figure 1. A historical look at security incidents by attack type, time and impact, 2011 to 2013

Source: IBM X-Force® Research and Development

Sampling of 2013 security incidents by country

77.7%		United States
4.5%		Australia
3.9%		United Kingdom
3.9%		Taiwan
3.9%		Japan
3.4%		Netherlands
2.8%		Germany

Figure 3. Sampling of 2013 security incidents by country

Source: IBM X-Force® Research and Development

What is the impact of a data breach

and

Where are customer's most affected?

What is the cost of a data breach?

Data breaches have financial impact in terms of

fines, loss of intellectual property, loss of customer trust, loss of capital

In 2013, the Ponemon Institute estimated \$136 per lost record of data based on real-world data.*

* "2013 Cost of Data Breach Study: Global Analysis," Ponemon Institute, May 2013.
<http://www.symantec.com/content/en/us/about/media/pdfs/b-cost-of-a-data-breach-us-report-2013.en-us.pdf>

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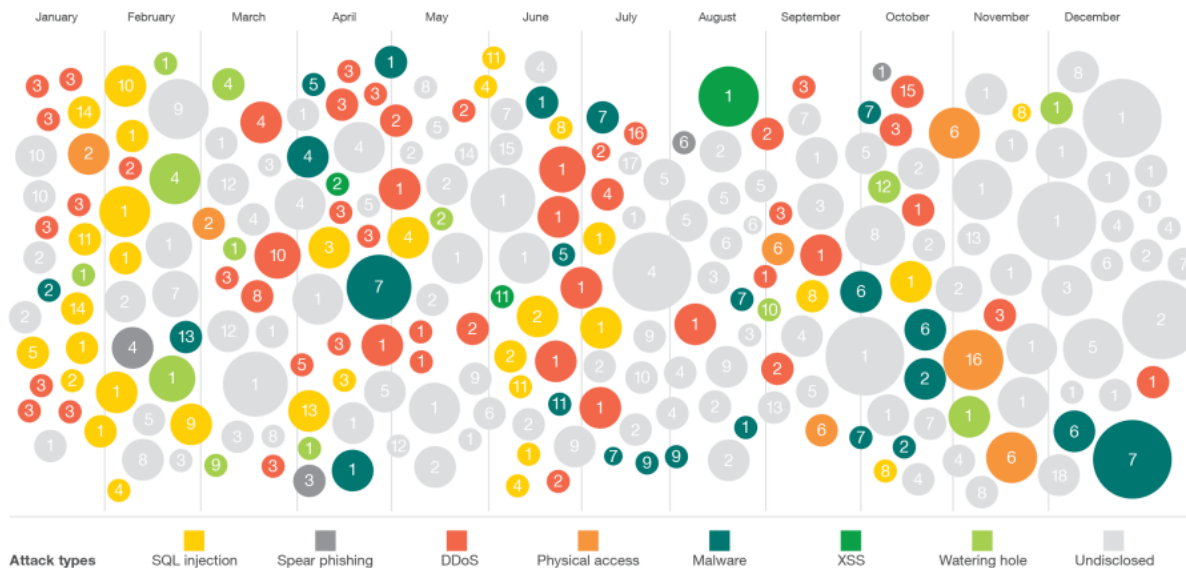
- A major retailer with millions of leaked credit cards could be looking at more than \$1 billion in fines and other associated costs.
- A university that leaked 40,000 records could be looking at up to \$544,000 in losses.

Figure 2b. Sampling of 2013 security incidents by attack type, time and impact

Source: IBM X-Force® Research and Development

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Size of circle estimates relative impact of incident in terms of cost to business.

Most-commonly attacked industries

- 28% Computer Services (1)
- 15% Government (2)
- 12% Financial Markets (3)
- 9% Media & Entertainment (4)
- 7% Education (5)
- 5% Healthcare (6), Retail (7), Telecommunications (8)
- 3% Consumer Products (9)
- 2% Non-Profit (10), Automotive (11), Energy & Utilities (12), Professional Services (13)
- 1% Industrial Products (14), Travel & Transportation (15), Wholesale Distribution & Services (16)
- <1% Aerospace & Defense (17), Insurance (18)

Most-common attack types

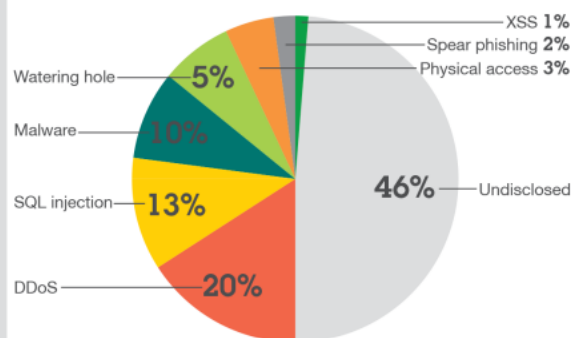
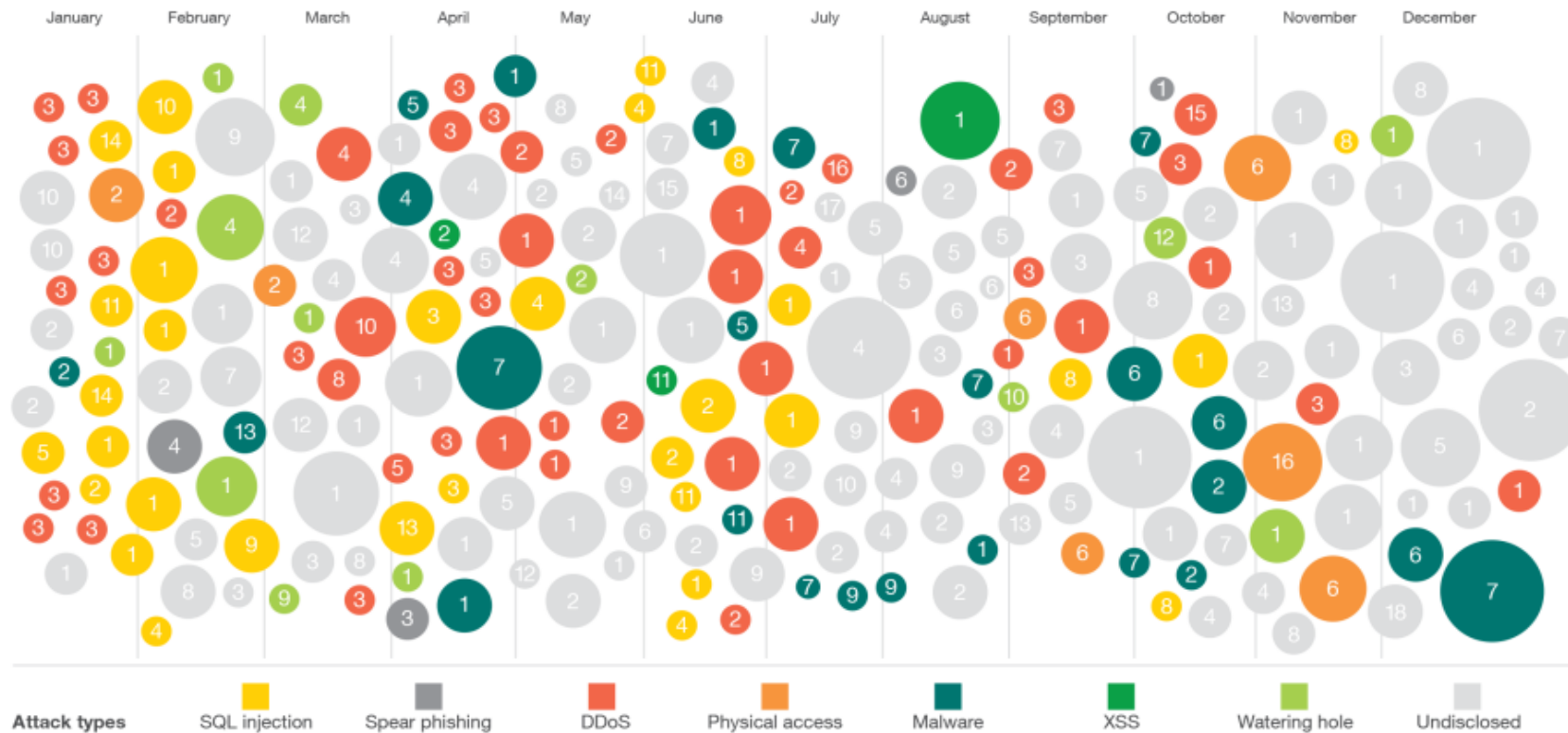


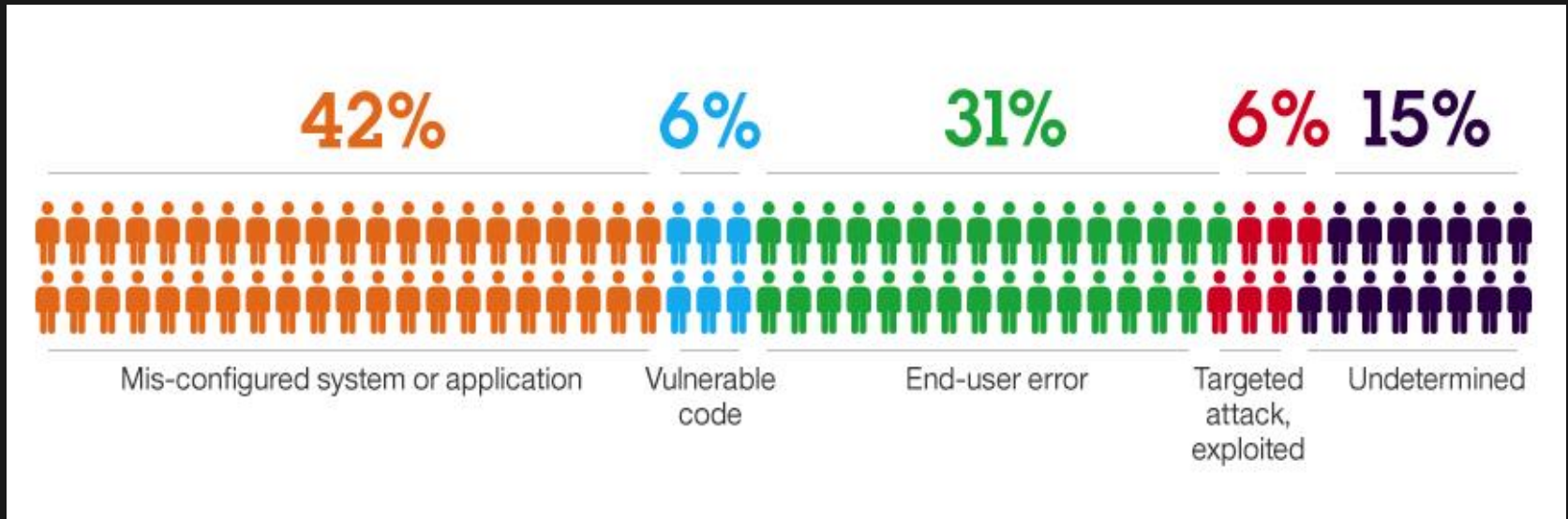
Figure 2a. Sampling of 2013 security incidents by attack type, time and impact

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Why do Breaches Happen



Source: IBM Security Services 2013 Cyber Security Intelligence Index

Significant increase of Java vulnerabilities

Java vulnerability disclosures growth by year, 2010 to 2013

originating in either the core Oracle Java or in IBM Java SDKs

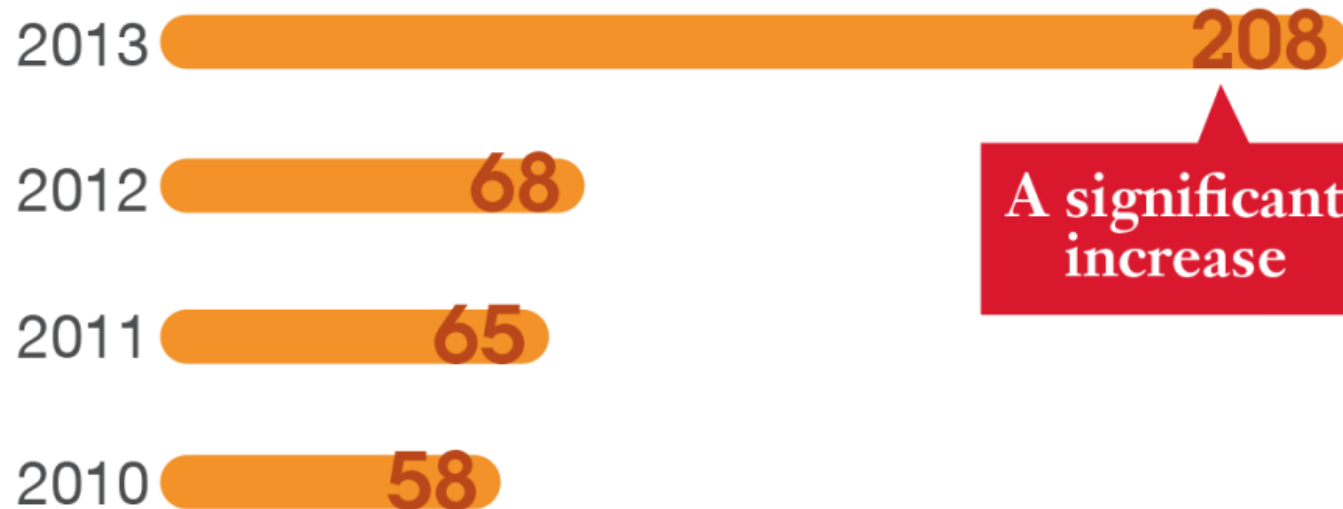


Figure 5. Java vulnerability disclosures growth by year, 2010 to 2013

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Weaponized content focused on end user apps

Exploitation of application vulnerabilities

from survey of 1 million Trusteer customers, December 2013

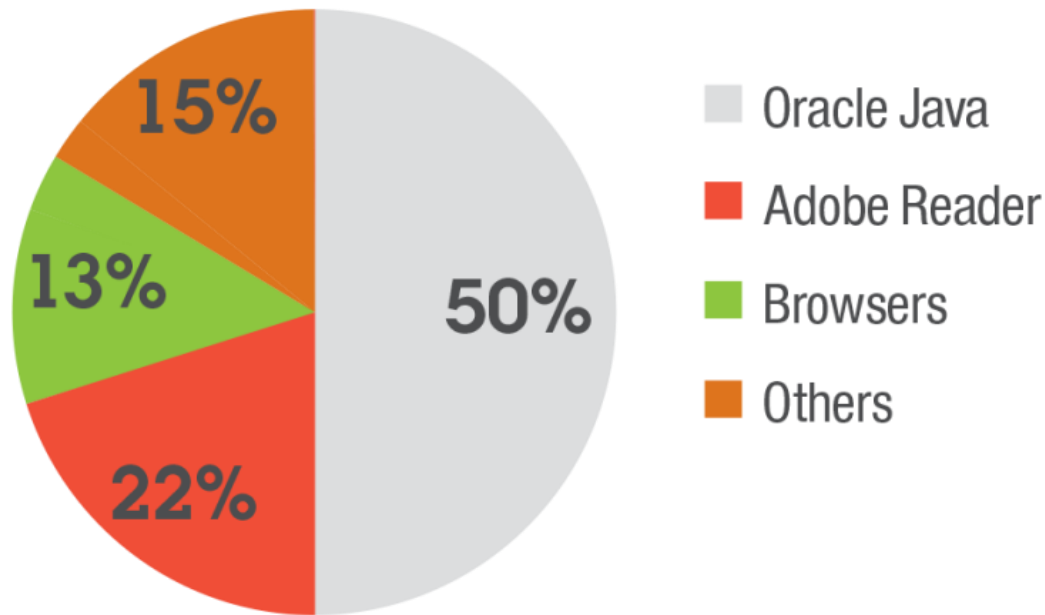


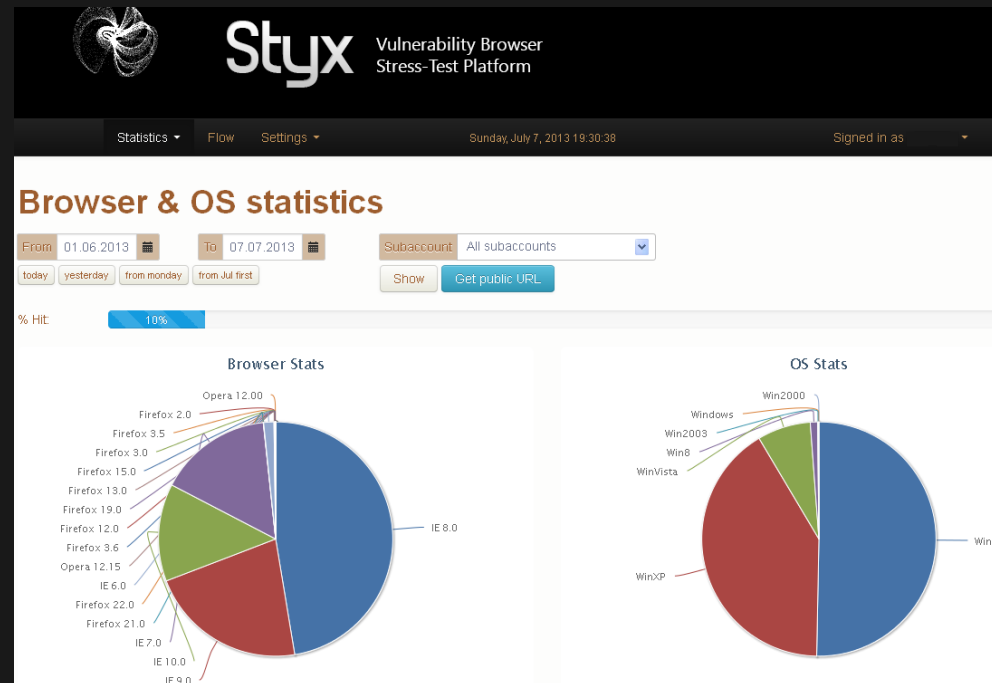
Figure 4. Exploitation of application vulnerabilities

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Attackers use exploit kits to deliver payloads

Blackhole Exploit Kit

- Most popular in 2013
- Creator arrested in October



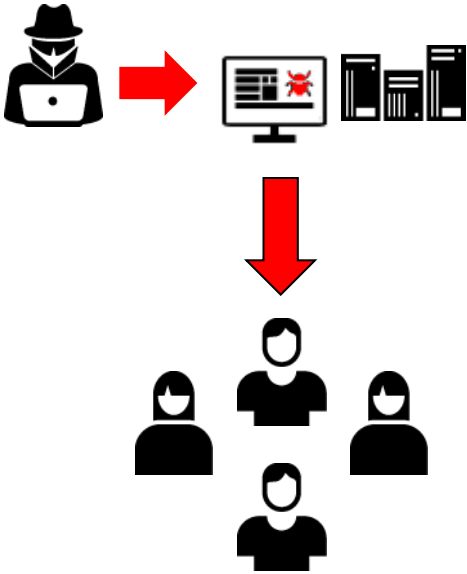
Styx Exploit Kit

- Rising in popularity
- Successful in exploiting IE and Firefox on Windows

It's just another business model

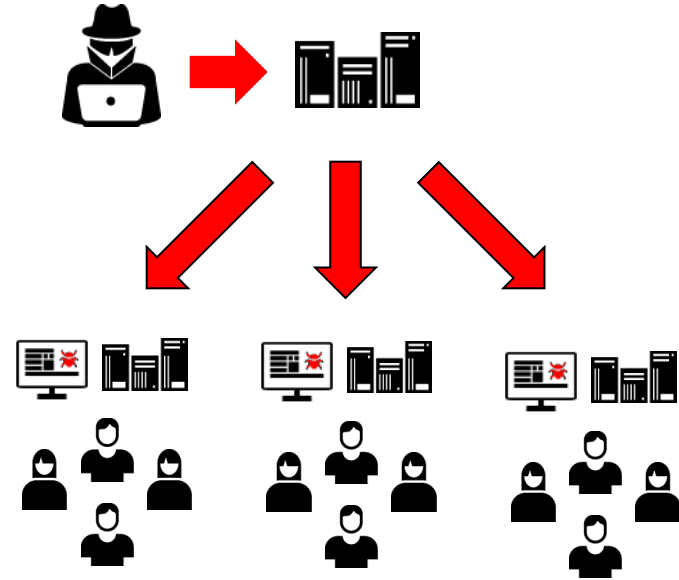
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	<p style="text-align: center;">Silver Edition</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 4 months (maximum 3 times) replacement warranty if it gets dedected by any antivirus ■ 7/24 online support via e-mail and instant messengers ■ Supports 95/98/ME/NT/2000/XP/Vista ■ Webcam streaming is available with this version ■ Realtime Screen viewing(controlling is disabled) ■ Notifies changements on clipboard and save them <p>Price : 179\$ (United State Dollar)</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;">Gold Edition</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 6 months (unlimited) or 9 months(maximum 3 times) replacement warranty if it gets dedected by any antivirus (you can choose 6 months or 9 months) ■ 7/24 online support via e-mail and instant messengers ■ Supports Windows 95/98/ME/NT/2000/2003/XP/Vista ■ Remote Shell (Managing with Ms-Dos Commands) ■ Webcam - audio streaming and msn sniffer ■ Controlling remote computer via keyboard and mouse ■ Notifies changements on clipboard and save them ■ Technical support after installing software ■ Viewing pictures without any download(Thumbnail Viewer) <p>Price : 249\$ (United State Dollar)</p>

Effectively targeting end users



Watering Hole

- Attacker injects malware on special interest website
- Vulnerable niche users exploited



Malvertising

- Attacker injects malware on ad network
- Malicious ad embedded on legitimate websites
- Vulnerable users exploited

Web app vulnerabilities: the dominant threat

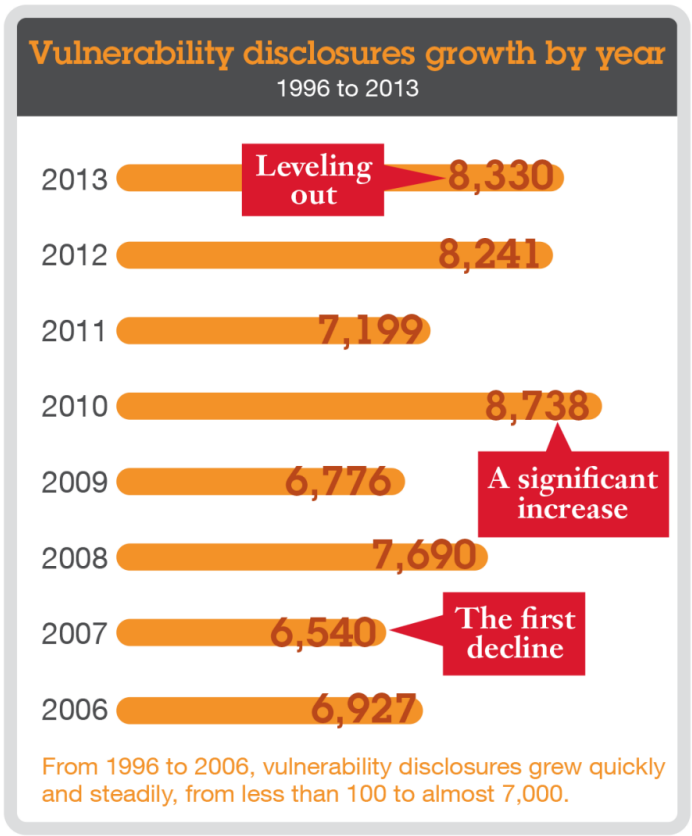


Figure 8. Vulnerability disclosures growth by year, 1996 to 2013

Source: IBM X-Force® Research and Development

Web application vulnerabilities by attack technique as percentage of total disclosures, 2009 to 2013

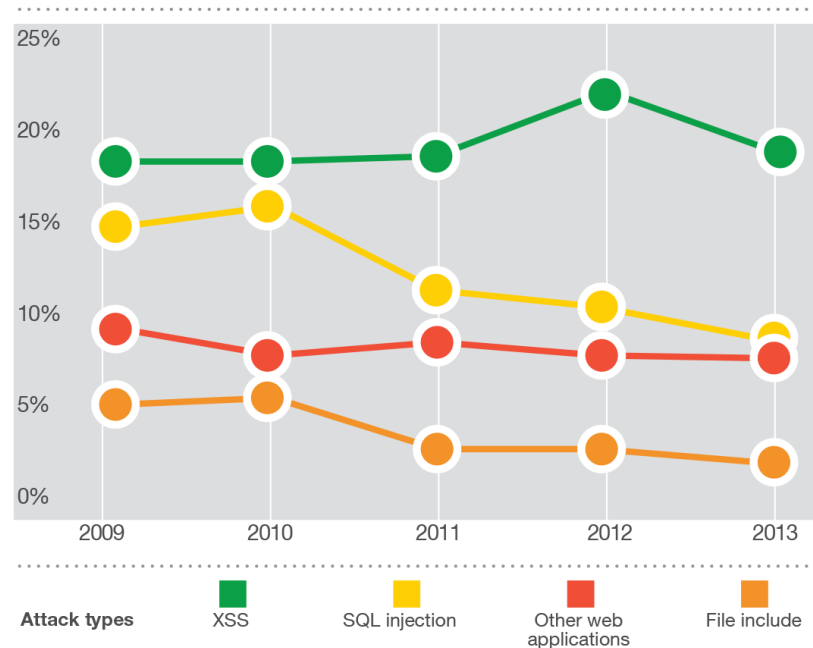
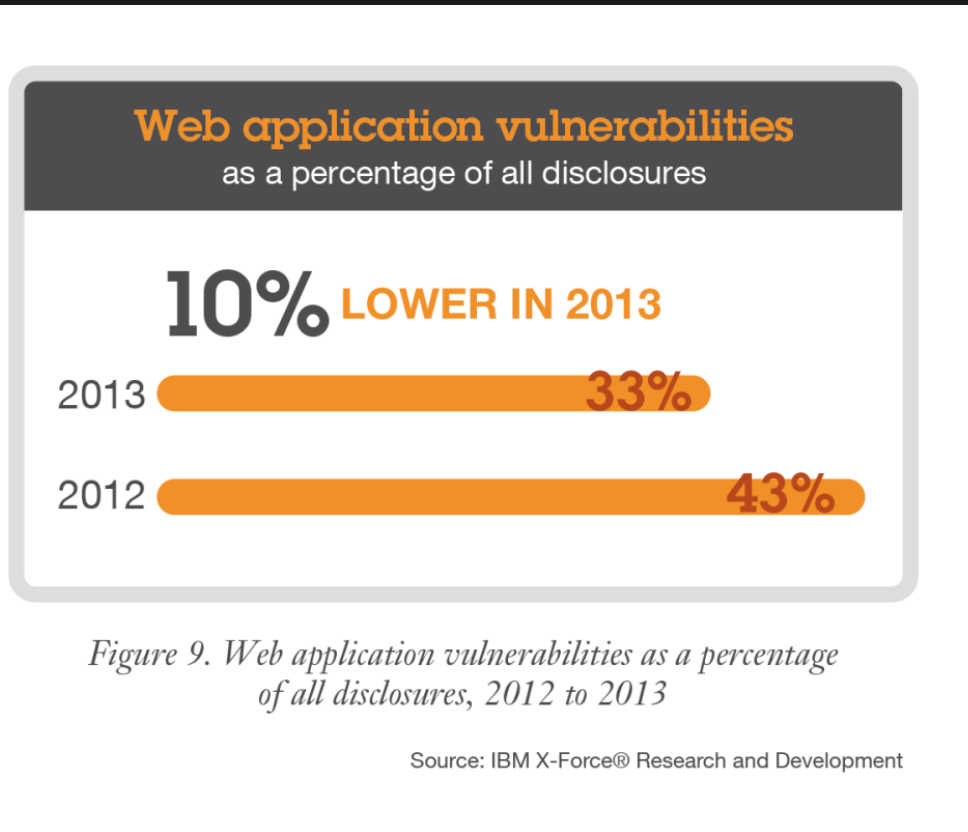


Figure 11. Web application vulnerabilities by attack technique, 2009 to 2013

Source: IBM X-Force® Research and Development

Declines in key reporting – Web App Vulns



Could indicate...

- Better job at writing secure web applications
- CMS systems & plugins maturing as older vulns are patched

Attacks continue...

- XSS, SQLi exploitation still observed in high numbers

Declines in key reporting – True Exploits

Two Categories tracked

- Proof-of-concept code
- Fully functional programs capable of attacks are *true exploits*

Continue to decrease

- Lowest levels we've seen in past 5 years

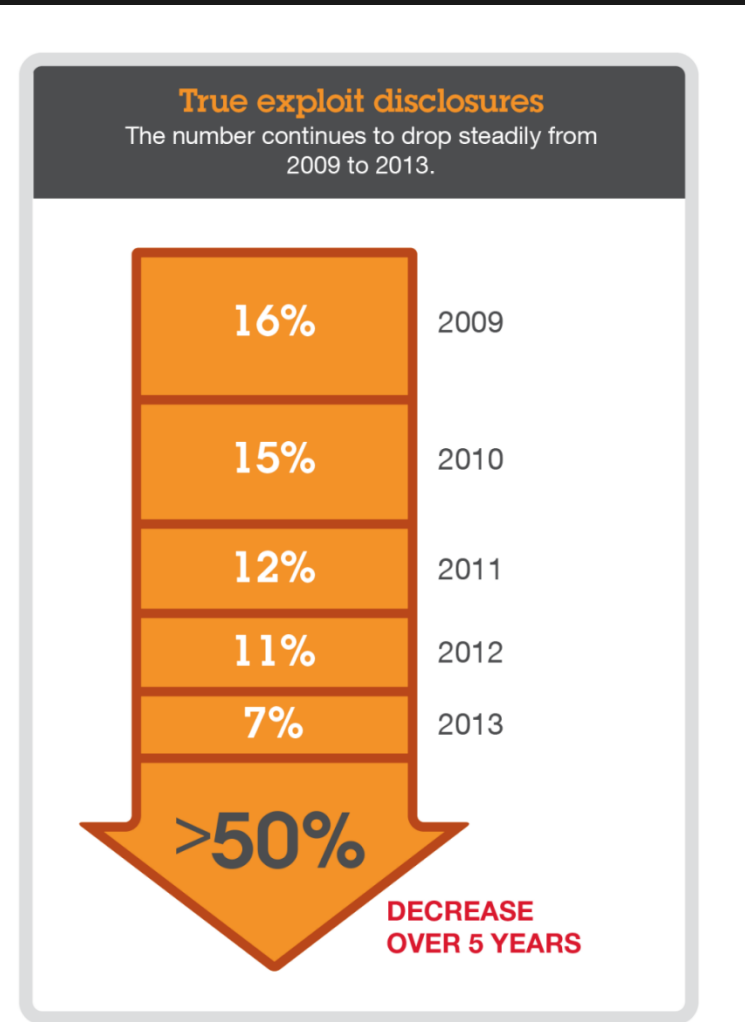


Figure 13. True exploit disclosures, 2009 to 2013

Source: IBM X-Force® Research and Development

Major vendors continue to improve patching

Unpatched vulnerabilities

The total amount of unpatched vulnerabilities recorded **dropped by 15%** in 2013.

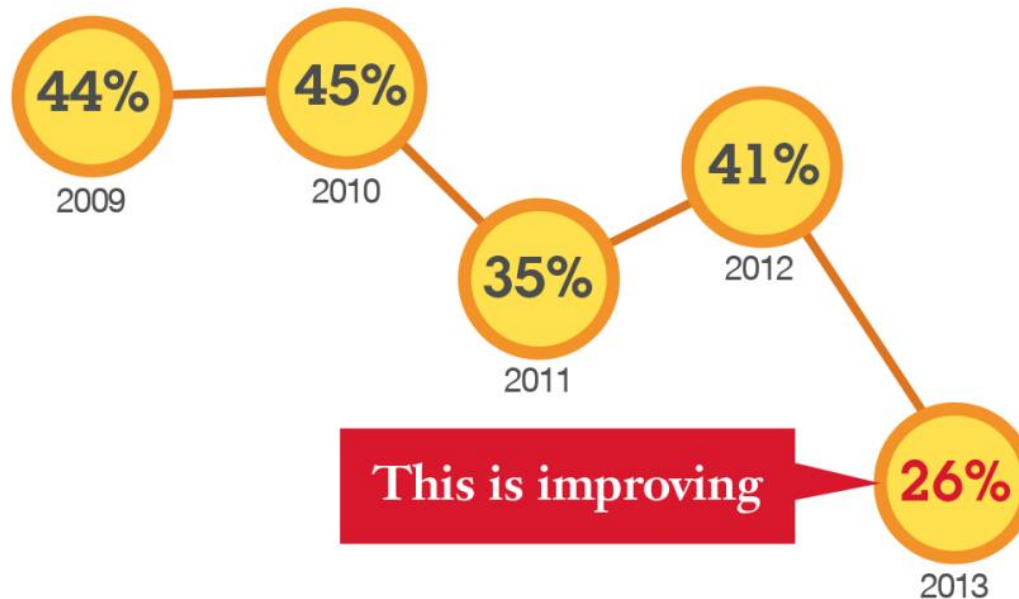


Figure 10. Vendor patch rates of publicly disclosed vulnerabilities, 2009 to 2013

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