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What is the Threat?



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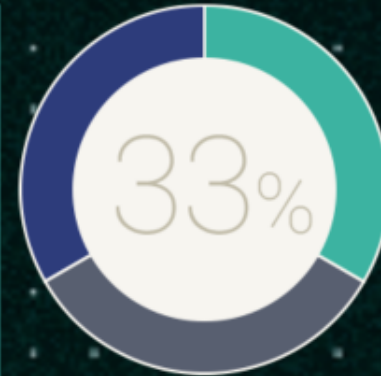
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As many as 1 in 3
of all small and
medium-sized
businesses were
hit.



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1 in 5
businesses that
were hit had to
completely
shut down
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Ransomware
costs at least
\$75 billion in
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Business Email Compromise

Business Email Compromise is a sophisticated scam targeting businesses that regularly perform wire transfer payments.

How it happens?

Money moved

Protect yourself

How it happens?



Step 1

Step 2

Step 3

Step 1: Get
access to a
decision
maker's email
account

Step 2: Gather intelligence on accounts payable

Step 3: Execute scam using social engineering

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How? At least two ways

Lists

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Targets are also often identified through professional social media websites like LinkedIn.

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However, leaks of "email & password" databases pose significant risks.



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Onliner Spambot dump exposes 711 Million email and passwords

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LEAKS, SECURITY

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email	userid	password
0207636	C1200502	
7687	C1200503	
98	C1200504	ZM32(R)

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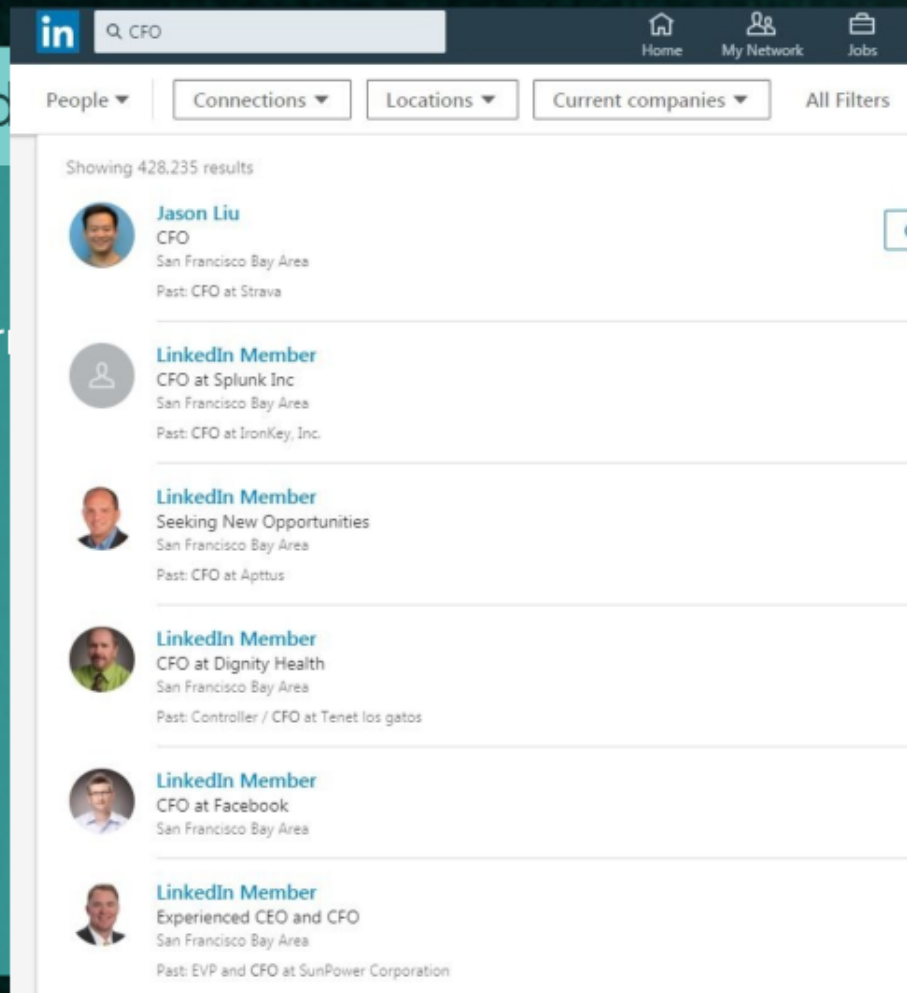
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People ▾ Connections ▾ Locations ▾ Current companies ▾ All Filters

Showing 428,235 results

-  **Jason Liu**
CFO
San Francisco Bay Area
Past: CFO at Strava
-  **LinkedIn Member**
CFO at Splunk Inc
San Francisco Bay Area
Past: CFO at IronKey, Inc.
-  **LinkedIn Member**
Seeking New Opportunities
San Francisco Bay Area
Past: CFO at Apttus
-  **LinkedIn Member**
CFO at Dignity Health
San Francisco Bay Area
Past: Controller / CFO at Tenet los gatos
-  **LinkedIn Member**
CFO at Facebook
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-  **LinkedIn Member**
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Past: EVP and CFO at SunPower Corporation

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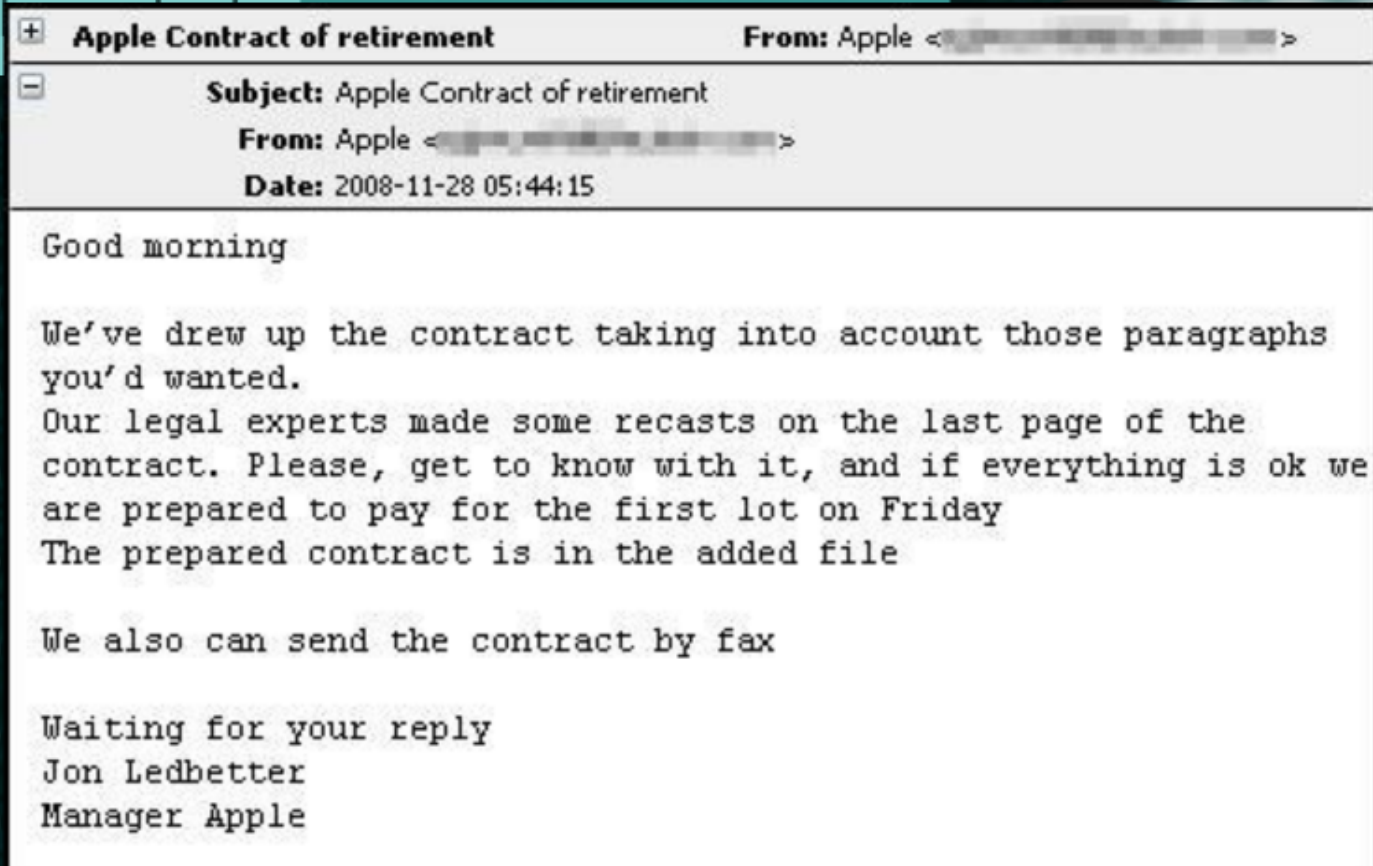
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Once identified, they will uncover target's business email address.

The target then receives Phishing or Trojan emails intended to compromise the target's business email account.





Step 2

Once the bad actor has access to email, she will monitor traffic, looking for habit and custom.

The goal is to learn about accounts payable.



Step 3

Once an opportunity presents itself, the bad actor social engineers a payment request to the appropriate employee.



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Generally, these requests are made with a sense of urgency, using intelligence gathered during Step 2.



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Payment requests are wire transfers, and can be directed to a U.S. or International bank.



Money moved

Wire transfers leave victim's account within hours.

Funds wired within the U.S. are first received by a "mule," who forwards the funds to the bad actor.

Sometimes bank will warn victim of suspicious activity.

Victim may only have hours to recover the money.



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Information

THE DARK ENCRYPTOR

All your files have been encrypted by THE DARK ENCRYPTOR using a military grade encryption algorithm. But dont worry ! You can get them back, you just need to pay 100 USD in bitcoin. For more informations, please read the text document placed on your Desktop.

Have a nice day !

WARNING: The price will rise to 350 USD if you don't pay in the next 5 days.



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Key size	Time to Crack
56-bit	399 seconds
128-bit	1.02×10^{18} years
192-bit	1.872×10^{37} years
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