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Verizon Data Breach Investigation Report

Verizon recently released the latest Data Breach Investigations Report (DBIR), outlining key risk-driven statistics and metrics taken from data theft and cybercrime-related IT investigations from around the globe. The 2014 DBIR covers tens of thousands of cases handled by the Verizon Investigative Response team along with 50 other high profile contributing organizations from around the globe. This report reflects several major evolutions or shifts in cyber-crime attack vectors and methods. The report highlights everything from the most common threat actors and their geographies of origin to an analysis of the change in espionage related activities and how organizations can leverage the actionable information in order to improve their security roadmap.

Biography

Christopher Novak is a co-founder and Global Director of the Verizon Investigative Response Unit. He is an internationally recognized expert in the field of Investigative Response and Computer Forensics. He has been involved with information security for over a dozen years. Christopher has assisted corporations, government agencies, and attorneys with all matters involving computer forensics, fraud investigations, and computer security incident response matters. He has been certified in various jurisdictions as an expert witness and has testified in both civil litigation and criminal prosecutions.

He has been an advisor on dozens of high-profile cases around the globe. He works closely with local, state and federal law enforcement agencies as well as joint investigative operations coordinated with foreign law enforcement.

Christopher is an active public speaker, discussing various topics ranging from high-level best practices to executive-level crisis management. He has been a co-author of the Verizon Data Breach Investigations Report since its first publication in 2008 and has

been featured in such media outlets as The Wall Street Journal, ABC News, American Banker, and others. Christopher is an active member among multiple industry trade groups and a frequent guest lecturer at universities. He also serves on the Board of Directors and Advisors for many industry-related associations in an effort to further promote awareness and education.

Christopher holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Computer Engineering from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.