

# The Current State of Security an Improv-spection

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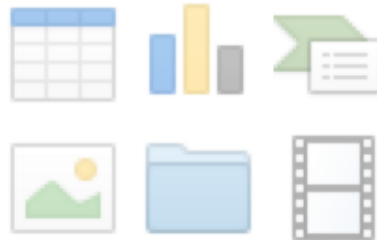
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# Why are we here?

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# Whose Plan Is It Anyway?

- Introductions
- Agenda
- Invoke-Improv  
(lather, rinse, repeat)
- Best Defenses



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- Mandiant investigator & FireEye Advanced Practices Team
- Crisis manager, friend of lawyers
- Speaker: DerbyCon, Shmoocon, Blue Hat
- Noted spook & a very nasty piece of work
- On the periphery of fascinating



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# Agenda

Today's agenda:

- 1) Be stylin' and profilin' ✓
- 2) Lunch
- 3) Go home



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Ready... go!







Wait – we don't know  
anything about  
improv.

...yes, and?

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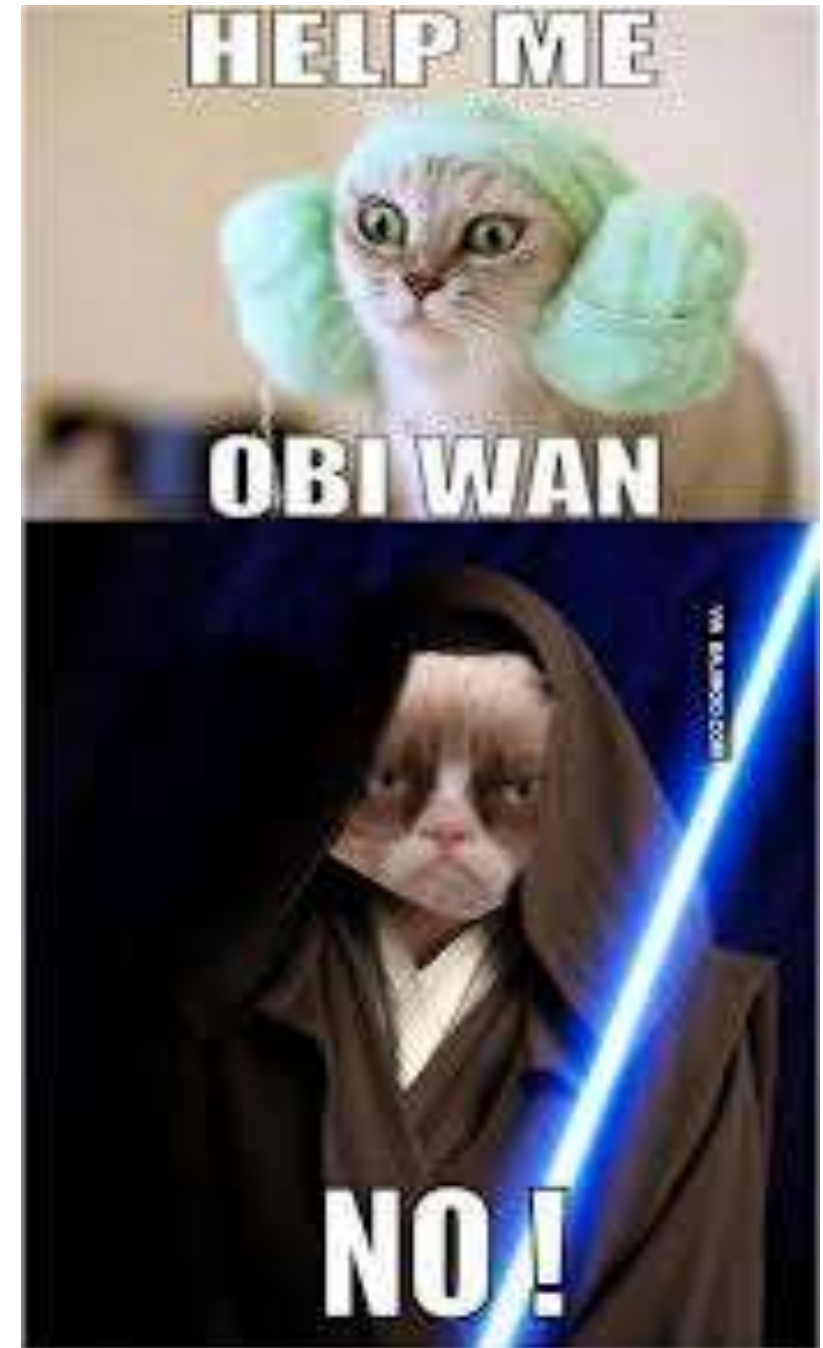
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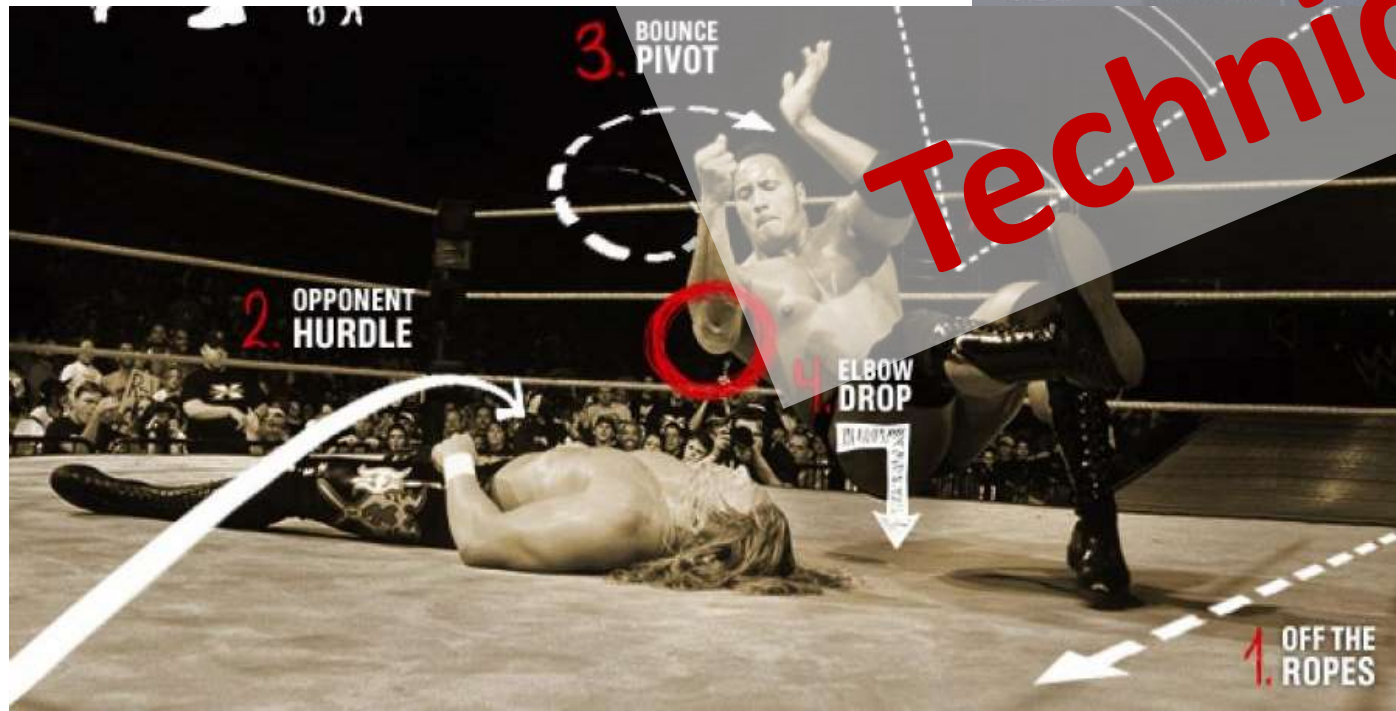
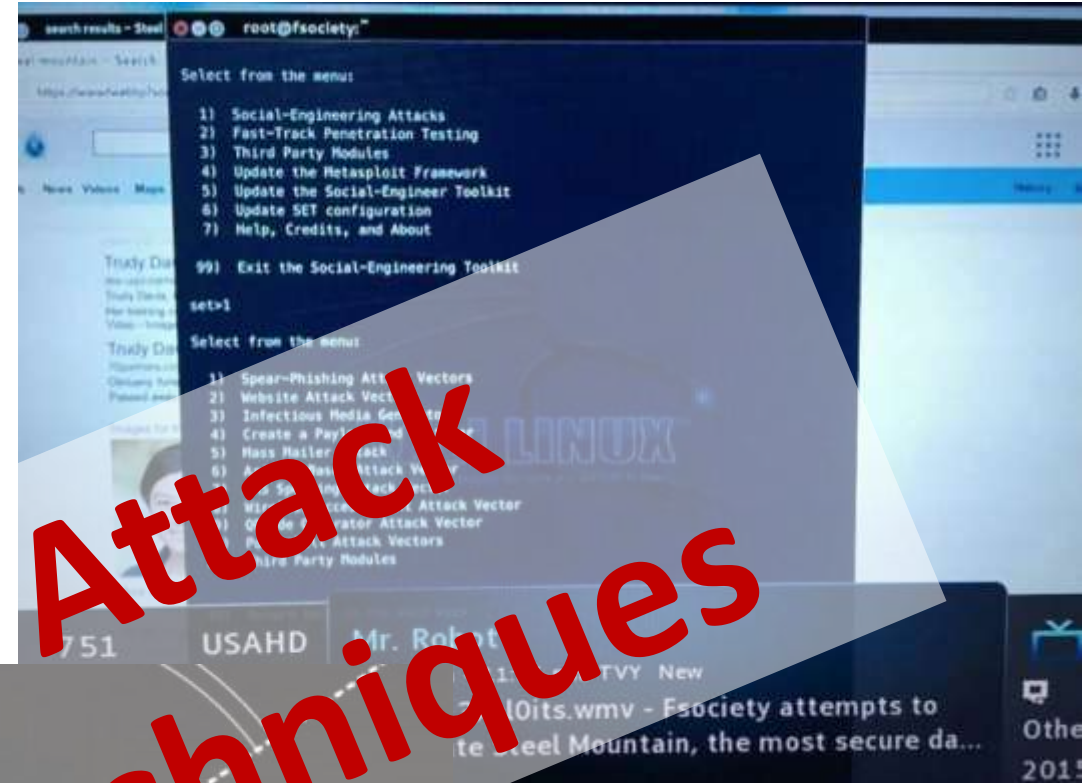
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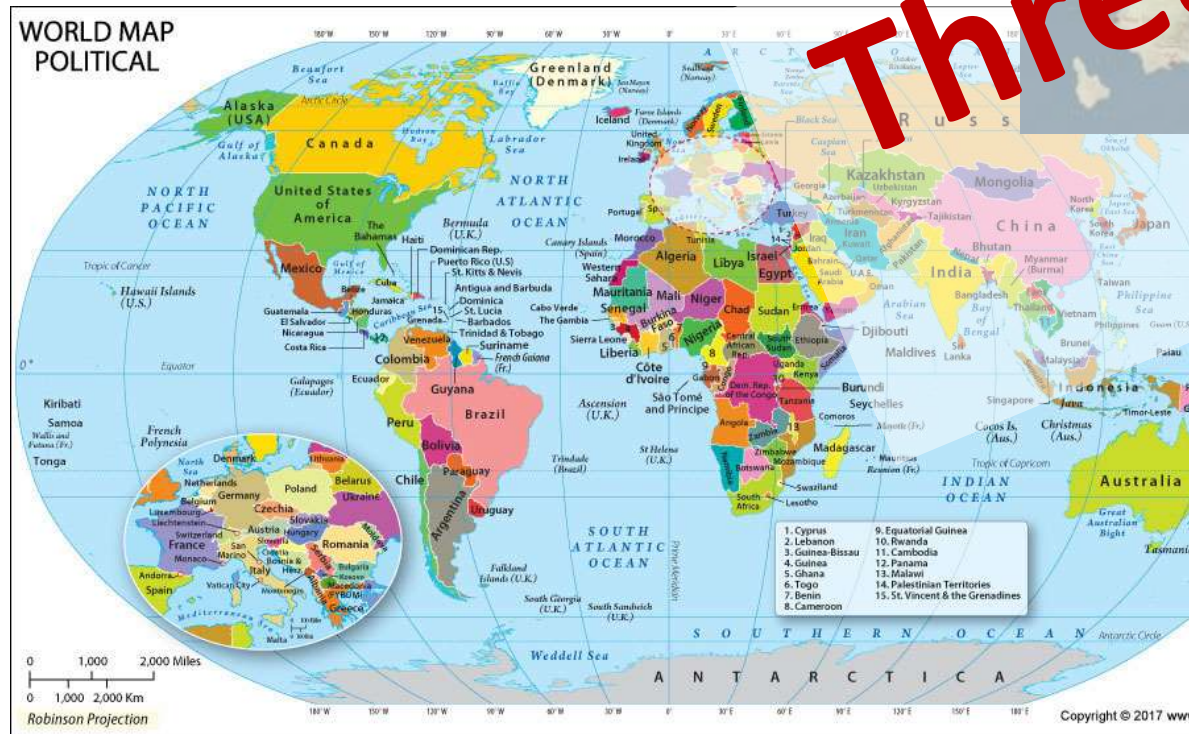
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# Part 1.

## Arrival: Fly-Away Kit

*and...* SCENE.

# Part 2.

# The Model CISO

*and...* SCENE.



# Part c:\

## The Out-brief

*and...* SCENE.

# Part 404: SLIDE NOT FOUND

## The Pitch

*and...* SCENE.

# Let's talk about how to avoid a Krebs article about your company



## 07 Breach at Equifax May Impact 143M Americans

SEP 17

**Equifax**, one of the “big-three” U.S. credit bureaus, said today a data breach at the company may have affected 143 million Americans, jeopardizing consumer Social Security numbers, birth dates, addresses and some driver’s license numbers.

In a press release today, Equifax [[NYSE:EFX](#)] said it discovered the “unauthorized access” on July 29, after which it hired an outside forensics firm to investigate. Equifax said the

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# Best Defenses



# Effective Mitigation: Initial Foothold

- Deploy PowerShell v5.1
- Enable PowerShell logging (v3+) & cmd process logging.
- Control Microsoft Office macros.
  - Block macros from internet files.
  - Only allow signed macros.
  - Use TrustedDocuments location when macro workflow is required.
- Deploy security tooling that monitors for suspicious behavior.



# Effective Mitigation: Protect Admin Creds

- Ensure all admins only log onto approved admin workstations & servers.
- Explicitly block privileged admin accounts from being used on lower tiered workstations, laptops, and servers.
- Add all admin accounts to Protected Users group (Windows 2012 R2 DCs).
- Enforce Restricted Admin RDP
- Admin workstations & servers:
  - Control & limit access to admin workstations & servers.
  - Remove NetBIOS over TCP/IP
  - Disable LLMNR.
  - Disable WPAD.

# Effective Mitigation: Strengthen

- Audit/Restrict NTLM.
- Enforce LDAP signing.
- Disable WDigest authentication (kb2871997 + reg key change)
- Enable SMB signing (& encryption where poss.).
- Disable WPAD & LLMNR & work to disable NetBIOS.
- Work to remove SMBv1 from all systems (update storage systems for SMBv2 support, ex. NetApp).
- Windows 10, remove:
  - SMB 1.0/CIFS
  - Windows PowerShell 2.0

# Non-Windows

- Patch Apache Struts.

# Conclusion

- This was \_\_\_\_ and hopefully we talked about some interesting things.
- Maybe you learned something 😊
- Avoid FUD. Data matters!
- Improving security can be done: start small and build on success.

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