

Cybersecurity: Data, Statistics, and Glossaries

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Summary

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Data and Statistics¹

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Table 1. Data and Statistics: Cyber Incidents, Data Breaches, Cybercrime

Title	Date	Source	Pages	Notes
Web Hacking Incidents Database	Ongoing	Breach Security, Inc.	N/A	The web hacking incident database project dedicated to maintaining a list of application-related security incidents. WHID's purpose is to serve as a tool for awareness of the web application security problem and provide information for analysis of web application security. Unlike other resources covering web security, which focus on the technical details of the incident, the WHID focuses on the impact of the attack. To be included in WHID, an incident must be publicly reported, be associated with a specific web application security vulnerability, and have an identified outcome.
Significant Cyber Incidents Since 2006	Ongoing	Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS)	15	This timeline records significant cyber incidents since 2006. It focuses on successful attacks on government agencies, defense and industry companies, or economic crimes with a cost of more than a million dollars.
Overview of Current Cyber Attacks (logged by 180 Sensors)	Ongoing	Deutsche Telekom	N/A	Provides a real-time visualization of current cyberattacks detected by a network of sensors placed around the world.
Digital Attack Map	Ongoing	Arbor Networks	N/A	The map is powered by data fed from a network of customers worldwide who have agreed to share network traffic and attack statistics. The map displays global activity levels in observed network traffic, which it is collected anonymously. It does not include any identifying information about the attackers or victims involved in a particular attack.
Real-Time Web Monitor	Ongoing	Akamai	N/A	Akamai monitors global Internet connectivity around the clock. The map identifies regions with the greatest attack traffic.
Regional Threat Assessment: Infection Rates and Threat Trends by Location Regional Threat Assessment: Infection Rates and Threat Trends by Location (Note: Select "All Regions" or a specific country or region to view threat assessment reports)	Ongoing	Microsoft Security Intelligence Report (SIR)	N/A	Data on infection rates, malicious websites, and threat trends by regional location, with a focus on the United States.
ThreatWatch	Ongoing	NextGov	N/A	ThreatWatch is a snapshot of the day's top intrusions against organizations and individuals globally, on a daily basis. It is not an authoritative list, because many cyberattacks are never reported or even discovered. The information is based on accounts published by outside news organizations and researchers.
McAfee Research & Reports (multiple)	Ongoing	McAfee	N/A	Links to reports by the company on various cybersecurity threats, malware, cyberattacks, and spam.
Cyber Power Index	Ongoing	Booz Allen Hamilton and	N/A	The index of developing countries' ability to withstand cyber attacks and build strong cybersecurity.

			the Economist Intelligence Unit		economies, rates the countries on their regulatory frameworks, economic issues, technology infrastructure, and more. The index puts the United States in the spot, and the United Kingdom in no
Data Breaches	Ongoing		Identity Theft Resource Center (ITRC)	N/A	The ITRC breach list is a compilation of breaches confirmed by various media and notification lists from state government agencies. This list is updated daily each Tuesday. To qualify, breaches include personally identifiable information that could lead to identity theft, especially Social Security numbers. ITRC follows U.S. guidelines about what combination of information comprises a unique individual. Exposure of this information constitutes a breach.
Cytherthreat: Real-Time Map	Ongoing		Kaspersky Labs	N/A	Kaspersky Labs has launched an interactive cyberthreat map that lets viewers see cybersecurity incidents as they occur around the world in real time. The interactive map shows malicious objects detected during on-demand scans, e-mail and web page detections, and objects identified by intrusion and intrusion detection sub-systems.
Global Botnet Map	Ongoing		Trend Micro	N/A	Trend Micro continuously monitors global network activities to identify command and control (C&C) servers and help in protection against botnet attacks. The map indicates the locations of C&C servers and victimized computers they control that were discovered in the previous six hours.
HoneyMap	Ongoing		Honeynet Project	N/A	The HoneyMap displays malicious attacks as they happen. Each red dot on the map represents an attack on a computer system. Red dots represent honeypots, or systems set up to record incoming attacks. The black dots at the bottom give the location of each attack. The Honeynet Project is an international, non-profit security research organization dedicated to investigating the latest attacks and releasing open source security tools to improve global security.
The Cyberfeed	Ongoing		Anubis Networks	N/A	Provides real-time threat intelligence on a global scale worldwide.
2015 Data Breach Investigations Report (DBIR)	April 14, 2015		Verizon	70	A full three-quarters of attacks spread from the first victim to the second in 24 hours, and more than 40% spread from the first to the second in under an hour. On top of that, the time with which attackers compromise multiple victims, the useful lifespan of shared information can sometimes be measured in hours. Researchers also found that of the information observed in current information sharing, only 2.7% were valid for more than 24 hours. The number dwindles from there. Data sharing information sharing has to be good and effective.
HIPAA breaches: The list keeps growing	March 12, 2015		Healthcare IT News	N/A	More than 41 million people have had their protected health information compromised since the Health Insurance Portability and Act

Federal Information Management Security Act (Annual Report to Congress)	February 27, 2015	Office of Management and Budget (OMB)	100	<p>Act (HIPAA) privacy and security breaches. Using data from the Department of Health and Human Services, which includes HHS, the website compiled a searchable list of breaches involving more than 500 individuals reported by 1,149 covered entities and their associates, the website compiled a searchable list.</p> <p>The number of actual cybersecurity incidents reported by federal agencies to the OIG decreased last year. Data show the number of incident reports sent by federal agencies to US-CERT going up by 10% during FY2014 from the year before. Two significant categories from that year were removed— non-cybersecurity incidents and "other"— the number actually showed an increase of about 6%. Non-cybersecurity incidents include the mishandling of personally identifiable information, but without a cybersecurity component, meaning the data breach occurred through a misplaced paper document. Incidents classified as "other" are things like password scans, blocked attempts at access to systems, and miscellaneous events. Reported incidents include actual serious cybersecurity issues, such as malware, suspicious network activity, and improper usage, declined last year. Social engineering, unauthorized access, and denial-of-service attacks that did increase in recorded numbers.</p>
2014 Global Threat Intel Report	February 6, 2015	CrowdStrike	77	<p>This report summarizes CrowdStrike's daily scrutiny of more than 50 groups of threat actors, including 29 different sponsored and nationalist adversaries. Findings explain how financial malware became increasingly prevalent. The threat landscape and point of sale became increasingly prevalent. The report profiles a number of new and sophisticated adversaries from China and Russia, including Hurricane Panda, Fancy Bear, and Bear.</p>
Incident Response/Vulnerability Coordination in 2014	February 2015	ICS/CERT Monitor	15	<p>In FY2014, the Industrial Control System Emergency Response Team (ICS-CERT) received and responded to 245 incidents reported by asset owners and industrial facilities. The Energy sector led all others with the most reported incidents. ICS-CERT continues its partnership with the Energy Sector, providing many opportunities to share information and collaborate on incident response. Also noteworthy in 2014 were the incidents reported by the Critical Manufacturing Sector, some of which were from control system equipment manufacturers.</p>
Business Email Compromise	January 22, 2015	Internet Crime Complaint Center	N/A	<p>The Business Email Compromise (BEC) is a sophisticated scam targeting businesses that work with foreign suppliers and businesses that regularly perform wire transfer payments. Thieves stole nearly \$215 million from businesses in the past 14 months, a trend that starts when business executive</p>

CISCO 2015 Annual Security Report (free registration required)	January 20, 2015	Cisco	53	employees have their email accounts monitored. Government agencies worldwide, credit unions, banks and many other companies, are not always able to cope when the inevitable data breach occurs, according to the study on a global survey on cybersecurity. About 43% of the public falls into the "highly sophisticated" security posture segment. The best security posture was found within the telecommunications and energy sectors, tied at 47%.
The Cost of Malware Containment	January 20, 2015	Ponemon Institute		According to the study, organizations that received nearly 17,000 malware alerts in 2014, which pose a taxing and costly endeavor. Of those alerts, only 3,218 were considered actionable and only 705 (or 4%) were actually investigated. An average of 395 hours were spent weekly investigating and containing malware, due to false positives or false negatives. The study estimates participating organizations an estimated cost of \$10 million yearly in average value of lost productivity.
2014 Global Report on the Cost of Cybercrime	October 8, 2014	HP Enterprise Security and Ponemon Institute	31	The 2014 global study of U.S.-based organizations spanning seven nations, found that over the course of a year, the average cost of a data breach for companies in the United States rose by more than 9% to \$12.7 million up from \$11.6 million in the 2013 study. The average time to resolve a cyberattack is also rising, taking 45 days from 32 days in 2013.
Managing Cyber Risks in an Interconnected World: Key Findings from the Global State of Information Security Survey 2015	September 30, 2014	Pricewaterhouse Coopers (PwC)	31	The Global State of Information Security Survey (GSISS), on which the report is based, surveyed more than 9,700 respondents worldwide. It detected that the number of cyber incidents increased at a compound annual rate of 15% since 2009. As the frequency of cyber incidents have risen so too has the reported cost of managing and mitigating them. Globally, the estimated average financial loss from data breaches incidents was \$2.7 million, a 34% increase in 2013. Big losses have also been more frequent with the proportion of organizations reporting financial hits in excess of \$20 million increasing to doubling. Despite greater awareness of cybersecurity incidents, the study found that global information security budgets decreased 4% compared with 2013.
How Consumers Foot the Bill for Data Breaches (infographic)	August 7, 2014	NextGov.com	N/A	In 2013, there were more than 600 data breaches, with an average organization losing more than \$5 million. But in the end, it's the customers who are picking up the tab, with higher retail costs to credit card issuers.
Is Ransomware Poised for Growth?	July 14, 2014	Symantec	N/A	Ransomware usually masquerades as a "wheel clamp" for the victim's computer. For example, pretending to be from the FBI, law enforcement, it might suggest the victim has been using the computer for illicit purposes. To unlock it the victim would have to pay a ransom often between \$100 and \$500. Ransomware has escalated in 2013, with a 500% (six-fold) increase in attack numbers between the beginning and end of the year.
Critical Infrastructure: Security	July 2014	Unisys and Ponemon Institute	34	Unisys and Ponemon Institute surveyed

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600 IT security executives of utility, manufacturing organizations. Overall finds organizations are simply not prepared to deal with advanced cyber threats. Companies have actually deployed security programs and, according to the survey, the biggest threat actually stems from negligence.

The Value of a Hacked Email Account

June 13, 2013

Krebs on
Security

N/A

One prominent credential seller in the underground peddles iTunes accounts and Fedex.com, Continental.com, and United.com accounts for USD \$6. Credentials fetch \$5, while \$4 buys hacked credentials at registrar and hosting sites like Godaddy.com, as well as wireless providers like Att.com, Sprint.com, Verizonwireless.com, Tmobile.com. Active accounts at Facebook and Twitter retail for just \$2.50 apiece... Cybercrime shops go even lower with the sale of hacked accounts, charging between \$1 and \$2 for active accounts at dell.com, over \$10 for walmart.com, tesco.com, bestbuy.com, target.com, etc.

Online Trust Honor Roll 2014

June 11, 2014

Online Trust
Alliance

N/A

Out of nearly 800 top consumer websites evaluated, 30.2% made the Honor Roll. The report distinguishes them in best practices for safeguarding data in three categories: domain/brand protection, privacy, and security. Conversely, nearly 70% did not qualify for the Honor Roll, with 52.7% failing in at least one of the three categories.

Net Losses: Estimating the Global Cost of Cybercrime

June 2014

CSIS and
McAfee

24

This report explores the economic impact of cybercrime, including estimation, risk, variances, IP theft, opportunity and costs, and the future of cybercrime. Cybercrime costs the global economy up to \$57 billion annually, with the United States taking a billion hit, the largest of any country at up to 0.8% of the global economy. In the United States, the estimated \$100 billion means 200,000 lost jobs, and is almost double the total loss for the G-8 group of Western countries.

2014 U.S. State of Cybercrime Survey

May 29, 2014

PwC, CSO
Magazine, the
U.S. Computer
Emergency
Readiness
Team (CERT)
Division of the
Software
Engineering
Institute at
Carnegie Mellon
University, and
the U.S. Secret
Service

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The cybersecurity programs of U.S. organizations do not rival the persistence of tactical skills, and technological prowess of potential cyber adversaries. This year, four (77%) respondents to the survey reported a security event in the past 12 months, more than a third (34%) said the number of incidents detected increased over the year.

The Target Breach, by the Numbers

May 6, 2014

Krebs on
Security

N/A

A synthesis of numbers associated with the Target data breach of December 19, 2013. The number of records stolen, estimated at 40 million, to credit unions and community banks. Target estimates it will spend

2014 Cost of Data Breach: Global Analysis	May 5, 2014	Ponemon Institute/IBM	28	<p>upgrading payment terminals to support contactless and-PIN enabled cards).</p> <p>The average cost of a breach is up 15% in 2014, with U.S. firms paying almost twice as much more than the global average. In the United States, a data breach costs organizations an average \$5.85 million, the highest cost of any nations analyzed, up from \$5.4 million in 2013. Globally, the cost of a breach is up 15% to \$3.5 million. The United States still has the highest cost per record stolen, a 15% increase from \$188 last year. The country also has the most terms of size of breaches recorded: 2014, with companies averaged 29,087 records compromised in 2014.</p>
Website Security Statistics Report	April 15, 2014	WhiteHat Security	22	<p>WhiteHat researchers examined the assessment results of the more than 100 websites under WhiteHat Security research to measure how the underlying programming languages and frameworks performed. The report yields findings to specific languages that are most prone to specific classes of attacks, for how often and how long they are in production as to whether popular languages and frameworks yield significant vulnerabilities in production websites. The popularity of .Net, Java, and ASP.NET increases the potential attack surface for each language; as such, 31% of vulnerabilities observed in .Net, 28% were found in ASP.NET, and 15% were found in ASP.</p>
More online Americans say they've experienced a personal data breach	April 14, 2014	Pew Research Center	N/A	<p>Findings from a January 2014 survey show that 18% of online adults have had important personal information—such as Social Security numbers, credit cards, or bank accounts—stolen. That is an increase from the 14% of online adults who reported personal information theft in July 2013 and 21% who said their email or social networking account was stolen or taken over without their permission. A total number reported this experience in the survey.</p>
2014 Internet Security Threat Report	April 8, 2014	Symantec	98	<p>In 2013, there were 253 data breaches that exposed more than 552 million sets of sensitive data, according to the annual report. The number of data breaches was up 62% from the previous year and nearly 50 more than the 2012 report previously dubbed by Symantec "year of the breach." In addition, eight mega-breaches exposed more than 10 million identities each, an eightfold increase from one the year before. The number of attacks nearly double the five in 2011.</p>
Advanced Threat Report 2013	February 27, 2014	FireEye	22	<p>The report analyzes more than 40,000 attacks across the globe to map out current trends in advanced persistent threat (APT) attacks. The United States topped the list of countries targeted by APT activity, with 15. FireEye defines as online attacks that are "likely directly or indirectly supported by a state." American institutions were attacked by many more APT malware families</p>

State of the Internet Report, 3 rd Quarter 2013	January 28, 2014	Akamai	40	of malware that share significant and unique code with each other) than anywhere else. Akamai maintains a distributed set of unadvertised agents deployed across the Internet that log connection attempts. The company classifies as attack traffic. The data collected by these agents, however, is able to identify the top countries from which attack traffic originates, as well as the top targeted by these attacks. Overall, the concentration of attacks declined during the quarter of 2013, with the top 10 countries originating 83% of observed attacks in the first quarter with 89% in the second quarter. China and Indonesia, however, continued to originate more than half of all observed attack traffic.
Cisco 2014 Annual Security Report	January 16, 2014	Cisco	81	The report offers data on and insights into current security concerns, such as shifts in attack trends in vulnerabilities, and the resurgence of distributed denial-of-service (DDoS) attacks. The report also looks at campaigns that target specific organizations, groups, and individuals, and the growing sophistication of threat actors' attempt to steal sensitive information. The report concludes with recommendations for organizations to secure security models holistically and gain visibility across the entire attack continuum—before, during, and after an attack. (Free registration required.)
McAfee Labs 2014 Threats Predictions	January 7, 2014	McAfee	6	In 2013, the rate of growth in the appearance of new mobile malware, which almost exclusively targets the Android platform, was faster than the growth rate of new malware on desktop PCs. In the last two quarters reported, mobile malware growth was nearly flat, while the appearances of new Android samples increased 33%.
Trends in Incident Response in 2013	October-December 2013	ICS-CERT Monitor	14	In 2013, ICS-CERT responded to 256 incidents reported either directly from asset owners or through other trusted partners. The majority of these incidents were initially detected in the business networks of critical infrastructure organizations that operate industrial control systems (ICS). Of the 256 reported incidents, 59%, or 151 incidents, occurred in the ICS sector, which exceeded all incidents reported in other sectors combined.
ENISA Threat Landscape 2013 – Overview of Current and Emerging Cyber-Threats	December 11, 2013	European Union Agency for Network and Information Security	70	The report is a collection of top cyber threats that have been assessed in the reporting period (within 2013). ENISA has collected and analyzed reports regarding cyber threats, risks, and incidents. ETL 2013 is a comprehensive compilation of the top 15 cyber threats that were assessed.
Emerging Cyber Threats Report 2014	November 14, 2013	Georgia Institute of Technology	16	The report highlights cloud security issues involving the 'Internet of Things' and the notion that the increase of Internet-capable devices could create opportunities for remote hacking and data leakage. Vulnerabilities range from everything from home automation to smartphones and other personal devices.

2013/2014 Global Fraud Report	October 23, 2013	Kroll/Economist Intelligence Unit	N/A	<p>becoming connected to the Internet, mobile devices will capture more real-world data and could permit outside parties, corporations, and governments to misuse that information. (From the annual Georgia Tech Cyber Summit 2013.)</p> <p>The Annual Global Fraud Survey, conducted by Kroll and carried out by the Economist Intelligence Unit, polled 901 senior executives worldwide from a broad range of industries and functions in July and August 2013. The survey identified 10% of companies suffering external cyberattacks designed to steal commercial secrets. This compares to 12% in 2012-2013 compared with the previous year.</p>
2013 Cost of Cyber Crime Study	October 8, 2013	HP and the Ponemon Institute	28	<p>The study found the average company in the U.S. experiences more than 100 successful cyberattacks each year at a cost of \$1.2 million. That is an increase of 26% from last year. Companies in other regions fared better, but still experienced significant losses. This annual study was conducted in the United States, United Kingdom, Germany, Japan, and France and surveyed over 1,000 organizations.</p>
Illicit Cyber Activity Involving Fraud	August 8, 2013	Carnegie Mellon University Software Engineering Institute	28	<p>Technical and behavioral patterns were extracted from 80 fraud cases—67 internal and 13 external—that occurred between 2008 and the present. These cases were used to identify insights and risk indicators to help private industry, government, and law enforcement more effectively prevent, deter, detect, investigate, and manage malicious activity within the banking and financial services industry.</p>
FY2012 Report to Congress on the Implementation of the Federal Information Security Management Act of 2002 (FISMA)	March 7, 2013	White House/OMB	63	<p>More government programs violated FISMA security law standards in 2012 than in the previous year, and at the same time, FISMA security costs have increased by more than \$1 billion. Inadequate training was a leading cause of the reason all-around FISMA adherence slipped from 75% in 2011 to 74% in 2012. Agencies reported that about 88% of employees with system access privileges received security awareness instruction, down from 90% in 2011. Meanwhile, personnel expenses accounted for the vast majority—90%—of the \$14.6 billion departments spent on information technology security in 2012.</p>
Linking Cybersecurity Policy and Performance: Microsoft Releases Special Edition Security Intelligence Report	February 6, 2013	Microsoft Trustworthy Computing	27	<p>Introduces a new methodology for evaluating how socioeconomic factors in a country can impact cybersecurity performance. The report measures such as use of modern technologies, mature processes, user education, law enforcement and public policies related to the cyberspace. This methodology can be used that will help predict the expected cybersecurity performance of a given country or region.</p>
SCADA [Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition] and Process Control Security Survey	February 1, 2013	SANS Institute	19	<p>SANS Institute surveyed professionals working with SCADA and process control systems. Seventy percent of the nearly 700 respondents said they consider their SCADA systems</p>

Blurring the Lines: 2013 TMT Global Security Study	January 8, 2013	Deloitte	24	high or severe risk. One-third of the that they have been already been in Report states that 88% of companies believe that they are vulnerable to a cyber threat, even though more than those surveyed have experienced a incident in the last year. Companies mistakes by their employees as a to 70% highlighting a lack of security a vulnerability. Despite this, less than companies (48%) offer even general related training, with 49% saying that budget was making it hard to improve
Improving the Evidence Base for Information Security and Privacy Policies: Understanding the Opportunities and Challenges related to Measuring Information Security, Privacy and the Protection of Children Online	December 20, 2012	Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD)	94	This report provides an overview of and statistics in fields of information privacy, and the protection of children highlights the potential for the development better indicators in these respective showing in particular that there is an underexploited wealth of empirical data defined and made comparable, will enhance current evidence base for policymaking
State Governments at Risk: a Call for Collaboration and Compliance	October 23, 2012	National Association of State Chief Information Officers and Deloitte	40	Assesses the state of cybersecurity in nation and found that only 24% of chief information security officers (CISOs) are confident in their states' ability to guard against external threats.
2012 NCSA/Symantec National Small Business Study	October 2012	National Cyber Security Alliance	18	This survey of more than 1,000 small and midsize businesses found that 83% of respondents said they do not have a plan for protecting their companies against cyberattacks, while 76% think they are vulnerable to hackers, viruses, malware, and cyber breaches.
McAfee Explains The Dubious Math Behind Its 'Unscientific' \$1 Trillion Data Loss Claim	August 3, 2012	Forbes.com	N/A	In August 2012, NSA director Keith Alexander quoted a statistic from antivirus firm McAfee that the cost of worldwide cybercrime is \$1 trillion a year. "No, the statistic was made up. Yes, it's just a 'ballpark figure' 'unscientific' one, the company admitted despite Pro Publica's criticisms and rather fuzzy math, the company stands by its trillion-dollar conclusion as a (very) rough estimate."
Does Cybercrime Really Cost \$1 Trillion?	August 1, 2012	ProPublica	N/A	In a news release from computer security firm McAfee announcing its 2009 report "Cyber Economies: Protecting Vital Information," the company estimated a trillion dollar cost of cybercrime. That number does not appear in the report itself. McAfee's trillion-dollar estimate is questioned by the three independent researchers from Purdue University who McAfee credits with analyzing the report, which the estimate was derived. An investigation of their origins by ProPublica has found grounds to question the data and methods used to generate these numbers, which McAfee and Symantec say they stand behind.
Measuring the Cost of Cybercrime	June 25, 2012	11 th Annual Workshop on	N/A	This report states that in total, cybercrime earnings might amount to a couple

citizen per year. But the indirect costs of defense are very substantial (10 times that). The authors conclude that on the basis of the comparative figures collected in this study, we should perhaps spend less on the anticipation of computer crime (on a per capita basis) than on firewalls etc.) but we should certainly spend a awful lot more on catching and punishing perpetrators."

The Risk of Social Engineering on Information Security: A Survey of IT Professionals	September 2011	Check Point	7	The report reveals 48% of large corporations and 32% of companies of all sizes surveyed have been victims of social engineering, with 25 or more attacks in the past two years. For businesses anywhere from \$25,000 to \$100,000 per security incident. This study shows that social networking tools are the most common sources of socially engineered threats.
Revealed: Operation Shady RAT: an Investigation of Targeted Intrusions into 70+ Global Companies, Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations During the Last 5 Years	August 2, 2011	McAfee Research Labs	14	A comprehensive analysis of victims of a five-year targeted operation that penetrated government and other organizations in the United States, and copied sensitive information from military secrets to industrial data.
A Good Decade for Cybercrime: McAfee's Look Back at Ten Years of Cybercrime	December 29, 2010	McAfee	11	A review of the most publicized, particularly costly cybercrime exploits from 2000 to 2010.

Note: Statistics and other information are from the source publications and have not been independently verified by the Congressional Research Service (CRS).

Cybersecurity: Glossaries, Lexicons, and Guidance

Table 2 contains descriptions of and links to glossaries of useful cybersecurity terms, including those related to cloud computing and cyber warfare.

Table 2. Glossaries, Lexicons, and Guidance Pertaining to Cybersecurity Concepts

Title	Source	Date	Pages	Notes
Hacker Lexicon	Wired.com	Ongoing	N/A	Hacker Lexicon is WIRED's explainer series that seeks to de-mystify the jargon of information security, surveillance, and privacy.
Global Cyber Definitions Database	Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE)	November 2014	N/A	A compilation of definitions of cybersecurity (or information security) terms. The website also includes a submission form to share new or additional definitions.
Compilation of Existing Cybersecurity and Information Security Related Definitions	New America	October 2014	126	"Broadly, the documents analyzed for this report fall into one of five categories: national strategies and documents by governments, documents from regional and global intergovernmental organizations, including member state submissions to the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA), and international private and intergovernmental standards bodies as well as dictionaries."
Glossary of Key Information Security Terms, Revision 2	National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST)	May 2013	222	Besides providing some 1,500 definitions, the glossary offers a source for each term from either a NIST or Committee for National Security Systems (CNSS) publication. The

NIST Cloud Computing Reference Architecture	NIST	September 2011	35	committee is a forum of government agencies that issues guidance aimed at protecting national security systems. Provides guidance to specific communities of practitioners and researchers.
Glossary of Key Information Security Terms	NIST	May 31, 2013	211	The glossary provides a central resource of terms and definitions most commonly used in NIST information security publications and in CNSS information assurance publications.
CIS Consensus Security Metrics	Center for Internet Security	November 1, 2010	175	Provides recommended technical control rules/values for hardening operating systems, middleware and software applications, and network devices. The recommendations are defined via consensus among hundreds of security professionals worldwide. (Free registration required.)
Joint Terminology for Cyberspace Operations	Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff	November 1, 2010	16	This lexicon is the starting point for normalizing terms in all DOD cyber-related documents, instructions, CONOPS, and publications as they come up for review.
Department of Defense Dictionary of Military and Associated Terms	Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff	November 8, 2010 (as amended through September 15, 2013)	547	Provides joint policy and guidance for Information Assurance (IA) and Computer Network Operations (CNO) activities.
DHS Risk Lexicon	Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Risk Steering Committee	September 2010	72	The lexicon promulgates a common language, consistency and clear understanding with regard to the usage of terms by the risk community across the DHS.

Source: Highlights compiled by CRS from the reports.

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Espionage			
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