



Human Factors in London's Cyber Defence

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TOGETHER,
SAFER, EVERYWHERE

Why is Human Factors relevant to cyber security?

“60% of all attackers are insiders” (IBM 2016)

“Over 95% of ..breaches are caused by human error” (IBM 2015)

| How do we address the human element in cyber security?



| Approach to measure & mitigate the risk of *human-related cyber security vulnerabilities*

What is at risk? Transport



Urban rail

- Driverless trains - increased use of autonomous agents (e.g. Siri, Alexa)
- Signalling systems

River services

- Thames barrier



Road vehicles

- Driverless cars (future)
- Smartphone interface – synched to infotainment system



What is at risk?

- Smart city (& Smart homes)
- Building security (physical access to IT control systems)
- Utilities (electricity, gas, water)
- CCTV



Washington DC CCTV attack Jan 2017

- 70% of cameras stopped working (12th-15th Jan – before Trump inauguration)
- CCTV data storage devices were hacked (ransomware)



Human element

- > Ransomware may have been result of clicking link or opening email attachment

Ukraine power grid attack Dec 2015

Attack on electricity control centre shutdown substations affecting Kiev

250,000 customers lost power



Human element

- > Email malware to electricity control centre employees
- > Accessed login credentials

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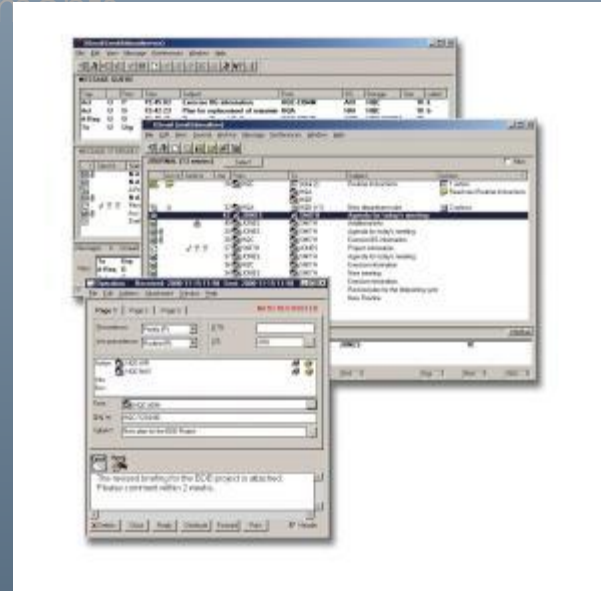
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The image displays two overlapping screenshots of a web application interface. The top screenshot shows a user profile card with a blue header and white body. It contains a user icon, the text 'user name Joe Bloggs', and a lock icon followed by 'password'. Below this are three buttons: 'Sign In', 'Forgot Password', and 'Change Password'. The bottom screenshot shows a login form titled 'Welcome to My IS Online' with a white background and a blue header. It features two input fields: 'User name' and 'Password', and a blue 'Login' button.

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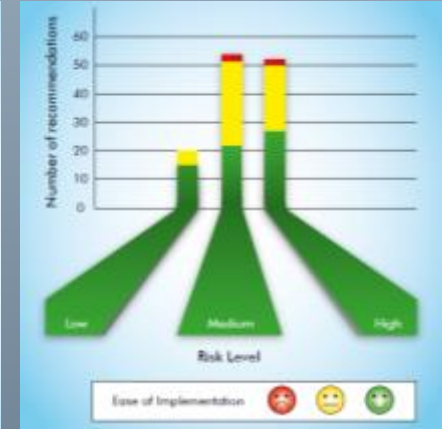
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Cyber Human Error Assessment Tool (CHEAT)

- Human error assessment established in safety incidents
- Applied to cyber-security incidents

41 human error threat indicators with associated recommendations

4 categories



Purpose: to assess and mitigate human factors as part of

- Cyber Vulnerability Investigations (CVI)
- Cyber security (post) incident investigations

Conclusions

- Consider the *human element* in order to reduce the risk of cyber security incidents

- Hard to change people, but there *are* actions we can take to reduce the risk of human-related cyber security incidents on our infrastructure

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