

A campfire with a large, textured moon in the background. The fire is burning brightly, with flames reaching up. The moon is a large, circular, textured object with a mottled grey and white surface, positioned in the center of the image. The background is a dark, dense forest with green foliage.

# CAMPFIRE TALES

Scary Stories  
from the IT Crypt





# Agenda

Welcome & Panel Introduction

The Data Man

*Lies & Crime are no match for Data*

Lost Data

*A Story of Remote Work Catastrophe*

The Michigan Data Massacre

*Small Business...Big Problems!*

Dial H for Hackers

*When your phones become your worst enemy!*

Giveaway & Q&A



# MASTERS OF IT HORROR



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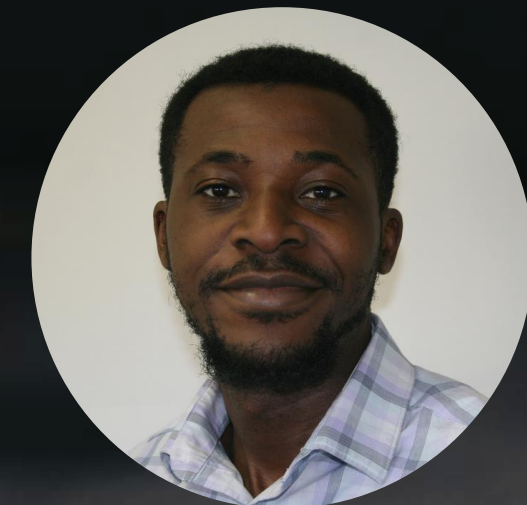
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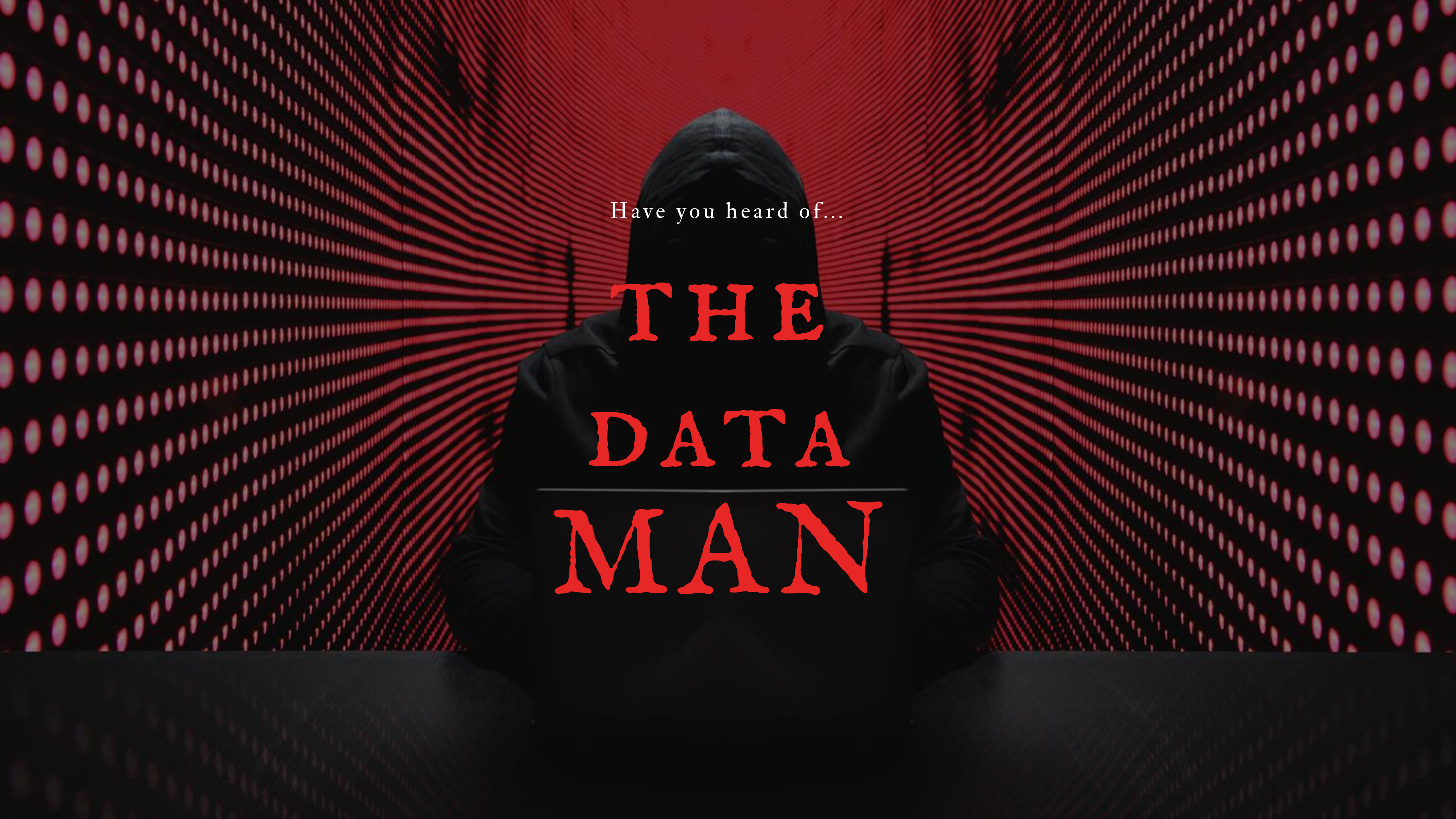


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Have you heard of...

**THE  
DATA  

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MAN**



A person wearing a dark hoodie is sitting at a laptop. The background is dark with a red overlay on the left side containing text. The person's hands are on the laptop keyboard. The overall scene suggests a hacker or someone involved in digital security.

## PROBLEM

Employee Misconduct  
Device Storage alone can easily be  
destroyed.

## RESULT

Evidence of misconduct can "disappear"  
The average business would not have a  
way to recover important evidence or data.



# How to Prevent this IT Horror Story...

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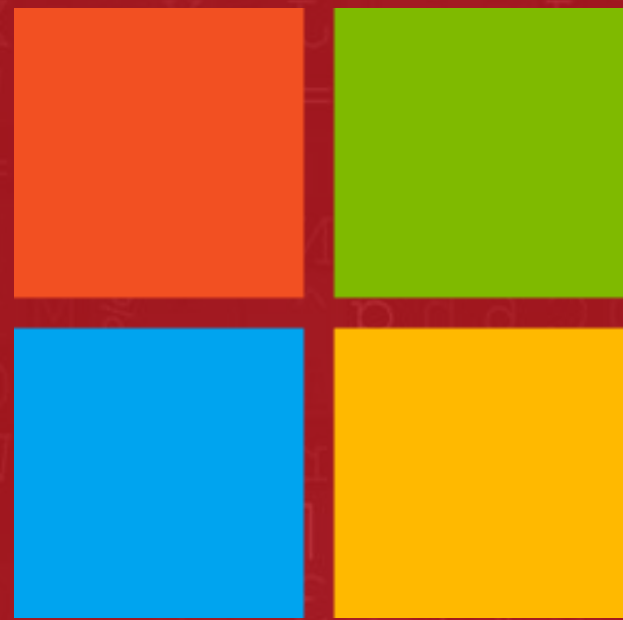
## CLOUD STORAGE

Cloud Backup for DVR System would have allowed conclusive proof of misconduct.

Cloud backup is important, but you need to have the right solution and the right partner.



# Microsoft Gold Partners



Microsoft Gold Certified Partners are Microsoft's most highly accredited members and demonstrate best-in-class capability within specific Microsoft solution areas.

- Cloud Productivity  
Microsoft 365 and all inherent applications
- Small & Mid Market Cloud Solutions  
Microsoft 365 and Azure Solutions

The Microsoft 365 and Azure advanced specializations that all of these engineers & all of the organizations hosting this session have earned allows them to help their customers modernize their infrastructure and migrate applications and data to the cloud.



A man in a dark blue suit and tie is shown from the chest up, looking down at a black smartphone held in his right hand. His left hand is raised in a gesture, with fingers spread. A large, bright red, jagged, glitch-like shape obscures his face. In the background, a laptop is open on a desk, and a notebook with a pen is visible in the foreground. The overall scene is dimly lit, suggesting an office environment.

lost  
data



# PROBLEM

IT Director needed to work remotely  
He opened up remote access on a  
firewall

# RESULT

Ransomware through Brute Force Attack  
Data Breach  
Ransomed



# How to Prevent this IT Horror Story...

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## UNDERSTANDING

Never open up a remote desktop port on a firewall

## SECURE CONNECTIONS

Only connect into the office or to servers through secure methods.

Find an IT Partner with secure remote working options.

A Managed VPN Vonnevntion with a secure device accesing it. If the device isn't secure, it can infect the whole office.

## EMPLOYEE EDUCATION

Educate Employees on how to securely work remotely.





**THE  
MICHIGAN  
DATA  
MASSACRE**

*SMALL BUSINESS. BIG DISASTER.*





## PROBLEM

The company fell victim to a social engineering attack

The Company had no backups for their data.



## RESULT


Business was halted for 1.5 weeks.

Paid a Ransom of \$15,000 to get their data back.



# The Evil Email

**From:** Ben Ransomed <[b.ransomed@company.com](mailto:b.ransomed@company.com)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 25, 2020 8:15 AM  
**To:** Jane Doe <[ja.doe@company.com](mailto:ja.doe@company.com)>  
**Subject:** URGENT: Review order

**Attachment:**  **Order 5125124.xlsx**  
107.1KB

This is from a trusted sender

Jane,

Please review the included order, it is for a large transaction with an overseas company - XYZ Holdings.

Please make this a top priority as we need it to hit the books this month. If the attachment does not work, you can access it through our online portal [here](#) to review.

Thanks,

**Ben Ransomed**  
President  
O 888.555.5555  
C 555.555.5555



# How to Prevent this IT Horror Story...

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## BACKUPS

Use the "Rule of Three":

3  
Have at least three copies of your data.

2  
Store the copies on at least two different media types.

1  
Keep at least one of those copies offsite.

## IMAGE BASED BACKUPS

Not only do you have your data backed up, but you minimize downtime substantially when you use image backup instead of file backup.

## EMPLOYEE EDUCATION

This is important in your professional & personal life!  
Avoid Social Attacks that can impact you in every facet of your life through education





**DIAL** **H**  
**FOR**  
**HACKERS**





## PROBLEM

No Patching lead to Hacking

Phone Systems were not incorporated into a managed services plan and were not secure.



## RESULT

Phone System Hacked

Loss of Confidence in Business Security

Hackers racked up a \$9000 phone bill that had to be paid.



# How to Prevent this IT Horror Story...

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## MAKE PHONES PART OF YOUR IT SOLUTIONS

Partner with a provider that is always patching your equipment

## USE A CLOUD BASED SYSTEM

This offers up to date protection & versatility for Remote Work or Disaster Situations

## REDUNDANCY & DR

Multiple redundant servers in geographically dispersed data centers provide redundancy for all Cloud IP PBX instances  
99.995% up-time reliability



# The Evil Phone Bill

UNSECURED PHONE COSTS:

CALLS MADE BY HACKERS

\$9,000

EMPLOYEES COULD GO TO YOUR COMPETITOR  
AND THEY'RE USING THEIR PERSONAL PHONES...

COST OF LOST CLIENTS

DOWNTIME/BUSINESS INTERRUPTION

COST OF MULTIPLE DAYS OF REVENUE

ALL OF THIS COULD COST YOU  
YOUR BUSINESS!



**WHAT HAPPENS  
WHEN YOU **CLOWN AROUND**  
WITH CYBER SECURITY?**

**THE ANSWER  
WILL TERRIFY YOU.**





You Survived Campfire Tales!

THANK YOU FOR JOINING US  
TODAY!

YOU'VE BRAVED THE SCARY  
STORIES FROM THE IT CRYPT  
NOW LET'S GIVE AWAY SOME  
PRIZES AND TAKE YOUR  
QUESTIONS!