



Understanding Cyber Insurance & Cyber Risk Quantification

Ransomware and how automated cyber risk quantification can reduce financial risk for underwriters, carriers, and the insured



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Introductions



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Ransomware

- Colonial Pipeline, JBS USA, Kaseya
 - Ransomware attacks are up 57% this year (underreported)
- Average ransom in 2021 - Approx. \$310,000 (+171%)
- Average Recovery cost - \$1.85 million
- 2021 estimate - \$20 billion in global damages
- Average down time - 21 days; Approx. 287 days to fully recover
- Disturbing trends
 - Kaseya (REvil) leveraged a zero-day vulnerability - \$70 million ransom
 - Ransomware is now an industry (RWaaS)
 - There are financial backers & revenue targets
 - Malware developers / access brokers
 - Hostage negotiators / intermediaries
 - You can even get a discount for paying before the deadline!
 - It's not just about encrypting & locking your files
 - Step 1 is often exfiltration (70% of ransomware attacks)
 - Third party exposure - clients, business partners, service providers, employees
 - Additional levels of extortion (REvil now offers DDoS attacks and voice-scrambled VoIP calls to journalists and colleagues as a free service for its affiliates)

- Who is being targeted? Most at risk?
 - Those who can pay
 - Those who are more likely to pay
 - Healthcare
 - Law firms
 - Critical infrastructures

At Risk



HEALTH CARE



FINANCIAL SERVICES



OIL & GAS



EDUCATION



RETAIL



PUBLIC TRANSPORT



MANUFACTURING



BANKING

The New York Times

Cyber Attack Suspected in German Woman's Death

Prosecutors believe the woman died from delayed treatment after hackers attacked a hospital's computers. It could be the first fatality from a ransomware attack.

Insurance & Cyber Risk

- Premiums increasing by 30-50 %
- More restrictive policy terms & coverage limits
- Carriers reducing or dropping ransomware coverage amounts (AXA)

Deeper Investigation Reveals

- Insurance underwriters rely on a highly manual, point-in-time approach to gathering data and assessing a company's cyber risk exposure.
- Underwriters lack the ability to correlate loss data to vulnerabilities, deficient controls, misconfigured hardware or software, and the ability of an attacker to successfully compromise a critical application/system.
- Security assessments are conducted once before binding coverage and not revisited again until it's time to renew the policy. In many cases, security assessments that are conducted on behalf of an underwriter are never shared with the company seeking insurance.

Cyber Insurance Implications



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THIRD PARTY COVERAGES

Third party coverage – liability coverage designed to protect the insured from third-party suits alleging financial damages. The insurer pays the damages and defense expenses that the insured becomes legally obligated to pay; up to policy limits based on terms and conditions.

- Network Security and Data Privacy – coverage for financial damages alleging data breach or security failure that result in dissemination of protected data or third-party corporate confidential information. Includes PCI, PHI, PII.
- Media Liability – coverage for claims arising from copyright infringement, plagiarism, defamation, libel, slander or invasion of privacy.
- Professional Liability (E&O form) – coverage for a suit from a third party alleging financial damages due to technology products or services.

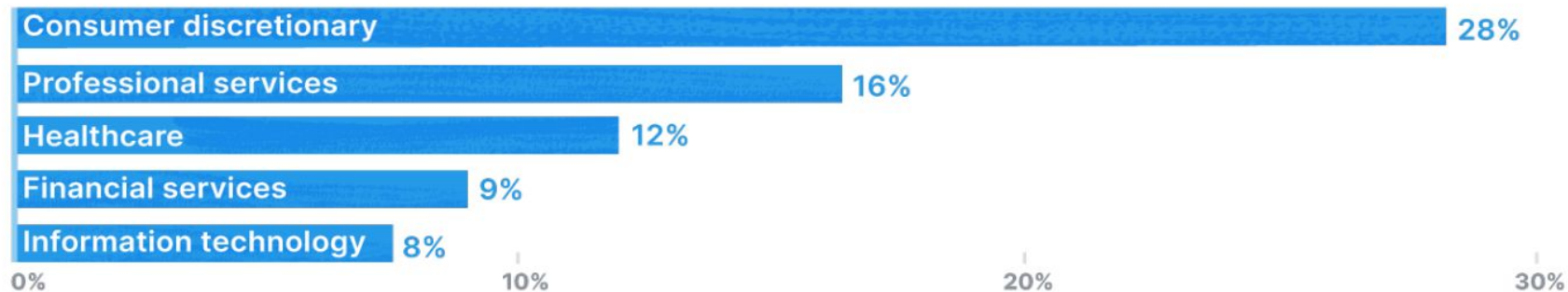
FIRST PARTY COVERAGES

First Party Coverages – non liability coverage grants that a company sets aside for their own usage in the event of a breach or claim.

- Crisis management
- Notification and Identity protection Expense
- Data Privacy Regulatory Expense
- PCI Expense
- Social Engineering
- Cyber Crime
- Cyber Extortion/Ransomware
- Business Interruption
- Dependent or Contingent Business Interruption
- Data Restoration Expense
- Cyber Investigation Expense
- Bricking
- Telecommunication Fraud
- Funds Transfer Fraud
- Reputational Harm

CLAIM REPORT STATUS

Percent of ransomware claims by industry (top 5)



Average ransom demand



MONUMENTAL RANSOMWARE ATTACKS

- Colonial Pipeline
- C N A
- Kaseya
- Sunburst
- Solarwinds
- Hafnium
- JBS

UNDERWRITING CHANGES

REDUCTION IN COVERAGE

- Limits being reduced
- Excess carrier options limited
- Non-renewals at all time high
- Increased retentions

INCREASED UNDERWRITER SCRUTINY

- Tech E&O forms are contracting ransomware coverage
- Supplemental apps being required for coverage
- MFA is key to securing coverage

INCREASE IN PREMIUM

- Hard Market
 - COVID-19
 - Market Conditions
 - Huge Ransomware attacks
- Q1 Cyber coverage premiums increased on average 18%*
- Ransomware attacks increased 404% from 2018-2019*

* Source: CIAB

TOP UNDERWRITER CONSIDERATIONS

1

Strong Overall IT Security Posture, Procedures and Response Capabilities

2

Deployment of Patches Regularly

3

Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA) & Secure Remote Desktop Protocol

4

Security Efforts Used to Filter Attacks, Secure Open Ports & Endpoint Security at Workstations

5

Disaster Recovery & Continuity Plans

6

Phishing & Security Awareness Training

INSURANCE REPORTING BEST PRACTICES



What should you do if there is an attack:

- Report the incident ASAP to the response team hotline
 - Authorities (FBI) and Insurance Carrier
- Do not pay the ransom until the response team authorizes payment
- Keep track of all pertinent information
- Work collaboratively with the response and legal teams



Cyber risk is business risk

An approach to financially
quantifying cyber risk



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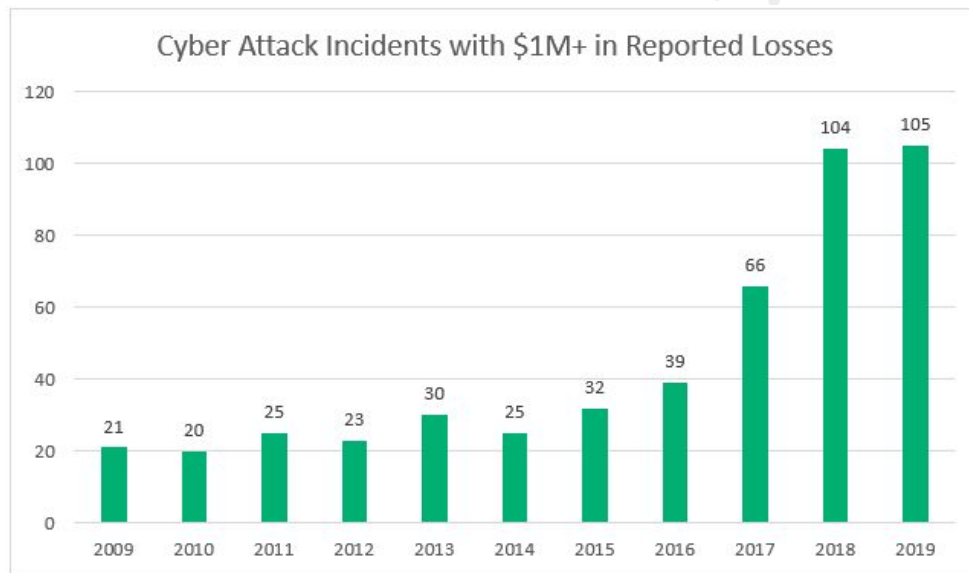
Risk - in our definition - involves the financial impact of attacks to the business

Everyone knows the frequency of attacks are increasing - but more importantly the cost of attacks are increasing as well

And ransom (extortion) costs are growing too:

- Colonial Pipeline pays \$4m in ransom
- Brenntag paid \$4m in ransom
- Petroleos Mexicanos - approx \$5m ransom
- JBL paid \$11m in ransom
- CNA Financial paid \$40m in ransom

And this will only grow as utilities and energy companies have to keep systems online



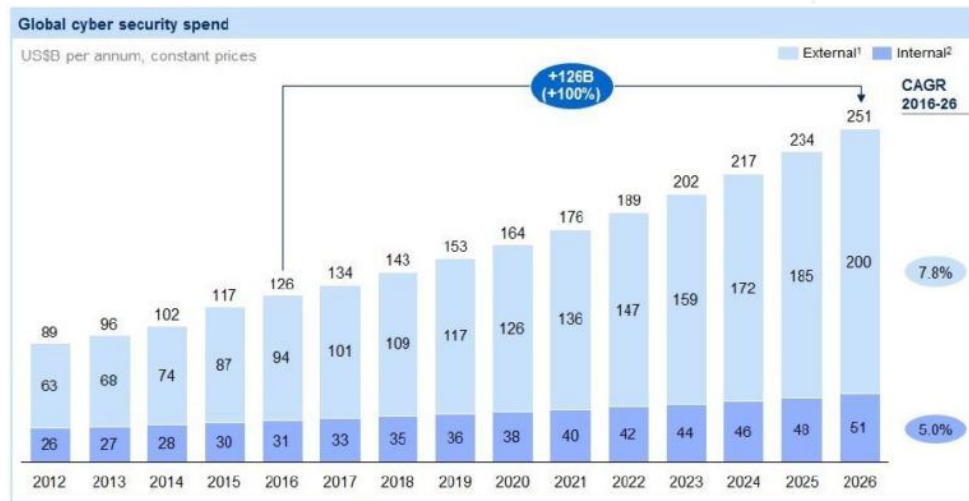
Which is counter intuitive when you look at how much is spent on cyber

Spending on cyber has consistently grown - yet the impact of attacks increase

Companies are increasingly asking security questions like

- Are we secure enough?
- How much spending do we really need?
- What's the impact if we get hit?

And answers are in technical jargon, not business terms.



¹ External spend based on forecasts to 2020 provided by Gartner, extrapolated to 2026 using the average growth rates from 2016-2020.

Growth rates applied at the product segment level

² Internal spend refers to the compensation of in-house FTEs. Estimated based on Gartner data on global internal spending. Internal spend grows more slowly than external spend, linked to the increasing adoption of external managed security services

Source: Gartner; ABS; Burning Glass; expert interviews; team analysis

What's the issue?

Companies don't prioritize cyber risk in a way that

- The business understands
- Aligns business demands with security realities
- Is tied to finances and ROI

So we work items that aren't in the sweet spot.



What's the solution?

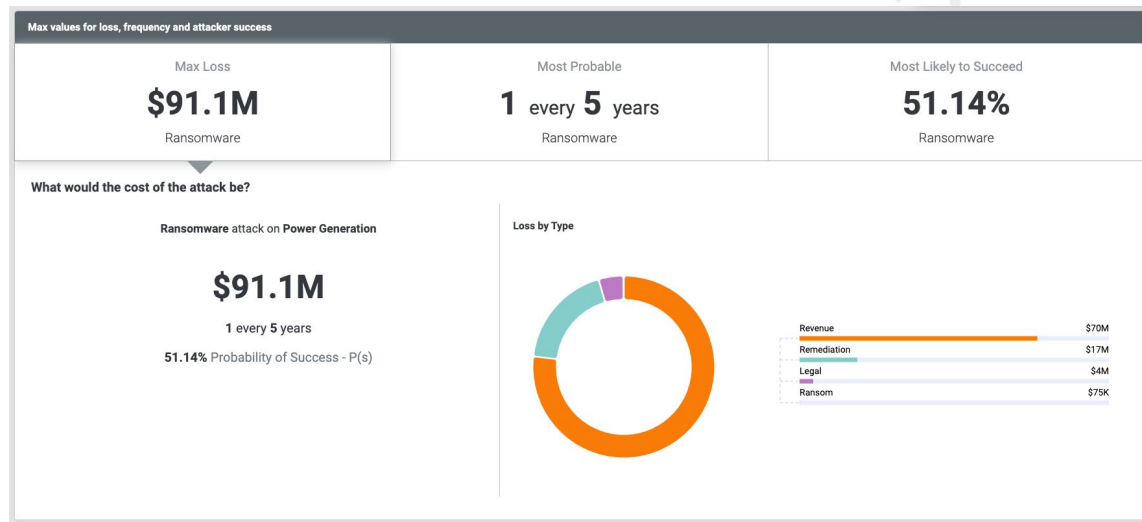
ROI based prioritization of cyber investments



The first thing we have to do is help companies understand their exposure

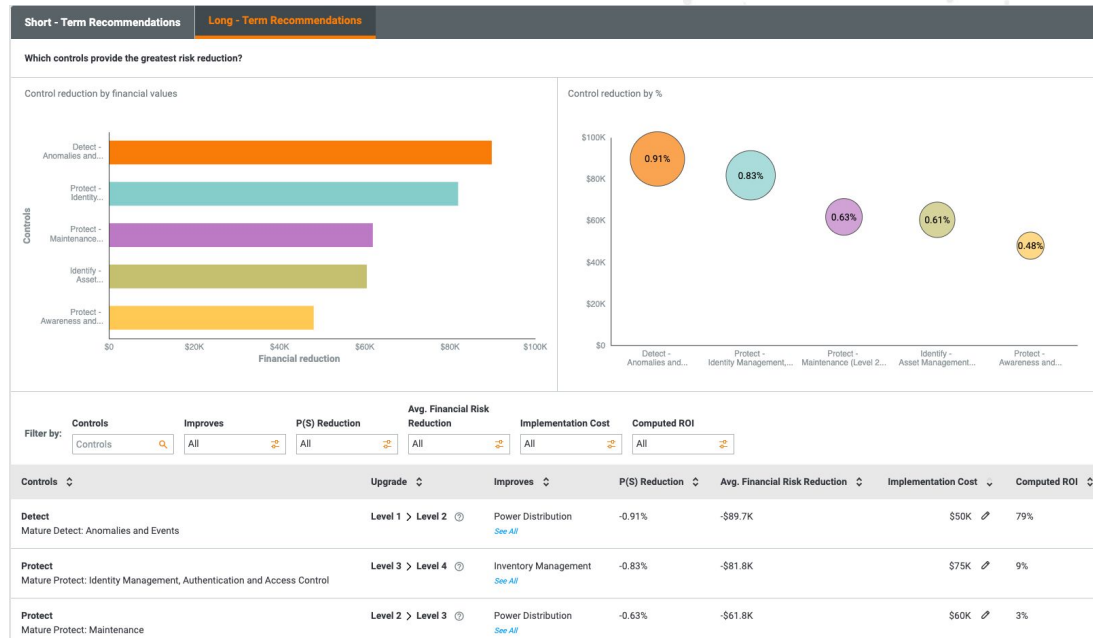
Cyber risk quantification should be used for decision making - to enable actions to be taken that help companies

- Understand their exposure
- Transfer what they can
- Mitigate risks in ways that provide the most ROI



Mitigations - where should I be investing?

- Long Term Mitigations provide guidance on spending decisions using ROI
- The painful reality of cyber risk is that it changes often. Quantification needs to keep up



NIST CSF
(or other Framework based analysis)

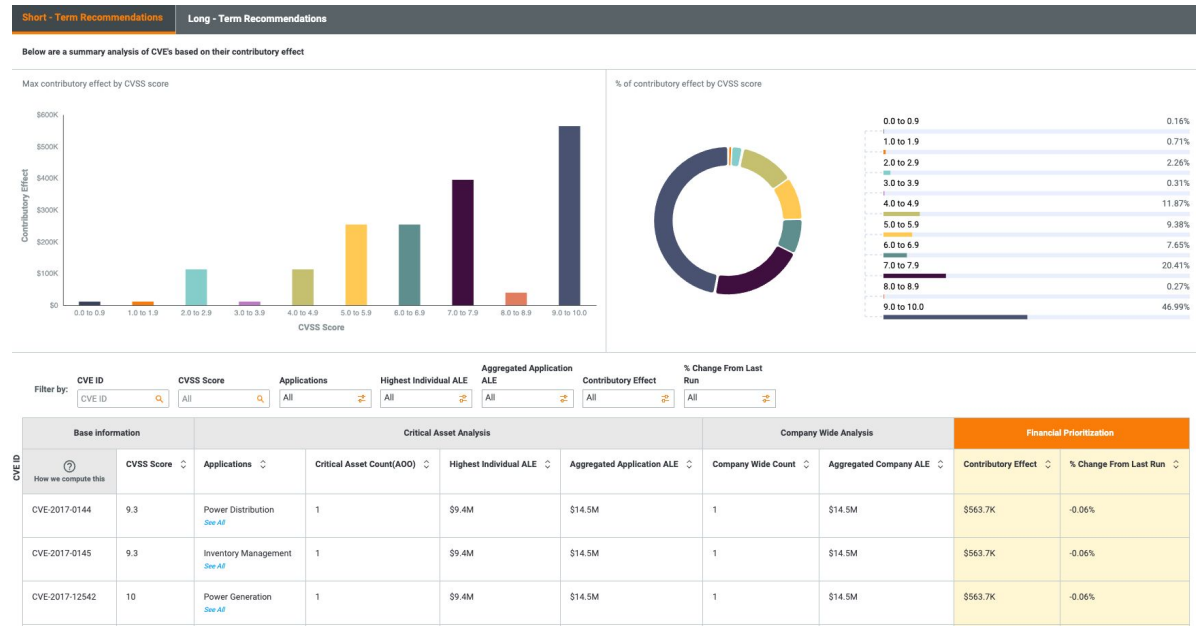
ROI
Driven
Decisions

Mitigations - what do I do about it today?

Short Term recommendations
are things you can do today

Risks change daily. Over 60% of
major breaches are due to
vulnerabilities being
exploited. Yet people still
struggle to patch

CRQ can help here.



Financial Prioritization of CVE's

CRQ brings transformation to the whole security organization

CRQ provides executives a prioritized list of actions to take that link

- Financial risk
- threat(s)
- Actions to take

Not all risks and threats will be mitigated - some will be accepted.

Scenario	Threat to the business	Asset at risk	Financial Risk	Action(s)
New vulnerability identified with high IOCs in our company	High - on all key systems	Revenue for critical systems	\$25,000,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Segment network • Patch • Remove Chrome from endpoints
Possible C&C server in our network	High - health care data at risk	Data (PHI)	\$15,000,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Block • Investigate
Increased level of spear phishing attacks	High - sophisticated attacks	Cash (business email compromise)	\$10,000,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Buy new tool • Update network security • Outsource email hosting
Solarwinds vulnerability	Low - only in test environment today	Revenue for critical systems	\$5,000,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remediate Software • Replace vendor • Accept



RQ Demonstration

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