



# Security stories

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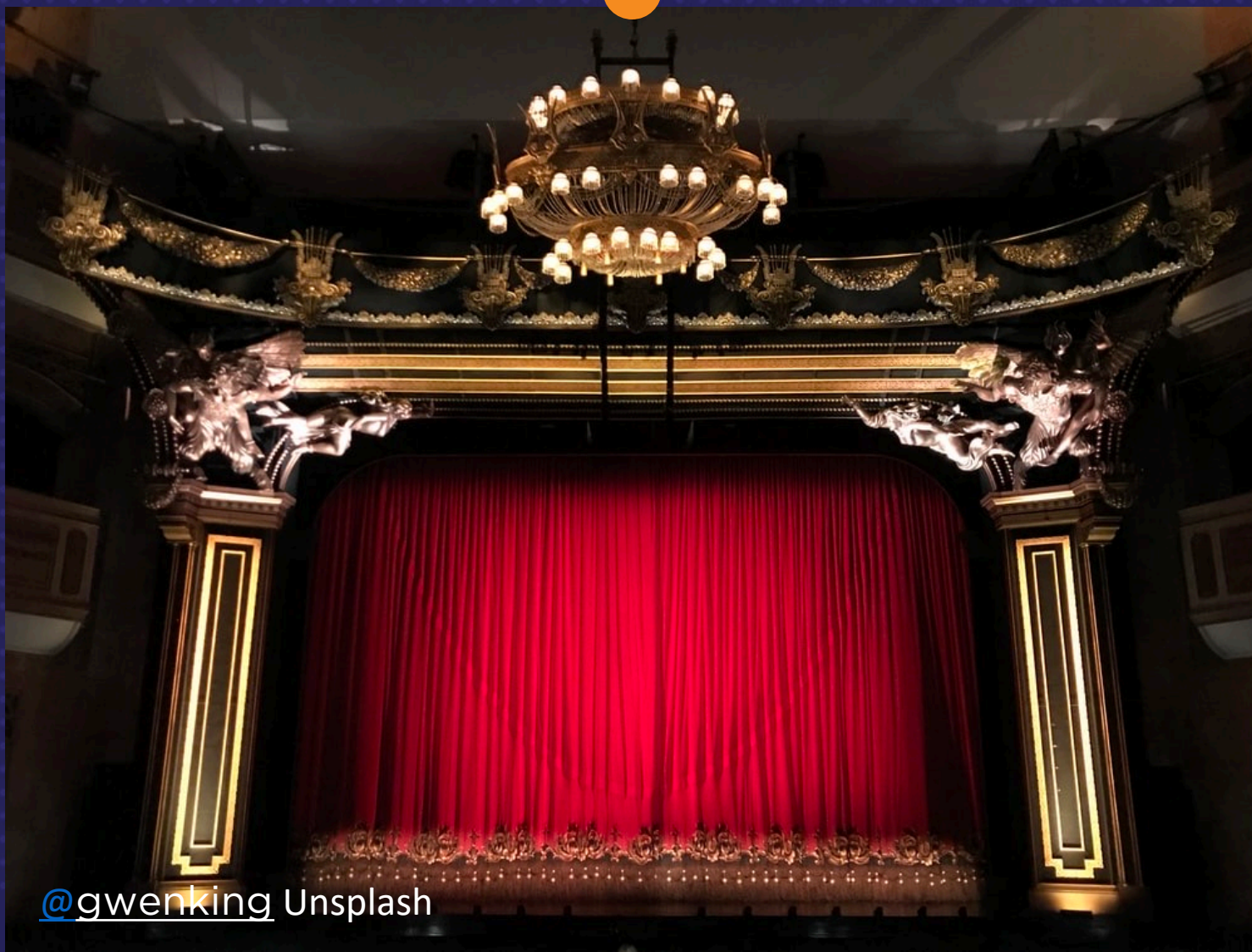


# Me

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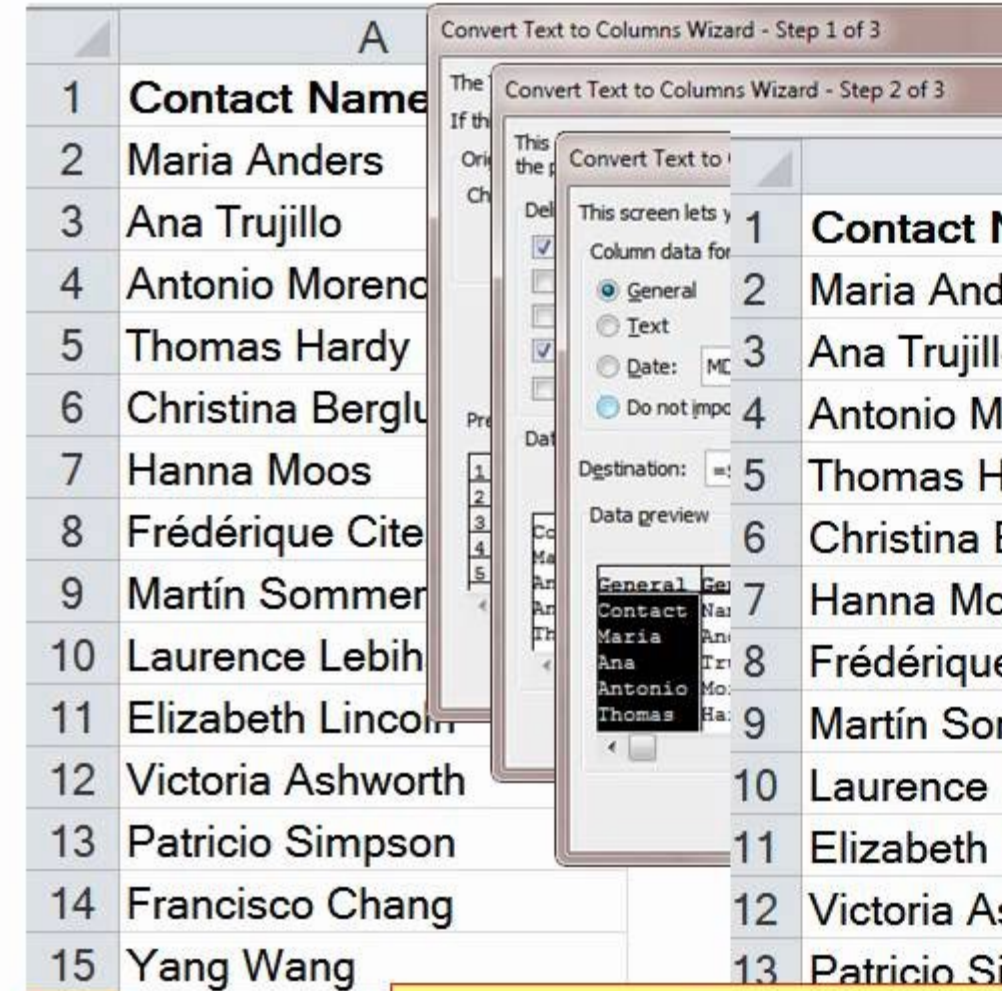
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# Way back when

- ftp
- HTTPS?
- databases



Data



Normalize D



## Securing the outside



- Firewall to protect outside
- Software running internally
- No way anyone could get in!
- In house support



## The past



# Development

- A million passwords
- Write everything yourself, each time
- Username and passwords in the database.





# Bad actors



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# Change in motives

- Rise in cybercrime

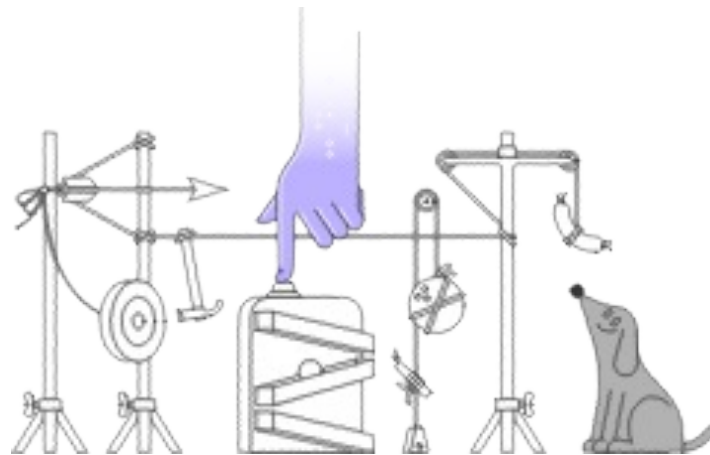




# Transition

Security testing with  
tooling

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# Engagement



**HACKTHEBOX**







# Welcome!

Cyber security is born  
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# Risk transfer



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# Risk transfer



# Reliance on packages

## Spring4Shell Detection: New Java Vulnerability Follows in the Footsteps of Notorious Log4j



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# Other impacts

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# Reliance on third parties



# The power of a devious person



The actor has been observed then **joining** the organization's crisis communication calls and internal discussion boards (Slack, Teams, conference calls, and others) to **understand** the incident response workflow and their corresponding response. It is assessed this provides DEV-0537 **insight into the victim's state of mind**, their **knowledge** of the intrusion, and a **venue** to initiate extortion demands. Notably, DEV-0537 has been observed joining incident response bridges within targeted organizations responding to destructive actions.





# Lapsus\$ - new kids on the block



MICROSOFT TECH CYBERSECURITY

## Seven teenagers arrested in connection with the Lapsus\$ hacking group

Reports surfaced Wednesday indicating a teenager is the group's mastermind

By Jay Peters | @jaypeters | Mar 24, 2022, 11:00 AM EST

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## FBI adds LAPSUS\$ data extortion gang to its "Most Wanted" list



Graham Cluley • @gcluley  
7:49 pm, March 31, 2022



**SEEKING  
INFORMATION**  
**LAPSUS\$**

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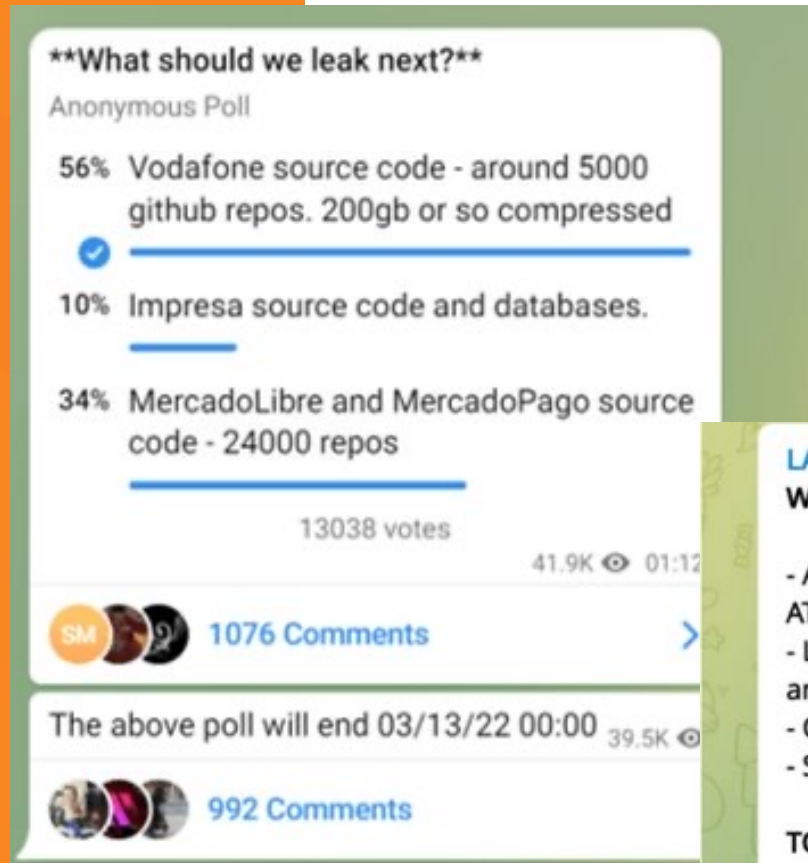
Technology

## Lapsus\$: Oxford teen accused of being multi-millionaire cyber-criminal

By Joe Tidy  
Cyber reporter

24 March

# The rise of Lapsus\$



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# Timeline of OKTA

## Intrusion Timeline

Table 1 lists the major dates, associated events, and the applicable attack phase for the intrusion. All timestamps in this report are in Coordinated Universal Time (UTC), unless otherwise noted. For a detailed description of each attack phase, refer to **Appendix A: Targeted Attack Lifecycle**.

Date (UTC)	Event	Attack Phase
2022-01-16 00:33:23	First logon event from [SYSTEM NAME REDACTED]. Logon to [SYSTEM NAME REDACTED] from [SYSTEM NAME REDACTED] (10.112.137.64)	Initial Compromise
2022-01-19 19:19:47	RDP logon by [ACCOUNT NAME REDACTED] from LOCAL to [SYSTEM NAME REDACTED]	Initial Compromise
2022-01-19 19:45:39	Bing search for Privilege escalation tools on Github by [ACCOUNT NAME REDACTED]	Escalate Privileges
2022-01 19:47:58	UserProfileSvcEop.exe downloaded from hxxps://github.com by [ACCOUNT NAME REDACTED]	Escalate Privileges
2022-01-20 18:31:19	Account [ACCOUNT NAME REDACTED] created on [SYSTEM NAME REDACTED]	Maintain Presence
2022-01-20 18:32:32	RDP logon by [ACCOUNT NAME REDACTED] from LOCAL to [SYSTEM NAME REDACTED]	Move Laterally
2022-01-20 18:39:43	Bing search for Process Explorer by [ACCOUNT NAME REDACTED]	Internal Recon
2022-01-20 18:40:04	Process Explorer executed by [ACCOUNT NAME REDACTED]	Internal Recon
2022-01-20 18:43:51	Bing search for Process Hacker by [ACCOUNT NAME REDACTED]	Establish Foothold
2022-01-20 18:44:01	Process Hacker downloaded from hxxps://github.com by [ACCOUNT NAME REDACTED]	Establish Foothold
2022-01-20 18:44:17	Process Hacker execution by [ACCOUNT NAME REDACTED]	Establish Foothold
2022-01-20 18:46:22	FireEye Endpoint Agent service terminated on [SYSTEM NAME REDACTED]	Establish Foothold
2022-01-20 18:46:55	Bing search for Mimikatz by [ACCOUNT NAME REDACTED]	Escalate Privileges
2022-01-20 18:48:28	Mimikatz downloaded from hxxps://github.com by [ACCOUNT NAME REDACTED]	Escalate Privileges
2022-01-20 18:50:10	Mimikatz executed by [ACCOUNT NAME REDACTED] on [SYSTEM NAME REDACTED]	Escalate Privileges
2022-01-20 18:55:29	C:\Windows\System32\sam.hiv created on [SYSTEM NAME REDACTED]	Escalate Privileges
2022-01-20 18:55:41	C:\sam.hiv created on [SYSTEM NAME REDACTED]	Escalate Privileges



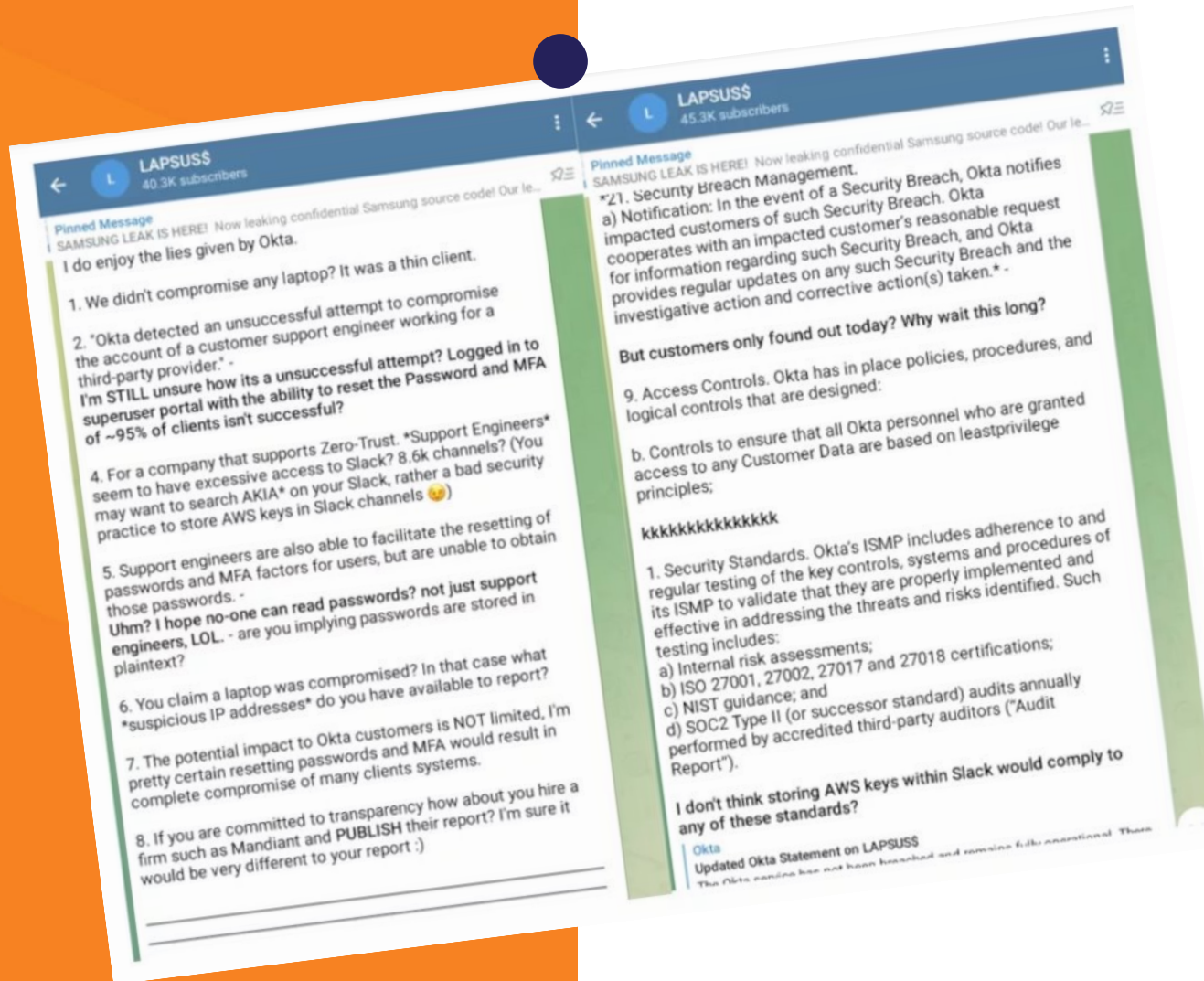
2022-01-20 18:56:00	C:\system.hiv created on [SYSTEM NAME REDACTED]	Escalate Privileges
2022-01-20 18:57:17	C:\Users\[ACCOUNT NAME REDACTED]\Documents\mimikatz_trunk\x64\hash.txt	Escalate Privileges
2022-01-20 18:58:05	hxxps://pastebin.com/7E30i24r by [ACCOUNT NAME REDACTED]	Escalate Privileges
2022-01-20 19:06:43	RDP logon by [SYSTEM NAME REDACTED]\[ACCOUNT NAME REDACTED] from [SYSTEM NAME REDACTED]	Move Laterally
2022-01-20 19:53:31	Bing search for Process Hacker by [SYSTEM NAME REDACTED]\[ACCOUNT NAME REDACTED]	Establish Foothold
2022-01-20 19:55:37	Process Hacker downloaded from hxxps://objects.githubusercontent.com	Establish Foothold
2022-01-20 19:55:58	Bing search for Mimikatz by [SYSTEM NAME REDACTED]\[ACCOUNT NAME REDACTED]	Escalate Privileges
2022-01-20 19:57:07	Mimikatz downloaded from hxxps://github.com by [SYSTEM NAME REDACTED]\[ACCOUNT NAME REDACTED]	Escalate Privileges
2022-01-20 20:58:31	RDP disconnect from [SYSTEM NAME REDACTED] by [SYSTEM NAME REDACTED]\[ACCOUNT NAME REDACTED]	Move Laterally
2022-01-20 23:02:41	First malicious logon by [ACCOUNT NAME REDACTED]@sykes[.]com to O365	Initial Compromise
2022-01-21 00:05:15	[ACCOUNT NAME REDACTED]@sykes[.]com accessed hxxps://[INTERNAL URL REDACTED]/personal/[INTERNAL USER NAME REDACTED]/Documents/Projects/ryk/DomAdmins-LastPass.xlsx via SecureLink	Internal Recon
2022-01-21 05:29:50	[ACCOUNT NAME REDACTED] account created by [ACCOUNT NAME REDACTED]@sykes[.]com	Maintain Presence
2022-01-21 05:29:51	[ACCOUNT NAME REDACTED] added to TenantAdmins group by [ACCOUNT NAME REDACTED]@sykes[.]com	Maintain Presence
2022-01-21 05:39:13	Malicious Email Transport rule to forward to BCC all mail to the accounts [ACCOUNT NAME REDACTED]@sykes[.]com and [ACCOUNT NAME REDACTED]	Establish Fo
2022-01-21 14:11:38	Last malicious logon by [ACCOUNT NAME REDACTED]@sykes[.]com to O365	Complete M



# OKTA's Response



In January, we did not know the extent of the Sitel issue – only that we detected and prevented an account takeover attempt and that Sitel had retained a third party forensic firm to investigate. At that time, we didn't recognize that there was a risk to Okta and our customers. We should have more actively and forcefully compelled information from Sitel. In light of the evidence that we have gathered in the last week, it is clear that we would have made a different decision if we had been in possession of all of the facts that we have today.



# Technology



# Knowledge & Power



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# Integrated security



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# Thank You

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