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Social & News Sites Targeted By Hackers

Since the summer of 2013, hackers have been focusing more attention on social and news networks in an effort to influence public opinion, create government dissidence and of course steal or divert funds. Scott Schober, BVS CEO & Cyber Security Expert, breaks down the technical details of every hack into digestable news bites. Here is his take on each major hack and its effects on the social media and news sites we all use.

August 28, 2013
Syrian Army Hacks NY Times
• Syrian Army hacks social & news sites
• New York Times site down for 90 minutes
• Group also claims responsibility for hacking Huffington Post and Twitter

“...they were much smaller attacks initially. Now these attacks are of much greater proportion because you can see the gravity of it.”

September 6, 2013
Common Security Systems Cracked
• Google & Yahoo being forced to reveal data to NSA
• Google & Microsoft jointly sue government for transparency
• NSA sifting through all data for specific keywords

“...when the federal government or NSA has got specific orders that they [Google] have to turn these things over, they have no choice. They have to comply but they can’t really tell the public about it so that makes it very difficult.”

October 4, 2013
Silk Road Shut Down...Who’s Next?
• FBI captures “Dread Pirate Roberts”
• Silk Road cyber black market shut down
• Bitcoin’s validity being tested

“...the [Tor] network would relay to different points so nobody could know the source or the destination of any of the traffic.”

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October 31, 2013
NSA Taps Tech Companies Abroad
- NSA hacks Google servers outside of U.S.
- All metadata and data content scraped
- Under a joint NSA & GCHQ program MUSCULAR

“They want to actually impersonate you 100% and then change things and block your account at the same time.”

November 30, 2013
NSA Taps Tech Companies Abroad

“How do they do it? They’re [NSA] actually just tapping into the fiber. They’re waiting for these chunks, masses, gigabytes of data a time and they can pull it out.”

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March 12, 2014
Facebook Fraud: How To Protect Yourself
- BloombergTV host, Trish Regan’s Facebook account hacked
- Accounts being cloned & owners being shut out
- Multiple identity theft scams ongoing

August 1, 2014
Facebook Down!
- Facebook down for 30 minutes worldwide
- Possible “experiment” similar to past news experiments
- No official word from Facebook representatives

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“One would wonder—are they doing a test here? Are they seeing if they turn the switch off for a little bit. What’s the reaction?”