



BUILDING A **SAFE AND RESILIENT CANADA**



# The Canadian Cyber Incident Response Centre (CCIRC)



Presentation to the Disaster Recovery Information  
Exchange

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cyber theft  
spearphishing  
cybercrime  
ubiquitous  
vulnerabilities  
anonymity  
disruption  
asymmetric warfare  
malicious code  
censorship  
pervasive connectivity  
Internet of Things  
hackable homes  
self-replication botnets  
mass surveillance  
non-attribution  
news manipulation  
pervasive risks  
vulnerable control systems  
transportation  
hackable

# A WORLD GONE DIGITAL



# Cyber Security

## WHAT

Protection of digital information and the infrastructure on which it resides

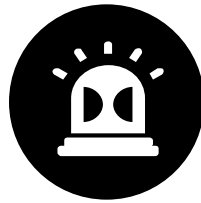
## WHY

Maximize the benefits of digital life for Canadian citizens and businesses





Smartphones



Public Safety and  
utilities



The Internet



Computing



Commerce

**Cyber Security is used everyday, by everyone,  
everywhere there is digital technology**

Health care  
monitoring



Smart Apps



Social Media



Internet of Things  
devices



Transportation



# So, what's new?



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- **Internet of Things**
  - V2V, V2I, ITS, “Devices”
  - Smart Systems
  - People aren't things
- **Cloud**
  - Privacy, Responsibility and Ownership
- **Blended Campaigns**
  - Ukrainian Electrical Grid
  - Canadian Transit Organization
  - International Organizations
- **Third Party Dependencies**
  - “What do you mean our regulator compromised us?”
- **“Shadow” OT**
  - “What do you mean our city's vehicle traffic management system is on the Internet?”
- **Information Operations**
  - Social Engineering
  - Elections
- **Data as the Target**
  - Traditional espionage
  - Ransomware
  - Categorization by threat actor is becoming irrelevant
- **Mobile Devices**
  - “Where did my perimeter go?”



# It's All About Understanding Risk



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- “We’re OK, there’s an air gap.”
  - Rural <-> Urban
  - Legacy <-> New
  - IT <-> OT
  - Physical <-> Virtual
- “We’re all the same, right?”
  - Inconsistent adoption of technology
  - Legacy technologies
- “We’re fine, the system will take care of that.”
  - New interfaces and access points
  - Skill atrophy
  - Loss of visibility into all parts of a system
  - Cascading failures
  - Unexpected successes
  - Oh, Bill can override that...



# Basic (really really basic) Risk Mitigation



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## ● IT - ASD's Essential Eight

- **Application Whitelisting**
- **Patch applications**
- Disable untrusted macros
- Harden user applications
- **Restrict administrative privileges**
- Use multi-factor authentication
- **Patch Operating Systems**
- Backup important data daily

## ● OT – ICS-CERT's Seven “Strategies”

- **Application Whitelisting**
- **Ensure proper configuration/patch management**
- **Reduce your attack surface area**
- Build a defensible environment
- Manage authentication
- Implement secure remote access
- Monitor and Respond

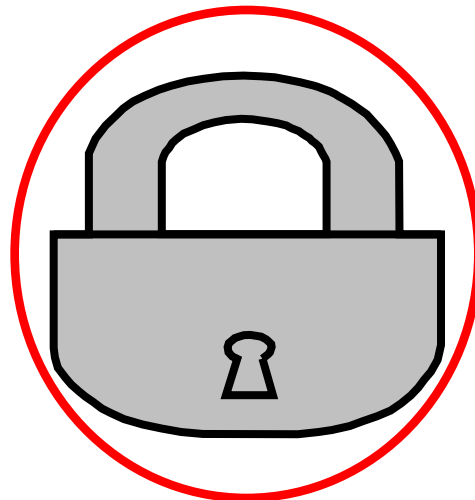
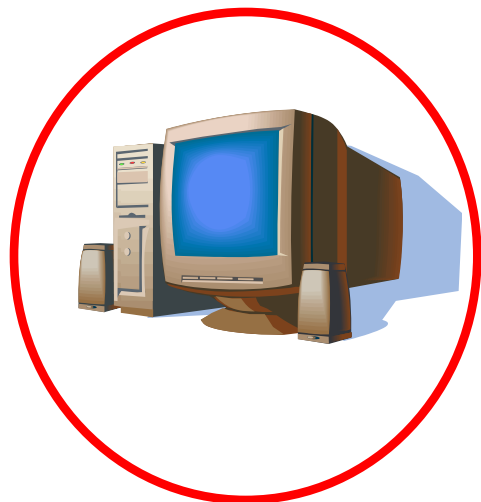




# Seams



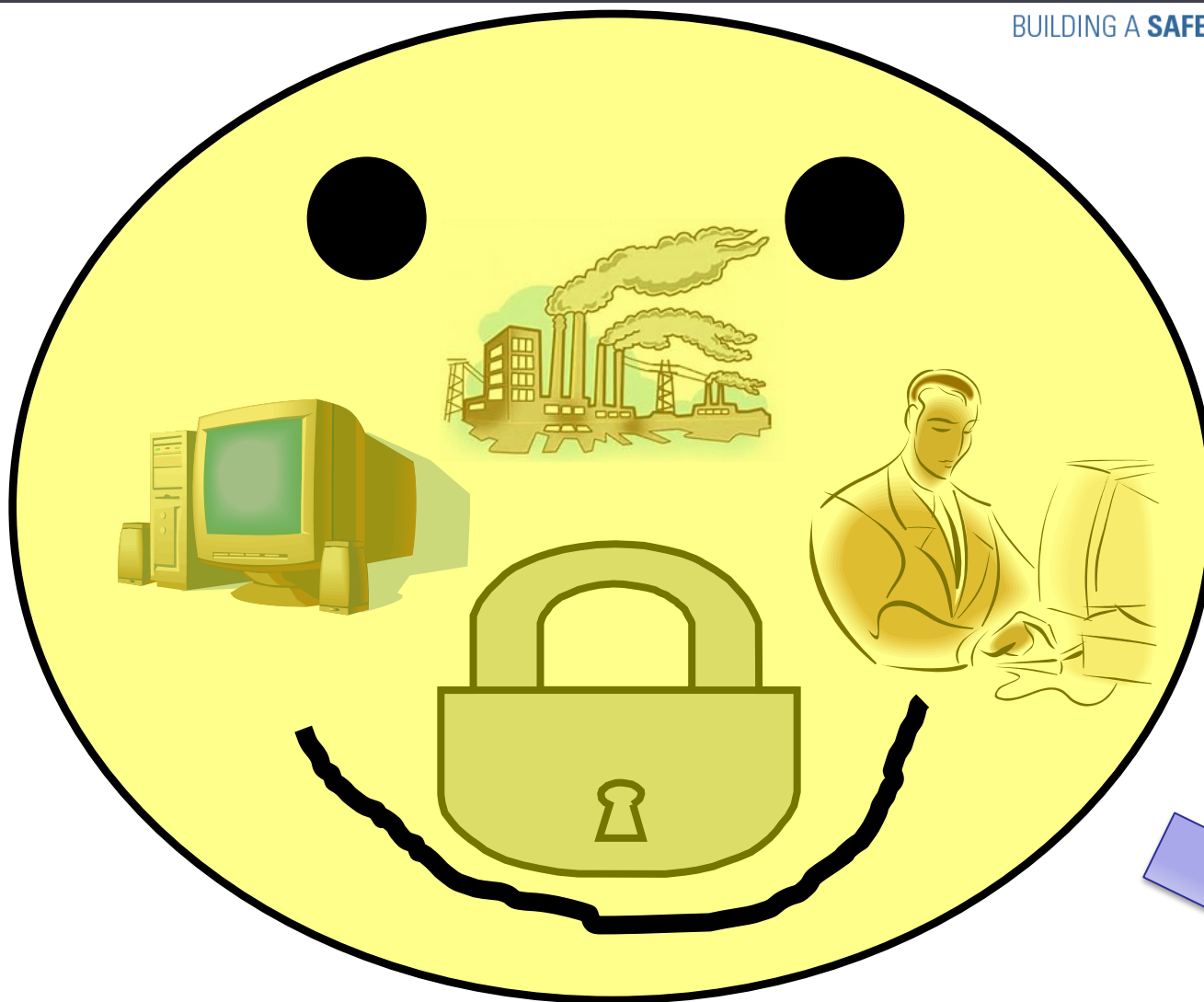
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# Harmony



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“Artist” Alert



# Cyber Incidents

Unavoidable part of the digital age, as computers are complex and imperfect

Happen all the time, and more frequently than is admitted

Range in impact:

- business-as-usual (virus infection)

- business-altering (data breach)

- national emergency (power outage)

Change over time as rapidly as technology evolves

Rarely affect only one victim

Can be prevented, detected, managed and mitigated with the right tools and knowledge



# Cyber Incidents and Notifications - 2016

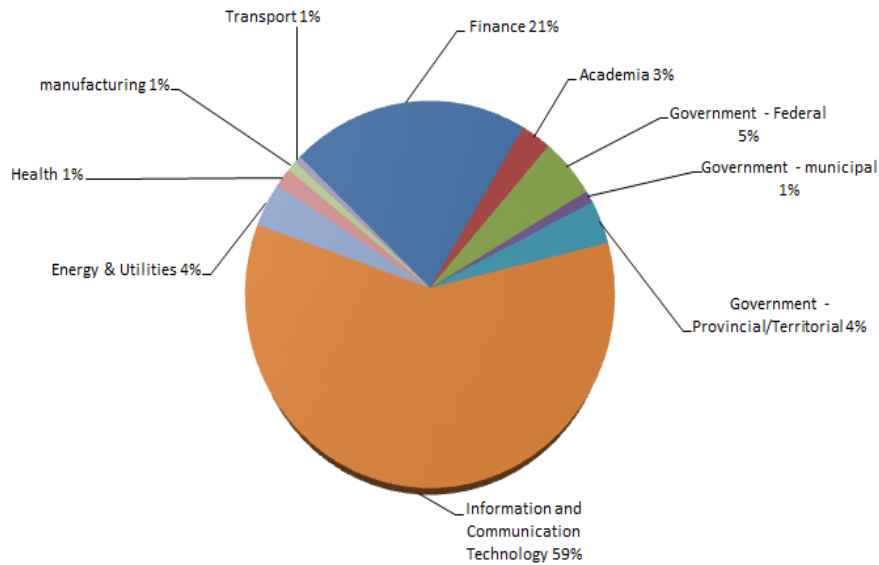


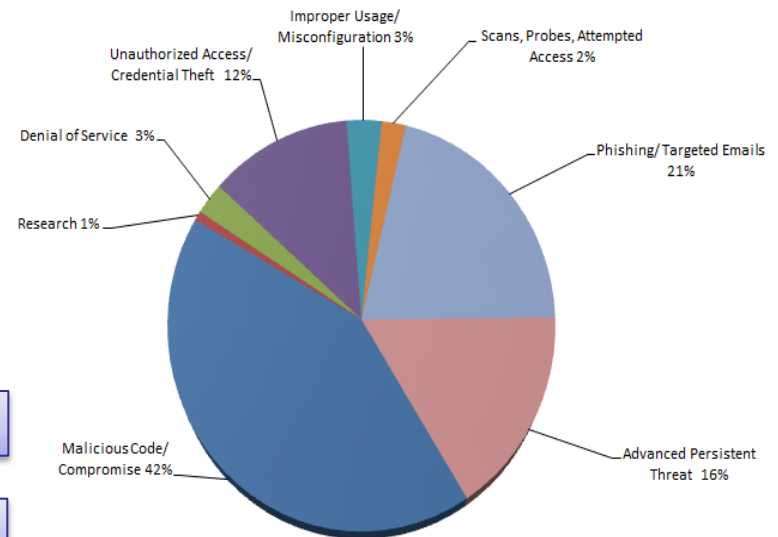
Figure 1: Percentage of Total Incidents by Sector

Potentially Compromised Hosts: 882,126

Potentially Vulnerable Hosts: 2,712,005

N = 1594

Figure 2: Percentage of Total Incidents by Type



# Canadian Cyber Incident Response Centre (CCIRC)

## OUR VISION

Impact of Cyber Incidents on  
Canadians is minimized

## OUR MISSION

Support Canadian critical  
infrastructure and  
businesses in preventing,  
detecting, and mitigating  
cyber incidents



# OUR APPROACH

## TRUST

We are here to help

We understand that incidents happen

We are not a regulator or investigator

## RELATIONSHIPS

Always happy to take a call, 24/7, 365

Long term relationships with our partners

Work in concert with private sector solution providers

## INNOVATION

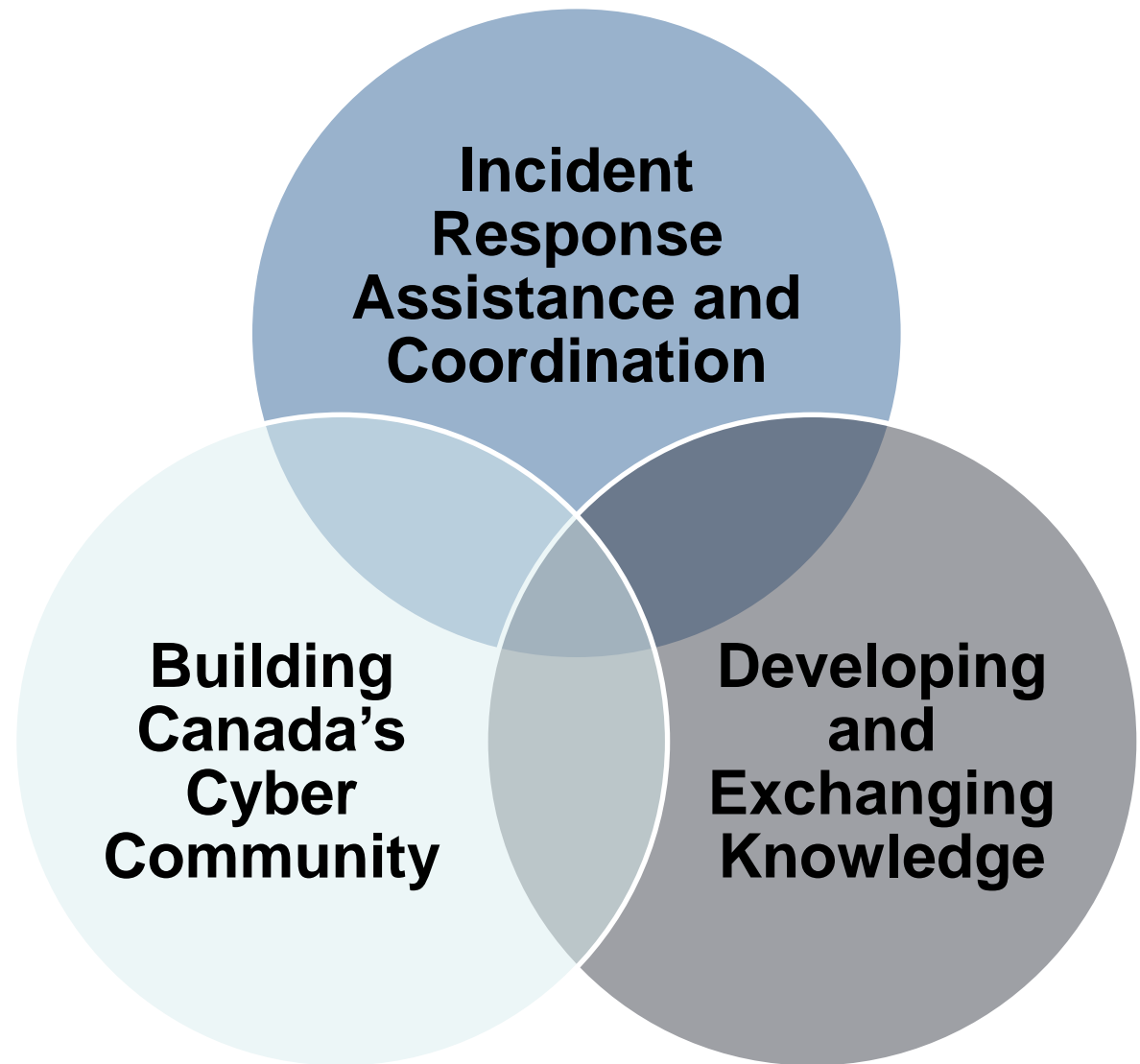
We evolve as cyber incidents evolve

Human-speed and machine-speed

Partner and outcome driven



# CCIRC'S ROLES



# PEOPLE

Dedicated, innovative,  
credible, trusted

# RESPONSE

Canada's proven  
computer security  
incident response team

# ANALYTICS

World-class data analytics  
and generation of value-add  
cyber incident knowledge

# PARTNERS

Federal agencies, domestic  
partners, international  
CERT community

# OUR FOUNDATION



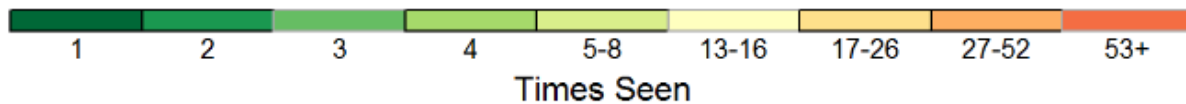
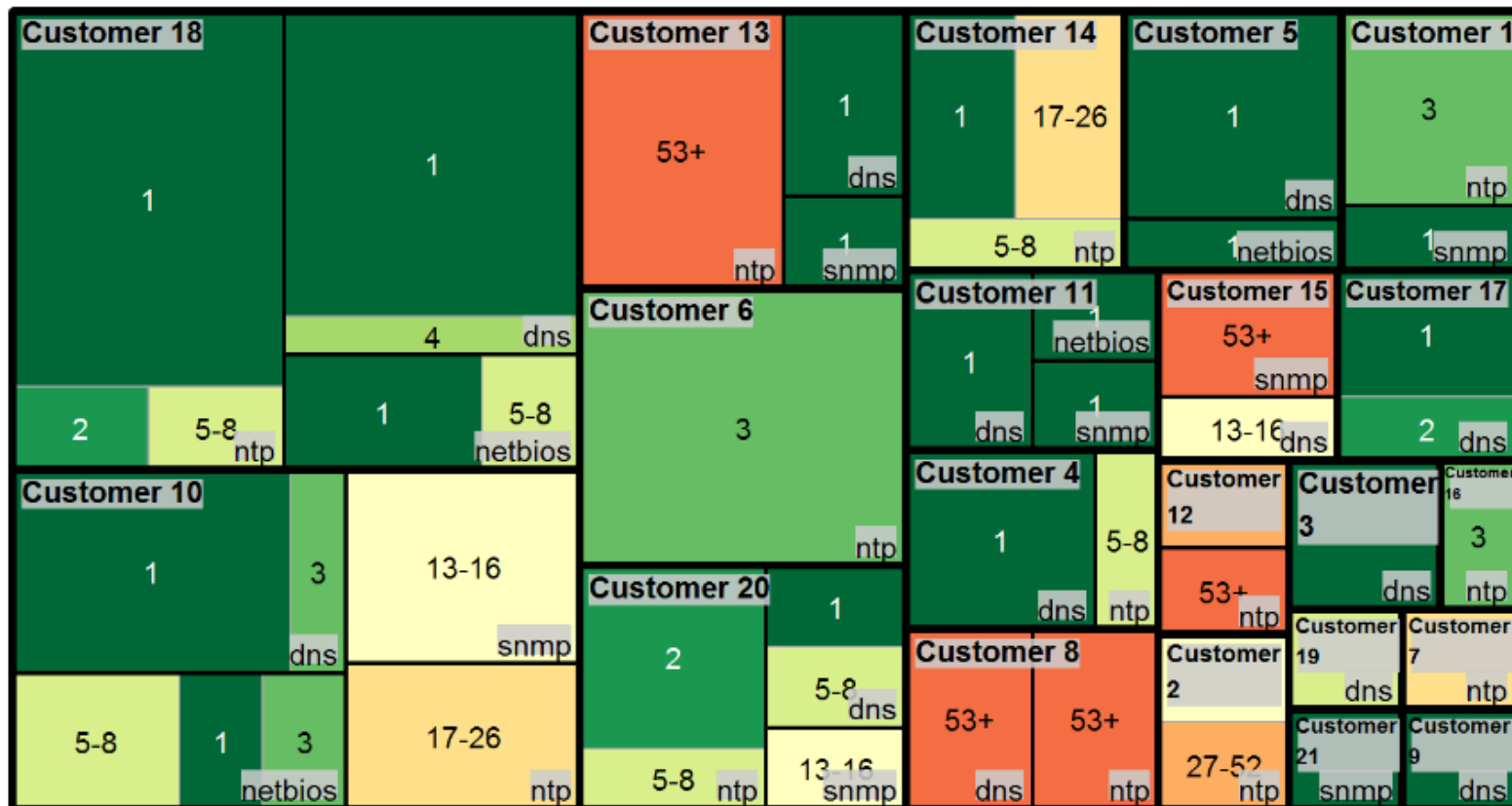


# NCTNS Municipal Stats Since 2013



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Vulnerable Service Events - Government (Municipal)



helping Canadians continuous innovation public interest  
 knowledge technology analytics dynamic opportunity  
 centre of excellence data-driven information exchange  
 community building partnering data-driven information exchange  
 trust response building talent world class  
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