

# Protecting Payment Card Data -- A Growing Concern

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## Data Security Selected media quotes

TJX Hacker Gets 20 Years in Prison - BOSTON — Convicted TJX hacker Albert Gonzalez was sentenced to 20 years in prison on Thursday for leading a gang of cyberthieves who stole more than 90 million credit and debit card numbers from TJX and other retailers — Wired.com



....admitted TJX hacker Albert Gonzalez has identified two Russian accomplices who helped him hack into numerous companies and steal more than 130 million credit and debit card numbers. Gonzalez told prosecutors that the hackers breached at least four card processing companies, as well as a series of foreign banks, a brokerage house and several retail store chains

- Wired.com

"Hacking Ring steals over 40 million credit & debit card numbers"

- US Department of Justice

"...breaches reported...indicate criminals continue to target merchants in the hospitality industry, specifically hotels and restaurants." - VISA Inc.



#### **Industry Terms**

#### Alphabet Soup of Data Security....a selected list

- PCI DSS Payment Card Industry Data Security Standard
- PA DSS Payment Application Data Security Standard (PABP)
- CVV (CVV2) Card Verification Value
- Track Data
- PAN Primary Account Number
- SAQ Self Assessment Questionnaire
- ASV Approved Scanning Vendor
- QSA Qualified Security Assessor
- ROC Report on Compliance
- QIRA Qualified Incident Response Analysis
- Acquirer
- Third Party Provider
- CPP Common Point of Purchase



## What data do the bad guys want? Key cardholder information

- Primary Account Number (PAN)
- Expiration Date
- Cardholder's Name
- Cardholder's Address
- Card Security Code (CVV, CVV2, CID)
- PIN / PIN Block
- Track data



## Why hackers want the data... Hacking is a lucrative business

- For personal use in ecommerce setting
  - Often resell purchased merchandise through "eBay" type avenues
- To sell the stolen card data on the internet
  - Price depends on how much data
  - If Track 2 data, they sell to organizations who produce new plastic cards
- To sell the methodology of the exploit
  - Attacker sometimes does this after thorough exploitation of the cards stolen
  - Leads to further exploits on the same merchant by different hackers

NOTE: CPP identification can sometimes lag by months: attacker can hold the cards and not yet use them. The longer the delay, the more difficult it is to find the hacker. The quantity of cards exposed to theft can go up.



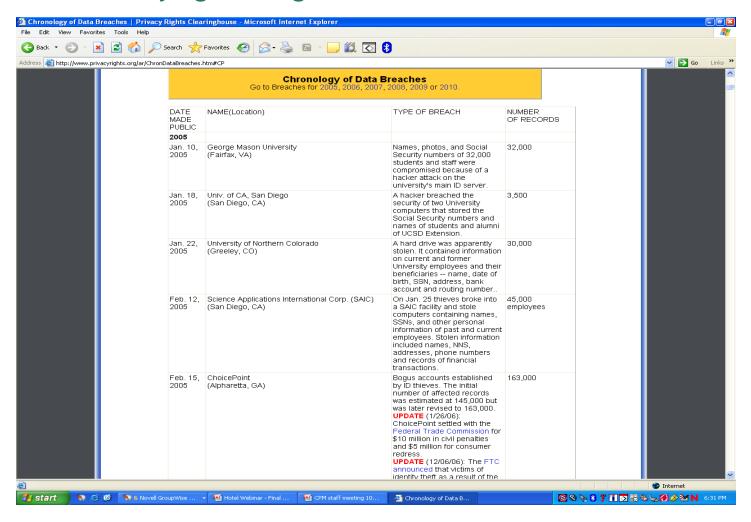
#### How Hackers Get the Data...

#### Some common vulnerabilities

- Through "open doors" in the cardholder data network
  - Weak passwords or no passwords
  - Improperly configured remote access or wireless connections to cardholder network
  - Casual internet browsing or email that inadvertently bring malware into the cardholder data environment
- Improper handling of card data in the network environment
  - Deficient payment applications that handle cardholder data improperly
  - Cardholder data was unwittingly stored unencrypted in an unsecured network location
- Through trusted access that should not have been granted
  - Employees have too many privileges
  - Multiple users share login name and password
  - Malicious employees "skim" cards during transaction

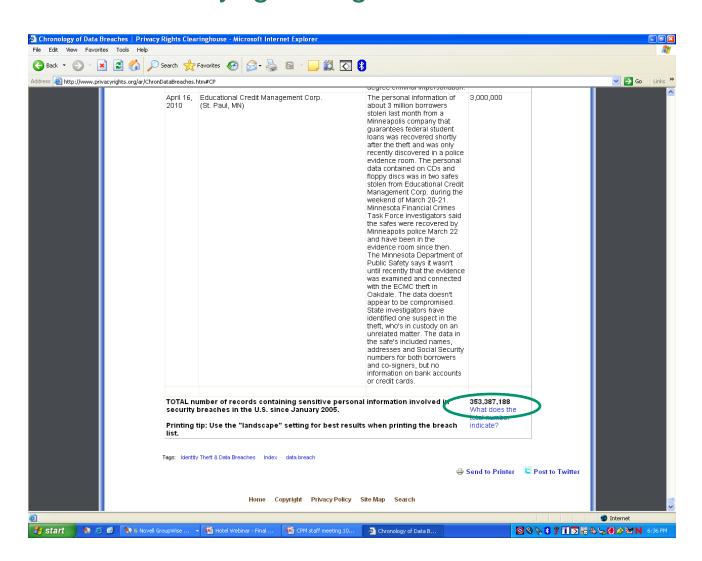


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With respect to Heartland Payment Systems reported breach:

"100 million transactions per month

It is unclear how many account numbers have been compromised, and how many are represented by multiple transactions. The number of records breached is an estimate, subject to revision.

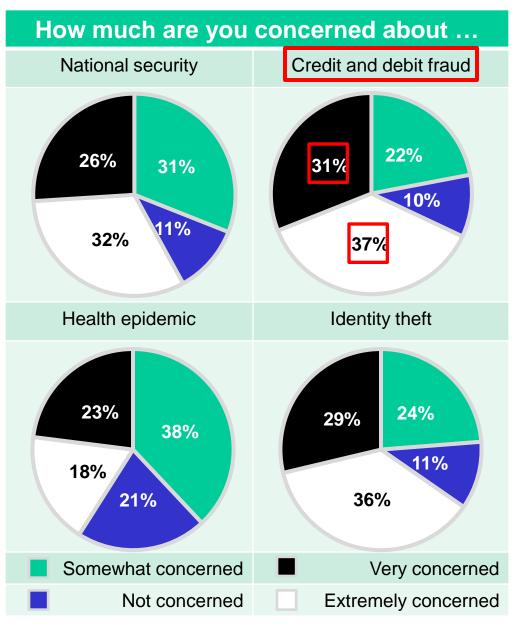
Consequently, we have not included this breach in the "Total" below."

Privacy Rights Clearinghouse



68% of your customers are "very/extremely concerned" about credit card fraud.

Survey conducted in February, 2009 by Unisys Corp





## Protecting your company and customers ...if you store, process or transmit cardholder data

- Become PCI DSS compliant
  - Validation to the standard
  - Level 1-4 merchant
  - SAQ / Scanning / Audit
  - "Ethical Hacking" to identify vulnerabilities
- Remain PCI DSS compliant
  - Compliance is an ongoing responsibility, not an event
- Visa
  - No party that has suffered a data breach involving cardholder data was found to be PCI compliant at the time of the breach
- Think about Third Parties that have access to your data



## Data breach ...what is the experience like?

#### Catastrophic

- Consumer notification requirements
- Loss of customer confidence / Reputational damage
- Time and energy
- Forensics process and expense
- Legal expenses
- Potential for brands to require audits to PCI DSS as condition for continued card acceptance
- Fines
- Fraud / reissuance reimbursement expenses



## Ten Keys Avoiding a Data Compromise

- 1. <u>Use POS systems that are fully compliant with PCI DSS.</u> Third-party payment application software must only be selected from the PCI DSS listing of certified applications, PABP (Payment Application Best Practices), or PA-DSS (Payment Application Data Security Standards)
  - Be certain that the POS system has been implemented in a PCI DSS compliant manner and environment, and according to the payment application vendor's PA-DSS Implementation Guide. (PCI DSS 6.3)
- Use "Secure Zones" for storage of cardholder data: additional hardware firewalls should be configured to segregate stored cardholder data away from publicly accessible zones with public-facing IP addresses. (PCI DSS 1.3, 1.3.4)
  - Implement only one primary function per server. Minimize risk by reducing exposure. (PCI DSS 2.2.1)
- 3. Change all default passwords upon installing POS systems. When vendors install POS systems, they often have the default password as "password", or no password at all. "Hardened" passwords must be used and changed on a regular basis. (PCI DSS 2.1)
  - Establish unique user names and passwords for each individual logging in. (PCI DSS 8.1)
- 4. Remote access to the cardholder data environment must be carefully configured, secured and monitored. (PCI DSS 12.3)



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- 5. <u>Cardholder data should only be displayed in full when absolutely necessary, and any viewing of it must be logged.</u> Otherwise, it should be masked. For example: xxxx1234. (PCI DSS 3.4)
- 6. <u>Cardholder data must be encrypted while in transit over public networks</u>. (PCI DSS 4.1)
- 7. <u>Make certain that all Anti-Virus software is truly up-to-date</u> on every computer involved with cardholder data network segments. (PCI DSS 5.1)
- 8. <u>Ensure all system components and software have the latest vendor-supplied security patches installed</u> (PCI DSS 6.1)
- 9. <u>File integrity monitoring software and network intrusion detection systems must be in place</u> which will alert administrators to any unauthorized modifications or access. (PCI DSS 11.4, 11.5)
  - Track and monitor all access to network resources and cardholder data. Be aware that logging
    is often not enabled by default, and must be turned on. (PCI DSS 10)
- 10. <u>Logs for all system components must be reviewed for malicious activity at least weekly.</u> These logs must be retained for at least one year, with a minimum of three months of online availability. (PCI DSS 10.6, 10.7)



#### Data Security Key takeaways

- Card acceptance is a fact of life in today's economy
  - Hackers are targeting cardholder data in many industries
- Use only PA DSS / PABP applications for Point of Sale
- Have IP addresses scanned for known vulnerabilities
  - "Ethical hacking"
- Become and remain PCI DSS compliant
- Ensure remote access has secure configuration
- Take a hard look at how you answer SAQ questions
- If you do not need the card data, do not store it



## Data Security Resources available

- https://www.pcisecuritystandards.org
- http://visa.com/cisp
- http://www.mastercard.com/us/sdp/merchants/index.html
- https://securitymetrics.com

