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GETTING TO THE SOUL OF INCIDENT RESPONSE

Debugging the Decade: 10 years of Product Incident Response at Adobe

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Intro

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PSIRT & ASSET

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Security Coordination Center aka CERT

Security Monitoring (SOC) Incident Response (IR)

Background



10 years of ASSET



(Not ASSES)



What's a 0-day exploit?



Adobe Reader JBIG2 vulnerability - 2008



JBIG2 vs. HackingTeam timeline

- JBIG 0-day 2009
- HackingTeam 0-day 2015





Lessons Learned

Over the past 10 years there are several lessons learned that we'd like to share with you...





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Lesson 1: Patching is painful



Patching is painful – Pro Tip

- Be prepared!
 - Have a plan in place
 - Test it out
 - Push the limits



Lesson 2: Highlight on Hygiene



Lesson 3: Spotting the Signal in the Noise





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Spotting the Signal in the Noise – Pro Tip

- Shift your perspective
 - Doesn't have to be trolling through logs
 - Anomaly detection
 - Focus on chatter outside the firewall



Lesson 4: Cultivate Your Community



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Cultivate Your Community – Pro Tip

- Shall we play a game?
 - Gamify!
- Talk to your Frenemies
 - All in this together



Lesson 5: Silos are Suboptimal



Lesson 6: Good Hiring



Lesson 7: Keeping an even keel



Lesson 8 - Post-mortems rule



"Those that do not learn from history are doomed to repeat it"

George Santayana

Lesson 9: Don't take it personally



Lesson 10: Never waste a crisis

"People only accept change when they are faced with necessity and only recognize necessity when a crisis is upon them."

— Jean Monet



Lesson 11: PSIRT versus CERT ?

- PSIRT Has deeper hooks into the dev community
- PSIRT more externally facing
- CERT starting to be become more externally facing (threat intel)
- Communication is key for both
 - PSIRT to researchers
 - CERT to internal stakeholders and eventually customers

Lesson 11: PSIRT AND CERT







Lesson Summary

- 1. Master patching
- 2. Have good hygiene
- 3. Control the signal to noise ratio
- 4. Cultivate the community
- 5. Tear down those silos
- 6. Careful with every person you hire
- 7. Remain calm
- 8. Learn from your mistakes
- 9. It's not about you
- 10.Never waste a crisis
- 11. PSIRT and CERT must work together

Bonus Lesson: Always keep an eye on the future...



Everything is connected



Forbes 100 Companies with Vulnerability Disclosure Programs

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94% of the companies in the Forbes Global 2000 do NOT have a known vulnerability disclosure program.

"Have an effective process to receive and address security vulnerability reports. Consider an effective channel (for example, **security@**yourcompany.com) for receiving reports for your security staff."

- Lessons learned from FTC cases. FTC, June 2015





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