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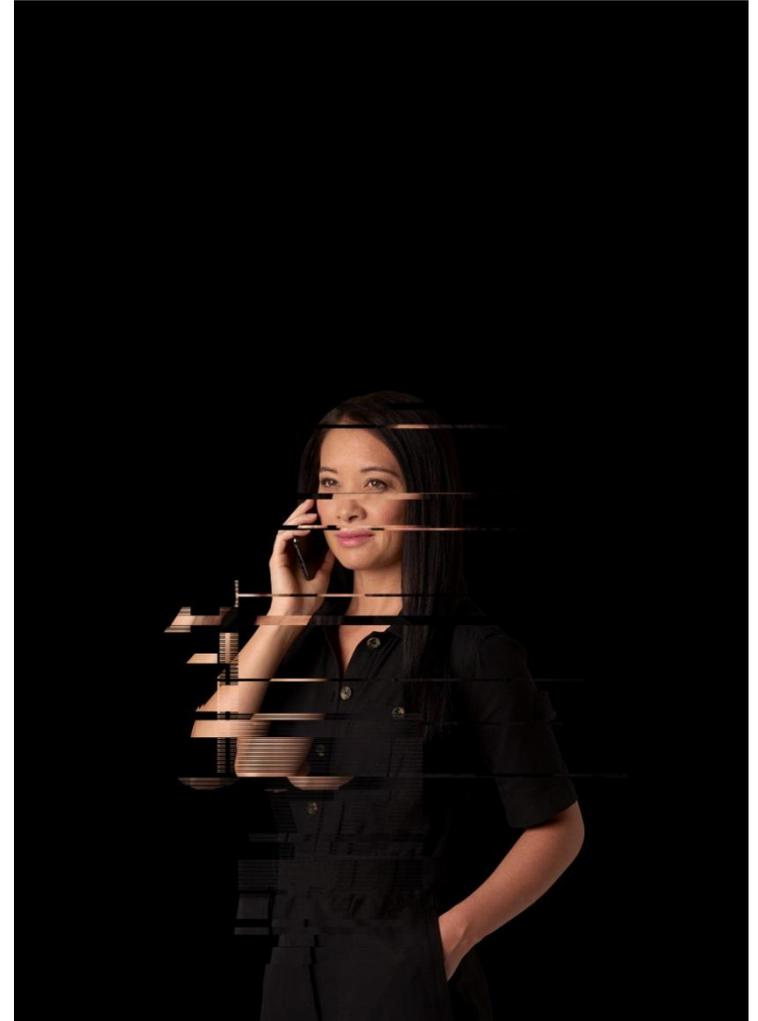
How are criminals digitising, and what are the risks of insurance fraud against cyber policies?

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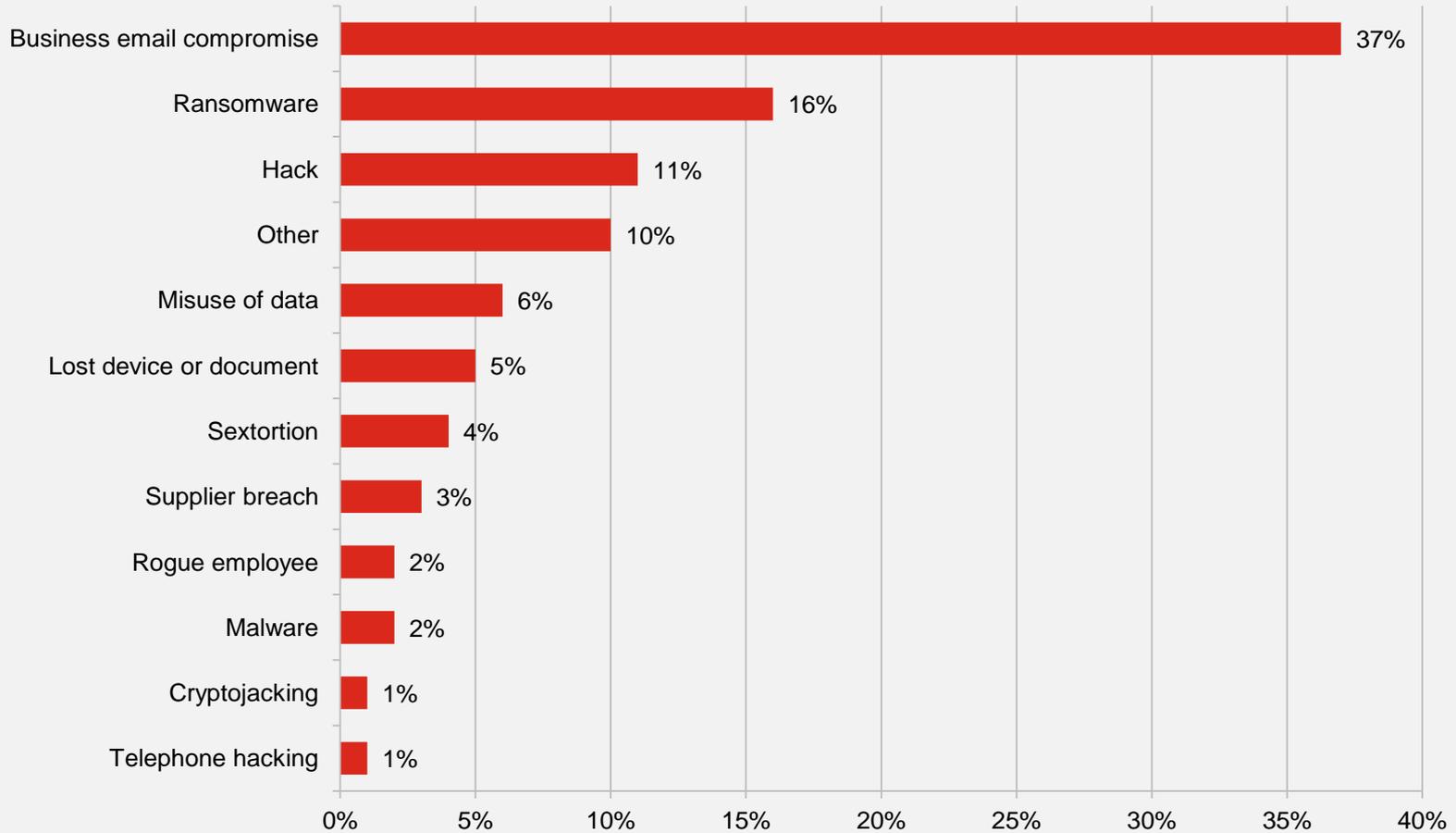
Agenda

- Cyber claim trends
- Case studies
- Consideration of fraud against cyber policies



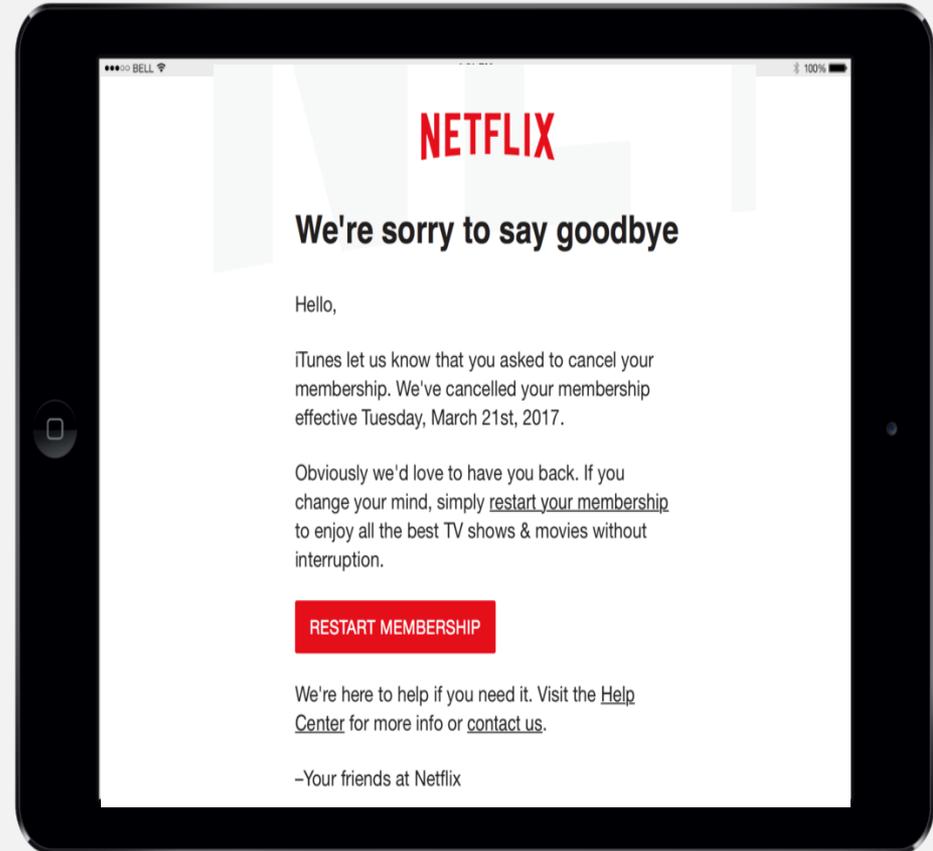
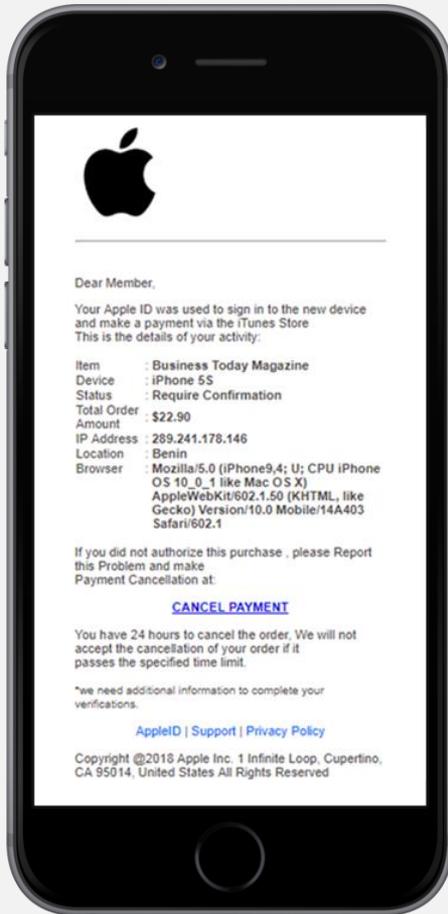
Cyber claims in 2018

What did we see?

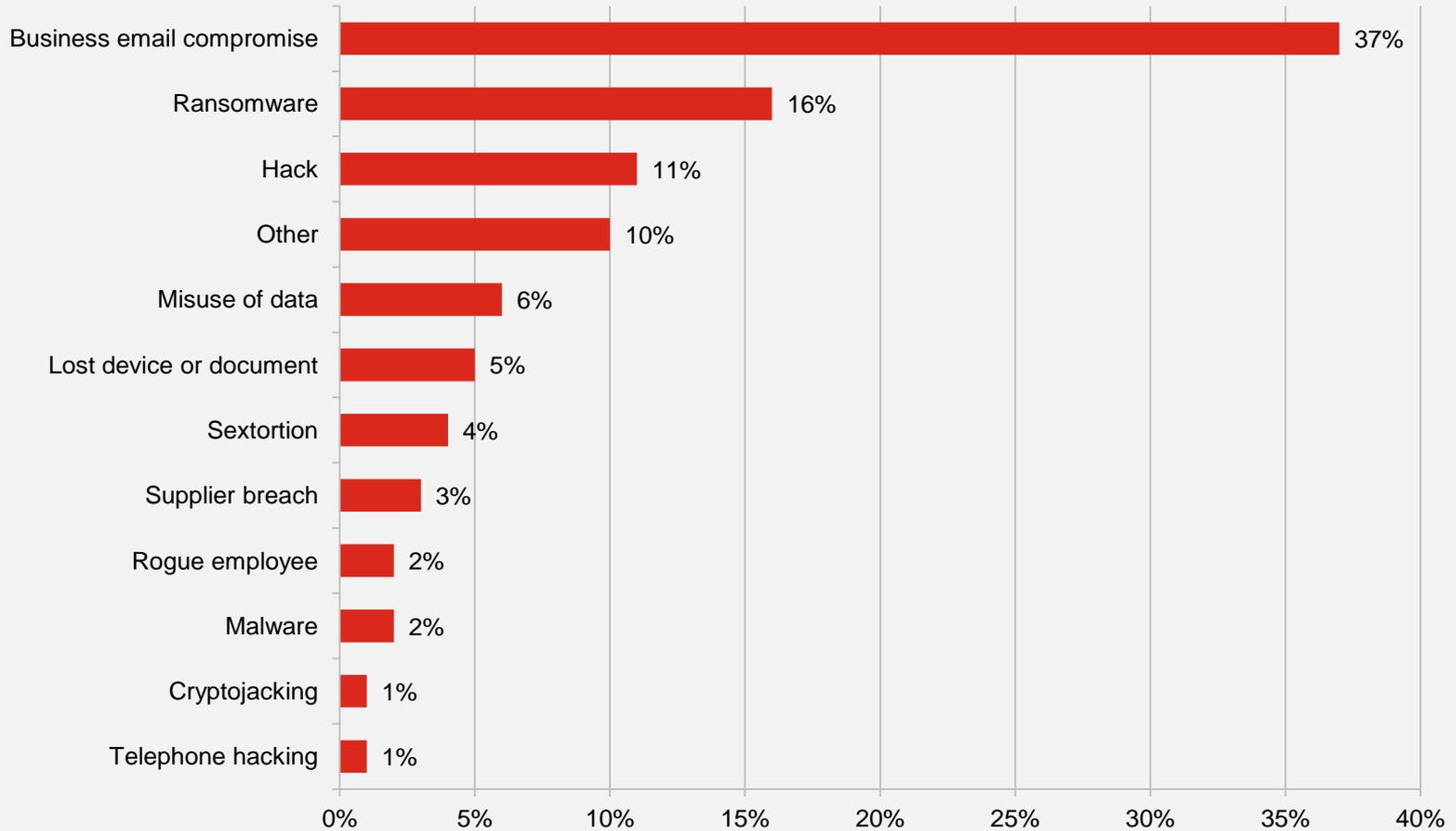


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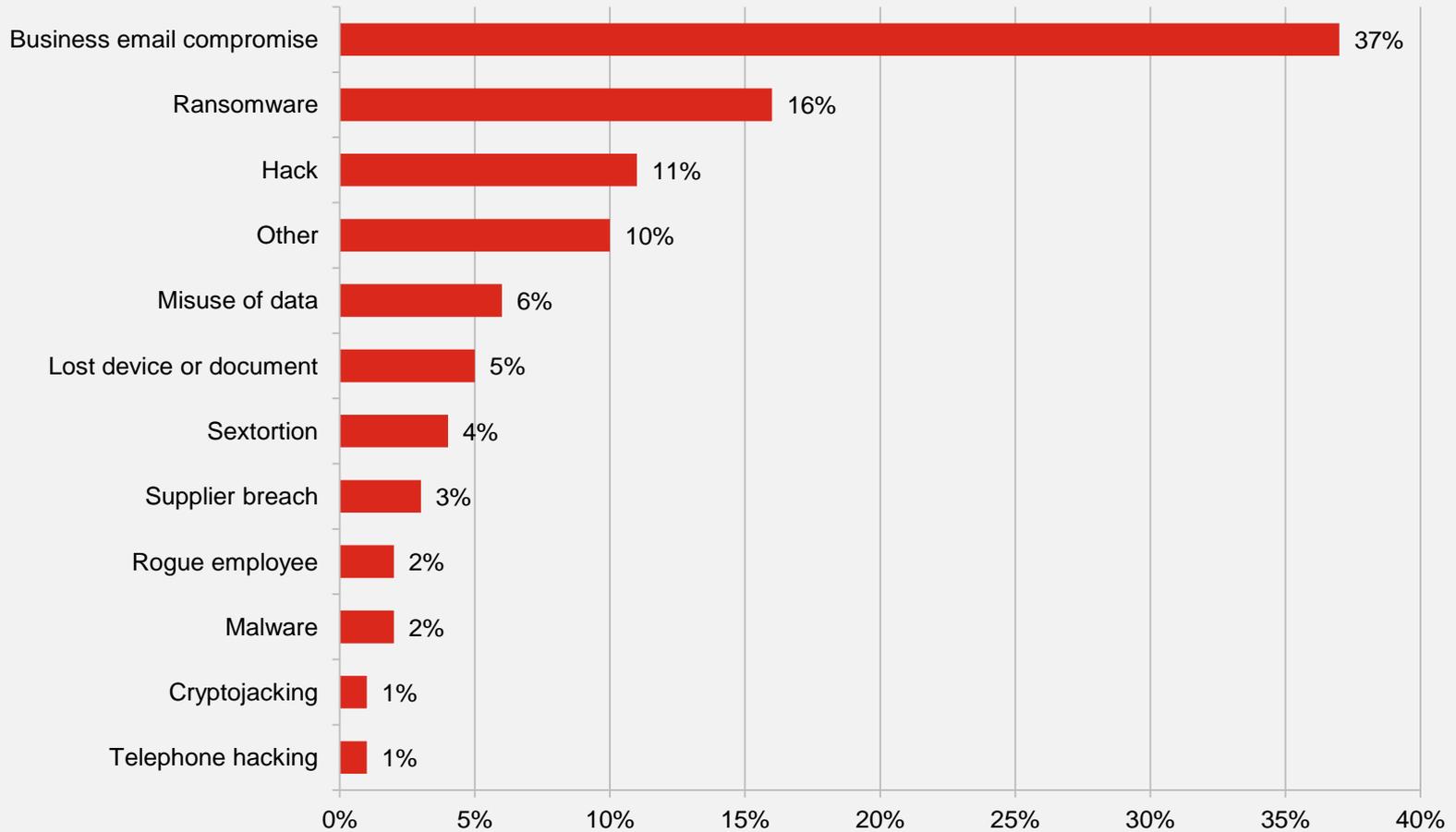
Business email compromise



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Sextortion

Hello!

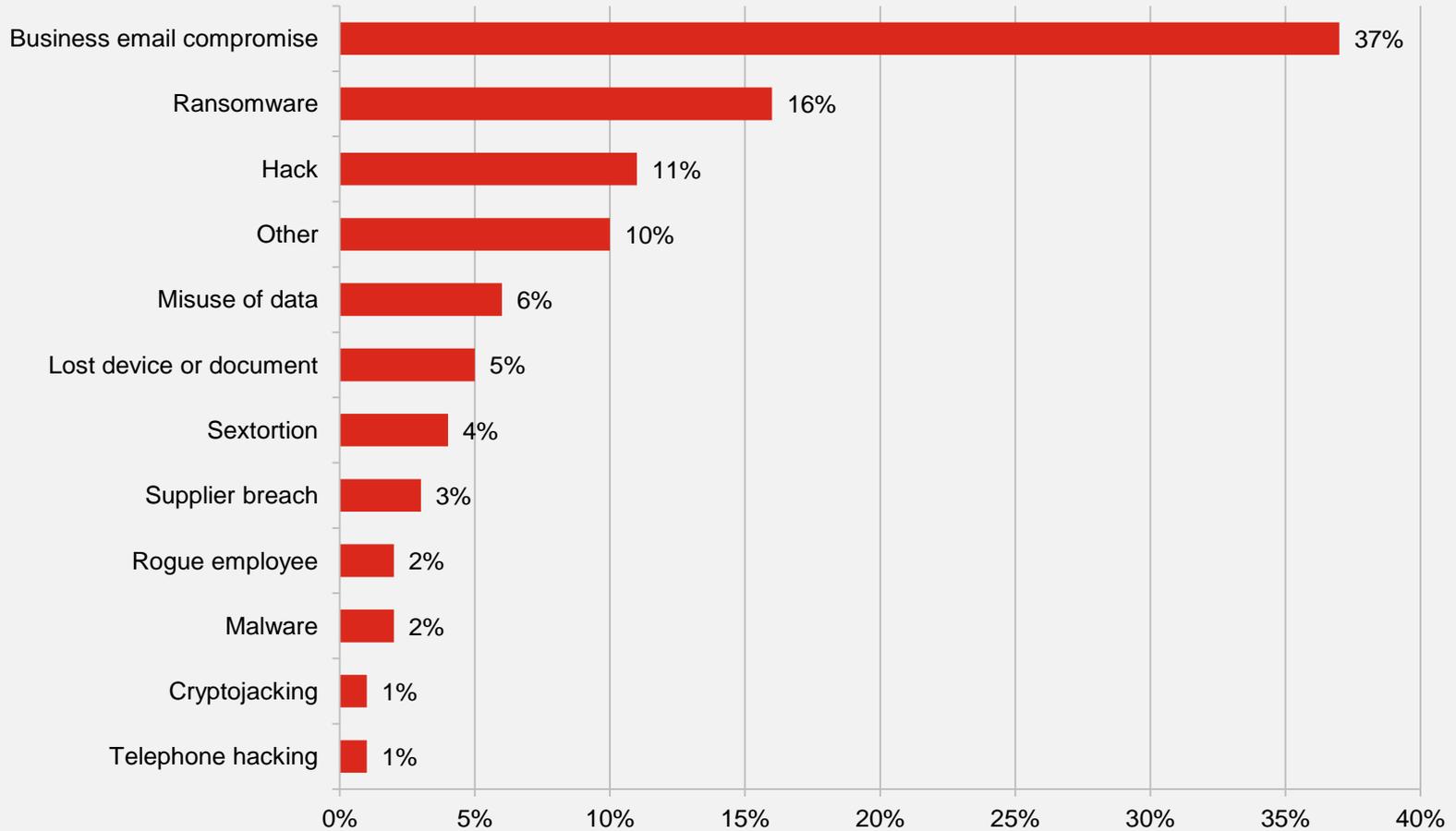
I'm a programmer who cracked your email and device a few months ago. You entered a pass on one of the sites you visited, and I intercepted it.

Through your email, I uploaded malicious code to your operation system. I saved all of your contacts with friends, colleagues, relatives and a complete history of visits to the internet resources. You are not my only victim, I usually lock computers and ask for a ransom. But I was struck by the sites of intimate content that you often visit. I am in shock of your fantasies! I've never seen anything like this!

So, when you had fun on piquant sites (you know what I mean!) I made screenshot with using my program from your camera of your device. After that, I combined them to the content of the currently viewed site. There will be laughter when I send these photos to your contacts! BUT I'm sure you don't want it.

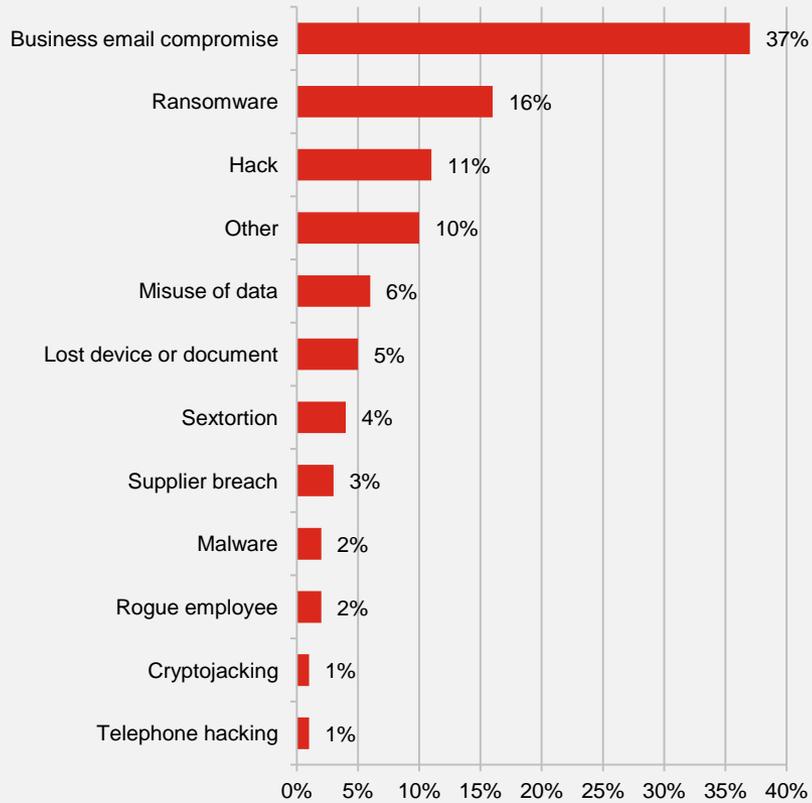
Therefore, I expect payment from you for my silence. I think \$879 is an acceptable price.

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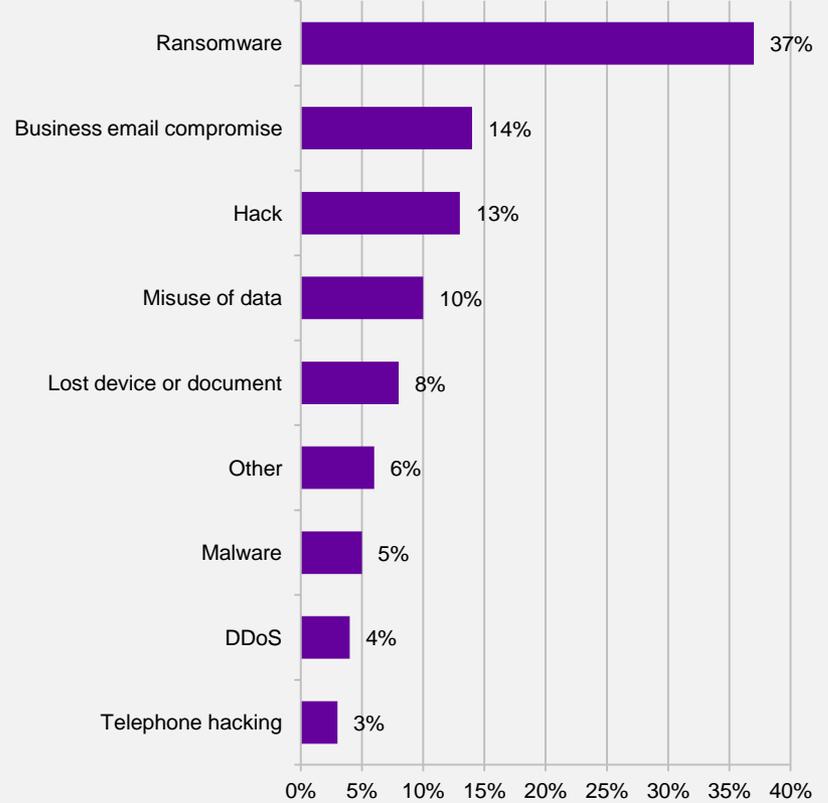


How does that compare to 2017?

2018



2017



Case studies - extortion



The 'good guy'

First communication

From: Dave

To: MrX@hiscoxinsured.com

Subject: Mr X, please add me to your LinkedIn network

Hello Mr X,

I am software developer and pentester. I searched for data leak. I found a lot of your files like financial statements, utility bills, driving licences, passports.

I want to report it. I am the good guy!
Dave

The 'good guy'

Second round

From: Dave
To: MrX@hiscoxinsured.com
Subject: Data leak

Mr X,

Let me start from the beginning. I was looking for web servers with directory indexing enabled. I found one of yours: <http://123456>. As you can see, I found a lot of interesting files: [Lists files]

I have 37 screenshots to confirm it. Do you want me to send them to you?

I am the good guy. I want to report this leakage to you and collect bounty. I can also sign NDA.

Best regards

Dave

The 'good guy'

What had been accessed?

- 44,000 data subjects
- All of which involved personally identifiable information (home and email addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth etc.)
- 3,500 of which involved sensitive documents (passports, utility bills, bank statements etc.)

The 'good guy'

What now?

- Day one
 - 18.35. Insured contacted Hiscox 24/7 response line
 - 20.30. Call between Hiscox and cyber security consultants
- Day two
 - 09.30. Meeting at insured's offices attended by Hiscox, cyber security consultants and insured's breach response team (CEO, CFO, CIO and GC)
 - 16.00. Conference call with core team, now including external legal counsel

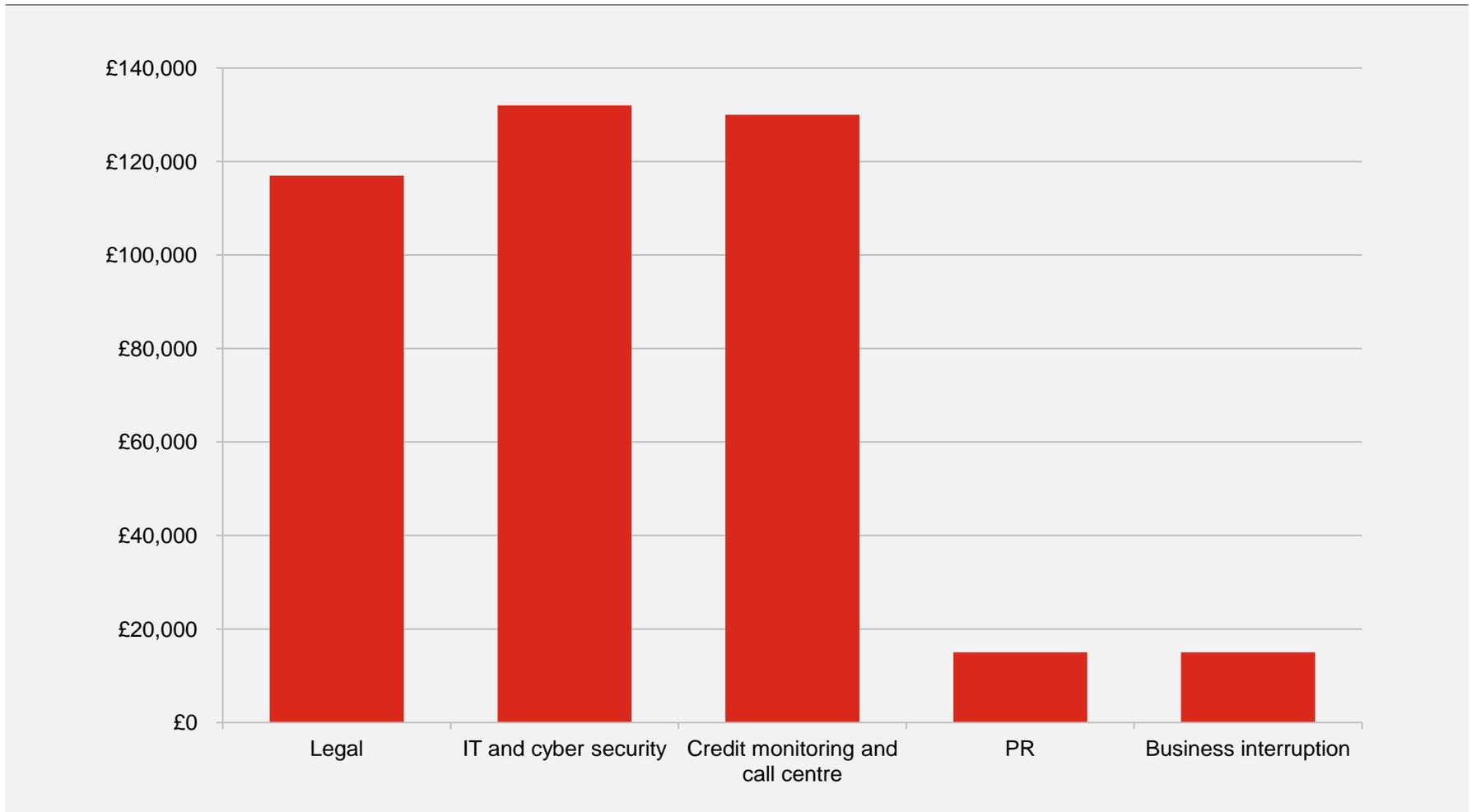
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Multiple workstreams

1. Forensic investigation including ongoing dialogue with the hacker
2. ICO notification
3. Data subject notification: credit monitoring offered and call centre set up to deal with data subject queries
4. Dialogue with media and PR consultants

The 'good guy'

What did it cost?



Lockdown

What was the impact?

- Servers encrypted
- 80% of insured's customers without one or more of email, desktops or telephony
- Some insured data encrypted too

Lockdown

Day one – experts engaged

✓ **Cyber extortion** – who is the attacker? Is paying ransom an option?

✓ **IT forensic** – how serious is the infection? Has data been stolen?

✓ **Legal** – do we need to notify ICO? What could customer claims look like?

✓ **PR** – what can we say to customers?

Lockdown

Day two – workstream updates

- ✓ **Cyber extortion** – ongoing dialogue with attacker
- ✓ **IT forensic** – ransomware analysis. Customers now back online
- ✓ **Legal** – preparing ICO notification
- ✓ **PR** – twice-daily communications to customers. FAQs prepared

Lockdown

Week two – final steps

✓ **IT forensic** – concluding investigations

✓ **Insured** – monthly billing is due

✓ **Legal** – awaiting ICO response, addressing customer compensation claims

✓ **PR** – positive messaging. Focus on restoring insured's reputation

Lockdown

Week three onwards

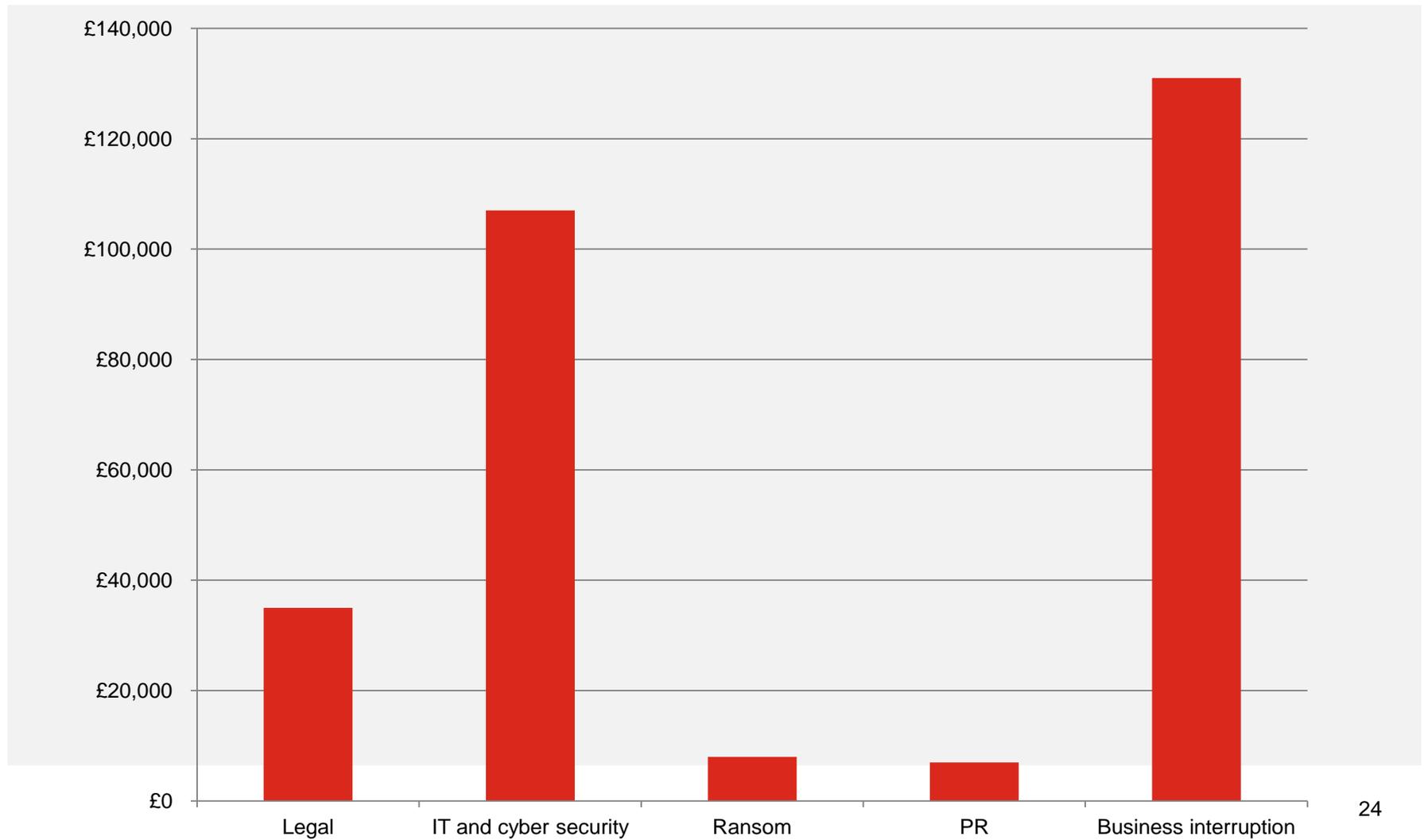
✓ **ICO** – ongoing dialogue

✓ **Customer base** – rebuilding the relationship

✓ **Business interruption** – some customers gave notice to terminate contracts

Lockdown

What did it cost?



Case studies - theft



Business email compromise

How do the hackers look to exploit?

- Insured received a payment in error from one of their customers
- Hackers had compromised the mailbox of the insured's customer, and advised the insured of a change of bank details
- Insured 'refunded' the amount, but to the criminals' account
- Constantly shifting dynamic can lead to potential coverage issues
- Spotted quickly enough, so funds recovered
- Still a significant amount of stress and disruption

Not just an issue for businesses

Individuals (particularly HNW) also at risk

- HNW customer had recently sold business, and was purchasing a new home
- Due to business sale, was a cash buyer
- On day of completion, solicitor reminded customer that final requirement was transfer of funds
- Customer had already transferred the money, two weeks previously
- Transpired that email account compromised, and criminal inserted themselves in the middle
- Due to time lag in spotting, money had already been spread across numerous accounts globally, and was irrecoverable

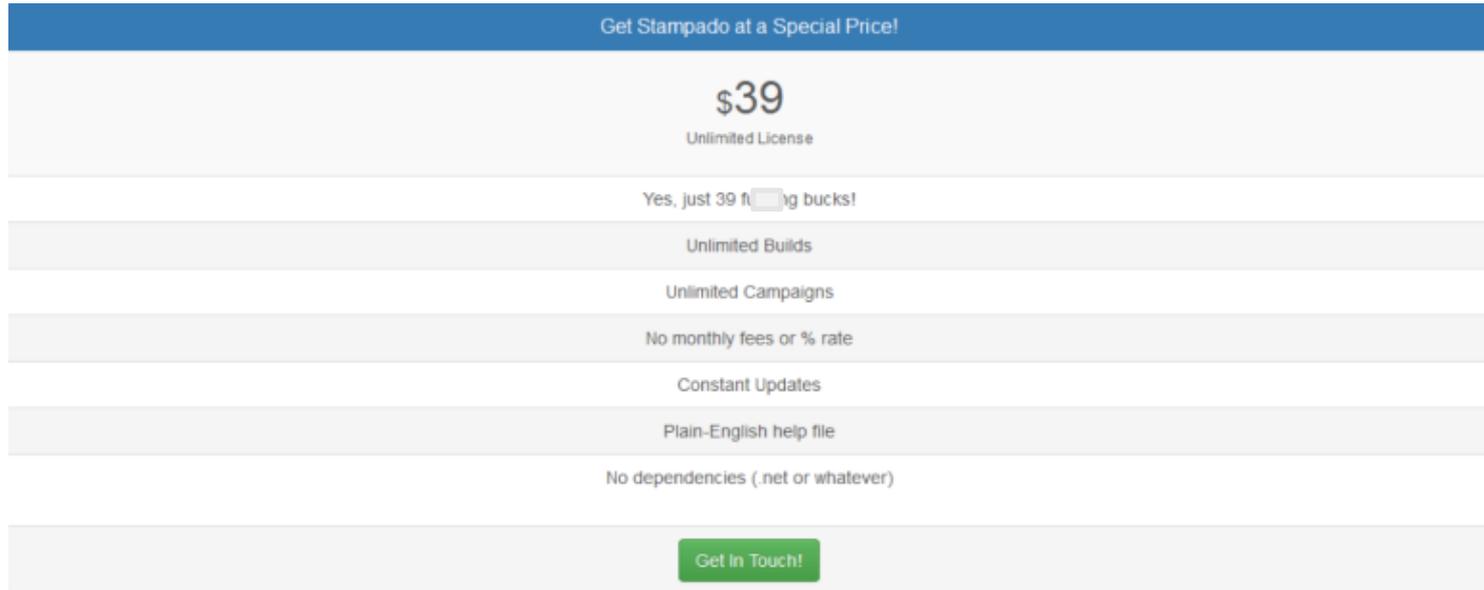
Fraud against cyber policies



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A blindspot for the industry?

- No examples within Hiscox:
 - Because it's not happening, or because spotting is difficult?
- Insurance fraud has been around as long as insurance policies have – no reason to think that cyber will be any different
- Easy to get hold of and deploy cyber attacks:



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Fraud against cyber policies

Nature of policy response provides some protection

- Generally, IT forensics engaged as part of claim response
- Full analysis of logs of what happened when, and by whom
- We make use of threat intelligence, particularly around ransomware, and will only make payment where we can be certain of ‘legitimacy’ of hackers
- Not infallible:
 - Company may not keep full logs
 - Particularly savvy fraudsters may be able to sufficiently cover their tracks
 - As fraud has been, to date, undetected, knowing what to look for is a challenge



Questions?