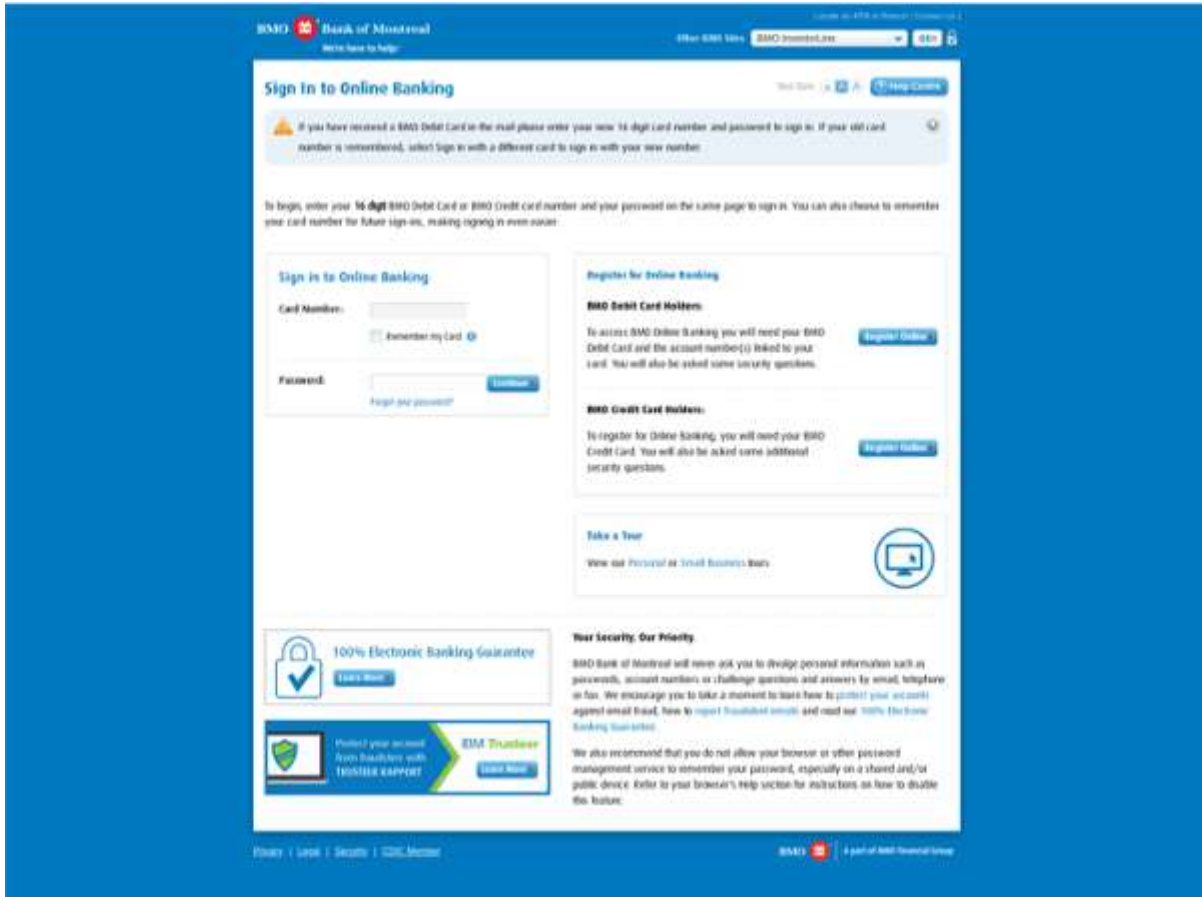




[A Dark Web Analysis of the Bank of Montreal and Simplii Financial Breach](#)

By Ariel Ainhoren, Jun 28, 2018 9:00:00 AM



On May 28, 2018, news reports started to surface about a data breach affecting two CIBC (Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce) subsidiaries – BMO (Bank of Montreal) and Simplii Financial. The reports stated that a data breach had occurred and that 90,000 customer records had been leaked. Hackers demanded a ransom of 1,000,000 Ripple XRP cryptocurrency (roughly about \$750,000) or they would release the data into dark web black markets and sites.

Here is our analysis of how the hacker performed this breach and tried to extort these bank branches based on the digital breadcrumbs this hacker left behind.

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[Introducing Intsights for Financial Services](#)

By Alon Arvatz, Jun 27, 2018 12:00:00 PM



Over the past year and half, we've seen a number of significant shifts to the threat landscape, particularly for financial services organizations. These changes will be outlined in our [Financial Services Threat Landscape Report \(July 2018\)](#), which will be published in the coming weeks. As the threat landscape continues to evolve, so too must threat intelligence solutions. Today, we're excited to announce *IntSights for Financial Services*, a new threat intelligence and fraud detection solution designed to help financial services and banking organizations anticipate direct threats, reduce fraud costs and protect their customers.

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[How to Automate the Process of Identifying and Taking Down Malicious Social Media Profiles](#)

By Omer Shahak, Jul 9, 2018 9:00:00 AM



A new type of threat that has been on the rise over the past few years is the use of fake social media profiles for cyber scams. These profiles usually try to impersonate someone or something a user usually trusts, such as big name brands and companies. Fake profiles can be used in a variety of malicious ways, like luring users to phishing sites, posing as customer service, spreading false information or harvesting personal data for future attacks. No matter your industry or type of customer, these social media scams can be incredibly damaging to your brand, so it's important to monitor for fake accounts that try to impersonate your organization or employees.

Here is how IntSights has automated the process of identifying and taking down fake social media profiles to help companies proactively identify these scams.

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[15 Technologies and Tools Commonly Used in Dark Web Black Markets](#)

By Itay Kozuch, Jul 3, 2018 9:00:00 AM



When it comes to dark web black markets, anonymity is key. To help maintain their anonymity, [dark web black market users](#) leverage a variety of tools and technologies that mask their identity and location. It's important to know how these tools are used so you can perform reconnaissance and identify potential attacks or leaked information that can be used against you. Here is our list of 15 common technologies and tools used by cybercriminals to access and communicate via the dark web.

In addition, don't forget to check out our [10 Dark Web Black Market Terms Every Cybersecurity Professional Should Know](#).

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[**New Cyber Trends and Threats Targeting Financial Services Organizations \[Infographic\]**](#)

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FINANCIAL SERVICES INDUSTRY THREAT LANDSCAPE REPORT OVERVIEW

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Throughout 2017 and the first half of 2018, we've seen a number of new trends and attack vectors targeting financial services organizations. Here are some of the key takeaways from our recent Financial Services Threat Landscape report.



There's no question that the threat landscape is constantly shifting for financial services companies. Throughout 2017 and the first half of 2018, we've seen a continued increase in attacks that directly target financial organizations, which comes as no surprise. However, increased access to user and account data has enabled cybercriminals to run large-scale fraud attacks and more successful phishing campaigns. These account-centric attacks can be very hard for financial organizations to spot and don't just cause financial losses. They can be incredibly damaging to brand reputation and lead to huge fines.

Pre-discovery of these attacks through hacker methods, tools and other indicators is critical for banking and financial services organizations to protect customers, reduce fraud costs and maintain their brand reputation.

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[IntSights Recognized as 'Strong Contender' in Forrester Digital Risk Protection Wave Report](#)

By Jonathan Daly, Jul 19, 2018 9:00:00 AM

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On July 17, Forrester released their [New Wave: Digital Risk Protection, Q3 2018 Report](#). The report features Forrester's evaluation of the emerging Digital Risk Protection (DRP) market, and shares results of how 14 DRP vendors scored against their evaluation criteria. IntSights is proud to be listed as a *Strong Contender*. Here's a bit more about the Forrester report.

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[How Dark is the Dark Web?](#)

By Alon Arvatz, Jul 17, 2018 1:00:00 PM



The Dark Web. In the minds of most consumers, it's the Boogeyman's cyber-playground. A land of digital anarchy, where guns, drugs and other black market items are traded freely for crypto-currency. There are low-lit individuals concealed in hoodies hovering over a keyboard and striking keys to steal identities to be sold to the highest bidder. In certain instances this is true. And it's a terrifying narrative that's easily sold to the masses. But that vision is only one slice of the Dark Web pie. What I find most interesting is how professional the Dark Web has become.

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[A Week in the Life of a Bank Threat Intelligence Analyst](#)



By Itay Kozuch, Jul 26, 2018 9:05:00 AM

It comes as no surprise, but the financial services and banking industry is the most-targeted industry by cybercriminals. The amount of user and account data available across the Dark Web has allowed cybercriminals to run large-scale fraud attacks and more successful phishing campaigns across a wide variety of attack vectors. As a result, cyber security and threat intelligence teams face a growing challenge of identifying and taking down these threats before they exploit the company or its customers.

Based on research we collected for our [Financial Services Threat Landscape Report \(July 2018\)](#), here's a look into some of the threats financial services security teams must deal with week in and week out.

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[Digital Footprints and Breadcrumbs: What They Are and How Hackers Exploit Them](#)

By Ariel Ainhoren, Jul 24, 2018 9:00:00 AM



A lot has been said about the term “Digital Footprint”. The term relates to all of the digital bread crumbs left by an individual or a company across the public web. Have you ever uploaded a resume to a site? Posted your birthday photos to Facebook? Published an article? Built a new website? [Added a new DevOps server](#)? Each of these actions amounts to your “Digital Footprint”.

For companies, the task of monitoring and tracking their digital footprint becomes even more burdensome. Moreover, a company is the sum of its employees, and each worker has his or her own digital footprint. Using these digital breadcrumbs and connecting the dots between all of these publicly available details can significantly widen the attack surface of a company. Here is how hackers use publicly available employee data to illegally access company systems.

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