



The 2026 Cyber Risk Wake-Up Call for Finance Leaders

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Understand This Year*



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Cyber Security & Technology Keynotes



Who the Heck is Vince Fung And What Do I Know About Protecting Canadian Businesses?



Fell in love with computers at the age of 10



Electrical Engineering & Computer Science



UNIVERSITY OF
CALGARY





Started Expera IT in 1996

First 3 clients were all Energy Sector businesses



**World evolved quickly over
next two decades...**





The Internet

WWW

Click



The Cloud



Cyber Attacks



Small Family-Owned Regional Airline in Western Canada





Called in a panic...



Massive Ransomware Attack

YOUR PERSONAL FILES
ARE ENCRYPTED

Make payment or private key
will be destroyed in
12 Hours 01:34

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Saw Firsthand the Devastation



Impact on Customers Relying On Them for Travel





Impact on Employees



Impact on the Owners



Built the Company Over 52 years

**52
YEARS**





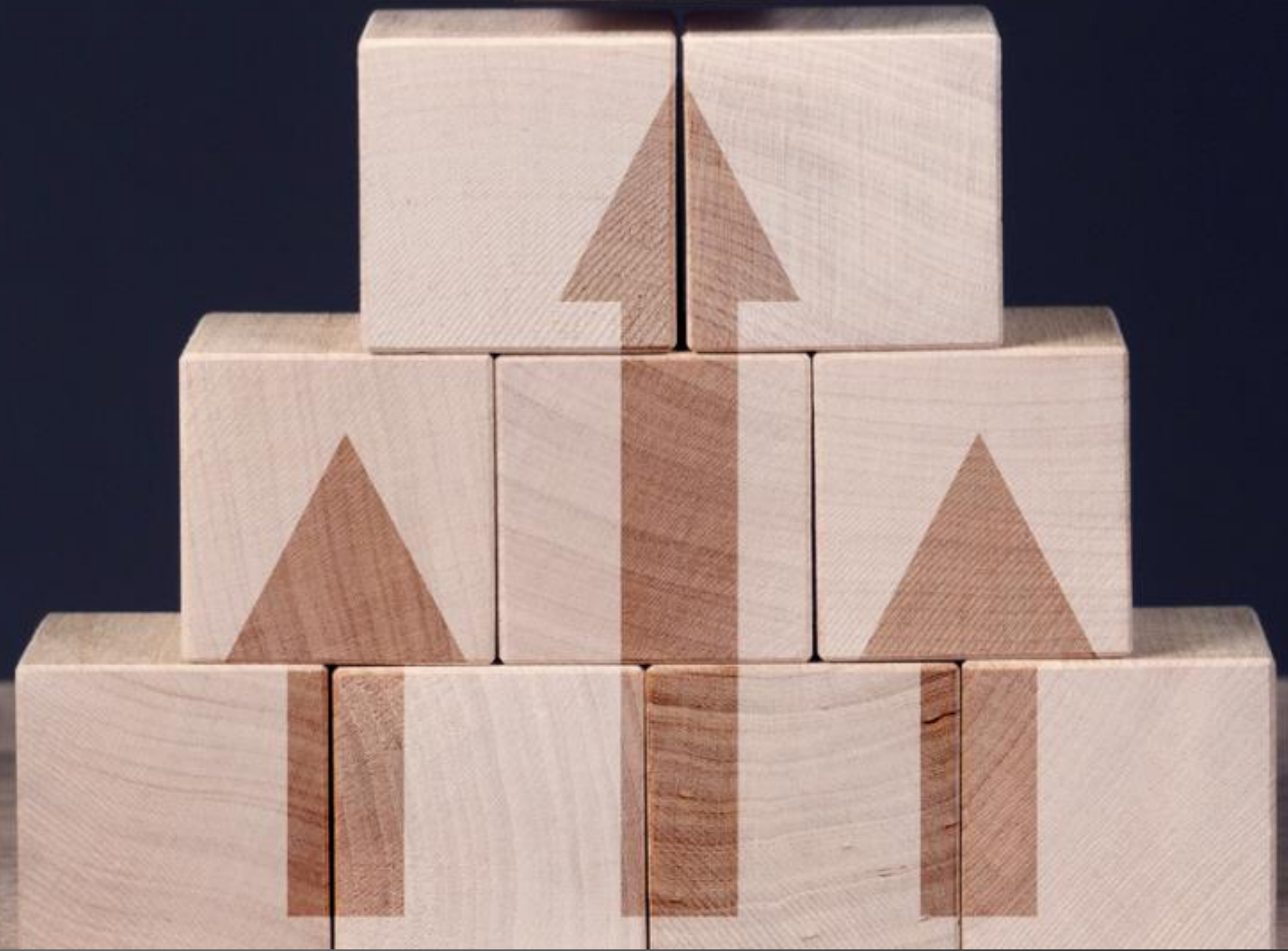
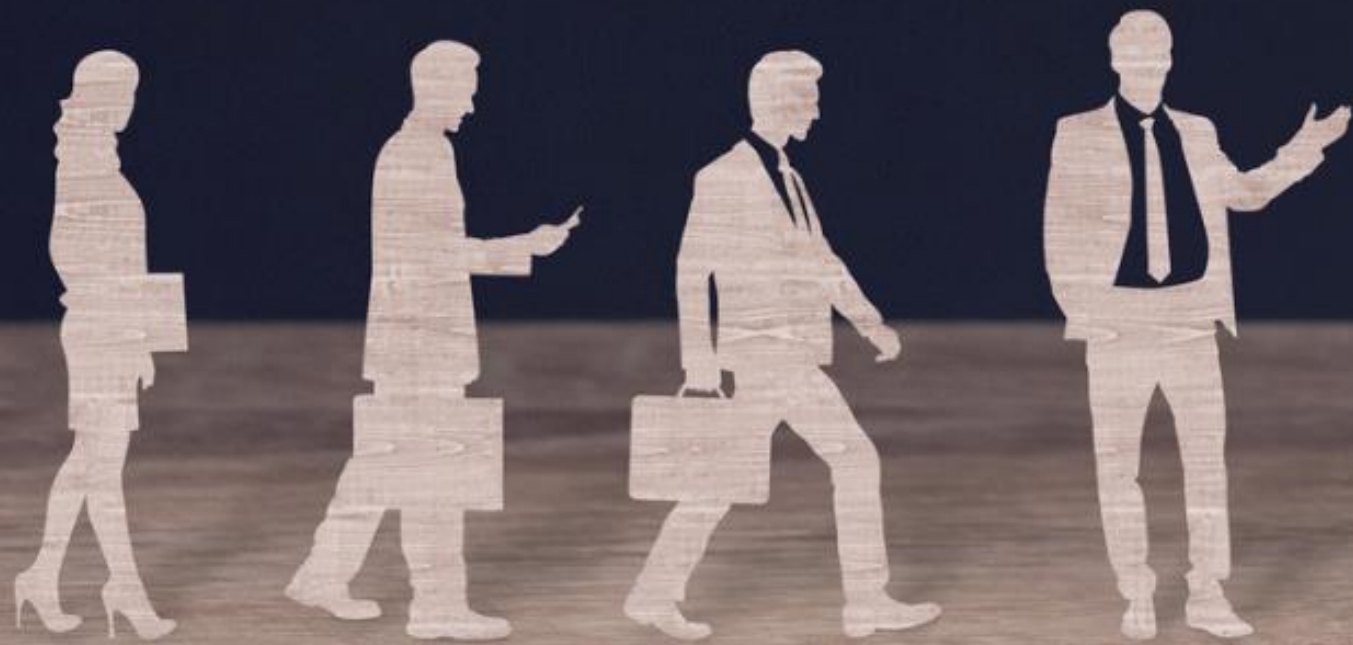
Realized I had to do something...



Help Businesses Stay Protected



Took all the skills in building my IT company



Focused on preventing Ransomware



A man in a dark suit is seen from the side, addressing a large audience seated at tables in a conference hall. The room features tall, illuminated columns and green exit signs. The text "Invited to speak across North America" is overlaid in yellow.

Invited to speak across North America



Educate Businesses About Cyber Risk





We help over 100 businesses across Canada



Helping them uncover and understand risk



Helping them with strategies to manage risk

**RISK
MANAGEMENT**

WWAZ	▲	101.81	▲	100.31
TVRZ	▲	138.21	▲	137.69
TTAW	▲	107.84	▲	102.64
CCAD	▲	135.94	▲	141.49
HAEW	▼	14.59	▼	17.24
JJAS	▲	104.71	▲	101.41
RRAP	▼	177.91	▼	180.35



**Ultimately helping them stay protected
from the latest threats**



**So they don't fall victim to a
business ending cyber attack**



Let's get
started...

WHAT'S GOING ON IN 2026?

The Top 6 Cyber Risks that Every CFO and CPA Needs to Understand



1. AI Powered Cyber Attacks



Billions of Records of PII





AI Assisted Phishing

Phishing

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Spiderman Phishing Kit



A person wearing a grey hoodie is seen from behind, sitting at a desk and working on a laptop. The scene is overlaid with a digital network of glowing white envelopes connected by thin lines. A large, glowing blue cloud is positioned in the center-right. The background is dark with a grid of small white dots. The text "BEC at Scale" is written in a bold, yellow, sans-serif font across the middle of the image.

BEC at Scale



Awareness Training is Critical



Detect Compromises Earlier



2. Evolution of Ransomware



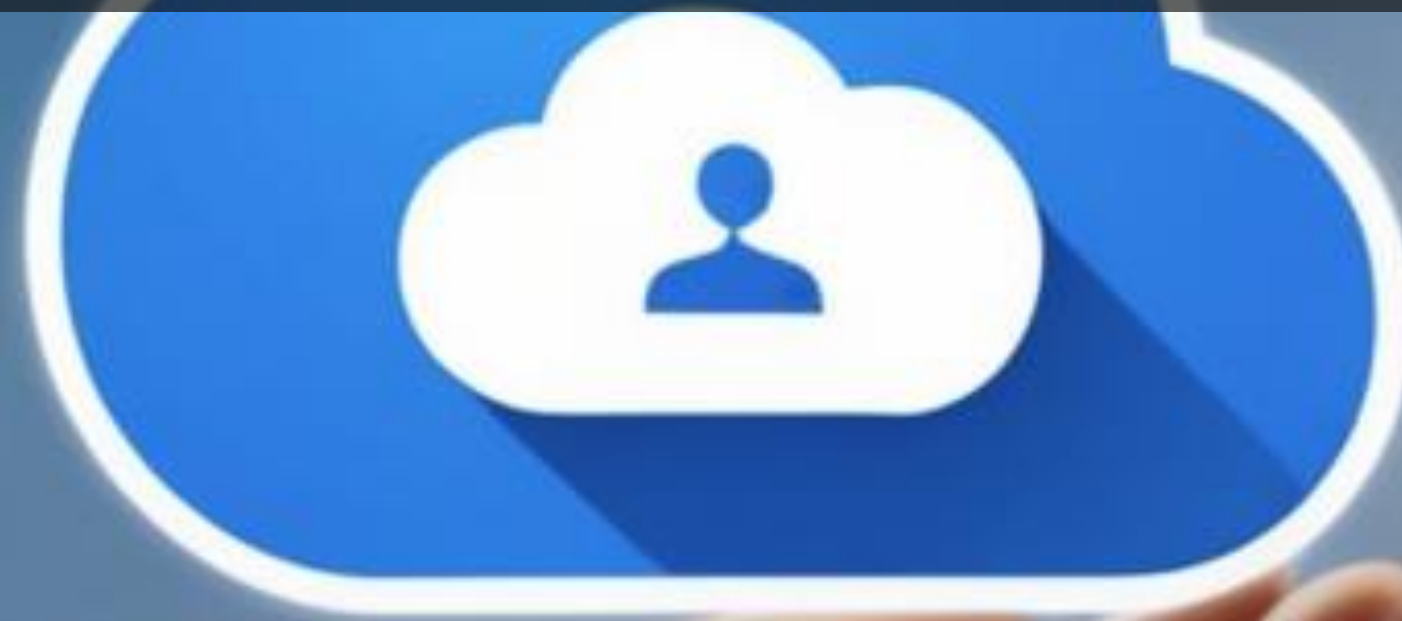
Hackers Targeting Backups



Double Extortion



Immutable Backups



Data Loss Prevention (DLP)



Zero Trust



Cyber Insurance



3. Shadow AI and Agent Risks



Unmanaged AI Tools



AI Vulnerabilities/Prompt Injection





The Rise of AI Agents



OpenClaw/Clawdbot



AI Policy Update

COMPANY
POLICY



Data Loss Prevention (DLP)



4. Geopolitical Instability



Nation State Attacks



American Operation in Venezuela



Hacktivism

Energy and Finance Sector Risks



5. Regulatory Climate



Canada Bill C-8



Formerly Bill C-26



Completed 2nd Reading



Expected to Become Law in 2026



Critical Infrastructure



Security Controls



Incident Response



Reporting





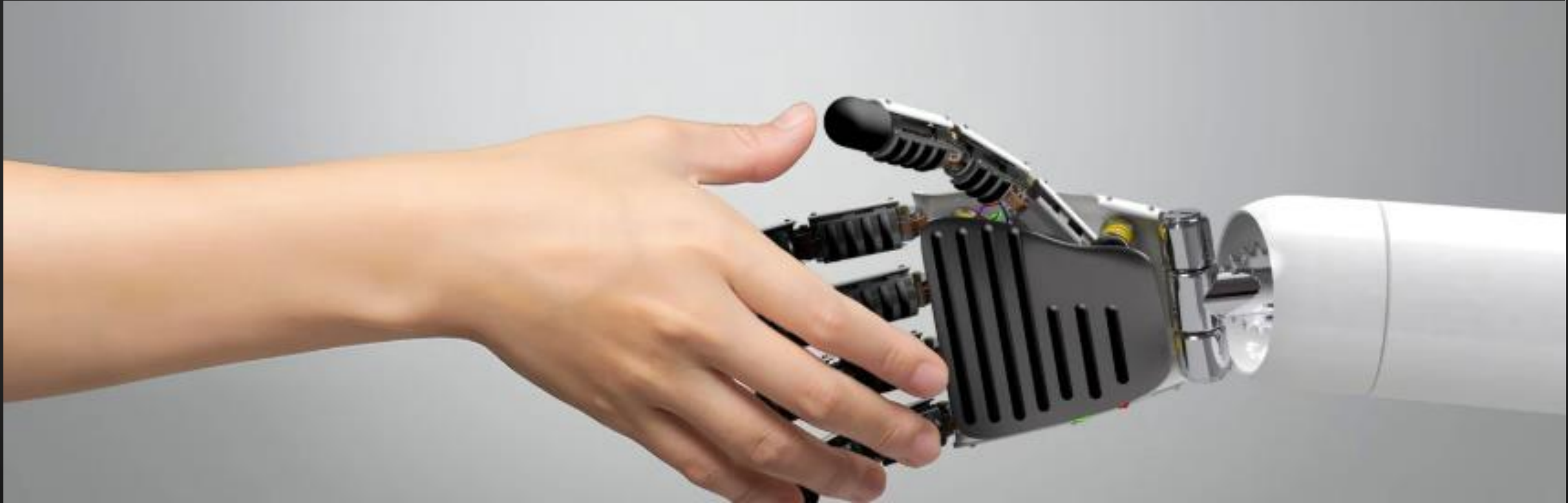
6. Your Business Future with AI



Remaining Relevant



Embracing AI



Extreme Change Management



Majorly Disruptive



Time Frame





TOP 4 THINGS YOU MUST DO IN 2026



A futuristic office scene with three business professionals. A woman stands in the background, a man sits at a computer in the foreground, and another man stands behind him. The scene is overlaid with blue digital graphics, including a large padlock icon on the left and various data charts and graphs. The text '1. EDUCATE YOUR PEOPLE' is centered in yellow.

1. EDUCATE YOUR PEOPLE



A man with glasses and a woman are looking at a laptop in an office setting. The man is on the left, wearing a blue shirt and glasses, looking intently at the screen. The woman is on the right, wearing a floral patterned shirt, pointing at the screen. In the background, other office workers are visible, slightly out of focus.

Know Your People Better Than the Bad Guys



Principle of Least Privilege

“Just Enough Access”



A hand holding a glowing shield with a network overlay. The shield is white and has a glowing blue and white network pattern of nodes and lines. The background is a blurred image of a person's hand holding a device.

2. LAYERS OF SECURITY DEFENSE IN DEPTH



ZERO TRUST APPLICATION WHITELISTING





3. PREPARE FOR THE INEVITABLE



Incident Response Plan

EMERGENCY
RESPONSE
PLAN



4. EMBRACE AI & AI SAFETY



AI Use Policy

policy

organization's p

or to



Data Loss Prevention (DLP)



Test and Implement



Managing Cyber Risk



Reinvent Using an AI-First Approach



Remember:
It's not a matter of IF,
but WHEN.





Report: 63% of C-suite execs do not have an incident response plan

VB Staff

December 2, 2021 8:40 AM



MetaBeat 2022



Incident Response Team

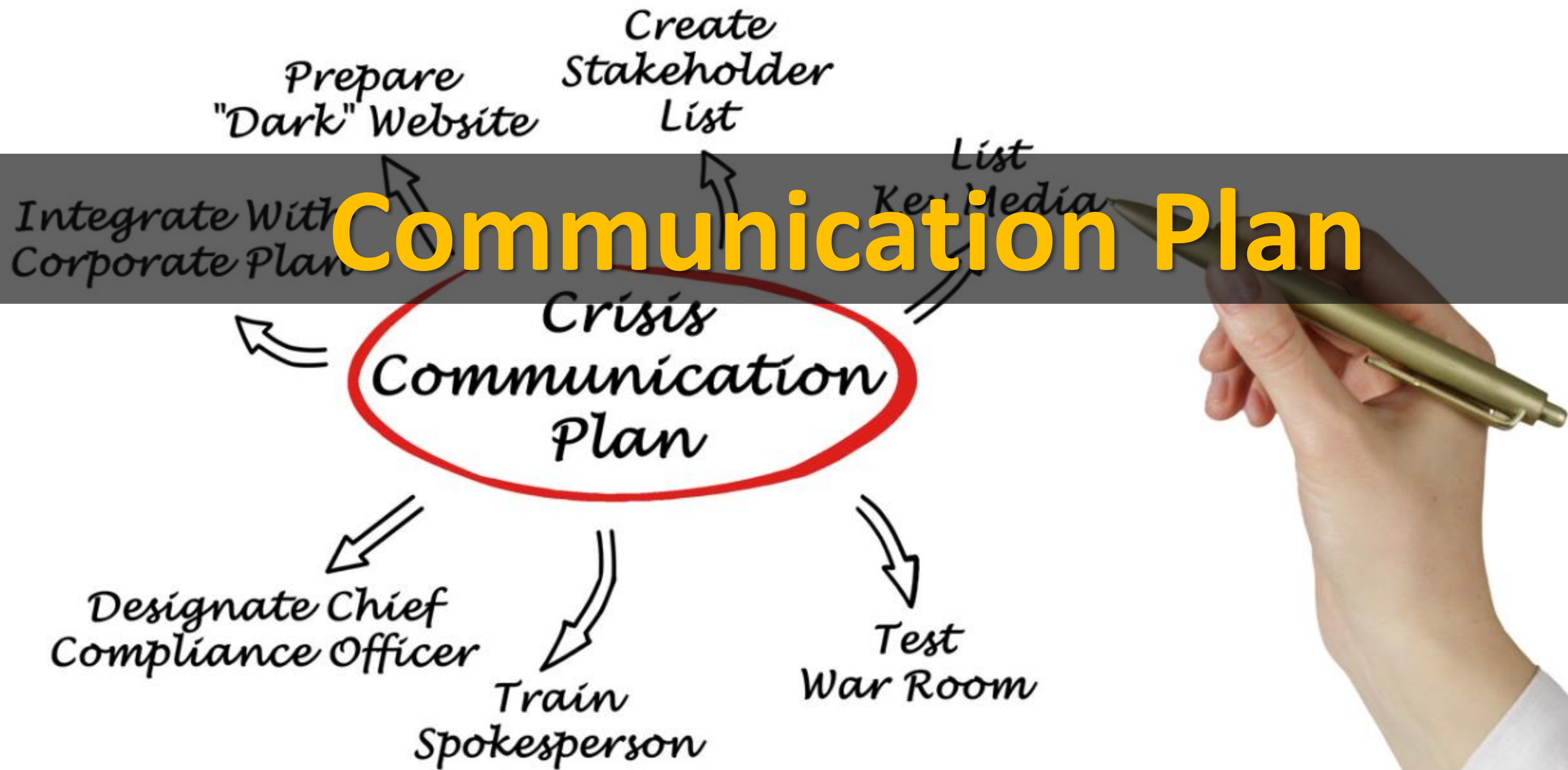




Key Stakeholders



Communication Plan



Virtual Muster Point

Fire assembly point



Tabletop Exercises



Keeping the plan updated

UPDATE





Last Line of Defense: Cyber Insurance Policy





**NO ONE CAN
GUARANTEE THAT
A DATA BREACH
WON'T HAPPEN**





Cyber Security has Many Moving Pieces



The Biggest Danger is your Complacency

“Success breeds complacency. Complacency breeds failure. Only the paranoid survive.”

- Andrew Grove, former CEO of Intel





Want to Know What the Biggest Risks in your Organization Are?



**Want to know if your security layers
are actually working?**





**Are you absolutely sure
you are secure?**



A mature risk posture is achieved with:

Security
Compliance
Insurance
Oversight



26 Minute Level 1 Risk Assessment

FREE



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Thank You!

