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Responding to and costing a ransomware attack

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What's happened?

- Hackers have accessed the IT infrastructure and detonated ransomware
- All internal and external systems are down
- All screens display a ransom note



GREETINGS!

CrazySnakes have left you a
present AMIGOS

Pay 20 bitcoin to release your
data

Bitcoin wallet:t38b1mmi93hs71bs0h2



Insurers' 24/7 hotline

Legal

What is the legal team going to do for us?

- Investigate - What's happened?
- Notify ICO and Action Fraud
- Coordinate other vendors
- Advise on third party notification and general strategy
- Advise on exposures

// Do we go to our existing
IT suppliers or a specialist
forensics firm?

IT Forensics

What is the forensic team going to do for us?

- Close down vulnerability
- Assist with data restoration from backups
- Analyse scope and root cause of breach
- Look for evidence of exfiltration

// Do we communicate
with the threat
actors?

PR Consultants

What is the PR Team going to do for us?

- Manage media response (pro-active -V- reactive)
- Develop key messaging for customers and employees
- Assess stakeholder matrix
- Prepare press releases and social media announcements

// What do we say to
customers and staff?

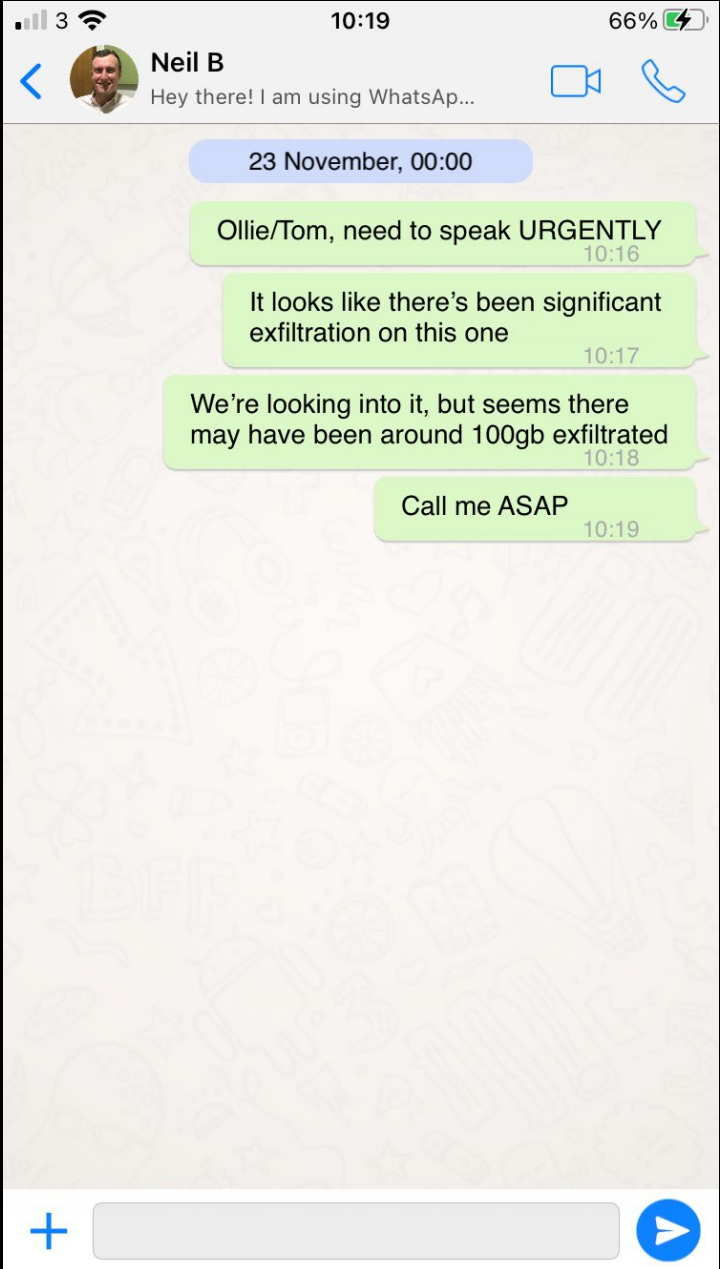
Immediate messaging

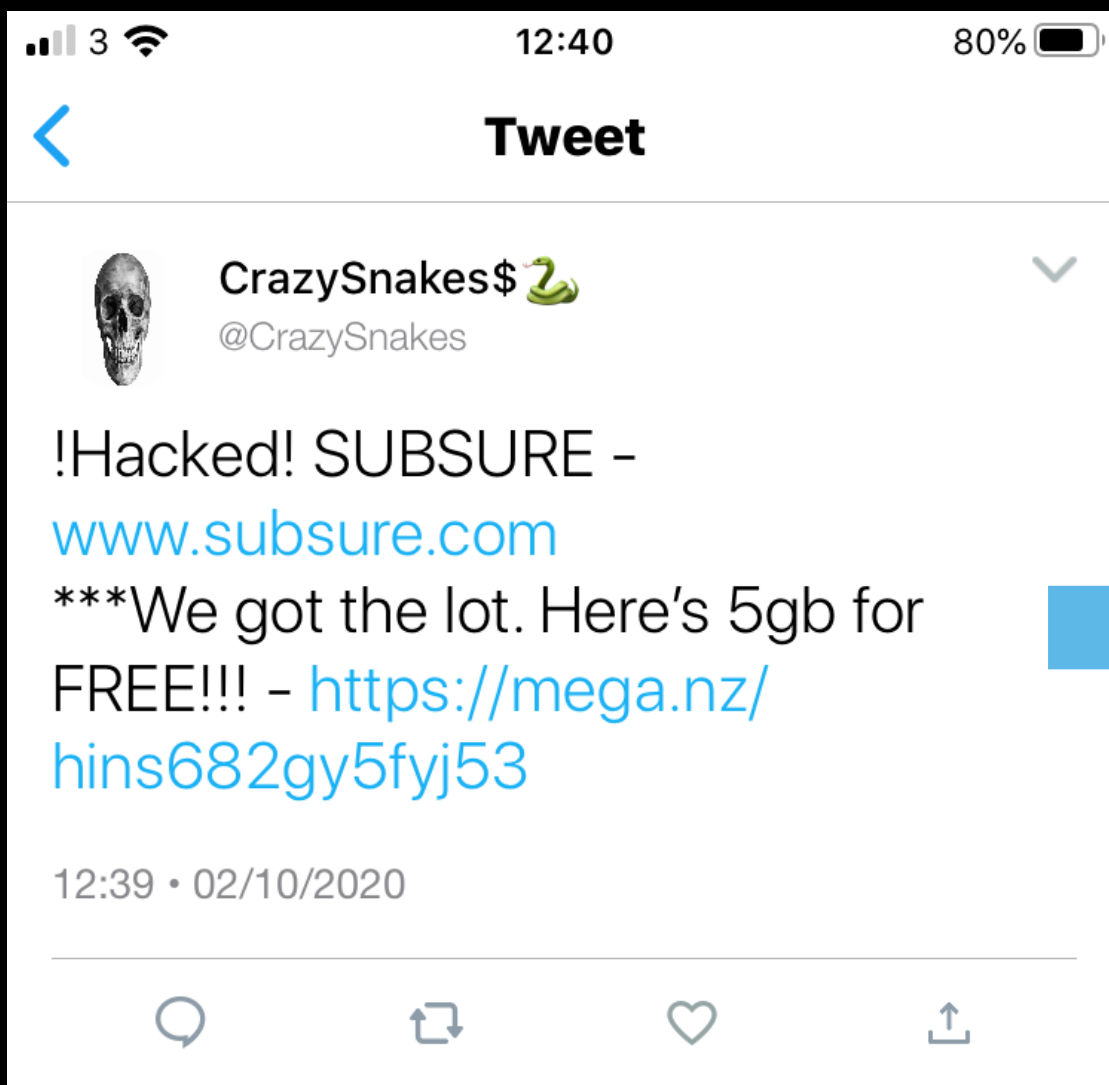
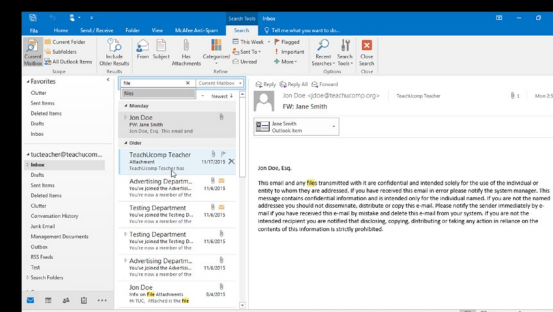
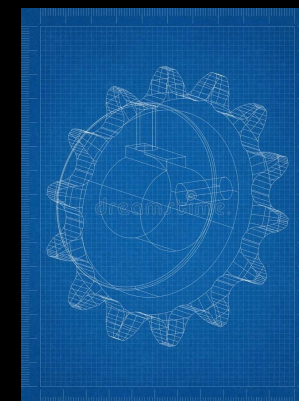
What are we saying to customers and employees?

- *“Experiencing some IT issues”*
- *“Working hard to restore functionality”*
- Reassuring messaging to key defence customers
- Employees - reassuring message and promise of updates

Two days in...

- Restoration going well - 60% of systems back online
- No wider media coverage
- BUT...



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BREAKING NEWS

MAJOR DEFENCE DATA LEAK

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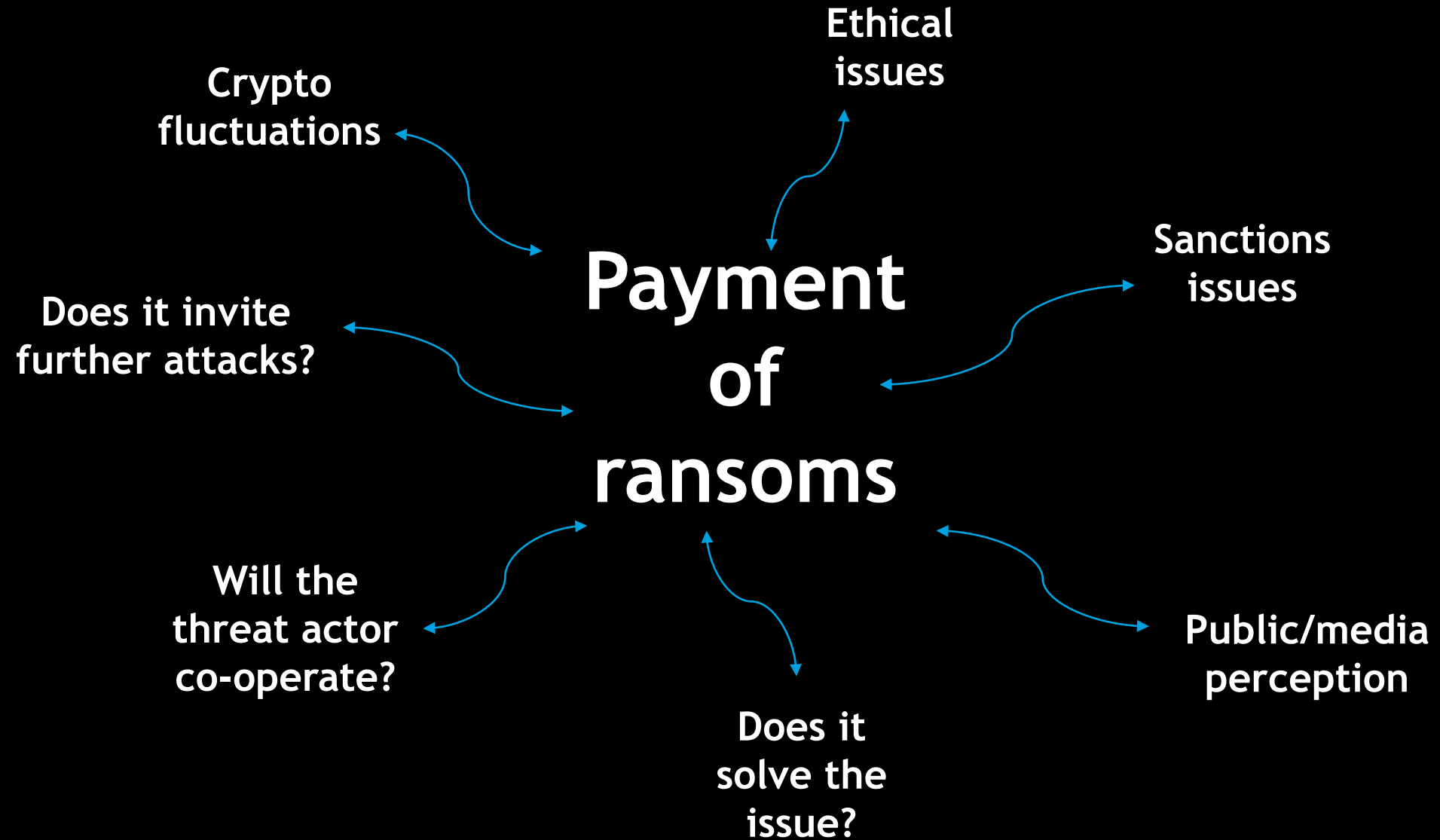
THOUSANDS OF SUBSURE DOCUMENTS RELEASED BY ATTACKERS

// What do we say to the media, customers and staff?

Key Messaging

- Confirm attack and data loss
- Focus on the fact it's a criminal act
- We are investigating with a team of experts and engaging with the Police and regulators
- We will be communicating with any affected individuals and customers
- Cannot comment further at this time
- Follow up with an immediate message to customers and staff

// Should we pay
the ransom?



// How much is this going to cost us?

SubSure CEO

Potential exposures

- Fees of response team - £200,000+
- Ransom payment - 20 BTC = £280,000
- Third party/customer/employee claims -
- Business interruption and lost contracts
- Regulator fines
- Hidden notification costs



£1m+

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