

IDENTITY THEFT PROTECTION: THE COMPUTER SIDE

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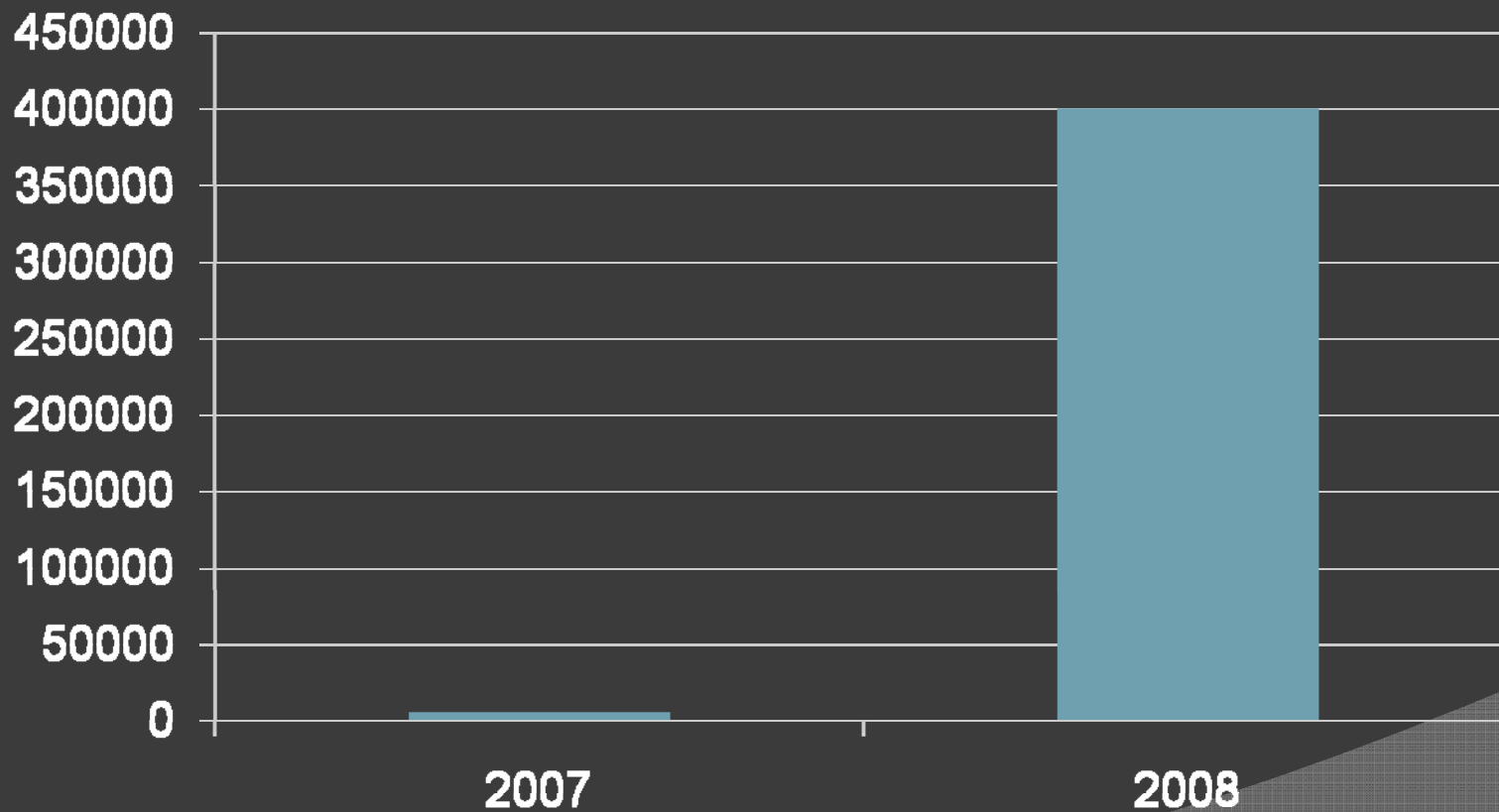
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A Bit More on Phishing

- ⦿ Do not put anything in an email you would not mind appearing on the front page of the Daily Item
- ⦿ Never volunteer personal information unless you are the one that initiated the contact
 - Even then, email should not be considered secure communication

A Bit more on Pharming

Attacks on Web Pages Per Day



Source: IBM Corporation

Personal Computer Protection

- Updated Anti-virus Protection
 - Sophos is available to you for FREE
- Windows Updates
- Malware Scanning Software (Free on the Internet – Pick ONE):
 - AdAware
 - Spybot Search and Destroy
 - MalwareBytes
 - Windows Defender (Vista)



Personal Computer Protection (cont.)

- ⦿ Password protect laptops, cell phones, and other portable media
- ⦿ Don't have your computer save your passwords
- ⦿ Change your passwords at least every six months
- ⦿ Secure your home wireless network!
 - Password
 - Don't broadcast your wireless network name

Frank Abignale Four Tips

1. Shred everything with your name and address on it with a micro-cut paper shredder
2. Pay to have your credit monitored
 - Must monitor all three credit bureaus
 - Equifax
 - Experion
 - TransUnion
 - Real time notification

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3. Use credit cards rather than debit cards
 - Spending someone else's money
 - Quicker resolution of theft issues (days vs. weeks)
 - Build your credit score
4. Minimize use of personal checks
 - Has practically everything someone needs to capture your identity

Education is Key

- ◎ You have already taken the first step
- ◎ Educate your FAMILY
 - You can do what you can to protect your identity, but what about...
 - Your spouse?
 - Your children?
 - Your parents?



Questions?