

# TOP 10 IT SECURITY ACTIONS & BEYOND



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# CSE's ROLE IN CYBER SECURITY



CYBER SECURITY  
LEAD IN CANADA



ACCESS TO UNIQUE  
FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE



AHEAD OF  
EMERGING THREATS



MONITOR GC SYSTEMS  
24/7 FOR CYBER THREATS



SAFEGUARDS CANADA'S  
MOST IMPORTANT INFORMATION



# CYBER: WHY IT'S IMPORTANT

## Cyber is:

- ◆ Integrated into every Canadian's everyday life
- ◆ A key part of all aspects of the government agenda: economic prosperity, innovation, defence and security
- ◆ Critical to democracy and democratic institutions
- ◆ Canada's wealth, innovative business sector, diplomatic relationships and military partnerships make it an attractive target

## Successful compromises can:

- ◆ Affect Government services to citizens
- ◆ Compromise Canadians' personal information
- ◆ Harm Canada's economy and national security
- ◆ Undermine Canadians' trust and confidence



## CYBER TRENDS

## 2014

**JANUARY** | **TARGET**  
**110M** financial records stolen

**APRIL** | **HEARTBLEED**  
**900** records stolen from CRA

**JUNE** | **NATIONAL RESEARCH COUNCIL (NRC)**

## 2015

**MAY** | **INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE (IRS)**  
**330,000** US tax records stolen

**JUNE** | **OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT (OPM)**  
**21.5M** records stolen of US government employees

## 2015

**JULY** | **GC DDOS ATTACKS**  
**> 12 websites** of federal departments crippled  
**ASHLEY MADISON**  
**37M** user's account information leaked

## 2016

**OCTOBER** | **MIRAI BOTNET**  
 Infected IoT devices worldwide. DDOS attack on DNS provider DYN

## 2017

**MAY** | **WANNACRY (RANSOMWARE)**  
**>300,000** computer infected

**JULY** | **EQUIFAX**  
**145M** US personal info leaked

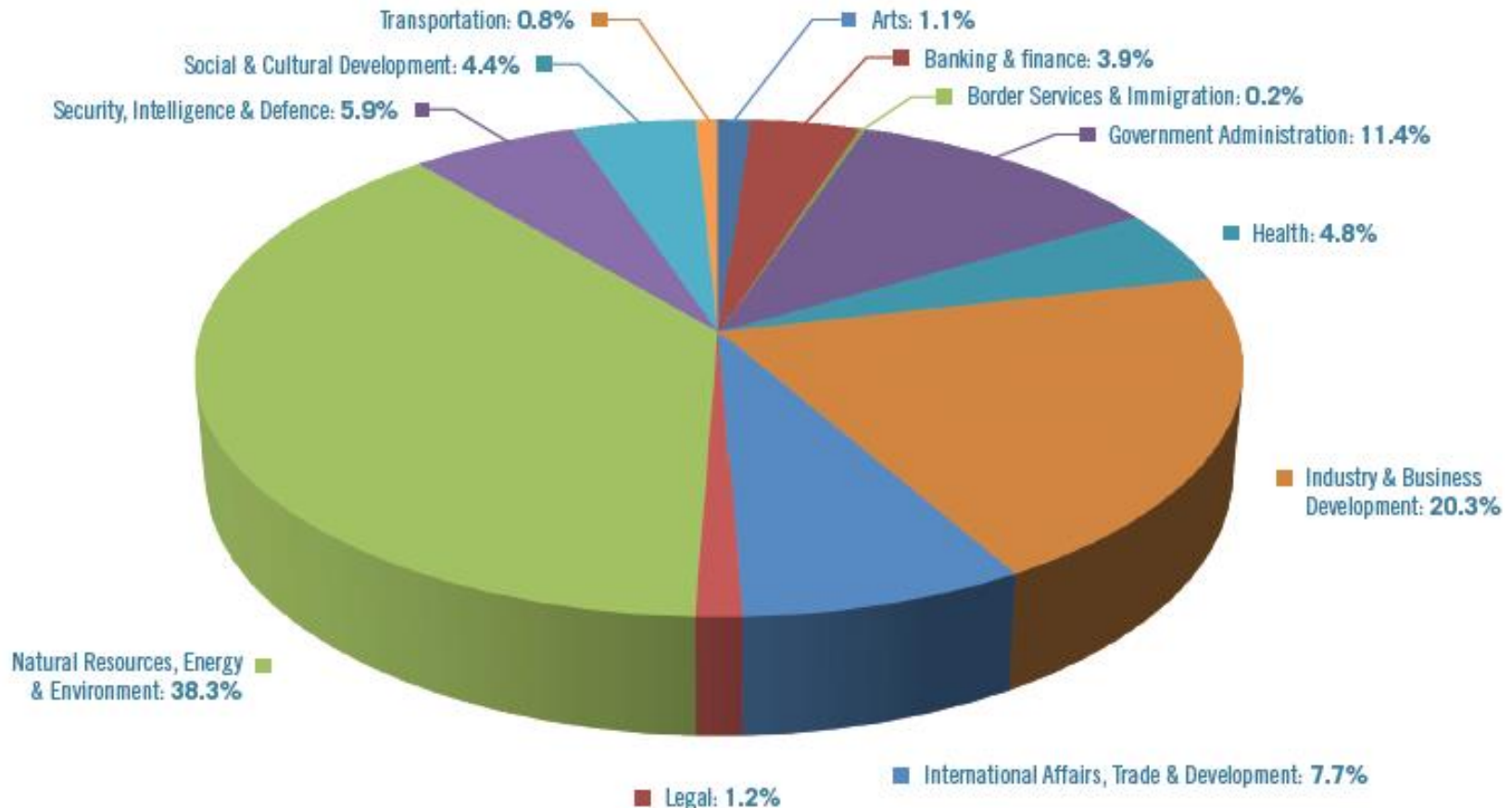
**OCTOBER** | **YAHOO**  
**3B** user's data compromised



# GOVERNMENT OF CANADA CYBER EVENTS IN 2016 BY SECTOR

## WHAT ARE THREAT ACTORS INTERESTED IN? EVERYTHING!

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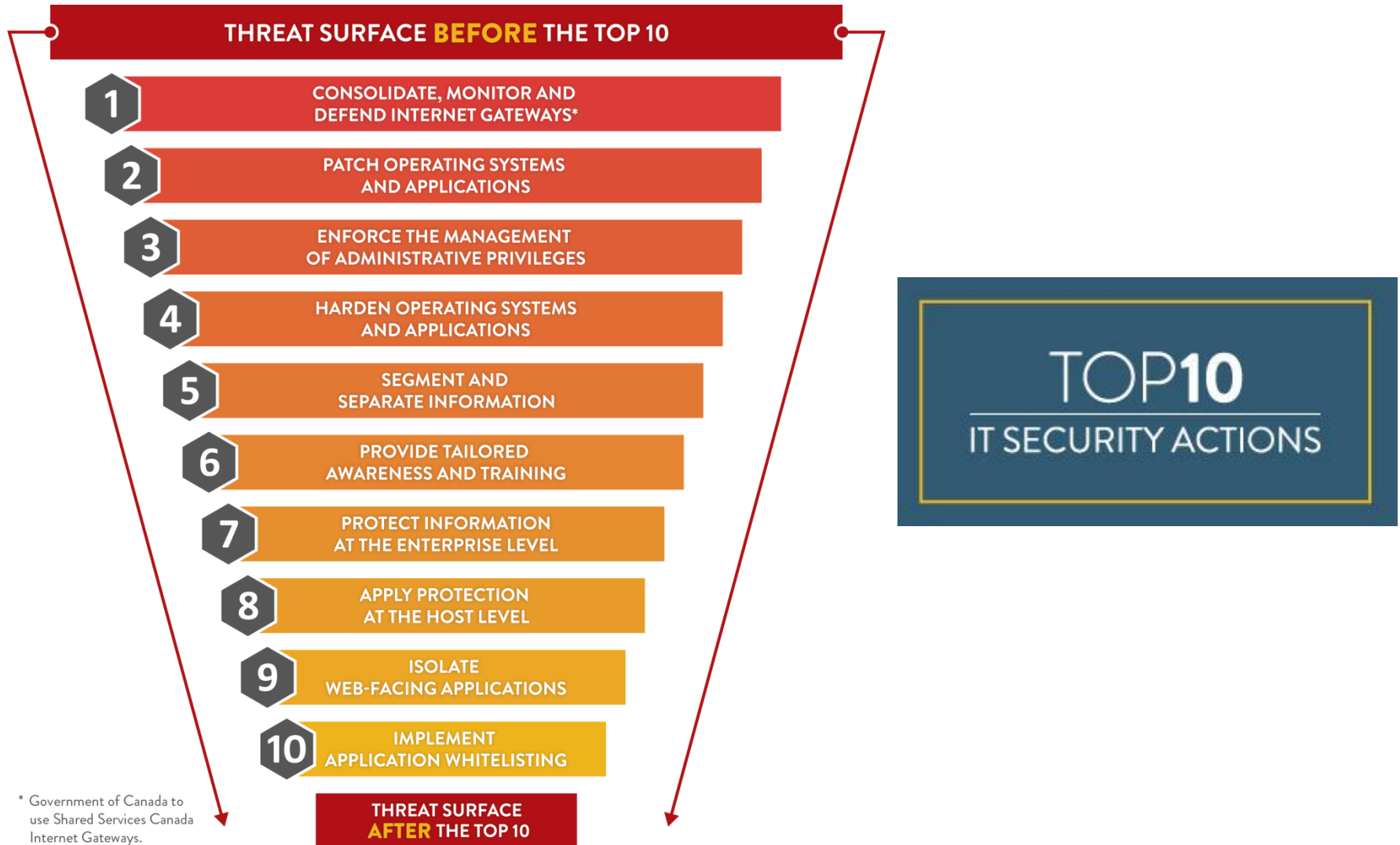


## WHAT IS THE TOP 10 IT SECURITY ACTIONS?

- ◆ The Top 10 is a practical list of IT security actions departments can take to be more secure
- ◆ Has been condensed from the Top 35 for ease of use and to focus departmental efforts
- ◆ Developed based on CSE's analysis of the cyber threat activity trends that impact Government of Canada (GC) Internet-connected network



# IMPLEMENT THE TOP 10



## OBSERVATIONS

- ◆ Since the TBS Security Policy Information Notice (SPIN 2015-01) was issued in 2015:
  - Many GC departments and agencies have incorporated elements into their departmental investment plans and internal IM/IT audit assessment
  - Perception is that it is easier for large departments to implement as they have the dedicated resources
  - For small and medium agencies, there is a lack of resources dedicated to IT security
  - A strong desire for a community wide effort to share best-practices and initiatives
  - Top 10 is an excellent start but security requires continuous improvement and additional guidance is needed



## MOVING FORWARD WITH ITSG-33

- ◆ ITSG-33 (*IT Security Risk Management: A Lifecycle Approach*) provides guidance pertaining to:
  - IT Security Risk Management Activities
  - Security Implementation Process
  - Security Control Catalogue & Profiles
  
- ◆ How to transition from Top 10 to ITSG-33?
  - Top 10 are only the first steps to increasing a department's security posture
  - Top 10 activities correspond directly to ITSG-33 security controls
  - Your “Business Need for Security” will help determine what security controls are required

## KEY TAKEAWAYS

- ◆ The environment is complex and the threats are diverse
- ◆ CSE has additional tools that can help make your organization more secure moving beyond the Top 10



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