

Bug Hunters dump user data.

Can they keep it?

Well they're keeping it
anyway.

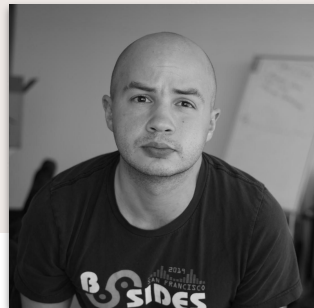


Who?



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@wbm312

Data Protection Officer &
Privacy Attorney - a lawyer,
but not your lawyer



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@InsecureNature

Co-Founder of Truffle Security,
TruffleHog author, bug hunter,
security researcher, etc...



Do bug hunters touch your data?

← → ↻ hackerone.com/uber?type=team

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- Do not attempt to extract, download, or otherwise exfiltrate data that may have PII or other sensitive data other than your own.
- Do not change passwords of any account that is not yours or that you do not have explicit permission to change. If ever prompted to change a password of an account you did not register yourself or an account that was not provided to you, stop and report the finding immediately.
- Do not do anything that would be considered a privacy violation, cause destruction of data, or interrupt or degrade our service.
- Do not interact with accounts you do not own.

Google

Bug Hunters

Investigating and reporting bugs

When investigating a vulnerability, please, only ever target your own accounts. Never attempt to access anyone else's data and engage in any activity that would be disruptive or damaging to your fellow users or to Google.



Dashboard Programs Discovery Submit

Program Ground Rules

- Respect our users' privacy.
- Leave the Site as you found it.
- Don't violate our Terms of Service or the law.
- Don't access the data of others.
- Don't impact our services.



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- Do not attempt to extract, download, or otherwise exfiltrate data which you believe may have PII other than your own.
- Do not change passwords of any account that is not yours or that you do not have explicit permission to change. If ever prompted to change a password, stop and report the finding immediately.
- Do not publicly disclose vulnerability reports that are not resolved and approved for disclosure by Starbucks.

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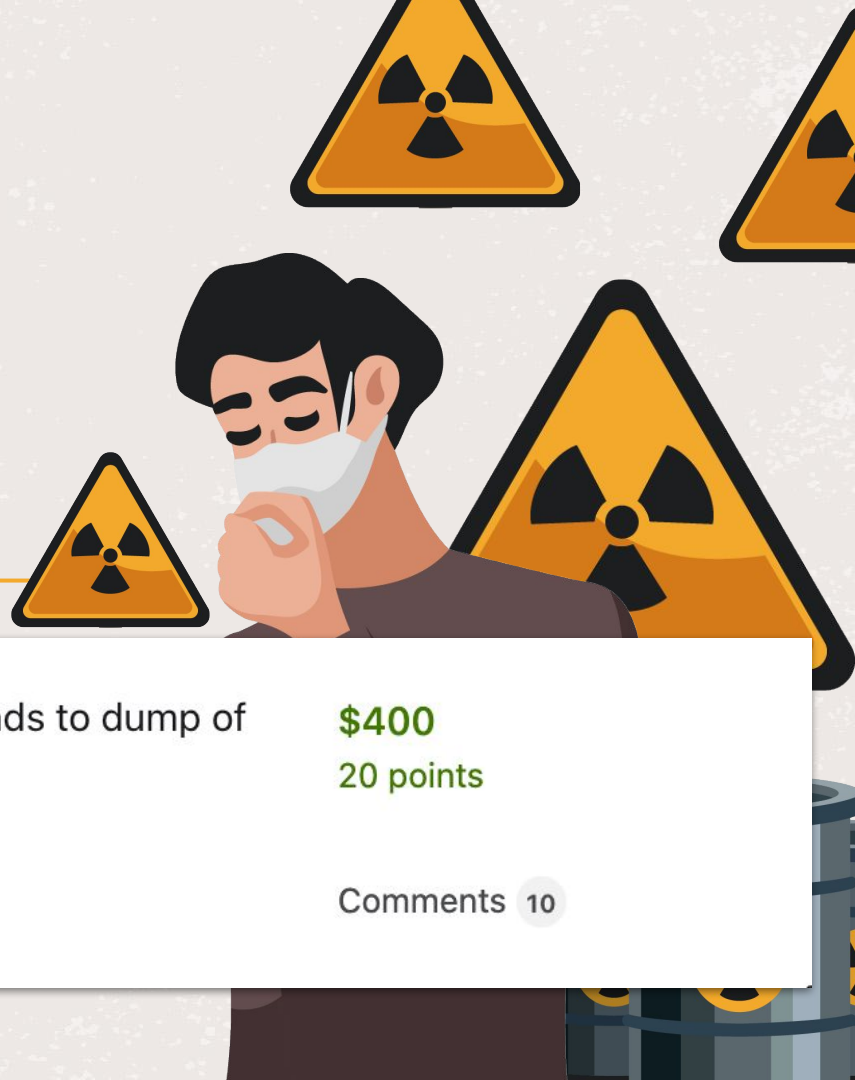
Dashboard Pr

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Job done.



Crap.



Blind XSS on ██████████.com admin endpoint leads to dump of entire user database

🔒 ██████████ (Private) • Updated a year ago

P2

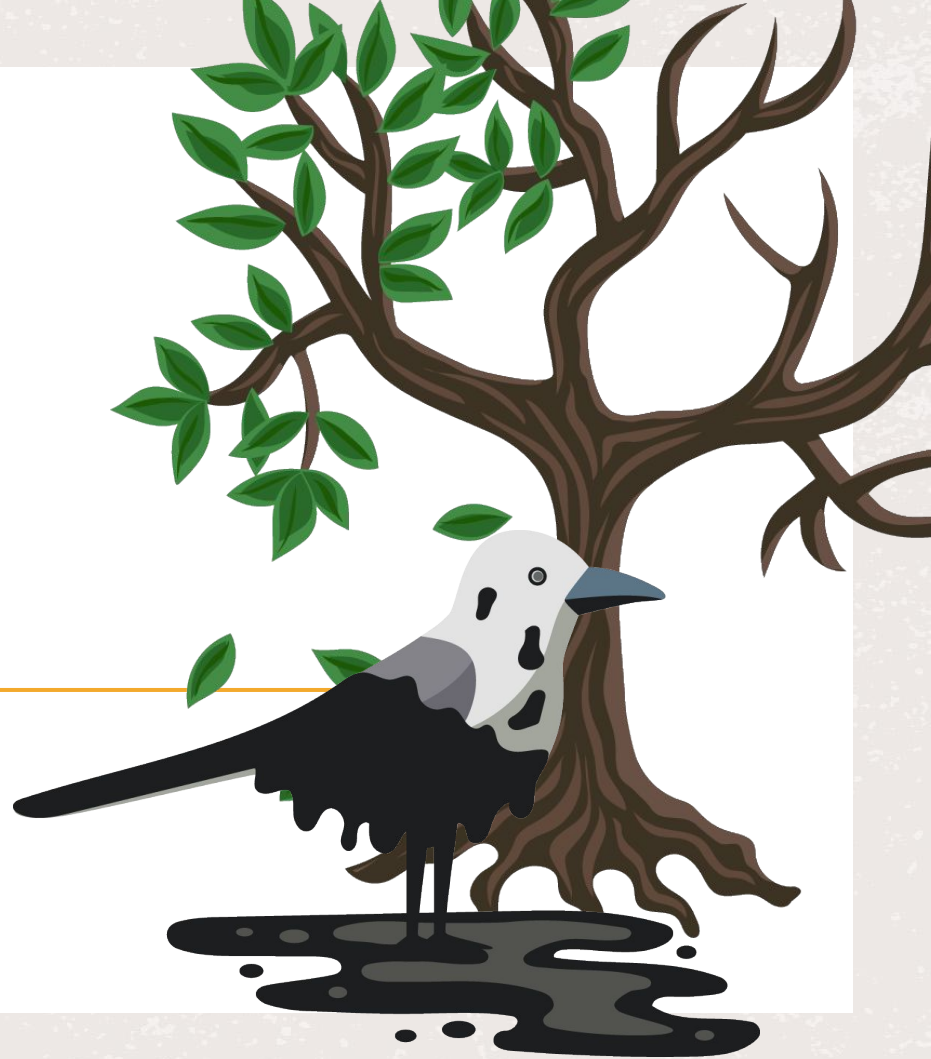
Resolved

\$400

20 points

Comments 10

Yes.



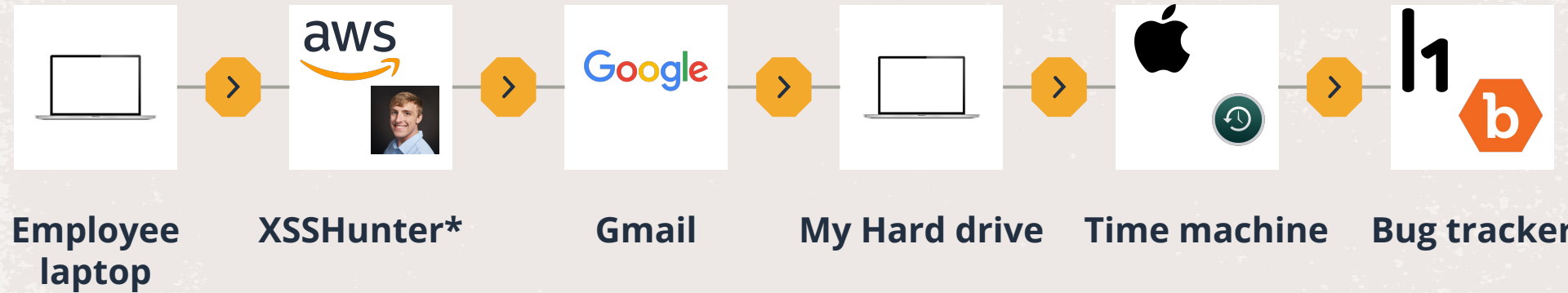


Not yet

**There's data
everywhere**



Data flow diagram



*and/or other similarly situated third-party tool

XSSHunter isn't clear

XSS Hunter ^{BETA}

Home Features Sign Up Contact/Abuse XSS Hunter Donate ♥ Logout

Run by @IAmMandatory

Served at: /xsitescripting 121.244.182.249 http://localhost:80

Hi jdjdj
The Password is null

PREV 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 NEXT

The screenshot shows the XSS Hunter interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for Home, Features, Sign Up, Contact/Abuse, XSS Hunter, Donate, and Logout. Below the navigation bar, it says "Run by @IAmMandatory". The main content area shows a search result for a XSS payload. The search result is displayed as "Hi jdjdj" and "The Password is null". At the bottom of the search result, there is a pagination control with buttons for "PREV", "0", "1", "2", "3", "4", "5", "6", "7", "8", "9", "10", and "NEXT". Three red arrows point to the "0" button, the "NEXT" button, and the bottom of the search result area.

The bug platform itself



Files attached

 [dom \(6\).html](#) (481 KB)

Delete button???



This incident isn't isolated



“Uh... yeah”

—All the bug hunters I asked



Never hurts to ask



Disclose report to CrowdStream

Open a request to disclose this report to [CrowdStream](#). We recommend requesting disclosure after the vulnerability is marked as resolved.

Disclosure requests **will not speed up** submission transition.

Please review our [Public Disclosure Policy](#) [?] before submitting a request.

[Request disclosure](#)



[redacted] has cancelled the request to disclose [redacted]
[redacted]


[redacted] does not disclose reports of this type, and does not consent to the disclosure of this specific report. [redacted]

[View details on HackerOne.](#)

Dang.



Disclose report to CrowdStream

 **Disclosure request approved:** Your disclosure report has been approved and published — [View disclosure report](#)

Holy crap that worked.



Blind stored XSS on from <https://talent.indeed.com> to <http://auscorp-analyticstest1.indeed.net:8012/notebooks/8221>

Submitted about 5 years ago

Reference	2e9e06884509a278ca14e95aa6d7e7207f031a172ef31927c6a368a793cf45b7
Submitted	20 May 2017 18:26:27 UTC
Target Location	https://*.indeed.com
Target category	Other
VRT	Cross-Site Scripting (XSS) > Stored > Non-Admin to Anyone

Status

Resolved

Duplicate

This submission has been fixed!

Reward

5 points

“Your PoC exfiltrated **email addresses** but it seems other PII could have been hypothetically at risk. The user base was relatively small (**a few thousand**) as this was an experimental project.”

“Be sure that any **PII** that was in your PoC should **be obfuscated**. We are excited that we can be included in your talk and help give back to the security community.”

```
1 @yahoo.com 1
2 @comcast.net 1
3 @yahoo.com 1
4 @gmail.com 1
5 @gmail.com 1
6 @gmail.com 1
7 3@yahoo.com 1
8 @gmail.com 1
9 @gmail.com 1
10 @outlook.com 1
11 @24gmail.com 1
12 016 1
13 @yahoo.com 1
14 @mail.mil 1
15 @gmail.com 1
16 garbage.com 1
17 1 1
18 @gmail.com 1
19 @gmail.com 1
20 @hotmail.com 1
21 @gmail.com 1
22 @grr.la 1
23 ahoo.com 1
24 @hotmail.com 1
25 @gmail.com 1
```

Asked to delete data?

No.

Maintain data access through ticket?

Yes.

Disclosure notifications?

Not to my knowledge.

issuetracker.google.com/u/1/issues/152549045?pli=1

IssueTracker

Search IssueTracker

310543 152549045

XSS in https://n-3yyj2lia5ofgy376pcztho2merhjrjwypn7fqra-0lu-script.googleusercontent.com

Comments (29) Dependencies (0/1) Duplicates (0) Blocking (0) Resources (18)

I'd say conservatively **there's thousands of emails,** names and other information in this file. Here's a few:

- @umich.edu @canyonisd.net /@gmail.=
- @gema.cc @gmail.comr @gmail.com =
- @gema.con @gmail.com @gmail.com @g=
- @talktalk.net
- @talktalk.net @googlemail.com @gmail.com=
- @gmail.com

Reporter
Type
Priority
Severity

“Re: notification. We are following our usual privacy incident process, that includes notification of customers in case it's necessary. **Not sure if it was necessary in this case, our team doesn't see that part of the process.**”

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Wait hold up....



ev...@google.com <ev...@google.com> #28

Hi Dylan!

Thanks for the heads up! And congrats on the Blackhat talk. Also nice to chat with you again.

We've looked back into this incident and concluded that we had to make a few changes to our processes, but for now we would just like to ask you to delete the copies (if any) you have of these emails.



Stored XSS on http://[redacted]

Submitted over 5 years ago



Reference

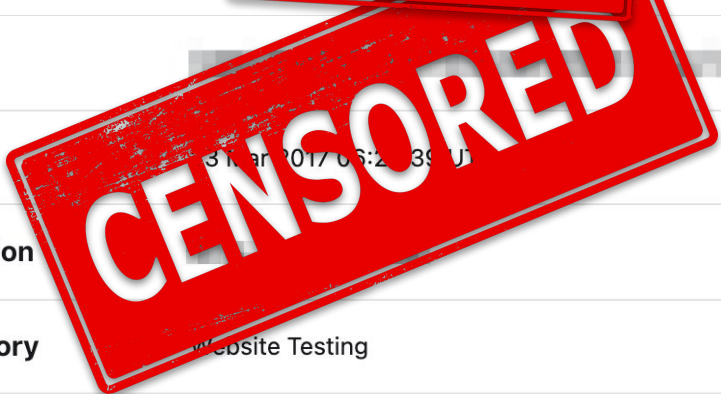
Submitted

31 Mar 2017 06:20:39 UTC

Target Location

Target category

Website Testing



bigBugGuy sent a message

The affected data is located in the following files:

Also, exposed, and of



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What about other researchers?



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blog.assetnote.io/bug-bounty/2019/01/14/gaining-access-to-ubers-user-data-through-ampscript-evaluation/

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Gaining access to Uber's user data through AMPScript evaluation

Jan 14, 2019

<https://blog.assetnote.io/bug-bounty/2019/01/14/gaining-access-to-ubers-user-data-through-ampscript-evaluation/>

Making it rain Shubs

blog.assetnote.io/bug-bounty/2019/01/14/gaining-access-to-ubers-user-data-through-ampscript-evaluation/

```
HTTP/1.1 200 OK
Server: nginx
Date: Mon, 13 Nov 2017 18:42:53 GMT
Content-Type: application/json; charset=utf-8
Connection: close
X-Powered-By: Express
ETag: W/"4ed-37KKKVpoM3EZuMthUCF91RVWiQ0"
X-Uber-App: exacttarget-web-hook
Strict-Transport-Security: max-age=604800
X-Content-Type-Options: nosniff
X-XSS-Protection: 1; mode=block
Strict-Transport-Security: max-age=2592000
X-Frame-Options: SAMEORIGIN
Cache-Control: max-age=0
Content-Length: 1261
```

```
{"result": "
12:47:10
AM\r\n\r\n\r\n\tShubs\r\n\r\n\r\n\r\n\t
7\r\n\r\n\t3/26/2016 11:04:11
AM\r\n\r\n\r\n\r\n\tShubs\r\n\r\n\r\n\r\n\t
\r\n\r\n\t10/9/2016 12:33:46
PM\r\n\r\n\t15
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\r\n\r\n\t1/13/2017 2:37:38
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\r\n\r\n\t1/13/2017 2:39:58
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\r\n\r\n\t1/15/2017 2:48:54
AM\r\n\r\n\t
\r\n\r\n\tshubs\r\n\r\n\r\n\r\n\t\r\n\r\n\t
\r\n\r\n\t1/19/2017 9:55:05
PM\r\n\r\n\tadmi.n@shubh.am\r\n\r\n\tshubs\r\n\r\n\r\n\r\n\t\r\n\r\n\t
\r\n\r\n\t3/24/2017 9:43:07
AM\r\n\r\n\t
\r\n\r\n\tshubs\r\n\r\n\r\n\r\n\t\r\n\r\n\t
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\r\n\r\n\tShubs\r\n\r\n\r\n\r\n\t\r\n\r\n\t
\r\n\r\n\t\r\n\r\n\t9/30/2017 2:37:30
AM\r\n\r\n\t
\r\n\r\n\tShubs"}

```

Data returned from Uber for all users named 'Shubs'

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Disclosure notifications?

Not to his knowledge.

What about other researchers?



→ C samcurry.net/hacking-starbucks/

Hacking Starbucks and Accessing Nearly 100 Million Customer Records

🕒 June 20, 2020 👤 samwcyo

After a long day of trying and failing to find vulnerabilities on the Verizon Media bug bounty program I decided to call it quits and do some chores. I needed to buy gifts for a friends birthday and went online to order a Starbucks gift card.

While trying to purchase it on the Starbucks website I couldn't help but notice a lot of API calls that felt immediately suspicious. There were requests being sent under an API prefixed with `"/bff/proxy/"` that returned data that appeared to be coming from another host.

<https://samcurry.net/hacking-starbucks/>

“I tried my best to limit is as I didn't want to cause any problems from their side, so I only included like **5-6 other peoples records**”



```
/bff/proxy/stream/v1/users/me/streamItems/web\...\..\..\..\..\.\.\.\.\..\..\Search\v1\Accounts?  
$filter=startswith(UserName,'redacted') HTTP/1.1  
Host: app.starbucks.com
```

```
{  
  "@odata.context":  
  "https://redacted.starbucks.com/Search/v1/$metadata#Accounts",  
  "value": [  
    {  
      "Id": 81763022,  
      "ExternalId": "59d159e2-redacted-redacted-b037-  
e8cececdf354",  
      "UserName": "redacted@gmail.com",  
      "FirstName": "Justin",  
      "LastName": "Gardner",  
      "EmailAddress": "redacted@gmail.com",  
      "Submarket": "US",  
      "PartnerNumber": null,  
      "RegistrationDate": "2018-05-19T18:52:15.0763564Z",  
      "RegistrationSource": "Android",  
      "LastUpdated": "2020-05-16T23:28:39.3426069Z"  
    }  
  ]  
}
```

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**These aren't
one-off's.**



Why does it happen?

A blind XSS fired on this domain that I put in here months ago. It's an admin endpoint, and the purpose of the endpoint is to return a list of all users. This means I **accidentally** dumped all users.

This was an accident. I really try to not dump all users. 

Sometimes it's an accident.



 sent a message
6 months ago

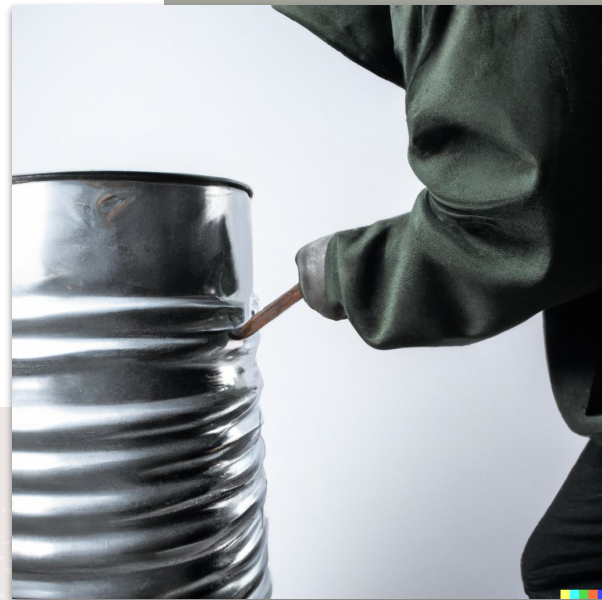
Hi ,

Thank you for your submission. Unfortunately, we scanners can be false-positives. In order to accept an issue like this as valid we need to see a fully working POC showing that the leaked information can be used in a malicious way. Once you can provide such a POC, feel free to file a new submission.

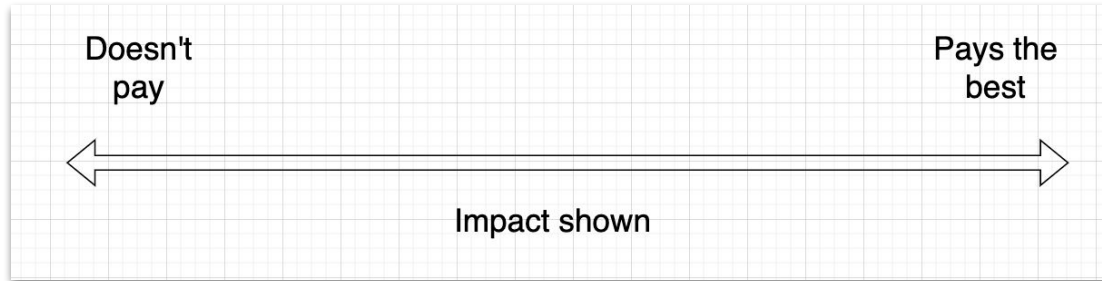
Best regards,

- 

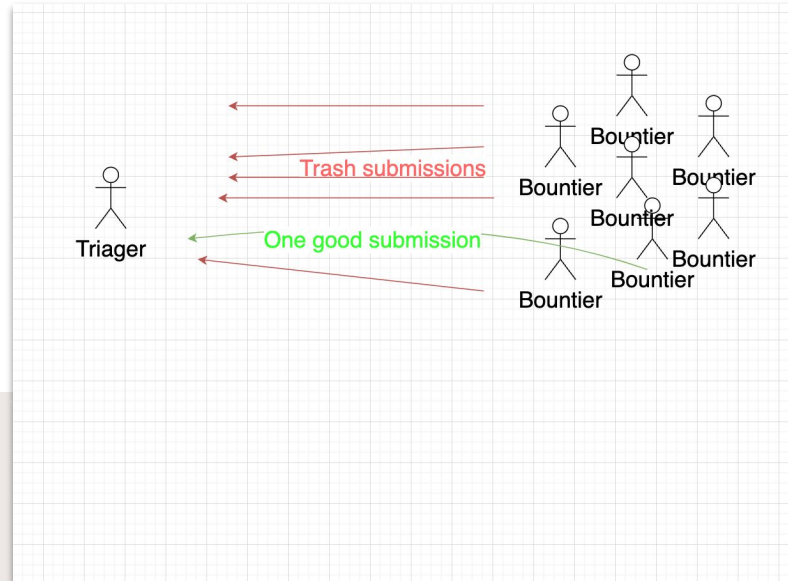
Sometimes it's not an accident.



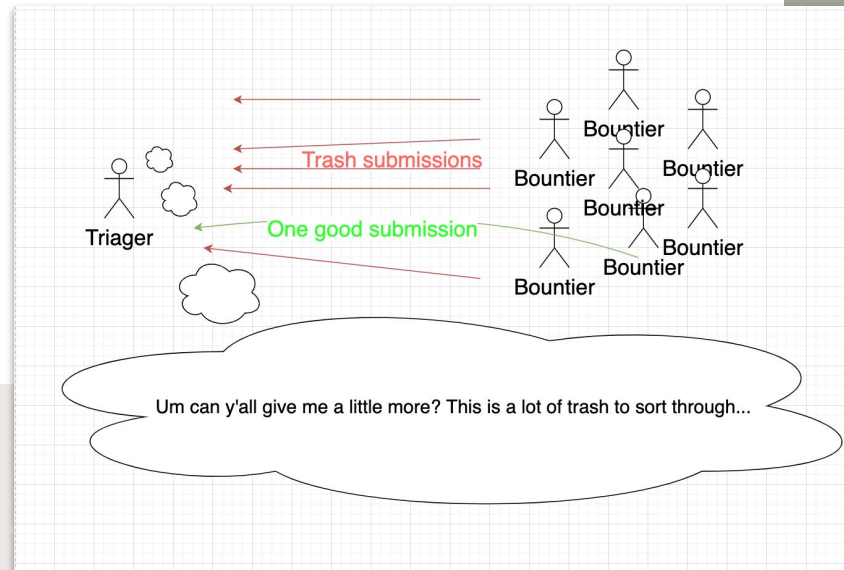
Bountier incentives



Triager incentives



Triager incentives



Thank you to the companies that let us talk about it



Shame on journalists punishing transparent companies



Not helpful



The image is a screenshot of a web browser displaying an article on the Ars Technica website. The browser's address bar shows the URL: `arstechnica.com/information-technology/2019/12/hackeronone-breach-lets-outside-hacker-read-customers-private-bug-repo`. The website's header features the Ars Technica logo (an orange circle with the word 'ars' in white) and the word 'TECHNICA' in white on a black background. To the right of the logo is a navigation menu with links for 'BIZ & IT', 'TECH', 'SCIENCE', 'POLICY', 'CARS', 'GAMING & CULTURE', and 'STOR'. Below the header, the article title is 'HackerOne breach lets outside hacker read customers' private bug reports', with a sub-headline 'CASE OF THE \$20,000 COOKIE —' in green. The main text of the article begins with 'Company security analyst sent session cookie allowing account take-over.' Below the text is a timestamp: '12/4/2019, 5:00 AM'. At the bottom of the article is a decorative banner with a dark blue background, featuring glowing green and yellow numbers (e.g., 4079086, 4078430, 4076931, 4074801, 4079718, 4078455, 4078456, 4078458) and a red circular graphic.

Howbout this?

→ ↻ 🔒 arstechnica.com/information-technology/2019/12/hackrone-breach-lets-outside-hacker-read-customers-private-bug-reports/


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CASE OF THE \$20,000 COOKIE —

HackerOne shares internal incident most companies wouldn't tell their users about

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Why should you care?

| |

So what if this data is
everywhere?

XSSHunter has 1.66TB of data in it

Cloud SQL details

Storage used

1.66 TB of 1.74 TB used

2 weeks ago

My bounty account didn't have 2fac

Two-factor authentication

Two-factor authentication ([2FA](#)) makes your account more secure by requiring a special code in addition to your password to log in.



Two-factor authentication is **not enabled**

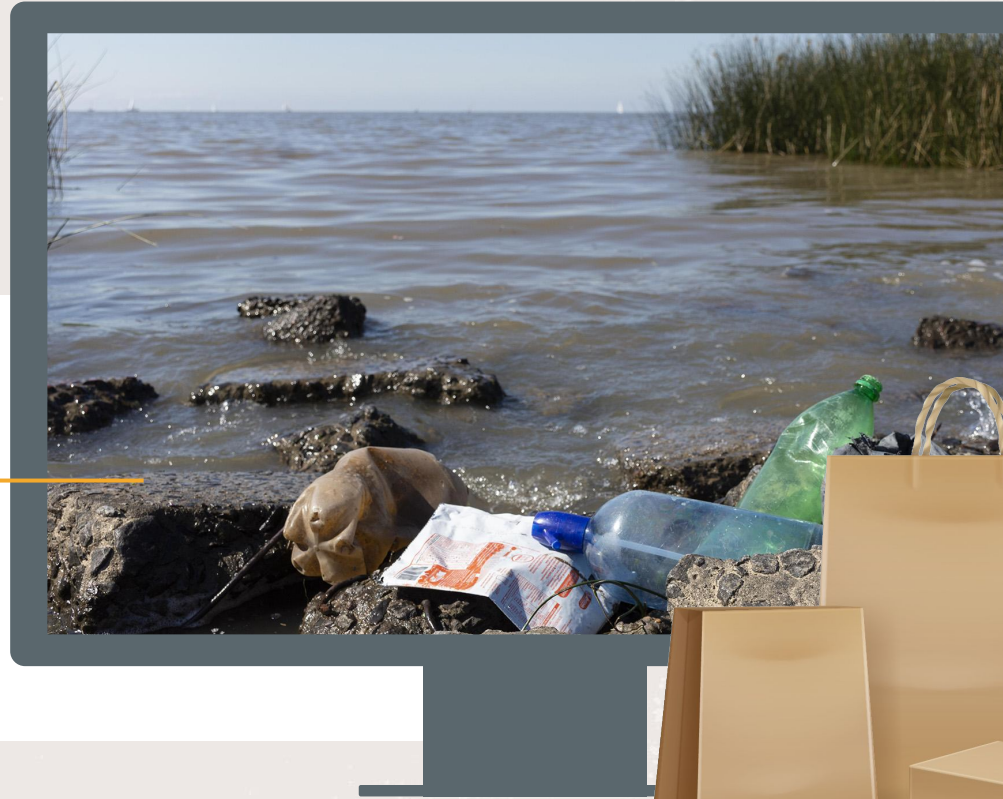
We recommend enabling two-factor authentication to provide an extra layer of security to your account.

1. Install a two-factor authentication app



It's a trend

Time to clean up and try to contain sensitive data while still advancing security programs



**If you build
it...**

**Prepare for
the worst...**

Major requirements



Prevent

Be ready.

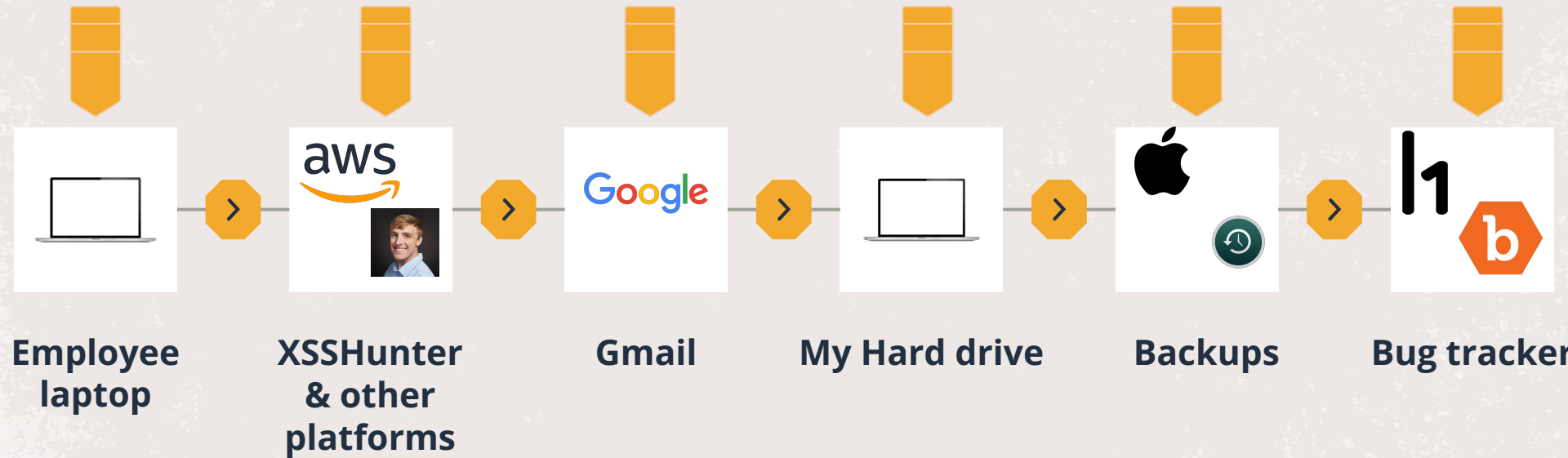
Set policies to prevent data leaks and continually enhance them.

Work with your privacy team or compliance teams.

Cleanup

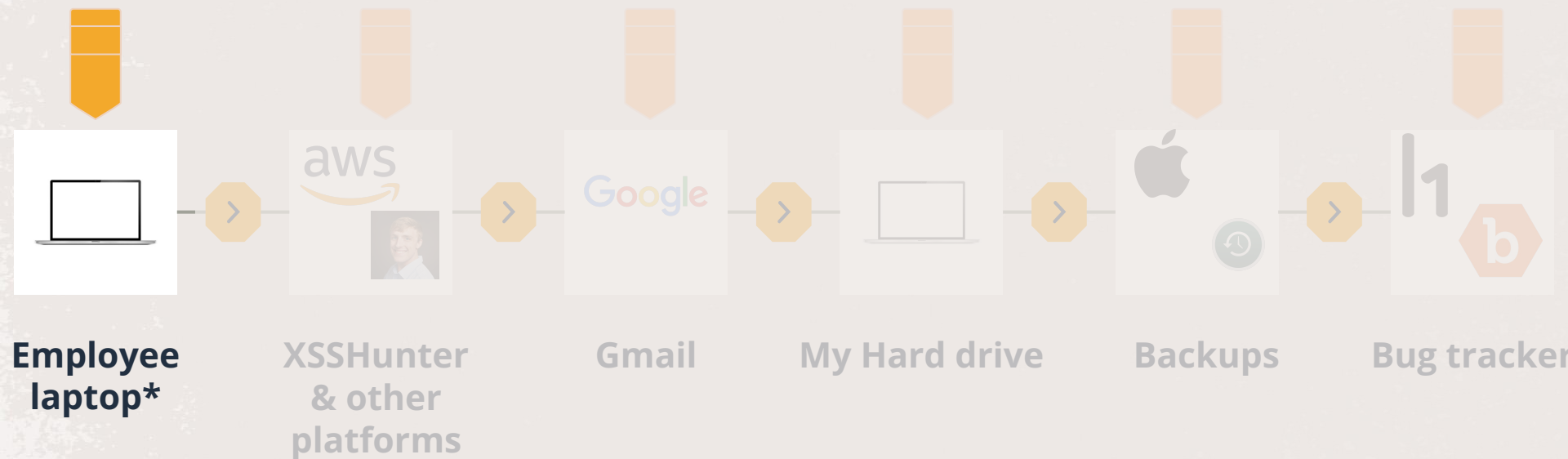
If you know confidential or personal data is on a system, clean it up - and keep a record of the clean up.

Prevention & cleanup opportunities



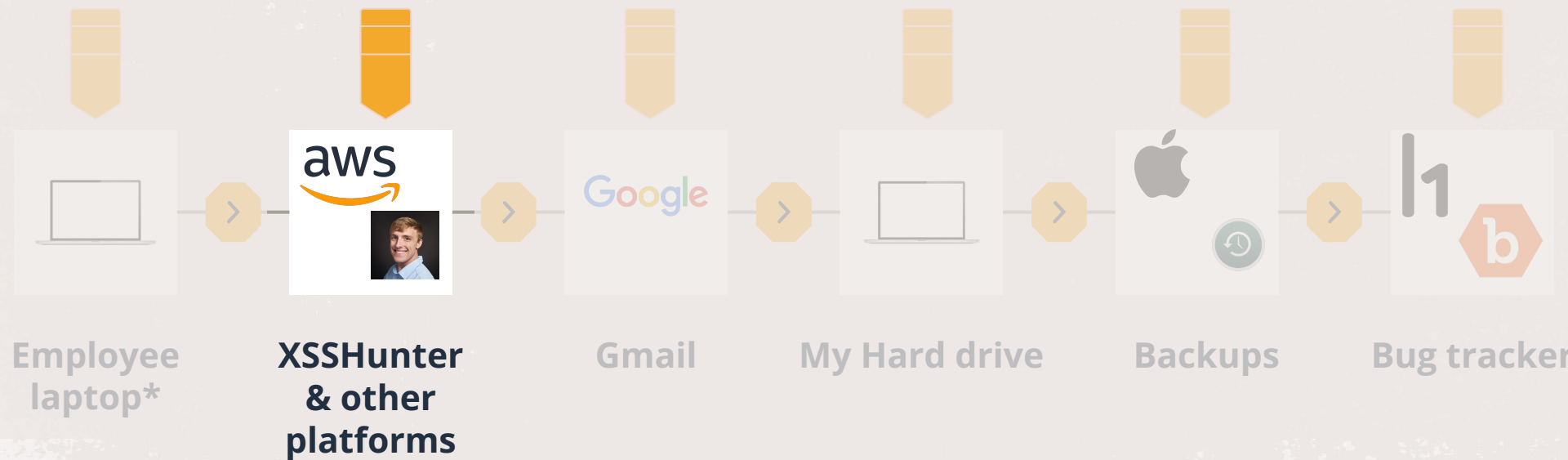
*or company assets

Prevention & cleanup opportunities



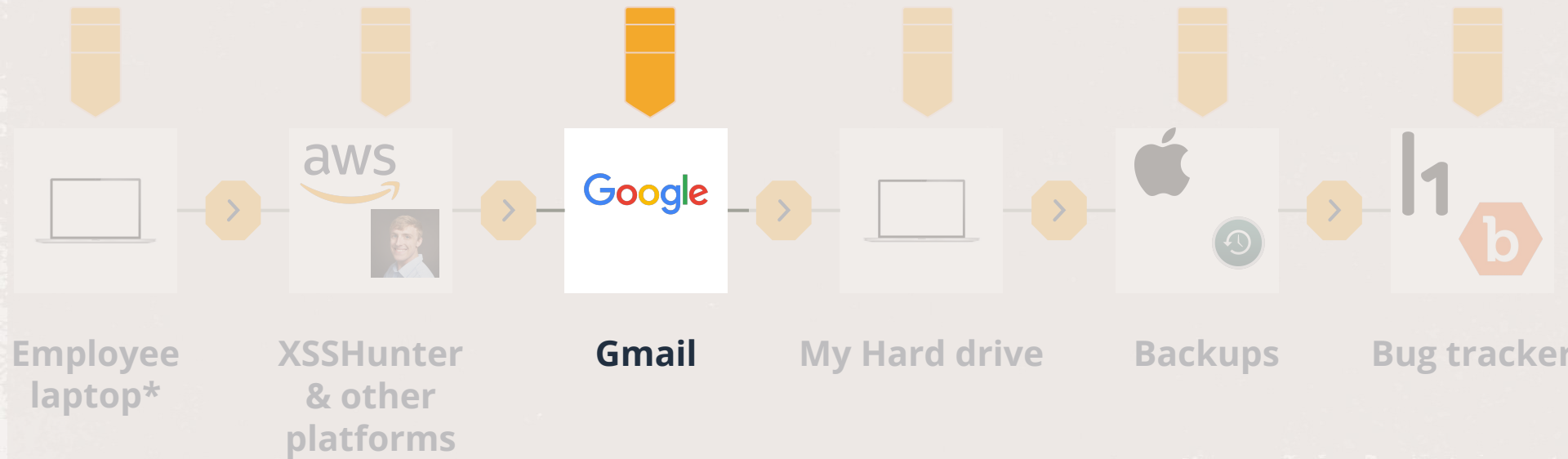
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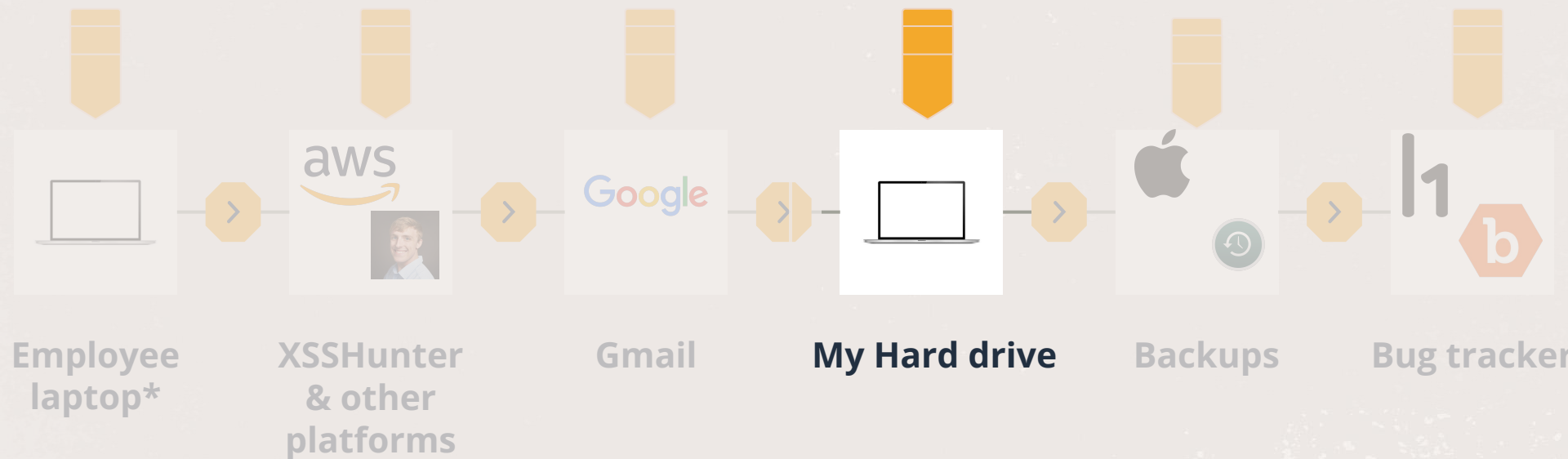
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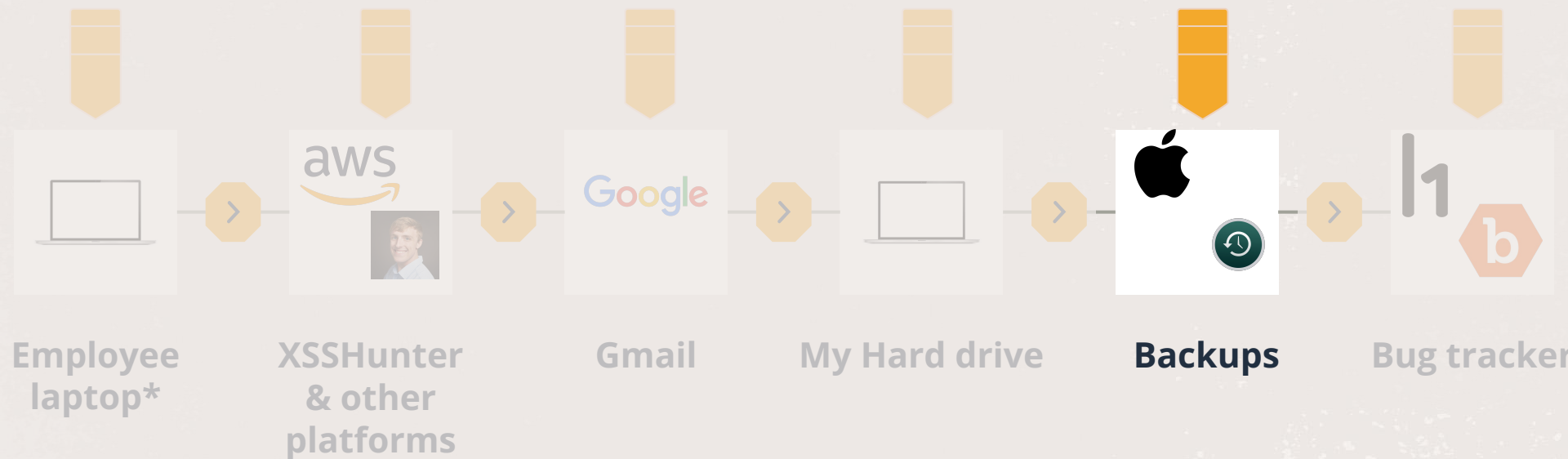
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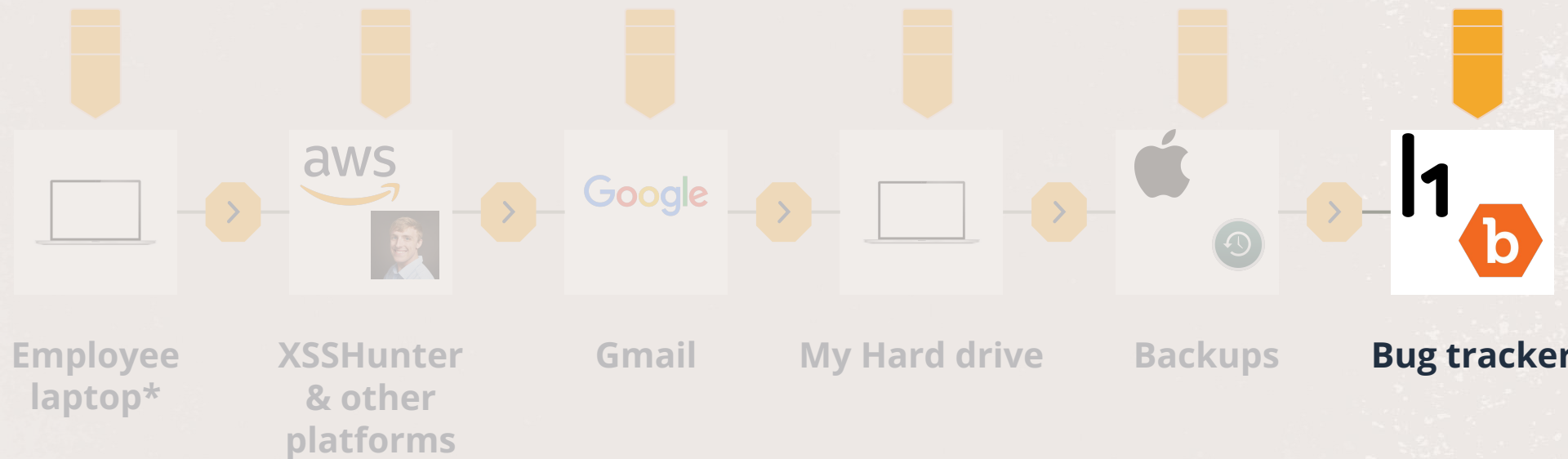
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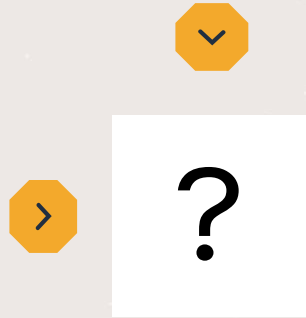
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**Other
unknown third
parties**

Ideal data flow

Who knows???

This stuff is complicated

Legal obligations?



The company

Running the bug bounty program



The platforms

That facilitate the bug bounty program and researcher tools



The researcher

Bug hunter hoping to get \$ for bugs

“It depends”

Bug bounty & the law



CFAA (US)

“knowingly accessed a computer without authorization or exceeding authorized access”



Bug bounty / Coordinated Vulnerability Disclosure

Authorized?
Potentially limited by terms

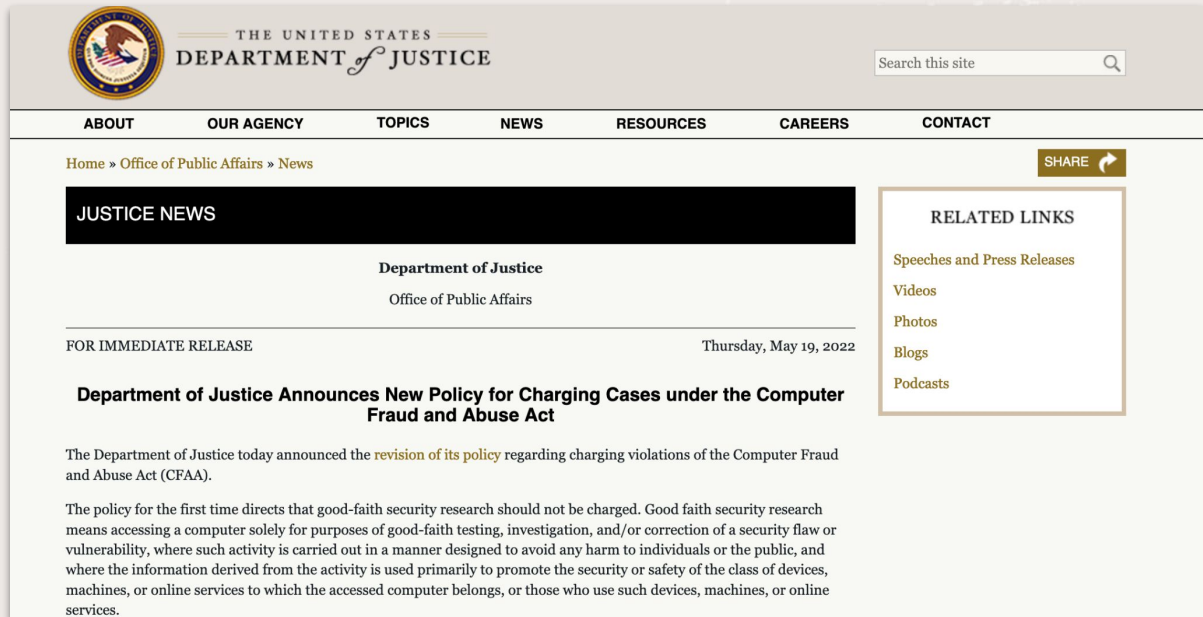


Privacy laws

Personal data handling requirements could apply

Lawyer help & other resources

- [EFF Coder's Rights Project:](https://www.eff.org/issues/coders)
<https://www.eff.org/issues/coders>
- Luta Security
- Your in-house legal team



The screenshot shows the Department of Justice website. At the top left is the Department of Justice seal. To its right is the text "THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE". On the far right is a search bar with the placeholder text "Search this site" and a magnifying glass icon. Below the header is a navigation menu with the following items: ABOUT, OUR AGENCY, TOPICS, NEWS, RESOURCES, CAREERS, and CONTACT. Below the navigation menu is a breadcrumb trail: "Home » Office of Public Affairs » News". To the right of the breadcrumb trail is a "SHARE" button with a right-pointing arrow. Below the breadcrumb trail is a black box with the text "JUSTICE NEWS" in white. Below this box is the text "Department of Justice" and "Office of Public Affairs". Below this text is a horizontal line. Below the line is the text "FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE" on the left and "Thursday, May 19, 2022" on the right. Below this text is the headline "Department of Justice Announces New Policy for Charging Cases under the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act". Below the headline is the text "The Department of Justice today announced the revision of its policy regarding charging violations of the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act (CFAA)." Below this text is the text "The policy for the first time directs that good-faith security research should not be charged. Good faith security research means accessing a computer solely for purposes of good-faith testing, investigation, and/or correction of a security flaw or vulnerability, where such activity is carried out in a manner designed to avoid any harm to individuals or the public, and where the information derived from the activity is used primarily to promote the security or safety of the class of devices, machines, or online services to which the accessed computer belongs, or those who use such devices, machines, or online services." On the right side of the page is a "RELATED LINKS" box with a gold border. It contains the following links: "Speeches and Press Releases", "Videos", "Photos", "Blogs", and "Podcasts".

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No but really, legal obligations?



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The platforms

That facilitate the bug bounty program and researcher tools



The researcher

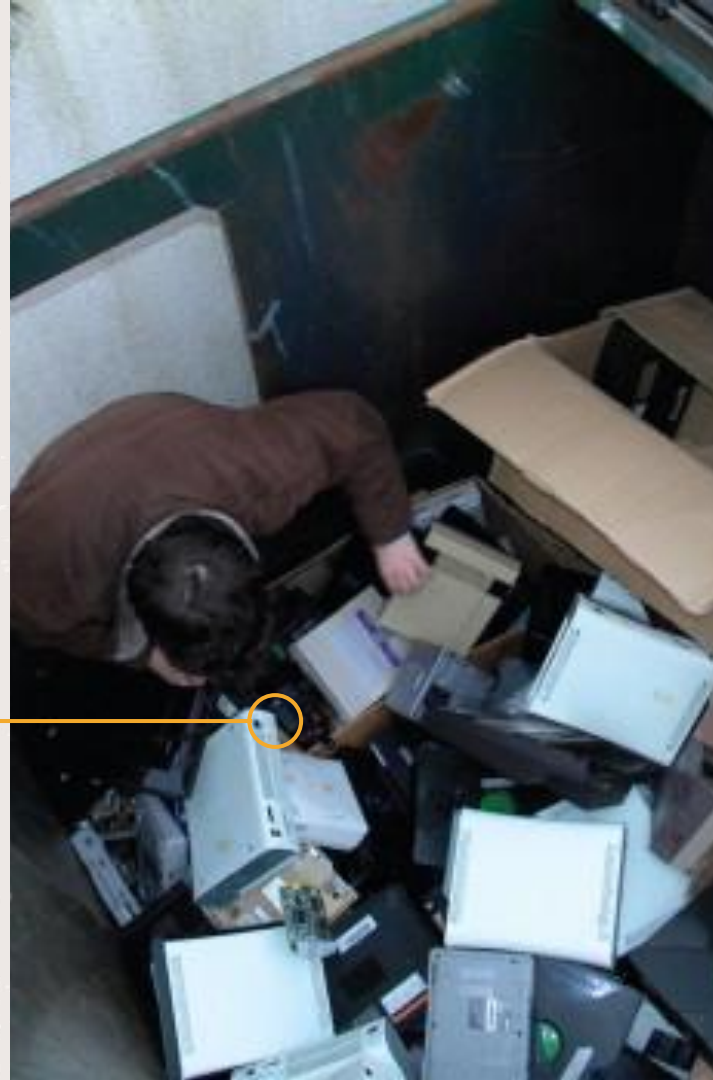
Bug hunter hoping to get \$ for bugs



Company takeaways



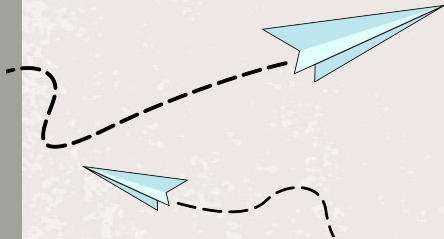
As original stewards of the data, you have legal and contractual obligations to end users or customers - be aware of those. Work with your legal team. Don't hold on to data forever.





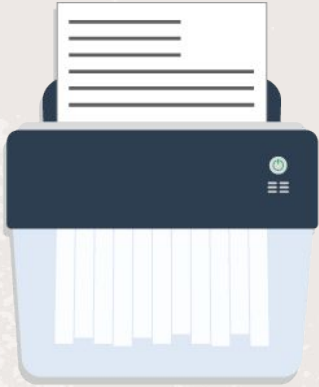
Researcher takeaways

Tell the truth.
Say it, don't spray it.
Don't hold on to data.
Stay within bounty terms.
Use 2FA on our H1 and Bugcrowd accounts.





Platform takeaways



Give customers control.
Consider privacy by design.
Clearly communicate privacy practices.
Allow for retention policies for attachments & tickets.




General takeaways



We <3 Bug Bounties

This is not unique to bug bounties, it will exist in general pentesting ecosystem



Good data handling prevents security incidents

Good data governance and a strong foundation will set everyone up for success



Thank you! Questions?



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