

The Worst Case

How AzERE can support your
disaster recovery strategy
in case of a successful ransomware attack



RANSOMWARE [ˈrænsəmweɪə]

Ransomware is a type of **malware** from **cryptovirology** that threatens to publish the victim's **personal data** or permanently block access to it unless a **ransom** is paid off.

Surprises @ work

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0010 SYSTEM FAILURE 0010

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Attention! Your documents, photos, databases, and other important files have been encrypted!

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The only way to decrypt your files, is to buy the private key from us.

You can decrypt one of your files for free, as a proof that we have the method to decrypt the rest of your data.

In order to receive the private key contact us via email:
getmyfilesback@airmail.cc

Remember to hurry up, as your email address may not be available for very long.
Buying the key immediately will guarantee that 100% of your files will be restored.

Below you will see a big base64 blob, you will need to email us and copy this blob to us.
you can click on it, and it will be copied into the clipboard.

If you have troubles copying it, just send us the file you are currently reading, as an attachment.

Base64:

uALejkvaX3X1Ywp+Humm7Kz8PyOAgQCFphYLHRMybD600e8Hhn2PZwK21gAh38jp2PQ/dJFPN6IyDefNk6MTTUZxqWekru0YYSCeLyn18F1KrJYt3y0NdKft57qI1UaI0AQ33EuQAEDfQM8adxRwE1rYNrmM2e/WfaP3NiT31IKeVPe7KZcwA2JqkhYQV7J
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Experiences from the field



Digital Communication is broken



Missing trust in on existing infrastructure



Greenfield for AD Domain is almost impossible



Identities are starting point for restore
Domain Controller is the foundation for
most (legacy) application



External parties delaying restore

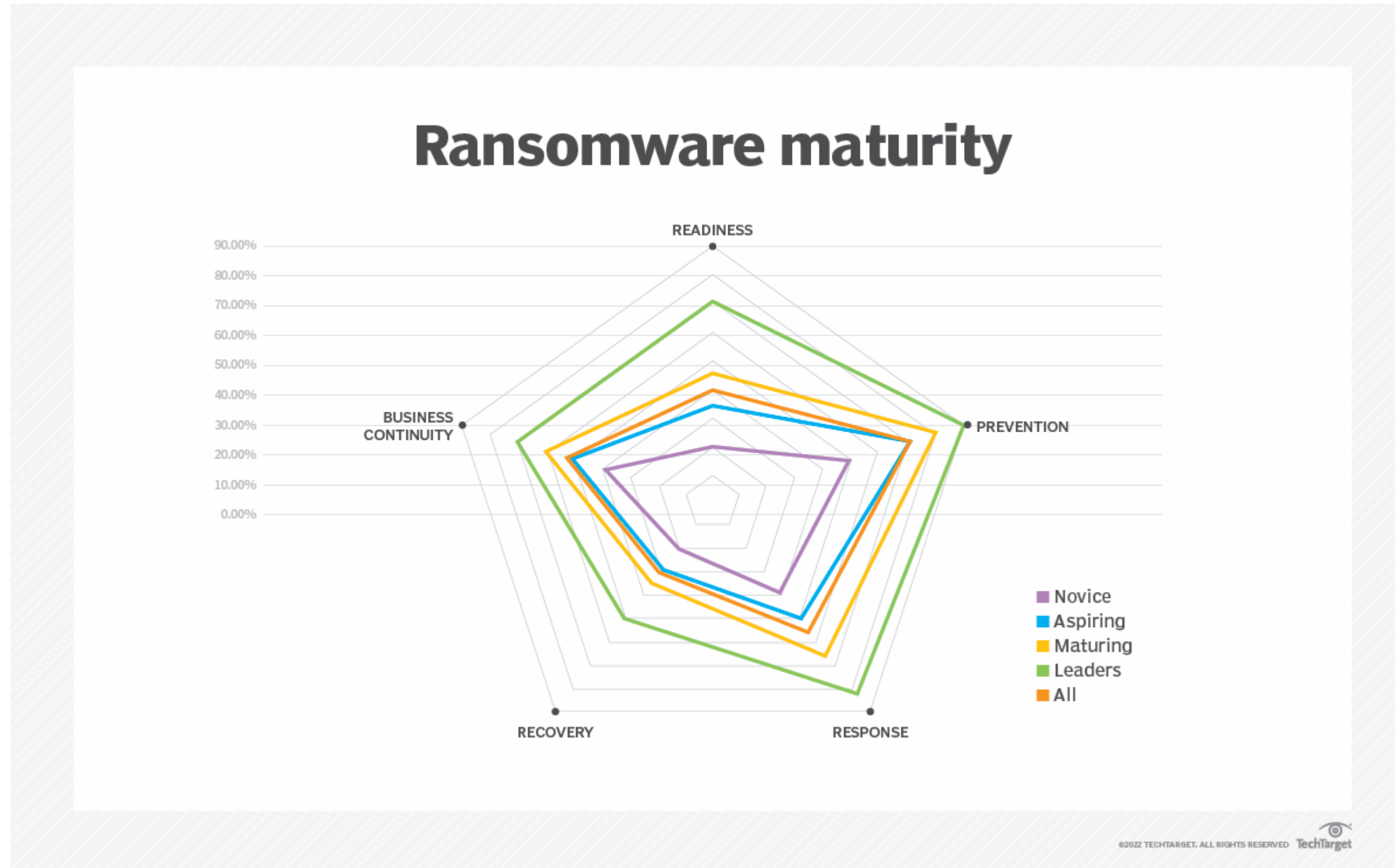
Cyberangriffe bald nicht mehr versicherbar

Nach einem sprunghaften Anstieg der Schäden durch [Hackerangriffe](#) sieht der Versicherer Zurich ein Ende der Cyberversicherungen. Der Staat sei gefordert.



Processes are not in place, time is
running away

Experiences from the field



Introducing AzERE

Azure Emergency Response Environments

Goal of AzERE

- Design a solution that protects critical business services and withstands a **successful** ransomware attack.
- Critical business services consists of
 - Active Directory
 - Identities
 - Optional: A defined set of critical business applications
- After a successful ransomware attack, the RTO for the most critical services should be only a few days
- An automated process to provide a collaboration platform to a subset of users within the first hours after the attack.
- Strong focus on REGULAR fire testing
- The environment is built with 100% DevOps including Infrastructure as Code with terraform.

Non-goals of AzERE

- The solution is **not a backup replacement**.
- This solution is not a complete business continuity and disaster recovery (BCDR) strategy. AzERE can be a part of your BDCR strategy to quickly recover from a successful ransomware attack.
- Mail / Exchange is not considered as a critical business service. Even though email is critical in the day-to-day work, the importance of mail is the ability to receive and send **new** emails. Old and archived data can be restored later in time.