Common Presentation Topics:

Below is a list of most commonly requested presentation topics, many other topics can be made into a presentation. Dr. Jacobson has given over 50 presentations in the past 5 years on different security related topics.

Information Warfare: how do hackers hack?

Experts say we are in the middle of a cyber war and we are losing. This presentation will look at the conflict from the hacker's viewpoint. Because as Sun Tzu stated: "If you know the enemy and know yourself, you need not fear the result of a hundred battles. If you know yourself but not the enemy, for every victory gained you will also suffer a defeat." Hackers today have a large array of tools and support information to help them carry out their attacks. In this presentation we will look at the processes used by hackers to locate targets, identify weaknesses, exploit vulnerabilities and create havoc.

Computer Security: attacks and defenses in the new world. or Securing your business: What should you fear from the E in e-business

This presentation will provide an overview of the security issues associated with connecting to the Internet. Issues of privacy, data protection, security policies, worker productivity will be presented. Common attacks, defenses, and misconceptions will be presented.

Overview of Computer Security

This presentation is often given to non-technical groups that want a 15-20 minute overview of computer security issues.

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