

Report shows improvement in cybersecurity metrics

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According to a new report by cybersecurity firm Rapid7, the cybersecurity posture of UK organisations has improved significantly since 2021.

The report focuses on the attack surface of the United Kingdom as represented by the FTSE 350, the 350 largest publicly traded companies listed on the London Stock Exchange. Compared to Rapid7's 2021 *Industry Cyber Exposure* report, nearly every metric has improved.

The report also found that the adoption of email security protocols such as DMARC and DNSSEC has greatly improved since 2021 and is on par with global adoption rates. The attack surface of the FTSE 350 is greatly improved compared to 2021, especially in materials, utilities, and healthcare.

"This is a positive trend that we are seeing across the UK," said principal researcher Erick Galinkin. "As organisations become more aware of the importance of cybersecurity, they are taking steps to improve their overall security posture. This is an encouraging sign for the industry as a whole."

The report also highlights the importance of continuous monitoring and testing of cybersecurity controls, as well as ongoing staff training and awareness programs, in maintaining a strong cybersecurity posture.

"The improvement in cybersecurity metrics is a clear indication that organisations are taking cybersecurity seriously and making progress in their efforts to protect their networks and data," said Galinkin. "However, there is still more work to be done, and it is important that companies continue to invest in cybersecurity for ongoing risk management and threat mitigation."

For more information on the report's findings and recommendations, please visit <u>The FTSE 350 Cyber Attack Surface | Rapid7</u>