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Ransomeware Unveiled: An Unseen IT Threat Lurking in the Shadows



Decoding the Mechanics of Ransomware: **Unmasking The Invisible** Thief

Let's start by introducing the menace

It's not an exaggeration to call it a cyber nightmare. But what exactly is it? Ransomware is designed by cybercriminals to block the rightful access to a computer system until a ransom is paid. In essence, it's a digital form of kidnapping where your data is held hostage.

Now, you might be asking, "How severe is the ransomware problem really?" The answer is alarming. Ransomware is an epidemic and it's only getting worse. In fact, next? Knowledge is the first step in a major ransomware incident that took place recently was the Colonial Pipeline attack. This was not just an attack on a company but a direct hit to the nation's energy infrastructure, causing fuel shortages and price spikes.



In the face of such threats, it's imperative for every business to understand ransomware and the risks it brings. Will your company be protecting against this invisible enemy.

By understanding how ransomware works. **RWK IT Services** is far better equipped to protect you and your businesses from falling victim to these cyberattacks..

Cybercriminals employ various methods to deploy ransomware. The most common one is phishing spam — unsolicited email attachments that come to the victim with the intent to trick them into clicking on a link and especially submitting data, like logon credentials.

These emails are rooted in the attempt to trick you into downloading and opening the infected file.

Other methods include malvertising (malicious advertising), whereby cybercriminals make use of online advertising to distribute ransomware with little to no user interaction required. These can be on legitimate websites, making it even harder to avoid falling into the trap.

By understanding how ransomware works **RWK IT Services** is better equipped to protect you, and you are better equipped to protect yourself from falling victim to a cyberattack.



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With **RWK IT Services,** you're not just harnessing a service. You're leveraging decades of our collective expertise. Experts who have spent years perfecting their knowledge, all geared towards one goal - protecting you from ransomware threats. The tools in our arsenal are numerous but include some basics:

Simulated Phishing service - this tests all users and reports about their effectiveness in spotting Ransomware)

Security Training service – this provides 2 minute training videos on targeted topics that you help select, and attestation that participants took the training.

Penetration Testing – Also referred to as "pen testing" or "ethical hacking," which is a proactive and authorized practice to evaluate the security of an IT infrastructure by safely trying to exploit vulnerabilities. We are taking a closer look at all of our customer environments with our "Closer Look" process. We make this available to any prospective client. Just go here and ask us to get started: https://rwksolvesit.com/closer-look/

So, it's not just about the tools, **RWK IT Services** is a full-service Managed Service Provider with a dedicated team of IT and Cybersecurity professionals, always on standby, ready to jump into action at a moment's notice.

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