

Teleworking and cybersecurity in times of Covid-19: challenges and risks for SMEs

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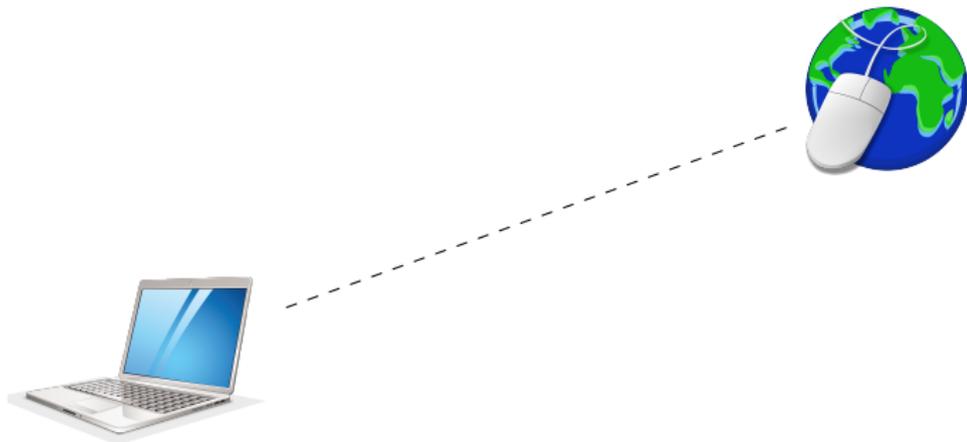
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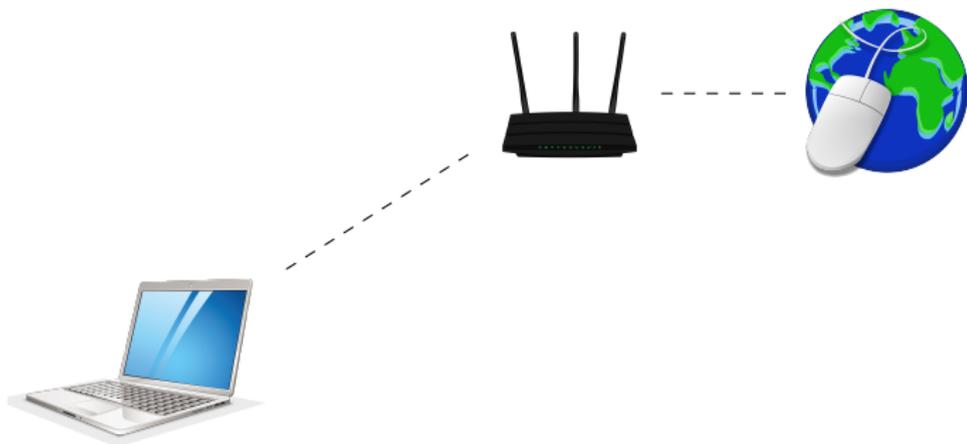
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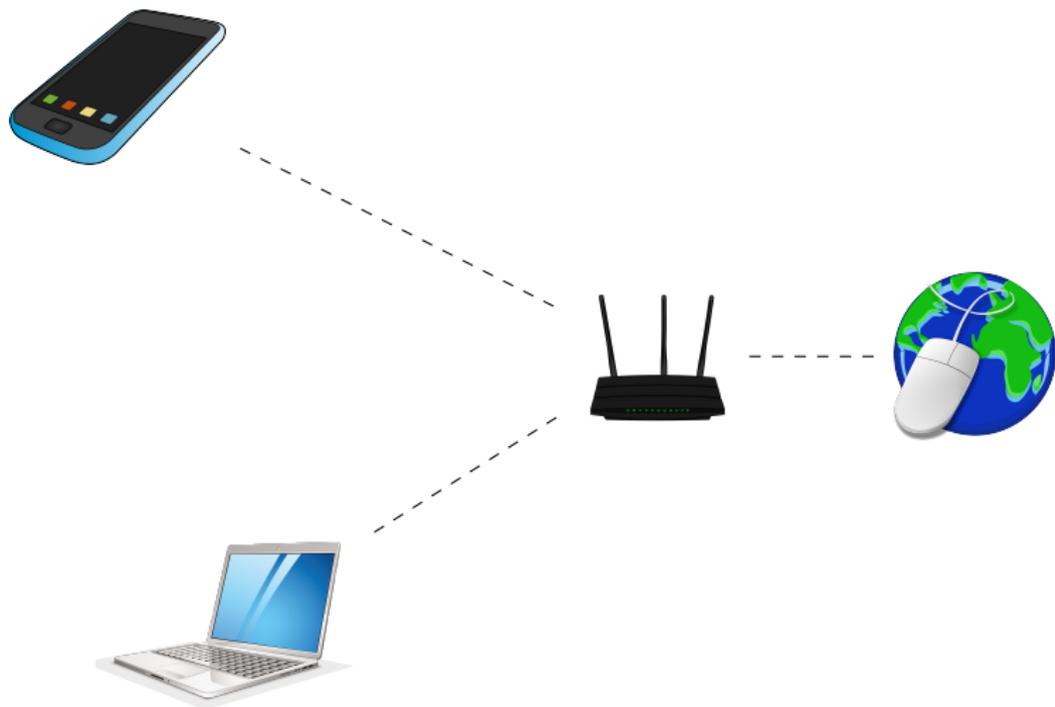
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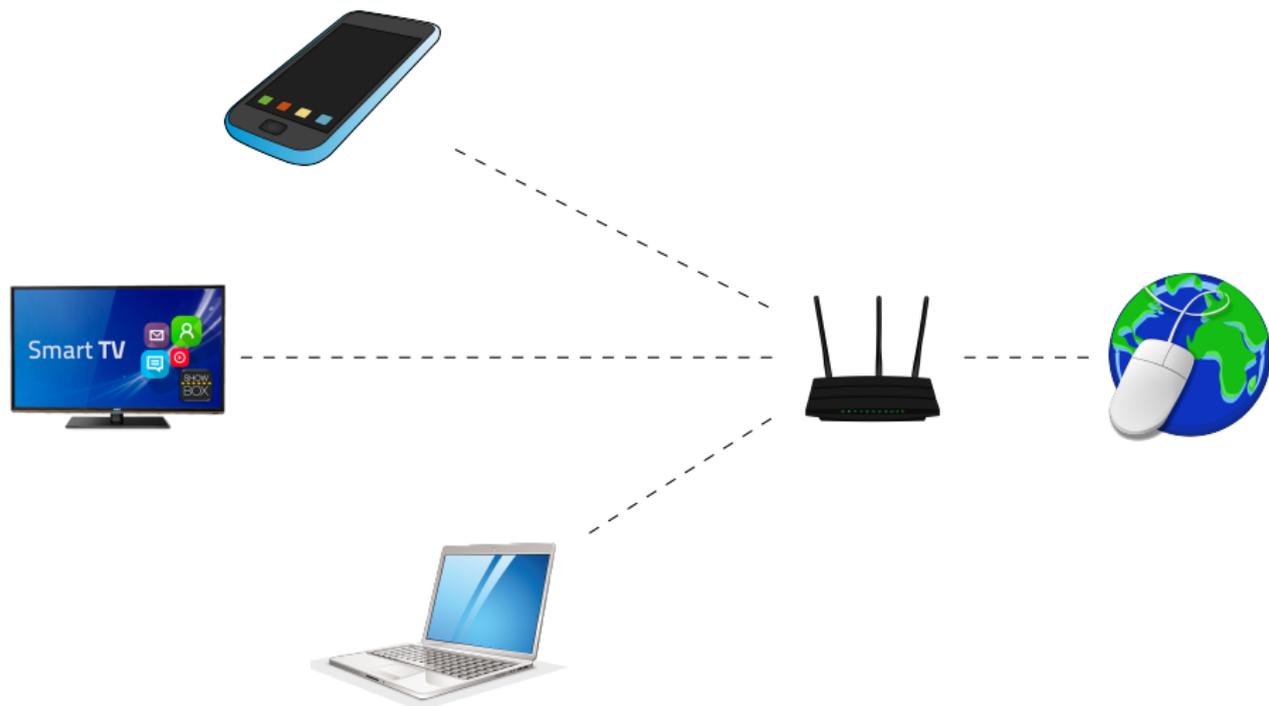
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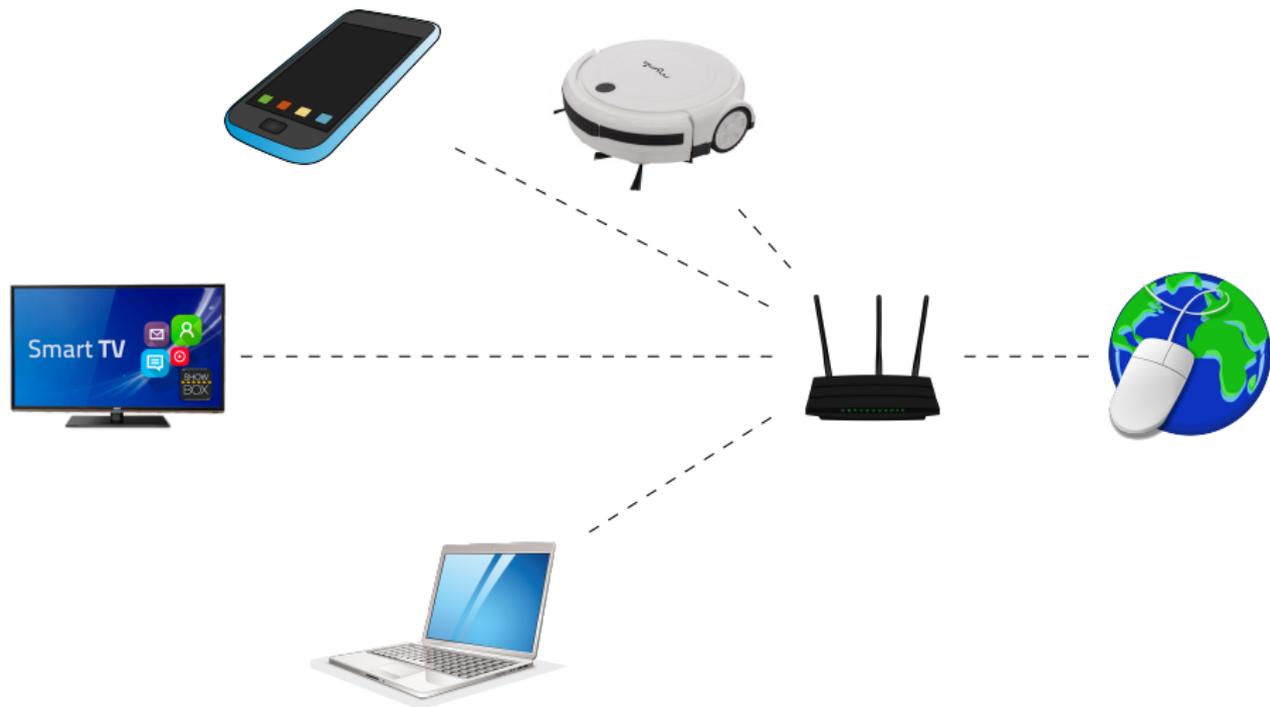
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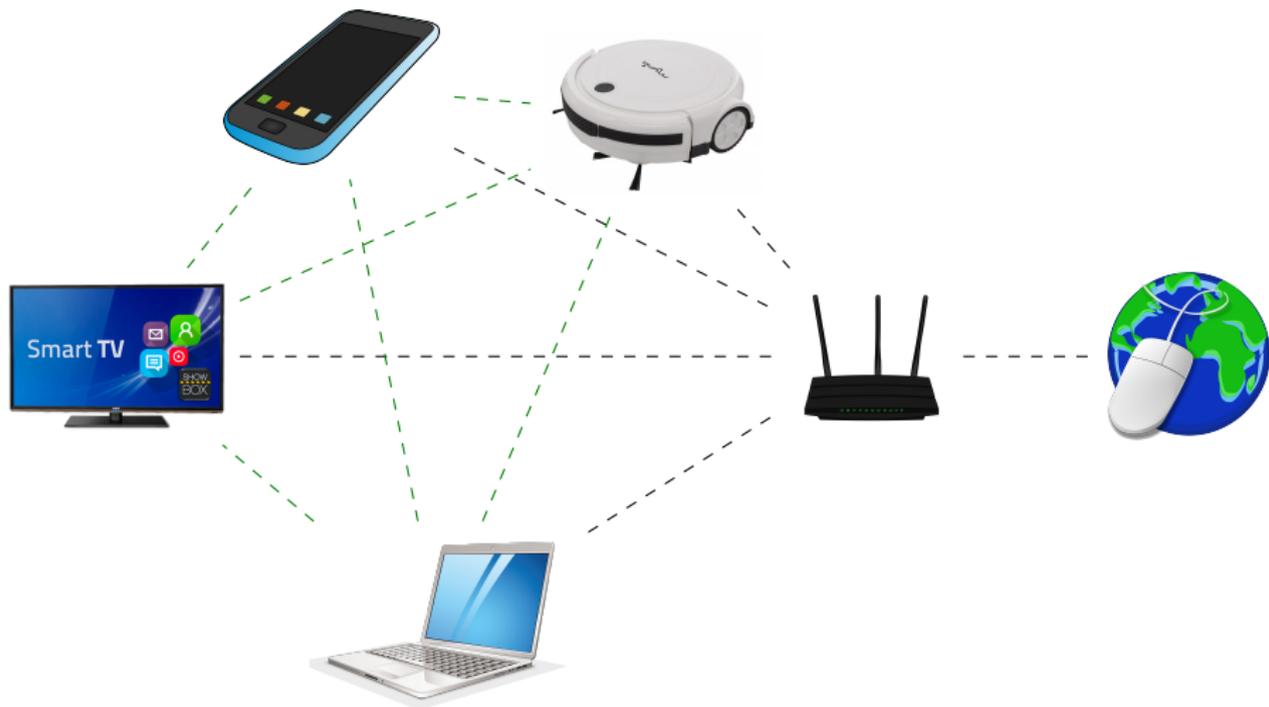
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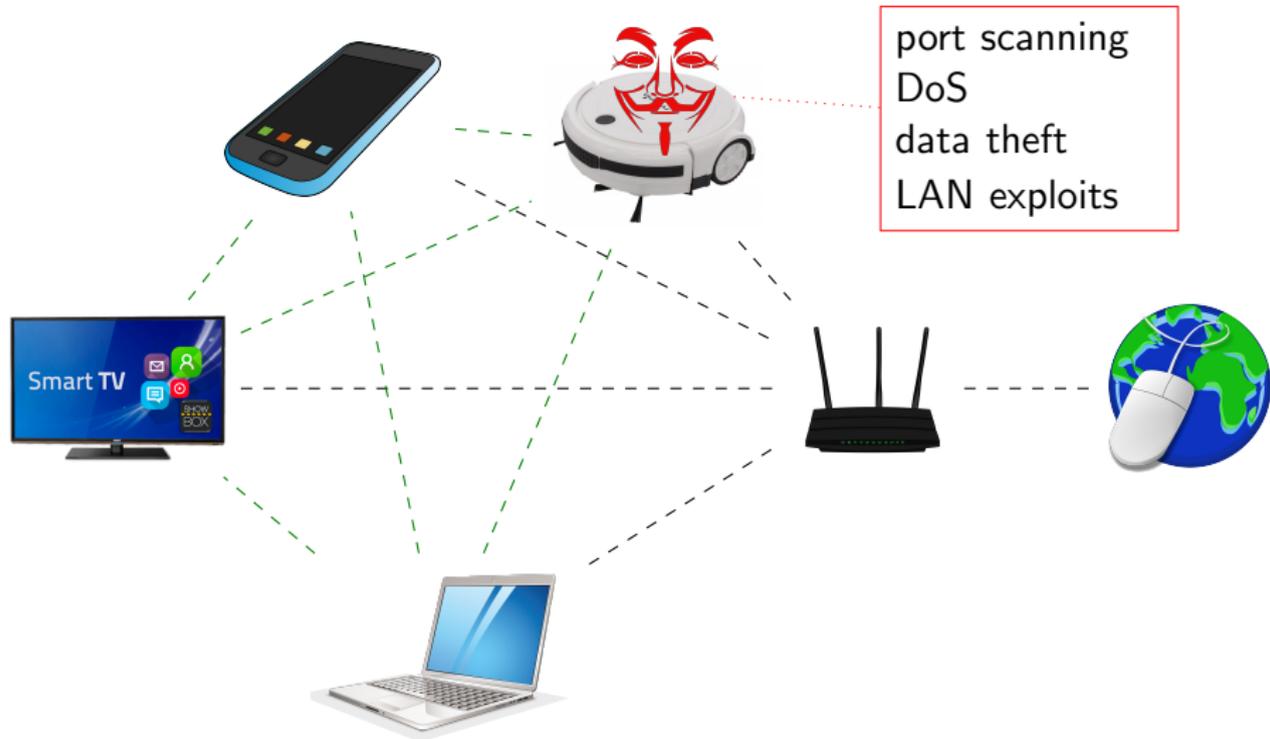
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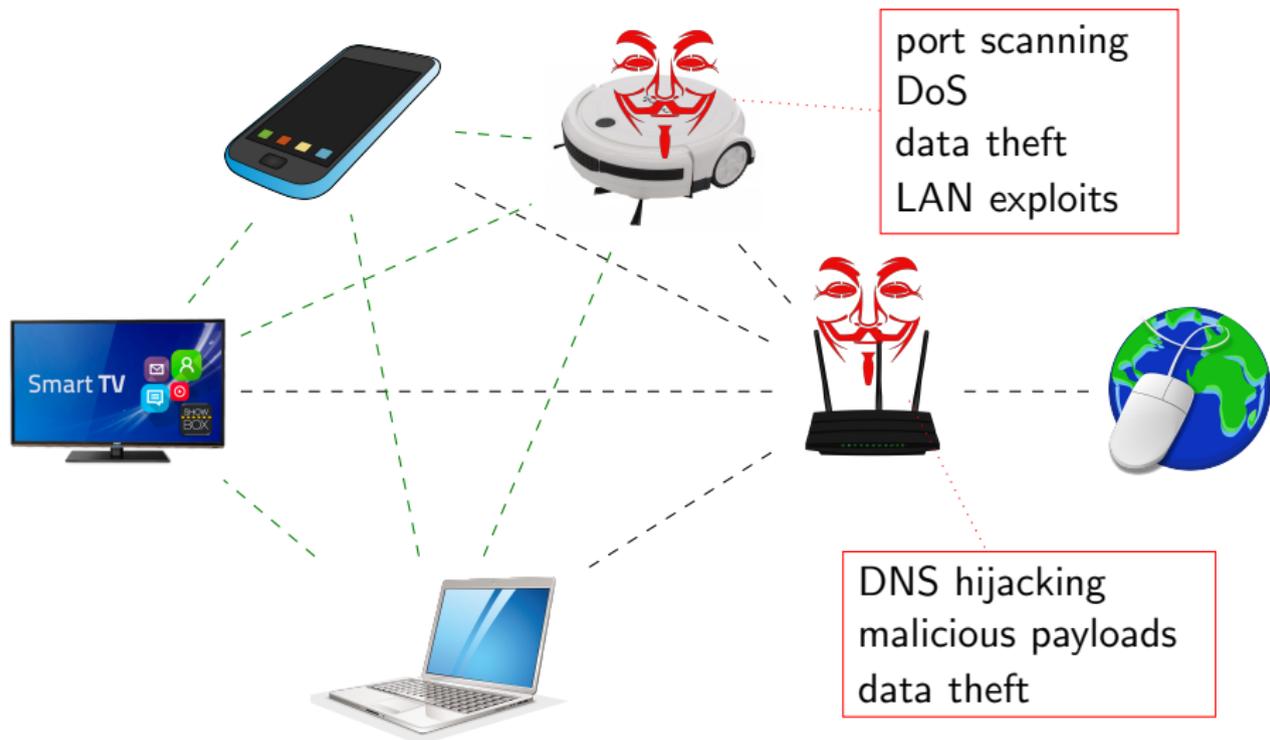
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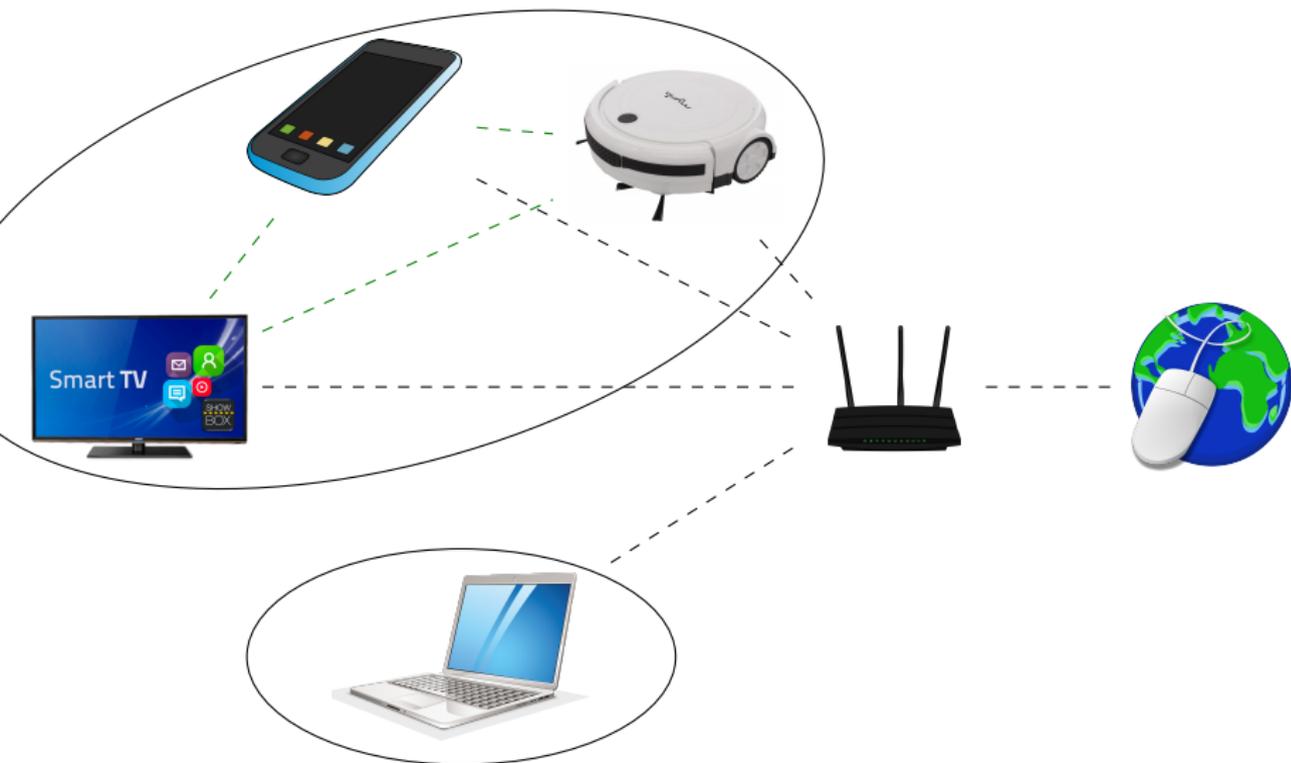
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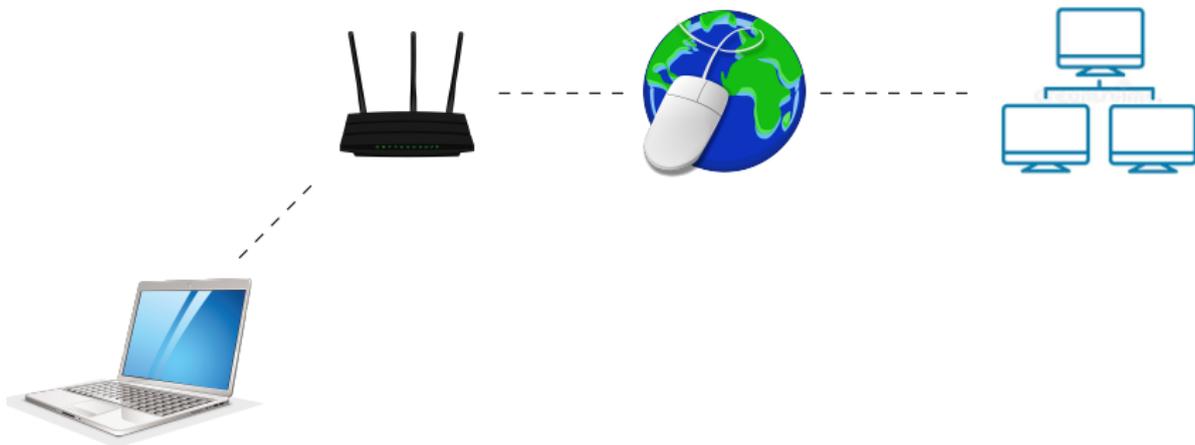
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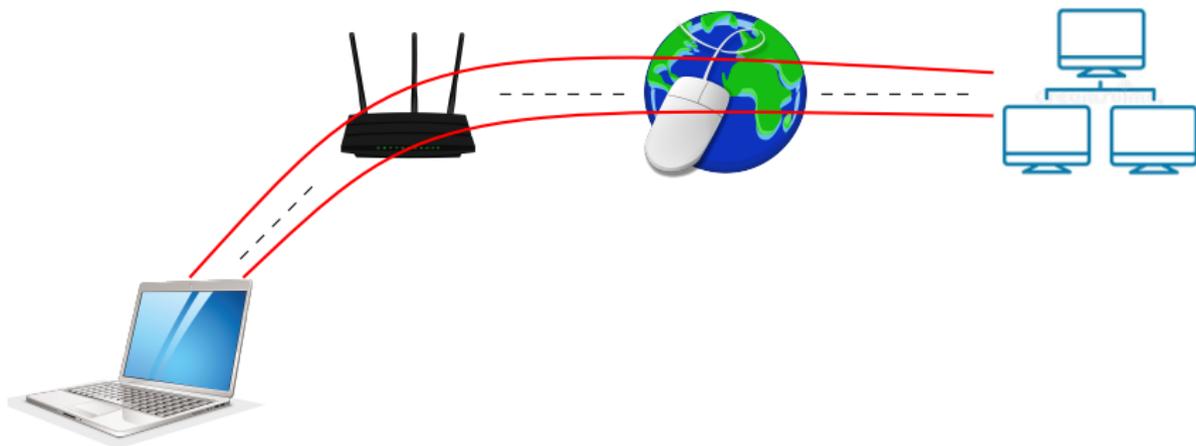
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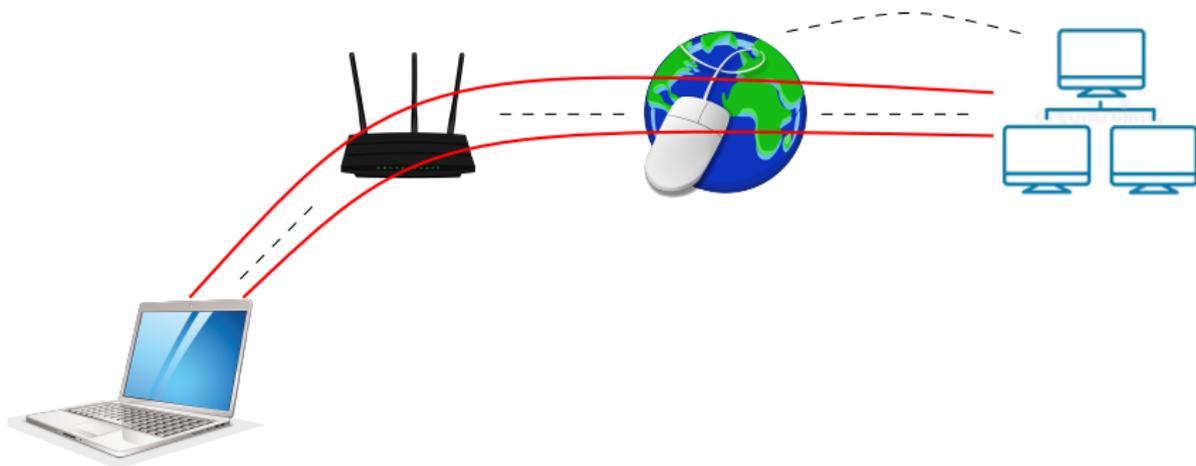
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Tighten security policy - Access Control Matrix

	financial statements	web server	e-mail
developer		R+W	X
accountant	R+W		X
marketing			X
CEO	R		X

- an employee should only have access to the components required to do his job
- extra access can be granted upon justified requests



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Example - Windows

Unpatched Windows, vulnerable to EternalBlue (2017 exploit).

- anyone from the LAN can execute code on our system

Tighten security policy - Passwords

- good password

hard to guess

lowercase, uppercase, digits & symbols

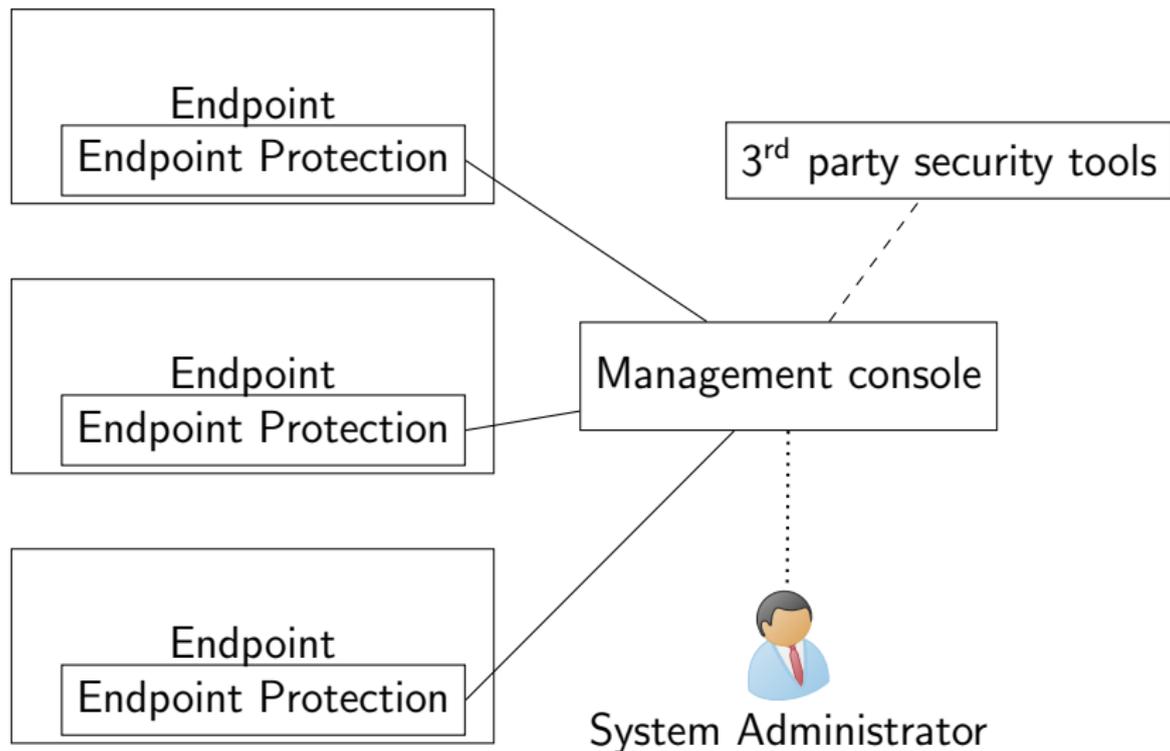
changed frequently

different for every system

} → password manager

- use 2FA
- only reset the password when 100% sure the request came from the user

Use proper security solutions



Security training

- know what to expect
- know how to recognize a security threat
- detect impersonation
- know what **not** to do

