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# Health records in Montana hacked, compromises personal data of 1.3 million people

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State health department records of 1.3 million people in Montana have been hacked, compromising personal data. The state is offering free credit monitoring and identity-fraud insurance to those affected.  
(Photo : Matylda Czamecka)

Personal data of 1.3 million people have been compromised in Montana as state health department records have been hacked.

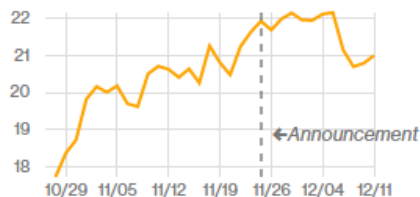
The data breach occurred in July 2013, but was discovered in mid-May this year by a computer security contractor who noticed "suspicious activity" on one of the computers in Helena. The state health department acknowledged the data hacking on May 29 this year.

The State of Montana is sending notification letters to the victims of the attack, cautioning them that hackers may have access to their personal details because of the data breach on the state health department's server. Sensitive information that was on the server and has potentially made its way into the hands of hackers includes addresses, names, social security numbers, date of birth, birth/death certificates, prescriptions, insurance and medical records of the residents of Montana.

**Sony**

Announced: 11/25/2014

Hackers broke into its network and exposed employment and salary records, documents and embarrassing private emails between Hollywood executives.



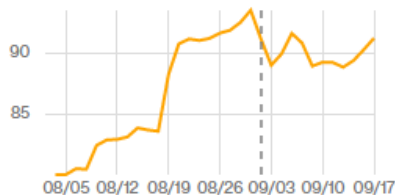
47,000

Credit card numbers  
Social Security numbers  
Proprietary information  
Employee details  
Email addresses  
Phone numbers  
Physical addresses  
Login credentials

**Home Depot**

Announced: 09/02/2014

The company said 56 million payment cards had been stolen, and later disclosed 53 million e-mail addresses had also been pilfered.



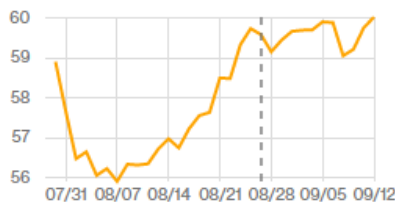
109M

Credit card numbers  
Social Security numbers  
Proprietary information  
Employee details  
Email addresses  
Phone numbers  
Physical addresses  
Login credentials

**JPMorgan**

Announced: 08/27/2014

The biggest U.S. bank said a data breach affected 76 million households and 7 million small businesses.



83M

Credit card numbers  
Social Security numbers  
Proprietary information  
Employee details  
Email addresses  
Phone numbers  
Physical addresses  
Login credentials

<http://www.bloomberg.com/graphics/2014-data-breaches/>

**EBay**

Announced: 05/21/2014

In a massive attack, hackers took customers' personal information, affecting up to 145 million active users.



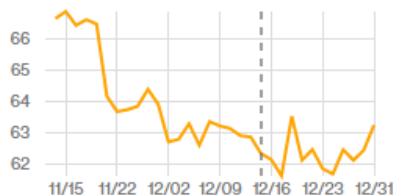
145M

Credit card numbers  
Social Security numbers  
Proprietary information  
Employee details  
Email addresses  
Phone numbers  
Physical addresses  
Login credentials

**Target**

Announced: 12/13/2013

Though announced at the end of 2013, the effects of this breach carried into 2014. Target said its U.S. sales were "meaningfully weaker" after the data theft was disclosed.



110M

Credit card numbers  
Social Security numbers  
Proprietary information  
Employee details  
Email addresses  
Phone numbers  
Physical addresses  
Login credentials

Linodes » linode

## Dashboard

Select Configuration Profiles Options  
● My Ubuntu 10.10 Profile (Latest 2.6 (2.6.39.1-linode34)) Edit | Remove

Reboot Rebuild | Deploy an Image | Create a new Configuration Profile

## Disks

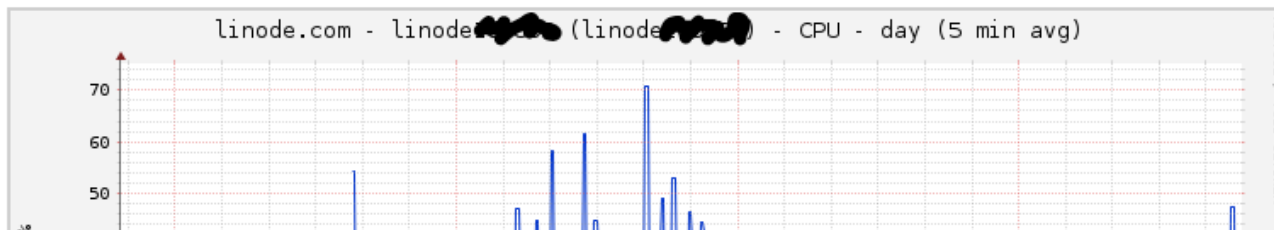
Ubuntu 10.10 Disk Image (48896 MB, ext3) Edit | Remove  
256MB Swap Image (256 MB, swap) Edit | Remove

Create a new Disk

## Host Job Queue (more)

- Success** Lassie initiated boot: My Ubuntu 10.10 Profile  
Entered: 5 months 4 days ago - Took: 15 seconds
- Success** System Boot - My Ubuntu 10.10 Profile  
Entered: 5 months 14 days ago - Took: 17 seconds
- Success** System Shutdown  
Entered: 5 months 14 days ago - Took: 2 minutes, 11 seconds
- Success** Linode Snapshot  
Entered: 7 months 12 days ago - Took: 4 minutes, 0 seconds

## Graphs



## Server Status

Your Linode is currently

**Running**

Shut down

157 days uptime

## Network

- Transfer/mo: 2000 GB
- Incoming: 45.0 GB
- Outgoing: 16.0 GB
- Total: 61.0 GB

You have used

0% of your monthly transfer

## Storage

- Total: 49152 MB
- Used: 49152 MB
- Free: 0 MB

You have allocated

100% towards disk images

## Backups

Enabled!

Last backup was 9 hours ago

## Host

dallas idle  
online Load

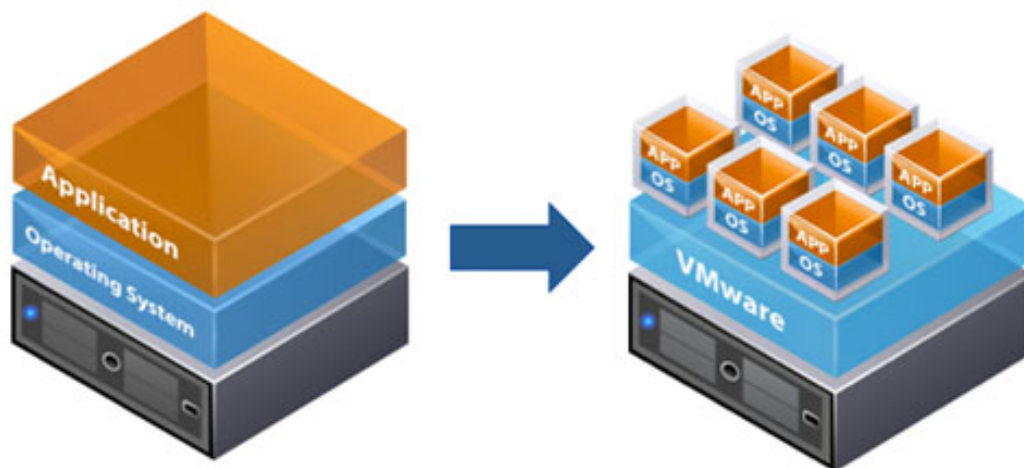
```
Jan 13 07:53:57 topi sshd[4410]: Failed password for invalid user root from 87.106.47.213 port 34830 ssh2
Jan 13 07:53:58 topi sshd[4413]: Invalid user admin from 87.106.47.213
Jan 13 07:53:58 topi sshd[4413]: pam_unix(sshd:auth): check pass; user unknown
Jan 13 07:53:58 topi sshd[4413]: pam_unix(sshd:auth): authentication failure; logname= uid=0 euid=0 tty=ssh ruser= rhost
=s15381625.onlinehome-server.info
Jan 13 07:54:00 topi sshd[4413]: Failed password for invalid user admin from 87.106.47.213 port 34873 ssh2
Jan 13 07:57:12 topi sshd[4423]: Invalid user PlcmSpIp from 58.215.188.65
Jan 13 07:57:12 topi sshd[4423]: pam_unix(sshd:auth): check pass; user unknown
Jan 13 07:57:12 topi sshd[4423]: pam_unix(sshd:auth): authentication failure; logname= uid=0 euid=0 tty=ssh ruser= rhost
=58.215.188.65
Jan 13 07:57:14 topi sshd[4423]: Failed password for invalid user PlcmSpIp from 58.215.188.65 port 7176 ssh2
Jan 13 07:59:44 topi sshd[4426]: Invalid user aaron from 58.215.188.65
Jan 13 07:59:44 topi sshd[4426]: pam_unix(sshd:auth): check pass; user unknown
Jan 13 07:59:44 topi sshd[4426]: pam_unix(sshd:auth): authentication failure; logname= uid=0 euid=0 tty=ssh ruser= rhost
=58.215.188.65
Jan 13 07:59:46 topi sshd[4426]: Failed password for invalid user aaron from 58.215.188.65 port 42001 ssh2
Jan 13 08:27:56 topi sshd[4594]: Invalid user default from 58.215.188.65
Jan 13 08:27:56 topi sshd[4594]: pam_unix(sshd:auth): check pass; user unknown
Jan 13 08:27:56 topi sshd[4594]: pam_unix(sshd:auth): authentication failure; logname= uid=0 euid=0 tty=ssh ruser= rhost
=58.215.188.65
Jan 13 08:27:58 topi sshd[4594]: Failed password for invalid user default from 58.215.188.65 port 56402 ssh2
Jan 13 08:27:58 topi sshd[4594]: pam_unix(sshd:auth): check pass; user unknown
Jan 13 08:28:00 topi sshd[4594]: Failed password for invalid user default from 58.215.188.65 port 56402 ssh2
Jan 13 08:28:01 topi sshd[4594]: PAM 1 more authentication failure; logname= uid=0 euid=0 tty=ssh ruser= rhost=58.215.18
8.65
Jan 13 08:29:10 topi sshd[4611]: User root from thomasw.de not allowed because not listed in AllowUsers
Jan 13 08:29:10 topi sshd[4611]: pam_unix(sshd:auth): authentication failure; logname= uid=0 euid=0 tty=ssh ruser= rhost
=thomasw.de user=root
Jan 13 08:29:12 topi sshd[4611]: Failed password for invalid user root from 87.106.50.214 port 48502 ssh2
Jan 13 08:29:13 topi sshd[4614]: Invalid user admin from 87.106.50.214
Jan 13 08:29:13 topi sshd[4614]: pam_unix(sshd:auth): check pass; user unknown
Jan 13 08:29:13 topi sshd[4614]: pam_unix(sshd:auth): authentication failure; logname= uid=0 euid=0 tty=ssh ruser= rhost
=thomasw.de
Jan 13 08:29:15 topi sshd[4614]: Failed password for invalid user admin from 87.106.50.214 port 49145 ssh2
Jan 13 09:25:47 topi sshd[4831]: User root from 62-210-180-180.rev.poneytelecom.eu not allowed because not listed in All
owUsers
Jan 13 09:25:47 topi sshd[4831]: Failed none for invalid user root from 62.210.180.180 port 47919 ssh2
Jan 13 09:25:47 topi sshd[4831]: pam_unix(sshd:auth): authentication failure; logname= uid=0 euid=0 tty=ssh ruser= rhost
=62-210-180-180.rev.poneytelecom.eu user=root
Jan 13 09:25:49 topi sshd[4831]: Failed password for invalid user root from 62.210.180.180 port 47919 ssh2
Jan 13 09:25:53 topi sshd[4831]: last message repeated 2 times
Jan 13 09:25:53 topi sshd[4831]: PAM 2 more authentication failures; logname= uid=0 euid=0 tty=ssh ruser= rhost=62-210-1
80-180.rev.poneytelecom.eu user=root
Jan 13 09:25:54 topi sshd[4834]: User root from 62-210-180-180.rev.poneytelecom.eu not allowed because not listed in All
owUsers
Jan 13 09:25:54 topi sshd[4834]: Failed none for invalid user root from 62.210.180.180 port 33950 ssh2
Jan 13 09:25:54 topi sshd[4834]: pam_unix(sshd:auth): authentication failure; logname= uid=0 euid=0 tty=ssh ruser= rhost
=62-210-180-180.rev.poneytelecom.eu user=root
Jan 13 09:25:56 topi sshd[4834]: Failed password for invalid user root from 62.210.180.180 port 33950 ssh2
Jan 13 11:38:38 topi su[5411]: pam_authenticate: Authentication failure
root@topi:/var/log#
```



```
2015-01-12 16:39:07,619 fail2ban.actions: WARNING [ssh] Unban 222.186.34.161
2015-01-12 19:05:57,904 fail2ban.actions: WARNING [ssh] Ban 186.119.139.130
2015-01-12 19:25:58,331 fail2ban.actions: WARNING [ssh] Unban 186.119.139.130
2015-01-12 19:34:27,932 fail2ban.actions: WARNING [ssh] Ban 186.119.139.130
2015-01-12 19:54:28,373 fail2ban.actions: WARNING [ssh] Unban 186.119.139.130
2015-01-12 20:53:13,448 fail2ban.actions: WARNING [ssh] Ban 79.168.80.100
2015-01-12 21:03:29,190 fail2ban.actions: WARNING [ssh] Ban 122.225.103.73
2015-01-12 21:03:30,851 fail2ban.actions: WARNING [fail2ban] Ban 122.225.103.73
2015-01-12 21:13:13,911 fail2ban.actions: WARNING [ssh] Unban 79.168.80.100
2015-01-12 21:23:29,644 fail2ban.actions: WARNING [ssh] Unban 122.225.103.73
2015-01-12 21:47:25,334 fail2ban.actions: WARNING [ssh] Ban 62.210.180.72
2015-01-12 22:07:25,722 fail2ban.actions: WARNING [ssh] Unban 62.210.180.72
2015-01-13 00:05:29,908 fail2ban.actions: WARNING [ssh] Ban 68.178.128.177
2015-01-13 00:15:27,619 fail2ban.actions: WARNING [ssh] Ban 122.225.97.67
2015-01-13 00:15:28,645 fail2ban.actions: WARNING [fail2ban] Ban 122.225.97.67
2015-01-13 00:25:30,366 fail2ban.actions: WARNING [ssh] Unban 68.178.128.177
2015-01-13 00:27:51,562 fail2ban.actions: WARNING [ssh] Ban 68.178.128.177
2015-01-13 00:35:28,131 fail2ban.actions: WARNING [ssh] Unban 122.225.97.67
2015-01-13 00:47:52,038 fail2ban.actions: WARNING [ssh] Unban 68.178.128.177
2015-01-13 00:50:22,227 fail2ban.actions: WARNING [ssh] Ban 68.178.128.177
2015-01-13 00:50:22,932 fail2ban.actions: WARNING [fail2ban] Ban 68.178.128.177
2015-01-13 01:10:22,638 fail2ban.actions: WARNING [ssh] Unban 68.178.128.177
2015-01-13 01:35:45,505 fail2ban.actions: WARNING [ssh] Ban 180.210.234.87
2015-01-13 01:35:46,134 fail2ban.actions: WARNING [fail2ban] Ban 180.210.234.87
2015-01-13 01:55:45,932 fail2ban.actions: WARNING [ssh] Unban 180.210.234.87
2015-01-13 03:44:29,648 fail2ban.actions: WARNING [ssh] Ban 61.174.51.220
2015-01-13 03:44:29,942 fail2ban.actions: WARNING [fail2ban] 61.174.51.220 already banned
2015-01-13 04:04:30,068 fail2ban.actions: WARNING [ssh] Unban 61.174.51.220
2015-01-13 04:06:10,198 fail2ban.actions: WARNING [ssh] Ban 213.165.91.120
2015-01-13 04:26:10,584 fail2ban.actions: WARNING [ssh] Unban 213.165.91.120
2015-01-13 04:33:22,106 fail2ban.actions: WARNING [ssh] Ban 213.165.91.120
2015-01-13 04:33:22,383 fail2ban.actions: WARNING [fail2ban] Ban 213.165.91.120
2015-01-13 04:37:27,409 fail2ban.actions: WARNING [ssh] Ban 222.73.226.7
2015-01-13 04:53:22,539 fail2ban.actions: WARNING [ssh] Unban 213.165.91.120
2015-01-13 04:57:27,842 fail2ban.actions: WARNING [ssh] Unban 222.73.226.7
2015-01-13 05:02:27,205 fail2ban.actions: WARNING [ssh] Ban 222.73.226.7
2015-01-13 05:02:28,115 fail2ban.actions: WARNING [fail2ban] Ban 222.73.226.7
2015-01-13 05:22:27,627 fail2ban.actions: WARNING [ssh] Unban 222.73.226.7
2015-01-13 06:00:46,293 fail2ban.actions: WARNING [ssh] Ban 50.62.161.74
2015-01-13 06:20:46,710 fail2ban.actions: WARNING [ssh] Unban 50.62.161.74
2015-01-13 07:53:59,135 fail2ban.actions: WARNING [ssh] Ban 87.106.47.213
2015-01-13 07:59:44,574 fail2ban.actions: WARNING [ssh] Ban 58.215.188.65
2015-01-13 08:13:59,589 fail2ban.actions: WARNING [ssh] Unban 87.106.47.213
2015-01-13 08:19:45,010 fail2ban.actions: WARNING [ssh] Unban 58.215.188.65
2015-01-13 08:28:01,588 fail2ban.actions: WARNING [ssh] Ban 58.215.188.65
2015-01-13 08:28:03,406 fail2ban.actions: WARNING [fail2ban] Ban 58.215.188.65
2015-01-13 08:29:14,705 fail2ban.actions: WARNING [ssh] Ban 87.106.50.214
2015-01-13 08:48:02,036 fail2ban.actions: WARNING [ssh] Unban 58.215.188.65
2015-01-13 08:49:15,141 fail2ban.actions: WARNING [ssh] Unban 87.106.50.214
2015-01-13 09:25:55,678 fail2ban.actions: WARNING [ssh] Ban 62.210.180.180
2015-01-13 09:45:56,068 fail2ban.actions: WARNING [ssh] Unban 62.210.180.180
root@topi:/var/log#
```

# Virtualization

- Virtual machine (VM)
  - Isolated software container with OS and app
  - Separate and independent
  - Many can run simultaneously on a single computer



Traditional Architecture

Virtual Architecture

<http://www.vmware.com/virtualization/virtualization-basics/how-virtualization-works>



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# Create Droplet



## Creating VM

Create Droplet

### Droplet Hostname

kvertanen

### Select Size

<p><b>\$5</b>/mo \$0.007 /hour</p> <p>512 MB / 1 CPU 20 GB SSD Disk 1000 GB Transfer</p>	<p><b>\$10</b>/mo \$0.015 /hour</p> <p>1 GB / 1 CPU 30 GB SSD Disk 2 TB Transfer</p>	<p><b>\$20</b>/mo \$0.030 /hour</p> <p>2 GB / 2 CPUs 40 GB SSD Disk 3 TB Transfer</p>	<p><b>\$40</b>/mo \$0.060 /hour</p> <p>4 GB / 2 CPUs 60 GB SSD Disk 4 TB Transfer</p>	<p><b>\$80</b>/mo \$0.119 /hour</p> <p>8 GB / 4 CPUs 80 GB SSD Disk 5 TB Transfer</p>
<p><b>\$160</b>/mo \$0.238 /hour</p> <p>16 GB / 8 CPUs 160 GB SSD Disk 6 TB Transfer</p>	<p><b>\$320</b>/mo \$0.476 /hour</p> <p>32 GB / 12 CPUs 320 GB SSD Disk 7 TB Transfer</p>	<p><b>\$480</b>/mo \$0.714 /hour</p> <p>48 GB / 16 CPUs 480 GB SSD Disk 8 TB Transfer</p>	<p><b>\$640</b>/mo \$0.952 /hour</p> <p>64 GB / 20 CPUs 640 GB SSD Disk 9 TB Transfer</p>	

### Select Region

<p>New York</p> <p>3 2 1</p>	<p>Amsterdam</p> <p>3 2 1</p>	<p>San Francisco</p> <p>1</p>	<p>Singapore</p> <p>1</p>	<p>London</p> <p>1</p>
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- Droplets
- Images
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- Billing
- Support
- DNS
- Apps & API
- Settings
- Logout

**Step 1:** Signup, verify email, credit card details






**Step 2:** Configure desired resources, physical location, features, initial account access

# Available Settings

Private Networking     IPv6     Enable Backups     Enable User Data

# Select Image

Distributions   Applications   My Snapshots   My Backups   Destroyed Droplets

 UBUNTU 14.04 x64 ▾	 FEDORA Select Version ▾	 DEBIAN Select Version ▾	 COREOS Select Version ▾	 CENTOS Select Version ▾
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# Add SSH Keys (Optional)

[+ Add SSH Key](#)

Adding an SSH key is a recommended security measure. If you choose not to add one, you will receive a root password via email.

Create Droplet

# Creating VM

Step 1:  
Signup, verify email,  
credit card details

**Step 2:** Configure  
desired resources,  
physical location,  
features, initial  
account access

We are now creating your droplet



Approximately 58 seconds remaining

kvertanen

Console Access



**Active** 512MB Ram 20GB SSD Disk New York 3 Ubuntu 14.04 x64



Power



Access



Resize



Snapshots



Settings



Graphs



Destroy

Power Cycle

Power Off

This action is equivalent to hard resetting the server, which can cause data corruption. You should do this only if you're unable to reboot your Droplet from the command line.

Do you want to proceed?

Power Cycle

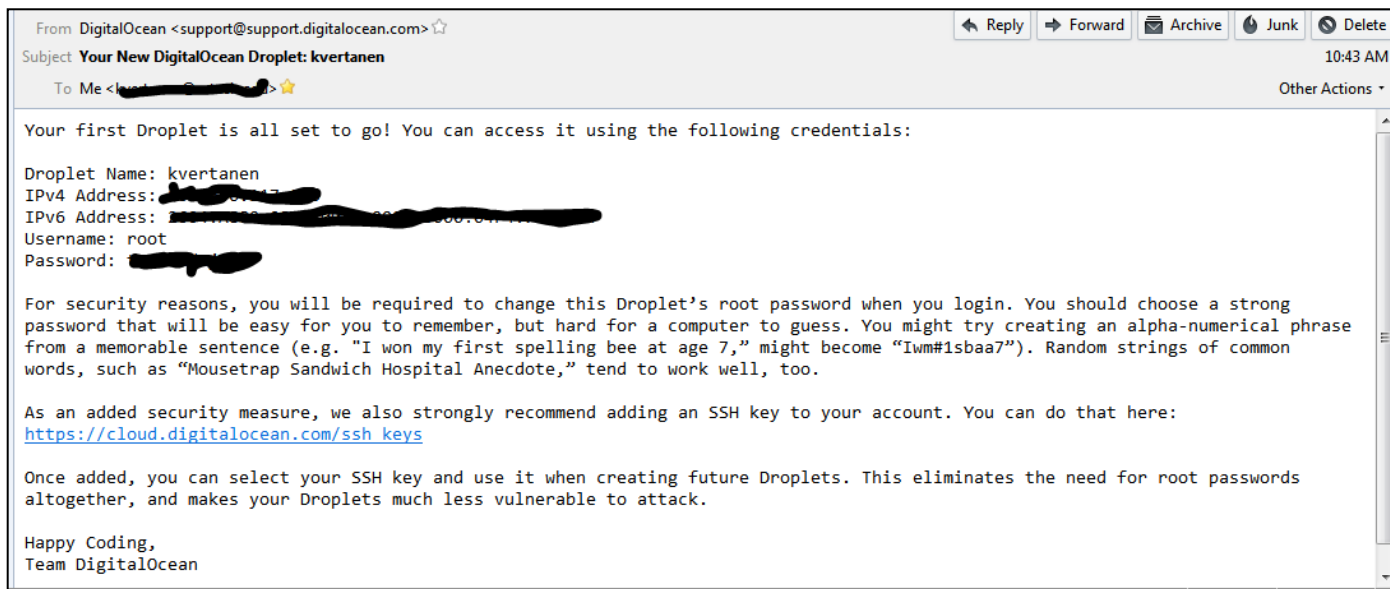
## Creating VM

### Step 1:

Signup, verify email, credit card details

Step 2: Configure desired resources, physical location, features, initial account access

Step 3: Wait 1 minute



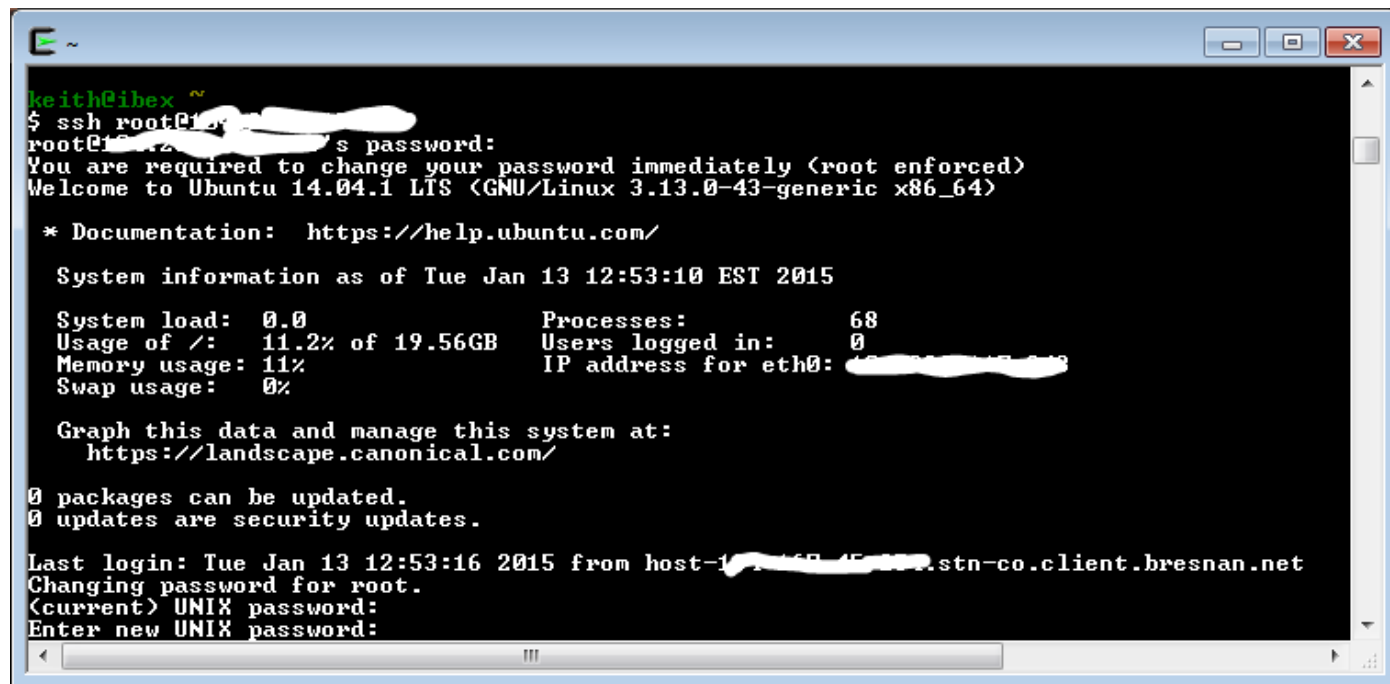
## Creating VM

Step 1:  
Signup, verify email,  
credit card details

Step 2: Configure  
desired resources,  
physical location,  
features, initial  
account access

Step 3: Wait 1  
minute

Step 4: Change  
emailed root  
password to  
something hard to  
guess



# Grab lunch, and then...

```
% more /var/log/auth.log
Jan 13 12:44:47 kvertanen sshd[1002]: Server listening on 0.0.0.0 port 22.
...
Jan 13 13:49:32 kvertanen sshd[1371]: reverse mapping checking getaddrinfo for huzhou.ctc.mx.fund123.cn
[122.225.97.84] failed - POSSIBLE BREAK-IN ATTEMPT!
Jan 13 13:49:33 kvertanen sshd[1371]: pam_unix(sshd:auth): authentication failure; logname= uid=0 euid=0 tty=ssh
ruser= rhost=122.225.97.84 user=root
Jan 13 13:49:35 kvertanen sshd[1371]: Failed password for root from 122.225.97.84 port 15186 ssh2
Jan 13 13:49:46 kvertanen sshd[1371]: message repeated 5 times: [ Failed password for root from 122.225.97.84
port 15186 ssh2]
Jan 13 13:49:46 kvertanen sshd[1371]: Disconnecting: Too many authentication failures for root [preauth]
Jan 13 13:49:46 kvertanen sshd[1371]: PAM 5 more authentication failures; logname= uid=0 euid=0 tty=ssh ruser=
rhost=122.225.97.84 user=root
Jan 13 13:49:46 kvertanen sshd[1371]: PAM service(sshd) ignoring max retries; 6 > 3
Jan 13 13:49:47 kvertanen sshd[1373]: error: Could not load host key: /etc/ssh/ssh_host_ed25519_key
Jan 13 13:49:48 kvertanen sshd[1373]: reverse mapping checking getaddrinfo for huzhou.ctc.mx.fund123.cn
[122.225.97.84] failed - POSSIBLE BREAK-IN ATTEMPT!
Jan 13 13:49:49 kvertanen sshd[1373]: pam_unix(sshd:auth): authentication failure; logname= uid=0 euid=0 tty=ssh
ruser= rhost=122.225.97.84 user=root
Jan 13 13:49:51 kvertanen sshd[1373]: Failed password for root from 122.225.97.84 port 16507 ssh2
Jan 13 13:49:53 kvertanen sshd[1375]: error: Could not load host key: /etc/ssh/ssh_host_ed25519_key
Jan 13 13:50:03 kvertanen sshd[1373]: message repeated 5 times: [ Failed password for root from 122.225.97.84
port 16507 ssh2]
Jan 13 13:50:03 kvertanen sshd[1373]: Disconnecting: Too many authentication failures for root [preauth]
Jan 13 13:50:03 kvertanen sshd[1373]: PAM 5 more authentication failures; logname= uid=0 euid=0 tty=ssh ruser=
rhost=122.225.97.84 user=root
Jan 13 13:50:03 kvertanen sshd[1373]: PAM service(sshd) ignoring max retries; 6 > 3
Jan 13 13:50:03 kvertanen sshd[1377]: error: Could not load host key: /etc/ssh/ssh_host_ed25519_key
Jan 13 13:50:05 kvertanen sshd[1377]: reverse mapping checking getaddrinfo for huzhou.ctc.mx.fund123.cn
[122.225.97.84] failed - POSSIBLE BREAK-IN ATTEMPT!
Jan 13 13:50:05 kvertanen sshd[1377]: pam_unix(sshd:auth): authentication failure; logname= uid=0 euid=0 tty=ssh
ruser= rhost=122.225.97.84 user=root
Jan 13 13:50:07 kvertanen sshd[1377]: Failed password for root from 122.225.97.84 port 20165 ssh2
Jan 13 13:50:11 kvertanen sshd[1375]: reverse mapping checking getaddrinfo for huzhou.ctc.mx.fund123.cn
[122.225.97.84] failed - POSSIBLE BREAK-IN ATTEMPT!
Jan 13 13:50:11 kvertanen sshd[1375]: pam_unix(sshd:auth): authentication failure; logname= uid=0 eu
```



## 0: Initial vulnerability testing

```
% sudo nmap 123.123.123.123
```

```
Starting Nmap 6.40 ( http://nmap.org ) at 2015-01-13 11:50
```

```
MST
```

```
Nmap scan report for 123.123.123.123
```

```
Host is up (0.094s latency).
```

```
Not shown: 995 closed ports
```

```
PORT      STATE      SERVICE
```

```
22/tcp    open       ssh
```

```
135/tcp   filtered   msrpc
```

```
139/tcp   filtered   netbios-ssn
```

```
445/tcp   filtered   microsoft-ds
```

```
593/tcp   filtered   http-rpc-epmap
```

```
Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 322.51  
seconds
```

Run nmap to scan for  
open ports on the VM

```
% apt-get update
Ign http://mirrors.digitalocean.com trusty InRelease
...
Fetched 2,533 kB in 4s (625 kB/s)
Reading package lists... Done

% apt-get install fail2ban
Reading package lists... Done
Building dependency tree
Reading state information... Done
...
The following NEW packages will be installed:
  fail2ban python-pyinotify whois
0 upgraded, 3 newly installed, 0 to remove and 3 not
upgraded.
Need to get 184 kB of archives.
After this operation, 927 kB of additional disk space will
be used.
Do you want to continue? [Y/n] Y
...

% more /var/log/fail2ban.log
2015-01-13 14:33:46,613 fail2ban.jail : INFO Jail 'ssh'
started
2015-01-13 15:09:40,229 fail2ban.actions: WARNING [ssh] Ban
122.225.109.195
2015-01-13 15:19:40,969 fail2ban.actions: WARNING [ssh]
Unban 122.225.109.195
```

# 1: Securing SSH

Threat:

Unauthorized logins

Mitigation:

**Install fail2ban**

Create non-obvious username with sudo privileges

Only allow login from non-obvious username

Disable root login

Move SSH from port 22 to another port below 1024

Switch to public/private key authentication

```
% adduser kvertanen
Adding user `kvertanen' ...
Adding new group `kvertanen' (1000) ...
Adding new user `kvertanen' (1000) with group
`kvertanen' ...
Creating home directory `/home/kvertanen' ...
Copying files from `/etc/skel' ...
Enter new UNIX password:
Retype new UNIX password:
passwd: password updated successfully
Changing the user information for kvertanen
Enter the new value, or press ENTER for the default
    Full Name []:
    Room Number []:
    Work Phone []:
    Home Phone []:
    Other []:
Is the information correct? [Y/n] Y
% visudo
```

Add new user by duplicating root reference:

```
root      ALL=(ALL:ALL) ALL
kvertanen ALL=(ALL:ALL) ALL
```

# 1: Securing SSH

Threat:

Unauthorized logins

Mitigation:

Install fail2ban

**Create non-obvious  
username with sudo  
privileges**

Only allow login from  
non-obvious username

Disable root login

Move SSH from port 22  
to another port below  
1024

Switch to public/private  
key authentication

```
% nano /etc/ssh/sshd_config
```

Restrict to given user (optionally, specific IP address using @):

```
AllowUsers kvertanen
```

Disable login using root username:

```
PermitRootLogin no
```

Move to different port, e.g. 587 (but below 1024 so as to require root privileges to start):

```
Port 587
```

Restart SSH server:

```
% service ssh restart
```

Test in new terminal window:

```
% ssh -p 587kvertanen@123.123.123.123
kvertanen@123.123.123.123's password:
Welcome to Ubuntu
...
% ssh -p 587root@123.123.123.123
kvertanen@123.123.123.123's password:
Permission denied, please try again.
% ssh kvertanen@123.123.123.123
ssh: connect to host 104.236.117.243 port 22: Connection
refused
```

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Switch to public/private key authentication

Prepare location on VM for public keys (as the non-root user):

```
% ssh -p 587 kvertanen@123.123.123.123
kvertanen@123.123.123.123's password:
Welcome to Ubuntu
...
% mkdir /home/kvertanen/.ssh
% chmod 700 /home/kvertanen/.ssh
```

Create a public/private key pair on local client (e.g. on katie):

```
% ssh-keygen -t rsa
Generating public/private rsa key pair.
Enter file in which to save the key (/home/staff/
vertanen/.ssh/id_rsa): id_digital
Enter passphrase (empty for no passphrase):
Enter same passphrase again:
Your identification has been saved in id_digital.
Your public key has been saved in id_digital.pub.
...
% ls -l id_digital*
-rw----- 1 vertanen staff 1675 Jan 13 13:34 id_digital
-rw-r--r-- 1 vertanen staff 396 Jan 13 13:34 id_digital.pub
```

id\_digital = your private RSA key (keep somewhere safe)

id\_digital.pub = your public RSA key (goes on server in ~/.ssh/authorized\_keys)

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Copy public key from client onto VM:

```
% cat ./id_digital.pub | ssh -p 587kvertanen@123.123.123.123  
"cat >> ~/.ssh/authorized_keys"  
kvertanen@123.123.123.123's password:
```

Test out logging in using private key:

```
% ssh -p 587 -i id_digital kvertanen@123.123.123.123  
Welcome to Ubuntu  
...
```

Prevent password-based logins:

```
% nano /etc/ssh/sshd_config
```

```
PasswordAuthentication No
```

Restart SSH server:

```
% service ssh restart
```

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**Switch to public/private  
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```
% apt-get update
Ign http://mirrors.digitalocean.com trusty InRelease
...
Get:18 http://security.ubuntu.com trusty-security/main
Translation-en [97.0 kB]
Hit http://security.ubuntu.com trusty-security/universe
Translation-en
Fetched 2,533 kB in 4s (625 kB/s)
Reading package lists... Done

% apt-get upgrade
Reading package lists... Done
...
5 upgraded, 0 newly installed, 0 to remove and 3 not
upgraded.
Need to get 1,538 kB of archives.
After this operation, 8,192 B disk space will be freed.
Do you want to continue? [Y/n] Y
Get:1 http://mirrors.digitalocean.com/ubuntu/ trusty-
updates/main libssl1.0.0 amd64 1.0.1f-1ubuntu2.
8 [826 kB]
...
Fetched 1,538 kB in 0s (3,314 kB/s)
Preconfiguring packages ...
(Reading database ... 146178 files and directories
currently installed.)
Unpacking libssl1.0.0:amd64 (1.0.1f-1ubuntu2.8) over
(1.0.1f-1ubuntu2.7) ...
...
```

## 2: Securing software

### Threat:

Exploit of known software vulnerabilities

### Mitigation:

**Make sure you are starting with up-to-date software**

Configure automatic security updates

Verify automatic updates are working

```
% apt-get install unattended-upgrades
```

Edit /etc/apt/apt.conf.d/50unattended-upgrades  
Change to include unattended-upgrades:

```
Unattended-Upgrade::Allowed-Origins {  
    "Ubuntu precise-security";  
    // "Ubuntu precise-updates";  
};
```

Edit /etc/apt/apt.conf.d/10periodic  
Change to:

```
APT::Periodic::Update-Package-Lists "1";  
APT::Periodic::Download-Upgradeable-Packages "1";  
APT::Periodic::AutocleanInterval "7";  
APT::Periodic::Unattended-Upgrade "1";
```

## 2: Securing software

Threat:

Exploit of known software vulnerabilities

Mitigation:

Make sure you are starting with up-to-date software

**Configure automatic security updates**

Verify automatic updates are working (after a day)

```
% more /var/log/unattended-upgrades/unattended-upgrades.log
```

```
2015-01-12 07:57:40,315 INFO Initial blacklisted packages:
2015-01-12 07:57:40,315 INFO Starting unattended upgrades script
2015-01-12 07:57:40,315 INFO Allowed origins are: ['o=Ubuntu,a=trusty-
security']
2015-01-12 07:57:49,592 INFO Packages that will be upgraded:
liboxideqt-qmlplugin linux-generic linux-headers-generic li
nux-image-generic oxideqt-codecs-extra
2015-01-12 07:57:49,592 INFO Writing dpkg log to '/var/log/unattended-
upgrades/unattended-upgrades-dpkg_2015-01-12_07:57
:49.592511.log'
2015-01-12 07:58:44,956 INFO All upgrades installed
2015-01-13 07:54:41,448 INFO Initial blacklisted packages:
2015-01-13 07:54:41,449 INFO Starting unattended upgrades script
2015-01-13 07:54:41,449 INFO Allowed origins are: ['o=Ubuntu,a=trusty-
security']
2015-01-13 07:54:53,582 INFO Packages that will be upgraded:
libssl1.0.0 linux-generic linux-generic-lts-saucy linux-gen
eric-lts-trusty linux-headers-generic linux-headers-generic-lts-saucy
linux-headers-generic-lts-trusty linux-image-gener
ic linux-image-generic-lts-saucy linux-image-generic-lts-trusty linux-
libc-dev openssl
2015-01-13 07:54:53,583 INFO Writing dpkg log to '/var/log/unattended-
upgrades/unattended-upgrades-dpkg_2015-01-13_07:54
:53.583043.log'
2015-01-13 07:55:50,474 INFO All upgrades installed
```

## 2: Securing software

### Threat:

Exploit of known software vulnerabilities

### Mitigation:

Make sure you are starting with up-to-date software

Configure automatic security updates

**Verify automatic updates are working (after a day)**

Add needed ports (at a minimum port that SSH is on):

```
% ufw allow 587
% ufw enable
Command may disrupt existing ssh connections. Proceed with
operation (y|n)? y
Firewall is active and enabled on system startup

% ufw status
Status: active
```

To	Action	From
--	-----	----
587	ALLOW	Anywhere
587 (v6)	ALLOW	Anywhere (v6)

Verify ports are closed using Nmap:

```
% sudo nmap 123.123.123.123
Starting Nmap 6.40 ( http://nmap.org )
Nmap scan report for 123.123.123.123
Host is up (0.55s latency).
Not shown: 999 filtered ports
PORT      STATE SERVICE
587/tcp   open  fw1-secureremote

Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 47.73 seconds
```

## 3: Securing network

Threat:

Exploits on other (unneeded) network services

Mitigation:

**Use a software firewall, open only needed ports**



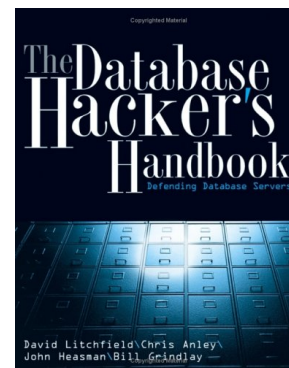
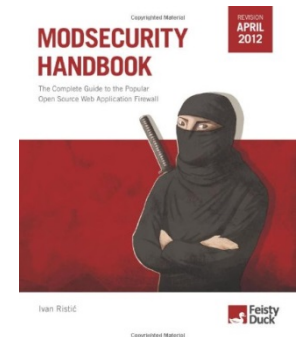
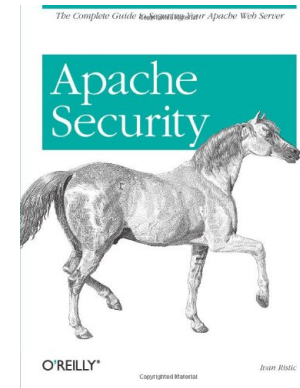
# Further securing

- **Intrusion Detection System (IDS)**
  - Monitors for suspicious activities
  - Network-based
    - Packets on the network
  - Host-based
    - Monitor logs, files
  - Send out warnings via email, etc.



# Further securing

- Hardening specific applications:
  - Apache (web server)
  - PHP (server-side scripting)
  - MySQL (database)
  - ...



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# Summary

- **Virtualization**
  - Your own server in 60 seconds
- **Securing a new VM:**
  - Lock down ability to login
  - Keep software up to date
  - Use a firewall
  - Install intrusion detection system(s)
  - Harden installed apps (e.g. Apache, MySQL)