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from the hands of a hacker. We take a look back at 2017 to uncover some of the biggest and most shocking cyber attacks on some of the world's largest companies.

More than any other, 2017 has been the year of the hacker. Cybersecurity breaches have hit high profile businesses worldwide opening the public eye to the risk that cybercrime poses today. Highlighting the prevalence of these attacks, online security experts vpnMentor have created a timeline of [2017's biggest data hacks](#) on major companies.

The graphic identifies just how widespread a problem this is. The timeline details not only the ten biggest business data hacks that took place this year, but also the hacker or malware responsible and the steps the companies have taken to resolve the problem.

Rage Against the Machine

Covering every industry from UK healthcare through to US national security, the graphic is an inventory of 2017's most malicious hackers and means of assault, including:

- The CIA – Despite being dedicated to securing America's safety from overseas threats, the CIA themselves fell victim to a cyber attack, with many confidential documents being released on WikiLeaks. They were subsequently criticised for withholding information that could improve the public's digital security.
- Cellebrite – Cellebrite is a company that produces devices that can pull personal data from mobile phones for military and government use. However, the company fell victim to their own game when their external web server was hacked and 900GB of customer information and technical product data was taken.
- NHS – Though not targeted specifically at the NHS, the WannaCry Ransomware most notably struck the UK health service, preventing workers from accessing

their computers and delaying vital medical procedures. Fortunately, a flaw in its

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