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## Security Alert

Aziksa is a leading provider of learning delivery systems whose sought-after [CyberSecurity Awareness course](#) is arming employees with the information to protect company assets. You are receiving this newsletter because of your interest in learning about cyber security – threats, breaches, and how your organization can take an active role in preventing them from harming your organization. In this newsletter, you will be up to date on real threats emerging in the news.

What is ransomware and how do I protect my PC from WannaCry?

The screenshot shows a ransomware message window with a dark red background. At the top left is a white padlock icon. The title bar reads "Ooops, your files have been encrypted!" and there is a language dropdown menu set to "English".

**What Happened to My Computer?**  
Your important files are encrypted. Many of your documents, photos, videos, databases and other files are no longer accessible because they have been encrypted. Maybe you are busy looking for a way to recover your files, but do not waste your time. Nobody can recover your files without our decryption service.

**Can I Recover My Files?**  
Sure. We guarantee that you can recover all your files safely and easily. But you have not so enough time. You can decrypt some of your files for free. Try now by clicking <Decrypt>. But if you want to decrypt all your files, you need to pay. You only have 3 days to submit the payment. After that the price will be doubled. Also, if you don't pay in 7 days, you won't be able to recover your files forever. We will have free events for users who are so poor that they couldn't pay in 6 months.

**How Do I Pay?**  
Payment is accepted in Bitcoin only. For more information, click <About bitcoin>. Please check the current price of Bitcoin and buy some bitcoins. For more information, click <How to buy bitcoins>. And send the correct amount to the address specified in this window. After your payment, click <Check Payment>. Best time to check: 9:00am - 11:00am

On the left side, there are two red boxes with white text and green progress bars. The top box says "Payment will be raised on 5/15/2017 15:58:08" and "Time Left 02:23:58:59". The bottom box says "Your files will be lost on 5/19/2017 15:58:08" and "Time Left 06:23:58:59".

On Friday 12 May and over the weekend, thousands of computers were attacked globally by malware called WannaCry, also known as WCry, WannaDecrypt, WannaCrypt. It's ransomware. Preliminary reports suggest at least 75,000 computers in 99 countries were affected. The ransomware attack locked the files of impacted systems and demanded payment of \$300 in bitcoin – to release the data.

### **Ransomware**

It's a malicious program that's like a computer virus. It's designed to scan your hard drives and encrypt as many files as it can so you can't access them. The files are still there and you have to pay the demand - the ransom - in order to get your files back. Sometimes, manual human intervention is required of the hackers to decrypt your files once you've paid. But since you're dealing with criminals, there's no reason to think they will do what they promise.

### **Windows Version**

As per Microsoft blog, it did not target Windows 10. The March security update would have protected Windows Vista, Windows 7 and Windows 8.1 systems. Only older versions of Windows – including Windows XP and Windows 8 are vulnerable. It mainly targeted computers running the business version of Windows, specifically those using the SMB network file system.

### **Security Patch**

Microsoft has issued a security patch for Windows XP, Windows 8, Windows 2003 – which you can download from Microsoft web site.

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