



## **Agenda Item 3**

# **Featured Cyber Security Start-Up – Light Point Security**



**BOARD OF REGENTS**

SUMMARY OF ITEM FOR ACTION  
**INFORMATION** OR DISCUSSION

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**TOPIC:** Featured Cyber Security Start-Up – Light Point Security (information item)

**COMMITTEE:** Economic Development and Technology Commercialization

**DATE OF COMMITTEE MEETING:** January 30, 2014

**SUMMARY:** At the request of Committee members, we are continuing to feature successful start-ups facilitated by USM institutions. Light Point Security has developed an award-winning product to protect enterprises from web-based malware. It isolates an employee's web browsing session within a one-time-use cloud-based virtual machine to stop malware from doing any damage.

The company is based in Baltimore and is resident at the bwtech@UMBC business incubator.

**ALTERNATIVE(S):** This item is for information purposes.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** This item is for information purposes.

**CHANCELLOR'S RECOMMENDATION:** This item is for information purposes.

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COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

DATE:

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BOARD ACTION:

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# Light Point Security

*Browsing the web has never been safer*

Advanced Malware Protection and  
Data Loss Prevention

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Co-founder and Chief Operating Officer

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We **Stop** Web-based Viruses

# The **Genesis** of Light Point Security

# Detection Has Failed

**85%**

Malware From Web Browsers

**5%**

Anti-virus Detection Rate

**29.2 million**

New Malware

**Isolation** is Better

# Light Point Web

The Internet

Light Point Web Server

Employee's Computer

Web Content

Remote Display

SSL Encrypted

One-time-use VM

- Custom browser isolated within virtual machine
- VMs destroyed after each use

- Plugin to standard browsers
- Seamless user experience

# Benefits of Light Point Web



## Web-based Malware Protection

- Website content never touches employee computers
- Servers protected by dual-layered virtualization
- Ability to enforce policies by file type/size, digital signature, user, etc.

## Indirect Internet Browsing

- Restrict internet access to employee computers
- Employees can still browse – only through Light Point Web

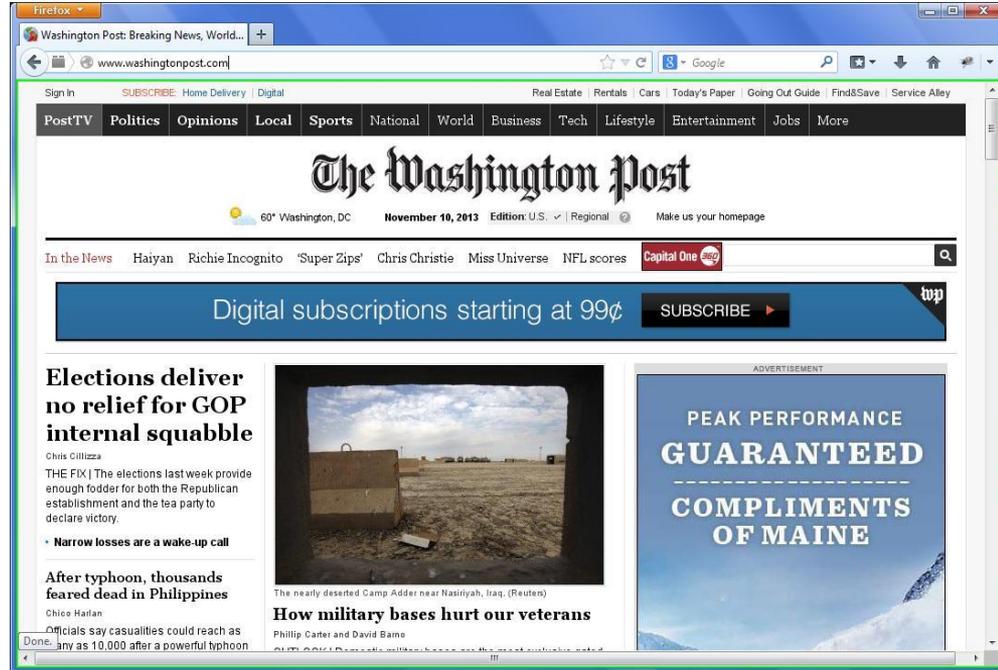
# Benefits of Light Point Web

## Seamless User Experience

- Integrates with standard browsers
- No change in behavior required

## Added Privacy

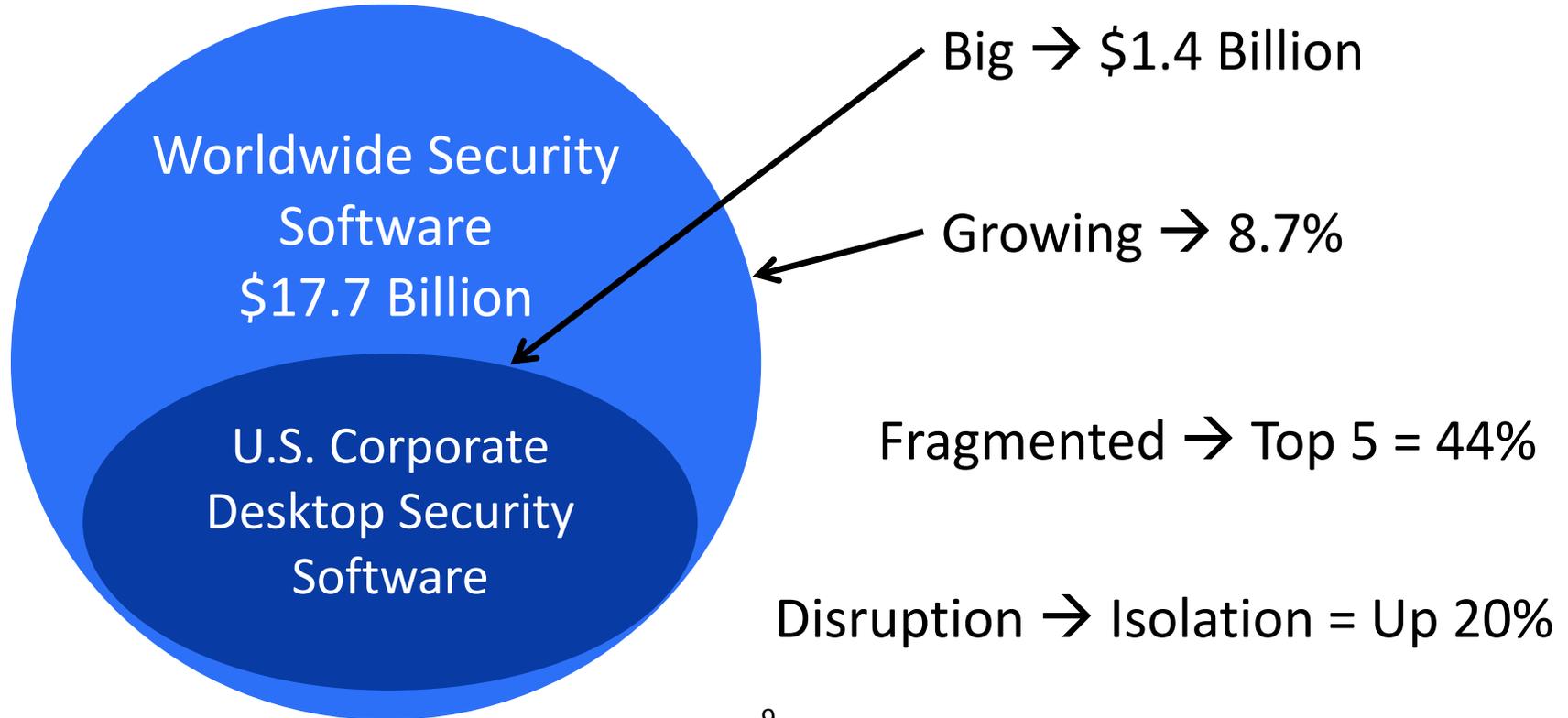
- IP address and browser/computer signatures are masked
- Sites cannot track you across multiple browsing sessions



# Accolades, Awards & Recognition

- Northrop Grumman Cync Program
- VOLT Fund recipient (\$250,000)
- Top 10 **Most Innovative Company** by RSA Conference
- Top 5 **Startup of the Year** by Wall Street Journal
- **Most Innovative Startup** Company by NVTC
- **Cybersecurity Company of the Year** by HTC
- Won 3 **InvestMaryland Challenge** special awards
- Maryland **Incubator Company of the Year** Finalist
- Top 16 **Hottest Up-and-Coming Startup** by MAVA
- Top 10 **Coollest Security Startup** of 2013 by CRN
- **Cybersecurity Startup to Watch** by BBJ
- BizSpark **Startup of the Day** by Microsoft

# Tremendous Market Opportunity



# Compared to the Competition

- Ease of use
- Ease of installation and administration
- Level of security
- Performance

# bwtech@UMBC Incubator & Cync

- Benefits
  - UMBC students
  - Northrop Grumman assistance
  - Entrepreneur In Residence assistance
  - Community involvement (CyberMD, CyberTini, etc.)
  - Entrepreneurship workshops (Michele Perry, etc.)
  - VOLT Fund

# Additional Support

- Introductions to potential customers
  - Researchers in sensitive/confidential areas
  - State/County
- Gartner subscription

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