RESTRICTING TWITTER

The Federal Government gets under Twitter’s skin by restricting what information they can release to customers. Twitter sues the Justice Department saying it violated the social media company’s First Amendment rights by restricting its ability to disclose details on the government’s national security requests. Twitter’s most recent report – covering the period from Jan. 1 to June 30 – showed a startling increase in the number of user data requests. In that period, for National Security reasons, Twitter received 46 percent more requests for account information than the previous six-month reporting period.

MALWARE INVESTIGATOR PORTAL

In an effort to share information and improve cyber security in the private sector, the FBI will share its Malware Investigator Portal to private sector businesses and non-profit organizations. The tool provides users the ability to submit suspected malware files and within as little as an hour, receive detailed technical information about what the malware does and what it may be targeting. On the protection front, additional security can be provided through Finger vein identification technology being used in Japan and Poland to allow people to withdraw money without using a card or PIN. Should this technology prove to be effective, it will help the US mitigate vulnerabilities that exist in our outdated Point of Sale systems.

COMRADES IN CYBERSPACE

The government and business communities haven’t always been comrades in cyberspace, but officials in both sectors say better coordination is needed to address the evolving digital threats to critical infrastructure. In an attempt to enhance security in the digital age, the Obama Administration created the US Digital Service. In late August, the U.S. Digital Service released the Digital Service Playbook to provide guidance to government agencies as they adapt to the digital age. It provides best practices for governing online. On the other side of the big pond, the UK has mandated that all businesses in the UK must meet a cyber-security standard if they want to bid for government contracts handling information and providing IT services. You just have to wonder if policies like this would improve cyber security within the US Federal Government?

EBOLA AND ISIS HEADLINES

In the midst of Ebola and ISIS headlines, data breaches still garner a lot of press across the 24 hour news cycle. JPMorgan leads the way with an attack that dwarfs the Target breach, with an attack that exposed 83 million individuals and small businesses. If you are part of the chosen 83 mil, be on the lookout for increased cyber fraud and identity theft related to this breach. From the Far East, South Korea is considering issuing new National ID Numbers to all 50 million of its citizens after a recent massive data breach. The overall cost for this breach and the replacement of National ID numbers could cost South Korea and their businesses billions of dollars.

DO YOU KNOW?

In an effort to test your knowledge, do you know….Anything about Shellshock? Is it true – Huawei discovers corruption after internal investigation? Did Microsoft really say – Windows 8 users to get Windows 9 for FREE?
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4TH ANNUAL BOSTON CISO EXECUTIVE SUMMIT
Boston, MA
November 3, 2014
Our exclusive conference delivers peer insight and unparalleled networking to information security leaders. The agenda is developed by our Governing Body of CISOs to generate innovative, strategic solutions and collaboration across all industries, from finance and education to technology and tourism.

NICE 2014 CONFERENCE AND EXPO
Columbia, MD
November 5-6, 2014
The NICE 2014 Conference and Expo features thought leaders from education, government, industry and non-profits to address the future cybersecurity education needs of the nation.

CYBERCRIME PREVENTION SUMMIT
Palm Springs, CA
November 5-7, 2014
Once a year, fraud prevention and cybersecurity professionals from around the globe gather to share strategies for making the Internet safer for business at the ThreatMetrix© Cybercrime Prevention Summit 2014.

28TH LARGE INSTALLATION SYSTEM ADMINISTRATION (LISA) CONFERENCE
Seattle, WA
November 9-14, 2014
Join us at LISA14, where you’ll be inspired by forward-thinking ideas and gain practical skills and takeaways for the office.

12TH ANNUAL PACSEC CONFERENCE
Tokyo, Japan
November 12-13, 2014
The PacSec Conference provides an opportunity for foreign specialists to be exposed to Japanese innovation and markets and collaborate on practical solutions to computer security issues.

AVAR 2014
Sydney, Australia
November 12-14, 2014
Join us for the 17th Association of anti-Virus Asia Researchers International Conference: Security Down Under. Event features leaders from education, government, and industry to address cybersecurity.

SOUTH BY SOUTH WEST
Cork, Ireland
November 13, 2014
The purpose of the conference is to enable sharing of Cyber Security Defense and Attack Techniques and to foster an informal networking forum for security professionals across Europe.

CYBER SECURITY AWARENESS WEEK (CSAW) CONFERENCE
Brooklyn, NY
November 13-15, 2014
CSAW the largest student-run cyber security event in the nation, that attracts some of the biggest names in the industry, and a career fair with an impressive list of corporate partners.

ESCAR AUTOMOTIVE CYBER-SECURITY CONFERENCE
Hamburg, Germany
November 18-19, 2014
The overall goal of the ESCAR will be to provide a forum to provide collaboration among private industry, academia, and government regarding modern in-vehicle cyber security threats, vulnerabilities, and risk mitigation/countermeasures.

IAPP EUROPE DATA PROTECTION CONGRESS 2014
Brussels, Belgium
November 18-19, 2014
The IAPP is the only place you’ll find a comprehensive body of resources, knowledge and experts to help you navigate the complex landscape of today’s data-driven world.

WASHINGTON DC CISO EXECUTIVE SUMMIT
Washington, DC
November 19, 2014
The agenda is driven by our governing body to generate innovative, strategic solutions and strengthen the information security function across both private and public industries. We are collaborating to ensure corporate and national interests remain secure against internal and external threats.

ISACA NORTH AMERICA ISRM CONFERENCE
Las Vegas, NV,
November 19-21, 2014
The conference offers an unrivalled opportunity to expand your network and build onto your knowledge skills.

2014 GLOBAL CIVIL ENGINEERING & APPLIED SCIENCE CONFERENCE (CEAASC)
Taipei, Taiwan
November 21-23, 2014
The CEAASC 2014 will bring together experts and leaders from the academic and business world to consider some of the pressing issues in an open forum.

DEFCAMP
Bucharest, Romania
November 28-29, 2014
Brings together hands-on talks about latest research and practices from the INFOSEC field, gathering under the same roof security specialists, entrepreneurs, academic, private and public sectors.

For more information, click on conference name.