



CYBER THEFT MORE COMMON THAN A HEAD COLD

With the innumerable reports of cyber incidents the past few years, your personal information has probably been exposed more frequently than you've been *exposed* to flu viruses. The New York Times has produced a handy little *tool* to let you count up the number of times your information has been exposed from just the most public breaches. If you want to feel good about yourself, check it out and report back. This newsletter author can report scoring a 37. Did you do better or worse?

No matter how you scored, take comfort in knowing that it's taken a little bit of time for some in the U.S. Government to learn from past mistakes, as this *Washington Post article* reports that incidents at federal agencies jumped an incredible 1300% in 10 years. As Winston Churchill once said "You can always count on Americans to do the right thing – after they've tried everything else."

For more information, follow links.

DID YOU THINK YOUR CELL PHONE WAS MADE BY ELVES?

The biggest story to come out about the iPhone in the past month, was not the abolition of the audio jack, but a *story* published by the Washington Post reporting on the conditions of cobalt mining in the Democratic Republic of Congo. The newspaper printed a follow-up *report* providing public statements from companies who were implicated in the acquisition of Congolese cobalt, indicating that despite this *not being a new issue*, companies, like Apple, have continued to allow vendors into their supply chain with questionable procurement practices. While Apple is pledging to clean up their supply chain and address underlying issues, another question remains: are companies only willing to police themselves when they get caught with their hand in the cookie jar or can they proactively remediate issues in their supply chain before they become a public relations disaster?

DRONES...A NEW TOOL FOR HACKERS

Once upon a time, hobbyists built remote-controlled aircraft for recreational purposes. But with advances in technology, these little "toys" have become smaller and more versatile. It's well known that drones can be used for surveillance and can carry light payloads and while there have been quite a few stories about how drones can be hacked by bad actors, it may be more notable that drones themselves can be used to *hack into networks* FOR bad actors. So if you happen to see a drone outside your office window, don't just worry about the video it may be taking, but the data it could be stealing from your networks.

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FOR YOUR OCTOBER 2016 CALENDAR

DATA CONNECTORS NEW YORK CITY TECH-SECURITY CONFERENCE

New York, NY, October 12, 2016

Offers sessions discussing current tech-security issues such as cloud security, email and social media security, VoIP, LAN security, wireless security, USB drives security & more.

NORTH AMERICA CSX CYBERSECURITY NEXUS CONFERENCE

Las Vegas, NV, October 17–19, 2016

Provides attendees with new connections, innovations and resources to build their cyber security profile and defend your enterprise.

CYBER RESILIENCE SUMMIT

Arlington, VA, October 20, 2016

Promotes practices that ensure critical insights from the front lines of the cyber risk management battle.

EXECUTIVE ALLIANCE'S NATIONAL SECURITY LEADERS SYMPOSIUM 2016

Naples, FL, October 23–25, 2016

Will focus on the key drivers to successful leadership.

SECURITY SUMMIT WEEK 2016

Cleveland, OH, October 24–28, 2016

Advice on information security, business growth, and data protection best practices.

CYBER FEST 2016

San Diego, CA, October 27, 2016

Brings together world renowned leaders from influential organizations and government agencies to speak on how life is impacted by cyber choices.

11TH ANNUAL HOMELAND SECURITY WEEK 2016

Washington, DC, November 1–3, 2016

Provides a deep dive into current challenges and future requirements necessary to combat evolving challenges.

INFORMATION SYSTEMS SECURITY ASSOCIATION (ISSA)

Dallas, TX, November 2–3, 2016

Promotes practices that ensure the availability, integrity, and confidentiality of organizational resources.

NVTC CAPITAL CYBERSECURITY SUMMIT

McLean, VA, November 2–3, 2016

Represents a diverse and thriving technology ecosystem and advocating for the region's technology community.

SANS HEALTHCARE CYBER SECURITY SUMMIT & TRAINING 2016

Houston, TX, November 14–21, 2016

Focuses on the major cybersecurity threats organizations face as they balance the security, compliance, and innovation.

4TH ANNUAL DEFENSE ONE SUMMIT

Washington, DC, November 17, 2016

Brings together global security leaders to explore crisis, conflict, and continuity as a new administration arrives.

11TH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE FOR INTERNET TECHNOLOGY AND SECURED TRANSACTIONS 2016

Barcelona, Spain, December 5–7, 2016

Offers practical implementation of secured Internet transactions and to fostering discussions on information technology evolution.

ANNUAL COMPUTER SECURITY APPLICATIONS CONFERENCE

Los Angeles, CA, December 5–9, 2016

Provides a gathering to present and discuss the latest security results and topics.

THREAT INTELLIGENCE SUMMIT

New Orleans, LA, December 6–7, 2016

Offers a program that analyzes the actors, motives, techniques, and vectors of attack.

8TH ANNUAL CONNECTED HEALTH CONFERENCE

Washington, DC, December 11–14, 2016

Provides a forum reflecting an increasingly consumer-centered, technology-enabled and collaborative approach to improving health.

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