



## EQUIFAX...OR EQUIHACK?

Like it or not, consumers must deal with the credit reporting agencies if they want a credit card, a mortgage, and in some cases, even a job. However, Equifax's *recent handling of its cyber breach* may make some consumers even more nervous about dealing with credit reporting agencies. The breach was significant, leaving people's personal information including social security numbers vulnerable to the hackers. Adding insult to injury, some consumers are finding that they have to give more of their personal information to the credit agency to determine if they were affected, and that credit monitoring came with a fee before Equifax was shamed into removing it. If that wasn't enough, three of Equifax's top leadership team, sold *over \$1 million in shares* after the cyber breach became known internally, but before the public disclosure. It simply was a "coincidence." I wonder if consumers can use that same excuse the next time they need to clear up an error on their credit report?

## INSTAGRAM: NO LONGER JUST ABOUT PRETTY PICTURES

Social media is the perfect platform for oversharing, but I don't think anyone meant for all of the personal details they've shared for their *Instagram* accounts to be for sale on the dark web. A bug in the Instagram API may have made millions of accounts vulnerable. While Instagram has over 700 million monthly users, Doxagram (a darknet database) is offering personal details for 6 million accounts. Instagram sent out a reminder to all of its verified users (high profile accounts) to add two-step authentication to their accounts, but that would be a smart move for all users.

## MR. SMITH GOES TO WESTEROS

August was a painful month for HBO, when an unnamed hacker group *breached its servers* and accessed terabytes of scripts, television episodes and more. The hacker group, known only as "Mr. Smith" *asked for \$6.5 million in bitcoin*. HBO refused to pay, and the group followed through with its release, even leaking the season finale of the current season of Game of Thrones. On top of this breach, another group also *hacked* HBO's Twitter account. HBO is not the only company at risk for these kinds of breaches. How should other businesses respond? Don't just worry about changing passwords--continuously monitor your supply chain for vulnerabilities, because those risks can come from employees, third-party vendors, and unexpected counterfeit products. Buyer should always beware!

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DO YOU HAVE BLIND SPOTS  
IN YOUR SUPPLY CHAIN?**

# FOR YOUR SEPTEMBER 2017 CALENDAR

## **MICROSOFT IGNITE**

*Orlando, FL, September 25–29, 2017*

Offers a discussion on emerging trends and how organizations can take advantage of them today.

## **8TH NYIT CYBERSECURITY CONFERENCE**

*New York, NY, September 28, 2017*

Brings together cyber experts from academia, business, and government.

## **5TH ANNUAL CYBERSCI SYMPOSIUM**

*Fairfax, VA, September 28, 2017*

Provides information on emerging RD challenges, cybersecurity trends, best practices and strategies around the toughest issues facing cybersecurity.

## **VIRGINIA ALLIANCE FOR SECURE COMPUTING AND NETWORKING**

*Blacksburg, VA, September 28–29, 2017*

Focuses on information security and the Internet of Things.

## **CACTUSCON 2017**

*Phoenix, AZ, September 29–30, 2017*

Offers the premier hacker conference in Arizona.

## **CYBERSECURITY NEXUS NORTH AMERICA 2017 (CSX)**

*Washington, DC, October 2–4, 2017*

Brings together global professionals facing the same cybersecurity challenges.

## **SOURCE SEATTLE**

*Seattle, WA, October 2–5, 2017*

Offers one part hacker conference, one part CISO conference, one part career conference seamlessly blended together.

## **4TH ANNUAL INDUSTRIAL CONTROL CYBER SECURITY SUMMIT USA**

*Sacramento, CA, October 3–4, 2017*

Brings together key stakeholders together to address responsibility in ensuring the safety, reliability, and stability of Critical National Infrastructure.

## **2017 ISSA INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE**

*San Diego, CA, October 9–11, 2017*

Provides topics ranging from incident response to application security to business skills for the information security professional.

## **CYBERMARYLAND**

*Baltimore, MD, October 11–12, 2017*

Ensures that our nation has the workforce, technology and resources to protect our citizens, businesses, infrastructure, and intellectual property.

## **PRIVACY.SECURITY.RISK 2017**

*San Diego, CA, October 15–18, 2017*

Offers topics related to privacy and security.

## **DC CYBERWEEK**

*Washington, DC, October 16–20, 2017*

Brings together cybersecurity experts, decision makers and leaders from the government and tech communities.

## **8TH OPEN SOURCE DIGITAL FORENSICS CONFERENCE**

*Herndon, VA, October 17, 2017*

Offers topics on new software and chances to meet with developers.

## **EDGE2017 SECURITY CONFERENCE**

*Knoxville, TN, October 17–18, 2017*

Provides sessions from industry experts on how to build stronger defenses against cyber-attacks and how to recover if systems are breached.

## **CYBERSECURITY & TECHNOLOGY CONFERENCE**

*Lexington, KY, October 18, 2017*

Introduces the latest in the field of IT and the newest cybercrime prevention methods.

## **LOS ANGELES CYBER SECURITY SUMMIT**

*Los Angeles, CA, October 19, 2017*

Focuses on how to best protect highly vulnerable business applications and critical infrastructure.

## **2017 NTCA CYBERSECURITY SUMMIT**

*Kansas City, MO, October 22–24, 2017*

Brings together federal and industry cybersecurity experts to help assess risks and plan cybersecurity strategies.

## **ICS CYBER SECURITY CONFERENCE USA**

*Atlanta, GA, October 23–26, 2017*

Offers a conference which caters to energy, utility, chemical transportation, and other critical infrastructure.

## **ROADMAP: TOMORROW'S DATA CENTER**

*Washington, DC, October 24, 2017*

Offers insights to provide cloud data centers with reduced operational costs and better security, speed, and efficiency to meet requirements.

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## **ANNUAL HOMELAND SECURITY WEEK**

*Washington, DC, October 24–27, 2017*

Provides the necessary dialogue to help drive homeland security initiatives to protect our homeland.

## **ACM CONFERENCE ON COMPUTER AND COMMUNICATIONS SECURITY**

*Dallas, TX, October 30–November 3, 2017*

Offers an environment to conduct intellectual discussion.

## **CLOUD COMPUTING EXPO**

*Santa Clara, CA, October 31–November 2, 2017*

Brings together technology buyers and vendors to experience and discuss cloud computing.

## **2017 PROCESS CONTROL AND SAFETY SYMPOSIUM**

*Houston, TX, November 6–9, 2017*

Provides another world class program, exhibit, and networking event.

## **8TH ANNUAL NATIONAL INITIATIVE FOR CYBERSECURITY EDUCATION (NICE) CONFERENCE**

*Dayton, OH, November 7–8, 2017*

Brings together leaders from education, government, industry and non-profits addressing workforce needs of the nation.

## **BLUEHAT V17**

*Redmond, WA, November 8–9, 2017*

Educates Microsoft engineers and executives on current and emerging security threats, to help them address security issues in Microsoft products.

## **EDUCATION AND HEALTHCARE SECURITY FORUM**

*Orlando, FL, November 13–14, 2017*

Focuses discussions with vendors offering the latest technologies and innovative solutions.

## **NEXTGEN WIRELESS NETWORKS SUMMIT**

*Dallas, TX, November 28–29, 2017*

Covers the technologies necessary to introduce the next generation of wireless networks.

## **GARTNER IDENTITY & ACCESS MANAGEMENT**

*Las Vegas, NV, November 28–30, 2017*

Offers information on tackling complex issues and generate new ideas in the IAM approach for digital age success.

## **THREAT INTELLIGENCE SUMMIT**

*Austin, TX, November 29–30, 2017*

Provides details on threat landscape and information on responding to emerging threats more quickly and effectively.

## **IT AUDIT & CONTROLS CONFERENCE**

*Austin, TX, November 29–December 1, 2017*

Brings together those tasked with ensuring that businesses are governing data in a secure and responsible way.

## **NICE K-12 CYBERSECURITY EDUCATION CONFERENCE**

*Nashville, TN, December 4–5, 2017*

Examines game-changing methods in support of bringing together cybersecurity leaders.

## **WEDI-CON 2017**

*Reston, VA, December 4–6, 2017*

Focuses on improving healthcare information exchange.

## **SYMANTEC GOVERNMENT SYMPOSIUM**

*Washington, DC, December 5, 2017*

Brings together the brightest cyber minds to tackle and find clarity in the ever-growing complexity of smart cyber.

## **SANS CYBER DEFENSE INITIATIVE 2017**

*Washington, DC, December 12–19, 2017*

Offers the premier event taught by world class instructors and excellent networking opportunities.

## **INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON CYBER SECURITY (ICCS)**

*New York, NY, January 8–11, 2018*

Forges global alliances for cyber resilience.