

Security Tips!

1. Realize that you are an attractive target to hackers. Don't ever say "It won't happen to me."
2. Back up your data regularly, and make sure your anti-virus software is always up to date.
3. Be sure to monitor your accounts for any suspicious activity. If you see something unfamiliar, it could be a sign that you've been compromised.
4. Avoid public Wi-Fi.



IT Security

Information Technology Security also known as, IT Security is the process of implementing measures and systems designed to securely protect and safeguard information (business and personal data, voice conversations, still images, motion pictures, multimedia presentations) utilizing various forms of technology developed to create, store, use and exchange such information against any unauthorized access, misuse, malfunction, modification, destruction, or improper disclosure, thereby preserving the value, confidentiality, integrity, availability, intended use and its ability to perform their permitted critical functions.

Cognizance

Hackers Target Saudi Government Websites with "Good Intentions"

More than 24 Saudi government websites were hacked by a group of hackers. The attack was carried out on Friday over a two-hour period by a group that calls itself "Cyber of Emotion."

The group warned all the administrators of the websites already and informed them about the insufficient security measures on their sites.

For more information:

<https://www.hackread.com/saudi-government-websites-hacked/>



Royal Saudi Air Force Website Hacked By Iranian Hackers

An Iranian hacker from Iran Hack Security Team hacked and defaced the official website of Royal Saudi Air Force to send a protest message against the war in Yemen.

For more information:

<https://www.hackread.com/saudi-airforce-hacked-iranian-hackers/>

UAE residents still prefer cash over card - survey

According to a survey carried out by Network International, cash continues to be the preferred method of payment for UAE residents. They perceive cash to be quicker, safer and offering more control on spending than using a debit or credit card.

Network International said there is a clearly appetite for new methods of payment in the UAE and a new technology will clearly shape the future of the payments, since there is high penetration of Smartphone usage in the region.

For more information:

<http://www.arabianbusiness.com/uae-residents-still-prefer-cash-over-card-survey-603282.html>

Cyber bankers hit UAE banking website

UAE banks are the latest victims of distributed-denial-of-service (DDoS) attacks.

The attack was carried out by the cyber group Anonymous which the group calls #OpArabia. According to the German systems integrator Help AG, which played a central role in the clean-up for one of the victims said several other GCC countries were also targeted.

For more information:

<http://www.arabianindustry.com/technology/united-arab-emirates/news/2015/jul/2/anonymous-cyber-hackers-hit-uae-banking-websites-5085782/>

UAE among top 5 riskiest nations for mobile security - Aruba

The UAE ranked fifth in Aruba Networks' risk assessment survey for cyber security. In the UAE, nearly half of those polled (48%) admit to having lost personal or company data through the misuse of a device.

The results suggest that while risk can be bad, it can also be good business opportunity for other countries.

For more information:

<http://www.itp.net/604487-uae-among-top-5-riskiest-nations-for-mobile-security-aruba>



Gartner report reveals key concerns for IT organizations in GCC

According to Gartner, digitalization and cost optimization are the key priorities for IT organizations in the GCC region. The trends that can assist IT organizations in the GCC achieve success in this space are:

- Smart initiatives driving innovation and new technology adoption (Smart cities)
- Mobility as the primary mode for services and application delivery
- Data Centre modernization, with an emphasis on cloud deployments

For more information:

<http://www.cnmeonline.com/news/gartner-report-reveals-key-concerns-for-it-organisations-in-gcc/>

ECSSR hosts cyber security lecture

The Emirates Center for Strategic Studies and Research (ECSSR) have set up a Cyber Command (USCYBERCOM) to plan, coordinate, integrate, synchronize and conduct activities to defend the information security environment which had participants from more than 100 governments around the world.

The lecture addressed several cyber security issues ranging from politics, cyber wars among countries etc.

For more information:

<http://www.bna.bh/portal/en/news/682713>

Middle East's Largest Classified Website Dubizzle Suffers Security Breach

Dubizzle had a security breach on its UAE servers which may have affected a small percentage of its database. The registered users were alerted through an urgent email instructing them to change their Dubizzle password.

For more information:

<https://www.hackread.com/middle-east-dubizzle-suffers-security-breach/>

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