



## CYBERSECURITY

### [Russian Hackers Successfully Phished Hundreds of U.S. Companies Last Year](#)

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has indicated that Russian hackers successfully attacked the energy, nuclear, aviation, and critical manufacturing sectors through targeted phishing campaigns throughout 2017.

According to DHS, the coordinated attacks started in 2016 with one compromise that was dormant for a year until other infiltrations occurred. The hackers targeted real people by downloading open-source information such as photographs on company websites and other publicly available information, and then tricked employees into entering passwords onto spoofed websites. The hackers then were able to use the passwords to access and compromise corporate systems. Vendors of these sectors were also successfully targeted. [Read more](#)

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### [Putin Gives Trump Computer Chipped Soccer Ball](#)

While meeting with Russian President Vladimir Putin, President Trump was given a soccer ball, symbolic of the 2018 World Cup played in Russia. *Bloomberg* has reported that the soccer ball contained a chip, known as Near-Field Communication (NFC) tag, which can transmit information to nearby cellphones, presumably including Trump's as well. [Read more](#)

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## DATA BREACH

### [Parties Seek to Centralize Saks/Lord & Taylor Data Breach Litigation](#)

As we noted earlier this year, Saks Fifth Avenue LLC, Saks Incorporated, and Lord & Taylor disclosed on April 1, 2018, that some of their customers' personal information may have been compromised in a data breach [view related [post](#)]. Those companies all share the Canadian business group Hudson's Bay Company (collectively with Lord & Taylor LLC, Saks Fifth Avenue LLC, and Saks Incorporated,

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“Defendants”) as their corporate parent. As a result of the breach, it is believed that more than five million stolen credit and debit cards were put up for sale on the dark web. [Read more](#)

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## DRONES

### [FAA Issues Statement Clarifying its Authority](#)

In light of the rise in use of drones in the national airspace, there has been some confusion regarding the Federal Aviation Administration’s (FAA) authority over navigable airspace and federal preemption for state and local drone laws. In response, the FAA released a statement regarding federal versus local drone rulemaking authority. In that statement, the FAA said, “Congress has provided the FAA with exclusive authority to regulate aviation safety, the efficiency of navigable airspace and air traffic control, among other things. State and local governments are not permitted to regulate any type of aircraft operations, such as flight paths or altitudes, or the navigable airspace.” The FAA further stated, “However, these powers are not the same as regulation of aircraft landing sites, which involves local control of land and zoning. Laws traditionally related to state and local police power, including land use, zoning, privacy and law enforcement operations, generally are not subject to federal regulation.” Additionally, the FAA said, “Cities and municipalities are not permitted to have their own rules or regulations governing the operation of aircraft. However, as indicated they may generally determine the location of aircraft landing sites through their land use powers.” [Read more](#)

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### [100,000 Remote Pilot Certificates Issued](#)

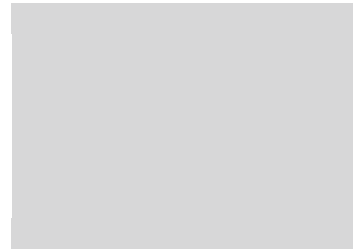
As of last week, more than 100,000 Remote Pilot Certifications have been issued by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for individuals to fly commercial and recreational (those not qualifying as “model aircraft”) drones. This number of remote pilots is only after the final Small Unmanned Aircraft Systems (sUAS) rule went into effect on August 29, 2016. Under the sUAS rule (Part 107), an individual who seeks to operate a drone must have a Remote Pilot Certificate or be directly supervised by someone with such a certificate. The majority of these remote pilots obtain the certification by studying online materials and then passing an initial aeronautical knowledge test at an FAA-approved knowledge testing center. Individuals who already have a Part 61 pilot certificate and have had a flight review in the past 24 months have the option to instead take a sUAS online training course provided by the FAA to obtain the certificate. [Read more](#)

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**PRIVACY TIP #150**

## [Home Security Camera Vulnerability](#)

This week's privacy tip focuses on a recent research study from Pen Test Partners which studied home security cameras, remotes access, and preserved cloud footage. [Read more](#)



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