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**CYBERSECURITY****Authorities Investigating Cyber Intrusion of Numerous U.S. Nuclear Power Plants**

It's scary to think about, but anything online is hackable, including critical infrastructure like nuclear power plants.

It has been reported that U.S. authorities are investigating a cyber intrusion that has hit numerous nuclear power generation sites in the past few months. [Read more](#)

Office of the National Coordinator Issues Guidance after NotPetya Attack

Following the most recent ransomware attack, known as NotPetya (among other nicknames), many health care entities became victims, which prompted the Office of the National Coordinator (ONC) to issue guidance to assist them in the aftermath. [Read more](#)

Princeton Community Hospital Replaces Computer Network after Petya Attack

Numerous hospitals were victims to last week's (aka NotPetya) [ransomware attack](#). But one hospital—Princeton Community Hospital in West Virginia—has admitted it is going to replace its entire computer network after Petya froze its electronic medical records, making it unable to treat patients. [Read more](#)

Southern Oregon University Victim of Phishing Scheme

Last month, Southern Oregon University (SOU) announced it was the victim of a \$1.9 million phishing scheme. SOU received an email purportedly from its contractor, Anderson Construction, requesting the April payment for construction on the McNeal Pavilion and Student Recreation Center. An employee then sent funds to a bank account that the contractor did not control. SOU learned of the scheme three days later when the contractor reported that it never received the payment. [Read more](#)

VIRTUAL CURRENCY**Primer on the Draft Uniform Regulation of Virtual Currency Businesses Act**

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The Uniform Law Commission is set to vote on a draft Uniform Regulation of Virtual Currency Businesses Act at its upcoming annual meeting in San Diego beginning on July 14. As numerous states and federal regulators have already begun the process of regulating virtual currencies through “money transmitter” statutes or related legislation, the uniform act attempts to establish model standards for the regulation of business activities tailored to virtual currencies. [Read more](#)

DATA PRIVACY

DeepMind Deal with NHS Trust Reveals Privacy Concerns

Back in 2015, DeepMind, a Google company, signed a deal with the Royal Free NHS Foundation Trust. The deal allowed DeepMind access to the health information of 1.6 million patients' as well as the ability to develop an app called Streams. The Streams app's focus was to monitor patients with kidney disease and alert the right clinician when a patient's condition deteriorates.

However, it was discovered that the Streams app had access to other health information such as patients with HIV and drug overdoses. [Read more](#)

ENFORCEMENT + LITIGATION

FTC Settles Complaint against Lead Generation Business Selling Consumers' Sensitive Data

The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) has announced it has settled its complaint against operators of the lead generation business Global Media, LLC, and its CEO Christopher Kay for \$104 million. The judgment has been suspended because the defendants are unable to pay. It represents the amount the defendants made by selling loan applications.

According to the complaint, the FTC alleged that Blue Global Media and its CEO operated dozens of websites that enticed consumers to complete loan applications online but would then sell those applications to third-party entities willing to buy them—15 million of them. [Read more](#)

DRONES

Drones to Track Adults and Children Who Suffer from Alzheimer's and Autism

While police departments and law enforcement have been using drones for some time now, a police department in southern Minnesota, the Rochester Police Department, has recently acquired a new drone for a new purpose—to find missing (or wandering) persons who suffer from Alzheimer's, autism, and other related conditions and disorders. [Read more](#)

U.S. Senators Introduce the Safe DRONE Act of 2017

Yet another piece of drone legislation is in circulation; the Safe DRONE Act of 2017 was recently introduced by U.S. Senators Mark Warner, John Hoeven, Catherine Cortez Masto, and Dean Heller. The act proposes the following for unmanned aerial systems (UAS or drones) in the U.S.: [Read more](#)

Facebook Completes Successful Testing of Drones for Getting the Internet to the World's Remotest Locations

Facebook announced last week that it successfully completed a second test of an unmanned aerial system (UAS or drone) designed to carry Internet access to remote parts of the world. Unlike Facebook's first test for this task back in June 2016, the drone did not crash in this second test. Facebook plans to develop an entire fleet of drones that will fly for months at a time—powered entirely by sunlight – communicating with each other through lasers and extending Internet connectivity to the ground below. [Read more](#)

PRIVACY TIP #95

Echo Show 'Drop In' Feature Could Catch You with Your Pants Down

I don't own an Echo, and Alexa is not listening to all of the conversations in my home. If that were the case, I would have no credibility in writing the weekly Privacy Tips.

Echo has evolved, and now I am told and have read that the newest craze is the Echo Show. (Shocker—I don't have an Echo Show either.) Echo Show does everything Echo did, but now it has a camera and can and is recording video of you and your family whenever you use it. (I have tape over the camera of my laptop and smartphone, so that just wouldn't work for me.)

If you are into the latest crazes and have purchased an Echo Show, be aware that it is recording video of you and your family every time it is on, whether you are using it or not.

Even more concerning is the "Drop In" feature. That feature allows you to "drop in" on your friends and family, and when you do, it automatically drops in, even if the person doesn't answer the request. Your request actually activates the other person's camera and turns it on so you can see the person. That means that, if you have allowed a friend to use the drop-in feature and your Echo Show is in the bedroom, the friend on the other end can activate the camera, even if you don't answer it, and see you getting out of the shower, for example.

If this feature is something that interests you, and you don't find it offensive, be respectful of your friends and family and be careful where you place the Echo Show in your home, especially when you might be doing something more personal than fixing dinner.