



Security Snippets — August 2018

A monthly compendium of cybersecurity news



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Hot Topics	<p>This newsletter contains links to online news articles and websites. Before clicking, see “Should You Trust the Links” way below.</p> <p>Senator John McCain was a great proponent of cybersecurity and supporter of the Arizona Cyber Warfare Range. Snippets sends condolences to his family and friends.</p>
Cybercrime / Hacking	<p>You may have seen the graphic that shows what happens in an internet minute. Well, here’s what happens in an evil internet minute (like losing \$1,138,888 to cybercrime).</p> <p>Interesting... According to Rob Joyce, the former head of the NSA’s Tailored Access Operations hacking team, nation state hacking is increasingly being weaponized so as to cause maximum disruption.</p> <p>This is seriously scary cool. Instead of attacking power companies, what if we hacked smart devices that use a lot of power, like AC units and water heaters, to take down the grid.</p>
Home / Personal Issues	<p>Do you (or somebody you know) want to get into the cybersecurity field, but can’t afford the tuition? There are federal scholarships for service!</p> <p>Selling your car? Clear your personal data first. And here’s a reminder about connecting your smart phone to rental cars.</p>
Politics / Legislation	<p>President Donald Trump has reversed an Obama-era directive regarding cyberattacks, with the goal of relaxing regulations on how and when they can be used against other nations.</p> <p>The Democratic National Committee thought somebody hacked their voter database and reported it to the FBI. Turns out, this was just a phishing test. Kudos to the DNC for detecting and responding to the potential incident!</p> <p>Just in case you didn’t realize it, the internet has become the largest advertising medium in the world because it allows firms to target us with ads based on everything from our browsing history, comments, and spending power to location. Sigh. While Snippets isn’t a huge fan of regulation, we could use a law (like Europe’s GDPR) to protect us from online tracking and targeting.</p>
Privacy / ID Theft	<p>Kids are back in school. Here’s how to protect their personal info.</p> <p>Android users, are your apps listening to you? For all device users, here’s how to see everything apps are allowed to do.</p> <p>No means no, especially with location tracking.</p>
Best Practices / Risk Mgmt	<p>Snippets used to consider “Microsoft security” an oxymoron. But they’ve really come a long way and doing good things to help keep us safe.</p> <p>A Missouri health clinic sent emails to multiple women applicants, denying them job offers because they have “ghetto names.” But the clinic says they were hacked and didn’t send the abhorrent emails. So who could impersonate you? (Hint: You may want to change your password if you haven’t in a while. Also, go long! “ihatepasswords” is significantly harder to crack than “HiM0m!”)</p>

Quotes of the Month Our shared values define us more than our differences. And acknowledging those shared values can see us through our challenges today if we have the wisdom to trust in them again.
— John McCain

Do not yield. Do not flinch. Stand up. Stand up with our President and fight. We're Americans. We're Americans, and we'll never surrender. They will.
— John McCain

Bonus! Oh, boy, Snippets can't wait for 2019. In the meantime, let's [take a virtual ride](#).

Bruno Walter, the conductor of the New York Philharmonic, called in sick to a concert on November 14, 1943 at Carnegie Hall. So 25-year-old Leonard Bernstein stepped in with only a few hours' notice, without a single rehearsal, and [became an icon](#).

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