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The Evolution of Application Security in Online Banking

What Can Government CyberSecurity professionals learn from Online Banking?

Hackers love online banks. After all, if a consumer can access banking systems from the comfort of their own home, then a pathway to the core infrastructure and priceless data exists for hackers as well. However, the banking industry accepted the challenge and, for the most part, has succeeded where many others have failed.

The government is also a favorite target for hackers. This document will help federal agencies improve their cyber security by detailing:

- How online banks have set the industry standard for software security
- The process banks have employed to secure their applications

U.S. Air Force Bolsters Itself for Cyber War by Selecting Fortify's Application Security Suite for Worldwide Development Teams

Palo Alto, California – October 1, 2007

Fortify® Software Inc., the market-leading provider of enterprise application security solutions, today announced that its suite of products—covering both static analysis and runtime approaches—has been selected by the U.S. Air Force as part of a comprehensive \$10.2 million security protection plan to protect its applications from malicious hackers.

The U.S. Air Force—a leader in the Department of Defense's strategy for cyber security—will use Fortify's complete product portfolio to develop secure code, as well as identify, protect and monitor these applications from attacks, including SQL injection, cross-site scripting, buffer overflows, and a full range of additional malicious activities.

Succeed to Lead Offers Leadership Training & Resources

"Leadership can either make or break an organization," says Dr. Byron L. Cherry, CEO of Succeed to Lead. "It doesn't matter how much you spend in HR, bonuses, or training, if an organization does not have effective, sincere, dedicated, and focused leaders, it cannot succeed," he continues.

Succeed to Lead is a consortium of leadership experts who coach, counsel, and train senior leaders and management teams. Three-fourths of the experts have PhDs in leadership studies combined with prior military or government service.

HrGOV 2007 Government HR Challenges & Solutions

Morgantown, WV – September 19, 2007 - HrGOV 2007

The fourth Annual HrGOV 2007 Strategic Intelligence Council Meeting, held Sept 16 – 18 2007 at the Lakeview Resort and Spa in Morgantown WV, was once again hailed by delegates as a smashing success in fostering an intimate networking and educational environment for senior government HR and learning executives. Focusing on critical HR/Learning issues such as

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performance management, telework, strategic human capital management, succession planning, telework, and leadership, this year's HRCI approved curriculum provided an outstanding forum for information exchange and inter-agency collaboration.

HrGOV Government Executives Vote Ninth House Solution Best in Class at 2007 Industry Event

San Francisco, California – October 4, 2007

Ninth House, Inc., the leadership solutions company, today announces that it was named Best in Class Solution Provider at the HrGOV 2007 event on September 16-18. Ninth House also received this same distinction in 2006, making them winners for two consecutive years.

Defense Labor Relations Reforms Waiting on Congress

GOVEXEC – September 19, 2007 - HrGOV 2007

The Defense Department is holding off on implementing the labor relations portions of its new personnel system, at least until pending legislation that could affect the system is completed, a top personnel official said Tuesday.

Mary Lacey, program executive officer for the National Security Personnel System, said the department will not move bargaining unit employees into the system until Congress makes up its mind about pending legislation that could defund or repeal portions of NSPS. She made her remarks at the HRGov human resources conference in Morgantown, W.Va.

Intelligence Agencies Move Closer to Common Personnel System

GOVEXEC – September 18, 2007 - HrGOV 2007

The Office of the Director of National Intelligence is close to finalizing and beginning to implement a new directive that will establish a common performance management and pay system across the 16 intelligence agencies, a personnel official said Monday.

The effort is part of a 500-day plan announced by Intelligence Director Mike McConnell last week to build on the successes of a 100-day push to improve integration and collaboration among intelligence agencies.

HR Specialists Note Generation Gap in Telework Acceptance

GOVEXEC – September 17, 2007

An amendment to pending energy legislation that would aggressively push telework options for federal employees could expose a technological generational gap if enacted, but could also provide a valuable incentive to the workforce, participants at a human resources conference said on Sunday.

Liberty Alliance Builds Global Trust Framework for Identity Federations



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Spanning Industries and Regions

Liberty Alliance has formed a new expert group to deliver the Liberty Trust Framework, an organizational framework designed to fill industry requirements for standardized identity assurance criteria for use in a broad range of federation scenarios.

Liberty's Identity Assurance Expert Group (IAEG) was established by the recent merge of the Electronic Authentication Partnership (EAP) into Liberty Alliance, and consists of representatives from the worldwide financial services, government, healthcare and service provider sectors working collaboratively to release the Liberty Trust Framework for public review and input later this year.

The Liberty Trust Framework will remove a major barrier to global inter-federation deployments: the complexity of assessing the level of identity assurance among all organizations participating in federated relationships.

(ISC)²® Prepares For Next Phase of DoD Directive 8570.1

Palm Harbor, Florida – August 21, 2007

(ISC)²® ("ISC-squared"), the non-profit global leader in educating and certifying information security professionals throughout their careers, has expanded its global education offerings to support the next phase of Department of Defense (DoD) Directive 8570.1 – a phase that will involve an unprecedented number of information assurance (IA) personnel seeking professional certification.

Arlington Academy of Hope Gala & Art Auction

Please join the Arlington Academy of Hope for a fun, lively evening with great food, entertainment and an auction featuring works from African and U.S. artists and more. The Arlington Academy of Hope runs a successful primary school for more than 300 students in Bumwalukani, Eastern Uganda and provides a health clinic that serves the entire village. The event will raise critical funds to purchase books for the new AAH library (the only one of its kind in the region), expand scholarship opportunities for AAH students going on to secondary school and sustain the AAH primary school which is considered a model school across Uganda. Help paint a brighter future for the children of Uganda.

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Industry News:

Peripheral Threats

Smart printing devices often are overlooked as weaknesses in network security, but HSPD-12 cards can help lock them down.

Michael Jones | Geospatial Democracy

Michael Jones, Google Earth's chief technologist, talks about what goes into applications such as StreetView and the democratization of geospatial data.

Report: E-GOV Puts Pressure on Security

The growth of interagency data sharing and public-facing services is putting new demands on IT security officials.

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Study: COOP planning outstrips telework

Government is making strides in continuity-of-operations planning, but teleworking — increasingly seen as an essential component of COOP — is still relatively rare.



Crypto is no magic bullet for data protection

Cryptography can provide excellent security, but as with all security, it has limits and trade-offs.

Essential information only

Agencies starting to produce data breach and notification procedures.

Share and share alike

Cisco Systems, EMC, Microsoft and three smaller technology vendors have introduced a platform built on their products that facilitates the secure sharing of sensitive information among federal agencies.

DOD mandates data encryption for mobile devices

According to a policy signed July 3 by CIO John Grimes, all unclassified data not approved for public release must be encrypted.



PC on a Stick: A Portable Endpoint Security Nightmare

[Click here for this whitepaper and to find out how Sanctuary® is your best, first line of defense against data leakage and malware.](#)

Learning could be fun and games at TSA

The Transportation Security Administration hopes to use video games to train its 40,000 officers who check luggage and cargo for dangerous items.

Group urges greater role for state CIOs in RHIOs

With regional health information organizations (RHIOs) at the center of plans for constructing a National Health Information Network, the group that represents state chief information officers is calling for its members to have a bigger say in how such organizations develop.

S-CAP

Implementing a government wide standard desktop configurations are looked as at critical for increasing network security. S-CAP is the OMB mandate which aims to achieve this.



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Solution Provider News:

Turning Point

With its new version of SharePoint, Microsoft may have solved the problems that had hampered its use as a collaboration platform.

OpenFabrics launches certification program

OpenFabrics Alliance has launched a testing and certification program for high-performance computing hardware.



GOVERNMENT SOLUTIONS

The missions of security agencies within the government have changed. The needs to be highly deployable and mobile are no longer desirable; they are the new mandates and requirements to complete the mission.

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By utilizing the NEW ENERGY TECHNOLOGIES solution, agencies are able to reduce the amount of cumbersome vehicles, personnel and transportation requirements needed today to complete the simplest of missions. Instead of sending teams and equipment into locations days and weeks in advance, smaller teams can be deployed and fully operational in minutes in most cases. This factor alone can be translated into a cost savings of millions of dollars.

In addition to cost savings, the NEW ENERGY TECHNOLOGIES solution allows all of these teams to change mission and direction of travel in real time. In the current operational mode, this would require the repositioning of multiple vehicles and personnel; in many cases leaving gaps in security during the relocation. With the NEW ENERGY TECHNOLOGIES solution, the teams simply take their capabilities with them as they move with no disruption to their data, voice or video flow while under way.

These are not isolated needs; First Responders, Quick Reaction Teams, Security Details and Tactical Forces all share these requirements. The ability to communicate, see-ahead and share information are the keys to a successful mission.

The NEW ENERGY TECHNOLOGIES solution is currently being evaluated by several Government agencies.

For more information please contact: NETinfo@newenergywifi.com

EDS wins Rhode Island health records job

AeroScout has developed a new RFID tag that consumes less power and has advanced capabilities. The AeroScout T3 WiFi-based tag boasts "seamless indoor and outdoor reliability," "choke point" detection capabilities, and tamper proofing mechanisms for theft prevention.

Information Sharing

Survey by Symantec shows that info sharing and providing public access to data is putting pressure on fed agencies.



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Awarded Contracts:

SRA scores Air Force support deal

SRA International Inc. will provide intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance services to the Department of the Air Force under a new five-year contract that could be worth up to \$30.4 million, if all options are exercised.

Army increases TCS training contract

The Army has awarded TeleCommunication Systems Inc. an increase to its contract to provide satellite communications equipment and services to support the Army and Marine teams that help train other nations' military forces.

GSA picks 29 Alliant firms

Twenty-nine contractors have earned spots on the General Services Administration's Alliant contract. GSA announced the winners today.

Boeing lands support work for unmanned Marines' aircraft program

The Boeing Company has won an \$18 million follow-on contract from the Marine Corps to provide ongoing intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance support for the Marine Expeditionary Forces' ScanEagle unmanned aircraft program.

Five vendors win HHS database award

A contract worth as much as \$90 million has been awarded to five software vendors by the Health and Human Services Department. The award calls for the development and maintenance of an enterprise relational database management system to handle Medicare and Medicaid information, HHS said in a posting on the Federal Business Opportunities Web site July 30.

Nortel-led group to overhaul Social Security phones

A team led by Nortel Government Solutions has won a 10-year contract from the Social Security Administration to replace the agency's outdated telephone system.

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Ask the Dr.



Dr. Lenny Superville, Ph.D.
Chief Information Officer
North Carolina's Office of the State Auditor

Question: What feedback have you received from people interested in commuting?

Answer:

I would LOVE to telecommute full-time. While I'm sure skills *could* rub off on your co-workers IF you had talented co-workers that actually DID their jobs, you can't forget about ALL the time WASTED with office politics, gossip, and 'passing the day away.'

Let's face it-- in the office, people jet out of there promptly at 5/6 p.m. If you telecommute, you prefer to focus and get the job done ASAP so you can be done for the day. There's a HUGE amount of utter wasted time in the office based on the "9-6" regime.

Telecommuting can mean MORE PRODUCTIVITY because, instead of watching the clock, people focus on individual tasks. In the office, it's more about time-- when telecommuting, it's more about getting the work done as quickly as possible. We all know how much time we waste

at work. I would bet a million bucks that we'd stop getting distracted.

To ask the Dr. and get your questions posted with his answers, please email: parhame@convurge.org. Your question can be anonymous and asked by ConVurge or we can post your name, title, organization - please specify preference.

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A solid security strategy should combine several key elements which, when brought together, create a holistic approach to security. Overall, the ultimate goal of an organization's security plan should be to effectively use technology and management to minimize risk. The in-depth research derived content for SecureGOV 2007 will focus on key focus areas and topics which will educate government on achieving this goal.

A Holistic Approach To Security

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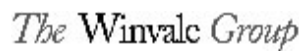
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