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CYBERSECURITY

Mozilla Adds Website Breach Alerts for Consumers and Evaluates Security of Products

Mozilla recently announced that it is adding a new security feature to its Firefox Quantum web browser that will alert users when they visit a website that has reported a data breach in the last 12 months.

Although consumers can visit Have I Been Pwned [view related post] to determine if their email has been compromised, this feature specifically addresses data breaches of websites and not email addresses, which is an important additional piece of information for the privacy and security of personal information. *Read more*

SSD Hardware and BitLocker Encryption

Security researchers at Radboud University in the Netherlands have discovered a flaw in several manufacturers' solid-state hard drive firmware that can be exploited to read data from self-encrypting drives (SED). The researchers published their findings in a paper on November 5, 2018. The authors identified several methods they were able to use to bypass hardware-based full-disk encryption on drives from Crucial and Samsung. On November 6, 2018, Microsoft issued a Security Advisory detailing a vulnerability as it relates to use of Microsoft's BitLocker encryption scheme, which is included with its Windows operating system. Read more

NEW + NOW

Record Retention

An ongoing and frequent request is to assist clients with record retention guidelines and migrating from storing massive amounts of paper records to an electronic system. How to do this correctly cannot be fully encapsulated in a blog post, but here are a few thoughts to consider when tackling this cumbersome process.

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Insider Blog R+C website Twitter Facebook LinkedIn There are very specific federal and state laws that apply to record retention. Most of them are very old and out of date, but they are still on the books. Without addressing the retention issues of a litigation hold and eDiscovery (which are complicated), developing a basic record retention program is still challenging, and because of the risk of data in general, more and more companies are revisiting their record retention programs. *Read more*

DRONES

OIG Audit Results Released on FAA Drone Waiver Processes

Last week, a new audit report was released regarding the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) unmanned aircraft system (UAS or drone) waiver process. According to the audit, the Office of the Inspector General (OIG) has found room for improvement. In particular, the FAA's timeliness in response to waiver requests could improve. *Read more*

More Than 50,000 LAANC Applications Processed

The Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) nationwide deployment of the Low Altitude Authorization and Notification Capability (LAANC) system has processed more than 50,000 applications from drone operators for authorization to fly in controlled airspace since November 2017. The LAANC system now covers about 300 air traffic facilities that service approximately 500 airports, and provides nearly instant approval for drone operators to operate in these controlled airspaces. *Read more*

PRIVACY TIP #166

Black Friday Shopping Risks

Planning on doing some post-Thanksgiving dinner shopping? This week's privacy tip focuses on ways to stay safe while researching products and while shopping online this Cyber Monday. *Read more*

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