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Sec-U-R-IT-y Tips | Cyber Security Trends for 2009

More of our activities at home, school and work involve computers and the Internet. At the same time, cyber criminals and hackers come up with new ways to attack our computers. To read about the keys security challenges of 2009, go to <http://www.security.arizona.edu/files/march2009securitytips.pdf>.

Securing UA | Payment Card Compliance at UA

The Information Security Office and FSO-Bursar's Department Services are partnering in the development of compliance strategies to assist UA departments accepting and processing credit cards (not PCards) with Payment Card Industry (PCI) compliance. If you process credit cards and were not able to attend the information and training sessions, you can find useful information and materials on the InfoSec website: <http://www.security.arizona.edu/pci>.

Alert | Mac Malware Tide on the Rise (from SANS Institute Security Newsletter)

Less than a week after researchers spotted new malware targeting naive Mac users, two additional titles have been spotted. Trojan-horse software dubbed OSX.Trojan.iServices.B hitches a ride on pirated copies of Adobe Photoshop CS4 for Mac. A program used to generate a valid serial number to unlock the Adobe application installs a backdoor on machines that makes them part of a botnet. Another Trojan piggybacks off illicit copies of Apple's iWork 09 productivity suite. Trojans aren't the only threats preying on OS X users. Two new rogue applications that claim to offer malware protection for Mac users have recently been spotted. Rogue anti-virus programs have long been the bane of PC users. Now they're becoming increasingly common on the Mac platform, too. More information: http://www.theregister.co.uk/2009/01/26/more_mac_malware/

Tool | Cell Phone Data Eraser

Sell, donate or recycle used cell phones worry free! The Cell Phone Data Eraser gives you all the tools you need to remove personal information, such as contact names and phone numbers, from used cell phones. To receive instructions for your device, simply follow the instructions at http://www.recellular.com/recycling/data_eraser/default.asp.

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