



CYBERSECURITY

[Orange County, NC Hit with Ransomware Attack](#)

The headlines of hacking incidents against counties, cities and towns are racking up like the retail space was several years ago. The hackers have targeted state and municipalities to wreak their havoc. This week, Orange County, North Carolina, was hit with a ransomware attack that brought it to its knees. [Read more](#)

DATA SECURITY

[Closing The Door Behind Your MFA Implementation](#)

I came across an article last week that indicated there was a successful attack on Microsoft's Office 365 and Google's G Suite environments that was able to bypass multi-factor authentication (MFA). However, after reading the article it was immediately clear the attack leveraged an old protocol, IMAP (Internet Message Access Protocol), which does not support MFA. So, yes, technically the hackers bypassed MFA, but I personally wouldn't say they beat MFA. This got me thinking about several reports I have seen lately that seemingly imply that hackers have found ways to successfully beat MFA. While each case that I read was unique and maybe technically accurate, it seemed to me that in each instance what the hackers actually beat was a deficiency in the implementation of MFA. [Read more](#)

INTERNET OF THINGS

[My Own Internet of Things \(IoT\) Nightmare \(Almost\) – The Smart Light Bulbs Took Over My House!](#)

So this week's blog article takes a page from my very own "smart" home devices. Monday morning at about 3:42 a.m. our entire household woke up because every "smart" lightbulb in the house came on at the same time! It was a bit distressing and once we got up and shut off all the lights, some of us (me!) couldn't get back to sleep. What if my "smart" light bulbs and/or home Wi-Fi somehow got hacked? [Read more](#)

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[Preparing for Compliance with the California Consumer Privacy Act](#)

On the heels of working with clients on compliance with the European

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Union's General Data Privacy Regulation (GDPR) and the rapidly evolving landscape of data privacy and security laws and regulations, the next hurdle to set compliance sights on for organizations is the California Consumer Privacy Act (CCPA).

We have previously outlined the requirements of the CCPA in several posts [view related [posts](#)]. Now is the time to be thinking about, assessing and determining compliance obligations and implementing those measures so they are in place when the CCPA goes into effect in January 2020. [Read more](#)

DRONES

[FAA Issues New National Policy—Greater Oversight on Drone Operators](#)

Unmanned aerial systems (UAS or drone) operators will now face stricter oversight and inspections by local Flight Standards District Offices (FSDO) under the new National Policy issued by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). The Policy requires FSDOs to immediately update their 2019 National Work Program Guidelines to include new Required Surveillance Work Activities. Before the FAA's issuance of this notice, FSDO's requirements for conducting surveillance of UAS activities was much more limited. However, over the past year, the FAA has determined that there is a "robust risk profile for UAS." [Read more](#)

PRIVACY TIP #182

[FTC Issues 2018 Annual Report on Data Privacy and Security](#)

The FTC frequently issues Scam Alerts that are very helpful to consumers, and in particular, our seniors. The FTC also shares annual publications. This week's privacy tip discusses the [recently released](#), 2018 Privacy and Data Security Update. [Read more](#)

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