



CYBERSECURITY

[NCCoE Seeks Comment from Manufacturing Sector for Industrial Control Systems](#)

Protection of industrial control systems is crucial to the security of our country. The National Cybersecurity Center of Excellence (NCCoE) has [announced](#) a project for which it is seeking comment: *Detecting and Protecting Against Data Integrity Attacks in Industrial Control System (ICS) Environments*. [Read more](#)

INTERNET OF THINGS

[Is Your Bed Bugged? Data-Collecting Mattresses and Sleep Apps May Give You Nightmares](#)

When you next lie down to sleep, the bed may not your secrets keep. So-called “smart” beds, mattress pads, sleep apps, and fitness trackers with sleep options are collecting data on those who use them and sending that personal information back to manufacturers. The data gathered can include biometric information (i.e., heart rate, respiration), sleep positions, and movement (think about that one for a minute). Some even include microphones to track snoring. [Read more](#)

VIRTUAL CURRENCY

[KiK Sued by SEC Over \\$100M Initial Coin Offering](#)

In a contentious move, the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) recently sued Kik Interactive Inc. for its Initial Coin Offering of \$100 million, alleging it violated securities laws by not registering the offering with the SEC. [Read more](#)

NEW + NOW

[Employers and Wellness Plans: Questions about Quest Breach?](#)

Last week, we wrote that Quest Diagnostics reported in a security filing that a collection agency performing collections for the company had suffered an intrusion that exposed almost 12 million individuals' personal and financial information [view related [post](#)]. Another lab company reported days later that it was notified that the information of 8 million of its patients had been compromised as well; that total is now almost 20 million. [Read more](#)

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DRONES

[Amazon Prime Air's Drone Design](#)

Amazon CEO, Jeff Bezos, announced Amazon Prime Air, a delivery-by-drone initiative more than five years ago, and last week, Amazon revealed more information about its delivery system—the design. The Amazon delivery drone will use vertical takeoff and landing (VTOL) technology that is aerodynamic and “fully shrouded for safety.” Additionally, the drone features artificial intelligence to help it operate safely using sensors and advanced algorithms for detect-and-avoid capabilities while in flight. The drone’s artificial intelligence also uses these algorithms to detect people and animals from above. The drone can fly for up to 15 miles and make deliveries of packages under 5 lbs. in less than a half an hour. With Amazon’s “Shipment Zero” campaign (i.e., a goal of achieving 50 percent net-zero shipments by 2030), we are sure to see more of Amazon’s delivery drones hitting the skies soon—provided the Federal Aviation Administration and our national airspace are ready for them. [Read more](#)

[FAA Grants Waiver for Drone Use Over People](#)

Last week, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) issued Hensel Phelps Construction Co. a Part 107 unmanned aerial system (UAS or drone) waiver to operate a parachute-equipped drone over people. However, the FAA clarified that while it granted the waiver for the use it did not certify or approve the parachute or the parachute system itself. The FAA only made a determination as to the safe operation of the drone. [Read more](#)

PRIVACY TIP #194

[NSA Issues Alert to Microsoft Windows Users](#)

The newest versions are introduced by manufacturers to patch older versions with known security flaws and vulnerabilities. This week’s privacy tip discusses a recent NSA alert on the matter. [Read more](#)

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