



CYBERSECURITY

[Misconfigured Box Accounts Can Expose Data](#)

Security researchers at Adversis have discovered that dozens of companies have inadvertently leaked corporate and customer data through their Box enterprise storage accounts because staff are sharing public links to their private corporate files. [Read more](#)

[Jackson County, Georgia Pays Hackers \\$400,000 After Ransomware Attack](#)

Cities and towns continue to be a profitable target for successful ransomware attacks. As we previously reported [view related [posts](#)], the list of cities and towns getting hit with ransomware attacks continues to grow. Last week, Jackson County, Georgia admitted that it paid hackers \$400,000 to obtain access to its information that was locked down by a ransomware attack. The ransomware attack locked agencies out of almost all of their systems, including the sheriff's office that does criminal bookings, causing the county to try to do business the old-fashioned way—using paper. [Read more](#)

DATA PRIVACY

[Federal Privacy Law – Could It Happen in 2019?](#)

This was a busy week for activity and discussions on the federal level regarding existing privacy laws—namely the European Union's General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and the California Consumer Privacy Act (CCPA). But the real question is, could a federal privacy law actually happen in 2019? Cybersecurity issues and the possibility of a federal privacy law were in the spotlight at the recent Senate Judiciary Committee hearing. This week also saw the introduction of bipartisan federal legislation regarding Internet of Things (IoT)-connected devices. [Read more](#)

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[Employees and Partner Organizations Pose Threat to Companies](#)

According to the [2019 Verizon Insider Threat Report](#), 20 percent of all

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cybersecurity incidents and 15 percent of data breaches in 2018 were caused by insiders—that is, employees or partner organizations. The reasons for these threats included financial gain (to use or sell company data to make money—47.8 percent), pure fun (23.4 percent) and espionage (14.4 percent). [Read more](#)

DRONES

[U.S. Navy to Contract New Unmanned Surface and Underwater Vehicles](#)

The U.S. Navy is moving fast to acquire a new unmanned surface vehicle (USV) and hopes to award a contract for the USV by the end of 2019. Over the next two months, the Navy plans to issue a request for proposals for a new, medium-sized USV, up to 50 meters long. The Navy seeks a USV that can function as a sensor and communication relay as part of a family of unmanned surface systems being developed by the Navy. Additionally, the USV will be able to carry a payload similar to that of a 40-foot shipping container, return to port, and be capable of refueling at sea. The USV will also be able to autonomously operate at a cruising speed of about 16 knots, with a minimum range of 4,500 nautical miles, operated through a government-provided communication relay system. [Read more](#)

PRIVACY TIP #181

[IRS Warns Consumers and Employers About Tax-Related Phishing Schemes](#)

This week's privacy covers another round of warnings from the federal government on protecting yourself from tax return fraud and identity theft. The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) has issued its 2019 "Dirty Dozen" Campaign designed to warn individuals about the most common tax-related phishing schemes that are focused on tax fraud and identity theft. [Read more](#)

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