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Leveraging Knowledge to Manage Your Data Risks

## CYBERSECURITY

### [\\$50 Million Ransom Demand is Largest Ever](#)

In what is being reported as the largest ransom demand ever, Taiwanese electronics and computer manufacturer Acer has reportedly been hit with a ransomware attack by REvil, which is demanding a ransom of \$50 million for the destruction of leaked documents. [Read more](#)

### [Honeywell Suffers Cyber-Attack](#)

Aerospace and energy equipment manufacturer Honeywell has reportedly been hit with a cyber-attack in the form of a malware intrusion that disrupted some of its information technology systems. Honeywell issued a statement on March 23, 2021, stating that it “took steps to address the incident, including partnering with Microsoft to assess and remediate the situation.” [Read more](#)

## DATA BREACH

### [Phishing at the California State Controller’s Office](#)

The California State Controller’s Office (SCO) was recently a victim of phishing. According to its [website](#), an employee of the SCO Unclaimed Property Division clicked on a link in an email, entered their user ID and password, and unknowingly provided a hacker with access to the email account. According to the website, “SCO has reason to believe the compromised email account had personally identifying information contained in Unclaimed Property Holder Reports. The unauthorized user also sent potentially malicious emails to some of the SCO employee’s contacts.” [Read more](#)

## DATA PRIVACY

### [Facebook’s Augmented-Reality: Controlling Computer Functions with Your Mind](#)

What if you could control a computer with your mind? Well, Facebook’s latest device may allow you to do just that. Facebook recently announced that it has created a wristband that allows you to move a

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digital object just by thinking about it. The wristband looks like a large iPod on a strap and uses sensors to detect the user's movements through electromyography (EMG). EMG interprets electrical activity from motor nerves as information is transmitted from the brain to the hand. An example: you could navigate through the augmented-reality menus by thinking about moving your finger to scroll through the options. However, Facebook notes that this 'control' is coming from the part of the brain that controls motor information, not thought. [Read more](#)

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## NEW + NOW

### [Vulnerabilities Found in Classroom Management Software](#)

Although many students are returning to in-class learning, many others are still in a hybrid situation or fully remote at their own request. The rapid transition from learning in school to the at-home setting has necessitated the use of classroom management software to manage online learning programs. The software of one of those companies, Netop Vision Pro, is used by teachers to push content to students, and allows them to share their screen with students. It is used by more than 9,000 school systems and three million teachers and students around the world. [Read more](#)

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## DRONES

### [Surveyors v. Drone Photographers: First Amendment Debate](#)

A lawsuit filed in North Carolina claims that, under the First Amendment, surveyors cannot stop drone operators from selling photos taken from above and making maps. [Read more](#)

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## PRIVACY TIP #277

### [Beware of Vaccine Surveys](#)

Criminals use current events to launch new schemes designed to prey on victims' vulnerabilities or fears. Throughout the pandemic, criminals have used fear of COVID-19, this week's privacy tip discusses some recent vaccine scams. [Read more](#)

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