



## CYBERSECURITY

### [VPN Packages Store Cookies Insecurely](#)

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) issued a warning on April 15, 2019 entitled “VPN Applications Insecurely Store Session Cookies” (Vulnerability Note VU#192371) stating that “[M]ultiple Virtual Private Network (VPN) applications store the authentication and/or session cookies insecurely in memory and/or log files.” [Read more](#)

### [WIPRO Hacked](#)

I have been alerting clients that I know use Wipro, but may have missed some of you. It is being reported that IT outsourcing company Wipro Ltd. has been hacked through several phishing campaigns from what is believed to be a state-sponsored attacker.

According to recent reports, including [KrebsSecurity](#), sources have stated that “Wipro’s systems were seen being used as jumping-off points for digital fishing expeditions targeting at least a dozen Wipro customer systems.” Apparently, at least 11 of Wipro’s customers have traced malicious and suspicious activity to systems that were communicating with Wipro’s network. It is disputed whether the attack lasted weeks or months. [Read more](#)

## HIPAA

### [Texas Health System MD Anderson Seeks 5th Circuit Review of HHS Determination that HIPAA Required Encryption of its ePHI](#)

On April 8, 2019, The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center (MDA) filed a petition with the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit seeking review of a decision by the Department of Health & Human Services’s (HHS) Departmental Appeals Board (DAB) Appellate Division to uphold \$4.35 million in civil money penalties (CMPs) assessed against MDA by HHS for alleged violations of HIPAA’s Security and Privacy Rules.

The DAB’s decision, issued on February 8, 2019, affirmed a [2018 decision](#) by an Administrative Law Judge that sustained CMPs issued against MDA arising from three HIPAA breaches in 2011 and 2012. [Read more](#)

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### [Incident Response Plan Saves Money](#)

The Ponemon Institute recently completed research, sponsored by IBM Resilient, entitled “The 2019 Cyber Resilient Organization,” which surveyed more than 3,600 security and IT professionals around the world to determine organizations’ ability to maintain their core purpose and integrity in the face of cyber-attacks.

According to IBM, the research found that “a vast majority of organizations surveyed are still unprepared to properly respond to cybersecurity incidents, with 77 percent of respondents indicating they do not have a cybersecurity incident response plan applied consistently across the enterprise.” [Read more](#)

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## PRIVACY TIP #186

### [Some Hotmail Users’ Emails Compromised](#)

Microsoft alerted some account owners that Microsoft Outlook and Hotmail email addresses had been compromised over a three-month period. This week’s privacy tip covers the breach and proposes possible next steps. [Read more](#)

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