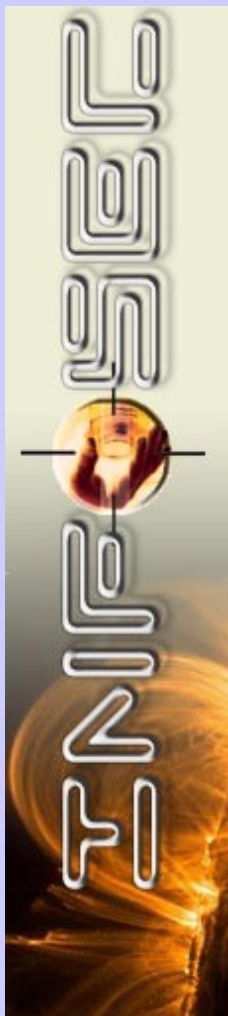




## Status of Internet Security

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### Rowan University Prof. Posts 370 Students' Personal Info Online

A file found on the Rowan University web site contained sensitive information on 370 students. The file contained names, GPAs, phone numbers, majors, e-mail address, grades, phone numbers, physical fitness information, 172 Social Security numbers, 95 birth dates, and 310 addresses. The file, belonging to a university professor, could have been online as early as November 2004.

### Iowa State Professor Posts Student Information Online

A file on the Iowa State University web site contained sensitive information on 26 students that had taken Gloria Starns' Spring 2001 ME 325 class. The file contained the names, Social Security numbers, scores, grades and e-mail address and was available publicly from January 2002 until January 2008.

### University of Iowa Engineering Department Exposes Student SSNs Online

An excel file on the web site of the College of Engineering's Student Development Center contained sensitive information on 321 University of Iowa students. The spreadsheet contained student names, GPAs, e-mail address, student IDs, and 215 Social Security numbers. Most of the students affected were those that applied for graduation in the Spring 2006 semester. The file has been online since March 15, 2006.

### Memorial University Laptop Containing Student Information Stolen

Memorial University is alerting 150 students after the theft of a laptop containing student information. The laptop, stolen from the home of a business faculty member, may have contained class lists which would hold student names, grades and student ID numbers. Memorial is currently working on a privacy strategy.

### MayDay! Sneakier, More Powerful Botnet on the Loose

A new peer-to-peer (P2P) botnet even more powerful and stealthy than the infamous Storm has begun infiltrating mostly U.S.-based large enterprises, educational institutions, and customers of major ISPs. The MayDay botnet can evade leading antivirus products, and so far has compromised thousands of hosts, according to Damballa, which says 96.5 percent of the infected machines are in the U.S., and about 2.5 percent in Canada.

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### **Four international cable breaks in a week**

An undersea fibre-optic cable has gone out of service between Qatar and the UAE, the fourth such incident in less than a week. On Friday the Qatar-UAE Submarine Cable System was 'cut' between the Qatari island of Haloul and the UAE island of Das, disrupting internet services. ArabianBusiness.com was told on Sunday by unofficial sources that the problem is related to a power system and not a physical break in the cable, as is thought to be the case in three international incidents earlier in the week.

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### **Ships Did Not Cut Mediterranean Cables**

Egypt's Transport Ministry said footage recorded by onshore video cameras of the location of the cables shows no maritime traffic in the area when the cables were damaged. "The ministry's maritime transport committee reviewed footage covering the period of 12 hours before and 12 hours after the cables were cut and no ships sailed the area," a statement by the Communications Ministry said.

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### **Six ActiveX Vulnerabilities This Week**

Symantec is reporting a total of six buffer-overflow vulnerabilities that affect a number of widely distributed ActiveX controls have been disclosed in the past week. We are unaware of any public exploitation of these vulnerabilities. However, the Symantec DeepSight team has confirmed that these issues can be used to execute code or crash the vulnerable applications. Security Awareness updates should be issued warning of Active X controls and safe browsing.

### **Google Hacking: Ten security searches that work**

Although we see literally hundreds of Google searches throughout this book, sometimes it's nice to know there's a few searches that give good results just about every time. In the context of security work, we'll take a look at 10 searches that work fairly well during a security assessment, especially when combined with the site operator, which secures the first position in our list. As you become more and more comfortable with Google, you'll certainly add to this list, modifying a few searches and quite possibly deleting a few, but the searches here should serve as a very nice baseline for your own top 10 list.

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### **Employees Have Access To Too Much Information**

The 2008 National Survey on Access Governance, conducted by information management research firm the Ponemon Institute and Aveksa, a corporate security vendor, finds that 78% of 700 IT professionals surveyed believe their employees have too much access to information that's not necessary for their jobs.

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## Empire State Building car zap mystery

In the shadow of the Empire State Building lies an “automotive Bermuda Triangle” - a five-block radius where vehicles mysteriously die. “We get about 10 to 15 cars stuck near there every day,” said Isaac Leviev, manager of Citywide Towing, the AAA’s exclusive roadside assistance provider from 42nd St. to the Battery. “You pull the car four or five blocks to the west or east and the car starts right up.”

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## Big trouble with teen hackers

Teenagers, including children as young as eleven and twelve years old, are increasingly becoming involved in serious cyber-criminal activity that exposes themselves and the users they target to a full range of dangerous repercussions.

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## Vista SP1 to debut February 4th

Microsoft Corp. will release Windows Vista Service Pack 1 (SP1) on Monday, Feb. 4, according to reports Friday from Tech ARP.com, a Malaysian Web site. Vista SP1 will make RTM on Monday, said Tech ARP, with computer makers receiving media later in the week to install the updated operating system on new laptops and desktops. Bits will also be posted for download on Monday, the site claimed.

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## (IN)SECURE Magazine issue 15 has been released

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## First automated tool to lockdown Linux servers to meet DISA STIGS

Trusted Computer Solutions announced that Security Blanket 1.2, an automated tool for locking down Linux operating systems, now supports the government’s lock down profile for the stringent Defense Information Systems Agency’s (DISA) Security Technical Implementation Guides (STIGs), as well as commercial lock-down profiles defined by the SANS Institute, the Center for Internet Security (CIS) and customized user-defined profiles.

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## Cisco sets last sale date for PIX firewall

Cisco Systems Inc. is sweeping aside its venerable PIX firewall appliances in favor of its newer ASA 5500 appliances, which are designed to perform the same functions as the discontinued devices, plus more.

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## Security Events Schedule

February

6th InfraGard Meeting Scarlet Oaks Campus  
The FBI's WMD Programs

13th ISSA Meeting 5pm – 7pm  
Julie Starr from Palo Alto Networks will be presenting on how the evolving application landscape has created a new set of requirements for firewalls to protect today's corporate network.

13th InfoSec Seminar ERC 427 12-1  
"Avoid the Phisherman"  
(Phishing/Social Engineering)

14th InfoSec Seminar UHall 454 12-1  
"Avoid the Phisherman"  
(Phishing/Social Engineering)

### AptDiff - Visual Files Comparison and Merging Utility

AptDiff is a visual text / binary files comparison and merging utility for Windows 2000/XP/2003. It is highly useful for software developers, web designers and other professionals. AptDiff features a double-pane view that allows for side-by-side comparisons, with customizable color-coding indicating whether each line/byte is added, deleted, or changed.

- Compares directly from Windows Explorer.
- Easy navigation through the differences.
- Automatically detects file changes.
- Customizable keyboard shortcuts.
- Adjustable pane splitter with smooth synchronized scrolling.
- Synchronized horizontal and vertical scroll.
- Command Line Support.
- Automatically move to the first difference when loading.
- Merge all for text comparison.
- Switch the comparison type between text and binary.
- Add the shell menu items ("Select First Item to Compare...", "Compare As Text", "Compare As Binary") if enabled in options.

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