



### ISSA Rochester News

Chapter of ISSA International

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#### Past Events:

On June 22<sup>nd</sup>, **Carbon Black** and **Vandis** sponsored a chapter meeting and Happy Hour at Mulconry's Irish Pub in Fairport. It was a great time to learn about what is new with Carbon Black, and how Vandis can help your organization.

April's ISSA Chapter Meeting was hosted at Nixon Peabody, and featured a great thought provoking lecture by Bruce Oliver. Plenty of Dinosaur BBQ and good conversation was had!

#### Upcoming Events:

#### **Chapter Meeting**

**We have several meetings in the works for the next few months, including a potential event on 8/25, keep a lookout for the invite!**

**Check our website ([www.rocissa.org](http://www.rocissa.org)) for more details as the dates draw near!**

If you have an idea for a meeting, or any suggestions or comments on past meetings for events please let us know at [membership@rocissa.org](mailto:membership@rocissa.org).

#### Need CPEs?

- Attend an ISSA chapter meeting
- Speak at RSS or a chapter meeting
- Volunteer for a committee
- Write a journal article

### News and Notes

How important is Security Awareness Training. My organization recently just went through our annual round of Security Awareness Training, and right in the midst of it comes a successful phishing campaign. While the outcome was nothing special, the URL blocked, and no damage done, this brings up the question, are our organizations any safer after Security Awareness Training.

In order to properly answer this question I think it is important to focus on the overall question, are we better off?

While some may say no, I think you may be answering a different question. Many data breaches come from insiders, whether intentional, or typically accidental. Educating end users can help stop some attacks, whether it is an end user being more cautious when browsing the web, or someone reporting a potential malicious email and thus aides in heading off a serious outbreak. Even a little education can go a long way.

So why do people think training isn't worth it? My best guess has to be they do not see the cost outweighing the benefit, as well as training does not eliminate the human risk. Both of these can be true, especially when costly training isn't tailored to a businesses needs, or is overly general. Others may say that threats change so rapidly that keeping up with training for security operators is hard enough, let alone for end users.

While there are definitely issues with how Security Awareness Training is performed, there is no question it can be valuable. Does that mean every organization should have it, no, that is for each organization to decide on their own. It is however Security's job to protect users, whether through education, or security tools used to protect them from themselves, it should at least be considered when loading up your tool belt.

### What we're reading...

### **Bart ransomware shows it can be effective without sophisticated encryption**

By Lucian Constantin: <http://bit.ly/29a04sn>

### **Microsoft Office 365 hit with massive Cerber ransomware attack, report**

By Doug Olenick: <http://bit.ly/296B20i>

### **Boost your security: Get IT and HR to collaborate**

By Taylor Armdering: <http://bit.ly/28YwxBD>

### **Chrome DRM bug makes it easy to download streaming video**

By Mark Walton: <http://bit.ly/293qUmN>

### **Large botnet of CCTV devices knock the snot out of jewelry website**

By Dan Goodin: <http://bit.ly/28Zwrt1>

### **Bungling Microsoft singlehandedly proves that golden backdoor keys are a terrible idea**

By Chris Williams: <http://bit.ly/2bfKhMI>

### **Membership:**

We strive to provide value to our members and the security community at large. If you have an idea for a chapter meeting, social gathering, or other event please contact [membership@rocissa.org](mailto:membership@rocissa.org).

Remember we are here to help you! So please let us know what you want and we can hopefully tailor our events to fit the needs of our members.

### **Communications:**

Have an article you really enjoyed or are you writing an article you really want to share with everyone? Send it to [info@rocissa.org](mailto:info@rocissa.org) and we can put it in the newsletter!

Have a question you really need help with? Join us on LinkedIn and start a discussion in the *Rochester Chapter Information Systems Security Association* group.

Rochester ISSA is now on twitter. Check us out at @RocISSA and stay up on the latest infosec news.

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