



CYBER SECURITY WEEKLY BRIEFING NO.77

#TipOfTheWeek: Always lock your computer screen when you walk away!

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■ ST JOHN AMBULANCE HIT BY RANSOMWARE ATTACK

St John Ambulance has been hit by a ransomware attack, the charity has revealed. The charity said in a statement that the ransomware attack happened on 2 July at 9am, but was dealt with within 30 minutes and did not affect operational systems.

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■ RANSOMWARE ATTACKS ARE ON THE RISE AND THE CRIMINALS ARE WINNING

Ransomware attacks, which see individuals and organisations locked out of their data unless they pay up, are on the rise. The apparent latest victim is the UK's biggest forensic services provider, which was compelled to pay cybercriminals to regain access to its data, according to the BBC.

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■ HACKED FORENSIC FIRM PAYS RANSOM AFTER MALWARE ATTACK

Britain's largest private forensics provider has paid a ransom to hackers after its IT systems were brought to a standstill by a cyber-attack. Eurofins, which is thought to carry out about half of all private forensic analysis, was targeted in a ransomware attack on 2 June, which the company described as "highly sophisticated" ..

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■ BRITISH AIRWAYS FACES RECORD £183M FINE FOR DATA BREACH

British Airways is facing a record fine of £183m for last year's breach of its security systems. The airline, owned by IAG, says it was "surprised and disappointed" by the penalty from the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO). At the time, BA said hackers had carried out a "sophisticated, malicious criminal attack" on its website.

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