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1. Welcome

We are proud to be one of the UK's leading independent ethical hacking firms. We provide penetration testing, web application security testing, network security audits and related security consultancy services. Visit us at www.firstbase.co.uk.

We hope that the information in this newsletter will be useful to you and would love to get your feedback regarding the content. What would you like to see in future issues? Do you have anything you would like to submit for inclusion? Please feel free to send an email to webmaven@firstbase.co.uk with your comments.

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2. First Base Technologies Identify New Web Authentication Attacks

Peter Wood, Keiron Northmore and Vishal Garg gave a press conference at Infosecurity Europe back in April. They revealed that the First Base Technologies' web application testing team had identified a new trend in web application authentication attacks that can undermine many e-commerce web sites previously assumed to be secure.

These attacks can result in criminals hijacking legitimate users' sessions whilst they are shopping online or using critical services, such as web mail or remote network access.

Real world web sites have been shown to be vulnerable, including sites using Microsoft SharePoint and those using two-factor authentication tokens. "This is an inherent problem in the configuration of many e-commerce sites and remote access services which can be exploited both directly and indirectly" said Peter Wood.

Want to find out if your web applications are vulnerable to this type of attack? Phone Andy on 01273 45 45 25 who will arrange for a consultant to telephone you, or check out <http://www.fbtchies.co.uk/Content/Services/websecurity.shtml>.



3. white-hats.co.uk

white-hats.co.uk now has 263 members. Are you one of them? If not, perhaps you should be! Sponsored by First Base Technologies, this vendor-neutral user group provides a knowledge base and a friendly support group for IT security professionals working for UK business and government.

Our next meeting is on Friday, 25 September. Come along and meet some of your fellow IT Security professionals - the meeting costs only £150 and membership of white-hats.co.uk is free. There are two excellent presentations during the day:

"Biometrics & Access Control - is that my hand in your pocket or...?" by Adam Laurie and Andy Ritchie, Aperture Labs Ltd

"The History and Psychology of Hacking" by Steve Gold, Technical Editor, Infosecurity Magazine

For more details and to book your place, visit <http://white-hats.co.uk/nextmeeting.shtml>

4. Something for the weekend

If, like us, you find “management speak” a barrier to communication and even a source of amusement, you may like to visit our latest project: <http://bizspeak.co.uk>

Please be warned that this site may be better browsed from home rather than the office, depending on your organisation’s acceptable use policy.

We'd love it if you'd send us your ideas and experiences of this type of communication to webmaven@firstbase.co.uk. We'll be happy to credit you or keep you anonymous - whichever you prefer!

5. Our Bloggers

Don't forget our bloggers - see what they have to say via:
<http://www.firstbase.co.uk/Content/NewsEvents/Blogs.shtml>

6. Subscription Information

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