



Cypurr Sessions

On The Internet, No One Knows You're a Dog
January 5th, 2019

WELCOME!



Outline

- Introduction
- Rules n' Such
- Current Events
- Scams and You!
- Let's Talk!
- Thank You/Resources

Who are we? Who are you?

- We are the...
 - The Cypurr Collective: A group of folks that organize cybersecurity workshops and socials, looking to spread knowledge and talk about privacy rights!
- ...and you are?
 - Name
 - Pronouns (i.e. he/him, she/her, they/them, ze/zer, etc)
 - In a few words, what brings you here today?

• A few rules for this workshop ...

- Share the space!
 - Step Up Step Back: Ask a question, give a comment, leave room for others to speak
- Stack!
 - Raise your hand and we will put you on the speaking queue
- Saf(er) Space
 - We DO NOT tolerate language or behavior purposefully meant to demean or harm folks based on their identities
 - No one should be forced to discuss their own experience/threat model/situation
 - **Consent:** Ask before helping someone out, before taking their device
- Photo/Video- No photo/video without asking!
- Bonus Rule: Try not to invalidate experiences!

Current Events!



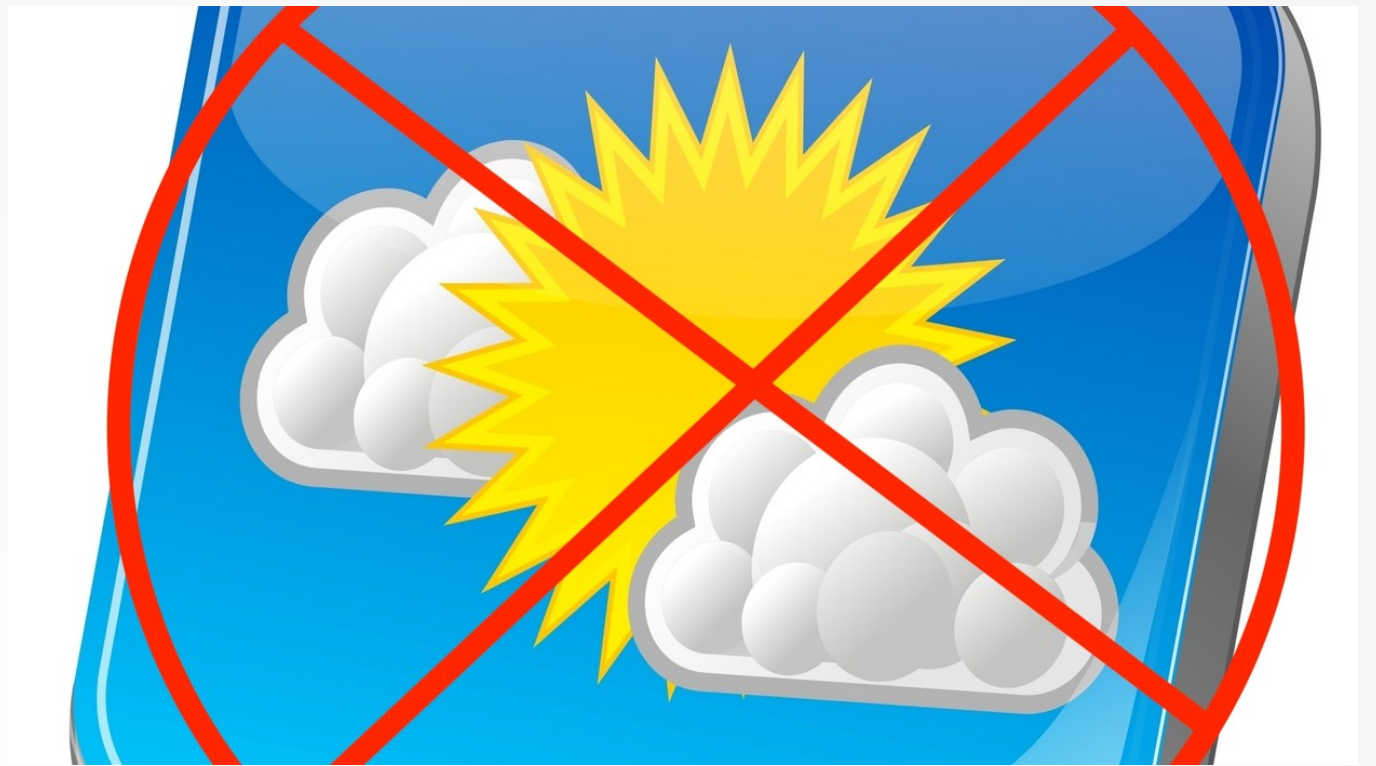
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Lmao at you losers paying for Uber and Lyft. My mom can just drop us off as long as your mom can pick us up.



**WHAT'S ON YOUR
MIND?**



Story #1: It's Raining Cats and Location Data

- Stop Using Third-Party Weather Apps
- Motherboard, January 4th, 2019

The Story?

“...time and time again, weather apps have been shown to ask for smartphone permissions that they don’t need and shouldn’t have. Many of them then sell that data to advertisers and other data brokers. This happens both among the weather apps that most people haven’t heard of and among some of the most popular and well-known apps out there.”

- WeatherBug, Weather Channel, Accuweather and more!
- Selling info like location...to things like email and IMEI numbers



What To Do?

- Android and Apple have built in weather apps (if you don't mind sharing location with them)
- “Or, better yet, use no weather app at all, and check the weather manually on a browser or on a separate device altogether. The whole weather app industry has shown itself to not be trustworthy enough to use.”
- Dark Sky?



Story #2:

Amazon and the Case of the Mistreated Workers



- Amazon Workers Call for Better Pay and Better Treatment
- Throughout 2018

The Story?

- Amazon Warehouse Workers are going on strike all over the U.S and abroad:
 - Spain (On Black Friday 2018)
 - Minneapolis
 - Staten Island
 - England
- Amazon.com Workers protest Amazon's working with ICE



The Threat?

- Amazon, like other tech warehouses, underreports the amount of health issues their workers face
- Stories of
 - Bathroom breaks monitored
 - Temporary Positions
 - Efficiency monitors
 - Physical ailments (breathing problems, chest pains)
 - Unfair pay

Amazon is Anti-Union



What To Do?

- Growing trend of grassroots activist calling for Amazon to be held accountable
 - Privacy Issue
 - Labor Issue
 - Local Issue (Amazon in NY)
 - National/International Issue



STRETCH BREAK

- CyPurr Collective on Facebook for Future events!
 - Sign up to our email list too, we won't spam ya!
- Further Resources
 - NYC CryptoParty Meetup/CryptoParty Harlem (Meetup)
 - HacbBlossom (Hackblossom.org)
 - Tactical Tech Collective-
 - *Holistic Security*,
 - *MyShadow*
 - *Data Detox*
 - EFF- *Surveillance Self Defense* (ssd.eff.org)
 - Freedom of the Press Foundation (Freedom.press)