Cybersecurity and Best Practices

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Some rambling

- WordPress vulnerability database: https://wpvulndb.com/
- Twitter (IT): @raistolo @FiloSottile @evaristegal0is and many others
- Keep everything updated
- Keep backups
- Use password managers and impossible-to-remember passwords
- Use encryption wherever possible

Why should I waste time updating stuff?



evariste.gal / is @evaristegal0is · 2h

Ho trovato tre XSS persistenti in tre plug-in WP con oltre 290.000 installazioni. Li segnalo e poi butto giù due righe sul perché bisogna stare molto attenti a chi si dà il privilegio di Author su WP:)

Translate Tweet



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Still not updating, I only use safe apps

Zoom iOS App Sends Data to Facebook Even if You Don't Have a Facebook Account

Zoom's privacy policy isn't explicit about the data transfer to Facebook at all.

Zoom per iOS si aggiorna: ora non invia più dati a Facebook

But I have an iPhone, Apple is the best at security

https://googleprojectzero.blogspot.com/2020/01/remote-iphone-exploitation-part-1.html

This research was mainly motivated by the following question: given only a remote memory corruption vulnerability, is it possible to achieve remote code execution on an iPhone without further vulnerabilities and without any form of user interaction? This blog post series shows that this is in fact possible.

I don't like Windows 10, I'm sticking to Windows 7

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/WannaCry ransomware attack

"While Microsoft had released patches previously to close the exploit, much of WannaCry's spread was from organizations that had not applied these, or were using older Windows systems that were past their end-of-life."

I hate runners! They are spreading the virus! Let's give geo-localization data to the government and have those killers arrested!

POLITICA

Il fuorionda di Mattarella, "eh Giovanni, neanche io vado dal barbiere"





Take-away

- Whenever you do something sensitive on a laptop or smartphone, beware of the risks and take precautions accordingly
- When non-technical people talk about tracking the population, "suspending" privacy laws, etc. remember why those laws exist in the first place
- Ask more of your representatives! Cybersecurity is as important as "classic" security: not having burglars in your home is nice, not seeing your personal data all over the internet because of some crappy developer at government agencies is even nicer.

Food for thought

- Yuval Noah Harari: the world after coronavirus
- Coronavirus: l'uso della tecnologia, il modello coreano e la tutela dei dati personali
- Terms of Service; Didn't Read. "I have read and agree to the Terms" is the biggest lie on the web.