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|  | Security Snippets — April 2020 *A monthly compendium of cybersecurity news* | |  |
| Security at [organization] | | Enter your security news here (or delete this row). | | |
| Hot Topics | | This newsletter contains links to online news articles and websites. Before clicking, see “Should You Trust the Links” way below.  Do you think you were a victim of cybercrime? Check out the attached tip card and info for when and how to report it.  Reminder – there are just some things you [shouldn’t be doing](https://ci.security/resources/news/article/7-things-users-shouldnt-do-while-working-from-home) when working (or playing) from home. | | |
| Cybercrime / Hacking | | A record-setting 17 million people in the U.S filed for unemployment so far due to COVID-19. [Identity thieves have been busy filing too](https://www.idtheftcenter.org/covid-19-pandemic-leads-to-unemployment-benefits-identity-theft/), as reported to the Identity Theft Resource Center.  “Grandma: I’m in the hospital, sick, please wire money right away.” Yep, bad guys have modified their [grandparent scams](https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/blog/2020/04/grandparent-scams-age-coronavirus) to take advantage of COVID-19.  There’s a new ransomware scheme hitting Europe that Snippets expects to come here. Attackers are [encrypting data on Android phones](https://www.cyberscoop.com/android-ransomware-check-point-fbi/). Victims get a message accusing them of possessing illegal pornographic material and claiming their personal details were sent to the FBI. But if victims pay $500, it’ll all go away! Ransomware isn’t generally deployed on phones. Why? It’s just not that profitable as most people just reset their phones. Adding the FBI twist might “encourage” victims to pay. | | |
| Home / Personal Issues | | Please. *Please*. ***Please***. Do ***not*** post screenshots of your banking apps or websites showing that you’ve received an economic stimulus (or any other) deposit. People were posting screenshots to #stimulusdeposit that contained personal information – info that bad guys could use to steal posters’ identities and those newly deposited funds.  Do you know (or are you) a student interested in cybersecurity? CISA is hiring current students for [paid cyber/IT internships](https://www.cisa.gov/cyber-interns). | | |
| Politics / Legislation | | Is that (paper) government check legit or fake? See the attached flyer showing the security features of a U.S. Treasury check. | | |
| Privacy /  ID Theft | | According to a [study](https://www.welivesecurity.com/2020/03/03/brave-top-browser-privacy-study/), the [Brave](https://brave.com/) browser has the best privacy protections.  The FTC has a set of [privacy tips for video conferencing](https://www.ftc.gov/news-events/blogs/business-blog/2020/04/video-conferencing-10-privacy-tips-your-business). They’re aimed at business but also good for video conferencing with Grandma.  Did you sign up for Quibi’s video streaming service? If so, be aware that [Quibi leaked your email](https://www.theverge.com/2020/4/30/21242470/quibi-email-verification-leaking-addresses-ad-companies-facebook-google-data-protection) address to advertisers. What can you do? Nothing, other than change your email address or expect more spam. Sheesh. | | |
| Best Practices /  Risk Mgmt | | The National Cyber Security Alliance has a great collection of [tips and recommendations](https://staysafeonline.org/covid-19-security-resource-library/) on ways to stay safe online, as well as how to avoid cyber threats and scams during this pandemic.  DHS Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency has a good set of tips to [improve the security of your home network](https://www.us-cert.gov/ncas/tips/ST15-002).  Your router controls your Internet connection. Here are [five router settings](https://www.foxnews.com/tech/5-router-settings-you-must-change-to-protect-your-network) you need to change to protect your home network. And while you’re configuring your router, set it to use 1.1.1.1 for free [content blocking from Cloudflare](https://blog.cloudflare.com/introducing-1-1-1-1-for-families/).  Is your internet connection performing more like a sloth rather than a gazelle? [Test its speed](https://testmy.net/)! | | |
| Quotes of the Month | | Quarantine has me realizing why my dog gets so excited about something moving outside and going for walks and car rides. I just barked at a squirrel. —Unknown  Happy Fri… Wait, it’s Thursday. Son of a bi… Carry on. —Unknown  You’re getting to stay at home, be lazy, and Netflix and chill to save the world! Just do not waste this opportunity. —Unknown  This too shall pass. It might pass like a kidney stone. But it will pass. —Unknown | | |
| Bonus! | | Need some good news? So does Snippets. Happily, John Krasinski delivers with his [Some Good News series](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCOe_y6KKvS3PdIfb9q9pGug).  Here’s a medley of [Star Wars themes](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zcAliLg14Ks) unlike Snippets has ever heard.  With casinos closed, let’s play working from home [pandemic bingo](https://www.mcsweeneys.net/articles/working-from-home-during-a-global-pandemic-bingo)! | | |
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