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Introduction

"The Layman's Tech & Privacy Alert" - All you need to know about dangerous and ongoing tech security & privacy issues explained in layman's terms with solutions that you can protect yourself and your family easily.

FAQ:

Q: Why do I need this service?

A: Because you must know:

- Boarding pass barcode contains your personal information
- Android can be hacked via multimedia message
- Your post on Facebook can affect your insurance's premium
- Your car can be hacked via Bluetooth
- And much more

More importantly because you must know how to fix and/or mitigate those and other vulnerabilities without spending time researching them.

Q: How often do I get the alert?

A: We save you time with conciseness and by providing actionable to dos to resolve and/or mitigate a problem.

Q: How much does it cost?

A: The Regular price is \$100 per year. INTRODUCTORY LIMITED TIME offer: Join us now for only \$50 (a savings of \$50) per year. In addition, we will keep your price the same as long as you are an active subscriber "The Layman's Tech & Privacy Alert".

Q: What is your cancelation policy?

A: First 30 days money back guarantee no questions asked.

Q: What happens if the service is stopped?

A: You get your prorated amount back.

Q. Do you have a referral program?

A. Absolutely. We would love to spread important knowledge. Ask your friend to mention your email address during registration and you will receive one extra month of the service.

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Privacy

- **Boarding Pass Barcode contains sensitive personal info**

Summary:

Boarding Pass Barcode contains Name, frequent flyer number, record locator and other [personally identifiable information] that can be used to get access to Frequent Flyer program that in turn allows seeing past and FUTURE flights.

The Fix:

Always **shred** boarding pass.

For the source click [here](#)

- **Social media Posts About Being “Wasted” Could Hurt Your Credit Score**

Summary:

Two top credit-analytics companies are implementing a way to determine people's credit scores based on information volunteered on social media platforms such as Facebook.

The Fix:

Be careful what you post.

For the source click [here](#)

Software

- **Vulnerabilities in WhatsApp Web**

Summary:

A file that can execute commands disguised as a plain vCard shared via Whatsapp Web client once executed makes Whatsapp Web client vulnerable to hackers.

The Fix:

Install latest Whatsapp Web. URL to latest whatsappweb:
<https://web.whatsapp.com/>

For the source click [here](#)

- **Adobe Addresses undisclosed Vulnerability in Flash**

Summary:

Security firm Trendmicro discovered a vulnerability that allows an attacker to circumvent security measures introduced by Adobe earlier.

The Fix:

Install latest update of Adobe Flash player.
For Instructions click [here](#)

For the source click [here](#)

Windows

- **Windows 10 privacy issues you should know about**

Summary:

Here is just a sample of the many privacy issues with Windows 10:

- Data syncing by default
- Cortana(voice assistant) is a spy in the machine
- Whatever happens, Microsoft knows what you're doing...
- Advertisers will know exactly who you are
- Your encryption key is backed up to OneDrive (a hacker will be able to easily decrypt data if he gets ahold of this key)
- Microsoft can disclose your data when it feels like it
- Wifi Sense (Allows your contacts to connect to your network without your permission when they are in physical proximity to your router)

There are **13** privacy settings dialogs.

The Fix:

Allow privacy settings that you are comfortable with.
For video instructions how to set privacy settings click [here](#)

For the source click [here](#)

- **Windows 10 snooping and reporting back to Microsoft servers even if privacy settings are enabled**

Summary:

Cortana and Bing search in Windows 10 continue to send your activity even when you disallowed it.

The Fix:

There is no fix here. Consider other options until issue is clarified or fixed.

For the source click [here](#)

IOS

- **Apple iOS 9 Wi-Fi Assist could lead to huge iPhone bills**

Summary:

Wi-Fi Assist automatically switches your phone from Wi-Fi to a cellular connection when the Wi-Fi signal is poor. It means that your iPhone is "eating" your data plan without you knowing

The Fix:

- Go into Settings.
- Choose Cellular.
- Scroll way down to Wi-Fi Assist.
- Switch the slider to the "off" position.

For the source click [here](#)

- **Hackers stole over 250,000 Apple accounts with iOS using Malware on jailbroken iPhones**

Summary:

On jailbroken iPhones malware called KeyRaider allows a hacker to buy apps with unsuspecting users accounts. KeyRaider can be used to lock a device remotely thus disabling unlocking operation and hold it for ransom.

The Fix:

- Un jail your phone.
For instructions:
 - In writing click [here](#)
 - video click [here](#) start at 0:50
- Monitor activity of your account

For the source click [here](#)

Android

- **95% of Android phones can be hacked with just one Multimedia Messaging service (MMS)**

Summary:

Android by default allows auto download of Multimedia Messaging service (MMS) messages. Such messages can contain hacking code that allows a hacker to take control over a phone without the owner's knowledge.

The Fix:

1. Default messaging apps, you can do the same like this:
 1. Open the messaging app;
 2. Tap More -> Settings -> More Settings
 3. Tap Multimedia Messages -> Turn OFF Auto Retrieve.
2. Hangout
 1. Tap Options on the top left corner;
 2. Tap Settings -> SMS;
 3. Uncheck the Auto Retrieve MMS option in the Advanced Tab.
3. Install Latest android operating system

For the source click [here](#)

Hardware

- **"USB Killer": A flash drive can burn your computer's circuits in seconds**

Summary:

A researcher created a USB drive that looks like a normal USB but when connected to your computer's USB port burns the circuits.

The Fix:

Make sure you know the origin of the USB you are plugging into your computer.

For the source click [here](#)

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