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## Ransomware is everywhere and is now a household name...Don't Be a Victim!

Watch or read the local news and the word Ransomware has become a household name. Schools are being attacked. Towns are being breached. Most recently the legal system was affected.



As recently reported by The Boston Globe, a ransomware attack hit a legal agency that affected the court systems within the state. The attack, known as Ryuk, appears to have originated in Russia. It is believed to have been installed using a pair of trojan virus programs that came in through a link or file contained in an e-mail.

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## The City of Tallahassee Lost Half a Million Dollars in an Insidious Payroll Attack

Hackers stole approximately 500K from the city of Tallahassee, Florida, by diverting city employees paychecks, according to USA Today. The attackers hacked a third-party vendor that provides the city's payroll services, and then redirected direct deposit payments to attacker-controlled accounts.



Tallahassee officials only learned of the attack after they were contacted by the city's bank. The incident is still under investigation, but city spokeswoman Alison Faris said the attack is suspected to have originated outside of the US.

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## Security needs to take priority for connected devices

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Watchinski join forces  
on the RSA stage to  
show the next*

## Complacency will cost you

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**Spear-phishing is on  
the rise**

Imagine spending

generation of threats to this new world of connected devices.

The explosion of connected devices is happening at breakneck speed. By 2020, Gartner predicts 20 billion connected devices and more devices mean more security threats.



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years developing a product your research says will take the market by storm. Grow your small business into a major player.

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## Uncover the hidden costs of legacy equipment

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*"I'm in favor of progress. It's change I don't like." — Mark Twain*

Any CIO or IT manager thinking about upgrading legacy equipment would agree. Many who were forced to shelve upgrade plans during the 2008 economic downturn now face a vastly different digital world where they must embrace change or lose ground to competitors.

It's a tough decision to say the least. Business hardware and software carry a hefty price tag. Plus, companies must rebuild the legacy equipment infrastructure without undermining everyday operations. In a recent [Forbes](#) article, one Nationwide executive aptly compared the task with changing tires on a moving car.

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# Security Awareness

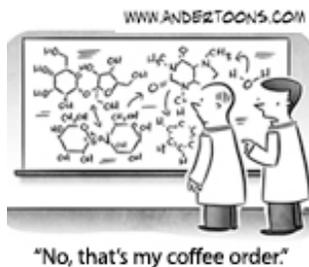
Every month, HUB Tech will provide you with a helpful security tip or statistic to keep you in-the-know.

## Train your users - often!

Teach them about data security, email attacks, and your policies and procedures. We offer a web-based training solution and "done for you" security policies.



## Just for Laughs...



## Monthly Quote

"You grow up the day you have your first real laugh at yourself."

-- *Ethel Barrymore*

## Business Continuity Tip

### The Physical Side of Security

Being security aware doesn't just mean being aware of suspicious links and cyber activities - it also means paying attention to physical situations. Here are three scenarios in the tangible world to keep in mind.

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