

Cyber Security KTN Newsletter #20

Highlights this Month

- Register now for the Cyber Security KTN Annual Conference – Places going fast
- EPSRC Industrial Case Awards – Extending timeline to 23rd May
- Secure Software Development SIG Workshop, 9th May – Places available

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- Nominet Best Practice Challenge Launched
- Global Security Challenge Competition \$500,000
- European Collaborative Research on ICT 2009 – 2010
- Directors' Guides to Managing Information Risk Published
- KTN Seeking Feedback

Upcoming Events

- 9th May – Secure Software Development Special Interest Group Workshop (Details below)
- 12th June – Annual Conference (Details Below)
- 10th, 11th July - [Advances in Computer Security and Forensics](#)
- 30th September - [Adaptive and Resilient Computing Security Workshop \(ARCS 2008\)](#)

Register Now for Cyber Security KTN Annual Conference

Places are filling up for the Annual Conference, so register now to guarantee yourself a place.

'Joined-up', 'breaking down stove pipes', 'matrix management' and 'one-stop-shop', are all examples of terms that pervade today's security speak and signify a trend towards integrated effort, perhaps in response to economic pressures or complex and combined threats. How much of this is reality, aspiration, or wishful thinking? The annual conference is taking 'Joined-Up Security' as a theme exploring this issue from, technical, organisational, theoretical and policy perspectives. The conference can be viewed as a health-check on how joined-up security really is and an attempt to identify common problems and successes.

Yet again this year's speaker line up promises delegates new insights and interesting debate from Cyber War, A strategic perspective - Air Cdr Graham Wright, CBE, Director Targeting and Information Operations, UK, MoD, to Martin Smith, Founder and Chair of The Security Company discussing Security Awareness - A

force for good in joining up security and Larry Rohrbough, Executive Director, TRUST, Science and Technology, Centre, University of California, who will take us through The California experience of Industry and Academic partnerships. We are also delighted to welcome the Rt Honourable Alun Michael, MP to the podium to debate Internet Governance.

The conference is free with a buffet lunch, exhibition and an evening networking session. Places are limited so please register by 29th May 2008 to guarantee your place. For more information and to register, please follow this link: http://www.ktn.qinetiq-tim.net/events.php?page=ev_anncon

EPSRC Industrial Case Awards

We are extending the time for expressions of interest until 23 May 2008 so that we might test interest in the following requests for collaboration. If you are interested in collaborating with the people below then please get in touch with Ralph James rjames2@qinetiq.com to register your interest and your contact details will be forwarded to the relevant party.

Malik Faisal Shahzad - UEL

I am working on a project called UrbanBuzz which is a partnership with Local Authorities, the Metropolitan Police, Primary Care Trusts, Crime and Disordered Reduction Partnership (CDRP), Utility Companies and the Learning Skills Council working together to build sustainable communities.

The main thrust of the programme is to bring together experts in sustainability from such diverse disciplines as architecture, finance and management to foster a holistic approach to building sustainable communities. The programme hopes to create an intellectual and skills mix as rich and involving as the problems it sets out to solve. UrbanBuzz will bring together policy makers, academics, developers, consultants, architects, residents and voluntary workers for the first time.

I am really keen to grow this project. For more information go to <http://www.urbanbuzz.org/scommunities/homePage.do>

Azeem Aleem – Portsmouth University

On behalf of Institute of Criminal Justice Studies, University of Portsmouth, I would be very happy to liaise with any interested companies looking into elements of digital forensics and Information security. To give some insight, we are fast becoming the centre of excellence in the field of Forensics. Given below are some of most popular forensic degrees we contribute and coordinate i.e. BSc (Hons) Criminology and Forensic Studies BSc (Hons) Digital Forensics MSc Forensic Information Technology MSc Forensic Accounting MSc Counter Fraud and Counter Corruption Studies - BSc (Hons) Risk and Security Management .

We have also developed some strong links with the police service e.g. <http://www.port.ac.uk/aboutus/newsandevents/frontpagenews/title.77315.en.html>

<http://www.port.ac.uk/aboutus/newsandevents/news/title.76089.en.html>

For further information please visit www.port.ac.uk/ICJS

Dr David Clark – King's College London

Dr David Clark in the Department of Computer Science at King's College has a research team looking into verifying security properties for programs, and security related applications of data mining. A particular area of interest to companies is his research on detecting variants of polymorphic malware using program semantics. He would be happy to discuss industrial projects.

Secure Software Development SIG Workshop

There are a few places left for the workshop on Friday 9th May which is free to attend. The aim of the workshop is to address the following question: What can be done to help UK software producers develop software with fewer security flaws/vulnerabilities?

The following themes will be discussed with the specified theme leaders chairing the sessions:

- 1 - Business case exemplars - Sarb Sembi, Alien8security
- 2 - Good Practice review - David Jackson, Praxis
- 3 - Training and Academia - Ali Abdallah, LSBU David Llewellyn-Jones, LJMU
- 4 - Process lifecycle best practice - Jan Jürjens, Open University

For more information please visit <http://www.ktn.qinetiq-tim.net/content/files/events/SSDWorkshop9-5-08.pdf>

To register please contact Karen Barnett kbarnett@qinetiq.com

Nominet Best Practice Challenge Launched

The Nominet Best Practice Challenge is an opportunity to celebrate achievement and innovation within the Internet industry and will recognize those organisations, groups or individuals who have embraced the challenge of making the Internet a secure, open, accessible or diverse experience for all.

There are six categories this year:

- Best development project award
- Best security initiative award
- Raising industry standards award
- Personal safety online award
- Internet for all award

- Open internet award

More information about the awards and details on how to enter can be found on our website at:

<http://www.nominet.org.uk/about/bestpracticechallenge/>

Global Security Challenge Competition \$500,000

Global Security Challenge are calling for innovators, startups, researchers and students to submit their ideas to the Global Security Challenge competition 2008. TSWG of the US Government is again sponsoring \$500,000 in grant award for the winning entrepreneurs. This year, there are prizes in a number of different categories (including an idea category). Entrants have to submit their ideas before June 15th 2008, using the online submission form on the website:

<http://www.globalsecuritychallenge.com/competition/competition.html>

European Collaborative Research on ICT 2009 - 2010

The Information and Communication Technologies theme of the 7th European Research Framework is currently writing its 2009 - 2010 workprogramme. This will commit a spend of around 2B€ in support of collaborative research. As a measure of the opportunity on offer, proposals submitted to calls in the 2007-2008 workprogramme with it's budget of 1.7B€, resulted in UK participants getting grants in the region of 200M€.

We have recently placed on the FP7UK web site a brief note based upon a Commission orientation document which will underpin the new workprogramme. This may be accessed via

<http://tinyurl.com/5pl39y>.

Registration via the <http://www.FP7UK.co.uk> website, will enable interested parties to place themselves on the FP7UK ICT mailing list – and thereby keep up with the workprogramme as it develops. Our support line on 0870 191 0112 will be pleased to field any resulting enquiries.

Directors' Guides to Managing Information Risk Published

The Directors' Guides to Managing Information Risk are now available on the IAAC website

<http://www.iaac.org.uk/Default.aspx?tabid=31>">Guides</a

These were among the first target deliverables of the new Information Security Awareness Forum. There are eight in all. The three on organisation issues cover; Why Information Risk is a board level issue, Realising the benefits, Regulation and Legislation. The two on people issues cover; Governance and structures, Creating a strong information handling culture. The three on process issues cover; Aligning Risk with organisational goals, Senior management support, Regular reporting to management to demonstrate value.

Seeking feedback

We are interested in getting feedback on where the KTN has helped you. Perhaps an event generated a good idea that you followed up. Perhaps you met someone with whom you have started a collaboration. It is difficult for us to track some of the outcomes from our work, so if you have any good stories or vignettes we would be glad to have them – a couple of sentences is all that is required. Equally important is where you feel we need to improve and perhaps offer services which are more closely geared to your particular interests. Naturally we don't get everything right, as the apology below indicates.

Apology

As some members have pointed out, one of our emails that went out to the KTN membership regarding the Annual Conference included the email addresses of other members. It is KTN policy to 'BCC' all addressees but unfortunately a basic error was made on this occasion. We would like to apologise for this mistake and we are taking steps to ensure it does not happen again.

Contact us

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