

User Precautions

Module - 5

Outline

- User Precautions That Should Be Heeded
- Disclaimer About Hacking or Attempted Hacking

Precautions

- Avoid using Instant Messaging
- Do not open Spam or other Unknown/Unsolicited Email
- Be Wary of any Downloads (including iTunes) or Requests/Prompts for Downloads
- Be Wary of any files shared on Peer 2 Peer networks
- Be Wary of any files shared on Web 2.0 (Social Networking) websites

Precautions (cont'd)

- Use Products and Websites that are "Privacy Aware"
 - Use of Passwords, Access Controls, Encryption
 - Won't Sell or Share Your Information (how a lot of spam is generated and directed to you)
- Limit Sites To Ones That Let Customers Know What Information They Collect, Store, and Share About You & Inform You of Your Personal Privacy

Precautions (cont'd)

- Storing Site Passwords
 - Never Do It
 - Passwords Behind ***** Are Still Not Safe
- Watch What You Post, It Could Haunt You Indefinitely
- Don't Give Out Information That Could Grant Bad People Unauthorized Access
- Never Click When You See a "Click Here"
- Use Common Sense – The President of Nigeria's Sister is NOT Emailing You to Give You Millions Of \$\$\$

Disclaimer – Why You Should Never Attempt To Hack

Why You Should NEVER Attempt To Hack

- Agencies That Take Hacking and Hacking Attempts VERY Seriously
 - FBI
 - Secret Service
 - Internet Fraud Complaint Center
 - Department of Justice
 - Department of Defense
 - Local Law Enforcement

Why You Should NEVER Attempt To Hack (cont'd)

- Countermeasures Will Be Taken Against You
- Searching for and receiving "Hacking Tools" will cost you dearly whether you know it or not, unless you have developed a reputation as a credible hacker

Summary

- Precautions That Should Be Heeded
- Hacking Disclaimer

Additional Resources

- Websites:
 - http://www.symantec.com/norton/security_response/threatexplorer/index.jsp
 - http://www.mcafee.com/us/threat_center/default.asp
 - <http://news.cnet.com>
- Recommended User Security Training:
 - <http://www.eccouncil.org/security5.htm>