University of Richmond

December 2023 Information Security SpiderBytes

Published Date(s): 12/1/2023
Title: 2 Codes Dropped, 3 More Codes to Go
Message:

• What? The SpiderSecure Scavenger: “2023 Secure Your Holidays” is still going! So far two codes have been dropped throughout this week’s information security SpiderBytes. Only, 3 remain to be found containing a unique hexadecimal code. After getting all 5 unique codes email them to infosec@richmond.edu. The first student, faculty, and staff members who submit all 5 unique codes will receive a CrowdStrike water bottle and winter hat.
• How to win? It’s easy, just be on the lookout for information security SpiderBytes by Svetla Walsh.
• Why? To learn how to “Secure Your Holidays” and win some cybersecurity goodies!
• Timeline: Monday, November 27 to Friday, December 8th

Website Link: https://is.richmond.edu/infosec/securityawareness/tips/Holidays.html

Published Date(s): 12/4/2023
Title: Don’t buy Scams
Message: Before providing any personal or financial information, make sure that you are interacting with a reputable, established vendor. Some attackers may try to trick you by creating malicious websites that appear to be legitimate, so you should verify the legitimacy before supplying any information. You can minimize potential damage by using a single, low-limit credit card to make all of your online purchases. There are laws to limit your liability for fraudulent credit card charges, but you may not have the same level of protection for your debit cards. Additionally, debit cards draw money directly from bank accounts, so unauthorized charges could leave you with insufficient funds to pay other bills.

• HexCode #3: 48 6F (Scavenger Code #3)

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Published Date(s): 12/6/2023
Title: Capture the Flag Awards Ceremony
Message:

• You are cordially invited to attend the 2023 Spider Secure "Capture the Flag" (CTF) Awards Ceremony on Wednesday, December 6 at 4:30 pm in Adams Auditorium (second floor of Boatwright Memorial Library). We will be awarding our winners and celebrating everyone who participated in UR's first ever CTF competition.
• What: 2023 Spider Secure “Capture the Flag” Awards Ceremony
• Where: Adams Auditorium (second floor of Boatwright Memorial Library)
• When: 4:30pm to 5:00 pm (EST)
• Who: All “Capture the Flag” participants, Assura representatives, and the UR community.
• Why: To celebrate and award the 2023 Spider Secure “Capture the Flag” winners: Lovely Ladies (First Place Student Team), YaBasic (Second Place Student Team), and BP Paxton (Top Faculty/Staff Team).

Website Link: https://is.richmond.edu/infosec/events/2023-capture-the-flag-ctf.html
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Published Date(s): 12/6/2023
Title: Sign or Don’t Accept
Message: With online shopping being popular during the holidays it is becoming increasingly important to ensure deliveries are secure. As such, your signature at time of delivery can be a helpful security feature. With this safeguard in place, you can be reasonably sure that their goods will arrive safely and securely, and you can be more confident in the security of any purchases you have made. Additionally, the added layer of security is helpful in protecting you from fraud. When placing online orders, at certain stores, you can ask that a signature be required upon package delivery. By requiring a signature upon delivery, you can reduce the chance of someone stealing your package.
Website Link: N/A

Published Date(s): 12/6/2023
Title: Pickup Security
Message: With the rise of online shopping there has been a rise in “porch piracy”. This refers to an incident in which an individual steals a package that has been left unattended near the main area of a residence, such as a porch, before the intended recipient can retrieve it. Alternate delivery options offer a safer delivery point for your packages. Once the package has been successfully delivered to that alternate pick-up location, such as retailer or secure lock box, you can pick up your package at a time convenient to you. In the time between delivery to the alternate location and pick up, you can be secure with the knowledge your package is safely awaiting pickup.
  - HexCode #4: 6C 69 64 61 (Scavenger Code #4)
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Published Date(s): 12/8/2023
Title: Let it Snow and Stay SpiderSecure
Message: The holiday season is arriving along with flights, shopping, decorating, and delicious food. Enjoy spending time with your family and friends this holiday while remembering to “Secure Your Holiday Season” with these tips. Before making any online purchases, make sure the device you’re using to shop online is up to date. Next, take a look at your accounts and ask, do they each have strong passwords? And even better, if two-factor authentication is available (UR uses Duo), are you using it? Only purchase products from reputable sellers and online marketplaces. Be especially cautious with any “great deals” that find their way into your inbox. When ordering gifts online choose a secure drop-off location and require a signature for pickup if possible.
  - HexCode #5: 79 73 21 21 (Scavenger Code #5 and last one)
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Published Date(s): 12/8/2023
Title: All Codes Have Dropped!
Message:
  - What? The SpiderSecure Scavenger: “2023 Secure Your Holidays” ends today! All five codes have been dropped among the past two week’s information security SpiderBytes. Once you have all 5 unique codes email them to infosec@richmond.edu. The first student, faculty, and staff members who submit all 5 unique codes will receive a CrowdStrike water bottle and winter hat.
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Published Date(s): 12/11/2023
Title: Scavenger Winners
Message: First, thank you to all who read, kept track of, and submitted all correct 5 unique codes. Even more, kudos to those who figured out the unique hexadecimal codes together created the secret message below.
48 61 70 70 79 20 48 6F 6C 69 64 61 79 73 21 21 converts to Happy Holidays!!
Now, let’s congratulate our winners of the SpiderSecure Scavenger: 2023 "Secure Your Holidays".
First Place Faculty - Jake Tan
First Place Student - Nancy Barraza
First Place Staff - Ashley Carlton
They will each be receiving a CrowdStrike water bottle and winter hat.
Again, thank you all for participating in the scavenger and keep being Spider Secure!
Website Link: N/A