

The Weekly Cybersecurity Bulletin

Newsletter by Chazz Kibler

Gov. Wes Moore's Cybersecurity Message to the State



Regardless of your profession, cybersecurity is everyone's responsibility. Check out this message from Gov. Wes Moore about the importance of staying cyber-safe.



Cybersecurity Tip of the Week



Sometimes even long and strong passwords aren't enough. Step up your game with MFA and keep all your private bits ... private.

It is important to keep our systems and data secure, and one way to do that is by using multi-factor authentication. Here are a few tips to help you use multi-factor authentication effectively:

1. Use a strong, unique password for each account.
2. Choose a second factor that is convenient for you, such as a text message or mobile app.
3. Set up backup methods in case your primary way is unavailable.
4. Be cautious of suspicious requests for authentication codes.
5. Keep your authentication codes secure, and never share them with anyone.

By following these tips, you can help ensure the security of your accounts and data. Stay vigilant and report any suspicious activity to the appropriate authorities.

Thank you for your continued dedication to the Maryland State Government and our shared commitment to cybersecurity.

Reading Recommendations



How Your Phone Number is Exposed: Phone Number Leaks

At one point, you probably looked at your ringing phone and saw “Potential Spam” on your screen. However, have you ever wondered how spammers and scammers manage to get access to your digits? The potential answer and some tips for preventing future calls may lie in the article below.

[Read more](#)

Get Involved in National Cybersecurity Awareness Month



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**STAY SAFE ONLINE
Enable Multi-Factor
Authentication**

Help raise awareness for National Cybersecurity Awareness Month and download the video call backgrounds to add to your calls for the month of October!

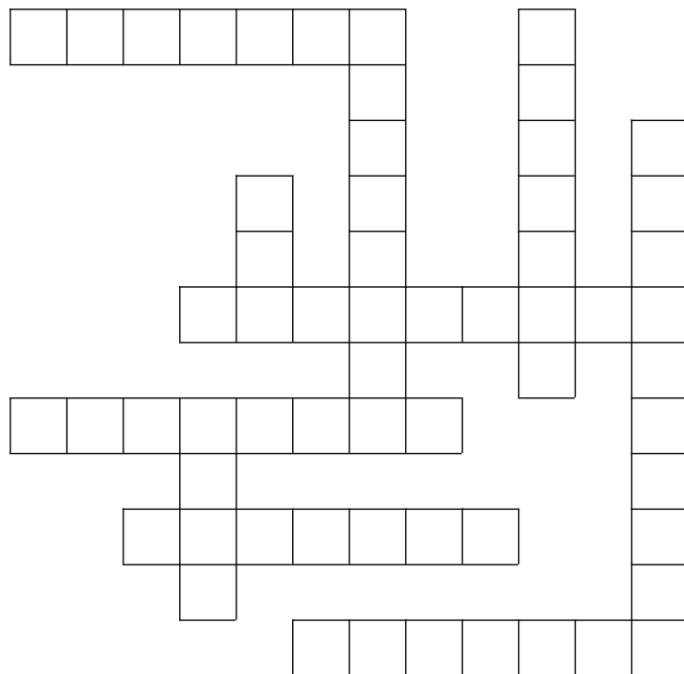
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Weekly Crossword Puzzle

Cybersecurity Crossword

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Across	Down
1. Extra copies of computer files that can be used to restore files that are lost or damages. (7)	2. Faking the sending address of a transmission to gain illegal entry into a secure system. (8)
6. Computer programs that can block, detect, and remove viruses and other malware. (9)	3. Software that compromises the operation of a system by performing an unauthorized function or process. (7)
7. Attempting to trick people into revealing sensitive information, often by using emails or fake websites that look like they are from trusted sources. (8)	4. A type of malware that denies a user's access to a system or data until a sum of money is paid. (10)
9. Part of the internet that isn't indexed by search engines. (7)	5. A mechanism for creating a secure connection between a computing device and a computer network. (3)
10. Software that is secretly or surreptitiously installed into an information system without the knowledge of the system user or owner. (7)	8. Unsolicited emails sent to many addresses. (4)



If you love a good crossword puzzle, check out the brainteaser by clicking the link below. To engage with the content, click File > Make a Copy > Entire Presentation > and choose the desired folder destination to begin.

WARNING: The second slide in the presentation reveals the answers.

[Click Here to Start Solving](#)

If you don't have access to the crossword, click [here](#) for an alternative puzzle

Upcoming Events

Virtual Event

20 Years of Cybersecurity Awareness Month

Wednesday, October 4, 2023
2:00 PM ET/ 11:00 AM PT



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In honor of 20 years of Cybersecurity Awareness Month, elected officials, government leaders and industry executives will join to examine how far we've come and look at where we need to go.

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Your Input Matters

Comments for Chazz

Do you have some questions, suggestions, or content for the newsletter? If you do, I would love to hear from you. Feel free to email me at chazz.kibler@maryland.gov

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