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October is Cyber Security Month

For several years, October has been Cyber Security Month. Events and resources locally include a new newsletter from the Information Technology Security Office. The ITSO website also features new resources, including a new scanning tool for credit card numbers on computers, a complement to the “Find_SSN” tool for finding Social Security numbers, and resources for System Administrators. (www.security.vt.edu).

Presentations at DCSS on October 30 will also feature security presentations.

Other resources include:

- Statewide, Governor Tim Kaine has declared October cyber security awareness month. <http://www.vita.virginia.gov/>
- www.staysafeonline.org is the website of the National Cyber Security Alliance for a view of national events.

Make October your month to review your online protection and evaluate local storage of sensitive information.

VBS Video



Video/Broadcast Services produced a video featuring the 1 million dollar Technology Grant from Fujitsu to the College of Engineering. The video was praised by college officials and the college’s advisory board. Associate Dean Glenda Scales noted that “the project will have lasting memories for me because of your exceptional teamwork and expertise combined with your great sense of humor. It

was a pleasure working with you.” The video is available at <http://www.vbs.vt.edu/content/adhoc/fall2007/Fujitsu.html>. The college’s collaboration with Fujitsu is described at <http://www.vtnews.vt.edu/story.php?relyear=2006&itemno=300>.

[Photo: VBS Multimedia Producers, Jeff Dalton and Kevin Cook preparing to interview Peter Lewis on location at Apple Ridge Farm].

VA SCAN

This year's Virginia Alliance for Secure Computing and Networking (VA SCAN) conference is being held October 18-19 at Virginia Commonwealth University

<http://www.vascan.org/360%20Conference%20Website/index.html>

Virginia Tech presenters include:

William Dougherty, "Evaluating an Emergency Notification System: Features & Issues to consider"

Wayne Donald with Clay Calvert (UMW), "Staffing and Managing for Information Technology Security"

In addition, Randy Marchany moderates an open discussion.

Next year's conference will be hosted at Virginia Tech.

JA-SIG

Ken McCrery was elected to the Board of Directors of the JA-SIG community. Ken joined the board effective October 1, along with Susan Bramhall of Yale and Jason Shao of Rutgers.

SANS Classes

Interactive video conferencing (IVC) will support a 2-day training event December 18 and 19. The classes will be:

SEC 550 - Power Search with Google (formerly Google Hacking)

[http://sans.org/training/description.php?](http://sans.org/training/description.php?mid=89&portal=0004df656ac19fd62d21dc85e0e0cf91)

[mid=89&portal=0004df656ac19fd62d21dc85e0e0cf91](http://sans.org/training/description.php?mid=89&portal=0004df656ac19fd62d21dc85e0e0cf91)

SEC 551 - First Responder – Windows [http://sans.org/training/](http://sans.org/training/description.php?mid=87&portal=0004df656ac19fd62d21dc85e0e0cf91)

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SEC 552 - First Responder – Unix [http://sans.org/training/](http://sans.org/training/description.php?mid=86&portal=0004df656ac19fd62d21dc85e0e0cf91)

[description.php?mid=86&portal=0004df656ac19fd62d21dc85](http://sans.org/training/description.php?mid=86&portal=0004df656ac19fd62d21dc85e0e0cf91)

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The price for each class is \$225.00 per person or all three for \$675 per person.

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The Mid-Atlantic Banner Users' Group meeting in Blacksburg attracted nearly 400 Banner users from across the region. The attendee traveling the farthest came from Arkansas! Thanks to Lee Anne Hoppe and Ken Williams for their thorough planning!