

When Vulnerability Disclosure Gets Ugly

Oct 10, 2014



Obvious Security Problems Cold Calls

Old Wordpress Version

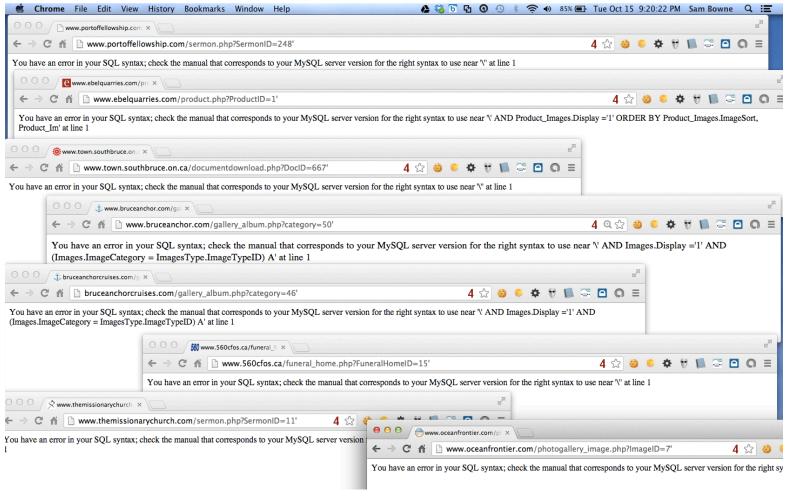
- Wall Street Journal
 - Wordpress version from 2012
 - Ty Ryan Satterfield (@I_am_ryan_S)

SQLi on Pastebin

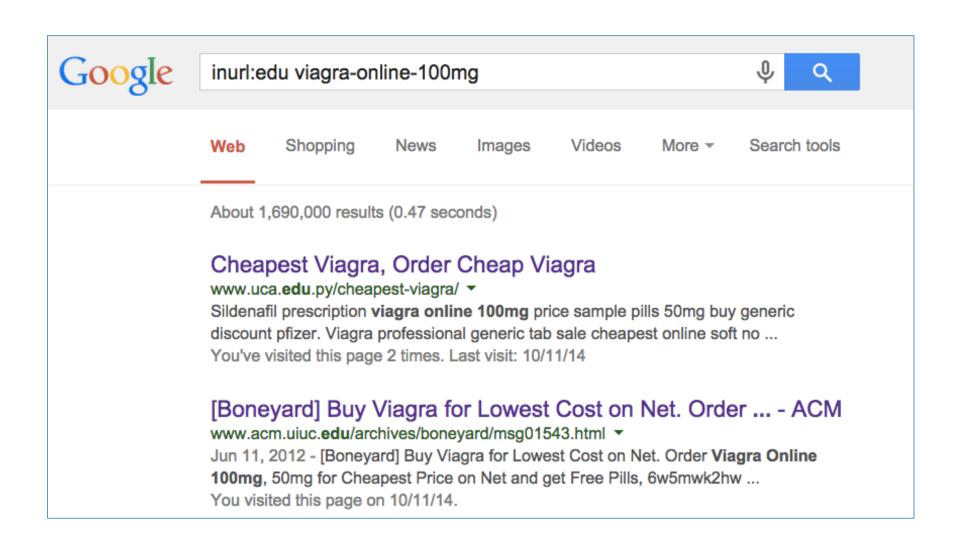




Websmart, Inc. and 100,000 Vulnerable Websites



Pharma Infections at Colleges



19 Colleges Infected with Pharma

- 5 Fixed within a few weeks
- 7 Fixed within 8 months
- 7 Still Infected on 7-19-14
- http://samsclass.info/125/proj11/subtle-infect.htm#19more

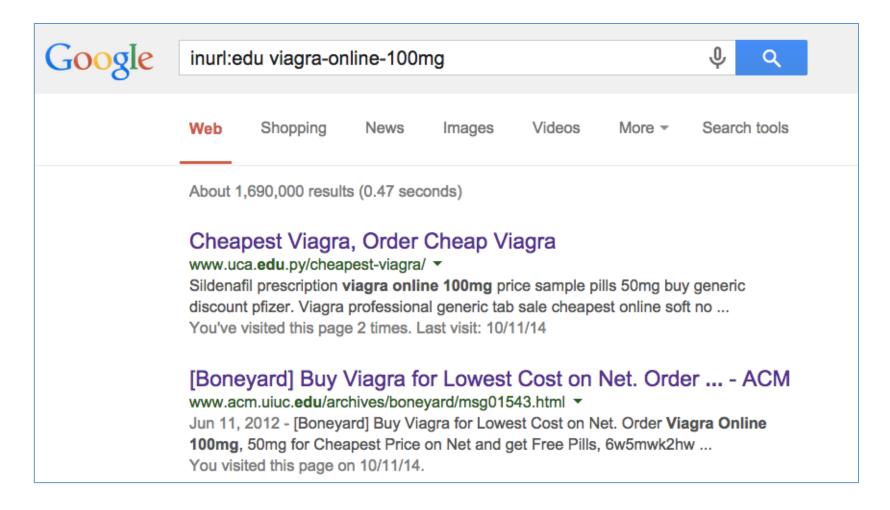
rickgalvanlaw.com/employment-law-blog/mcccd-security-breach-timeline-events/

Maricopa Security Breach

1/2011	Maricopa main webservers compromised. Maricopa security monitoring system (OVIS) compromised.	
4/2013	Maricopa webservers that were compromised in 2011 are once again compromised in 2013.	

Maricopa Executives had received more than 12 warnings and notifications of risk/impact to Maricopa since the 2011 incident by the same Maricopa IT employees now being blamed for the 2013 security incident.

Infections at UC Santa Cruz



Letter to Jerry Brown and Janet Napolitano Re: UCSC Compromise

To: Governor Jerry Brown and UC President Janet Napolitano

Sent by email to: president@ucop.edu CC: chancellor@ucsc.edu

- UCSC cleaned their server
- Re-infected a week later
- NEED ROOT CAUSE ANALYSIS

Many More Pharma Infections

- Dozens of other schools, businesses, foreign sites, etc.
- http://samsclass.info/125/proj11/subtleinfect.htm#19more

Exposed Data

Exposed Error Logs

- Can leak cookies
- Even when secured by HTTPS



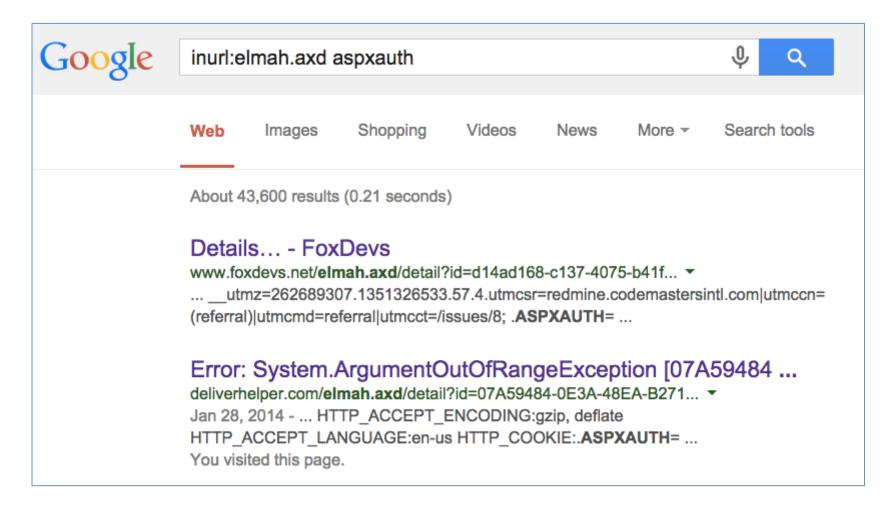
Error Log for ROOT on WEB1

RSS FEED RSS DIGEST DOWNLOAD LOG HELP ABOUT

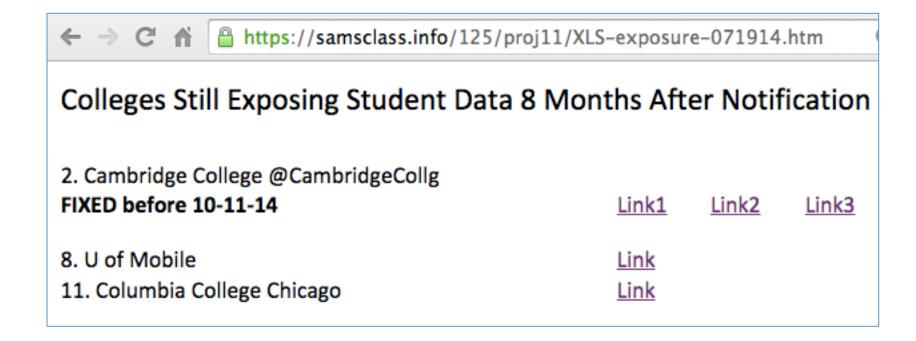
Errors 1 to 15 of total 3,795 (page 1 of 253). Start with 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 50 or 100 errors per page.

Host	Code	Туре	Error	User	Date	Time
WEB1	400	Http	A potentially dangerous Request.Path value was detected from the client (<). <u>Details</u>		10/11/2014	12:48 PM
WEB1	0	Argument	Exception of type 'System.ArgumentException' was thrown. Parameter name: name <u>Details</u>		10/10/2014	12:57 PM

Google Dork for Exposed ELMAH Pages



Exposed Student Data



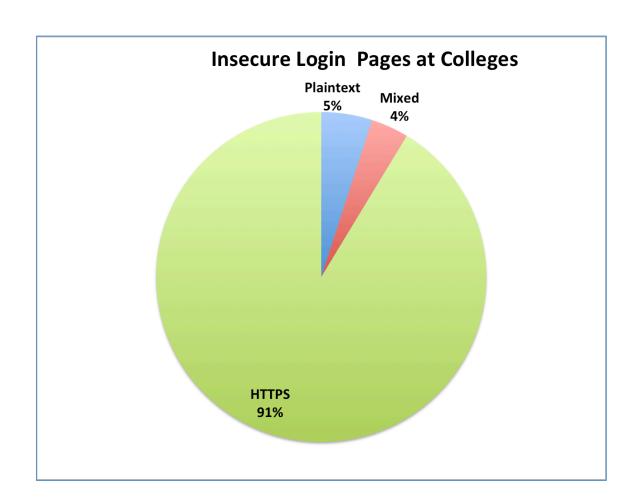
Exposed Password Hash



Plaintext Login Pages at Colleges

Insecure Login Pages at Colleges

90 colleges notified in Dec, 2013



Big Names

- Cornell
- Johns Hopkins
- Stanford
- UC Berkeley

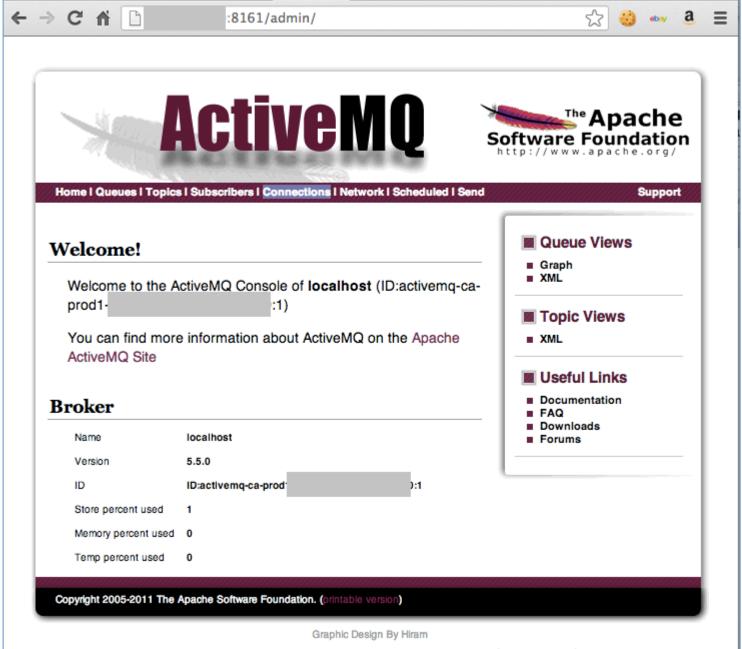
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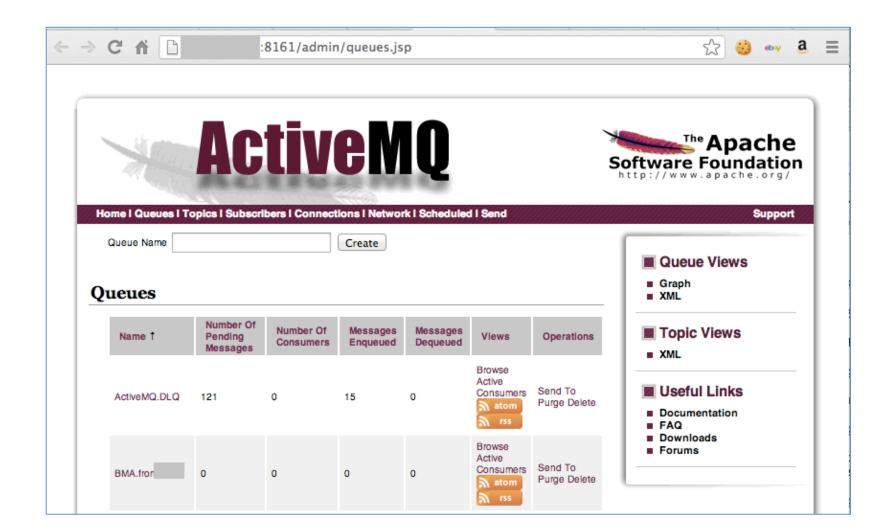
- 7 months after notification:
- 16/57 plaintext login pages fixed or improved (28%)
- 8/33 mixed login pages fixed or improved (24%)

Other Problems

ActiveMQ

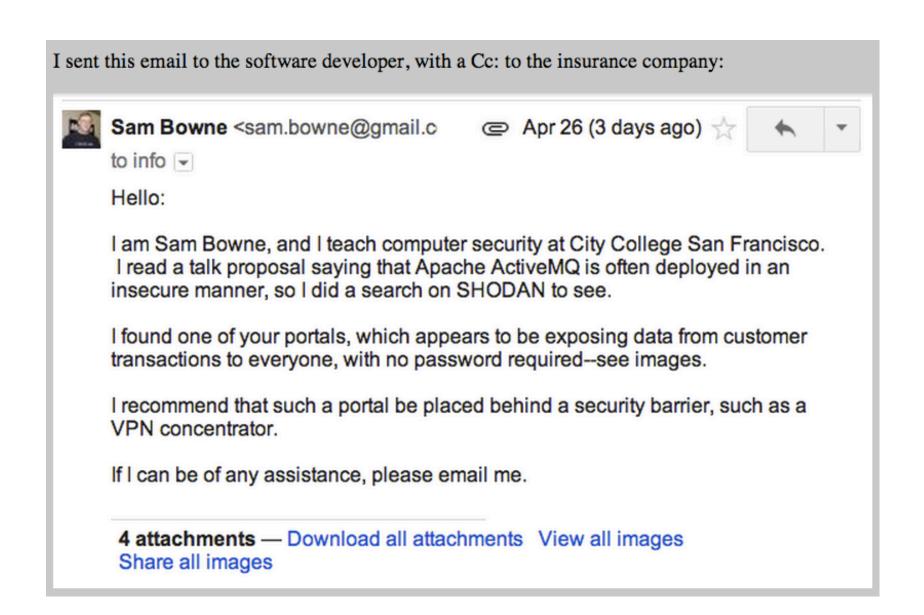
- Free open-source middleware from Apache
- A Defcon talk said it was often insecure, so I looked on SHODAN to see

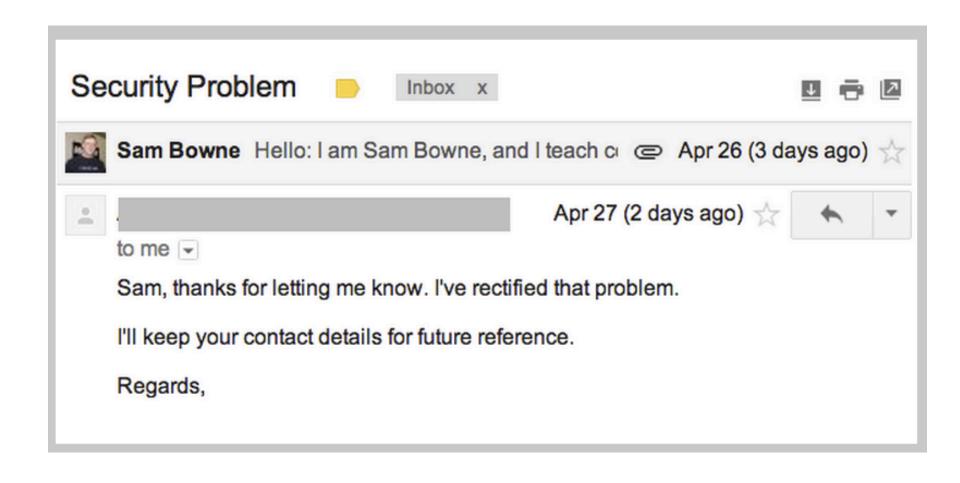




Real Check Data?

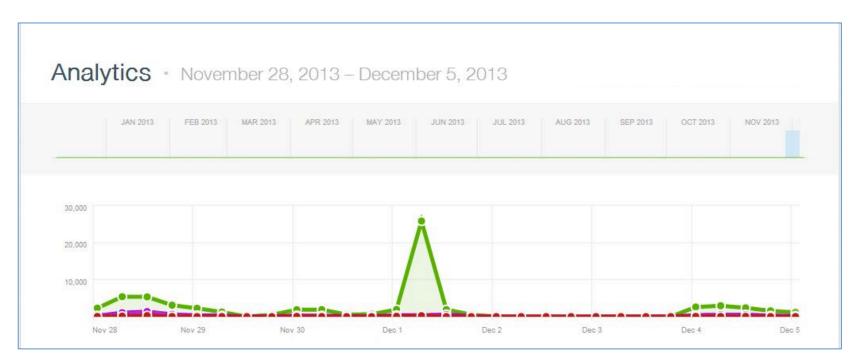
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Wordpress Bots

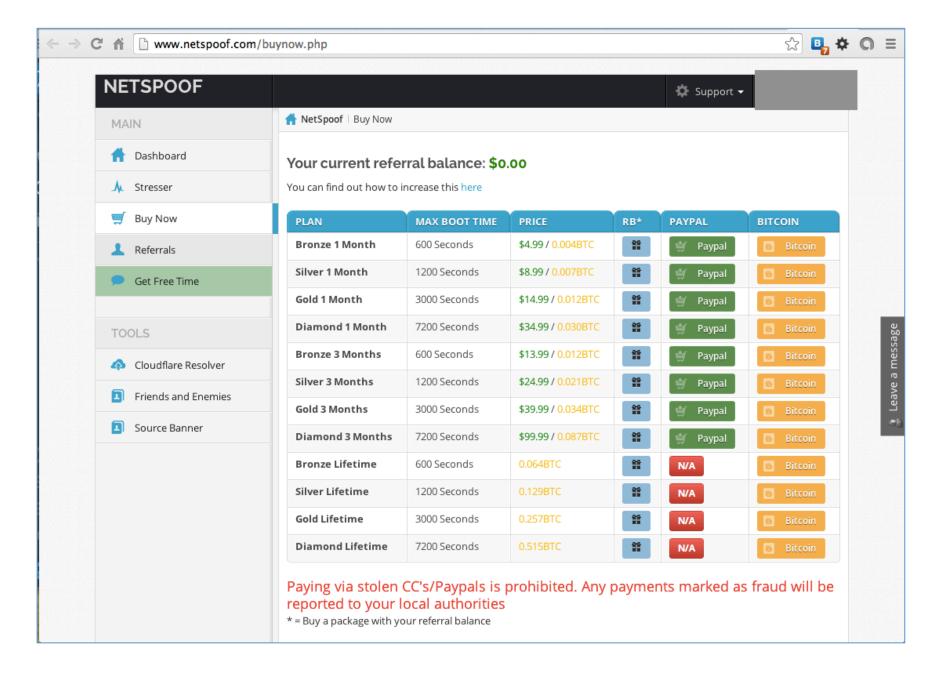
>2000 WordPress Bots



Thanks to Steven Veldkamp

WordPress Has Known for 7 Years



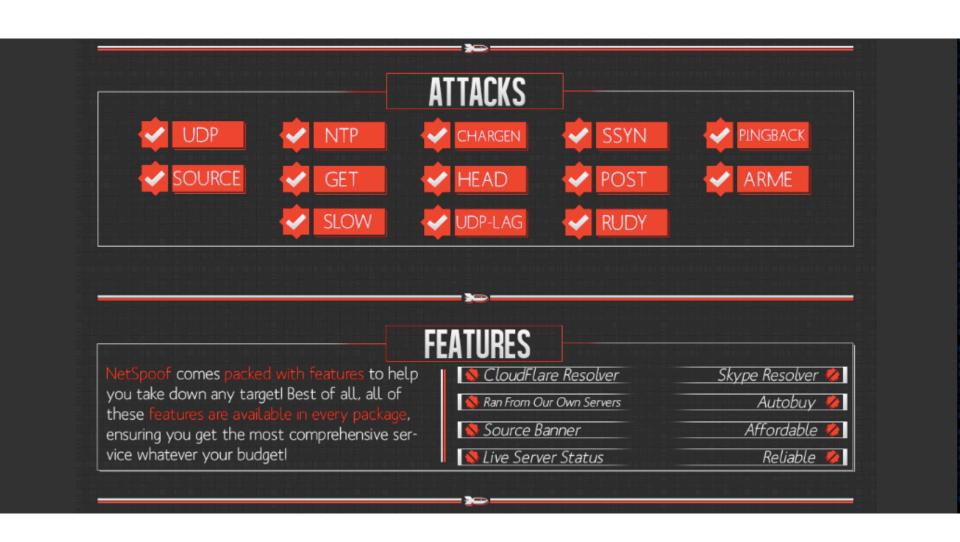


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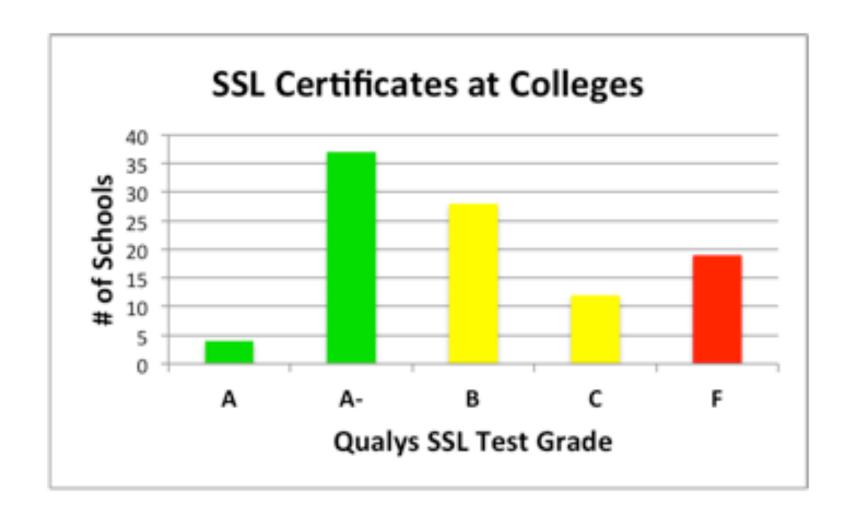
Open DNS Resolvers at Colleges

Top USA Educational Open Resolvers

		Number
	Name	Open
1	CSUNET-NW - California State University Network	103
2	ENA - Education Networks of America	64
3	ONENET-AS-1 - Oklahoma Network for Education Enrichment and	37
4	UNIV-ARIZ - University of Arizona	33
5	WISC-MADISON-AS - University of Wisconsin Madison	22
6	UIC-AS - University of Illinois at Chicago	20
7	UNIVHAWAII - University of Hawaii	19
8	UCSB-NET-AS - University of California, Santa Barbara	18
9	MORENET - University of Missouri - dba the Missouri Research	16
10	WEST-NET-WEST - Utah Education Network	15

Results

- Seven months after notification
- 38% decrease in open resolvers, from a total of 682 to 421





Tulane Information Security

Oct 20 (5 days ago) 🜟





to me 🖃

Sam,

Thank you for posting this information to the public. Please remove any reference to Tulane.edu from your site.

You have scanned my honey pots

Thank you,

Information Security

REMINDER: Tulane University will never ask for your password.

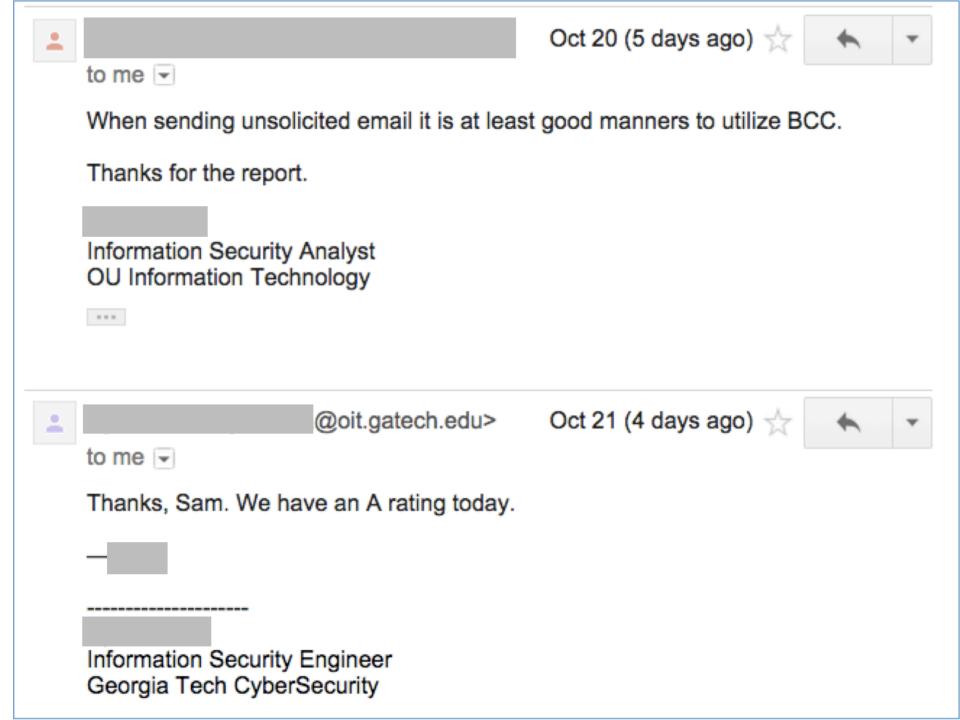
Information Security Office, Tulane University

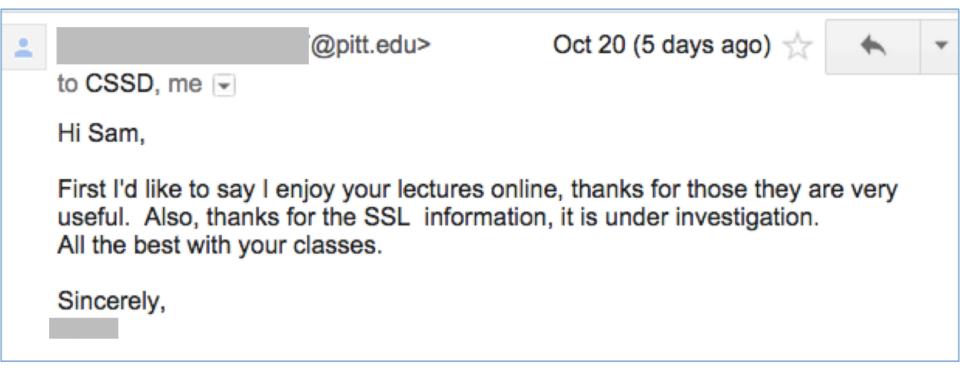
Twitter:

@TulaneInfoSec

Anti-Phishing: http://phishbait.tulane.edu

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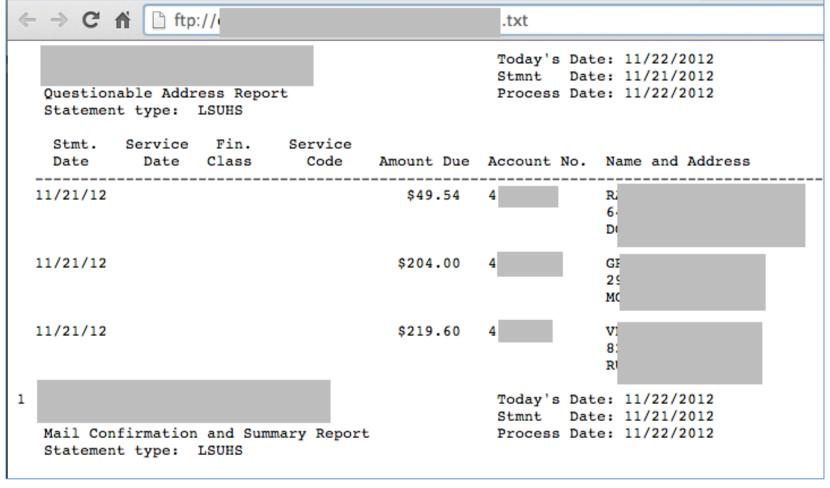
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Results After 4 Days

- 4/19 colleges improved their rating
- 3 emails returned (but one of them improved)
- 4 responses, 2 hostile, 2 friendly

HIPAA Violation at LSU

Open FTP Server with Medical Data

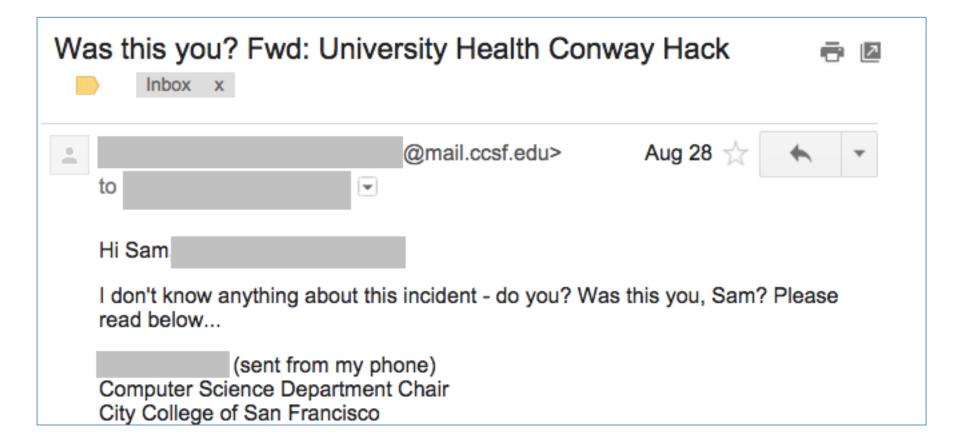


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Reaction

- I notified them on June 17, 2014
- No reply, but server was down 4 hours later
- Then on Aug. 28...

Reaction



John Poffenbarger

----- Forwarded message ------

From: "John Poffenbarger" < jpoff@definisec.com>

Date: Aug 25, 2014 12:57 AM

Subject: University Health Conway Hack

To: <<u>cpersiko@ccsf.edu</u>>, <<u>dyee@ccsf.edu</u>>

Cc:

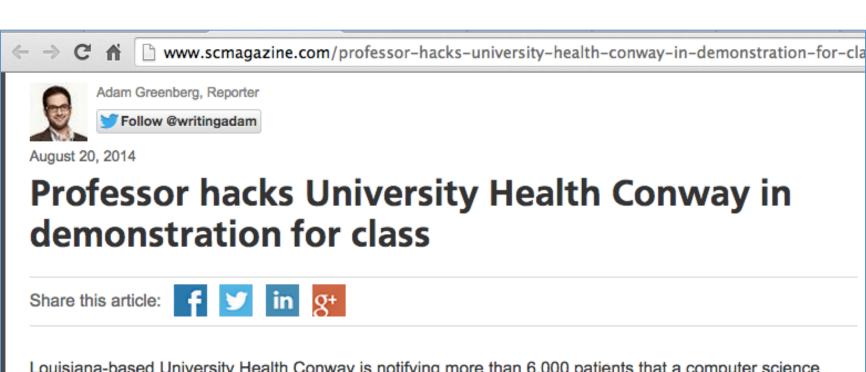
Gentlemen,

I would like to request a moment to address a matter regarding University Health Conway and a recent report indicating one of your Computer Science professors, "... accessed the server containing the data while demonstrating computer system vulnerabilities to a class." This according to SC Magazine:

http://www.scmagazine.com/professor-hacks-university-health-conway-in-demonstration-for-class/article/367123/

John Poffenbarger

- I encourage you to promptly investigate after publicly denouncing any such behaviors, as I would not expect an institution to accept, endorse, or tolerate any such actions.
- I would have to wonder how this would affect the moral judgment of your graduating students entering the workforce.



Louisiana-based University Health Conway is notifying more than 6,000 patients that a computer science professor from the City College of San Francisco gained access to a server with their personal information while demonstrating computer system vulnerabilities to a class.

How many victims? 6,073.

What type of personal information? Guarantor names, account numbers and payment amounts.

LSU Legal Notice

www.uhsystem.com/Conway/FINAL%20Conway%20-%20Press%20Release%20-%202014-8-15.pdf

Legal Notice

E.A Conway Medical Center, part of the University Health System, experienced a computer security breach on Tuesday, June 17, 2014. The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act, otherwise known as HIPAA, requires University Health to inform the individuals affected, the media, and the Secretary for the Department of Health and Human Services of the event.

On June 17th, a Computer Science Professor from City College, San Francisco, CA, demonstrating potential vulnerabilities of computer system to his class made it known to University Health that he successfully accessed a server housed at E.A. Conway Medical Center, affecting 6,073 individuals. The information dated back to 2012 while under LSU control. The information included was account number, guarantor name, and payment amount. A few of the files contained incorrect addresses for a handful of account guarantors, and only two individuals had actual health information potentially compromised.

I Protested

- To the reporter
- To the CEO of his newspaper
- To the Feds, against LSU, for HIPAA whistleblower retaliation
- After a few days, it was clear that none of this was going to do any good

I Believed

- 1. My actions were 100% lawful
- 2. Newspapers can't just publish complete lies and get away with it
- 3. I enjoyed HIPAA whistleblower protection
- 4. I'm in real trouble now, time to call a lawyer

Part 2: Alex Muentz