



Protecting our digital shores
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Cyber Security for the Masses

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Background / Overview

“The problem is that cyber culture is growing faster than cybersecurity, so everything that depends on cyberspace is at risk. Private data, intellectual property, infrastructure and even military and national security can be compromised by deliberate attacks, inadvertent security lapses, and the inherent vulnerabilities of the Internet (and social media). On top of this, the current global economic crisis is amplifying these threats.

Governments need to partner with the private sector, citizens, and other governments to work on a holistic, transnational solution that goes beyond technology to combat these threats and enable global commerce, greater transparency in government, and improved data protection. The stakes are high but the risks are even higher: isolation, cyber protectionism, and an inadequate balance between security and civil liberties.”

(from “Cybersecurity: Everybody’s Imperative”)

We must address cybersecurity and the changes in habits and lifestyle that go with it, because there’s no way back

So where do the USERS fit within our overall protection schema?

Potential Discussion Areas

Given the USER is a major cyber vulnerability, what should we ALL DO?

With several billion users coming on line, likely using PDAs / wireless, what should we ALL DO?

How do we collectively stay SAFE on line, protect our family, what should we ALL DO? (will ... *stop, think, connect...* be enough?)

Can we effectively train / educate or even make aware millions of users, while it only takes ONE mis-step to let the hackers in???

Where do small businesses, organizational groups fit in?

What combination of efforts gives us the least residual risk with the most affordability?