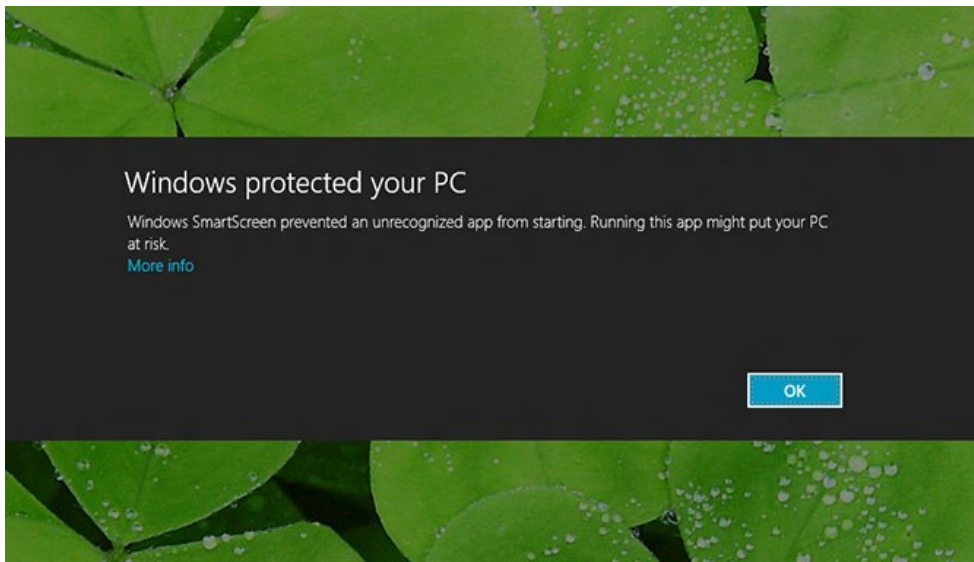




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Cyberattacks Getting More Savvy... But So is the New Software

GFI Software recently did a study that showed how many small businesses, government organizations and even online gamers were targeted by cybercriminals in January 2015. The study examined the most common threat detections encountered last month, which included phishing emails aimed at small business owners. The emails posed as notices from the Better Business Bureau and claimed a customer had filed a complaint against the company. The malicious email contained links to malware created with the Blackhole exploit kit. It should be clear by now that these cyber criminals do not care who their victims are; they are out for one thing and one thing only, and that is to cripple systems and steal personal information for their own malicious gain. Today, there is an entire industry built around phishing and scams. Fortunately with ongoing education and updated software, end users can take steps to avoid becoming a victim. Microsoft is also committed to making sure their users are protected by improving and safe guarding their products. Windows 8 offers a great feature called the Windows SmartScreen. It is a new safety fea-



ture that can help protect users from phishing scams and new malware that anti-malware software hasn't detected yet. It warns users if it doesn't recognize a website or app. Microsoft allows users to report websites that they believe are suspicious, allowing them to add them to their list and warn others of the risk.

So, as cybercriminals are getting better at what they do, some software applications are trying to keep in step. There is no doubt we will see more and more software companies take more aggressive steps to help combat the threat of cybercriminals.

Are there subjects that you would like to have covered in future newsletters? We are always looking for topics of interest and we welcome all suggestions! To submit a topic, subscribe, or unsubscribe to our distribution list, please send an email to newsletter@aasysgroup.com

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Back By Popular Demand! ISO Peer Group Meetings!

AaSys Group is happy to announce another round of ISO Peer Group Meetings in Alabama, Mississippi, West Virginia, Tennessee, and for the first time, in Virginia!

These meetings will address topics such as “New FFIEC Technology Examination Requirements: Appendix J, Strengthening the Resilience of Outsourced Technology Service Providers “ and “How the NIST Cybersecurity Framework Can Be Used By Financial Institutions.”

The open discussions at the end of the meeting will allow you to ask questions and share your experiences with your peers. This is also a great opportunity to network with others throughout the state to discuss some of the most critical issues facing the financial services industry today.

Be sure to mark your calendars! Come join us as we share knowledge about the ever changing IT industry. Check out the details below and we look forward to seeing you there!



Tennessee

Topic: How the NIST Cybersecurity Framework Can Be Used By Financial Institutions

Date: Thursday, March 12, 2015

Time: 9:30 am – 3:00 pm, lunch included

Location: Hampton Inn Knoxville West Cedar Bluff, 9128 Executive Park Drive (Exit 378 off I-40)

Mississippi

Topic: Vendor Management, Cybersecurity, Business Continuity Plans & Other Regulator Hot Buttons for 2015

Date: Tuesday, March 17, 2015

Time: 10:30 am – 2:30 pm, lunch included

Location: Peoples Bank Magee Office 611 5th Avenue, SW Magee, MS 39111

Alabama

Atmore & Talladega

Topic: New FFIEC Technology Examination Requirements: Appendix J, Strengthening the Resilience of Outsourced Technology Service Providers

Date: Thursday, March 19, 2015

Time: 10:30 AM – 2:30 PM EST and Thursday March 26, 2015

Location: 200 East Nashville Ave. Atmore, AL 36502 and 120 North Street East Talladega, AL 35160

West Virginia

Topic: How the NIST Cybersecurity Framework Can Be Used By Financial Institutions

Date: Tuesday, March 10, 2015

Time: 9:30 am – 3:00 pm, lunch included

Location: Hampton Inn Charleston - Southridge; 1 Preferred Place, Charleston, WV 25309

Virginia

Topic: How the NIST Cybersecurity Framework Can Be Used By Financial Institutions

Date: Wednesday, March 11, 2015

Time: 9:30 am – 3:00 pm, lunch included

Location: Hampton Inn & Suites Roanoke Airport 5033 Valley View Blvd. North, Roanoke, Virginia, 24012,



Count Down is on...Microsoft Ending Support for Windows Server 2003 140 Days Left!

Microsoft will end support for Windows Server 2003 on July 14, 2015. This means that those still using that operating system will no longer receive crucial security patches that help protect against viruses, spyware and malicious software. Users may also encounter problems with software and hardware compatibility since new software applications and hardware devices may not be built for Windows Server 2003. Computers using the old software will still work, however, the risk of viruses and other malicious attacks increases exponentially and could result in significant loss of data, business assets, and confidential documents.

Don't wait until the last minute to make changes. July 14, 2015 will be here sooner than you think!

AaSys can help you every step of the way. Please contact your Account Manager today. for more information !



McAfee Offers New Features with Email Encryption

McAfee email encryption enables you to comply with regulations and protect your sensitive corporate e-mail communication from prying eyes. It encrypts both the message and attachment contents while blocking more than 99% of spam, viruses, phishing attacks, and other email threats in the cloud, preventing this traffic from getting anywhere close to your network. Now McAfee offers a new feature called **Encryption Branding**. The new feature provides the ability to brand encrypted emails with your company logo for easy recognition by your recipients.

If you are currently a McAfee email encryption user, AaSys can assist you with enabling this new feature. Please contact your Account Manager and they will be more than happy to assist you with getting this valuable feature turned on!

