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Copyright: eBay fined \$2.5m in French court

A French court has fined eBay \$2.5m for failing to comply with an earlier ruling that required the online retailer to prevent the sale of certain brands of perfume to French consumers on its sites.

Computer World reports that **the ruling is related to one of three lawsuits brought by LVMH**, a company that controls brands, including Christian Dior, Louis Vuitton and Givenchy. The suits charged eBay with unlawful marketing of perfume brands that included Christian Dior, Kenzo and Givenchy as well as the sale of counterfeit items on eBay.

[Full Computer World report](#)

Security: Firms seek damages for customers' stolen identities

A group of US restaurants have filed a class action lawsuit against POS vendor Radiant Systems and its distributor Computer World, **claiming hundreds of their customers had their identities stolen** as a result of payments terminals that were not PCI-DSS compliant. **Finextra** reports that the seven restaurants in Louisiana and Mississippi are seeking millions in damages from Radiant and Computer World for 'poor business practices and faulty software' that led to diners having their identities stolen.

[Full Finextra report](#)



Copyright: Legal difficulties in running a public Wi-Fi hotspot

The legal problems of running a public Wi-Fi hotspot have emerged again after a pub was fined thousands of pounds because a customer used its network to download copyrighted content. Graham Cove, MD of Wi-Fi hotspot provider, The Cloud, is quoted in a **v3** report as saying that the case highlights the legal difficulties that exist for businesses looking to offer public Wi-Fi access to their customers, **and the importance of ensuring any system is legally compliant.**

[Full v.3 report](#)



Security: Firm fined for data theft

Pension trustee firm Verity Trustees has been made to sign a Formal Undertaking by the UK's Information Commissioner's Office after the theft of a laptop containing sensitive data on 110 000 individuals, notes a **PC Magazine** report. Mick Gorill, assistant information commissioner at the ICO, described the incident as a **'stark reminder of how easily people's details can be put at risk'**. Of the 110 000 individuals affected, the laptop contained the bank details of 18 000 of them, along with names, addresses, dates of birth and National Insurance numbers.

[Full PC Magazine report](#)

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Privacy: Google Analytics being investigated in Germany

German data protection authorities are investigating whether Google's Web traffic measurement system, Google Analytics, routinely infringes privacy laws. An **OUT-LAW.com** report notes that several regional authorities in Germany, as well as the national Federal Data Protection Commissioner, are investigating whether **the use of the system is a breach of Web users' privacy rights** unless their permission is obtained. Google Analytics gathers, stores and collates information about Web site visitors.

[Full OUT-LAW.com report](#)

Security: Spam campaign harvesting online game passwords

A malicious spam campaign that attempts to harvest online game passwords under the guise of messages containing smutty photos is doing the rounds, reports **The Register**. The supposed video files actually harboured video files and a password-stealing Trojan called Agent-LVF, **which is designed to steal the login credentials of World of Warcraft gamers**. Security firm Sophos reckons it's likely the stolen credentials and associated in-game assets will be sold through underground sites, earning hackers a tidy profit in the process, the report says.

[Full report in The Register](#)

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