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Security: Hackers break into two NASA-run sites

Misceants took advantage of weak security to hack into two NASA-run Web sites over the weekend, notes a report in *The Register*. The sites of NASA's Instrument Systems and Technology unit and Software Engineering division were broken into and screenshots illustrating the hack posted online. **Hackers appear to have taken advantage of SQL Injection flaws** and poor access controls in mounting the attack, reports Gunter Ollmann, an ex-IBM security expert.

[Full report in The Register](#)

Copyright: Yahoo in legal dispute over information leak

Yahoo is in a legal dispute with Web site Cryptome after discovering that private information regarding services provided by Yahoo to law enforcement bodies is being made publically available online. According to a **v3** report, Yahoo has written to Cryptome **arguing that it has breached copyright laws by hosting the documents**. Cryptome, however, has not yet taken the document down, saying that it cannot find a grant of copyright at the US Copyright Office.

[Full v3 report](#)



Security: Palm and Sprint facing lawsuit over data loss

A Palm Pre user is suing Palm and Sprint Nextel, **alleging they caused him to lose most of the data from his phone**, and he wants to turn the suit into a class action. *Computer World* reports that the suit in the US District Court for the Northern District of California, in San Jose, is the latest black eye for the Palm Profile cloud-based synchronisation service, which debuted with the company's webOS on the Pre earlier this year. The suit charges Palm and Sprint, as well as 50 unnamed individuals, with breach of contract, negligence and violation of three California business laws.

[Full Computer World report](#)



Security: HSBC warns of data exposure

HSBC Bank says a bug in its imaging software inadvertently exposed sensitive data about some of its customers going through bankruptcy proceedings, reports *Computer World*. In notification letters made public last week, the bank said it had redacted sensitive information in Chapter 13 bankruptcy proof-of-claim forms that were filed electronically, **but that the information turned out to be viewable 'as a result of the deficiency in the software** used to save imaged documents.'

[Full Computer World report](#)

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Privacy: Norwegian group takes on Twitter and LinkedIn

The Norwegian consumer group that claims Facebook's terms and conditions break the law has pledged also to take action against Twitter and LinkedIn, notes an *Out-Law.com* report. The Norwegian Consumer Council has announced it is to expand its social networking action to include the two platforms **in a bid to force companies to comply with Norwegian law**. The council has already won a high profile battle with Apple over the tying of its iTunes online shop content to its iPod music players, and is also investigating the tying of Amazon's online shop content to its Kindle e-book reader.

[Full Out-Law.com report](#)

Security: Wireless networks leaving users at risk

Many Internet users are at risk of having their personal details stolen and thousands of pounds plundered from their online bank accounts **as Internet fraudsters increasingly target unsecured wireless networks**, security experts warn. Research by moneysupermarket.com indicates that one wireless customer in five has not, or does not know whether he or she has, protected the network with a password, notes a report in *The Times*. A quarter of wireless users do not even realise that strangers can log on to an unsecured network.

[Full report in The Times](#)

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