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Security: MI5 warns of Trojan attack

MI5 has warned UK companies that the Chinese Government may have gained access to their computers **with the intention of remotely monitoring their online activities**, notes a **v3** report. A leaked document claims that Chinese security officials have been offering free computer devices that contain Trojan software to high profile business users in the banking, defence and energy industries. Business users in public relations companies and law firms are also thought to have been targeted.

[Full v3 report](#)

Copyright: Oracle wins battle in ISP property lawsuit

Oracle has won a battle regarding the way damages can be calculated in its intellectual property lawsuit against SAP, notes a **Computer World** report. Oracle will be allowed **'to present evidence regarding the fair market value of the copyrights that SAP allegedly infringed,'** the ruling states. The question is not what Oracle would have charged for a licence, 'but what is the fair market value.'

[Full Computer World report](#)



Security: Popular blog hack should 'be a warning'

Security experts are warning webmasters to be on their guard, after popular technology blog TechCrunch was hacked for the second time in 24 hours. Sophos senior technology consultant Graham Cluley is quoted in a **v3** report as saying: 'This hack is a salutary warning to all web site owners **that everyone has to be on their guard against hacking, whether your site is big or small.**' TechCrunch may have been targeted specifically to coincide with the breaking news story of the Apple tablet launch, from which the site would have been expecting to generate large volumes of traffic, Cluley added.

[Full v3 report](#)



Security: Hackers exploiting weaknesses to wreck havoc

Underscoring a little-known web vulnerability, hackers are exploiting a weakness in the Mozilla Firefox browser to wreck havoc on Freenode and other networks that cater to users of Internet relay chat. **The Register** reports that **the malicious javascript exploits a feature** that allows Firefox to send data over a variety of ports that aren't related to web browsing.

[Full report in The Register](#)

Security: Incidence of data breaches is rising

New statistics from the Information Commissioner's Office indicate that the rate of data security breaches shows no sign of abating, says a **v3** report. The UK's privacy watchdog revealed that it **has uncovered over 800 data security breaches since 2007**, nearly 200 of which were the result of mistakes and 262 due to criminal theft. 'In just over two months a further 100 organisations have reported data security breaches to us,' said deputy Information Commissioner David Smith.

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