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## Security: Hotel group suffers another data breach

Wyndham Hotels and Resorts has suffered yet another serious data breach after hackers broke into its computer systems and stole customer names and payment card information, notes a **v3** report. The international hotel group discovered the attack on one of its data centres in late January. 'By going through the centralised network connections, the **hacker was able to access and download information from several, but not all, of the Wyndham hotels** and remove payment card information of a small percentage of customers,' the group said.

[Full v3 report](#)

## Copyright: No special exemption for infringement

Cafes, pubs, universities and libraries that offer wireless Internet access will not be granted a special exemption from measures aimed at tackling copyright infringement. According to an **OUT-LAW.com** report, the UK Government's controversial Digital Economy Bill **makes an Internet access subscriber liable for the copyright-infringing behaviour of others**. Internet law expert Professor Lilian Edwards had previously warned that without an exemption the measure would have a damaging effect. A guidance to the Bill has now been published which clarifies that organisations providing access will be granted no such exemption.

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



## Security: Data loss proves expensive for US health firm

A break-in at a shopping mall in Tennessee is proving expensive for BlueCross BlueShield of Tennessee, notes a **Computer World** report. On 2 October last year someone stole 57 hard drives from a closet at the health insurance company's training centre in Chattanooga's Eastgate Town Centre mall. The drives contained recordings of more than 1m customer support calls **and in most of the calls, subscribers provided their BlueCross ID number, name and date of birth**. To date, BlueCross has identified more than half a million affected customers.

[Full Computer World report](#)



## Security: Businesses defenseless against Aurora attacks

Most businesses are defenseless against the types of attacks that recently hit Google and at least 33 other companies. **The Register** notes that a report, prepared by security firm iSec Partners, **estimates the actual number of targeted companies could top 100**. The attackers behind the cyber assault dubbed Aurora patiently stalked their hand-chosen victims over a matter of months in a campaign to identify specific end users and applications that could be targeted to gain entry to corporate networks, the report concluded.

[Full report in The Register](#)

## Security: Sony resolves PS3 glitch

Sony has restored service to the PlayStation Network by resolving a glitch in the internal clock of some PlayStation 3 consoles that recognised 2010 as a leap year and wrongly added a 29 February to the clock. **PC World** reports that the glitch, **which harkens back to the Y2K bug, affected millions of users around the world**, preventing many from accessing Sony's PlayStation Network. Prior to giving users clearance to use their PS3s again, Sony had warned against using them at all for fear of data errors and problems with obtained trophies and other achievements.

[Full PC World report](#)

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