

LOGIC 1ST NEWS AND UPDATES - January 2017

We're back with our first newsletter of 2017! I hope the new year has started well for you.

Last year Logic 1st managed to solve tens of thousands of IT problems before they became a problem for our clients. Our active monitoring notifies us if something is wrong and often we'll fix it before you know it.

I have some more updates and security news because these threats are still around, especially coming into the New Year. You don't want to find your business in a complete network meltdown when you walk into the office in late January.

Summary

- Fake Mario Game catches out many Android Phone Owners
- Russian Antivirus Firm Uncovers Problem With New Phones
- Vera May Help
- Protecting Against Cyber Attack

Fake Mario Game catches out many Android Phone Owners

When this story first appeared I felt a little sad, even games are being used in order attack telephones and networks. Just goes to show that everyone is potentially a target for the bad guys.

Many of these games are not supported across all platforms, which means many people will try and get it and run some kind of emulator on their phone. Bad news there is that they'll be forced to use an unofficial version - which is where the malware and problems occur.

Safest way is to not download anything you are not sure about on any of your devices. Importantly if you have staff who bring their own devices (BYOD) and connect these to your office network there could be trouble ahead.

Get in touch for some more information on this.

<http://www.androidcentral.com/why-you-shouldnt-try-download-super-mario-run-android>



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Russian Antivirus Firm Uncovers Problem With New Phones

Whilst this list of smartphones is fairly limited it does show that new purchases are not completely safe from attack.

With more and more of these budget telephones appearing in the UK it won't be long before they start to become a problem. Interestingly enough there are some high street names included, with devices from Lenovo on the list.

<https://www.yahoo.com/tech/28-android-phones-including-lenovos-020000995.html>

Vera May Help

Many businesses are using Microsoft's Office 365 as a stand alone package and we at Logic understand why. It just makes so much sense.

That said we see plenty of installations that are not set up correctly and if that's the case there are some severe security risks, one enterprising young coder (Prakesh) has arrived at a solution for those files you have in 'one drive' that you may not want everyone to see.

Obviously Office 365 comes with some of it's own controls, but Vera does it better.

We are a reseller of Office 365 but we bring loads of skills and experience that you just don't get with others. Protecting your files from prying eyes is something we can help you with.

<http://www.forbes.com/sites/tonybradley/2016/12/15/protect-your-office-365-files-with-vera-for-microsoft/#7fd82e546113>

Protecting Against Cyber Attack

Thirty Eight percent of UK businesses have been affected by some kind of attack in the last 12 months should provide some sobering thoughts This report which is opened with comments from a Small Business Insurer should make you take some action.

These security issues are easily solved, but you do need to get in touch.

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/connect/small-business/tech/easy-ways-to-protect-your-business-from-cyber-attacks/>

Viruses, spyware and hacking are well documented within the media. In our experience clients are very aware of the need to protect their systems but often don't take actions to address their concerns, for many reasons including a lack of time.

Such risks really can't be underestimated and are becoming a **greater threat as global**



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technology moves on. Most businesses in reality would find it exceedingly difficult to operate without their computer systems. The same applies to a loss of data, where making a regular backup could ultimately save your business.

The answer is our free health and security check. One of our technicians will spend time talking through your systems and how you use them, before generating a report showing any weaknesses in your systems and advising on improvements.

If you'd like to hear more of these stories, follow us on Twitter @logic1st for regular security updates.

We'd also like to take this opportunity to thank you for reading our newsletters, and wish you a very Happy Christmas and prosperous New Year!

Remember

No matter what IT issue you have, we have a solution.

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