



# Department of Homeland Security Daily Open Source Infrastructure Report for 11 April 2007

Current  
Nationwide  
Threat Level is  
**ELEVATED**  
SIGNIFICANT RISK OF  
TERRORIST ATTACKS  
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## Daily Highlights

- US-CERT has released Technical Cyber Security Alert TA07-100A: Microsoft Updates for Multiple Vulnerabilities. (See item [29](#))
- The Washington Post reports that two of the shopping industry's largest trade groups are joining forces with the FBI to create a database that tracks retail crime gangs, which they say are becoming increasingly organized. (See item [33](#))

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## Energy Sector

**Current Electricity Sector Threat Alert Levels: Physical: ELEVATED, Cyber: ELEVATED**

Scale: LOW, GUARDED, ELEVATED, HIGH, SEVERE [Source: ISAC for the Electricity Sector (ES-ISAC) – <http://www.esisac.com>]

1. *April 10, Energy Information Administration* — **EIA releases Short-Term Energy Outlook.** In its recently released Short Term Energy Outlook, the Energy Information Administration reports that recent and continuing international tensions amplify the effects of already tight international petroleum markets as the summer season (April through September) begins. As a result of tight oil markets and continued international uncertainty, the price of West Texas Intermediate crude oil is expected to average over \$65 per barrel this summer (compared with \$70 per barrel last summer) and average close to \$64 per barrel annually for both 2007 and 2008. Concerns about extreme weather conditions and rising prices in the oil market will keep upward pressure on the Henry Hub natural gas spot price during much of the forecast period.

On an annual basis, the Henry Hub spot price is expected to average \$7.83 per thousand cubic feet (mcf) in 2007, an 89–cent increase from the 2006 average, and \$8.11 per mcf in 2008. Following large increases in residential electricity prices during 2006, prices are projected to grow at a slower rate of 3.0 percent during 2007. Electricity prices are expected to continue to grow at 3.1 percent during 2008 as higher fuel costs are passed through to retail customers. Short Term Energy Outlook: <http://www.eia.doe.gov/steo>  
Source: <http://www.eia.doe.gov/steo>

- 2. *April 09, Journal News (NY)* — Transformer damage after explosion delays restart of Indian Point 3.** A second transformer at Indian Point 3 in Buchanan, NY, sustained enough "collateral damage" during a Friday, April 6 explosion that the company won't try to put the nuclear plant back on the state's electrical grid — even at 50 percent power — for about a week. Smoke poured from the plant Friday just after 11 a.m. EDT as Indian Point's fire brigade rushed to douse flames that followed an explosion at the top of the ruined transformer. There was no release of radiation during the incident. The problem started in the middle bushing in the high–voltage transformer, which steps up electricity generated by the plant's turbine from 22,000 to 345,000 volts. The fire forced workers to shut down Indian Point 3 — its fourth such unplanned event since July — cutting off 1,000 megawatts of electricity to the state grid. The shutdown will affect Indian Point 3 longer than the repair takes because Nuclear Regulatory Commission officials said after Friday's emergency they expected to downgrade the plant's safety rating to white, the second safest of four operational categories.  
Source: <http://www.nyjournalnews.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20070409/NEWS01/704090410>

- 3. *April 09, Associated Content* — Los Angeles will recycle waste into electricity.** On April 5, Los Angeles officials held a ground–breaking ceremony and announced a five–year plan for a renewable energy project that will recycle treated wastewater into electricity. The 3.5 megawatt power plant in San Pedro is expected to begin operations in one year, but will not be completed and fully functional for three years. It is predicted that the electricity created by this project will be able to power almost 3,000 homes, which is \$2.4 million worth of electricity per year. The process being used at this plant has never been done in the United States before. Ground–level fuel cells will be powered by methane gas, which is released from organic material due to high pressure and high temperature conditions. This organic material, a byproduct of treated wastewater, will be pumped underground and contained a mile below surface level in oil and gas reservoirs. This process of allowing the methane gas to rise to surface will allow the carbon dioxide that is released to dissolve underground rather than polluting the atmosphere.  
Source: [http://www.associatedcontent.com/article/208834/los\\_angeles\\_will\\_recycle\\_waste\\_into.html](http://www.associatedcontent.com/article/208834/los_angeles_will_recycle_waste_into.html)

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## **Chemical Industry and Hazardous Materials Sector**

- 4. *April 10, NBC 11 (CA)* — Acid leak prompts building evacuation.** Hazardous materials crews rushed to a San Jose, CA, recycling center where a spill forced an evacuation early Tuesday morning, April 10. Firefighters with the San Jose Fire Department evacuated the building at California Waste Solutions at 1005 Timothy Drive in San Jose. Firefighters still

don't know what kind of acid was released when a two-gallon container spilled. The acid was producing gas and the workers evacuated the building. Firefighters evacuated the building as a precaution. NBC11 reported that at least five people had been taken to a hospital for difficulty breathing and soreness in their throats.

Source: <http://www.nbc11.com/news/11603578/detail.html>

5. *April 10, Evansville Courier & Press (IN)* — **Oil spill closes road.** An oil spill Tuesday morning, April 10, blocked Old Henderson Road between Duesner and Newman roads in Union Township, IN. Perry Township firefighters were able to contain a thick oil slick about 20 feet long with absorbent materials until an environmental cleanup crew could arrive. The truck belonged to Bi-Petro, of Springfield, IL. The driver, Bill Schultz, said he loaded about 160 barrels of crude oil from a nearby well prior to the accident. Schultz estimated the spill was actually only about 25 gallons. He said the spill evidently happened because the trailer had just been repaired in Evansville but the mechanics had forgotten to put the caps to the tank's vents back on after the work.

Source: <http://www.courierpress.com/news/2007/apr/10/firefighters-dealing-hazmat-incident-union-townshi/>

6. *April 10, Norwich Bulletin (CT)* — **EPA completes cleanup of mercury spill.** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced that clean-up of a mercury spill has been completed on Putnam Road in Killingly, CT. Last week, the EPA pulled up sections of Putnam Road and used an excavator to scrape 15 yards of material from a 40-foot by 12-foot area beneath the road where the mercury pool was discovered. The contaminated material was shipped for disposal at a permitted facility. The air was monitored for mercury vapor during the excavation activities. The town has repaired and reopened Putnam Road. The state Department of Environmental Protection and Northeast District Department of Health plan to evaluate whether portions of the Five Mile River and its tributaries will need to remain closed for fishing.

Source: <http://www.norwichbulletin.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20070410/NEWS01/70410022/1002>

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## **Defense Industrial Base Sector**

7. *April 09, Associated Press* — **Eight defense programs breach cost controls.** Eight military programs will be called under review by Congress for breaching a U.S. law intended to control contracts costs, the Department of Defense said Monday, April 9. In its annual report submitted to Congress, the Pentagon detailed acquisition-related costs on 30 programs led by the Army, Navy and Air Force. Expenses including procurement, research and development and military construction ballooned by \$56.3 million, or 3.5 percent, to \$1.62 billion, from the previous year. The Pentagon said extended procurement schedules, an increase in the number of contract requirements, and higher program costs were all factors. The Pentagon is required by law to notify Congress when costs on a major defense acquisition program increase by at least 15 percent. Under the law known as the Nunn-McCurdy provision, the Pentagon is required to seek approval by Congress for continued funding and to get certification by the Office of the Secretary of Defense, or else the program is terminated.

Source: [http://biz.yahoo.com/ap/070409/defense\\_contracts\\_report.html?.v=1](http://biz.yahoo.com/ap/070409/defense_contracts_report.html?.v=1)

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## **Banking and Finance Sector**

8. *April 10, IDG News Service* — **IRS head: All laptops to be encrypted within weeks.** After an auditor found serious security problems in the way it handled sensitive data on laptops, the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) said it will have all laptops encrypted within the next few weeks. IRS Commissioner Mark Everson said his organization was making the effort following a recently released audit that found unencrypted data on a large percentage of IRS laptop computers. Auditors tested 100 laptop computers used by IRS employees and found that 44 of them contained "unencrypted sensitive data, including taxpayer data and employee personnel data."

Source: [http://www.infoworld.com/article/07/04/10/HNirslaptopsencrypted\\_1.html](http://www.infoworld.com/article/07/04/10/HNirslaptopsencrypted_1.html)

9. *April 10, Associated Press* — **Man accused of stealing data from bank cards in Ohio.** Authorities are investigating whether a suburban Detroit man accused of stealing more than \$53,000 from Ohio ATM customers committed similar crimes elsewhere. Petru Vascan was being held on felony charges of tampering with an electronic access device and identity theft filed in U.S. District Court in Toledo, OH. Vascan and a Toronto man who is not in custody are accused of placing magnetic readers and tiny cameras on ATMs owned by Fifth Third Bank and KeyBank branches in Sylvania Township, near Toledo, to steal the names, account numbers and passwords from some 400 accounts. The information was then encoded onto new ATM cards so money could be taken from the accounts, authorities allege. Investigators are working with the Secret Service to determine whether there is a link to similar thefts in Pennsylvania, Illinois, New York and Washington, DC, Sylvania Township police Detective Jamey Harmon said. Detectives identified the suspects through bank surveillance cameras, Harmon said.

Source: <http://www.ohio.com/mld/beaconjournal/17055064.htm>

10. *April 10, Reuters* — **Macau set to unfreeze North Korea funds, says U.S.** Macau is set to release the frozen funds North Korea has cited as a reason for refusing to shut its nuclear facilities, the U.S. Treasury Department said on Tuesday, April 10. "The United States understands that the Macau authorities are prepared to unblock all North Korean-related accounts currently frozen in Banco Delta Asia," a Treasury Department statement said. It did not say when the funds would be released or give a precise dollar figure. The funds were frozen after U.S. authorities designated the Macau bank as a "primary money-laundering concern" in September 2005 and accused North Korea of illicit activities, including counterfeiting U.S. currency and smuggling drugs.

Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/topNews/idUSN1036787720070410>

11. *April 10, Associated Press* — **Bomb squad dispatched to Miami branch of Federal Reserve.** The entrance to the Federal Reserve in Miami was temporarily closed Tuesday, April 10, after a bomb-sniffing dog smelled a suspicious substance while inspecting a truck attempting to enter the building's parking lot. Miami-Dade County police said a bomb squad went to the scene to

check the report of the suspicious substance. No vehicles were allowed in or out of the building for 1 1/2 hours before the entrance was reopened. The delivery truck was stopped at the security checkpoint at the entrance of the heavily guarded building. The truck driver was making a routine delivery, said Pierce Nelson, a spokesperson for the Atlanta Federal Reserve. Police said it was a vegetable delivery truck.

Source: <http://www.ihf.com/articles/ap/2007/04/10/america/NA-GEN-US-Federal-Reserve-Bomb-Scare.php>

12. *April 09, Reuters* — **U.S. to file WTO piracy cases against China.** The United States will file a pair of World Trade Organization (WTO) cases against China aimed at stopping widespread piracy of American movies, music, books and software, the top U.S. trade official said Monday, April 9. "Piracy and counterfeiting in China remain unacceptably high," U.S. Trade Representative Susan Schwab said in a statement announcing the two requests for formal dispute settlement talks with China on piracy concerns. "Inadequate protection of intellectual property rights in China costs U.S. firms and workers billions of dollars each year, and in the case of many products, it also poses a serious risk of harm to consumers in China, the United States and around the world," Schwab said. Schwab told reporters the two U.S. cases focused on China's failure to stop widespread piracy of American copyright goods, as well as market access barriers that prevent Chinese consumers from buying legitimate versions of the entertainment and business products.

Source: <http://www.informationweek.com/software/showArticle.jhtml;jsessionid=OCG523Z3SRFXOQSNDLPCKH0CJUNN2JVN?articleID=198900174&articleID=198900174>

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## **Transportation and Border Security Sector**

13. *April 10, Asheville Citizen-Times (NC)* — **Plane from Orlando Executive Airport crashes in North Carolina.** A Murphy, NC, surgeon was critically injured and two other local men were killed when their plane crashed Monday, April 9, in what authorities believe was an attempt to land at Andrews-Murphy Airport. Authorities believe Dr. Larry Opoliner piloted the single-engine Piper Lance that crashed just after midnight. Preliminary reports indicate the plane hit power lines, cutting electricity to much of Andrews, while approaching the airport, said Kathleen Bergen, a spokesperson for the Federal Aviation Administration. The plane, which had been traveling from Orlando Executive Airport in Florida, is registered to Damien O'Neill of Franklin, Bergen said.

Source: [http://www.citizen-times.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=20077\\_0409075](http://www.citizen-times.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=20077_0409075)

14. *April 10, This is London (UK)* — **Airport bag gang hits British travelers.** Seven baggage handlers have been arrested after more than \$197,000 worth of British holidaymakers' property was stolen. A gang working at Rome's Ciampino airport plundered the bags of travelers on easy-Jet and Ryanair flights heading back to Britain. Their haul included cash, mobile phones, cameras, video recorders, cigarettes, duty free goods and designer clothes. Police began an undercover operation at the budget airport after dozens of complaints about missing items. The baggage handlers were filmed slashing open suitcases and helping themselves to goods. A police spokesperson said: "The gang targeted flights to British destinations because they

assumed there would be better pickings."

Source: <http://www.thisislondon.co.uk/news/article-23392104-details/Airport%20bag%20gang%20hits%20British%20travellers/article.d.o>

15. *April 10, USA TODAY* — **Baggage screening could get upgrade.** The nation's major airports would be beneficiaries of one of the biggest aviation security upgrades since 9/11 — as much as \$7 billion for state-of-the-art baggage screening — under legislation recently approved by the House and Senate. Key to the new system are bomb-detection machines built onto conveyor belts that can screen luggage 10 times faster than current systems that scan luggage piece by piece. The older machines are being strained by the 1.5 million bags checked each day at U.S. airports. The biggest hurdle for the new system may come from President Bush, who has threatened to veto bills containing the money. Even with a veto, airport officials say it's significant that both houses of Congress favor vastly increasing federal funding for new luggage-screening systems. The funding increases could be approved as part of other legislation.

Source: [http://www.usatoday.com/news/nation/2007-04-09-airport-baggage\\_N.htm](http://www.usatoday.com/news/nation/2007-04-09-airport-baggage_N.htm)

16. *April 10, CNN* — **Turkish police quiz hijacking suspect.** Authorities at Ankara's airport in Turkey are questioning a man they believe tried to hijack a Turkish airliner — possibly to Iran — transport officials and passengers told CNN Turk Tuesday, April 10. All 175 people aboard the Pegasus Airlines flight are safe, and everything is under control, transportation minister Binali Yildirim said. The flight was heading from southeastern Turkish city of Diyarbakir to Istanbul, but landed at Ankara's airport where the suspect, Mehmed Goksin Gol, was detained. One passenger, Firat Keles, told CNN Turk the suspect tried to approach the cockpit, and told the flight crew he had something in his belt and wanted to fly to Iran.

Source: <http://edition.cnn.com/2007/WORLD/europe/04/10/turkey.plane/>

17. *April 09, KSL TV (UT)* — **Security clearance being tightened at Salt Lake International Airport.** Hundreds of employees and contract workers at the Salt Lake International Airport can no longer access secure areas at the airport because they are no longer compliant with federal airport security guidelines. The efforts are designed to tighten secure areas within airports across the country. An airport spokesperson said 13,000 people had security ID badges at Salt Lake International Airport, but six percent of those are now deactivated. Those employees will no longer be going through secure doors unless they prove they can comply with the new guidelines. Last year the Salt Lake International Airport also began adding random checkpoint screenings for employees. Within the last week, the federal government has added another layer of airport security. The Department of Homeland Security has issued additional criteria for receiving airport security badges. Of the 13,000 badges issued in Salt Lake, 807 are now deactivated.

Source: <http://www.ksl.com/?nid=148&sid=1085219>

18. *April 09, Port Security News (VA)* — **Task force formed to develop cargo security strategy.** The International Air Transport Association and the International Federation of Freight Forwarders Associations will form a Global Air Cargo Industry Task Force in an effort to redirect homeland security efforts to place a greater security burden at the beginning of the cargo chain. It is expected to be up and running by the end of the year. The task force also hopes to harmonize world standards for cargo screening to eliminate inconsistencies and make

the supply chain more efficient.

Source: <http://portsecuritynews.com/news/templates/registered.asp?articleid=1478&zoneid=1>

19. *April 09, U.S. Coast Guard* — **Coast Guard turns over \$50M worth of drugs.** The crew of the U.S. Coast Guard Cutter Northland turned over approximately 2,400 pounds of cocaine to federal agents Monday, April 9, following an at sea interdiction with the help of the Jacksonville–Based Coast Guard Helicopter Interdiction Tactical Squadron near Guajira, Colombia, March 10. The transfer comes after Northland's third go–fast interdiction in as many weeks, yielding a total of 55 bales of cocaine and four bales of heroin with a total estimated street value of \$50 million. Additionally, 11 suspected smugglers, and five persons suspected of supporting drug trafficking, have been transferred to federal agents as a result of Northland's law–enforcement actions. Recently, the Coast Guard set a record for the most cocaine removed for the first quarter of a fiscal year. From October 1, 2006, until January 1, 2007, the Coast Guard removed 97,635 pounds of the drug, eclipsing the previous high of 76,925 pounds set during the first quarter of last year. The cocaine seized to date in fiscal year 2007 exceeds the yearly totals of all but three of the last 15 fiscal years.

Source: <http://www.piersystem.com/go/doc/586/153683/>

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## **Postal and Shipping Sector**

Nothing to report.

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## **Agriculture Sector**

20. *April 10, Associated Press* — **Cold snap damages fruit crops across Southeast.** Frigid weekend weather caused frost that damaged crops across the Southeast, raising fears that peach, apple, blueberry, strawberry and wine grape crops were harmed. Cost estimates for the damage were expected later in the week, and Georgia's agriculture commissioner said he might ask for federal aid depending on how badly crops were affected. In South Carolina, the nation's second–largest peach–producing state, farmers prepared for the worst. "I don't think there'll be a good peach out of South Carolina this year," said Raymond Cook, who grows 60 acres of peaches each season. "It's the worst I've ever seen." In Blount County, AL, farmer James Witt said his fields of plums, peaches and pecans were completely lost. Crop damage in Chilton County ranged from 30 percent to 80 percent, depending on elevation, said Bobby Boozer, an area horticulturist. In West Virginia, Alan Gibson predicted a total loss on the 3,000 trees in his small, orchard in Harpers Ferry.

Source: <http://edition.cnn.com/2007/WEATHER/04/10/frozen.crops.ap/>

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## **Food Sector**

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*April 10, Post Star (NY)* — **Farm issues milk alert.** A Greenwich, NY, farm is alerting consumers of possible bacterial contamination in its raw milk after a routine sample taken by a state Department Agriculture and Markets inspector on March 26 confirmed the presence of listeria monocytogenes. Customers who purchased the possibly contaminated milk at Beech Hill Farms have been notified, said Jessica Chittenden, spokesperson for the department. The reason for the consumer alert at this time, said Chittenden, is to inform acquaintances, such as neighbors and friends, who may have consumed the raw milk from those who had purchased it at the farm.

Source: <http://www.poststar.com/articles/2007/04/10/news/local/8580f229cf211c1c852572b9001132e2.txt>

22. *April 09, Associated Press* — **Tainted food may have hurt 39,000 pets.** Pet food contaminated with an industrial chemical may have sickened or killed 39,000 cats and dogs nationwide, based on an extrapolation from data released Monday, April 9, by one of the nation's largest chains of veterinary hospitals. Banfield, The Pet Hospital, said an analysis of its database, compiled from records collected by its more than 615 veterinary hospitals, suggests that three out of every 10,000 cats and dogs that ate the pet food contaminated with melamine developed kidney failure. There are an estimated 60 million dogs and 70 million cats in the U.S., according to the American Veterinary Medical Association. The hospital chain saw one million dogs and cats during the three months when the more than 100 brands of now-recalled contaminated pet food were sold. It saw 284 extra cases of kidney failure among cats during that period, or a roughly 30 percent increase, when compared with background rates. From its findings, Banfield officials calculated an incidence rate of .03 percent for pets, although there was no discernible uptick among dogs.

Source: <http://apnews.myway.com/article/20070410/D8ODDM000.html>

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## **Water Sector**

Nothing to report.

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## **Public Health Sector**

23. *April 09, Voice of America* — **Scientists develop plant-based smallpox vaccine.** Researchers have developed a smallpox vaccine from plants that they say is both highly effective and safe. Smallpox has been eradicated using a vaccine made from the live weakened virus that causes the disease. Unfortunately, in some people, the drug causes serious side-effects. Now, German researchers have developed a smallpox vaccine that they say is completely safe using a non-infectious viral protein and tobacco and collard plants. Such an approach is called recombinant technology. In experiments with mice, the vaccine was 100 percent effective in protecting the animals against smallpox. Results of the study are published in the journal Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.

Source: <http://www.voanews.com/english/2007-04-09-voa74.cfm>

24. *April 09, Agence France–Presse* — **Pakistan reports new cases of bird flu.** Pakistani authorities Monday, April 9, reported two new cases of the H5N1 strain of bird flu in commercial poultry farms in the country, officials said. The virus was detected in the northwestern city of Abbotabad and the southern port city of Karachi on Thursday, April 5, and Friday, April 6, Agriculture and Livestock Ministry spokesperson Mohammad Afzal said. Pakistan's first H5N1 cases were detected in March 2006 at two chicken farms in North West Frontier Province. The virus resurfaced in early February 2007 among chickens in Rawalpindi, adjoining Islamabad, and in peacocks in the northwestern city of Mansehra.  
Source: [http://news.yahoo.com/s/afp/20070409/hl\\_afp/healthflupakistan\\_070409170904;\\_ylt=AsbgcJwmBRHwH8bSDPPEznSJOrgF](http://news.yahoo.com/s/afp/20070409/hl_afp/healthflupakistan_070409170904;_ylt=AsbgcJwmBRHwH8bSDPPEznSJOrgF)
25. *April 09, Archives of Internal Medicine* — **Responding to a small–scale bioterrorist anthrax attack.** Researchers conducted a cost–effectiveness analysis using Monte Carlo simulation during a 10–year time frame from a societal perspective to determine the optimal response strategy for a small–scale anthrax attack perpetrated against U.S. Postal Service distribution centers in a large metropolitan area. Three strategies were compared: preattack vaccination of all U.S. distribution center postal workers, postattack antibiotic therapy followed by vaccination of exposed personnel, and postattack antibiotic therapy without vaccination of exposed personnel. Outcome measures were costs, quality–adjusted life–years, and incremental cost–effectiveness. The probabilities for anthrax exposure and infection; vaccine and antibiotic benefits, risks, and costs; and associated clinical outcomes were derived from the medical literature and from bioterrorism experts. Postattack antibiotic therapy and vaccination of exposed postal workers is the most cost–effective response compared with other strategies. Preattack vaccination of all distribution center workers is less effective and more costly than the other two strategies. Assuming complete adherence to preattack vaccination, the incremental cost–effectiveness compared with postattack antibiotic therapy alone is almost \$2.6 million per quality–adjusted life–year.  
Source: <http://archinte.ama-assn.org/cgi/content/short/167/7/655>

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## **Government Sector**

Nothing to report.

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## **Emergency Services Sector**

26. *April 09, Massachusetts Daily Collegian* — **UMASS plans emergency medical drills.** On Thursday, April 12, the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, Medical Response Corps (MRC), with the help of a coalition of local boards of public health, plans to run an emergency drill. The drill, which coincides with tests of emergency communications throughout Western Massachusetts, simulates an outbreak of meningitis on campus. The MRC—a group of staff, faculty, students and local officials—will set up an emergency dispensing site similar to the distribution of the appropriate meningitis drugs and will also be taped for later presentations and analysis. The drill helps the MRC learn about the strengths and weaknesses of their

emergency plans without having to wait until the last minute when a real crisis comes. The drill will also educate students and help them become involved with emergency preparedness and public health at many different levels. The MRC is looking for students to volunteer as victims of the outbreak. After the drill volunteers will be asked to provide feedback about their experience during debriefing sessions. A similar drill is scheduled to be conducted simultaneously at Amherst College, although on a much smaller scale.

Source: [http://media.www.dailycollegian.com/media/storage/paper874/news/2007/04/09/News/Mrc-Preps.For.Emergency.Medical.Drills-2\\_829419.shtml](http://media.www.dailycollegian.com/media/storage/paper874/news/2007/04/09/News/Mrc-Preps.For.Emergency.Medical.Drills-2_829419.shtml)

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## **Information Technology and Telecommunications Sector**

**27. April 10, IDG News Service — Over 2,000 sites exploit .ani security flaw.** More than 2,000 unique Websites have been rigged to exploit the animated cursor security flaw in Microsoft's software, according to security vendor Websense Inc. Those Websites are either hosting exploit code or are redirecting Internet users to sites with bad code, Websense's blog reported Monday, April 9. The number of Websites engineered to exploit the problem has jumped considerably since the vulnerability was publicly disclosed by Microsoft on March 29. It will likely continue to rise until patches are applied across corporate and consumer PCs, said Ross Paul, senior product manager for Websense. Hackers are hoping to catch some of the millions of unpatched machines.

Websense blog: <http://www.websense.com/securitylabs/blog/blog.php?BlogID=122>

Source: [http://www.infoworld.com/article/07/04/10/HNexploitaniflaw\\_1.html](http://www.infoworld.com/article/07/04/10/HNexploitaniflaw_1.html)

**28. April 10, Information Week — VoIP is too complicated for mass markets, says Forrester Research.** In a survey of VoIP users, a Forrester Research analyst has found the low-cost calling technology to be too complicated to appeal to mass-market users. Forrester's Zayera Khan found voice-over-Internet Protocol (VoIP) navigation systems generally to be a problem with users who are bewildered by a plethora of icons, buttons, rollovers, and navigation features. Khan cited the lack of clear keyword search capability as another problem. The report, "The VoIP Customer Experience: Work in Progress," said the leading VoIP vendors like Skype, Yahoo, Google, Microsoft, and ICQ still haven't developed user friendly services.

Source: <http://www.informationweek.com/software/showArticle.jhtml;jsessionid=QSPDPXXYVTV4QSNLPSKHSCJUNN2JVN?articleID=198900368>

**29. April 10, US-CERT — Technical Cyber Security Alert TA07-100A: Microsoft Updates for Multiple Vulnerabilities.** Microsoft has released updates to address vulnerabilities that affect Microsoft Windows and Microsoft Content Management Server as part of the Microsoft Security Bulletin Summary for April 2007. The most severe vulnerabilities could allow a remote, unauthenticated attacker to execute arbitrary code or cause a denial of service on a vulnerable system. These updates include a fix to address a previously disclosed vulnerability in the Windows Client/Server Run-time Subsystem.

Microsoft Security Bulletin Summary for April 2007:

<http://www.microsoft.com/technet/security/bulletin/ms07-apr.msp>

Source: <http://www.us-cert.gov/cas/techalerts/TA07-100A.html>

30. *April 09, IDG News Service* — **Apple offers AirPort Base Station security fix.** Apple has published a firmware update for its Airport Extreme Base Station that fixes two security flaws in the Wi-Fi router. The patch fixes a bug found in certain versions of the Base Station that prevented the router from acting as a firewall by blocking IPv6 traffic by default. Both of the bugs, patched in version 7.1 of the product's firmware, affect only the 802.11n versions of the router, Apple said. The second Base Station flaw could let an attacker view filenames—but not file contents—on a password-protected USB hard drive connected to the Base Station via the AirPort Disk feature.

Updates: <http://www.apple.com/support/downloads/>

Source: [http://news.com/Apples+AirPort+Extreme+can+pose+security+risk/2100-1002\\_3-6174683.html?tag=cd.lede](http://news.com/Apples+AirPort+Extreme+can+pose+security+risk/2100-1002_3-6174683.html?tag=cd.lede)

31. *April 09, ComputerWorld* — **Hackers dupe users with spam about bogus U.S.–Iran war.** A weekend spam run tried to dupe recipients into downloading the infamous "Storm Trojan" by attaching files that posed as videos of a bogus missile strike by the U.S. against Iran, antivirus vendors said Monday, April 9. The unsolicited e-mail, which arrives with provocative subject lines that include "Missile [sic] Strike: The USA kills more then [sic] 20000 Iranian citizens," "USA Declares War on Iran," and "USA Just Have Started World War III," include attached executable files such as video.exe and readme.exe, said Symantec Corp. "The underlying threats are actually nothing new," said Symantec researcher John McDonald. "They are simply minor variants of Trojan.Peacomm and W32.Mixor, which have been repacked in an attempt to avoid existing detection and appear to have been largely successful at that." Symantec added that executable file attached to the war-scare spam is actually a worm that downloads and installs both Trojan horses.

Source: [http://www.computerworld.com/action/article.do?command=viewArticleBasic&articleId=9015979&intsrc=hm\\_list](http://www.computerworld.com/action/article.do?command=viewArticleBasic&articleId=9015979&intsrc=hm_list)

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32. *April 10, BBC* — **'WWII bomb risk' to Olympic site.** Unexploded World War II bombs may be buried under the east London 2012 Olympic Games site. More than 200 of the 1,500 bombs dropped in east London failed to detonate, said a report for the London Development Agency (LDA). It classed some of the 500-acre site as "high risk" and experts have begun scanning the area for ordnance. At the peak of the Blitz thousands of bombs were dropped on London by the German Luftwaffe and some failed to explode. A civil defence map used in the report, by independent site investigation firm Zetica, shows where bombs fell over east London. London Mayor Ken Livingstone said the Olympic site was one of the most polluted places in southern

England. Steve Davis, of the LDA, said nothing was being left to chance. "We will be able to detect ordnance if it's there in the areas we're going to probe," he said.

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**33. April 06, Washington Post — Retailers join forces to track theft rings.** Two of the shopping industry's largest trade groups are joining forces with the FBI to create a database that tracks retail crime gangs, which they say are becoming increasingly organized. About 35 companies are participating in the database. The Law Enforcement Retail Partnership Network, or LERPnet, launched Monday, April 9, for retailers, and law enforcement will have access in a few months. The Retail Industry Leaders Association and the National Retail Federation (NRF), which have each launched similar databases recently, teamed up to create the new online catalogue. About 14,000 incidents have been recorded in the NRF database alone. Although theft has always existed in retail, technology has broadened criminals' reach and allowed them to become more sophisticated. The industry estimates it lost \$37.5 billion to theft and fraud in 2005. Gangs often steal items from several stores, then sell the goods for about 70 percent of the retail value at online auction sites in a practice known as "e-fencing." In other cases, the gangs may even return items to stores with fraudulent receipts for the original value, plus tax.

LERPnet: <http://www.nrf.com/lerpnet/press.htm>

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