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1. Welcome

We are proud to be one of the UK's leading independent ethical hacking firms. We provide penetration testing, web application security testing, network security audits and related security consultancy services. Visit us at www.fbtchies.co.uk.

We hope that the information in this newsletter will be useful to you and would love to get your feedback regarding the content. What would you like to see in future issues? Do you have anything you would like to submit for inclusion? Please feel free to send an email to: webmaven@firstbase.co.uk with your comments.

Didi Barnes - Partner (Head of R&D)
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Peter Wood - Partner (Chief of Operations)

2. Peter Wood & Didi Barnes are really, really going to be on the telly!

Tune in to **BBC1 (101) at 21:00 hrs on Wednesday 31 January 2007** to watch Peter Wood and Didi Barnes being the technical experts in a BBC prime-time documentary entitled **ID Fraud: They Stole My Life**. The BBC describes the hour long programme as follows:

"Identify theft is the fastest growing 'new' crime in Britain. Thousands of unsuspecting people are having their money and lives plundered by criminals. Now, the police are mobilizing to tackle the crime and this film has unprecedented access to the City of London Police identity fraud unit and reveals shocking details on how easy it is for the crooks to copy our lives."

This program was due to be shown last year, but the BBC postponed it for legal reasons.

3. Infosecurity Europe, Olympia, 24 – 26 April 2007

It's that time of year again where we begin our preparations for our biggest social event of the year – Infosecurity Europe! If you haven't been before, why on earth not?!? It is the biggest event of its kind dedicated to the information security sector in the UK and Europe. It's a great way to keep abreast of what's happening in your industry, make new contacts and attend seminars by well-known speakers such as our Chief of Operations, Peter Wood. His session is **The Real Risks of Stolen Laptops** and takes place on **Tuesday 24th April at 13:20 in the Technical stream**. Do come along and see him - seminar attendance is free of charge.

We will be exhibiting at stand **C144** and would love to see you there. Click here to get your free tickets: <https://www.infosec.co.uk/page.cfm/Action=PreReg/PreRegID=1/t=m>



4. R&D News

Didi (our Head of R&D) has been researching VoIP security in depth. Recently she had to set this aside to work on wireless testing, but she will continue with this white paper soon. Those of you who requested a copy have been added to a list and will receive it when it is complete.

Didi helped write the wireless chapter of a new book which has recently been published. It is entitled **Information Risk and Security: Preventing and Investigating Workplace Computer Crime** by Edward Wilding and is available from all good book shops, such as: http://www.amazon.co.uk/Information-Risk-Security-Preventing-Investigating/dp/0566086859/sr=1-1/qid=1170085569/ref=sr_1_1/026-4318429-6662002?ie=UTF8&s=books

5. White-hats.co.uk Information

There are now 183 members of white-hats.co.uk, our vendor-neutral user group that provides a knowledge base and a friendly support group for IT security professionals working for UK business and government. Many of these are active members of our on-line discussion forum which has become an increasingly useful resource as the membership has grown.

Our quarterly meetings are a great way to meet face-to-face with your peers and discuss key issues in a confidential environment. We also hold regular technical workshops on subjects such as penetration testing techniques.

If you haven't already joined, why not visit <http://www.white-hats.co.uk/joining.shtml> - membership is free!

The next white-hats.co.uk meeting (which is for members only) is in London on Friday 16 March 2007. Tim Foster-Key from Grant Thornton UK will present **Computer-Assisted Audit Techniques Software How Does it Help IT Security?** as the afternoon session. The morning session has yet to be announced. Check out the web site <http://www.white-hats.co.uk/nextmeeting.shtml> for more information.

6. Subscription Information

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