



IT'S TIME FOR ANOTHER AGORA MEETING...

WHEN: Friday, June 19, 2009, 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM

WHERE: HUB Auditorium
Husky Union Building
UW Campus
Seattle, Washington

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Besides enjoying timely and valuable presentations by colleagues, The Agora is the perfect place to share your experience and opinions with other cyber-security professionals, technical experts, law enforcement colleagues, government officials, and others working in the field.

MEETING LOCATION AND DIRECTIONS:

The University of Washington is located in northeast Seattle just a few miles north of downtown Seattle. For those folks who come from out of town and stay in a favorite downtown hotel...this location should not change your habits. You can chose to take a short cab ride or catch one of several buses (routes #71, #72 or #73) that travel to and from the University District and downtown every 15 minutes.

For detailed campus maps, traveling directions and parking information visit the University of Washington's website at:

<http://www.washington.edu/home/maps/>



WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE MEETING?

1) Announcements

We always enjoy sharing information about local activities, educational events and other opportunities for professionals working in the field.

2) The Costs of Information Breaches in the United States

Recently, a UW IMT553 class was given the task of “producing a well supported estimate of aggregate dollar losses from reported information breaches in the United States for the years 2007, 2008 and 2009 through March” as their quarter long project. Representatives from this exceptional group of students will present their findings, concentrating in information sources, validating data and the challenges presented with this project.

3) The Bad News: *CSRF is nasty, it's everywhere, and you can't stop it on the client side.* The Good News: *It can do neat things.*

Two of our talented colleagues – Mike Bailey and Russ McRee have been working on a presentation on CSRF for this summer's BlackHat and agreed to give the Agora a preview. CSRF is one of the more lame security bugs available, as far as “cool” bugs go. Yet, Mike and Russ have identified an endless stream of applications, platforms, critical infrastructure devices, and even wormable hybrid attacks, many of which require little or no Javascript (XSS). *The key takeaway is this:* a vulnerability that is so easily prevented can lead to absolute mayhem, particularly when bundled with other attacks. Worse still, identifying the attacker is even more difficult as the attack occurs in the context of the authenticated user. The presentation will discuss a variety of attack scenarios, as well as suggested mitigation.

4) Maximizing the business value of a vulnerability management program

Through the disclosure and examination of real data and lessons learned, our colleagues Kip Boyle and Joel Scambray will discuss how their companies partnered to build and execute on a business case for increasing the capabilities of PEMCO Insurance's existing vulnerability management program. They will share their insights about how looking beyond scanning and patching tools, focusing on metrics, and effectively managing the rivalry between InfoSec and IT Operations are keys to maximizing business value.