

Week 3 Theme: Think Before You Click, Post or Share

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Smartphone and App Privacy Settings

Check your smartphone privacy settings

Is your smartphone leaking (information)? Roll up your sleeves and do a privacy checkup. On your smartphone, check your privacy settings by looking at an app's permissions. **Review whether that app should have access to your personal information.** For example, does that instant messenger app really need access to the phone's body sensors? Does a calculator app need your call logs? Does that PDF viewer need your microphone? Plug those leaks and be suspicious before hitting the download button.



What You Need to Know

Cyber security and online privacy are not a “set it and forget it” task, but rather an ongoing practice and mindset we are all responsible for. The breakneck pace that technology evolves at means that we must stay aware and resist message fatigue in order to be vigilant against cyber victimization. This technology evolution has clearly improved many aspects in our work, learning and productivity. We have become accustomed to hearing about, or searching for, the latest apps and tools that promise ease and innovation. **Before skipping to download, take time to think** – what is the motivation of that app? Especially if it is free, ask yourself, am I the product?

