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Open Letter to RSA SecurID Customers

To Our Customers:

On November 30, 2013, we became aware of a sophisticated, targeted attack on our SecurID platform. We have moved quickly to take a series of steps to protect our customers.

Target Confirms Breach Impacting 70 Million Customers

Target says data breach issue "has been resolved" in statement

Tim Wilson December 20, 2013

Retail giant Target confirmed Thursday that the company "may have impacted certain guests" with a credit card breach.

Target is working closely with law enforcement, "resolved the issue," the statement says.

The data theft took place from Nov. 27 through Dec. 15, impacting "40 million customers." The company says it will let customers know whether their card was compromised, but many experts suspect a compromise of the company’s online stores, because Target said its online database was not affected.

From the courts to social media, Target has faced a breach. A customer in California filed a lawsuit late last week and Samantha Wredberg said in a court filing that she was a regular buyer purchase at a company store on Dec. 8. Wredberg is seeking damages to certify the lawsuit as class action.
“If this becomes the norm, I would suggest to you that homicide cases could be stalled, suspects could walk free, and child exploitation might not be discovered or prosecuted. Justice may be denied, because of a locked phone or an encrypted hard drive.”

Speaking at MI5 headquarters late on Thursday, he warned against an atmosphere in which privacy was “so absolute and sacrosanct that terrorists and others who mean us harm can confidently operate from behind those walls without fear of detection.” “If we are to do our job, MI5 will continue to need to be able to penetrate their communications as we have always done,” he said. “That means having the right tools, legal powers and the assistance of companies which hold relevant data.”
FTC’s Privacy Worries Prompt Netflix to Cancel Contest
Course Logistics

◆ Wednesday, 4-6:30pm
◆ 1-credit option:
  attendance + class participation
◆ 3-credit option:
  + project + occasional homework
Syllabus (Tentative, Unordered)

◆ Security and privacy threats “in the wild”
◆ Entrepreneurship in security and privacy
◆ Information law
◆ Government regulation of security and privacy
◆ Penetration testing
◆ Cyberwarfare
◆ Surveillance
◆ Censorship resistance and anonymity
◆ Bitcoin