

BUSINESS RISK UPDATE

Welcome to the latest edition of 'Business Risk Update', the newsletter from KCS Group Europe specifically for our clients and partners to provide you with a snapshot of latest news and articles from the business.

KCS Group Europe and Pervade Software partnership



KCS recently announced that it had formed a partnership with leading cyber-security specialist Pervade Software, to further enhance the services the company can offer to help its clients and their customers combat the growing issue of

Cyber-security – an area of increasing and significant risk to organisations in today's business world. Whilst organisations are becoming more aware of the need to protect themselves against cyber-attacks and to take steps to make sure that systems and defences are protected, often, this is seen as a stand-alone activity.

Combining human intelligence services and cyber-security research and mitigation recommendations can provide a much more detailed holistic analysis and approach. This is

particularly true in sectors where data protection, development, security and intellectual property are key to success and growth.

Under the Partnership, the respective teams will also work together and undertake research and development, particularly into Dark Web Monitoring Products and Services, combining this with existing technical capabilities and expertise to further enhance the service offering for clients to deliver a market leading product.

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A ruse by any other name...



Sometimes a single punctuation mark or letter can make all the difference. Phishes and scams that take a well-known name and twist it ever so slightly are growing in seriousness and number – be it an apparently genuine request for information never

normally asked for, an individual erroneously claiming to be from a company, or a marketing mail that contains a curious link. In all cases, the plausibility and credibility are there – but the devil is in the detail.

It is estimated that 30% of spam emails are opened by recipients. Sometimes this will be enough in itself for malware to be downloaded and activated, but more often it is the content of the email that is troubling. A request for monies to be transferred to a given bank account where the

firm name seems genuine but the author is new... an invitation to claim free sporting tickets by clicking on a link... a demand that an attached document be opened and dealt with... these are all situations that are plausible and every-day, but it is in this routine nature that the phishers hope to strike. If we fall into the mentality of blithely 'dealing with' things rather than maintaining a critical and sceptical attitude, then we become inured to the possibility – or indeed probability – that we can fall into a trap.

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India: Saffron revolution or retrenchment?

Narendra Modi was recently overwhelmingly re-elected as Indian Prime Minister, with his Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) winning 270 million individual votes and confirming Modi's personal position as India's most powerful man in years. BJP's victory was expected, but not on this scale, not even needing a coalition to confirm governing success. However, both the victory and the scale of it come with potentially seismic consequences.



The stats speak for themselves: the largest democratic exercise in the world, the highest domestic turnout, the biggest single mandate. All leapt upon by

the BJP to publicise their victory. But the figures and the pictures of Modi's saffron-thronged supporters cannot disguise the deeper truths that India is facing its most difficult period in some time and decisions taken in the near future will set the agenda for the subcontinent, both domestically and internationally.

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