

Note that the year 2026, this month we are giving you some of the 2025 Cybersecurity Trends that will continue to shape the digital landscape in 2026. Cybersecurity trends are patterns in how attackers operate and how technology evolves. Understanding them can help you protect your data and stay ahead of risks.

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Social Engineering:

Unlike common phishing and baiting tactics, social engineering takes a more active approach to infiltration. Social engineering attacks require the perfect storm of human manipulation; often resulting in downloads and shared information that never should have been conducted in the first place. Maybe your attacker poses as a trusted coworker asking for confidential job-related information. Alternatively, maybe they take a position of power, using fear tactics to instill urgency in obtaining the information they desire. Never share your most critical information unless you have true, face to face verification that your interaction is a real one, not a conversation engineered to appear as something it's not.

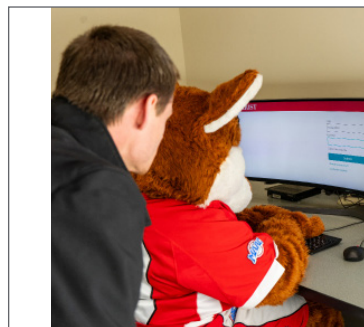
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SMS Phishing:

In an era where virtual communication is a given, we must keep an open eye out for SMS Phishing attacks, better known as Smishing attacks. Smishing is an attack that involves the use of fake text messages to trick users into downloading malware or sharing sensitive information. Studies have shown that people are actually more likely to click on links embedded within text messages in comparison to emails, so next time anything suspicious comes through via text, always be sure to double check.

April is DATA PRIVACY

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