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1. WELCOME

We are proud to be one of the UK's leading independent security consultancies. We provide penetration testing, web application security testing, network security audits and related security consultancy services. Visit us at <http://www.fbtechies.co.uk>.

A lot has happened to First Base Technologies in these last three months, as you will see in this edition.

We hope that the information in this newsletter will be useful to you and would love to get your feedback regarding the content. What would you like to see in future issues? Do you have anything you would like to submit for inclusion? Please feel free to send an email to: webmaven@firstbase.co.uk with your comments.

Peter Wood - Partner (Chief of Operations)

Didi Barnes - Partner (Head of R&D)

2. FBTECHIES NEWS

One of the biggest events for us of the year - in fact, the entire life of First Base Technologies - was that we had a potential security incident in the shape of an office fire which occurred during the evening of Sunday 4 April. That we are proud to "practice what we preach" meant we were actually up and running one day later thanks to our excellent in-house disaster recovery procedures and backup policy.

We have provided a whole section on our web site about this: the experience, the photographs and the lessons we learned, hoping to help arm others with ideas they can use to ameliorate the effects of such a situation, should they be as unlucky as we were to experience one.

To read more, click over to <http://www.fbtechies.co.uk/Content/Fire/fire.shtml>

3. WHITE-HATS.CO.UK

white-hats.co.uk is a vendor-neutral user group that we set up in May 2002 with the intention of providing a knowledge base and a friendly support group for IT security management and staff. All prospective members undergo a full vetting process, and are expected to sign a confidentiality agreement, prior to being admitted for membership, allowing open discussion of key issues in a confidential environment. Membership comprises, and is open to (provided that they clear vetting), IT security professionals working for UK business and government.

Click over to <http://www.white-hats.co.uk> to find out more...



****NEXT MEETING**** Friday 8 October: "The Modern Surveillance Threat - do you want to take part in Big Brother?" - exploring industrial espionage and bug sweeping.

The facilitators of this session are Neil Hare-Brown and Jason Dibley from QCC Information Security.

In addition, and for the first time, there will be an afternoon session facilitated by well known speaker, John Sherwood, on risk and governance (exact topic yet to be announced).

Book now - go to <http://www.white-hats.co.uk/joining.htm> to secure a place...

****WORKSHOPS**** We would like to start holding quarterly member-only workshops and skills transfer sessions. If you would be interested in these, please could you take a few moments to complete the form at <http://www.white-hats.co.uk/contactform.htm> so we can ascertain demand and plan topics according to member's preferences. We think this will be an unique opportunity to provide skills transfer at the same time as share real-life stories in the confidential and friendly setting of white-hats.

****WEB SITE**** The web site has been revamped to make it more user-friendly. If you experience any problems with it we'd be grateful if you'd let us know.

4. WHAT WENT ON AT INFOSECURITY EUROPE 2004?

Even though we were in the midst of sorting out the aftermath of the office fire which occurred only a couple of weeks before, we decided to go ahead and attend the event - and with a bigger stand this year. What a success it turned out to be. With nearly 200 new enquiries and lots of attention, First Base Technologies reinforced their position as a market leader, despite being in a field with very large names such as KPMG. Peter Wood was asked to give one of the technical seminars which he did to much approval.

Check out <http://www.fbtechies.co.uk/Content/NewsEvents/Infosec/exhibitions.shtml> for photographs and an account of the event.

****PRIZE CROSSWORD**** we held a security and computing themed crossword competition during Infosec. You can see the results, the crossword and the solution if you click over to <http://fbtechies.co.uk/Content/NewsEvents/Crossword/crossword-2004-04.shtml>. We plan to periodically hold these competitions on our web site and will announce the next competition in this newsletter.

5. SUBSCRIPTION INFORMATION

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