What’s New?

2019 GRCC Phishing Campaign
Are you prepared to catch the phishing email?
Soon the GRCC Information Security Team will be releasing a phishing email to all of GRCC faculty and staff.
The results of this campaign are being used to baseline our progress on the college becoming more aware and educated on these types of malicious attacks.

If your department has the lowest click-rate percentage... you just might be rewarded for having a keen eye in catching phishing emails 😊

Bluetooth Hacking?! Yes, it’s a real thing!
There are TWO main ways to help ensure that you do not become a victim of Bluetooth hacking:

1. Disable Bluetooth when you are not actively using it to connect to Bluetooth devices such as your car, headphones, speakers, watches, etc.

2. Make sure your phone or computer is Updated as new updates will include patches to fix discovered vulnerabilities.

The Variety of Bluetooth Hacks
There are several different types of Bluetooth hacks and, yes, the following are all the real names for them:

- Bluesmacking – Overflows Bluetooth enabled (Bluetooth: On) devices with random information causing the device to crash
- Bluesnarfing- theft of information from a Bluetooth connection
- Bluejacking – sending unsolicited messages over Bluetooth
- Bluebugging – occurs when the hacker remotely accesses an enabled Bluetooth device and uses its features

A History Lesson on Bluetooth

The Origin
Have you ever wondered where the name Bluetooth came from?
If you haven’t already researched the story, you may be surprised to discover how the name came about.

Bluetooth was the nickname given to King Harald Gormsson, who was famous for uniting Denmark and Norway in 958 and for his dead tooth, a dark blue/grey, in which rooted the nickname “Bluetooth”.

The Collaboration
When Intel, Ericsson and Nokia met in 1996 to discuss the standardization of the short-range radio technology and making it compatible among different products and industries, Jim Kardash (Intel) suggested the temporary name “Bluetooth” for the reason that King Harald Bluetooth united Denmark and Norway as they intended to unite PC and cellular industries with a short-range wireless link.

The Logo
As seen below, the Bluetooth logo is a merging of the ancient rune letters of H & B (Harald’s initials)

Please contact IT_Security_Team@grcc.edu with any questions or concerns