

# Experts warn of increased cyber attacks during Christmas and urge for immediate testing

ELY, UK, November 12, 2014 /EINPresswire.com/ -- [IT Governance](#), the fast-growing cyber security services provider and a CREST-accredited company, warns businesses of the potential of increased cyber attacks before and during Christmas. The experts at IT Governance are reminding businesses of last year's cyber attack on retailer Target, in which over 40 million credit and debit card numbers were compromised.

Geraint Williams, Head of Technical Services at IT Governance, says, "Cyber criminals are especially active during Christmas and there is often an increase in phishing attacks, DDoS attacks, fraud and payment card data theft. Consumers and employees are a particularly attractive target of phishing emails that look very trustworthy and are difficult to recognise."

To help companies test their systems and address the human factor at the same time, IT Governance is offering an email phishing campaign to test staff awareness free of charge in conjunction with their Combined Infrastructure and Web Application [Penetration Test](#) – Level 1.

Williams continues, "It is of paramount importance that organisations that haven't tested their infrastructure and web applications services for vulnerabilities recently do so immediately. A pen test will help you identify and fix vulnerabilities and security holes as quickly as possible, and confirm that your cyber controls are working as effectively as they need to."

IT Governance's Combined Infrastructure and Web Application Penetration Test – Level 1 is a consultant-driven penetration testing service that identifies potential vulnerabilities in an organisation's infrastructure and web applications, and provides recommendations to improve network security.

Williams adds, "In recognition of the fact that employees are often the weakest link, we will add a free email phishing campaign to test staff awareness for customers who book our service in November. This will help the IT department identify employees who click through the phishing links and we will recommend countermeasures to address social engineering issues."

To find out more about the Combined Infrastructure and Web Application Penetration Test – Level 1 service, visit: [www.itgovernance.co.uk/shop/p-1575.aspx](http://www.itgovernance.co.uk/shop/p-1575.aspx).

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