Internet of Things Security Foundation Set for Global Launch

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Seeks to drive IoT security excellence

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It has been announced today that a collaborative initiative has been established to respond to rising concerns over security in the Internet of Things. The Internet of Things Security Foundation (IoTSF) will publically launch on September 23rd at the Digital Catapult in London.

At the launch event, IoTSF will set out its intent, mission and programme of activities designed to promote security excellence in IoT systems. The need for such an initiative has been validated through analysis, stakeholder consultations and an IoT Security Summit held earlier this year at the world famous Bletchley Park. The result is an initiative which will be vendor-neutral, international and collaborative, it will be dedicated to propagating security excellence in IoT applications. Pre-launch, IoTSF already has the backing of over 30 organisations from global brands to academic institutions.

As more and more devices are being attached to the Internet, for a multitude of reasons, the potential attack surface and corresponding security threat increases dramatically. Adversaries with wide-ranging motivations have an ever-rich target where security gaps, sometimes caused by a basic lack of knowledge, are being exposed on a daily basis. IoTSF has been formed in response to a spectrum of security concerns as the rise in global IoT system deployments is greatly anticipated.

John Moor, representing the IoTSF commented, "the opportunity for IoT is staggering. There are a great many possibilities for businesses in all sectors including manufacturing, transport, health, home, consumer and public services. However, there are ever-real security challenges that accompany those opportunities. It is vital to the adoption of existing and new systems that security is addressed from the start, that it is fit for purpose and it can be managed over the life cycle of the system. Our intention is simple - drive excellence in IoT security. By creating a dedicated focus on security, IoTSF aims to be the home for providers, adopters and beneficiaries of IoT products and services.

Given the nature of IoT systems, this can only be done by working internationally and with others. We will therefore be inviting organisations throughout the IoT ecosystem, who have a commitment to secure products and services, to join IoTSF. We also intend to work with colleagues in other IoT alliances and the standards bodies, so we can effectively achieve our common goals."

The VIP launch event is by invitation only - for more details see www.iotsecurityfoundation.org

About the Internet of Things Security Foundation (IoTSF)

IoTSF has been formed as a response to existing and emerging threats in Internet of Things applications.

IoTSF is an international, collaborative and vendor-neutral initiative led by industry and inclusive of all technology providers and service beneficiaries.

IoTSF will officially launch on September 23rd at the Digital Catapult, London.

IoTSF is facilitated by NMI, the non-profit trade association for electronic systems, microelectronics and semiconductors.

For more information, news and further announcements, visit the official website at www.iotsecurityfoundation.org

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