IT Security Bulletin

The IT Security Bulletin is sent on a quarterly basis or as needed to inform the WKU community of IT security issues and best practices. If you have any questions, please contact the IT Helpdesk at 270-745-7000, via online chat at http://www.wku.edu/it/chat, or submit a request online at http://www.wku.edu/it/helpdesk/.

Windows Server 2003 EOL (End of Life)

After July 14, 2015, Microsoft will no longer release security patches for Windows Server 2003 because the operating system has reached its End Of Life (EOL). WKU IT will decommission all Server 2003 servers from the datacenter by this date, but there may be some on WKU's network that IT does not manage. If you operate a server that runs Windows Server 2003, please make plans to upgrade it before July 14. After July 14, IT may deny network access to machines running Windows Server 2003. If you have any questions, please contact the IT Helpdesk.

Piracy

It is a violation of the Information Technology Acceptable Use Policy to use the University network or equipment to download or share copyrighted content including music, movies, and software. This includes the use of BitTorrent and other file sharing software. WKU is responsible for addressing any complaints that we receive from anti-piracy organizations, movie studios, etc. The practice of downloading and sharing pirated content is not only against University policy, it is also illegal.

Spam

Spam email is defined as email that is both unsolicited and typically sent in bulk. Most bulk email that you receive will have a link to unsubscribe at the bottom of the email. The best way to make sure that you no longer receive unwanted email from a particular source is to utilize the unsubscribe link. If you continue to receive email after unsubscribing, please forward the email to spam@wku.edu.

University Policy

All users of WKU Information Technology resources, including but not limited to WKU employees and students, are required to read and understand WKU's IT policies. Failure to understand and abide by these policies could not only result in disciplinary action but could expose the University or you to

various liabilities. IT policies, like technology in general, evolve over time, so it is a good idea to review them regularly for changes. Please see the IT policy web site for more information:

http://www.wku.edu/it/policies/

Phishing

Phishing email is email that is sent with the intent of tricking the recipient into disclosing personal information such as passwords and financial information. If you receive a phishing email, please forward it to phish@wku.edu.

Below is an example (links inactivated) of a recent phishing email sent to WKU employees:

General Evaluation System;

The following evaluations have been assigned to you. Please login to complete these evaluations.
CLICK HERE TO LOGIN USING SECURE ENCRYPTION

NOTE: Your login will time out after 60 minutes. Your responses will be lost if you do not click on the "Sign in" button before 60 minutes lapses. There is no prompt when your 60 minute session has expired. Please save extensive comments periodically and check your time.

Connected to Microsoft Exchange