

Press Release

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Five questions on eBanking security

The Information Security Centre of Excellence of Lucerne University advocates secure eBanking. With the help of five questions on our www.ebankingabersicher.ch website, we are now offering all users a chance to assess their level of knowledge of this topic.

Early in April, it emerged that the Open SSL encryption software is vulnerable to attack. As this software is used for a great number of different Internet services, such as eBanking, online shops, social networking or e-mail, this report caused worldwide alarm. All organisations concerned were therefore quick to close this security gap.

Nowadays, it is common practice to collect, process and store data electronically. Often, this involves sensitive information, requiring special protection against the increasing number of fraud attempts on the Internet. For this reason, experts of the Information Security Centre of Excellence of Lucerne University provide advanced training for specialists on anything information security-related, and also advise companies, administrations and associations on these issues. Our Centre of Excellence, which is part of the Institute of Business Informatics (IWI, see box) particularly advocates secure eBanking, and has created the «eBanking – but secure!» platform in this regard (www.ebas.ch). This serves to support banks with training their staff and to inform users about the correct way of handling their electronic payments and bank account management. «Anyone following a few rules can contribute a great deal to making eBanking even more secure. For example, this includes your password selection,» Oliver Hirschi, lecturer and Head of «eBanking – but secure!» says.

Our quiz is also a competition

To increasingly sensitise users to this issue, a quiz is now available on the «eBanking – but secure!» website from today. There are five questions to answer, for instance on mobile banking. This quiz also provides tips on how to protect your data against unwanted access. Not only can you be sure that your knowledge is up to date if you reply to these questions correctly, but you will also take part in a competition. The main prize is one night's stay for two people at the Pilatus incl. first class return travel from the winner's residential address.

Our quiz on eBanking security can be found at www.ebas.ch/quiz.

Institute for Business Informatics IWI is 25 years old

The Institute for Business Informatics of Lucerne University commenced operations in 1989. To begin with, the main aim was to provide advanced training for specialists at our centre; today our institute is also responsible for their education: There are currently 203 students participating in Bachelor or Master courses in Business Informatics today. Our 25th anniversary will be celebrated with a number of guest speaker presentations. Further information can be found here: www.hslu.ch/iwi25.

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