Mass Awareness a Must to Combat Cyber Threats

Speakers, at a seminar on October 29 last, emphasized on mass awareness as well as joint steps from public private sector to combat the threats over internet.

The experts also said that many countries have announced same target of technology-based state in different tags following the 'Digital Bangladesh' theme.

"Only government can't achiev the target of safe cyber space. Every citizen has to contribute from their own domain to secure the connectivity here," speakers came to the common remark at a seminar organized by Information Systems Audit and Control Association (ISACA) Dhaka chapter marking the Cyber Security Awareness Month-2016 at a Dhaka conference centre.

Bangladesh Telecommunication Regulatory Commission (BTRC) Chairman Shahjahan Mahmood, ISACA Dhaka chapter President AKM Nazrul Haider, Bangladesh University of Professionals (BUP) law department head Assc Prof Zulfiquar Ahmed, Daffodile International University (DIU) software engineering department head Towhid Bhuiyan, ISACA Dhaka Chapter Secretary Omar Faruk Khandaker, Grameenphone Information Security department lead Shahadat Hossain, Information Systems Cyber Awareness (ICE) Bangladesh chapter President MR Maruf Ahmed and Eastern Bank information security Manager Mohammad Abul Kalam Azad, among others, spoke on the occasion, ISACA Dhaka chapter first President Ali Ashfak in chair.

BTRC Chairman Shahjahan Mahmood said that there are around 6 crore and 32 lakh of people in Bangladesh connected over internet according regulatory database.ISACA first President Ali Ashfak said that the organization of ISACA has been working to build up awareness among mass to contribute to secure cyber space.

The guests handed over the certificates to the 35 participants of different courses conducted by ISACA after the discussion ◆

Apple Slashes the Price of USB-C Dongles Over MacBook Pro Port Outcry

The new MacBook Pro has a few pretty awesome features, the headliner of which is the new Touch Bar. The TouchBar, however, isn't the only change — another big change to the computer is the fact that it now only has USB-C/Thunderbolt ports. What this means is that most of your peripherals are going to need adapters to work properly.

That's sparked some outrage among Apple customers. While most consider USB-C to be the future of the ubiquitous port, the fact is that Apple is not yet at a point when all our devices would work with the new standard. Thankfully, it seems like Apple has listened to its customers concerns, and given its USB-C dongles a major price cut.

It's a little unfortunate that these price cuts aren't permanent — but it's nice that its happening at all.

As you can see, in one case the price cut is as much as 50 percent, which is a pretty good deal for those in the market for new dongles and adapters. Sure, you could probably find even cheaper adapters on Amazon, but the fact that you can now order a MacBook Pro and the adapters you'll need in one package at a relatively low price is a big deal ◆

Microsoft loses about 40 million Internet Explorer users in one month

Despite continued updates and improvements to its Edge browser, Microsoft can't seem to hold on to users as they transition from various versions of Internet Explorer. The latest figures suggest that in October alone, Microsoft shed some 40 million users, with the likes of Chrome and Firefox scooping them up.

Looking at the latest data from Net Market Share, Chrome is still the undisputed king of the hill, boasting the kind of percentages Microsoft used to enjoy — with a 55 percent market share at the end of October. It found an extra 0.58 percent from the likes of Internet Explorer, which dropped a surprising 2.5 percent — equivalent to about 40 million users, per Computer World.

That is quite a surprising turn, considering 2016 has not been Firefox's best. Its user base has fluctuated frequently, bottoming out at 7.69 percent in August, but it quickly recovered. Regardless, the largest shift came from Microsoft's Internet Explorer. Though you might have expected a large number of those turncoats to adopt Microsoft Edge instead, they did not. While the new face of Microsoft's web portal was been steadily growing since its introduction with Windows 10 in mid-2015, it has not seen any real spikes in user adoption. Following this most recent exodus from the old IE standards, Edge saw just a 0.1-percent increase in its user share. Considering the ease Microsoft has in marketing its browsers to users compared to Chrome or Firefox, this is rather surprising. It has spent much of 2016 seeing its browser dominance overtaken easily by Chrome, which overtook the multiple different versions of Internet Explorer in April. At the end of 2015, Microsoft's total browser share was comparable to Chrome's now and yet as we close out 2016, it has been reduced to barely a quarter ◆

Samsung Unveils a Premium Flip Smartphone

The device features dual 4.2-inch SAMOLED displays.

Samsung has unveiled a new Android smartphone in the flip form-factor dubbed W2017. The smartphone is the successor to the W2016 which was unveiled last year. The smartphone features a dual-display setup.

Both the displays are 4.2-inch full-HD Super AMOLED panels with a resolution of 1920x1080 pixels. The device gets an all-aluminium frame which adds to the aesthetics and the durability of the smartphone. The smartphone is a considerable 15.8mm thick and weighs a hefty 208 grams. On the inside you also get a conventional T9 keypad.

Now, even though this is a flip smartphone, the device packs in a punch when it comes to hardware. Under the hood, the smartphone is rocking Qualcomm's Snapdragon 820 quad core processor with two cores clocked at 2.1GHz, and the other two clocked 1.6GHz. The processor comes paired with 4GB of RAM. Users get 64GB of internal memory which can be further expanded using a microSD card slot up to 256GB. Coming to the optics on the smartphone, Samsung W2017 gets a 12-megapixel rear camera with an f/1.7 aperture and LED flash. The rear camera is capable of shooting 4K video at 30fps ◆