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**FRIDAY**

**September 30, 2016**

*U.S. government officials are starting to rattle the saber when it comes to cyber warfare. HHS needs to step up its cybersecurity enforcements. And we hit the rewind button on another busy week. This is CyberScoop for Friday, September 30.*

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**FLEXIN' THE CYBER MUSCLE:** Following a meeting with Vladimir Putin at the G20 summit earlier this year, President Obama issued a subtle warning to his Russian counterpart by saying that the U.S. boasts “more capacity than anybody, both offensively and defensively” when it comes to cyber warfare. Those remarks weren’t lost on U.S. officials responsible for overseeing cybersecurity, given the shifting tone also incorporated by democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton during the first presidential debate. In both instances, the democratic leaders deliberately touched upon the U.S.’ supremacy in cyberspace, which sources tells us it can act as a deterrent mechanism. [Chris Bing asked some top officials](#) how they see the tone changing in Washington.

**SOS FOR HHS?:** It's well-understood that health records are among the most valuable forms of personal data for hackers to steal, yet the cost and efficiency savings of putting them online continues to drive U.S. government policy. There are regulations governing the privacy and security of those records, and the Department of Health and Human Services is responsible for enforcing them. [But as Shaun reports](#), investigators from the Government Accountability Office recently found HHS' efforts in that area lacking.

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## EVENT

**JOIN US OCT. 18 FOR FEDTALKS!:** FedTalks is the largest annual gathering of the top leaders from the tech and government IT communities. In our 6th annual gathering, over 1,200 of the most influential leaders from gov, tech, and politics will come together from across the country to discuss how technology and people can change government and our communities. [REGISTER HERE](#).

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**WEEKLY REWIND:** Here's what you may have missed this week:

- Former U.S. intel leaders warn that [legal action against Yahoo](#) will hurt FBI cyber efforts
  - Tech-savvy lawmakers [found blockchain caucus](#)
  - NSA deputy: IoT is a [growing security problem](#)
  - Testing lab publicly rebukes [security products' privacy policies](#)
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## WHAT WE'RE WATCHING

**HAMMERING THE RISK MANAGEMENT MESSAGE:** In the latest episode of our Symantec's Cyber Innovation Heroes series, Greg Touhill, now Federal CISO, then Deputy Assistant Secretary for Cybersecurity and Communications at DHS, talks about what he has done to protect federal

networks -- including how agencies are moving toward a risk management mindset when it comes to their cybersecurity strategy. [Watch here](#).

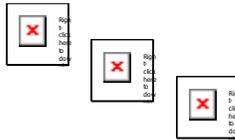
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## TWEET OF THE DAY



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