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What, exactly, does Mike Pompeo have to say about cybersecurity? And what's up with the next FinTech Forum?

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**TUESDAY**

**January 17, 2017**

*Election systems being designated as critical infrastructure may not be long for this world. Trump's nominee for CIA director has been mum on cybersecurity. And a Virginia man was awfully brazen with his self-built keylogger. This is CyberScoop for Tuesday, January 17.*

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**SO MUCH FOR THAT:** Remember a few weeks ago when DHS classified election tech as critical infrastructure? Yeah, that's probably not going to last very long. Critics — numbering many of the state officials, including Democrats, who organize elections — say they were already getting assistance from DHS and question why so many offline elements of election infrastructure were included in the designation. Technically, the designation made election systems — including “storage facilities, polling places, and centralized vote-tabulation locations used to support the election process,” among other things — a subsector of the existing government facilities critical infrastructure sector, alongside the two current subsectors: National monuments and icons and education facilities. Now [Shaun Waterman reports](#) on what that may be short lived.

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**SILENT SPY CHIEF:** As a congressman and vocal member of the House Intelligence Committee, Rep. Mike Pompeo has been greatly involved in legislation on intelligence-gathering activities and the handling of classified information. However, he's been mum on cybersecurity as a whole. He's been involved in a few cyber-specific legislation, perhaps most engaged with the Cyber Intelligence Sharing and Protection Act of 2012 — a predecessor to the Cybersecurity Information Sharing Act of 2015, establishing a cyber threat intelligence platform between the private sector and federal government. [Chris Bing looks at his record](#) over the past few years.

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## EVENT

**DATA SECURITY IN FOCUS:** The need for agencies to meet regulations and fulfill unfunded mandates will continue into the next administration. Federal IT shops are going to be saddled with protecting their data, which is only going to grow in volume. During this webinar on Jan. 18, experts will explain how agencies can embrace new forms of encryption without the worry that it will break their systems. Experts from government and HPE will take a look at how format-preserving encryption can allow for agencies to conduct their work without systems slowing down or breaking altogether. [REGISTER HERE](#).

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**SHAME:** A Virginia man pleaded guilty on Friday to charges of aiding and abetting computer intrusion, accused of writing a keylogger that sold to over 3,000 people and infected 16,000 victims. Zachary Shames sold the keylogger on the infamous forum HackForums.Net, according to a researcher. HackForums is the seven-year-old information security web forum, known to be a center for both freewheeling education and cybercrime. [Patrick O'Neill has more](#) on what did Shames in.

**THIRD TIME'S A CHARM:** The third Federal Trade Commission FinTech Forum next month will focus on the consumer implications of two of the most rapidly emerging transformative technologies: artificial intelligence and blockchain. The FTC says the technology “may be used, for example, to provide personalized financial services for consumers, including providing money management tools.” The event aims “to bring together industry participants, consumer groups, researchers, and government representatives, to examine the ways in which these technologies are being used to offer consumers services, the potential benefits, and consumer protection implications as these technologies continue to develop,” states the notice. [Shaun has more.](#)

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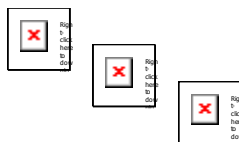
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