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We're still following the NSA fallout, too...

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The leaked exploits tied to the Equation Group look to be real. Phishing may never go away, but that isn't stopping people from trying to find a technical fix. And these old government systems are not keeping federal infosec staff at ease. This is CyberScoop for Wednesday, August 17.

SO THIS NSA THING LOOKS LEGIT: Some of the cyber weapons supposedly stolen from a hacker group affiliated with the NSA are both legitimate and currently functional, say cybersecurity researchers and experts. Cisco and Fortinet, two of the firms whose products were the apparent target of secret exploits shared by the Shadow Brokers, acknowledged the existence of the actual firewall exploits to CyberScoop. We've since confirmed — based on analysis from Richmond, Va.-based consultancy Risk Based Security — that several of the shared weapons also appear to be of the zero-day category. Chris is here [with the latest](#).

PHISHING FIXES: The easiest way for an online criminal to get at your bank account or a hacker to get into your network is still the simple phishing email. "You can't patch stupid," as they say, and it seems no amount of training or education can stop people clicking on malicious links or booby-

trapped attachments. But as Shaun Waterman [has been finding out](#), there are several technical solutions that present some promise in making phishers' jobs harder.

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THE QUEST TO PROTECT THE GRID CONTINUES: The Energy Department is hoping to push forward with a proposed \$34 million cybersecurity development program to protect America's critical energy infrastructure. While the funding still requires congressional approval, the plan is designed to lean heavily on a cohort of security contractors, research centers and one academic institution. Projects include the construction of defensive software systems, detection tools and educational programs. [Chris has more.](#)

OUT WITH THE OLD: When Dell asked gov agencies to cite concerns with legacy IT, guess what was the most frequently mentioned? (I mean, you're smart and reading CyberScoop, I'm guessing you've caught on by now.) Cybersecurity! Forty-two percent of the survey's respondents are worried about their infosec issues due to their aging systems. For instance, both Microsoft Windows 7 and Windows 8 have passed their "end of life," but the report notes that many respondents are still using one of the two systems. Eek. [Samantha Ehlinger has more.](#)

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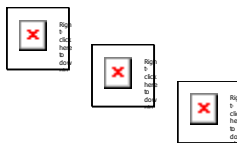
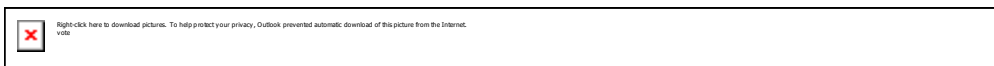
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'A STRONG VARIETY OF SOLUTIONS': In this week's episode of our Cyber Innovation Heroes series, Michael Garcia, Deputy Director for NIST's NSTIC program talks about the work his project is doing in bringing new technology to the market, and how he hopes that tech will eventually be integrated into government. Given NIST's announcement around SMS, Garcia gives some great insight on the way NSTIC brass thinks. [Watch here.](#)

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