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ICO call for views: Anonymisation, pseudonymisation and privacy enhancing technologies guidance

The ICO is calling for views on the first draft chapter of its Anonymisation, pseudonymisation and privacy enhancing technologies draft guidance. They will be sharing their thinking in stages to ensure they gather as much feedback as possible to help refine and improve the final guidance, which will be consulted on at the end of the year.

ICO News: Conservative Party fined £10,000 for sending unlawful emails

The Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) has fined the Conservative Party £10,000 for sending 51 marketing emails to people who did not want to receive them.

It follows an ICO investigation relating to emails sent from the Conservative Party in the name of Rt Hon Boris Johnson MP during the eight days in July 2019 after he was elected Prime Minister. The emails were addressed to the people they were sent to by name and promoted the party's political priorities, with the last sentence including a link directing them to a website for joining the Conservative Party.

News Article: EU Court Rules UK GCHQ Mass Surveillance Violated Right to Privacy; "Meaningful Safeguards" Must Be Installed

A long-running series of lawsuits dating back to 2013 has culminated in a judgement against the United Kingdom's Government Communications Headquarters (GCHQ) by the European Court of Human Rights (ECHR). GCHQ is being taken to task for a mass surveillance program first revealed by the Edward Snowden leak, marking the first ruling against the UK government of this nature since the program came to light.

News Article: Have I Been Pwned teams with FBI, gives open-source access to code

The breach aggregator Have I Been Pwned, one of the most popular tools to test the real-world strength of passwords, made two significant announcements on Friday: A collaboration with the FBI to obtain new, hacked passwords, and contributing some of its code-base to the open-source community.

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