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PCI COUNCIL TO HOST WEBINAR ON “BACKOFF” MALWARE

—First in educational webinar series on threats and vulnerabilities to provide tips and resources for protecting against malware exploits—

WAKEFIELD, Mass., 12 March 2015— Today the PCI Security Standards Council (PCI SSC) announced it will host a webinar on how organizations can defend against “Backoff” malware, featuring insights from the Visa Payment System Cyber Intelligence Team. The session is the first in a series of educational webinars on threats and vulnerabilities the Council will deliver to PCI Participating Organizations in 2015 to aid in their payment security efforts.

Hacking into a vulnerable back office PC to implant malware continues to be a top attack method for stealing valuable payment card data, according to breach reports, and “[backoff](#)” malware specifically has been identified at the root of a number of recent compromises. Released today, the [Verizon 2015 PCI Compliance Report](#) highlights that organizations are still struggling with implementing and maintaining proper security measures detect and mitigate these attacks.

“Defending Against ‘Backoff’ Malware” on 26 March 2015 at 1:00 p.m. ET (10:00 a.m. PT) will help organizations understand how this type of malware is exploited and provide tips and resources for protecting against it.

Webinar presenters are:

- ◆ Laura K. Johnson, Communications Manager, PCI Security Standards Council
- ◆ Troy Leach, Chief Technology Officer, PCI Security Standards Council
- ◆ Stan Hui, Program Manager, North America Merchant Risk, Visa
- ◆ Glen Jones, Senior Director, Cyber Intelligence and Investigations, Visa

The presentation will be followed by a live question and answer session.

PCI Participating Organizations can register at:

<https://www.pcisecuritystandards.org/training/webinars.php>

“Malware continues to plague organizations in 2015. As the Verizon 2015 PCI Compliance Report highlights, these attacks can be mitigated, but organizations need to do a better job at detecting them as soon as possible,” said PCI SSC Communications Manager Laura K. Johnson. “Understanding the threat is the first step to protecting against it. We’re excited tap into the expertise of our industry partners to provide this series of webinars for PCI Participating Organizations to educate them on threats to their business and the resources available to help defend against them.”

Check out these PCI resources on protecting against malware:

- ◆ [Infographic](#)
- ◆ [PCI Bulletin on Malware](#)

About the PCI Security Standards Council

The [PCI](#) Security Standards Council is an open global forum that is responsible for the development, management, education, and awareness of the PCI Data Security Standard ([PCI DSS](#)) and other standards that increase payment data security. Founded in 2006 by the major payment card brands American Express, Discover, JCB International, MasterCard and Visa Inc., the Council has 700 Participating Organizations representing merchants, banks, processors and vendors worldwide. To learn more about playing a part in securing payment card data globally, please visit: pcisecuritystandards.org. Connect with the PCI Council on [LinkedIn](#). Join the conversation on Twitter [@PCISSC](#).