

Tracking Data Breaches Across the Globe

January 27, 2014 - If you think that the number of reported data breaches around the globe is on the increase, you're correct. The more that companies and governments digitize our personal information, the more likely that all of us will become victims of a data breach. But how does anyone keep track of all of the data breaches that are occurring? Well, there is a website for that and it can be found at DatalossDB.org.

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The DatalossDB website contains a lot of data. A quick glance at it and you are likely to find information on data breaches that you knew nothing about. For instance, how about a data breach involving the personal information of 70,000 people who used the Healthcare.gov website on January 19th? The incident was a hack-attack that took four minutes to complete. Fortunately, the hacker involved was David Kennedy. He's one of the good guys and he has been telling virtually anyone who would listen to him that the Healthcare.gov website is insecure.

Or how about the 74,000 employee records (18,000 of which included SSNs) that were breached when a laptop computer belonging to Coca Cola was stolen in early December. Coca Cola didn't report the incident until the 24th of this month.

To use the site and to gain access to detailed information on data breaches, users do have to register. But registration is free and the data is well worth looking at. Each incident includes links to various articles and reports on the incident, which can be particularly helpful to anyone seeking information on a specific data breach. Incident reports also contain links to similar incidents.

Additionally, the site contains data on various state and federal laws concerning data breaches, including links to state and federal legal resources.

In looking through the site, we did find some links that didn't work. But overall, the data contained there more than makes up for any frustration caused by bad links. Anyone who is attempting to gain in-depth information on a specific data breach would be very well served to spend a little time on DatalossDB. And since there are approximately three new data breaches reported every day, virtually everyone now has a reason to be looking for information on data breaches.

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