

See [The Dyn DDOS Attack And The Changing Balance Of Online Cyber Power.](#)

On Oct 26 the FBI sent a bulletin to private companies warning that this is only the beginning, putting every company on notice that they will be responsible for protecting their products and services on the Internet.

See [FBI: New Malware to Spur More Large-Scale Cyber Attacks.](#)

For example a company that makes webcams that was part of this Mirai attack has agreed to pull their devices off the market until a software patch can be issued.

See [Webcams used to attack Reddit and Twitter recalled.](#)

So what is our part in all of this? This is a good reason why we need to perform all security updates on our devices. Also, we need to make sure that we are not still using default user names and passwords for our devices. The next time we have an appointment have me take an inventory of all your electronic devices and look and make sure that the devices in your home that are connected to the Internet are up-to-date and are not still using the default user name and password that came from the factory. This will at least stop viruses from using your devices for DOS attacks.



Indian scammers caught

IRS Scammers Caught

Last month federal authorities caught 52 people in the US and India who were part of a scam to call Americans posing as IRS agents and demanding payments. Over the years many of my clients have received such a phone call and have asked me if it is for real or not. Again I am warning everyone that if anyone calls you on the phone claiming to be from the IRS, Microsoft or another organization, just hang up on them. These calls are meant to scare you into giving them money so the safest thing for you to do is to do nothing. Just hang up on them.

More Information

[Authorities Arrest 52 IRS Tax Scammers from India and the US](#)

[Indian police break up tax scam that may have cheated Americans out of millions](#)

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Some of my clients do not realize that my business has expanded to all mobile devices. In fact, any consumer electronic product that you can purchase I can help you with. So if you would like help setting up or syncing your new smartphone or tablet or connecting your new WiFi TV to the Internet, just let me know.

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