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IT Security Update
Credential Consolidation

- Addition of Google Password Management through UA Easy Logon Maintenance Option (ELMO)
- General availability of UA Credentials through UA Online
- Single Sign On for Travel Expense Management
2014 IT Security Threat Trends

- Increases in DDoS attacks globally
- Legacy systems as security risk
- Android malware on the rise
- Increased phishing attempts
- BYOD
- Hacking of Everything
- Increase in State-sponsored attacks
Information Security in UA Confidential Hotline

- UA Confidential Hotline hosts IT security categories for reporting
- 2 primary investigators in OIT
- 0 reports to date
- Hotline reports will become a reported metric
Recent Fairbanks Area Network Outages

• UA information resources were used to perpetrate SNMP amplification attacks (DDoS) against other targets on the Internet
• The traffic volume overwhelmed our firewalls resulting in network outages for the Fairbanks campus
• Larger firewalls scheduled to be placed elsewhere will be re-tasked and leveraged as a mitigation
• Investigating DDoS attack specific services
Ounce of Prevention....

- Keep your systems patched and up to date
- Standardize your web software
- Secure your browsers
- Use a strong password
- Use an effective web protection solution
- Utilize encryption whenever possible
- Both professional and personal systems
- Education and outreach
Palo Alto Security Device
Questions & Comments