Tips on Avoiding Email Hacking Twitter Chat

On Thursday, April 9, FTC staff in the Division of Consumer and Business Education participated in a Twitter Chat hosted by OnGuardOnline.gov partner, oscillater. Staff used the FTC's primary account, @FTC, for the chat and the primary hashtag was: #ChatSTC.

Note: Tweets in their original order remain on the FTC's Twitter account for as long as Twitter allows.

At 3pm ET, staff will share tips on how to be safe & secure online during @STOPTHNKCONNECT's Twitter chat: http://t.co/wbNL4y0xpa #ChatSTC

RT @STOPTHNKCONNECT Welcome to another chat in the STOP. THINK. CONNECT. #ChatSTC Twitter chat series.

Hi, everyone! Thanks @stopthnkconnect for inviting us. Aditi here, joining from the FTC - the nation's consumer protection agency #ChatSTC

RT @STOPTHNKCONNECT Fantastic! Let's get started. Today, we'll share some things you can do to reduce your odds of being #hacked. #ChatSTC #5habits

We've got some great new http://t.co/KTUrn6vRzL resources to help you be safe, secure & responsible online! http://t.co/qeLN07kjqp #ChatSTC

RT @STOPTHNKCONNECT: What are some of the ways we expose ourselves to being hacked? #ChatSTC

A stranger might be able to see ur personal info if u send it thru sites/apps while connected to an unencrypted Wi-Fi hotspot. #ChatSTC

Watch this video on protecting ur info over public Wi-Fi hotspots - like in coffee shops, airports & hotels: http://t.co/TFOFojsgxU #ChatSTC

RT @STOPTHNKCONNECT What are some tips people can follow to reduce their odds of being hacked? #5habits #ChatSTC

Don't use the same password for multiple accounts. If it gets stolen, all of those accounts could

Use these tips for creating strong passwords: http://t.co/WfHyLaYYKx #ChatSTC

Think your email/social media has been hacked? Check out our new http://t.co/KTUrn6vRzL video on what to do: http://t.co/HtPy7AZIOZ #ChatSTCbe compromised. #ChatSTC

MT @STOPTHNKCONNECT @IntelSecurity: Think before you click = Habit 1. What tips do you have? #ChatSTC #5habits

Links could hide viruses, or lead to sites created by scammers to steal your personal info. #ChatSTC

Think your computer has been hacked or infected with a virus? Watch this video on what to do: http://t.co/SFJZxWb0Mm #ChatSTC

RT @STOPTHNKCONNECT When should we be using HTTPS and why? #ChatSTC #5habits

If you're shopping, banking or logging into any account online, stick to sites that use https encryption to protect your info. #ChatSTC

Look for https on every page of the site you're on, not just where you sign in: http://t.co/aD015z6swq #ChatSTC

If any part of your session isn't encrypted, the entire account could be vulnerable: http://t.co/aD015z6swg #ChatSTC

RT @STOPTHNKCONNECT How does enabling 2-factor authentication protect us #online? #ChatSTC #5Habits

Turn on 2-factor authentication - if your service provider offers it - as a way to deter hackers: http://t.co/5b6HH57XdD #ChatSTC

2-factor authentication = a password + something else to get into accounts (like a code sent to ur phone) to prove it's really you #ChatSTC

Thanks! MT @ncl_tweets: @FTC has great tips for surfing safely on public wifi nets (incl. using VPN) here: http://t.co/rB06TbdQpw #ChatSTC

@STOPTHNKCONNECT That's about all the time we have for today! Any last comments from our panelists? #ChatSTC #5habits

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Is your computer acting up? Watch this video on what to do if your computer was hacked: http://t.co/SFJZxWb0Mm #ChatSTC

Thanks for hosting @stopthnkconnect! It was great to chat with everyone! Signing off...#ChatSTC