

Green Ford Sales, a car dealership in Kansas, lost \$23,000 when hackers broke into their network and swiped bank account info. They added nine fake employees to the company payroll in less than 24 hours and paid them a total of \$63,000 before the company caught on. Only some of the transfers could be canceled in time.

Wright Hotels, a real estate development firm, had \$1 million drained from their bank account after thieves gained access to a company e-mail account. Information gleaned from e-mails allowed the thieves to impersonate the owner and convince the bookkeeper to wire money to an account in China.

Maine-based PATCO Construction lost \$588,000 in a Trojan horse cyber-heist. They managed to reclaim some of it, but that was offset by interest on thousands of dollars in overdraft loans from their bank.

Why You're A Target – And How To Fight Back!

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Increasingly, cyberthieves view SMEs like yours and mine as easy "soft targets." That's because all too often we have:

1. Bank accounts with thousands of dollars.
2. A false sense of security about not being targeted.
3. Our customers' credit card information, social security numbers and other vital data that hackers can easily sell on the black market.

If you don't want your company to become yet another statistic in today's cyberwar against smaller companies, and your business doesn't currently have a "bullet-proof" security shield, you **MUST** take action without delay – or put everything you've worked for at risk. The choice is yours.

Here are three things you can do right away:

1. Remove software that you don't need from any systems linked to your bank account.
2. Make sure everyone with a device in your network **NEVER** opens an attachment in an unexpected e-mail.
3. Require two people to sign off on every transaction.

Let Us Help

When it comes to defending your data, whether it's bank account information, customer and employee records or proprietary intellectual property or processes, Do **NOT** take chances.

At Pact-One, our experience and track record in keeping our clients' data safe speaks for itself.



"It's cheaper than a security cam."

Tesla To Build Self-Driving Tech Into All Cars

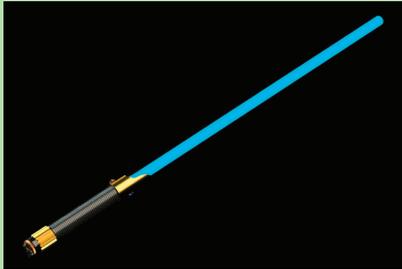


Tesla will build self-driving technology into all the electric cars it makes, running it in "shadow" mode to gather data on whether it is safer than having people in control.

"Every car that Tesla produces from here on out will have the full autonomy capability," said Tesla co-founder and chief executive Elon Musk. A new onboard computer with 40 times the processing power of the previous generation will run a new "neural net" for vision, sonar and radar sensors, he said. During a conference call with reporters, Musk referred to the hardware as "basically a

super-computer in a car," different from auto-pilot technology to date. It will be up to regulators and the public as to when the self-driving capabilities will actually be put to use on roads, according to Musk.

Shiny New Gadget Of The Month:



Resist The Dark Side With A Custom Lightsaber

The Sith Lord is about to strike – this is no time for an ordinary lightsaber. Time to pull out your own hand-made custom lightsaber...

You'd be hard-pressed to find an imaginary weapon as iconic as the Star Wars lightsaber. Haven't you (or someone you know) ever secretly yearned to wield one against an evil warlord? Well, in case you didn't know – you can. And, with your own custom-made lightsaber, you'll be well-armed.

These are no ordinary Hasbro plastic toys. In fact, the features and choices available at some of the top-rated lightsaber shops could well leave you "starstruck." From "flash-on-clash" to blade color to heavy, medium or light battle-readiness, to custom soundboards and circuitry, the choice is yours.

If you're a diehard do-it-yourselfer, complete kits are available. You can even get a double-bladed or cross-guard-type lightsaber. Prices range from about \$400 on up. For more details, check out <http://www.ultrasabers.com/>.

Choose well, young Padawan.

Accomplish More By Doing Less

As I've considered what some of today's greatest achievers – Richard Branson, Maria Shriver, Arnold Palmer, Tony Hawk, John Wooden and Colin Powell, among many others – have accomplished in their lifetimes, I've thought about why many of the rest of us work harder and put in longer hours without achieving the same big results. What makes the difference?

After a great deal of thought, I realized the key is not to do more or work harder; the key is actually to find ways to do less and think more, to be less busy and more productive. In this, I have struck upon the very secret to what separates the super-achievers from the rest of us.

I've started applying this strategy in my own life and work. And I'd like to share with you three of the principles I have found to move from stress-filled "success" to super-achievement and a more balanced lifestyle filled with joy, harmony and personal fulfillment.

Learn to Stop Doing

Reevaluate how you spend your time and stop doing the time-wasters. The only way you can gain more time is to stop doing something. If you don't like what your life has become, you need to figure out what to stop doing so you can concentrate on activities that bring better results in your life.

Consider: if you spent just 40% of your time on your high-value activities, you could double your income. Spend 60% or even 80%, and you could multiply your income by four times.

Create and Protect Your Boundaries

For a workaholic, these are dangerous times. The natural boundaries of time allocated to work, personal and family have been obliterated. Technology

has penetrated the walled garden separating these important segments of our lives. This breach provides for constant intrusions into our attention, keeping us constantly connected and at the mercy of a stream of information and demands.

Put a junk filter on your life. To filter incoming requests, you must first become clear on what you want.

Who are you? Who do you want to become? What is most important to you in life? What direction do you want your life to take?

What are your three most important goals for the year? This month? This week? Today?

After identifying your values, goals and priorities, put a junk filter on everything else and keep it out of your in-box and off your to-do list.

Don't Just Learn...

Knowledge isn't power; it's the potential of power. What you do with knowledge is where the power lies.

Don't just read a book and put it down. Read it, summarize the key ideas, then write out how you're going to implement those ideas in your life. Now act, review and improve. Stick with the ideas in that book until you realize a desired transformation.

I hope you'll take time to stop and examine your life and incorporate these principles into your daily routine on your journey to super-achievement.

Remember: it's not what you know; it's what you do.

Being “smart” isn’t just for phones and TVs anymore. Soon, Microsoft’s Cortana will be able to see inside your fridge. With cutting-edge, fridge-safe technologies, Cortana can identify the foods you place there. After spending some time with your fridge’s contents, Cortana learns your food preferences. It can even offer up recipes or shopping lists to make your life easier. While other smart fridges have cameras that show users what’s inside without opening the door, the Cortana version actually helps you keep your fridge stocked. By the time this fridge hits the market, it will have captured thousands of photos of food packages from around the world. And that means you may soon have a smart new helper when it comes to shopping and fixing meals.

-TechCrunch

Ditch the meeting, get more done. The average manager spends 30%-50% of their time in meetings. And most feel 67% of meetings are an utter waste. So what can we do to stop killing time? Quit having meetings. Here are three ways to tell if a meeting is worthwhile. 1) Compare cost to benefit. Take the number of folks attending times their

average pay rate. Multiply that by their time spent meeting. Is the desired outcome worth it? 2) Will this be a one-sided affair? A dead giveaway is the conference call when the boss puts everyone else on mute. 3) Is the meeting a guise for “communication?” Instead, send an e-mail, point to a website or suggest someone to consult with. Now you’re talking...

-Entrepreneur

Want earbuds that last – and sound great? Bragi’s new earbuds, named simply ‘The Headphone’ now have “bragging rights” on both battery life and sound quality. At six hours of battery life, these buds shred all competition. Bragi’s also delivers a crystal-clear sound that beats most Bluetooth and WiFi earbuds. And they let sounds come through from whatever space you’re in. They also receive phone calls and respond to voice commands. Plus, all of this is 100% wireless. They even include a sleek-looking lanyard-style carrying case. All that being said, The Headphone is well worth a look if you’re looking for a great pair of earbuds.

-DigitalTrends

Google’s Chromebook Pixel may have faded into a high-resolution sunset...

But the good news is, some great new challengers will soon take its place. The Dell Chromebook 13, for instance, sports a 1080p touch-screen display, aluminum chassis, glass trackpad and a (very fast) Intel Core i3 processor. Meanwhile, weighing in at just 2.9 pounds, the Toshiba Chromebook 2 delivers nearly the same performance as the Dell. Yet at a full two pounds less, you’ll appreciate its light weight. And the new kid on the block, the Acer Chromebook 14, offers a high-end feel and near top-of-the-line specs for just \$300. Any of these challengers will fill the bill for you if you love the low price of a Chromebook, but want something a little more premium. -AndroidCentral.com



Client Spotlight: Lakewood Dental Arts (Lakewood, CA)

Dr. Robert Goodis and Dr. Nate Weiner established Lakewood Dental Arts back in 1985 with the mission of providing families with professional personalized dental and orthodontic care under one roof. For the past 25 years, they have succeeded in that mission and have put together a talented, passionate team of specialists in general dentistry, cosmetic dentistry, periodontics, endodontics, oral surgery and orthodontics who share their vision.

Cathy Bacon, their practice administrator shares how Dr. Goodis and Dr. Weiner have never hesitated to adopt state-of-the-art technology because they know it’s a great benefit to their patients. It brings patient education, diagnostics and treatment to a whole new level when they don’t have to send patients off-site for anything. “We also open our doors to students who think they are going to have a career path in dentistry to shadow all our dentists. It is unique because they can see all the specialists and technology.”



Lakewood Dental Arts has been a Pact-One Client since the beginning and has never looked back. Cathy shares “I think it’s always been a win-win because Pact-One personalizes the technology to our needs. They come out to the facility and review with us how to implement each of the technologies and of course the guys you hire are awesome too! We don’t worry about security, down-time or new installations. We depend on you to handle all that for us and we don’t go to sleep worrying about it. We know you have our back.”