

Media release

Ironically, security gap found in «secure» Internet connections

It became known yesterday that of all things, it is secure Internet connections which may currently suffer from a security gap. Most Internet connections starting with «https://» are affected.

Lucerne, 31/01/2014 – Any connections to online banking facilities in particular are always secured using «https://», but other connections with company servers, for instance mail providers (Bluewin, GMX etc.), are also affected. It is not absolutely all web servers that this security gap is found on, but the numbers affected are of concern (amongst others, this also concerns the widely used «Apache» open source web server).

We would therefore urgently recommend the following:

- Change all passwords you use to log on anywhere online.
- Find out from the <http://filippo.io/Heartbleed> site if the server required is (still) vulnerable before using any secure connection.
- Take note of any information published by financial institutions on their websites.

Further information can be found under <https://www.ebas.ch>

«eBanking – but secure!» service

The www.ebankingbutsecure.ch website is one of four services the University of Lucerne offers to their now 36 financial institution partners. In a holistic approach, «eBanking – but secure!» also runs public consumer courses. In addition, we train our financial institution partners' helpdesk staff and customer consultants in current and security-related issues, and we are also monitoring the Swiss media for any topics related to eBanking security.

Further information can be found under: <https://www.ebankingbutsecure.ch/mediasection>

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