

The Good Faith Cybersecurity Researchers Coalition

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GFCRC Updates

Good Faith Definition Published

A working group led by GFCRC board member Tarah Wheeler has issued a definition of what makes a “good faith” researcher.

This is a living document, contributions are welcome

<https://github.com/tarahmarie/gfcrcl>

Mehmet Ince Interview

PRODAFT Senior Researcher and GFCRC board member Mehmet Ince joined us for a discussion about vulnerability disclosure

<https://youtu.be/FvzTO-VZ8hI>

Industry, Regulatory, Technology News

Tianfu Cup 2023 Includes CVD

[Natto Thoughts](#) published an analysis of China’s Tianfu hacking competition.

Not only does this year involve significant vulnerabilities in software widely used outside of China, but it also includes provisions for common vulnerability disclosure. That said, the specifics of the implementation of Tianfu CVD are still open.

<https://nattothoughts.substack.com/p/tianfu-cup-2023-still-a-thing>

UK NCSC Creates Vulnerability Researcher Challenge Coins

The UK [National Cybersecurity Centre](#) (NCSC) has created a stylish set of challenge coins, for selected vulnerability researchers who submit high quality bug reports via the NCSC’s Vulnerability Reporting System (VRS)

<https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/blog-post/thanking-vulnerability-research-community-ncsc-challenge-coins>

Boeing: Cyberattack due to Citrix Vulnerability

[CSO Online](#) shares information about the “Citrix Bleed” vulnerability being the vector for a major attack on Boeing by Russia-based ransomware group Lockbit 3.0 ([US CISA report on Lockbit 3.0](#))

<https://www.csoonline.com/article/1249034/flaw-in-citrix-software-led-to-the-recent-cyberattack-on-boeing-report.html>

“Geneva Code” for Civilian Offensive Hackers

This [Australian Strategic Policy Institute](#) article describes a Red Cross-led attempt to create shared rules around non-military hackers engaged on the edges of armed conflict, so as to minimize damage to uninvolved parties:

<https://www.aspistrategist.org.au/the-new-geneva-code-for-hackers-on-the-cyber-battlefield/#:~:text=The%20rules%20are%3A,objectives%20and%20civilian%20objects%20indiscriminately>

