



Academy Case Study :: **Breakfast Seminar** **The risk of mobile phone hacking**

The Bright Purple Academy welcomed internet security firm Sophos where it presented a fascinating session about on-line security. The seminar was presented by Dr James Lyne, a leading expert on all things security and encryption related who has even compiled a top 10 list of his favourite viruses of all time.

The presentation, to a packed house of over 50 leaders in security from financial services organisations, focused last year's expansion of virus and malware attacks with an overview of the on-going risks in 2012. James's humorous and passionate discussion highlighted some startling facts about just how many attacks occur all over the world and how, in particular, mobile phones are now at risk with smartphones being is one of the new battlegrounds in the fight against hackers.

"Smartphones increasingly have access to all the data and applications that the corporate PC does. Smartphones left unattended are an easy backdoor for cybercriminals - kind of like putting your valuables in a safe and then leaving a copy in a paper bag in the street. Most smartphone attacks so far are very 1990s and basic, but are thus easily prevented with a few quick, cheap and simple configuration changes. Watch this space though as these devices will change quickly!"

James Lyne, Director of Technology Strategy, Sophos (@jameslyne)

Testimonials from attendees at the seminar:

'Brilliant - could have listened to James for hours!'

'James is a clearly accomplished speaker whose enthusiasm for his subject is evident. His presentation was informative and entertaining. It's not often an hour flies by like that!'



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