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- Sophisticated computer attack
- Computers that run industrial processes are targets
- "Air gap" separates them from the Internet
- Infection via USB drive







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#### Don't Stick It In

The dangers of USB drives.

By Farhad Manjoo

Posted Tuesday, Oct. 5, 2010, at 5:20 PM ET



USB drives can spread viruses.

Talking to a computer security researcher about Stuxnet is like asking an art critic to describe the finer points of the Mona Lisa. The world's top cybersecurity minds are absolutely in awe.

Stuxnet, which was discovered in June and has since spread to millions of machines around the world, is the most sophisticated computer attack we've ever seen. Though its true purpose is unknown—teams of experts across the globe are poring through the code in an effort to divine its intentions—the deviousness of its design has prompted many researchers to call it a "cyber-weapon," one perhaps created

by the United States or Israel to disrupt Iran's nuclear program.

Why should we think of Stuxnet as a weapon? Because it's the first digital worm known to infiltrate and secretly reprogram machines that run sensitive industrial processes—power plants, pipelines, telecommunications centers, airports, and ships. Iranian officials have said that Stuxnet infected employee computers at the country's Bushehr nuclear-power plant. Siemens, the German conglomerate, says that Stuxnet has

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# Security



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#### Cameron Diaz Could Break Your Computer

JR Raphael, PC World Aug 19, 2010 5:06 pm Cameron Diaz is one dirty, dirty girl.

Hang on -- let me rephrase that: The dazzling Ms. D is actually quite lovely in person (in my daydreams, anyway; we've yet to meet face-to-face). But on the Internet, there's something about Cameron that might infect you with a virus.

Cameron Diaz, you see, tops 2010's list of the most dangerous celebrities to search for on the Web. Security company McAfee (yes, the same one just bought by Intel) compiles the list each year. And this go-round, the gang from Mc-A says Cameron isn't one of Google's angels.

#### Cameron Diaz: McAfee's Most Dangerous Celebrity

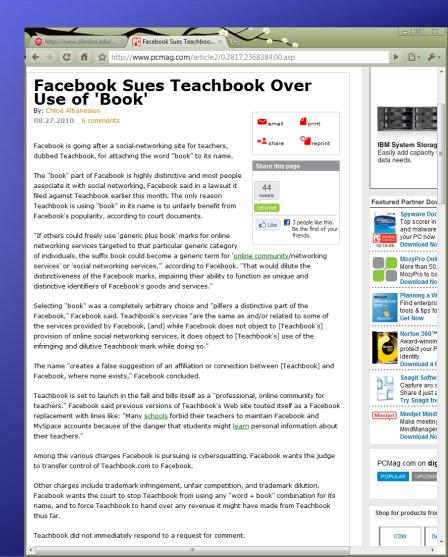
According to McAfee's study, searching for "Cameron Diaz" puts you at a 10 percent risk of landing on a site strewn



Image courtesy McAfee/Business

## Facebook owns "Book?"

"If others could freely use 'generic plus book' marks for online networking services targeted to that particular generic category of individuals, the suffix book could become a generic term for 'online community/networking services' or 'social networking services,'" according to Facebook. "That would dilute the distinctiveness of the Facebook marks, impairing their ability to function as unique and distinctive identifiers of Facebook's goods and services."



## Facebook wants "Face?"

Facebook, which has gone after sites with the word "book" in their names, is also trying to trademark the word "face," according to court documents.

"Honestly, to most people [Facebook's claims] wouldn't make a big difference," Greenspan said. "Facebook is enforcing their rights, but maybe some they don't have."



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"If you search the patent database,

there are thousands of marks that

contain the word 'face," Greenspan said. "I understand where Facebook is coming from, but this move has big

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implications for my company and for others."

Greenspan said he hasn't yet decided whether he will file a formal opposition, but he wanted extra time because "tech is a very fast-paced industry. You never know what will develop during the additional time."

Court documents show Greenspan has a long history of taking action to

protect his trademarks, so Facebook could have a tough battle ahead.

## **Anti-Facebook?**

The privacy aware, personally controlled, do-it-all, open source social network.

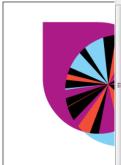


lan Paul, PC World Aug 27, 2010 9:54 am

Diaspora, the open source social network and potential Facebook challenger, will be ready to launch on September 15, according to the project's developers.

In a recent blog post, the Diaspora team say they have the nascent social networking software up and running, and are happy with the near-final result. Despite these proclamations, however, it's unclear what Diaspora will look like or how it will function when Diaspora finally launches.









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#### Open Source Facebook

Diaspora is meant to be an alternative to Facebook, Twitter, and other social networks allowing you to share content such as photos, status updates, links, and so on. The plan for implementing Diaspora, as I understand it, is for users to download the software package, and then install it on their own Website hosted by yourself or a Web hosting service like Go Daddy.

For those not interested in hosting their own Diaspora site, the team also plans on creating a one-click sign-up version of Diaspora as well. But it's not clear when a hosted version of Diaspora would become available. However, the real power behind Diaspora appears to be the ability to take control of all your social networking data and put it on a server that you control.

#### Features

At launch, Diaspora will likely be fairly basic. Key features, according to the project Website, include the ability to scrape your data from major social networks such as

Facebook, Twitter, and Flickr; and for Diaspora users to connect with each other and share content such as status updates and photos between different Websites. Diaspora is also supposed to include end-to-end GNU Privacy Guard (GPG) encryption to make sure everything you share with your friends is protected while it's being sent across the Internet from one site to another.

Plans for Diaspora after its initial launch include Open ID integration, Voice over Internet Protocol services, and instant messaging. The team also plans to make Diaspora extensible so that developers can write plug-ins for it, which I assume would be similar to using Wordpress plug-ins.

# Friend Request Gone Wrong

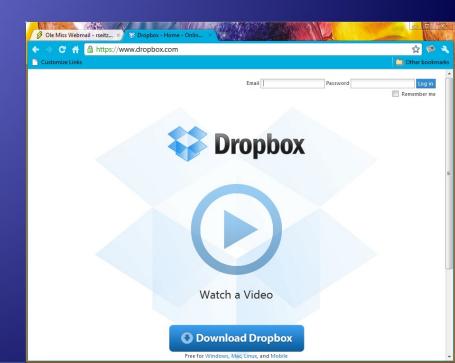




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# My outbox

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- I like this mascot.
- I can accept this mascot.
- I dislike this mascot.

#### Rebel Land Shark



- I love this mascot.
- I like this mascot.
- I can accept this mascot.
- I dislike like this mascot.

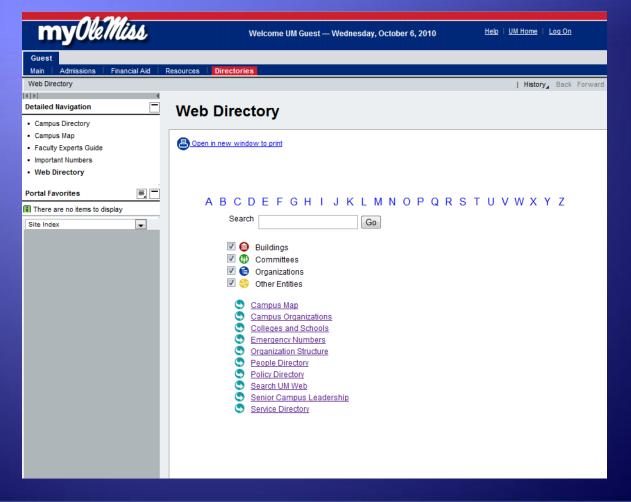
#### **Hotty Toddy**



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- Ilike this mascot.
- I can accept this mascot.
- I dislike this mascot.

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# My outbox



# Why I Hate User Feedback

From a umc.edu e-mail address –
"Navigating your web site was frustrating and
uninformative. Evidently one must know where one
wants to go and what one wants to find something
out."

My reply –
"I'm sorry you're having problems with the site.
However, the two issues you mentioned (ie., knowing where you want to go and knowing what you want to find) are key to getting anywhere on any site."



His reply –

"I tried a search to see if you had any majors in fashion or fashion design and only got outside links. No clear answer. I assume that means no, but it should say so."

What I wanted to say –
"You're absolutely right. Let me add those to our list of thousands of majors we don't offer."

My reply –

"You are correct that we don't list a major for Fashion Design because it is not one we offer."



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