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## **I-HACK HIGHLIGHTS**

News and Updates from I-HACK, the Hatchery, and the Makerspace at Gannon University



## HOW TO TAKE BACK CONTROL OF A SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNT

Losing control of a social media account is frustrating,

- but, unfortunately, it happens too often. When a hacker takes over your socials, they pretend to be you and gain
- access to sensitive personal data. If you've lost control
- of a social media account, here are tips to get it back.

### **CHECK IF YOU REALLY HAVE LOST CONTROL**

If you suspect suspicious behavior, try logging into your account. If you can, reset your password, enable MFA, and report the incident to the platform.

#### **CONTACT THE PLATFORM**

See if you can report the account takeover through the platform's website, call the customer service line if they have one, or follow "account recovery" instructions.

#### **SEEK ACCOUNT RECOVERY HELP**

Search on the web for pages that contain information on account recovery for different social media platforms as they will all have different processes.

### PROJECT SPOTLIGHT

## CUSTOM 3D PRINTED CHALLENGE COINS

The Gannon University Makerspace team created **custom 3D printed challenge coins** by creating a CAD model and multiple SLA resin iterations of the coin design.

Engineers then cast a silicone rubber negative to create a **custom mold that will hold molten pewter** to form the coin.

The pewter is poured at a much lower temperature than other metals which is why the silicone is able to survive after cooling.

After de-molding the coins, they are removed of the sprue and vents with snips and are finally **filed until they are nice and smooth!** 



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#### **CONTAIN THE DAMAGE**

Once you get back your account:

- Create a password that is at least 16 characters long, unique, and a random mix of numbers, letters, and special characters
- Delete anything posted or sent by the hacker
- See if privacy or security settings were changed
- Check to see what devices have logged into the account and make a record of anything suspicious

#### **FORTIFY YOUR SOCIAL MEDIA**

Enable account access notifications, enable MFA, be on the lookout for phishing attempts, and delete social media accounts that you don't use anymore.

For many of us online, social media has become a daily window to the world. It is how we communicate with friends and family (and remember their birthdays) and for some, it is an integral part of a business. You should always be careful about what platforms you join and focus on adopting good security behaviors.

## CYBERPATRIOT

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- Centennial High School
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- Kenai Peninsula
- · South Forsyth High School

SEMIFINALS: January 18-20, 2024 NATIONAL FINALS: March 15-19, 2024

# DATA PRIVACY WEEK NATIONAL × CYBERSECURITY ALLIANCE

January 21 - 27 is Data Privacy Week hosted by the National Cybersecurity Alliance.

All of your online activity generates a **trail of data**.

Websites, apps, and services collect data on your behaviors, interests, and purchases.

While it's true that you cannot control how each byte of data about you and your family is shared and processed, you can control how you share your data!







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