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DIGITAL DEFENSE AND NAFCU SERVICES RELEASE FREE PODCAST ON THE CREDIT UNION EXTREME HACKER CHALLENGE COMPETITION

WASHINGTON — Digital Defense and NAFCU Services Corporation recently unveiled a free podcast discussing an innovative way to improve the ability of credit union security professionals to protect their networks from outside attack. Unlike traditional classroom lecture-style presentations, the Credit Union Extreme Hacker Challenge allows security professionals to test their hacking skills against their colleagues in a competition environment at the 2008 NAFCU Technology and Security Conference in Las Vegas on Feb. 25-28.

The free podcast is available online at nafcuservices.podbean.com (with show notes and links).

The podcast features an interview with Tom DeSot, Digital Defense's chief compliance officer and the company's prime regulatory compliance resource. With over 16 years of experience in financial services, DeSot also provides clients with strategic insight into how the company's services can assist them in meeting regulatory compliance goals and objectives. DeSot will be running the Extreme Hacker Challenge at the upcoming NAFCU Technology and Security Conference.

"Traditional hacker labs tend to be very passive, showing (for example) compromised credit card information being traded live online," said DeSot. "But what is even more useful is to show security professionals how the information was compromised in the first place. Their approach to security often changes when they see that it takes just a few keystrokes on a command line to compromise a network."



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“Following a background briefing, attendees will break up into teams for a ‘capture-the-flag’-type competition, with increasingly difficult targets. In essence, attendees will have a chance to—legally—be hackers for a day,” said David Frankil, president of NAFCU Services Corporation. “This is a great way for credit union security teams to test their skills against their colleagues. In addition to bragging rights, there will even be prizes for the top competitors.”

More information about the Credit Union Extreme Hacker Challenge and the NAFCU Security and Technology Conference can be found at www.nafcu.org/technology. The conference is open to both NAFCU members and non-members.

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