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A Technology Security Advisory has been issued by the United States Computer Emergency Readiness Team (US-CERT) and the United States Department of Homeland Security regarding a flaw in computer server design.

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There has been a report of errors in Domain Name Server (DNS) practices which leaves DNS servers vulnerable for hackers to access confidential personal and financial information. This vulnerability affects the public by directing internet users to the incorrect IP address and leading them directly to a hacker's computer. Consequently, web traffic, email, bank information, and other important, secure, or private data can be seen by computer hackers.

John Conway, President and CEO of Ananke, Inc. warns "of all of the threats and vulnerabilities that I have seen in my career, this is the only one that I have chosen to highlight as High impact with the risk of catastrophic damage if ignored or downplayed." As a result, the *Ananke IT Support Center* has recommended that organizations contact their IT administrator, IT Management Company, or the *Ananke IT Support Center* directly, to ensure that their computer systems receive the appropriate fixes to patch this DNS vulnerability and to make sure that their computing environments are clean and secure.

The *Ananke IT Support Center* has taken a proactive approach to this issue by employing all appropriate measures to harden their computing environments as well as the environments of their clients with active Managed Services contracts. Ananke has installed patches to prevent the DNS cache poisoning attacks and have tested all DNS server equipment to make sure their systems are not vulnerable to attack.

To discover if you or your organization is at risk of exposing confidential information, contact The *Ananke IT Support Center* at 401-808-8470 or support@ananke.com, to receive a free DNS security vulnerability scan. To learn more about this DNS Vulnerability go to <http://www.ananke.com/dnsthreat/whitepaper.pdf>.

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