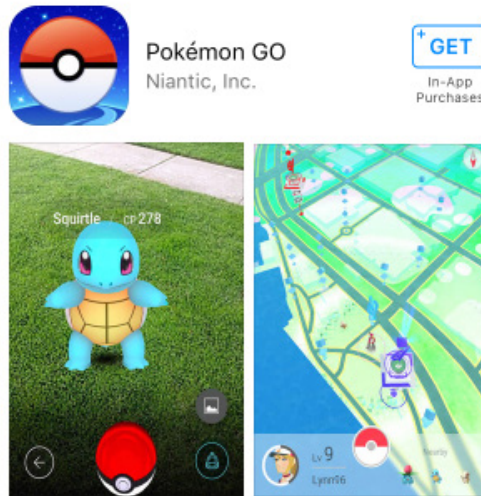


Newsletter

Pokémon GO: Is it a No?

Being declared as the biggest U.S. mobile game ever, it's likely that you've heard about Pokémon GO. Even more likely, you've heard about the problems that the game is causing, ranging from personal injury to an increase in crime incidents. Various news outlets have reported people walking off cliffs, getting hit by cars, even crashing vehicles all because they're distracted by the game. Aside from this, the game introduces some security risks.



The iPhone Google Privacy Problem

As with most apps like Pokémon GO, it knows your name and email address as part of the registration process. In fact, Niantic, the creator of the game, has claimed that the iPhone version of the app has access to your entire Google account if you register for the game via your Google account, which is an available option. What this means is that the app can access all of your Google contacts and all of your Google email! While Niantic claims that this problem is being fixed, if you do not update the app on your iPhone, the mistake will persist.

Android Permission to Your Contacts

When installing the Android version of the game, permissions to your device's data are requested one-by-one. Because the app is basically a location-based, virtual reality game, permissions to your location and camera are realistic requirements but one of the permissions requests that stands out is access to your contacts.

Other Things to Keep In Mind

- In a future update, the Nickname that you entered during your character's creation will be shared so it is important to avoid using any personal information in that nickname. For example, you may not want to use your date of birth, birth year, gender, etc.
- There is a bit of vagueness in the app's Privacy Policy, so it's not entirely clear what information is or isn't being shared. In the policy, it states that parents can email pokemongo-privacy@nianticlabs.com to request that the company not share any of their child's personal identifier information that was entered during the app signup. However, it does not indicate whether or not your child can continue to use the app once you do this.
- Fake Pokémon GO apps are being created to enable malicious activity. While security experts are constantly monitoring the app stores for bogus apps, users beware!



What's All This Buzz About Total's Layered Defense? Want In?

With the room packed to maximum capacity at the July 13 Lunch & Learn on Total's Layered Defense, it is quite clear that cybersecurity is a hot topic on everyone's mind. And so, Total has plans to host another session in September.

Ransomware, Data Breaches, Hackers – It's all over the news! As part of Total's Layered Defense approach to cybersecurity, Total held a special Lunch & Learn on Wednesday, July 13 at our Melville office to inform local businesses of what to be aware of and how our Layered Defense can help protect their businesses.

Attendees were able to walk away with more insight into what's going on in the cybersecurity world today, including the types of threats out there, the understanding that no one or business is safe, the importance of cyber liability insurance, and the need for layers of security tactics including a reliable business continuity solution.

Due to the great demand, Total had to break out the Lunch & Learn into two separate sessions. The second session will take place in September. Want to attend? Reach out for more details on the session at 888-777-8093 or email us at info@total.us.com. Stay Tuned!

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Fierce Competition at the Annual Company Picnic

Stuffing our faces wasn't the only thing happening at Total's Annual Company picnic this year. As per tradition, Total's employees and families indulged on snacks, appetizers, and beverages before hitting the Volleyball courts. While Vin, President & CEO, and Tim, Managing Partner, tried to keep the game light, you could see the fire in their eyes - both avid competitive sportsman naturally on opposing teams.



But it wasn't until after lunch that the real games began - with Total's softball game. While no one was keeping score (wink, wink), everyone walked away a winner.



All in all, the day was beautiful, the company was great, and we all look forward to Vin and Tim's shenanigan's next year!

Password Best Practices

Always Use Strong Passwords:

- At least 7 characters
- Does not contain your username, real name, or company name
- Is different from previous passwords
- Contains Uppercase letters, lowercase letters, numerals, and symbols

Never Share Passwords

Use Different Passwords Across Accounts

Change Passwords Immediately, if compromised

Store written passwords in a secure place

Be wary of storing passwords, "Remember Password" option on computer browsers



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