Court Ruling in YouTube Appeal Is (Mostly) a Win for Internet

by David Sohn

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The 2nd Circuit Court of Appeals issued a decision today in Viacom's block-buster lawsuit against YouTube – a case CDT cited in 2010 as one of the leading "things to watch" that will shape the Internet's future. Fortunately, the news is mostly good.

While the decision is not a complete win for YouTube and indeed sends the matter back to the District Court for further factual determinations, the principal legal rulings appear to represent a "win" for the Internet.

Viacom's lawsuit represented a full broadside attack on the crucial "safe harbor" that protects companies that host user-generated content from being held liable whenever users upload infringing material. Without this protection, set forth in Section 512 of the Digital Millennium Copyright Act (DMCA), liability risks would cripple the operation of user-generated content and social networking sites. It would be hard to overstate the negative impact for free expression.

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https://www.cdt.org/blogs/david-sohn/0504court-ruling-youtube-appeal-mostly-win-internet

First FREE Pizza Winner!

Winner, Kevin Holloway proudly displays the club's <u>first</u> $10.00 free pizza certificate awarded at the April meeting. Congratulations Kevin!
** Next meeting – May 15. Next winner could be YOU!**

Nominations Are In!

2012-13 Officers were nominated:
President—Joe Cavallaro
Vice President—Fred Veleba
Secretary—Lynn Fehr
Treasurer—Mary Alice Fehr
Confirmation vote to take place at the May meeting and new officers will be implemented as of the end of that meeting.

Sprint Plans to Upgrade

Sprint announced high-definition voice technology for the new HTC Evo 4G LTE smartphone and future phones, although HD Voice will only work once Sprint upgrades its 3G network, a process expected to begin in late 2012 in several cities.

Tips From Max Secure Software

Malicious code is not always hidden in web page scripts or unusual file formats. Attackers may corrupt types of files that you would recognize and typically consider safe, so you should take precautions when opening files from other people. Here are some tips to protect yourself from hidden threats.

» Use and maintain anti-virus software:
Anti-virus software can often recognize and protect your computer against most known viruses, so you may be able to detect and remove the virus before it can do any damage. Because attackers are continually writing new viruses, it is important to keep your definitions up to date.

» Use caution with email attachments:
Do not open email attachments that you were not expecting, especially if they are from people you do not know. If you decide to open an email attachment, scan it for viruses first. Not only is it possible for attackers to "spoof" the source of an email message, but your legitimate contacts may unknowingly send you an infected file. If your email program automatically downloads and opens attachments, check your settings to see if you can disable this feature.

» Be wary of downloadable files on websites:
Avoid downloading files from sites that you do not trust. If you are getting the files from a supposedly secure site, look for a website certificate. If you do download a file from a website, consider saving it to your computer and manually scanning it for viruses before opening it.

» Keep software up to date:
Install software patches so that attackers cannot take advantage of known problems or vulnerabilities. Many operating systems offer automatic updates. If this option is available, you should enable it.

» Take advantage of security settings:
Check the security settings of your email client and your web browser. Apply the highest level of security available that still gives you the functionality you need.

A Case of OVER-EXPOSURE?

A man is getting into the shower just as his wife is finishing up her shower, when the doorbell rings.
The wife quickly wraps herself in a towel and runs downstairs. When she opens the door, there stands Bob , the next-door neighbor..

Before she says a word, Bob says, 'I'll give you $800 to drop that towel. After thinking for a moment, the woman drops her towel and stands naked in front of Bob. After a few seconds, Bob hands her $800 and leaves.

The woman wraps back up in the towel and goes back upstairs. When she gets to the bathroom, her husband asks, 'Who was that?' 'It was Bob the next door neighbor,' she replies.

'Great,' the husband says, 'did he say anything about the $800 he owes me?'

Submitted by Secretary, Dee Hindman

President Wm. Pennington opened the April meeting about 7 p.m.

It was great to see **SIXTEEN** in attendance at this meeting! The **Allan Love family**, (Allan & Sandy & son, Mathew), from Herman, Ne. attended, and renewed their membership for another year. Hope to see more of you folks in the future.

Secretary, Dee Hindman read the past minutes, which were accepted as read. **Treasurer, Mary Alice Fehr** was unable to attend this meeting because of knee surgery so the treasury report was not available. Get well soon, Mary Alice!

Kevin Holloway was the lucky winner of the club's first **FREE PIZZA** award. Congratulations!

We were happy to add new member, **Amy Bogdanovich** to our ranks. Welcome Amy! Joe and Amy's daughter, **'Taylor Made'** also attended.

It was great to see **Larry Puls** in attendance. It was his first time in about 18 months! Welcome back, Larry. **Larry's wife, Bernice** accompanied him. Come back soon, Bernice! The Puls recently celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary. Congratulations Folks!

Nominations for new officers are as follows: **President, Joe Cavallaro, Vice President, Fred Veleba, Secretary, Lynn Fehr and Treasurer, Mary Alice Fehr**. Voting to take place at the May meeting.

Discussion:

Jerry Bell suggested the club have business cards. Joe said he would look into it. Joe also announced the Club is now on **Facebook**, and he has also placed a club ad on **Craigslist.** There was also discussion of the possibility of 'linking-up' with our Massachusetts member, **Fred Champy**, for a brief Video Chat during a future meeting.

After the break, Joe Sr. offered the demonstration, showing **Photoshop Elements.** Very interesting. Good job Joe.

May Demo:

David Ladd will be demonstrating what a '**Virtual Machine'** is and its uses. Sounds Interesting.

The **"Stick-Around Drawing"** winner was Joe Cavallaro 3rd who split $17.00 with our treasury, $8.50 each. *Another good incentive to Stick-Around 'till the meeting ends!*

Members **NOT** in attendance: Tammy Cooper, Dean & Pat Cumpston, Mary Alice Fehr, Fred Veleba

Meeting closed at 9 P.M.

Please remember in prayer for continued healing:
Mary Alice Fehr, Mary Cavallaro and Larry Puls.

Computers make very fast, very accurate mistakes.

Twins?

Arnold Schwarzenegger has confirmed a sequel to hit comedy Twins is in the pipeline, starring Eddie Murphy as a third mismatched brother.

The Terminator actor and Danny DeVito starred as long-lost siblings in the 1988 movie, and last month reports emerged suggesting bosses at Universal and Montecito Picture Co. are eyeing a follow-up.

The rumors included speculation the film will be titled Triplets and will feature Murphy as a third 'identical' brother - and now Schwarzenegger has confirmed the news.

He tells ComingSoon.net, "I would love to do another Twins. As a matter of fact, we've been talking about doing one and it's called Triplets. I'd find somebody like Eddie Murphy or someone that people would say, 'How does that happen, medically speaking?' and, 'Physically, there's no way!' Then, somehow, we would explain it.

"That would be hilarious with what we know about someone like him... I can see a poster. A billboard with us three. 'They found another one!' 'Triplets!' 'Only their mother can tell them apart!' I would do that in two seconds, because that's real entertainment."


Five Cannibals Hired

Five cannibals get appointed as programmers in an IT company. During the welcoming ceremony the boss says: "You're all part of our team now. You can earn good money here, and you can go to the company canteen for something to eat. So don't trouble the other employees."

The cannibals promise not to trouble the other employees.

Four weeks later the boss returns and says: "You're all working very hard, and I'm very satisfied with all of you. One of our cleaners has disappeared however. Do any of you know what happened to her?"

The cannibals disavow all knowledge of the missing cleaner. After the boss has left, the leader of the cannibals says to the others: "Which of you idiots ate the cleaner?"

A hand raises hesitantly, to which the leader of the cannibals says: "You fool! For four weeks we've been eating Team Leaders, Managers, and Project Managers so no-one would notice anything, and now you have to go and eat the cleaner!"

FAST FOOD...
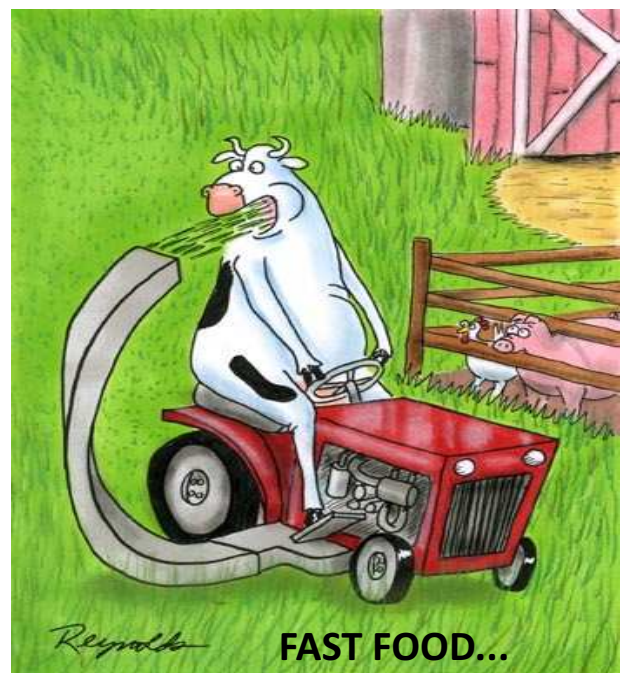
Chrome Patched second time in eight days

Fixes 12 flaws and updates bundled Flash Player

By Gregg Keizer

Computerworld - Google on Thursday patched 12 Chrome vulnerabilities, the second time in eight days that the search company has updated its browser.

Most of the vulnerabilities -- eight of the dozen -- were identified as "use-after-free" bugs, a common type of memory vulnerability that researchers have found in large numbers within Chrome using Google's own AddressSanitizer detection tool.

Seven of the 12 bugs were rated "high," the second-most-serious ranking in Google's scoring system. Four were marked "medium" and one was labeled "low."

Google paid $6,000 in bounties to three researchers for reporting seven of the vulnerabilities. The others were unearthed by Google's own security team or were ineligible for a finder's fee.

One of the latter had been forwarded to Google by HP TippingPoint, which operates the Zero Day Initiative (ZDI) bug bounty program. Google does not pay bounties for vulnerabilities submitted to ZDI -- it only rewards researchers who have not been otherwise compensated -- a decision that has created friction between Google and ZDI in the past.

Among those who received checks were Arthur Gerkis and someone who goes by the nickname "miaubiz," two of three researchers who were awarded special $10,000 bonuses a month ago for what Google called "sustained, extraordinary" contributions.
Miaubiz took home $4,500 for his work.

Sergey Glazunov, one of those who pocketed $60,000 at the Pwnium hacking challenge Google sponsored last month, reported two of the 12 vulnerabilities. Neither was significant enough to rate a bounty payment, however.

Google has paid more than $216,000 in bug bounties this year, including $120,000 it distributed during Pwnium.

Thursday's update to Chrome 18 also included a new version of Adobe Flash Player that patched two critical memory corruption vulnerabilities in the Chrome interface. The pair, unique to the Flash Player bundled with the browser, were reported by a Google security engineer and a team from IBM's X-Force Research group.

According to the advisory that accompanied Thursday's update, Google also fixed several non-security issues, including some related to hardware acceleration, a feature the company switched on in Chrome when version 18 debuted March 28.

Chrome accounted for 18.6% of the browsers used worldwide last month, a decrease of about a third of a percentage point from February, said Internet measurement vendor Net Applications earlier this week. Chrome's usage share has declined three months running, and is down about 3% since the start of the year.

The patched version of Chrome 18 can be downloaded for Windows, Mac OS X and Linux from Google's website. Already installed copies of the browser will be updated automatically by Chrome's silent service.

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From the Office of the President

President, Wm. Pennington

Well, this is my last article as President.
I want to thank each one of you for letting me serve you as President.
Let us give the support to the next officers like you did to us who served you over the last year.
Let us remember to read your e-mail, talk to each other, and invite others to the meeting, so that we can keep our club growing.

Your president: William L Pennington