

Beware the Unfriendly Skies: How Drones are Being Used as the Latest Weapon in Cybercrime

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ABSTRACT

Virtually every time an individual reads the paper/internet news, etc., computer crime of one sort or another can be noticed. Examples of cybercrime methods include ransomware, click-jacking, doxxing, phishing, pharming, and even drones; (Ikseu & Yongyun, 2015). Could this situation be as some authors indicate, our fault (Gerirtz, 2014) or as Heaven (2015) believes, could it be because companies may be in such a rush to utilize new systems, these companies may not take the time to ensure their devices will be properly secured first (Heaven, 2015)? Since computer crime or cybercrime comes in many forms, small and large businesses can be attacked and not always by hackers. Some of the threats to individuals can involve computer and Internet issues. But new threats can be outside our computer screens. Leopold (2014) suggests that the next major security breach issue will be in the form of drones. In this paper the authors will examine legitimate drone use, but will concentrate on one of the cybercrime methods for which growth can be considered exponential: drones.