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THE MONTHLY MESSAGE

Are You an Online Oversharer?

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We can all get a little over-excited when sharing things online these days. Check-in to your favorite restaurant on Facebook, hashtag the best beers in town on Instagram, or tweet your anger as you board yet another delayed train into work — and that's just the basics. While sharing is caring (everyone loves a picture of Sunday morning pancakes) it's possible you're sharing a little too much.

Giving away your security question answers?

Security questions these days can be pretty generic. What was your first school, name of your first pet, your favorite teacher, etc. They're usually used when you've forgotten your username or password and want to get back into an online account. Pretty useful if you have the memory of a sieve (a common problem), but also pretty handy for hackers too. Cybercriminals are getting smarter by the second. They take their time to study individuals online for opportunities and weaknesses, especially when it means they could get away with a good chunk of cash at the end of it.

Obviously, you're not shouting out the answers to your security questions (if you are, please stop) but there are plenty of ways hackers could get hold of them. Imagine your security questions for Paypal are the ones we mentioned above. Favorite pet, first school, best teacher. Now think about what you share across your social media.

- #Throwback photo on Instagram to your family dog Steve's first night at home? N'aww look how cute he is, those little paws, that face sosomebodylookathim. So now we know your favorite pet's name.
- School reunion on Facebook, big, open list? Marked yourself as attending? Now we know your first school.
- Pretty lax on the old Facebook profile security? A quick trawl through your open friends list to find anyone listed as a teacher, narrow them down, and job done.

Boom, we've got all the answers to your security questions. Into Paypal we go to drain your linked bank account, see ya later, thanks for the cash.

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EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

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Year Started at Pantheon:
2018

What are you most thankful for from the past year?

The opportunity to improve myself and those around me day by day!

You can invite anyone to Thanksgiving dinner, who is it?

Gordon Ramsey, he will make sure the meal is ON POINT!

If you could get rid of any staple Thanksgiving food, what would it be?

Cranberries and Cranberry Sauce

AND - If you could only have one Thanksgiving food staple today, what would it be?

Mashed potatoes

Favorite Thanksgiving/Holiday memory?

Pranking my older sister with gifts of coal wrapped in multiple boxes.

Favorite memory thus far at Pantheon?

Our company bean bag tournament, but I really enjoy working closely with our partners and keeping their data and systems secure.

What A Fowl Joke...

Why did the turkey join the band?

Because it had the drumsticks...



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What about those fun quizzes?

Finding out what type of take-out you are, which career you're most suited to, or simply commenting on a friendly community post about your favorite cat pics all seem innocent and, yes, they can be. But when you're giving away any information about yourself online, you need to think carefully about exactly what it is you're sharing. Your personal data is worth more than you could ever know to hackers. So, when you fill out a fun quiz asking your favorite foods and city, think twice about whether or not it's worth giving away such key information about yourself. In the wrong hands, this info can be used in exactly the same way as we discussed above.

Why location sharing is risky

Sharing and talking about your location online is one of the easiest things to do. Check-in to that fancy bar, update your status on what movie you're watching, or show off that leg room from your window seat as you embark on a trip — but posting about these everyday actions could actually be putting your safety at risk. Because by doing these things, sure, everyone can comment and share in your joy, but you're also letting a whole load of people know that you are not home.

It really is as simple as it sounds. For example, complaining about that delayed train? Well, a burglar could now figure out what station you commute from, where your house is, oh, and what time that big ol' house is empty. Sounds far-fetched? Sadly it's not.

What can you do?

Well, the first thing you can do is stop sharing personal info about yourself online. Remind yourself to think twice each time you post something. Do you really need to share your location? Think about who can see it and if there's any personal info included. Your personal data on social media is worth protecting.

6 handy tips on how to stop oversharing:

- Know your Facebook privacy settings and check them regularly to make sure that what you're posting is for your friends' eyes only.
- Don't openly share anything that can locate you, like your hometown, date of birth, or cell number.
- Be picky about your friends. Don't accept just anyone, even if you think you know them, always check first.
- Excited about your upcoming holiday? Great. Tell your friends in person, don't share it online.
- Avoid posting anything about your routine. Go to the same gym class every Monday eve with your partner? Good for you. Keep it offline.
- Location, location, location. Turn it off. Always!

Hopefully, if you have been oversharing, this points you in the right direction. And if you haven't, then well done! Happy browsing.

WHAT'S NEW WITH PANTHEON?



Nikki

Happy Birthday!
10/2

Happy 3rd Anniversary!
11/16



Jovan

Happy 1st Anniversary!
11/3



Dale

Happy 1st Anniversary!
11/6

Pantheon recently had our State of The Business Meeting. The team looked back on the previous quarter and talk about the great strides Pantheon is making.

Jon also presented the team with Anniversary Awards to celebrate each team members' work for Pantheon.



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