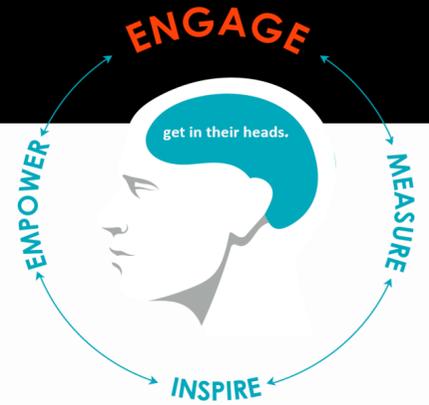


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STORY OF THE MONTH: HUAWEI SUPPOSED TO BELIEVE THEN?

On the one hand it makes complete sense; China are the 'toppermost of the poppermost' when it comes to global bogeymen. Add to that the **Chairman and founder** is an ex People's Liberation Army soldier and it doesn't seem that much of stretch that Huawei would build in all sorts of nefarious spy capabilities to it's dastardly yet so efficient communications kit. On the other hand though... The main accuser is non-other than one Donald Trump, leader of the free world and lets not forget, leader of the nation that we know **eavesdropped** on Chancellor Merkel & colleagues for example. We also know they used stuff like **our smart TV's** to spy on all and sundry. In addition, the *Orange One* is currently embroiled in a bitter trade war with China where he seeks to protect US imports & exports. The thing to consider as well, is that on home soil, Huawei gear is already intrinsically entangled with our existing telco infrastructure, they also spend twice as much as their nearest rival on 5G R&D, the deadlines and targets set for 5G rollout will have been based on the capabilities of Huawei kit. We even have a specific department of dedicated super sleuths at UK Spy Central - GCHQ whose sole job is to analyze, study and clear any & all Huawei technology before it's released into the wild. So, we have to trust someone at the end of the day. Is it Donald Trump or James Bond?

DID YOU KNOW?

The world of cyber security has just got a lot bigger, in fact, it's out of this world! The University of Surrey has 'launched' (pun very much intended) set up a joint partnership to monitor satellite security. They've even called it the 'Space Cyber Security Research Partnership', who wouldn't want that on their business card?



RESOURCE OF THE MONTH

You may have read recent reports in the press that talk of **'fundamental flaws'** in your password managers. You know, the likes of 1Password and LastPass that the same InfoSec press has been recommending that you use for the last few years. Well, while we are not saying to ignore these reports, we are advising that you **read them** in context and from an educated standpoint. Yes, there are possible vulnerabilities in certain scenario's but the risk is still a lot lower than using pa\$\$w0rd or post-it notes!

MONTHLY QUIZ

What famous British Hacker whose name sounds a bit erm, *porn-starry* was refused his old kit back by UK authorities? Email us your answer and our winner will be chosen randomly from correct answers and will win a HACK LIFE t-shirt!

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