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TO: University Systems Cybersecurity Communications
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RE: Meltdown Security Vulnerability

A security vulnerability called Meltdown has been identified that affects Mac and Windows workstations, Android devices, and servers from the past decade. This vulnerability allows for protected memory to be accessed that may include sensitive information such as passwords and cryptographic-keys.

Patches for this vulnerability have been released for Windows 7 and newer, Mac OS 10.11 and newer, and some Android devices. University Systems recommends that clients ensure that their devices are updated to mitigate against this issue. University Systems will be applying this patch to all supported clients today.

More information about this vulnerability can be found within the links below.

- Intel Security Advisory
- Microsoft Security Advisory and Guidance
- Apple Security Bulletin
- Android Security Bulletin
- Meltdown Attack FAQ

If you have any questions or concerns related to this change, please contact your Desktop Support Services (DSS) support person or the Computer Help Desk at helpdesk@uvic.ca or 250-721-7687.

Regards,
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