

CYBERSECURITY COMMUNICATION

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TO: University Cybersecurity Communication Recipients
FROM: University Systems
RE: **Update on Meltdown and Spectre Vulnerabilities**

Security vulnerabilities called Meltdown and Spectre have been identified that affect Mac and Windows workstations, mobile devices, and servers. These vulnerabilities allow for protected memory to be accessed that may include sensitive information such as passwords and cryptographic-keys.

We have created an online bulletin with detailed information about which devices are affected and our recommended actions to mitigate these vulnerabilities. We will continue to update this online bulletin as we become aware of security updates and notices regarding affected systems.

- [University Systems bulletin](#)
- [More information about Meltdown and Spectre](#)

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



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