Adobe breach impacts 38 million customers

By Michael Chen

The recent cyber-attack on Adobe has affected an increased number of 38 million customers, stated Adobe spokesperson Heather Edlin in a KrebsOnSecurity blog post.

The original report by Adobe that a cyber-attack breached its network on Oct. 3 affected up to 2.9 million customers’ personal information, including credit card numbers.

Catheryn Cheal, SJSU senior academic technology officer, said the Adobe breach has not changed the university’s partnership and membership with Adobe.

“We have purchased licenses through Adobe,” Cheal said. “We pay them a small amount for each download because we have this third-party agreement between us and Adobe.”

Cheal said the Adobe breach does not affect many students on campus because most students obtain Adobe software for free because of the agreement between SJSU and Adobe.

Adobe sent out emails and letters in October that notified affected customers, according to Adobe’s customers’ security site alert.

Kim Komenich, new media junior intern, received a letter that stated, “We recently discovered that between Sept. 11 and Sept. 17, an unauthorized third party illegally accessed certain customers’ information.”

Adobe verified on Oct. 3 that stolen information included about 38 million customer credit card numbers, as well as source code for the Adobe products ColdFusion, Acrobat and ColdFusion Builder. Source code is a computer language written in readable text that enables users to modify or understand how a program works.

Adobe further stated in the letter that affected customers are entitled to one free credit report every 12 months and that they would provide services such as daily credit monitoring and identity theft insurance for no cost one year after enrollment.

Customers would need to pay $9.95 per month after one year. “We have engaged Experian to provide this service for you and your family,” the letter stated. “You have until Feb. 24, 2014, to activate this complimentary credit monitoring membership.”

A ProtectMyID membership for regular consumers costs $9.95 per month after a 12-month free trial period, according to Experian’s website.

Komenich, senior a journalism major, said she purchased and used a wide range of Adobe products such as Dreamweaver, Photoshop and InDesign before SJSU’s dealings with Adobe.

But now, she said, she is worried about storing her information online even though she was not affected by the cyber-attack.

“I’ve never felt comfortable leaving my personal information on the Internet,” Komenich said. “If my information is out there, I’ll feel like a virtual person having to give my info, identity theft, credit card and buy stuff with my name on it.”

Mike Cook, identity and information security manager for Information Technology Services, said although SJSU’s partnered with Adobe Systems, privacy law prevented IT Services from learning about the breach before it was announced by Adobe.

Cook said the event was first brought to IT’s attention through a letter e-mailed to IT’s attention through Adobe.

“IT received the email and brought it to our attention,” Cook said. “We took it from there and handled it as we would any other event.”

P. 4 A&E: Paralyzed kitten is returned to homeless owner

By Kellie Miller

Ruth holds her disabled cat, Hope, on Tuesday night in the Spartan Complex. Ruth is a homeless woman who spends her time on the San Jose State campus.

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Ruth, a disabled black kitten, often spends her time under the overpass between Yoshihiro Uchida Hall and Spartan Complex with her owner, Ruth.

Ruth, who declined to give her last name, is homeless and a San Jose resident.

“Twas renting a room from a family and they two mama cats had kittens,” Ruth said. “Hope was the smallest and one day I saw her out on the patio sitting normally with her hips high up and her one leg was sticking out back.”

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Men's club team continues to grow

By Ryan Brown
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The San Jose State Men's Water Polo Club's season lasts just a few weeks. This season, the team's scheduled tournaments started and ended in October.

SU played 12 out of 16 games this season, finishing 5-7 and 2-2 in the Sierra Pacific Water Polo League. The team participated on Oct. 26 and 27, finishing seventh overall.

Senior captain Jack Cohen said the short schedule is something he'd love to see expanded because the team practices for months in preparation for a few short tournaments.

"Our actual in-sea league is in an extremely short, which is something all the coaches and all the captains of our league disagree with," Cohen said. "It's going to be a practice as well as setting up matches and tournaments.

The club looks forward every fall and doesn't cut players who want to join the team, but players must make big commitments to the team, including making practice times, maintaining 12 miles and practicing, according to Cohen.

The club's adviser, Leo Tully, is also head coach for the SJU women's varsity team and has served as head coach of the men's club since 2010.

Former player Chris Rayment, who Cohen said has helped establish a better relationship with the school, is now coaching.

John Wagner, an assistant coach who played water polo at SU from 2004 to 2010, said Rayment's prominence, professionalism and experience as a coaching junior Olympic team has made him a good backup.

"What makes Chris a great coach is his passion for the sport and his knowledge," Wagner said. "He has a spectrum of exposure and experience at different levels."

The men's club is currently in a period of growth and has had success in recent years, even hosting league tournaments the past three seasons.

Cohen said he had hoped to host one tournament as well, but scheduling issues with the club's sports program prevented that from happening.

"There are three league tournaments and we were trying to host the second one, but club sports did not approve to serve," Cohen said.

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"The real difference is in commitment," NCAA players have that commitment in which they have to go to the pool and work extra ordinary. Cohen said. "They have restrictions on where they can swim compared to club sports."

Cohen's got the whole pool by the pool he gets at SU's Aquatic Center, free of charge, but has been in search of affordable practice time in order to raise up the team's training regiment.

Cohen said Wednesdays and Thursdays aren't enough for the club to keep up. Other sports who get more time in the pool. Coach Rayment said the team used to practice on Wednesday night but had to relinquish that space to achieve their training.

The problem, Cohen said, is it's simply too pity and the team already pays a significant amount in dues to cover the Collegiate Water Polo Association membership and travel costs.

"A lot of the club men's water polo players would love to see the school fund an NCAA team, " Cohen said. "It's not just about the team but what other programs will come as well, such as the women's water polo program and the addition of the male water polo program."

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Hack: Cyber-attack forces IT to tighten network security

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the university’s subscriptions to a free security alert service and by the media within the first 24 hours and was followed shortly with an email from Adobe.

Shai Silberman, director of network services for IT Services, said hackers constantly look for vulnerabilities and constantly check different versions of software for vulnerabilities. “The large-caliber attacks tend to create (a) denial-of-service attack, which renders the target system inoperable as happened to Sony (in 2011),” Silberman said. She said the attacks that go after information theft tend to be under the radar and try to avoid detection altogether.

Cook said SJSU is taking measures to strengthen its own network security. “Our network security structure is being updated across the board: including new firewalls, Application Visibility Control, Ironport web filtering and Identity Services Engine from our partner, Cisco Systems,” Cook said. “Additionally, IT services is deploying a new Information Security Program to establish a number of new controls and updated policies, standards and procedures throughout campus technology.”

Sioteco said she would still trust Adobe if her information was breached, but said it would bring down the company as a whole because its sponsors will be affected. She said schools and businesses that trust them are going to wonder if information will be secure and they may hold back and be hesitant about it.

However, Cheal said the breach would not affect Adobe’s public image. “I think that the public has mostly lived through one cyber-attack through another for the past 15 years,” Cheal said. “I don’t think people see it as a black mark on the company that is attacked, compared to the ones responsible for the attack.”

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Cat: Ruth never lost hope while her kitten was missing

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Ruth pets her cat, Hope, on Tuesday night next to the spread of her belongings on the bench at Spartan Complex.

Ruth said the employee who took Hope out of the cage called Hope a sweetheart. “She’s pretty good,” Ruth said. “Part angel, part devil I’m telling you.”

It cost almost $600 to get Hope out of the shelter after paying for her time there and her physical examination, Ruth said.

Ruth said students have been chipping in money to help pay for the finances. “She is part of our SJSU community,” Silvas said. “And even though she doesn’t go to school here, she is a part of our SJSU family and it’s good that the students can help with whatever they can.”

There seems to be a special bond between Ruth and her cat, Silvas said. Kellie Miller is a Spartan Daily staff writer.

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“About Time” explores the ideas of regretting choices and reconsidering history.

The film stars Domhnall Gleeson as Tim, Rachel McAdams as Mary and Bill Nighy as Tim’s dad. Tim is an awkward, orange-haired boy who comes to the realization that he is going to have a very complicated life.

On his 21st birthday, his father tells him that the men in his family can travel back in time. The role of this special power is simple: Tim must go into a dark room, clench his fists and think about what point in time he wants to travel back to and he’ll appear there as himself at that particular time. He can only travel back to a point in his own life, so he can’t do things such as change the course of history by killing Hitlers, as his father tells him.

Many films have taken a crack at time travel, and the structure of “About Time” is a film in which McAdams also appears as herself at that same time. The problem is that these types of films leave questions unanswered and gaping plot holes behind because of the mind-boggling complications of time travel.

Writer and director Richard Curtis does a tremendous job of using time travel as an extra aspect of the film, rather than relying on it as a crutch. When Tim learns of his special gift, he uses it in the way any self-respecting young man would use it — to get himself a girlfriend. I know what you’re thinking. Tim should go back in time and try himself a couple of lottery tickets. That’s dad quickly puts the kibosh on that plan by telling him how horrid that plan has ruined for bankrupt family members.

His dad said that he never knew a rich man who was happy.

Mary comes into the picture from that point on. Tim makes it his goal to win her heart. Mary is a self-conscious girl who thinks men don’t like her, even though the actors who plays her has striking good looks. Tim makes some big mistakes at the beginning of his time traveling journey that will have you pulling out the screen for him to take a knee and think before he acts.

He makes some common errors that a time travel expert like myself would never have done. Happiness be damned, I want those lottery tickets.

“About Time” also provides some natural comedy that only time travel movie can supply.

There’s a point in the movie where Tim travels back in time repeatedly to make a sexual encounter so as good as it sounds possible — a power that most men wish they had in their arsenal.

Over the course of Tim’s life he becomes an expert at time travel, but also sees how it is quickly becoming a curse. This isn’t a typical romantic films in which Tim saves his gifts solely to make Mary happy. Instead, he also uses his powers to aid his family’s shortcomings.

“About Time” doesn’t over-complicate the time traveling aspect and will require times for your crossɜed brain, but the same time it will put a smile on your face.

“About Time” is currently in select theaters only, but will open in wide release Friday.

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port in the minuscule student section of a commuter's university. Although true, one knows the reputation SJSU holds as the most disappointing promotions for Homecoming, the annual event that current students look forward to the most. Attendance was just more than 10,000 for a game against the not-so-great team, reminding us of the Spartans' (5-3, 4-1 through the season) inconsistent performances. Everyone wants to be a part of the bandwagon and jump on the Spartans' wagon as they continue to perform well in televised games, and finished the season ranked 23rd in the country. The team actually performs well on the field, has numerous televised games, and finished the season ranked No. 21 and last of students in attendance is inexcusable. According to the school's website, the active student population consists of more than 38,000 students. From my experience, I estimate more than 2,000 students show up to watch the football game. That's an embarrassment for the university and the football team. On the field, there are numerous talented games, and finished the season ranked No. 23 in the Big West Conference last year. Yet students buy full season tickets. This is a ridiculous way to support the football team. The lack of student attendance is inexcusable. It's not if the football team has had its best season.
To save merger, US Airways, American may seek changes at Reagan National

WASHINGTON — The fate of an $11 billion deal to create the world’s largest airline might hinge in large part on one airport, but not just any airport: It’s the one right across the Potomac River from the nation’s capital.

When the Justice Department sued in August to block the merger of American Airlines and US Airways, it cited the dual potential impact of Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport. The combined airline would control 69 percent of the takeoff and landing slots at the terminal, a deal breaker for the department’s antitrust division.

“Blocking the merger will preserve current competition and service at Reagan National Airport, including flights that US Airways currently offers to large and small communities around the country,” Assistant Attorney General Bill Baer said when he announced the lawsuit in August.

To control noise, planes can’t take off between 10 p.m. and 7 a.m., and they must navigate around Washington’s heavily guarded airspace.

For example, US Airways has direct flights from Washington to several smaller airports in North Carolina and South Carolina. The merged company might decide it could serve communities such as Myrtle Beach, S.C., or Fayetteville, N.C., through its hub in Charlotte, N.C., instead. The new American would dominate Charlotte as well, but with our Reagan National’s constraints and with connections to more destinations, Baer and others think it may be less than ideal.

“Charleston in a vibrant connecting opportunity, but give the chance, everyone wants to fly nonstop,” he said.

American National is unique among the nation’s major airports because of long-standing restrictions on operations due to congestion and other concerns. For instance, the construction of a new terminal has been tied up between attorneys and the U.S. Capitol.

To save the merger, US Airways executives want to change their arrangements at Reagan National, some lawmakers said.

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