

Sony in Crisis

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Sony has hired private investigators following the theft of **personal data** belonging to more than 100 million online gamers.

On Tuesday the company admitted that there had been a **cyber attack** on the Sony Online Entertainment (SOE) network in April. The network hosts popular internet games including EverQuest and Free Realms.



Online security is a big concern for many.

This news followed an announcement last week of another **security breach** affecting 77 million Playstation users.

Initially, Sony believed that its SOE database had not been **compromised**, but they have now admitted that **hackers** took the names, e-mail addresses and other information of up to 25 million PC and Facebook gamers. In addition, the **payment details** of around twenty thousand non-US customers were taken.

In a statement, Sony warned customers **to be on the lookout for** any contact via e-mail, telephone or post **purporting to be** official Sony correspondence. Such an email would be an example of '**phishing**' – an attempt to acquire **sensitive information** via email or the internet.

The electronics giant had already apologised for the Playstation **hack**, and promised to help users defend themselves from cyber attack, saying:

"We will provide a complimentary offering to assist users in enrolling in **identity theft** protection services and/or similar programs."

Such promises haven't been enough to stop some people calling for the CEO Howard Stringer to resign. Sony's shares have dropped by 4% since mid-April.

词汇表请参看答案与词汇部分

Quiz 测验

阅读短文并回答问题。

1. Is this statement true, false or not given? *Over 100 million users of SOE have had their personal details stolen.*
2. Is this statement true, false or not given? *At first, Sony didn't realise that the SOE network had undergone a cyber attack.*
3. What did Sony do to reassure users after the Playstation hack?
4. Look at the article. Can you see a verb meaning to pretend?
5. Look at the article. Can you see an adjective meaning free?

Exercise 练习

选择正确的时态完成下面的填空练习。请根据文章内容选择正确的答案。

1. So far, personal data belonging to over 100 million gamers _____ stolen.

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2. Sony _____ the SOE security breach on Tuesday.

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3. To begin with, Sony didn't realise SOE _____ attacked.

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4. Users _____ be able to access an identity protection service.

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5. Some people _____ calling for Howard Stringer's resignation.

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Answers and Glossary 答案与词汇

Quiz 小测验

1. Is this statement true, false or not given? *Over 100 million users of SOE have had their personal details stolen.* False – the SOE hack relates to 25 million PC and Facebook gamers.
2. Is this statement true, false or not given? *At first, Sony didn't realise that the SOE network had undergone a cyber attack.* True – "Initially, Sony believed that its SOE database had not been compromised"
3. What did Sony do to reassure users after the Playstation hack? They offered users access to identity theft protection services.
4. Look at the article. Can you see a verb meaning to pretend? To purport to be.
5. Look at the article. Can you see an adjective meaning free? Complimentary.

Exercise 练习

1. So far, personal data belonging to over 100 million gamers has been stolen.
2. Sony announced the SOE security breach on Tuesday.
3. To begin with, Sony didn't realise SOE had been attacked.
4. Users will be able to access an identity protection service.
5. Some people have been calling for Howard Stringer's resignation.

Glossary 词汇表

personal data 个人资料	cyber attack 网络攻击
security breach 破坏安全的行为	to be compromised (网络安全) 受到攻击
hacker 黑客	payment details 银行支付信息
to be on the lookout for something 对... 保持警戒	to purport to be someone or something 假以、打着... 的旗号
phishing 网络仿冒、网络钓鱼 (一种网络攻击手段)	sensitive information 敏感信息
a hack 网络攻击	identity theft 身份盗窃

