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INFORMATION SECURITY VULNERABILITY ALERT

Scope:	Users of the Yahoo E-mail Service
Severity:	CERT.UG rates the severity of this vulnerability as MEDIUM due to the Yahoo breach.
Risk Assessment:	Yahoo confirmed yesterday that data associated with at least 500 million user accounts was stolen in a cyber security breach.
Vulnerability:	Like is other similar breaches, this means that those users' who were included within this breach are potentially exposed to unauthorized usage of their accounts leaving them vulnerable. In some instances, such data is used in phishing and impersonation scams that could negatively affect the affected users' experience or loss of information.
Risk Mitigation:	It's important to ensure that all Yahoo E-mail users change their passwords to protect against this exposure risk. Remember that strong passwords contain a mix of upper case, lower case, symbols and figures. We also strongly advise for Yahoo E-mail users to change the security questions as well as consider two factor authentications.

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