Zynga data breach exposed 200 million Words with Friends players

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More than 200 million players of the popular mobile games Words with Friends and Draw Something had their login information stolen.

Publisher Zynga announced there was a data breach of account login info for Draw Something and Words with Friends players on Sept. 12. Now, a hacker has claimed responsibility for the breach, CNET reports.

A hacker that goes by the name Gnosticplayers said they stole data from over 218 million Words with Friends player accounts, CNET wrote. The hacker accessed a database that included data from Android and iOS players who installed the game before Sept. 2, according to the report. Hacker News first reported the story.

The Defense Department’s security clearance agency officially has a new name and new acting leadership.

The Defense Counterintelligence and Security Agency — formerly the Defense Security Service will be led by acting Director Charlie Phalen, currently director of the National Background Investigations Bureau, the NBIB confirmed to Federal News Network.

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Recently, I conducted an informal survey of graduate engineering students at UCLA, where I teach, to assess intellectual property (IP) awareness. The results highlight the challenges of promoting and protecting IP in American universities and technology companies, and illustrate why universities need to increase their efforts to educate students on what IP is and why it matters.

First, the numbers: Of the approximately 60 graduate engineering students who completed the survey, 68% stated that they did not know enough to answer the question “what is a trade secret?” 21% stated that they did not know enough to answer the question “what is a patent?” The percentages of students unable to provide an answer to “what is copyright?” and “what is a trademark?” were 32% and 51% respectively.