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The [AP](#) (7/12) reports, “Members of the online activist group Anonymous stole tens of thousands of encrypted military passwords from US contractor Booz Allen Hamilton and posted them to the Web, the hackers said Monday. Although the passwords had all been encrypted and didn’t appear to be geared toward email access, many examined by The Associated Press seemed easily breakable and might conceivably be used to hack into military inboxes. ... The Pentagon said in a statement that it was aware of the incident and coordinating with other federal partners on the matter.”

On its “Checkpoint Washington” blog, the [Washington Post](#) (7/12, Ukman, 572K) reports that Anonymous “claimed that it was surprisingly easy to hack into Booz’s systems and secure ‘90,000 military emails and password hashes.’ ... Because the passwords were encrypted, one of the greatest dangers of the leak may be that the e-mail addresses could be used to contact military personnel under false pretenses and lure them into revealing their unencrypted passwords.”

[PC World](#) (7/12, Suarez, 425K) reports, “The group said it ran into basically ‘no security’ on one of the company’s servers and were able to lift the data, delete four gigabytes of source code and found information on other systems to attack.”

The [New York Times](#) (7/12, Richmond, 950K) reports that, “in an online statement,” Anonymous claims it has “been ‘investigating’ Booz Allen for some time, and has uncovered ‘shady practices by the company, including potentially illegal surveillance systems, corruption between company and government officials, warrantless wiretapping, and several other questionable surveillance projects.’”

[AFP](#) (7/12, Chapman) reports, “Booz Allen declined to comment on the incident, citing a company policy of not discussing ‘specific threats or actions taken against our systems.’”

Also reporting on the cyberattack are the [Wall Street Journal](#) (7/12, Morse, Subscription Publication, 2.02M), [Reuters](#) (7/12), [CNET News](#) (7/12, Mills), [PC Magazine](#) (7/12, Albanesius, 608K), and [Los Angeles Times](#) (7/12, Hennigan, 657K) on its technology blog.

Anonymous Bills BAH \$310 For Breach. On its “Technolog” blog, [MSNBC](#) (7/12, Choney) reports that “the loose collective of hackers also posted an ‘invoice’ to Booz Allen for its work, a ‘bill’ of \$310. The total, the group said, is based on four hours of ‘man power, \$40; network auditing, \$35; Web-app auditing, \$35; network infiltration, \$0; password and SQL dumping, \$200; decryption of data, \$0; and media and press, \$0.’ These asterisks to the ‘amounts’ added

double salt: ‘Price is based on the amount of effort required ... price is based on the amount of badly secured data to be dumped, which in this case was a substantial figure ... no security in place, no effort for intrusion needed.’” [The Atlantic](#) (7/12, Estes) also reports on the invoice.

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