

Auditors: IRS plan compromises security for e-payment users

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CDT continues to have concerns about government requiring private entities, in this case payment systems, to collect and keep more sensitive personal information than they would otherwise need. Data breaches continue to be an unfortunate fact of life, so forcing companies to hold on to sensitive data to assist the government in tracking user behavior carries real risk. David Sohn, Senior Policy Counsel, CDT

The Internal Revenue Service glossed over computer security in planning for a new tax return law that applies to e-payment processors, government investigators said. The law kicks in during the 2012 filing season for the 2011 tax year.

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