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## **DIGITAL DEFENSE AND NAFCU SERVICES RELEASE FREE PODCAST ON THE SECOND ANNUAL EXTREME HACKER CHALLENGE COMPETITION**

WASHINGTON — [Digital Defense](#), Inc. and [NAFCU Services Corporation](#) recently released a free podcast that serves as a primer for the improved second annual “Extreme Hacker Challenge” to be held at the [2009 NAFCU Technology and Security Conference](#), Feb. 23 – 26 in Las Vegas. Similar to last year, this friendly competition allows security professionals to act as hackers for a day, testing their knowledge of the latest hacker tactics and how to protect their credit unions from hacker attacks.

The free podcast is available online at [www.nafcu.org/digitaldefense](http://www.nafcu.org/digitaldefense).

The podcast features an interview with Tom DeSot, Digital Defense’s chief compliance officer and the company’s prime regulatory compliance resource. DeSot explains how the competition will be run as well as how it will exceed the difficulty of last year’s challenge, making it even more valuable in terms of educating attendees on the most advanced network security technology.

“The challenge embodies the age-old adage of knowing your enemy,” explains Desot. “And there’s no better way to know your enemy than to experience the tools that they use first-hand and really see all that they can do. In doing so, you gain valuable insight into how to better defend against them.”

Participants in the challenge will initially receive a background briefing on the hacker scenario, as well as information and guidance on how to use common hacker tools. When the competition begins, they will work within a closed local network to see who can penetrate the network the fastest. In essence, attendees will have a chance to step into the shoes of credit union hackers for a day. In addition to bragging rights, there will also be prizes for the top competitors.



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“The podcast will provide listeners with a taste of what to expect at the ‘Extreme Hacker Challenge, which offers a unique educational experience for conference attendees,” states David Frankil, president of NAFCU Services Corporation. “If you think your credit union security team is top-notch, we finally have a way for you to prove it!”

More information about the Second Annual Credit Union Extreme Hacker Challenge and the 2009 NAFCU Security and Technology Conference can be found at [www.nafcu.org/technology](http://www.nafcu.org/technology). The conference is open to both NAFCU members and non-members.

## **About Digital Defense, Inc.**

Digital Defense, Inc., an approved scanning vendor by the Payment Card Industry (PCI) Security Standards Council (SSC), delivers a comprehensive portfolio of risk management services including information security programs, regulatory compliance solutions, security testing of IT products and security education offerings to financial institutions and enterprises that use Internet Protocol-based technology in their business operations. Digital Defense and its security operations team uses proprietary Software as a Service (SaaS) technology and industry best practices to deliver a broad array of services to its clients, which range from small financial institutions to global Fortune enterprises. Frontline™, Digital Defense’s flagship service portal, provides clients with instant access to a security information management platform that enables independent oversight of their organization’s security posture on an autonomous or Digital Defense managed service basis. For more information about Digital Defense, please visit [www.ddifrontline.com](http://www.ddifrontline.com) or call 888.273.1412.

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