

OneInbox A Foray Into Vulnerability

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I REFER to last Tuesday's report, "G' mail: One inbox for all govt e-mail".

With the advent of globalisation and the ever-widening reach of the Internet - particularly in Singapore where usage is extremely high - it is constructive to develop a common medium for communication and increase the efficiency of services.

But OneInbox could render Singapore more vulnerable to malicious cyber attacks. Regardless of the security measures put in place, recent global breaches of 'secured' systems prove that no database or centralised cyber establishment is impregnable.

The fact that the proposed OneInbox system contains valuable personal information would only provide greater incentives for perpetrators and hackers to infiltrate it - potentially holding Singapore hostage or simply throwing everything into disarray.