



## The DoIT Digest

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### This Week:

- **Securing Your Personal Accounts**
- **VMAX Storage Platform Established at the Data Center**
- **DoIT Doubles Down on Promoting STEM Across Illinois**



### Securing Your Personal Accounts

A lot of attention has been placed on methods to secure the information and assets we have access to at work and at home. Have you noticed how often we read about security breaches, stolen data, and identity theft in the news? Perhaps you, or someone you know, has fallen victim to a cyber-criminal who has stolen personal information, banking credentials, or more. As these incidents become more prevalent, you should consider using multi-factor authentication (MFA), which will soon be implemented in our state environment. You may already be using this technology to access your banking or financial information when they require a password and an additional code through a call, email or text. You can familiarize yourself with MFA by visiting [Securing the State](#) and clicking on the Cybersecurity Awareness Materials.

### VMAX Storage Platform Established at the Data Center

The foundational element of our Data Center's Hybrid Cloud service delivery model has been completed. Last week our data center teams, along with the support of our client agencies, moved the last of our legacy storage devices to the new VMAX platform which will support VMware, SQL and many stand-alone applications. Over the course of the last six months, VoIP and Citrix VMs were migrated, more than 250TB of data and 150 plus direct attached servers were moved to the new platform. This new storage platform offers higher performance and gives the agencies the ability to choose a more robust environment for their critical applications. DoIT will be able to offer faster access speeds at an overall cost savings by utilizing new hardware and avoiding maintenance costs.



### DoIT Doubles Down on Promoting STEM in Illinois

The 2020 [Girls Go CyberStart Challenge](#), in partnership with the SANS Institute, was recently announced and encourages high school girls to discover their talents in cybersecurity and learn more about computer security careers. To also inspire younger girls, CTO Lori Sorenson led a team of DoIT employees to participate in a recent [Girl Scout STEMinar](#) to help K-6 grade girls learn more about IT careers, while earning a merit badge. Watch for even more STEM outreach in 2020!

### DoIT FYIs & Reminders

Jingle & Mingle . . . bring your appetite and joyful spirit to our annual holiday luncheon to be held on Tuesday, December 17<sup>th</sup>. There is still time to [RSVP your attendance](#) by end of day today! You won't leave hungry and you will be able to meet some new friends and colleagues from across our greater DoIT family.

