

Hacking Your...Oven? FTC Conducts Workshop on “Internet of Things”

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Yesterday, the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) held an information gathering workshop entitled the “[Internet of Things: Privacy & Security in a Connected World](#).” The purpose of the workshop was to explore consumer privacy and security issues raised by the growing connectivity of devices, and to inform the Commission about the developments in this area. The workshop featured a series of panels with representatives from government, academia, consumer groups, privacy professionals, and the technology industry who discussed the risks and benefits, consumer awareness, and the future of connected devices. Topics discussed included:

- What is the “Internet of Things”?
- The Smart Home
- Connected Health and Fitness
- Connected Cars
- Privacy and Security in a Connected World

The FTC will be preparing a report that includes recommended best practices for “smart” devices. Interested parties may submit public comments on such best practices (or any of the topics/issues raised at the workshop) to the FTC through January 10, 2014.

For more information, see the Kelley Drye [client advisory](#).