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# Hackers demanded multimillion dollar ransom to end attack against SW Ontario hospitals

The hackers who shut down systems at five southwestern Ontario hospitals offered to cease the attack — and keep stolen staff and patient information off the dark web — for a ransom payment of about \$8 million.

https://windsorstar.com/news/local-news/hackers-demanded-multimillion-dollar-ransom-to-end-attack-against-sw-ontario-hospitals

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## Some Caesars Windsor guests warned of potential info leak in hack

Judy Lemire and her husband aren't frequent customers of Caesars Windsor — making it even more of a surprise when they recently received a letter in the mail from the casino resort advising them that their personal information may have been compromised.

https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/windsor/caesars-windsor-cyberattack-cybersecurity-ransomware-1.7027929

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### 'I've got a cybersecurity diploma': How even an IT worker lost \$150k to job ad scam

An IT worker is struggling to comprehend how he lost \$150,000 of his, and his parents', life savings to a manipulative job scam that fooled him into thinking he was working and earning an income.

https://www.9news.com.au/national/job-ad-scam-it-worker-loses-150k/9486e365-d56c-4855-bdd0-9fe640ae3aae

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#### YouTube tests AI tool that clones pop stars' voices

YouTube has revealed an artificial intelligence tool that allows users to imitate pop stars like Demi Lovato and John Legend.

https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/c4n9erzrg93o

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### FBI shares tactics & techniques used by Scattered Spider hacker group

In recent months, the Scattered Spider hacking group (aka Starfraud, UNC3944, Scatter Swine, and Muddled Libra) has made news for allegedly attacking the following casino giants:-

- MGM Resorts
- Caesars Entertainment

https://cybersecuritynews.com/fbi-scattered-spider-hacker-group/

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## FortiSIEM injection flaw let attackers execute malicious commands

OS command injection is a security vulnerability where an attacker exploits improper user input validation to inject malicious commands into an operating system. This can lead to:-

- Unauthorized access
- Data breaches
- System compromise

https://cybersecuritynews.com/fortisiem-injection-flaw/

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## 8 scam-busting tips for the holidays from a top retail cybersecurity expert at Target

The busy holiday season is in full swing, and with so much to do (finish the gift list! wrap the presents! get the house ready for visitors!), you're likely running in circles. Unfortunately, fraudsters know it all too well, and ramp up their scams during this time of year — even adding holiday themes specially designed to catch busy shoppers unaware.

https://corporate.target.com/news-features/article/2023/11/safe-shopping-tips

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#### Malware discovered in kids' tablet steals sensitive data

In the ever-expanding market of Android devices, the allure of budget-friendly options can sometimes conceal unforeseen risks.

https://cybersecuritynews.com/malware-kids-tablet/

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# UK cybersecurity center says 'deepfakes' and other AI tools pose a threat to the next election

Britain's cybersecurity agency said Tuesday that artificial intelligence poses a threat to the country's next national election, and cyberattacks by hostile countries and their proxies are proliferating and getting harder to track.

 $\underline{https://abcnews.go.com/Technology/wireStory/uk-cybersecurity-center-deep fakes-ai-tools-pose-threat-104870340}$ 

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### How cybercriminals are using bogus login pages to steal your banking information

Russian cybercriminals have taken aim at the nation's major banks with a sophisticated new malware campaign, with Australians specifically in their sights.

https://www.abc.net.au/news/2023-11-18/bank-bogus-octo-scam-apps-phishing/102992426

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#### How our need for interpersonal connection can put us at risk

What's the weak link in cybersecurity? Us. Our need for interpersonal connection with other humans is a major driver of cybersecurity vulnerabilities. John Hackston of The Myers-Briggs Company discusses how bad actors may exploit these interpersonal needs and how we can reduce risk by becoming aware of them.

https://www.spiceworks.com/it-security/cyber-risk-management/guest-article/the-cybersecurity-risks-of-being-social/

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## Stanley Steemer hack breached data of almost 67K customers

Stanley Steemer International was the target of an external hack that impacted almost 67,000 customers, according to a consumer breach notification posted Wednesday with the Maine Attorney General's office.

https://www.cybersecuritydive.com/news/stanley-steemer-hack-67k-customers/700175/

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