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Feds aimed secret cybersecurity briefing at energy sector executives: memo

Federal security officials have been briefing leaders of major energy and utility firms on cyberthreats, one element of a concerted government effort to underscore the serious risks to the sector.

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Work on 'high-risk' city cybersecurity issue roughly a year overdue

Five of six recommendations to tackle a "high-risk" municipal cybersecurity issue are now about a year overdue, as the city's auditor general lamented alarming delays from city officials.

https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/ottawa/work-on-high-risk-city-cybersecurity-issue-roughly-a-year-overdue-1.7041182

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Facebook ads scamming customers with fake discounts, says Vancouver Island puzzle company

David Manga said he first realized he had problems with his popular puzzle company about a month ago, when messages started pouring in about undelivered products.

https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/british-columbia/cobble-hill-puzzles-scam-1.7034457

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More than 2 million Canadians scammed on Black Friday and Cyber Monday

More than 2 million Canadians have been scammed in the past on Black Friday or Cyber Monday, according to a new survey by the cybersecurity company NordVPN.

https://torontosun.com/news/national/more-than-2-million-canadians-scammed-on-black-friday-and-cybermonday

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New flaws in fingerprint sensors let attackers bypass Windows Hello login

A new research has uncovered multiple vulnerabilities that could be exploited to bypass Windows Hello authentication on Dell Inspiron 15, Lenovo ThinkPad T14, and Microsoft Surface Pro X laptops.

https://thehackernews.com/2023/11/new-flaws-in-fingerprint-sensors-let.html

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Play ransomware goes commercial - now offered as a service to cybercriminals

The ransomware strain known as Play is now being offered to other threat actors "as a service," new evidence unearthed by Adlumin has revealed.

https://thehackernews.com/2023/11/play-ransomware-goes-commercial-now.html

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Australia beefs up cyber defences after major breaches

Australia will give cyber health checks for small businesses, increase cyber law enforcement funding and introduce mandatory reporting of ransomware attacks under a security overhaul announced on Wednesday after a spate of attacks.

https://www.reuters.com/technology/cybersecurity/australia-goes-cyber-offensive-with-sweeping-resilienceplan-2023-11-22/

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Fidelity National Financial shuts down network in wake of cybersecurity incident

Fidelity National Financial, or FNF, a Fortune 500 company that provides title insurance and settlement services for the mortgage and real estate industries, announced on Tuesday that it was the victim of a "cybersecurity incident that impacted certain FNF systems."

https://techcrunch.com/2023/11/22/fidelity-national-financial-shuts-down-network-in-wake-of-cybersecurityincident/

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North Korean hackers targeting CyberLink users in supply-chain attack

In the ever-evolving realm of cybersecurity, Microsoft Threat Intelligence has uncovered a sophisticated supply chain attack orchestrated by the North Korean Hackers Diamond Sleet (ZINC).

https://cybersecuritynews.com/north-korean-hackers-cyberlink/

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Cybersecurity firm executive pleads guilty to hacking hospitals

The former chief operating officer of a cybersecurity company has pleaded guilty to hacking two hospitals, part of the Gwinnett Medical Center (GMC), in June 2021 to boost his company's business.

https://www.bleepingcomputer.com/news/security/cybersecurity-firm-executive-pleads-guilty-to-hackinghospitals/

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ClearFake a new malware attacking Mac users via fake browser updates

Mac users were targeted by a fake browser update chain called 'ClearFake', which was delivered by Atomic Stealer to compromise their systems.

https://cybersecuritynews.com/clearfake-new-malware-mac/

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Apple's iPhone iOS17 NameDrop feature "major red flag" for cybersecurity, expert says

A number of local police departments have sent out a privacy warning about Apple's latest iOS 17 update for iPhones. The update includes a feature that allows for contact information to easily be shared called "NameDrop."

https://www.cbsnews.com/philadelphia/news/how-to-turn-off-name-drop-on-iphones-ios17-cybersecurity/

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