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Cyber attack shutters 14 Canadian casinos

A cyber attack on one of Canada's largest gaming companies has resulted in 14 casinos being shut down as cyber-security experts try to restore IT systems.

https://highstakesdb.com/news/high-stakes-reports/cyber-attack-shutters-14-canadian-casinos

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London-based medical firm's client information hit by privacy breach

The personal health information of some of the clients of a London-based medical company was compromised in a privacy breach by an outsider, the firm's officials say.

https://lfpress.com/news/local-news/london-based-medical-firms-client-information-hit-by-privacy-breach

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ChatGPT's data protection blind spots and how security teams can solve them

In the short time since their inception, ChatGPT and other generative AI platforms have rightfully gained the reputation of ultimate productivity boosters. However, the very same technology that enables rapid production of high-quality text on demand, can at the same time expose sensitive corporate data.

https://thehackernews.com/2023/04/chatgpts-data-protection-blind-spots.html

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TikTok data collection could reveal what floor a user is on, cybersecurity firm says

The Australian-US cybersecurity company that last year revealed the extent of TikTok's data collection says the social media company has increased what location information it collects to include altitude, which could tell it what floor of a building a user is on.

https://www.theguardian.com/technology/2023/apr/21/tiktok-data-collection-could-reveal-what-floor-a-user-is-on-cybersecurity-firm-says

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Hackers exploit outdated WordPress plugin to backdoor thousands of WordPress sites

Threat actors have been observed leveraging a legitimate but outdated WordPress plugin to surreptitiously backdoor websites as part of an ongoing campaign, Sucuri revealed in a report published last week.

https://thehackernews.com/2023/04/hackers-exploit-outdated-wordpress.html

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ChatGPT can be tricked to write malware when you act as a developer

Japanese Cybersecurity experts have found that ChatGPT could write code for malware by entering a prompt that makes the AI believe it is in developer mode.

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New all-in-one "EvilExtractor" stealer for Windows systems surfaces on the dark web

A new "all-in-one" stealer malware named EvilExtractor (also spelled Evil Extractor) is being marketed for sale for other threat actors to steal data and files from Windows systems.

https://thehackernews.com/2023/04/new-all-in-one-evilextractor-stealer.html

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Microsoft wants to get more women into cybersecurity

Microsoft has announced(opens in new tab) new funding to upskill new cybersecurity workers, especially for women, with a focus in some of the most underrepresented countries including across South America and Asia.

https://www.techradar.com/news/microsoft-wants-to-get-more-women-into-cybersecurity

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Google moves to keep public sector cybersecurity vulnerabilities leashed

Google and The Center for Internet Security, Inc., launched the Google Cloud Alliance this week with the goal of advancing digital security in the public sector.

https://www.techrepublic.com/article/google-defend-public-sector-cybersecurity/

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Russian hackers Tomiris targeting Central Asia for intelligence gathering

The Russian-speaking threat actor behind a backdoor known as Tomiris is primarily focused on gathering intelligence in Central Asia, fresh findings from Kaspersky reveal.

https://thehackernews.com/2023/04/russian-hackers-tomiris-targeting.html

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How cyber insurance changed cybersecurity

When cyber insurance first became available in the 1990s, there wasn't much need for it — or at least, so people thought. The internet as we know it today was still in its infancy, and most organizations didn't see the point of cyber insurance. The original policies were to cover liability around software and media concerns.

https://securityintelligence.com/articles/how-cyber-insurance-changed-cybersecurity/

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Hackers Use Google Ads to deliver Bumblebee malware

Threat actors frequently employ malicious Google Ads and SEO poisoning to spread malware.

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