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The inside story of how N.L. health officials failed to act before a ransomware gang struck

Many numbers have been linked to the cyberattack on Newfoundland and Labrador's health-care system in the fall of 2021.

https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/newfoundland-labrador/nl-ransonmare-attack-report-in-depth-1.6860899

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Canadian firms slow in responding to cyber attacks, report suggests

It can take Canadian organizations up to 48 days to detect and recover from a cyber attack, according to a new survey of infosec professionals.

https://www.itbusiness.ca/news/canadian-firms-slow-in-responding-to-cyber-attacks-report-suggests/125297

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N.S. identifies thousands more victims of global data hack, including school workers

Nova Scotia's cybersecurity minister says his department has identified thousands more people affected by a recent global data breach.

https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/nova-scotia/moveit-hack-nova-scotia-cybersecurity-breach-1.6876382

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From ChatGPT to HackGPT

The emergence and continued development of artificial intelligence (AI) is creating endless new possibilities in the world of cybersecurity. Threats and weaknesses can be detected faster and more accurately, and the speed of action of security teams is faster than ever with AI. This is badly needed because as with all new resources that help humanity move forward, new techniques are also eagerly sought after by cybercriminals.

https://blogs.blackberry.com/en/2023/06/from-chatgpt-to-hackgpt

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Warning: GravityRAT Android trojan steals WhatsApp backups and deletes files

An updated version of an Android remote access trojan dubbed GravityRAT has been found masquerading as messaging apps BingeChat and Chatico as part of a narrowly targeted campaign since June 2022.

https://thehackernews.com/2023/06/warning-gravityrat-android-trojan.html

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GameAbove elevates Eastern Michigan University's Cybersecurity Program with a $1.6M gift to its College of Engineering and Technology

GameAbove at Eastern Michigan University, an alumni-led philanthropic group advancing academic and athletic programs, announces a $1.6 million gift to the university's College of Engineering and Technology (GACET). The new commitment will support the launch of a Cybersecurity for Embedded Systems initiative, enhance offerings within cybersecurity and the Internet of Things, including research in cybersecurity for vehicles and mobility, and establish a dedicated Cybersecurity Certificate Program that caters to students and business professionals alike.

https://www.newswire.ca/news-releases/gameabove-elevates-eastern-michigan-university-s-cybersecurity-program-with-a-1-6m-gift-to-its-college-of-engineering-and-technology-833379142.html

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US government agencies hit in global hacking spree

The U.S. government has been hit in a global hacking campaign that exploited a vulnerability in widely used software but does not expect it to have significant impact, the nation's cyber watchdog agency said on Thursday.

https://www.reuters.com/world/us/us-government-agencies-hit-global-cyber-attack-cnn-2023-06-15/

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Cyberattacks on renewables: Europe power sector's dread in chaos of war

Saboteurs target a nation leading the world in clean energy. They hack into vulnerable wind and solar power systems. They knock out digitalized energy grids. They wreak havoc.

https://www.reuters.com/business/energy/cyberattacks-renewables-europe-power-sectors-dread-chaos-war-2023-06-15/

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New report reveals Shuckworm's long-running intrusions on Ukrainian organizations

The Russian threat actor known as Shuckworm has continued its cyber assault spree against Ukrainian entities in a bid to steal sensitive information from compromised environments.

https://thehackernews.com/2023/06/new-report-reveals-shuckworms-long.html

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Reddit hackers warn of February breach data leak

Reddit attackers claim to have stolen 80 GB of Reddit data. They want $4.5 million in ransom and Reddit to ditch its API pricing changes.

https://cybernews.com/news/reddit-data-breach-alphv-blackcat/

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State-backed hackers employ advanced methods to target Middle Eastern and African governments

Governmental entities in the Middle East and Africa have been at the receiving end of sustained cyber-espionage attacks that leverage never-before-seen and rare credential theft and Exchange email exfiltration techniques.

https://thehackernews.com/2023/06/state-backed-hackers-employ-advanced.html

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BrutePrint: Bypassing smartphone fingerprint protection

Fingerprint recognition is believed to be a fairly secure authentication method. Publications on different ways to trick the fingerprint sensor do pop up now and again, but all the suggested methods one way or another boil down to physical imitation of the phone owner's finger — whether using a silicone pad or conductive ink printout.

https://www.kaspersky.com/blog/fingerprint-brute-force-android/48303/?reseller=gb_kdaily-sm_awarn_ona_smm__all_b2c_some_sma_sm-team_____&utm_source=twitter&utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=uk_kdaily_db0077&utm_content=sm-post&utm_term=uk_twitter_organic_d36krxyne377mof

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Over 101,100 compromised OpenAI ChatGPT account credentials have found their way on illicit dark web marketplaces between June 2022 and May 2023, with India alone accounting for 12,632 stolen credentials.

https://thehackernews.com/2023/06/over-100000-stolen-chatgpt-account.html

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