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Industry, government, academics form group to help solve Canada's cyber talent shortage 🇨🇦

https://www.itworldcanada.com/article/industry-government-academics-form-group-to-help-solve-canadas-cyber-talent-shortage/418091

Another piece of the Information Technology Association of Canada's strategy for increasing the number of cyber security professionals has fallen into place.

ITAC said Wednesday a group of industry, governments and academics have formed the Cybersecurity Talent Alliance to craft a plan for cyber security education and workforce development.

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Canadian privacy experts praise San Francisco ban on facial recognition software 🇨🇦

https://www.itworldcanada.com/article/canadian-privacy-experts-praise-san-francisco-ban-on-facial-recognition-software/418107

Canadian privacy experts say this week's decision by San Francisco forbidding county and municipal departments from using facial recognition technology should be a model for government policy towards more privacy in public spaces.

"It's a big deal,' said Ann Cavoukian, former Ontario privacy commissioner and now head of Ryerson University's privacy by design centre of excellence,

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Trudeau to tech companies: Get tough on fake news or face fines 🇨🇦

https://www.itworldcanada.com/article/trudeau-to-tech-companies-get-tough-on-fake-news-or-face-fines/418100

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau has warned Canadian service and content providers to get tougher on removing fake content online or they'll be hit with fines.

He made the statement Thursday morning in a speech at the Viva Technology conference in Paris, a day after signing with 16 other countries the Christchurch Call that promises more action by governments and industry that agree to improve fighting the spread of terrorist and extremist content online.

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Paterson Public Schools Notified of Breach, Threatens with Civil Case

https://www.bleepingcomputer.com/news/security/paterson-public-schools-notified-of-breach-threatens-with-civil-case/

A report earlier this week from Paterson Times informed that the systems of Paterson Public Schools in New Jersey had been breached and the intruder stole thousands of usernames and weakly protected passwords. In reply, the school district issued a letter informing that "a civil court action must be pursued."

Last weekend, Paterson Times received evidence from an unknown party that login information for 23,103 accounts for the Paterson School District network had been stolen. On Monday, newspaper's Jayed Rahman published details about the breach, which apparently had occurred in October 2016.

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Unsecured Survey Database Exposes Info of 8 Million People

https://www.bleepingcomputer.com/news/security/unsecured-survey-database-exposes-info-of-8-million-people/

An unsecured database has exposed the personal information of 8 million people from the U.S. who participated in online surveys, sweepstakes, and requests for free product samples.

The way these types of sites work is you are offered free product samples, a chance to enter a sweepstake, or a prize for filling out a survey. In order to take advantage of these offers, though, you will be required to provide your personal information, which will then be used in later marketing campaigns or for lead generation

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Facebook Bans Israeli Entity For Creating Fake Accounts

https://www.bleepingcomputer.com/news/security/facebook-bans-israeli-entity-for-creating-fake-accounts/

Facebook announced that today it removed 265 Facebook and Instagram accounts, Facebook Pages, Groups and events for fake behavior originating from Israeli commercial entity Archimedes Group.

The company is a repeat offender of Facebook's multiple policies, including the one for misrepresentation, and engaged multiple times in coordinated inauthentic behavior.

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FBI and Europol Disrupt GozNym Malware Attack Network

https://www.databreachtoday.com/fbi-europol-disrupt-goznym-malware-attack-network-a-12493

Law enforcement agencies in the U.S. and Europe on Thursday announced that they had disrupted a malware attack platform called GozNym. As part of the coordinated investigation, authorities in four countries arrested six suspects who face charges including money laundering, malware-writing and phishing. Five Russian suspects, however, remain at large.

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After 2 Years, WannaCry Remains a Threat

https://www.databreachtoday.com/after-2-years-wannacry-remains-threat-a-12496

Over the course of several days in May 2017, WannaCry tore a path of online destruction throughout 150 countries across the globe, damaging the IT infrastructure of several major institutions and businesses, including the National Health Service in the U.K., automakers Nissan, Honda and Renault, as well as enterprise stalwarts such as FedEx.

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Database May Have Exposed Instagram Data for 49 Million

https://www.databreachtoday.com/database-may-have-exposed-instagram-data-for-49-million-a-12503

There's been a potential leak of personally identifiable information from Instagram, but it's not clear yet whether the data came directly came from the social media company.

Security researcher Anurag Sen found a database online that appeared to contain profile data for 49 million Instagram users, including their email addresses and phone numbers - data that is supposed to be private. Instagram has at least 1 billion active monthly users.

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DHS warns of 'strong concerns' that Chinese-made drones are stealing data

https://www.cnn.com/2019/05/20/politics/dhs-chinese-drone-warning/index.html

Washington (CNN)Chinese-made drones may be sending sensitive flight data to their manufacturers in China, where it can be accessed by the government there, the US Department of Homeland Security warned in an alert issued Monday obtained by CNN.

The drones are a "potential risk to an organization's information," the alert from DHS's Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency states. The products "contain components that can compromise your data and share your information on a server accessed beyond the company itself."

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Google Restricts Huawei's Access to Android

https://www.bankinfosecurity.com/google-restricts-huaweis-access-to-android-a-12498

After the Trump administration last week blacklisted Huawei amid rising trade tensions, technology firms have begun pausing their work with the Chinese manufacturing giant.

Organizations say the move comes as they review how to comply with the U.S. Commerce Department last week saying that with immediate effect, American firms need an export license if they wish to do business with Huawei.

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US Marine Corps seeks volunteers for civilian cybersecurity team

https://www.techspot.com/news/80111-us-marine-corps-seeks-volunteers-civilian-cybersecurity-team.html

Back in April, the Marine Corps announced it would be creating a new computer task force. The cyber security unit would be made up of volunteer civilians and veterans and would not be subject to strict USMC decorum.

"If anybody wants to join, you can sign up. You can have purple hair, too, but no EGA," Commandant General Robert Neller told Military referring to Marines' famous eagle, globe and anchor insignia.

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