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Ransomware attacks are on the rise in Canada, says cybersecurity expert

Ransomware attacks targeting Canadians and Canadian organizations are getting more sophisticated by the day.

https://mobilesyrup.com/2023/07/19/ransomware-attacks-are-on-the-rise-in-canada-says-cybersecurity-expert/

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Yamaha confirms cyberattack after multiple ransomware gangs claim attacks

Yamaha's Canadian music division confirmed that it recently dealt with a cyberattack after two different ransomware groups claimed to have attacked the company.

https://therecord.media/yamaha-confirms-cyberattack-after-multiple-ransomware-gangs-claim

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Kevin Mitnick, the world's 'most wanted' hacker before becoming a cybersecurity consultant, dies at 59

Kevin Mitnick, who became infamous in the 1990s for his hacking exploits and went on to become a leading cybersecurity consultant, has passed away at the age of 59.

https://finance.yahoo.com/news/kevin-mitnick-world-most-wanted-154108323.html

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'Cybersecurity event' impacts Tampa General patient information

Tampa General Hospital announced that an unauthorized third party accessed some patient information in May during a "cybersecurity event."

https://www.abcactionnews.com/news/region-hillsborough/cybersecurity-event-impacts-tampa-general-patient-information

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Google launches pilot program to boost cybersecurity

Today, CNBC reported that Google is launching a pilot program in which some employees will be assigned internet-free desktop PCs to reduce the risk of cyber attacks on the company.

https://www.itworldcanada.com/article/google-launches-pilot-program-to-boost-cybersecurity/543049

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UK amends encrypted message scanning plans

The UK government has amended powers that could be used to force tech firms to scan encrypted messages for child abuse images.

https://www.bbc.com/news/technology-66240006

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Chinese APT41 hackers target mobile devices with new WyrmSpy and DragonEgg spyware

The prolific China-linked nation-state actor known as APT41 has been linked to two previously undocumented strains of Android spyware called WyrmSpy and DragonEgg.

https://thehackernews.com/2023/07/chinese-apt41-hackers-target-mobile.html

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Local Governments Targeted for Ransomware – How to Prevent Falling Victim

Story text. Regardless of the country, local government is essential in most citizens' lives. It provides many day-to-day services and handles various issues. Therefore, their effects can be far-reaching and deeply felt when security failures occur.

https://thehackernews.com/2023/07/local-governments-targeted-for.html

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Apple and the UK government: Protecting user privacy in the face of cybersecurity legislation

Apple is currently engaged in a standoff with the UK government over proposed legislation that could compromise user privacy and data security. The Online Safety Bill, currently being considered by the UK parliament, seeks to challenge end-to-end encryption used in popular Apple apps like iMessage and FaceTime. Apple has taken a firm stance, warning that it may withdraw these key apps from the UK if the bill is passed in its current form.

https://techround.co.uk/news/apple-uk-government-protecting-user-privacy-cybersecurity-legislation/

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Russia seeks 18 years in jail for founder of cybersecurity firm

A Russian prosecutor on Friday requested an 18-year prison sentence for Ilya Sachkov, founder of one of the country's top cybersecurity firms, on treason charges.

https://www.securityweek.com/russia-seeks-18-years-in-jail-for-founder-of-cybersecurity-firm/

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Norway government ministries hit by cyber attack

Twelve Norwegian government ministries have been hit by a cyber attack, the Norwegian government said on Monday, the latest attack to hit the public sector of Europe's largest gas supplier and NATO's northernmost member.

https://www.reuters.com/technology/norway-government-ministries-hit-by-cyber-attack-2023-07-24/

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The growing impact of generative AI on cybersecurity and identity theft

As fraud prevention technology gets more sophisticated, account takeover (ATO) tactics are keeping pace. Between 2019 and 2021, ATO attacks increased by 307%, with total monetary losses totaling $11.4 billion, and the loss of credibility and customer trust incalculable.

https://venturebeat.com/security/the-growing-impact-of-generative-ai-on-cybersecurity-and-identity-theft/

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Microsoft enhances Windows 11 Phishing Protection with new features

Microsoft is further enhancing the Windows 11 Enhanced Phishing Protection by testing a new feature that warns users when they copy and paste their Windows password into websites and documents.

https://www.bleepingcomputer.com/news/microsoft/microsoft-enhances-windows-11-phishing-protection-with-new-features/

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