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**Theme of the month: Cloud Authentication
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Challenge yourself with our [Cloud Authentication Quiz!](#)

What you can do to improve your authentication processes:

All Users	Technical Users	Business Owners
Don't use the "Remember Me" option on your online and mobile accounts. This makes your accounts more vulnerable to a cyberattack.	Be sure to take the time and effort to stay up-to-date with emerging authentication technologies.	Have your teams look at adopting digital credentials and other passwordless authentication options to see if they are appropriate for your organization.

[Register for Security Day](#) to learn more about cloud authentication!

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Canada joins international security partners in release of advisory, guidance on growing cyber security threat to civil society

The Canadian Centre for Cyber Security, a part of the Communications Security Establishment Canada, joins several global security partners today in warning the public about a growing cyber security threat to civil society organizations and individuals, a community that has been deemed high risk for state-sponsored cyber threats.

<https://www.canada.ca/en/communications-security/news/2024/05/canada-joins-international-security-partners-in-release-of-advisory-guidance-on-growing-cyber-security-threat-to-civil-society.html>

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Montreal's College Ahuntsic to reopen on Friday after cyber attack alert

Collège Ahuntsic, in Montreal, will resume its activities on Friday after being forced to close its doors on Thursday due to a "potential cyberattack".

<https://montreal.ctvnews.ca/montreal-s-college-ahuntsic-to-reopen-on-friday-after-cyber-attack-alert-1.6889524>

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Uniken introduces Certainty in Your Hand™ through palm vein authentication

Uniken, a leading provider of security, authentication, and identity verification, announces at the Temenos Community Forum 2024 the release of Palm Vein Authentication for in-branch, rural and inclusive banking on its REL-ID platform.

<https://www.prnewswire.com/news-releases/uniken-introduces-certainty-in-your-hand-through-palm-vein-authentication-302145647.html>

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GitLab and Google Cloud join forces to streamline development and enhance security

At Google Cloud Next '24, GitLab announced a series of integrations aimed at enhancing the developer experience and streamlining cloud-based development workflows. These integrations, now in public beta, combine GitLab's DevOps platform with Google Cloud's infrastructure and services.

<https://www.infoq.com/news/2024/05/gitlab-google-cloud-integration/>

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Prove: Spike in business identity theft calls for phone-based approach to authentication

As the company that laid claim to the concept of "digital identity" more than 10 years ago, Prove Identity takes verification seriously, even when it's not.

<https://www.pymnts.com/fraud-prevention/2024/prove-spike-in-business-identity-theft-calls-for-phone-based-approach-to-authentication/>

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Hackers target website of Christie's auction house in UK

UK-based auction house Christie's faced a cyberattack Thursday, prompting it to take down its website and reschedule one live auction, reports The Record, a news site by cybersecurity firm Recorded Future.

<https://www.scmagazine.com/brief/hackers-target-website-of-christies-auction-house-in-uk>

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Nigeria halts cybersecurity tax after public outrage

The Nigerian government halted its effort to fund national cybersecurity improvements through a 0.5% levy on domestic electronic transactions after the current administration faced widespread public criticism for increasing taxes during an economic crisis.

<https://www.darkreading.com/cyber-risk/nigeria-halts-cybersecurity-tax-after-public-outrage>

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Murder suspect mistakenly released from jail after 'cybersecurity incident'

Authorities in Georgia are searching for 30-year-old murder suspect Zion River Shaka, who was mistakenly released by Clayton County authorities last week, according to ABC affiliate WSB in Atlanta.

<https://abcnews.go.com/US/police-searching-murder-suspect-mistakenly-released-georgia-jail/story?id=106867348>

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Authorities seized notorious data leak site BreachForums

The notorious data leak site BreachForums has been taken over by the police.

<https://cybersecuritynews.com/authorities-data-leak/>

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Google patches yet another actively exploited Chrome zero-day vulnerability

Google has rolled out fixes to address a set of nine security issues in its Chrome browser, including a new zero-day that has been exploited in the wild.

<https://thehackernews.com/2024/05/google-patches-yet-another-actively.html>

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Hackers exploiting Microsoft's Quick Assist tool to deliver ransomware

Hackers often target remote assist tools because they create a direct channel to access desired systems with minimum effort.

<https://cybersecuritynews.com/hackers-exploiting-quick-assist-ransomware/>

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Russian hackers used two new backdoors to spy on European foreign ministry

Researchers recently uncovered two new backdoors implanted within the infrastructure of a European Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) and its diplomatic missions.

<https://theycyberexpress.com/russian-hackers-used-two-new-backdoors/>

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GhostSec announces shift in operations from ransomware to hacktivism

GhostSec, a threat actor group previously involved in financially motivated cybercrimes, announced a significant shift in their focus to depart from the cybercrime and ransomware operations to their original hacktivist aims.

<https://theycyberexpress.com/ghostsec-returns-to-hacktivism/>

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US arrests suspects behind \$73M 'pig butchering' laundering scheme

The U.S. Department of Justice charged two suspects for allegedly leading a crime ring that laundered at least \$73 million from cryptocurrency investment scams, also known as "pig butchering."

https://www.bleepingcomputer.com/news/security/us-arrests-suspects-behind-73m-pig-butchering-laundering-scheme/#google_vignette

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