

THREAT PULSE

Amateurs hack systems;
professionals hack people
- Bruce Schneier

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The News

IN THE NEWS THIS WEEK



Critical WordPress Anti-Spam Plugin Flaws Expose 200,000+ Sites to Remote Attacks

Two critical security flaws impacting the Spam protection, Anti-Spam, and FireWall plugin WordPress could allow an unauthenticated attacker to install and enable malicious plugins on susceptible sites and potentially achieve remote code execution.

The vulnerabilities, tracked as CVE-2024-10542 and CVE-2024-10781, carry a CVSS score of 9.8 out of a maximum of 10.0. They were addressed in versions 6.44 and 6.45 released this month.

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British hospital group declares 'major incident' following cyberattack

The NHS Trust responsible for a group of hospitals in northwest England has declared a "major incident" following a cyberattack, invoking the crisis management status for events that pose a serious risk to public health. A statement on the [website](#) for Wirral University Teaching Hospital NHS Foundation Trust says: "A major incident has been declared at the Trust for cyber security reasons."

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OTHER NEWS HIGHLIGHTS

[XML-RPC npm Library Turns Malicious, Steals Data, Deploys Crypto Miner](#)

[Appeals court overturns Treasury sanctions against crypto mixer Tornado Cash](#)

[Tor needs 200 new WebTunnel bridges to fight censorship](#)

[Microsoft Fixes AI, Cloud, and ERP Security Flaws; One Exploited in Active Attacks](#)

[Over Two Dozen Flaws Identified in Advantech Industrial Wi-Fi Access Points - Patch ASAP](#)

The News

TOP OF THE NEWS THIS WEEK



Cloudflare says it lost 55% of logs pushed to customers for 3.5 hours

Internet security giant Cloudflare announced that it lost 55% of all logs pushed to customers over a 3.5-hour period due to a bug in the log collection service on November 14, 2024.

Cloudflare offers an extensive logging service to customers that allows them to monitor the traffic on their site and filter that traffic based on certain criteria.

These logs allow customers to analyze traffic to their hosts to monitor and investigate security incidents, troubleshooting, DDoS attacks, traffic patterns, or to perform site optimizations.

For customers who wish to analyze these logs using external tools, Cloudflare offers a "logpush" service that collects logs from its various endpoints and pushes them out to external storage services, such as Amazon S3, Elastic, Microsoft Azure, Splunk, Google Cloud Storage, etc.

These logs are generated at a massive scale, as Cloudflare processes over 50 trillion customer event logs daily, of which around 4.5 trillion logs are sent to customers.

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TOP RELATED ARTICLES

[Cloudflare incident on November 14, 2024, resulting in lost logs](#)

[Cloudflare broke its logging-a-service service, causing customer data loss](#)

[Bug causes Cloudflare to lose customer logs](#)

[Cloudflare Improves Systems After Data Loss Incident](#)

Geo-Politics

NEWS FROM AROUND THE WORLD



Chinese hackers breached T-Mobile's routers to scope out network

T-Mobile says the Chinese "Salt Typhoon" hackers who recently compromised its systems as part of a series of telecom breaches first hacked into some of its routers to explore ways to navigate laterally through the network.

However, the company says its engineers blocked the threat actors before they could spread further on the network and access customer information.

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GLASSBRIDGE: Google Blocks Thousands of Pro-China Fake News Sites

Google's Threat Intelligence Group (TAG), in collaboration with its cybersecurity firm Mandiant, has discovered a large-scale network of fake news websites operated by four different public relations (PR) firms spreading propaganda aligned with the interests of the Chinese government.

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HIGHLIGHTS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

[Chinese Hackers Use GHOSTSPIDER Malware to Hack Telecoms Across 12+ Countries](#)

[North Korean Hackers Steal \\$10M with AI-Driven Scams and Malware on LinkedIn](#)

[Russian Hackers Deploy HATVIBE and CHERRYSPY Malware Across Europe and Asia](#)

[Attack Group APT-C-60 Targets Japan Using Trusted Platforms](#)

Breaches

SECURITY BREACHES THIS WEEK



OTHER SECURITY BREACHES

[Malicious Actors Exploit ProjectSend Critical Vulnerability](#)

[Russian Hackers Exploit Firefox and Windows 0-Days to Deploy Backdoor](#)

[RansomHub gang says it broke into networks of Texas city, Minneapolis agency](#)

[China's Salt Typhoon hackers target telecom firms in Southeast Asia with new malware](#)

Ransomware Attack on Blue Yonder Hits Starbucks, Supermarkets

A disruptive ransomware attack on Blue Yonder, a supply chain management software provider for major retailers, consumer product companies, and manufacturers, highlights the heightened risk organizations face during the busy holiday season.

A Nov. 21 attack on Blue Yonder affected infrastructure that the company uses to host a variety of managed services for customers

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Hackers exploit ProjectSend flaw to backdoor exposed servers

Threat actors are using public exploits for a critical authentication bypass flaw in ProjectSend to upload webshells and gain remote access to servers. The flaw, tracked as CVE-2024-11680, is a critical authentication bug impacting ProjectSend versions before r1720, allowing attackers to send specially crafted HTTP requests to 'options.php' to change the application's configuration.

Successful exploitation allows the creation of rogue accounts, planting webshells, and embedding malicious JavaScript code.

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Vulnerabilities



VULNERABILITIES & EXPLOITS

[CVE-2020-26073 - Cisco SD-WAN vManage Software Directory Traversal Vulnerability](#)

CVSS SCORE 7.8

LAST WEEKS RECAP

[CVE-2024-0012 PAN-OS: Authentication Bypass in the Management Web Interface \(PAN-SA-2024-0015\)](#)
CVSS Score: (9.3)

Ransomware

WEEKLY RANSOMWARE ROUNDUPS



TOP THREAT ACTORS

LockBit

LockBit is a ransomware-as-a-service (RaaS) group that has been active since September 2019. LockBit has developed several variants of ransomware products to perform encryption

RansomHub

RansomHub, a new Ransomware-as-a-Service (RaaS) that has rapidly become one of the largest ransomware groups currently operating, is very likely an updated and rebranded version of the older Knight ransomware.

BlackBasta

BlackBasta is a ransomware operator and Ransomware-as-a-Service criminal enterprise that first emerged in early 2022 and immediately became one of the most active RaaS threat actors in the world.

Play

The group focuses on multi-extortion in that they encrypt target organizations' data, but also threaten to post the data to their public TOR-based sites.



OVERVIEW

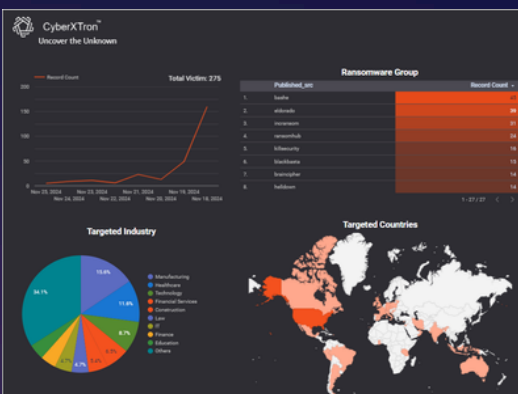
This week the ransomware group who had performed the most attacks was bashe who performed 45 out of 275

TARGET INDUSTRIES

Last week saw the most ransomware attacks against the Manufacturing and healthcare

TARGET COUNTRY

The United States has consistently held the top position as the primary target.



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Published Ransomware Attacks - Source: CyberXTron ThreatBolt

Phishing

PHISHING NEWS THIS WEEK



Bangkok busts SMS Blaster sending 1 million scam texts from a van

The Thailand police located a van and arrested its driver for using an SMS blaster device to spam over 100,000 SMS phishing texts an hour to people living in Bangkok.

The device, which reportedly had a range of approximately three kilometres (10,000 feet), could send out messages at a rate of 100,000 every hour.

Over three days, the scammers sent almost one million SMS text messages to mobile devices in range that stated, "Your 9,268 points are about to expire! Hurry up and redeem your gift now."

The text messages contained a link to a phishing website that contained the string 'aisthailand,' impersonating Advanced Info Service (AIS), Thailand's largest mobile phone operator.

Users who clicked on the phishing URL were taken to a page requesting their credit card information, which is then sent back to the scammers to perform unauthorized transactions in other countries.

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OTHER PHISHING ARTICLES

[Latest Multi-Stage Attack Scenarios with Real-World Examples](#)

[Woman loses £50k in WhatsApp investment scam](#)

[Nearly Every Hacker Believes AI Tools Have Created a New Attack Vector](#)

[Chinese Threat Actor Targets Black Friday Shoppers With Phishing Campaign](#)