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FBI and DHS/CISA Issue Joint Alert on Mamba Ransomware

The Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI) recently issued a joint alert with the Department of Homeland Security/Cybersecurity Infrastructure and Security Agency (CISA) that "Mamba ransomware has been deployed against local governments, public transportation agencies, legal services, technology services, industrial, commercial, manufacturing, and construction businesses." Read more

Vehicle Inspections in Multiple States Disrupted by Malware

Applus Technologies, Inc., a vendor of multiple state Departments of Motor Vehicles that assists states with vehicle inspections, recently announced that its systems have been affected by malware, disrupting motor vehicle inspections in Connecticut, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Massachusetts, New York, Texas, and Utah. As a result of the outage, vehicle inspections have not been able to be completed since March 30, 2021. *Read more*

Cyber Criminals Hone Attacks Against Schools

The FBI recently issued a Flash Alert warning higher education institutions, K-12 schools, and seminaries about increasing numbers of ransomware attacks affecting the education industry. According to the warning, "Since March 2020, the FBI has become aware of PYSA ransomware attacks against US and foreign government entities, educational institutions, private companies, and the healthcare sector by unidentified cyber actors." Read more

DATA PRIVACY

Dark Patterns and the CCPA: How Your Website Can Comply

The California Attorney General recently approved modified regulations under the California Consumer Privacy Act (CCPA). One part of the modified regulations bans "dark patterns" on a website. What are dark patterns? Public comments to the proposed regulations describe dark patterns as deliberate attempts to subvert or impair a consumer's choice to opt-out on a website. Dark patterns could be used on a website to confuse or distract a consumer into granting knowing consent instead of choosing the opt-out option. Read more

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<u>DocuSign Alert: New Malicious Hacking Tool Mimicking DocuSign</u> Observed

On April 6, 2021, DocuSign issued an Alert notifying users of a new malicious hacking tool that is mimicking DocuSign to drop malware into victims' systems. According to the Alert, the document building tool, dubbed "EtterSilent," "creates Microsoft Office documents containing malicious macros or attempts to exploit a known Microsoft Office vulnerability (CVE-2017-8570) to download malware onto the victim's computer. This activity is from malicious third-party sources and is not coming from the DocuSign platform." Read more

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UPS Announces eVTOL Use for Package Delivery

United Parcel Service (UPS) announced this week that it will test electric vertical takeoff and landing aircraft (eVTOLs) for package delivery. UPS purchased 10 eVTOL from Beta Technologies (Beta), which it plans to test for use in its Express Air Delivery network. These eVTOLs are set to be delivered to UPS in 2024, pending certification from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). Beta Technologies also plans to provide landing pads and rechargeable batteries. With just a single charge, the eVTOLs can fly up to 250 miles at 170 miles per hour. Read more

PRIVACY TIP #279

IRS Imposters Targeting Students and Faculty

As we've previously noted, the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) will NOT email or telephone you. This week's privacy tip discusses a recent scam targeting students and faculty and using the this well-known imposter tactic. Read more

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