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Greater Baltimore Medical Center Hit with Ransomware

The Greater Baltimore Medical Center (GBMC) was hit with a ransomware attack over the weekend (December 5-6) that potentially delayed procedures planned for Monday. Cyber-attacks against medical providers and hospitals are at an all-time high, which is particularly difficult while hospitals are trying to address the rising need for services during the pandemic. *Read more*

Embraer Data Leaked on Darkweb Website

Brazilian airplane manufacturer Embraer's data have reportedly been uploaded on a dark web website hosted by ransomware group RansomExx (a.k.a. Defray 777) after Embraer reportedly refused to pay a ransom following a ransomware attack last month. *Read more*

INTERNET OF THINGS (IoT)

New Federal Law Alert: The Internet of Things (IoT) Cybersecurity Improvement Act of 2020 – IoT Security for Federal Government-Owned Devices

There is a new federal IoT law, H.R. 1668, the IoT Cybersecurity Improvement Act of 2020, that recently passed the House and Senate and was signed by the President on December 4. The bill had 26 co-sponsors, representing Democrats and Republicans almost equally, and enjoyed bipartisan support in an era that has not seen much of that lately. *Read more*

NEW + NOW

FireEye Attacked by State-Sponsored Hacking Group

To file in the "no one is immune from a sophisticated attack," category, well-known and respected security firm FireEye publicly announced this week that it has experienced an attack by a state-sponsored (which means a foreign government) hacking group, which successfully obtained its "red team tools." This is very concerning, as the red team tools include the "special sauce" FireEye uses to test its clients' security maturity and vulnerabilities, and could be used as a roadmap for adverse nation states to hack into the U.S. government's or private companies' systems. *Read more*

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AUTONOMOUS VEHICLES

AutoX Sends Out Autonomous Fleet of Vehicles in China

Last week, AutoX, a start-up company backed by Alibaba, Media Tek and Shanghai Motors, announced that it will roll out a fleet of autonomous vehicles in downtown Shenzhen, China, called RoboTaxis. While autonomous vehicle programs have been popping up all over the world, this is the first time these vehicles will be deployed in China without safety drivers onboard or remote operators monitoring the vehicle. *Read more*

PRIVACY TIP #263

Fake Emails and Texts Spoofing UPS and FedEx

Cyber criminals are taking advantage of the increase in online holiday shopping due to the pandemic. They know people are buying gifts online and sending the packages to the recipients. This week's privacy tip covers cyber criminals attempts to infiltrate personal devices and company systems through phishing emails and spoof texts. *Read more*

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