

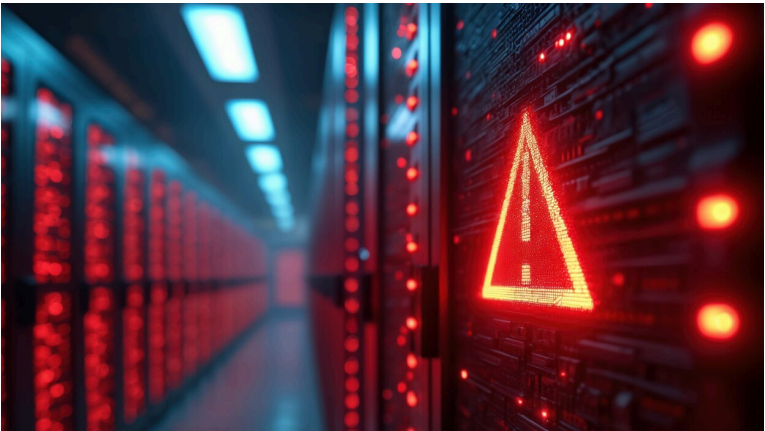


Week of December 15, 2025

Cybersecurity Headlines

Digital Threat Landscape

Cybercrimes, Scams, Threats, Vulnerabilities and Incidents



Louisiana Probes Lapse After Agencies Suffer Online Outage

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A break in service Thursday morning, which has been attributed to a domain name system service degradation, affected all state agencies. Its precise impact is unclear; however, an analysis is ongoing.

Industry Updates

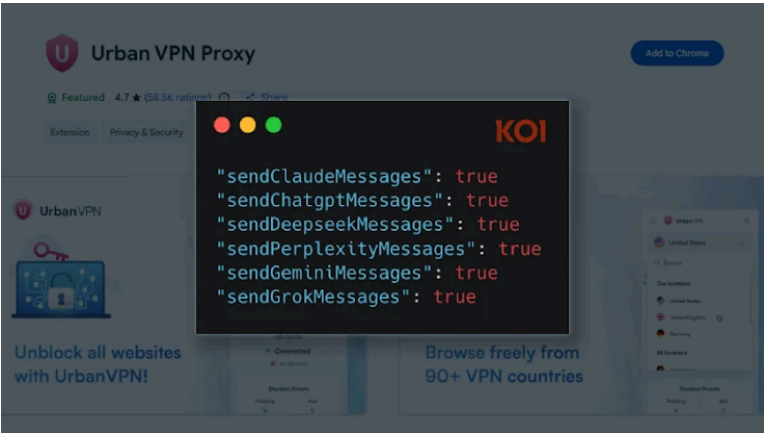
Legislation, Business, Privacy, Updates, Related Technologies



Texas sues 5 smart TV manufacturers over data collection practices

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Texas' attorney general, who is suing under the Texas Deceptive Trade Practices Act, says ACR technology violates Texas law because of how it collects consumer data without the user's knowledge or consent.



Featured Chrome Browser Extension Caught Intercepting Millions of Users' AI Chats - The Hacker News

thehackernews.com

Urban VPN extensions collect AI prompts, responses, and browsing data from millions through hidden code.



Privacy advocates see risk in new Meta policy that uses AI chats to serve targeted ads

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The new feature, which was announced October 1 and rolled out Tuesday, will "start personalizing content and ad recommendations on our platforms based on people's interactions with our generative AI features."



Compromised IAM Credentials Power a Large AWS Crypto Mining Campaign - The Hacker News

thehackernews.com

Amazon reports a new AWS crypto mining campaign abusing IAM credentials, ECS, EC2, and termination protection for persistence.



Pa. high court rules that police can access Google searches without a warrant

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In a decision that only affects Pennsylvanians but could have privacy implications elsewhere, the state's Supreme Court ruled that police did not need a warrant to access a rape suspect's Google searches.



GhostPoster Malware Found in 17 Firefox Add-ons with 50,000+ Downloads - The Hacker News

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GhostPoster malware hid inside 17 Firefox add-ons, abusing logo files to hijack links, inject tracking code, and run ad fraud.



You're monitoring the dark web

Summary of your results

1 data breaches leaked your info to the dark web. View details and take action to protect yourself.

View all results

Results with your info

Info in your monitoring profile was found on the dark web. You've added 4 of 6 types of info. [Edit monitoring profile](#)

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Google to Shut Down Dark Web Monitoring Tool in February 2026

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Google will shut down its Dark Web Report in February 2026, ending breach scans and deleting user data to refocus on actionable security tools.



China-Aligned Threat Group Uses Windows Group Policy to Deploy Espionage Malware - The Hacker News

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ESET reports China-aligned LongNosedGoblin spying on government networks in Southeast Asia & Japan using Group Policy and cloud-based malware control.



CISA Flags Critical ASUS Live Update Flaw After Evidence of Active Exploitation - The Hacker News

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CISA adds a critical ASUS Live Update vulnerability to its KEV list, citing active exploitation linked to a past supply chain attack.



Cracked Software and YouTube Videos Spread CountLoader and GachiLoader Malware - The Hacker News

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Researchers uncover malware campaigns using cracked software and compromised YouTube videos to deliver CountLoader, GachiLoader, and info stealers.



Senior official at Indo-Pacific Command is set to be Trump's pick to lead Cyber Command, NSA

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The president has taken steps to nominate Army Lt. Gen. Joshua Rudd, deputy chief of U.S. Indo-Pacific Command, to lead U.S. Cyber Command and the National Security Agency.



Cisco Warns of Active Attacks Exploiting Unpatched 0-Day in AsyncOS Email Security Appliances - The Hacker News

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Cisco confirms an unpatched CVSS 10.0 zero-day in AsyncOS actively exploited to gain root access on email security appliances.

Most Parked Domains Now Serving Malicious Content

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Direct navigation — the act of visiting a website by manually typing a domain name in a web browser — has never been riskier: A new study finds the vast majority of “parked” domains ...

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