



Week of December 29, 2025

Cybersecurity Headlines

Digital Threat Landscape

Cybercrimes, Scams, Threats, Vulnerabilities and Incidents



IBM Warns of Critical API Connect Bug Allowing Remote Authentication Bypass - The Hacker News
thehackernews.com

IBM disclosed a critical CVSS 9.8 authentication bypass in IBM API Connect that could allow remote access; patches are now available.

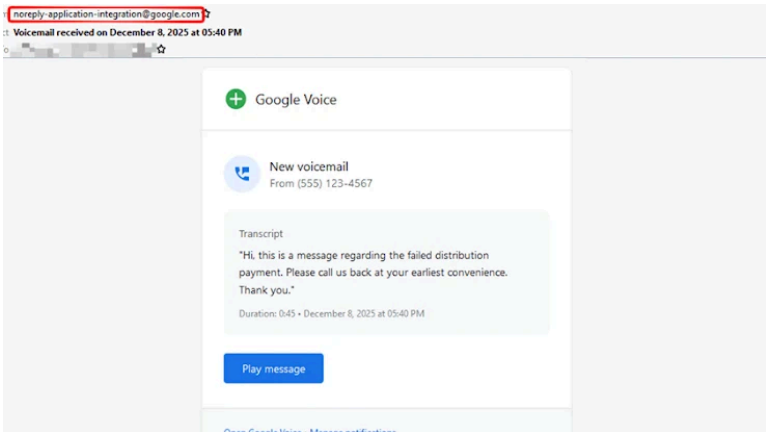
Industry Updates

Legislation, Business, Privacy, Updates, Related Technologies



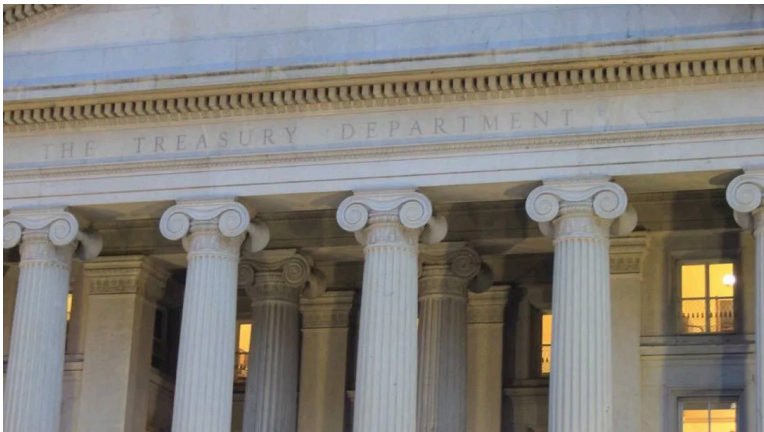
European regulators take aim at X after Grok creates deepfake of minor
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Regulators in Europe are weighing taking action against Elon Musk's social media platform X after its artificial intelligence tool Grok was used to create sexually explicit images of a minor.



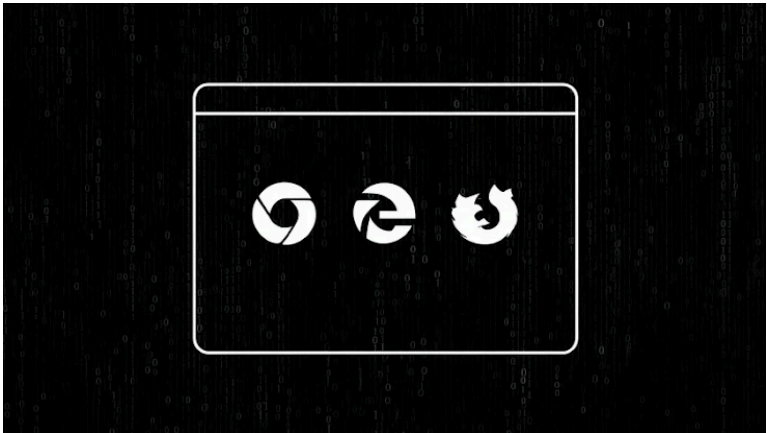
Cybercriminals Abuse Google Cloud Email Feature in Multi-Stage Phishing Campaign - The Hacker News
thehackernews.com

In response to the findings, Google has blocked the phishing efforts that abuse the email notification feature within Google Cloud Application Integration, adding that it's taking more steps to prevent further misuse. Check Point's analysis has revealed...



Treasury removes sanctions for three executives tied to spyware maker Intellexa
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The Treasury Department has taken three people closely affiliated with the holding company behind Predator spyware off a sanctions list, reversing their designation in 2024 by the Biden administration.



DarkSpectre Browser Extension Campaigns Exposed After Impacting 8.8 Million Users Worldwide - The Hacker News
thehackernews.com

The threat actor behind two malicious browser extension campaigns, ShadyPanda and GhostPoster, has been attributed to a third attack campaign codenamed DarkSpectre that has impacted 2.2 million users of Google Chrome, Microsoft Edge, and Mozilla Fire...



New year brings new privacy laws in Kentucky, Indiana and Rhode Island | SC Media - scworld.com
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State privacy laws in Kentucky, Indiana, and Rhode Island went into effect Jan. 1, 2026. The total number of states enacting such laws is now 19, but security professionals don't necessarily view these measures as progress. "The arrival of the Kentuc...

The Kimwolf Botnet is Stalking Your Local Network

krebsonsecurity.com

The past few months have witnessed the explosive growth of a new botnet dubbed Kimwolf, which experts say has infected more than 2 million devices globally. The Kimwolf malware forces compromised ...

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