

Week of January 19, 2025

## Cybersecurity Headlines

### Digital Threat Landscape

*Cybercrimes, Scams, Threats, Vulnerabilities and Incidents*

### Industry Updates

*Legislation, Business, Privacy, Updates, Related Technologies*



**Google Gemini Prompt Injection Flaw Exposed Private Calendar Data via Malicious Invites - The Hacker News**

[thehackernews.com](https://thehackernews.com)

Researchers found an indirect prompt injection flaw in Google Gemini that bypassed Calendar privacy controls and exposed private meeting data.



**TikTok Forms U.S. Joint Venture to Continue Operations Under 2025 Executive Order - The Hacker News**

[thehackernews.com](https://thehackernews.com)

TikTok launches a U.S.-owned joint venture, cuts ByteDance stake to 19.9%, and secures U.S. data and algorithms on Oracle cloud.



**Minnesota Human Services Data Breach May Effect 300K People**

[www.govtech.com](https://www.govtech.com)

A breach in a Minnesota Department of Human Services system allowed inappropriate access to the private data of nearly 304,000 people, with officials saying there is no evidence the data was misused.



**Zoom and GitLab Release Security Updates Fixing RCE, DoS, and 2FA Bypass Flaws - The Hacker News**

[thehackernews.com](https://thehackernews.com)

Zoom patched a critical CVE-2026-22844 RCE flaw in Node MMRs, while GitLab fixed DoS and 2FA bypass vulnerabilities affecting CE and EE versions.



**Minnesota DHS Reports Access-Related Data Breach**

[www.govtech.com](https://www.govtech.com)

Minnesota's case is one of several breaches of late involving legitimate access, a recurring issue in provider-heavy government health and human services systems.



**Changes at Connecticut Port Authority After Phishing Attack**

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In the wake of a scam last year, the state agency has refocused on data encryption and security, and will do monthly cyber training and awareness. It has recovered nearly all of the stolen funds.



**LastPass Warns of Fake Maintenance Messages Targeting Users' Master Passwords - The Hacker News**  
thehackernews.com

LastPass reports an active phishing campaign using fake maintenance emails and spoofed domains to trick users into revealing their master passwords.

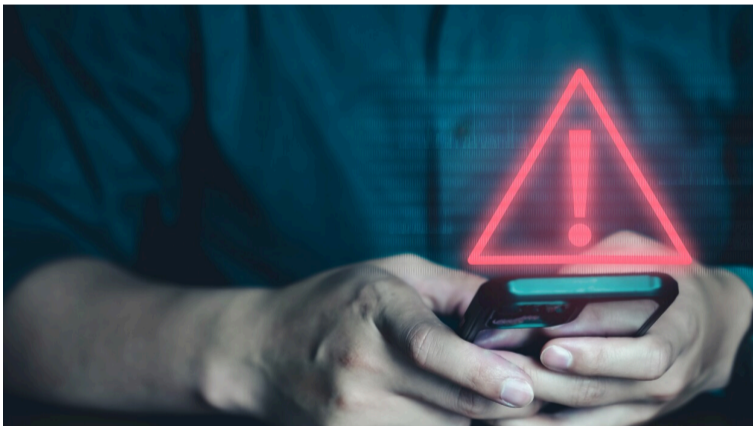


**Hackers Use LinkedIn Messages to Spread RAT Malware Through DLL Sideloads - The Hacker News**  
thehackernews.com

Researchers found a LinkedIn phishing campaign delivering a remote access trojan via DLL sideloading, WinRAR SFX files, and abused open-source tools.

**Kimwolf Botnet Lurking in Corporate, Govt. Networks - Krebs on Security**  
krebsonsecurity.com

A new Internet-of-Things (IoT) botnet called Kimwolf has spread to more than 2 million devices, forcing infected systems to participate in massive distributed denial-of-service (DDoS) attacks and ...



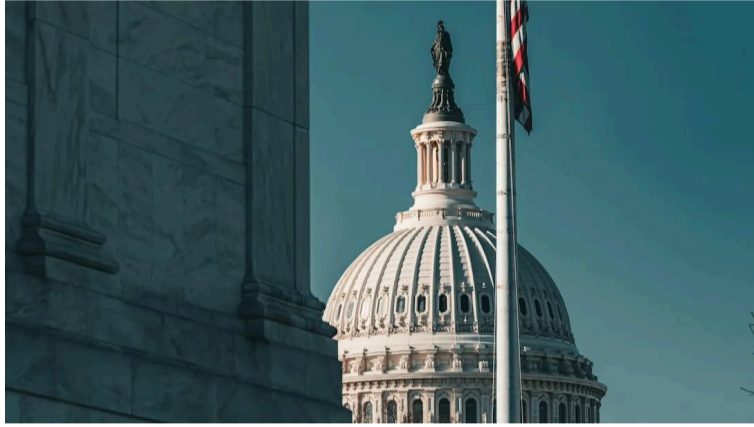
**Spokane County, Wash., Recovers From Attack on Alert System**  
www.govtech.com

Its ability to send residents emergency notifications was crippled by the November cyber attack. Since then, the local government has relied on state and federal systems to send out alerts.



**UK launches landmark 'Report Fraud' service to tackle cybercrime and fraud**  
therecord.media

British authorities are rolling out Report Fraud, a platform intended to win back public trust over how law enforcement responds to widespread cybercrime and fraud.



**Lawmakers move to extend two cyber programs (again) in funding proposal**  
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The extension in the \$1.2 trillion funding deal is the latest short-term solution in a monthslong saga for CISA 2015, which provides liability protections to encourage private companies to share digital threat information with the federal government.



**Supreme Court to consider whether geofence warrants are constitutional | The Record from Recorded Future News**  
therecord.media

The Supreme Court agreed to hear a case challenging the constitutionality of geofence warrants, which let law enforcement compel companies to provide the location data of cell phones at specific times and places.




**House of Lords backs legislation to ban social media for children under 16**  
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Britain's House of Lords voted by an overwhelming margin to ban children under age 16 from accessing social media, setting up a vote on the law in the House of Commons.

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