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[Beware of PureLocker Ransomware](#)

Security researchers Intezer and IBM X-Force have identified a new ransomware that is seriously vicious. It's PureLocker—named because it is programmed in PureBasic language, which is apparently unusual.

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DATA PRIVACY

[Consumer-Facing DNA Testing Company Suffers Data Breach](#)

Last week, Veritas Genetics, a consumer-facing DNA testing company, suffered a security breach affecting customer information in its database. Veritas offers whole-genome sequencing to consumers for \$599. The security incident affected its customer portal, which Veritas said does not contain genetic data, DNA test results or health records. How did that information remain protected from the unauthorized access to the customer portal? Veritas actually segregates its genomic data on separate systems for this exact reason. However, Veritas did not indicate what information was affected, only that a handful of customers were affected, and that once it discovered the unauthorized access, it fixed the issue and launched an investigation. The forensic investigation is ongoing and Veritas said it will notify those affected in accordance with applicable laws. [Read more](#)

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[To Extend or Not to Extend Consumer Rights to All](#)

Microsoft announced this week that it would extend the consumer rights currently given to California consumers through the California Consumer Privacy Act to all consumers—no matter where they reside. [Read more](#)

PRIVACY TIP #216

[Another Caution about Biometric Data](#)

Once biometric data is compromised, it cannot be replaced. This week's privacy tip discusses what your biometric data could be used for and why you should be careful who you give access to it. [Read more](#)

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