



CYBERSECURITY

[NSA + FBI Warn Defense Contractors of Russian Hackers](#)

When the National Security Agency (NSA) and the Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI) get together to issue a joint warning, you may wish to listen up. The NSA and FBI recently alerted the defense industry through a Cybersecurity Advisory of the risk of malware attacks targeted at the defense and aerospace sectors by Russia's General Staff Main Intelligence Directorate's 85th Main Special Service Center, also known as Fancy Bear, APT28 or GRU. [Read more](#)

[Carnival Cruises Hit with Ransomware](#)

Adding insult to injury for cruise ship company Carnival Corporation (Carnival) following the hit from the pandemic to the travel industry as well as a class action lawsuit relating to the Diamond Princess' fate during the pandemic, Carnival disclosed in its August 17, 2020 8-K filing that it recently experienced a ransomware attack. According to reports, Carnival disclosed that the successful attack accessed and encrypted a portion of its IT systems and the attackers demanded a ransom to provide the encryption key. A double whammy for a company that has been hit hard by the pandemic. It reiterates that cyber criminals just don't care if you are down on your luck and will hit victims whenever they can. [Read more](#)

NEW + NOW

[California Consumer Privacy Act \(CCPA\) Regulations Final](#)

The California Consumer Privacy Act (CCPA), touted as the toughest privacy act in the country, went into effect on July 1, 2020. Although the enforcement regulations have been tweaked three times during the last year, this week California Attorney General Xavier Becerra (AG) issued the final set of rules that his office will use to enforce the law. [Read more](#)

DRONES

[Northrop Grumman Enlists the Expertise of Start-Ups to Bring Autonomy to the Military](#)

Northrop Grumman and hundreds of small technology defense firms are making new efforts to fast-track robotics and autonomous systems to war, by seeking new, non-traditional, start-up firms to explore unique new innovations. Hunter Hudson, Director for Northrop Grumman said, "We are working on autonomy, sense and avoid technology and robust navigation in a GPS-denied environment."

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The company held an “Autonomy Pitch Day” recently, which they used to help identify promising start-ups that offer military technological solutions able to make a fast and substantial impact upon emerging weapons systems. This outreach is based on the fact that many start-ups have (and will) come up with unprecedented innovations that may have autonomous applications for the military. Essentially, these non-traditional entities could help spur an influx of product development efforts in this industry. [Read more](#)

PRIVACY TIP #248

[Social Media Data Leak Exposes Millions of User Profiles](#)

If you use social media frequently, especially TikTok, Instagram and YouTube, you may want to take note of a recent report by a security research team at Comparitech that an unsecured database has exposed 235 million Instagram, TikTok and YouTube user profiles. [Read more](#)



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