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Leveraging Knowledge to Manage Your Data Risks

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[Update on Apache log4j and Kronos Security Incidents](#)

It was a crazy weekend for cyber-attacks. People seem surprised, but those of us in the industry aren't surprised one bit. It is very logical and foreseeable that hackers are leveraging attacks that have maximum disruption on multiple victims, including third-party vendors and their customers. It is a "one-stop shop" strategy that is used every day in the business world, so why not for organized criminal cyber-attackers?

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[Virginia State Legislature IT Provider Hit with Ransomware](#)

The Division of Legislative Automated Systems, which provides IT services to the Virginia General Assembly (the Assembly), detected a ransomware attack on December 10, 2021, that included "extremely sophisticated malware" that affected all of its servers. [Read more](#)

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[Homeland Security Announces "Hack DHS" Program](#)

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) announced a "bug bounty" program on December 14, 2021, called "Hack DHS." Yes, you read that right. DHS is actually going to invite select cybersecurity "hackers" to try to hack into its systems. DHS created the program to "identify potential cybersecurity vulnerabilities within certain DHS systems and increase the Department's cybersecurity resilience." According to DHS, vetted cybersecurity researchers will be invited to access certain systems and identify vulnerabilities. The "hackers" will even be rewarded with "bounties" (payments) for any vulnerabilities they identify. [Read more](#)

[CISA Issues Guidance on Protecting Organizations' Social Media Accounts](#)

The Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) recently issued guidance on protecting the security of organizations' social media accounts to reduce the risk of unauthorized access to those accounts. [Read more](#)

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[New Mexico AG Serious About Children's Privacy Protections](#)

New Mexico's Attorney General, Hector Balderas, continues to champion children's online privacy protections, this time settling with Google over alleged violations of the Children's Online Privacy Protection Act (COPPA). This week's Privacy Tip provides updates on two lawsuits from 2018. [Read more](#)

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