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CYBERSECURITY

[President Biden Signs Executive Order to Strengthen Cybersecurity for Federal Government Following Colonial Pipeline Attack](#)

President Joe Biden signed an Executive Order on Wednesday, May 12, 2021, on the heels of the cyber-attack against Colonial Pipeline Co., which suffered a major ransomware attack late last week that has caused supply chain issues in the Southeast. [Read more](#)

[Crippling Ransomware Attack on Pipeline Exposes Vulnerabilities in U.S. Critical Infrastructure](#)

Colonial Pipeline, a company that transports more than 100 million gallons of gasoline and other fuel daily across 14 states from Houston to New York Harbor, shut down the pipeline last Friday after discovering ransomware on its computer systems. The FBI has blamed the attack on a ransomware group called DarkSide. [Read more](#)

[Colonial Pipeline Up and Running After Five Days of Grappling with Ransomware Attack](#)

It is being reported late on May 12, 2021, that Colonial Pipeline is returning to full operations following a devastating ransomware attack that was discovered on May 7, 2021. Colonial took its systems offline that day following the attack, which caused supply chain issues particularly in the Southeast. [Read more](#)

[Ransomware Criminals Leaking Troves of Data Following Double Extortion Demands](#)

It is reported by *Bleeping Computer* that security researcher DarkTracer has tracked data leaks since 2019, concluding that 34 ransomware groups have leaked data stolen from 2,103 organizations to date. The data are usually leaked on the dark web following a cyber-attack in which the attackers have been able to infiltrate a company system, exfiltrate sensitive data, encrypt the data to prevent access, demand a

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ransom payment to decrypt the data and— when the victim refuses to pay the ransom— demand a second ransom for the destruction of the exfiltrated data. This is called a double extortion ransomware attack. [Read more](#)

DATA PRIVACY

[Cross-Selling of Retirement Plan Data: Are These Data a Plan Asset?](#)

Many U.S. employers offer their employees financial wellness programs to complement retirement planning and investment advice. This may include emergency savings plans and household budgeting tips, for example. Many of these employers utilize their retirement plan service providers for those trainings. Not only do those companies have the knowledge and expertise in this area, but they also have access to employee data that can yield information on the service needs and funding goals of those employees. [Read more](#)

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[FBI Says DarkSide Targets Health, Energy and Insurance Industries](#)

Ransomware attacks are so frequent that they seem like old news. There is a new interest in ransomware attacks following the attack against Colonial Pipeline [view related [posts](#)]. The Colonial Pipeline attack crippled the gas transporter for five days and could affect gas availability and prices for at least the next two weeks. [Read more](#)

AUTONOMOUS VEHICLES

[Autonomous Bots as Personal Delivery Devices in Oklahoma](#)

Governor Kevin Stitt signed a law in Oklahoma this week allowing small autonomous vehicles to operate on sidewalks and crosswalks (and on roadways in certain cases - maybe a pedestrian is in its path or there's a hazard on the sidewalk). This law is aimed at encouraging autonomous vehicle delivery service companies to set up pilot programs in Oklahoma. [Read more](#)

PRIVACY TIP #284

[Check Out EFF's Surveillance Self-Defense Playlist: Getting to Know Your Phone](#)

The Electronic Frontier Foundation (EFF) (www.eff.org) is a wonderful resource for privacy-related issues and concerns. This week's privacy tip discusses its highlights. [Read more](#)



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