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Please check out our blog at HTTPS://TCPS-BLOG.COM

You can also find copies of the weekly newsletter at https://cybercecurity-mitch-tanenbaum-blog.com/SNU

We have a YouTube Channel with a lot of videos. Check it out at: Turnkey Cybersecurity and Privacy Solutions, LLC - YouTube

As part of our YouTube channel we have a demonstration of our AI capabilities. The CyberPulse Scoop is an AI driven cybersecurity interview. Click on PODCASTS once you are in our YouTube channel and then on CyberPulse Scoop.

If you received this email from a friend and want to receive it directly, please send an email to Mitch@CyberCecurity.com.

Thanks for your interest. If we can provide any assistance, please let us know.

Video Blogs

We also have a video and audio blog, including an RSS feed at **https://cybercecurity.us**. Not only are there audio and video versions of the weekly security news updates there, with extended commentary, but there are also other blogs about subjects of interest. Please check it out and let us know what you think.

Security/Privacy Alerts

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You don't need to be paying Meta to have a business account. You likely have one if you run a Facebook Page, have switched Instagram to a "Business" or "Creator" profile (look for an "Insights" or "Professional dashboard" button), use WhatsApp Business, or have ever paid to

boost a post. If that's you ***and your profile links to your website***, there are two steps to consider. First, ask whoever manages your site to review its robots.txt file, which tells crawlers what they can access. Meta says it will respect it, though compliance across the industry is spotty. Second, decide whether you need that website link on your Meta profiles at all. Regular personal profiles aren't affected.

It's worth checking for news closer to November 20. In Europe but not the US (since privacy doesn't really matter here) you can opt out and they have been taking a ration from creative people who don't want Meta to steal their work.

AI Alerts

Check out our Certified AI Governance Leader Course at AIGIP.AI. If you are a government employee, check out our AI Governance for Govies at the same site.

Want to stay on top of the news about AI - Check out our news feed on the AIGIP web site at https://aigip.ai/news/latest-ai-news

Are You a Service Provider? Do Your Terms of Service Appropriately Cover AI Risk?
With companies like Chase and Bank of America changing their terms of service to address AI risk, do you need to do the same? What these companies are doing is saying if you use AI to interact with their services, you do so under your own risk and they do not share that risk in any way, shape or form. Are you covered? If you need assistance, please contact us.

NY Unified Court System Releases Rules on Using AI
Actually, unlike some other courts, the rules are pretty tame. In part, it is a reminder that attorneys already can get in trouble for submitting false information to the courts and, at a statewide level, they are reminding attorneys that they can get sanctioned if they don't review the potential garbage that their use of AI generated. Here is a **LINK** to their guidance and it really applies to everyone.

Have You Checked Your NDAs for Rules on AI?
Are you using AI today? Plan to tomorrow? How about your vendors? Do they use AI? Have you read your contracts and especially NDAs? They likely are silent about AI. But silence is not the same thing as permission. If you plan to use AI or you don't want your vendor to feed your data to AI, your contracts and NDAs need to address what is allowed and what is prohibited.

CMMC Q&A

I get to listen to hours and hours of webinars every week, so you don't have to.
We are seeing the agencies beginning to get on board and their view of the universe is CMMC Level 2 third party assessment (eventually) for everyone. If you are not already on board this train, the train has already left the station. If you need assistance, please contact us.

**** REMINDER** NEW SPRS/PIEE System Access Requirements**
This is not a change to CMMC, but PIEE is now requiring that you log in at least every 34 days to keep your account active, so make sure you put this on your recurring task list.

Reference

Nothing to report

Software and Hardware to Check Out

Nothing to report

Important Issues/Patches

Oracle Scores a Perfect 10 - 6 Times Over

Out of Oracle's 1295 bug patches this month, 6 of them rated a perfect 10 - not that being a perfect ten is what Oracle would like at this point. If you are an Oracle customer, make sure you have applied this month's patches. Credit: **CSO Online**

Legislative and Legal Activities

Meta to Pay Up To $17 Billion for Intentionally Addictive Social Media

Meta agreed to make some changes and pay a little bit of money (about 30 day's revenue) over 10 years and make some changes so that they could avoid a jury verdict that might go against them. They agreed to implement hard daily time limits, nighttime blocks, safer appropriate content controls and other things that have never been legally enforced before. It is one small step forward. More details at the link. Credit: **DC Attorney General**

Education

Nothing to report

Breaches

Note: I could probably report on a hundred a week, but that would make for a very long report. I will, at least, mention a few of the high-profile ones. NOTE THAT THIS IS THE ONLY SECTION THAT I CAN FILL TEN TIMES OVER EACH WEEK.

Department of Peace Hacks Department of ICE

Well, it would sound better if peace hacked war, but that wasn't what happened. They hacked DHS's Single Signon Service (OKTA) and grabbed data on 41,000 employees. Someone cleaned up the data and enhanced it (added more fields) and created a web site hosted at ICEpi.cx. Even if that gets taken down, the data is available for download, so why bother. Credit: **DDOSecrets**

Texas Sues OpenAI for Deceiving Consumers

Texas has gotten creative and it might actually work. If it works it will get past all of the click wrap agreements, and legaleze in the terms of service and even past Section 230 of the Communications Decency Act. They have filed a claim of deceptive trade practices not only against the company but also against Sam Altman personally. Stay tuned. Details **here**.

What the C-Suite needs to know about AI governance

While the C-Suite may not need to know the best way to phrase AI prompts (although that could be useful), PwC says that companies are less prepared to protect against attacks on AI systems. AI risk and AI opportunity are two sides of the same coin. See how you do with this quiz. Learn more **here**.

Is the VULNPOCALYPSE Coming for the Internet
Some might say it is already here. If these last two weeks are any indication of what is ahead, we are going to have some problems. See why we think it is here. Details **here**.

Security News for the week ending October 30, 2026
This week's news: the consequences of a security breach, US orders DeepSeek removed from federal civilian systems, defense drone maker building fully US laptop (sort of), when is quantum computing going to be real (how about in two months) and the UK releases list of approved age verification methods which include adults. Details **here**.

Are you ready for the VULNPOCALYPSE? I know it is a funny term but with Microsoft releasing 2,000 patches a month and Oracle releasing patches for 6 vulnerabilities that score a perfect 10 out of 1,300 patches, I think it is safe to say that it is here. AND, don't think that your old patching methodology is going to be adequate for the new normal. Contact us for assistance.

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