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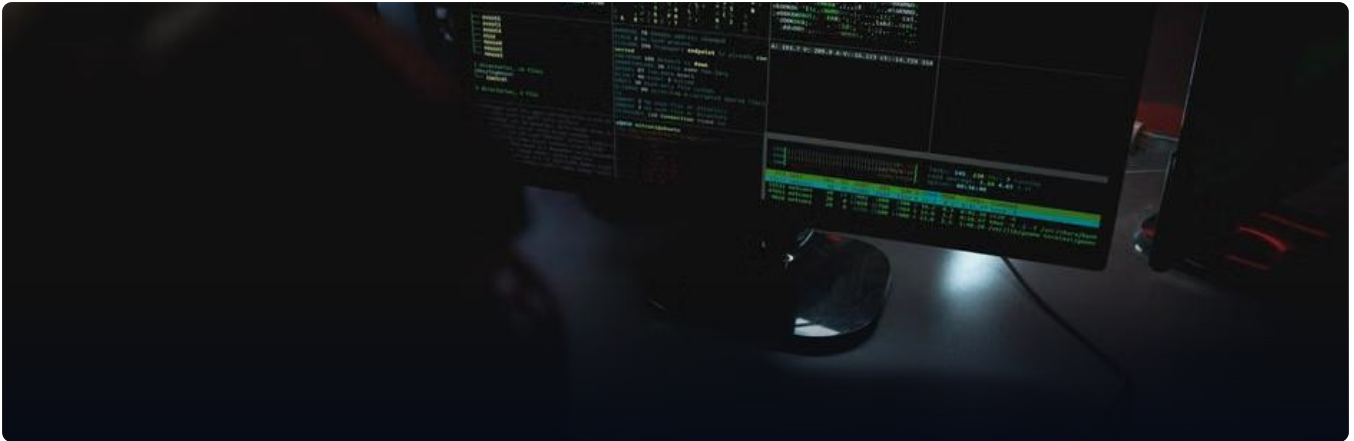
# Cyber Shield

## June 29, 2026

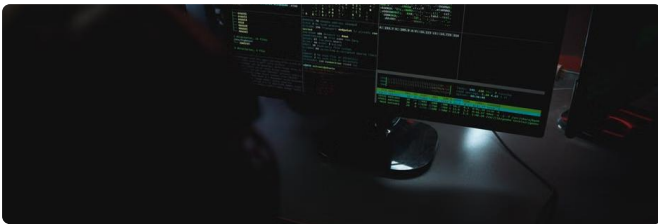
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FEATURE

# This Week in Cybersecurity



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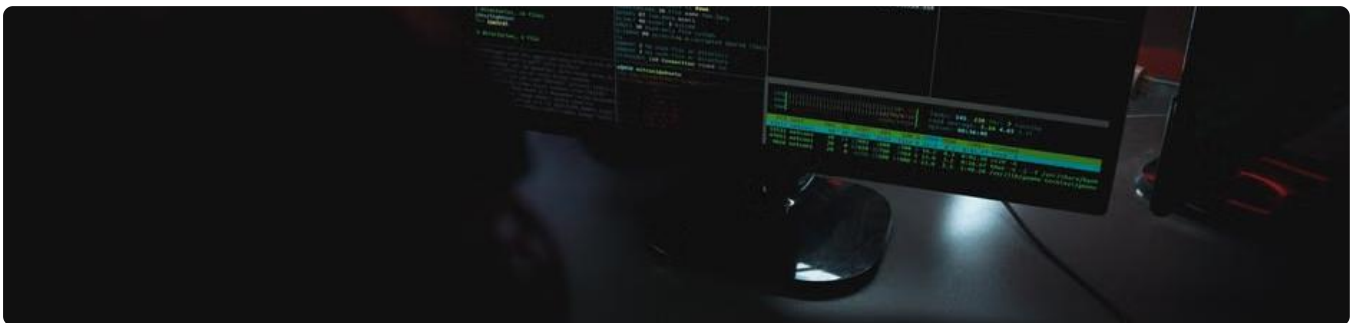
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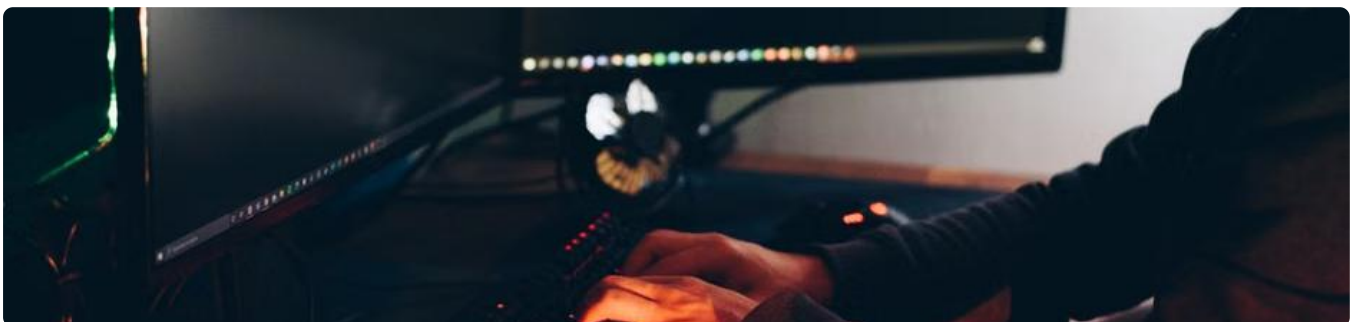
# Cyber Threat Intelligence



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## Threat Intelligence – Continued

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**236,000 DCloud Uni-App Sites Used in Crypto Scams, Phishing, and Wallet Drainers**

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**Why Post-Quantum Cryptography Starts With Credentials**

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**Gamaredon Expands Ukraine Attacks with New Malware and Cloud Service Abuse**

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□ WEEKLY TECH TIP

## Prepare Your Credentials for the Quantum Computing Era

Quantum computers will eventually break current encryption methods, putting your stored passwords and credentials at risk. Organizations must start transitioning to quantum-resistant cryptography now to protect long-term data security.

**Step 1:** Inventory all systems currently using traditional encryption for passwords and authentication.

**Step 2:** Contact your software vendors about their post-quantum cryptography implementation timelines.

**Step 3:** Prioritize upgrading systems that store long-term sensitive data first.

**Step 4:** Implement multi-factor authentication everywhere as an additional quantum-resistant security layer.

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ALERTS

## National Cybersecurity Alerts

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**What do Ports Hear When Nobody's Listening? An Assessment of Automated Cybercrime [Guest Diary], (Wed, Jun 24th)**

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REGIONAL

## Regional & Sector-Specific Alerts

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## ▣ JUNE AWARENESS

# Internet Safety Month

# Security Awareness Spotlight: Internet Safety Month June is Internet Safety Month, and it's the perfect time to strengthen your team's first line of defense against cyber threats. Most data breaches start with a single employee clicking a malicious link or visiting a compromised website, which means teaching your staff to recognize suspicious emails and practice safe browsing can prevent costly attacks before they happen. Today, send your team a simple test: forward them a sample phishing email (clearly marked as a test) and see who can spot the warning signs like misspelled sender addresses, urgent language demanding immediate action, or unexpected attachments—then use the results to have a quick five-minute conversation about what to watch for.

### ACTION ITEM

Schedule a 15-minute team security review this week using this month's theme as your agenda.

SMB SPOTLIGHT

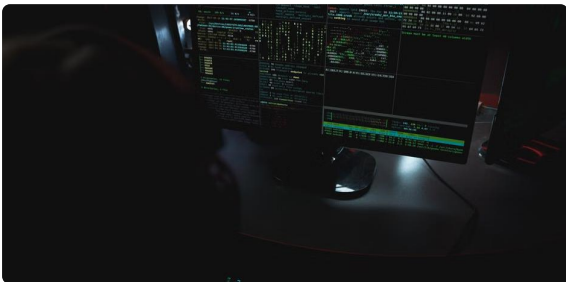
# Protecting Your Business



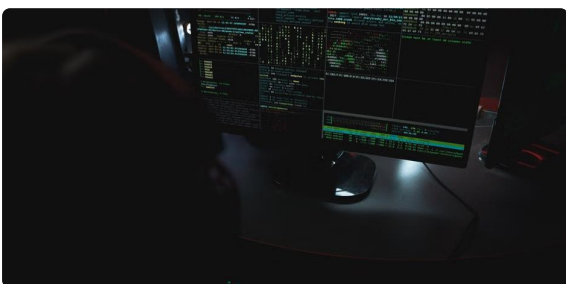
**The AI shift in cyber risk: why leaders must act now**



**The 'vibe coding spectrum' approach to AI-assisted software development**



**Alert: NCSC issues advice following global targeting of Fortinet firewalls and VPN gateways**



**NCSC CEO: Hostile states linked to three-quarters of cyber attacks affecting UK's critical systems**

INNOVATION

# Cybersecurity Advancements

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**WhatsApp Rolling Out Username Feature to Bolster Phone Number Privacy**

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**Researchers Demo New Claude Code Attack Using Harmless-Looking Repositories to Hijack Developer Machines**

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**Straiker Raises \$64 Million for AI Security Platform**

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**Insurance Regulators Group NAIC Hit in Oracle PeopleSoft Hack**

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## CTO'S DESK

## From the Desk of Daniel Ramos



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This week's headlines tell a familiar story: attackers are getting creative with legitimate tools. The Mustang Panda campaign using Zoho WorkDrive as a command channel particularly caught my attention, and it illustrates something I've been warning clients about for months.

The days of easily spotted "bad guy" infrastructure are fading fast. Today's sophisticated threat actors hide in plain sight, weaponizing the same trusted platforms your team uses daily. When attackers leverage services like Zoho, Microsoft 365, or other legitimate business tools, traditional security measures struggle to distinguish malicious activity from normal operations. Your firewall can't simply block WorkDrive when your sales team depends on it.

This shift demands a fundamental change in how we approach security. We can't rely solely on perimeter defenses anymore. Instead, we need continuous monitoring of user behavior, strict access controls, and teams trained to spot anomalies in familiar tools.

The good news? These aren't insurmountable challenges. Start by reviewing which cloud services have access to your environment and implementing proper logging. Small steps today prevent major breaches tomorrow.

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