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Happy Tuesday

Welcome to the 40th issue of CyberSec Weekly. This week's headline stories:

Data of 237,000 US government employees breached

Insured companies more likely to be ransomware victims

South Korea alleges spies messaged North Korean handlers via YouTube

And more!



Data of 237,000 US government employees breached

The personal information of 237,000 federal government employees has been exposed in a data breach at the U.S. Transportation Department (USDOT). The breach hit systems for processing transit benefits that reimburse government employees for some commuting costs. USDOT is investigating the breach and has frozen access to the transit benefit system until it has been secured and restored.

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Why did the programmer go to rehab

he was addicted to *coding*.



Insured companies more likely to be ransomware victims

A recent report found that companies with cyber insurance have been hit by ransomware more than those without it, and sometimes more than once. Although threat actors may not be directly correlating the insurance factor to find targets, one of the reasons for this may be that as insurers require more from companies those able to pay for insurance are also likely to be able to afford bigger ransoms.

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South Korea alleges spies messaged North Korean handlers via YouTube

South Korea has charged four trade union leaders with spying for North Korea in a plot that involved them leaving coded comments on obscure YouTube videos. The men, aged 48-54, were instructed to photograph military bases and use their union positions to foment anti-American and anti-Japanese sentiments. They were accused of violating the country's strict

