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Security News of the Week

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Phising Tricks

One of the services offered by Sophos is their phishing attack simulator. Based on how it has been used, they have come up with a list of the top ten templates that are more likely to lure recipients into engaging. They also include some general advice for avoiding phishing scams. Read here>

Phishers Targeting Corporate VPNs

Krebs on Security has an article about a vishing gang. It seems they have been taking advantage of the increase in working from home and are getting an alarmingly high success rate in gaining VPN access (despite the presence of multi-factor authentication codes). Their method is to target new employees over the phone. Read here>

Firebase Cloud Messaging Service Takeover

Android users received some odd notifications recently, which seems to have occurred due to the vulnerability raised here. The apps use FCM (Firebase Cloud Messaging) to manage notifications to interested users. Apparently, authentication codes for FCM were obtained and abused. Teams on Android was also spotted as having similar unusual messages, before it was fixed. Read here>

'Scammer cloned my business on Instagram'

A story of a business owner having to deal with a clone of their Instagram account. The ease with which the cloning happened means this is likely to keep happening. Getting a response from Instagram was described as "frustrating" with many hoops needing to be jumped before getting past the automated responses. Read here>

The 'brushing' scam that's behind mystery parcels

Product reviews are getting less and less reliable over time as new ways to game the system emerge. The latest is "brushing" scams. A vendor can create fake accounts with real addresses that are publicly available/purchased illegally and send goods to them (typically very cheap items). Those fake accounts can leave glowing reviews. Read here>

Microsoft believes Russians that hacked Clinton targeted Biden campaign firm - sources

Reports are coming out alleging that a Russian hacking group attempted to gain access to Biden's campaign firm. The upcoming US Presidential election is no doubt of high interest to many countries around the world. The hacking of the DNC in the 2016 may not have been the deciding factor in that contentious election, but it was clearly established as the intent. Anyone involved with the 2020 campaign will likely face a constant barrage of attacks. Read here>

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