

Daily Threat Intelligence Briefing

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**News from Friday July 17, 2026 through Sunday July 19, 2026
(Reported on Monday July 20, 2026)**

Local Government

Government Agencies Falling Victim to Ransomware Daily, Warns Study | Ransomware | [Infosecurity Magazine](#)

Research reveals government entities face daily ransomware attacks exploiting their inability to tolerate service disruptions.

In Other News: Cybercrime group claims naval defense manufacturer hack, CrashStealer macOS Malware, CVD Blueprint | Multiple Threats | [Security Week](#)

A weekly cybersecurity roundup covering CrashStealer malware on macOS, third-party data exposure affecting Lidl customers, severe operational disruptions from cyberattacks, a WhatsApp-linked AI agent vulnerability, and new guidance for building effective vulnerability disclosure programs.

Financial Institutions

Ernst & Young discloses data breach after support system hack | Supply Chain | [BleepingComputer](#)

Big Four accounting firm EY suffered breach through compromised third-party ticketing platform exposing customer data.

Fake Coding Tests Deliver OtterCookie-Aligned Malware Hidden in SVG Flag Images | Social Engineering | [The Hacker News](#)

North Korean hackers use fake job interviews with coding tests to deploy credential-stealing malware concealed in SVG images.



Healthcare

Abbott probes two cyber incidents amid extortion claims | Data Breach | [BleepingComputer](#)

Medical device manufacturer Abbott faces dual security incidents involving unauthorized system access and extortion threats.

Atrium Health Pays Up to \$1.8M to Resolve Pixel Lawsuit | Data Breach | [HIPAA Journal](#)

Charlotte hospital system settles class action for \$1.8M over unauthorized tracking pixel data exposure on patient portals.

Other

Critical ServiceNow code execution flaw now exploited in attacks | Vulnerability | [BleepingComputer](#)

Active exploitation detected of critical remote code execution vulnerability in ServiceNow AI Platform.

Critical NGINX Vulnerability Can Crash Workers and May Allow Remote Code Execution | Vulnerability | [The Hacker News](#)

F5 patched a critical heap overflow flaw in NGINX web server allowing unauthenticated attackers to crash services or execute code.

WordPress Core "wp2shell" RCE flaws get public exploits, patch now | Vulnerability | [BleepingComputer](#)

Critical remote code execution flaws in WordPress Core now have public exploits available, requiring immediate patching.

SonicWall SMA Zero-Days Exploited Before Disclosure to Gain Root Access | Zero-Day | [The Hacker News](#)

Threat actor exploited SonicWall VPN appliance vulnerabilities as zero-days to achieve root access before patches were available.

