

## Daily Threat Intelligence Briefing

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**News from Monday August 31, 2026**  
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### Local Government

**State-linked actor targets Cisco routers for espionage** | Espionage/Network Intrusion | [Cybersecurity Dive](#)

*China-linked espionage group Fire Ant used custom tooling to stealthily compromise Cisco routers in trusted network environments for long-term access.*

**Iran Cyber Risk Climbs as US Resumes Strikes** | Reconnaissance/Probing (ICS/OT) | [BankInfoSecurity](#)

*Analysts warn that renewed US-Iran military strikes historically precede fresh Iranian probing of US water and energy control systems.*

**DoJ Corrects China Hacking Claim, Says U.S. Agencies Were Targets, Not Victims** | Cyber Espionage | [The Hacker News](#)

*DoJ revised its earlier statement, clarifying that NASA, the Federal Reserve, DOE, and DOJ were targeted—not breached—by Chinese state-linked hackers.*

### Financial Institutions

**Five plead guilty in latest federal ATM jackpotting case** | Malware | [The Record](#)

*Five Venezuelan nationals pleaded guilty in a federal ATM jackpotting scheme using malware to force cash dispensing.*

### Healthcare

**Healthcare cyberattacks hit pacemakers and millions of patient records** | Data Breach | [The Register](#)

*McKesson confirmed a data breach as extortion group ShinyHunters demanded \$55.2 million, part of a wider wave of healthcare-sector cyberattacks affecting patient records and connected medical devices.*



## Other

**Aurora Ransomware Operators Use Cursor AI in Attacks Against 10 Targets** | Ransomware | [The Hacker News](#)

*Researchers found Aurora ransomware affiliates leveraging the Cursor AI coding assistant to develop intrusion tools across ten targeted organizations.*

**Spring Ring: An Inside Look at Voice Phishing Campaigns in Microsoft Teams** | Social Engineering | [Palo Alto Networks Unit 42](#)

*Researchers detail a vishing campaign called Spring Ring that abuses Microsoft Teams calls to trick employees into installing malware targeting corporate domain controllers.*

**Cronos blockchain restarts after \$74 million Tectonic exploit** | Price Manipulation/Exploit | [Bleeping Computer](#)

*Attacker exploited a price-manipulation flaw in Tectonic's lending protocol to borrow \$74 million, prompting Cronos blockchain to halt and restart.*

**Microsoft warns of TerminalFix attacks deploying reverse tunnels** | Social Engineering | [Bleeping Computer](#)

*Microsoft details a new ClickFix variant using fake Cloudflare CAPTCHAs to trick users into running PowerShell commands that install reverse tunnels.*

