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- **If your paycheck is missing, QuickBooks may be to blame** [1]

  Due to an issue with QuickBooks processing direct deposits, some people had a very unpleasant morning, waking up to see either that their paycheck hadn’t arrived, or that they had a ton of employees asking why they hadn’t been paid. If you’re one of those people, it may not be time to panic just yet? QuickBooks says that the issue has been resolved and that the money should be arriving in accounts by the end of today.

  QuickBooks claims the missed payments were caused by an issue with a third party. Some users, though, are upset with how Intuit, which owns QuickBooks, handled the situation, claiming that they couldn’t get a hold of the company on their phone or chat lines.

- **RotaJakiro: A long live secret backdoor with 0 VT detection** [2]

- **Seems like we haven’t seen the last of Spectre, UVA Engineering discover new CPU attacks** [3]

  Spectre is one in a list of critical vulnerabilities in modern processors that was discovered over the last few years, and it seems it’s not been solved yet. Despite new hardware designs, and updates to the Linux Kernel and more to defend against the issues, researchers at University of Virginia School of Engineering claim to have a new discovery that could have a huge impact.

  Affecting both AMD and Intel, in a post titled "Defenseless", UVA Engineering say we will "have to go back to the drawing board" when it comes to defending against it as they’ve "uncovered a line of attack that breaks all Spectre defenses, meaning that billions of computers and other devices across the globe are just as vulnerable today as they were when Spectre was first announced".
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