[Older] Log4j attacks remain low-key compared to infosec industry hype

The Log4j vulnerability appears to have been overhyped by the infosec industry, with nothing like the scale of attacks expected materialising.

The flaw, an unauthenticated remote code exploit, allows the complete takeover of systems using versions 2.0-beta9 up to 2.14.1 of the library Log4j.

Well-known British security researcher Marcus Hutchins was one of those to throw cold water on some of the hype, pointing out that what was rumoured to be a Log4j worm did not work at all.

"I've reverse engineered this supposed Log4j worm and it doesn't work at all," he said. "There's also several bugs in the code that mean even if they did fix the core failure, it would still be completely ineffective."

500M Avira Antivirus Users Introduced to Cryptomining

Many readers were surprised to learn recently that the popular Norton 360 antivirus suite now ships with a program which lets customers make money mining virtual currency. But Norton 360 isn't alone in this dubious endeavor: Avira antivirus, which has built a base of 500 million users worldwide largely by making the product free, was recently bought by the same company that owns Norton 360 and is introducing its customers to a service called Avira Crypto.
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- FAA lists 50 airports that will have 5G buffer zones ahead of C-band expansion

The FAA notes that AT&T and Verizon have agreed to turn off their 5G transmitters at these specific buffer zones for six months, which should minimize potential 5G interference with sensitive aircraft instruments used in low-visibility landings. Some airports including major hubs like Hartsfield / Jackson International and Denver International didn’t make the list, either because they aren’t in locations where 5G C-Band deployment will take place, or they can’t permit low-visibility landings.

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