Proprietary Software Leftovers

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- I used Apple’s AirTag to track my wife and kids. Here’s what I learned [2]

  Actively tracking you at freeways speeds is pointless but if the only thing someone wants to know is where you live, Apple’s AirTag is scary effective. But indeed, so is the Tile Pro. Again, my experience with my Tile Pros have been pretty much hit or miss for finding lost stuff in my home. So I was quite surprised to see the Tile Pro work reasonably well as a tracking device.

- Ukraine: Can Apple solve this new supply chain challenge? [3]

  But, it’s not just development (and also wheat) that comes from Ukraine; the nation is also rich in hard-to-find raw materials used in silicon chips and advanced sensors. This includes the neon gas used by chip-making lasers, palladium, and around 90% of US semiconductor-grade neon. Citing US-based advisory firm, Techcet, Reuters is warning that if the conflict escalates, some of the world’s biggest chipmakers may be impacted. Intel, for example, gets half its neon from Eastern Europe.

- Cyber officials urge federal agencies to armor up for potential Russian attacks [4] [iophk: Windows TCO]

  The specter of broad cyber warfare has increased following Russia’s invasion this week, with experts warning that Moscow could respond to retaliatory sanctions over the incursion with additional cyberattacks against the West.
Conti ransomware gang: You attack Russia, we?ll crack you back

The Conti ransomware gang says that it supports the Russian government?s invasion of Ukraine? and if anyone launches a retaliatory cyber attack against Russia, they will hit back hard.

ACSC calls on Australian organisations to urgently adopt an enhanced cyber security posture

The ACSC also links to similar information from the US, UK, NZ and Canada, to prepare for and better defend against threat actors in any country, whether small, large or nation state, because the cyber cold war has already been happening for years, and all the chaos in the world is digitally accelerating cyber attacks, too.

Outlook bad for Starbucks? anti-union lawyers

The firm Littler Mendelson, who has been representing Starbucks? anti-union efforts, failed to submit a dispute with the National Labor Relations Board on time due to an untimely crash in the firm?s Microsoft Outlook.

The dispute, called a statement of position, was aimed at stalling the organizational voting of several upstate New York stores. The dispute stated that holding elections for individual stores would be inappropriate and should instead tally votes on a regional basis. In order to be considered valid, this paperwork needed to be submitted to the NLRB by noon on February 11th but didn?t find its way to the appropriate inbox until 12:08PM.

Microsoft Outlook Fail Screws Up Latest Starbucks Union-Busting Effort

For much of the last several years, Starbucks Corporation has been engaged in a ham-fisted effort to crush fledging unionification efforts among store employees. But the company?s latest effort to undermine such efforts were thwarted by an unforeseen adversary: company lawyers? inability to understand how Microsoft Outlook attachments work.

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