

Cloud services at risk of cyber attacks: Report

Sophos, a global provider of cybersecurity as a service, recently published findings of a new survey titled, "The Reality of SMB Cloud Security in 2022" which showed that 56% of Infrastructure as a Service (IaaS) users experienced an increase in the volume of attacks on their organisation when compared to the previous year, and 67% were hit by ransomware. In addition, 59% experienced an increase in the complexity of attacks.

For many of these users, a lack of visibility into their infrastructure,



unpatched vulnerabilities and resource misconfigurations make them susceptible to various attacks, including ransomware. Of those

surveyed, only 37% track and detect resource misconfigurations and only 43% routinely scan IaaS resources for software vulnerabilities.

Moreover, 65% of cloud users reported not having visibility of all resources and their configurations, and only 33% said their organisation has the resources to continuously detect, investigate and remove threats in their IaaS infrastructure. The Reality of SMB Cloud Security in 2022 survey polled 4,984 IT professionals in small and mid-sized organisations across 31 countries.

Infinix HOT 20S launched in Bangladesh

Infinix has recently launched their latest smartphone, HOT 20S, in Bangladesh. The smartphone features a 64-bit octa-core MediaTek Helio G96 chipset with two Arm Cortex-A76 and six Cortex-A55 processors.

Infinix HOT 20S also sports a 120 Hz refresh rate, 240 Hz ultra touch sampling rate, and a 6.78-inch FHD+ display. It also

has a 5,000 mAh battery with 18 W fast charging, 13 GB (8 GB + 5 GB) RAM and 128 GB ROM, which can be expanded to 512 GB. As for camera features, it has a 50 MP main camera, 2 MP bokeh camera, 2 MP super macro camera and 8 MP front camera.

Infinix HOT 20S is available in two colours: sonic black and tempo blue. It is currently priced at Tk. 18,999/-.




OPPO launches their latest smartphone A17k

OPPO has recently launched the latest addition to their A series smartphones, OPPO A17k. The phone features 7 GB RAM expansion technology, 64 GB storage, IPX4 water resistance and a flat-edge design. It is powered by a 2.3 GHz octa-core Helio G35 processor and a 5000mAh battery. It comes with a 6.56-inch HD colour-rich display, an 8 MP rear camera and a 5 MP front camera.

OPPO A17k is available in two colours: blue and navy blue. It is currently priced at Tk. 12,990/-.

EDITOR'S NOTE

Finding that one fine line

Whether you're working full-time or part-time, balancing your professional life with your regular life can be an ordeal at times. Those new to the job market working entry-level positions can find it especially difficult to find the time and energy to invest into family, friends or even themselves. This week's Cover Story offers you some insight on how to find that balance, and hopefully, help you figure out the fine line between work and life.

As for other pages, we look back at the biggest four-wheeler releases this year in Shift, presentation tips for both work and home in Next Step and a list of apps to keep your creative juices flowing in Bytes.

And with that, the penultimate issue of the year! See you next weekend for the 2022 wrap-up!

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Govt requests for user info from social media giants on the rise

Keeping up with the increased usage of social media in the country, the government of Bangladesh has also increased its content removal and user information requests to global companies including Facebook, Google, and TikTok.

Recently, the government asked Facebook for information on 1,171 users this year, according to the Transparency Report published by Facebook-parent Meta for the first half (January to June) of 2022. The government sent 659 requests for the data to Facebook over the 6-month period. In response, Facebook answered the government's request for data on 66.01% of the accounts. Previously, the government sent 525 requests for July to December of 2021. Facebook responded by giving the authorities 66.86% of the information.

On the other hand, the government made 707 requests to tech giant Google to remove videos from YouTube, including 445 requests for defamation and 175 requests for government criticism, according to the Transparency Report published by Google for Q3 2022 (July-September 2022). Previously, the government sent 599 requests between July to December 2021.

Coming to TikTok, the government of Bangladesh made 86 requests to the short video-sharing platform for the removal of 1,923 video content and 80 accounts. TikTok responded by removing 659 videos and 6 accounts. Previously, the government sent 5 requests for the removal of 16 accounts from TikTok, out of which 6 accounts were removed due to community guidelines violations.

iPhones have been using Sony camera sensors for years: Tim Cook tweets

Tim Cook recently confirmed on Twitter that iPhones use camera sensors made by Sony. "We've been partnering with Sony for over a decade to create the world's leading camera sensors for iPhone," states the tweet by the Apple CEO. The tweet was made to address Cook's recent visit to Kumamoto, Japan, home of many semiconductor firms. In the tweet, Cook also thanked Kenchiro Yoshida, CEO of Sony, for showing him around the "cutting-edge facility".

According to a report by Reuters, Cook recently stated that for the last five years, Apple has invested over \$100 billion in Japanese suppliers. The facility in Kumamoto is among the many Japanese tech suppliers that Apple has been in partnership with to create parts for their signature iPhones.

Cook's sudden confirmation of using



Sony camera sensors in iPhones comes as a shock to many Apple fans - especially considering how Apple usually doesn't disclose such inside information. While many dedicated users and loyal fans have previously suggested the use of Sony camera parts in past iPhones, there was reportedly no official confirmation until now.