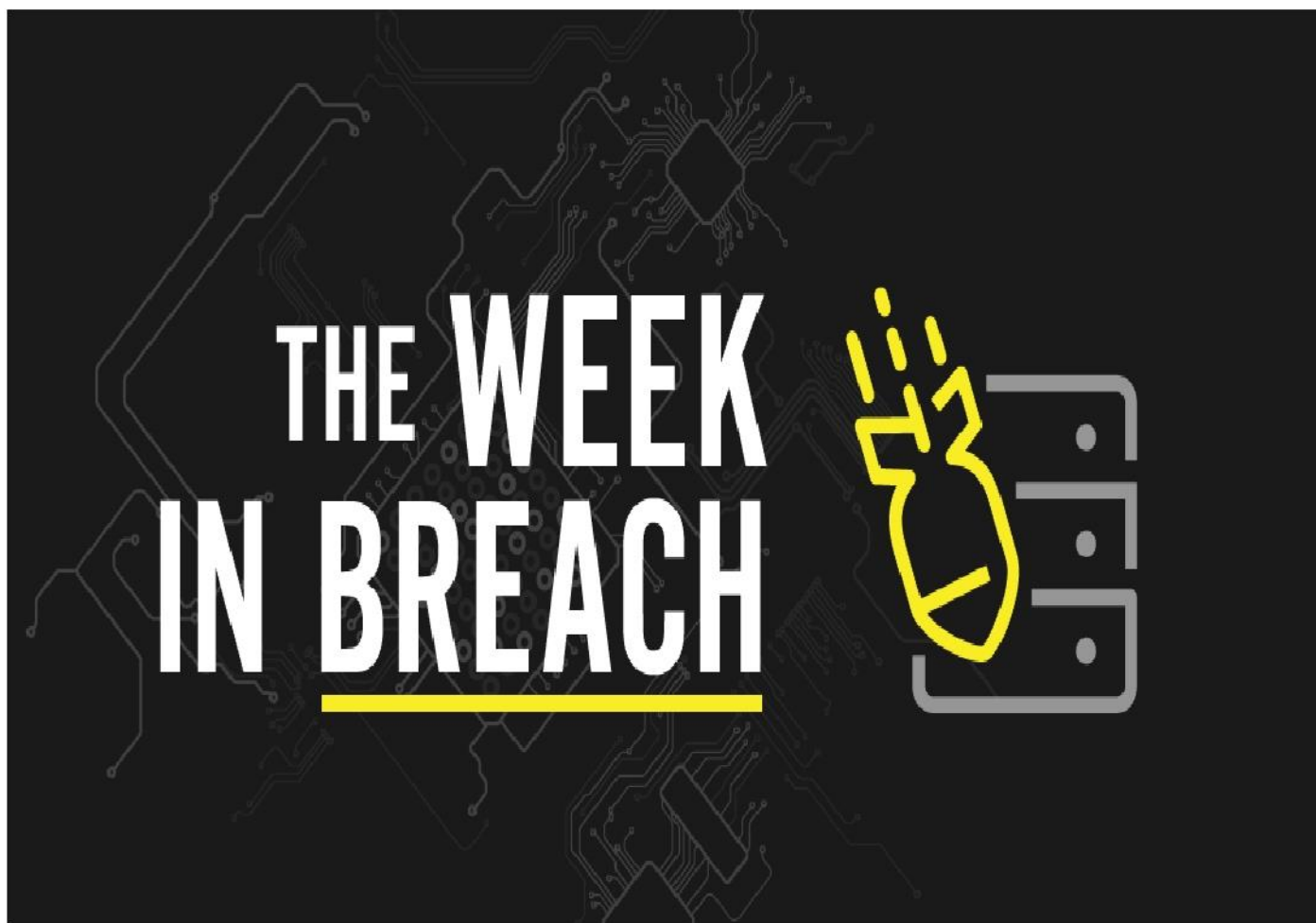


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Cox Communications gets caught by phishing, Atalanta imports some ransomware, another crypto exchange gets hacked for millions and a shocking ransomware attack on the Virginia Legislature

# Atalanta

<https://portswigger.net/daily-swig/us-food-importer-atalanta-admits-ransomware-attack>

**Exploit:** Ransomware

Atalanta: Food Importer

**Risk to Business: 1.616= Severe**



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**Individual Impact:** No details were offered by the company about how many records were exposed and what personal information they contained.

**Customers Impacted:** Unknown

**How It Could Affect Your Business :** *Data breach risk has become especially nasty as cybercriminals look to distributors and service providers who may maintain large stores of data for a quick score.*

# Cox Communications

<https://www.bleepingcomputer.com/news/security/cox-discloses-data-breach-after-hacker-impersonates-support-agent/>

Exploit: Phishing (Vishing)

Cox Communications: Digital Cable Provider

## Risk to Business: 1.611=Severe

Cox Communications has disclosed a data breach after a hacker impersonated a support agent to gain access to customers' personal information. The story goes that on October 11th, 2021, a bad actor impersonated a Cox support agent by phone to gain access customer information. Cox is the third-largest cable television provider in the US with around 3 million customers.



## Individual Risk: 1.813=Severe

Customers may have had information material to their Cox account exposed including name, address, telephone number, Cox account number, Cox.net email address, username, PIN code, account security question and answer, and/or the types of services that they receive from



**Customers Impacted:** 3 million

**How It Could Affect Your Business:** Vishing has been gaining popularity as employees handle fewer phone calls, making them more likely to take the ones they do get seriously. This is the same method of attack that was used in the 2020 Twitter hack.

# The Virginia Division of Legislative Automated Systems (DLAS)

<https://apnews.com/article/technology-legislature-executive-branch-virginia-ralph-northam-8adc7aa73b93c91b0687b741b6acd202>

**Exploit:** Ransomware

The Virginia Division of Legislative Automated Systems (DLAS): Government Technology Services

**Risk to Business: 1.616= Severe**



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**Customers Impacted:** Unknown

# Kronos Ultimate Group

<https://www.usatoday.com/story/tech/2021/12/13/kronos-ransomware-attack-2021/6501274001/>

**Exploit:** Ransomware

Kronos Ultimate Group: Payroll Services



**Risk to Business: 1.819= Severe**

HR management company Ultimate Kronos Group has been hit by a ransomware attack that could have devastating ongoing repercussions. The company's Kronos Workforce Central was paralyzed in the attack. That prevents its clients, including heavyweights like Tesla and Puma, from processing payroll, handling timesheets and managing their workforce. Kronos first became aware of unusual activity on Kronos Private Cloud on Saturday evening. The company's blog says that it is likely the issue may require several weeks to resolve.

**Individual Impact:** No consumer/employee PII or financial data loss was disclosed in this breach as of press time.

**Customers Impacted:**

**How it Could Affect Your Business :** *Once again, cybercriminals choose a target that offers them a huge stash of data, especially valuable personal and financial information.*