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Forbes' Kashmir Hill follows up on reports this week that Verizon and AT&T are using so-called "permacookies" capable of tracking users. Security consultant Kenn White said, "For a lot of people, their smartphone carrier is their data provider. This is the ISP. I'm amazed we're not seeing more of a response from the enterprise world." Hill talks with Verizon Senior Privacy Officer Kathy Zanowic and AT&T's Mark Siegel. Meanwhile, technologists have developed a Firefox browser extension called AdNauseam that aims to turn ad blocking into a form of protest. The extension clicks on online ads that are blocked by AdBlock instead of ignoring them. One of its developers said "it is not advertising we are protesting but advertising insofar as it represents a dominant means of tracking."

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