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Cybersecurity

TT-CSIRT issued an advisory about the Shai-Hulud Self-Replicating Worm Supply Chain Compromise.

If your developer teams use NPM - one survey put it at 45% of developers in 2024 - then it's a reason to ensure you have mitigations in place.

More details here: **https://ttcsirt.gov.tt/tt-csirt-453-24-09-25-shai-hulud-self-replicating-worm-supply-chain-compromise/**

DPI

Trinidad and Tobago's Minister of Public Administration and Artificial Intelligence, Dominic Alexander Smith, officially announces that the country has joined the global "50-in-5" campaign. He explains that this move is part of a broader, citizen-centric strategy to use digital public infrastructure (DPI) to diversify the nation's economy beyond traditional resources. The goals for this digital transformation are to be sustainable, inclusive, and scalable. Key projects highlighted include the "Social Benefits Wallet," which uses e-identity to help vulnerable citizens access public goods during crises, and the upcoming "myT&T" app, a comprehensive application planned to provide citizens with access to a wide range of government services, from healthcare to passports.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uPBCT4mAAns

Global DPI Summit 2025 (Nov 4–6) – A **Global Digital Public Infrastructure Summit** begins this week in Cape Town, with iGovTT's

CEO joining an international panel to share insights on open-source and capacity building for digital governmentglobaldpisummit.org
 Happening now — global collaboration on secure, inclusive digital systems.

Digital ID

Barbados

The Government of Barbados is launching a new public education campaign to build trust and address public apprehension surrounding the new digital ID card initiative. Minister of Innovation, Industry, Science and Technology, Senator Jonathan Reid, stated that the campaign will clearly explain how the secure and advanced digital IDs benefit citizens, offering a more efficient way to verify identity and access digital services compared to the outdated and easily forged laminated cards. The Minister emphasized that this move is fundamental to building a trusted digital economy, while also reassuring the public that participation in the new system will remain entirely voluntary.

https://barbadostoday.bb/2025/10/27/govt-to-relaunch-campaign-for-digital-id-cards/?utm_source=chatgpt.com

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Irwin Williams how did the NPM worm affect your systems' availability? We had to take down our servers for hours (at Acquia), affecting nearly every customer. What I found surprising is that with all of our vibe coding efforts, that this was not uncovered as a latent compromise in the last 2 years.   …more
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I'm pleased to see you taking this on Irwin Williams, and that it's a regional effort. You have an open invitation to be on my show, The (R)evolution, which airs the first and third Thursday of each month on DBS radio at 8PM AST. You say when, and we'd be pleased to have you do a segment. ...more

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Fantastic kickoff, Irwin. This is the kind of clear, context-rich brief that helps even those of us outside the CTO seat stay plugged into stuff that matters. The tie-in between the NPM advisory, the "50-in-5" DPI initiative (which sound very interesting btw), and regional digital ID efforts shows how much cybersecurity, infrastructure, and publi ...more

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This is fantastic news. Thanks for sharing.

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