



Teen on Musk's DOGE Team Graduated from 'The Com'

February 7, 2025

Wired reported this week that a 19-year-old working for Elon Musk's so-called **Department of Government Efficiency** (DOGE) was given access to sensitive US government systems even though his past association with cybercrime communities should have precluded him from gaining the necessary security clearances to do so. As today's story explores, the DOGE teen is a former denizen of 'The Com,' an archipelago of Discord and Telegram chat channels that function as a kind of distributed cybercriminal social network for facilitating instant collaboration.

Since President Trump's second inauguration, Musk's DOGE team has gained access to a truly staggering amount of personal and sensitive data on American citizens, moving quickly to seize control over databases at the **U.S. Treasury**, the **Office of Personnel Management**, the **Department of Education**, and the **Department of Health and Human Resources**, among others.

Wired first [reported on Feb. 2](#) that one of the technologists on Musk's crew is a 19-year-old high school graduate named **Edward Coristine**, who reportedly goes by the nickname "Big Balls" online. One of the companies Coristine founded, **Tesla.Sexy LLC**, was set up in 2021, when he would have been around 16 years old.

"Tesla.Sexy LLC controls dozens of web domains, including at least two Russian-registered domains," *Wired* reported. "One of those domains, which is still active, offers a service called Helfie, which is an AI bot for Discord servers targeting the Russian market. While the operation of a Russian website would not violate US sanctions preventing Americans doing business with Russian companies, it could potentially be a factor in a security clearance review."

Mr. Coristine has not responded to requests for comment. In [a follow-up story](#) this week, *Wired* found that someone using a Telegram handle tied to Coristine solicited a DDoS-for-hire service in 2022, and that he worked for a short time at a company that specializes in protecting customers from DDoS attacks.





A profile photo from Coristine's WhatsApp account.

Internet routing records **show** that Coristine runs an Internet service provider called **Packetware** (AS400495). Also known as "**DiamondCDN**," Packetware **currently hosts** tesla[.]sexy and diamondcdn[.]com, among other domains.

DiamondCDN was advertised and claimed by someone who used the nickname "**Rivage**" on several Com-based Discord channels over the years. A review of chat logs from some of those channels show other members frequently referred to Rivage as "Edward."

From late 2020 to late 2024, Rivage's conversations would show up in multiple Com chat servers that are closely monitored by security companies. In November 2022, Rivage could be seen requesting recommendations for a reliable and powerful DDoS-for-hire service.

Rivage made that request in the cybercrime channel "**Dstat**," a core Com hub where users could buy and sell attack services. **Dstat's website dstat[.]cc was seized** in 2024 as part of "Operation PowerOFF," an international law enforcement action against DDoS services.

Coristine's LinkedIn profile said that in 2022 he worked at an anti-DDoS company called **Path Networks**, which *Wired* generously described as a "network monitoring firm known for hiring reformed blackhat hackers." *Wired* wrote:

"At Path Network, Coristine worked as a systems engineer from April to June of 2022, according to his now-deleted LinkedIn résumé. Path has at times listed as employees **Eric Taylor**, also known as Cosmo the God, a well-known former cybercriminal and member of the hacker group UGNazis, as well as Matthew Flannery, an Australian convicted hacker whom police allege was a member of the hacker group LulzSec. It's unclear whether Coristine worked at Path concurrently with those hackers, and WIRED found no evidence that either Coristine or other Path employees engaged in illegal activity while at the company."

The founder of Path is a young man named **Marshal Webb**. I wrote about Webb back in 2016, in a story about a DDoS defense company he co-founded called **BackConnect Security LLC**. On September 20, 2016, KrebsOnSecurity published data showing that the company **had a history of hijacking Internet address space that belonged to others**.

Less than 24 hours after that story ran, KrebsOnSecurity.com was **hit with the biggest DDoS attack the Internet had ever seen at the time**. That sustained attack **kept this site offline for nearly 4 days**.

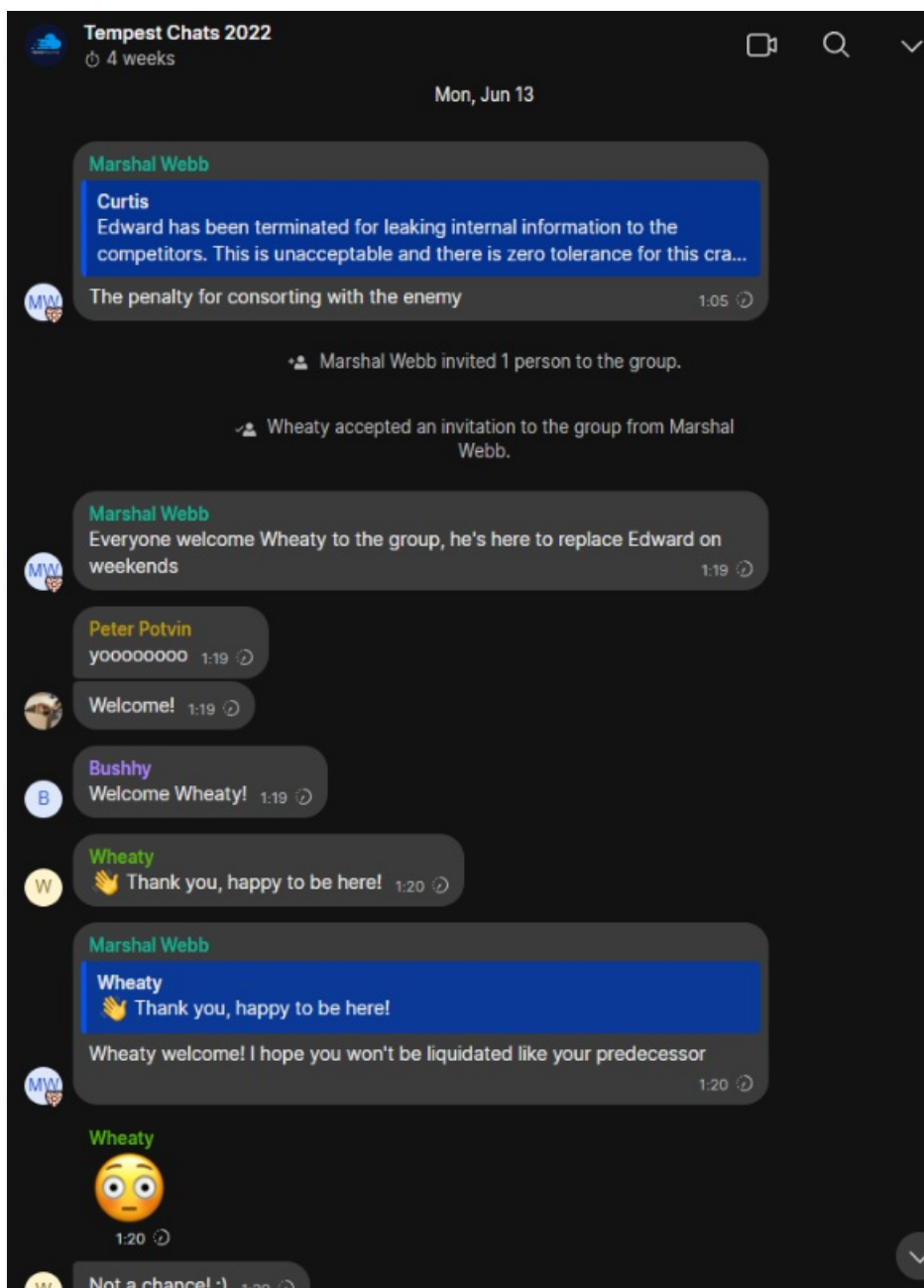
The other founder of BackConnect Security LLC was **Tucker Preston**, a Georgia man who **pleaded guilty in 2020** to paying a DDoS-for-hire service to launch attacks against others.

The aforementioned Path employee Eric Taylor **pleaded guilty in 2017** to charges including **an attack on our home in 2013**. Taylor was among several men involved in making a false report to my local police department about a supposed hostage situation at our residence in Virginia. In response, a heavily-armed police force surrounded my home and put me in handcuffs at gunpoint before the police realized it was all a dangerous hoax known as "swatting."

CosmoTheGod rocketed to Internet infamy in 2013 when he and a number of other hackers **set up the Web site exposed[dot]su**, which "doxed" dozens of public officials and celebrities by publishing the address, Social Security numbers and other personal information on the former First Lady Michelle Obama, the then-director of the FBI and the U.S. attorney general, among others. The group also swatted many of the people they doxed.

Wired noted that Cristine only worked at Path for a few months in 2022, but the story didn't mention why his tenure was so short. A screenshot shared on the website pathtruths.com includes a snippet of conversations in June 2022 between Path employees discussing Cristine's firing.

According to that record, Path founder Marshal Webb dismissed Cristine for leaking internal documents to a competitor. Not long after Cristine's termination, someone leaked an abundance of internal Path documents and conversations. Among other things, those chats revealed that one of Path's technicians was a Canadian man named **Curtis Gervais** who was convicted in 2017 of **perpetrating dozens of swatting attacks and fake bomb threats** — including at least two attempts against our home in 2014.



A snippet of text from an internal Path chat room, wherein members discuss the reason for Cristine's termination: Allegedly, leaking internal company information. Source: [Pathtruths.com](https://pathtruths.com).

On May 11, 2024, Rivage posted on a Discord channel for a DDoS protection service that is chiefly marketed to members of The Com. Rivage expressed frustration with his time spent on Com-based communities, suggesting that its profitability had been oversold.

"I don't think there's a lot of money to be made in the com," Rivage lamented. "I'm not buying Heztner [servers] to set up some com VPN."

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The trouble with all this is that even if someone sincerely intends to exit The Com after years of consorting with cybercriminals, they are often still subject to personal attacks, harassment and hacking long after they have left the scene.

That's because a huge part of Com culture involves harassing, swatting and hacking other members of the community. These internecine attacks are often for financial gain, but just as frequently they are perpetrated by cybercrime groups to exact retribution from or assert dominance over rival gangs.

Experts say it is extremely difficult for former members of violent street gangs to gain a security clearance needed to view sensitive or classified information held by the U.S. government. That's because ex-gang members are highly susceptible to extortion and coercion from current members of the same gang, and that alone presents an unacceptable security risk for intelligence agencies.

And make no mistake: The Com is the English-language cybercriminal hacking equivalent of a violent street gang. KrebsOnSecurity has published numerous stories detailing how feuds within the community **periodically spill over into real-world violence**.

When Coristine's name surfaced in *Wired's* report this week, members of The Com immediately took notice. In the following segment from a February 5, 2025 chat in a Com-affiliated hosting provider, members criticized Rivage's skills, and discussed harassing his family and notifying authorities about incriminating accusations that may or may not be true.

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2025-02-05 16:29:44 UTC vperked#0 they got this nigga on indiatimes man
2025-02-05 16:29:46 UTC alexaloo#0 Their cropping is worse than AI could have done
2025-02-05 16:29:48 UTC hebeatsme#0 bro who is that
2025-02-05 16:29:53 UTC hebeatsme#0 yalla re talking about
2025-02-05 16:29:56 UTC xewdy#0 edward
2025-02-05 16:29:56 UTC .yarrb#0 rivagew
2025-02-05 16:29:57 UTC vperked#0 Rivarge
2025-02-05 16:29:57 UTC xewdy#0 diamondcdm
2025-02-05 16:29:59 UTC vperked#0 i cant spell it
2025-02-05 16:30:00 UTC hebeatsme#0 rivage
2025-02-05 16:30:08 UTC .yarrb#0 yes
2025-02-05 16:30:14 UTC hebeatsme#0 i have him added
2025-02-05 16:30:20 UTC hebeatsme#0 hes on discord still
2025-02-05 16:30:47 UTC .yarrb#0 hes focused on stroking zaddy elon
2025-02-05 16:30:47 UTC vperked#0 https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Edward\_Coristine
2025-02-05 16:30:50 UTC vperked#0 no fucking way
2025-02-05 16:30:53 UTC vperked#0 they even made a wiki for him
2025-02-05 16:30:55 UTC vperked#0 LOOOL
2025-02-05 16:31:05 UTC hebeatsme#0 no way
2025-02-05 16:31:08 UTC hebeatsme#0 hes not a good dev either
2025-02-05 16:31:14 UTC hebeatsme#0 like????
2025-02-05 16:31:22 UTC hebeatsme#0 has to be fake
2025-02-05 16:31:24 UTC xewdy#0 and theyre saying ts
2025-02-05 16:31:29 UTC xewdy#0 like ok bro
2025-02-05 16:31:51 UTC .yarrb#0 now i wanna know what all the other devs are like...
2025-02-05 16:32:00 UTC vperked#0 ""Coristine used the moniker "bigballs" on LinkedIn and @Edwardbigballer on Twitter, according to The Daily Dot.["
2025-02-05 16:32:05 UTC vperked#0 LOL
2025-02-05 16:32:06 UTC hebeatsme#0 Imfaooo
2025-02-05 16:32:07 UTC vperked#0 bro
2025-02-05 16:32:10 UTC hebeatsme#0 bro
2025-02-05 16:32:17 UTC hebeatsme#0 has to be fake right
2025-02-05 16:32:22 UTC .yarrb#0 does it mention Rivage?
2025-02-05 16:32:23 UTC xewdy#0 He previously worked for Neuralink, a brain computer interface company led by Elon Musk
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by Elon Musk

2025-02-05 16:32:26 UTC xewdy#0 bro what
2025-02-05 16:32:27 UTC alexaloo#0 I think your current occupation gives you a good insight of what probably goes on
2025-02-05 16:32:29 UTC hebeatsme#0 bullshit man
2025-02-05 16:32:33 UTC xewdy#0 this nigga got hella secrets
2025-02-05 16:32:37 UTC hebeatsme#0 rivage couldnt print hello world
2025-02-05 16:32:42 UTC hebeatsme#0 if his life was on the line
2025-02-05 16:32:50 UTC xewdy#0 nigga worked for neuralink
2025-02-05 16:32:54 UTC hebeatsme#0 bullshit
2025-02-05 16:33:06 UTC Nashville Dispatch ##0000 ||@PD Ping||
2025-02-05 16:33:07 UTC hebeatsme#0 must have killed all those test pigs with some bugs
2025-02-05 16:33:24 UTC hebeatsme#0 ur telling me the rivage who failed to start a company
2025-02-05 16:33:28 UTC hebeatsme#0 https://cdn.camp
2025-02-05 16:33:32 UTC hebeatsme#0 who didnt pay for servers
2025-02-05 16:33:34 UTC hebeatsme#0 ?
2025-02-05 16:33:42 UTC hebeatsme#0 was too cheap
2025-02-05 16:33:44 UTC vperked#0 yes
2025-02-05 16:33:50 UTC hebeatsme#0 like??
2025-02-05 16:33:53 UTC hebeatsme#0 it aint adding up
2025-02-05 16:33:56 UTC alexaloo#0 He just needed to find his calling idiot.
2025-02-05 16:33:58 UTC alexaloo#0 He found it.
2025-02-05 16:33:59 UTC hebeatsme#0 bro
2025-02-05 16:34:01 UTC alexaloo#0 Cope in a river dude
2025-02-05 16:34:04 UTC hebeatsme#0 he cant make good money right
2025-02-05 16:34:08 UTC hebeatsme#0 doge is about efficiency
2025-02-05 16:34:11 UTC hebeatsme#0 he should make \$1/he
2025-02-05 16:34:15 UTC hebeatsme#0 \$1/hr
2025-02-05 16:34:25 UTC hebeatsme#0 and be whipped for better code
2025-02-05 16:34:26 UTC vperked#0 prolly makes more than us
2025-02-05 16:34:35 UTC vperked#0 with his dad too
2025-02-05 16:34:52 UTC hebeatsme#0 time to report him for fraud
2025-02-05 16:34:54 UTC hebeatsme#0 to donald trump
2025-02-05 16:35:04 UTC hebeatsme#0 rivage participated in sim swap hacks in 2018
2025-02-05 16:35:08 UTC hebeatsme#0 put that on his wiki
2025-02-05 16:35:10 UTC hebeatsme#0 thanks
2025-02-05 16:35:15 UTC hebeatsme#0 and in 2021
2025-02-05 16:35:17 UTC hebeatsme#0 thanks
2025-02-05 16:35:19 UTC chainofcommand#0 i dont think they'll care tbh

Given the speed with which Musk's DOGE team was allowed access to such critical government databases, it strains credulity that Coristine could have been properly cleared beforehand. After all, he'd recently been dismissed from a job *for allegedly leaking internal company information to outsiders*.

According to the national security adjudication [guidelines](#) (PDF) released by the **Director of National Intelligence** (DNI), eligibility determinations take into account a person's stability, trustworthiness, reliability, discretion, character, honesty, judgment, and ability to protect classified information.

The DNI policy further states that "eligibility for covered individuals shall be granted only when facts and circumstances indicate that eligibility is clearly consistent with the national security interests of the United States, and any doubt shall be resolved in favor of national security."

On Thursday, 25-year-old DOGE staff member **Marko Elez** resigned after being linked to a deleted social media account that advocated racism and eugenics. Elez resigned after *The Wall Street Journal* [asked](#) the White House about his connection to the account.

"Just for the record, I was racist before it was cool," the account posted in July. "You could not pay me to marry outside of my ethnicity," the account wrote on X in September. "Normalize Indian hate," the account wrote the same month, in reference to a post noting the prevalence of people from India in Silicon Valley.

Elez’s resignation came a day after the Department of Justice agreed to limit the number of DOGE employees who have access to federal payment systems. The DOJ said access would be limited to two people, Elez and Tom Krause, the CEO of a company called Cloud Software Group.

Earlier today, Musk said he planned to rehire Elez after President Trump and Vice President JD Vance reportedly endorsed the idea. Speaking at The White House today, Trump said he wasn’t concerned about the security of personal information and other data accessed by DOGE, adding that he was “very proud of the job that this group of young people” are doing.

A White House official told Reuters on Wednesday that Musk and his engineers have appropriate security clearances and are operating in “full compliance with federal law, appropriate security clearances, and as employees of the relevant agencies, not as outside advisors or entities.”

NPR reports Trump added that his administration’s cost-cutting efforts would soon turn to the Education Department and the Pentagon, “where he suggested without evidence that there could be ‘trillions’ of dollars in wasted spending within the \$6.75 trillion the federal government spent in fiscal year 2024.”

GOP leaders in the Republican-controlled House and Senate have largely shrugged about Musk’s ongoing efforts to seize control over federal databases, dismantle agencies mandated by Congress, freeze federal spending on a range of already-appropriated government programs, and threaten workers with layoffs.

Meanwhile, multiple parties have sued to stop DOGE’s activities. ABC News says a federal judge was to rule today on whether DOGE should be blocked from accessing Department of Labor records, following a lawsuit alleging Musk’s team sought to illegally access highly sensitive data, including medical information, from the federal government.

At least 13 state attorneys general say they plan to file a lawsuit to stop DOGE from accessing federal payment systems containing Americans’ sensitive personal information, reports The Associated Press.

Reuters reported Thursday that the U.S. Treasury Department had agreed not to give Musk’s team access to its payment systems while a judge is hearing arguments in a lawsuit by employee unions and retirees alleging Musk illegally searched those records.

Ars Technica writes that The Department of Education (DoE) was sued Friday by a California student association demanding an “immediate stop” to DOGE’s “unlawfully” digging through student loan data to potentially dismantle the DoE.

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123 thoughts on “Teen on Musk’s DOGE Team Graduated from ‘The Com’”

Tina C.
February 9, 2025

Aside from screaming at our Congress, what can we to stop the biggest security breach in American history?

Reply →

- Catwhisperer

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February 9, 2025

A word to the wise is look to the periodic table for help. In the rows and columns created by Mr. Mendeleev your helper can be found. Leon is trying to unemployed two million plus Americans through no fault of their own, while also getting his despicable fingers into the knickers of tens of millions more. Methinks somebody is going to FA & FO, IMHO. This is America, LOL!

Folks, did you actually vote for a guy with the NAZI salute?

- Reply →

Daniel Sobol

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February 9, 2025

We can't. All we can do is pray the courts do their duty to this country and enforce the checks and balances that have preserved our Republic's constitutional order for 250 years. DOGE as it stands is an unelected, unaccountable 4th branch of government with no checks on its power. If the courts affirm their power to do anything they wish, Congress and the courts will be powerless. At that point, just put on the armband and pray they don't find you out.

- Reply →

ReadandShare

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February 9, 2025

We had our chance last 11/5 to stop all this from happening. Despite the turmoils of 2016-20, just too many of us didn't learn or couldn't be bothered. So here we are.

- Reply →

c1ue

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February 10, 2025

Which threat are you referring to?

The Deep State threat or the threat to the Deep State?

As for "but security", puh-lease. Starting from OPM and going downwards – the notion of US government employees as being secure is laughable. Literally laugh out loud-able.

- Reply →

Steve

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February 10, 2025

If you actually think there's such a thing as the Deep State, tell your doctor to adjust your meds. It's just a conspiracy theory.

- Reply →

mealy

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February 10, 2025

I mean, there is... it's the lobbyists in DC. K street, J street... that's the deep state.

- Reply →

SilentThunder

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February 10, 2025

The only 'Deep State' is the billionaires manipulating laws for their infinite greed and power. Imagine being so caught up in the Nazi billionaire propaganda about the boogeyman of some unpaid civil servant working in a decaying building causing on the world problems, while worshiping at the feet of people pushing to become trillionaires under a wage slave army.

The brain rot of propaganda runs deep in this country, never seen so many people willing to bend over and take it because a billionaire told them to.

- Reply →

Bryan J Smith

February 10, 2025

You think the DC Swamp and their lobbyists love the GOP? Think again! The ULA (Boeing and Lockheed-Martin) and launches on GTO/national security space launch until Falcon Heavy came along. Now Bezos' Blue Origin has joined the fray, and the US Media and the DC Swamp are treating them like they did SpaceX, even though the US taxpayer has spent far, far more on the ULA, let alone NASA cost-plus contractors.

This is literally how the left, with the US Media and DC Swamp, have discredited themselves. Enough people work in these industries, and the second the left, the US Media or DC Swamp opens their mouths and tries to treat us like we don't work in these industries, and see the waste — and it's not SpaceX or Blue Origin — we literally go, "Really? So you don't know how this works! Clearly!"

This is why 70% of Americans approve of how DOGE is operating.

- Reply →

Holden Gatsby

February 10, 2025

Do you want to try that again, this time with coherent thought?

- Reply →

Unenlightened Ma

February 9, 2025

Curtis "gervais" and Peter "potvin" – Yarvin & Thiel? They code.. sound out those names ..

"Potvin" – remove the V, sounds like ...

"Peter Pan" hence P.P.

Any college kid can apply for and get an internship at a Silicon Valley, Berkeley EECS two terms is not hard to get internship . Anyone making eyes at the boss and can talk their mouths off can get theses roles. They are brainless stooges with USB drives.

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Catwhisperer

February 9, 2025

Imagine that? When a felon runs the roost, y'all are not going to be seeing the days of Camelot, I bet. What did America expect?

Reply →

Rob

February 9, 2025

<https://cyberintel.substack.com/p/doge-exposes-once-secret-government>

Reply →

Fr00tL00ps

February 9, 2025

Brian, have you read this article? The information here is well cited and quite possibly correct. If it is, your job now is about to become infinitesimally more complex. Forget the phishers and scammers my friend, nation state intrusions are going to increase dramatically. Leon and his corporate cowboys have just handed the keys to the Kingdom to Xi and Putin with their 'Go fast, break things' attitude. Good luck.

- Reply →

mealy

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February 10, 2025

Leon, lol. Is that black Elon?

- Reply →

mealy

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The always credible substack.com journalism guarantee, ladies and latent germs.

- Reply →

C.S.F.

February 9, 2025

Is this the same individual that this administration said was forgiven? Once the information is tapped into by any means concerning technology, especially computer-based stored information, whether it be sensitive to military or private citizens, it can not be restored; it is out there to be used in whatever manner by whomever, and the information can never be locked... It is out there for possible further harm to the private citizen. Is the government just going to say sorry to that citizen, and the government goes on to a new day, and the citizen is left with the current damage and possible future damage to occur that can destroy them financially and possibly physically if concerning medical insurance? And the list of harms can be astounding.

Reply →

NotAConspiracyTheorist

February 9, 2025

I think it is a very important that people inform themselves on what Elon's plan is here in dismantling the US government to usher in an era of techno-feudalism. Look up dark enlightenment and network states.

Reply →

SilentThunder

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February 10, 2025

Look how many willing billionaire submissives there are commenting on stories like this to defend cult leaders like Musk and Trump. They're gladly get trampled on and plug themselves into The Elon Matrix to be a subservient beta cuck for them. They don't care, their brains are more fried on rage propaganda than RFK Jr.

- Reply →

Junk Bond Trader

February 9, 2025

Don't worry. You can always put the black mail networks and money laundering schemes back together after your CIA cut out president gets "elected" in 2028.

Reply →

GetRealPeople

February 9, 2025

Interesting hateful comments are starting to appear in this forum regarding Leon and his cohort.

Let me put it this way, given the way the laws of the USA are written, any one or all of you might be guilty of at least 1 to 5 crimes each day; how many are felonies depends upon the crime.

While i do not agree with the quality of some of the DOGE staff selected by Leon, I fully agree with him audit ALL THE DETAILS and LOOK AT EVERY EXPENDITURE approach. When it comes to finding actual fraud, waste, and abuse there can be NO BUTS ALLOWED. Everything must be examined or else the investigation is just another SWAMP SHAM like the J6 Committee and the purported Russian Dossier on Trump.

Reply →

HubertH

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February 10, 2025

It's as if they all dragged out their "Resist!" "Not my President!" t shirts and bumper stickers from 2016. Where

its as if they un dragged out their resist. Not my President. T shirts and bumper stickers from 2016. Where have they been for he past four years of an unelected cabal running the country and genociding brown people in the Middle East? Now they want to complain about supposedly being concerned about data breaches? This, after being a-ok with the FBI and Silicon Valley working hand in glove to suppress news during an election cycle (NY Post story on the Hunter laptop) and suppress actual science while demanding we trust “the science” of their vaxtardation approach to public health mandates.

I welcome this kid – hope he shakes things up and finds out who’s paying the pipers.

- Reply →

conjuror

February 9, 2025

Annoyingly, journalists can’t stick with a single definition for “The Com” and opt to make it sound like it’s a single telegram channel with every single cybercriminal.

It’s quite literally slang / shortened for “community”. There is no single “Com” just as there is no single community for videogames. The same “com” mentioned in those chats doesn’t necessarily mean “the sim swapping community”.

Also, the current CTO of Path is apparently also a former cybercriminal (the “defacing websites for lulz” kind, not the “ransomware a children’s hospital”). You can find it all yourself by just googling path networks corey and reading all the threads about him.

Reply →

John

February 10, 2025

its like gangs

- Reply →

mealy

February 10, 2025

No, there’s a specific “com” community, nice try though. Just because you don’t know every member doesn’t mean there’s not an explicit list that people in the know refer to, thanks though notably plausible rubes.

- Reply →

Respectfully

February 9, 2025

Brian, Thank you for this article and for all your other work exposing malicious activities. You have great courage, despite the costs to you and your family. You are a soldier of truth and I thank you for your service.

Reply →

Big AL

February 9, 2025

This used to be a useful forum now but the democrat butthurt on display has ruined it for me. Your side lost, failed to even come close. You got lotsa work to do in your own house but the tantrums go on. 2028 arrives I am sure you will still have nothing to offer.

Reply →

Anon

February 9, 2025

You clearly did not read the article at all.

- Reply →

Bigger AL

February 10, 2025

You are an idiot if you think krebs exposed all this info because of “democrat butthurt”

- Reply →

mealy

mealy

February 10, 2025

“This used to be a useful forum now but the democrat butthurt on display has ruined it for me.”
Facts are tough for the wanna-seem-tough to swallow.

- Reply →

MidwestMan

February 10, 2025

this is the response from nearly everyone on the right. The only “truth” comes from the social media accounts of their fearless leaders. No one else qualifies. Objective facts are ignored. Fraud is what Trump and Must tell us, no evidence needed. It really is sad and it’s no accident. Trump and team have been setting the stage for this for years.

- Reply →

Biggest AL

February 10, 2025

Facts don’t care about your feelings

- Reply →

Rod

February 9, 2025

Every country deserves the goverment it elected.

Reply →

Younes Ben Amara

February 9, 2025

Landed here from hackernews. The post attract a lot of inflammatory debate there. I understand that. I thank you for your great effort on writing this and giving me the whole picture of the incident.

Reply →

deadsanta

February 10, 2025

so glad my time on this rock is ending. everything sucks, only ever gets worse. not worth the effort to breath.

Reply →

mealy

February 10, 2025

I mean, that’s a take.

- Reply →

Gary

February 10, 2025

I used to enjoy reading the nonpolitical nature of the comments as they used to be. Often times, the background information or new information gained was useful. Please, leave your political onions to yourself and concentrate on security – after all this is krebsonSECURITY.com

Reply →

- BrianKrebs [Post author](#)

February 10, 2025

And yet, here you are. Bye.

- Reply →

mealy

February 10, 2025

It’s KREBS on security, not GARY.

"Gary on security, I like the sound of that." So go start your own apolitical security talk anytime holmes.

- Reply →

Anon

February 10, 2025

Krebs On Security needs a new branding.....Krebs On How to Cover-up Government Bureaucracy.....

Reply →

irving

February 10, 2025

Great Article Brian... Please keep telling the truth.....

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PDXAnon

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As always Brian, your articles are thoughtful and insightful. Thank you for posting this information. Anyone who understands this kind of data breach should be terrified. Terrified for themselves, their neighbors and their communities at large. We should also be fearful for our rights as Americans. Add to it national security implications here that we do not even begin to understand, or fully grasp. Those countries and bad actors who wish us ill are salivating at the possibility of getting the keys to the kingdom delivered on a silver platter. Without firing a shot. Dark days indeed.

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Liz

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Thank you, Brian, for keeping your focus on cybersecurity and digital privacy.

The concern I've had since Musk was named to head DOGE giving him and his team seemingly unfettered access to this large cache of information, is the issue of conflict of interest. Musk has far reaching global business interests. He hasn't stepped away from his corporate interests, including those that compete head to head with corporations that submit sensitive research and corporate information to the federal government. Some readers here may even work for one of Musk's competitors. So exactly who is watching over the fox who's "guarding" the hen house. Who's overseeing that there's no abuse?

Here's my other concern. I read the comments posted both with amusement and dismay. It's sad to witness the disintegration of civility even in a forum where the focus of the discussions ought to be on cybersecurity.

Whatever the reader's political views are, please people, let's stay on the topic. Also treat each other a little more respect. If we continue to view each other as enemies with no redeeming quality and label people using offensive language, we're worse than little kids. Maybe a helpful habit is to ask yourself before commenting whether you would post your remark if you weren't cloaked in anonymity. Would you be willing to say what you did if you were required to reveal your full name and contact info? If not, maybe rethink before posting. If we continue down this path, we'll just end up abetting those interests, whether domestic or foreign, who gain from splitting us apart. Lastly, opinions are just that. Everyone is entitled to their opinion but opinions that are supported by hard facts carry more weight.

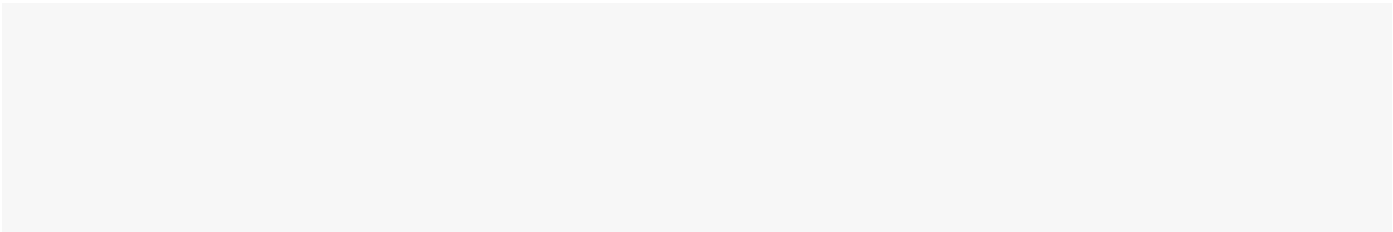
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