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U.S. Company Sold Zero-Click Hacking Tool to UAE Spy Operation



A U.S. company sold a powerful exploit to a United Arab Emirates company which was involved in the country's hacking operations, including targeting people based in the U.S., according to a newly unsealed court filing.

The news provides more insight into the sale and transfer of hacking tools, and is likely to raise questions of how a U.S. company sold an exploit to another company linked to the targeting of Americans.

Dubbed Project Raven, the operation included the hiring of former U.S. intelligence hackers who then worked on behalf of the UAE government.

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You Can Now Sign-in to Your Microsoft Accounts Without a Password



Microsoft on Wednesday announced a new passwordless mechanism that allows users to access their accounts without a password by using Microsoft Authenticator, Windows Hello, a security key, or a verification code sent via SMS or email.

The change is expected to be rolled out in the coming weeks. "Except for auto-generated passwords that are nearly impossible to remember, we largely create our own passwords," said Vasu Jakkal, Microsoft's corporate vice president for Security, Compliance, and Identity.

Over the years, weak passwords have emerged as the entry point for a vast majority of attacks across enterprise and consumer accounts, so much so that Microsoft said there are about 579 password attacks every second, translating to a whopping 18 billion every year.

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