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Azerbaijan

Twitter is a social media leader in Azerbaijan

In February 2021, Twitter activity in Azerbaijan fell by 0.7% compared to January. As of 1 March, Twitter's social media share in Azerbaijan was 23%, which is 13.6% higher than last year, according to the Global Stats Statistical Centre, making it the country's social media market leader.

Source: xeberler.az, March 2, 2021

Mobile payment projects are being developed in Azerbaijan

MasterCard is intending to develop QR payment facilities in Azerbaijan in 2021, according to company representative for Azerbaijan, Erdem Chakar.

Source: xeberler.az, March 3, 2021

UNCTAD: Azerbaijan is a front-runner in the implementation of leading ICT technology

Azerbaijan ranks 70th out of 158 countries in terms of readiness to apply leading ICT technology, and 1st in the Caucasus region according to a United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) report "Technology and Innovation Report 2021", which incorporates the results of a critical study of border technology capabilities such as artificial intelligence, robotics and genetic correction to expand existing inequalities and implement new solutions.

Source: xeberler.az, March 3, 2021

Microsoft Exchange Server products have security vulnerabilities

Hackers have been found to be actively exploiting security vulnerabilities in Microsoft Exchange Server products, hijacking email servers belonging to a number of organisations, and creating unauthorised access to system and server files and mailboxes, as well as capturing system login information. By using the gaps, hackers can gain control of corporate networks.

Source: cert.az, March 11, 2021

Azerbaijan is participating in an IDC Future of Infrastructure event

The International Data Corporation (IDC) has organised its first regional online event called "IDC Future of Infrastructure", with representatives from Central Asia, Ukraine, Belarus, Azerbaijan, Georgia and Mongolia taking part.

Source: xeberler.az, March 18, 2021

Information and communication services in Azerbaijan decline by over 4%

According to the State Statistics Committee, "in January-February 2021, 75% of services provided by information and communication enterprises in Azerbaijan, and worth 354.9 million Manat, belonged to the public sector".

Source: xeberler.az, March 22, 2021

CIS

Russia

Popular VPN services user data in open access

A database of 21 million free VPN application users on Android operating systems has been leaked, CyberNews cybersecurity experts have found. The applications in question include GeckoVPN, SuperVPN, and ChatVPN. The database, which was reviewed by Kommersant, dates back to 24 February 2021 and contains user email addresses, passwords and usernames, including from Russia, as well as country and premium account data. Samples from the archive for sale contain information about VPN user devices, including serial numbers, phone types and brands.

Source: [banki.ru](#), March 1, 2021

Hackers attack Russian financial and transport companies with the help of an unknown cryptographer

Kaspersky Lab has recorded a series of targeted attacks on 10 Russian financial and transport companies since December 2020. The attacks, which are backed by the Russian-speaking RTM group, use a previously unknown cryptographer called "Quoter", the company said in a statement.

Source: [banki.ru](#), March 3, 2021

Experts warn about malware in modern computers

The first malware capable of exploiting Spectre vulnerability, which affects most modern computers, has appeared, Izvestia writes, referring to the independent information security researcher Julien Voisin.

Source: [banki.ru](#), March 12, 2021

Research: IT companies prohibit analysts from sharing data about cyber threats with colleagues

In Russia, 69% of cyber threat analysts are prohibited from sharing their research results with colleagues in professional communities, according to a study by Kaspersky Lab.

Source: [banki.ru](#), March 24, 2021

In March, over 700 phishing sites with fake airline tickets were registered

In March, over 700 phishing sites appeared selling fake airline tickets, Izvestia writes.

Source: [banki.ru](#), March 31, 2021

Kazakhstan

State Technical Service: the number of attacks in 2020 almost quadrupled

In 2020, malware distribution, phishing and DDoS accounted for the majority of attacks. However, the number of Botnet-type incidents fell 59.7% due to the timely intervention of the authorities.

Source: profit.kz, March 9, 2021

IP addresses of potentially vulnerable Microsoft Exchange mail servers found in Kaznet

The KZ-CERT Computer Incident Response Service has monitored the Kazakhstan Internet segment for potentially vulnerable Microsoft Exchange mail server IP addresses and through a memorandum of understanding, Nitro Team has presented details on similar Microsoft Exchange vulnerabilities it identified. Thanks to the two organisations' efforts, over 170 potentially vulnerable Microsoft Exchange IP addresses have been discovered in Kaznet to date.

Source: profit.kz, March 16, 2021

The number of Internet crimes in Kazakhstan increases 139%

Internet scammers have taken advantage of the increase in online trading during the pandemic, scamming buyers of medical masks, antiseptics, medicines, fur coats, cell phones and furniture through fake accounts and social network ads, which are subsequently identified and blocked.

Source: profit.kz, March 30, 2021



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