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The FTI Cybersecurity Briefing

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What's Trending

FBI Shifts to a More Proactive Cyber Defense Strategy

The FBI unveiled its first public cyber strategy, signaling a shift toward proactively disrupting cyber threats before attacks occur. Focused on disrupting adversaries, supporting victims, strengthening partnerships, and enhancing cyber capabilities, the strategy highlights the increasing importance of collaboration between government and the private sector to combat ransomware, nation-state threats, and other evolving cyber risks.

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Cyber Threat Intelligence

Published: CVE-2026-18963 Keycloak Identity and Access Management Vulnerability



Congratulations to **James Paremain**, Cybersecurity Director based in London, for the discovery of CVE-2026-18963, a critical vulnerability in the widely used identity and access management platform Keycloak.

The vulnerability allowed a remote, unauthenticated attacker to bypass the required email-verification stage of Keycloak's password-reset process and directly set new credentials for any targeted account.

National cybersecurity organizations including the National Cyber Security Centre, Ireland (NCSC-IE), Centre for Cybersecurity Belgium, and Thailand's Computer Emergency Response Team have issued advisories about the vulnerability.

Read more in the articles below:

- [National Institute of Standards and Technology \(NIST\)](#)
- [The Hacker News - Critical Keycloak Password Reset Flaw Could Let Unauthenticated Attackers Take Over Any Account](#)
- [Wiz - CVE-2026-18963: Java vulnerability analysis and mitigation](#)

Service Spotlight

National Security & Geopolitical Risk Management

Why It Matters:

Boards and executive teams are increasingly expected to oversee cyber threats, supply chain disruptions, geopolitical instability, regulatory obligations, and executive protection concerns that can directly impact enterprise value. As regulatory scrutiny grows and threat actors become more sophisticated, organizations need greater visibility into emerging risks and the ability to respond quickly and confidently.

How FTI Consulting Can Help:

FTI Consulting helps boards and senior executives understand, assess, and manage national security and geopolitical risks through strategic intelligence, tabletop exercises, governance and compliance assessments, supply chain resilience programs, executive protection, insider threat investigations, and crisis response planning. We help organizations translate complex threats into actionable business strategies and integrate national security risk into existing enterprise risk management frameworks.

Success Story:

A critical infrastructure financial services organization engaged FTI Consulting to assess its exposure to evolving geopolitical and nation-state threats. By combining threat intelligence with cybersecurity risk analysis, FTI provided actionable insights that helped leadership prioritize security investments, strengthen resilience, and support strategic discussions with regulators and industry peers.

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In the News

FTI Consulting and Compass Lexecon Lead Lexology Index Consulting Experts List

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In an article for *The AI Times Magazine*, **Nebu Varghese** shares his perspective on AI governance and emphasizes the importance of clearly defining responsibility for autonomous security decisions. [Read More >>](#)

In this *SC Magazine* article, **Daniel Nunn** highlights the need to prepare early as the UK introduces new cyber resilience requirements. [Read More >>](#)

During this DC News Now *Women's Wednesday* segment, **Elizabeth Kwok** explains emerging AI risks, data privacy concerns, and the safeguards organizations and individuals should consider when using AI technologies. [Read More >>](#)

In this *GEC Newswire* article, **Nebu Varghese** outlines how AI is exposing long-standing security weaknesses and why human oversight remains essential to effective cybersecurity. [Read More >>](#)

In this CNBC article, **Meredith Griffanti** discusses the evolving role of CISOs in the age of AI. [Read More >>](#)

In this *MENA Startups* article, **Meredith Griffanti** notes that many Chief Information Security Officers (CISOs) now report directly to CEOs and take part in strategic decisions, indicating greater board-level visibility. [Read More >>](#)

Expert Perspectives

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The Hidden Vulnerabilities in Mobile Security

In this *Directors & Boards* article, **Anthony J. Ferrante** and **Matt McManus** explore why boards and executives must reassess their mobile security approach and what practical steps they can take to reduce risk. [Read More >>](#)

In this *A/IM* article, **Matt McClelland** and **Steven Stein** highlight how proactive data retention and defensible deletion can significantly reduce the scope, cost, and legal impact of a cybersecurity incident by limiting the sensitive data available to attackers. [Read More >>](#)

In this article, **David Manek**, **Ankur Sheth**, **Colleen Yushchak**, and **David Farber** outline lessons from CCPA compliance preparation, offering insights beyond what the regulations explicitly require. [Read More >>](#)

In this article, **Akshay Dhawan** and **Kenric Tom** explain how to distinguish between responsible AI knowledge distillation and unauthorized extraction while establishing appropriate AI security. [Read More >>](#)

In this article, **Andrés Parro** examines how artificial intelligence is transforming the cybersecurity landscape and creating new defense opportunities while also introducing increasingly sophisticated cyber threats. *Please note that this article is in Spanish.* [Read More >>](#)

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Upcoming Events

Cybersecurity Awareness Month

October is Cybersecurity Awareness Month!

Is your organization built for what comes next? Throughout October, we will feature employee spotlights, expert insights, and cyber resilience tips on our [LinkedIn page](#). Follow along to learn more.

October 6 AMERICAS	The League NetDiligence Philadelphia Happy Hour	Jason Smolanoff Austin Jeffers Kyung Kim Cameron Crowell Ankur Sheth Matt McManus
October 8-9 AMERICAS	IAPP Privacy, Security, Risk, + AI Governance Global 2026	Jason Smolanoff David Manek Tracy Wilkison Michael Spadea
October 8 AMERICAS	King & Spalding 13th Annual Cybersecurity & Privacy Summit	Todd Renner
October 11-14 AMERICAS	MBA Annual Convention and Expo	Ryan Smyth Cameron Crowell Mike Peretz
October 14 AMERICAS	MBA Tech Exchange	Ryan Smyth Cameron Crowell Austin Jeffers
October 14-16 AUSTRALIA	AISA CyberCon Melbourne	Wouter Veugelen
October 15 AMERICAS	BASF Cybersecurity and Privacy Law Section Conference 2026	Ryan Smyth
October 20 VIRTUAL	ATLIS Security	Matt Flora
October 21 AMERICAS	37th Annual Saint Thomas More Award Luncheon	Mike Driscoll David Youssef
October 27 AMERICAS	Risk Management Association Chief Risk Officers Roundtable	Ankur Sheth Caitlin Holmes

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