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This Week in Cybersecurity
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New!

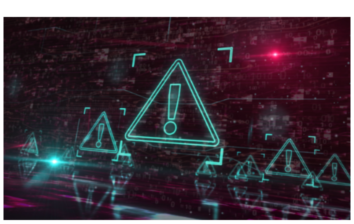
Meet with us at Black Hat

August 4-6

M&A activity is accelerating in identity, SOC, and anything AI security related. The time to sell is now. Come see us at Black Hat to discuss your options.

Schedule Here

- Cybersecurity Funding Trends - 2023/Current Date
  - 18 Transactions totaling $519 million in financing.
- Cybersecurity M&A Trends - 2023/Current Date
  - Ten deals announced this week.
- Cyber Valuations and Stock Performance
  - July 10, 2026 - Valuation charts
  - July 10, 2026 - Valuation Trend Analysis
  - July 17, 2026 - Valuation charts
  - July 17, 2026 - Valuation Trend Analysis



Cybersecurity News and Partner Information

- **DoD suspended CMMC Phase 2 requirements (Nov 10 effective date)**
  - DoD halts cybersecurity requirements for CMMC Phase 2
  - DoW Suspends CMMC Phase II — NIST SP 800-171 Self-Assessment Becomes the Interim Standard, With Rising False Claims Act Exposure

- Stonepine analysis of implications on cybersecurity

Senior executive availability - If you are an early or growth stage company with market traction and are seeking a CEO, COO, or CRO with proven ability to drive enterprise growth and customer engagement, let us know by sending an email using this link. We are not a recruiting firm, but are happy to make mutually beneficial introductions

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Recent Venture Financings

18 Transactions totaling $519 million in financing

VC Financings PDF - now includes all deals for the week

VC Financing Excel - now includes a tab per week to track all deals through the year in one spreadsheet

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Recent M&A

- CardinalOps acquired by Cribl. CardinalOps is a cybersecurity company that uses AI and automation to enhance an organization's threat detection capabilities.
- Lookingpoint acquired by Presidio. LookingPoint is a solution provider specializing in advanced IT infrastructure.
- Modern Regulatory Services acquired by Compliance Risk Concepts. Modern Regulatory Services offers regulatory, compliance, and financial reporting services.
- One Connect, Inc. acquired by Amplix. One Connect, Inc. is an IT & network and telecommunications service provider company.
- SafeStack acquired by NINJIO. Secure development and secure coding education platform for fast moving software teams.
- Sovereign Labs acquired by Celestia. Sovereign Labs is an ecosystem that provides a framework for secure and interoperable zero-knowledge rollups on blockchain.
- Trugard acquired by Webacy. Trugard provides digital asset defense with cybersecurity and threat intelligence based compliance and risk automation.

- TTools acquired by DMZR. TTools is a German company that develops cloud-based practice management software for therapy and rehabilitation providers.

- Veridas acquired by Fourthline. Veridas is a computer software company that specializes in the fields of artificial intelligence, document authentication, and biometrics.

- The attack path visualization intellectual property of XMCyber was acquired by CrowdStrike. The assets will be licensed back to XMCyber and XM will continue to sell to and support their customers.

Earnings Reports

- **F-Secure press release (FSROF): H1 Non-GAAP EPS of EUR 0.02 in-line. Revenue of EUR 39.84 million vs. estimates of approximately EUR 39.3–39.6 million.**
  - Slides

Stock Market Summary

Markets Take a Breather as Earnings Outlooks Come to the Forefront

Market leadership is rotating. After a strong rally earlier this year, we are seeing a pullback in AI-related areas, like semiconductors, while cyclical and defensive sectors are leading more recently. While sector rotations may be ongoing, investors continue to stay invested, which has supported broader markets.

Earnings season will be a key test for the AI trade. The S&P 500 second quarter earnings season is underway, and expectations remain high. Growth in the technology sector is forecast to be about 63%, contributing over 50% of overall S&P 500 earnings growth. Investors will be monitoring AI capex growth forecasts, and what the return on this investment could look like.

The Fed is likely to keep interest rates on hold this year but will be monitoring data closely. With inflation elevated but contained and the labor market stable, the most likely outcome is that the Federal Reserve keeps interest rates unchanged this year. This could provide a relatively steady backdrop for earnings growth and equity markets.

Read more here - Edward D. Jones Weekly Market Wrap

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Broad Markets	MRW	YTD
Dow Jones	-0.9%	8.5%
Nasdaq	-2.9%	9.8%
CIBR ETF	0.5%	29.3%
HACK ETF	1.9%	38.2%

Weekly Top Performers	MRW	YTD
Sailpoint	14.4%	-
N-able	12.8%	-36.2%
Netskope	10.3%	-

Weekly Bottom Performers	MRW	YTD
F-Secure	-8.0%	-3.2%
Cisco	-7.7%	45.3%
Rubrik	-6.4%	3.3%

YTD Top Performers	MRW	YTD
Fastly	5.8%	103.5%
Fortinet	2.6%	103.5%
A10 Networks	-3.3%	103.3%

YTD Bottom Performers	MRW	YTD
N-able	12.8%	-36.2%
Zscaler	7.7%	-33.3%
Servicenow	-4.2%	-32.6%

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