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MONDAY

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Looks like all of the chatter about election system cybersecurity was for a reason. Hackers in the DOD's bug bounty program found their first vulnerability faster than it takes most of us to eat our lunch. And we have a clearer picture of how much money cyber insurers earned last year. This is CyberScoop for Monday, August 29.

A VERY REAL AND TIMELY THREAT: The big story today is that foreign hackers may have broken into two state voter databases. [Yahoo obtained](#) an FBI flash alert issued after malware was found on voter systems in Arizona along with info from 200,000 voters taken from an Illinois voter registration database. Last week, the multi-state ISAC [implored IT leaders](#) to prepare for the possibility of a hack before voters head to the polls in November. Yet, some states seem [unwilling to listen](#) or [believe their machines](#) are hack-proof. We're following and will have more during the week.

BEHIND THE BOUNTIES: Bug bounty firm HackerOne held a Reddit AMA last week, giving some insights into how their programs work. They dropped an interesting nugget in one of their responses: It took a cohort of freelance hackers just 13 minutes to break into DOD-run websites as part of

the Hack the Pentagon program. Company execs also talked about how much money bug hunters make, their safety and privacy measures and how to balance the companies that participate in their programs. [Read more here.](#)

EVENT

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BIG BUCKS IN CYBER INSURANCE: As part of our mission to cut through the hype, we're reporting the first hard numbers on the size of the U.S. cybersecurity insurance market. Just under \$1 billion was paid in premiums last year, according to figures insurance companies gave their regulators. But though these are real numbers — not survey projections or estimates — there's still reason to be cautious. As [Shaun Waterman reports](#), analysts at Fitch say the numbers are likely to get more accurate each year.

ARE WE USING THE TOOLS WE HAVE?: One question that's been worrying lawmakers and other DOD overseers is how the U.S. military's combatant commands — the guys that actually do the fighting during a physical war — have been integrating cyber attack and defense into their war-planning, so that the cyber warriors of U.S. Cyber Command and their shiny new tools can be used against a real enemy. Now, as [Shaun Waterman reports](#), the Pentagon inspector general is probing the issue, too.

ICYMI: Buried among the flurry of cyber news last week, a Russian man prosecutors called the most prolific credit card hacker ever was convicted on 38 felony counts in a Seattle federal court last week. Shaun Waterman [has the details](#).

WEBINAR

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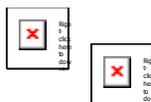
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"Infosec lifecycle:
It won't happen
It happened
Buy shiny tool
Happened again
Turn it on
And again
Now tune it
And again
Buy new shiny tool." - [@stevewerby](#), a Richmond, Va.-based security strategist. Cybersecurity, like time, is a flat circle.





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