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You can blame Friday's mess on the Internet of Things. Hillary Clinton's views on government hacking are going to be watched closely if she becomes president. And what is Kaspersky up to with their new ICS offering? This is CyberScoop for Monday, October 24.

DDoS DISASTER: Now that the dust has settled from Friday's massive Internet outages, a number of experts have pointed the finger at the Mirai botnet -- the code used to draw in millions of unprotected Internet of Things devices in order to execute huge distributed denial-of-service attacks. This is something internet experts have been sounding the alarm on for weeks -- [including to Chris Bing](#) -- warning that the worst may be yet to come. There have been reports that one Chinese company, Xiongmai Technologies, will recall devices that have been used in Mirai-based attacks, but no official word from the company yet. We're tracking.

BUCKING THE BUREAUCRACY: At the U.S. Army Cyber Institute's inaugural CyCon event over the weekend, there were plenty of opinions — from both current and former officials — about

the call from senior NSA official Curtis Dukes for a change in the three-way division of cyber authorities between the departments of Defense, Justice and Homeland Security. Some challenged Dukes' contention that bureaucracy gets in the way of rapid incident response. Others said the issue was operational, not policy. Shaun Waterman [was listening to it all](#).

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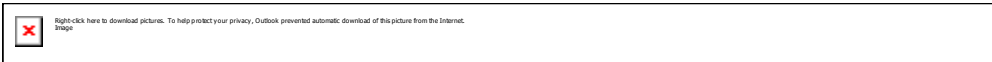
Your new favorite newsletter has a new member among its ranks. The CyberScoop team is thrilled to welcome Patrick Howell O'Neill, who comes to us from The Daily Dot. Patrick will be covering the growing relationship between the public and private sector when it comes to security, including how Silicon Valley and Washington, D.C. are coming together to work on fixing the Internet's growing security problems. He is holding down the fort for us in San Francisco -- so do [drop him a line](#) if you have a good story or want to show him around town.

IS THIS FOR REAL?: Industrial cybersecurity, where bits and bytes meet flesh and blood, lays bare the geopolitical bones of the cyber issue like no other element. So when Kaspersky, founded and still run by a KGB-trained Russian billionaire, sets up a cyber emergency response team for users of special industrial control systems, the whole team raises an eyebrow. Shan Waterman [has been digging in](#).

DON'T MESS WITH TEXAS: When a series of internal emails supposedly found in top Clinton aide John Podesta's were leaked, the public gained new insight into how a Hillary Clinton-led White House may potentially craft encryption policy. Notably, a conversation between two confidants showed Clinton leans toward an approach that favors government hacking instead of mandating the creation of "backdoors" in certain software products. If such an

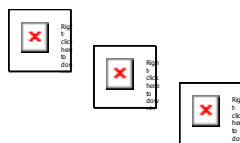
opinion were to ultimately manifest into policy, a vast new oversight framework would also be required, experts say. If the next administration formally welcomes hacking by law enforcement in the face of encryption then it could lead to unintended consequences. [Here's why.](#)

TWEET OF THE DAY



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