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## In this issue

Two items show remediation signals failing in deployed systems: an AI-discovered remote-desktop flaw whose fix was described as a crash and was weaponized 107 days later, and a credential campaign against 86,644 firewalls that no patch addresses. The rest covers a repeat CI-secrets theft that harvests AI provider keys, a survey on the gap between autonomous-operations ambition and oversight, and the IETF's step toward standardizing agent discovery.

## Items

### A remote-desktop fix described as a crash became a public root exploit 107 days later

**Category:** vuln\_storm **Significance:** major **Confidence:** VERBATIM (PROVIDER) for the changelog wording that the fix addressed a bug that could lead to a crash; LINK ONLY – VERIFY AT SOURCE for the AI-assisted discovery attribution and the exploit's capabilities, which we read through press reporting  
**Source:** [The Hacker News – Researchers Publish Working Exploit for Pre-Auth AnyDesk Linux Flaw That Gives Root Access](#)

**What changed.** A working exploit for a pre-authentication heap overflow in AnyDesk for Linux (builds up to 8.0.2) was published on GitHub on 8 October 2026. The fix shipped in 8.0.3 on 23 June 2026, so patch-to-public-exploit was about 107 days; the changelog said only that it fixed a bug that could lead to a crash, with no CVE and no advisory. Reporting says the flaw was found with an AI-assisted code review engine.

**Why it reaches you.** Prioritization that keys on CVE identifiers, CVSS or advisory text never saw this flaw, so Linux hosts running the remote-access service as root and reachable on its direct-connection port stayed unpatched through the window. As AI-assisted discovery produces more fixes shipped without advisories, advisory metadata becomes a weaker signal of what is exploitable. The published offsets target one build, so other builds need adaptation.

**What to do.** The vulnerability management owner should validate that remote-access and remote-support software is inventoried with version data and updated on a release-cadence basis, independent of advisory status, and that direct-connection ports are not exposed to untrusted networks; urgency: validate.

**CSA coverage.** [AnyPwn: AnyDesk Linux Fix Described as a Crash Gains Public Exploit](#)

## **A credential campaign has compromised 86,644 firewalls and locked owners out of their own devices**

**Category:** machine\_speed **Significance:** major **Confidence:** SELF-REPORTED (PROVIDER METRIC) for the 86,644-device and 194-country figures, which Security Affairs attributes to SOCRadar's verification; CHARACTERIZATION (CSA) for the reading that the pipeline's automation, and not any single technique, is what compresses the cycle **Vendor interest:** SOCRadar sells threat-intelligence services, so a large exposure count is commercially favourable to it. **Source:** [Security Affairs – FortiBleed hit 86,000 firewalls by exploiting something nobody can patch away](#)

**What changed.** Reporting dated 9–11 October 2026 describes an automated chain run against Fortinet FortiGate SSL VPN portals: scanning, credential stuffing with credentials from earlier leaks and infostealer logs, GPU-cluster password cracking, account enrichment, creation of new admin accounts and Active Directory mapping. Operators exposed their infrastructure through an open directory. Access has been sold to initial access brokers supplying ransomware operators, and some victims were locked out by deleted or changed passwords. No prior interval is given in the reporting.

**Why it reaches you.** The component is the internet-facing remote-access and management plane of a perimeter appliance, and the weakness is credential reuse plus legacy password hashing, so patching does not close it. The lockout step means remediation needs out-of-band recovery access, which many teams have not tested.

**What to do.** The network security owner should validate that appliance administration is not internet-reachable, that remote and admin access requires phishing-resistant MFA, that credentials seen in leaks have been reset, and that an out-of-band recovery path exists and has been exercised; urgency: validate.

**CSA coverage.** [FortiBleed: Credential Campaign and Admin Lockout at the Perimeter](#)

## A repeat GitHub Actions campaign planted secret-stealing workflows in 345 repositories using two maintainer accounts

**Category:** agentic\_surface **Significance:** notable **Confidence:** LINK ONLY – VERIFY AT SOURCE for the repository counts and the list of targeted credential types, which vary between StepSecurity and Socket as reported; CHARACTERIZATION (CSA) for the relevance of AI provider keys to agent estates  
**Source:** [The Hacker News – Credential-Stealing GitHub Actions Campaign](#)

**What changed.** On 8 October 2026 an attacker used two compromised maintainer accounts to push malicious workflows into 345 repositories across two windows of 24 and 16 minutes, per the CSA note's reading of StepSecurity's analysis. The workflow scans full git history for 13 credential patterns, including cloud, source-control and AI provider keys, and exfiltrates over plain HTTP. It follows the 2025 GhostAction campaign.

**Why it reaches you.** Workflows run with the repository's secrets in scope, so one compromised maintainer account turns CI into an exfiltration path, and history scanning finds secrets that were deleted but never rotated. AI provider keys now sit in the same repositories as cloud keys, which gives an attacker spend and data access through the agent layer.

**What to do.** The CI/CD owner should validate that workflow changes require review, that third-party and fork workflows cannot reach secrets, and that any secret ever committed has been rotated; urgency: validate.

**CSA coverage.** [GhostAction Returns: Maintainer Takeover Steals Workflow Secrets](#)

## Ninety percent of firms want autonomous IT operations, and 77% hesitate to let AI decide without human approval

**Category:** security\_operating\_model **Significance:** context **Confidence:** SELF-REPORTED (PROVIDER METRIC) for all survey percentages, whose sample size is not stated in the article; CHARACTERIZATION (CSA) for the reading that approval steps persist until visibility and governance improve **Vendor interest:** The survey appears to be sponsored by an IT-operations vendor that sells visibility and automation tooling, so findings on visibility gaps favour it. **Source:** [Help Net Security – Companies want autonomous IT operations but hesitate to let AI act alone](#)

**What changed.** Published 9 October 2026, the survey reports 90% want autonomous IT operations within two years, 77% hesitate to allow AI decisions without approval, 41% say their environment is ready, and 19% of operations are automated today. Only 17% report unified visibility across network, application, endpoint and cloud, and 51% say they lack sufficient oversight of agent performance.

**Why it reaches you.** The security function inherits the same constraint: agent authority is limited by visibility and oversight, not by model capability. Nothing here is an exploit or an incident, and the figures are unverified.

**What to do.** No action; the security operations owner should monitor whether peers adopt tiered approval models. Urgency: monitor.

**CSA coverage.** New – no prior CSA coverage.

## The IETF moved toward a working group to standardize how agents are discovered by name

**Category:** agentic\_surface **Significance:** context **Confidence:** VERBATIM (PROVIDER) for the proposed scope and milestones as stated in the charter; NO PROVIDER CLAIM on whether the charter addresses trust or identity, which it lists as out of scope **Source:** [IETF Mail Archive – WG Review: Discovery of Agents With Names \(dawn\)](#)

**What changed.** On 9 October 2026 the IESG circulated a working group review for DAWN. The proposed charter covers discovery in local networks, within organizations and between trusted parties over the public internet, building on DNS and mDNS. Identity management, capability catalogs and post-discovery communication are excluded; protocol specifications are planned for December 2027.

**Why it reaches you.** Discovery is part of the fabric agents depend on, and a poisoned or spoofed discovery record decides which agent or tool a client trusts. Standards will arrive after enterprises have already deployed several competing discovery mechanisms.

**What to do.** No action; the architecture owner should monitor and record which discovery mechanisms are in use today. Urgency: monitor.

**CSA coverage.** New – no prior CSA coverage.

## Watchlist

- **OpenAI reward-hacking postmortem – downstream response** – No change. (*opened 2026-08-27*)
- **VM/hypervisor containment hardening for cyber-capable agents** – No change. (*opened 2026-08-27*)

- **Claude Code Auto Mode prompt-injection ASR discrepancy** – No change. (*opened 2026-08-27*)
- **AI defensive-triage guardrail evasion** – No change. (*opened 2026-08-31*)
- **AI account session hijacking at scale** – No change. (*opened 2026-08-31*)