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In this issue

The lead item is on the remediation side. Trail of Bits says agents have cut the work of backporting a kernel security fix from days to between 30 minutes and three hours of human attention, and have helped land fixes for 149 CVEs in stable kernels, against a backlog of more than 2,000 unfixed CVEs on one long-term branch. The other four items: a ransomware crew that routed its intrusion agents across four model providers and talked them past their guardrails by calling the work authorized red-teaming; an infostealer that detects model refusals and falls back to another provider to rank its victims by value; a new pair of critical, unauthenticated Langflow flaws, one of which IBM calls an incomplete fix of the auto-login control that was exploited in August; and Canada's largest banks joining U.S. banks in blocking personal AI agents that log in with a customer's password.

Agent-assisted backporting cut the work per kernel security fix from days to between 30 minutes and three hours of human attention, against a backlog of thousands of unfixed CVEs

Category: vuln_storm **Significance:** major **Confidence:** SELF-REPORTED (PROVIDER METRIC) for the 149 distinct CVE fixes delivered to stable kernel trees by 29 October, the "30 minutes of human attention" for a straightforward backport and "around three hours" for a harder one; SELF-REPORTED (PROVIDER METRIC) for the 18 September backlog counts, which the authors call measuring sticks rather than exact counts; NO PROVIDER CLAIM on regression rate or on how many agent-prepared patches maintainers rejected; CHARACTERIZATION (CSA) for the reading that downstream packaging, not discovery, is where agent effort now pays off **Vendor interest:** Trail of Bits sells security engineering and audit services, and the post presents its own agent-assisted patching workflow, so the throughput framing is commercially favourable to it. **Source:** Trail of Bits — Backporting security fixes at scale with Codex

What changed. On 2 November 2026 Trail of Bits reported that coding agents (Codex running GPT-5.6) now find upstream fixes missing from stable branches, adapt the patches, run tests and assemble submission packets, with engineers reviewing every patch before it goes to maintainers. By 29 October the work had helped deliver fixes for 149 distinct CVEs into stable Linux kernel releases, plus several Fedora and Ubuntu package fixes. The authors put the human effort at about 30 minutes for a clean backport and about three hours for one that needs adaptation, where a single tracking task previously

took "a week or more." The backlog they measured on 18 September is the denominator. It stood at 2,006 unfixed CVEs on the 5.10.y kernel branch (213 high or critical), 1,329 on 6.1.y and 686 on 6.12.y. Debian 13 had 4,562 unique unfixed CVEs across 1,128 source packages, and Ubuntu 26.04 had 770 across 1,028.

Why it reaches you. The component class is the long-term-support Linux kernel and distribution packages under your server fleet, container hosts and appliances. Yesterday's lead item showed the gap that matters now: an upstream fix that took more than 25 days to reach RHEL and Ubuntu packages. This is the first published measurement of agents shortening that gap at the step that actually stalls. The figures are preparation and review time only. The authors say "regression testing and maintainer acceptance remain essential," and they give no regression rate. CSA's earlier coverage of agent-written patches found 21 regressions in more than 130 merged fixes, so the time saved is real only if review keeps up.

What to do. Platform and vulnerability management owner: validate. For each long-term kernel branch and distribution you run, measure the median time from upstream fix to installable package for high and critical CVEs, and ask your distribution vendor for the same figure in writing. If you backport internally, pilot agent preparation of patches only with mandatory human review and a regression suite. Record the review rejection rate so the speed gain can be weighed against it. Urgency: validate.

CSA coverage. Patch or Disconnect: AI-Accelerated Flaws in Ubiquitous Foundations; see also CVE-2026-98432: Reported AI-Built Remote Root Exploit Precedes Distribution Fixes.

A ransomware crew ran its intrusion agents across four model providers and got them past guardrails by calling the work authorized red-teaming

Category: machine_speed **Significance:** major **Confidence:** VERBATIM (PROVIDER) for Sophos's statements that "AI guardrails were bypassed by framing the intrusions as authorized red team activity or 'diagnostics testing'", that the operators "initially used Anthropic almost exclusively but then introduced other models", and that in "a subset of environments, agents achieved domain management access"; VERBATIM (PROVIDER) for the finding that an AI-assisted framework built with Cursor was used to test several vendors' EDR products before the same infrastructure hosted Cobalt Strike; NO PROVIDER CLAIM on time to domain access, total victim count, or any provider account action; CHARACTERIZATION (CSA) for the reading that single-provider refusals no longer bound the operation **Vendor interest:** Sophos sells endpoint protection and managed detection and response, and its own EDR agent was among those the attackers tested against, so the threat framing is commercially favourable to it. **Source:** Sophos – AI used in Aur0ra ransomware testing and execution

What changed. On 2 November 2026 Sophos attributed Aur0ra ransomware operations to a group it tracks as GOLD OGRE. The attribution draws on Cursor coding-assistant artifacts recovered in late August. Humans supplied VPN credentials, SOCKS proxy access, targets and objectives. The agents then mapped Active Directory, searched shares, documents and backups for passwords, and moved laterally with "limited human involvement," and when an attempt failed they rewrote their own commands. Initial access and ransomware deployment stayed under human control. Agents reached domain management access in some networks, and three of those victims later appeared on Aur0ra's leak site. CSA's 1 September note covered Gambit Security's account of the same crew using one coding assistant on one model. Sophos adds two things. The crew moved from almost only Anthropic models to a mix that includes Cursor's Composer, xAI and Moonshot. And it used AI to test its tooling against EDR products before using it in real intrusions.

Why it reaches you. The component classes are Active Directory, file shares and backup servers, reached by an agent working through an ordinary VPN session. The agent works through the internal discovery and credential-hunting steps that SOC playbooks normally expect to see at human pace. The guardrail failure is not a one-off jailbreak. A one-line pretext of authorized testing worked across several providers, and the operators added providers as their needs changed. Any defensive plan that relies on a model provider refusing hostile work is relying on a control this crew has shown it can route around.

What to do. Security operations owner: validate. Run a purple-team exercise in which an agent, given a VPN credential, performs AD enumeration, share and backup credential searches and lateral movement. Measure how long your detections take to fire and whether anyone responds before domain-level access. Add alerting for bulk share and backup-server enumeration from VPN-sourced sessions, and make sure phishing-resistant MFA protects the VPN itself. Urgency: validate.

CSA coverage. Aurora Ransomware's Abuse of Cursor AI: Security Implications and Guidance; see also Agentic Intrusion Goes Retail: Detection and Hunting Lessons.

An infostealer checks model answers for refusals and switches provider until one ranks its victims by what they are worth

Category: machine_speed **Significance:** notable **Confidence:** VERBATIM (PROVIDER) for Talos's description of the refusal check on phrases such as "I can't" and "I'm not able" and the fallback chain from Claude Opus 4.6 to Kimi K2 to Gemini 2.5 Flash through OpenRouter; VERBATIM (PROVIDER) for the stolen data classes, including Slack workspaces, Microsoft OAuth tokens, SSH and cloud-provider configuration files, and Gmail sessions used to confirm a home address; NO PROVIDER CLAIM on distribution vector, victim count, or any response from Anthropic, Moonshot, Google or OpenRouter; CHARACTERIZATION (CSA) for the enterprise exposure reading **Vendor interest:** Cisco sells endpoint

and threat-detection products through which it detects this malware, so the threat framing is commercially favourable to it. **Source:** Cisco Talos – Appraisal by AI: Model-driven victim prioritization in the VOLTA infostealer

What changed. On 31 October 2026 Cisco Talos described VOLTA, a Windows infostealer that apparently is sold as a builder. It sends each victim's stolen data to a model, casting the model as a "forensic intelligence analyst." The model returns a profile that ranks the victim's assets by how easily they can be monetized and assesses their security habits. If a response contains refusal language, the malware moves on to the next model in its chain. Talos says the value of the AI step is "effort displacement," not speed. The ranked profile goes to the operator over Telegram.

Why it reaches you. The component classes are the employee endpoint and the session tokens it holds for corporate SaaS. A ranking that weighs employer, Slack workspaces, Microsoft OAuth tokens and cloud configuration files puts staff with access to corporate systems at the top of the queue for follow-on access, rather than leaving them in an unsorted log dump. It also shows that refusal-based model safeguards fail open when the malware can check the answer and switch provider. This is the same pattern as the item above, now automated in commodity malware.

What to do. Identity and endpoint security owner: validate. Confirm that an infostealer detection on any endpoint automatically revokes that user's SaaS and cloud sessions and OAuth grants, not just their password, and time how long that takes. Talos also recommends restricting which processes may launch Chrome with `--headless` and alerting on unexpected headless launches, which this stealer uses to decrypt browser data. Urgency: validate.

CSA coverage. Appraisal by AI: VOLTA and LLM-Driven Infostealer Victim Triage.

Two new unauthenticated Langflow flaws are rated 9.8, and IBM calls one an incomplete fix of the auto-login control exploited in August

Category: agentic_surface **Significance:** notable **Confidence:** VERBATIM (PROVIDER) for IBM's bulletin, as reported by The Hacker News, rating CVE-2026-93680 and CVE-2026-110186 at 9.8 and needing no account, listing releases 1.0.0 through 1.12.8 as affected and 1.13.0 as the only fix, and describing one flaw as "an incomplete remediation of an auto-login security control"; LINK ONLY – VERIFY AT SOURCE for the public Metasploit module that lists MCP tools without credentials on tested versions; NO PROVIDER CLAIM of in-the-wild exploitation of the new flaws or of whether servers with auto-login disabled are affected; CHARACTERIZATION (CSA) for the fix-durability reading **Source:** The Hacker News – Critical Langflow Flaws Could Let Unauthenticated Attackers Run Code on Servers

What changed. IBM's bulletin, first published on 28 October 2026, covers four Langflow flaws. Two of them are rated 9.8 and need no account: one bypasses authentication and one allows arbitrary code execution. A third lets a low-privileged user get the built-in Agentic Assistant to generate code that runs OS commands. Version 1.13.0, released on 22 October, is the only fix and turns auto-login off by default. Version 1.12.8, released the same day, is still vulnerable and has auto-login on by default. IBM offers no workaround for servers that cannot upgrade. A public Metasploit module already connects to the MCP endpoint without credentials and lists its tools. Langflow already has six flaws on CISA's exploited list, the latest being the auto-login bypass CVE-2026-9198, added in August. CSA's earlier notes recorded a Langflow RCE exploited within 20 hours of disclosure in March.

Why it reaches you. The component class is the agent-building and orchestration platform, which typically holds model provider keys, database credentials and tool connections for every flow built on it. An auto-login control that was fixed in August and has failed again means that being on a "patched" release is weak evidence of safety for this product. A team that upgraded to the latest 1.12 release on 22 October is still exposed. Given this product's exploitation history, the window between public detail and attacks is likely to be measured in hours, not weeks.

What to do. Application security owner, with the teams running agent platforms: escalate. Find every Langflow instance, including developer-run and container deployments. Take any that are reachable from the internet off it until they run 1.13.0, and confirm auto-login is disabled. Rotate the provider keys and credentials stored in flows on any instance that was exposed. Urgency: escalate.

CSA coverage. Langflow Auto-Login Bypass Chains to Unauthenticated RCE; see also Sustained Multi-Actor Exploitation Cements Langflow as Persistent Target.

Canada's five largest banks have blocked or limited personal AI agents that sign in with the customer's password, following the major U.S. banks

Category: security_operating_model **Significance:** notable **Confidence:** VERBATIM (PROVIDER) for the statements from TD ("block all third-party personal AI agents from direct access to banking information"), RBC, BMO ("does not permit AI agents to access our digital properties or execute transactions"), CIBC and Scotiabank ("will limit") as reported by Global News; LINK ONLY – VERIFY AT SOURCE for the reported U.S. bank positions and account-agreement terms placing agent-related losses on the customer, which come from American Banker as cited in CSA's note; NO PROVIDER CLAIM of any court ruling on whether an agent's transfers are "unauthorized" under Regulation E; CHARACTERIZATION (CSA) for the enterprise reading **Source:** Global News – AI agents banned by several of Canada's biggest banks as fears grow

What changed. On 28 October 2026 TD, RBC, BMO and CIBC said they block, or do not allow, third-party personal AI agents in authenticated banking, and Scotiabank said it will limit them. CSA's note reports that major U.S. banks, including JPMorganChase, Citi, Bank of America and Wells Fargo, have taken similar positions. On 27 October Bank of America emailed customers telling them not to share credentials with AI assistants and warning that they would be responsible for the resulting activity. The target is agents that sign in as the customer through a browser. Read-only data access through sanctioned channels is largely unaffected.

Why it reaches you. The component classes are delegated identity and the authentication front door. A regulated sector has now concluded, in public, that it cannot reliably tell a password-holding agent from the human and has answered by blocking agents and shifting liability onto the customer. The same issue reaches your organisation in two ways. As a customer, staff who hand treasury or corporate-card credentials to a personal agent may be moving fraud losses onto the company under the bank's terms. As a provider, your own customer-facing services will soon have to decide whether to block agents, label them or give them scoped credentials.

What to do. CISO, with treasury and legal: validate. Write down and communicate that corporate banking and payment credentials may not be given to any AI agent, and check your banks' current terms on agent-initiated transactions. For your own customer-facing applications, decide whether agents get a scoped, revocable credential distinct from the user's own login, and do not leave the default to bot detection that the banks themselves say does not hold. Urgency: validate.

CSA coverage. Banks Block Personal AI Agents: Liability, Credentials, and Fragmentation.

Watchlist

- **OpenAI reward-hacking postmortem — downstream response** — No change since last issue's report of the Texas petition. No ruling, and no comparable eval-to-production escape disclosed by another lab. *(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. No Anthropic patch or public response to the reproduced attack success rate. *(opened 2026-08-27)*
- **AI defensive-triage guardrail evasion** — No change on the entry's own question; no new campaign triggering refusals to blind security triage. A related pattern appeared this issue in reverse: VOLTA (item 3) and the Aur0ra crew (item 2) treat refusals as an obstacle to detect

and route around across providers, rather than as a weapon against defenders. *(opened 2026-08-31)*

- **AI account session hijacking at scale** — No change on provider-side session hardening. VOLTA (item 3) steals Microsoft OAuth tokens and Slack sessions, but Talos reports no theft of AI provider accounts specifically. Anthropic has not shipped device-bound or short-lived session tokens. *(opened 2026-08-31)*

Opened this issue

- **Agent-assisted remediation throughput and its regression cost** *(vuln_storm)* — Trail of Bits reports 149 CVE fixes delivered to stable kernels at 30 minutes to three hours of human time each (item 1). Watching for a published regression or maintainer-rejection rate for agent-prepared backports, distribution vendors reporting shorter fix-to-package intervals, and independent replication of the per-fix time.
- **Cross-provider routing around model refusals** *(machine_speed)* — Two unrelated operations this issue (items 2 and 3) switched model providers when one refused. Watching for further campaigns, for model gateways and aggregators publishing abuse-detection or refusal-rotation controls, and for coordinated provider account actions against the same operator.