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[News Article: Can crumbling cookies sweeten UK data-protection plans?](#)

When the government published its proposals for striking new data-protection plans in the UK, all eyes were on cookie consents - those annoying pop-ups that appear in the foreground on many websites, asking whether you will accept cookies, tiny bits of text that can be used to track things about you

[News Article: Fines for nuisance callers could be raised to £17.5m](#)

The financial punishment for cold callers will increase from the current maximum of £500,000 and will be brought in line with General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), which allows regulators to issue a fine of up to £17.5m or 4% of a company's global turnover.

[News Article: Dark web awash with breached credentials, study finds](#)

An eye-watering 24 billion usernames and passwords are available on the dark web – an increase of 65% in just two years, according to a new study from Digital Shadows. Some combinations are advertised more than once on forums, but even after removing duplicates, Digital Shadows still found that 6.7 billion unique credentials exist – an increase of approximately 1.7 billion or 34% in two years.

[News Article: Strava app flaw revealed runs of Israeli officials at secret bases](#)

A security vulnerability in the fitness app Strava allowed suspicious figures to identify and track security personnel working at secretive bases in Israel, a disinformation watchdog says. FakeReporter found that by uploading fake running "segments" a user could learn the identities and past routes of others active in the area, even if they had the strongest privacy settings.

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