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From the CyAN Community



PHP2Shell: When the Patch Clock Ran Out Before It Started

Poster by Kamran Israr Mirza (Kim) · 10 November 2026

Kamran turns the October PHP2Shell flaws into eight lessons for boards: know where PHP actually runs, replace 30-day patch cycles with an emergency path measured in hours, and hold critical suppliers to written patch attestation. It closes with five questions directors can put to management, a 72-hour checklist, and a mapping to ISO/IEC 27001, NIST CSF 2.0, PCI DSS and Gulf frameworks including SAMA CSF and the CBB Rulebook. Download the poster.

CyAN Announcements

Welcome to Cristian Castello

17 November 2026

We welcome Cristian Castello, Cybercrime Coordinator at Argentina's Ministry of Security since May, as CyAN's newest member. He previously advised the Cybercrime Investigations Division of the Argentine Naval Prefecture, presented Argentina's first federal use of a digital undercover agent at Underground Economy 2026, and has trained law enforcement and judicial staff in digital investigation since 2022. Read more.

White Hat CVE of the Week

Courtesy of White Hat IT Security, led by CyAN member Sándor Fehér

Week 47 — CVE-2026-114938 ("Java4Shell")

16 – 22 November 2026

Oracle Java SE, GraalVM for JDK and GraalVM Enterprise Edition (Compiler component), CVSS 8.1. A flaw in the Java runtime itself can expose otherwise well-written applications to remote code execution; NVD rates it difficult to exploit. Full summary on the CyAN site.

Week 46 — CVE-2026-111497

9 – 15 November 2026

Google Brotli 1.0.3 to 1.2.0, CVSS 9.2 (CVSS 4.0; NVD's CVSS 3.1 score is 9.8). A buffer overflow in the Brotli decoder lets a crafted compressed stream corrupt memory, leak data, crash the process or potentially run code, with no authentication needed. Full summary on the CyAN site.

News from Around the World

France has attributed the October refrigeration attacks on its supermarkets to Shahid Kaveh, a unit linked to Iran's Revolutionary Guards. The foreign ministry called it sabotage and summoned Iran's ambassador; the attribution covers the October attacks in France, not later incidents elsewhere in Europe. (BleepingComputer)

ConnectWise is investigating ScreenConnect breaches reported at nearly 50 organisations, traced to the third-party RMM+ extension. It disabled the extension in about 400 cloud environments and told on-premises customers to do the same themselves. (The Record)

Market research firm Ipsos disclosed a breach of one of its internal systems on 16 November, five days after filing a complaint with the authorities. The company says operations were not affected and has not said whether data was taken. (SecurityWeek)

Cloud host Railway says attackers who breached it in October used stolen customer AI keys to run up about US$740,000 in fraudulent usage. Railway will cover charges that AI providers decline to refund. (BleepingComputer)

The head of the UAE Cybersecurity Council, Dr Mohammed Al Kuwaiti, said the country has traced cyberattacks to more than 40 groups operating across over 20 countries. He said targets included cameras and critical infrastructure. (Gulf News)

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Sarah Jane Mellor — Digital resilience and strategic autonomy

Sarah Jane Mellor · CyAN member

Sarah Jane spoke at the 24th Erasmus–Descartes Conference at Campus Cyber, Paris-La Défense, on digital resilience as a driver of strategic autonomy. The week before, she joined the NATO Command and Control Centre of Excellence conference in Rotterdam, where national C2 and a whole-of-society approach were on the agenda. Read more.

Also from our members: Bharat Raigangar will moderate the Cybersecurity Conference at Intersec Global 2027, Dubai World Trade Centre, 12–14 January.

Member Spotlight



Amna AlMadhoob

Chief Information Security Officer · FACEKI · Manama, Bahrain

Amna has been CISO at identity-verification company FACEKI since 2022 and has taught cybersecurity part-time at Bahrain Polytechnic since 2025. Before that she spent six and a half years in information security at Bank ABC and seven years at American Express. This autumn she is one of the ten mentors in CyAN's Mentorship Programme.

Connect with Amna on LinkedIn.

Upcoming Events

Trust & Safety Forum Paris: investing in privacy tech

30 November 2026 · Paris · CyAN partner

An evening on whether privacy-enhancing technologies such as anonymisation, pseudonymisation and encryption are a strategic lever when every euro of security spend must be justified. In French; pre-registration required. Announcement.

MaTeCC 2026

2–3 December 2026 · Rabat, Morocco · Co-organised by CyAN and Ecole High-Tech

The fourth edition takes the theme *The Future of Digital Trust: Securing Trust in the Age of AI*, with CNDP, DGSSI and the Agence de Développement du Digital as institutional partners. CyAN President Jean-Christophe Le Toquin and John Salomon are among the speakers; a student hackathon runs on 1 December, and CTI practitioners can ask J-C about the closed session on 3 December. Announcement.

GITEX Global 2026 and Expand North Star 2026

7–11 and 8–10 December 2026 · Dubai · CyAN ecosystem partner

CyAN returns as ecosystem partner to GITEX Global for the third year, and to its startup and investor event, Expand North Star, at Expo City Dubai. Event details.

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