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The White House's Plan to Stop Government Employees From Getting Phished



The White House has an ambitious plan to greatly reduce the risk of phishing to the U.S. government. Part of that is having agencies phase out the use of SMS and app-based multi-factor authentication, and replace them with phishing-resistant methods such as hardware security keys.

The move will be a significant task for the federal government, an Office of Management and Budget (OMB) official told Motherboard in a phone call.

The OMB is part of the White House, and its phishing mitigations are part of a broader push from the OMB toward "zero trust" architectures, in which organizations protect themselves by not trusting any particular system, network, or service. Instead, zero trust systems verify any system, or person, trying to access the system.

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