



How Co-op Thwarted a Major Cyber Attack

Description

A cyber attack tried to lock Co-op's computer systems and take customer data. The hackers told the BBC they almost succeeded. This might be why Co-op is recovering faster than Marks & Spencer (M&S), which still cannot take online orders.

The hackers used software called ransomware, but Co-op's IT team found the attack and acted quickly to stop it. This choice prevented major problems for the company, according to cyber experts.

The hackers claimed they stole a lot of customer data. They said they planned to use ransomware but got caught first. Ransomware locks computers and demands money for access.

M&S also faced a cyber attack over Easter, and it is still struggling. Personal data was stolen, but M&S said payment details are safe. They advised customers to reset their passwords.

Co-op plans to have its shelves back to normal soon, but it will take time to rebuild customer trust. Experts say showing improved security is important for Co-op's recovery.

Vocabulary List:

1. **Ransomware** /'ræn.səm.wɛər/ (noun): Malicious software that locks or encrypts files and demands payment for access.
2. **Recovering** /rɪ'kʌv.ər.ɪŋ/ (verb): The process of returning to a normal state after a setback or issue.
3. **Cyber** /'saɪ.bər/ (adjective): Relating to or involving computers or computer networks.
4. **Experts** /'ɛk.spɜːts/ (noun): Individuals with a high level of knowledge or skill in a particular area.
5. **Trust** /trʌst/ (noun): Reliance on the integrity strength or ability of a person or thing.
6. **Systems** /'sɪs.təmz/ (noun): Sets of connected things or parts forming a complex whole.

Vocabulary quizzes

Multiple Choice (Select the Correct answer for each question.)

1. Which branch of physics deals with the behavior of particles at the atomic and subatomic levels?



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- Option: Quantum
Option: Complex
Option: Cyber
Option: Genetics
2. Who are individuals with specialized knowledge in a particular field?
Option: Challenges
Option: Experts
Option: Regulating
Option: Dominance
3. In a medical study what is an inactive substance or treatment that has no therapeutic effect?
Option: Systems
Option: Placebo
Option: Cycle
Option: Tropical
4. Which medication is used for the acute treatment of migraines in adults?
Option: Primary
Option: Pelvis
Option: Ubrogapant
Option: Birth
5. What is the long-term pattern of temperature humidity and rainfall in an area?
Option: Repeat
Option: Insights
Option: Climate
Option: Recovering
6. What type of malicious software threatens to publish a victim's data or perpetually block access to it unless a ransom is paid?
Option: Sensitivity
Option: Ransomware
Option: Understanding
Option: Dizziness
7. What are difficulties or obstacles that need to be overcome?
Option: Challenges
Option: Dominance
Option: Quantum
Option: Genetics
8. Which field of biology focuses on the study of genes and heredity?



- Option: Cyber
- Option: Features
- Option: Genetics
- Option: Regulating

9. What is the process of regaining health or returning to normalcy after an illness or injury?

- Option: Trust
- Option: Recovering
- Option: Migraines
- Option: Cyber

10. Which climate zone is characterized by warm temperatures and high humidity?

- Option: Symptoms
- Option: Tropical
- Option: Experts
- Option: Complex

Gap-Fill (Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the vocabulary list.)

11. The water cycle involves the continuous movement of water through the atmosphere land and _____.

12. _____ complications can arise during pregnancy or labor that require medical attention.

13. Some individuals have a high level of auditory _____ making them sensitive to loud noises.

14. In genetics the principle of _____ states that some alleles are dominant over others.

15. A computer _____ can be vulnerable to cyber attacks if not properly secured.

16. Consulting with medical _____ can provide valuable insights into complex health conditions.

17. Governments play a key role in _____ industries to ensure fair competition and



consumer protection.

18. The spread of _____ attacks highlights the importance of cybersecurity measures.

19. Studying the genetic code can provide valuable _____ into hereditary diseases.

20. Understanding the _____ nature of quantum mechanics is a significant challenge for physicists.

Matching Sentences (Match each definition to the correct word from the vocabulary list.)

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| 21. Severe headaches that can be accompanied by sensitivity to light and sound. |
| 22. A feeling of lightheadedness or unsteadiness that can be caused by various factors. |
| 23. The basin-shaped structure in the lower part of the trunk that supports the spine and hips. |
| 24. The ability to comprehend or grasp the meaning of something. |
| 25. Distinct characteristics or traits of a particular object or system. |
| 26. The confidence and reliance placed in someone or something. |
| 27. Interconnected components working together to achieve a specific objective. |
| 28. Individuals with specialized knowledge and skills in a particular field. |
| 29. A series of events or processes that repeat in a particular order. |
| 30. The average weather conditions in a region over a long period of time. |

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. Quantum 2. Experts 3. Placebo 4. Ubrogapant 5. Climate 6. Ransomware 7. Challenges 8. Genetics 9. Recovering 10. Tropical

Gap-Fill: 11. oceans 12. Birth 13. sensitivity 14. dominance 15. system 16. experts 17. regulating 18. cyber 19. insights 20. complex

Matching sentence: 1. Migraines 2. Dizziness 3. Pelvis 4. Understanding 5. Features 6. Trust 7. Systems 8. Experts 9. Cycle 10. Climate



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