

# APT 34 Is an Iran-Linked Hacking Group That Probes Critical Infrastructure

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## Iranian Hackers Have Been Infiltrating Critical Infrastructure Companies

A new Iran-linked hacking group called APT 34 has been spotted lurking in the networks of financial, energy, telecom, and chemical companies.



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The international intelligence agency always has a keen interest in Iran's hacking activity. And new research [published](#) by the security firm FireEye on Thursday indicates the country's efforts show no signs of slowing. In fact, a new network reconnaissance group— FireEye calls them Advanced Persistent Threat 34—has spent the last few years burrowing deep into critical infrastructure companies.

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