

# Iranian Hackers Launch a New US-Targeted Campaign as Tensions Mount

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Three cybersecurity firms have identified phishing attacks stemming from Iran—that may lay the groundwork for something more destructive.



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When two countries begin to threaten war in 2019, it's a safe bet that they've already been hacking each other's networks. Right on schedule, three different cybersecurity firms now say they've watched Iran's hackers try to gain access to a wide array of US organizations over the past few weeks, just as [military tensions between the two countries rise to a breaking point](#)—though it's not yet clear whether those hacker intrusions are aimed at intelligence gathering, laying the groundwork for a more disruptive cyberattack, or both.

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