

What Is a Supply Chain Attack?

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Hacker Lexicon: What Is a Supply Chain Attack?

From NotPetya to SolarWinds, it's a problem that's not going away any time soon.



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Cybersecurity truisms have long been described in simple terms of trust: [Beware email attachments from unfamiliar sources](#), and don't [hand over credentials](#) to a fraudulent website. But increasingly, sophisticated hackers are undermining that basic sense of trust and raising a paranoia-inducing question: What if the legitimate hardware and software that makes up your network has been compromised at the source?

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