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AI & CYBER

The exploit window is shrinking

OpenAI says its forthcoming Astra model has become the first it has classified at its "Critical" cybersecurity capability threshold. In internal testing, the model identified previously unknown vulnerabilities and built working exploit chains. The risk question is shifting from can we identify vulnerabilities? to can organisations remediate them quickly enough?

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FINTECH & PAYMENTS

Transaction authority becomes the attack surface

Google's threat intelligence team has detailed attacks against banks, fintechs, and payment providers designed to gain access to core payment infrastructure and authenticated transaction credentials. The group is also using generative AI to accelerate elements of its operations. The lesson: protecting customer accounts isn't enough if attackers can compromise the systems authorised to move money.

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DIGITAL ASSETS

Stablecoin resilience moves beyond reserves

Singapore has proposed legislation covering stablecoin reserves, redemption, stress testing, recovery planning, and cross-border issuance. The direction is clear: proof of reserves alone is not operational resilience.

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Emerging risk is moving from access to action.

The increasingly important question: what is the most consequential action this technology, credential, or person is authorised to take, and what prevents one failure from allowing it?

That's where effective emerging-risk management starts.

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