

Cyber Attacks on Broadcast Stations

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An unfortunate fact of life today is that you may be hacked. Hackers, usually operating in distant countries, are moving down the food chain of American commerce to target smaller, more vulnerable entities such as broadcast stations. Public broadcasting stations may be particularly vulnerable as one station, WHQR in Wilmington, Delaware, discovered. During pledge week, WHQR received a ransom demand from a hacker in Latvia. The demand came when four station computers revealed pop-ups saying that the files had been encrypted and asking for money to free them up. Luckily, the station resolved the matter without jeopardizing its pledge drive, operations or membership database.

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