

# SPACE CYBERSECURITY WEEKLY WATCH

Week 12

March 19 - 25, 2024

Timeframe : Weekly # of articles identified : 29 Est. time to read : 45 minutes Articles, company's communications, whitepapers, academic works, podcast, and sources not to be missed on the topic of space cybersecurity over a specified timeframe.





### **Overview & RISC Score**



### **RISC Score Evolution**



After a rising period since the start of 2024, W6 has shown a decrease, W7 has shown an increase followed by a decrease for W8. Since W9 there has been an increase except for this week with a little decrease of only 1%.

This week's RISC score is 58%. This week, an article was published about the increasing Russian's tendency to use Starlink satellite systems in their fight against Ukraine, describing how it is a great threat to Kyiv. ESA has signed contracts with several European companies for an overall amount of €233m, to develop Genesis and a LEO-PNT demonstrator. These missions will keep Europe at the forefront of worldwide satellite navigation. In addition, Air Force and Space Force collaborate through the Air & Space Force Association's Cyber Patriot Program, an initiative designed to introduce the cybersecurity profession to students. The company Send Solutions has engineered an add-on to its Airtext+ Iridium satcom that can identify and report GPS jamming or spoofing, and help pilots stay on the proper track when such incidents cause faulty navigation inputs. Finally, the Russian government is once again threatening to target SpaceX's Starlink network, on a report that the company is building hundreds of spy satellites for the US government. The classified project is part of SpaceX's Starshield program.





### **GEOPOLITIC**



### Russian troops are increasingly using Starlink, costing Ukraine a key advantage

Russian troops are increasingly using Starlink satellite systems in their fight against Ukraine, research by the German daily newspaper WELT reveals. In one intelligence center, soldiers presented evidence of Russia's increased Starlink usage and described the dramatic consequences for Kyiv. **#SecureCommunication #Starlink** Link: <a href="https://www.businessinsider.com/russian-troops-using-starlink-costing-ukraine-a-tactical-advantage-">https://www.businessinsider.com/russian-troops-using-starlink-costing-ukraine-a-tactical-advantage-</a>

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### **MARKET & COMPETITION**



#### ESA kicks off two new navigation missions

ESA has signed contracts with several European companies for an overall amount of 233 million euros to develop Genesis and a LEO-PNT demonstrator, two new missions within the FutureNAV program that will keep Europe at the forefront of worldwide satellite navigation. **#ESA #FutureNAV** 

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Link: https://news.satnews.com/2024/03/20/esa-kicks-off-two-new-navigation-missions/



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# **TRAINING & EDUCATION**

#### Air Force, Air & Space Force association collaborate to promote cybersecurity

Airmen from the 75th Communications and Information Directorate recently participated in the Air & Space Force Association's Cyber Patriot Program, an initiative designed to introduce the cybersecurity profession to students. Master Sgt. Jarred Dirito, Airman 1st Class Kaeli Schiff and Senior Airman Rafael Morales were among the airmen from Hill Air Force Base who have been in touch with students, exposing them to the basics of cybersecurity and computer networking. **#AirForce #SpaceForce** 

Link: https://potomacofficersclub.com/news/air-force-and-air-and-space-force-association-collaborate-to-promotecybersecurity-to-students/



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**TECHNOLOGY** 



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### Spoof-proofing is Send's new solution

Send Solutions has engineered an add-on to its Airtext+ Iridium satcom that can not only identify and report GPS jamming or spoofing but also help pilots stay on the proper track when such incidents cause faulty navigation inputs. In addition to the Airtext+ and Iridium antenna, Send's Spoof Proof system requires an annunciator, either carried on board as temporary equipment or installed in the flight deck.. **#Spoofing #SendSolutions** 

Link: https://www.ainonline.com/aviation-news/business-aviation/2024-03-19/spoof-proofing-sends-new-solution

### THREAT INTELLIGENCE

#### Russia again threatens to attack Starlink, citing US spy satellite risk

The Russian government is once again threatening to target SpaceX's Starlink network on a report that the company is building hundreds of spy satellites for the US government. The classified project is part of SpaceX's Starshield program, which leverages the company's Starlink technology for national security purposes. According to Reuters, the US awarded a \$1.8 billion contract to SpaceX to build the low-Earth orbiting satellites, which will be capable of tracking targets on the ground. **#Spoofing #Russia** 

Link: https://www.euronews.com/next/2024/03/13/gps-jamming-by-russia-was-already-a-concern-for-the-nordic-natocountries-it-may-only-get-





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