

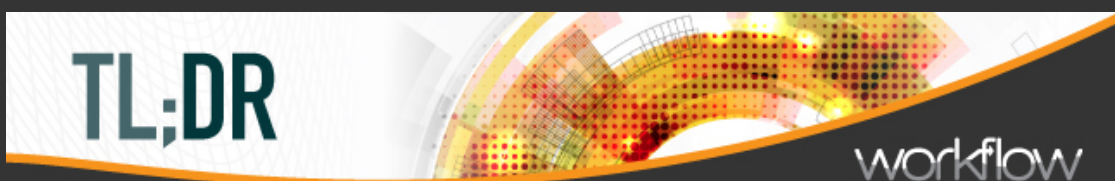
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VMware Goes on \$5B Shopping Spree

VMware made a couple of [major acquisitions](#) yesterday, announcing the acquisition of cloud-native platform provider Pivotal Software, Inc. as well as Carbon Black, a leader in cloud-native endpoint protection. The two acquisitions, valued at approximately \$4.8 billion combined, "address two critical technology priorities of all businesses today — building modern, enterprise-grade applications and protecting enterprise workloads and clients," said VMware CEO Pat Gelsinger in a statement.





Don't Mess With Texas

Another [22 municipalities were hit with a ransomware attack](#) this week, this time in Texas. The [Texas Department of Information Resources](#) says the evidence points to a single actor behind all 22 attacks, and it appears that in true "don't mess with Texas" fashion, the question of "[to pay or not to pay](#)" has been answered in the negative. It's just another reminder to [educate](#), [educate](#), [educate](#) anyone who touches a computer.



You Hacked WHAT?

NordVPN recently released a fun little collection of "[the worst and weirdest IoT hacks of all time](#)" and it pretty much proves the point that "if it's connected to the internet, it can be hacked." The list includes unsurprising items like smart thermostats and security cameras, as well as less obvious items like dolls, insulin pumps, and yeah, sex toys.