

COMPUTING

The east coast blizzard caused an epic malware storm, according to Enigma Software



SHARE



Were you cooped up thanks to Storm Jonas this past week? You might have some computer woes to worry about, as well. [Enigma Software](#) has published a new survey that claims to show a spike in computer infections in areas affected by Storm Jonas.

The company says with more people online during the snow storm because they couldn't go outside, malware infections have spiked. Through its SpyHunter anti-spyware program, the software company

collects location data when someone's computer runs a scan of its system. With this data, Enigma found that infections this month are a little higher than normal.

The software firm said it examined more than 225,000 infections this month in cities and states that were hit the hardest by the snow. It took the average number of daily malware infections for the days leading up to the storm and compared these figures with the infection rate for January 22 and 23 when Jonas was at its worst.

The data study claims to show vast jumps in computer infections over the last weekend's storm. In some cities, like Boston, there were increases of more than 150 percent, while Washington D.C. saw jumps of 88.47 percent.

"So when it says that the Jonas spike for Washington, DC was 88.47 percent, that means that our software installed on computers in Washington, DC detected 88.47 percent more infections per day during the storm than during a typical day in January," explained a spokesperson for the company.

At the same time, in a couple of other east coast states and cities, there was a drop in the number of infections detected by SpyHunter, such as Providence, RI and Charlottesville, VA.

Enigma Software believes the reason for the seemingly huge bounce in infections in most cities is due to the storm keeping people indoors, passing the time online, and clicking more links than usual.

The reasoning makes sense, but should be taken with a grain of salt, as well. Enigma declined to reveal any user numbers and its data study only examines scans carried out by its own software, so it can't

conclusively say that this January has become a far worse month for malware infections than usual.

Editors' Recommendations

- [Windows-powered medical scanners are being hit by health care hackers](#)
- [New malware will crash your PC if you try to thwart its digital coin mining](#)
- [Beware of Thanatos, the latest cyber-extortion scam](#)
- [How to remove Android malware from your phone or tablet](#)
- [Infected online chat service stole payment info at Best Buy, Delta, Sears, more](#)

DON'T MISS

< [The best laptops](#)

UP NEXT

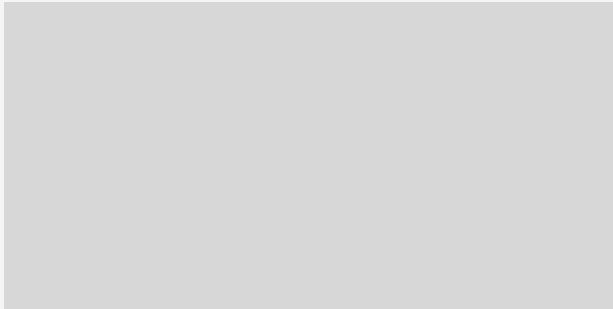
[This jacket made of stainless steel yarn will harvest the sun's energy to keep you warm](#) >

Show Comments

Awesome Tech You Can't Buy Yet: Wine preservers, pocket typewriters, and more

Check out our roundup of the best new crowdfunding projects and product announcements that hit the Web this week. You can't buy this stuff yet, but it sure is fun to gawk!

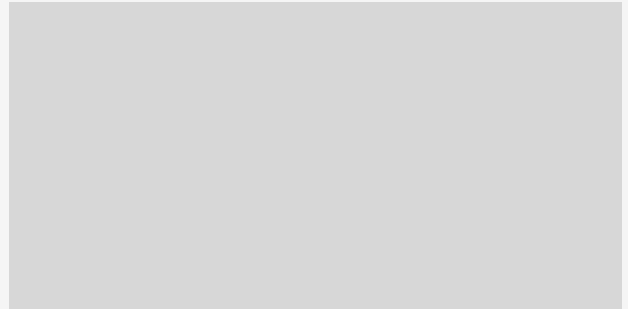
Posted 6 days ago — By [Drew Prindle](#)



Florida police are using Amazon's creepy real-time facial-recognition tech

Amazon recently sold access to its real-time facial recognition tech to the Orlando, Florida, police department, which could potentially use it as part of its future crime-solving goals.

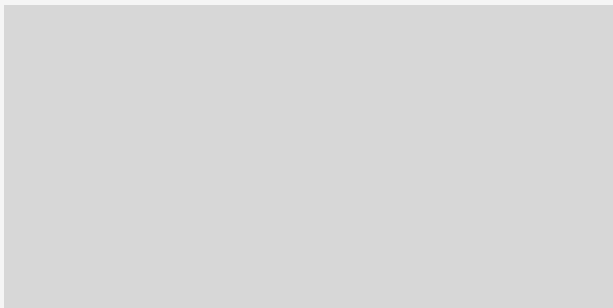
2 days ago — By [Luke Dormehl](#)



Stay protected from the elements year-round in one of the best 4-season tents

No matter the time of year, it doesn't hurt to have a reliable 4-season tent in your arsenal of backpacking gear. From keeping you protected from the elements to staying warm and cozy when the temperature drops, we've found the best...

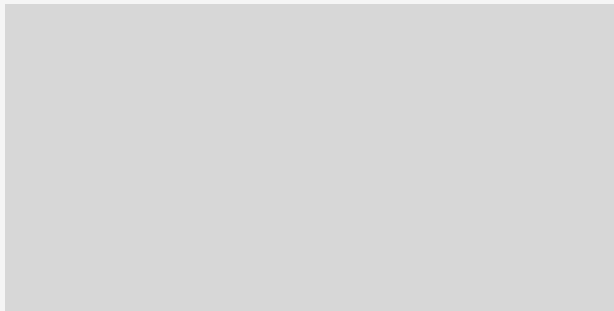
3 days ago — By [Kelly Hodgkins](#)



Uber vs. Lyft: Which ridesharing app goes the distance?

Uber and Lyft have changed the way people get from A to B, and while these ridesharing companies provide the same service on paper, they operate in different ways. Here, we break down the major differences between the two.

3 days ago — By [Will Nicol](#), [Miles Branman](#)



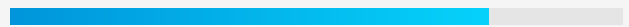
Did Tidal really fake Kanye and Beyoncé's streaming numbers?

A Norwegian language newspaper claims it has data that shows that popular high-fidelity streaming service Tidal manipulated listening data. Tidal is vehemently fighting the claims, but the evidence, if true, is compelling.

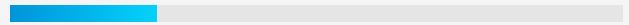
5 days ago — By [Parker Hall](#)

☰ TRENDING RIGHT NOW

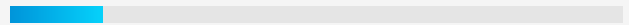
[The best laptops](#)



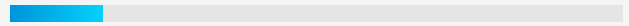
[How to recall an email in Outlook](#)



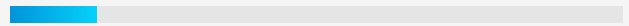
[Apple's macOS reaches a historic milestone in its life span](#)



[The Justice Department is now cracking down on cryptocurrency scams](#)



[The latest Asus gaming monitor will be insanely expensive](#)



Show More



DIGITAL TRENDS

Digital Trends helps readers keep tabs on the fast-paced world of tech

with all the latest news, fun product reviews, insightful editorials, and one-of-a-kind sneak peeks.

Upgrade your lifestyle

MUST READS

[Best Netflix Movies](#)

[Best Netflix Original Series](#)

[Best iPhone Games](#) [Best TVs](#)

[Best Smart Garden Products](#)

[Best Amazon Coupon Codes](#)

[Samsung Galaxy S9 Review](#)

[Samsung Galaxy S9 Plus Review](#)

WHO WE ARE

[About](#)

[Advertise](#)

[Contact Us](#)

[Privacy Policy](#)

[Terms of Use](#)

[Corrections](#)

[Careers](#)

[The Manual](#)

RELATED COVERAGE

[DT Deals](#) [Best Products](#)

[DT Shop](#) [DT Español](#)

[The Manual](#) [Giveaways](#)

ADD US TO YOUR SOCIAL CHANNELS



 [SUBSCRIBE TO OUR NEWSLETTER](#)

Copyright ©2018 Designtecnica Corporation. All rights reserved.