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Major Accounting Firm Deloitte Reports Extensive Cybersecurity Breach

Deloitte, a major US and global accounting firm, revealed that it was hit with a cybersecurity breach that may have extended from October of last year through this past March, the Guardian reports. The company -- one of the world's Big Four accounting firms -- which works with large banks, global firms and government agencies, among others, provides tax and auditing services, operations consulting, merger and acquisition assistance and, wait for it, cybersecurity advice.

It's currently unclear who was behind the attack, but for the past six months, Deloitte has been investigating the breach of its email server, which exposed some five million emails. Along with emails and their sometimes sensitive attachments, the hackers may have gotten their hands on usernames, passwords, IP addresses, business information and workers' health records. The breach apparently stemmed from an administrator's account that was protected by a password and not two-step verification. The Guardian reports that six of Deloitte's clients have been notified that their information was affected. Deloitte hasn't stated which of its clients, which include US government agencies, have been impacted.