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Data Management Firm Exposes 445 Million Records

A database with over 200GB of data was found on a server left defenseless and open to public query, to anyone knowing where to find it. The storage included about 445 million customer records from Veeam, a Swiss-based company that provides intelligent data management services for virtual, physical and cloud infrastructures. Security researcher Bob Diachenko discovered the trove of information on Amazon infrastructure on September 5 and saw it vanish four days later, suggesting that the company heeded his notifications and took steps to secure its MongoDB server. The exposure time of the records is uncertain, but according to Diachenko the IP address of the server had been indexed by Shodan on August 31. The collection consisted of customer personal information such as first and last name, email address, and country of residence.