Security: Updates, WordPress 5.1.1 in Debian, Threats in Devices and Facebook Downtime

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    The Debian packages for WordPress version 5.1.1 are being updated as I write this. This is a security fix for WordPress that stops comments causing a cross-site scripting bug. It?s an important one to update.

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    The Internet of Things (IoT) is growing rapidly. IoT is the connectivity of devices over the internet. It?s like a social network or an email service, but instead of connecting people, IoT actually connects smart devices which include, but not limited to your computers, smartphones, smart home appliances, automation tools, and more.

    However, similar to all types of technologies out there, IoT is a double-edged sword as well. It has its upsides, but there are serious threats that accompany this technology. As manufacturers are racing against each other to bring the latest device in the market, not many of them are thinking about the security issues associated with their IoT devices.

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Facebook users around the world had a singular question for much of March 13: Is Facebook down?

As it turns out, the global social media giant and its related Instagram and WhatsApp services were in fact unavailable and down for much of the day. Some service was restored by March 14, though full global availability across all Facebook services is still intermittent. With Facebook down, the company ironically had to resort to using rival social media service Twitter to keep many of its users informed.

"We?re aware that some people are currently having trouble accessing the Facebook family of apps," Facebook wrote in a Twitter message. "We?re working to resolve the issue as soon as possible."

Facebook also provided minimal updates via its platform status dashboard for developers, with the first indication of trouble reported at 10:32 a.m. PT on March 13.

"We are currently experiencing issues that may cause some API requests to take longer or fail unexpectedly," the status page reports. "We are investigating the issue and working on a resolution."

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