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Stanley - February 22, 2026, 1:35 am

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Google on Thursday said it observed the North Korea-linked threat actor known as UNC2970 using its generative artificial intelligence (AI) model Gemini to conduct reconnaissance on its targets, as various hacking groups continue to weaponize the tool for accelerating various phases of the cyber attack life cycle, enabling information operations, and even conducting model extraction attacks.
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<https://thehackernews.com/2026/02/google-reports-state-backed-hackers.html>

TheEmeraldSerpent - February 22, 2026, 3:01 am

Wow, we're at a point where even the state-backed 'leet' hackers are lazy. AI is truly the death of effort and understanding. I will admit that I do use AI; it's mostly for grammar correction, as my dyslexia is fucked. I use it as an accessibility tool!

Aeowulf - February 22, 2026, 4:45 am

Yeah, sounds like an opportunity to help identify and spoil these guys plans, make them lazy, then start working against them.

Either way, Google needs to get their sht together.

Au Jus Demon - February 22, 2026, 5:04 am

That's something I feel a lot of people seem to overlook. They may get around the AI limitations and jailbreak it, but it doesn't stop them from being tracked and later blocked.

A buddy of mine had his OpenAI account terminated for fraudulent activity, so it's clear they're actively monitoring and enforcing their policies.