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- 13.10.2021: US Claims Bitcoin Mining Crown Following China Crackdown [link]

  - No mining in China

  - ~35% of global hashrate in US, Kazakhstan and Russia are 2nd

  - 13.10.2021: Ted Cruz says bitcoin will stabilize Texas electric grid — here's why he's wrong [link]

    - Pro: more demand = more generators, during shortage shut down

    - Contra: why should miners shut down? Compesnation?

- 13.10.2021: Visa Launching NFT Program to Support Digital Artists [link]

  - NFT support program to help artists

  - Teach artists about crypto and blockchain

- 11.10.2021: Business as usual for Azure customers despite 2.4 Tbps DDoS attack [link]

  - 2.4 Tbps from 70,000 sources (Malaysia, Vietnam, Taiwan, Japan, and China, US)

  - UDP reflection attack

- 14.10.2021: OVH is down along with its status page [link]

  - DDoS? IPO is on the 14.10.2021, coincidence?

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- 13.10.2021: How Coinbase Phishers Steal One-Time Passwords [link]

  - Followup

  - "sign up new accounts under the email addresses of more than 2.5 million Italians"

  - "But the phishers in this case likely weren't interested in registering any accounts. Rather, the bad guys understood that any attempts to sign up using an email address tied to an existing Coinbase account would fail. After doing that several million times, the phishers would then take the email addresses that failed new account signups and target them with Coinbase-themed phishing emails."

- "The best advice to sidestep phishing scams is to avoid clicking on links that arrive unbidden in emails"

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