

Target says it ignored early signs of data breach

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Target Corp. is acknowledging its security software picked up on suspicious activity after a massive cyberattack was launched, but it decided not to take immediate action.

The acknowledgement comes after a media report said Thursday that Target's security team in Bangalore received security alerts on Nov. 30 that indicated [malicious software](#) had appeared in its network. It then flagged the security team at its home office in Minneapolis.

Target says the security team determined that it "did not warrant immediate follow-up" based on their "interpretation and evaluation of that activity."

The development comes nearly three months after Target revealed that hackers stole [credit card numbers](#) and personal data of millions of its customers. Target's sales, profit and stock prices have dropped in the wake of the massive breach.

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