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CrowdStrike Agrees to a Reported $495 Million Agent-Security Deal

CrowdStrike agrees to acquire Fiddler and Dreadnode, voters weigh 41 data-center measures, and SAP makes Cohere's North generally available.

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495$M

Reported combined price of the Fiddler AI and Dreadnode deals (Wall Street Journal, single source), in millions of dollars

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Data-center measures before voters in 38 U.S. local jurisdictions on Election Day (Reuters, citing Ballotpedia)

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SECURITY · CROWDSTRIKE

CrowdStrike Agrees to Acquire Fiddler and Dreadnode in Deals Reportedly Worth $495 Million

CrowdStrike announced at Fal.Con Europe that it had signed agreements to acquire Fiddler AI, which provides agent observability and explainability, and Dreadnode, which runs more than 100 attack strategies against models and agents before deployment. Both deals are expected to close in Q4 FY27, paid mostly in cash, with some stock subject to vesting. Fiddler becomes Falcon Observe in Q4 FY27; CrowdStrike launched an AI Kill Switch in Falcon Guardian.

THE BUYER'S ANGLE

Business impact: testing agents before deployment and observing them live, in one platform, closes a control gap. Decision: require both, plus a runtime stop, before wider rollouts.



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DATA CENTERS · GOOGLE

Data Centers Hit the Ballot: 41 Measures, and a Criminal Probe at a Google Site

Reuters reported Tuesday that Finnish police had opened a criminal investigation into suspected environmental-law breaches at Google's data center near Muhos. Authorities say its subsidiary, Tuike Finland, cleared forest and carried out drainage work before completing required assessments; the probe extends into 2027. U.S. voters in 10 states are deciding data-center measures. Capacity under construction rose 48% from December 2025 to June 2026 (Cushman & Wakefield).

THE BUYER'S ANGLE

Business impact: approvals and local opposition can delay projects and the AI capacity behind them. Decision: require approvals and a consultation record before committing to a site.



03

ENTERPRISE AI · SAP

SAP Makes Cohere's North Generally Available on SAP Business AI Platform

SAP said Tuesday that Cohere's agentic platform, North, is now generally available on SAP Business AI Platform, targeting customers with sovereignty and data-residency requirements. North supports agents and workflow automations across finance, sales, HR, IT and customer support. SAP says it will host, operate and support the service end to end under a managed delivery model. SAP positions North within its sovereign portfolio, alongside Sovereign Cloud and EU AI Cloud.

THE BUYER'S ANGLE

Business impact: one managed model replaces separate infrastructure, operations and support contracts. Decision: confirm data location and tenant isolation in writing first.

SOURCES & NOTES

Sources: CrowdStrike press releases, Fal.Con Europe, Nov 3, 2026 — definitive agreements to acquire Fiddler AI (agent observability; Falcon Observe, GA Q4 FY27) and Dreadnode (automated AI security testing, 100+ attack strategies); prices predominantly cash plus stock subject to vesting; close expected Q4 FY27; AI Kill Switch in Falcon Guardian. The Wall Street Journal reported a combined price of about $495 million (about $400 million for Fiddler, about $95 million for Dreadnode); CrowdStrike disclosed no prices — single-source figure, labeled as such. Reuters (Nov 3, 2026) — Finnish police opened a criminal investigation into suspected environmental-law breaches at Google's Muhos site (Tuike Finland; update due in December, probe into 2027); at least 41 data-center measures in 38 U.S. jurisdictions (Ballotpedia); capacity under construction up 48% between December 2025 and June 2026 (Cushman & Wakefield). SAP News Center (Nov 3, 2026) — Cohere North generally available on SAP Business AI Platform as a managed service SAP hosts, operates and supports end to end; deployment wording per SAP's announcement and sovereign portfolio — see audit record. Photos, real, WITHOUT filter or grade: CrowdStrike office building, 150 Mathilda Place, Sunnyvale (CC BY 4.0, via Wikimedia Commons); Google data center, Council Bluffs, Iowa, drone photo by Chad Davis, CC BY 2.0, via Wikimedia Commons; SAP building, HafenCity Hamburg, by Freepenguin, via Wikimedia Commons. Not investment advice.

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