



Hotlandskapet

Cy-X / Ransomware
Hacktivism

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Agenda

- Orange **Cyberdefense** – vilka är vi?
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Trevligt att träffas!

Vi är en ledande leverantör av cybersäkerhets-tjänster.

Vi har en global styrka, som vi nyttjar i kombination med vår lokala närvaro.

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Forskning om cybersäkerhet och förståelse om hoten – en del av vårt DNA

Våra cybersäkerhetsexperter, forskare och analytiker övervakar de senaste hoten och sårbarheterna, så att våra kunder kan känna till hoten i förväg och fokusera sitt arbete där det gör mest nytta.



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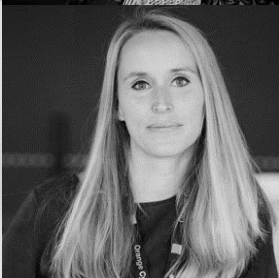
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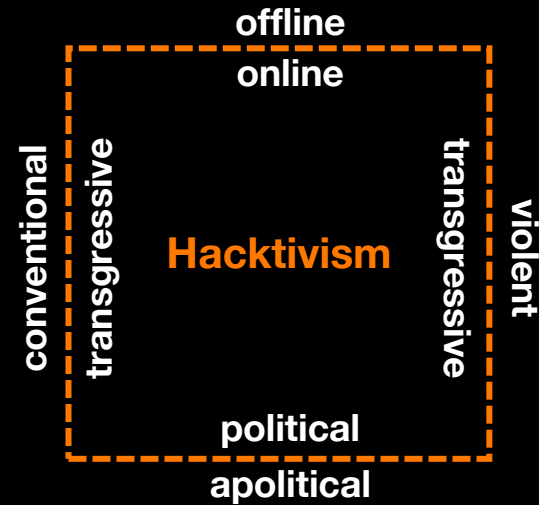
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CVEs tilldelade oss av MITRE.



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Hacktivism



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Hacktivism | Pågående geopolitiska konflikter

Update 3, 05-12-2025 - Cyber Dimension of the India and Pakistan Conflict

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Sector: Defense, Government | **Region:** India, Pakistan

Executive Summary

Since our last update in November 2024 on the cyber aspect of tense relations between **India and Pakistan**, the geopolitical situation has **drastically escalated**. Last week, a wider kinetic conflict seemed imminent after India launched air strikes on both Pakistan and Pakistan-administered Kashmir on May 7, 2025. In response, Pakistan retaliated and claimed to have shot down several Indian fighter jets. A fragile ceasefire was agreed between the two governments as of May 10, 2025, but both countries continue accusing each other of violating the truce.

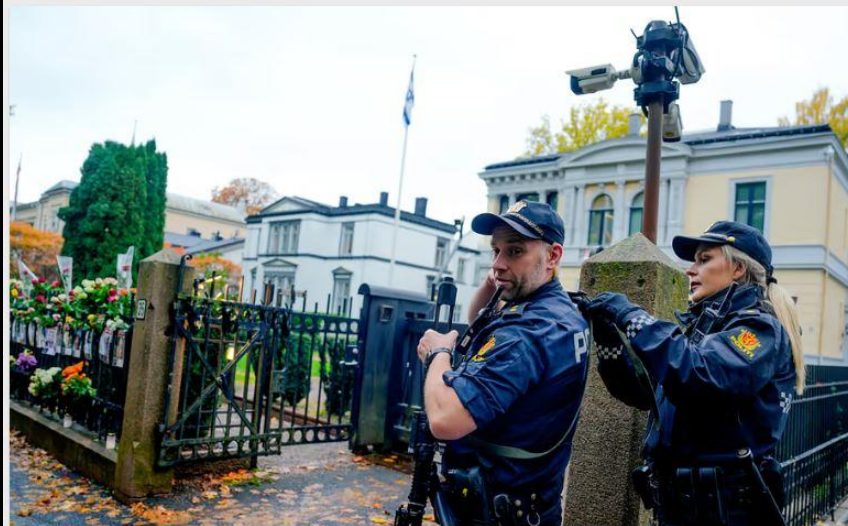
In recent years, military conflicts have frequently been accompanied by the **mobilization of hacktivist groups in cyberspace-and the ongoing skirmish between India and Pakistan is no exception**. Dozens of cyber groups globally have **started to launch cyberattacks** against both sides of the conflict. In addition, several state-sponsored campaigns have been discovered, including by the Pakistani-backed group APT36 against Indian military targets.

We have therefore decided to raise the threat level to (2 out of 5).

American company Maxar Technologies to Ukraine. Following talks in Riyadh on March 23-24, Russia and Ukraine agreed to halt military activity over the Black Sea.

From a cyber perspective, a significant change has also been observed. We released a dedicated [advisory](#) on March 5 on the Trump administration's alleged order **to stop offensive actions against Russia and to cease attributing cyber-attacks to the Russian state transmitted to several US security agencies, except the NSA**. This request was later denied by CISA and the Defense Department.

Cyberattacks between Russia and Ukraine are still active but we kept the risk level of this advisory unchanged (1 out of 5).



Polis utanför Israels ambassad i Oslo. Foto: Javad Parsa

Norge höjer terrorhotnivån från medel till hög

UPPDATERAD 8 OKTOBER 2024 PUBLICERAD 8 OKTOBER 2024

Norska säkerhetspolisen höjer terrorhotnivån, skriver norska media. Det är framförallt hotet mot judiska och israeliska mål som har blivit större.

Man graderar nu terrorhotet mot landet som en fyra på en femgrad

Stoppa Irans krig på svensk mark

Publicerad 10 okt 2024 kl 16.01

Uppdaterad kl 16.07

Sverige har blivit skådeplatsen för Irans proxykrig mot Israel. Regeringen måste svara med fasthet.



Israels ambassad i Stockholm har utsatts för flera attentat.

Foto: Anders Wiklund/TT / TT NYHETSBYRÅN

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Riksdagens hemsida uppe efter störningar

Det var störningar på Riksdagens hemsida under onsdag förmiddag. Den ska återigen gå att nå. Det är ännu oklart vad som orsakade problemen.

– Men nu är problemet är avhjälp, säger Elias Aneheim Ulvenäs på Riksdagsförvaltningens presstjänst.

TT

– Tekniken är säkrad och användarnas integritet är fortsatt skyddad, kommenterar Bank ID:s pressansvarige, Charlotte Pataky.

I går 18:27 Uppdaterad i går 22:12

↔ Dela

Swish åter i gång efter överbelastningsattacken

Itjänsten Swish utsattes för en överbelastningsattack och låg under tisdagskvällen. Vid 22-tiden var betalningssystemet i funktion.

Det betyder att vårt system tillfälligt överväldigats av trafik. Det handlar inte om ett intrång och användares data och pengar är säkra, säger Jenny Ragnartz, pressansvarig på Swish, till TT.

Det rapporterades klockan 17.41 på tisdagen. Även tidigare under veckan, på morgonen, hade Swish stora problem. Men huruvida det berodde på en överbelastningsattack då kan bolaget inte säga.

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BankID arbetar på att lösa det så snabbt som möjligt.

Swish har varit i kontakt med myndigheterna för kommunikation, enligt källor till CNN.

NoName057(16) - Manifesto

Манифест NoName057(16)

NoName057(16) • January 22, 2024



Мы не первый год отстаиваем интересы России на информационном фронте. Мы видим, как растут недовольства адекватных граждан иностранных государств, власти которых наплевали на проблемы своих соотечественников и тратят огромные средства на спонсирование украинских террористов. Видим мы и тотальную цензуру, которая не дает говорить правду жителям этих стран. Там стало недопустимо позитивно высказываться в адрес России. От свободы слова на Западе не осталось абсолютно ничего.

NoName057(16)'s Manifesto

'This is not the first year that we have been defending Russia's interests on the information front. We see how the discontent of adequate citizens of foreign countries is growing, whose authorities do not care about the problems of their compatriots and spend huge amounts of money on sponsoring Ukrainian terrorists. We also see total censorship, which prevents the residents of these countries from telling the truth. There it has become unacceptable to speak positively about Russia. There is absolutely nothing left of freedom of speech in the West[...].

Our project has long gone beyond the concept of a hacker group. We believe that you don't have to be a hacker to be a warrior - we have tasks for all volunteers, regardless of their competencies. Western elites have become a symbol of total unprincipled lies. The goal of the West is only endless power over the world and, as a result, its oppression. We must fight this! There is power in truth, that's what we stand for!

Our values:

Internationalism - we firmly believe in the greatness of Russia in the international arena. Our Motherland is a bastion of justice, rebelling against the lies and hypocrisy of the collective West. The fighters of our cyber army may live in different countries, but they must respect Russia.

Justice - one of our slogans is: "Justice has no name. "NoName". We are ready to come to the aid of our like-minded people anywhere in the world and make every effort to restore justice and punish their offenders. We help those who are weaker and learn from those who are stronger.

Unity - it doesn't matter to us what skin color, eye shape, language or place of residence our fighters have. One thing is important - that they are our like-minded people and share the traditional values of Russia. The word "Russian" has ceased to be a nationality. "Russian" is now an ideology. The ideology of a just world order and freedom.

We remain ready to cooperate with other pro-Russian hacker groups and free shooters who share our values listed in the Manifesto.'

2 Forskning Ransomware / Cy-X

Ransomware

Mjukvarufamilj - många olika
Verktyg - vem är ansvarig
Smalare fokus: tekniskt

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Cyber extortion

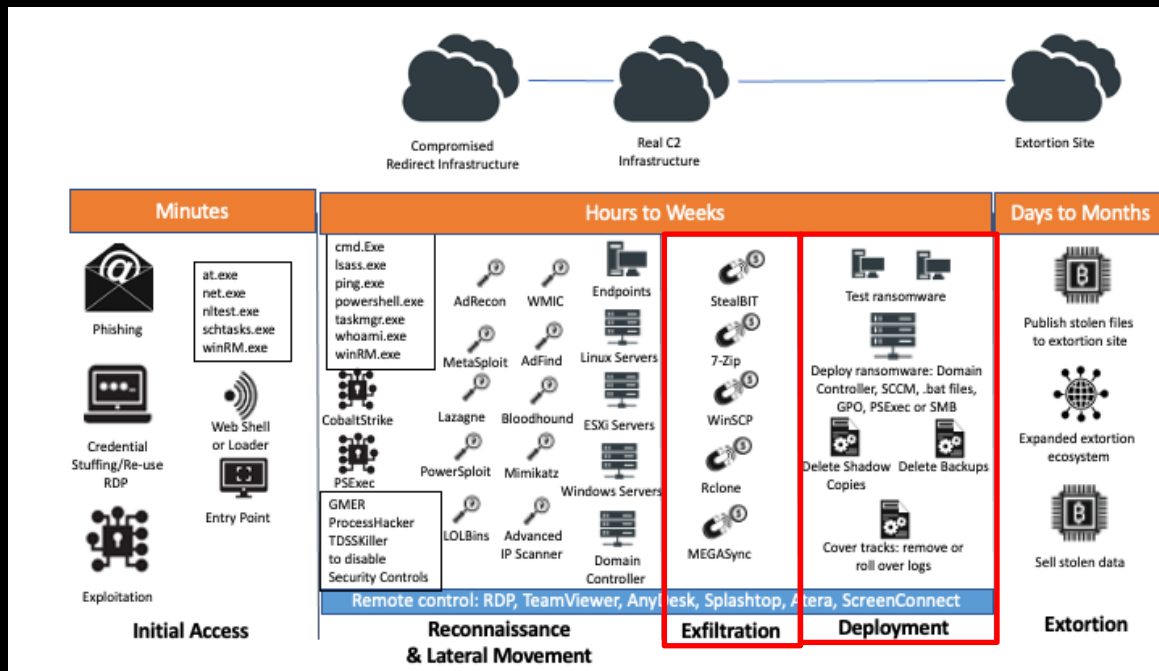
Kriminell handling
Juridisk definition - brottsoffer
Bredare fokus: människor och
organisationer

“Hack & leak” attacker

Vad är problemet ?



Maze Ransomware





AKIRA

Well, you are here. It means that you're suffering from cyber incident right now. Think of our actions as an unscheduled forced audit of your network for vulnerabilities. Keep in mind that there is a fair price to make it all go away.

Do not rush to assess what is happening - we did it to you. The best thing you can do is to follow our instructions to get back to your daily routine, by cooperating with us you will minimize the damage that might be done.

Those who choose different path will be shamed here publicly. The functionality of this blog is extremely simple - enter the desired command in the input line and enjoy the juiciest information that corporations around the world wanted to stay confidential.

Remember. You are unable to recover without our help. Your data is already gone and cannot be traced to the place of final storage nor deleted by anyone besides us.

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guest@akira:~$ help
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List of all commands:

leaks	- hacked companies
news	- news about upcoming data releases
contact	- send us a message and we will contact you
help	- available commands
clear	- clear screen

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guest@akira:~$
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FOR JOURNALISTS

There are many journalists asking questions about us and our attacks.
If you are a journalist and want to ask some questions you should write:

1. Who are you?
2. Where are you from?
3. Where will you publish our answers?

We are trying to answer everyone in 24 hours.

#Frequently Asked Questions:

Why did you choose GTA as branding?

-Some old articles about us used GTA logo, so we decided to use it too.

How long have you been in operation?

-From January 2021.

Are you recruiting partners or are you closed?

-We have been closed from the beginning and we don't have affiliates.

How did you decide to team up and start a dedicated ransomware group? How was ViceSociety born?

-Group of friends that were interested in pentest. We decided to try.

What do you do if the law says that someone can't pay you? Does that matter? What happens if the customer doesn't respond?

-We don't care about laws. If someone doesn't pay or doesn't contact us, we will publish their documents.

Has Vice Society published all the data it took from "company name" or does Vice Society have additional data that still has not been published?

-We always publish everything.

Can you explain your decision to publish "company name" data?

-They didn't pay.

We DON'T answer questions like:

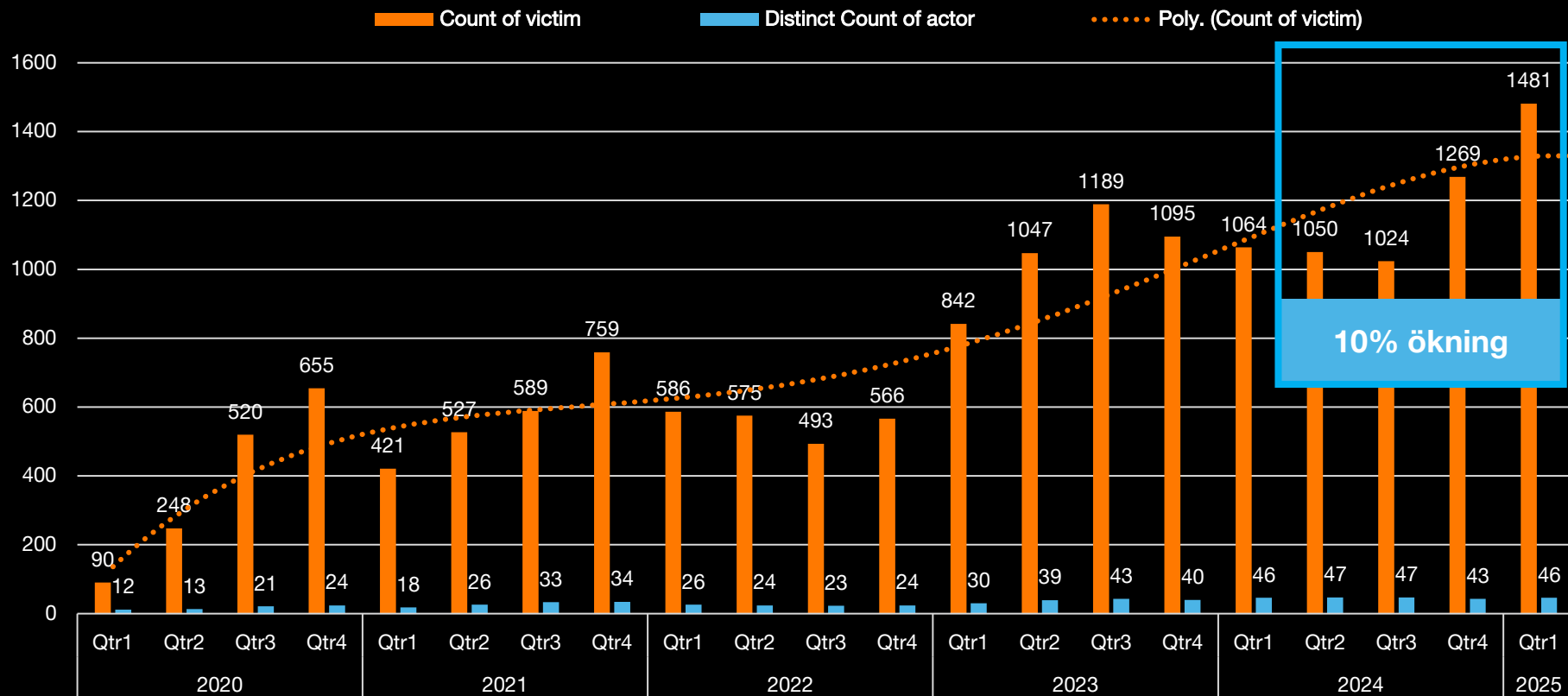
What country or region of the world are you from?

How old are you?

What vulns/eve do you use?

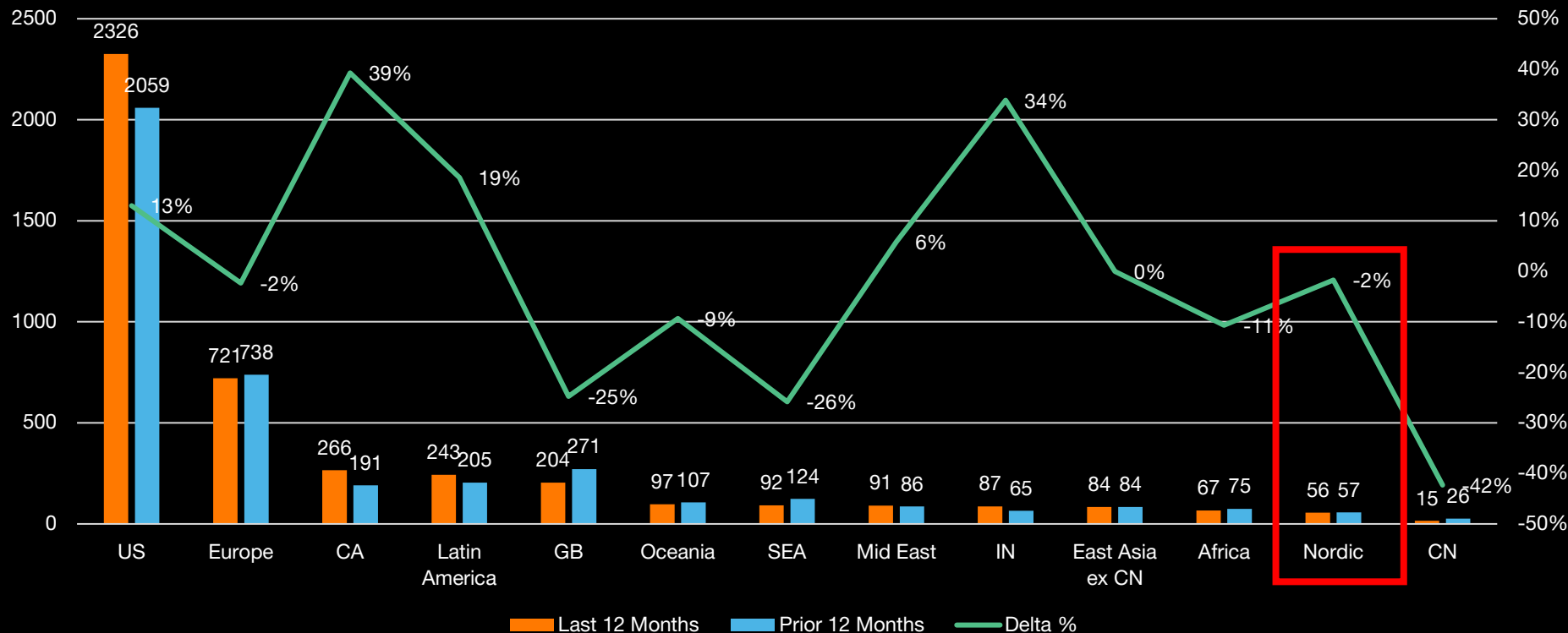
Cy-X över tid

Antal offer och hotaktörer observerade över tid



Antal offer per region - förändring

Regional uppdelning: jämförelse mellan de två senaste 12 mån perioderna



Vilka attackeras inte?

POLITICO

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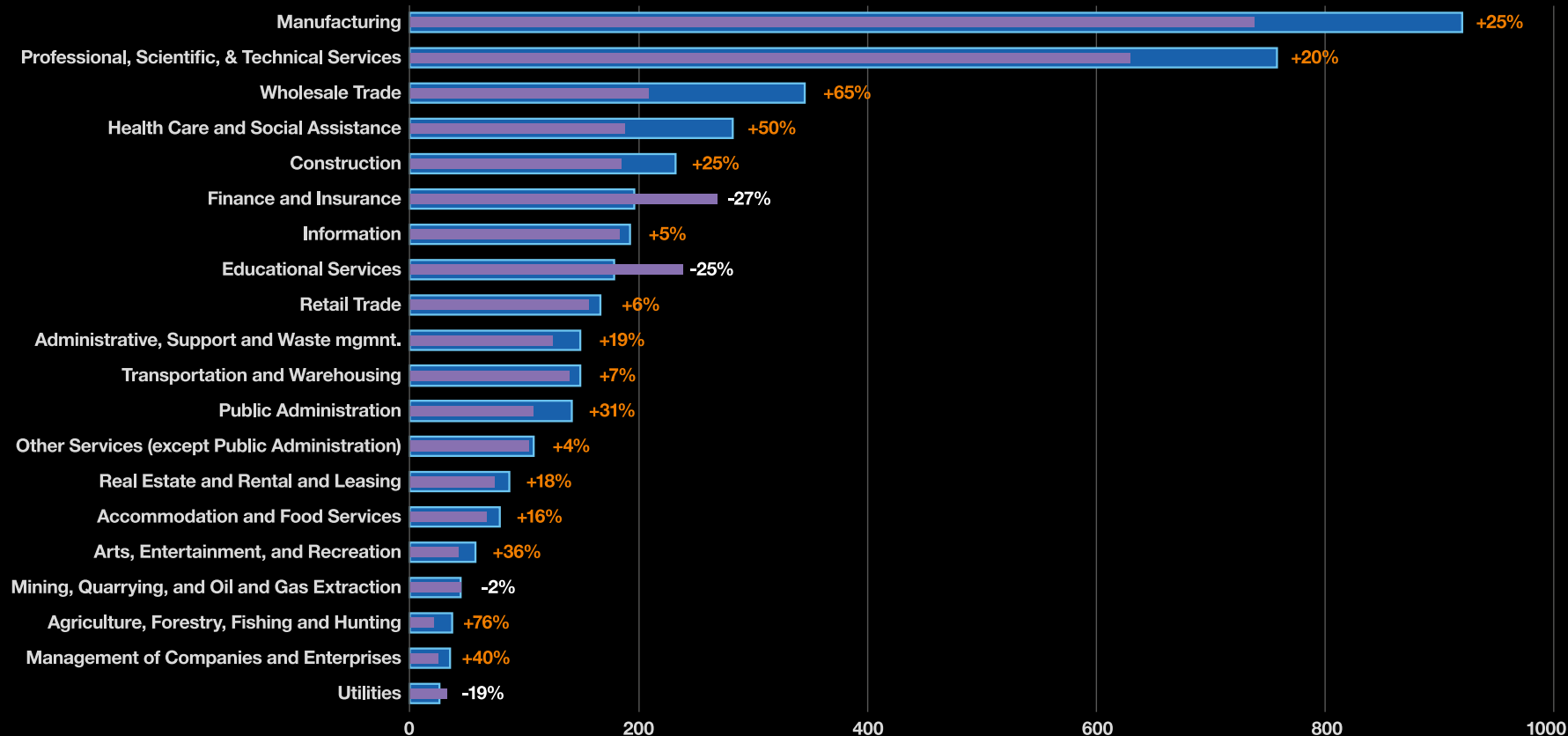
Iran pays millions in ransom to end massive cyberattack on banks, officials say

IRLeaks, a group with a history of hacking Iranian companies, was said to be responsible.

Cy-X: Antal offer per näringsgren - Förändring

Jämförelse mellan de två senaste 12 månaders perioderna

2023 2024



ResolverRAT Campaign Targets Healthcare, Pharma via Loading

Apr 14, 2025 Ravie Lakshmanan

Malware / Cybercrime



Cybersecurity researchers have discovered a new, sophisticated remote access trojan called ResolverRAT that has been observed in attacks targeting healthcare and pharmaceutical sectors.

"The threat actor leverages fear-based lures delivered via phishing emails, designed to pressure recipients into clicking a malicious link," Morphisec Labs researcher Nadav Lorber said in a report shared with The Hacker News. "Once accessed, the link directs the user to download and open a file that triggers the ResolverRAT execution chain."

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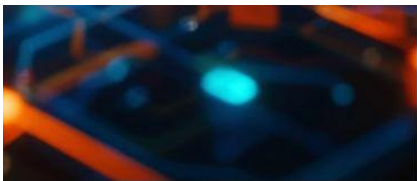


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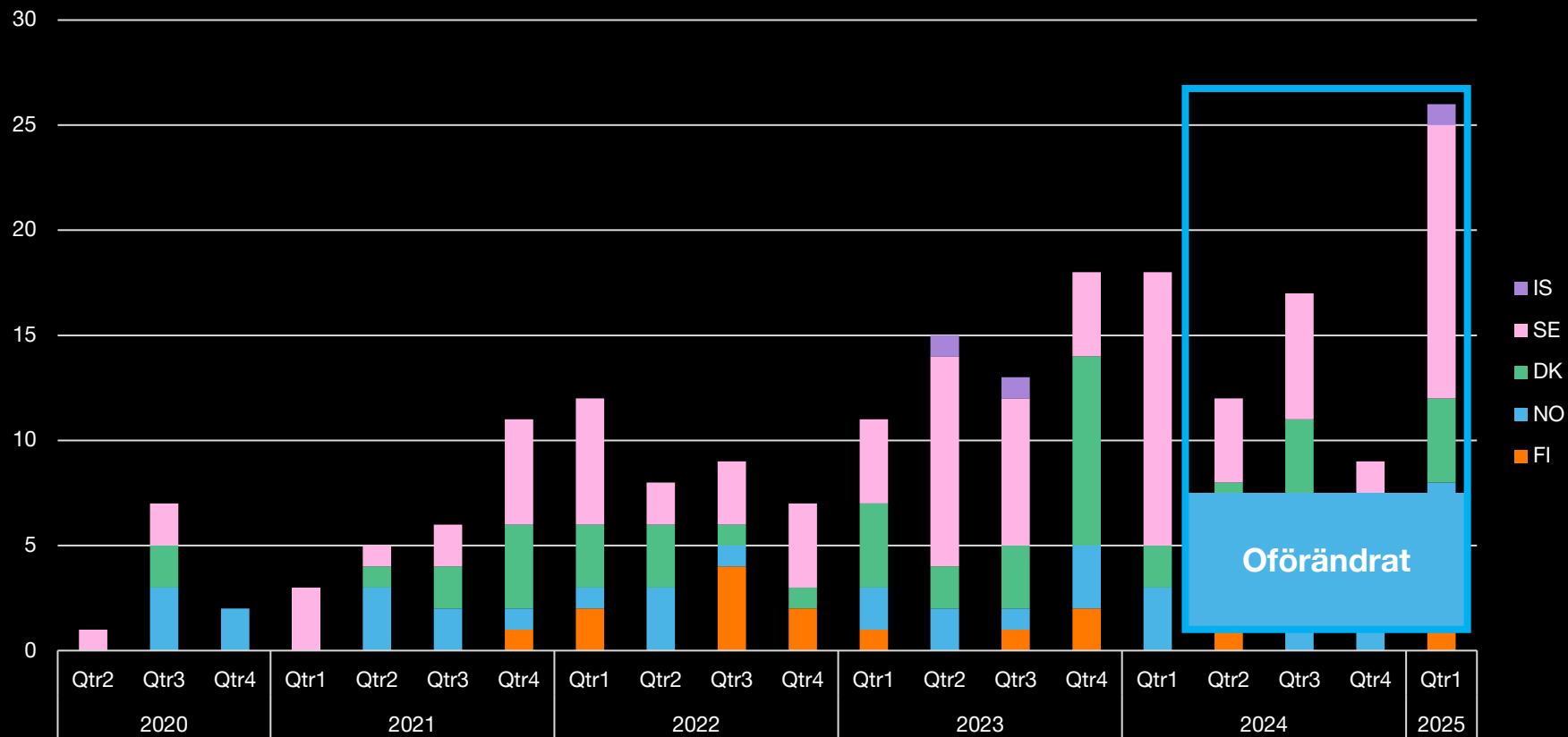
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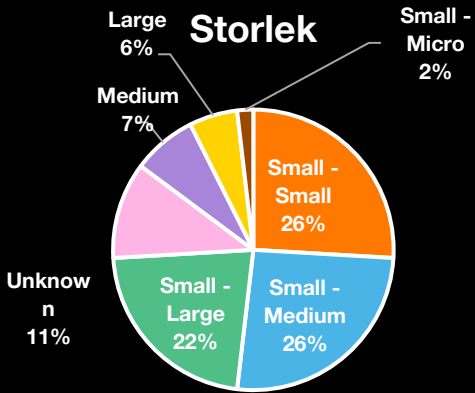
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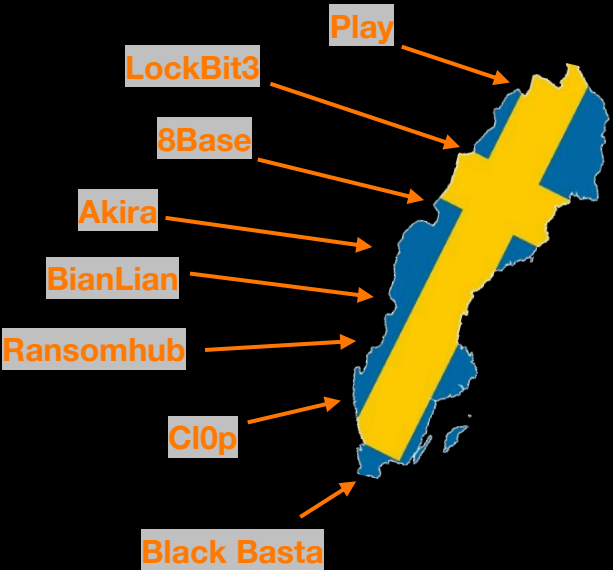
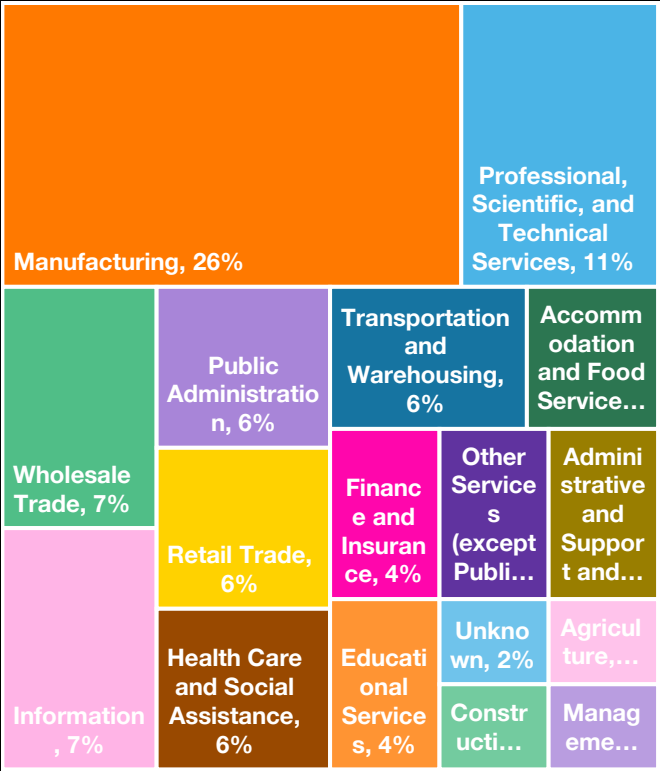


Sveriges hotprofil



Employee Count	Orange Cyberdefense classification
1 - 9	Small - Micro
10 - 49	Small - Small
50 - 249	Small - Medium
250 - 999	Small - Large
1,000 – 9,999	Medium
10,000+	Large

Näringsgrenar 2023 - 2024



SVERIGE

Hackare hotar läcka personuppgifter från Sportadmin

Uppdaterad i går 22:55 Publicerad i går 16:29



Illustrationsbild. Omkring 1,1 miljoner användare står som aktiva användare i Sportadmin. Foto: Alexander Mahmoud

En grupp cyberkriminella hotar nu att läcka data från Sportadmin, som nyligen råkade ut för ett

Uppdaterad 2025-01-16 17:42

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Appen SportAdmin – ”data har

in, som används av idrottsföreningar för bland annat igar, har utsatts för ett dataintrång av en ”extern angripare”. chnologies, som äger appen, kan konstatera att data har klart hur mycket och av vilket slag.

informationen som skulle kunna läcka är ju persondata nnat utesluta att det har hänt. Men vi har heller inte vet i så fall inte i vilken omfattning, säger Jennie Everhed, chef på Lime Technologies.

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aget har appen stängts ner. SportAdmin skriver hoppas gare bild av situationen det närmaste dygnet och att lla resurser” åt händelsen.

in används av omkring 1.700 idrottsföreningar i Sverige.

Cy-X Hotlandskapet - ständig förändring

Update 3, 04-03-2025 - DragonHub and DragonForce ransomware groups announce a merger of their

Update 7, 04-04-2025 - Hunters International shifts to new extortion-only project called World Leaks

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Sector: N/A | Region: N/A

Executive Summary

Group-IB recently released a blogpost on **Hunters International** stating the ransomware-as-a-service group is planning to cease its operations and rebrand as an **extortion-only** actor under the name **World Leaks**.

As a reminder, Hunters International surfaced around October 2023 and was associated by several researchers to the former Hive ransomware cluster. The group, dubbed Gold Crescent, Water Ouroboros, or **Shifty Scorpious**, provided to its affiliates an encryptor running on x64, x86, and ARM architectures and supporting a variety of operating systems such as Linux-based ones, Windows, FreeBSD, SunOS and even ESXi. Over time, Hunters International ransomware binaries have evolved from being developed in C/C++ and Golang to the Rust language, enhancing detection evasion and accelerating encryption speeds. The group also provided other OSINT services and self-developed tools designed to facilitate the workflow of their affiliates' attacks.

What It Means

Since November 2024, **Hunters International's number of claims has been consistently decreasing**, with only 6 victims listed in March 2025. 1.4 TB of data belonging to Indian technology giant Tata Technologies was allegedly stolen by Hunters International earlier this year.

Back on March 18, DragonForce had already announced a major expansion of its ransomware-as-a-service (RaaS) operation.

- **Secp0** is a new ransomware operation that surfaced in early March 2025. Its first post describes a vulnerability inside a password management software which is quite unusual for a leak site, and a second post discloses information relative to the customers of an IT service provider company, Terralogic.

- **LithiumWare** [detailed](#) by Cyfirma in early March, is a C# written ransomware that embed crypto-stealers features and is capable of deleting shadow copies, blocking the encryptor in Windows.

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Skadliga rykten

“Offentligt trakasserande”

Utöver de trender vi har beskrivit tidigare, har vi också sett en **märkbar förändring i taktik** på den mörka webben. Rykten har blivit mer aggressiva, med angripande **trakasserande taktik**. Detta inkluderar inte bara individer inom drabbade organisationer, utan även egen "privata" kommunikation. Vi har sett flera publicera länkar till offrens profil på sociala medieprofiler.

I vår Cy-Xplorer-rapport diskuteras fenomenet som kallas "revictimization", vilket innebär att stulna information delas mellan olika grupper, vilket förstärker skadan. Detta kan också maximerar inte bara den psykologiska skadan på offren utan öppnar också fler möjligheter för intäktsgenerering. Vi kommer att se denna trend där hotaktörer mår bra för sin egen vinning, genom att utnyttja så mycket värde som möjligt från

WARNING!

If you cooperate with [REDACTED] your personal, insurance and financial data has been stolen! Your money can be stolen at any time!

ATTENTION!

[REDACTED] is fully aware of the hack and the presence of multiple vulnerabilities in the company. However they have refused all offers to protect their investors' data from being leaked. This company has a \$1,000,000 cybercrime insurance policy that could have fully protected the data but the management refused to cooperate and took the proceeds from the insurance company for themselves, framing their clients. We have made hundreds of calls and sent hundreds of letters to the management and staff of [REDACTED] but they clearly responded that they do not care about the personal and financial data of their clients. We would like to announce the names of those who have expressed such a stance towards their clients and their data and have agreed that we will use all stolen financial, personal and insurance data of investors and clients for criminal purposes:

[REDACTED] - Literally said he didn't care about his clients and their data and hung up on numerous calls and offers from us.

[REDACTED] Hung up on calls and offers of compromise.

[REDACTED] Said it didn't matter to him what happened to the data.

[REDACTED] Didn't want to talk about it.

[REDACTED] Said the most important thing is that the company will get the insurance for this case and that he doesn't care about the customer data.

[REDACTED] Didn't reply even though he read all the emails.


[REDACTED] Didn't take any action for a month despite all the information.

The rest of the company also ignored and laughed at suggestions to protect investor data. This shows the real attitude of [REDACTED] towards its partners and investors. And given that the company stores all data in the open and there are hundreds of vulnerabilities in the network, it will be hacked even more often as we have all access to their network which will be published on many hacker forums.

Hacktivism versus


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Hacked

←  **The Five Families**
5.8K subscribers

The Five Families May 15

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 **GhostSec**

We'd like to announce GhostSec's leave from the "CyberCrime" Scene. We as Ghosts have obtained enough funding through our times to continue funding our operations for a while we deem the cybercrime and ransomware we once promoted no longer necessary and will shift back to pure hacktivism what does this mean?

All this means is that we will not be providing services anymore therefore the Ghostsec services channel and services once provided will be closed, The ransomware Ghostlocker will be closed Though we will provide the entire code of V3 to Stormous and shift all buyers from GL to the new Stormous locker making it a clean exit without any exit scam. Five families will be taken over and Stormous will be in charge with the new associates involved in that organization resulting in our complete retirement from the "cybercrime" and ransomware scene!

ransomware & vice

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Hacktivism crossover to ransomware & vice

Update 1, 03-27-2025 - RedCurl group deploys QWCrypt ransomware to Hyper-V Servers

Virtualization software is a high-value target for ransomware groups as organizations increasingly move to virtual machines to host their servers. Recently, ransomware groups have often prioritized encrypting of VMware ESXi servers over Hyper-V. However, RedCurl's new **QWCrypt** ransomware specifically targets virtual machines hosted on Hyper-V.

The attack was initiated by a phishing email containing .IMG attachments disguised as CVs. The .IMG files contain a complete and uncompressed image of a storage device's data content. When a victim clicks on the file, Windows 10 and 11's native support automatically mounts it as a virtual drive. The IMG files contain a screensaver file vulnerable to DLL sideloading using a legitimate Adobe executable called ADNotificationManager.exe, which loads a loader called **netutils.dll** which then sets persistence via a scheduled task. The use of this legitimate Adobe executable was also [detailed](#) by **eSentire** last month.

In this attack, RedCurl used living-off-the-land tools, as well as a custom wmiexec variant for lateral movement, and the open-source [Chisel](#) tool for tunneling and RDP access. To disable defenses before encryption, the threat group was observed deploying encrypted 7z archives and multistage PowerShell scripts.

As explained by Bitdefender, RedCurl then ended up deploying a previously undocumented ransomware dubbed QWCrypt that uses the XChaCha20-Poly1305 encryption algorithm and appends either the .locked\$ or .randombits\$ extension to encrypted files. It also supports selective or intermittent encryption for speed. The ransom note includes text from other known ransomware families such as LockBit, HardBit, and Mimic.

The motive behind this campaign remains unclear. Bitdefender researchers suggested two hypotheses:

- RedCurl acts as a contractor, resulting in a mix of espionage operations and financially motivated attacks depending on their clients' needs,
- The group engages in ransomware operations for money, but does it silently, preferring private negotiations over public ransom demands and data leak sites.

We will continue to monitor the activities of this group and update this advisory once more information about their motives and/or TTPs will be available.

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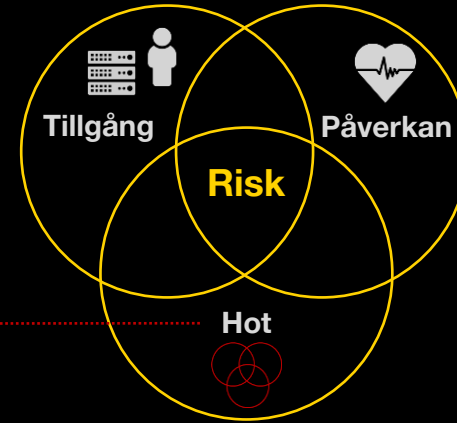
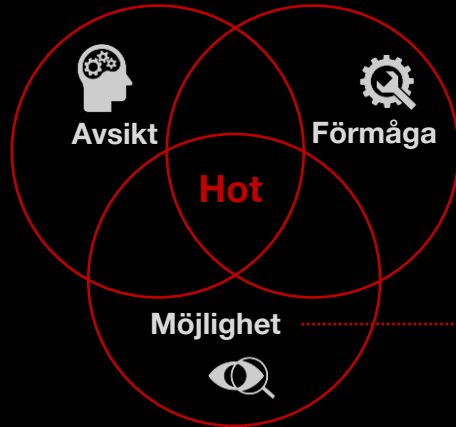
Varför fokuserar vi på hot?
Vad kan du göra?



Vad? | Hotinformation

Världen utanför

Din organisation



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ANTICIPATE
Observe the Landscape
Vulnerabilities,
Threats & Attacks

KNOW
Your threats

KNOW
Yourself

IDENTIFY
Know your
assets,
attack surfaces and
vulnerabilities

DETECT
Detect
vulnerabilities
& active attacks

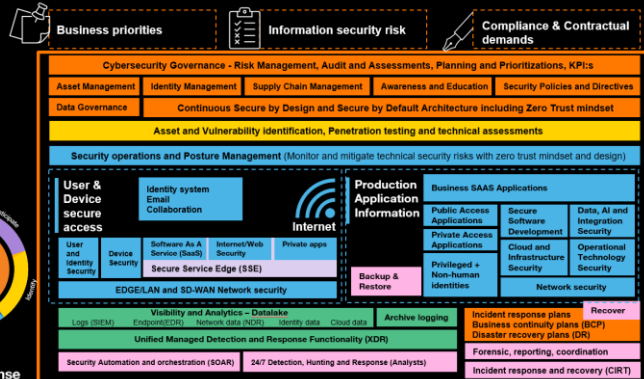
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Engage with
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PROTECT
Prevent attacks
through security
solutions

Cybersecurity Architecture overview

Threat
landscape
• Vulnerability
• Threat
advisory

Threat
Intelligence
Cyber crime
monitoring



Goda nyheter!

De rekommenderade grundläggande åtgärderna är fortfarande desamma, TTP:erna har inte förändrats i grunden

1

Utnyttjade sårbarheter

Ha en strategi för patchhantering och sårbarhetshantering

2

Stulna identiteter

Ha en strategi för identitets- och åtkomsthantering med multifaktorautentisering

3

Påverkad backup

Ha en strategi för affärskontinuitet och dataåterställning

4

Lång påverkan på affären

Ha en strategi och en plan för hantering av incidenter och cyberkriser





Cyberdefense

Building **a safer** digital society.