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(Standard)

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○ T11) Introduction to Threat Intelligence

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○ T12) Threat Actors &amp; APTs

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○ T13) Operational Threat Intelligence

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8 Topics 1 Quiz

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○ SI2) Logging

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○ SI3) Aggregation

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○ SI4) Correlation

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○ SI5) Using Splunk

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## INCIDENT RESPONSE DOMAIN

○ IR1) Introduction to Incident Response

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○ Section Introduction, Incident Response

○ What is Incident Response?

○ Why is Incident Response Needed?

○ Security Events vs Security Incidents

○ Incident Response Lifecycle (NIST SP 800  
61r2)

○ CSIRT and CERT Explained

# CSIRT and CERT Explained

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IN PROGRESS



With the number of cyber-attacks that happen daily, many companies and governmental bodies needed to develop a team of specialized individuals that could respond to these attacks. That is where the Cyber Emergency Response Team (CERT) or Cyber Security Incident Response Team (CSIRT) was introduced. Their core responsibilities are coordinating and responding to IT security incidents and determining how these incidents can impact the organization or government entity. CSIRTs often contain key stakeholders from different business units, such as; infrastructure, networking, legal and public relations, communications, security, and more, providing the CSIRT the ability to address all aspects of the company in an emergency.

## WHY ARE THEY IMPORTANT?

CSIRTs are important because they provide vital functions in our digital world. For most businesses, this is divided into:

- Having a central communication point or command center where all incident information is handled.
- Promotes Security Awareness and Training (Such as Phishing Exercises) for a company.
- Act as the emergency contact group for an organization in all things related to cybersecurity.
- Investigating new security vulnerabilities and threats and develop plans to mitigate and respond to these incidents if exploited at their company.
- Determine the MTTR & MDT for a company's assets.
- Provide useful information to other CSIRTs and the Cyber Security community.

## PUBLIC vs. PRIVATE

Since the creation of CERTs and CSIRTs, a lot of confusion has surrounded how they are named. Many organizations tend to use different names such as CERT, Security Incident Response Team (SIRT), Incident Response Team (IRT), or Computer Security Incident Response Centre (CSIRC), but they all describe an organization that has the same goals. The term CERT has often been used to describe teams in countries such as Australia (AusCERT), Brazil (CERT.br), New Zealand (CERTNZ), South Korea (KrCERT), the United Kingdom (CERT-UK) and the United States (US-CERT). The term CSIRT is more often associated with teams that businesses adopt for internal cybersecurity breaches and not designated as nationally recognized response teams.

## CASE STUDY: NEW ZEALAND CERT

Since CERTs started to develop in the early 2000s, most developed countries contain some type of government-sponsored CERTs. The goal of these CERTs are to protect business and individuals in their home country, as well as helping other CERTs respond to incidents where their people could be affected. Many of these CERTs try to maintain visibility to the public and publish quarterly and annual reports on both the activity that was reported and what they have done to respond to issues. A great example of this is the New Zealand CERT. They publish annual reports that detail incidents that they saw for that year, as well as ways they responded to them. Below is an example of an infographic on their website:



CERT NZ /// 2018 Summary

What we've seen ///

Financial loss

certnz

What we've done ///

Further Reading Material, Incident Response

Incident Response Glossary

Activity) End of Section Review, Incident Response

IR2) Preparation Phase

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2 Quizzes

IR3) Detection and Analysis Phase

7 Topics

4 Quizzes

IR4) Containment, Eradication, and Recovery Phase

5 Topics

1 Quiz

IR5) Lessons Learned and Reporting

7 Topics

IR6) MITRE ATT&CK

13 Topics

2 Quizzes

BTL1 EXAM

Exam Preparation

Using RDP and SSH

How to Start Your Exam

Reported incidents

1,131

3,445

2017

2018

In 2018, incidents reported to CERT NZ increased by over 200%. These reports were received from individuals, small businesses and large organisations from all over New Zealand.

205%

increase in reports

18% of reports made to CERT NZ had some form of financial loss with a total value of \$14 million.

\$5.3m

\$14.1m

2017

2018

65% of the reports of financial loss affected individuals.

35%

65%

organisations

individuals

Over \$8m

of this loss was attributed to scam and fraud reports.

Get Cyber Smart

Get Cyber Smart is CERT NZ's primary platform to reach everyday Kiwis. In 2018 we worked with more partners who helped us reach more people than ever before.

95

partners

Exercises

In 2018 we contributed to the national and global cyber exercise programme, contributing to and participating in 4 cyber exercises which help us test our national and international ability to respond to cyber security incidents.

Advisories

8

businesses and individuals advisories

8

IT specialists' advisories

Advisories are our early warning system for New Zealanders. Via triage incident reports we receive, and information about international cyber threats to get timely, actionable advice out to New Zealanders so they can protect themselves online.

Website

Our website is the central source for reporting incidents and accessing our information and resources. In 2018 we had over 50,000 more visits to our website than in 2017.

92,000

143,000

2017

2018

For more insights into the New Zealand threat landscape, see the quarterly reports at [www.cert.govt.nz/about/quarterly-report](http://www.cert.govt.nz/about/quarterly-report)

Top incident categories

The top three incident categories for 2018 were also the highest in 2017.

Phishing and credential harvesting

1,550

Scams and fraud

1,136

Unauthorised access

303

134 vulnerabilities were reported to CERT NZ in 2018. 22 were managed under our coordinated vulnerability disclosure service.

For coordinated vulnerability disclosure, CERT NZ acts as an intermediary, coordinating with the finder and the vendor to get the vulnerability fixed.

Websites and web servers accounted for over 60% of vulnerability reports made to CERT NZ in 2018.

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