

What Is the COVID-19 CTI League and Who Do They Protect in Cyberspace?

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The COVID-19 CTI League is a volunteer group of 1,400 cybersecurity experts from 76 countries around the world.

What is the mission of the COVID-19 CTI League?

The group's mission is to stop cyberattacks against healthcare providers and medical institutions during the coronavirus pandemic.

Founder Ohad Zaidenberg tells SecureWorld what inspired him to launch the group:

"Since the coronavirus came out, I started to notice more and more hackers use this crisis to gain profit, and it made me so mad. It made me so angry because this is a game-changer. This is not the time to attack. People can lose their life with all this activity.

So if someone is crazy enough and sick enough to use this coronavirus crisis to leverage it, to gain some profit, he needs to know that we are here to stop him. We are here to fight back. And I think that most of the people that joined our league, they have that emotion."

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The group's volunteers have day jobs in 45 different sectors, including cybersecurity, healthcare, technology, telecommunications, Computer Emergency Response Teams (CERTs), government, and law enforcement.

The COVID-19 CTI League report on medical cyber attacks

The CTI (Cyber Threat Intelligence) League is a few weeks old now, and just issued an update on what the organization's volunteer cyber force has achieved since its start on March 14, 2020:

"Helped lawfully take down 2,833 cybercriminal assets on the Internet, including 17 designed to impersonate government organizations, the United Nations, and the World Health Organization.

Identified more than 2,000 vulnerabilities in healthcare institutions in more than 80 countries, notifying those organizations directly or through escalation to appropriate government or industry bodies, so the issues could be fixed before they are attacked."

How do I get the COVID-19 CTI League to help my hospital or clinic?

Zaidenberg says CTI League volunteers are available to help 24 hours a day in every time zone. And he's passionate about this mission.

"Who wants to watch the watchers [the medical industry]? So we are the people that are watching the medical sector. They are fighters now in this war, so we are able to protect them."

If you need the group's help, notify the team through its website to get started: https://cti-league.com.

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