Most Companies
Were Rushed into
Pandemic
Operations

Yet 25,000+ CVEs (vulnerabilities) reported by September

(Previous record 16,500+ in 2018)



Information Security and Privacy in the Times of COVID-19



say threat actors will increase cyberattacks on individuals



say rapid shift to work from home increased risk of data privacy and protection issues



say threat actors will take advantage of the pandemic to disrupt organizations



**ONLY 51% ARE HIGHLY CONFIDENT** in their security team's ability to **detect and respond** to these cyberthreats during the pandemic.

SOURCE: ISACA's COVID-19 Study, April 2020, www.isaca.org/covid19study

## The CTI league

- A globally distributed team, for a globally distributed problem.
- Defending the medical industry is hard.
- >70% of medical facilities in the US are small with no dedicated security resources.
- If large institutions are struggling to keep up with patching what hope do we have with smaller ones?
- Attackers are smart enough to target weaker linked organizations first.



Meet This Year's WIRED25: People Who Are Making Things Better

# Ohad Zaidenberg, Nate Warfield, and Marc Rogers

Cofounders, CTI League

In March, CTI formed a now 1,500-deep "Justice League" of volunteer hackers to defend the health care sector, and hospitals in particular, from cybercriminals exploiting the Covid crisis.



https://CTI-League.com

## CTI-League demographics

- The CTI-League is a cross-industry, volunteer org co-founded by Marc Rogers, VP Cybersecurity at Okta
- 1500+ members cover 80 countries and 22 timezones
  - 10% from GOV/LEO worldwide
  - 6% from national CERT's
  - 7% medical and health sector
  - 77% Infosec
- CTI League mission: To protect the healthcare sector during the pandemic





More than half of attacks against healthcare organizations actually originate from the US and EU countries.

Origination does not equal attribution.

Many campaigns have complex infrastructure established globally in advance.

Attacks against healthcare organizations are a global problem.

# Globally Threat Landscape.



Source: CTI League darknet report.



### Collaboration



















# Much of What is Being Found, Exploited is **Old**

#### **Results:**

Medical Vulnerabilities Triaged by CTI-League in 1st Month **Total vulnerabilities detected in one month**: 2,000+ found in high risk medical organizations

#### Sample of Vulnerabilities detected in just one week:

RCE vulnerability - 22

BlueKeep vulnerability – 2

SMBv3 open ports – 2

Citrix Gateway servers – 21

Less prioritized CVE vulnerabilities – 5

Exposed Xero Universal Viewer instances – 3

Data from CTI-League Report, March 2020





# However, we also need to learn from past mistakes.

- 2020 has seen some of the simplest critical exploits released since 1990.
  - Ex: Same directory traversal methodology resulted in CITRIX, and F5 critical vulnerabilities.
- Worse, many initial assessments have been inaccurate
- Organizations large and small are failing to keep up with volume of patches

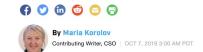


# F5 BIG-IP Devices Under Active Exploitation (CVE-2020-5902)

#### FEATURE

# Directory traversal explained: Definition, examples and prevention

Jira is just the most recent company to expose its customers via a path traversal vulnerability. This risk is easily avoidable, but developers keep making the same mistake.



Exploits in the Wild for Citrix ADC and Citrix Gateway Directory Traversal Vulnerability CVE-2019-19781

# Broad Spectrum of Threats with a Broad Spectrum of Goals

#### Infrastructure + Data **Individual Employees** Account and identity Wide use of infrastructure **Users** Infravulns against medical facilities theft structure Internal tool compromise Attackers are after Data, IP and Access Stolen data routinely found for sale on darkweb Org **Partners** Stolen accounts are sold or used to enrich other forms Attackers routinely "work of attacks the chain of trust" Access to compromised attacking smaller **Partners** Data companies sold for bitcoin organizations as a way into larger ones

# Simplest Attacks Are the Most Effective



Isolation leaves employees vulnerable



Major vishing and phishing campaigns on-going



Simple vector: sophisticated execution



# People are primary targets in 2020



#### Cyber Criminals Take Advantage of Increased Telework Through Vishing Campaign

#### SUMMARY

The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) are issuing this advisory in response to a voice phishing (vishing) campaign.

The COVID-19 pandemic has resulted in a mass shift to working from home, resulting in increased use of corporate virtual private networks (VPNs) and elimination of in-person verification. In mid-July 2020, cybercriminals started a vishing campaign—gaining access to employee tools at multiple companies with indiscriminate targeting—with the end goal of monetizing the access. Using vished credentials, cybercriminals mined the victim company databases for their customers' personal information to leverage in other attacks. The monetizing method varied depending on the company but was highly aggressive with a tight timeline between the initial breach and the disruptive cashout scheme.

Results:
Domain
Takedowns
(March 19 –
April 14)

Total Takedowns: 2,833

Takedowns by Country:

Malicious Internet Domains – 2,818

United Kingdom Institution Impersonators – 2

Canada Institution Impersonators – 4

European Union Institution impersonators – 1

Denmark Institution impersonators – 1

Morocco Institution impersonators – 1

Brazil Institution Impersonators – 1

# Final Thoughts

