

Cybersecurity experts join to stop Coronavirus Cyber Attack campaigns

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As a surge in cyberattacks is being witnessed on Healthcare agencies that are otherwise fighting in curbing the spread of the Covid 19 pandemic, an international group consisting of around 400 volunteers has emerged to fight the hacking campaigns named after the Novel Corona Virus.

From the past two weeks, hackers are seen indulging in the spread of malware such as ransomware by disguising their attack campaigns as something related to the Wuhan Virus. And it is estimated that over 204 companies have fallen prey to such campaigns, out of which 74 have been identified as healthcare providers.

So, a team of volunteers called the Covid 19 CTI (Cyber Threat Intelligence) League, for Cyber Threat Intelligence, has been formed to fight against the cyber threats emerging in the name of Covid 19 spread. And information is now out that such teams will span across 40 countries and will have senior professionals from noted companies such as Microsoft and Amazon as members.

The Objective of the Covid 19 CTI League will be to boost the cyber defense capabilities of various companies and train the employees on how to identify and thwart such attacks in an effective way- especially in scenarios where work from home has become a necessity than just a mere option.

In the past two days, the group has succeeded in fighting against cybercrime related to phishing attacks and other such digital financial crimes. Notably, a cyber-attack campaign was also successfully dismantled yesterday that used software vulnerability in MS office to spread malicious software.

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