## Cyber Minutes Weekly

"Held for Ransom"



throughout

law enforcement industry in order to impact

### LockBit •

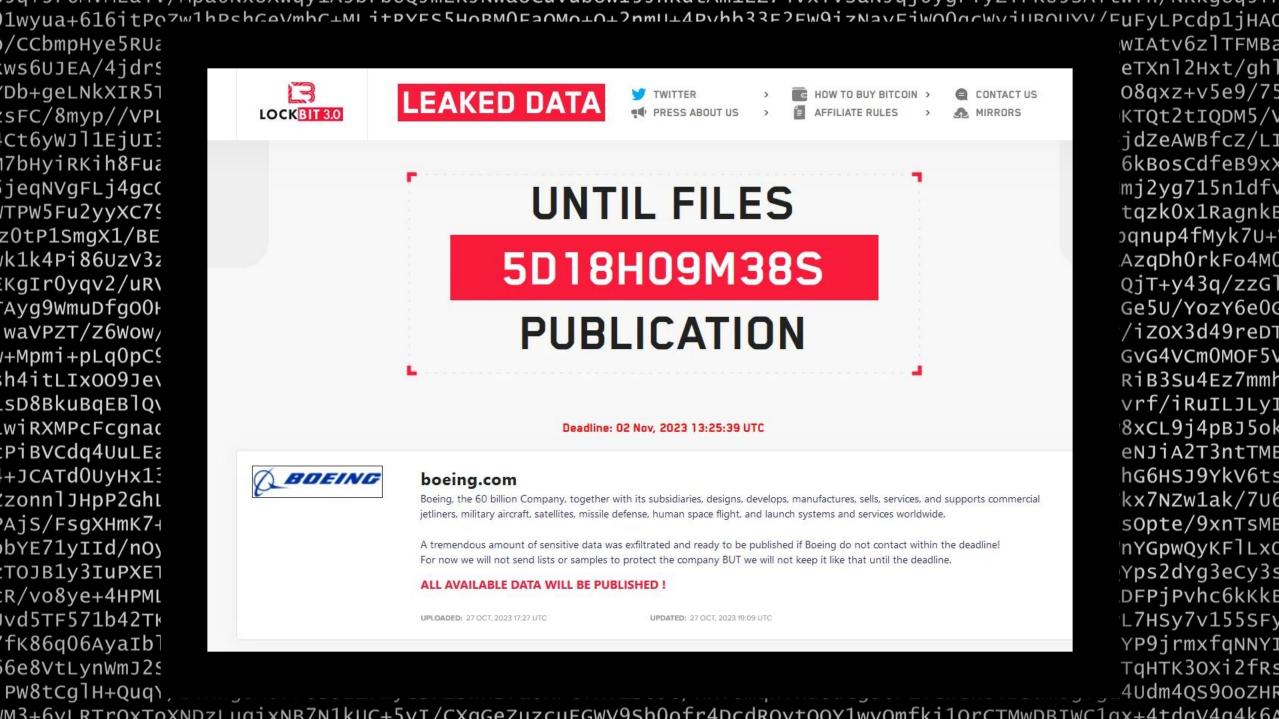
- Operation functions as a Ransomware-as-a-Service (RaaS)
- Charges a subscription fee, upfront payments, or a portion of the profit
- Most active in 2022 and 2023
- Over 1,700 attacks since 2020 in the U.S.
- Active since late 2019





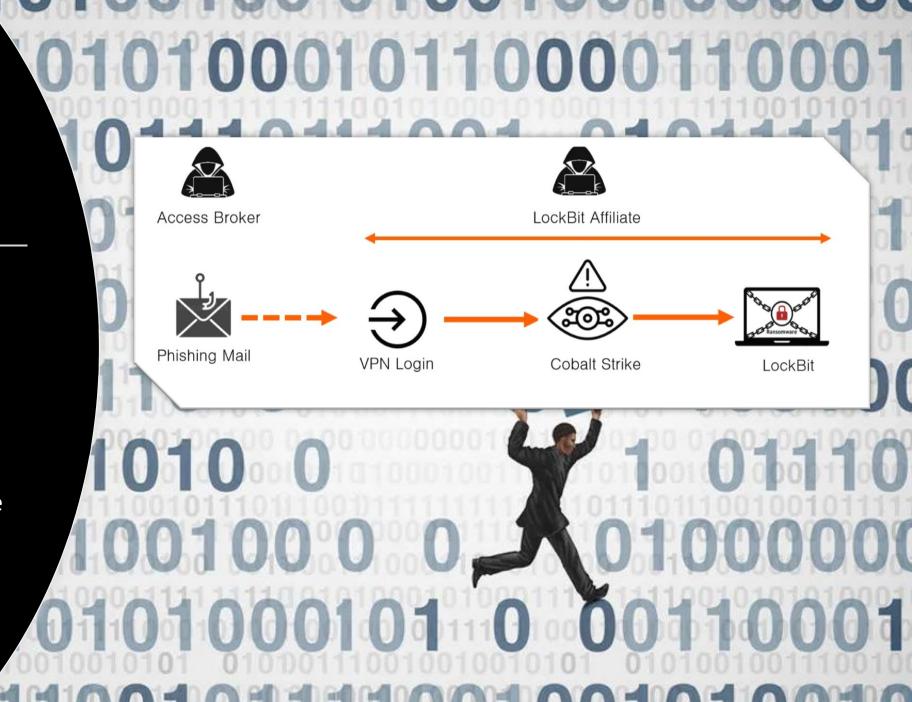
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- "Dark Corporations" like DarkSide, Clop, Dark Angels Team, and many more.
- Major companies hit including MGM, Boeing, Johnson Controls, Sony, etc.
- LockBit has collected over 100M in U.S. ransom payments since 2020
- Targets Windows, Linux and now MacOS
- LockBit 3.0 builder leaked in late 2022

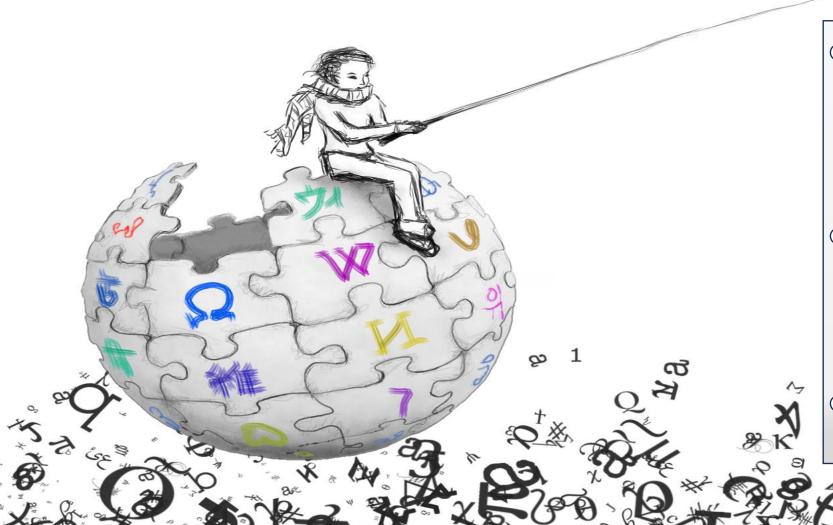


# How do we protect ourselves? ≜

- Strong Passwords
- Multi-factor authentication
- Never blindly click a link
- Use trusted anti-virus
- Keep all systems updated
- Regularly back up and store off-site



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