

GhostNet (2009)

GhostNet was a very large and powerful APT. It was used for spying and crafted allegedly by the Chinese Government. Compromised systems were discovered in the embassies of India, South Korea, Romania, Cyprus, Malta, Thailand, Taiwan, Portugal and many others. The TTP utilized was believe it or not, by way of a trojan horse style email attachment. Someone would download the attachment that seemed legitimate, then next thing you know they were spying on you. The APT would give the Chinese government the ability to turn on your computers camera and microphone. It is well documented that the CCP used these recordings to silence or punish anyone with a differing opinion of the government. China does deny that this was for the use of targeted intelligence gathering operations. In this current day the GhostNet is no longer in operation.