Hi Chris,

I enjoyed reading your write up on the “Malware Disruption’’ from the Association for Computing Machinery (ACM) case study and it is another revelation on the implication of not complying with ACM Code of Ethics and Professional Conducts. It is important to re-emphasize that computing professional’s work should consistently support the public goods which suppose to be the primary consideration in the best computing practices (ACM Code of Ethics and Professional Conduct,2018).

Your point on Rogue non-compliance with the key ACM ethical standards despite been aware of high probability of their platform used in distribution of ransomware is an important ACM principles infraction to review. A further digest of this policy infraction drew my attention to the point of Rogue’s failure to comply with ACM principle 1.2 which buttressed the obligation of professionals to mitigate against any unintended harm to the stakeholders. The article stated that the security challenge of the malware disruption was notified by the major ISPs and international organizations to Rogue but the company’s leaders refused to mitigate or shutdown the services of the platform which was in the best interest of the public.

Although Rogue is in a country whose laws did not adequately prohibits hosting of such platform, this act is not in support by other professional bodies like British Computer Society (BCS). The Rogue services contradicted the BCS code of public interest in terms of obligation to privacy, security and wellbeing of others and the environment (The Chartered Institute for IT Code of Conduct for BCS Members).And based on the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) policy, Rouge failed to comply with some of the principle of data protection found in article five (5) of GDPR such as accountability and confidentiality of personal data (Data Protection Commission) and this can attract legal suit

Conclusion

The establishment and implementation of ethics and professional code of conducts is an essential tool in promoting fundamental human rights and best practices in computing environment (ACM Code of Ethics and Professional Conduct,2018) and this cannot be over-emphasised especially in today’s world of advanced technology such as Artificial Intelligent (AI).

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