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Overview: March: As a response to the 2022 Russian invasion of Ukraine, Anonymous performed many attacks against computer systems in Russia. Most notably, Anonymous committed a cyberattack against Roskomnadzor.

- Who: A hacker group named Anonymous: The hacktivist collective first emerged in 2003 from the website 4chan. The group has no leadership, its tagline is "We are legion". Anyone can claim to be a part of the group and hack for any cause they want, but they generally they attack organisations accused of misusing power. The group has taken credit for hacking multiple Russian government websites.



Figure 1. Anonymous's symbol

- When: March 10th of 2022, in the time of Russian invasion of Ukraine
- Where: Ukraine and Russia
- Why:
 - + Russia President Vladimir Putin on March 4th signed a new law that criminalizes the spread of information that challenges the government's narrative regarding what it describes only as a “special military operation” instead of an invasion or war.
 - + Roskomnadzor blocked Russian use of Facebook after it flagged Russian articles as factually inaccurate. They are also threatening to block Russian Wikipedia for including an article on the Russian invasion.
- How:
 - + The Ukrainian Anonymous hacker group has hacked into Roskomnadzor, the Russian federal agency responsible for monitoring and censoring media, and released 360,000 files (820 GB worth of documents), the group announced on Twitter on Thursday.



Figure 2. Anonymous's post on X (Twitter) about hacking Roskomnadzor

- + It is being released by Distributed Denial of Secrets. The data is split into two main categories: a series of over 360,000 files totalling in at 526.9GB and which date up to as recently as March 5, and then two databases that are 290.6GB in size, The leak revealed a new online surveillance system tracking anti-war sentiment and other “threats” to Russian stability and the Putin regime.
- + A few days ago, Anonymous hacked several Russian broadcasts, interrupting their content and leaving messages saying that normal Russians don't support the war.

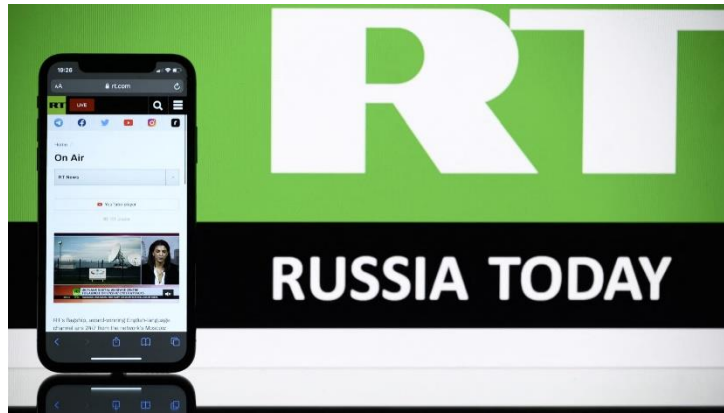


Figure 3. Channels hacked

- + The English-language Russian news website RT “is for a western audience, and so what what’s being shown on RT is not what’s being told in Russia,” said Security Discovery’s Jeremiah Fowler.

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