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Initial Attack

An innocuous text was sent to a human rights activist from UAE. Inside there was a link that would remotely jailbreak his Iphone. Since he had already been targeted before, he notified the security firm 'Citizen Lab'

What was vulnerable?



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The software was evaluated and it was determined that this link would've given access to all data accessible by the phone. It in fact incorporated three unknown vulnerabilities (also known as zero days)

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└─Who did it?

NSO Group was founded in 2010 and we're quoted as saying "we're a ghost". They give no interviews etc. It was only through tracing the servers it these exploits went through that the malware's codename 'Pegasus' was found. They sell malware to countries that often end up using the malware on journalists and political dissident

Malware for sale



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An example of three companies that were/are in this business. Hacking team was based in Italy and had a major blunder when their servers were hacked and documents released

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