DS102 DS104: Final Project Proposal

World Cyber Incidents (2005 - 2020)

(Source: https://www.kaggle.com/fireballbyedimyrnmom/2020-cyber-incidents)

GitHub link to project: https://github.com/jiayang243/CyberAttacks

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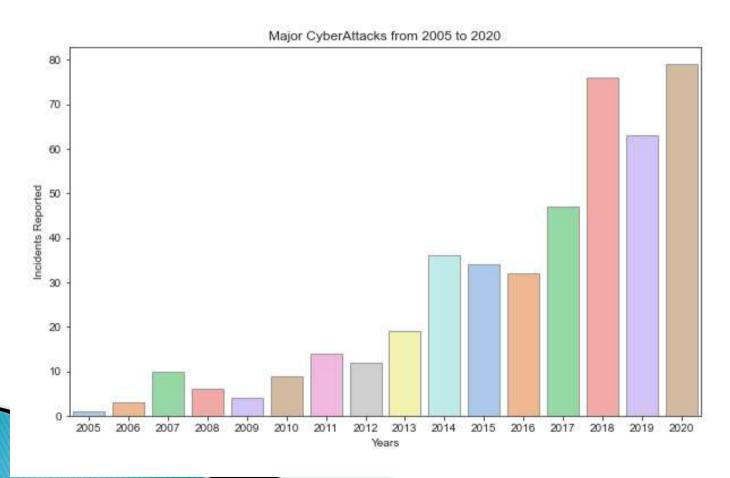
Problem Statement

What is the most affected area by cyber-attack in the world for the past 15years?

Major Cyber-Attack Trend Around the World (2005 to 2020)

Total 445 incidents reported for the past 15 years.

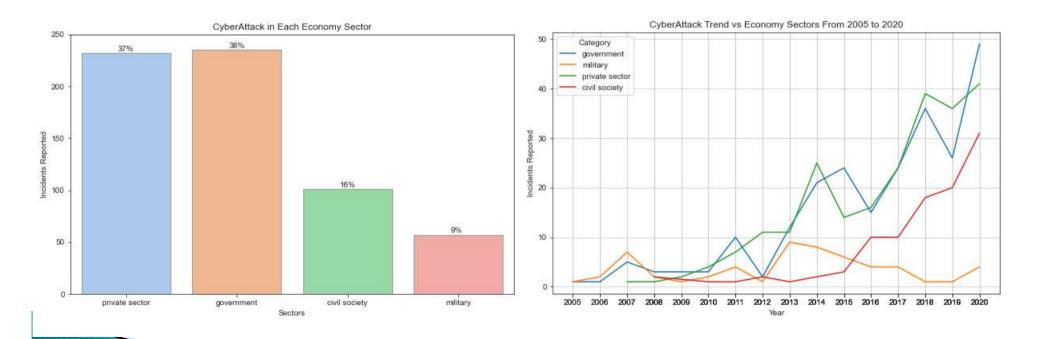
There was a increase of 80% in Cyber-Attacks since 2005.



Cyber-Attack in Economy Sector

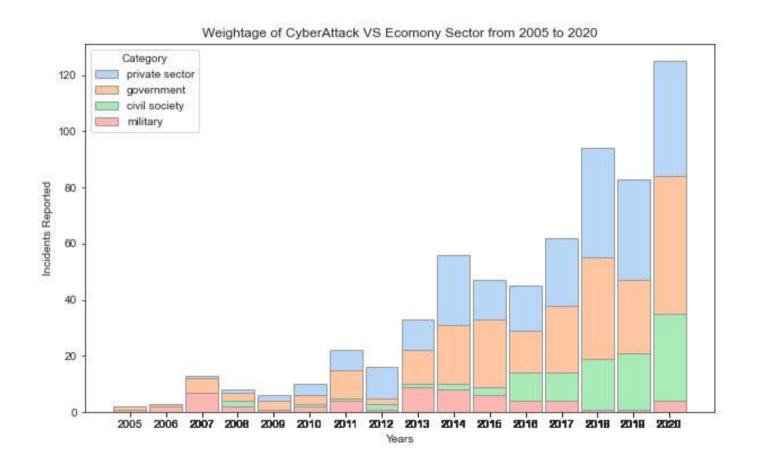
Majority attacks(75%) targeted on Private & Government sectors.

Can see that global growth of Cyber-Attack was also due to attacks to Private & Government Sectors



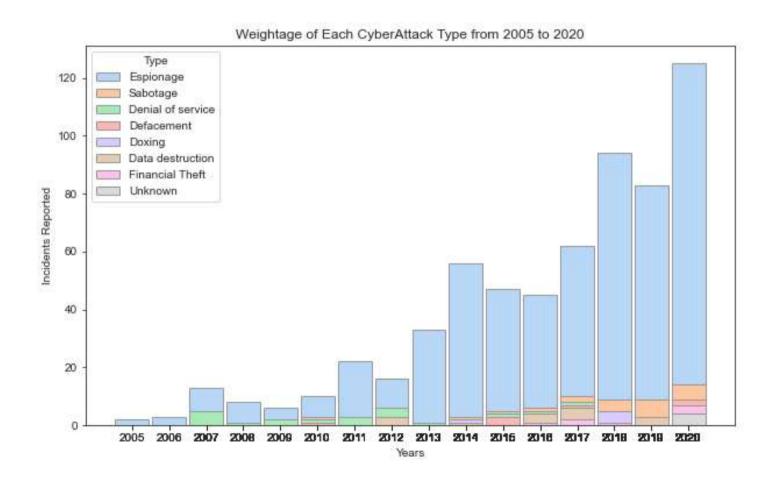
Cyber-Attack in Economy Sector

Attacks to the private & government sectors appeared in the past 15 years seems to be increasing.



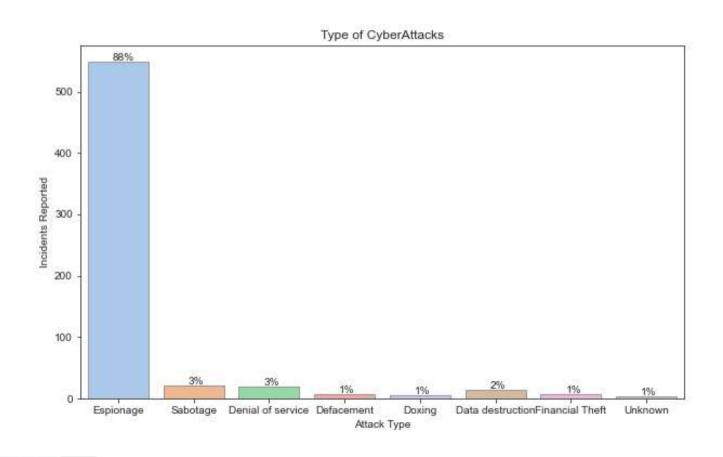
Types of Cyber-Attacks

Espionage form majority of the cyber-attack from 2005 to 2020.



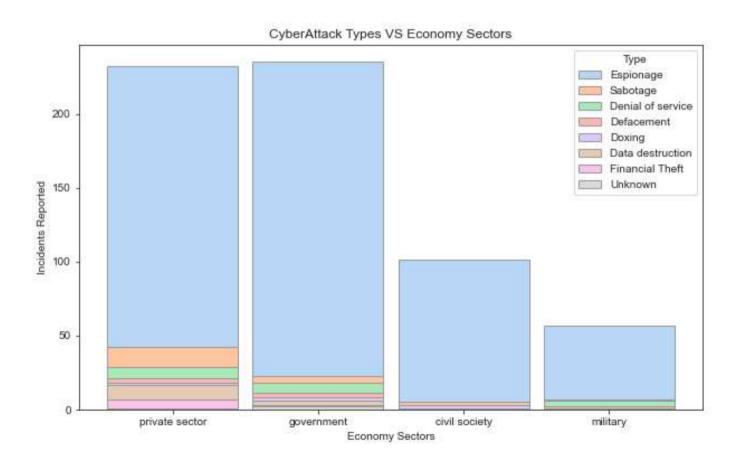
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88% of the Cyber-Attacks involved Espionage



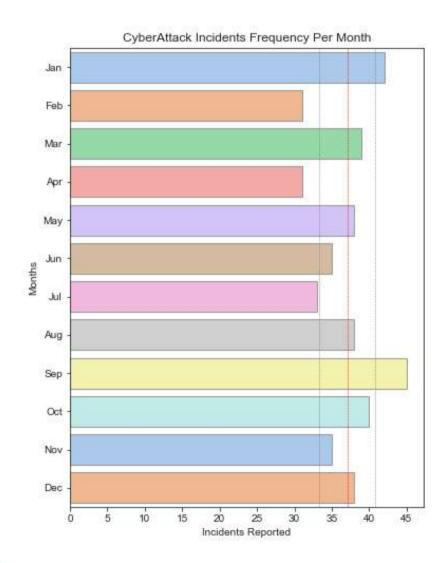
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Majority of the cyber-attack type found to be Espionage in all Economy Sectors.



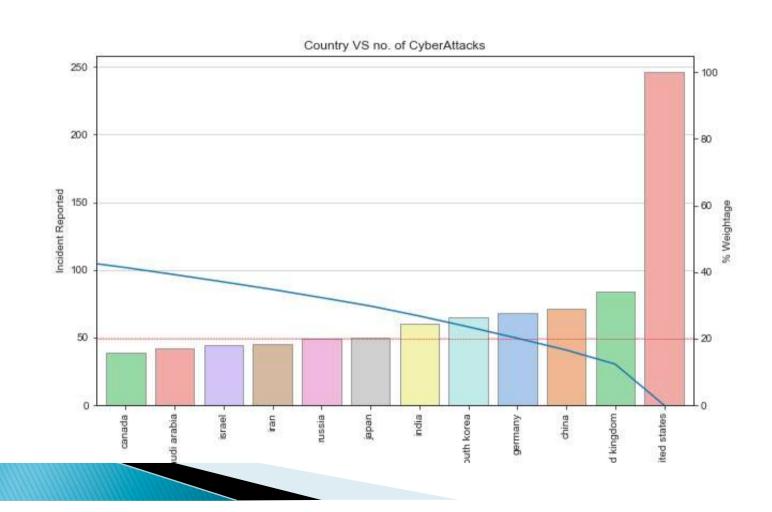
Cyber-Attack Frequency Per Month

Average 38 cyber-attacks a months throughout a year.



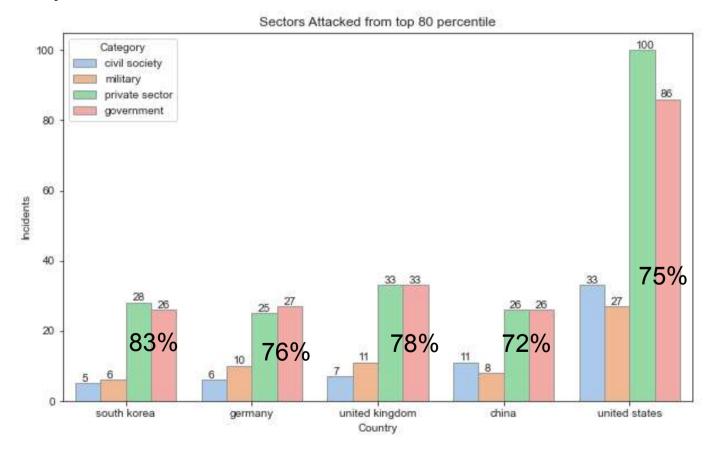
Country VS no. of CyberAttacks

80% of the Cyber-attacks targeted United States, United Kingdom & China.



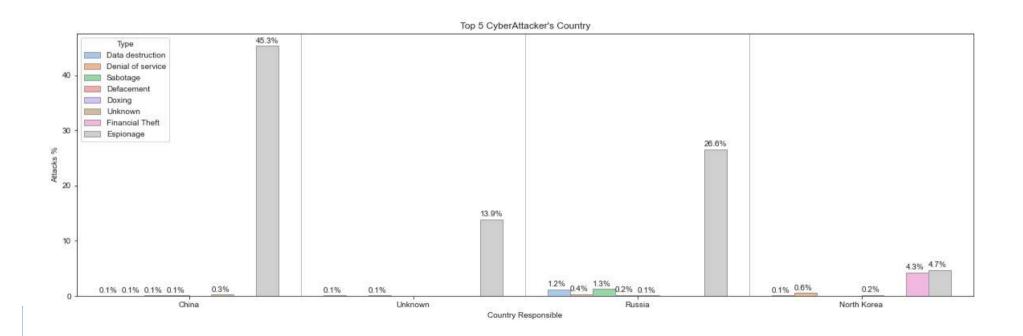
Country VS no. of CyberAttacks

Graph show that consistency of around ~75% attacks targeted on Private and Government Sector to the top 5 countries that contribute to 80% of the global cyber-attack incidents.



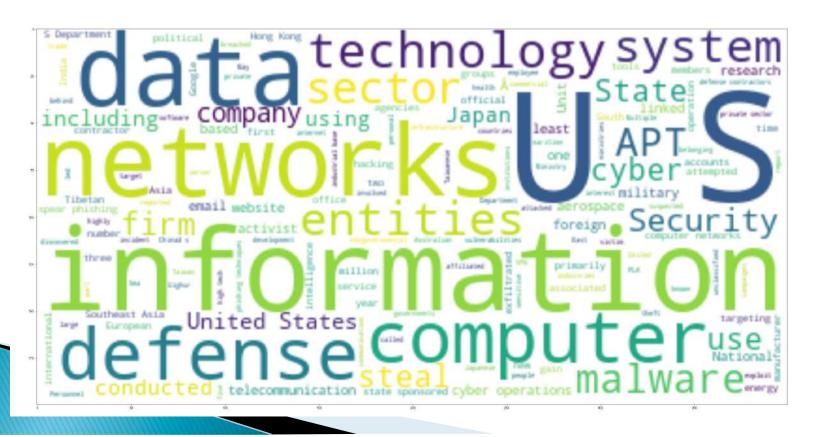
Top 5 Attackers (Country)

Graph shown that majority attacks were Espionage type from all 5 countries.



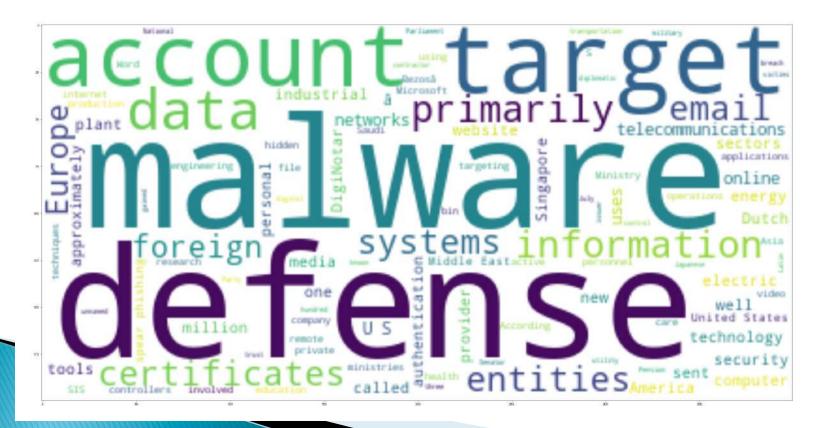
Word Cloud On China Attacker Description

From Word cloud that attacks most related to stealing of data/information on defense, technology by deploying malware, phishing email and attacking through network to company/firm or military



Word Cloud On Unknown Attacker Description

From word cloud that attacks from unknown sources related to **stealing of information** on **defense**, **technology**, **personal** by deploying **malware**, **phishing email or attacking through network**



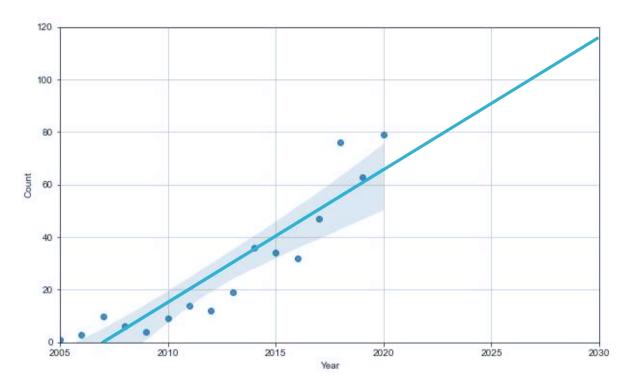
Cyber-Attack Forecast

Based on regression plot, Cyber-attack forecast to increase by 43% by 2030.

Attacks to Private &
Government sectors will
also increase from 235 to
336 as it proportional to the
growth of total cyber-attacks

88% of the attacks will be Espionage

Average attacks per month will increase to 54 from 38



Due to the growth of cyber attacks and based on the dataset, companies & militaries in government & private sector should look into improving their protection in espionage attacks from other countries (other

Thank You!

Appendix

Dataset Overview

This dataset consisted records of major cyber-attack incidents around the world from 2005 to 2020.

Each record holds the types & descriptions of the attack, the name of the attackers & the country that they are from, the victims and the economy sectors that been targeted.

Total 481 rows of incidents had been recorded and 12 columns of attributes.

Records From Dataset

	Title	Date	Affiliations	Description	Response	Victims	Sponsor	Туре	Category
0	Attack on Austrian foreign ministry	2/13/2020	Turla	The suspected Russian hackers conducted a week	Confirmation https://www.theregister.co.uk/2	Austrian Foreign Ministry	Russian Federation	Espionage	Government
1	Spear- phishing campaign against unnamed U.S. g	1/23/2020	Konni Group	The suspected North Korean threat actor Konni	NaN	Employees of the U.S. government	Korea (Democratic People's Republic of)	Espionage	Government
2	Australian Signals Directorate	4/6/2020	NaN	Responsible for attacking infrastructure that	NaN	NaN	Australia	Data destruction	Private sector
3	Catfishing of Israeli soldiers	2/16/2020	APT-C-23	The Hamas- associated threat actor APT-C-23 tar	Hack Back https://www.bleepingcomputer.com/n	Israeli Defense Forces (IDF) soldiers	Palestine, State of	Espionage	Military
4	Targeting of U.S. companies and government age	8/10/2020	Fox Kitten	Iranian hackers attacked high-end networking e	NaN	U.S. government agencies, U.S. companies	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	Espionage	Government, Private sector

Records From Dataset

Title – The title of the attacks

e.g. "Compromise of SingHealth, a large health-care provider in Singapore"

- *Date The date of the cyber-attack recorded e.g. "7/20/2018"
- *Affiliations The potential attacker (group/organization) that was responsible for the attack
- e.g. "Believed to be the work of Whitefly"
- *Description A summary of the impact of the cyber-attack e.g. "Personal data of over 1.5 million patients was compromised, including the pharmaceutical prescriptions of 160,000 people."

Records From Dataset

Response – The victim's feedback to the attack. Most of them are empty e.g. "Criminal charges", "Denouncement"

*Victims – The victim of the attack (country, firm, organization etc) e.g. "Singhealth"

*Sponsor – The potential country that host the attacker

*Type – The objective type of the cyber-attack e.g. "Espionage", "Financial Theft", "Sabotage"

*Category - The economic sector that been targeted e.g. "Government", "Private", Civil Society"

Source 1, 2 & 3 – The reference link/sources to the record

Questions to Find Insights From Dataset

- 1. The overall trend of the cyber-attacks around the world from 2005 to 2020.
- 2. The country and the sector where the most hit of cyber attacks
- The trend/size of each cyber-attack type.
- 4. Relationship of the cyber- attack type to the country & sector
- 5. The attackers/sponsor that responsible to most of the cyber-attack around the world.
- 6. The frequency of the top 5 attackers/sponsor.
- 7. Which period in a year have the highest rate of attack?
- 8. The relationship of the attackers and their attack type.
- The relationship of the attackers and the targeted country & sector
- 10. The forecast of future cyber-attack direction?
- 11. Recommendation of any vulnerable area to look into.

Challenges Foresee With Dataset

- To fill up empty records. Might be able to extract it out from "Title" or "Description" columns.
- Extracting useful insight from "Description" column that might not be found in other columns. Using of Word Cloud.
- To extract information (e.g. Country) from the "victims" column, as not all record was in country name.
- Some records in the "Category" columns consist of multiple sectors in an entry. How can I extract it out individually?

Attack Frequency from the top 5 Cyber-Attackers (2005 to 2020)

No proper frequency pattern. Attacks from China found throughout the years.

