

Incident handler's journal

Instructions

As you continue through this course, you may use this template to record your findings after completing an activity or to take notes on what you've learned about a specific tool or concept. You can also use this journal as a way to log the key takeaways about the different cybersecurity tools or concepts you encounter in this course.

Date: 12.3.2025	Entry: #1
Description	Documenting a cybersecurity incident
Tool(s) used	None.
The 5 W's	 Who caused the incident? An organized group of unethical hackers who are known to target organizations in healthcare and transportation industries. What happened? A ransomware security incident. When did the incident occur? On Tuesday at 9 am. Where did the incident happen? At a small U.S. health care clinic. Why did the incident happen? The incident happened because phishing email was sent to several employees of the company, which contained a malicious attachment. Once it was downloaded, the attackers managed to get access to the organization's computer files, and encrypting them will demanding for a ransom. This is a
	type of ransomware and their motivation is financial gain, because they demanded a large sum of money in exchange for decryption key.

Additional notes	How can the organization prevent security incident like this from happening
	again in the future?
	Should the organization pay the ransom in exchange for the data, or is there
	any better solution?

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Reflections/Notes: Record additional notes.