



# Incident handler's journal

## Instructions

A small U.S. health care clinic specializing in delivering primary-care services experienced a security incident on a Tuesday morning, at approximately 9:00 a.m. Several employees reported that they were unable to use their computers to access files like medical records. Business operations shut down because employees were unable to access the files and software needed to do their job.

Additionally, employees also reported that a ransom note was displayed on their computers. The ransom note stated that all the company's files were encrypted by an organized group of unethical hackers who are known to target organizations in healthcare and transportation industries. In exchange for restoring access to the encrypted files, the ransom note demanded a large sum of money in exchange for the decryption key.

The attackers were able to gain access into the company's network by using targeted phishing emails, which were sent to several employees of the company. The phishing emails contained a malicious attachment that installed malware on the employee's computer once it was downloaded.

Once the attackers gained access, they deployed their ransomware, which encrypted critical files. The company was unable to access critical patient data, causing major disruptions in their business operations. The company was forced to shut down their computer systems and contact several organizations to report the incident and receive technical assistance.

<b>Date:</b> November 25 ,2024	<b>Entry: 1</b>
Description	This journal is about a cyber security incident.
Tool(s) used	List any cybersecurity tools that were used.
The 5 W's	<p>Capture the 5 W's of an incident.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Who</b> caused the incident? A hacker group.</li> <li>• <b>What</b> happened? A ransomware is requested by hackers</li> <li>• <b>When</b> did the incident occur? Tuesday, 9:00 a.m.</li> <li>• <b>Where</b> did the incident happen? A healthcare company.</li> <li>• <b>Why</b> did the incident happen? Hacker group used fishing mail. A company worker received the malicious mail and clicked it. After that hacker group injected ransomware.</li> </ul>
Additional notes	Were company workers educated about possible security incidents?