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CERT NZ

Computer Emergency Response Team New Zealand

- Established in 2017, part of the Ministry of Business Innovation and Employment
- Our goal is to improve the cyber resilience and online safety of all New Zealanders.
- We work to support businesses, organisations and individuals affected by cyber security incidents.
- Part of a global network of CERT teams and government security organisations

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Threat and Incident Response

- Online incident reporting and response
- Major incident coordination
- Major event support
- Phishing (PDS, credential dumps)
- Data breaches
- Coordinated Vulnerability Disclosure
- Advisories and alerts
- Critical Controls and other online resources

Report an issue

- 1. Event Location
- 2. Tell us what happened
- 3. Additional details

All fields required unless specified

Additional details

Tell us what happened Optional

e.g. further details about what you've seen that seems unusual

When did it happen? Optional

e.g. when you first noticed it, when it stopped and how often it's occurred

What might identify them? Optional

e.g. name or username, contact details or payment details

IP address Optional Date of the IP address Optional

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Phishing email received



Recipient reports phishing to CERT NZ



CERT NZ analyses report and identifies phishing activity



CERT NZ publishes phishing information to partners



Partners consume information and use it to disrupt phishing campaigns (blocking or stopping)



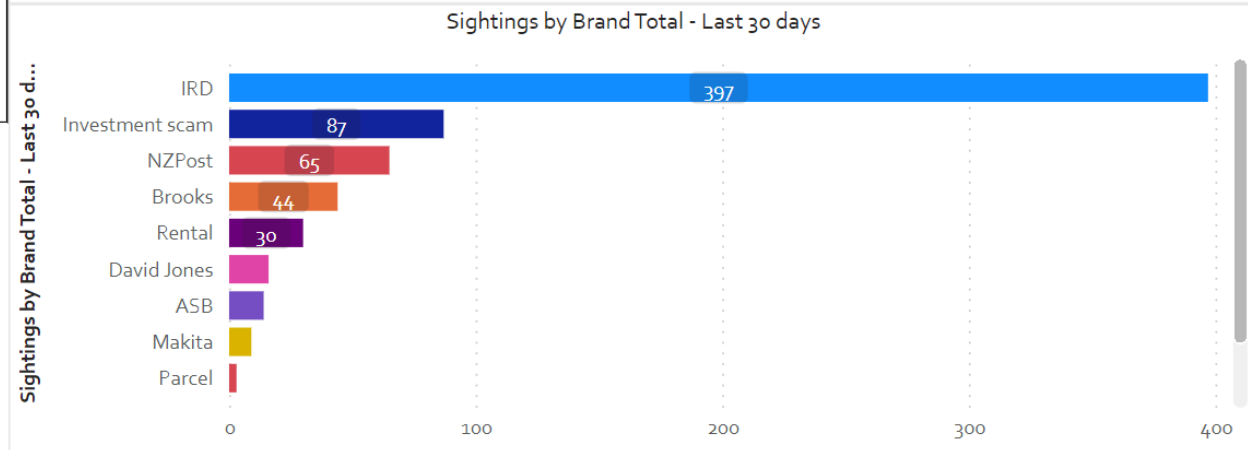
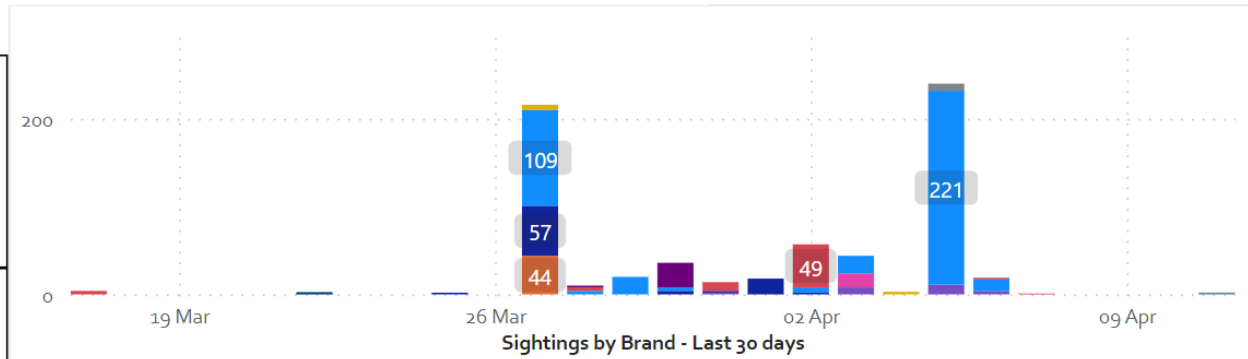
New Zealanders are protected from further impacts of the phishing campaign

Phishing Disruption Service

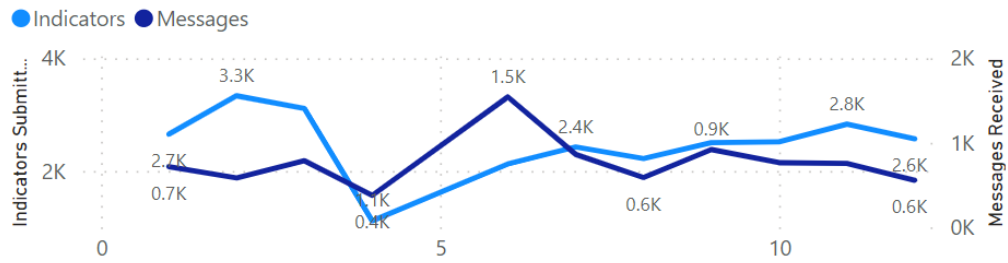


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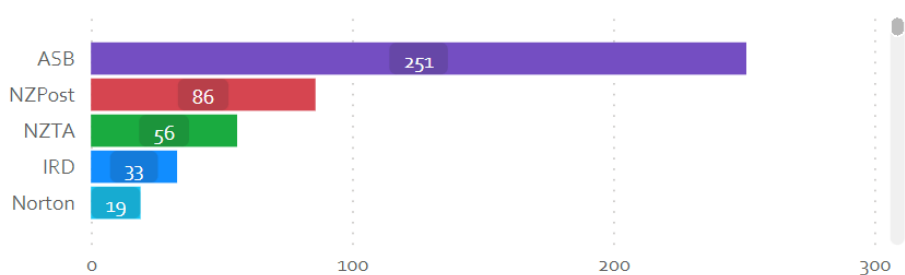
Msgs recieved	IOC Published	Sightings
1346	551	721
Msgs Processed	Unique Brands submitted	Sightings YTD
850	56	1203



Indicators and Messages by Month



Brands submitted in the last 30 days



CERT NZ runs a phishing disruption service. This disruption service aims to minimise the impact of phishing emails via stopping malicious links to be either loaded or blocks the emails themselves.

What is a msg? What is an IOC?
What sightings mean

Whats the purpose of Phish disrupt?

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ADVISORY

Supply Chain Attack against 3CXDesktopApp

31 March 2023

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Fortinet software Remote Code Execution and Denial of Service vulnerability

8 March 2023

ADVISORY

Unauthenticated Remote Code Execution in Citrix ADC and Citrix Gateway

14 December 2022

ADVISORY

Fortinet software SSL-VPN Remote Code Execution vulnerability

13 December 2022

ADVISORY

Fortinet software authentication bypass vulnerability

11 October 2022

ADVISORY

DrayTek Router RCE vulnerability

5 August 2022

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Active exploitation of RCE in Java's Spring Framework

1 April 2022

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QNAP and Asustor NAS vulnerabilities exploited to deploy ransomware

22 February 2022

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CRITICAL CONTROLS
CERT NZ's Critical Controls

Each year, we review our critical controls against the incidents we have seen over the past 12 months. When correctly im



CRITICAL CONTROLS
Security awareness building

Cyber attackers often rely on human behaviour, such as clicking on links or downloading and...



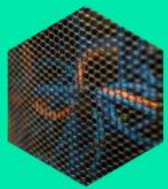
CRITICAL CONTROLS
Password manager

Providing a password manager for your staff to store their passwords, or other secrets like...



CRITICAL CONTROLS
Asset Lifecycle Management

Limiting and securing your internet-exposed services will help you prevent unauthorised...



CRITICAL CONTROLS
Network segmentation and separation

When paired together, segmentation and separation can add an additional level of access.



CRITICAL CONTROLS
Centralised logging

Storing and securing your logs in a central place makes log analysis and alerting easier.



CRITICAL CONTROLS
Implement and test backups

After an incident, restoring your data from backups is often the best way to return to business as...



CRITICAL CONTROLS
Principle of least privilege

The principle of least privilege



CRITICAL CONTROLS
Multi-factor authentication and verification



CRITICAL CONTROLS
Implement application control



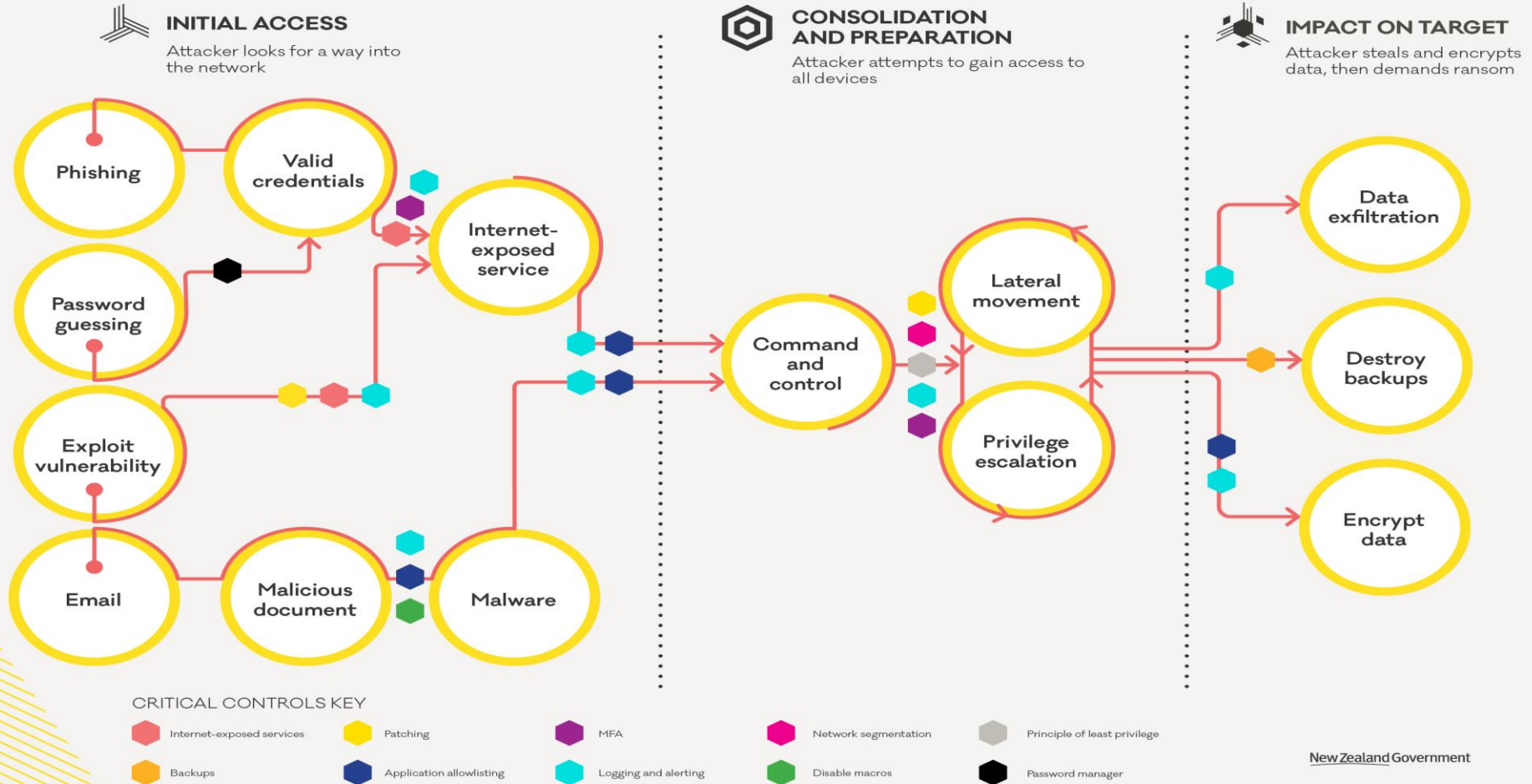
CRITICAL CONTROLS
Patching

Keeping your software up-to-date

LIFECYCLE OF A RANSOMWARE INCIDENT



How the CERT NZ Critical Controls can help you stop a ransomware attack in its tracks.



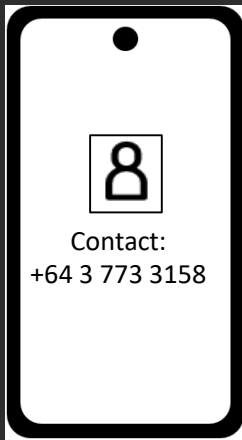
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Major incident coordination

- Widespread supply chain attack
- Banking targeted DDoS attacks
- Flubot malware

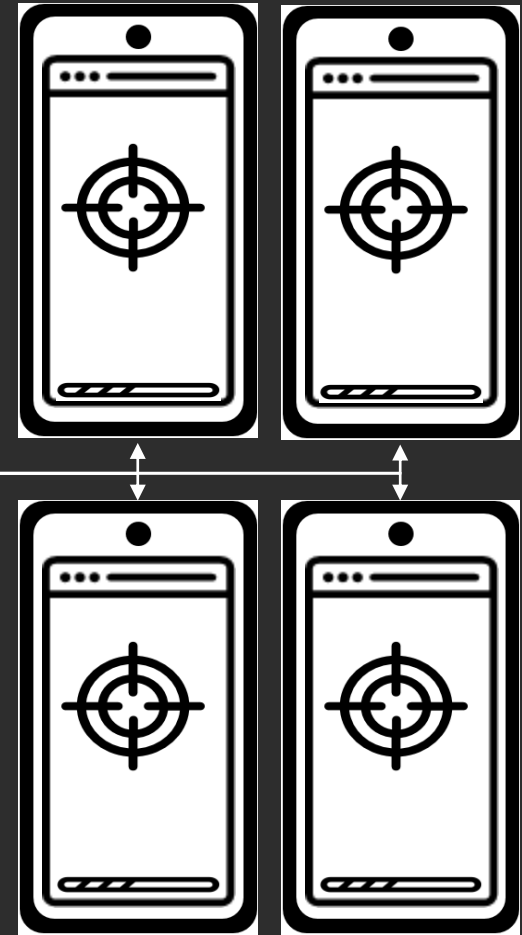
Infected device



Infected device



Target devices



List of contacts stolen from infected device sent back to C2

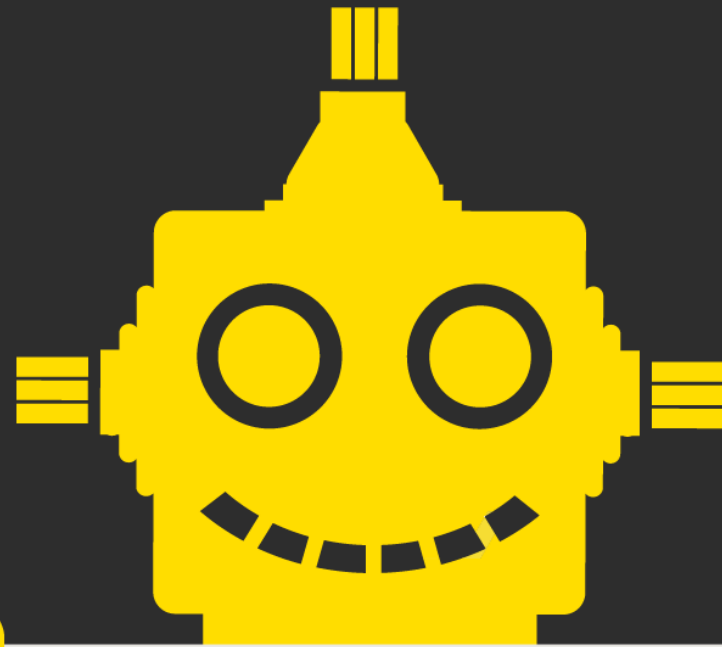
Contacts sent from the malware C2 to another infected device

If the recipients click the link and download the malware, their devices become infected and the process begins again

Social Engineering

- Phishing
- Tech-scam calls
- Sim-swapping
- Dating and Romance scams
- Gift-card scams
- Extortion scams
- Investment scams
- Job opportunity scams
- Government services scams

Any Questions?



Thank you