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Overview:

The third week of March 2022 witnessed the discovery of 567 vulnerabilities out of which 22 gained the attention of Threat Actors and security researchers worldwide. Among these 22, there were 2 vulnerabilities about which the National vulnerability Database (NVD) is awaiting analysis, while 2 more of them are undergoing reanalysis, and 14 were not present in the NVD at all. Hive Pro Threat Research Team has curated a list of 22 CVEs that require immediate action.

Furthermore, we also observed five threat actor groups being highly active in the last week. The Sandworm Team, a well-known Russian threat actor group popular for sabotage and destruction, was observed using a new malware known as Cyclops Blink. Additionally, a new threat actor, Exotic Lily, was acting as Initial Access Broker (IAB) for Conti and Diavol ransomware groups exploiting the zero-day vulnerability in Microsoft MSHTML (CVE-2021-40444). Another threat actor from Russia, UAC-0056, was observed targeting Western European and North American ministries as well as private sectors. Two ransomware gangs, Pandora and Lockbit, were active across different organizations around the globe. Common TTPs which could potentially be exploited by these threat actors or CVEs can be found in the detailed section below.





| Published Vulnerabilities | Interesting Vulnerabilities | Active Threat Groups | Targeted Countries | Targeted Industries | ATT&CK TTPs |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------|--------------------|---------------------|-------------|
| 567 | 22 | 5 | 36 | 15 | 60 |

Detailed Report:

Interesting Vulnerabilities:

| Vendor | CVEs | Patch Link |
|---|----------------------------------|--|
|  | CVE-2021-20083 | https://wordpress.org/news/2022/03/wordpress-5-9-2-security-maintenance-release/ |
|  | CVE-2022-24728 CVE-2022-24729 | https://www.drupal.org/project/drupal/releases/9.2.15 https://www.drupal.org/project/drupal/releases/9.3.8 |
|  | CVE-2022-0337 | https://download3.operacdn.com/pub/opera/desktop/84.0.4316.42/win/Opera_84.0.4316.42_Setup_x64.exe |
|  | CVE-2022-0337 | https://files02.tchspt.com/temp/MicrosoftEdgeSetup.exe |


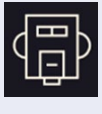
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| Vendor | CVEs | Patch Link |
|---|---|--|
|  | CVE-2022-0971 CVE-2022-0972 CVE-2022-0973 CVE-2022-0974 CVE-2022-0975 CVE-2022-0976 CVE-2022-0977 CVE-2022-0978 CVE-2022-0979 CVE-2022-0980 CVE-2022-0337 | https://www.google.com/intl/en/chrome/?standalone=1 |
|  | CVE-2022-0778 | https://github.com/openssl/openssl/commit/a466912611aa6cbdf550cd10601390e587451246 https://github.com/openssl/openssl/commit/3118eb64934499d93db3230748a452351d1d9a65 |
|  | CVE-2022- 25636 | https://git.kernel.org/pub/scm/linux/kernel/git/netfilter/nf.git/snapshot/nf-b1a5983f56e371046dcf164f90bfaf704d2b89f6.tar.gz |
|  | CVE-2021-22986 | https://support.f5.com/csp/article/K03009991 |
|  | CVE-2018-13379 | https://www.fortiguard.com/psirt/FG-IR-18-384 |
|  | CVE-2021-25220 CVE-2022-0396 CVE-2022-0635 CVE-2022-0667 | https://www.isc.org/bind/ |

Active Actors:

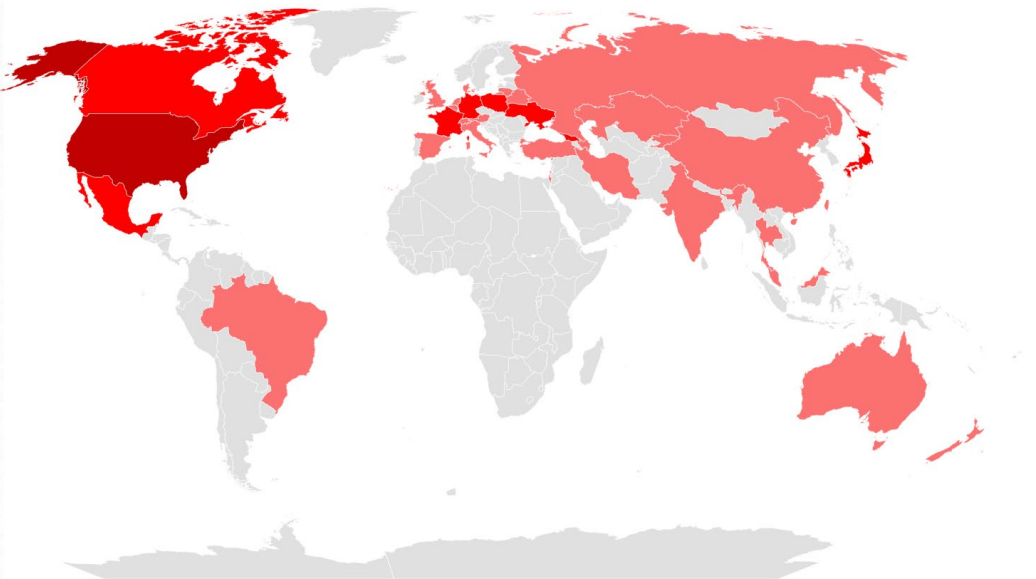
| Icon | Name | Origin | Motive |
|---|--|--------|--------------------------|
|  | Sandworm Team (ELECTRUM, Telebots, IRON VIKING, BlackEnergy (Group), Quedagh, VOODOO BEAR) | Russia | Sabotage and destruction |

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| Icon | Name | Origin | Motive |
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|  | Exotic Lily | Unknown | Ecrime |
|  | UAC-0056 (SaintBear, UNC2589, TA471) | Russia | Information theft |
|  | Pandora Ransomware Gang | Unknown | Ecrime, Information theft, and Financial gain |
|  | Lockbit 2.0 | Unknown | Financial gain |

Targeted Locations:

| Countries | Count |
|----------------|-------|
| USA | 3 |
| France | 2 |
| Georgia | 2 |
| Germany | 2 |
| Japan | 2 |
| Poland | 2 |
| Ukraine | 2 |
| Canada | 2 |
| Mexico | 2 |
| Australia | 1 |
| Austria | 1 |
| Azerbaijan | 1 |
| Belarus | 1 |
| Belgium | 1 |
| Brazil | 1 |
| China | 1 |
| Denmark | 1 |
| Hong Kong | 1 |
| India | 1 |
| Iran | 1 |
| Israel | 1 |
| Italy | 1 |
| Kazakhstan | 1 |
| Kyrgyzstan | 1 |
| Lithuania | 1 |
| Malaysia | 1 |
| Netherlands | 1 |
| New Zealand | 1 |
| Russia | 1 |
| Singapore | 1 |
| Spain | 1 |
| Switzerland | 1 |
| Taiwan | 1 |
| Thailand | 1 |
| Turkey | 1 |
| United Kingdom | 1 |



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Targeted Sectors:

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|  Manufacturing |  Education |  Financial |  Government |  Transportation |
|  Media |  Technology |  Construction |  Hospitality |  Energy |
|  Food |  Tele-communications |  Financial Services |  Professional Services |  Automotive |

Common TTPs:

| TA0042: Resource Development | TA0001: Initial Access | TA0002: Execution | TA0003: Persistence | TA0004: Privilege Escalation | TA0005: Defense Evasion | TA0006: Credential Access |
|------------------------------|--|---|---|---|--|--------------------------------------|
| T1587: Develop Capabilities | T1190: Exploit Public-Facing Application | T1059: Command and Scripting Interpreter | T1547: Boot or Logon Autostart Execution | T1547: Boot or Logon Autostart Execution | T1562: Impair Defenses | T1557: Adversary-in-the-Middle |
| T1587.001: Malware | T1133: External Remote Services | T1059.007: JavaScript | T1547.001: Registry Run Keys / Startup Folder | T1547.001: Registry Run Keys / Startup Folder | T1562.004: Disable or Modify System Firewall | T1110: Brute Force |
| T1588: Obtain Capabilities | T1566: Phishing | T1059.004: Unix Shell | T1037: Boot or Logon Initialization Scripts | T1037: Boot or Logon Initialization Scripts | T1070: Indicator Removal on Host | T1110.001: Password Guessing |
| T1588.006: Vulnerabilities | T1566.001: Spearphishing Attachment | T1059.003: Windows Command Shell | T1037.004: RC Scripts | T1037.004: RC Scripts | T1070.004: File Deletion | T1056: Input Capture |
| | T1078: Valid Accounts | T1203: Exploitation for Client Execution | T1133: External Remote Services | T1068: Exploitation for Privilege Escalation | T1036: Masquerading | T1056.004: Credential API Hooking |
| | | T1204: User Execution | T1556: Modify Authentication Process | T1055: Process Injection | T1036.005: Match Legitimate Name or Location | T1556: Modify Authentication Process |
| | | T1204.002: Malicious File | T1137: Office Application Startup | T1078: Valid Accounts | T1556: Modify Authentication Process | T1003: OS Credential Dumping |
| | | T1047: Windows Management Instrumentation | T1542: Pre-OS Boot | | T1112: Modify Registry | T1003.003: NTDS |
| | | | T1542.001: System Firmware | | T1027: Obfuscated Files or Information | |
| | | | T1137: Office Application Startup | | T1027.006: HTML Smuggling | |
| | | | T1137.001: Office Template Macros | | T1027.002: Software Packing | |
| | | | T1078: Valid Accounts | | T1542: Pre-OS Boot | |
| | | | | | T1542.001: System Firmware | |
| | | | | | T1055: Process Injection | |
| | | | | | T1078: Valid Accounts | |
| | | | | | T1497: Virtualization/Sandbox Evasion | |

| TA0007: Discovery | TA0008: Lateral Movement | TA0009: Collection | TA0011: Command and Control | TA0010: Exfiltration | TA0040: Impact |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|--|---|
| T1087: Account Discovery | T1021: Remote Services | T1557: Adversary-in-the-Middle | T1071: Application Layer Protocol | T1041: Exfiltration Over C2 Channel | T1485: Data Destruction |
| T1083: File and Directory Discovery | T1021.001: Remote Desktop Protocol | T1560: Archive Collected Data | T1071.001: Web Protocols | T1567: Exfiltration Over Web Service | T1486: Data Encrypted for Impact |
| T1057: Process Discovery | T1021.002: SMB/Windows Admin Shares | T1560.001: Archive via Utility | T1132: Data Encoding | T1567.002: Exfiltration to Cloud Storage | T1565: Data Manipulation |
| T1012: Query Registry | | T1056: Input Capture | T1132.002: Non-Standard Encoding | | T1499: Endpoint Denial of Service |
| T1018: Remote System Discovery | | T1056.004: Credential API Hooking | T1573: Encrypted Channel | | T1499.004: Application or System Exploitation |
| T1518: Software Discovery | | | T1573.002: Asymmetric Cryptography | | T1490: Inhibit System Recovery |
| T1082: System Information Discovery | | | T1008: Fallback Channels | | T1498: Network Denial of Service |
| T1497: Virtualization/Sandbox Evasion | | | T1105: Ingress Tool Transfer | | T1498.001: Direct Network Flood |
| | | | T1571: Non-Standard Port | | |
| | | | T1090: Proxy | | |
| | | | T1090.003: Multi-hop Proxy | | |

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Threat Advisories:

[Pandora Ransomware Targets Multiple Plants around the Globe](#)

[LockBit 2.0 Ransomware affiliates targeting Renowned Organizations](#)

[Sandworm Team using a new modular malware Cyclops Blink](#)

[Environment Variables Leak affect Multiple browsers](#)

[Major Content Management Systems affected by Multiple vulnerabilities](#)

[New Threat Actor Exotic Lily acting as Initial Access Broker for Conti and Diavol ransomware group](#)

[Russian threat actors leveraging misconfigured multifactor authentication to exploit PrintNightmare vulnerability](#)

[Russian threat actor UAC-0056 targets European countries](#)

[Multiple Google Chrome Vulnerabilities affects all Platforms](#)

[Attackers could gain root access using vulnerability in Linux Kernel Netfilter Firewall](#)

[OpenSSL exposed to Denial-of-service vulnerability causing Infinite Loop](#)

[Attackers Escape Kubernetes Containers using “cr8escape” Vulnerability in CRI-O](#)

[Russia under Attack from New RURansom Wiper](#)