Better Safe Than Sorry

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The talk begins with a brief theoretical introduction concerning the basis of Information Security and develops by discussing the APT (Advanced Persistent Threats) that characterise much of the news about cybersecurity impacts in the last five years. Beyond the introduction and the cases, the APT groups known so far and the different motivations are presented very quickly.

The recent case of the hospital in Padua is analysed in more detail, assessing what it has meant for the community.

After analysing the attacker point of view, we move on to the defence, explaining the main methods of analysis, prevention and relative best practices regarding cybersec with a focus on the usability of data, referring to the CIA Triad (Confidentiality, Integrity, Availability). Particular attention will then be paid to the Human Firewall part, giving the topic a practical meaning and fielding real examples. In the last part of the talk, a Cyber Threat Intelligence work carried out on the health facilities of the five largest Swiss cities will be exposed, analysing the information available in publicly accessible leaks databases.

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P.S. the first slide was a joke, I promise I will try not to be boring

who am I

1985: I was born

1992: first computer (a blazing Commodore64)

1999: I start high school in IT specialisation

2000: I program my first video game in Turbo Pascal (Siegfried)

2001: I join the Linux group in high school, discover the world of security and have no idea about the modules I compile in the

Kernel

2001: I stop playing video games and dedicate myself to programming and computer security (SpaghettiPhreakers)

2002: I write my first rootkit, which I call Nightrain (like the Gun N's Roses song)

2003: I take Nightrain as my graduation thesis but it didn't make much of a stir

2004: I start studying Computer Engineering in Padua

2005: I start working as a technician in the medical field and continue studying computer science under the department of pure and applied mathematics in Padua

2006: antiviruses start detecting Nightrain : (

2008: I graduate in computer science and travel around Europe as a technical manager for medical systems

2011: I decide to start programming again

2012: I start being a Penetration Tester (I never stopped studying it)

2014: I work at Interlogica, penetration tester, programmer, project manager

2020: I become a partner at Interlogica

2021: I become head of Interlogica's Cybersec team

2022: in between clients I like to help out with Red Team operations :D

from here they can't fire me easily!!!1!

who am I at 14 I wanted to be a hacker



at 37 I became a copy-editor

CIA Triad

| The CIA Triad | | | | | | | |
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| What Is the CIA? | | | | | | | |
| Confidentiality | Integrity | Availability | | | | | |
| The information is safe from | The information is safe from | The information is available to | | | | | |
| accidental or intentional | accidental or intentional | authorized users when needed. | | | | | |
| disclosure. | modification or alteration. | | | | | | |
| Example | | | | | | | |
| I send you a message, and | I send you a message, and you | I send you a message, and you | | | | | |
| no one else knows what that | receive exactly what I sent you | are able to receive it. | | | | | |
| message is. | (without any modification) | | | | | | |
| What's The Purpose of the CIA? | | | | | | | |
| Data is not disclosed | Data is not tampered | Data is available | | | | | |
| How Can You Achieve the CIA? | | | | | | | |
| e.g., Encryption | e.g., Hashing, Digital signatures | e.g., Backups, redundant | | | | | |
| | | systems | | | | | |
| Opposite of CIA | | | | | | | |
| Disclosure | Alteration Destruction | | | | | | |

APT: what is it?

Initial compromise: performed by use of social engineering and spear phishing, over email, using zero-day viruses. Another popular infection method was planting malware on a website that the victim's employees will be likely to visit.

Establish foothold: plant remote administration software in victim's network, create net backdoors and tunnels allowing stealth access to its infrastructure.

Thanks Wikipedia

Escalate privileges: use exploits and password cracking to acquire administrator privileges over victim's computer and possibly expand it to Windows domain administrator accounts.

Internal reconnaissance: collect information on surrounding infrastructure, trust relationships, Windows domain structure.

Move laterally: expand control to other workstations, servers and infrastructure elements and perform data harvesting on them.

Maintain presence: ensure continued control over access channels and credentials acquired in previous steps.

Complete mission: exfiltrate stolen data from victim's network.

APT: what is it?



APT: why? Money / Politics



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# China
PLA Unit 61398 (also known as APT1)
PLA Unit 61486 (also known as APT2)
Buckeye (also known as APT3)
Red Apollo (also known as APT10)
Numbered Panda (also known as APT12)
DeputyDog (also known as APT17)
Codoso Team (also known as APT19)
Wocao (also known as APT20)
APT 27
PLA Unit 78020 (also known as APT30 and Naikon)
Zirconium (also known as APT31)
Periscope Group (also known as APT40)
Double Dragon (also known as APT41, Winnti Group, Barium, or Axiom)
Tropic Trooper
Hafnium
LightBasin (Also known as UNC1945)
Dragonbridge
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# Iran
Elfin Team (also known as APT33)
Helix Kitten (also known as APT34)
Charming Kitten (also known as APT35)
APT39
Pioneer Kitten
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Israel
Unit 8200



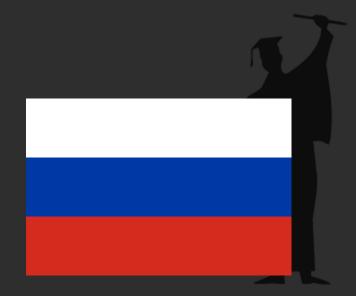
North Korea
Kimsuky
Lazarus Group (also known as APT38)
Ricochet Chollima (also known as APT37)



Thanks Wikipedia



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# Russia
Fancy Bear (also known as APT28)
Cozy Bear (also known as APT29)
Sandworm
Berserk Bear
FIN7
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Gamaredon (also known as Primitive Bear) – active since 2013, unlike most APTs, Gamaredon broadly targets all users all over the globe (in addition to also focusing on certain victims, especially Ukrainian organizations) and appears to provide services for other APTs. For example, the InvisiMole threat group has attacked select systems that Gamaredon had earlier compromised and fingerprinted.

Venomous Bear

Turkey
StrongPity (also known as APT-C-41 and PROMETHIUM)

United States
Equation Group





Uzbekistan
SandCat, associated with the State Security Service



Vietnam
OceanLotus (also known as APT32)



APT: honorable mention

The **Stuxnet** computer worm, which targeted the computer hardware of Iran's nuclear program, is one example of an APT attack. In this case, the Iranian government might consider the Stuxnet creators to be an advanced persistent threat.

Stuxnet, discovered by Sergey Ulasen, initially spread via Microsoft Windows, and targeted Siemens industrial control systems.

Different variants of Stuxnet targeted five Iranian organizations, with the probable target widely suspected to be uranium enrichment infrastructure in Iran;



REFOREIT

I studied

there!



3 December 2021

"During the night our servers were subject to a hacker attack. We are acting as quickly as possible to restore services. We apologise for the inconvenience which was

There are **60 technicians** working to minimise the damage caused by the computer incident, Ulss operators and external collaborators who are working on all the wards (hospitals and districts) to reclaim all the machines or certify the 'clean' ones.

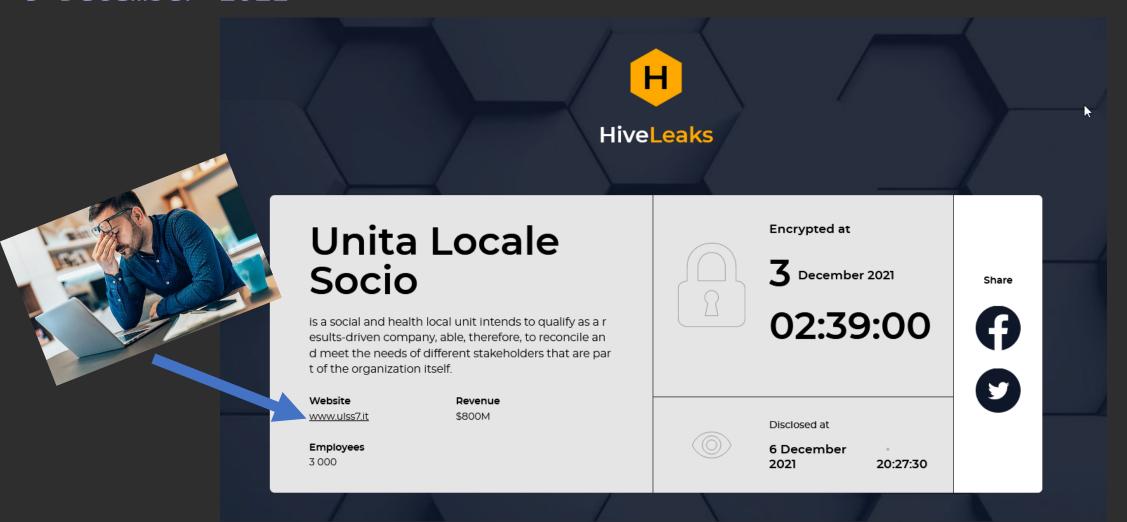
The buffer points and vaccine centres have started working again, although many wards are working with 'pen and paper'.

There are still problems in the emergency room, in radiology, at the cup, at the sampling points and in the analysis laboratories, where the various teams are concentrating their interventions as a priority.

Inconveniences also in the territorial health service, starting with the general practitioners who could not enter the requests for tracing swabs into the system, as well as inconveniences in the pharmacies, where the medicines to be delivered did not appear.

Meanwhile, in the area, there have been more than eight hundred positives in the last 24 hours in Padua and its province, but vaccinations are also resuming, which on Thursday reached figures not seen in a long time: 9200 in total with 650 first doses. not of our making."

5 December 2021



11 December 2021





20 December 2021

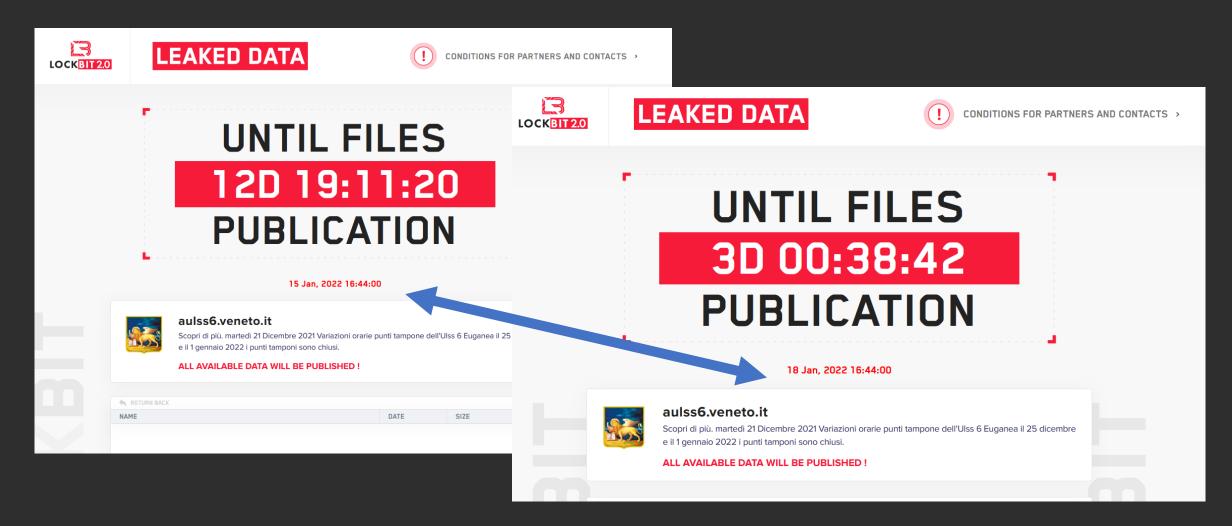
Following the hacker attack on 3 December, today, Monday 20 December, a number of pick-up points in Padua are reopening for the locations of: Complesso Socio Sanitario ai Colli, Cadoneghe, Piazza Mazzini, Limena, Noventa Padovana, Rubano, Schiavonia (Monselice), Albignasego and Piove di Sacco. On Tuesday the Villatora di Saonara office reopens.

23 December 2021

The infiltration of systems had taken place some time before, as often happens in ransomware attacks. The moment when the problem 'became apparent' was only the final part of the attack.

The loot was not the ransom, but the exfiltrated data. In fact, even today, there is still not the slightest hint within the DLS (data leak site) of Hive Ransomware that there is a sample to prove the breach and the start of the sale;

APT: case study 18/01/2022



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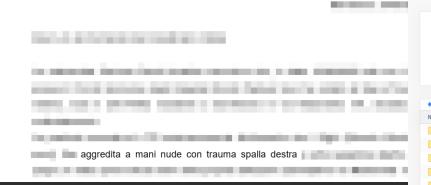
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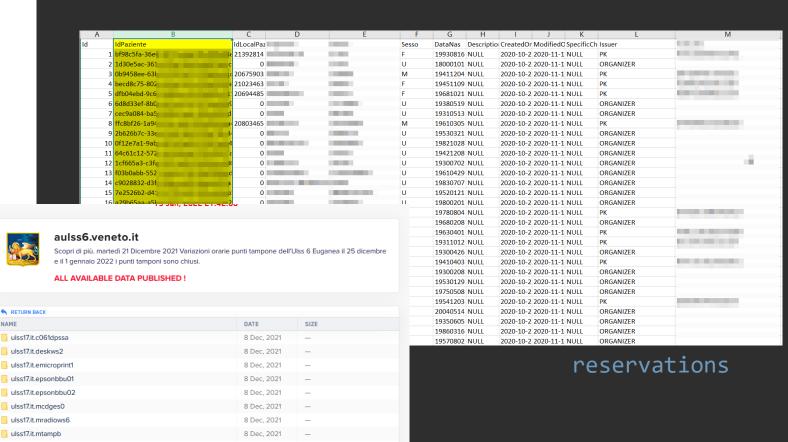
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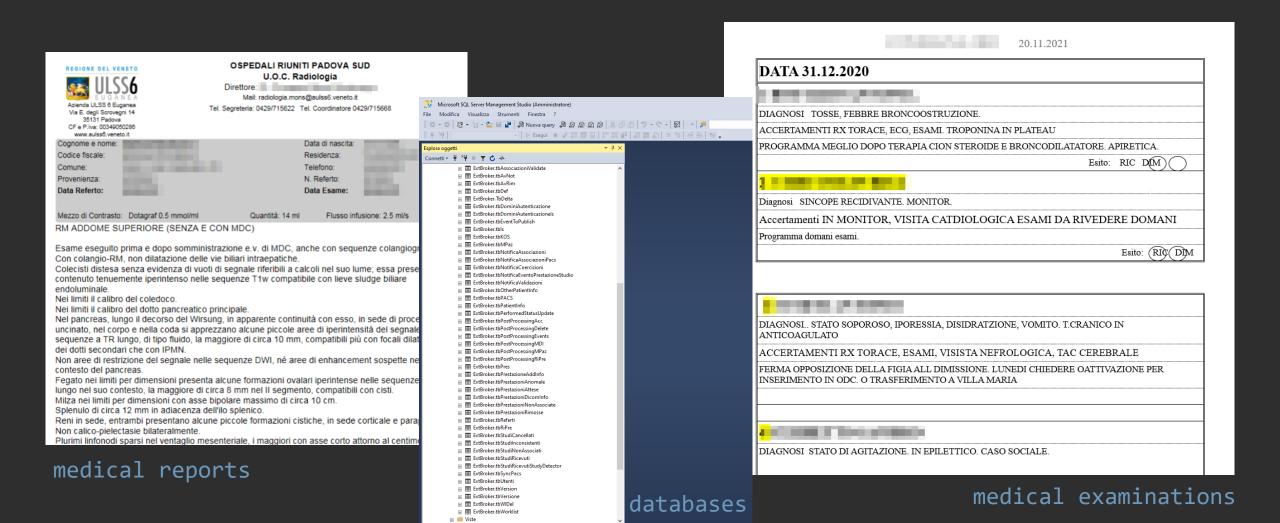
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APT: case study 18/01/2022





external security

monitoring



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testing



internal security

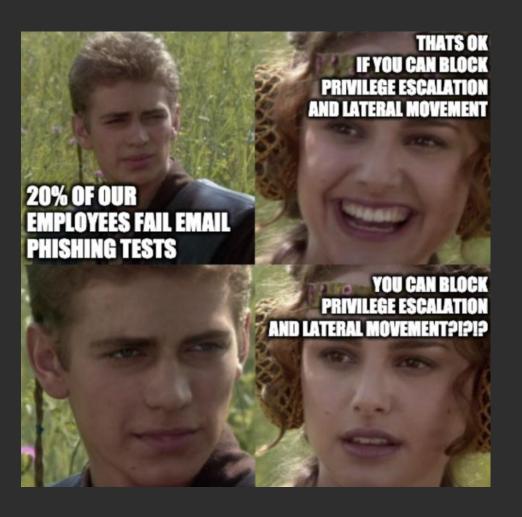
- network segmentation



- hardering
- monitorting
 - activities
 - accounts
 - privileges

- testing





availability

Users should use data

Availability

The information is available to authorized users when needed.

I send you a message, and you are able to receive it.



phishing / human firewall

- 0 trust
- avoid social engineering
- learn how to detect it
- secure passwords
- don't reuse passwords



- MFA everywhere

A customer called me to test network security, they didn't call it Red Team yet.

They had done an excellent job from the Cybersec point of view, and I could not actually attack anything from the outside, plus there was no conceivable physical intrusion since there were even armed guards in the data centre.

I knew the target, I knew where the data centre was and I knew where their offices were located

Time for trashing:

Information diving is the practice of recovering technical data, sometimes confidential or secret, from discarded material.



I found a copy of a packing slip for a UPS (Uninterruptible Power Supply) where the exact model and serial number of the unit was written.

Looked like a datacenter UPS



I looked for authorised repairers of the UPS brand and luckily one of them had closed down the company.



Cybersquatting is the practice of registering, trafficking in, or using an Internet domain name, with a bad faith intent to profit from the goodwill of a trademark belonging to someone else.

I created a website of " My Shiny New Company "" with various information taken here and there from the web. At a certain point, thanks to the content and HTTPS, the search engines decided it could be at the top of the list.



I was really so serious

after a bit of research on Linkedin I found the right person to call about UPS problems in their datacenter and so I contacted him via mail.

Good morning Mr. XXX

I am XXX and I work for "彖 My Shiny New Company 彖"

we are aware that your UPS model may have problems with the batteries and there is a risk that they will overcharge and burn out.

We will arrange for the repair completely free of charge.

It's a Breach ;D



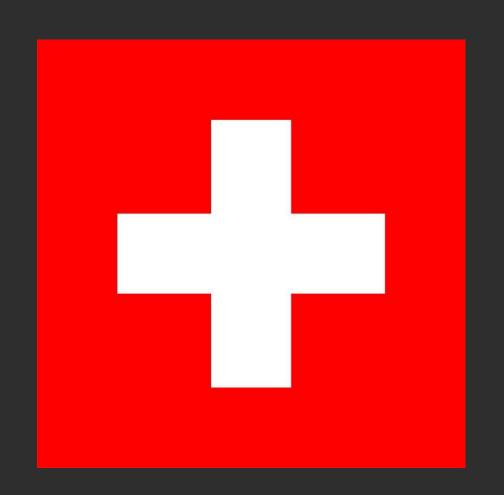
leak time





leak time: who?

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_hospitals_in_Switzerland



Thanks Wikipedia

leak time: exposed addresses

| Città | Ospedali e cliniche | Dominio | Indirizzo IP | Range indirizzi IP | Note |
|----------|---|------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------|---|
| | Hirslanden Clinic | www.hirslanden.ch | | 195.225.32.0 - 195.225.33.255 | - |
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| | See Spital | see-spital.ch | 217.26.51.192 | 217.26.51.0/24 | - |
| | Stadtspital Triemli | www.stadt-zuerich.ch | 194.56.34.182 | 194.56.0.0 - 194.56.71.255 | range del comune di zurigo |
| | University Hospital of Zurich | www.usz.ch | 144.200.16.203 | 144.200.0.0/16 | AS559 |
| , | Waidspital | www.stadt-zuerich.ch | 194.56.34.182 | 194.56.0.0 - 194.56.71.255 | range del comune di zurigo |
| Geneva | Geneva University Hospitals | www.hug.ch | 129.195.247.51 | - | - |
| | Hirslanden Clinique La Colline | www.hirslanden.ch | 195.225.33.211 | 195.225.32.0 - 195.225.33.255 | - |
| Basel | Bethesda-Spital | www.bethesda-spital.ch | 91.212.196.155 | - | - |
| | Birshof Klinik | www.hirslanden.ch | 195.225.33.211 | 195.225.32.0 - 195.225.33.255 | - |
| | Bruderholzspital | www.ksbl.ch | 193.108.137.40 | - | - |
| | Claraspital | www.claraspital.ch | 5.148.180.219 | - | - |
| | Felix Platter-Spital | www.felixplatter.ch | 18.200.205.202 | - | amazon |
| | Merian Iselin-Spital | merianiselin.ch | 149.126.4.74 | - | - |
| | University Hospital of Basel | www.unispital-basel.ch | 145.250.210.164 | 145.250.128.0 - 145.250.255.255 | - |
| Lausanne | University Hospital of Lausanne (CHUV) | www.lausanneuniversityhospital.com | 195.15.231.102 | - | - |
| | Hirslanden Clinique Cecil | www.hirslanden.ch | 195.225.33.211 | 195.225.32.0 - 195.225.33.255 | - |
| | Hirslanden Clinique Bois-Cerf | www.hirslanden.ch | 195.225.33.211 | 195.225.32.0 - 195.225.33.255 | - |
| | Clinique de Montchoisi | www.montchoisi.ch | 5.148.168.203 | - | - |
| | Clinique La Source Lausanne | www.lasource.ch | 213.193.102.212 | 213.193.102.192 - 213.193.102.223 | |
| Bern | Lindenhofspital | www.lindenhofgruppe.ch | 82.199.159.116 | - | 82.199.159.64 - 82.199.159.127 ? fa parte di un gruppo. |
| | Permanence Clinic | www.permanence.ch | 94.126.22.200 | - | - |
| : | Salem Hospital | hirslanden.ch | 195.225.33.211 | 195.225.32.0/23 | |
| : | Sonnenhof Hospitals Ltd., Klinik Sonnenhof & Klinik Engeried Bern | www.lindenhofgruppe.ch | 82.199.159.116 | - | 82.199.159.64 - 82.199.159.127 ? fa parte di un gruppo. |
| | Tiefenauspital | www.spitaltiefenau.ch | 161.62.248.145 | 161.62.0.0 - 161.62.255.255 | - |
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leak time: vulnerabilities

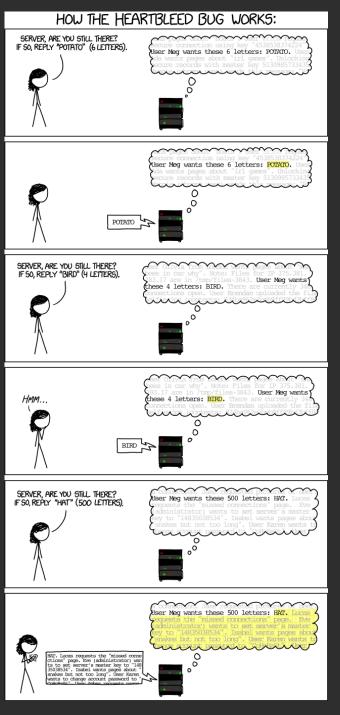
Exposed Services: 160

Domains/Subdomains: 637

Vulnerabilities on Domains/Subdomains:

By passive scan: 42 + 40 Heartbleed (SSL)





leak time: data leakage

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Number of discovered leaks: 1282:- only email address: 35- email address and plain password: 1247
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Please check: https://haveibeenpwned.com/

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