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**GRF Ransomware Report**

GRF tracked more than 1550 ransomware attacks in the first half of 2023. The majority of attacks were committed by LockBit's version of ransomware. The group had over 480 victims, roughly 30% of the total number of attacks tracked by GRF analysts via open sources and closed criminal forums and marketplaces. Looking at all attacks tracked, by LockBit and others, Critical Manufacturing was again the most targeted industry sector with more than 270 victims. The next most targeted sectors were IT (142), Financial Services (141), and Commercial Facilities (108). The United States was targeted by 54% of all ransomware activity tracked by GRF analysts, with 17% directed at countries within the EU, followed by 7% targeting the UK. This reporting period included the highest number of victims in a single month since the beginning of this report series, with 389 victims in June. H1 2023 (the first half of this year) saw extensive use of zero-day vulnerabilities and increased use of Living off the Land attacks. Major developments also included the shuttering of Hive ransomware by law enforcement, as well as the closure of major criminal hub BreachForums. Stay tuned for the release of the full report, coming this month.

**Cyolo Becomes a GRF Premier Partner**

Cyolo, which offers a zero trust access solution for organizations in order to provide secure, identity-based asset access, has become a Premier Partner and will collaborate with GRF to share relevant threat information to the cross-sector community. Learn more about Cyolo [here](#).

**Partial Speaker List for Summit on Security & Third-Party Risk**

The conference features speakers on third-party risk management, cloud security, emerging cybersecurity threats, and AI/ML threat mitigation and management. Attendees will gain an understanding of how some of the largest and most sophisticated organizations in the world are managing risk, and leave the conference better armed to defend their company, regardless of its size or the status of its risk mitigation programs.

- Scott Algeier, Executive Director at IT-ISAC
- Ilango Allikuzhi, Director, TPRM of Cyber Risk at S&P Global
- Katie Boswell, MD of Cyber Security Services at KPMG
- Ryan Boulais, CISO at The AES Corporation
- Donnie Carpenter, BISO at Raymond James
- Jonathan Dambrot, CEO and Co-Founder at Cranium AI
- Deepen Desai, Global CISO at Zscaler
- Jeffrey Dimuro, CISO at ServiceNow
- James Dolph, CISO at Guidewire Software
- Kristy Hornland, Director of Cyber Threat Management at KPMG
- Garfield Jones, Associate Chief Strategic Technology at CISA
- Paul Kurtz, Director, of Third-Party Risk Management at MerchantE
- Bob Maley, CSO at Black Kite
- Kevin Martelli, Principal for Cloud Engineering AI/ML Lead at KPMG
- Jim Meehan, Associate Director of DFIR at Verizon Threat Research Advisory Center
- Gregory Rasner, SVP Cybersecurity Third Party Risk at Truist

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### Speakers cont.

- Fred Rica, Partner at BPM
- Brian Roberts, Solution Manager, Information Security Awareness at Campbell Soup Company
- Jim Routh, former CSO/CISO for American Express, DTCC, KPMG, Aetna, CVS and MassMutual
- Priyaranjan Samal, AVP of Cybersecurity Assurance at Genpact
- Christopher Sestito, Co-founder & CEO at HiddenLayer
- Sanjiv Sharma, VP and Chief Audit Executive at Wolfspeed
- Ed Thomas, SVP at ProcessUnity
- Michael Thompson, National Cyber Security FFRDC (NCF) at MITRE
- Sherri Vollick, Sr. Manager, Information Security & Governance at Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP
- Donnie Wendt, Principal Security Researcher at Mastercard
- Sounil Yu, CISO at JupiterOne
- Nader Zaveri, Senior Manager for Incident Response & Remediation at Google

Read about sessions and the agenda [here](#).

### LS-ISAO Tabletop Exercise with CISA

On August 3, LS-ISAO held a virtual tabletop exercise with CISA that was exclusive to member firms. The event covered ransomware and focused on evaluation and preparedness. Participants were able to assess their organization's coordination with internal teams on information sharing and response. Exercise objectives covered:

- Elements of an organization's cybersecurity posture
- Cybersecurity information sharing procedures and mechanisms
- Cyber incident response plans or playbooks
- Processes for requesting additional incident response resources once an organization's resources are exhausted
- Addressing public affairs

### Get to Know K12 SIX

Join for an overview of work, membership benefits, forthcoming products and events. Since 2016, there have been more than 1,600 publicly disclosed cyber incidents involving U.S. public schools. The best way to respond is to collaborate in real-time with peers in a trusted sharing community. Attend the informational webinar on August 29 at 1pm ET. [Register here](#)

### Moving the Needle on K-12 Cybersecurity: A Fireside Chat with Chris Johnson

This fireside chat will explore the similarities and differences in defending schools and small to medium-sized businesses from cyber threats. A focus of the conversation will be on those controls that yield the biggest bang for the buck, especially for those working in organizations with limited capacity and resources. Attend the webinar on August 8 at 1pm ET. [Register here](#)

### Leveraging AI to Uncover Hidden Cyber Risks at Your School

Join Microsoft's Chief Zero Trust Architect for a webinar on how to prepare for back-to-school and learn how to:

- Enhance back-to-school cyber readiness
  - Leverage AI insights to uncover common cyber risks
  - Explore easy-button automations for responding quickly to cyber threats
- The webinar is August 15 at 1pm ET. [Register here](#)

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