

# IN-DEPTH ANALYSIS ON THE ROLES OF THREAT ACTORS AND ATTACKS IN THE UKRAINE-RUSSIA WAR

KillNet



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## Summary

The beginning of the Russia-Ukraine war dates back to Russia's annexation of Crimea in 2014. The political tension that erupted in 2021-2022 was the last straw and Russian forces took action on Putin's orders. Taking action on February 24, 2022, Russian forces launched a large-scale invasion of Ukraine. Russian President Vladimir Putin claims that this is not an invasion, but that Russia is protecting its geopolitical interests in the region, its citizens and its deployed soldiers.

# Cyber Wars in The Ukraine-Russia War

In 2014, Russia annexed Crimea, leading to conflict in the Donbass region and the start of a cyber war between Ukraine and Russia. Since then, Ukraine has been a frequent target of Russian cyber attacks, including ransomware, DDoS, and data manipulation. These attacks have targeted critical sectors such as energy, finance, and communication.

One of the most notable cyber attacks on Ukraine occurred in 2015 when parts of the country experienced power cuts. The attack was allegedly carried out by the pro-Russian group Sandworm, which targeted the country's electricity grid. This cyber attack caused a worldwide debate on cybersecurity and served as a wake-up call for Ukraine to take stronger measures on cybersecurity.

Following the attack, Ukraine implemented several measures to enhance its cybersecurity capabilities. The country established a National Coordination Center for Cybersecurity and developed a national cybersecurity strategy. Additionally, the government introduced legislation to strengthen cybersecurity regulations and established partnerships with international organizations to share best practices and expertise.

Despite these efforts, Ukraine remains a target for cyber attacks from Russia. In 2017, the country was hit by another cyber attack, the NotPetya ransomware attack, which caused widespread disruption in Ukraine and other countries. The attack is believed to have been carried out by Russian hackers and caused billions of dollars in damage.

Ukraine's experience highlights the growing threat of cyber attacks and the need for countries to take cybersecurity seriously. As technology continues to advance, the risk of cyber attacks is only going to increase. Therefore, countries must continue to invest in cybersecurity measures to protect themselves from these threats.



# **Threat Actor Review: KillNet**

#### Who is KillNet?

KillNET is a hacker group that emerged directly out of the Russia-Ukraine war. With the merger of many different groups, the "KillNET Hacker Group" was created to defend Russia on the cyber front in the Ukraine war. Killnet announced that it has started a cyber war by launching DDOS attacks against many anti-Russian countries, including Ukraine, all countries that support Ukraine, NATO countries. In May 2022, Killnet hackers attacked the Romanian government, a NATO member state. The hackers targeted the Romanian government after its statements of support for Ukraine, causing Romanian government systems to experience days of outages.

In June 2022, they targeted Italy. The Italian attack started with a DDoS attack on several websites. The attacks continued with events such as the hacking of the Italian Senate website and the hacking of the Italian Automobile Club.

However, these attacks were not enough to satisfy KillNET because they did not make much noise and did not strengthen Russia's hand militarily and intelligence-wise. KillNET then issued a call for cyber mobilization.

It declared that other hacker groups should get involved and act in a much stronger way. KillNET openly called on all hacker groups that had declared cyber war against Ukraine to join its ranks.

Many famous hacker groups such as f-CkNet, Zarya, RaHDiT, DPR Joker, ZSecnet, XaKNET, Beregini, CyberArmyRussia, Anonymous Russia and many others responded positively to this call. KillNET was now one of the largest operational hacker armies in the world.



#### What are the Activities of KillNet?

It carried out DDOS attacks on critical systems of many countries such as the USA, France and Italy. NATO countries, especially the US, did not take KillNet seriously because its first cyber attacks were DDoS attacks. There was no leakage of critical information. After all, these attacks only caused interruptions.

However, the hacker group made some strategic changes within itself, divided into sub-groups and this time joined the front line to carry out much more critical cyber attacks. KillNet united a number of hacker groups, all Russian nationalists (LEGION, Russia Anonymous, etc.), all of them closely allied with Russian intelligence, but also with units of the Russian military, and they began to carry out direct targeted attacks.

## Which Side They Supports?

It was created to defend Russia on the cyber front in the Ukrainian war.

#### What Types of Attacks Does KillNet Execute?

KillNET hackers do not perform technically complex attacks. In fact, they usually perform DDOS Attack attacks. Services known to conduct Brute-Force-Attacks attacks: 21 FTP, 80 HTTP, 443 HTTPS, 22 SSH

## Which Industries Is KillNet Targeting?

KillNet attacked sectors such as government, health, defense and weapons, technology, airports and more.



# **KillNet's Attacks**

## Lockheed Martin:



By August 2022, the KillNET hackers, now sufficiently powerful and strategically divided into many sub-groups, carried out the first high-profile attack, which frightened the countries that sided with Ukraine against Russia. Lockheed Martin, the largest defense and weapons technology developer in the US and the world, was targeted. And this time it was not just a DDoS attack. Many critical military technology information, Lockheed Martin employees' information, and many information and documents belonging to the US Army were leaked.



Japan Goverment Websites and Systems:



In September 2022, this time they targeted Japan, which had declared support for Ukraine. They hacked many Japanese government websites and systems.



## NGA (National Geospatial Intelligence Agency):

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In October 2022, they listed a number of targets against their main enemy, the United States. They particularly wanted the attacks to have a "humanitarian dimension". On their Telegram channel, they posted a video of the Statue of Liberty in the US being hit by a nuclear bomb and shared a complete list of US states they said they were targeting. The list was quite long. KillNET attacked airports in 23 US states, including Florida and Colorado. These attacks disrupted airline traffic, delayed flights for days, and canceled many flights.



## Latvia, USA And Multi Country Attacks:

In November 2022, KillNET targeted not just one country, but several. Latvia and the United States were at the top of the list. The hacker group intercepted and published many secret documents of the Latvian government. Immediately afterwards, it launched a series of attacks on the White House. It carried out prolonged DDoS attacks on the White House website.

#### Starlink Attack:

With the famous businessman Elon Musk's redirection of Starlink Satellite Systems over Ukraine, StarLink also got its share from KillNET. The hacker group announced that they took over the Starlink API system and redirected the satellites. The Ukrainian military stopped using Starlink satellites after this attack.



And they claim to have infiltrated closed US military systems.









KillMilk has put up for sale 150 million passwords belonging to residents of Europe, America, Ukraine and other unfriendly countries.

The data includes :

- Bank account passwords
- Credit and debit card information
- Crypto diaries
- Desktop access systems from 6,000 different organizations worldwide.
- Government portals

And thousands of other accesses.

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Привет мой друг! Европа, Америка, Украина и другие НЕДОстраны рады Вам предложить свои логи в размере 150 млн паролей и других вкусных данных!



## DDoS Attack to German Federal Intelligence Agency:

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🖾 Brazil, Sao Paulo	Connection timed out			
💻 Bulgaria, Sofia	Server error	5.312 s	403 (Forbidden)	80.201.001.00
🛏 Czechia, C.Budejovice	Server error	7.170 s	403 (Forbidden)	41,003,0048
🖶 Finland, Helsinki	Connection timed out			
France, Paris	Connection timed out			
France, Roubaix	Connection timed out			
💻 Germany, Frankfurt	Server error	5.242 s	403 (Forbidden)	10.010.010.00
📧 Hong Kong, Hong Kong	Connection timed out			

The German Federal Intelligence Agency was attacked by DDoS on February 16 and the main domain could not be accessed for a certain period of time.



## Ignitis Attack:



VILNIUS, 9 July - Sputnik. Lithuanian state-owned energy company Ignitis groupe is facing the biggest cyberattack of the decade by Killnet. Killnet stated that the attacks will continue.



#### Killnet Targeted Health Sector and Hospitals:

KillNet launched its attacks on companies focusing on the health sector, targeting western companies on March 17, 2023. DHHS released an analyst note on KillNet's threats to the healthcare industry, and the group talked about the hijacking of a US medical ship sent by US army troops.

#### Indian Goverment Attack:

Phoenix did not approve of the actions of the Indian government. They were able to access the hospital, its staff and chief physicians on March 17, 2023.

"We have nothing against you and your people. But any action you take will have irreversible and devastating consequences for the situation you're in. Don't mess with Phoenix and the KillNet fraternity guys." The explanation has come.





# KillNet's Attack TTPs

Tactics	Technique	Technique ID
Resource Development	Acquire Infrastructure	T1583
Resource Development	Compromise Infrastructure	T1584
Credential Access	Brute Force	T1110
Impact	Network Denial of Service	T1498
Impact	Service Stop	T1489
Reconnaissance Active Scanning		T1595
Reconnaissance Gather Victim Identity Information		T1589



# KillNet's Attack IOCs

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