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Incident Handling Coordination and Cooperation: Lessons Learned from the 2014 World Cup

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International Events in Brazil

2012 – Rio+20



2013 – Confederations Cup & World Youth Day 2013 (including the Pope's visit)





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2014 - FIFA 2014 World Cup

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2016 – Summer Olympics

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Facts to Consider

- These events attract the attention of the world
 - and of the attackers as well
 - dates and times are well known
- Media coverage of attacks is a given
- Incidents impact the country's image
- The Internet is a critical infrastructure for
 - TV transmission, webcast or other forms of remote participation
 - journalists' communication
 - communication of all events' coordination entities
- But the Internet does not change because of all this
 - we still rely on ISPs, vendors, and the events organizers' own infrastructures, policies and partners

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Brazilian Organizational Structure

Special Secretariat for Security of Major Events

- to coordinate all security efforts for major events up until 2016 paralympic games
- part of the Ministry of Justice (MJ)
- defined that the protection of the "cyberspace" would be the mission of the Ministry of Defense (MD) Cyber Defense Center (CDCiber)

Real life is more complex

 the owner of the asset is the only one that can actually secure the asset and respond to any incident

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- the international organizations are not really open for information sharing
- the events' infrastructures are not the only targets
 - [h]ac[k]tivism changed the targets

How Incident Handling Coordination Evolved: Leverage what each organization can do best

CDCiber changed its own mission from "protecting" to "integrating and coordinating" with all parties

- its focus is incident detection and coordination in the Command&Control centers (in the world cup there were 12 + a central coordination in CDCiber headquarters)
- online intelligence gathering for physical security

CTIR Gov – Brazilian Federal Public Administration CSIRT

- focus on incidents targeting government sites

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- training for all CDCiber personnel stationed at the CDCiber C&C

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- international coordination, takedowns
- facilitate communication and coordination
- situational awareness and monitoring
 - including honeypots, IRC, twitter, etc

Attacks Seen During the World Cup

"Hacktivism" coordinated with street demonstrations

Most targets were not related to the World Cup

- any "gov.br", universities, sponsors and political parties
 - information leak
 - defacements
 - DDoS using amplification (Chargen, DNS, SNMP)
 - reports of 4Gbps peaks
- some targets not even related to Brasil or the World Cup
 - as the "elections.ny.gov" website
- pictures of the stadiums wi-fi passwords
- phishings related to FIFA, midia outlets and the Brazilian Soccer Federation

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Midia coverage of the attacks before the event

- this was the most intense period of attacks

Lessons Learned: **CDCiber Perspective**

Preparation, including risk analysis, asset mapping and intelligence gathering was essential and needs to be enhanced

To increase the collaborative action and the trust relationships among the organizations is not only relevant, <u>it is essential</u>

Some highlights of big impact events

- Attacks to the Army Website
- Federal Police twitter account compromised
- Leak of information from the Ministry of Foreign relations

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Source (in Portuguese): http://www.cert.br/forum2014/slides/ForumCSIRTs2014-CDCiber.pdf

Lessons Learned: CTIR Gov Perspective

What worked well: Integration of CDCiber, CERT.br and CTIR Gov Teams

- Team members with technical readiness, that know each other, have a trusted relationship and focus on each teams strengths
- Proactivity was key

Some highlights of big impact events

 Government sites were targets of most hacktivism demonstrations, focusing on DDoS, Spear Phishing and leaks

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 The social media monitoring performed by CDCiber and CERT.br reduced significantly the incident response time

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Lessons Learned: CERT.br Perspective

Cooperation among CERT.br, CTIR Gov and CDCiber was already big, but was strengthened

- there was information exchange and task division

Some highlights of big impact events

- Work load was even bigger than anticipated
 - had to allocate extra people to social network monitoring
 - extra hours
 - last minute requests from the Federal Police and other organizations

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- Reaching out to international organizations, sponsors and some ISPs was a challenge
 - no clear point of contact
 - no information sharing
 - but requests for "information giving"

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