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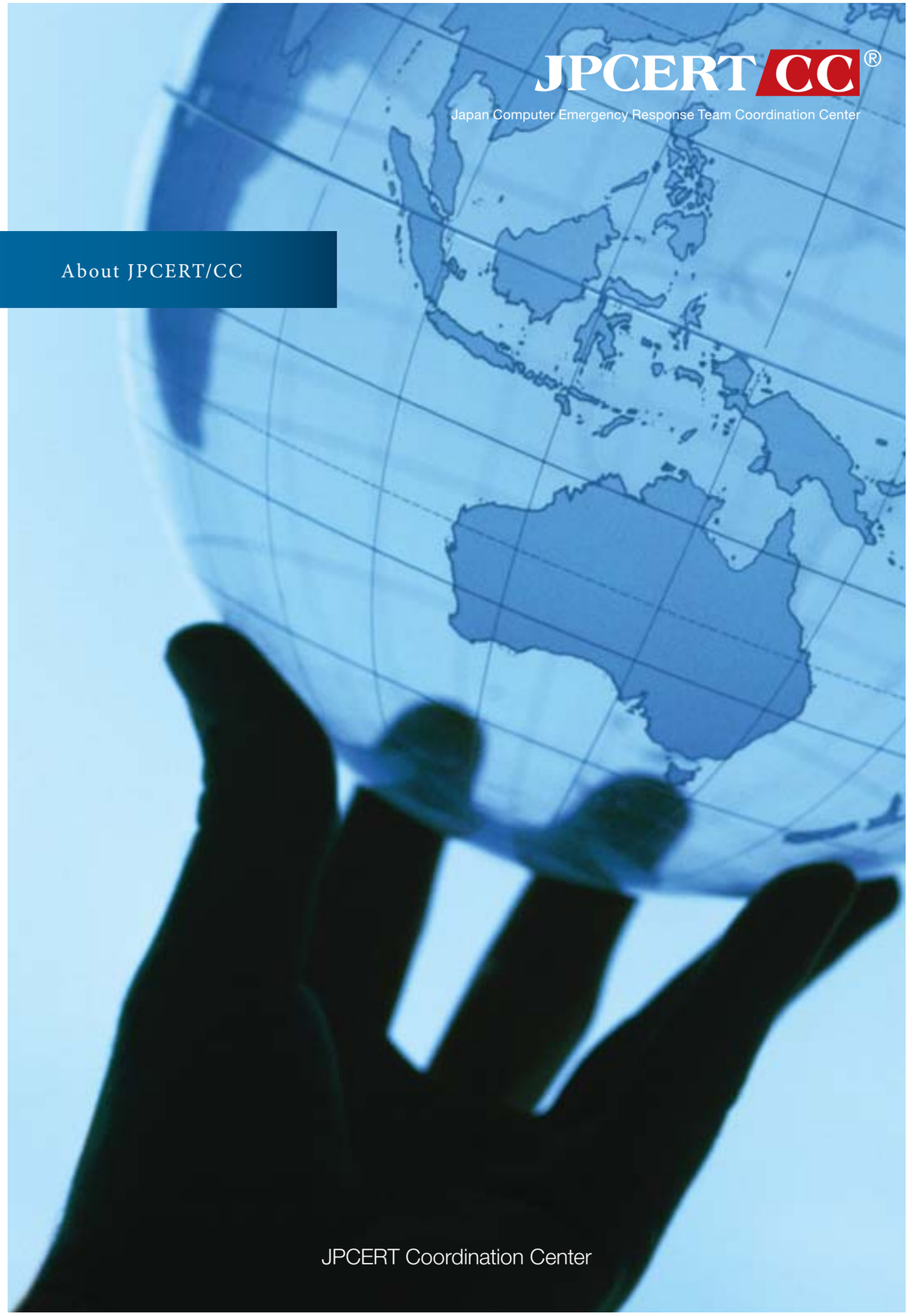
About JPCERT/CC



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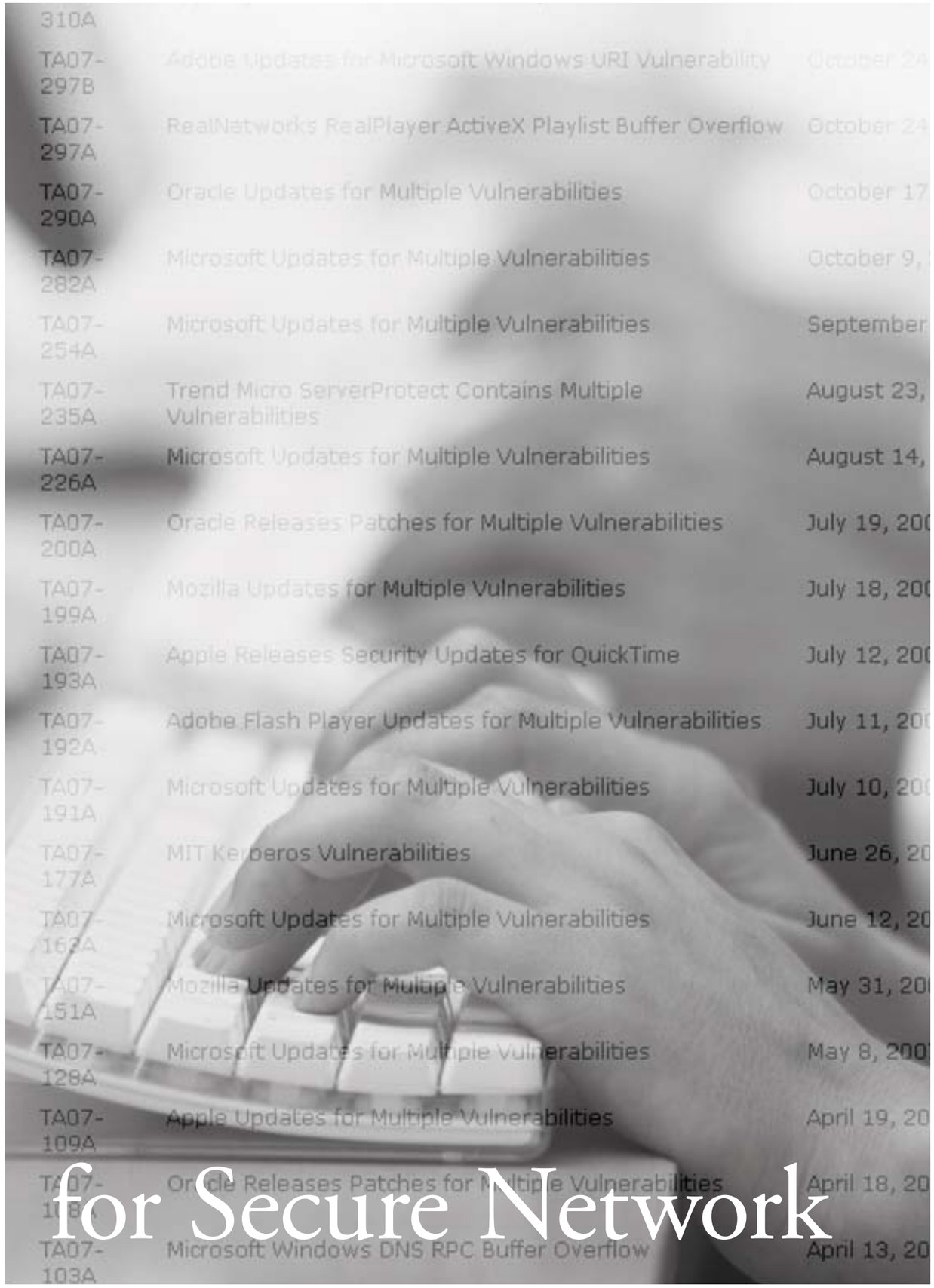

for Secure Network

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Expansion of threats following the development of network technology. Security measures becoming crucial for all network users.

Today, the Internet is a daily part of life for people of all ages. In 2007, the estimated number of Internet users in Japan exceeded 80 million, and the majority, an estimated 46 million users, were able to connect via broadband. Inter-business communications, various administrative services, and individual financial transactions have become more and more web-based, while the migration to Web 2.0 has seen new uses for the web.

At the same time, the expansion of such network use has created various security issues. One of the two main causes is that users who are not as computer literate have increased and thus are more likely to be victims of misconduct using computers. As a result, they can be unwittingly involved in attacks on others. A second cause is that the systems that support these increasingly sophisticated networks are becoming more and more complex, making it difficult to construct and operate systems free of vulnerabilities or other security issues. Compounding this, the knowledge for attacking such vulnerable networks as well as tools that exploit vulnerabilities are being freely exchanged in public and private forums and markets. If broad, effective countermeasures are not adopted, society may suffer considerable consequences as a result of the continuing weakness of these vulnerable networks. The implementation of security measures will require cooperation between organizations as well as countries.

Incident Handling

Our mission is to assist people dealing with security issues at the front.
JPCERT/CC responds to a rapidly changing world.

JPCERT/CC's origins in Incident Response Support

In 1992, JPCERT Coordination Center (known as "JPCERT/CC") initiated its incident response operations for system security incident reports. It was founded by volunteers with the common belief that Japanese computer security must be protected. In 1998, JPCERT/CC became the first Japanese member of FIRST (Forum of Incident Response and Security Teams), the international forum of CSIRTs *1 (Computer Security Incident Response Teams), and has continued to expand its global incident response activities since. Moreover, in 2004, JPCERT/CC was designated by the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry to act as the coordination institution to publicly disclose software and other vulnerability-related information. Through these activities, JPCERT/CC has accumulated significant experience in coordinating response operations among domestic and international organizations.

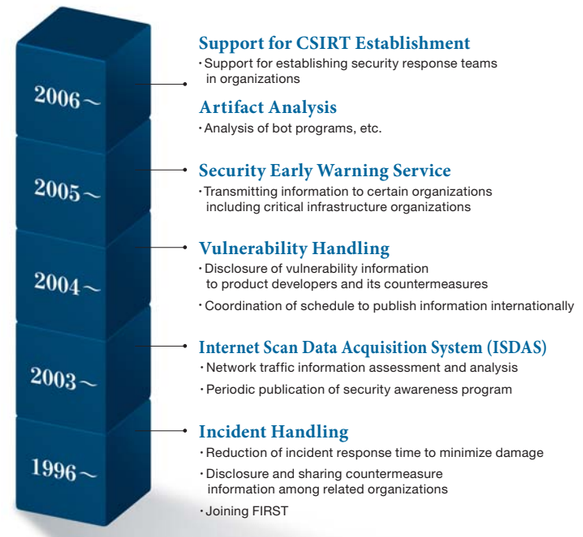
Receiving Incident Reports and Taking Preventative Action

Monitoring incidents in real time and minimizing their impact is important in addition to adopting countermeasures against incidents that have occurred. JPCERT/CC has deployed sensors to capture incident occurrences to collect, analyze and publish information on security threats and technologies such as bots used for cyber attacks. The focal point of JPCERT/CC is to provide timely and practical countermeasure information for organizations supporting IT infrastructure. This includes companies supporting critical infrastructure such as water supply, electricity, ISPs, etc., where the existence of a security incident or vulnerability can have a major impact on society.

Taking Security Activities to the Next Level

The mission of JPCERT/CC is to support the activities of those who are in the field of information security by monitoring security threats. JPCERT/CC continues to utilize its expertise in incident response support, network observation, coordination of software and other vulnerability related information, artifact analysis, and related international cooperation and information gathering.

*1 A CSIRT is an organization that provides countermeasure information to relevant organizations through the collection of various incident reports and security related information as well as assessment and analysis of the situation.



CSIRT @ Japan

JPCERT/CC is a coordination center for incident response.
Collaborative activities are performed domestically as well as internationally.

Activity as a CSIRT within Japan

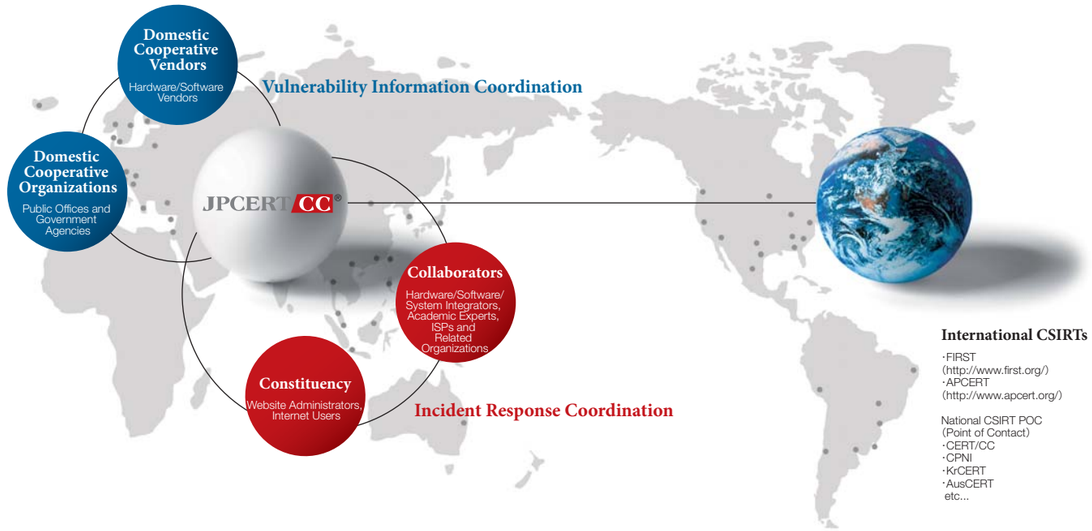
JPCERT/CC is an organization that coordinates the activities of CSIRTs and other related organizations to report computer security incidents and vulnerability related information. Acting as the national CSIRT of Japan, JPCERT/CC coordinates between domestic and international CSIRTs and related organizations to manage incidents that require international coordination.

To improve the level of computer security domestically, JPCERT/CC collects incident reports from various sources such as product developers, vendors, and users; assesses and analyzes how incidents occurred; and provides support for incident response including attacker profiling. The results from the assessment and analysis are published as countermeasures. The goal of these activities is for the user to implement these countermeasures and prevent cyber attacks by making it increasingly difficult for attackers.

Your Security is our Security: Security Enhancement across National Borders

With respect to security, a global perspective is required as the entire world is highly interconnected via the Internet. JPCERT/CC has been involved in the administration of FIRST, the international forum of CSIRTs, as a core member, exchanging information with about 200 CSIRTs in 41 countries.

In addition, thanks to partnerships with the United States' CERT/CC and the United Kingdom's CPNI for vulnerability related information coordination, as well as collaboration with China's CNCERT/CC, Korea's KrCERT/CC and CSIRTs of other countries, JPCERT/CC has strengthened its relationships with those organizations.



CSIRT Community

JPCERT/CC promotes CSIRT establishment and operational support in Japan and the Asia-Pacific region.

APCERT Enables and Promotes Information Exchange

In the Asia-Pacific region, cultures, legal systems, economic levels and Internet adoption rates vary greatly from one country to another, in spite of their geographical relationship. Some countries do not have their own national CSIRT, where concerns in the computer security field vary depending on the country. APCERT (Asia Pacific Computer Emergency Response Team) is an organization that supports those countries and promotes efficient information coordination in the Asia-Pacific region. 20 teams in 14 countries including China, Korea and Taiwan are members of APCERT.

JPCERT/CC joined APCERT as a governing board member and has been serving as its secretariat.

National CSIRT Establishment Support in the Asia-Pacific Region

In countries where Internet use is expanding, but there is no national CSIRT facility available and information security related literacy is insufficient, coordination can be difficult in the event of a security incident. As a result, this makes it difficult to minimize possible damages. Furthermore, multinational corporations conducting business activities in those regions may be concerned about the risk of security incidents.

For such regions, JPCERT/CC provides expertise to establish and operate national CSIRT support services including training to perform incident response operations.

CSIRT Establishment Support for Domestic Organizations

JPCERT/CC has assisted domestic companies in establishing their own CSIRT facilities, providing expertise and technical support. JPCERT/CC has participated in the building of a framework so that Japanese CSIRTs can closely work together.

CSIRT Training

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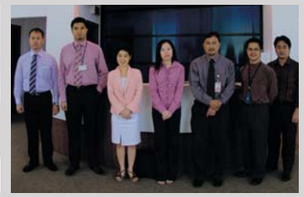
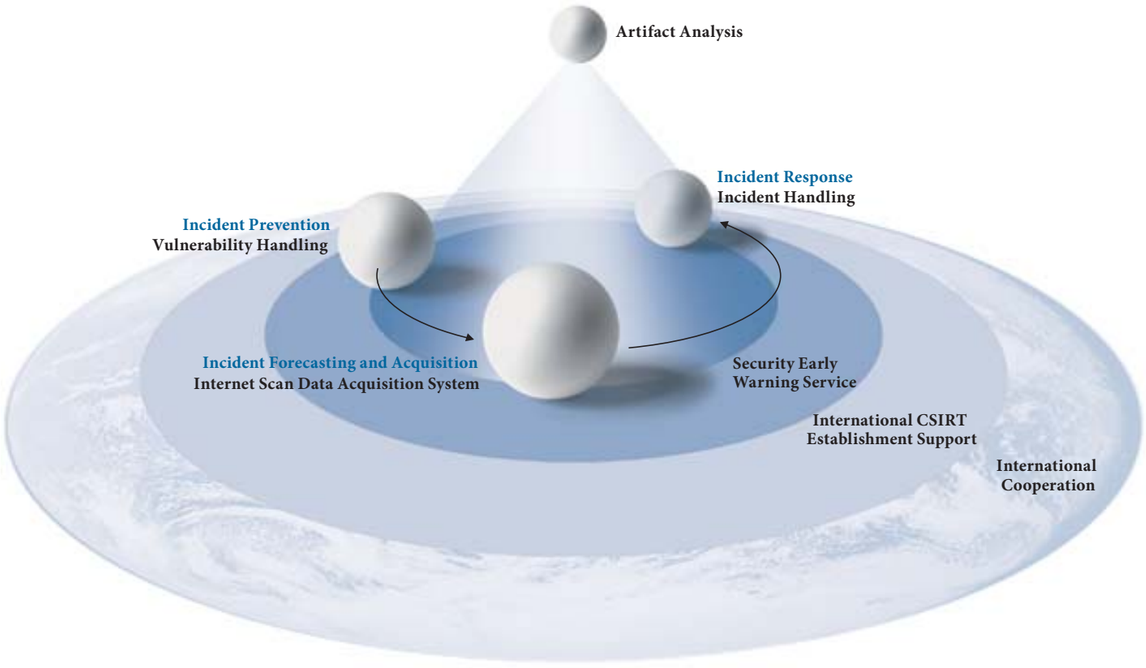


Brunei BruCERT

Malaysia MyCIRT

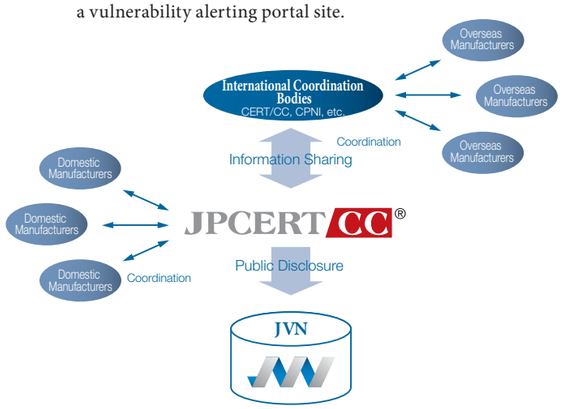
JPCERT/CC activities are aimed at providing practical measures for the prevention and resolution of security incidents.
This is achieved through the use of advanced analysis techniques to assist companies and other organizations in adopting countermeasures.



Vulnerability Handling

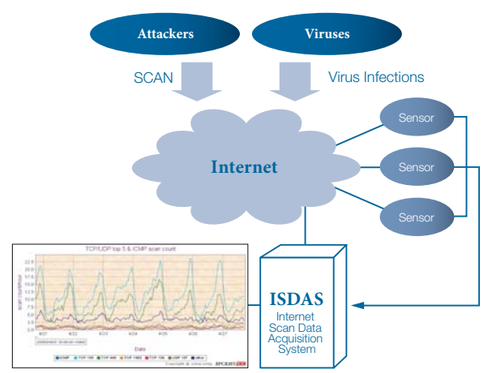
JVN Japan Vulnerability Notes

Vulnerability handling is a process to publish accurate vulnerability information in order to reduce the likelihood of possible incidents. JPCERT/CC provides vendors with information on detected vulnerabilities, requesting patches and workarounds. It manages advisory releases schedule with international CSIRTs and other related organizations so that vulnerability information can be published at the same time. JPCERT/CC publishes the information on JVN, a vulnerability alerting portal site.



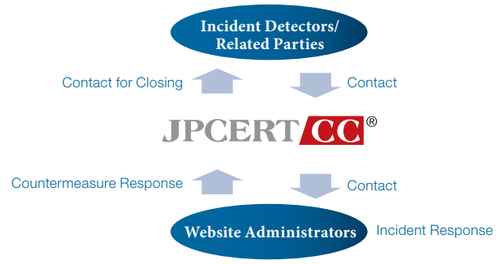
Internet Scan Data Acquisition System: ISDAS

JPCERT/CC has deployed a system with sensors distributed throughout the Internet to observe various scanning activities such as worm infections and vulnerabilities. The observed data is analyzed and used for providing security awareness programs. This data is analyzed in cooperation with other observers and international CSIRTs.



Incident Handling

As a CSIRT working in cooperation with domestic and international CSIRTs, JPCERT/CC receives incident reports and provides support as necessary. For example, if it receives notification of a phishing site detected in a foreign country, it works in cooperation with that country's CSIRT and requests closure of the site. Information about the incident and countermeasures are exchanged and shared to minimize the damage and prevent future recurrence.



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Security Early Warning Service

JPCERT/CC has collected and analyzed various types of domestic and international threat information through vulnerability handling, ISDAS, incident handling and published security alerts. Countermeasure information is provided to domestic critical infrastructure organizations including electric and gas companies, airlines, and railway companies. JPCERT/CC has provided support for establishing an internal CSIRT for organizations, while performing cyber security exercises to enable these organizations to conduct incident responses properly.

International CSIRT Establishment Support

JPCERT/CC has provided expertise and technical support for establishing national CSIRTs in the Asia-Pacific region. In addition, it provides periodic incident response training to strengthen cooperation among national CSIRTs and to better prepare for emergencies.

Artifact Analysis

JPCERT/CC analyzes artifacts such as bots used for cyber attacks and conducts research on countermeasure techniques. The findings are incorporated into the published information that forms the basis of JPCERT/CC activities. JPCERT/CC has made approaches to share analysis within the community.

Portal Site for Safe and Secure Infrastructure WAISE

This portal site provides security alerts and countermeasure information on a timely basis and is dedicated to particular users, including critical infrastructure organizations. This site is designed to assist the incident response activities of such organizations .

Vulnerability Decision Assistance KENGINE

An assistance program that provides efficient countermeasure deployment methods for organizations based on decision making rules and threat analysis criteria created by each organization. It assists these organizations in conducting efficient vulnerability management.

Bot Eradication Project

Cyber Clean Center

A project to promote bot infection prevention and removal as well as prevention of re-infections has been carried out in conjunction with the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications and the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry. The project team analyzes bot programs and their trends and develops removal tools.