

15 YEARS OF RUSSIAN CYBER ATTACKS

RUSSIA HACKING GANGS HAVE A LONG HISTORY OF LAUNCHING CYBER ATTACKS AGAINST THE UNITED STATES AND MORE.

2008

The Lithuanian government outlawed the display of Soviet symbols in 2008. Russian hackers angered by the move, defaced government web pages with hammer-and-sickles and five-pointed stars in retaliation.

2008

Russian hackers attacked Georgia's internet, this was the first time Russia coordinated military and cyber action. Georgia's internal communications were effectively shut down by the attack.

2009

Russian hackers shut down Twitter and Facebook in Georgia to commemorate the first anniversary of the Russian invasion of the country.

2014

In the second example of a cyber attack on the Ukraine, A DDOS attack 32 times larger than the largest known attack used during Russia's invasion of Georgia disrupted the internet in Ukraine while pro-Russian rebels were at the time seizing control of Crimea..

2016

A security firm announced in January 2016 that it believed Russian hackers were behind attacks on Finland's Foreign Ministry several years before.

2020

Southern California counties announced they were seeing millions of Russian based hacking attempts on their networks, with Riverside stating they saw 150 million attempts in 2020 alone.

2022

Meta announced Russian hackers are targeting Ukrainian Facebook accounts in a disinformation campaign.

2007

Russia coordinated a DDoS attack targeting the internet services of the country of Estonia. The reason?

Estonia angered Moscow by planning to move a Russian World War II memorial and Russian soldiers' graves. Some have dubbed this attack "Web War 1". There were two nights of rioting and looting while services were down.

2009

As part of an effort to persuade the president of Kyrgyzstan to evict an American military base, Russian hackers shut down two of the country's four internet service providers with a DDOS attack, showcasing another attack aimed at destabilizing internet access.

2014

In the first example of a cyber attack on the Ukraine, three days before Ukraine's presidential election, a Russia-based hacking group, took down the country's election commission in an overnight attack, but Ukrainian computer experts were able to restore the system before election day.

2015

In the U.S. during the 2016 election, Russian hackers were able to penetrate Democratic party computers, and gain access to the personal emails of Democratic officials. These documents were then distributed to WikiLeaks.

2018

In an incident that was reported to the FBI, State Senate candidate Kendall Scudder, a Dallas Democrat candidate, had a suspected Russian hacking attempt. The hack attempted to redirect visitors to another site, which included text in Russian.

2020

Hacking gang REvil launched a massive ransomware attack that effected 1,000 businesses on the Fourth of July.

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