# Threat Landscape 2023

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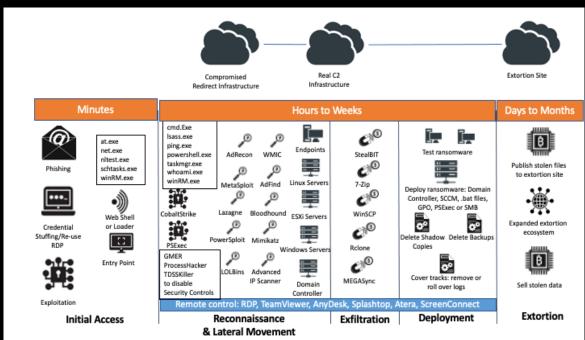
# **Outline**

- 1. Threat landscape of 2023
- 2. Ransomware / Cyber-Extortion

# Researching Ransomware / Cy-X

### What is the problem?





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Well, you are here. It means that you're suffering from cyber incident right now. Think of our actions as an unscheduled forced audit of your network for vulnerabilities. Keep in mind that there is a fair price to make it all go away.

Do not rush to assess what is happening - we did it to you. The best thing you can do is to follow o ur instructions to get back to your daily routine, by cooperating with us you will minimize the dama ge that might be done.

Those who choose different path will be shamed here publicly. The functionality of this blog is extremely simple - enter the desired command in the input line and enjoy the juiciest information that corporations around the world wanted to stay confidential.

Remember. You are unable to recover without our help. Your data is already gone and cannot be traced to the place of final storage nor deleted by anyone besides us.

guest@akira:~\$ help

List of all commands:

leaks - hacked companies

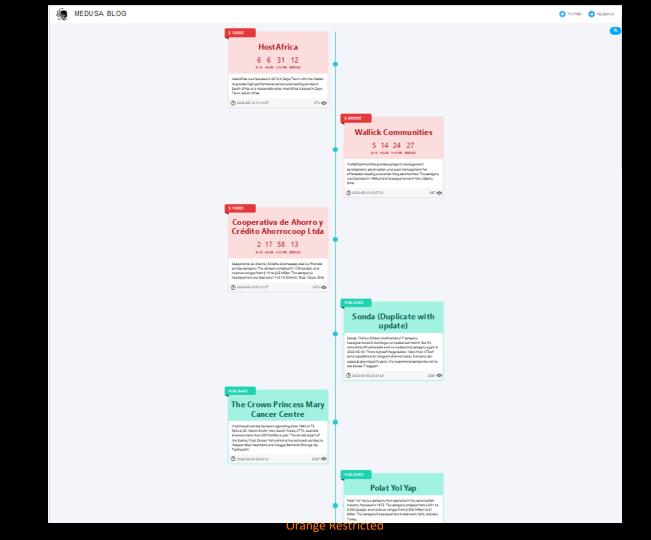
news - news about upcoming data releases

contact - send us a message and we will contact you

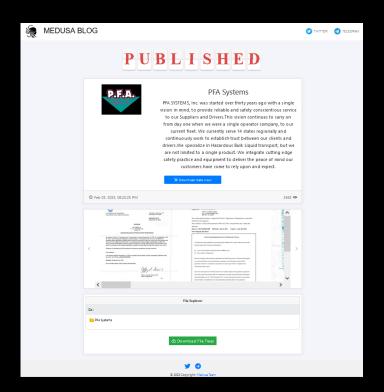
help — available commands

clear - clear screen

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### What happens when your company is posted on a Cy-X leaksite?

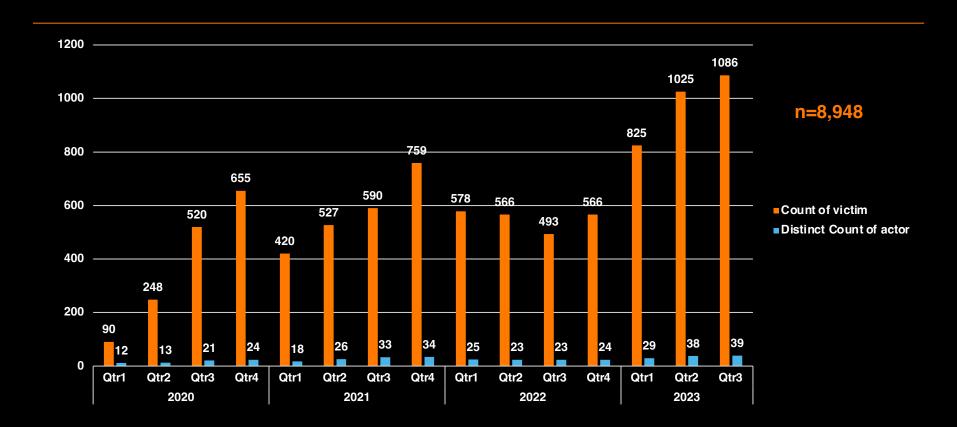




# Cy-X Threat Landscape

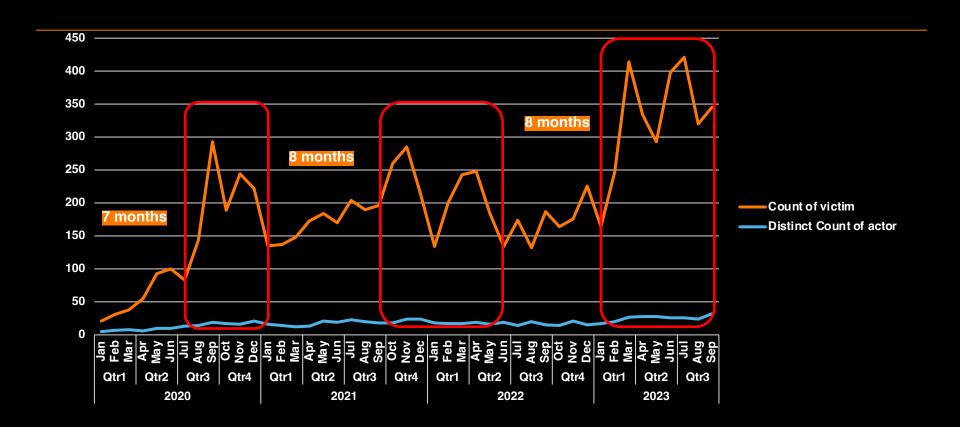
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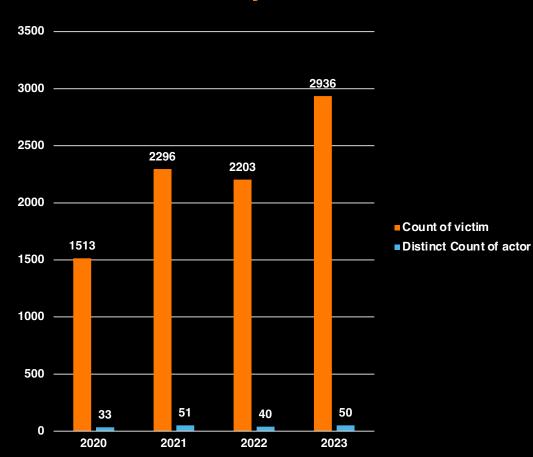


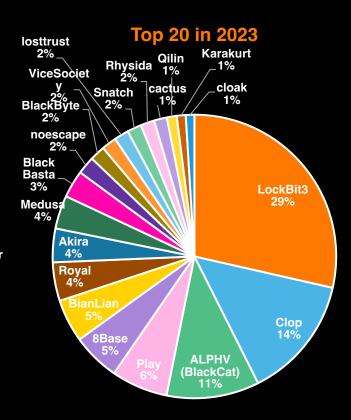
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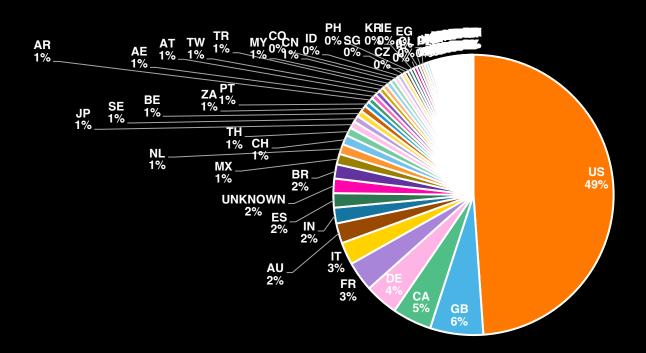




# Victimology

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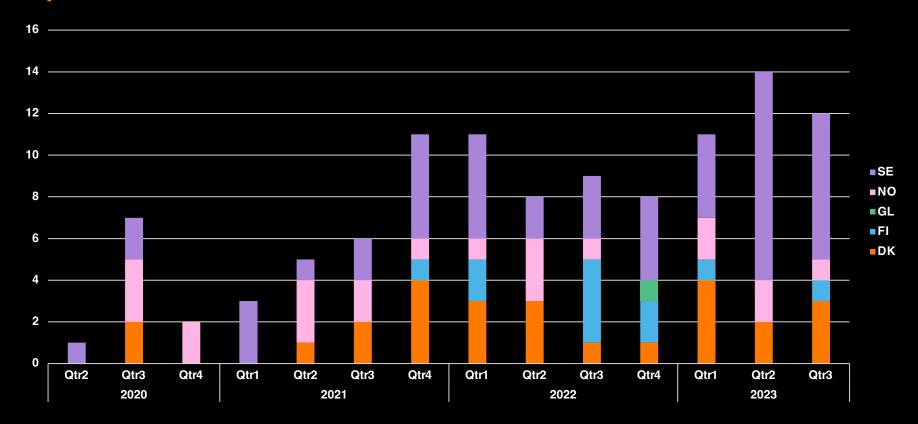


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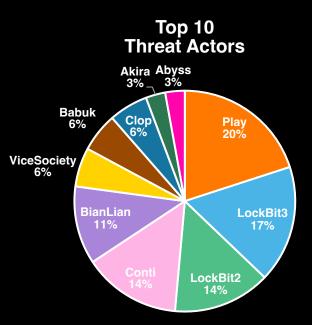
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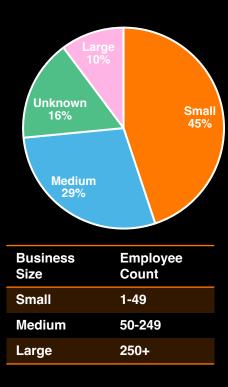
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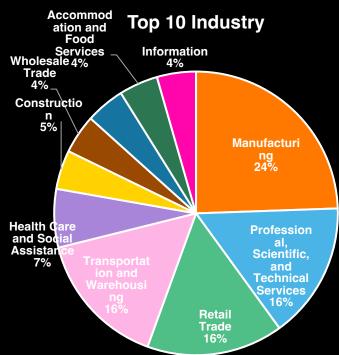


## Cy-X / Ransomware - Sweden



#### **Business Size**





# What to expect in the Nordics?



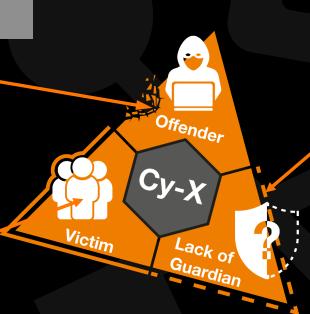


#### **Demotivate offenders:**

- Coordinated law enforcement effort
- Reducing the flow of funds from victims
- Targeted efforts to reduce criminals' neutralization techniques

#### Attractiveness as victim:

- Visibility. A large attack surface
- Vulnerability. Poor cybersecurity practices
- Inertia: 'Data' is easy to access and exfiltrate
- **Value**: The value of the data to the victim
- Access: The amount of time and space allowed to the attacker



# Get suitable guardians in place:

- Technical controls
- 'Social' guardians government, individuals, teams and groups

# Thanks

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