

The cyber threats evolution through the experiences gained by Leonardo with its customers

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LO SMART WORKING, DA ECCEZIONE A NUOVA NORMALITÀ:
la Cybersecurity, le Nuove Regole e i case studies vincenti

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Our Group

Leonardo is a global company in the **Aerospace, Defence and Security** sector with an integrated offer of high-tech solutions for both military requirements and civil applications.



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Leonardo's **NEXT GENERATION SECURITY OPERATION CENTER** the enabling infrastructure for the provision of managed security services that guarantee, in real time, the cyber protection and resilience of our Customers' key infrastructures

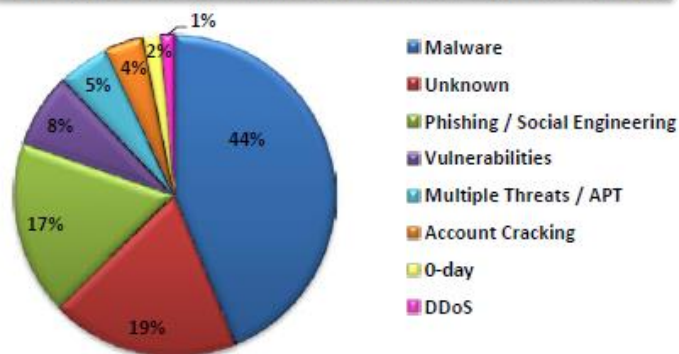


- Security Operation Center
- Computer Security Incident Response Team
- Intelligence operation Center



Main Cyber Threats: types and motivations

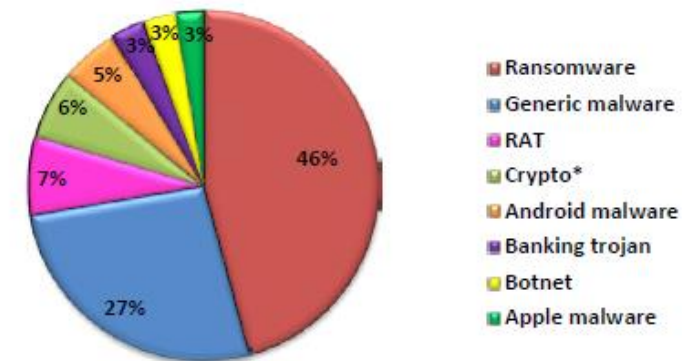
Cyber Attack distribution by types (2019)



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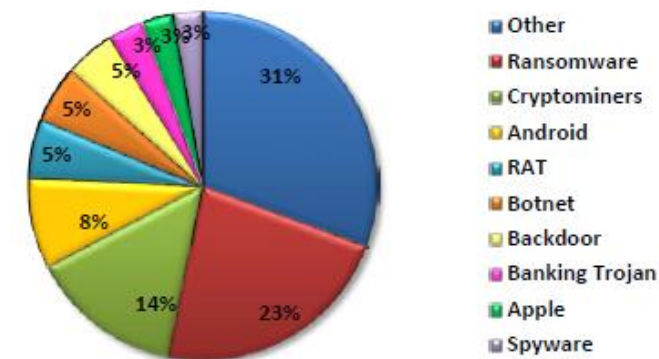
TIPOLOGIA TECNICHE DI ATTACCO	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2019 su 2018	Trend
Malware	127	106	229	446	585	730	24.8%	↑
Unknown	199	232	338	277	408	317	-22.3%	↓
Known Vulnerabilities / Misconfig.	195	184	136	127	177	126	-28.8%	↓
Phishing / Social Engineering	4	6	76	102	160	291	81.9%	↑
Multiple Techniques / APT	60	104	59	63	98	65	-33.7%	↓
Account Cracking	86	91	46	52	56	86	53.6%	↑
DDoS	81	101	115	38	38	23	-39.5%	↓
0-day	8	3	13	12	20	30	50.0%	↑
Phone Hacking	3	1	3	3	9	1	-88.9%	↓
SQL Injection	110	184	35	7	1	1	0.0%	-
TOTALE	873	1012	1050	1127	1552	1670		

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The main motivations of the Threat Actors behind the cyber-attacks:

- Geopolitics
- Financial
- Industrial espionage
- Hacktivism

Changes about work after COVID-19: the companies' point of view

From the beginning of 2020, Italy (and the rest of the world) is facing the COVID-19 pandemic for which no one was really prepared.

Smart Working approach has ensured the business continuity but, on the other hand, has introduced a strong exposure to cyber risks

After COVID, we have operated in a context in which:

- the infrastructures were not adequately sized and protected
- people didn't have specific training about threats in this new scenario
- The processes were not suited to the new operational context

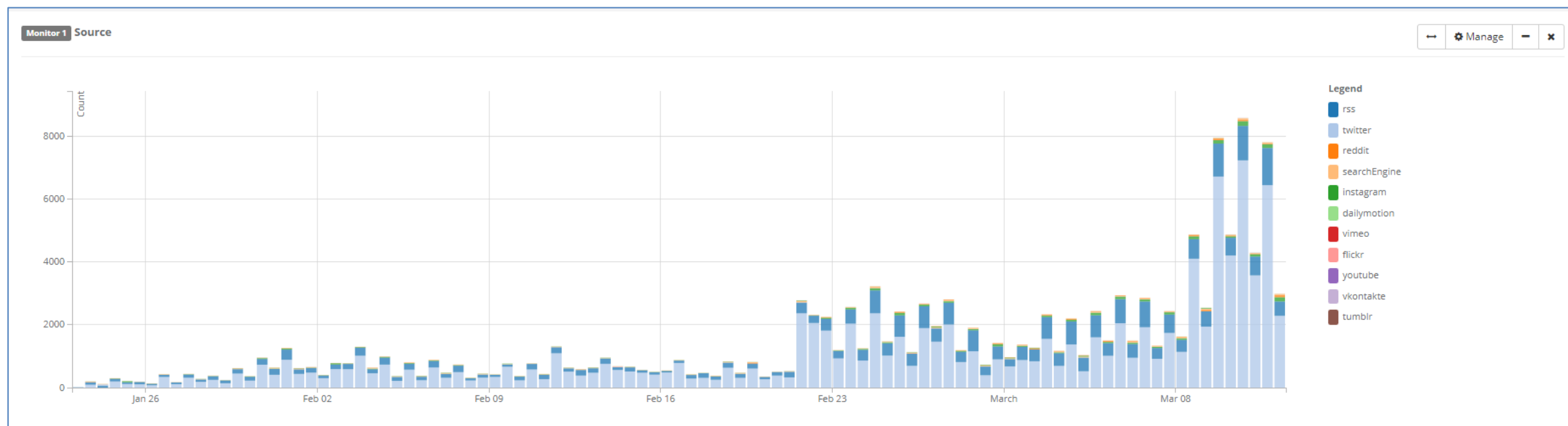


After COVID-19 pandemic, Cyber risks has enormously increased



Changes about work after COVID-19: the threat actors' point of view

The interest about **COVID-19 topic** becomes a key element in making malicious campaigns more effective



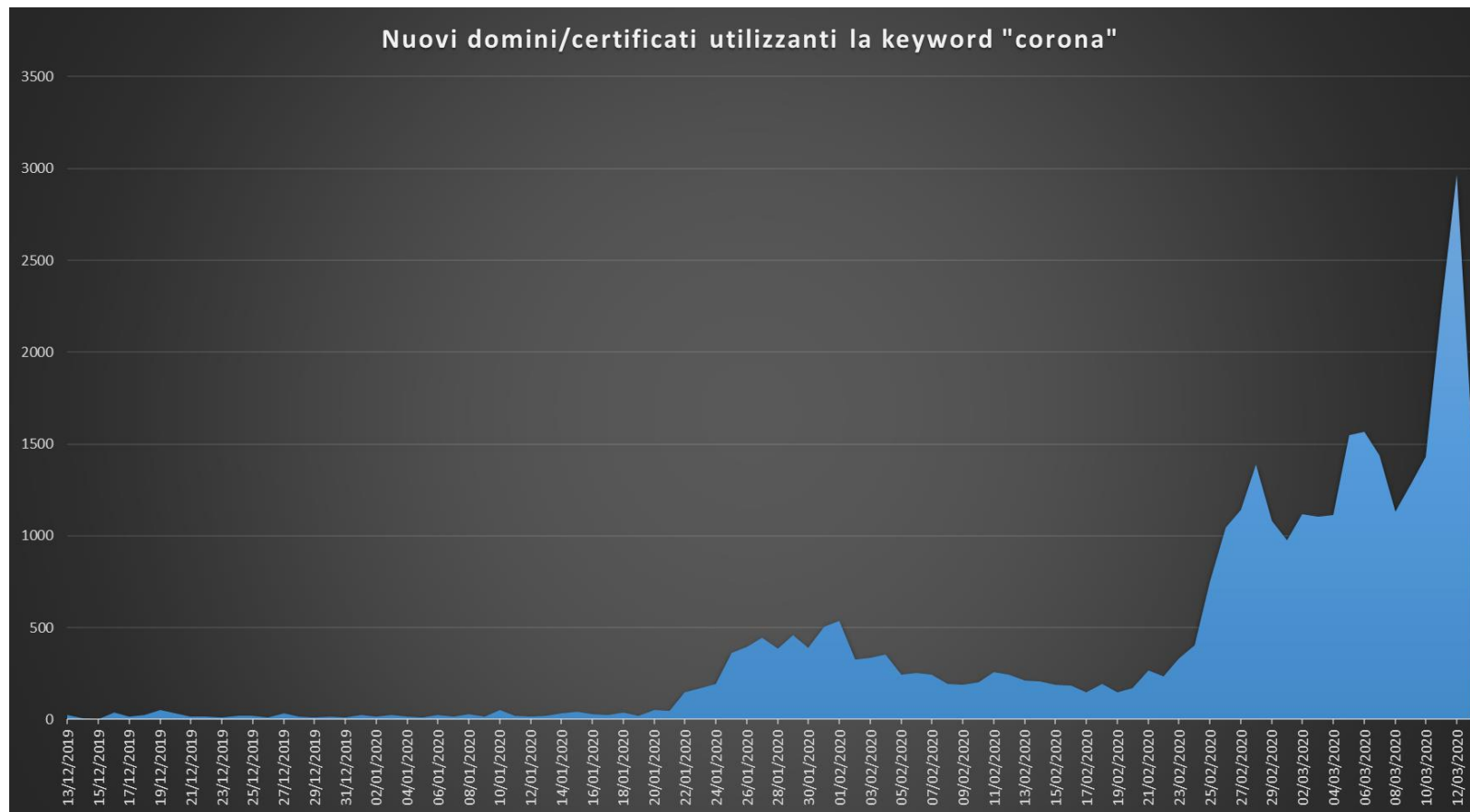
The social chatter regarding the COVID-19 theme

Source: SOC Leonardo



Changes about work after COVID-19: the threat actors' point of view

The significant increase in new **malicious COVID-19-themed sites** recorded in Q1 2020 confirms the **opportunism of threat actors in exploiting this topic**

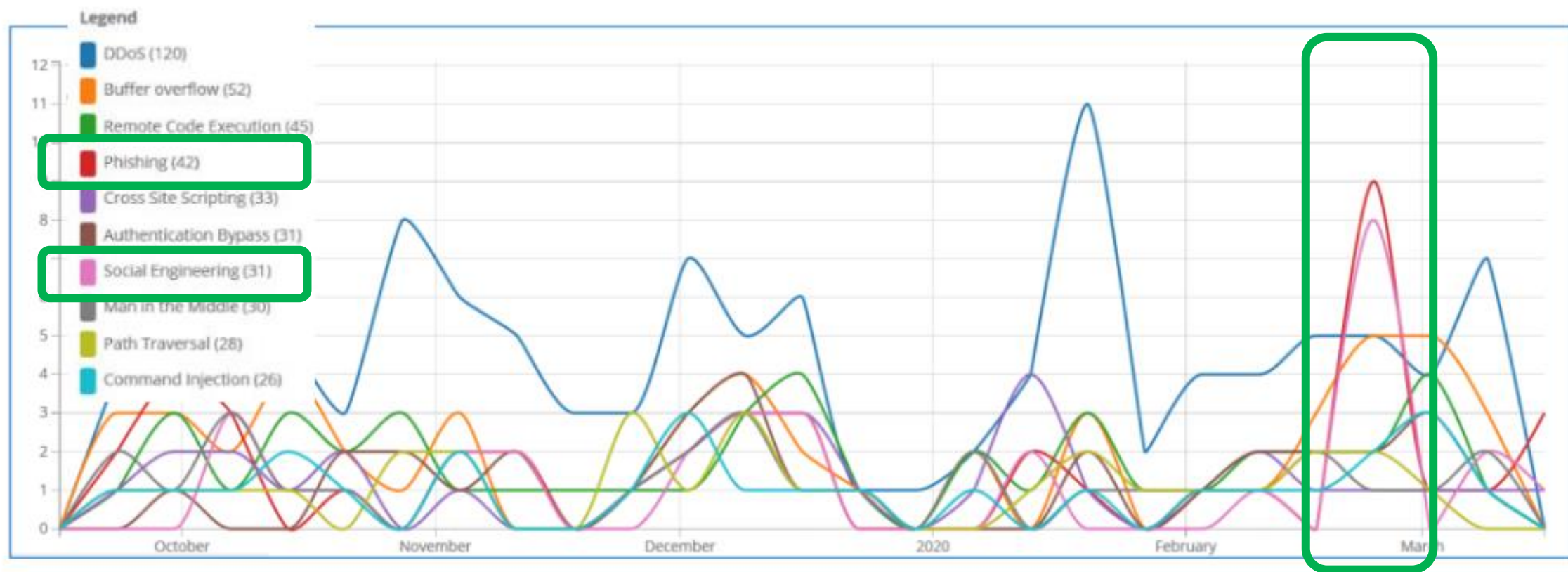


Trend of the registration of new domains using the COVID-19 subject



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The type of **cyber-attacks** also change to adapt to the emergency phase focusing on **Phishing** and **Social Engineering**



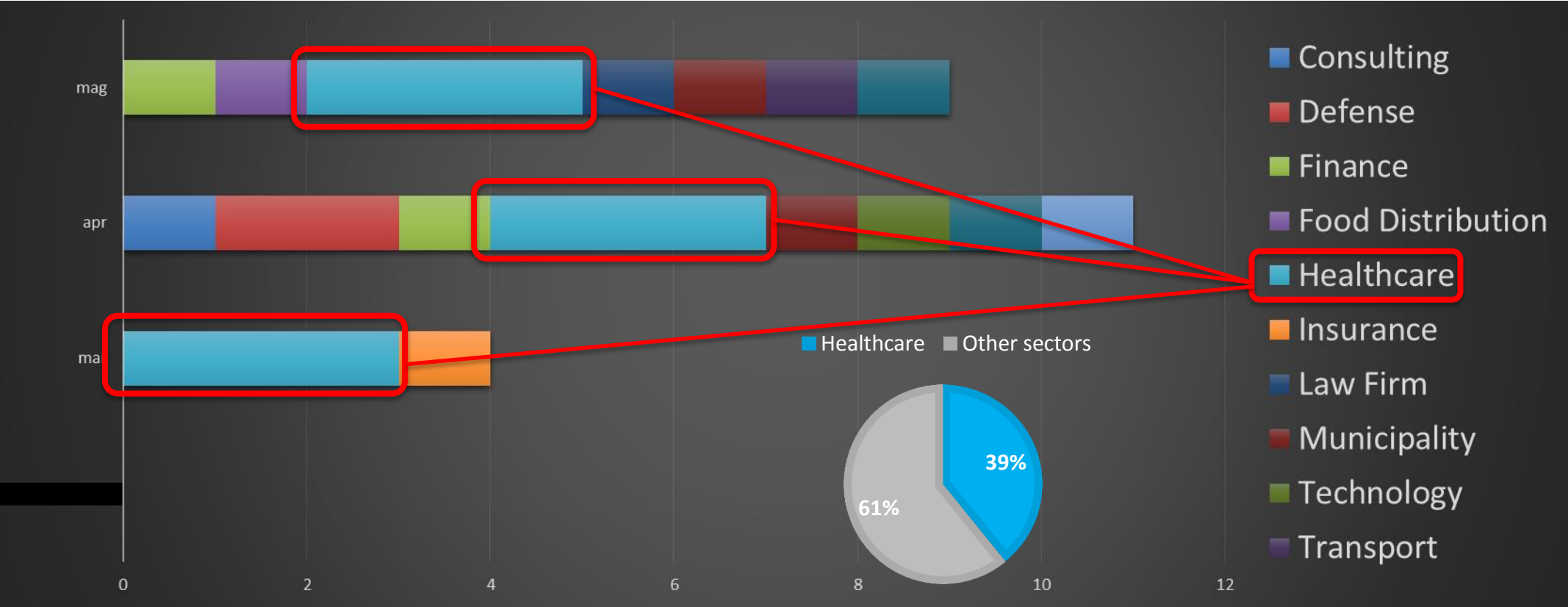
Cyber-attacks by type

Source: SOC Leonardo



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Cyber-attacks **mainly target the healthcare sector** most exposed in the pandemic period



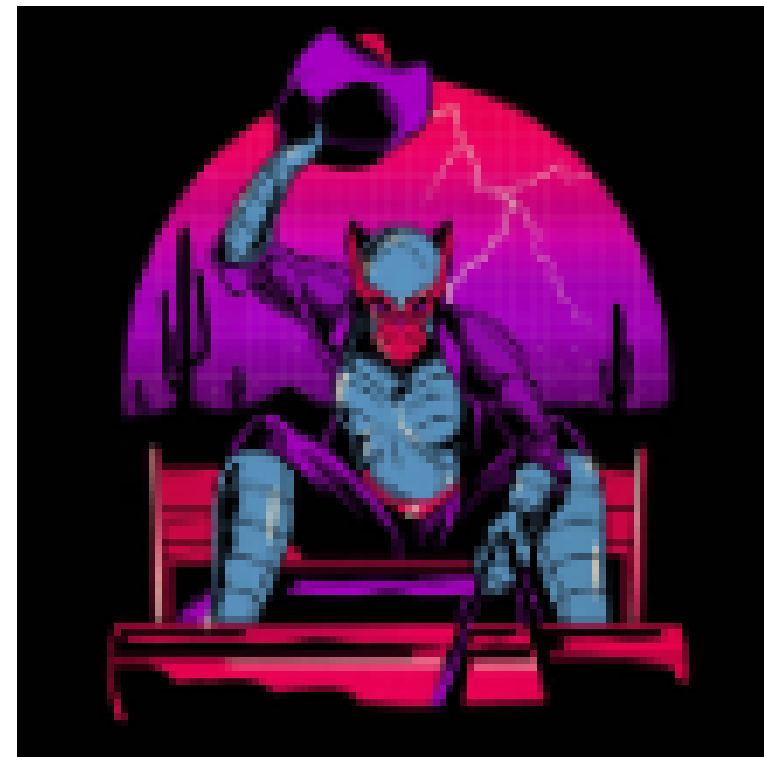
Ransomware attacks by industry

Source: SOC Leonardo

Analysis of the main attacks detected during the COVID-19 emergency

PIONER KITTEN (alias PARISITE, UNC757)

- *GOAL*: Iranian state-sponsored group
- *HISTORY*: has been operating since 2017, before known as **TunnelMaster**
- *TACTICS, TECHNIQUES, AND PROCEDURES (TTP)*: internet mass scans to find vulnerable servers
- *BEHAVIOUR DURING THE PANDEMIC*: sale of user access to compromised company networks, using the VPN vulnerabilities exploitation



Analysis of the main attacks detected during the COVID-19 emergency

CHARMING KITTEN (alias Parastoo, APT35)

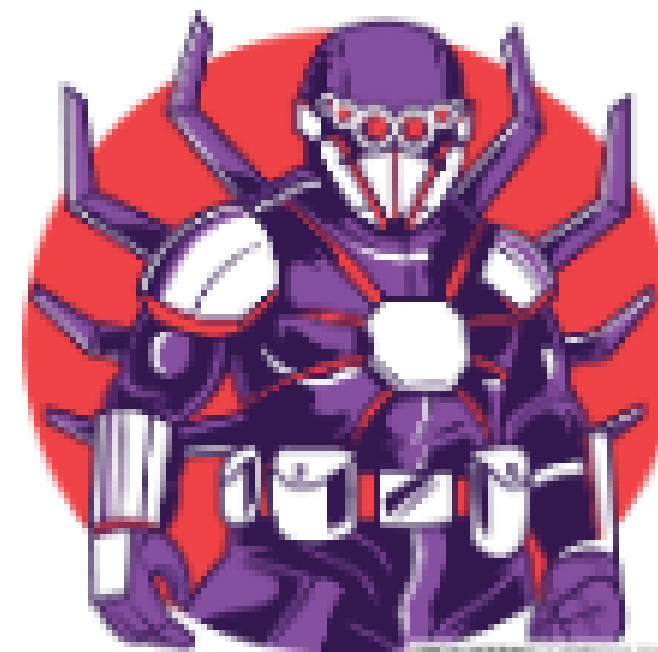
- *GOAL*: Iranian **state-sponsored group**
- *HISTORY*: has been operating since 2013, links to the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC)
- *TACTICS, TECHNIQUES, AND PROCEDURES (TTP)*: very active in social engineering operations through spear phishing
- *BEHAVIOUR DURING THE PANDEMIC*: sale of credentials to access compromised corporate networks, using the VPN vulnerabilities exploitation



Analysis of the main attacks detected during the COVID-19 emergency

GRACEFUL SPIDER

- *GOAL*: Iranian **no-profit group**
- *HISTORY*: has been operating since 2016, links to APT Indrik Spider (Author of Dridex)
- *TACTICS, TECHNIQUES, AND PROCEDURES (TTP)*: spam emails to gain initial access to victims
- *BEHAVIOUR DURING THE PANDEMIC*: use of CL0P ransomware to attack Healthcare companies





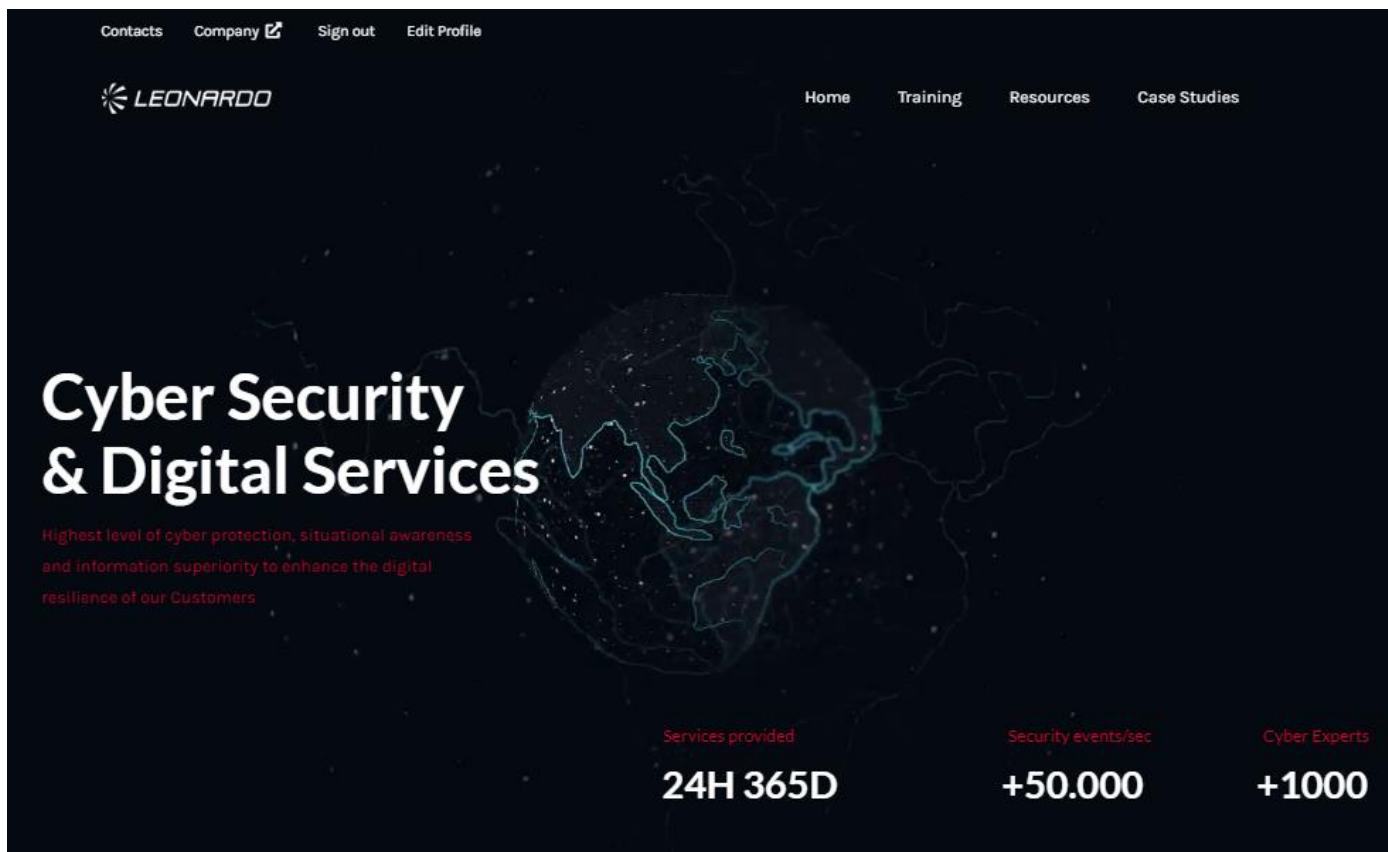
Introduction to the Use Case – The Intelligence Process



Use Case



Smart working & Cyber Security: Leonardo COVID-19 initiatives



Documentation on attacks and prevention measures

Cyber awareness video learning for employees

<https://lnrdo.co/cyberaccess>



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