New Emerging Ransomware going Global

Tonga's Computer Emergency Response Team is advising computer users about a new emerging ransomware attack known as 'Bad Rabbit' similar to the recent Petya/NotPetya attack, has affected several organizations in multiple countries this week.

Initial reports are that 'Bad Rabbit' is mainly affecting Russian organizations but other countries are affected as well as Turkey, Germany, Poland, and South Korea.

This widespread ransomware attack initially spread through via fake Flash update packages. It also appears to come with tools that help it move from computer to computer inside a network, which may explain why it spread so quickly across several organizations in such a small time.

Tonga's CERT recommends the computer users to; ensure that all updates on computers and devices are applied, always keep anti-virus software running and up-to-date, make sure to back up the system and store files securely offline, and do not run software updates when prompted by a third-party site

The team also advises computer users to call CERT's hotline – 2378, if they will encounter such attack or need any further information.

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