



# State Service of Special Communications and Information Protection of Ukraine



## Case study: major attack on critical infrastructure

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# Historical background

## A list of large-scale cyberattacks at critical infrastructure

May 2014 - a cyber attack on the central election commission website during the President election

October 2015 - large-scale cyber attack on a number of Ukrainian television channels

December 23, 2015 - cyber attack on the energy sector (Kyivoblenergo, Chernivtsioblenergo, Prikarpatyeoblenergo)

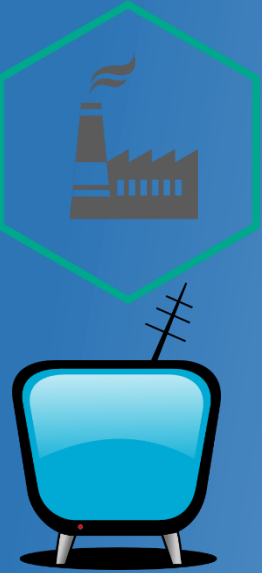
February 2016 - cyber attack on the Borispol airport

December 6, 2016 - a cyber attack on the internal telecommunication networks of the Ministry of Finance, the State Treasury, the Pension Fund

December 15, 2016 - DDOS attack on the Ukrzaliznytsia website

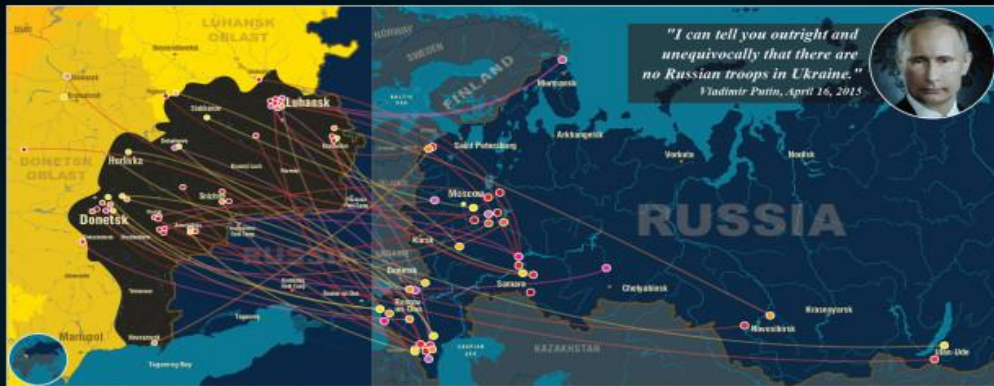
December 17, 2016 - cyber attack on the substation "Severnaya" of the company "Ukrenergo"

June 27, 2017 - hacker attack using the Petya.A virus program



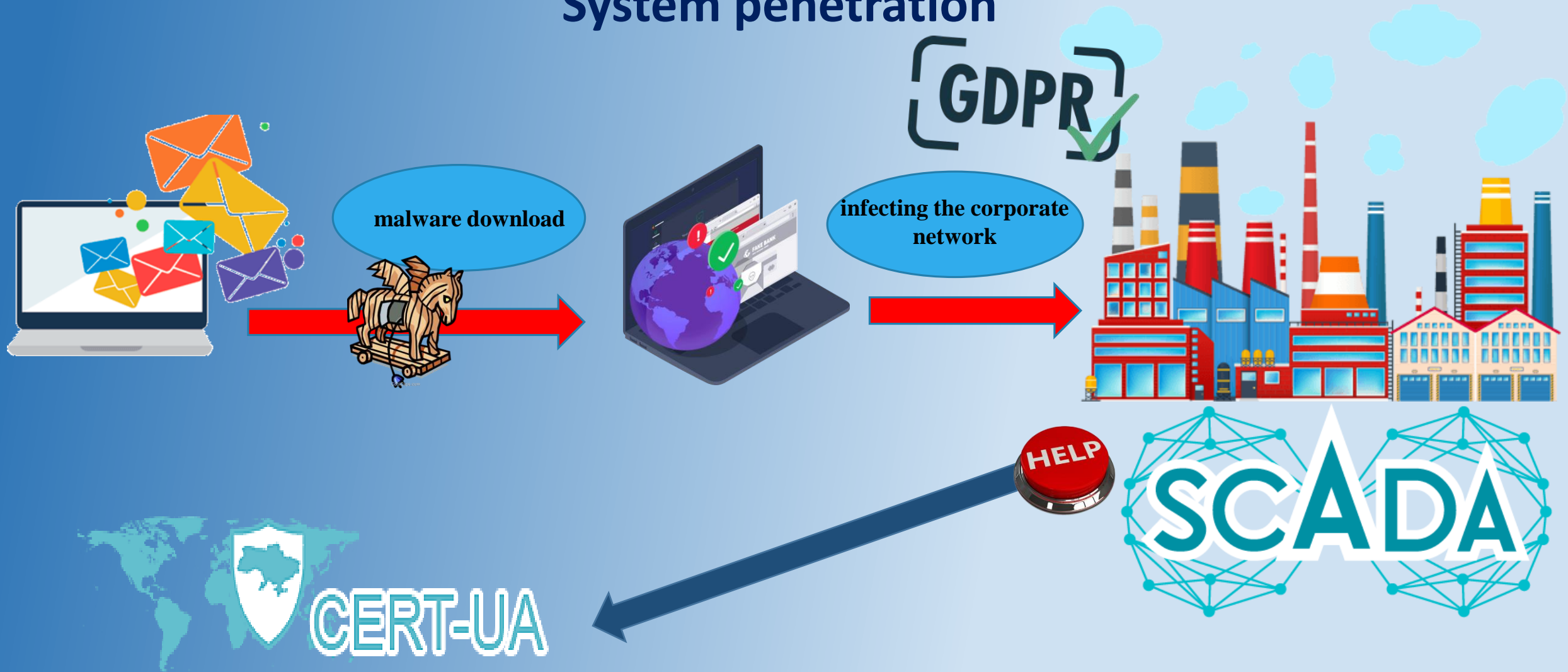
DDoS

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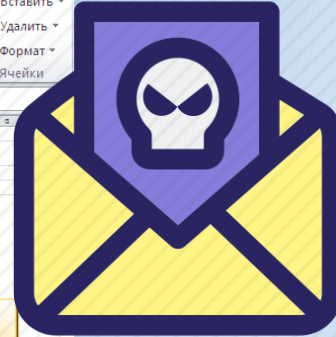
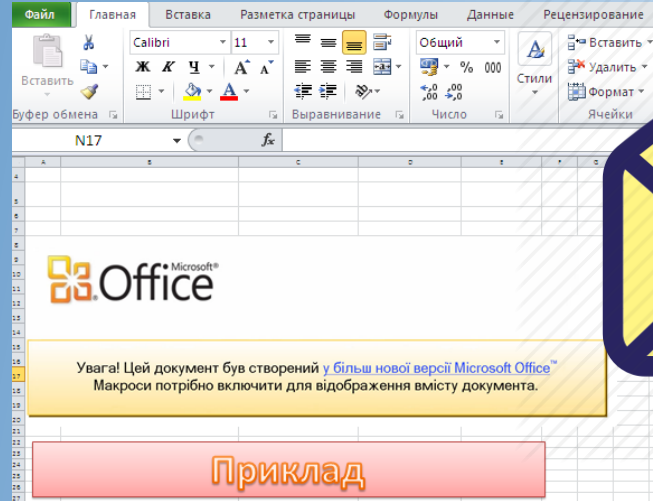
# CONSIDERATION OF A CYBER ATTACK ON THE ENERGY SYSTEM.

## System penetration



# CONSIDERATION OF A CYBER ATTACK ON THE ENERGY SYSTEM

## Example of a letter



Gcat

«root.cert»





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## Destructive activity of intruders



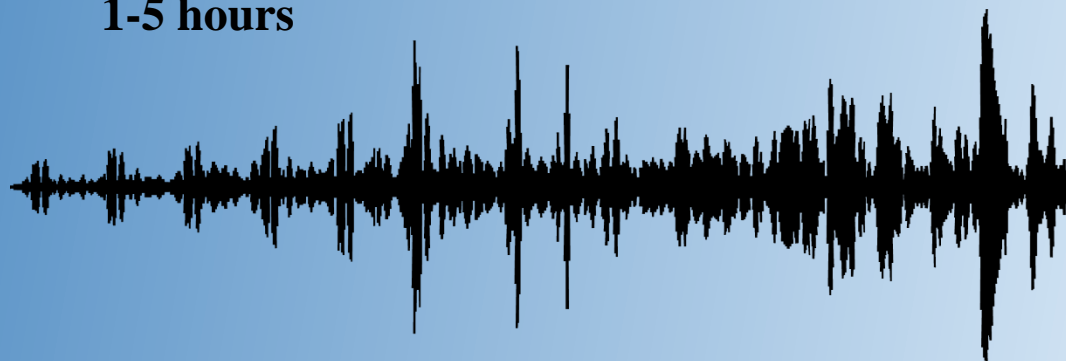
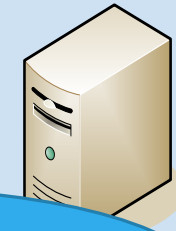
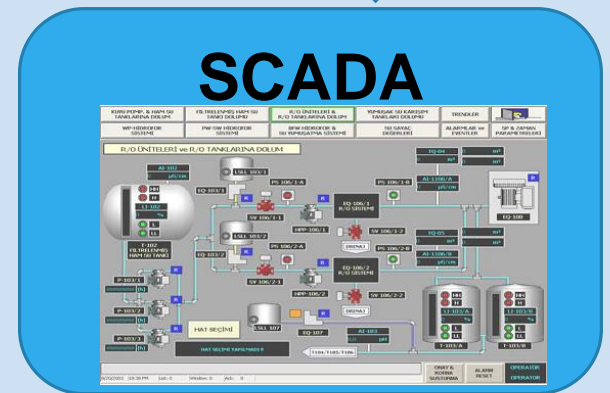
corporate network intelligence

VPN access

Malware download into SCADA

30 substations  
200,000 inhabitants  
1-5 hours

SCADA



# ROLE of CERT-UA

December 26, 2015 CERT-UA received information about attempts of unauthorized access to the systems of Prikarpatyeoblenergo OJSC.

Indications of compromise have been found :

<https://5.9.32.230/Microsoft/Update/KS1945777.php>

<https://31.210.111.154/Microsoft/Update/KS081274.php>

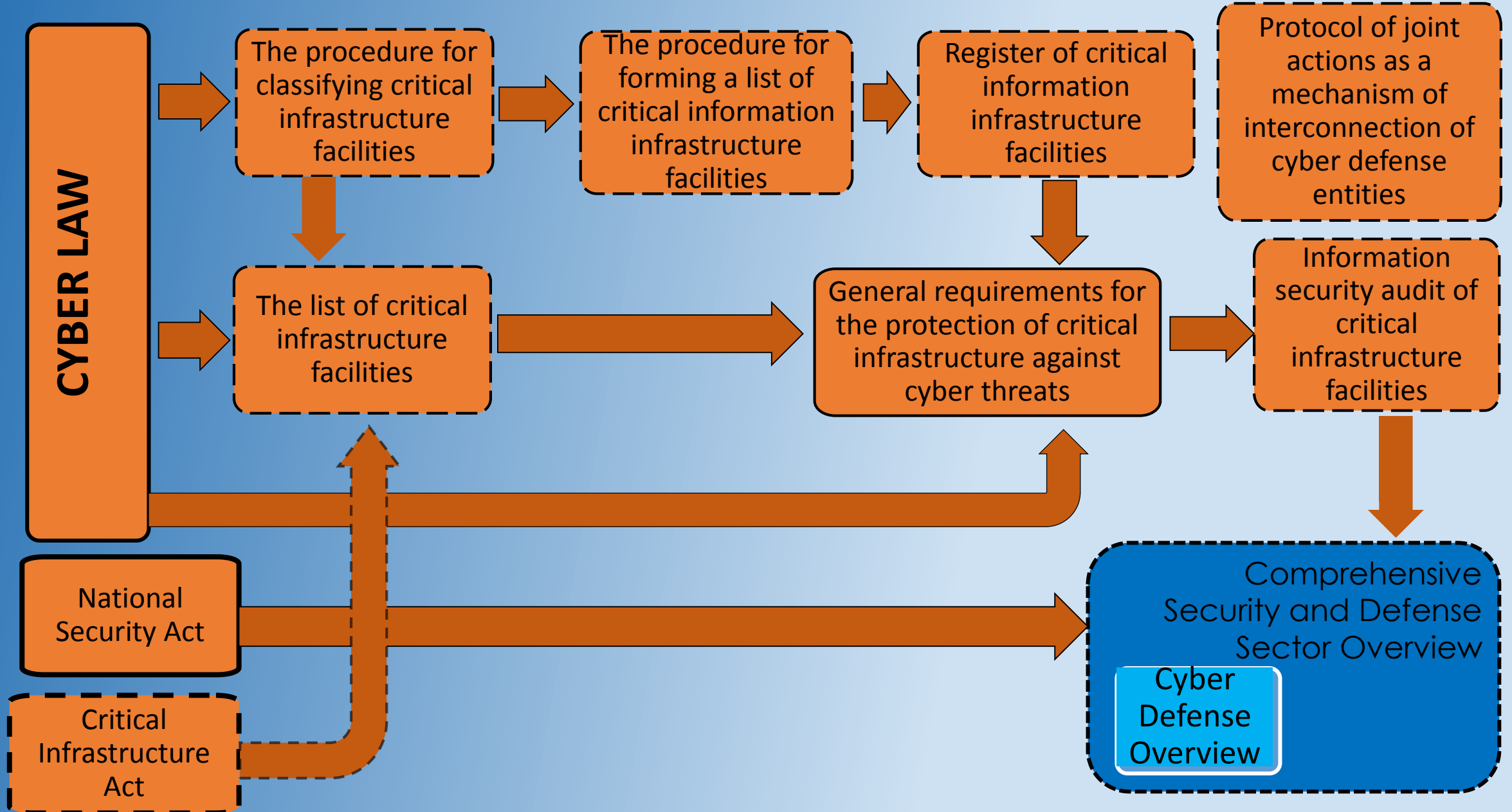
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**Win32/Rootkit.BlackEnergy.AM**  
**Win32/Kryptik.DFJC**  
**RootKit.Kryptik.AAI**

The cyber attack on the flight control systems of the Borispil International Airport has been successfully identified and neutralized. Using the already known indicators of compromise, the specialists of the Boryspil International Airport, with the support of CERT-UA employees, discovered the BlackEnergy Trojan on the network.

# LEGAL REGULATION





# CYBERINCIDENT RESPONSE CENTER

Cybersecurity  
Situational  
Centers



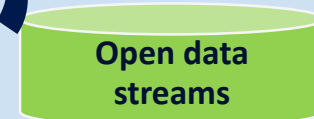
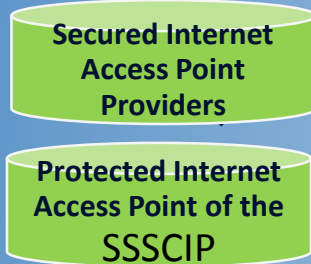
Data Bank,  
base of information interaction



Cybersecurity Situational  
Centers



CERT (CSIRT) industry











Critical infrastructure

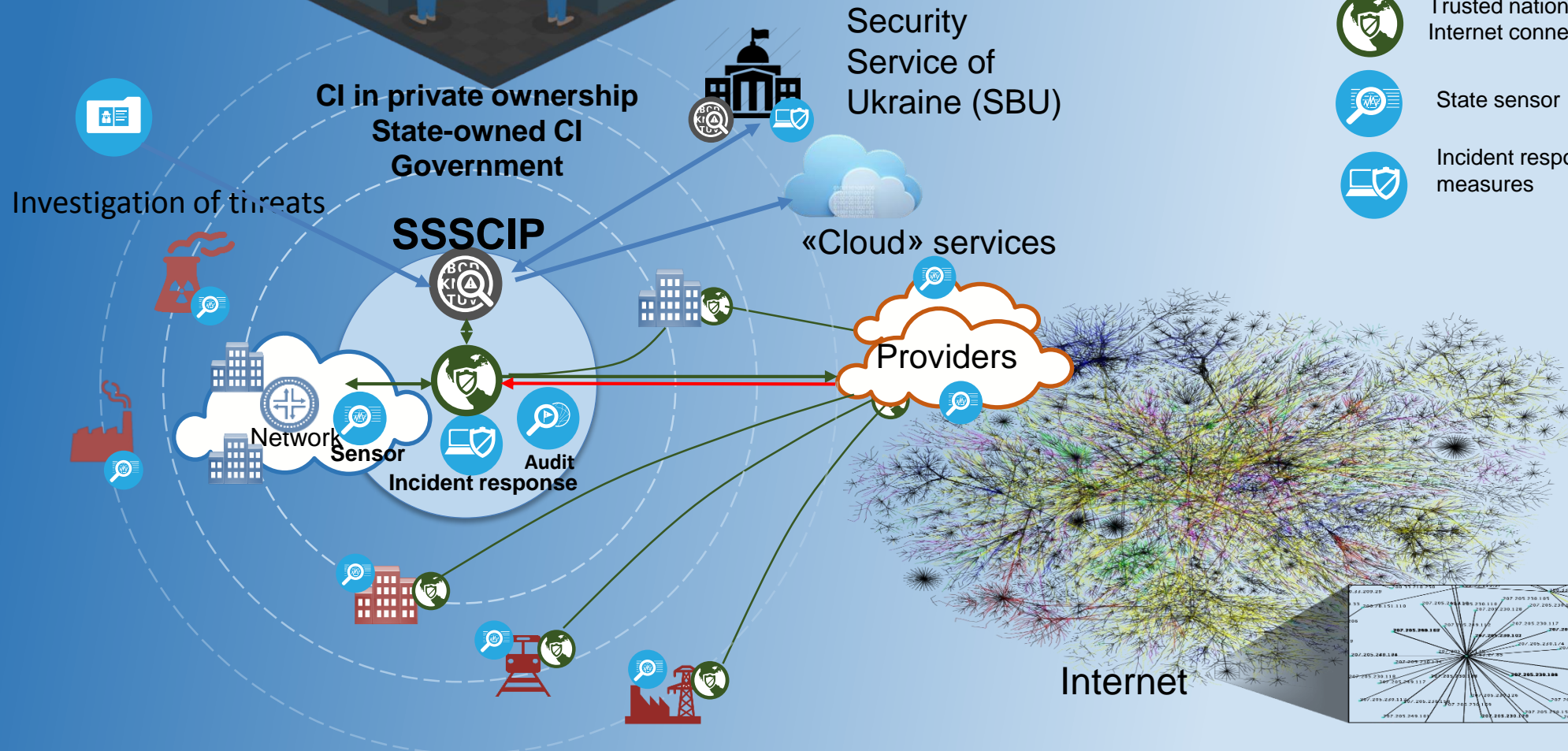




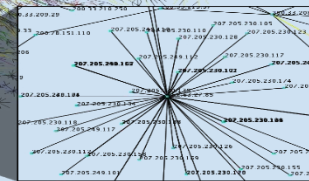
# ARCHITECTURE OF THE NATIONAL CYBER SECURITY SYSTEM



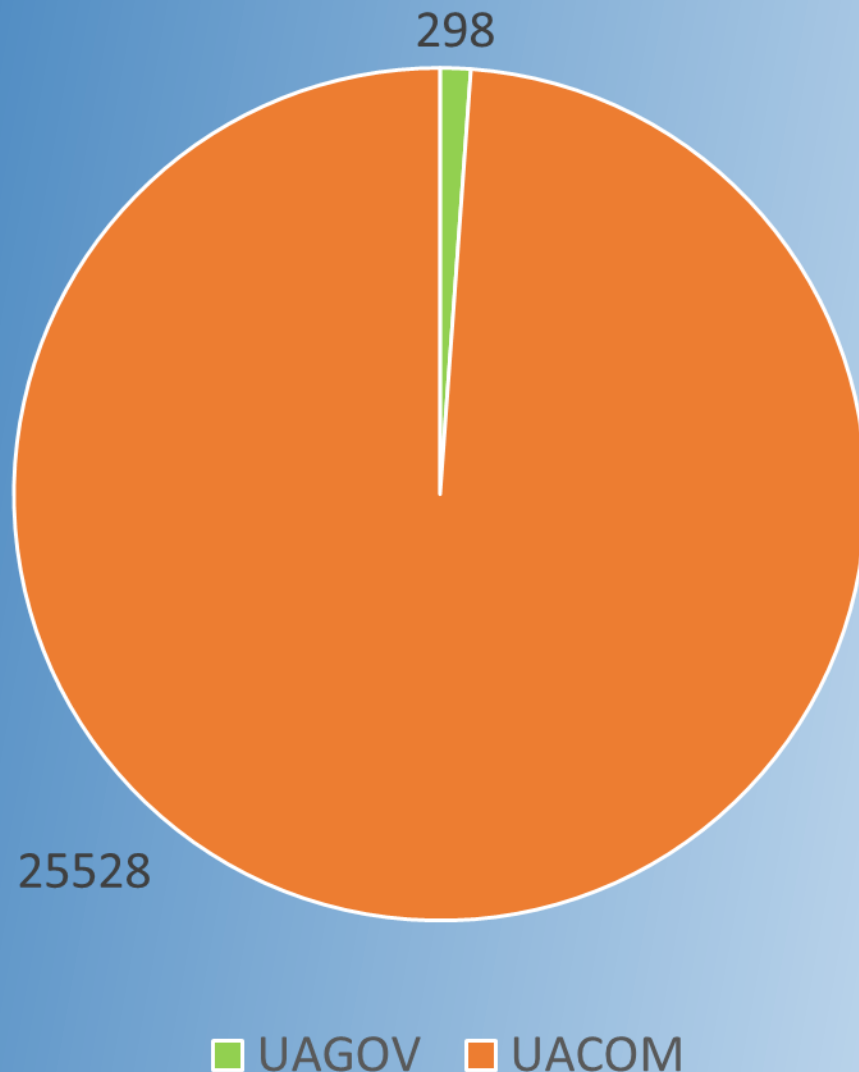
-  Government Network
  Operational Center for Security of the SSSCIP
-  Trusted national-level Internet connection
  Operational Center for Security of the SBU
-  State sensor
  Trusted internet connection for critical infrastructure
-  Incident response measures
  Sensor or critical infrastructure



Internet



# CERT-UA statistics since the beginning of 2019



25826 incidents have been reported for the year

Of them:

- attempt to gain unauthorized access – 186;
- phishing – 851;
- DDoS – 25;
- system vulnerability – 32;
- malware software – 24888.



# CYBERGYGIENE



ТОРГОВО-ПРОМИСЛОВА  
ПАЛАТА УКРАЇНИ

## «Simple security rules in cyberspace»

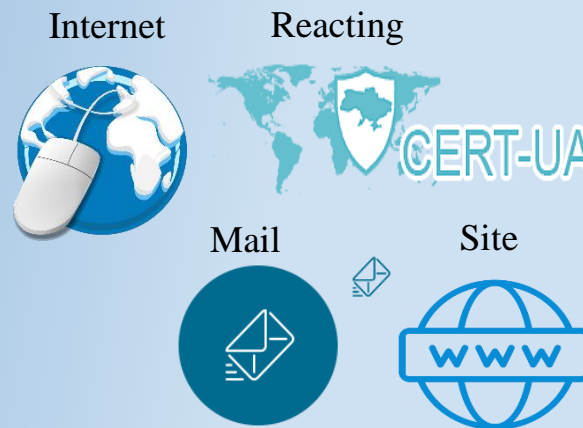
Operators (providers)  
of the Internet  
Association of  
Ukraine



Kyivstar  
Lifecell  
Vodafone  
Ukraine  
ThreeMob



## Recommendations for government agencies



EUROPEAN  
CYBER  
SECURITY  
MONTH

- Using email
- Web site hosting
- Secure Internet connection
- Procedure for detection

• STUDY



ACADEMY •

# CYBER SIMULATOR

## (training and advanced training)

In order to train qualified specialists in the field of cybersecurity, as well as to improve their skills, develop practical and theoretical skills, a cyber simulator has been created in the base of the CERT-UA team for responding to computer incidents in Ukraine.

It is a classroom with a technology platform where you can build the appropriate networks and cyber attack scenarios in a virtual environment. The main goal is to develop practical skills in investigating incidents that are created by modeling the corresponding actions of attackers.

There is also the possibility of creating so-called competitions like Red & Blue.







## UCA #FRD ACTIVITY

At the end of 2017, the Ukrainian Cyber Alliance, along with other IT specialists, conducted an action for almost two months in order to assess the level of security of state resources.

Activists did not break anything, they only showed vulnerable resources, found typical vulnerabilities and shortcomings, namely:

- Not updated software;
- Use of default passwords;
- Lack of network segmentation;
- Imperfect security policy settings.

Their activities attracted attention to the existing problems in cybersecurity of individual enterprises and departments of Ukraine and allowed the implementation of measures to eliminate them. However, the information was published on social networks, which caused a public outcry and also became known to the Russian Federation.





# RESULTS, CONCLUSIONS, PLANS FOR THE FUTURE



Recognizing the importance of cyber defense of critical infrastructure facilities and ensuring the functioning of the national information infrastructure, the following should be included in the key tasks:

- formation of a regulatory framework in the field of cybersecurity aimed at achieving compatibility with the EU and NATO countries,
- resolving the issue of public-private partnership in the field of cybersecurity;
- further scaling of the organizational and technical model of cyber defense in all regions of Ukraine:
  - *inclusion in the system of cyber monitoring and early detection of cyber threats of IT-systems of critical infrastructure (primarily energy, healthcare, financial and transport sectors);*
  - *the establishment of industry cybersecurity centers;*
  - *development of a network of computer emergency response teams)*
- development of international cooperation with EU and NATO member countries.



**THANK YOU!**