



**AusCERT**  
Australian Cyber Emergency Response Team



# QUESTnet 2016 AusCERT Update

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# Agenda

- What is AusCERT
- Maximising the value of AusCERT services
- SOC (Security Operations Centre) and ISAC (Information Sharing and Analysis Centre) models for Higher Education
- CAUDIT survey on AusCERT ISAC model
- Our own ideas for the future
- Group discussion

Takeaways (slides available for download later)

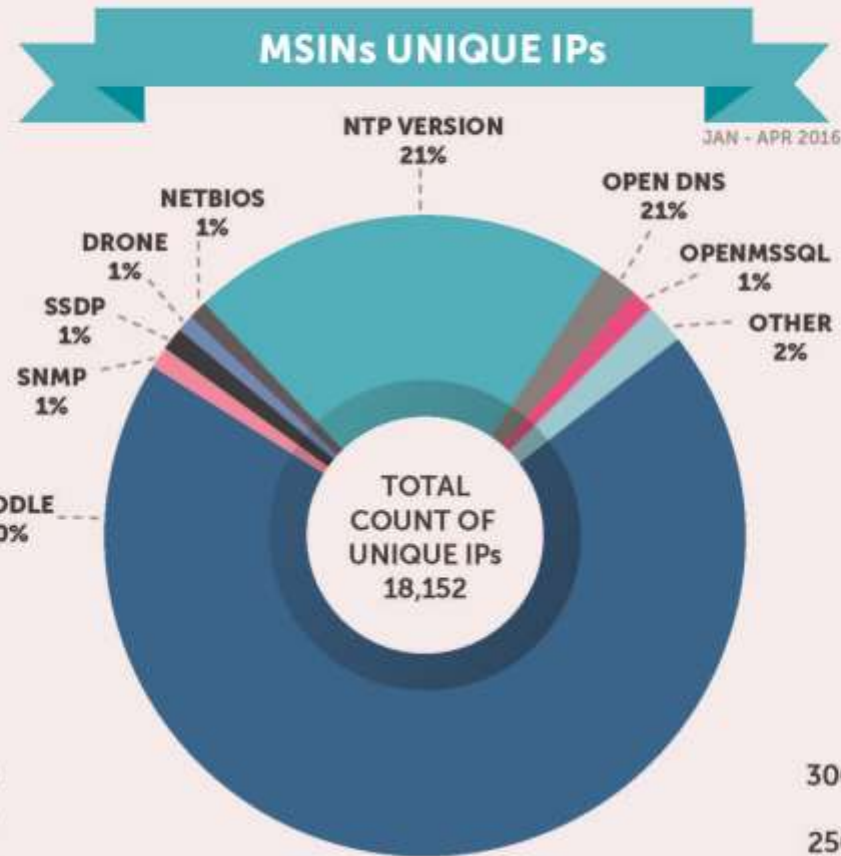
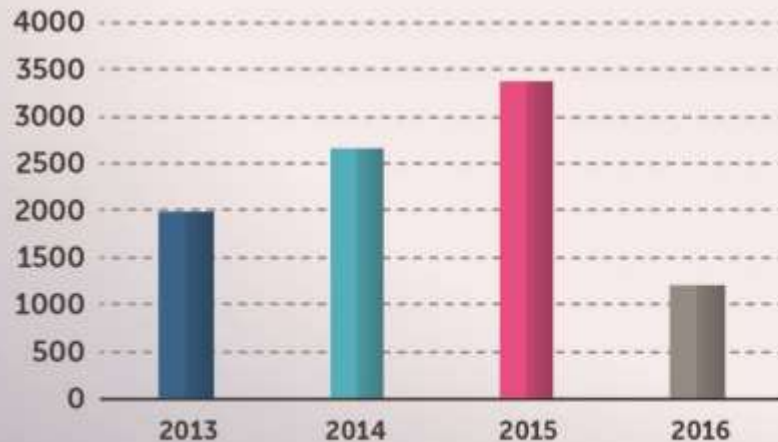
- AusCERT's Incident Handling infographic
- How to set up and maximise AusCERT services



NUMBER OF UNIQUE MALWARE SAMPLES  
AUSCERT SENDS TO AV VENDORS  
ON AVERAGE EACH MONTH

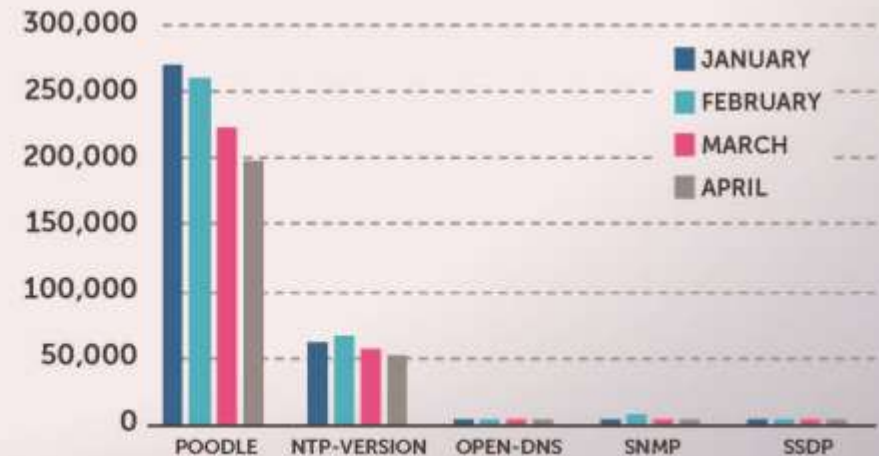
## AUSCERT SECURITY BULLETINS

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THE PERCENTAGE OF SAMPLES THAT ARE DETECTED  
BY AV VENDORS WHEN MALWARE IS SUBMITTED  
BY AUSCERT (ACROSS 59 VENDORS)

## MSINs TOP VULNERABLE HOSTS BY MONTH



AVERAGE NUMBER OF PHISHING AND MALWARE  
SITES AUSCERT PROCESSES EACH MONTH



# AusCERT Membership Services

- Security bulletins via email, web, profile email, RSS
- SMS early warning service
- Members IRC channel
- Proactive and reactive incident management services
- 24/7 member hotline for incident response assistance
- Flying Squad and VISO services (additional fees apply)
- Malicious URL feed
- AusCERT Remote Monitoring Service (ARMS)
- Phishing takedown service
- Certificate Service



# Security Bulletin Service

## Set up mailing list – Security Bulletins

- Goal: Set up your internal distribution lists to receive security bulletins
- Security bulletins
  - [auscert-member@yourdomain.edu.au](mailto:auscert-member@yourdomain.edu.au) (or equivalent)
  - Allows you to add any number of internal users to receive ALL bulletins
  - You manage who is added and removed from the list within your organisation
  - Volume can be managed by creating rules within your email client
  - If you subscribe to profile email, you will receive duplicates

Reference: Security Bulletins <https://www.auscert.org.au/1>

# Proactive Incident Response

## **Set up access to member only portal**

- <https://www.auscert.org.au/login.html>
- AusCERT creates a primary web account (for the Primary Contact), who can
  - Add or remove internal users to give access
  - Change passwords for these users
- Access to member only portal is needed for:
  - Read ASBs and other member only content
  - Set up profile email
  - Access malicious URL feed
  - Access symmetric keys to decrypt encrypted files sent to by email from AusCERT
  - Get the IRC channel shared password
  - Get the Incident Hotline number
  - Organisation's primary contact grants access (ask AusCERT if primary is unknown)

*Reference: Member Portal* <https://www.auscert.org.au/main/member>



# Proactive Incident Response

## Set up mailing list – incident notifications

- Goal:
  - Set up your internal distribution lists to proactive incident notifications
- AusCERT Contact
  - [auscert-contact@yourdomain.edu.au](mailto:auscert-contact@yourdomain.edu.au) (or equivalent)
  - Allows you to add any number of internal users to receive ALL incident notifications affecting your domains and IPs
  - You manage who is added and removed from the list within your organisation
  - Everyone on this list will see all information affecting your organisation
  - This list will also receive Weekly Incident Summary Reports





# Proactive Incident Response

## **Notifications from AusCERT**

- Goal: Ensure correct and prompt action can be taken when AusCERT proactively detects incidents specific to the Member
- Workshop to discuss:
  - Incident response plan
  - MSIN example walkthrough
  - Data leakage notification walkthrough

Reference: MSINs <https://www.auscert.org.au/resources/blog/member-security-incident-notifications-msin-launched>



=====HEADING FOR INCIDENT TYPE 1=====

**Incident Type**

Name of the incident and any known exploited vulnerabilities and associated CVEs.

**Incident Description**

Further information on potential attack vectors and impacts.

**Incidents Reported**

List of individual reports sighted by AusCERT  
Incident report 1  
Incident report 2  
...Incident report n

**AusCERT recommended mitigations**

Steps for resolution of incidents or mitigation of vulnerabilities which could be exploited in the future.

**References**

Links to resources referenced within the report

**Additional Resources**

Links to additional material such as tutorials, guides and whitepapers relevant to the report aimed at enhancing the recipients understanding of the addressed vulnerabilities, potential impacts and mitigation techniques.

=====END OF REPORT=====

Compromised host example:

Timestamp: 2015-08-25T00:20:34+00:00  
Drone IP: 123.456.789.abc  
Drone Port: 13164  
Drone Hostname: abc.xxx.xxx.xxx.au  
Command and Control IP: aaa.bbb.ccc.ddd  
Command and Control Hostname: xxxxxxxx.yyy.org  
Command and Control Port: 80  
Malware Type: redyms

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Open DNS resolver example:

Timestamp: 2015-09-27T01:56:10+00:00  
IP: 123.45.678.90  
Port: 53  
Hostname: abc.def.net.au  
DNS Amplification factor: 1.3810  
Protocol: udp

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All timestamps are in UTC



# Threat data feeds

- Goal: Determine the best use case(s) and assist the Member to utilise AusCERT's threat data feeds
- Workshop to discuss:
  - Existing capability – SEIM, centralised logging, content filtering
  - The value of AusCERT's Malicious URL Feed
  - Possible use cases for the Malicious URL Feed
  - Future of threat intelligence, and how AusCERT can assist the Member from an information security community point of view

Reference: Malicious URL Feed <https://www.auscert.org.au/9123>



# Reactive Incident Response

## How and when to contact us

Operations: For incidents and cyber security advice or questions

- **AusCERT 24x7 incident hotline** <https://www.auscert.org.au/5141>
- Email and IRC is monitored during business hours only
- [auscert@auscert.org.au](mailto:auscert@auscert.org.au)
- IRC <https://www.auscert.org.au/22670>

Membership: General support to access services, ARMs or Member portal

- update your account details (contacts, IP addresses, domains)
- [membership@auscert.org.au](mailto:membership@auscert.org.au)
- 07 3365 4417

# Flying Squad Service

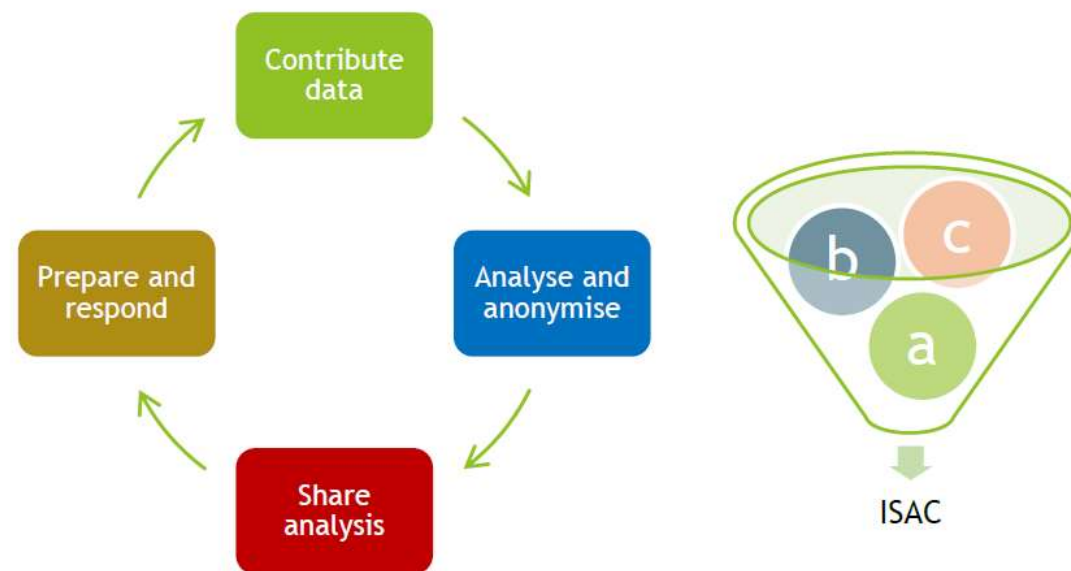


- Purpose
  - For complex and serious cyber security incidents, having on-site support from a trusted information security analyst will be important to help manage the incident.  
[https://www.auscert.org.au/resources/downloads/flying-squad-service-description\\_3june2016.pdf](https://www.auscert.org.au/resources/downloads/flying-squad-service-description_3june2016.pdf)
- 2 service levels:
  - Best Effort (no guaranteed availability but no fee unless we are available to provide the service)
  - Retainer (guaranteed 24 hour depart to your site with Retainer Fee \$24,000 pa
    - Includes up to 5 x 8 hour (business days incident response)
    - If outside of business hours (additional fees payable)
- To be prepared complete the Flying Squad Service schedule before you need to call us
  - [https://www.auscert.org.au/resources/downloads/flying-squad-service-schedule-form\\_3june2016.pdf](https://www.auscert.org.au/resources/downloads/flying-squad-service-schedule-form_3june2016.pdf)
  - Best effort – no risk – no cost up front



# New for Higher Education Sector

- SOC and/or ISAC services
- Membership driven, transparent, economies of scale for Higher Ed
- AusCERT already has expertise in this area



# CAUDIT Survey



- [Short Survey on AusCERT ISAC-SOC Proposal](#)



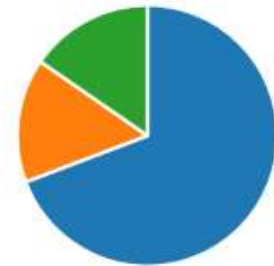
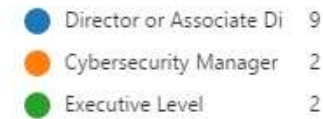
# CAUDIT Survey



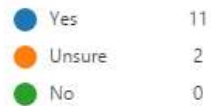
3. Are you aware of AusCERT's ISAC-SOC proposal?



6. At what level in your institution is there awareness of the ISAC proposal?

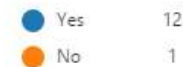


4. Is your institution likely to join the ISAC-SOC ? (annual fee estimates vary depending on institution between \$2.5k-\$33k, refer to the ISAC proposal schedule)



[Details](#)

8. Would your institution participate in the working party which will define the services to be offered and report back to the CAUDIT Spring Members meeting (if yes please advise contact details for who this will be)?



[Details](#)



# Our own ideas



- Your feedback so far asked AusCERT for:
  - Repository of documents, checklists, best practice guides
  - Information sharing on indicators of compromise
- <https://www.auscert.org.au/resources/blog/useful-security-resources>
- Choosing a managed security service provider (Members only)  
<https://auscert.org.au/download.html?f=2058>
- MISP (Malware Information Sharing Platform)
  - <http://www.misp-project.org/>

# Navigating Incident Handling with AusCERT Services

## 1 PREPARATION

Identify your digital assets:

- Asset inventory
- Network diagrams

Understand your cyber risks

- Conduct a cyber security review and risk assessment\*

Develop an Incident Response Plan (IRP)\*

- Use the AusCERT IRP template

Understand your obligations with regard to breach of PII and breach notification

Communicate and test your IRP\*

Ensure you have access to secure back-ups that cannot be corrupted

Have access to secure baseline images for workstations and servers

Ensure you have widespread logging and/or SIEM functionality

- Where outsourced arrangements are in place ensure procedures are established for log data to be sent to you in a timely fashion



Sign up for the Flying Squad Service - 2 service levels

- Best Effort
- Retainer

Send your PGP key to AusCERT and know where to get AusCERT's current PGP key

Put the AusCERT Incident Hotline number in your IRP

AusCERT VISO can help with\*

## 2 IDENTIFICATION AND ANALYSIS

Detect incidents

- SIEM alerts
- Member Security Incident Notifications (MSINs)
- ARMS notifications

Follow your IRP

- Report details of incident
- Establish IR team with clear lines of responsibility and resources
- Report to ACORN
- Record details of actions taken and sequence
- Take images of affected systems for further future analysis

Analyse the incident and identify all affected systems and data

Identify root cause of incidents

- Analyse SIEM log files
- Scan for vulnerabilities in affected and connected systems



- Review AusCERT security bulletins and the malicious URL feed to identify potentially exploited vulnerabilities

Assess the impact of the incident

- Refer to the asset inventory and risk assessment
- If PII consult with legal and/or information Commissioner regarding obligations

Contact AusCERT via email, IRC or 24/7 hotline for advice

Seek external support early if potential for serious harm and complex incident

## 3 CONTAINMENT

Develop a containment and eradication strategy

- Refer to network diagrams and asset inventories to assist
- Where appropriate disconnect and/or isolate affected systems from the network and/or through use of ACL
- Change passwords

For phishing incidents

- Contact AusCERT to request site take down

For malware incidents

- Submit malware sample to AusCERT to send to AV vendors

Contact AusCERT via email, IRC or 24/7 hotline for advice

Seek external support early if potential for serious harm and complex incident

For serious incidents, contact AusCERT and request Flying Squad assistance (2 services levels)

Monitor MSINs and SIEM for evidence of ongoing malicious activity

Ensure appropriate attention is given to communications and public relations



## 6 LESSONS LEARNT

Conduct a post incident review and identify controls that were assessed to be inadequate that:\*\*

- Contributed to the incident (prevent)
- Hindered the timeliness of detecting the incident (detect), or
- Hindered the efficient and full recovery from the incident (respond)

Write up post-incident report\*\*

- Identify cause and impact of the incident
- Actions taken

Review adequacy of IRP and internal policies and procedures relating to the handling of the incident\*\*

AusCERT VISO can help with\*\*

Make recommendations regarding adequacy of existing security controls, policies and procedures relating to prevent, detect and response capabilities

Report to management and seek authority to address changes to avoid similar issues in future



## 5 RECOVERY

Reconnect cleaned and re-imaged systems to the network

Advise management and stakeholders that the incident is resolved

Monitor MSINs and SIEM for evidence of ongoing malicious activity

Contact AusCERT via email, IRC or 24/7 hotline for advice



## 4 ERADICATION

Implement the eradication strategy

Re-install affected systems from trusted baseline images and back-ups

Check that identified vulnerabilities which contributed to the incident have been removed

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AusCERT's PGP Key is available here: <https://www.auscert.org.au/1967>

Log into <https://www.auscert.org.au/5141> to get the member only AusCERT Incident Hotline number

Membership enquiries: 1800 648 458



# Questions?

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