

The Kitten that Charmed Me: The 9 Lives of a Nation State Attacker

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When our intel team talks about human error, we usually focus on the victim of a security incident. But in the investigation we ran in the past year, we flipped the script to highlight how the continued operational security errors of a prolific, state-sponsored threat group reveal intimate details of their entire operation. Through very simple but persistent mistakes made by the adversary, likely based in Iran, we continued to learn the innermost details of the operations of a group we track as ITG18, better known as "Charming Kitten". This group targeted pivotal individuals, including US politicians, nuclear scientists, journalists, and people involved in COVID vaccine development, recording the victims' most private chats, emails, and even photos..... By: Allison Wikoff & Richard Emerson Full Abstract & Presentation Materials: <https://www.blackhat.com/us-21/briefi...>

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