

Selected Articles: The Malware That Wreaked Global Chaos

By [Global Research News](#)

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“Financial war and cyberwar can be more destructive than standing armies, able to cause enormous harm to many millions worldwide, severely damaging and halting government, commercial, and personal online activities.” (Stephen Lendman)

“But let’s not forget who the really big culprits are here. The American and British government’s are at total fault. They both fund the NSA and GCHQ. Both advocate government snooping and spying into every citizen of the world, let alone their own. Both advocate the banning of secure encryption communication services and both have spent millions on developing tools to hack and crack these systems at will.” (Graham Vanbergen)



[Massive Global Malware Attack](#)

By [Stephen Lendman](#), May 13, 2017

Developed by the NSA for cyberattacks, the malware is now widely available, including to elements responsible for Friday’s incident – maybe a precursor for more widespread attacks against governments, businesses, and virtually any other digital targets worldwide.



[The NSA’s Malware, The Exponential Growth of Insecurity](#)

By [Dr. Paul Craig Roberts](#), May 16, 2017

The news spin is to not blame NSA for its carelessness, but to blame Microsoft users for not updating their systems with a patch issued two months ago. But the important questions have not been asked: What was the NSA doing with such malware and why did NSA not inform Microsoft of the malware?



[The Global Information Environment: Malware, Data Hijacking, Encrypted Files, Unpatched Computer Systems...](#)

By [Dr. Binoy Kampmark](#), May 15, 2017

This delightful worm capitalises on a vulnerability evident in the network protocol in Microsoft Windows termed Server Message Block. This is where the ransomware does its bit, encrypting the files in question, and locking out users on pain of ransom.



[British Nuclear Submarines, Microsoft and That Ransomware Attack](#)

By [Graham Vanbergen](#), May 15, 2017

The NSA in America lost all of these hacking tools, specifically the one that caused this attack and subsequent mayhem across the world. The hackers exploited a piece of NSA code known as “Eternal Blue.”



[NSA Malware: Built Despite Warnings, Used in Global Cyber Attack](#)

By [Nadia Prupis](#), May 15, 2017

At least two hospitals in London were forced to shut down and stop admitting patients after being attacked by the malware, which operates by locking out the user, encrypting data, and demanding a ransom to release it. The attacks hit dozens of other hospitals, ambulance operators, and doctors’ offices as well.



[An NSA-Derived Ransomware Worm Is Shutting Down Computers Worldwide](#)

By [Dan Goodin](#), May 13, 2017

Wcry is demanding a ransom of \$300 to \$600 in Bitcoin to be paid by May 15, or, in the event that deadline is missed, a higher fee by May 19. The messages left on the screen say files will remain encrypted. It’s not yet clear if there are flaws in the encryption scheme that might allow the victims to restore the files without paying the ransom.

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