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Part 1. Introduction

When a cyber attack or other security incident occurs, CISOs and their security teams must be able to explain the details of the incident to senior management. Often without being given the time to gather the necessary intelligence to provide an accurate assessment of the problem.

Sponsored by AccessData, we are pleased to present the findings of *Threat Intelligence & Incident Response: A Study of U.S and EMEA Organizations.* Ponemon Institute surveyed 1,083 IT and IT security practitioners in the United States and EMEA who are involved in handling security and incident response for their company.

We asked participants in this study what they would do if their company had a cyber attack and the CEO and board of directors wanted a briefing on what happened and how it will affect operations. The meeting is called so

Why threat intelligence is important

The recent Target data breach and the circumstances surrounding the detection and remediation of the incident makes the case for the importance of having threat intelligence processes in place. In his testimony before a Senate committee, Target's Chief Financial Officer John Mulligan stated that the security breach affecting up to 110 million holiday shoppers lasted three days longer than previously thought. The malicious software that enabled hackers to steal information from credit and debit cards from November 27 to December 15 was later found on 25 additional checkout machines and continued to collect shoppers' information for three more days. On December 27, Target also acknowledged contrary to early reports that personal identification numbers to debit and credit cards were also exposed.

soon after the incident that they are not able to have all the facts. Would they say everything is under control or ask for more time to investigate? While 39 percent say they would need more time, 36 percent would say it's been resolved. In any event, 65 percent of respondents say most CISOs, probably because of fears of the reaction from the CEO and board, would modify, filter or water-down their report.

The purpose of this research is to understand the current state of threat intelligence and how it can be improved to benefit organizations and support the CISO's efforts to know as quickly as possible the details about security alerts and cyber attacks. Following are some of the most interesting findings:

- An average of 35 percent of all cyber attacks are undetected.
- Eighty-six percent of respondents say detection of a cyber attack takes too long and 85 percent say there is little or no prioritization of incidents.
- Forty percent of respondents say their security products do not support the import of threat intelligence from other sources.
- Fifty-five percent of respondents do not believe their security team has sufficient skills to investigate and remediate a security incident.
- Thirty-eight percent of respondents say it could take a year to know the root cause of a cyber attack and 41 percent of respondents say their organizations will never know with certainty the root cause.
- Eighty-six percent of respondents rate the investigation of mobile devices as difficult.
- Fifty-nine percent of respondents say they are not able to conduct investigation on mobile devices in response to e-discovery requests or they are unsure. In the case of being able to locate sensitive data on mobile devices, 54 percent say they are not able to or are unsure.



Part 2. Key findings

Following is an analysis of the key findings based on the combined responses from US and EMEA IT and IT security practitioners. The complete audited findings are presented in the appendix of the report.

The main themes of the research are:

- The use of threat intelligence to defend against cyber attacks
- The current state of incident response
- Getting to the root cause is critical to stopping future attacks
- Mobility and e-discovery

The use of threat intelligence to defend against cyber attacks

A lack of threat intelligence puts CISOs jobs at risk. In this study, we asked respondents to imagine what has become an increasingly common scenario. The organization has a security incident and the CEO and board want an explanation and impact assessment. Unfortunately, the meeting is called before the CISO and the security team have a complete picture of the causes and effects of the incident.

As shown in Figure 1, most respondents say CISOs in other organization would feel forced to take a best effort guess with the initial information they have or take immediate action on what is known and tell the CEO it's been taken care of and resolved.

The same figure reports what respondents think they would do. In this case, only 19 percent say they would make a guess. Thirty-nine percent would be courageous enough to say it is too early to understand what happened and more time is needed. In any event, 65 percent of respondents say most CISOs, probably because of fears of the reaction from the CEO and board, would modify, filter or water-down their report.

Figure 1. What do you tell the CEO & Board about the cyber attack?



Cyber attacks go undetected. On average, 35 percent of all security incidents and cyberattacks are never detected. As shown in Figure 2, most respondents say their organization normally uses antivirus solutions to detect security incidents followed by network intrusion detection systems, user awareness and next-gen malware detection.



Figure 2. Security team's methods for detecting security incidents

In defending their organizations against cyber attacks, respondents say comprehensive endpoint, network and logfile visibility is very important. While only 25 percent of organizations in this study use a next generation security solution to contain or remediate cyber attacks, most say it is able to detect and prevent cyber attacks.

Current security products make it difficult to import and use threat intelligence. Fifty-three percent of respondents say internal threat intelligence is the most valuable. This could be due to the difficulty in importing external threat intelligence. Furthermore, 59 percent say they are not able to efficiently and effectively use threat intelligence with their existing security products. As shown in Figure 3, 40 percent say none of their security products support imported threat intelligence and another 41 percent say if they do important threat intelligence it is only used by some of their security products.

Figure 3. The ability to import and utilize threat intelligence with your existing security products



Figure 4 shows the threat intelligence data types organizations are able to import across their existing security products.







The current state of incident response

Incident analysis technologies and tools have the greatest value when a cyber attack occurs. As shown in Figure 5, respondents rank the quantitative approach offered by specialized incident analysis technologies and tools as most important when analyzing and remediating a cyber attack.

This is followed by a combination of specialized technologies and human expertise. Despite the use of these technologies or processes, 55 percent of respondents do not feel their security team has sufficient skills to effectively investigate and remediate sophisticated cyber attacks.

Figure 5. Important factors in analyzing and remediating a cyber attack



1 = most important to 4 = least important

Many companies succeed in knowing the location and identity of the cyber attacker. Sixtythree percent of respondents say they are able to know the "where" of the attack and 54 percent say they know the "who", according to Figure 6. They are not as good at identifying all affected nodes and the motivation or purpose of the attacker.

On average, respondents say 53 percent of all security incidents and alerts are capable of being handled automatically without human intervention and an average of 16 percent of all security incidents and alerts are considered high priority by the security team.





Detection takes too long to enable a quick and thorough incident response. Figure 7 shows all the factors that negatively impact the ability to respond to security incidents quickly and thoroughly. By far the biggest problems are the time it takes to detect an incident and the lack of prioritization of incidents. Other negatives are lack of integration between security products and lack of threat intelligence support by security products.

Figure 7. Factors that negatively impact the ability to respond to security incidents Very significant and significant response combined



High quality forensic evidence about cyber threats is essential. Respondents consistently say that detection is not happening fast enough. As a solution, 72 percent would like the ability to have high quality forensic evidence about cyber threats, as presented in Figure 8.

Figure 8. Solutions important to incident response

Essential and very important response combined



0% 10% 20% 30% 40% 50% 60% 70% 80% 90%

Also important is full visibility across log files, network traffic, endpoint forensics and volatile data (66 percent of respondents). This is followed by the ability integrate across disparate point solutions (61 percent of respondents).



Getting to the root cause is critical to stopping future attacks

Figure 9. Barriers to understanding the root cause of security incidents

Organizations cannot know with certainty the root causes of security alerts and cyber

attacks. Forty-one percent of respondents say their organizations will never know with certainty what caused the security incident and 38 percent say it could take a year. The main barrier to understanding the root cause, as shown in Figure 9, is the increasing stealth and/or sophistication of cyber attackers.



Less than half of respondents say their organizations have the forensic technologies or tools to quickly determine the root cause of most cyber attacks it experiences (45 percent of respondents) or a security team that has the forensic skills, knowledge and expertise to conduct thorough root cause analyses (43 percent).

Investigative technologies can improve the certainty of root cause. Understanding the root causes of cyber attacks increases an organization's ability to respond to future attacks, according to 66 percent of respondents. To achieve this objective, respondents rated the implementation of comprehensive investigative technologies as most important followed by having the funding to invest in these solutions and educating the security team, according to Figure 10.







Mobility and e-discovery

Mobile devices are really hard to investigate after a security incident. Eighty-six percent of respondents rate the investigation of mobile devices as difficult. The level of difficulty to investigate mobile devices averages about 8 on a scale of 1 = not difficult to 10 = very difficult.

According to Figure 11, 59 percent say they are not able to conduct investigations on mobile devices in response to e-discovery requests or they are unsure (45 + 14 percent). In the case of being able to locate sensitive data such as trade secrets and personally identifiable information (PII) on mobile devices, 54 percent say they are not able to or are unsure (43 + 11 percent).



Figure 11. Are you able to respond to e-discovery requests and locate sensitive data on mobile devices?

Ability to conduct investigations on mobile devices in response to e-discovery requests

Ability to locate sensitive data such as trade secrets and Personally Identifiable Information on mobile devices

Most security teams would like to include e-discovery capabilities. Sixty-four percent of respondents say their organization's security team responds to e-discovery issues. As shown in Figure 12, because of this level of involvement, 73 percent say they would find value in a combined security, internal investigation and e-discovery platform that works seamlessly across business units.

Figure 12. Is a combined security, internal investigations and e-discovery platform valuable?



Fifty-four percent of respondents (19 + 23 + 12 percent) say they are expanding their current incident response products to include e-discovery capabilities.

Figure 13. Will you expand current incident response products to include e-discovery capabilities?



Part 3. Methods

A random sampling frame of 31,297 IT and IT security practitioners located in the United States and EMEA were selected as participants to this survey. As shown in Table 1, 1,252 respondents completed the survey. Screening and failed reliability checks removed 169 surveys. The final sample was 1,083 surveys (or a 3.5 percent response rate).

Table 1. Sample response	Freq.	Pct%
Total sampling frame	31,297	100.0%
Total returns	1,252	4.0%
Rejected and screened surveys	169	0.5%
Final sample	1,083	3.5%

Pie Chart 1 reports the respondent's organizational level within participating organizations. By design, 59 percent of respondents are at or above the supervisory levels.



Pie Chart 1. What organizational level best describes your current position?



- Director
- Manager
- Supervisor
- Staff/technician
- Administrative
- Consultant/contractor

Pie Chart 2 reports the respondent's direct reporting channel. Sixty-one percent of respondents report to the CIO or head of corporate IT and 17 percent report to the business unit leader.





As shown in Pie Chart 3, 69 percent of respondents are from organizations with a worldwide headcount of 1,000 or more employees.



Pie chart 3. Worldwide headcount of the organization

Pie Chart 4 reports the industry segments of respondents' organizations. This chart identifies financial services (16 percent) as the largest segment, followed by public services (11 percent) and health & pharmaceuticals (10 percent).



Pie Chart 4. Industry distribution of respondents' organizations

Part 4. Caveats

There are inherent limitations to survey research that need to be carefully considered before drawing inferences from findings. The following items are specific limitations that are germane to most web-based surveys.

<u>Non-response bias</u>: The current findings are based on a sample of survey returns. We sent surveys to a representative sample of individuals, resulting in a large number of usable returned responses. Despite non-response tests, it is always possible that individuals who did not participate are substantially different in terms of underlying beliefs from those who completed the instrument.

<u>Sampling-frame bias</u>: The accuracy is based on contact information and the degree to which the list is representative of individuals who are IT or IT security practitioners in the United States and EMEA who are involved in handling security and incident response for their company. We also acknowledge that the results may be biased by external events such as media coverage. We also acknowledge bias caused by compensating subjects to complete this research within a holdout period.

<u>Self-reported results</u>: The quality of survey research is based on the integrity of confidential responses received from subjects. While certain checks and balances can be incorporated into the survey process, there is always the possibility that a subject did not provide a truthful response.



Appendix: Detailed Survey Results

The following tables provide the frequency or percentage frequency of responses to all survey questions contained in this study. All survey responses were captured in January 2014.

Sample response	US	EMEA*
Total sample frame	16,702	14,595
Total returns	655	597
Rejected and screened surveys	93	76
Final sample	562	521
Response rate	3.4%	3.6%

*EMEA sample contains respondents located in 21 countries within this region

Screening

S1. What best describes your level of involvement in handling security and incident		
response for your company?	US	EMEA
Very significant involvement	25%	26%
Significant involvement	42%	36%
Some involvement	33%	38%
Minimal or no involvement (stop)	0%	0%
Total	100%	100%
Q1a. Do you investigate the majority of security alerts thoroughly to your		
satisfaction?	Combined	
Yes	50%	
No	51%	
Total	100%	

Q1b. If not, why? Choose only one primary reason.	Combined
Lack of reliable products	29%
Lack of in-house expertise or knowledge	28%
Pressure to remediate quickly	35%
Rely on automated remediation (e.g. Antivirus quarantining)	9%
Total	100%

Q2. Do you feel that your security team has sufficient skills to effectively investigate and	
remediate sophisticated cyber-attacks and compromises?	Combined
Yes	45%
No	55%
Total	100%

Q3. How important are the following factors in analyzing and remediating a cyber	Combined
attack? Please rank the choices below from 1 = most important to 4 = least important.	Talik
Standard incident analysis plan to resolve the attack or compromise (one size fits all)	3.81
Specialized incident analysis technologies and tools (quantitative approach)	1.72
Security specialist's intuition, expertise or holistic view (qualitative approach)	3.35
A combination of specialized technologies and human expertise	2.35
Average	2.80

Imagine this . An organization had a cyber-attack. The CEO and board of directors want the CISO to brief them on the details and how it impacts their company.	
Unfortunately, the CISO does not have the necessary facts in time for the meeting.	
Q4. What do you think CISOs at most companies would do in this situation? Please	
select one best response.	Combined
Take a best effort guess based on initial information they do know	46%
Tell them it's still too early to understand what happened and more time is needed	17%
Take immediate action on what is known and tell the CEO it's been taken care of	32%
Tell the CEO that due to the lack of people and internal resources, it's best to bring in	
incident response consultants to investigate	6%
Total	100%

Q5. What would you and your security team do? Please select one best response.	Combined
Take a best effort guess based on the initial information I/we do know	19%
Tell them it's still too early to understand what happened and more time is needed	39%
Take immediate action on what is known and tell the CEO it's been taken care of	36%
Tell the CEO that due to the lack of people and internal resources, it's best to bring in	
incident response consultants to investigate	7%
Total	100%

Q6. When providing this update to the CEO, would CISOs at most companies have	
the results modified, filtered or watered-down?	Combined
Yes, almost always	21%
Yes, some of the time	44%
No	36%
Total	100%

Q7. How important is comprehensive endpoint, network and logfile visibility to your organization's defense against cyber-attacks? 1 = low importance to 10 = high	
importance.	Combined
1 to 2	3%
3 to 4	6%
5 to 6	12%
7 to 8	17%
9 to 10	63%
Total	100%
Extrapolated average	8.11

Q8. Please rate your organization's ability to determine the "who, what, where, when and why" of security alerts or cyber-attacks experienced. Percentage of respondents	
who rate their ability as strong or very strong.	Combined
Who: knowing the identity of the cyber attacker	54%
What: knowing the nature, scope and target of the attack	43%
Where: knowing the location of the attack	63%
When: knowing the time and date of the attack	41%
Why: knowing the motivation or purpose of the attacker	32%
What: knowing the ability to identify all affected nodes	33%

Q9. What percentage of all security alerts and cyber-attacks experienced by your organization are you able to know with certainty the root causes? Percentage of respondents who say they can reach a definitive conclusion in a given timeframe.	Combined
Within one day	12%
Within one week	18%
Within one month	25%
Within one year	38%
Never know with certainty	41%



Q10. What percentage of all security incidents and cyber-attacks experienced by your	
organization do you think are never detected? Please provide your best estimate.	Combined
Zero/None	7%
1 to 10%	26%
11 to 25%	23%
26 to 50%	16%
51 to 75%	12%
76 to 100%	18%
Total	100%
Extrapolated percentage values	35%

Please rate the following seven (5) statements using the five-point scale provided below each item. The combined strongly agree and agree response is shown.	Combined
Q11. My organization has the forensic technologies or tools to quickly determine the root causes of most cyber attacks it experiences.	45%
Q12. My organization's IT security personnel possess the forensic skills, knowledge and expertise to conduct thorough root cause analyses.	43%
Q13. Understanding the root causes of cyber attacks strengthens my organization's readiness to future attacks.	66%
Q14. Determining the root causes of cyber attacks is becoming more difficult because of the increasing stealth and/or sophistication of cyber attackers.	71%
Q15. Determining the root causes of cyber attacks is becoming more difficult because of the trend for employees to use their personally owned mobile devices in the	
workplace (a.k.a. BYOD).	51%

Q16. How does your organization's security team normally detect security incidents? Please respond to this question by allocating points in the following table. Note that the	
sum of your allocation must equal 100 points.	Combined
Antivirus	29
Next-gen malware detection	17
Indicators of compromise	7
Network Intrusion Detection System	18
Data Loss Prevention	8
User awareness	18
External notification	5
Total	100

Q17a. Does your organization use a next generation security solution to contain or	
remediate cyber attacks?	Combined
Yes	25%
No	76%
Total	100%

Q17b. If you use a next gen malware detection solution what does it accomplish?	
Please select all that apply.	Combined
Detects cyber attacks	90%
Prevents cyber attacks	82%
Contains cyber attacks	30%
Remediates cyber attacks	19%

Q18. Are your most valuable threat intelligence from internal or external sources?	Combined
Internal	53%
External	45%
Don't Know	3%
Total	100%

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Q19. Are you able to efficiently and effectively utilize threat intelligence with your existing security products?	Combined
Yes	41%
No	59%
Total	100%

Q20. Which best describes your ability to import and utilize threat intelligence with your existing security products?	Combined
Threat intelligence is automatically imported and utilized by all our existing security products	17%
Threat intelligence is automatically imported and utilized by only some of our existing security products	41%
None of our security products support imported threat intelligence	40%
Don't know	3%
Total	100%

Q21. Which of the imported threat intelligence data types are you able to import and utilize across your existing security products? Please select all that apply.	Combined
OpenIOC format	44%
CybOX format	48%
ClamAV signatures	26%
Malware hashes	18%
IP blacklists	30%
DNS blacklists	28%
File blacklists (e.g. file name and size)	17%
Total	210%

Part 2. Mobile and e-discovery issues

Q22. Detail the mix of company owned vs. BYOD mobile devices used across your company. Allocate the proportion of phones used by each segment, which must total	
100 points.	Combined
Company provides mobile devices (tablets, smart phones and standard mobile phones)	
for work use	47
Employees use their personal mobile devices for work use (BYOD)	53
Total	100

Q23a. Are you able to conduct investigations on mobile devices in response to security incidents?	Combined
Yes	62%
No	35%
Unsure	3%
Total	100%

Q23b. If yes, are you able to investigate mobile devices as part of an enterprise-wide live incident response investigation (review multiple running endpoints simultaneously)?	Combined
Yes	42%
No	53%
Unsure	6%
Total	100%

Q23c.If yes, are you able to review mobile applications and social media activity?	Combined
Yes	49%
No	47%
Unsure	5%
Total	100%

Q24. Do you find the investigation of mobile devices difficult to conduct? Please rate level of difficulty using the following 10-point scale. Not difficult = 1 to Very difficult to 10	Combined
1 to 2	2%
3 to 4	4%
5 to 6	10%
7 to 8	27%
9 to 10	59%
Total	100%
Extrapolated average	8.24

Q25. Are you able to conduct investigations on mobile devices in response to e-	
discovery requests?	Combined
Yes	42%
No	45%
Unsure	14%
Total	100%

Q26. Are you able to locate sensitive data such as trade secrets and Personally	
Identifiable Information (PII) on mobile devices?	Combined
Yes	47%
No	43%
Unsure	11%
Total	100%

Q27. What steps could your organization take to strengthen its ability to determine the root cause of security incidents? Please rank the following list from 1 = most	
important to 5 = least important.	Combined
Implement comprehensive investigative technologies	1.84
Educate the security team	2.83
Engage outside consultants/experts	4.60
Establish governance process	3.47
Obtain sufficient funding	2.54
Average	3.05

Q28. How has your organization's spending level on security incident analysis changed	
over the past 12 months?	Combined
Increased	38%
Stayed at the same level	52%
Decreased	10%
Total	100%

Q29a. Do you believe your organization is in a state of "continuous compromise" to at	
least some degree including mass malware and botnets?	Combined
Yes	65%
No	28%
Unsure	8%
Total	100%

Q29b. Does continuous compromise affect security policies and procedures employed	
within your organization?	Combined
Yes	69%
No	28%
Unsure	4%
Total	100%

Q29c. If yes (Q29b), how has it impacted the approach taken by your organization?	
Please select all that apply.	Combined
Increases the need for experts	61%
Increases the need for investigative technologies	74%
Changes the composition of security team members	52%
Raises the need for employee awareness	36%
Increases the need for resources/budget	65%
Other (please specify)	4%
Total	291%

Q31. What factors negatively impact the ability to respond to security incidents quickly and thoroughly? Please rate the following items using the five-point scale from very significant impact to no impact . The combined very significant and significant impact is	
reported.	Combined
Too many alerts from too many point solutions	61%
Too many manual steps	60%
Detection takes too long	86%
Investigating takes too long	54%
Remediating takes too long	52%
Little to no prioritization of incidents	85%
Lack of integration between security products	74%
Lack of threat intelligence support by security products	70%
Average	67%

Please rate the following capabilities in terms of importance to your overall incident	
response needs using a five-point scale from essential to irrelevant. The combined	
essential and very iimportant response is reported.	Combined
Q32. Full visibility across log files, network traffic, endpoint forensics and volatile data	66%
Q33. Ability to integrate across disparate point solutions	61%
Q34. Ability to quickly detect of cyber threats	80%
Q35. Ability to obtain high quality forensic evidence about cyber threats (low false	
positive rate)	72%
Q36. Investigative tools that learn from past events and prevent reoccurrences	57%
Q37. Ability to perform automated triage for cyber threats	59%
Q38. Ability to analyze smart device data, applications, files and log files	56%
Average	64%

Q39. In your opinion, what percentage of all security incidents and alerts are capable of	
being handled automatically (without human intervention)?	Combined
None (0%)	3%
Less than 10%	4%
10 to 25%	13%
26 to 50%	27%
51 to 75%	29%
76 to 99%	25%
All (100%)	0%
Total	100%
Extrapolated average percentage	53%



Q40. In your opinion, what percentage of all security incidents and alerts are	
considered high priority by your security team?	Combined
Less that 1%	16%
1 to 5%	22%
6 to 10%	27%
11 to 25%	18%
26 to 50%	12%
51 to 99%	5%
All (100%)	2%
Total	100%
Extrapolated average percentage	16%

Q41. In your opinion, are the security products used for security incident investigations appropriate for e-discovery as well?	Combined
Yes	33%
No	53%
Unsure	15%
Total	100%

Q42. Is your organization's security team involved in e-discovery operations?	Combined
Yes	64%
No	36%
Unsure	1%
Total	100%

Q43. Would you find value in a combined security, internal investigations and e-	
discovery platform that works seamlessly across business units?	Combined
Yes	73%
No	27%
Total	100%

Q44. Are you looking at expanding your current incident response products to include	
e-discovery capabilities?	Combined
Yes, we are currently looking now	19%
Yes, we plan to look within the next 12 months	23%
Yes, we plan to look within the next 24 months	12%
No, we have not planned to look	47%
Total	100%

Part 3. Organization and respondents' demographics

D1. What best describes your position level within the organization?	US	EMEA
Executive/VP	3%	2%
Director	17%	15%
Manager	24%	23%
Supervisor	16%	18%
Staff/technician	34%	36%
Administrative	4%	5%
Consultant/contractor	2%	1%
Other	0%	0%
Total	100%	100%



D2. What best describes your direct reporting channel?	US	EMEA
CEO/executive committee	0%	0%
COO or head of operations	2%	3%
CFO, controller or head of finance	1%	4%
CIO or head of corporate IT	61%	61%
Business unit leader or general manager	17%	18%
Head of compliance or internal audit	1%	2%
CISO/CSO or head of IT security	18%	12%
Other	0%	0%
Total	100%	100%

D3. What range best describes the full-time headcount of your global organization?	US	EMEA
Less than 1,000	29%	33%
1,000 than 5,000	23%	25%
5,001 to 10,000	21%	25%
10,001 to 25,000	16%	11%
25,001 to 75,000	6%	4%
More than 75,000	5%	2%
Total	100%	100%
Extrapolated global headcount	12,326	8,447

D4. What best describes your organization's primary industry classification?	US	EMEA
Agriculture & food services	1%	3%
Communications	4%	5%
Consumer products	4%	6%
Defense	1%	0%
Education & research	2%	3%
Energy & utilities	5%	4%
Entertainment & media	3%	2%
Financial services	18%	14%
Health & pharmaceuticals	11%	9%
Hospitality	3%	5%
Industrial	9%	8%
Manufacturing	3%	6%
Public services	10%	12%
Retail	8%	7%
Services	7%	7%
Technology & software	7%	5%
Transportation	3%	4%
Other	1%	0%
Total	100%	100%



Countries in samples	US	EMEA
Austria		11
Belgium	-	21
Croatia		6
Czech Republic		8
France	-	51
Germany	-	74
Greece	-	7
Ireland		26
Israel	-	16
Italy	-	20
Netherlands	-	36
Poland	-	10
Russian Federation	-	34
Saudi Arabia	-	30
Scandanavia (Sweden, Denmark, Norway and Finland)	-	17
South Africa	-	16
Spain	-	33
Switzerland	-	12
Turkey	-	5
United Arab Emirates	-	20
United Kingdom	-	68
United States	562	-
Total	562	521

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