

The Untold Story of Notpetya, the Most Devastating Cyberattack in History



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Reading like an airport thriller, this *Wired* story of the infamous NotPetya cyber attack recounts the panic spreading through Maersk's HQ in Copenhagen that summer morning when its IT system became infected.

“The weapon’s target was Ukraine. But its blast radius was the entire world. ‘It was the equivalent of using a nuclear bomb to achieve a small tactical victory.’ The malware’s goal was purely destructive. It irreversibly encrypted computers’ master boot records, the deep-seated part of a machine that tells it where to find its own operating system. Any ransom payment that victims tried to make was futile. No key even existed to reorder the scrambled noise of their computer’s contents.”

This in-depth account of the hows and whys of NotPetya is the most definitive yet. Read the full story on [Wired here](#).