

85th Main Special Service Centre (GTsSS)

List

Type	Entity
List name	United Kingdom
Programs (1)	Cyber Historical (last time active at 28.02.2022 05:16:44)
Listed (1)	23.10.2020

Names (11)

Last name/Name	85th Main Special Service Centre (GTsSS)
Full name/Name	85th Main Special Service Centre (GTsSS)
Type	Primary name

Last name/Name	GRU Unit 26165
Full name/Name	GRU Unit 26165
Type	Primary name variation

Last name/Name	Pawn Storm
Full name/Name	Pawn Storm
Type	AKA (also known as)

Last name/Name	Iron Twilight
Full name/Name	Iron Twilight
Type	AKA (also known as)

Last name/Name	Sednit
Full name/Name	Sednit
Type	AKA (also known as)

Last name/Name	Sofacy Group
Full name/Name	Sofacy Group
Type	AKA (also known as)

Last name/Name	Tsar Team
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Full name/Name	Tsar Team
Type	AKA (also known as)
Last name/Name	Threat Group-4127/Iron Twilight
Full name/Name	Threat Group-4127/Iron Twilight
Type	AKA (also known as)
Last name/Name	APT28 (Advanced Persistent Threat)
Full name/Name	APT28 (Advanced Persistent Threat)
Type	AKA (also known as)
Last name/Name	FANCY BEAR
Full name/Name	FANCY BEAR
Type	AKA (also known as)
Last name/Name	STRONTIUM
Full name/Name	STRONTIUM
Type	AKA (also known as)

Addresses (1)

Country	Russian Federation
Postal code	1

Identification documents (2)

Type	Entity Type: Department within Government
Type	Entity Parent Company: Russian Ministry of Defence

Notes (3)

The 85th Main Centre for Special Technologies (GTsSS) of the Russian General Staff of the Armed Forces of the Russian Federation (GRU) - also known by its field post number '26165' and industry nicknames: APT28, Fancy Bear, Sofacy Group, Pawn Storm, Strontium - was involved in illegally accessing the information systems of the German Federal Parliament (Deutscher Bundestag) without permission in April and May 2015. The military intelligence officers of the 85th controlled, directed and took part in this activity, accessing the email accounts of MPs and stealing their data. Their activity interfered with the parliament's information systems affecting its operation for several days, undermining the exercise of parliamentary functions in Germany.

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The 85th Main Special Services Centre (GTsSS) (Unit 26165) of the Russian General Staff of the Armed Forces of the Russian Federation (GRU), is involved in relevant cyber activity in that it has been responsible for, engaging in, providing support for, or promoting the commission, planning or preparation or relevant cyber activity, including the deployment of X-Agent malware. These activities undermine, or are intended to undermine, the integrity, prosperity or security of the United Kingdom or a country other than the United Kingdom.

Historical data

Names (13)

Status	Historical (last time active at 28.02.2022 05:16)
Last name/Name	GRU 85th Main Special Service Centre (GTsSS) (APT 28)
Full name/Name	GRU 85th Main Special Service Centre (GTsSS) (APT 28)
Type	Prime alias

Status	Historical (last time active at 18.07.2025 14:15)
Last name/Name	GRU 85th Main Special Service Centre (GTsSS) (APT 28)
Full name/Name	GRU 85th Main Special Service Centre (GTsSS) (APT 28)
Type	Primary name

Status	Historical (last time active at 28.02.2022 05:16)
Last name/Name	Fancy Bears
Full name/Name	Fancy Bears
Type	AKA (also known as)

Status	Historical (last time active at 28.02.2022 05:16)
Last name/Name	Threat Group-4127/Iron Twilight
Full name/Name	Threat Group-4127/Iron Twilight
Type	AKA (also known as)

Status	Historical (last time active at 28.02.2022 05:16)
Last name/Name	Strontium
Full name/Name	Strontium
Type	AKA (also known as)

Status	Historical (last time active at 28.02.2022 05:16)
Last name/Name	Sofacy Group
Full name/Name	Sofacy Group

Type	AKA (also known as)
Status	Historical (last time active at 28.02.2022 05:16)
Last name/Name	APT28 (Advanced Persistent Threat)
Full name/Name	APT28 (Advanced Persistent Threat)
Type	AKA (also known as)
Status	Historical (last time active at 28.02.2022 05:16)
Last name/Name	Sednit
Full name/Name	Sednit
Type	AKA (also known as)
Status	Historical (last time active at 28.02.2022 05:16)
Last name/Name	Iron Twilight
Full name/Name	Iron Twilight
Type	AKA (also known as)
Status	Historical (last time active at 28.02.2022 05:16)
Last name/Name	Tsar Team
Full name/Name	Tsar Team
Type	AKA (also known as)
Status	Historical (last time active at 28.02.2022 05:16)
Last name/Name	Pawn Storm
Full name/Name	Pawn Storm
Type	AKA (also known as)
Status	Historical (last time active at 18.07.2025 14:15)
Last name/Name	Strontium
Full name/Name	Strontium
Type	AKA (also known as)
Status	Historical (last time active at 18.07.2025 14:15)
Last name/Name	Fancy Bears
Full name/Name	Fancy Bears
Type	AKA (also known as)

Addresses (1)

Status	Historical (last time active at 28.02.2022 05:16)
Country	Russian Federation
Postal code	1
Full address	Komsomol'skiy Prospekt 20 Moscow 119146 Russian Federation

Identification documents (2)

Status	Historical (last time active at 28.02.2022 05:16)
Type	Org Type: Department within Government

Status	Historical (last time active at 28.02.2022 05:16)
Type	Parent Company: Russian Ministry of Defence

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