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The following information is in response to NIST RFI to Computer Security Incident Coordination (CSIC): Providing Timely Cyber Incident Response.

The most important aspect that will enable any response team to provide timely cyber incident response is access to critical threat intelligence.

It makes no difference whether the response team is part of a National CSIRT or simply an operational group associated with a private organisation, having immediate access to relevant information is essential for any team to appropriately assess a situation and respond accordingly.

It is important for this Special Publication to account for information existing outside of the formal CSIRT communities.

Both commercial and non-profit organisations operate across the globe with a focus on collaborative information sharing. Tapping into, assisting, and contributing to these existing communities will provide a CSIRT more timely access to a richer set of information than can be gathered solely through local data collection techniques.

An international community sharing collective intelligence will be the great equalizer in response to most global cyber threats.

As a publically listed company with an internal CSIRT, we've found that by leveraging formal Security Information Exchanges (SIE) and less formal collaborative trusted forums, both domestically and internationally, has proven invaluable in the response to many incidents and provided significant guidance towards to evolution of our CSIRT functions.

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