

While some cybercrime groups publicise their self-given names, cybersecurity researchers often have their own naming conventions for the various Advanced Persistent Threat (APT) groups they have discovered or are analysing.

This can get confusing as it means the same cybercrime group may be referred to be a variety of names depending on where the information has originated,

Cybersecurity researchers at Microsoft previously used names from the periodic table elements to label APT groups but have since moved to a weather theme.

Microsoft APT Naming Conventions

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Country	Name
Russia	Blizzard
China	Typhoon
Iran	Sandstorm
The Democratic People's Republic of Korea	Sleet
Turkey	Dust
Vietnam	Cyclone
Lebanon	Rain
South Korea	Hail
	Russia China Iran The Democratic People's Republic of Korea Turkey Vietnam Lebanon

