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Ghosts In The Shadows



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AN INTRODUCTION

WHY LIMITED STEALTH OPERATIONS



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- Exponential attack surface, threat actor growth & evolution
- Current Strategies are ineffective
- Challenge exceeds resources
- Business & clients demand more security from less (budget & friction)
- New Platforms require new (unproven solutions)

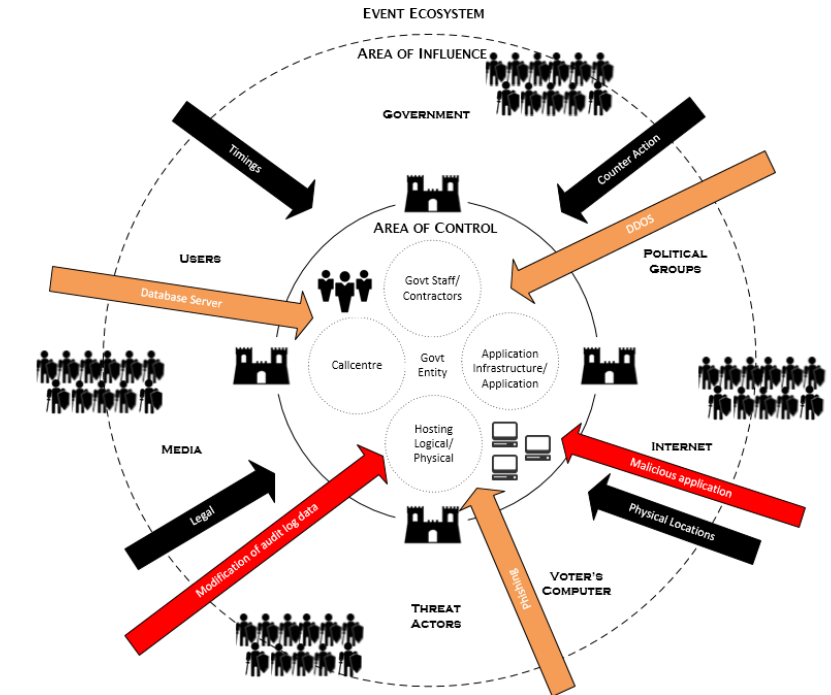


ANF-01 Hunter To The Hunted



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- Wargame
 - Specialists
 - Attack tree
 - Action – Reaction – Counteraction
- Threat course of action
 - Wargame analysis
 - Most Dangerous
 - Most Likely



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- Research Actors
- Attribution
- Attack Trees
- Capability synopsis
- Ecosystem Analysis

		Internal				Hostile Individuals		Terrorist	Organised Crime	Foreign-Sponsored				Hacktivist		Other
		Government Officials	System Administrators	System Users	Other Insiders	Opportunistic Hackers	Anti-Govt/Event Hackers			China	Syrian Electronic Army	North Korea	Iran	Anonymous	Anti-Corruption Lobby	
Intention	Advantage															
	Harm															
	Embarrassment															
	Loss															
Boundary (highest)	International Law															
	National Law															
	Internal Code															
	Religious															
Organisation (only one)	Individual															
	Informal organisation															
	Formal organisation															
	Government															
Proficiency (max)	None															
	Basic															
	Intermediate															
	Advanced															
Purpose	Acquire															
	Damage															
	Denial															
	Destruction															
	Manipulate															
	Steal															
Attribution	Indifferent															
	Overt															
	Covert															
	Clandestine															
	Not applicable															

LIMITED STEALTH OPERATIONS



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- Execution of the Intelligence plan
- Predetermined focal points
- Monitor the Threat Actors – Command & Control
- Feed into SOC / Threat Intelligence Platform
- Expose privileged Data
Data Analytics & Big Data



WHO ARE THE THREAT ACTORS



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- World Trade / Globalisation Activists
- Environmental Groups
- Regional Political Activism
- Non-State Sponsored Terrorism
- Organized Crime
- Nation States / Governments
- Insider Threats



- Information Hacktivists
- General Attacker Threats
- Illegal Information Brokers and Freeland Agents
- Trusted 3rd Partners
- Corporate Intelligence
- Investigation Companies
- Competitors, Contractors, Corporations
- Untrained Personnel



BE OFFENSIVE

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Compliance Management
System hardening.
Compliance to
Regulations & Policy

Vulnerability Management
Status of Security
Patching
Wintel, Desktop, Unix

Incident Management
Security Related
Incidents
AV, NIPS, SPAM,
SRT

Threat Management
Status of Anti Virus,
NIPS, Email & URL
Content Filtering

Change Management
Ensure Change
Management
requests adhere to
Policy





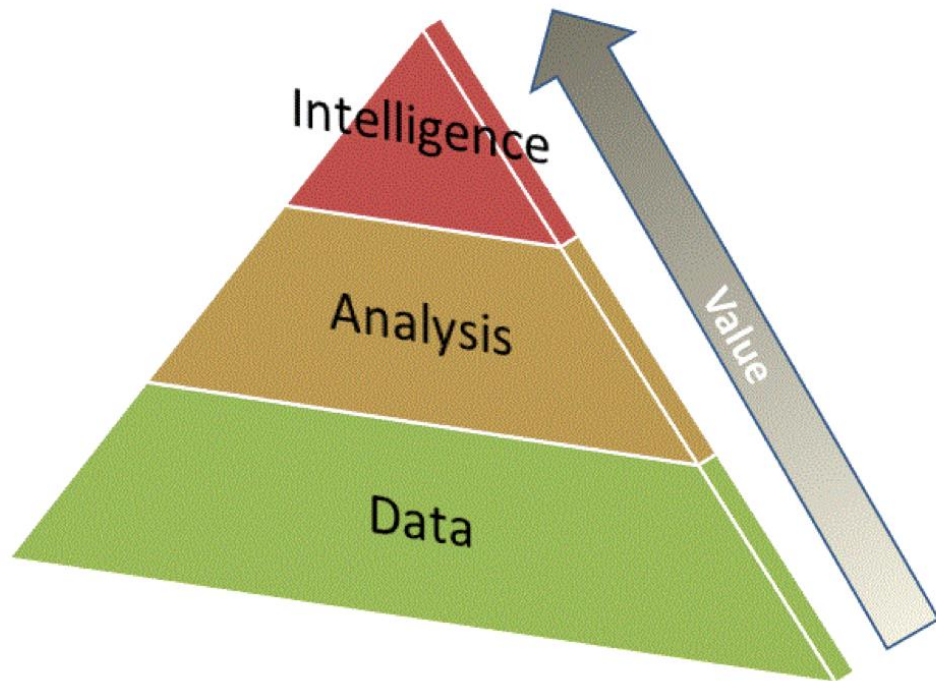
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- Establish Ethics
- Threat actor focus
- Intelligence Analysis
- Collection planning
- Proactive approach



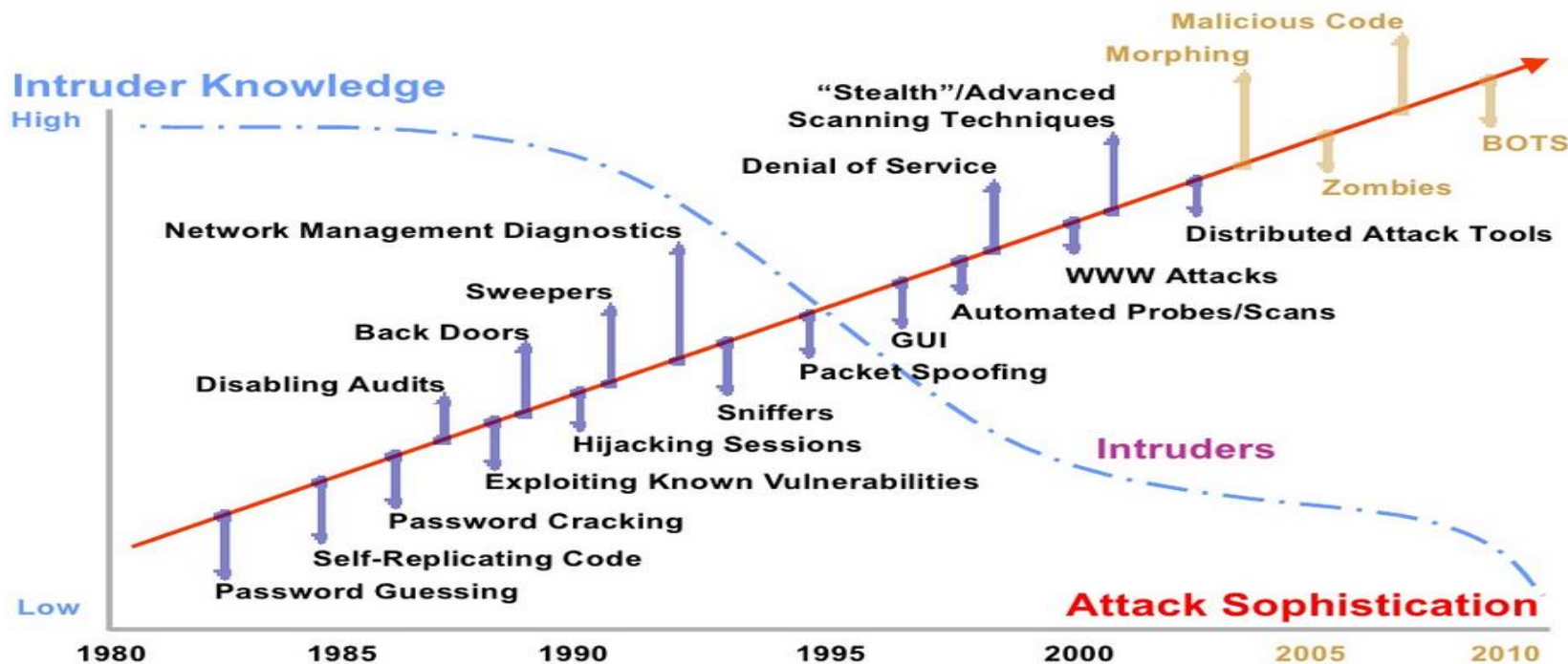


OWN THE INTERNET

OWN THE INTERNET



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Sources: Carnegie Mellon University, 2002 and Idaho National Laboratory, 2005





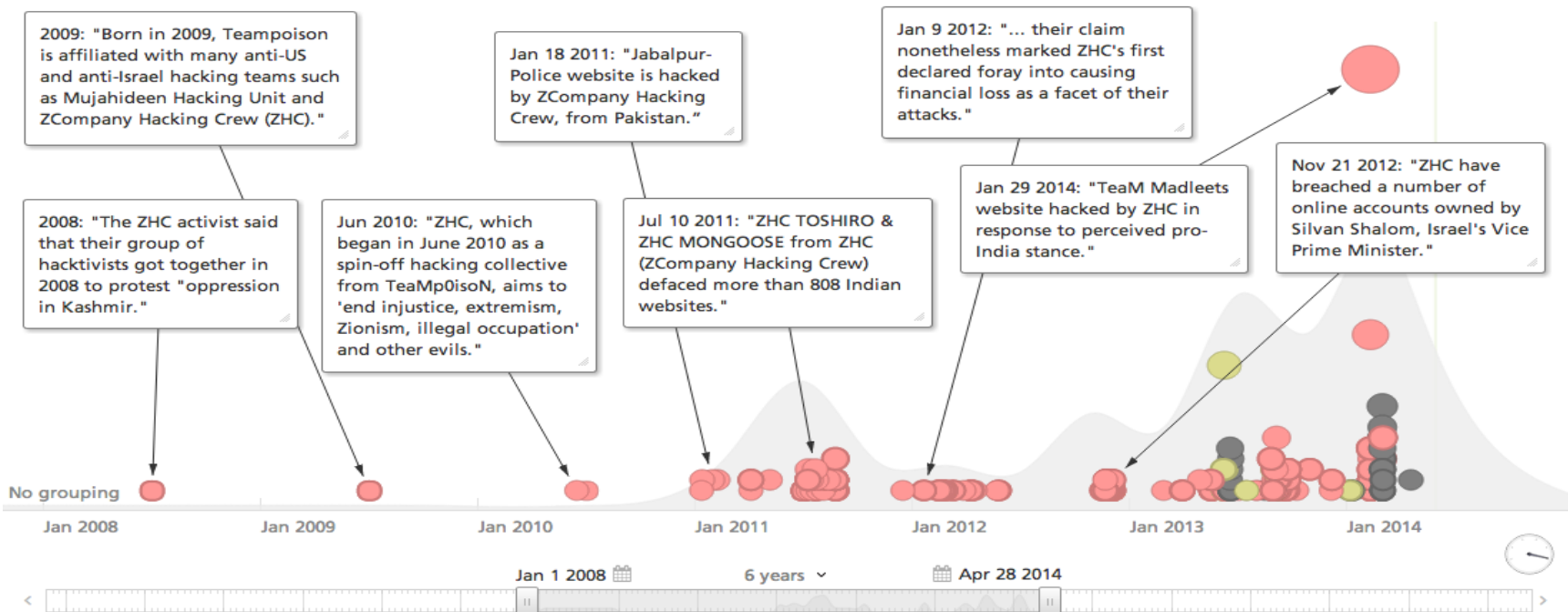
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ZCompany Hacking Crew



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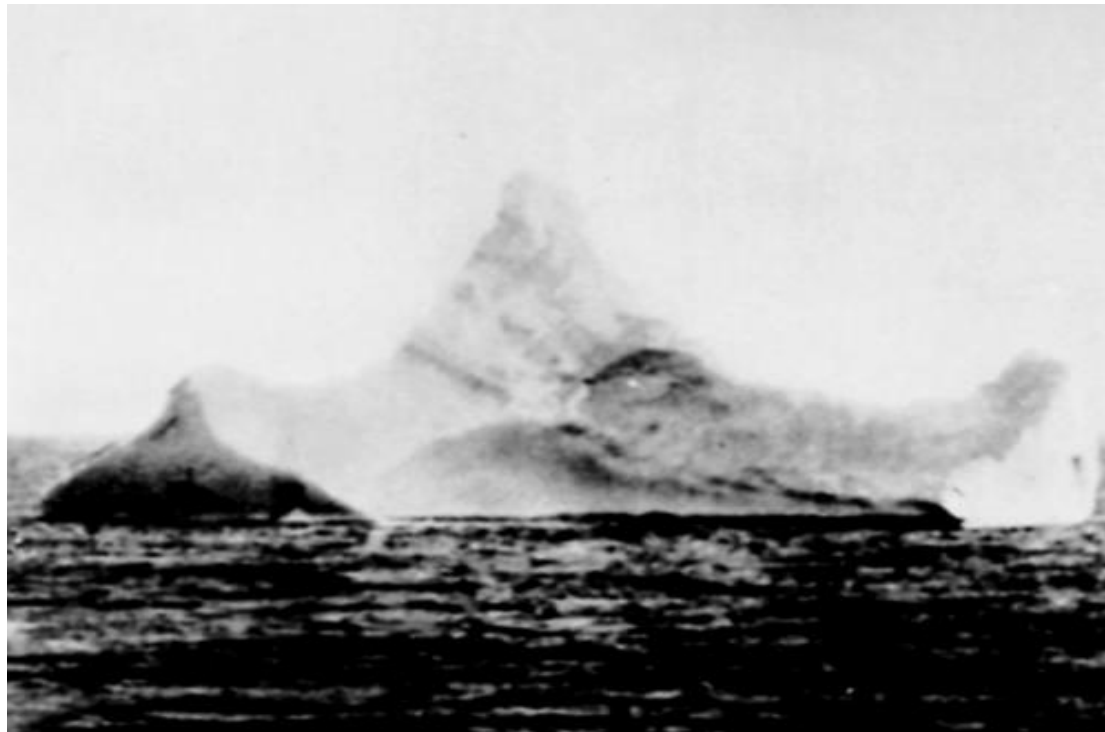
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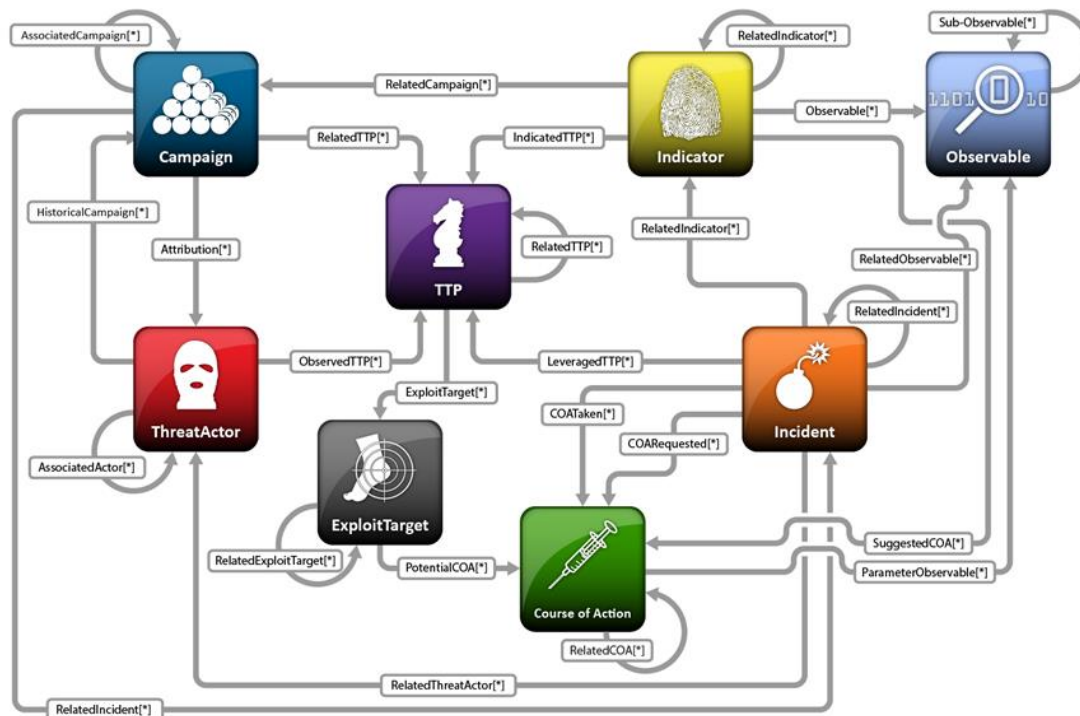


DO NOT ISOLATE

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- Observables
- Indicators
- Incidents
- Adversary RRP
- Exploit Targets
- Courses of Action
- Campaigns
- Threat Actors
- Reports



TRAIN YOUR PEOPLE

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DO NOT BE MARGINALISED



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THREAT DATA (Private & Public)



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DO NOT LOITER



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MILLION

New malware detected
in 2014 alone

+500%

Increase in mobile malware
over 1 year

295

DAY

average time it took to
detect the top 5 zero-day
exploits in 2014

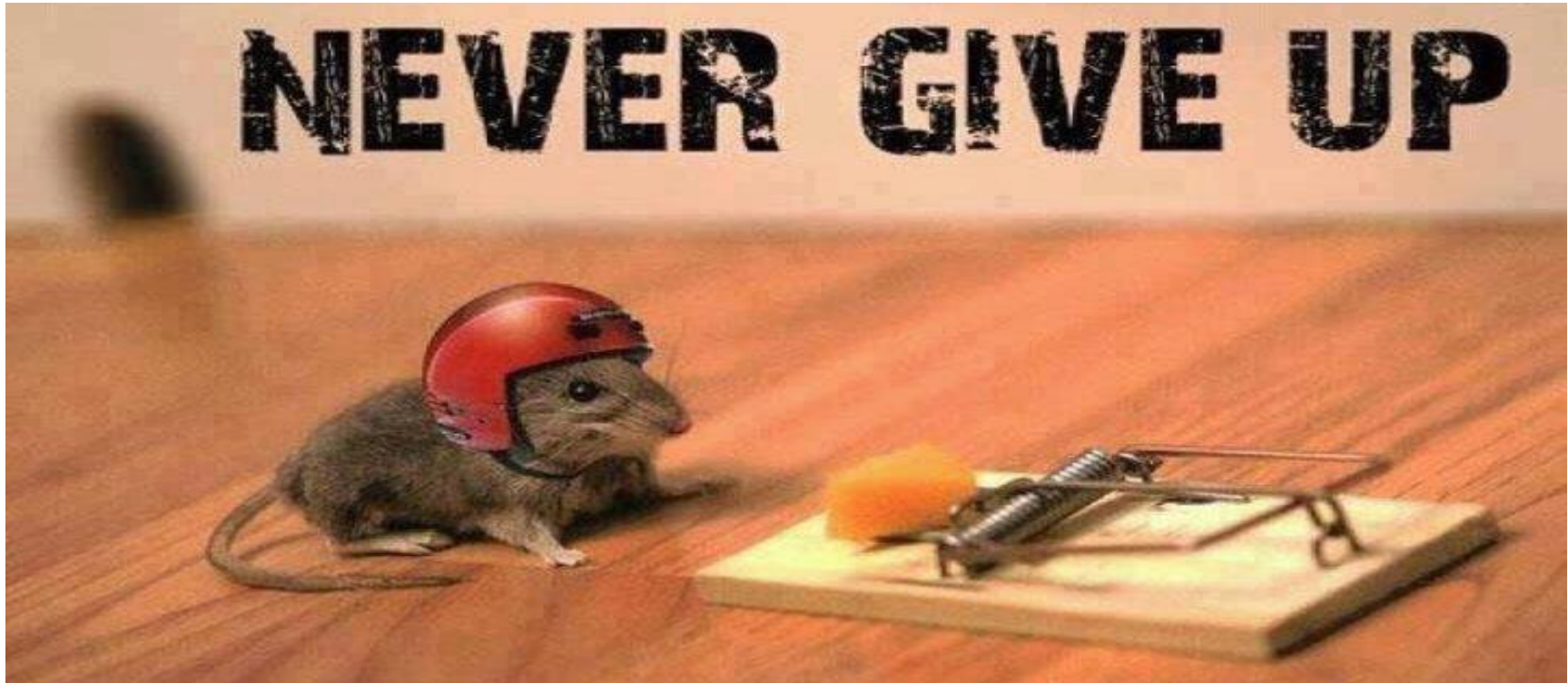


NEVER GIVE UP

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SO WHAT NOW? AKA NICE STORY



- Threat Intelligence is a Training Indicator of Campaigns
- Limited Stealth Operations Allow You To
 - Gather Intelligence Offensively (Passively)
 - Enrich Information Security and Risk Management Plans
- This Is Applicable to Everyone
 - Not Purely The Domain of The Paranoid and Nation States
- Threat Actors Often Use The Path Of Least Resistance

HOMEWORK - APPLY



- Check Out ANF-F01 Hunted To The Hunter (RSA USA 2015)
- Think like a Threat Actor (Research your Threat Actors)
- Categorize and prioritize
- Develop Online Identifies and Intelligence Collection plan
- Monitor Threat Actors
- Do not be tempted by the dark side (Ethics)
- DON'T PANIC



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