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Prioritizing Threats: What Would Threat Researchers Do (WWTRD)



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Building Intelligence Programs

A high-level look at how we do what we do

Building Intelligence Programs

- **Planning and Direction**
 - Stakeholders
 - Intelligence Requirements
- **Collection**
 - Collection Plan
 - Vendor Selection
- **Processing**
 - Technology-Powered
- **Analysis and Production**
 - Tradecraft and Standards
- **Dissemination**
 - Formats and Process



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Challenges Facing Researchers and Hunters

It's a tough job but somebody has to do it

Challenges Facing Researchers and Hunters

- Evolution of Adversaries
 - Malicious activity vs. motivations
- Changing Tools and Mindsets of Researchers/Hunters
- Attribution & Group Tracking
 - What are criteria?



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APT 41 / GREF Case Study

How does this work in the real world?

Apt 41/GREF Case Study

- APT 41 Overview
 - Chinese espionage activity in parallel with financially motivated operations
- Symantec
- FireEye
- Impact to Customers



Apply What You Have Learned Today

- You should be able to:
 - Assess how well your intelligence organization is aligned with the Intelligence Cycle
 - Understand the challenges and pitfalls of attribution
 - Recognize there is more than one way to approach assessments
 - Critically examine vendor conclusions for overstatement or logical fallacies

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