

ATT&CK Sightings

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Threat intelligence reports are great!

They tell you about...

New, interesting techniques.

Dissecting Domain
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New tools.

ADWIND — A CROSS-PLATFORM RAT

REPORT ON THE INVESTIGATION INTO THE MALWARE-AS-A-SERVICE PLATFORM AND ITS TARGETED ATTACKS

https://media.kasperskycontenthub.com/wp-content/uploads/sites/43/2018/03/07195002/KL AdwindPublicReport 2016.pdf

What a threat group is up to.



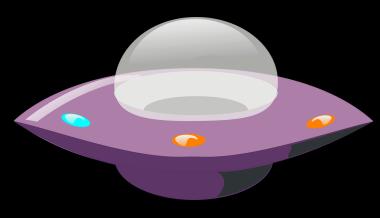
https://www.fireeye.com/blog/threat-research/2017/04/fin7-phishing-lnk.html



But they don't answer all of our questions

- Which techniques are more or less common?
- How do techniques tend to be used together (or not)?
- How has usage changed over time?
- Does prevalence differ by sector or geographic area?

https://pixabay.com/vectors/spaceship -ufo-cartoon-retro-art-304073/



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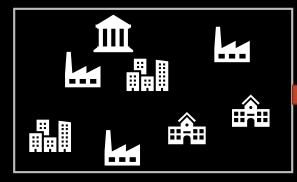
ATT&CK Sighting: Observation that provides evidence an ATT&CK technique is in use.

- Three types of sightings:
 - Direct Technique Sighting
 - Direct Software Sighting
 - Indirect Software Sighting
- Proposed Operating Model
 - MITRE collects sightings from multiple organizations
 - Sightings are anonymized and aggregated
 - MITRE publishes insights and (potentially) data sets





Vision



Security Monitoring Security product & service vendors



MITRE

MSSPs & ISPs

Anonymized Sightings

Continuously updated telemetry on what adversaries are actually doing





Contributors

Defenders

Researchers

Are able to easily and safely contribute.

Can prioritize actions.

 Develop defensive approaches based on technique interdependencies.

 Are protected from disclosing too much information. Can understand and communicate the value of their work.

 Develop an understanding of how usage differs by sector, actor type, or geography.

 Are acknowledged for providing data of value. Can see where they need to adapt based on changing tides.

Develop things we can't even think of.



How to contribute

- 1. Email us at attack@mitre.org.
- 2. Generate data.

Directly

Data format is published at our sightings page. Generate JSON that conforms.

Via MISP

MISP developed a plugin to generate our sightings format via the API.

Other

Want to contribute via STIX? CSV? Morse Code?

3. Send us data.



Related Work

Red Canary Threat Detection Report

https://redcanary.com/resources/guides/threat-detection-report/



CrowdStrike OverWatch Reports

https://www.crowdstrike.com/resources/reports/observations-from-the-front-lines-of-threat-hunting-2019/



https://veriscommunity.net



the vocabulary for event recording and incident sharing





Current status

Have begun soliciting and collecting sightings under NDA

 Goal is to receive contributions from a few more organizations before moving forward





Get Involved

https://attack.mitre.org/resources/sightings





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