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# TACTICAL APPROACHES VS. SELF ORGANIZED SWARMBOTS

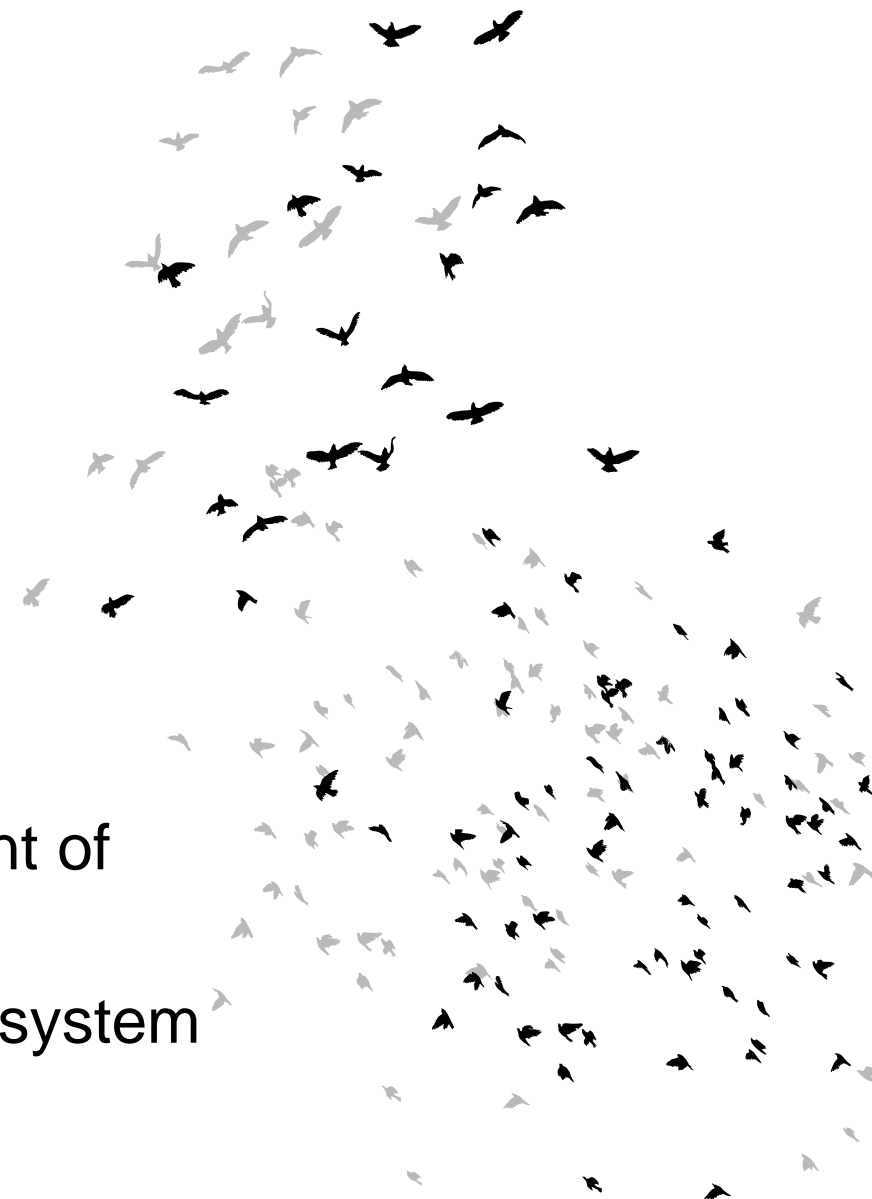
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# 1986: Craig Reynolds Creates Boids AI Sim

- Worked on Disney's 1982 Tron scene programming
- Artificial Life Simulation Program (1986)
- Program follows three simple rules
  - Collision Avoidance
  - Velocity Matching
  - Flock Centering Rules
- Used in computer modeling for video games, eg. 1998 Half-Life flying birds
- 2014: Algorithm adopted for autonomous deployment of Micro Aerial Vehicles (MAVs)
  - Aims for collision free, autonomous surveillance system



# Original 1986 BOLD Life Simulation Model

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COURSE ORGANIZER: DEMETRI TERZOPOULOS

"BOIDS DEMOS"

CRAG REYNOLDS

SILICON STUDIOS, MS 3L-980

2011 NORTH SHORELINE BLVD.

MOUNTAIN VIEW, CA 94039-7311



# 1989: Swarm Intelligence is Coined



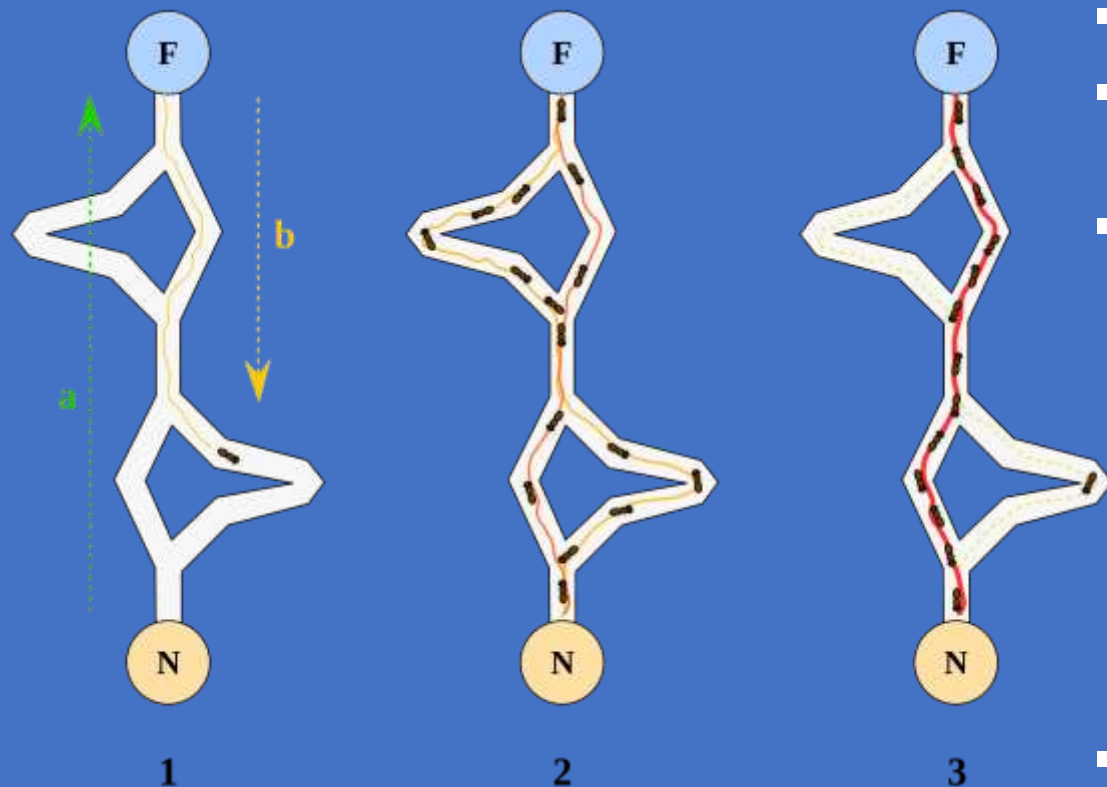
**DR. GERARDO BENI**

**Distinguished Technical  
Staff Member,  
AT&T Bell Labs 1983**

- Dr. Gerardo Beni & Jing Wang (1989) coined the term at NATO Advanced Workshop on Robots & Biological Systems
- Member of Editorial Board “Swarm Intelligence”
- 1993: From Swarm Intelligence to Swarm Robotics
  - Paper on Swarm Intelligence in Cellular Robotic Systems (Beni)
- Self Organized Systems Research Groups now Exist

# Ant Colony Optimization

## Form of Swarm Intelligence



- Shortest Path Between Nest and Food
- Traveling Salesman Problem
- Nodes lay synthetic pheromones along edges of their paths
- History
  - 1959: Stigmergy theory invented, behavior of nest building in termites
  - 1989: Ant Colony Optimization algorithm is born
    - Food behavior model implemented
  - 1994: British Telecommunications Plc publishes first application of ACO to telecommunication networks
- Applications include emergency vehicle response systems, planning & logistics, microchip manufacturing

# Ant Colony Optimization

Pheromones Laid for Optimal Path in Maze



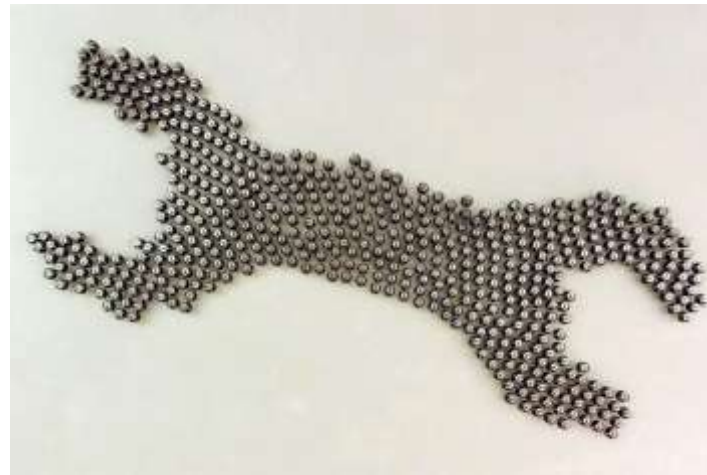


## Self Organizing Systems Research Group

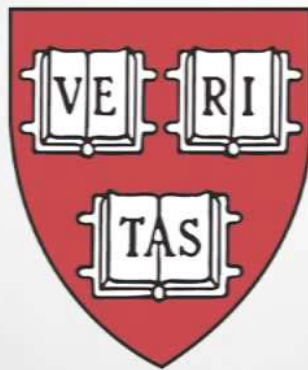
Kilobots: Headless  
swarm, no leaders

Follow solutions based  
approach

Work by communication  
through peer nodes



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# Botnet Building Blocks

## Typical Botnet Components



Attacker  
(botmaster, herder)



C&C Server



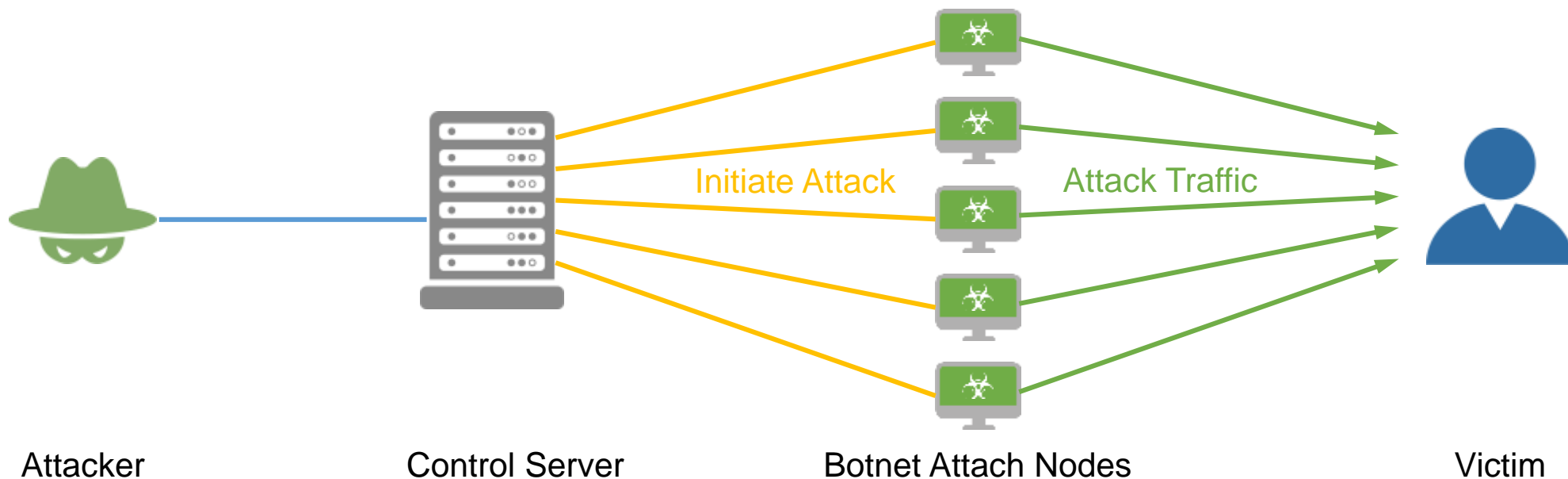
Zombies



Victim / target



Communications  
channels



# Blackhat Swarms – Removing the C2

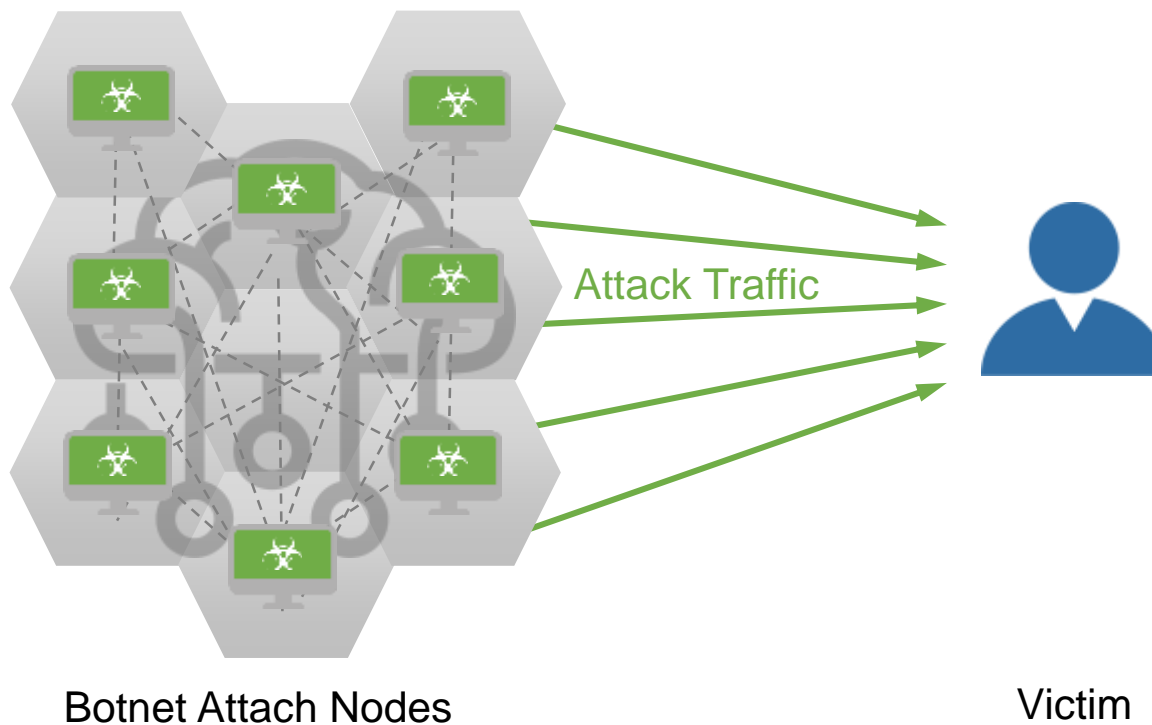
## Next Generation Botnet 3.0: Swarm

What if Botnets could utilize swarm intelligence?

- Largely Accelerated Attack Chain
  - **Human Out of Loop**
- Strengthened Blackhat Hive

Satori Botnet example

- If camera is hacked or under stress it skips the system if better targets are found (**pheromones**)



# Hide and Seek

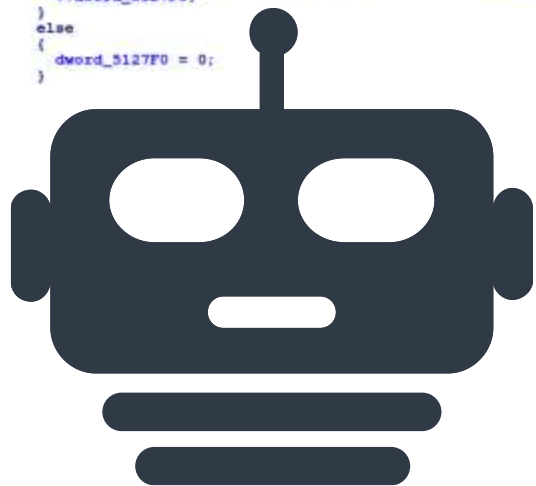
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arg = (char *)v4[1];
_arg = *arg;
if ( *arg == 'k' )
{
    port = strtol(arg + 1);
}
else if ( *arg > 'k' )
{
    if ( _arg == 'l' )
    {
        sp_port = strtol(arg + 1);
    }
    else if ( _arg == 'a' )
    {
        v2 = 0;
        loadfpath(arg + 1);
    }
}
else if ( _arg == 'a' )
{
    sub_40B9B1((__int64)(arg + 1), 0);
}
else if ( _arg == 'e' )
{
    v7 = sub_40E480((unsigned __int64 *)qword_5127E8, 16LL * (unsigned int)(dword_5127F0 + 1));
    qword_5127E8 = v7;
    if ( v7 )
    {
        sub_401346(arg + 1, v7 + 16LL * (unsigned int)dword_5127F0);
        ++dword_5127F0;
    }
    else
    {
        dword_5127F0 = 0;
    }
}
```

2) Target is identified by swarm

3) Target is swarmed, penetrated

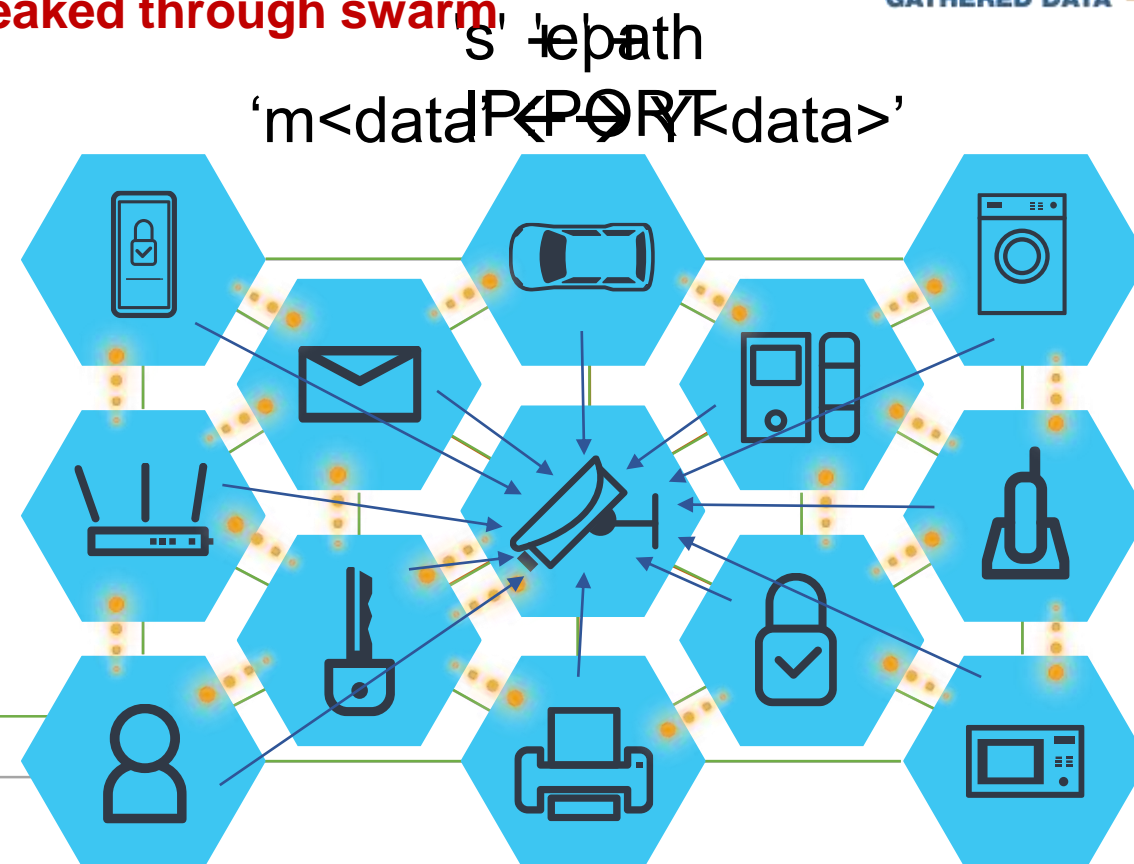
4) File information leaked through swarm  
(IP, etc)

READ FILE —  
ADD NEW TARGET ...  
GATHERED DATA —



1) Seed the Swarm (Autosploit)

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# Intent Based Solutions: Swarm Networks

## Mar 2018: Canonical ES Exploits Q\*Bert

Intent Based AI: Get  
More Points

Q\*Bert Designer Never  
Observed This Before

Swarm Attacks Will  
Follow This Path



S Exploits Q\*Bert



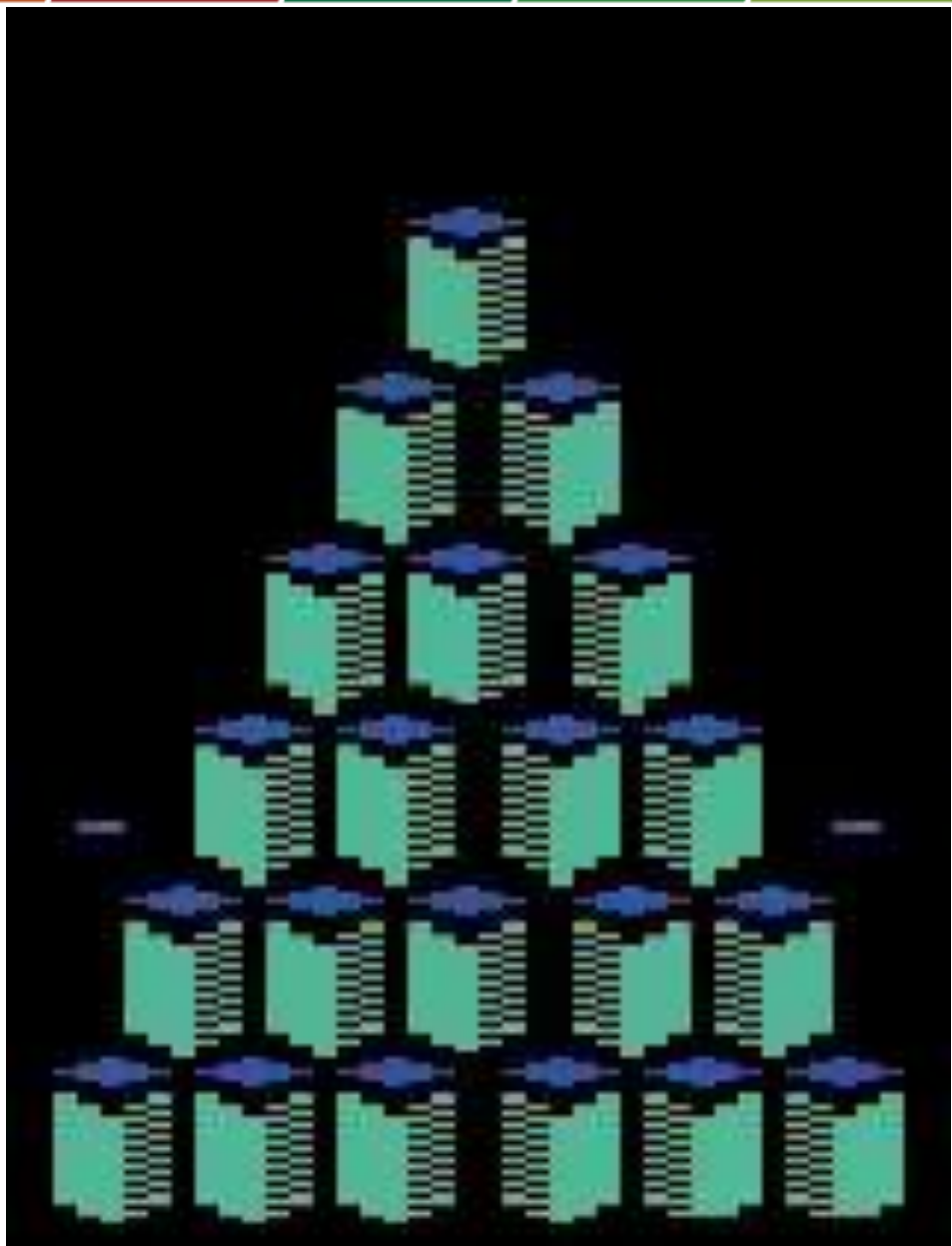
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# Protect. Disrupt. Elevate.



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a CTA member, reach out to:  
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**Michael J. Daniel – CEO & President**

## Board of Directors - Founding Members



# Who We Are



Our members are leading cybersecurity providers from around the world, representing many different approaches and points of view.

## Charter Members



## Affiliate Members



## Contributing Members





# CTA's Strategic Objectives

**Mission Statement:** CTA is a not-for-profit organization that is working to improve the cybersecurity of our global digital ecosystem by enabling near real-time, high-quality cyber threat information sharing among companies and organizations in the cybersecurity field.



## **Protect End-Users**

Our automated platform empowers members to share, validate, and deploy actionable threat intelligence to their customers in near-real time.



## **Disrupt Malicious Actors**

We share threat intelligence to reduce the effectiveness of malicious actors' tools and infrastructure.



## **Elevate Overall Security**

We share intelligence to improve our members' abilities to respond to cyber incidents and increase end-users' resilience.

# What Makes CTA Unique

## The CTA Model

The CTA solution employs technology, incentives, and business rules to differentiate from traditional models. CTA's automated information sharing process enables members to share high volumes of data with context at machine speed.

### THE CTA SOLUTION

- **An automated information sharing platform** that enables members to share more types of data, at higher volumes, more quickly
- **A scoring algorithm** that assigns points for submitting an indicator, providing context, and mutual validation of other members' submissions
- The scoring algorithm is designed to be **equitable for all members** and is regularly reviewed and updated based on information sharing trends
- Members are required to submit a minimum value of 10,000 points per day each day to **prevent the free-rider problem** prevalent in other information sharing organizations

### OUR SHARING PROCESS

**Step 1:** Members enter linked intelligence into their local client using the API or web interface.

**Step2:** STIX formatted data transferred to central hub over TAXII/HTTPS.

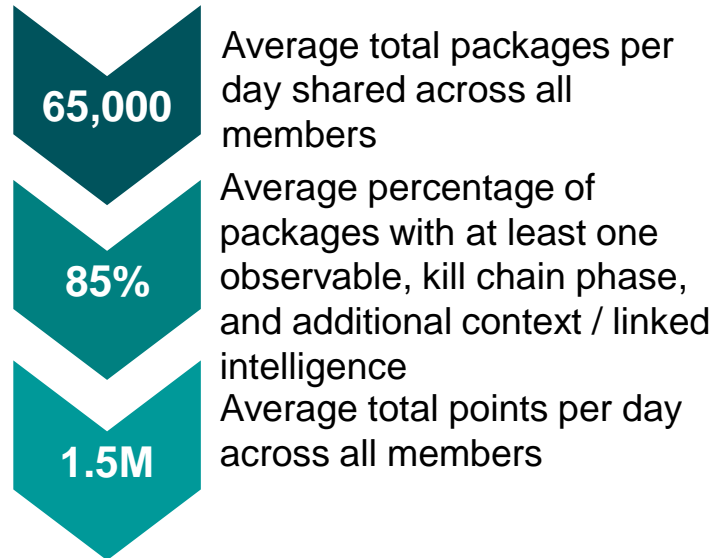
**Step 3:** STIX package scored according to algorithm. Individual STIX elements stored in database back-end.

**Step 4:** Member systems poll central hub for new data, and sync the available information with their local database where it can be extracted and used.

## Data Inputs

CTA's sharing process requires members to submit intelligence packages into a common format, runs it through a scoring algorithm, and enables members to extract the data most useful to them.

### Platform Sharing Metrics



### Data Sharing

**STIX Packages include a range of observables and TTPs across the kill chain**

*Observables:* Files, URIs, Domain Names, and Addresses

*TTPs:* Over 50 TTPs from Mitre's CAPEC and ATT&CK frameworks



# Protect End-Users

## Global Impact

CTA is the industry's first formally organized group of cybersecurity practitioners that work together in good faith to share threat information and improve global defenses against advanced cyber adversaries; ultimately, protecting customers in real-time.

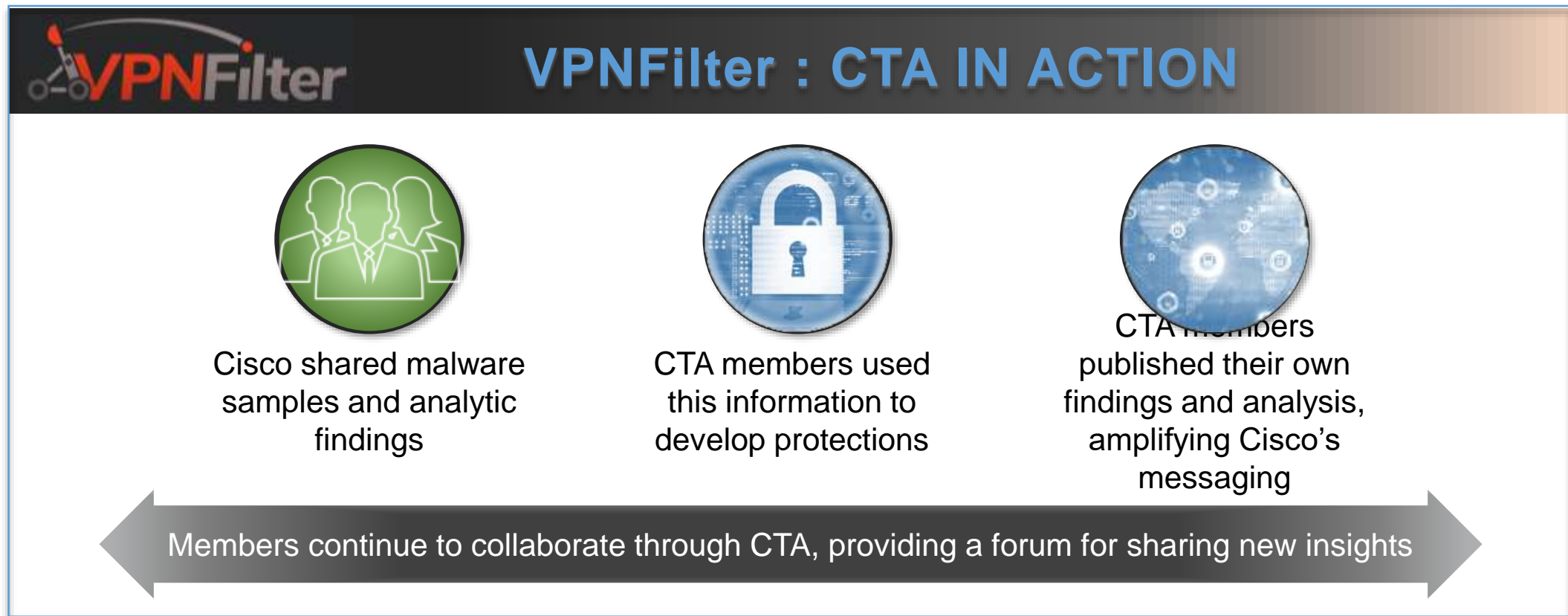




# Disrupt Malicious Actors

## Sharing information to enable more rapid deployment of protections

CTA enables members to share sensitive information on malicious activity, allowing members to bring together analytic insights on the activity, protect their customers as quickly as possible, and systematically disrupt adversary activity.



# FLASH WAR: ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE





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