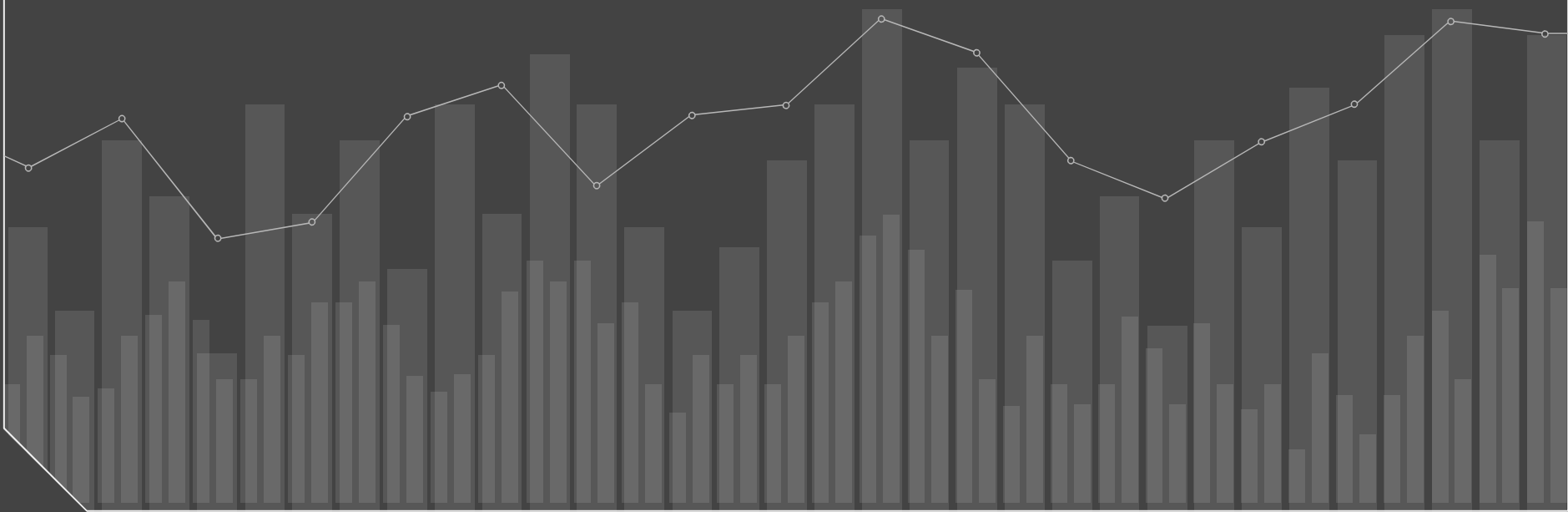


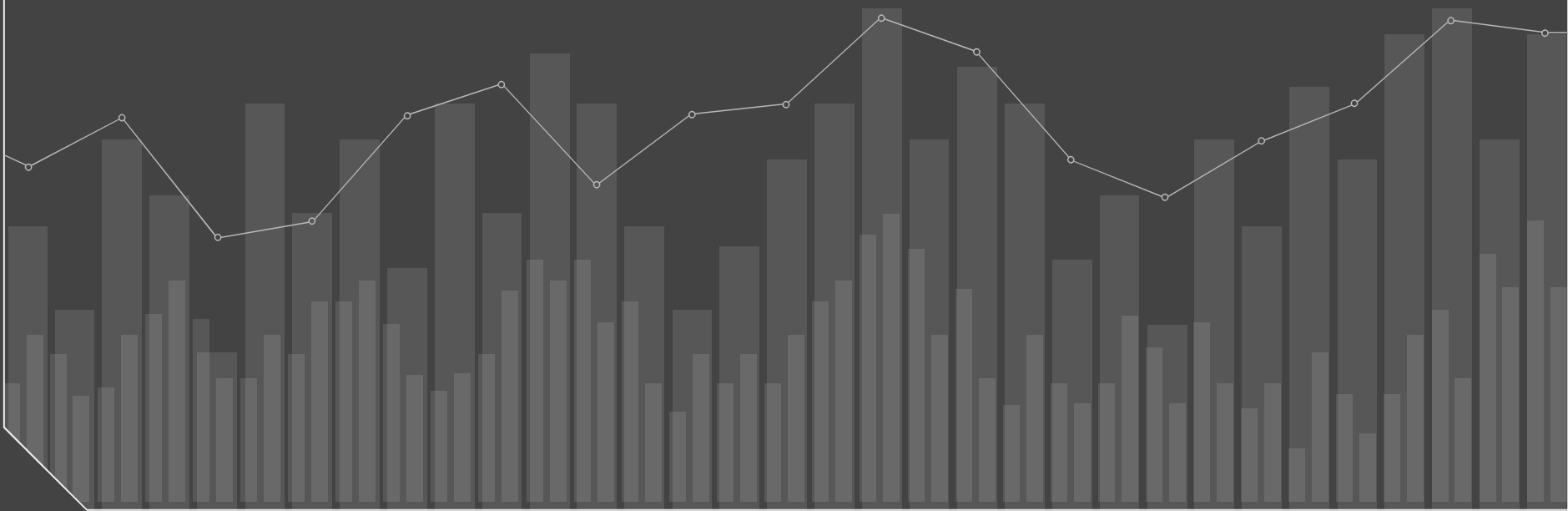
Red Mirror: Bringing Telemetry to Red Teaming



whoami

- Red Team, Pen Testing, & Vulnerability Management Lead @ Fortune 100
- Wisconsin CCDC Red Team
- ELK n00b
- Twitter: @ztgrace

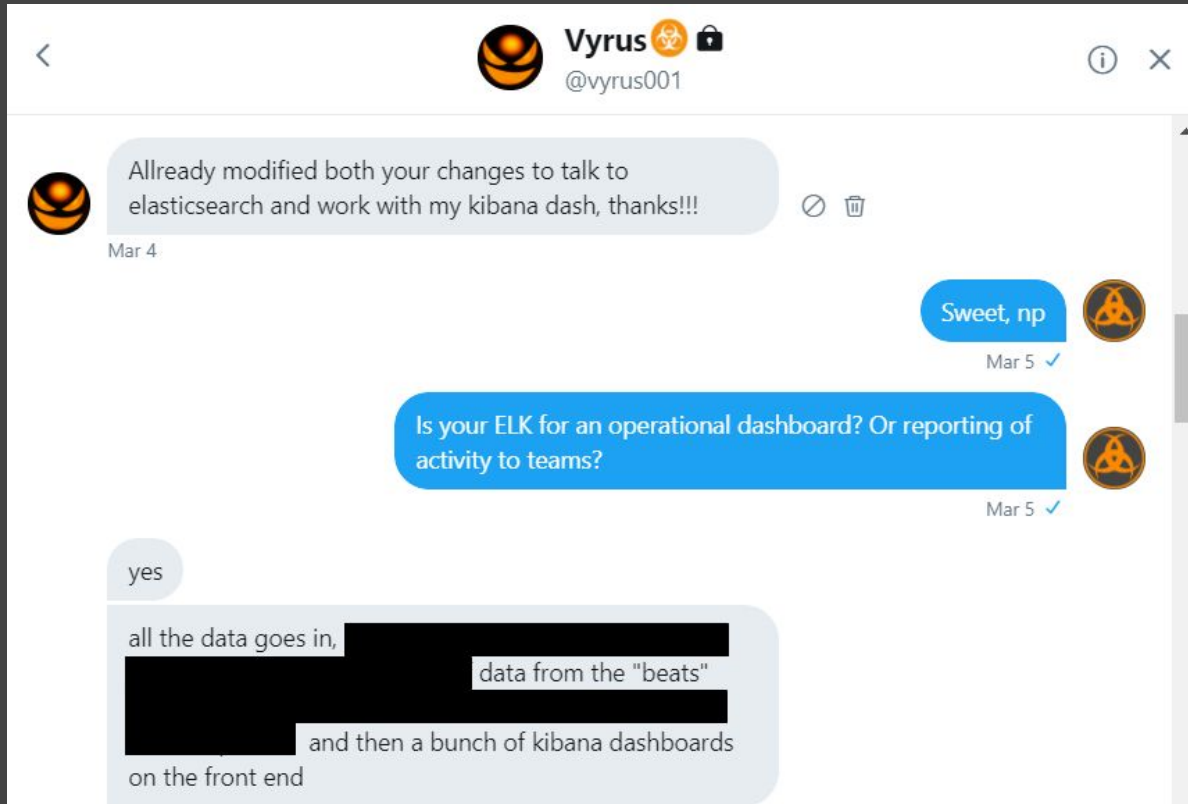
Origin Story




Wisconsin CCDC

PWNboard

Hosts	Team 1	Team 2	Team 3	Team 4	Team 5	Team 6	Team 7	Team 8	Team 9	Team 10
2012	172.25.21.3 host: RT5, session: XXBVWG1P, type: empire last seen: 5m	172.25.22.3 host: RT2, session: P2X6KHBS, type: empire last seen: 4m	172.25.23.3 host: RT4, session: ATLJNMFS, type: empire last seen: 1m	172.25.24.3 host: RT4, session: W1LXZQGO, type: empire last seen: 4m	172.25.25.3 host: RT3, session: X7D2LYZ2, type: empire last seen: 4m	172.25.26.3	172.25.27.3 host: RT5, session: 86, type: meterpreter last seen: 0m	172.25.28.3 host: RT1, session: 51, type: meterpreter last seen: 0m	172.25.29.3	172.25.30.3
FILESERVER1	172.25.21.9 host: RT1, session: 90, type: meterpreter last seen: 0m	172.25.22.9 host: RT1, session: WWON03Q7, type: empire last seen: 6m	172.25.23.9 host: RT1, session: root, type: backdoor last seen: 9m	172.25.24.9 host: RT4, session: 90, type: meterpreter last seen: 0m	172.25.25.9 host: RT5, session: 69, type: meterpreter last seen: 0m	172.25.26.9 host: RT5, session: OL6OWPDU, type: empire last seen: 8m	172.25.27.9	172.25.28.9 host: RT3, session: 50, type: meterpreter last seen: 0m	172.25.29.9 host: RT2, session: OM29GKPH, type: empire last seen: 2m	172.25.30.9 host: RT4, session: adminnobody, type: backdoor last seen: 2m
e-comm	172.25.21.11 host: RT1, session: root, type: backdoor last seen: 3m	172.25.22.11 host: RT4, session: EOBKRYBO, type: empire last seen: 8m	172.25.23.11 host: RT4, session: 39, type: meterpreter last seen: 0m	172.25.24.11	172.25.25.11	172.25.26.11	172.25.27.11 host: RT1, session: 18, type: meterpreter last seen: 0m	172.25.28.11 host: RT4, session: adminnobody, type: backdoor last seen: 6m	172.25.29.11 host: RT3, session: TZE70ISP, type: empire last seen: 7m	172.25.30.11 host: RT5, session: 51, type: meterpreter last seen: 0m
Ubuntu DNS	172.25.21.23 host: RT5, session: BMAN1WSF, type: empire last seen: 10m	172.25.22.23 host: RT2, session: root, type: backdoor last seen: 2m	172.25.23.23 host: RT2, session: 77, type: meterpreter last seen: 0m	172.25.24.23 host: RT4, session: QZ9XFDJZ, type: empire last seen: 3m	172.25.25.23	172.25.26.23 host: RT3, session: OXHGRH DU, type: empire last seen: 3m	172.25.27.23 host: RT1, session: XBDXR71G, type: empire last seen: 7m	172.25.28.23 host: RT4, session: adminnobody, type: backdoor last seen: 6m	172.25.29.23 host: RT1, session: adminnobody, type: backdoor last seen: 1m	172.25.30.23 host: RT1, session: root, type: backdoor last seen: 10m
DC	172.25.21.27 host: RT5, session: JUBTZ6RC, type: empire last seen: 5m	172.25.22.27 host: RT2, session: 87, type: meterpreter last seen: 0m	172.25.23.27 host: RT1, session: QESSQS18, type: empire last seen: 3m	172.25.24.27	172.25.25.27 host: RT5, session: root, type: backdoor last seen: 3m	172.25.26.27 host: RT3, session: GX4WJZY5, type: empire last seen: 8m	172.25.27.27 host: RT1, session: adminnobody, type: backdoor last seen: 10m	172.25.28.27 host: RT1, session: root, type: backdoor last seen: 2m	172.25.29.27 host: RT3, session: root, type: backdoor last seen: 9m	172.25.30.27
mail	172.25.21.39 host: RT5, session: E2S2V34B, type: empire last seen: 2m	172.25.22.39 host: RT5, session: adminnobody, type: backdoor last seen: 7m	172.25.23.39 host: RT1, session: 67, type: meterpreter last seen: 0m	172.25.24.39 host: RT5, session: adminnobody, type: backdoor last seen: 6m	172.25.25.39 host: RT2, session: 12, type: meterpreter last seen: 0m	172.25.26.39	172.25.27.39 host: RT1, session: adminnobody, type: backdoor last seen: 6m	172.25.28.39 host: RT5, session: root, type: backdoor last seen: 10m	172.25.29.39	172.25.30.39 host: RT2, session: 74, type: meterpreter last seen: 0m
PAN	172.25.21.100	172.25.22.100	172.25.23.100	172.25.24.100	172.25.25.100	172.25.26.100	172.25.27.100	172.25.28.100	172.25.29.100	172.25.30.100



beats/libbeat

- Lightweight data collection and shipping
- Small, fast and no external dependencies (thanks )
- <https://www.elastic.co/products/beats>
- <https://www.elastic.co/guide/en/beats/libbeat/current/community-beats.html>
- <https://github.com/elastic/beats>
- [Community Beats](#) ~70



Why Telemetry?

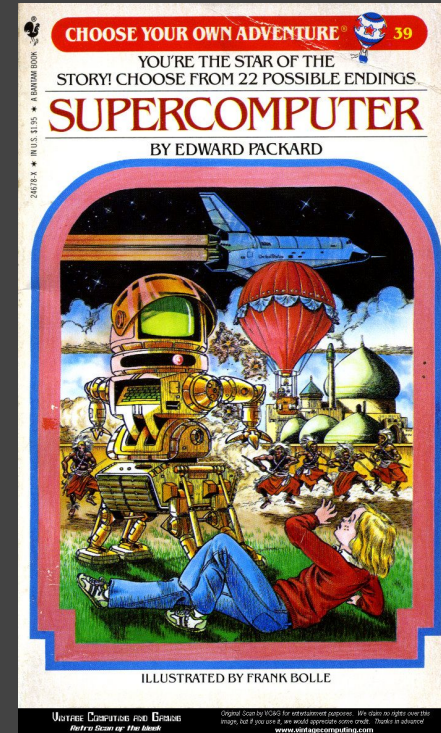
The goal of the red team should be to make the blue team:



What this talk's not:

~~apt-get install redteam-telemetry~~

More like:



Prior Art

<https://vincentyiou.co.uk/cobaltsplunk/>



Vincent Yiu

SYON (斯圆安全)

CobaltSplunk

24th Aug 2018 on [Attack Infrastructure](#)

TLDR; use Splunk as a central log database and analysis system for offensive infrastructure logs. In many engagements, you will want accurate logging across multiple RAT systems, phishing web servers, mail systems, and more. Currently only supports Cobalt Strike, but will be looking at supporting Empire, Pupy, Metasploit, Apache, Nginx, and more!

...and as of ~4 hours ago



<https://github.com/outflanknl/RedELK>

Typical Session Logging

bash->script

msfconsole -> spool

echo "spool /root/.msf4/msfconsole.log" >> ~/.msf4/msfconsole.rc

Empire - agents.log

Cobalt Strike - beacon logs

Network Logging

```
tcpdump -ni eth0 -w hax.pcap
```

What Could Go Wrong?

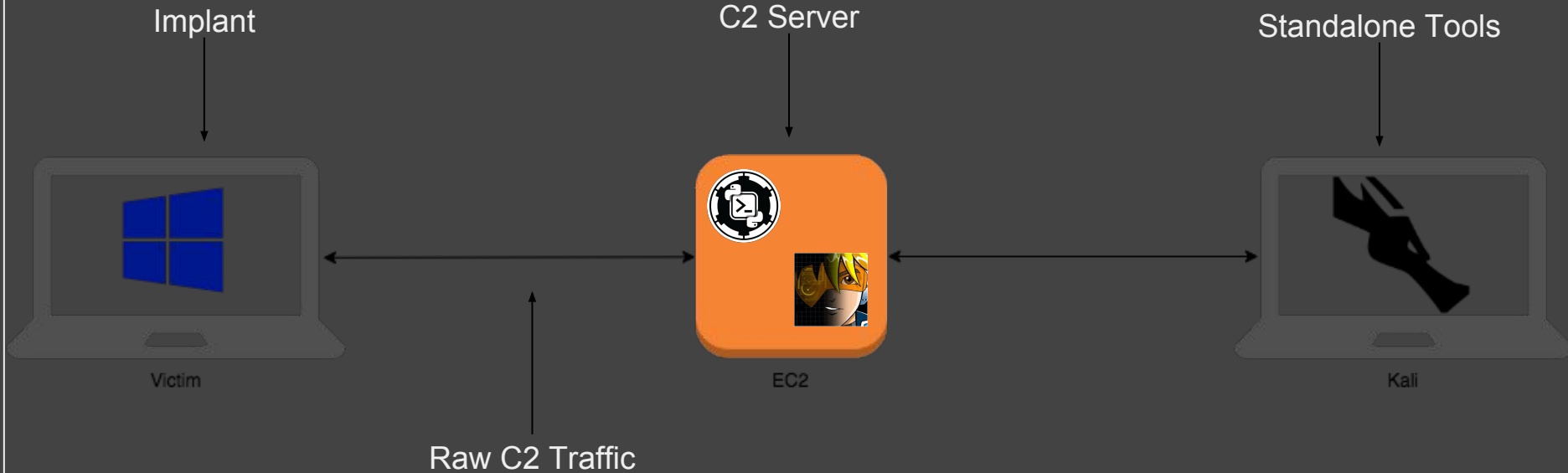
You forgot to start the loggers...



What's Missing?

- Real-Time monitoring
- Easily construct timelines across all infrastructure
- Sane querying for events instead of grepping script log files
- Data-driven prioritization
- Mean Time to X

What Data to Collect?



ELK Stack

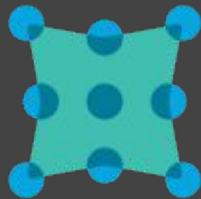


What beats are useful for RTT?

- Packetbeat
- Filebeat
- Connbeat
- Metricbeat

Packetbeat

- Decodes and stores common network protocols (DNS, HTTP, MySQL)
- Can capture flows
- Use cases:
 - Great match for C2 infrastructure
- Limitations:
 - Only supported protocols are logged



Packetbeat Config

```
packetbeat.interfaces.device: eth0
packetbeat.flows:
  enabled: false
  timeout: 30s
  period: 10s
packetbeat.protocols:
- type: dns
  enabled: true
  ports: [53]
  include_authorities: true
  include_additional: true
  send_request: true
  send_response: true
  transaction_timeout: 10s
- type: http
  enabled: true
  ports: [80]
  send_headers: true
  send_all_headers: true
  include_body_for: ["text/plain", "text/xml", "audio/mp4"]
  send_request: true
  send_response: true
```

Connbeat

- Can monitor all TCP connections vs Packetbeat's specific protocols
- Use a Logstash mutate filter to clean up sensitive data
- Can capture CLI
- Limitations
 - Only **full** TCP connections are logged
 - No UDP

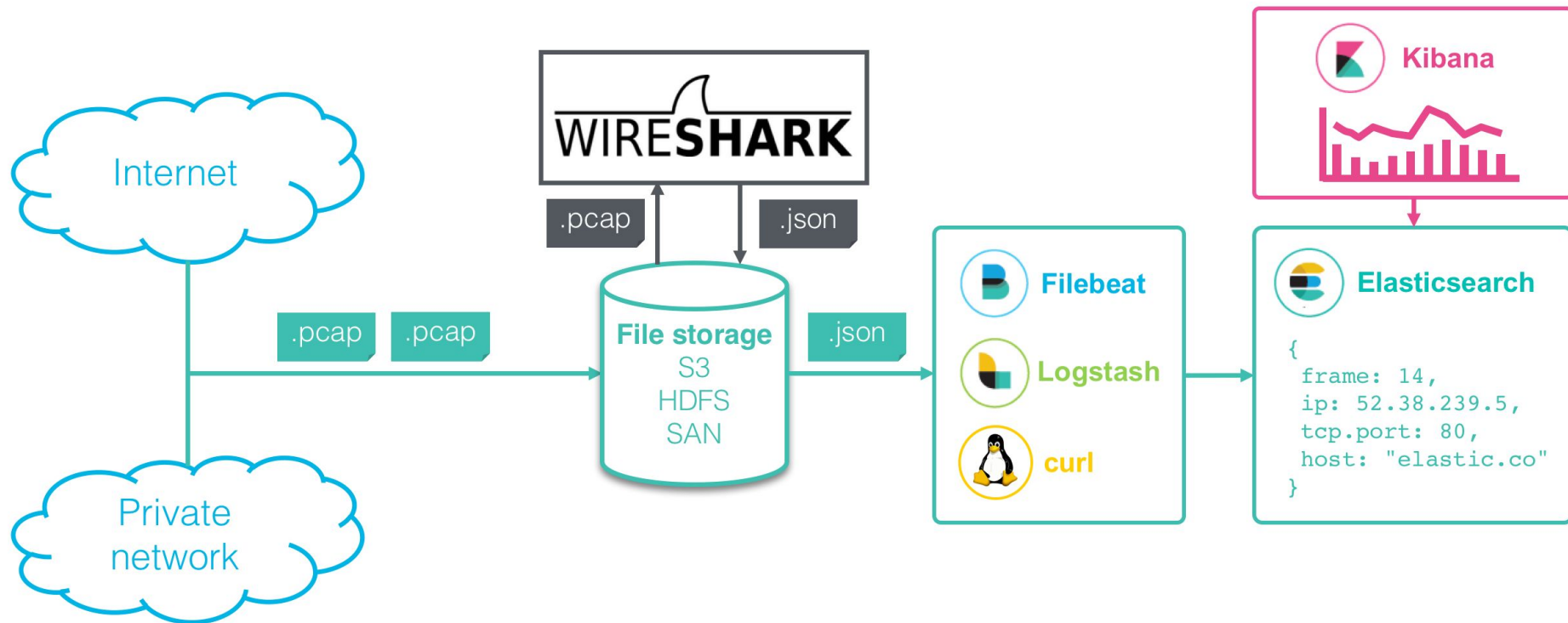
```
"local_ip": "192.168.2.139",
"local_port": 44432,
"local_process": {
  "binary": "",
  "cmdline": "nmap -A -sT -T4 -n -v 192.168.1.0/24",
  "environ": [
    "SSH_CONNECTION=192.168.2.1 55386 192.168.2.139 22",
    "LESSCLOSE=/usr/bin/lesspipe %s %s",
    "LANG=en_US.UTF-8",
    "AWS_SECRET_ACCESS_KEY=wJalrXUtnFEMI/K7MDENG/bPxRfiCYzEXAMPLEKEY",
    "JAVA_HOME=/usr/lib/jvm/java-8-oracle",
    "J2SDKDIR=/usr/lib/jvm/java-8-oracle",
    "XDG_SESSION_ID=2",
    "DERBY_HOME=/usr/lib/jvm/java-8-oracle/db",
    "USER=root",
    "LSCOLORS=gxBxhxDxfxhxhxcxcx",
    "PWD=/root",
    "HOME=/root",
    "J2REDIR=/usr/lib/jvm/java-8-oracle/jre",
    "SSH_CLIENT=192.168.2.1 55386 22",
    "TMUX=/tmp/tmux-0/default,697,0",
    "SSH_TTY=/dev/pts/0",
    "MAIL=/var/mail/root",
    "TERM=screen-256color",
    "SHELL=/bin/bash",
    "TMUX_PANE=%3",
    "AWS_ACCESS_KEY_ID=AKIAIOSFODNN7EXAMPLE",
    "SHLVL=2",
    "LOGNAME=root",
    "DBUS_SESSION_BUS_ADDRESS=unix:path=/run/user/0/bus",
    "XDG_RUNTIME_DIR=/run/user/0",
    "PATH=/usr/local/sbin:/usr/local/bin:/usr/sbin:/usr/bin:/sbin:/bin",
    "LESSOPEN=| /usr/bin/lesspipe %s",
    "_=/usr/bin/nmap"
  ],
  "pid": 63966
},
"remote_ip": "192.168.1.17",
"remote_port": 5900,
"type": "connbeat"
```

Metricbeat

- Monitors system/app health
- Logs network data using socket module
- Only monitors full TCP connections
- Use cases:
 - TCP socket C2 monitoring (Metasploit)
 - Monitoring anything TCP
 - Network I/O

Table	JSON
@timestamp	October 1st 2018, 21:47:06.636
t _id	q-SsMmYB3TPggOS6BjPd
t _index	metricbeat-6.4.1-2018.10.01
# _score	-
t _type	doc
t beat.hostname	kali
t beat.name	kali
t beat.version	6.4.1
t host.name	kali
t metricset.module	system
t metricset.name	socket
# metricset.rtt	28,431
t system.socket.direction	outgoing
t system.socket.family	ipv4
system.socket.local.ip	192.168.2.139
# system.socket.local.port	38,168
t system.socket.process.cmdline	nmap -A -sT -T4 -n -v 192.168.1.0/24
t system.socket.process.command	nmap
t system.socket.process.exe	/usr/bin/nmap
# system.socket.process.pid	107,557
system.socket.remote.ip	192.168.1.62
# system.socket.remote.port	2,105
# system.socket.user.id	0
t system.socket.user.name	root

tshark + filebeat



Direct tshark->json setup

```
cat /etc/supervisor/conf.d/tshark.conf  
[program:tshark]  
directory=/var/log/pcaps/  
command=tshark -i eth0 -f 'not (port 9200 and host  
127.0.0.1)' -T ek -x > tshark-$(date +"%Y-%m-%d").json  
autostart=true  
autorestart=true
```

Warning: Very memory intensive

tcpdump->tshark->json

```
tcpdump -ni eth0 -w $(date +"%Y-%m-%d") -G not host elasticsearch
```

Or

```
tshark -a filesize:10000 -i eth0 -w $(date +"%Y-%m-%d") -f 'not host elasticsearch'
```

then:

```
for i in $(ls); do tshark -r $i -T ek -x > "${i}.json"; done
```

Or

Use the `-z postrotate` command in `tcpdump`

tshark+Filebeat setup

```
# cat /etc/filebeat/filebeat.yml
filebeat.prospectors:
- input_type: log
  paths:
    - "/var/log/pcaps/packets*.json"
  document_type: "pcap_file"
  json.keys_under_root: true
```

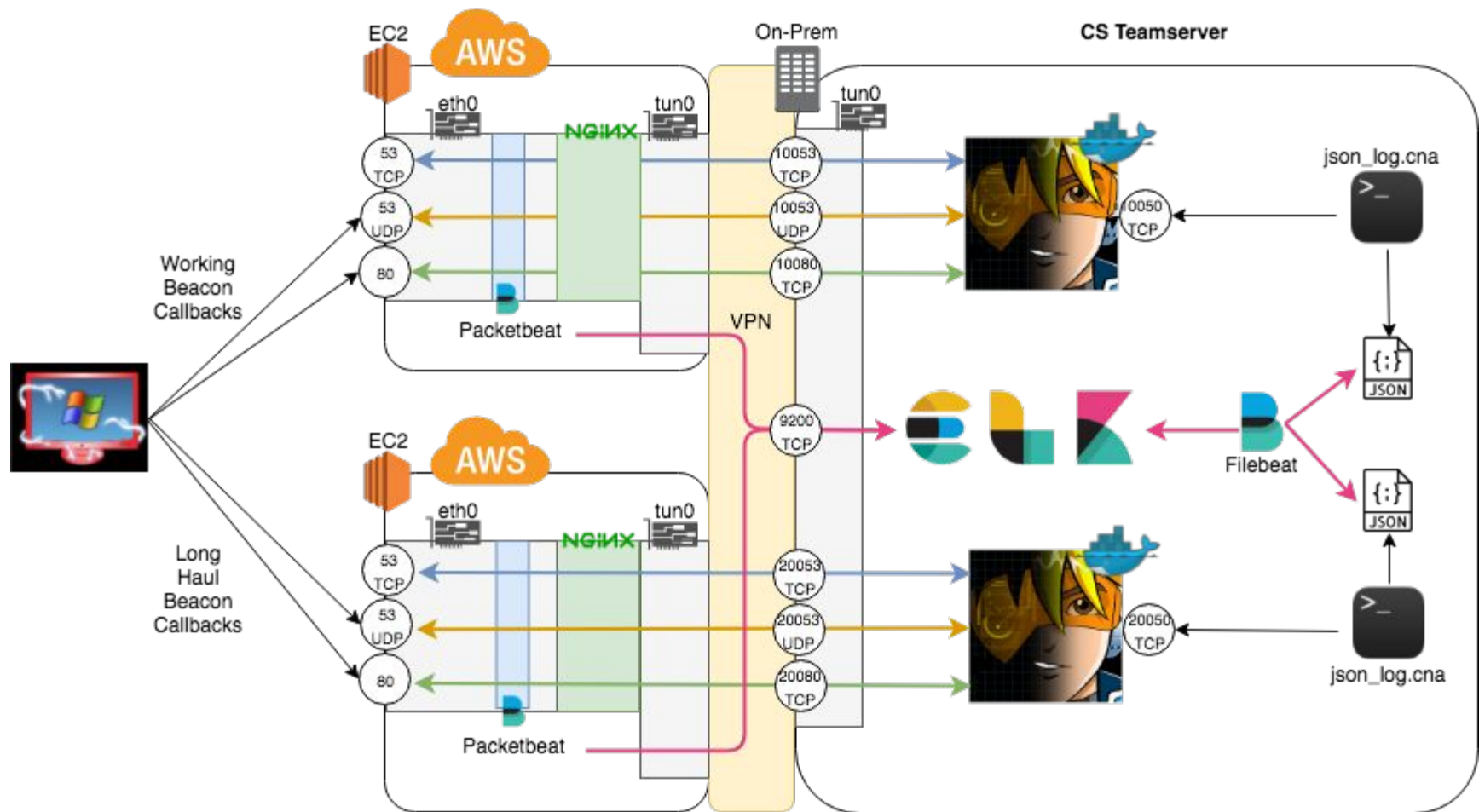
```
processors:
- drop_event:
  when:
    equals:
      index._type: "pcap_file"
```

```
output.elasticsearch:
  hosts: ["192.168.2.140:9200"]
  template.enabled: false
```

tshark + filebeat

- Advantages
 - Can use filters to ignore traffic
- *Warning: Exclude Elasticsearch/Logstash traffic from your capture!*
- Limitations:
 - Can't tie traffic to commands/progs





Cobalt Strike

Logs are broken down by day, host and type

```
/opt/cobaltstrike
# tree logs/180605
logs/180605
├── 172.25.108.158
│   ├── beacon_15824.log
│   └── beacon_20341.log
├── 172.31.45.243
│   ├── beacon_59349.log
│   └── beacon_9559.log
├── events.log
├── unknown
│   ├── beacon_15824.log
│   ├── beacon_20341.log
│   ├── beacon_59349.log
│   └── beacon_9559.log
└── weblog.log

3 directories, 10 files
```

Missing Artifact Data

- Artifact data is used to generate the TTP report
- Not logged?



CS Structured Logging a.k.a. JSON Logging

- Log desired events as single-line JSON
- Import data with Filebeat and custom field mapping
- Add additional metadata





Logging Empire

- Can use packetbeat the same way as CS
- Unstructured logs in `Empire/downloads/<agent>/agent.log`

2018-09-24 02:25:21 :
Tasked agent to run shell command whoami

2018-09-24 02:25:23 :
redlab\redadmin
^M..Command execution completed.

2018-09-24 02:29:55 :
Tasked agent to run module powershell/collection/screenshot

2018-09-24 02:29:58 :
Output saved to ./downloads/9LD4ST7U/screenshot/DC1_2018-09-24_02-29-58.png

2018-09-24 02:30:55 :
Tasked agent to run shell command ipconfig

2018-09-24 02:31:00 :
Windows IP Configuration

Ethernet adapter Local Area Connection:

Connection-specific DNS Suffix . : localdomain
Link-local IPv6 Address : fe80::c82:e391:3cfe:78e9%11
IPv4 Address. : 192.168.2.137
Subnet Mask : 255.255.255.0
Default Gateway : 192.168.2.2

Tunnel adapter isatap.localdomain:

Media State : Media disconnected
Connection-specific DNS Suffix . : localdomain

^M..Command execution completed.

2018-09-24 02:48:28 :

Parsing agent.log with Logstash

Define a grok pattern for the timestamp:

```
EMPIRETS %{YEAR}-%{MONTHNUM}-%{MONTHDAY} %{HOUR}:%{MINUTE}:%{SECOND}
```

Match the pattern and grab all data until next timestamp:

```
multiline {  
  pattern => "^EMPIRETS"  
  negate => true  
  what => "next"  
}
```



2018-09-24 02:23:45 : [*] Agent info: nonce 4670631711105946 jitter 0.0 servers None internal_ip 192.168.2.137 working_hours session_key R@P\$9x^K[_tHdB65mrn7w(qjc;;s&F>1 children None checkin_time 2018-09-24 02:23:44 hostname DC1 id 1 delay 5 username REDLAB\redadmin kill_date parent None process_name powershell listener http process_id 1892 profile /admin/get.php,/news.php,/login/process.php|Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 6.1; WOW64; Trident/7.0; rv:11.0) like Gecko os_details Microsoft Windows Server 2008 R2 Standard lost_limit 60 taskings None name 9LD4ST7U language powershell external_ip 70.92.244.223 session_id 9LD4ST7U lastseen_time 2018-09-24 02:23:44 language_version 2 high_integrity 1 [+] Agent 9LD4ST7U now active:

MATCHED

after [*] Agent info: nonce 4670631711105946 jitter 0.0 servers None internal_ip 192.168.2.137 working_hours session_key R@P\$9x^K[_tHdB65mrn7w(qjc;;s&F>1
match: children None checkin_time 2018-09-24 02:23:44 hostname DC1 id 1 delay 5 username REDLAB\redadmin kill_date parent None process_name powershell listener http process_id 1892 profile /admin/get.php,/news.php,/login/process.php|Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 6.1; WOW64; Trident/7.0; rv:11.0) like Gecko os_details Microsoft Windows Server 2008 R2 Standard lost_limit 60 taskings None name 9LD4ST7U language powershell external_ip 70.92.244.223 session_id 9LD4ST7U lastseen_time 2018-09-24 02:23:44 language_version 2 high_integrity 1 [+] Agent 9LD4ST7U now active:

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MATCHED

after Tasked agent to run shell command whoami
match:

2018-09-24 02:25:23 : redlab\redadmin ^M..Command execution completed.

MATCHED

after redlab\redadmin ^M..Command execution completed.
match:

2018-09-24 02:29:55 : Tasked agent to run module powershell/collection/screenshot

MATCHED

after Tasked agent to run module powershell/collection/screenshot
match:

2018-09-24 02:29:58 : Output saved to ./downloads/9LD4ST7U/screenshot/DC1_2018-09-24_02-29-58.png

MATCHED

after Output saved to ./downloads/9LD4ST7U/screenshot/DC1_2018-09-24_02-29-58.png
match:

2018-09-24 02:30:55 : Tasked agent to run shell command ipconfig

MATCHED

after Tasked agent to run shell command ipconfig
match:

Adding MITRE ATT&CK Data

attck_empire by Daniel Stepanic - https://github.com/dstepanic/attck_empire

- Maps empire module execution to Tactic IDs
- Outputs data as a json file for MITRE ATT&CK Navigator
- Could be converted to a LS plugin or HTTP server for enrichment



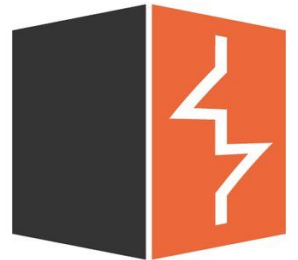
Approach

- Parse ~/.msf4 logs with Logstash
- Build a custom structured logger like my CS json_log.cna using the on_* events

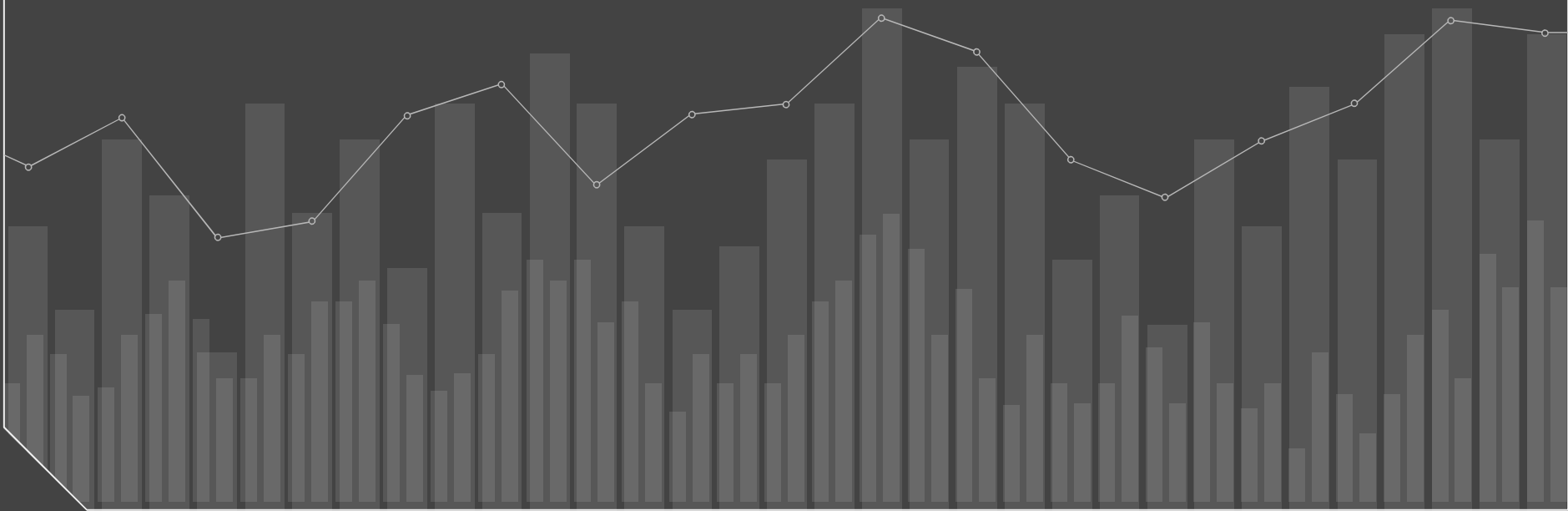
Web/BurpSuite

Web Audit Search Engine (WASE) by Thomas Patzke ([@blubbfiction](#))

- <https://github.com/thomaspatzke/WASE>



Outcomes



Infrastructure Troubleshooting



Operational Security

- Monitor who's talking to your infrastructure
- Figure out where zombie beacons are coming from

Search... (e.g. status:200 AND extension:PHP)

Options



Add a filter +

Beacons Table

Legit C2

client_ip: Descending

Count

22,338

22,075

1,950

195.189.155.129 BitDefender 605

91.199.104.150 BitDefender 557

208.69.36.70 OpenDNS 309

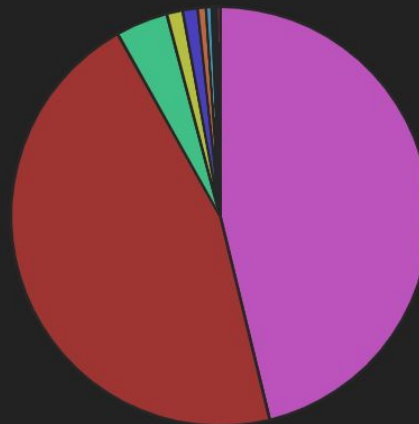
208.69.36.69 OpenDNS 213

74.217.90.250 Palo Alto 96

208.69.34.68 OpenDNS 16

151.101.1.100 Cloudflare 1

DNS Beacon Pie Chart



195.189.155.129

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161.69.99.2

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95.108.197.11

208.69.36.75

208.69.36.71

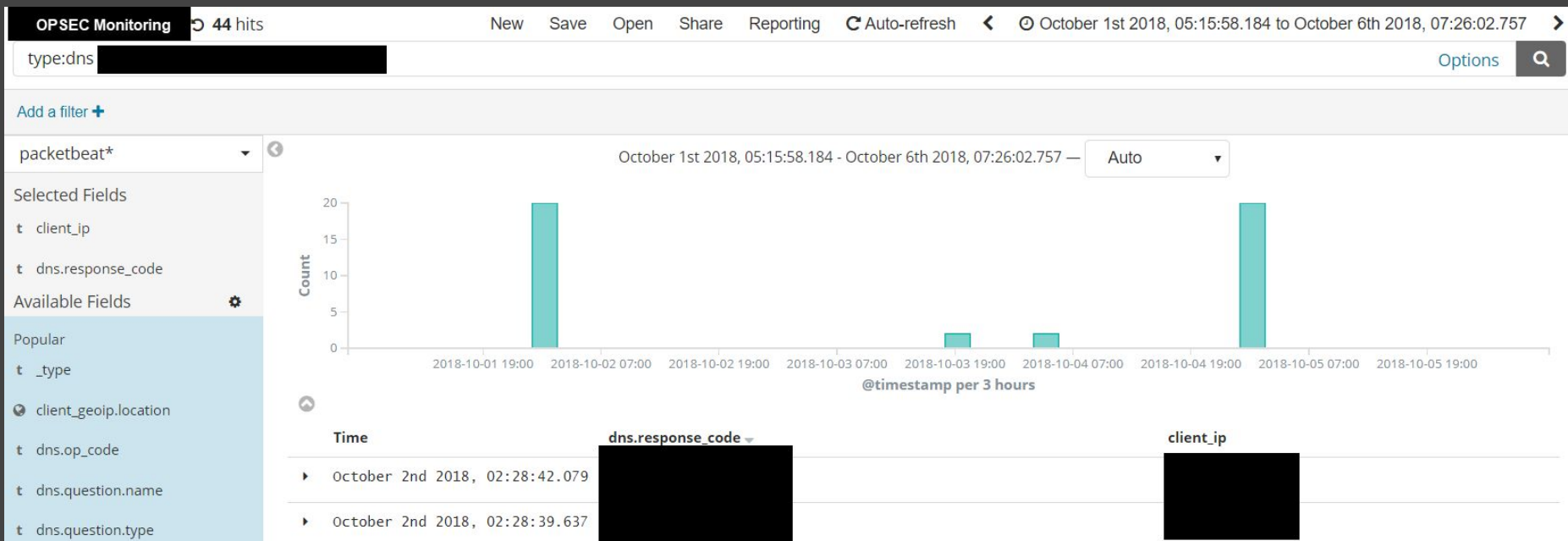
213.180.200.170



I'M

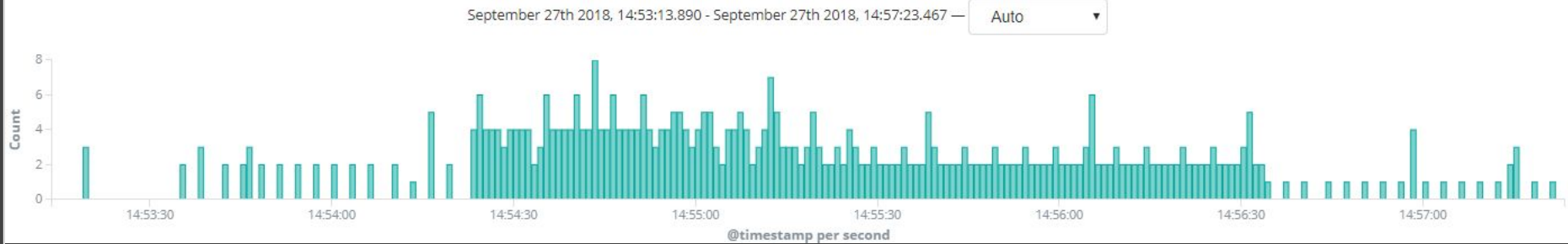
WATCHING YOU

Monitor OPSEC



Inspired by curi0usJack: <https://gist.github.com/curi0usJack/971385e8334e189d93a6cb4671238b10>

Spot The DNS Exfil



Stealth Mode?

359,579 hits

New Save Open Share Reporting Auto-refresh Last 30 days

Search... (e.g. status:200 AND extension:PHP)

Options

Add a filter +

packetbeat* ↕

Selected Fields

client_geop.location

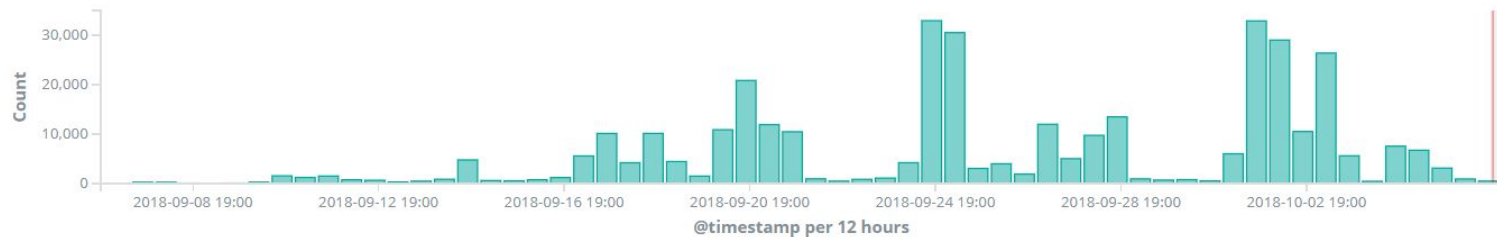
t dns.question.name

t type

? client_geop.region_...

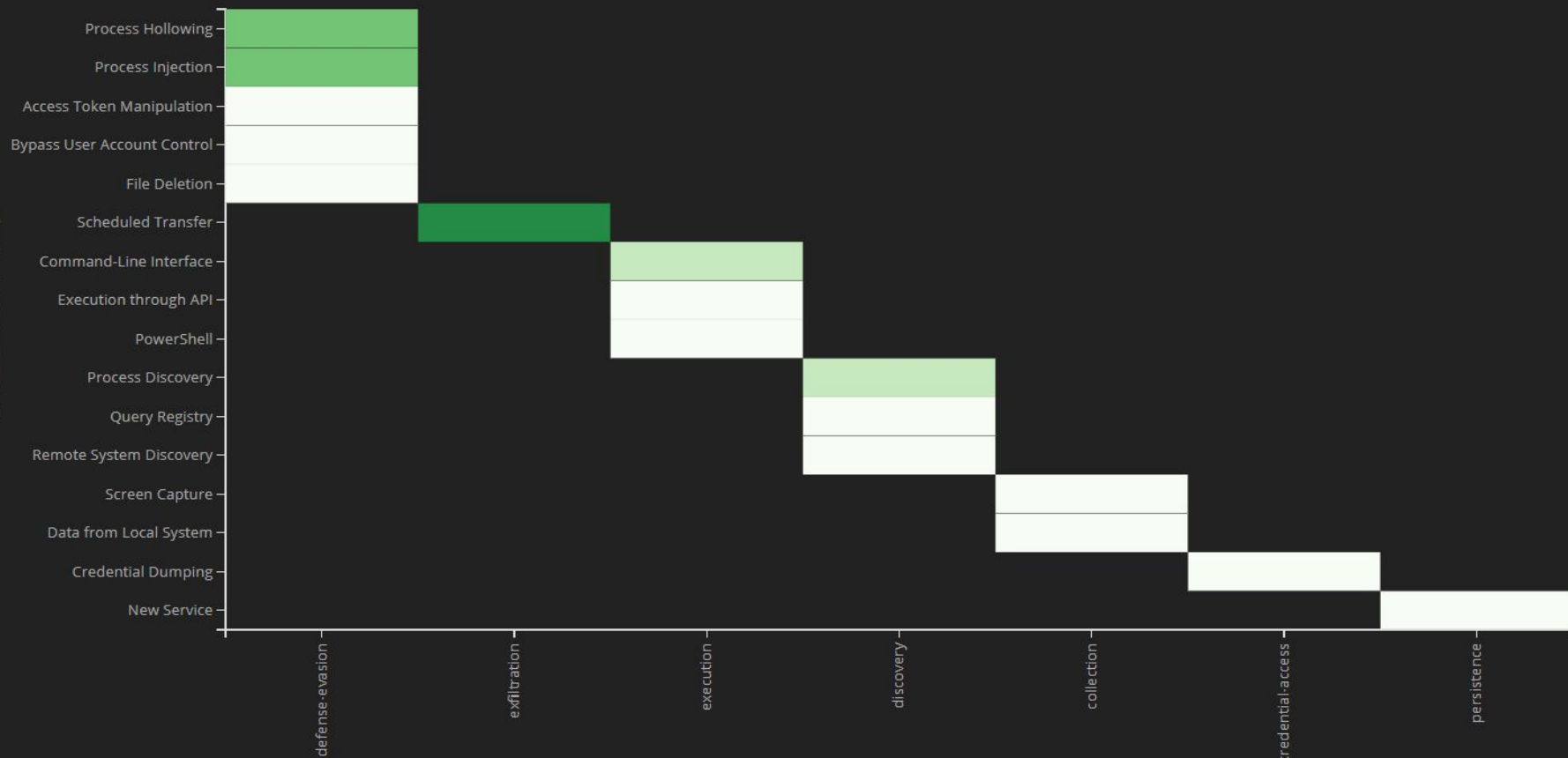
? client_geop.country...

September 6th 2018, 19:18:36.335 - October 6th 2018, 19:18:36.335 — Auto



MITRE ATT&CK Heatmap W&LH

tactic_name: Descending



phase: Descending

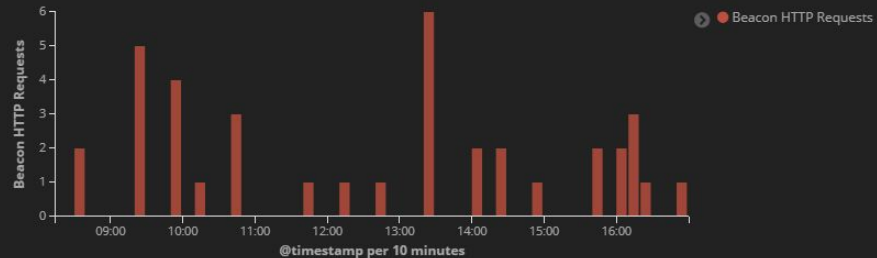
Beacon DNS



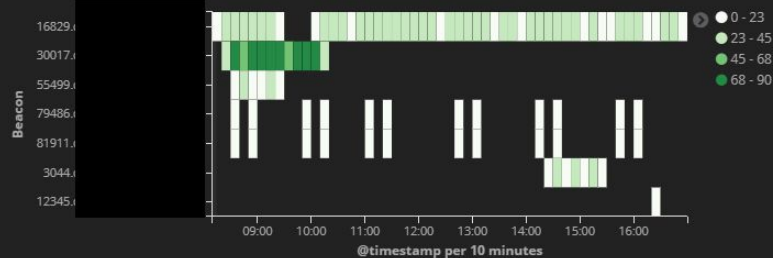
Beacon DNS Stacked



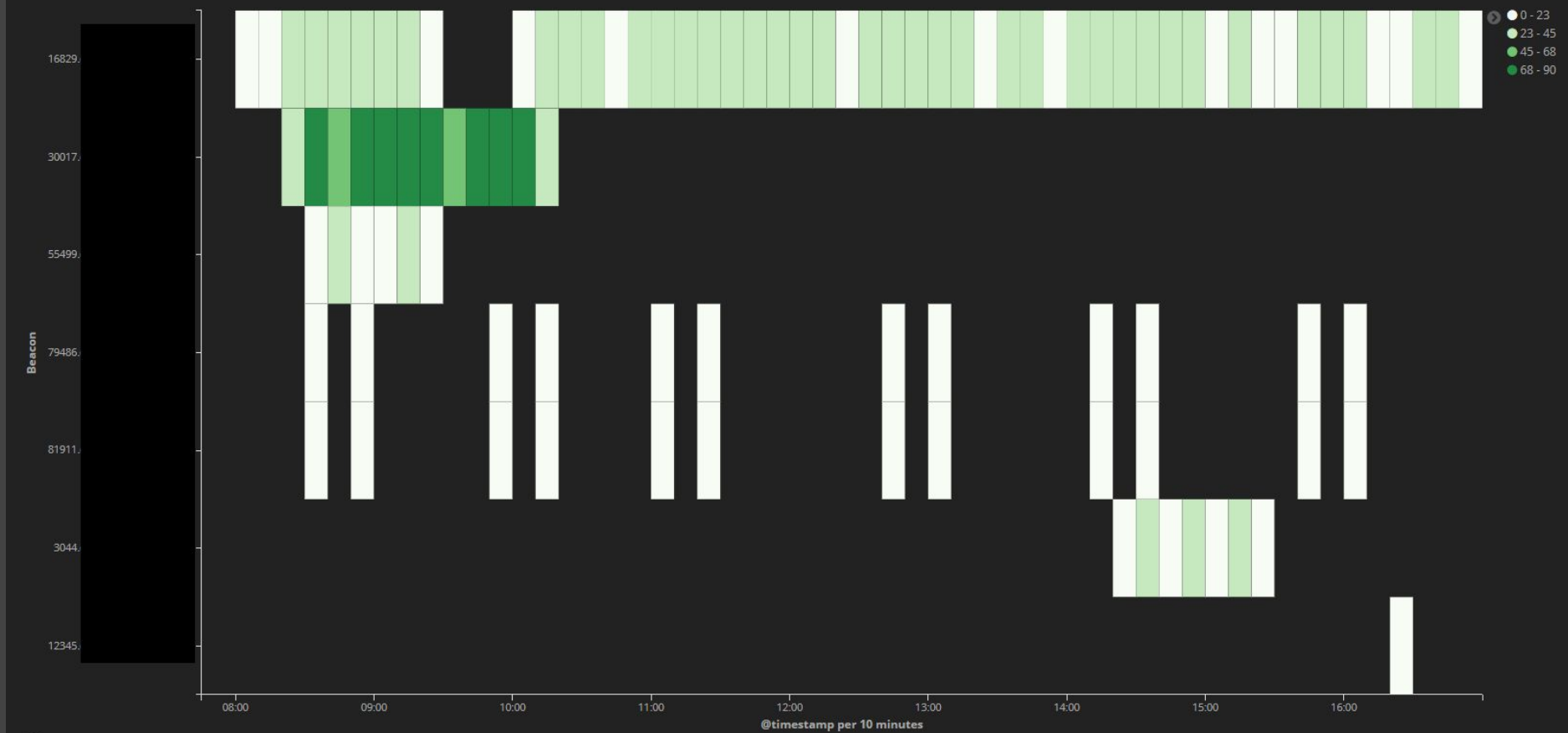
Beacon HTTP Requests 24H



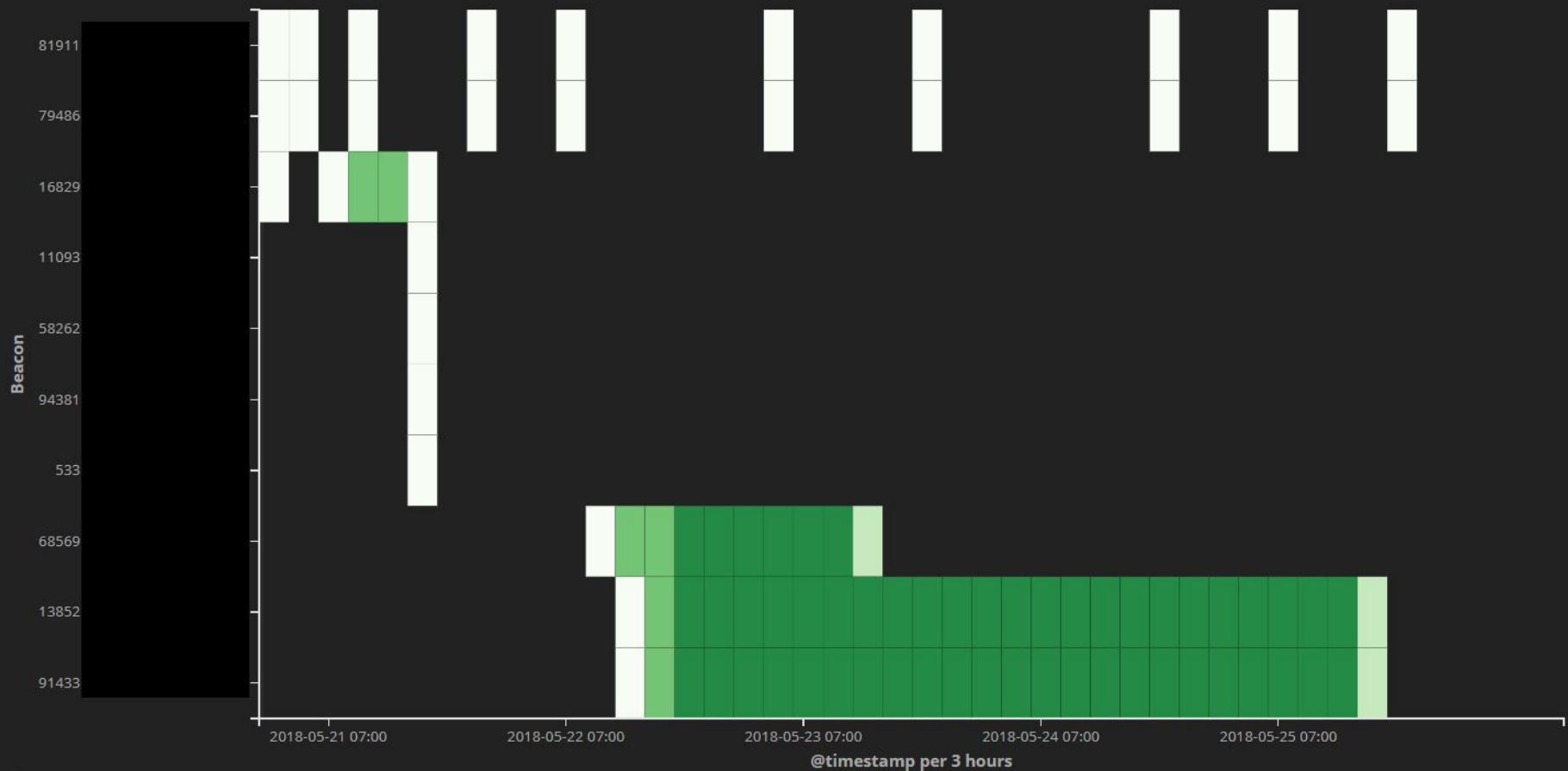
Beacon DNS Heatmap



Beacon DNS Heatmap



Beacon DNS Heatmap



Simple Automation (Reporting)

```
1 #!/usr/bin/env python
2
3 from elasticsearch import Elasticsearch
4 from datetime import datetime
5 from pprint import pprint
6
7 size = 1000
8 es = Elasticsearch()
9 res = es.search(index="filebeat*",
10                 body={"query": {"match": {'event': 'event_beacon_initial'}}}, size=size)
11
12 pprint(res)
13
14 for hit in res['hits']['hits']:
15
16     data = hit['_source']
17     #pprint(data)
18     if data.get('role', None):
19         data = hit['_source']
20         print("%s - beaconid: %s %s" % (data['role'], data['hostname'], data['user']))
```

Gaps

- Attacking from Windows systems
- Cross-index correlation (no subselect statements like SQL)
- Needs Moar RAMs

Dear Toolmakers

- Please use ISO 8601 or Unix timestamps
- Add structured logging or sane log formats to your tools

What's Next?

- Add similar telemetry to windows systems for easier correlations
- Feed to machine learning, build attacker behavioral models
- Frequency between commands/better callback frequency

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