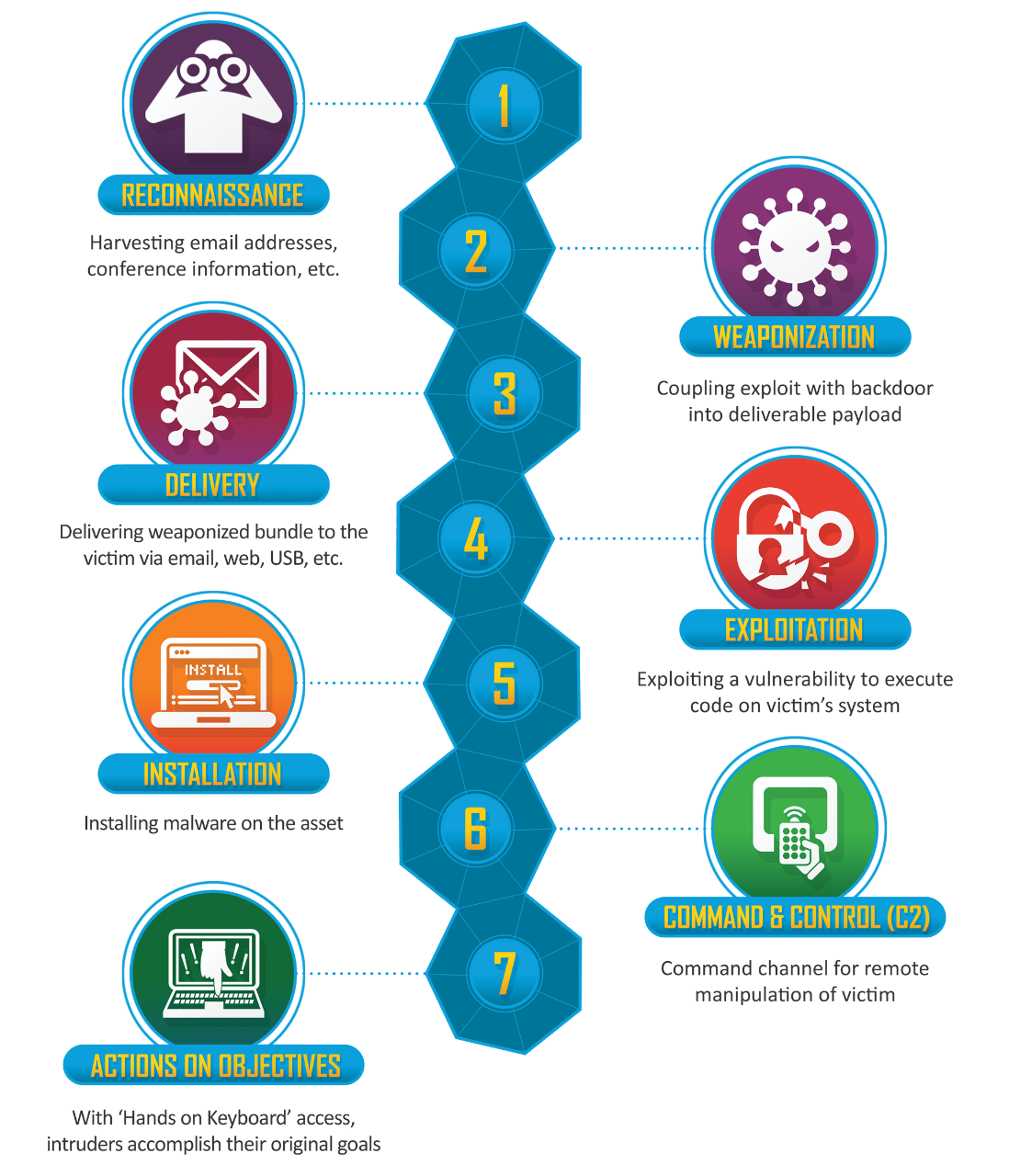
**Cyber Kill Chain**

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The Cyber Kill Chain is a methodology for identifying and defending against cyber-attacks. It was developed by Lockheed Martin and consists of seven stages:

1. Reconnaissance: The attacker gathers information about the target and its defenses.
2. Weaponization: The attacker prepares and delivers the payload (malware or other means of compromise).
3. Delivery: The payload is delivered to the target.
4. Exploitation: The payload is activated and the attacker gains access to the target system.
5. Installation: The attacker establishes a foothold within the target system and prepares for further actions.
6. Command and control: The attacker establish a communication channel with the target system and begins to control it.
7. Actions on objectives: The attacker achieves their objectives, such as exfiltrating data or disrupting operations.

The Cyber Kill Chain is used as a framework for understanding and defending against cyber-attacks. By identifying the stage of an attack, organizations can take appropriate actions to prevent it from succeeding or minimize the damage it causes.

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