



VCAF: Expanding the ATT&CK Framework to Cover VERIS Threat Action Varieties

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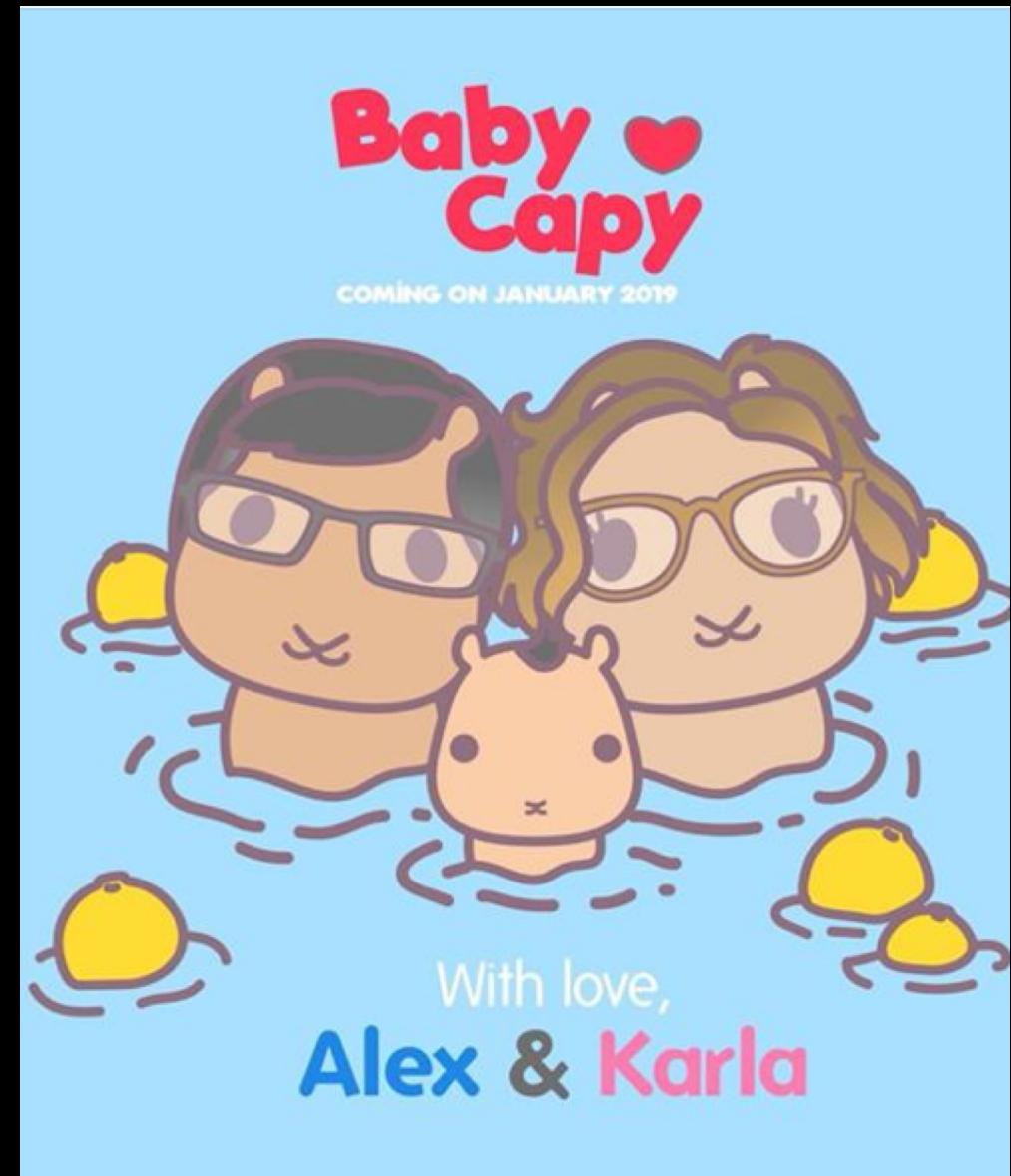
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Adabelle Bassett born yesterday at 8:38pm.
7lb 2oz, 18in

5:33 AM - 6 Oct 2018

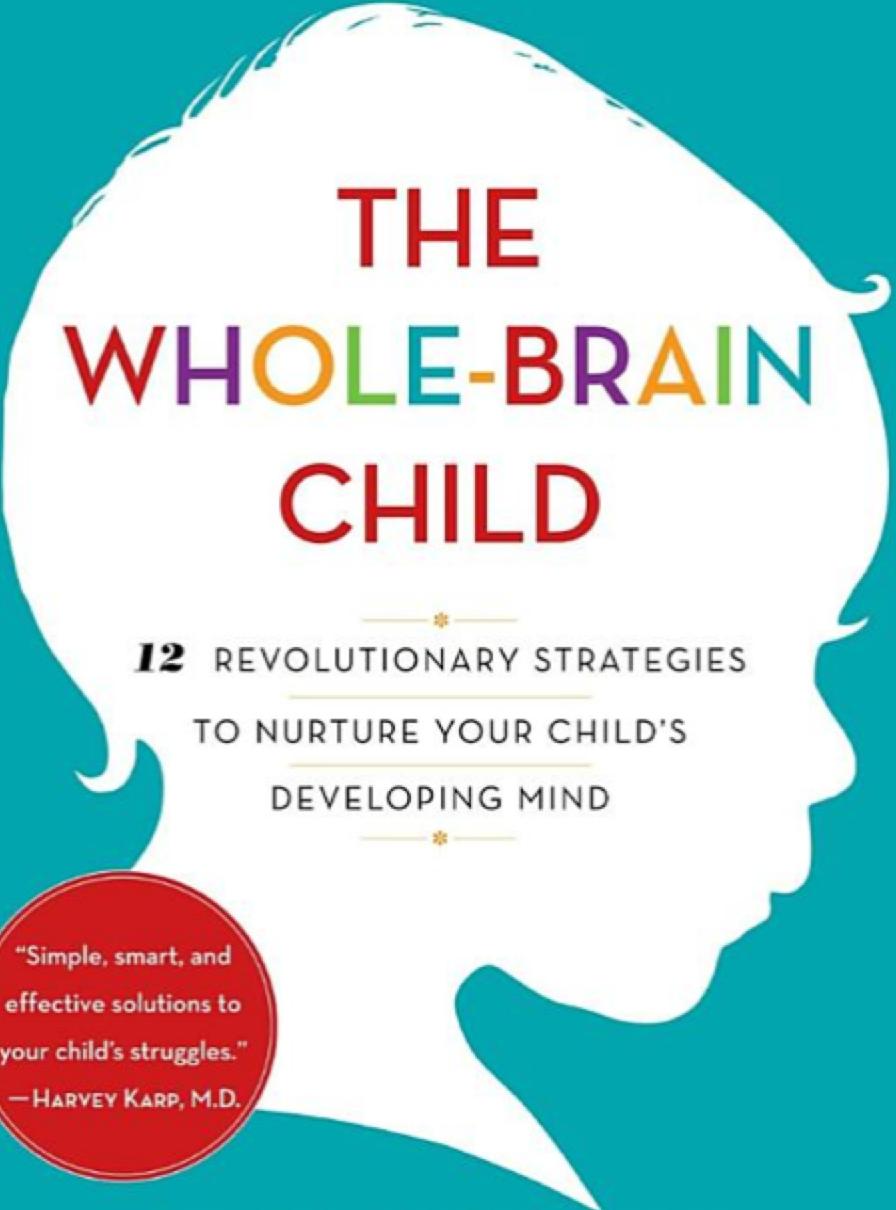
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"Simple, smart, and
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**“Assume compromise!
Everybody is Owned all
the time! Buy my
products!!”**

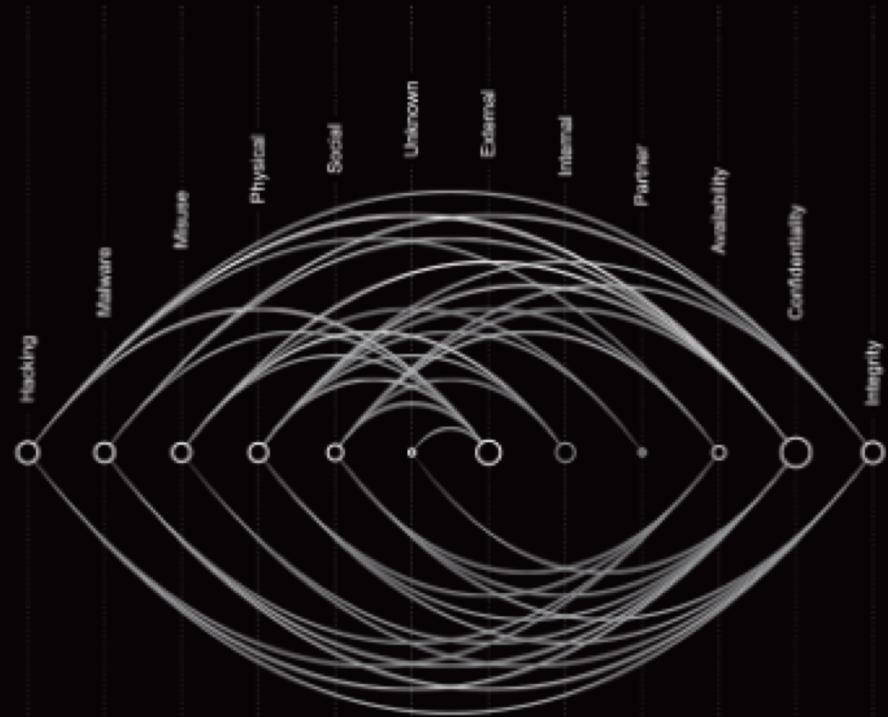
ATT&CK
Adversarial Tactics, Techniques
& Common Knowledge



“Through adversary simulation we have determined that there are control deficiencies on your detection of Persistence techniques on MacOS and those should be remediated.”

2018 Data Breach Investigations Report

Executive summary



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(<https://www.verizonenterprise.com/verizon-insights-lab/dbir/>)

53,000+ incidents

2,200~ breaches

**1 very brave data
cleansing and
classifying team**

Breaches Over Time

Show
Actions Actions Actors Assets Attributes

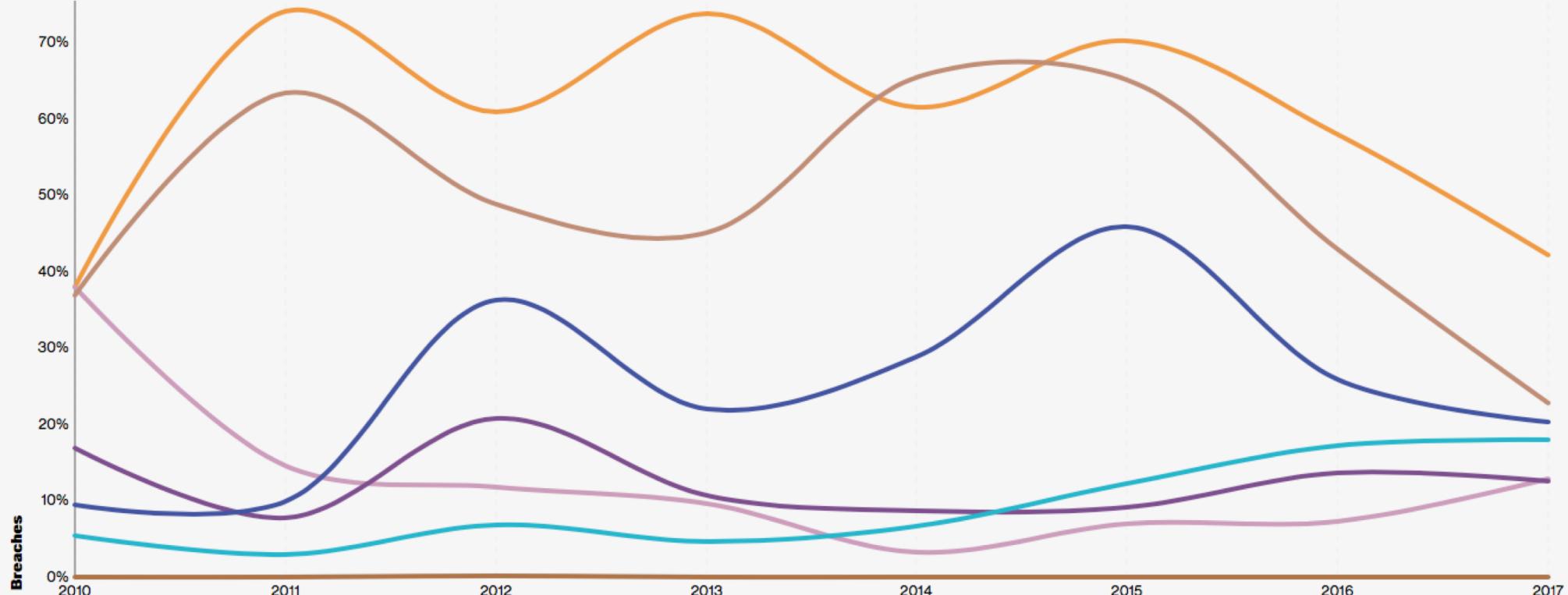
Measure

Ratio

Value

- Hacking
- Physical
- Malware
- Misuse
- Social
- Error
- Environmental

Breach trends is a retrospective look over the last several years at various components of data breaches. Specifically, the threat actors involved and the actions they leveraged, along with the assets that were impacted, and the corresponding attributes compromised.



(<http://www.verizonenterprise.com/verizon-insights-lab/dbir/tool/>)

Motive Breakdown By Action Subcategory

Show

Variety Vector

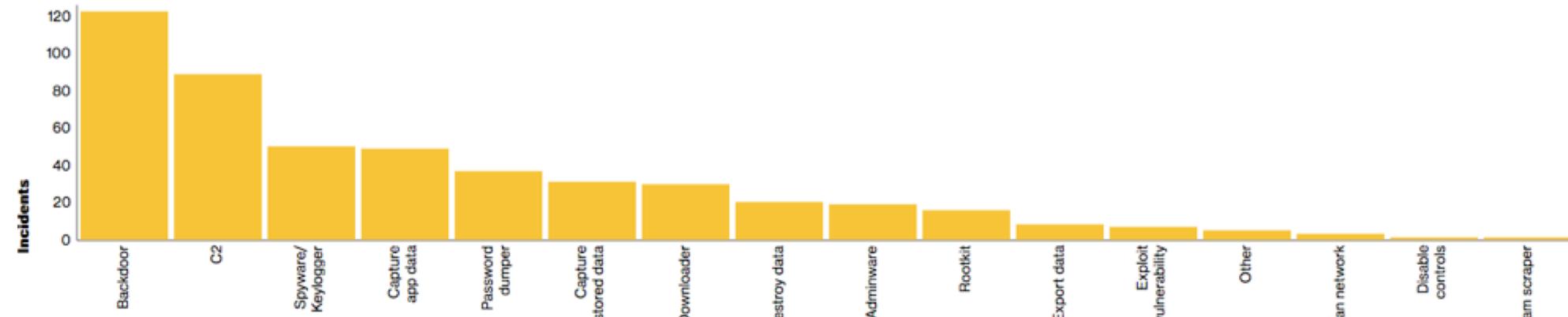
Incidents Breaches

Action

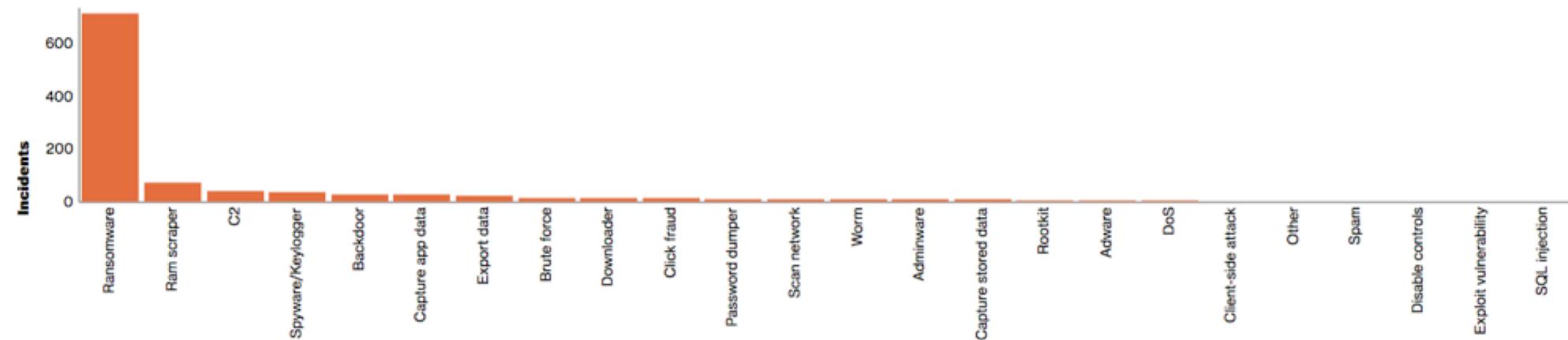
Malware

Actors behave differently depending on their motivation. Understanding the factors that motivate the actors helps to determine the actions associated with them, and that knowledge can help you better tune your defenses.

Espionage



Financial



VERIS

the vocabulary for event recording and
incident sharing

Malware

Hacking

Social

Misuse

Physical

Error

Environmental

ACTION.MALWARE.VARIETY

Adware: Adware

Backdoor: Backdoor (enable remote access)

Brute force: Brute force attack

Capture app data: Capture data from application or system process

Capture stored data: Capture data stored on system disk

Client-side attack: Client-side or browser attack (e.g., redirection, XSS, MitB)

Click fraud: Click fraud or Bitcoin mining

ACTION.HACKING.VARIETY

Abuse of functionality: Abuse of functionality

Brute force: Brute force or password guessing attacks

Buffer overflow: Buffer overflow

Cache poisoning: Cache poisoning

Session prediction: Credential or session prediction

CSRF: Cross-site request forgery

XSS: Cross-site scripting

Cryptanalysis: Cryptanalysis

ACTION.ENVIRONMENTAL.VARIETY

Deterioration: Deterioration and degradation

Earthquake: Earthquake

EMI: Electromagnetic interference (EMI)

ESD: Electrostatic discharge (ESD)

Temperature: Extreme temperature

Fire: Fire

Flood: Flood

Hazmat: Hazardous material

Humidity: Humidity

Hurricane: Hurricane

Ice: Ice and snow

Landslide: Landslide

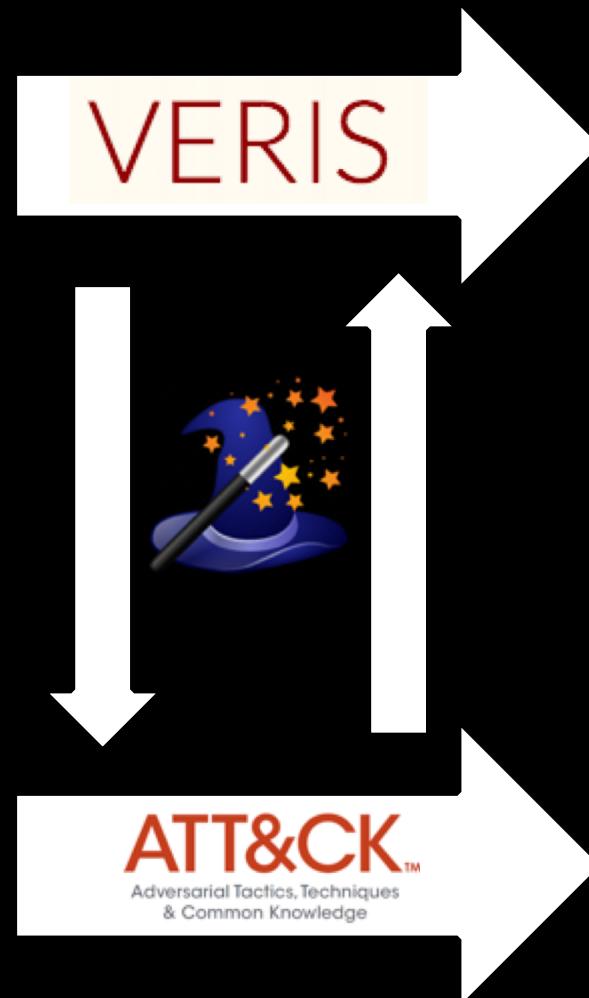
Lightning: Lightning

Meteorite: Meteorite





**Unstructured breach
data**



**Network / EDR based
telemetry analysis
Attack Simulation**

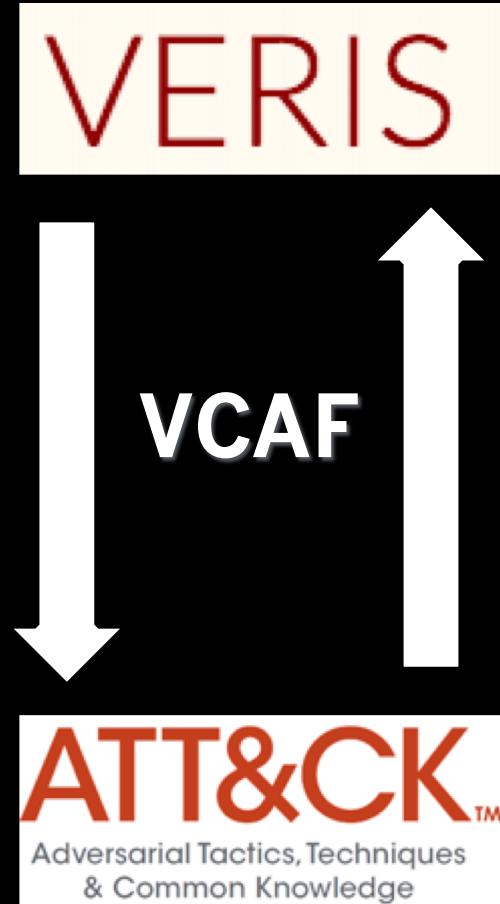
**Prioritized view of high
level “threats” you and
your industry are
subjected to**

**Atomic measurable
control classification**



VERIS Common Attack Framework

**Identify and
quantify ATT&CK
type techniques for
more every-day type
attacks**



**Connect the
Strategic (VERIS)
to the Tactical
(ATT&CK)**

ATT&CK for the Average Joe

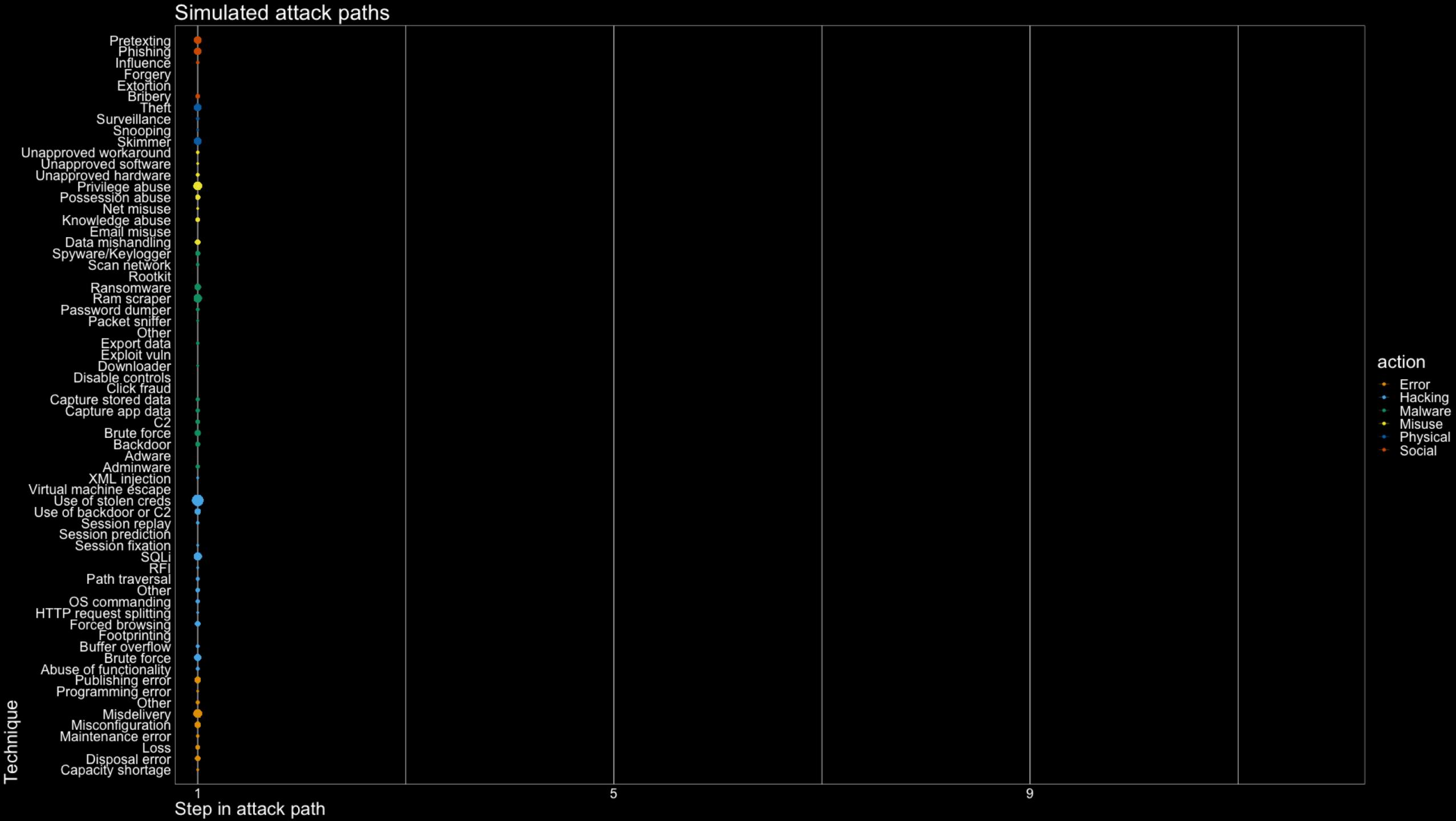
- ATT&CK is way too focused on “APT-level” threats.
- Ability to expand the taxonomy through specific popular TAVs to provide more granularity
- PRE-ATT&CK does cover a few of those:
 - Phishing <-> Phishing
 - Establish / Maintain Infra <-> part of “C2”

Strategic + Tactical

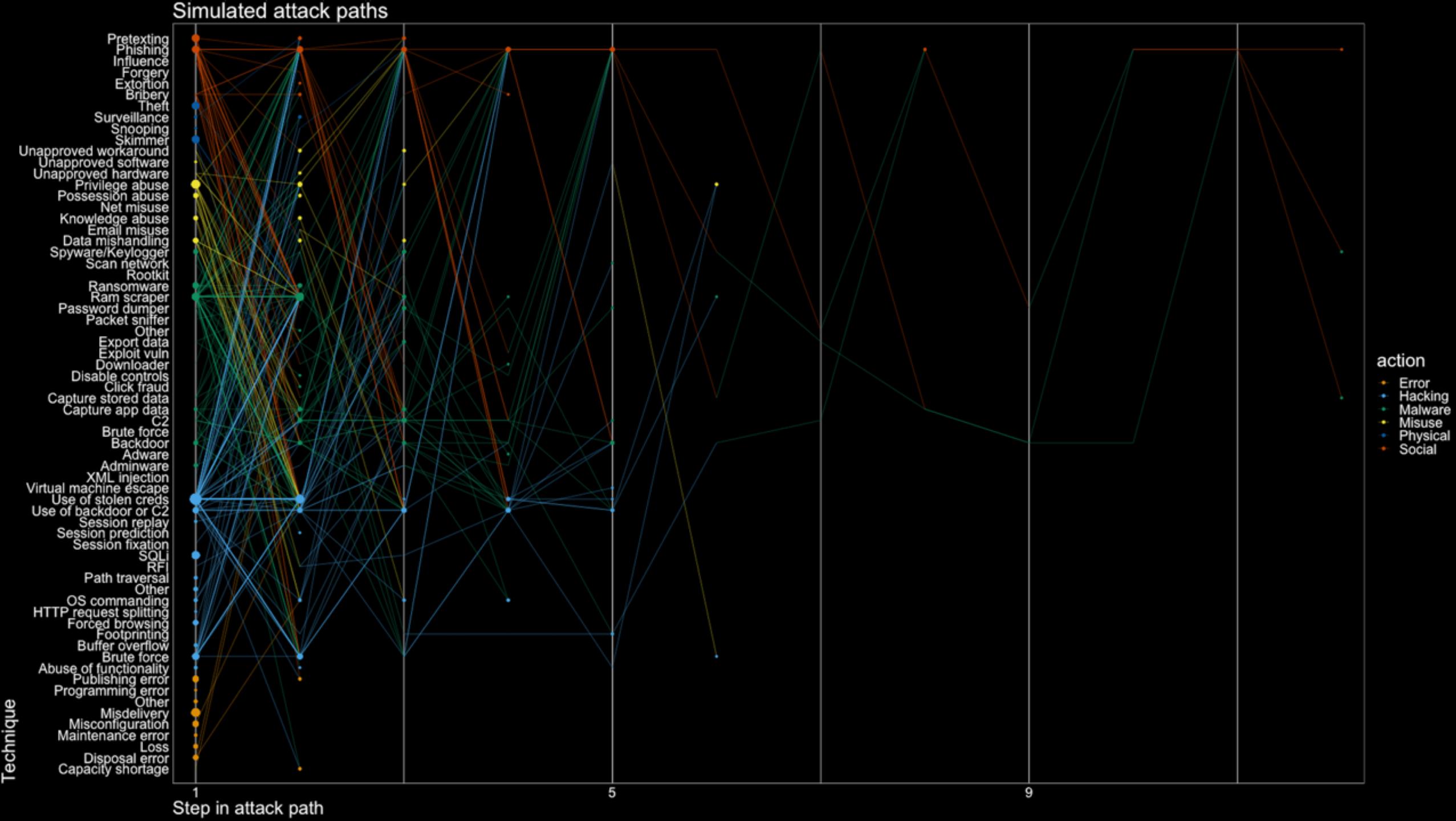
- Automatic collection of attack patterns allows us to use DBIR-like machinery from structured telemetry data.
- Pinpoint industry likelihood tied to VERIS + VCAF + ATT&CK can help direct prioritization of what controls / detective measure someone should do first.



Simulated attack paths



Simulated attack paths



Challenges

- Lot of mapping work to do. Not straight 1:1.
- Actual real live data from breaches to simulate and predict.
- Actual real live data from near-misses and continuous improvement of companies to help measure improvements in security posture.

How can I help?

- Contribute to the DBIR with anonymized granular-level data on breaches.
- We really don't care who the customer is. Really
- If we get enough data, we have the opportunity to publish an Appendix on this on next year's DBIR.



**Your gift of a few contributions
Can help a starving data
scientist.**

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