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A YEAR OF PURPLE

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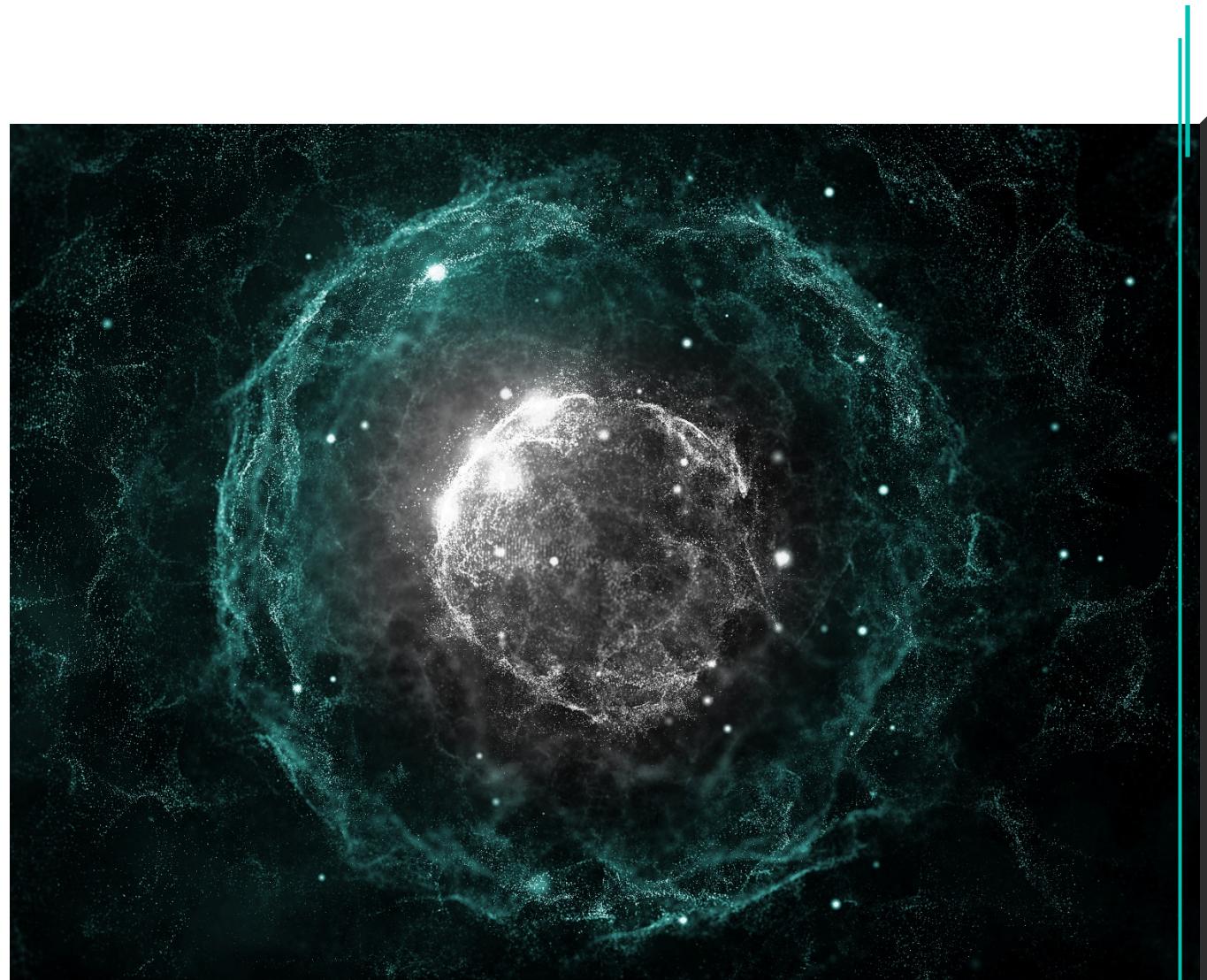
DETECTION and **RESPONSE**
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AGENDA

Investigation case studies

Offline vs Online

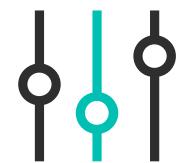
IR 2.0: APT vs Red Team Exercise



Attack and Defence Simulation Lab

Purple Teaming: Why and How?

Lab structure



01 | A TALE OF TWO HUNTS

Offline VS Online

A TALE OF TWO HUNTS - KEY PRINCIPLE



“With **TRADITIONAL** detection you **START** with technology, and **THEN USE** people to get the most out of that technology.

With **THREAT HUNTING**, you **START** with people, and **THEN USE** technology to get the most out of those people”

CALLUM ROXAN
Threat Hunter

A TALE OF TWO HUNTS



Team A

- HOST A: Offline
- DATE: 26/02/2018
- COMPLETION TIME: 2 hours
- STARTING HUNT: PowerShell



Team B

- HOST B: Online
- DATE: 02/03/2018
- COMPLETION TIME: 1 hour
- STARTING HUNT: Reflective Load

Same Infection

A TALE OF TWO HUNTS - TEAM A

Outlook -> IExplorer -> https://cofyn.com/wp-includes/js/Moneygram%20Urgent%20Query_pdf.scr

explorer.exe P:\Hhref\HFRE\NccQngn\Ybpny\Grzc\Grzc1_Zbarltenz Hetrag Dhrel_cqs.mvc\Zbarltenz Hetrag Dhrel_cqs.fpe

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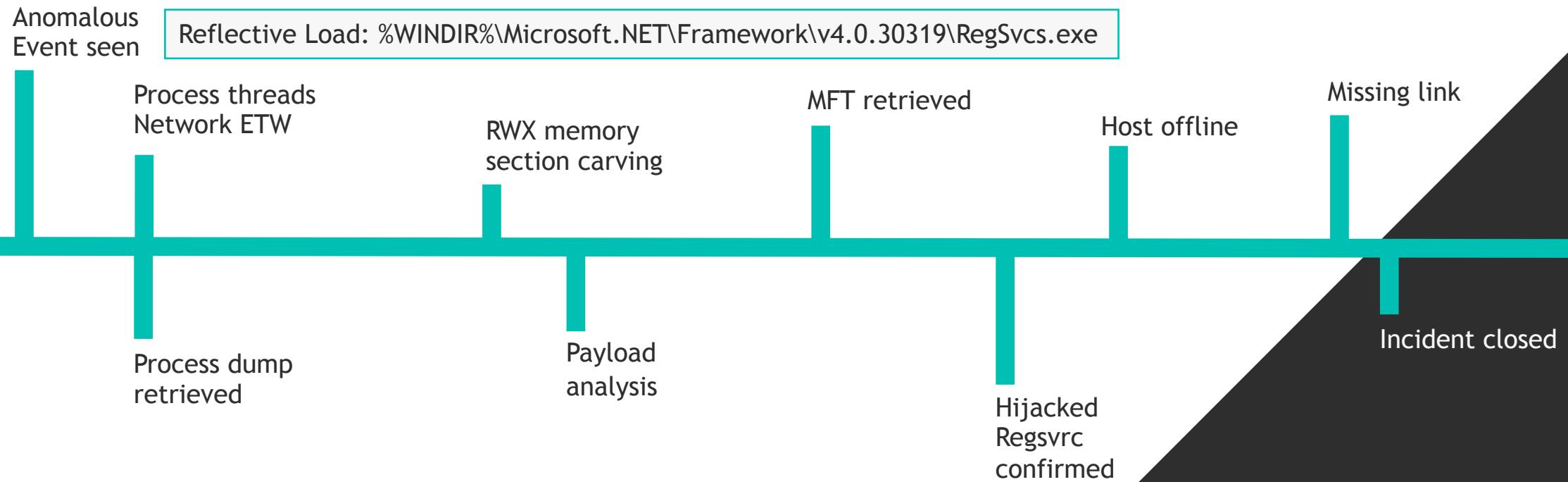
Login to Download Contacted Hosts (CSV)			
IP Address	Port/Protocol	Associated Process	
204.16.247.28 OSINT	4444 TCP	powershell.exe PID: 2824	



C2 and Payload source identified

Incident closed

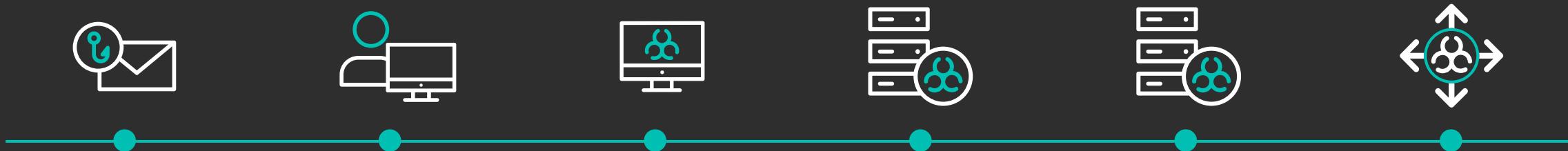
A TALE OF TWO HUNTS - TEAM B



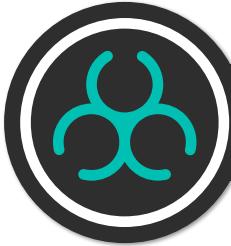
Team B

A TALE OF TWO HUNTS - SUMMARY OF ACTIVITY

- Phishing email delivered
- User opens Outlook Moneygram.pdf.scr attachment in Internet Explorer
- Scr file downloads secondary stage payloads: fqf.exe, AutoIT script
- AutoIT script uses PS TO connect to C2 to download and execute tertiary payload: PS reflective load script
- PS payload reflectively loads RAT into legit RegSvcs process
- Autorun created for persistence



A TALE OF TWO HUNTS - SUMMARY OF ACTIVITY



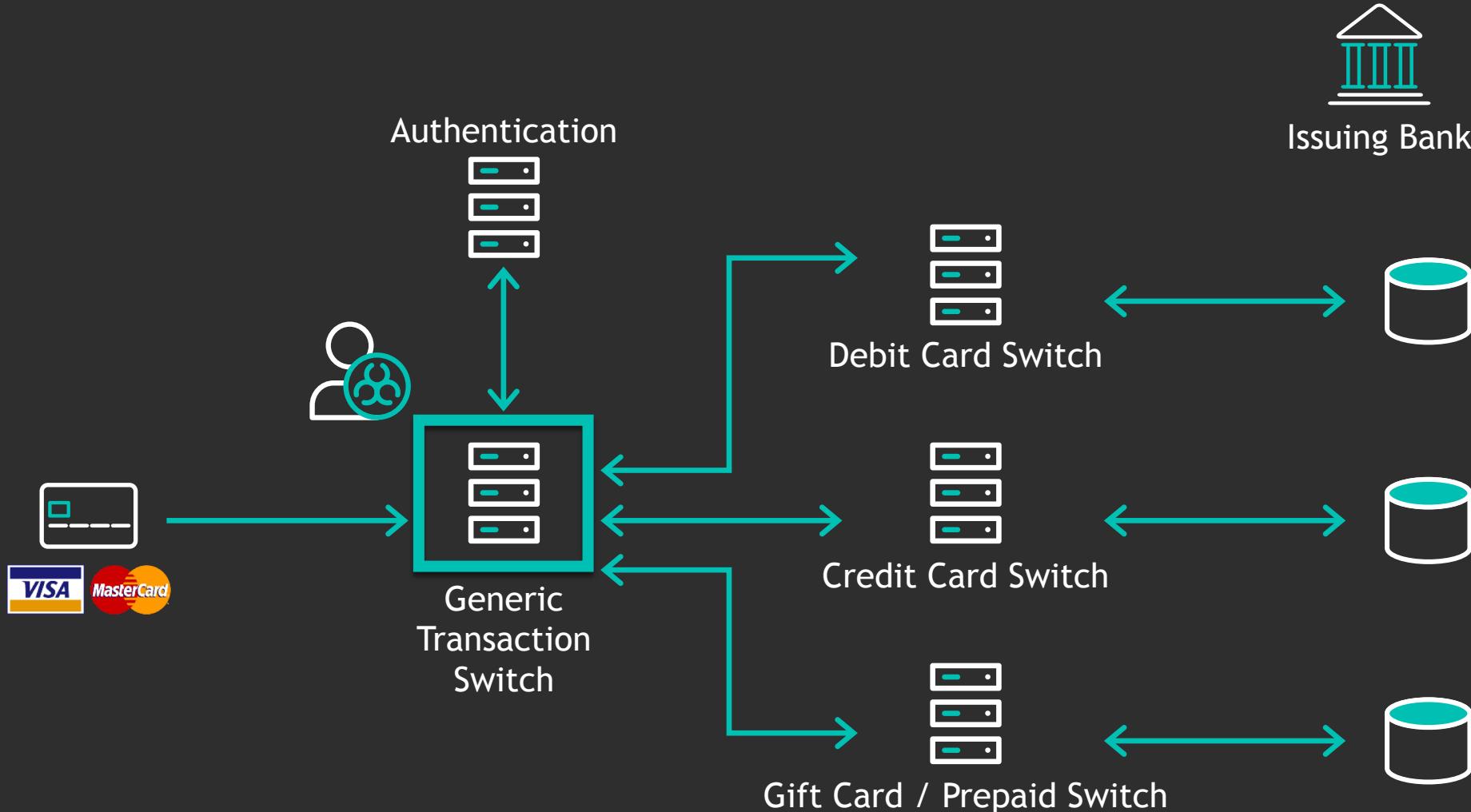
Comprehensive list of discovered **malware capabilities**:

- Keylogging
- Read log files
- Capture screenshots
- Download additional files
- Sniff audio
- Steal web browser credentials
- Interact with system tokens
- Hook processes
- Grab info from clipboard
- Anti-analysis, virtualisation and sand-boxing

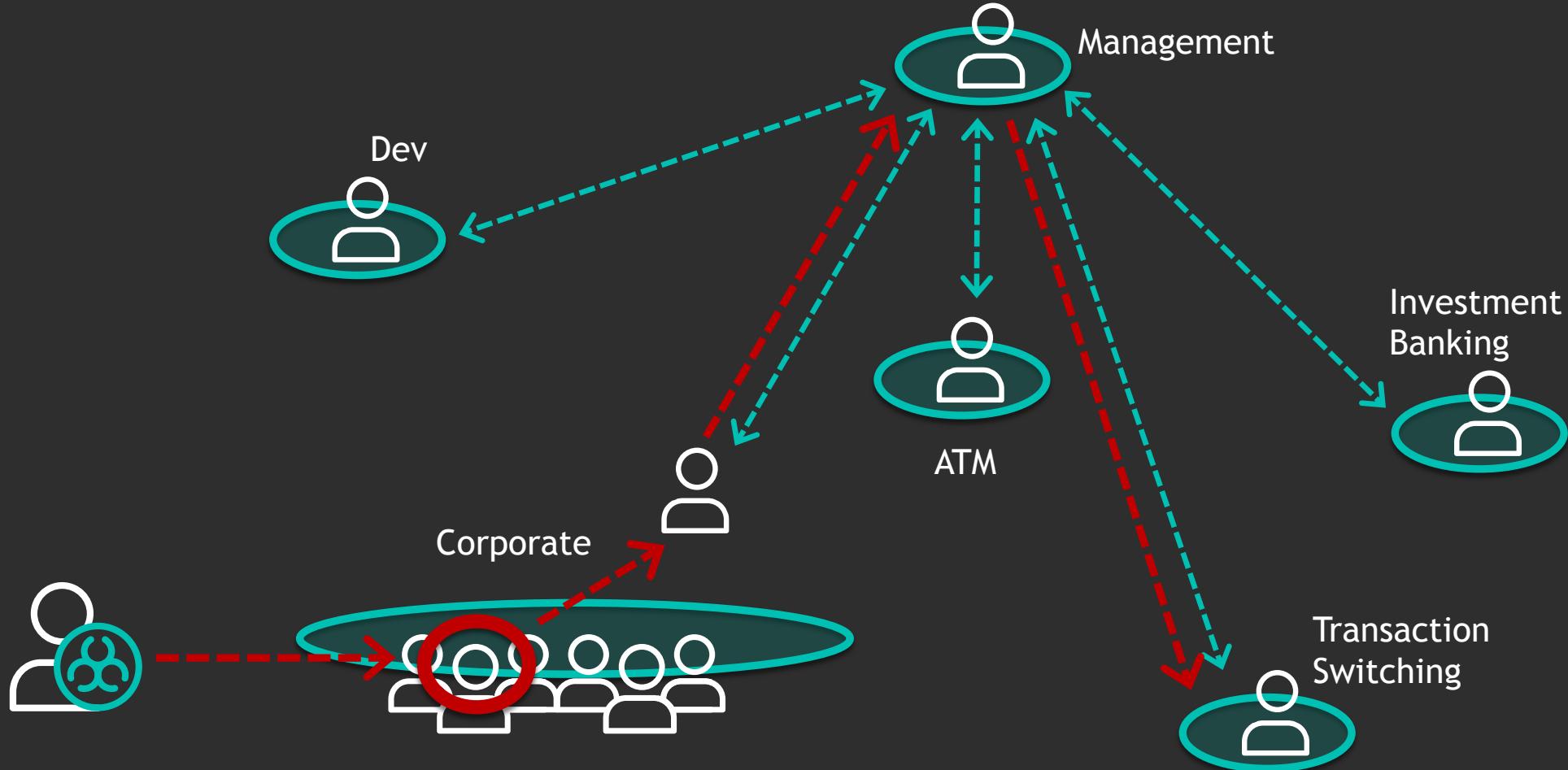
02 | Incident Response 2.0

APT VS Red Team
Exercise

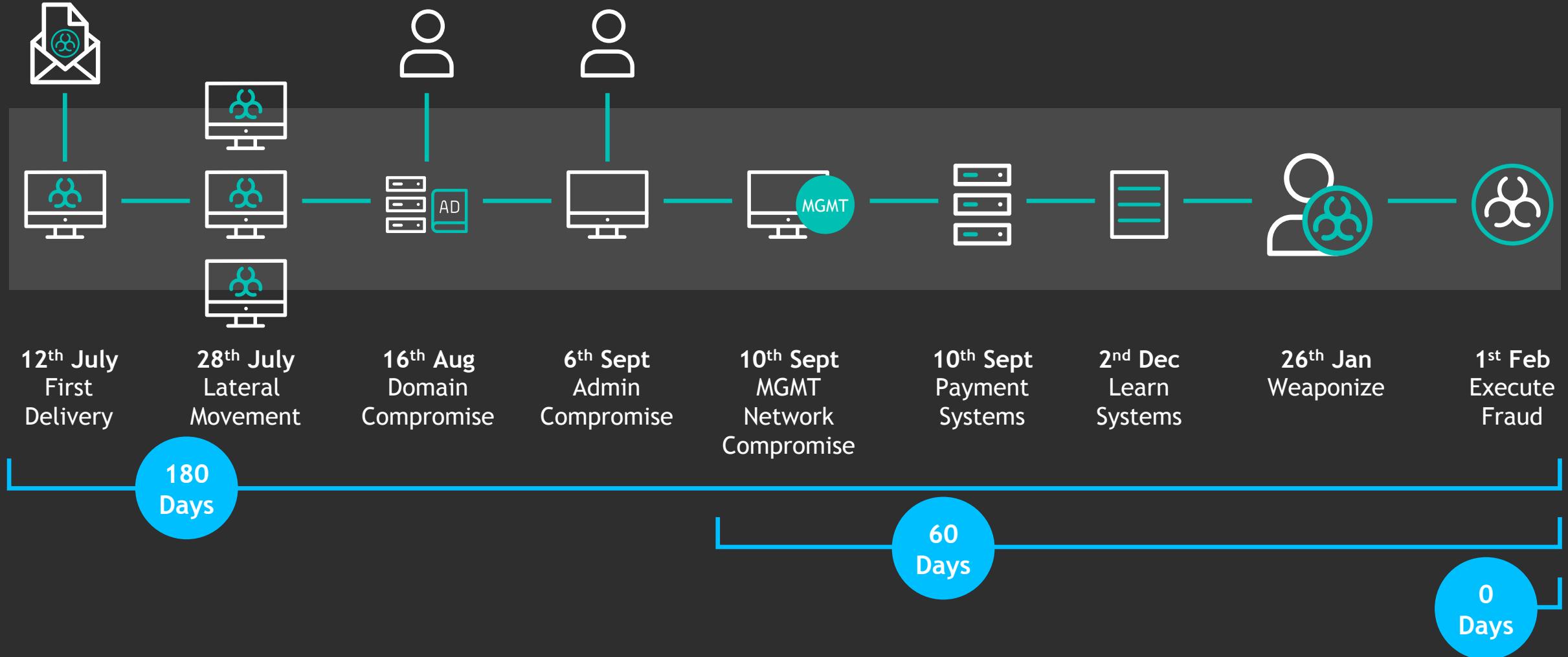
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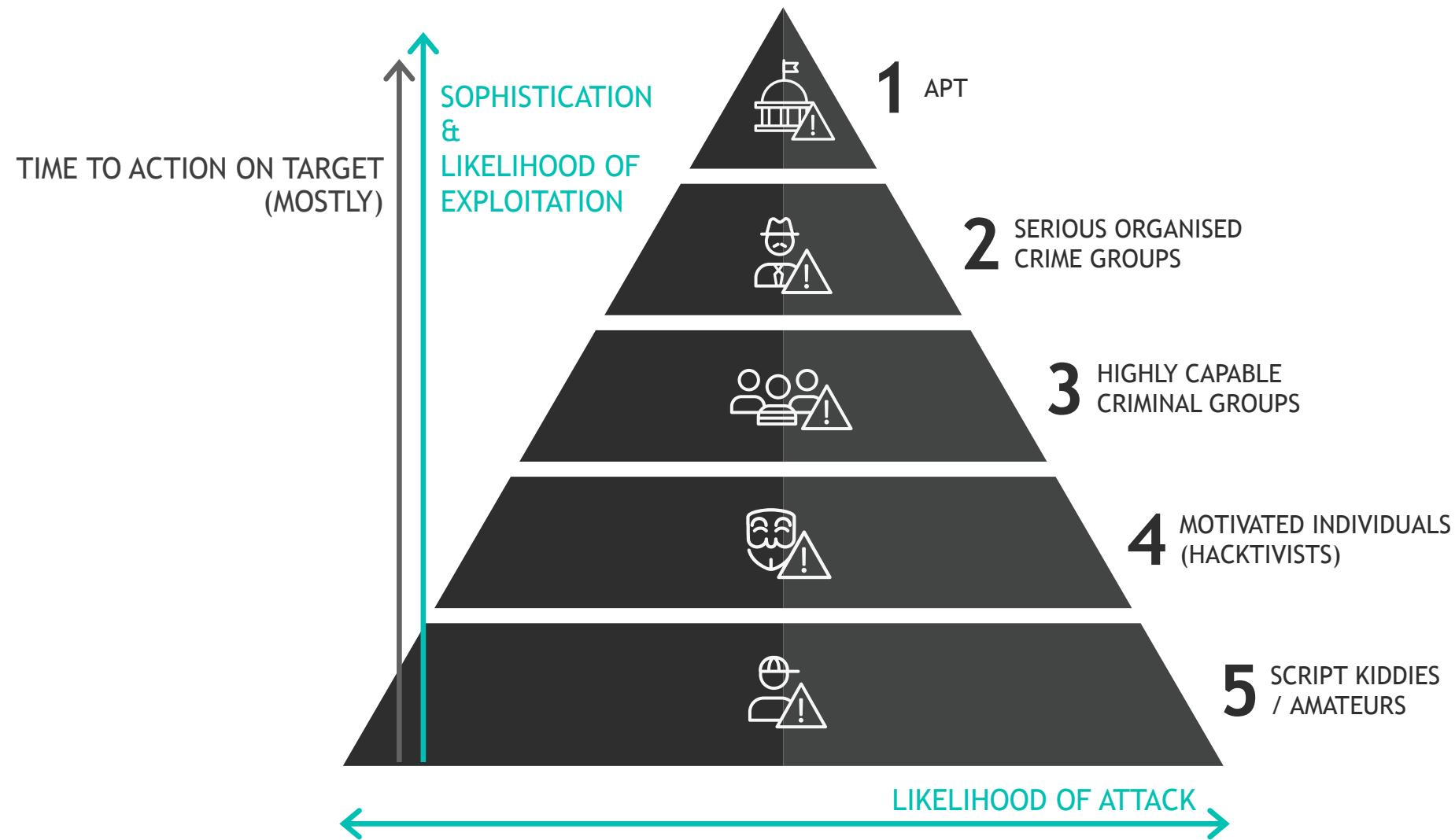
HOW DO THEY GET THERE?



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DON'T FORGET TIME



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ATTACK AND DEFENCE SIMULATION

Purple Teaming:
Why and How?

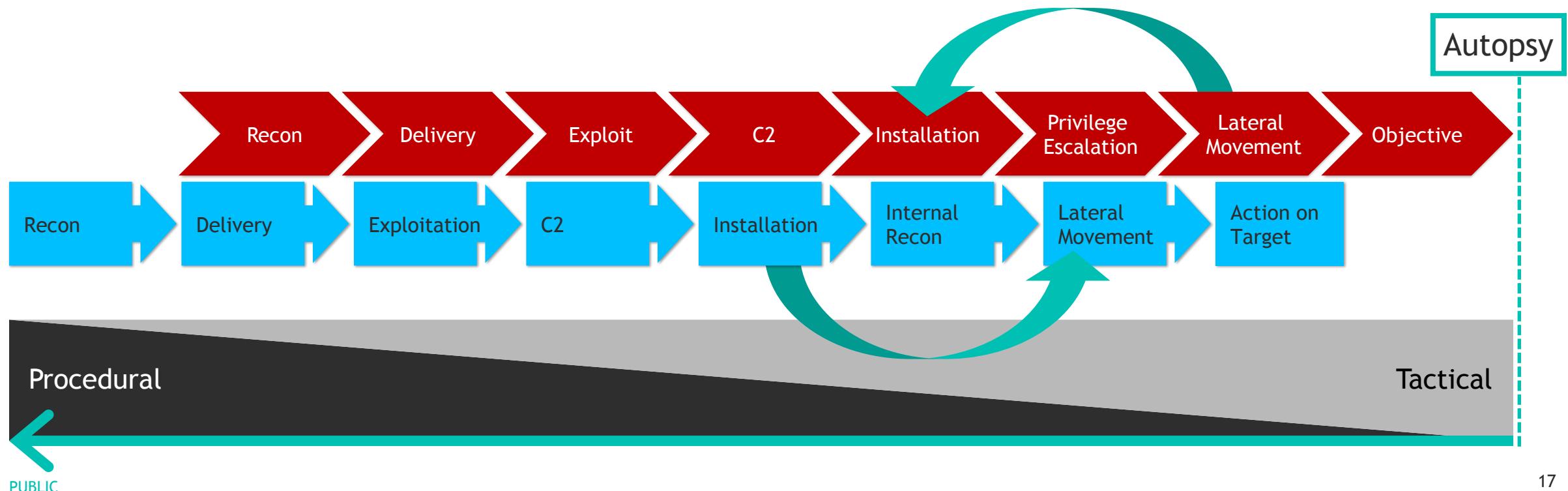


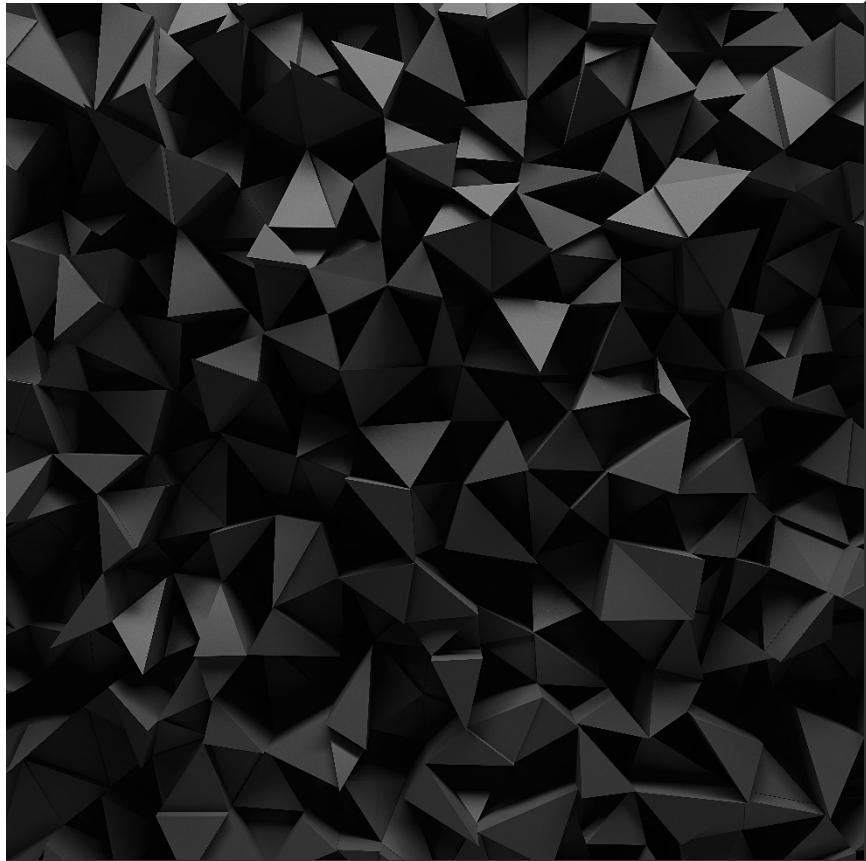
TACTICAL PURPLE TRAINING

- Train like you fight
 - Active **BLUE** on **RED**
 - Active **BLUE** with **RED**
 - Blind targeted attack simulations
- Learn attacker techniques & test them
- Know your attack paths
- Simulate everything else

TACTICAL PURPLE TRAINING

- Purple Training improves Threat Hunting
- Threat Hunting improves Attack Detection
- Attack Detection improves Incident Response





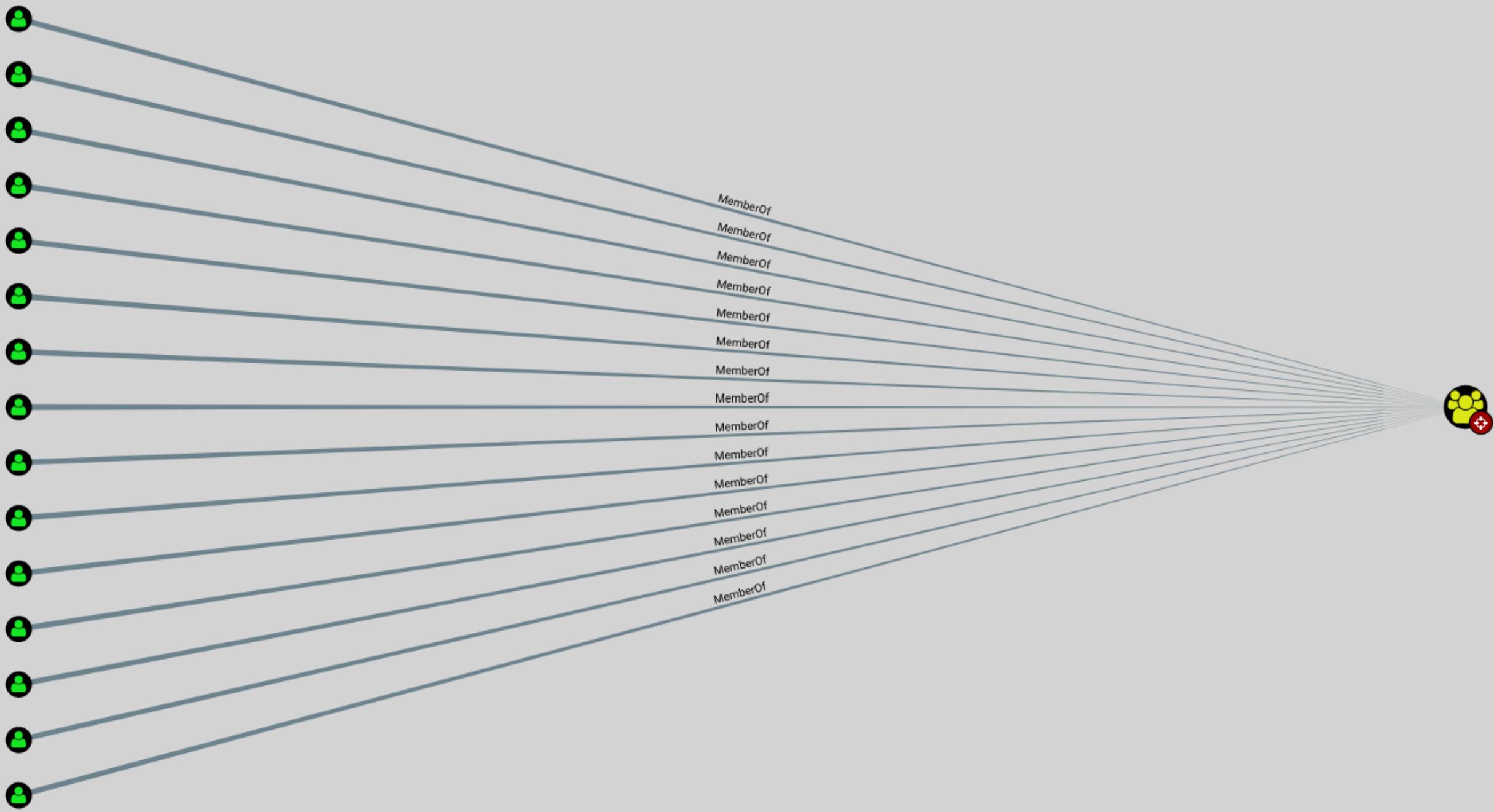
ATTACK PATH MAPPING

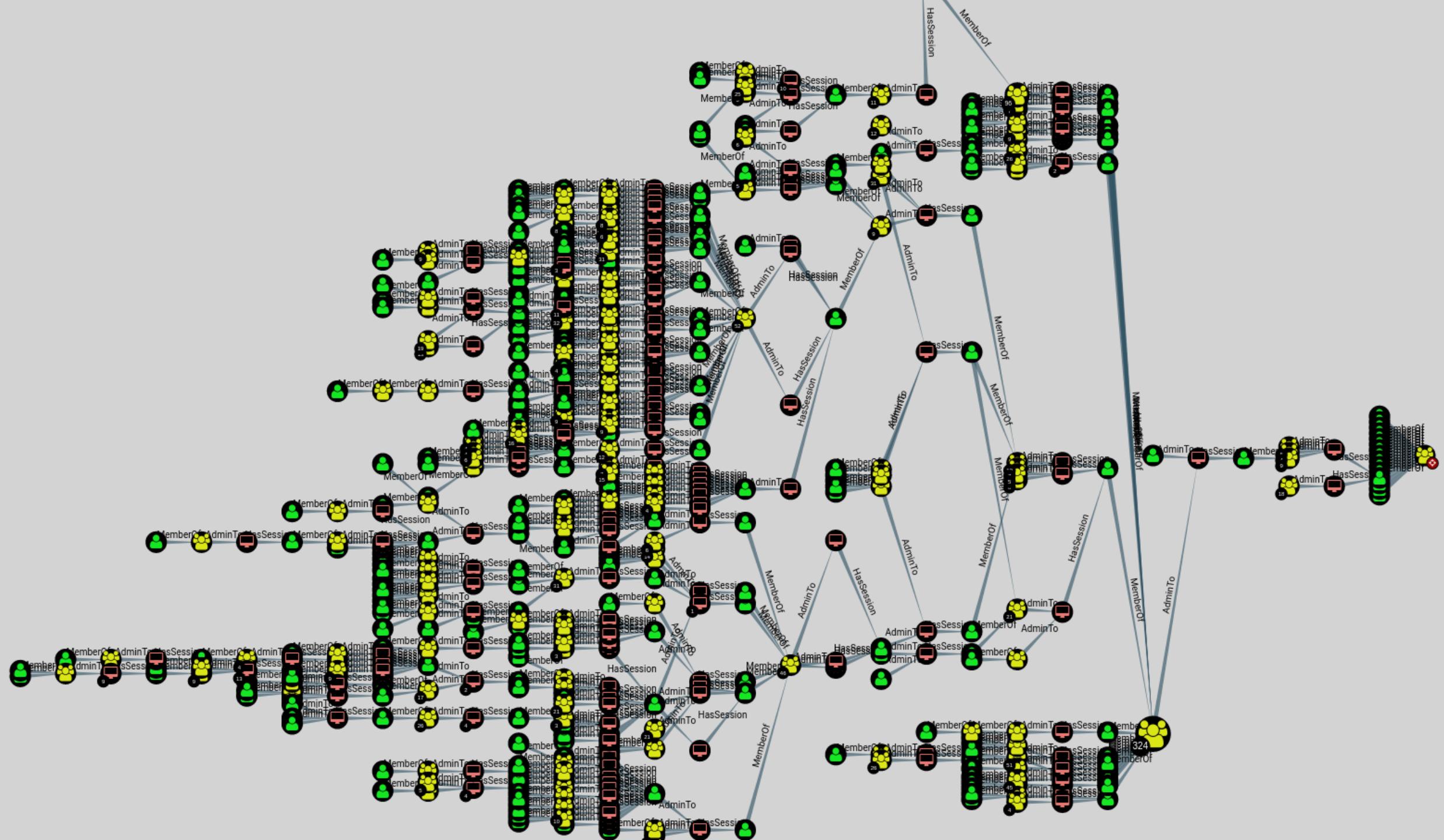
- Start with critical assets
- Map and validate all the routes an attacker could use to reach those assets
- Attackers gather this information, so should you
- This allows responders to rapidly identify assets that should be in scope and focus analysis
- Timing dictates strategy

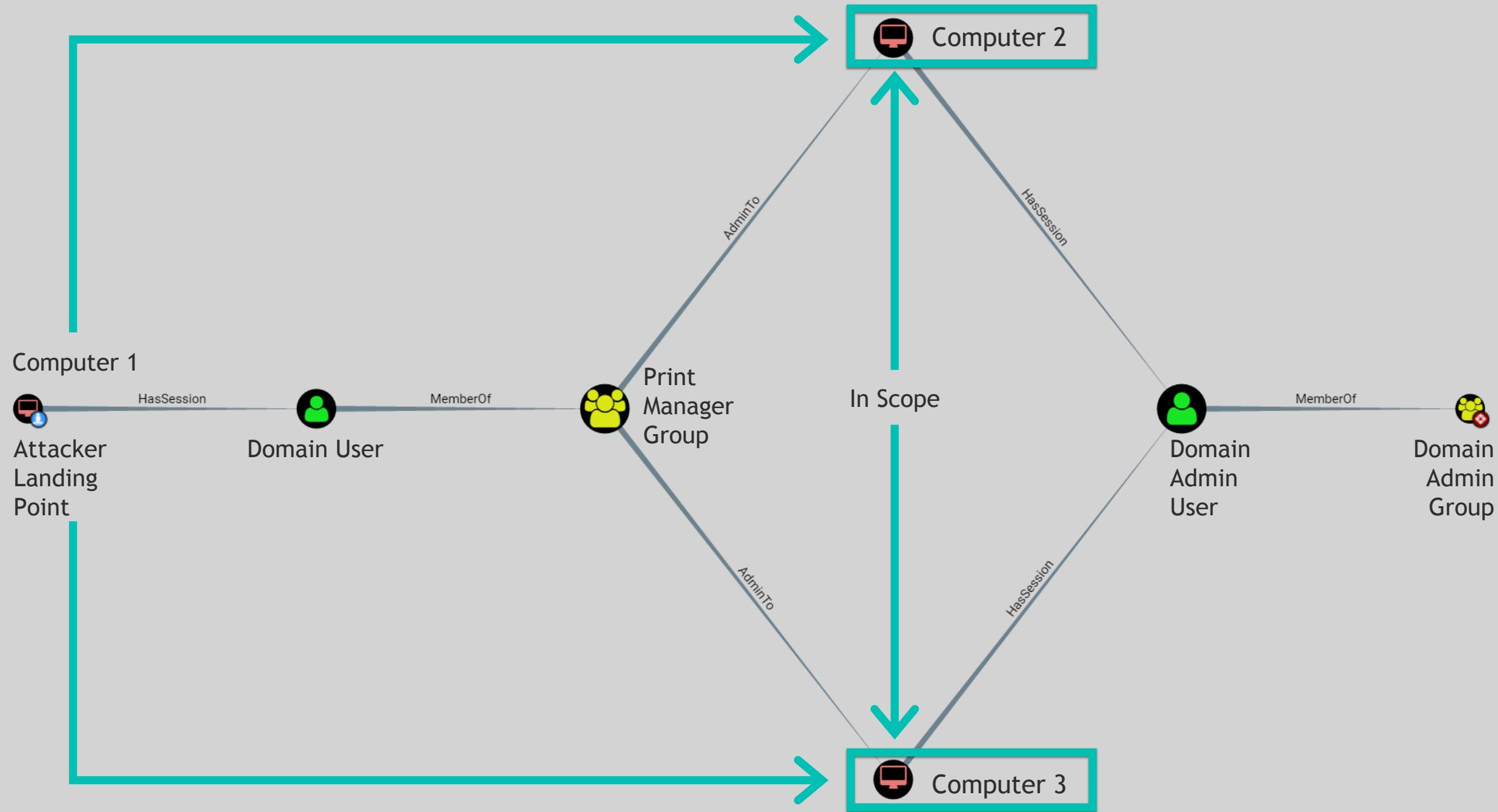
GOOD OLD (NEW) BLOODHOUND

- Domain Users can query Active Directory
- They can do this infinitely and build up all user and group memberships and active sessions
- Bloodhound uses graph theory to map these relationships
- Attackers use Bloodhound to identify complex attack paths
- Defenders can use Bloodhound to identify and eliminate those same attack paths









04 | ATTACK AND DEFENCE
SIMULATION

Detection Lab

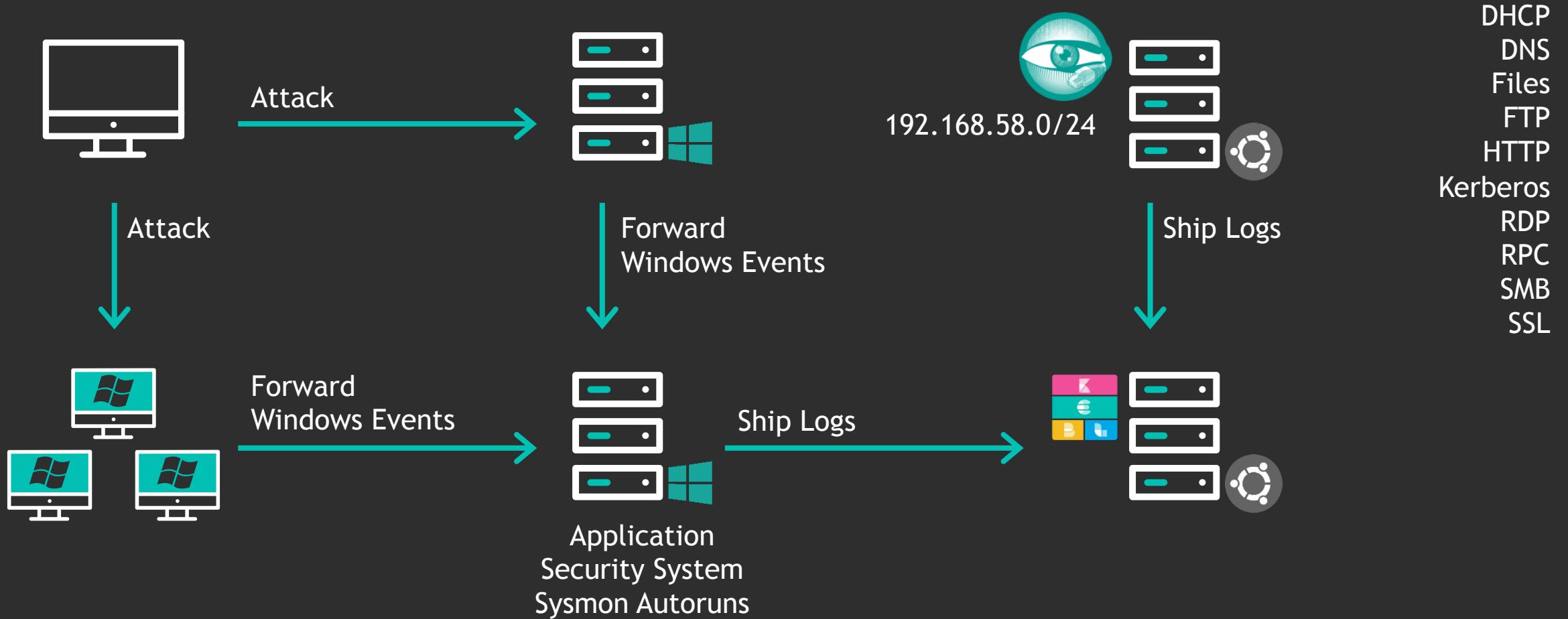


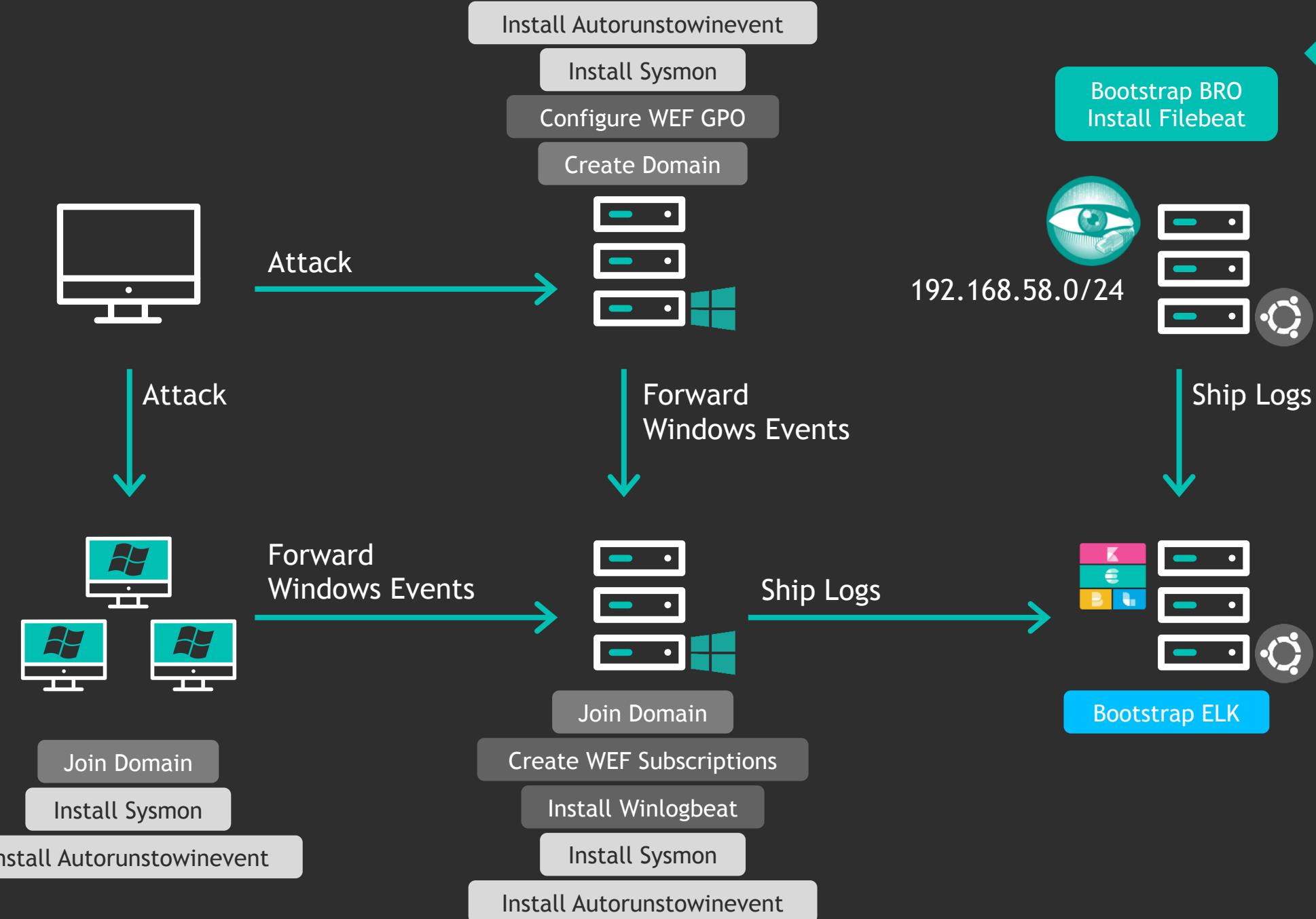
INTRODUCING: THREAT DETECTION LAB

Objective: A single script that automates the set up of a threat detection environment.

WHO IS THIS LAB FOR?

- An attack detection investigator who wants to see what type of logging and alerting will be generated when simulating a specific attack or defence technique
- A threat hunter who needs to quickly spin up an Active Directory environment for testing purposes
- A red team member who wants to see what type of logs and forensic artifacts their tooling and methods will generate in a similar environment
- A security engineer looking for a small staging environment to use when making changes to/automating security tooling configurations







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LAB DEMO



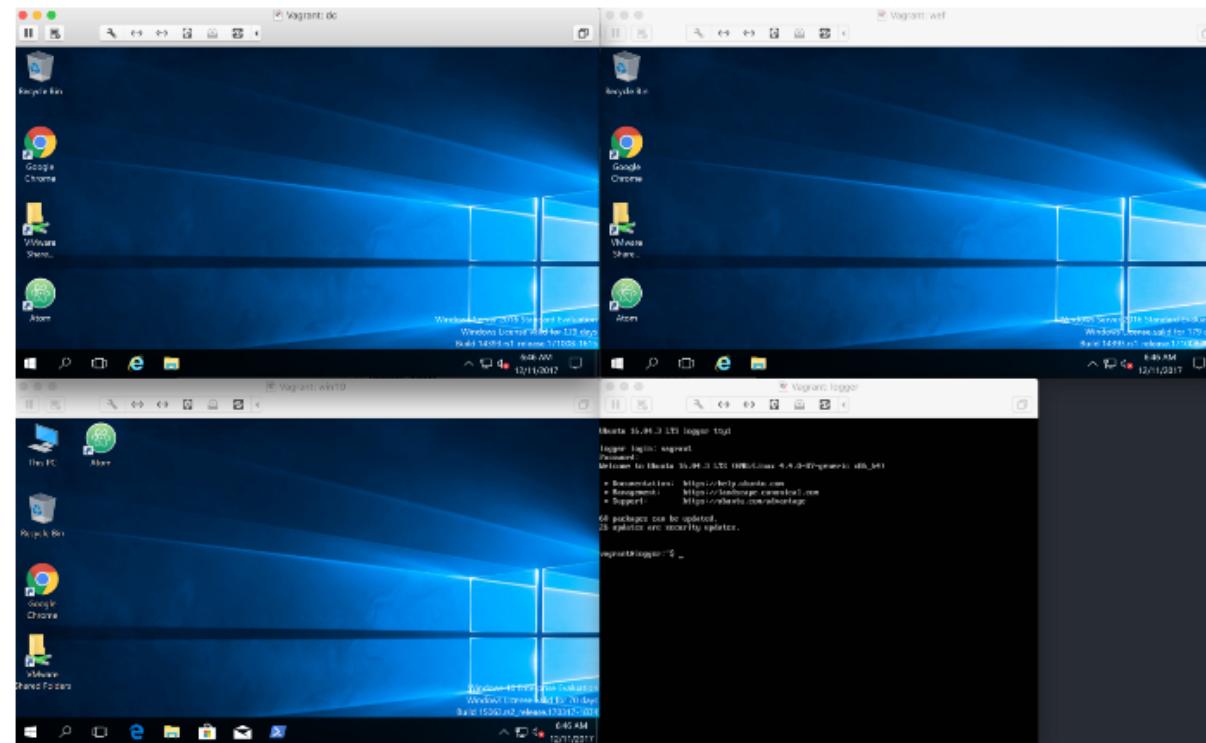
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Introducing: Detection Lab



<https://github.com/clong/DetectionLab>

Detection Lab is a collection of Packer and Vagrant scripts that allow you to quickly bring a Windows Active Directory online, complete with a collection of endpoint security tooling and logging best practices.

05 | CONCLUSION

CONCLUSION

- You are the best asset in play. Not the technology.
- Better Attack Detection is pushing Incident Response leftward up the defensive kill chain.
- Understand the kill chains you have to deal with.
- Determine what techniques you are facing at each stage of the offensive kill chain.
- Simulate all the things!



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QUESTIONS