

# Internet-wide Scanning

## Lecture & Practical

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# Orbital Reconnaissance

Exhaustively discovers publicly  
accessible risk prone assets



A low-angle, upward-looking photograph of several modern skyscrapers with glass facades, creating a sense of height and scale. The buildings are arranged in a circular pattern around a central point, with their edges converging towards the top of the frame. The sky is a pale, overcast grey. The text is overlaid in the center of the image.

**Deloitte** left their Active Directory exposed.  
**With RDP enabled.**





A French **Hydroelectric** plant's control panel was exposed.  
**Remained online despite flooding in the area.**

So you want to Scan the Internet?

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**No, you don't**

# The Scanners



# The Usual Suspects

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Censys



Founded in 2015, from  
a research project from  
University of Michigan

Shodan



Started in 2009 by  
John Matherly as a  
market research tool

ZoomEye



Launched in 2013, a  
product from  
Knownsec

# The Unusual Suspects

BinaryEdge



Been around from 2014, recently gained prominence



Due to constraints, haven't been able to research these much...

GreyNoise



Started in 2017, tells you about what is being scanned!



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*Anyone have any documentation or insight on ZoomEye? What is available on their website isn't as in depth as I am looking for*

***What can I do for you?***

*I am specifically looking for the location of the crawlers, scanning procedure, ports scanned...*

***There are no work documents for these issues***

## The With

Censys



Created by the same  
research group  
Faster and more  
random than Masscan

Shodan



“Something similar but  
not ZMap”

ZoomEye

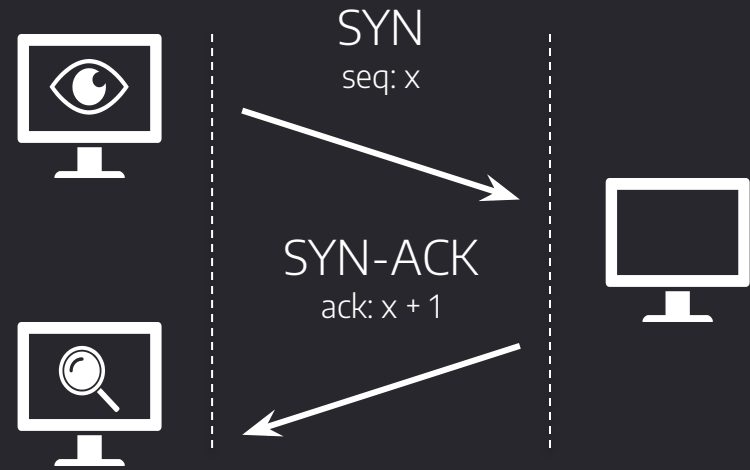
XMap & WMap

For both infrastructure  
and web-application  
scanning

## Stateless Scanning

Get faster speeds by splitting the scanning process in two

Management of responses can be achieved using SYN Cookies



## The What

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Censys

27

Limited additional  
support

Shodan

512

Support for DBs, RDP  
and much more

ZoomEye

1000

NMap Top 1000  
however, uses XMap...

# The Data



- Port 80 - HTTP
  - Apache 2.4.10
  - <!DOCTYPE html>
  - WordPress
- Port 443 - HTTPS
  - Heartbleed Check
  - Certificate Information

- Port 554 - RTSP



- Port 11211 - Memcache



# The How

Horizontal



Single port across multiple systems



ZoomEye



Vertical



Numerous ports across the same system

## The When

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Shodan and ZoomEye are 24/7

Censys uses regimented scans

- Daily, biweekly, weekly
- Take place over 24 hours





# The Where



## Inherent Latency

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There is an inherent latency with using Internet-wide scanning data

Responses need indexed and uploaded, this varies across platforms



## Summary

|         | Scanning  | Location         | Services       |
|---------|---|------------------|----------------|
| Censys  | <b>Regimental<br/>Horizontal ZMap</b>                           | <b>USA</b>       | <b>27</b>      |
| Shodan  | <b>Continuous<br/>Vertical/Horizontal<br/>ZMap-like</b>         | <b>Worldwide</b> | <b>512</b>     |
| ZoomEye | <b>Continuous<br/>Vertical/Horizontal<br/>XMap and WMap (?)</b> | <b>China(?)</b>  | <b>1000(?)</b> |

# The Use Cases



## Interesting Discoveries

### Exposed Databases



292 Databases found  
within JANET

### Infected Services



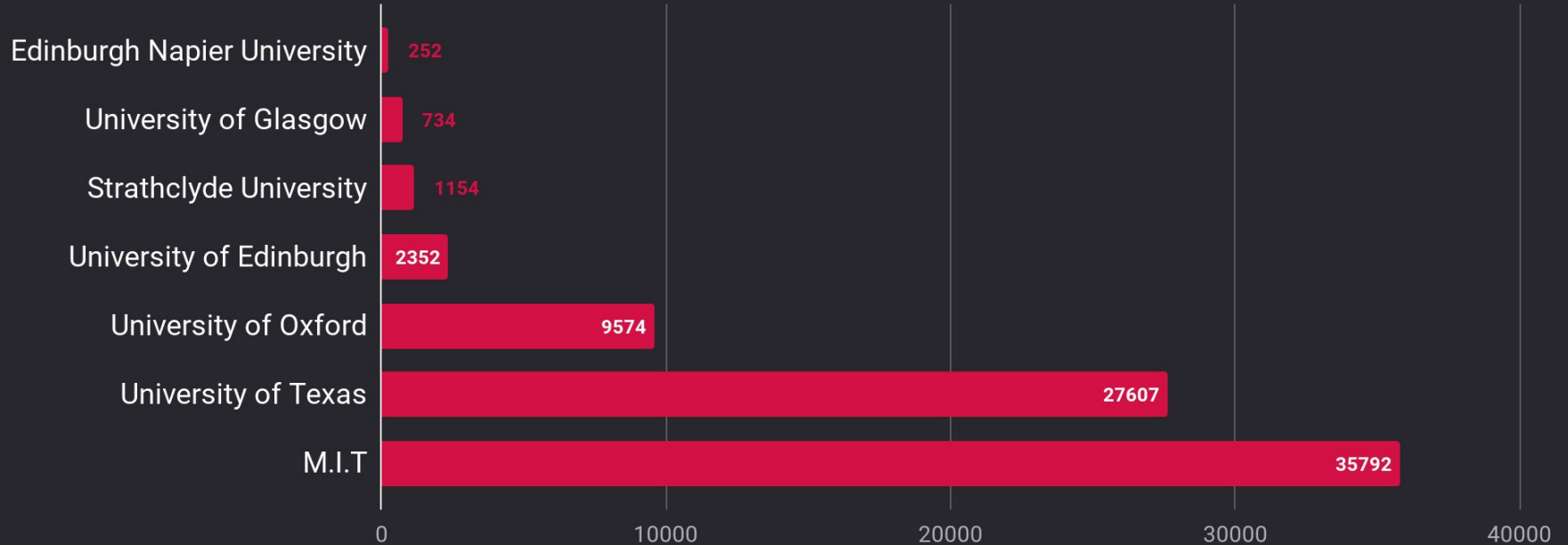
Watch in 'real-time'  
the spread of malware  
across the Internet

### Scary Stuff



Crematorium, rail  
signal controllers and  
nuclear power plants

## Case Study: Educational Institutes



“Universities are the most insecure organisations out there!”

*John Matherly*

# NCSC's Minimum Cyber Security Standard

25th June 2018

“Ensure that any infrastructure is not vulnerable to common cyber-attacks”

1st October 2018

Using Censys, one can identify a number of services vulnerable to Heartbleed on JANET



autonomous\_system.asn: 786 and 443.https.heartbleed.heartbleed\_vulnerable: true



## NCSC's Minimum Cyber Security Standard 2

25th June 2018

“Support TLS v1.2 for sending and receiving email securely”

1st August 2018

Using Censys, one can identify plenty of services on JANET not adhering to this



autonomous\_system.asn: 786 and 110.pop3.starttls.tls.version: TLSv1.0

# Identifying Services that could be used in DRDoS attacks

17th January 2014

US-Cert issues an alert listing the services which could be used in DRDoS



20th September 2018

I wrote a blog post, investigating said services within JANET

I found 6204 services, which collectively could amount to a 2242824 amplification factor

## Security

**Trivial path for DDoS amplification attacks found by infosec bods**

600,000 servers are vulnerable to this little-known protocol

## Bug Bounties

Twitter



\$280

4 SMTP services  
vulnerable to POODLE  
via Shodan  
@omespino

Grab



\$5000

Analytics database  
exposed due to  
misconfigured firewall  
via Censys  
@vinodsparrow

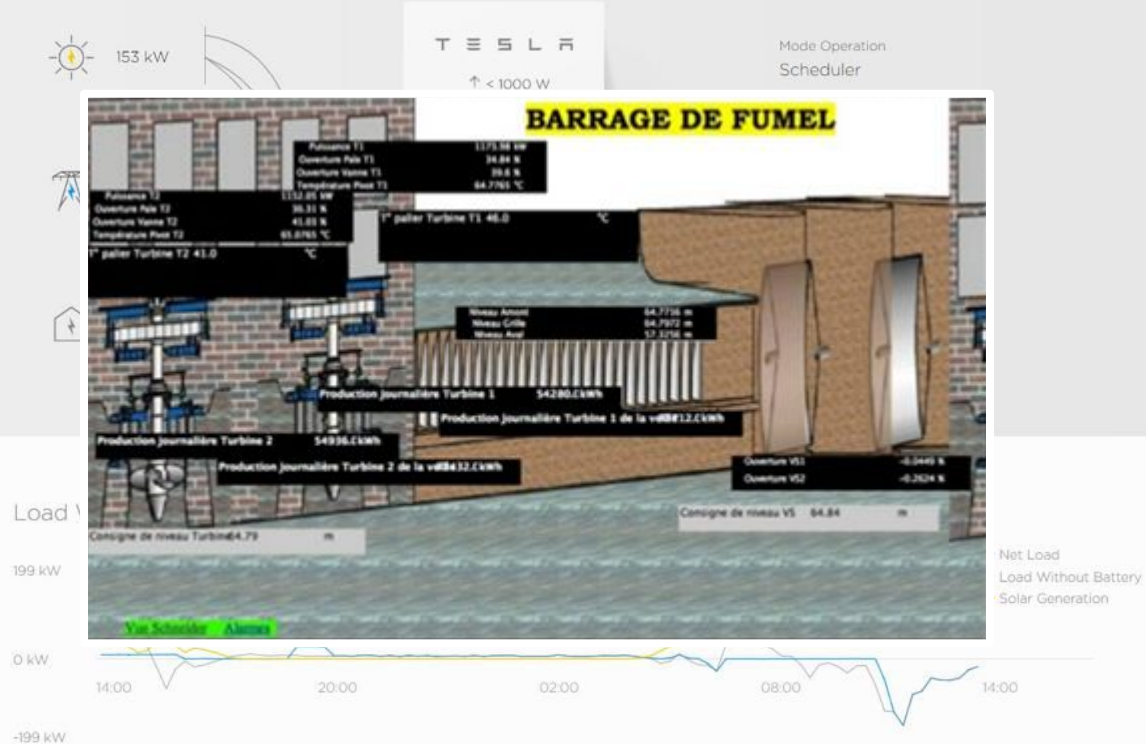
Twitter



\$10080

Private Docker registry  
tied to Vine, hosted on  
AWS via Censys  
@avicoder

# Let's Play A Game



# The Research



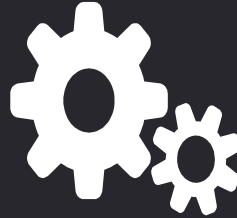
## The Researchers

University of Arizona



Published multiple  
exceptional works all  
across the topic

ICS and SCADA



Majority of work is  
focused here

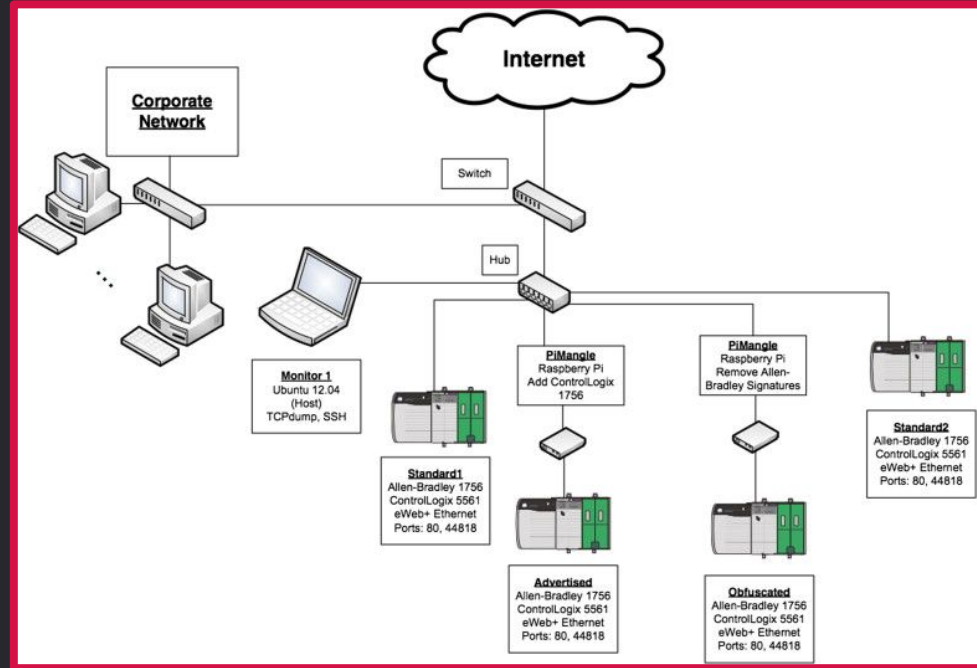
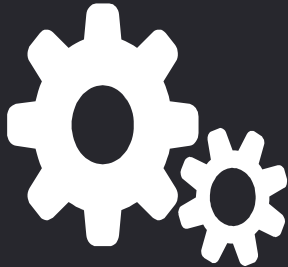
Vulnerability Scanning



Using the information  
provided to find  
vulnerabilities

# Industrial Control Systems Identification

Due to the potential damage, ICS and SCADA research is focused quite heavily!



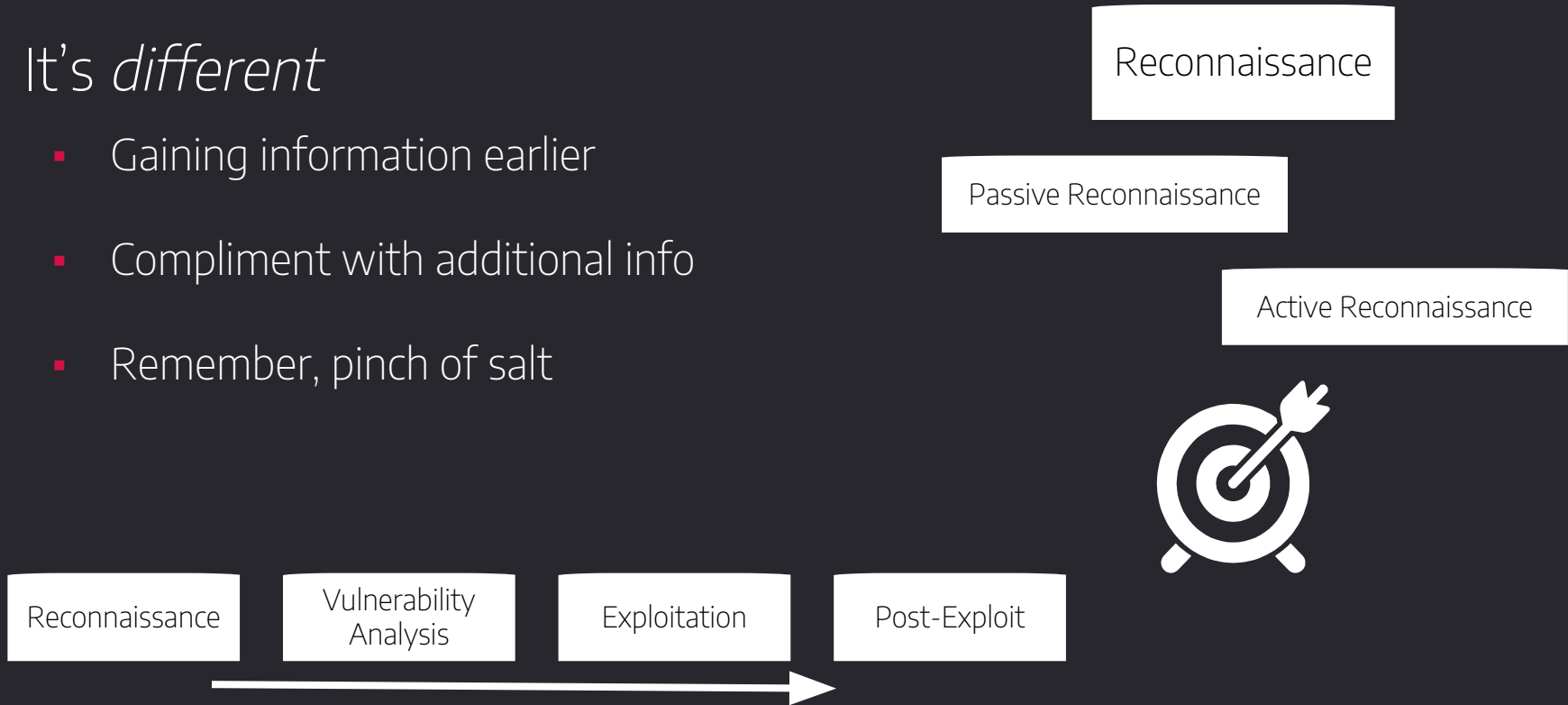
Bodenheimm et al looked at this in a paper in 2014!



# The Vulnerability Scanning

It's *different*

- Gaining information earlier
- Complement with additional info
- Remember, pinch of salt



# Scout: a Contactless Active Reconnaissance Tool

Using Censys data,  
Scout associates  
Internet-wide  
scanning results with  
National Vulnerability  
Database entries



Scout is a contactless 'active' reconnaissance known vulnerability assessment tool.

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{  '192.168.0.1': {    'cpe': 'cpe:2.3:a:microsoft:iis:7.5',    'metadata': 'Microsoft IIS 7.5',    'vulns': {      'cves': {        'CVE-2010-1256': {          'cvss2': 8.5},        'CVE-2010-1899': {          'cvss2': 4.3},        'CVE-2010-2730': {          'cvss2': 9.3},        'CVE-2010-3972': {          'cvss2': 10.0},        'CVE-2012-2531': {          'cvss2': 2.1},        'CVE-2012-2532': {          'cvss2': 5.0}}}}}
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When compared to OpenVAS, Scout was able to return results with an effectiveness of 74%!

# The Conclusion



**There is more than Shodan**

Expand your tool box



**Don't advertise your services**

Make it require more effort



**Use Internet-wide Scanning for good**

Keep an eye on your digital footprint

# THANKS!

Any Questions, feel free to ask  
during the practical session!

[enusec.org/IWS.pdf](https://enusec.org/IWS.pdf)

