

DEMO @ CyberWest Summit 2024



A live hacking demonstration involving common types of attacks

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Who are we?

- #1 Competitive Hacking Team Australia
- Founded 2021, students and professionals
- Goal: Grow cybersecurity in AU & Support Students to break into the space

Today's Presenters:

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- CTF Player
- Student @ Uni
- Forklift Certified

Torry (torry2)

- CTF Player
- Student @ Uni
- Security Unprofessional



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Welcome

Thank you to **CyberWest**

Agenda: ~40m (Moving Quick)

1. ~5: Introduction - Context & Why
2. ~20: Demo - Walkthrough & How
3. ~5: Outro - Takeaways & Outcomes
4. ~10: Q&A - Curious & What next

Aim:

- **Understand Hacking & its Importance in Cyber-Resilience**
- Have fun hacking!

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- Attack & Defending
- Frames our approach

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Cyber security

Measures used to protect the confidentiality, integrity and availability of systems, devices and the information residing on them.

<https://www.cyber.gov.au/learn-basics/view-resources/glossary/c>

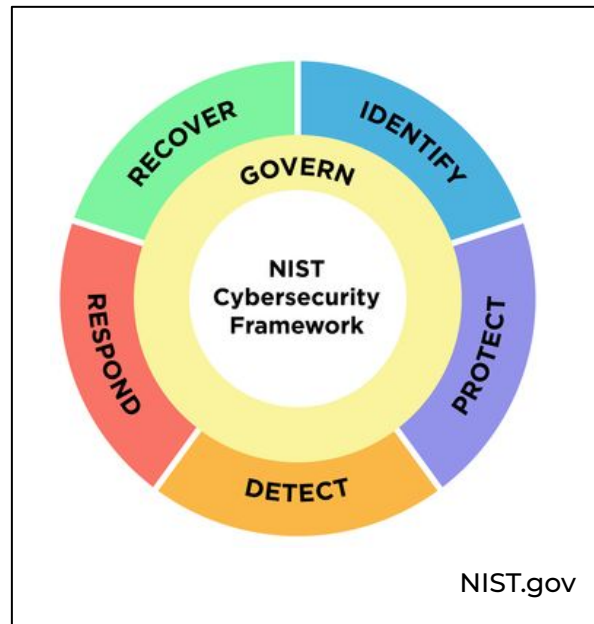
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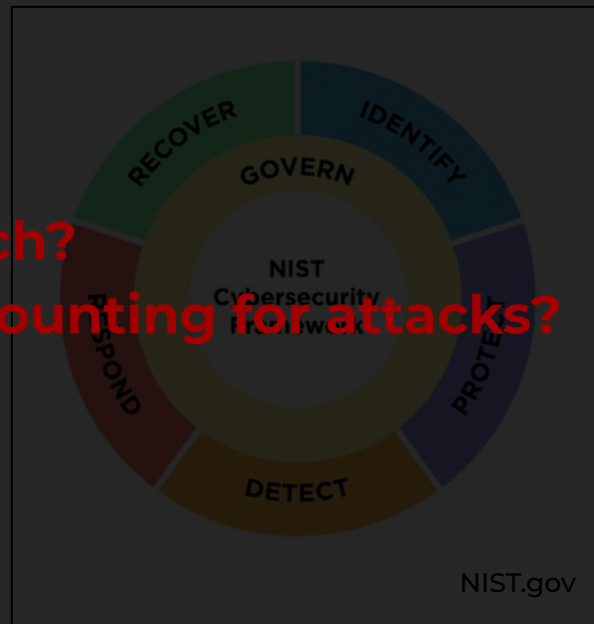
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-Are we missing half the approach?

-How is our defence actually accounting for attacks?

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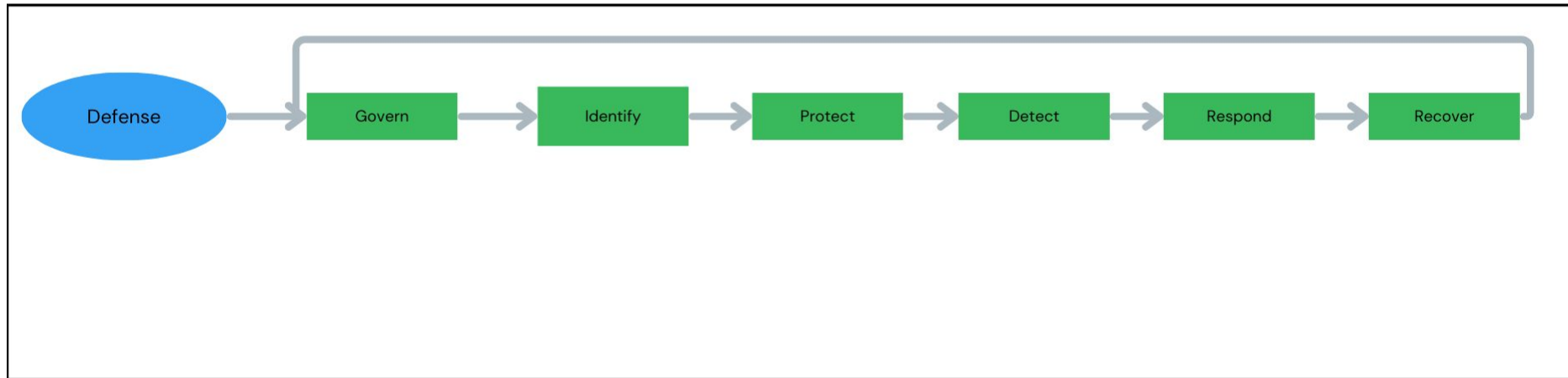
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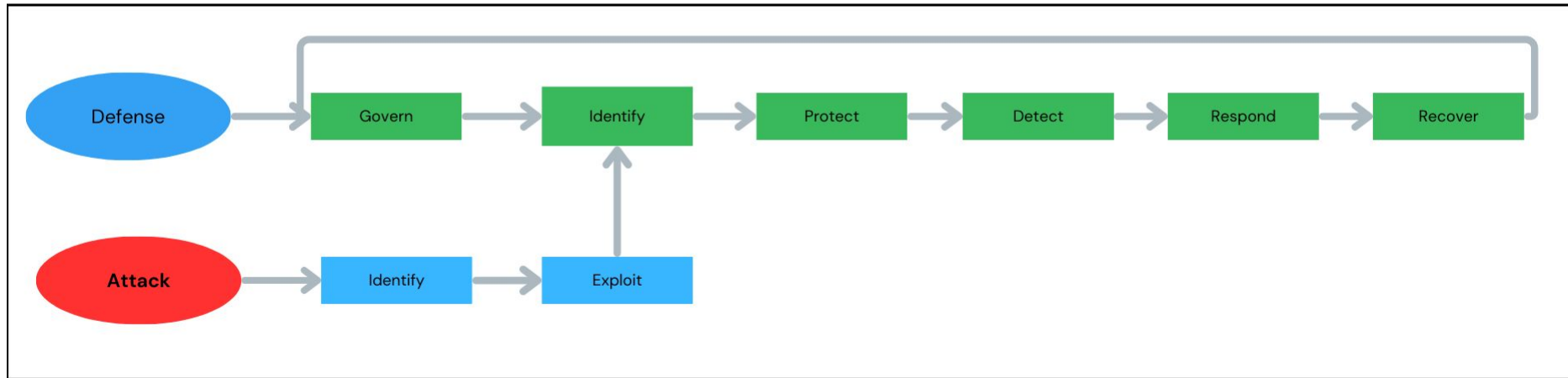
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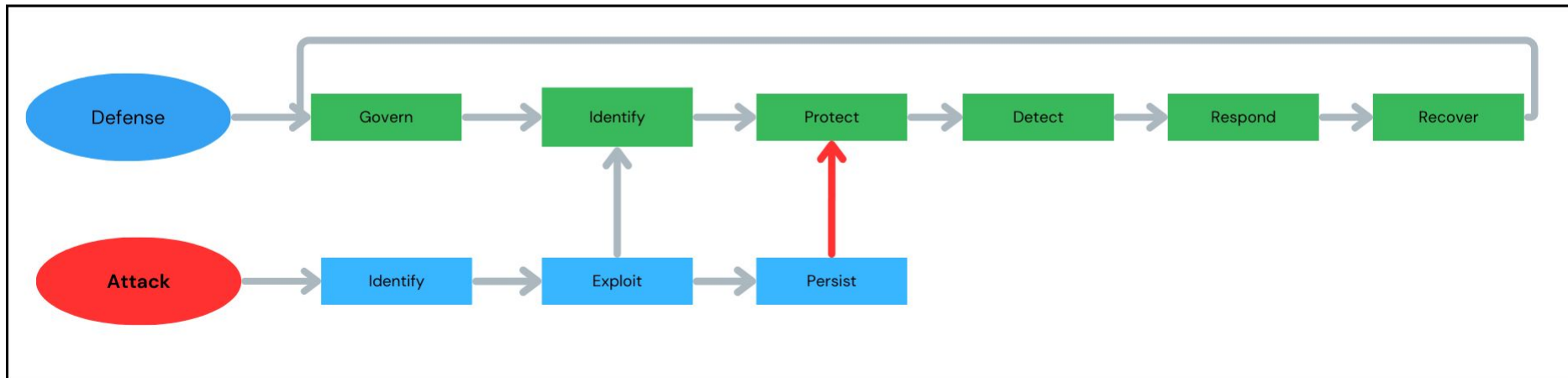
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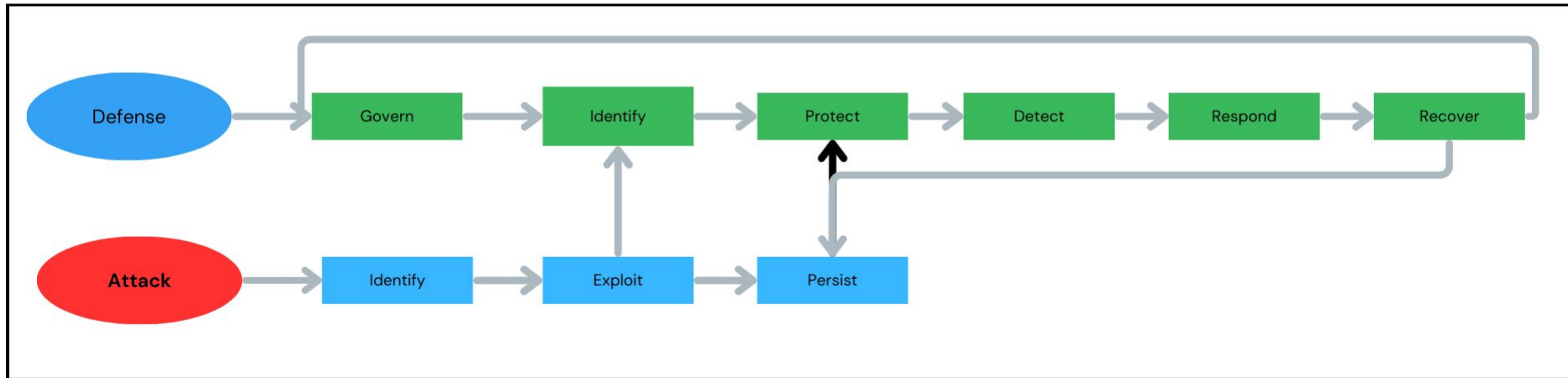
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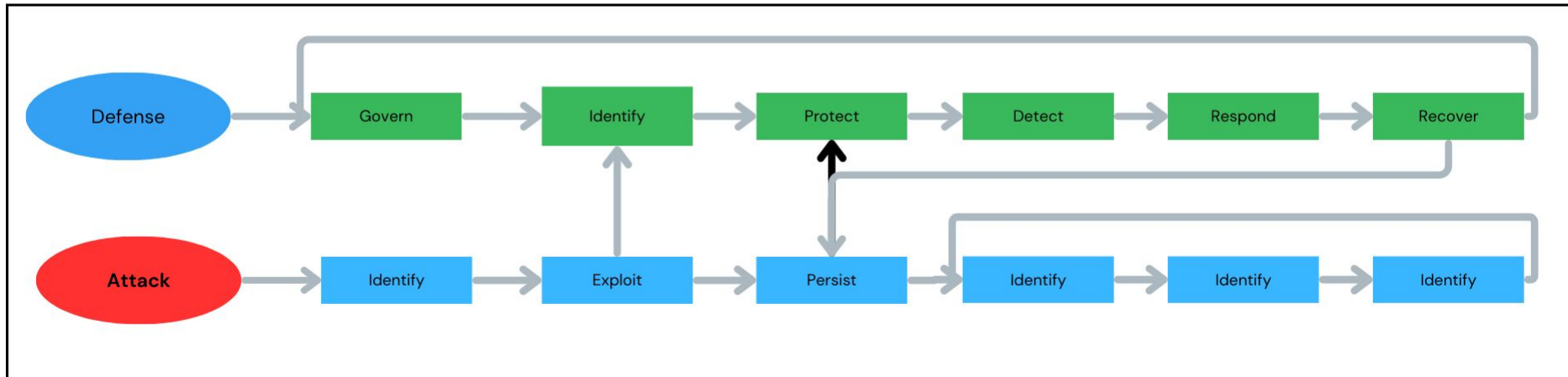
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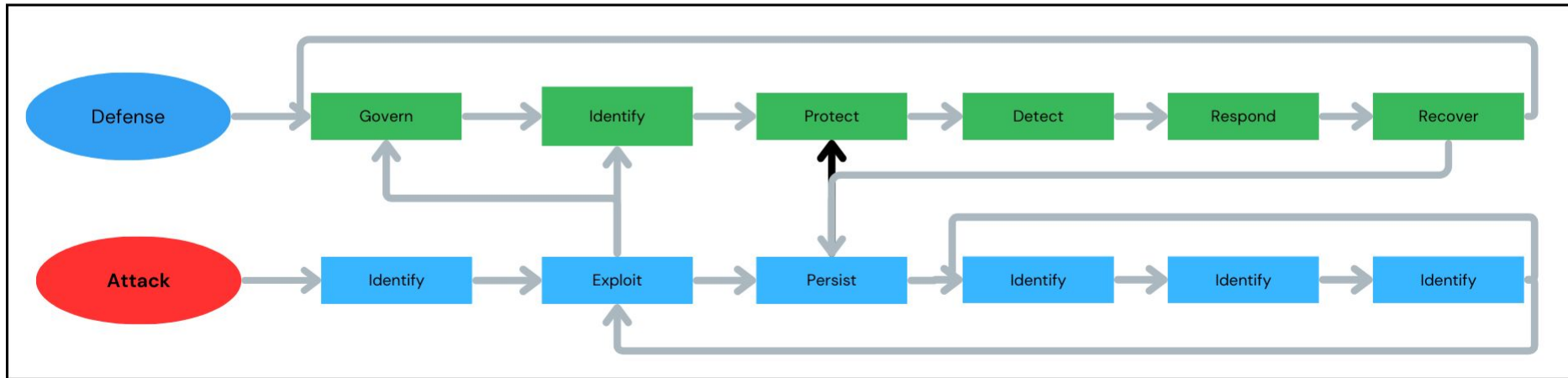
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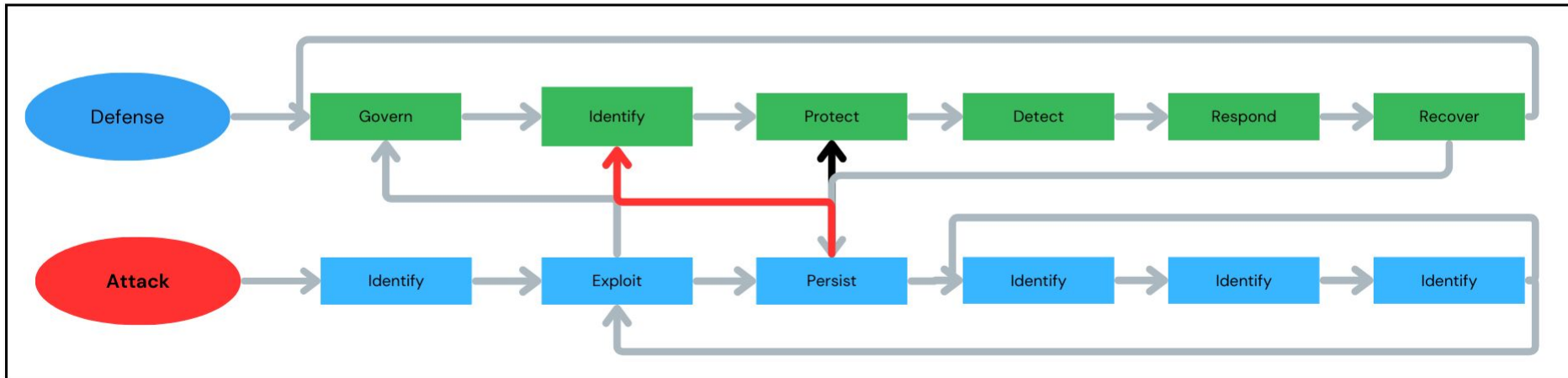
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- Attackers **will** beat us unless we cut out the extra steps

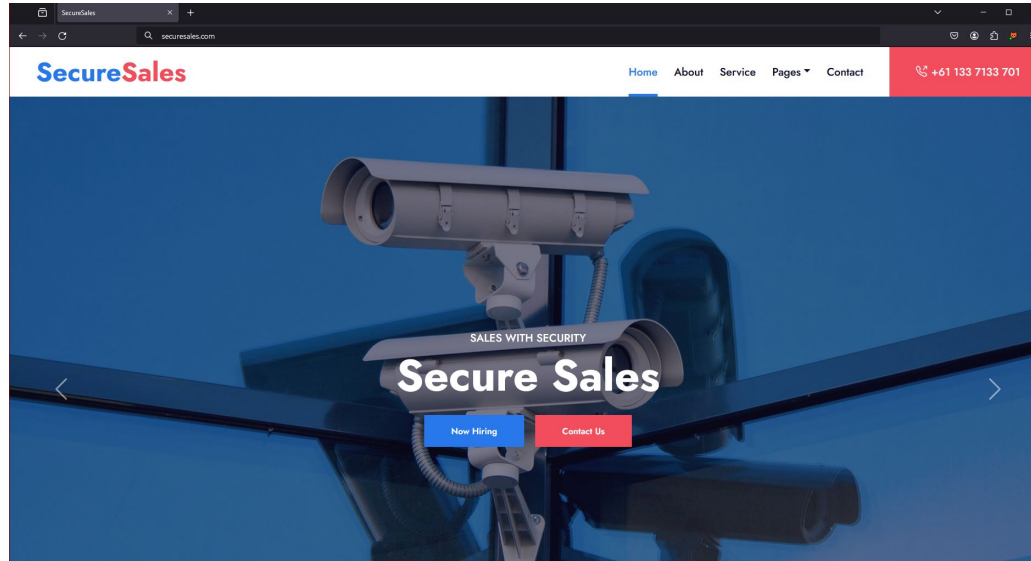


Understanding Attacker's Perspective

Proactive Defence with Offense

Live Demonstration:

Target: “Secure Sales”



- <http://securesales.com>



Phase 1: Initial Access

- Examples:
- Web Vulnerabilities (SQL Injection & Directory Traversal)
 - Backdoors

- Takeaways:
- Threat Landscape Composition
 - Attack Surface Reality

Phase 2: Compromise

- Examples:
- Default/Reused Credentials
 - Outdated Software

- Takeaways:
- Resources across all components
 - Policy and trusted access

Phase 3: Persistence

- Examples:
- Password Cracking
 - Beyond Compromise

- Takeaways:
- Proactive/Ongoing Efforts
 - Inevitable Attack & Compromise

Outcomes:

- **Identified weak points externally**
- **Dug deeper internally**



- **“cyberattack” consequences**
- **Long term threat and exhaustive remediation**

Key Takeaways

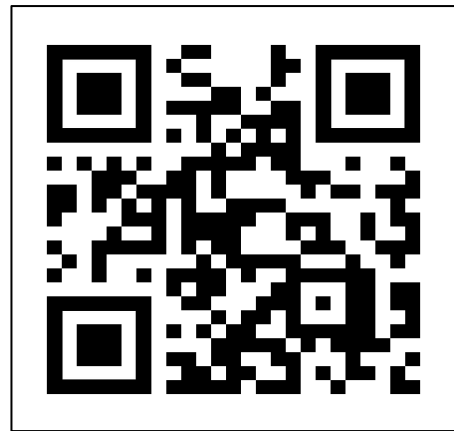
Attack to Defend

- Win the race
- 6 Pillars apply

Proactive approach

Consider what you're up against

- Ask your teams;
- Offensive Engagements



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- There's more to hack here, go try it yourself!

You should be hacked.

Just know about it first.

Q&A:

Thank you to **CyberWest**

3:10 pm

📍 EXHIBITION HALL

🕒 30 Minutes

Afternoon Tea



All
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