



# Threat Hunting with Splunk

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# Agenda

## Threat Hunting Basics

- Threat Hunting Data Sources
- Sysmon Endpoint Data
  - Cyber Kill Chain
  - Walkthrough of Attack Scenario Using Core Splunk (hands on)
  - Enterprise Security Walkthrough
  - Applying Machine Learning and Data Science to Security

# Log In Credentials

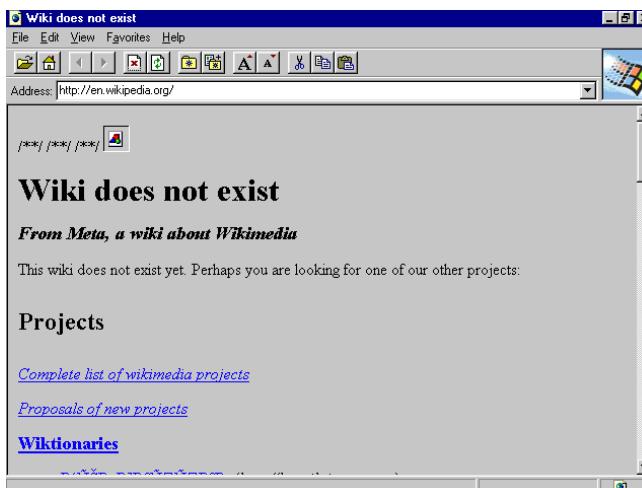
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**Pass: pr3dator**

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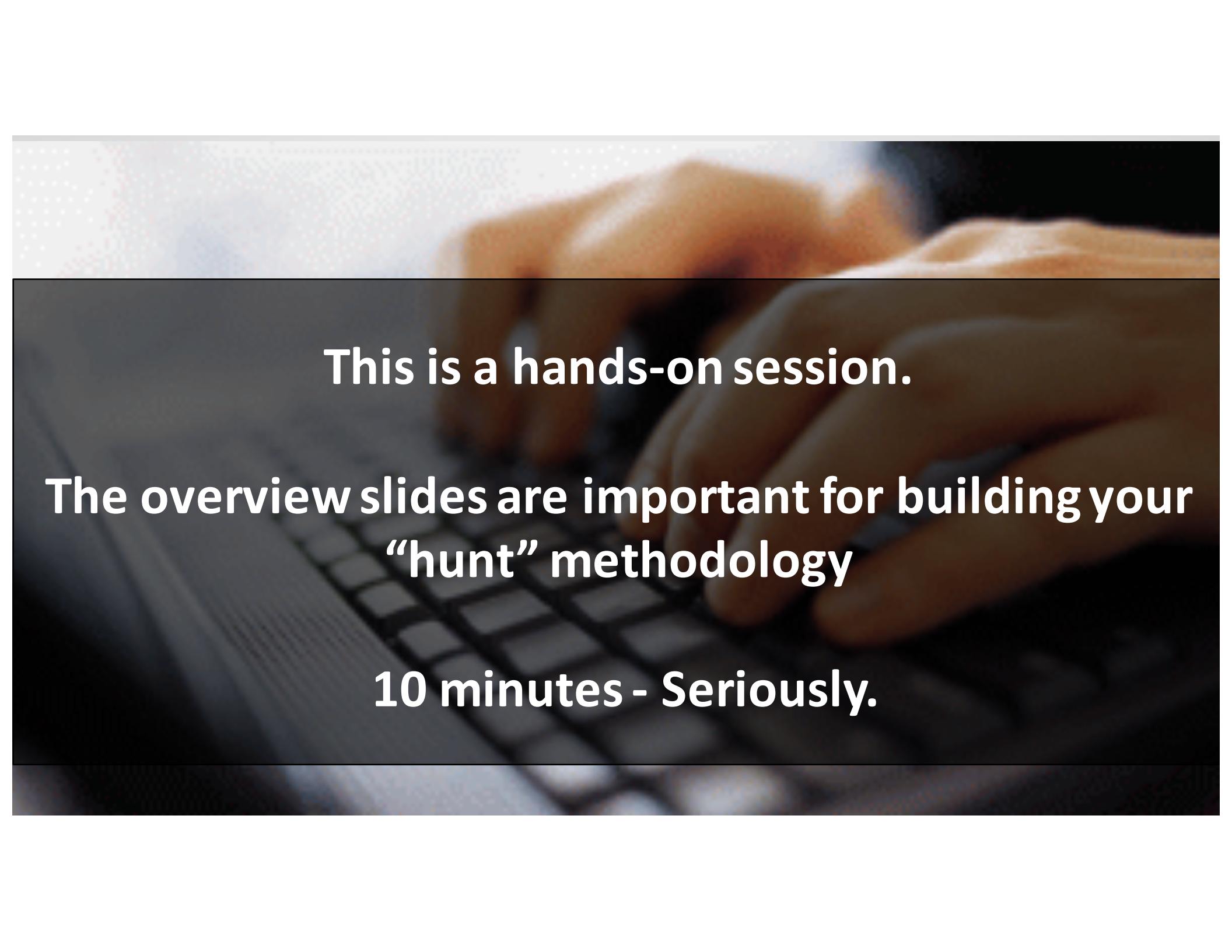
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# Am I in the right place?

Some familiarity with...

- CSIRT/SOC Operations
- General understanding of Threat Intelligence
- General understanding of DNS, Proxy, and Endpoint types of data



**This is a hands-on session.**

**The overview slides are important for building your  
“hunt” methodology**

**10 minutes - Seriously.**

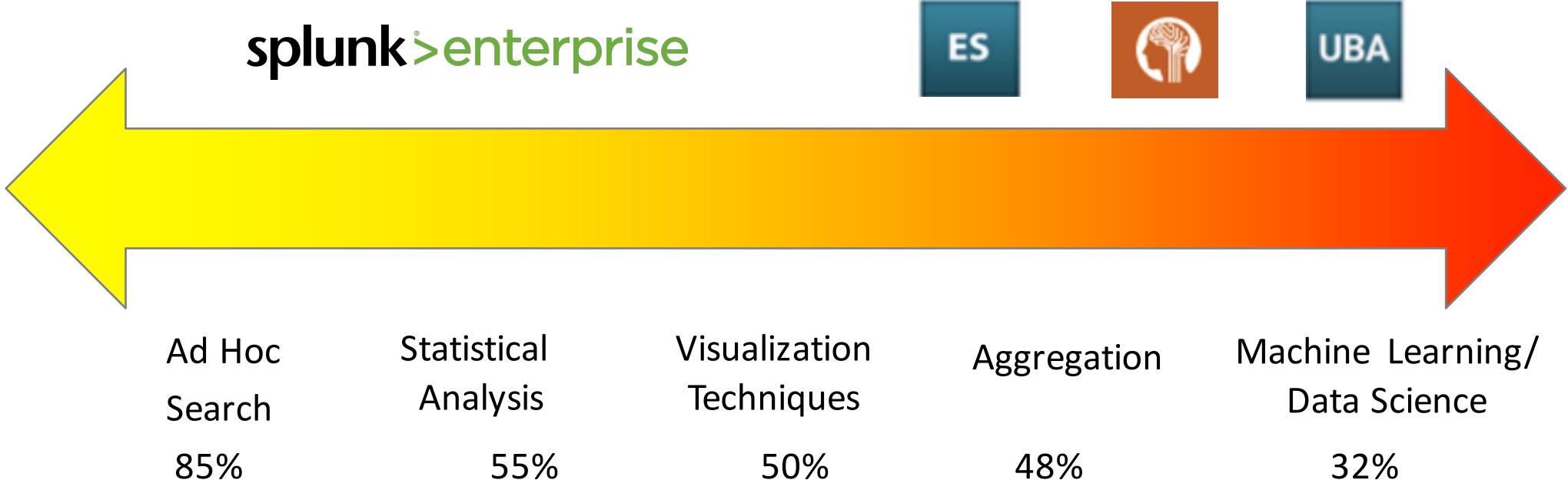
# Threat Hunting with Splunk



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# SANS Threat Hunting Maturity



Source: SANS IR & Threat Hunting Summit 2016

# Hunting Tools: Internal Data

- **IP Addresses:** threat intelligence, blacklist, whitelist, reputation monitoring  
Tools: Firewalls, proxies, Splunk Stream, Bro, IDS
- **Network Artifacts and Patterns:** network flow, packet capture, active network connections, historic network connections, ports and services  
Tools: Splunk Stream, Bro IDS, FPC, Netflow
- **DNS:** activity, queries and responses, zone transfer activity  
Tools: Splunk Stream, Bro IDS, OpenDNS
- **Endpoint – Host Artifacts and Patterns:** users, processes, services, drivers, files, registry, hardware, memory, disk activity, file monitoring: hash values, integrity checking and alerts, creation or deletion  
Tools: Windows/Linux, Carbon Black, Tanium, Tripwire, Active Directory
- **Vulnerability Management Data**  
Tools: Tripwire IP360, Qualys, Nessus
- **User Behavior Analytics:** TTPs, user monitoring, time of day location, HR watchlist  
Splunk UBA, (All of the above)

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# Endpoint: Microsoft Sysmon Primer

- TA Available on the App Store
- Great Blog Post to get you started
- Increases the fidelity of Microsoft Logging



Blog Post:

<http://blogs.splunk.com/2014/11/24/monitoring-network-traffic-with-sysmon-and-splunk/>

# Show app to click on

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**Please use your individual URLs and creds.**

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# Sysmon Event Tags

The screenshot shows a Splunk search interface with the following details:

- Search Bar:** index=zeus\_demo3 sourcetype=X\* | dedup tag||table tag
- Results Summary:** 2 of 41,698 events matched
- Navigation Tabs:** Events (2), Patterns, Statistics (2), Visualization
- Filter Bar:** tag ◊
- Event List:**
  - communicate network: Maps Network Comm to process\_id
  - process report: Process\_id creation and mapping to parentprocess\_id

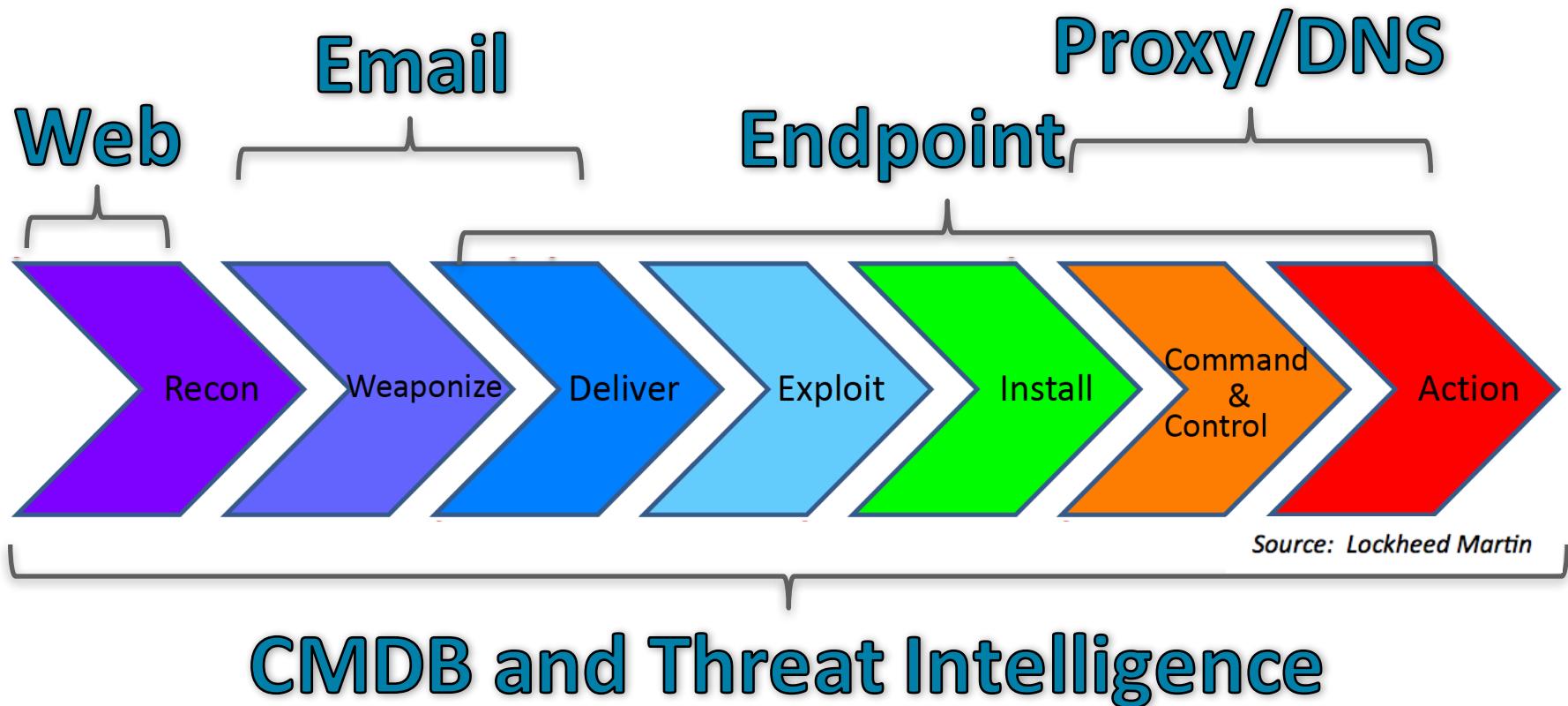
# sourcetype=X\* | search tag=communicate

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# Data Source Mapping



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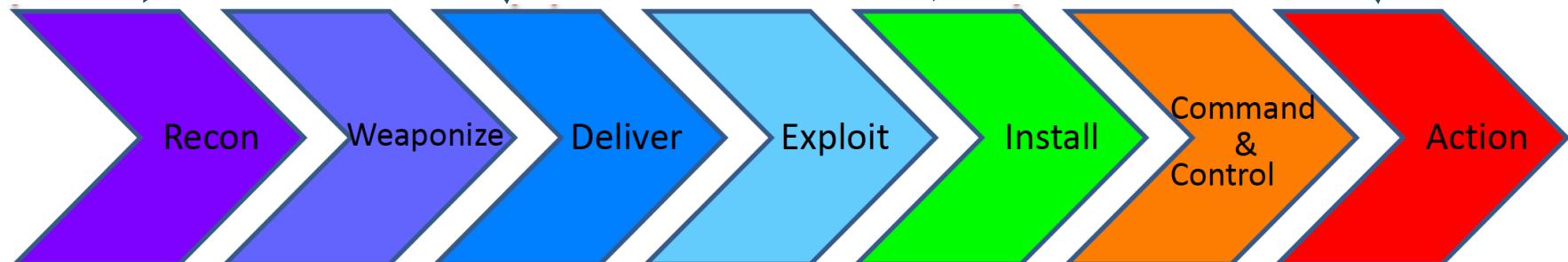
# Demo Story - Kill Chain Framework

Successful brute force  
– download sensitive  
pdf document

Convincing email  
sent with  
weaponized pdf

Dropper retrieves  
and installs the  
malware

Data Exfiltration



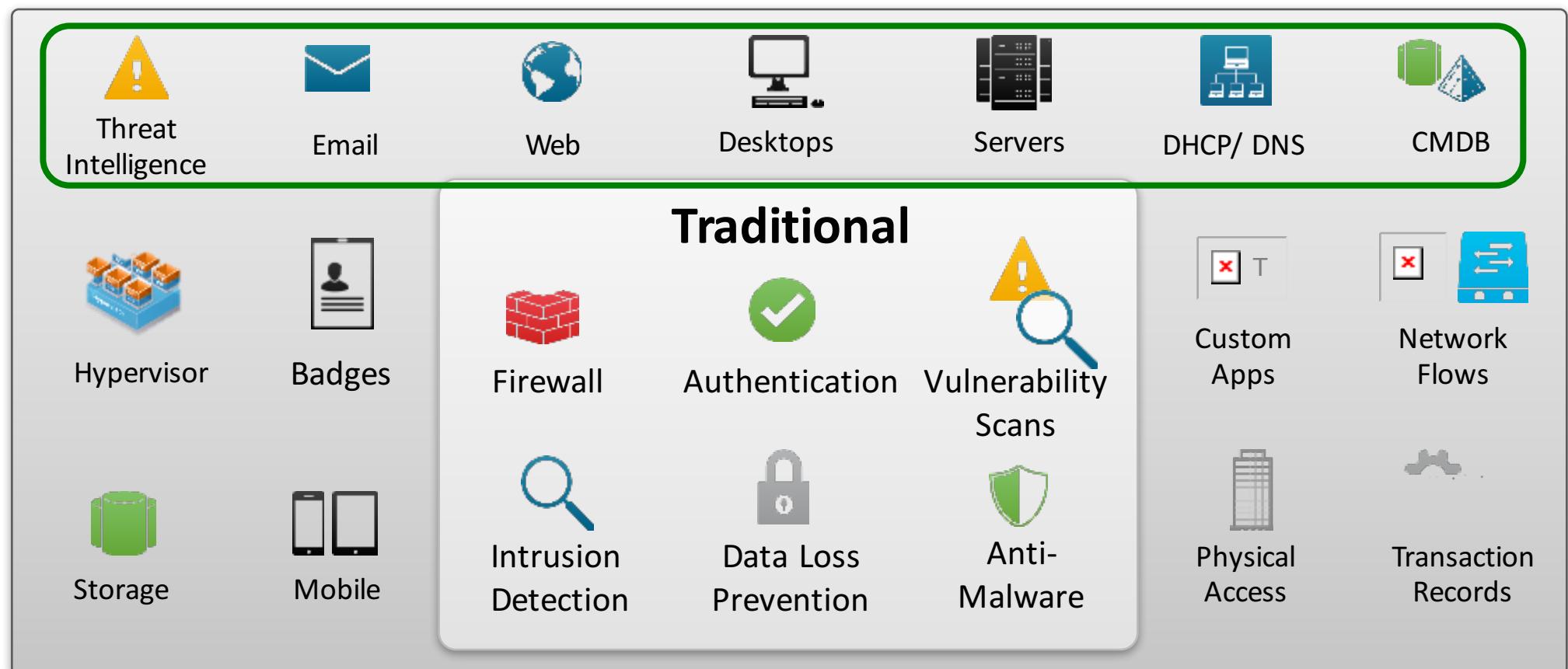
Weaponize the pdf file  
with Zeus Malware

Vulnerable pdf reader  
exploited by malware.  
Dropper created on machine

Persistence via regular  
outbound comm

Source: Lockheed Martin

# Stream Investigations – choose your data wisely





Let's dig in!

*Please, raise that hand if you need us to hit the pause button*

# APT Transaction Flow Across Data Sources

## Data Sources

Threat Intelligence

Network  
Email, Proxy,  
DNS, and Web

Endpoint

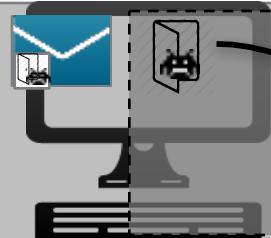
## Transaction



Attacker creates malware, embed in .pdf, emails to the target



Read email, open attachment



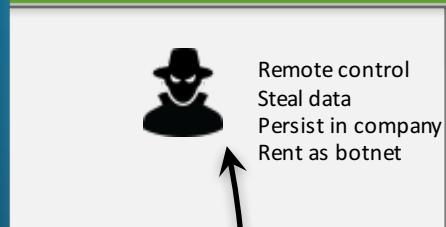
.pdf executes & unpacks malware  
overwriting and running “allowed” programs



Additional  
Investigation

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Our Investigation begins by detecting high risk communications through the proxy, at the endpoint, and even a DNS call.



http (proxy) session  
to command & control  
server



To begin our investigation, we will start with a quick search to familiarize ourselves with the data sources

In this demo environment, we have a variety of security relevant data including...

Web  
DNS  
Proxy  
Firewall  
Endpoint  
Email

Click

**New Search**

index=zeus\_demo3 sourcetype="xmlWinEventLog" host=127.0.0.1 source=1 sourceCategory=1 tag=1

✓ 10 events (before 2/8/15 7:53:11.000 PM)

Events (10) Patterns Statistics Visualize

Format Timeline ▾ - Zoom Out + Zoom to Selection

Save As ▾ Close All time ▾ Verbose Mode ▾ 1 second per column

at the data source. Using the Sysmon TA.

Lets get our day started by looking using threat intel to prioritize our efforts and focus on communication with known high risk entities.

We have endpoint visibility into all network communication and can map each connection back to a process.

We also have detailed info on each process and can map it back to the user and parent process.

Click

tag

4 Values, 100% of events

Selected Yes No

Reports Top values Top values by time Events with this field

Values Count %

Value	Count	%
communicate	7	70%
network	7	70%
process	3	30%
report	3	30%

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**Threat Intelligence Overview**

Traffic Type Threat Intel Source

All All

Threat Count by Unique Source IP

src_ip	threat_intel_source	count	trend	cmdb_system_owner	cmdb_bu_owner	cmdb_PII	cmdb_PCI
192.168.1.87	cymru_http	5	↑	chris.gilbert@buttercupgames.com	Sales	No	No
192.168.1.87	zeus_c2s	4	↑	chris.gilbert@buttercupgames.com	Sales	No	No
192.168.1.87	bcoat_proxysg	2	↑	chris.gilbert@buttercupgames.com	Sales	No	No
54.211.114.134	access_combined	2210	↓	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown

Splunk > App: Zeus Demo - Microsoft Sysmon (v3) >

Administrator > Messages > Settings > Activity > Help > Find

Search Threat Intelligence Overview Process Explorer (using Windows Sysmon)

Zeus Demo - Microsoft Sysmon (v3)

## Threat Intelligence Overview

Traffic Type Threat Intel Source Source Type Search Terms

All All All 192.168.1.87 All time

Threat Count by Unique Source IP 10m ago Threat Activity by Sourcetype 10m ago

zeus\_c2s

We are now looking at only threat intel related activity for the IP Address associated with Chris Gilbert and see activity spanning endpoint, proxy, and DNS data sources.

Screen example showing correlation between threat intel source and endpoint/proxy/DNS data.

We then see threat intel related endpoint and proxy events occurring periodically and likely communicating with a known Zeus botnet based on the threat intel source (zeus\_c2s).

Correlated Threat Activity by Source

src_ip	sourcetype	threat_intel_source	count	trend	cmdb_cmdb	cmdb_cmdb	cmdb_cmdb	cmdb_cmdb	cmdb_cmdb
192.168.1.87	XmlWinEventLog:Microsoft-Windows-Sysmon/Operational	cymru_http zeus_c2s	5		chris.gilbert@buttercupgames.com	Sales	No	No	
192.168.1.87	bcoat_proxysg	zeus_c2s	4		chris.gilbert@buttercupgames.com	Sales	No	No	
192.168.1.87	bro_dns	cymru_http zeus_c2s	2		chris.gilbert@buttercupgames.com	Sales	No	No	

Scroll Down

It's worth mentioning that at this point you could create a ticket to have someone re-image the machine to prevent further damage as we continue our investigation within Splunk.

Click

The initial goal of the investigation is to determine whether this communication is malicious or a potential false positive. Expand the endpoint event to continue the investigation.

				- OBSERVED
>	2	5/12/14 11:55:15.595 PM	<Event xmlns='http://schemas.microsoft.com/win/2004/08/events/event'><EventID>3</EventID><Version>3</Version><Level>4</Level><Task>12T23:55:15</Task><EventRecordID>350804</EventRecordID><CorrelationID>	
>	3	5/12/14 11:55:06.000 PM		
>	4	5/12/14 11:55:05.595 PM		

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>	5	5/12/14 11:54:56.000 PM	2014-05-12 23:54:56 192.168.1.87 TCP_TUNNELED 0 1572864 - - OBSERVED CONNECT 115.29.46.99 HTTP/1.1 0 tcp://115.29.46.99:443/ - - -	
>	6	5/12/14 11:54:55.595 PM	<Event xmlns='http://schemas.microsoft.com/win/2004/08/events/event'><System><Provider Name='Microsoft-Windows-Sysmon' Guid='{5770385f-c22a-43e0-bf4c-06f5698ffbd9}'><EventID>3</EventID><Version>3</Version><Level>4</Level><Task>1</Task><Opcode>0</Opcode><Keywords>0x8000000000000000</Keywords><TimeCreated SystemTime='2014-05-12T23:54:55.595' /><EventRecordID>350804</EventRecordID><CorrelationID><Execution ProcessID='1092' ThreadID='2730' /><Channel>Microsoft-Windows-Sysmon/Operational</Channel><Computer>NSM-Server2008</Computer><Security UserID='S-1-5-18' /></System><EventData><Data Name='UtcTime'>5/12/2015 11:54 PM</Data><Data Name='ProcessGuid'>{00000000-535B-54BA-0000-001065FEA309}</Data><Data Name='ProcessId'>4768</Data><Data Name='Image'>c:\Users\cgilbert\AppData\Roaming\Ircle\svchost.exe</Data><Data Name='SourceTal	

5		chris.gilbert@buttercupgames.com	Sales	No	No
4		chris.gilbert@buttercupgames.com	Sales	No	No
2		chris.gilbert@buttercupgames.com	Sales	No	No

Within the security space, having access to visibility into data that are part of the investigation is important for helping us to prioritize our efforts toward initiating an investigation. Further investigation into the endpoint is often very time consuming and often involves multiple internal hand-offs to other teams or

This encrypted proxy traffic is concerning because of the large amount of data (~1.5MB) being transferred which is common when data is being exfiltrated.

2 5/12/14  
11:55:15.595 PM

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Type	Field
Event	Computer
	DestinationHostname
	DestinationIp
	DestinationIsIpv6
	DestinationPort
	DestinationPortName
	EventChannel
	EventCode
	Guid
	Image
	Initiated
	Keywords
	Level
	Name
	Opcode
	ProcessGuid
	ProcessID
	ProcessId
	Protocol
	RecordID
	SecurityID
	SourceHostname
	SourceIp
	SourceIsIpv6
	SourcePort
	SystemTime
	Task
	ThreadID

Click

Lets continue the investigation

We immediately see the outbound communication with 115.29.46.99 via https is associated with the svchost.exe process on the windows endpoint. The process id is 4768. There is a great deal more information from the endpoint as you scroll down such as the user ID that started the process and the associated CMDB enrichment information.

Another clue. We also see that svchost.exe should be located in a Windows system directory but this is being run in the user space. Not good.

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Event Actions ▾

Build Event Type	Value	Actions
Extract Fields	NSM-Server2008	▼
Explore Process: 4768	www.vh44850.eurodir.ru	▼
Show Source	115.29.46.99	▼
DestinationPortName		
DestinationPort		
EventChannel	Microsoft-Windows-Sysmon/Operational	▼
EventCode	3	▼
Guid	{5770385f-c22a-43e0-bf4c-06f5698ffbd9}	▼
Image	c:\Users\cgilbert\AppData\Roaming\Irgel\svchost.exe	▼
Initiated	true	▼
Keywords	0x8000000000000000	▼
Level	4	▼
Name	Microsoft-Windows-Sysmon	▼
Opcode	0	▼
ProcessGuid	{00000000-535B-54BA-0000-001065FEA309}	▼
ProcessID	'1092'	▼
ProcessId	4768	▼
Protocol	tcp	▼
RecordID	350804	▼
SecurityID	S-1-5-18	▼
SourceHostname	NSM-Server2008	▼
SourceIp	192.168.1.87	▼
SourceIsIpv6	false	▼
SourcePort	65171	▼
SystemTime	'2014-05-12T23:55:15.595'	▼
Task	1	▼
ThreadID	'2728'	▼

Click

We have a workflow action that will link us to a Process Explorer dashboard and populate it with the process id extracted from the event (4768).

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This has brought us to the Process Explorer dashboard which lets us see the Windows Sysmon endpoint.

This process calls itself "svchost.exe," a common Windows process, but the path is not the normal path for svchost.exe.

so can see that the parent process that created this

Lets continue the investigation by examining the parent process as this is a suspected downloader/dropper.

Suspected Downloader/Dropper root cause.

...which is a common trait of malware attempting to evade detection. We also see it making a DNS query (port 53) then communicating via port 443.

vs app, but , telling us the malware has again spoofed a common file name.

_time	process_id	Image	direction	dest_ip	dest_port
2014-05-12 23:54:44	4768	c:\Users\cgilbert\AppData\Roaming\lrqe\svchost.exe	outbound	8.8.4.123	53
2014-05-12 23:54:45	4768	c:\Users\cgilbert\AppData\Roaming\lrqe\svchost.exe	outbound	8.8.4.123	443
2014-05-12 23:54:55	4768	c:\Users\cgilbert\AppData\Roaming\lrqe\svchost.exe	outbound	8.8.4.123	443
2014-05-12 23:55:05	4768	c:\Users\cgilbert\AppData\Roaming\lrqe\svchost.exe	outbound	8.8.4.123	443
2014-05-12 23:55:15	4768	c:\Users\cgilbert\AppData\Roaming\lrqe\svchost.exe	outbound	8.8.4.123	443

**Process Explorer (using Windows Sysmon)**

Process ID (ie. 4768)  
4000      All time

Process Created  
**9 months ago**

Suspected Downloader/Dropper  
c:\Users\cgilbert\AppData\Local\Temp\calc.exe

Connections

_time	process_id	Image
2014-05-12 23:54:36	4000	c:\Users\cgilbert\AppData\Local\Temp\calc.exe
2014-05-12 23:54:37	4000	c:\Users\cgilbert\AppData\Local\Temp\calc.exe

All Process Related Events (Network Communication and Process Creation)

i	Time	Event
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The Parent Process of our suspected downloader/dropper is the legitimate PDF Reader program. This will likely turn out to be the vulnerable app that was exploited in this attack.

We have very quickly moved from threat intel related network and endpoint activity to the likely exploitation of a vulnerable app. Click on the parent process to keep investigating.

Suspected Vulnerable App  
c:\Program Files (x86)\PDF\Reader 10.2\Reader\PDFRd32.exe

Click

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Administrator > Messages > Settings > Activity > Help > Find

Search Threat Intelligence Overview Process Explorer (using Windows Sysmon)

Zeus Demo - Microsoft Sysmon (v3)

## Process Explorer (using Windows Sysmon)

Process ID (ie. 4768)  
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Process Created <1m ago    Last Activity  
**9 months ago**

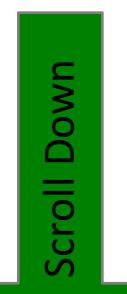
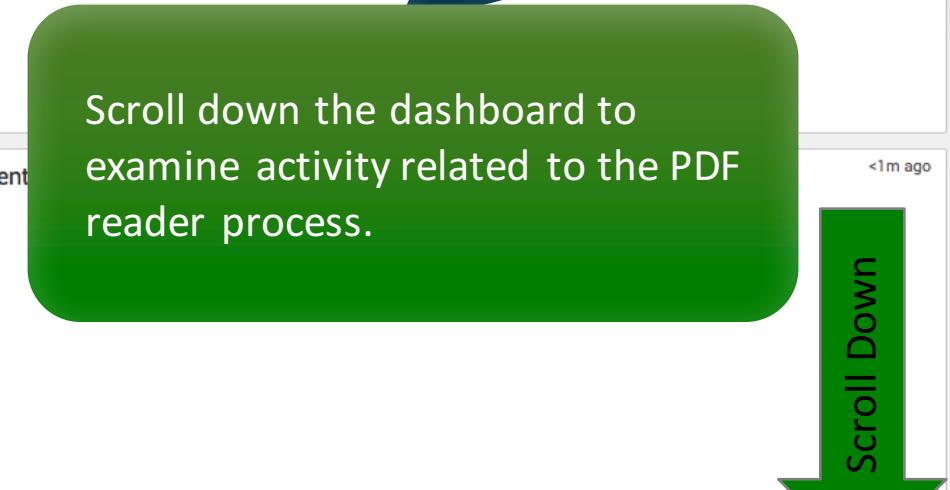
Process Path <1m ago  
**c:\Program Files (x86)\PDF\Reader 10.2\Reader \PDFRd32.exe**

Connections <1m ago  
No results found.

Created by Process Path <1m ago  
Parent <1m ago

We can see that the PDF Reader process has no identified parent and is the root of the infection.

Scroll down the dashboard to examine activity related to the PDF reader process.



All Process Related Events (Network Communication and Process Creation)

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category_id=FLOWERS Mozilla/4.0 (compatible; MSIE 6.0; Windows NT 5.1; SV1; .NET CLR 1.1.432.0; http://www.infoware-shop.com)
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We have our root cause! Chris opened a weaponized .pdf file which contained the Zeus malware. It appears to have been delivered via email and we have access to our email logs as one of our important data sources. Lets copy the filename 2nd\_qtr\_2014\_report.pdf and search a bit further to determine the scope of this compromise.

Chris opened 2nd\_qtr\_2014\_report.pdf which was an attachment to an email!

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Event Actions ▾

Type	Field	Value	Actions
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	source	/opt/splunk/Malware/etc/apps/zeus_demo-v3/log/sysmon-v3.log	▼
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	EventChannel	Microsoft-Windows-Sysmon/Operational	▼
	EventCode	1	▼
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	IntegrityLevel	Medium	▼
	Keywords	0x8000000000000000	▼

Lets dig a little further into 2nd\_qtr\_2014\_report.pdf to determine the scope of this compromise.

Edit Tags  
Explore Filename:  
2nd\_qtr\_2015\_report.pdf



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Administrator > Messages > Settings > Activity > Help > Find

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New Search

index=zeus\_demo3 2nd\_qtr\_2014\_report.pdf

6 events (5/5/14 9:36:17.000 PM to 2/9/15 12:07:51.000 AM)

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sourcetype

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Reports Top values by time Events with this field

Values

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email	1	16.667%

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We will come back to the web activity that contains reference to the pdf file but lets first look at the email event to determine the scope of this apparent phishing attack.

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Event

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Subject: new report breakdown
From: Jose Dave <jose.dave@butercupgames.com>
To: <chris.gilbert@butercupgames.com>
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Received-SPF: Pass (p02c11m104.mxlogic.net: domain of butercupgame...
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2014050601); SC=]
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X-SOURCE-IP: [194.151.189.201]
Return-Path: jose.dave@butercupgames.com
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X-MS-Exchange-Organization-AuthAs: Anonymous
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boundary="B_3482996421_388900"
> This message is in MIME format. Since your mail reader does not understand
this format, some or all of this message may not be legible.
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Content-type: text/plain;
charset="US-ASCII"
Content-transfer-encoding: 7bit
This is your quarterly breakdown. Please review this carefully. Report
any errors within 2 days.
We had a great quarter. Congratulations to everyone who made their
numbers!!!
Jose Dave
VP Operations
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Hold On! That's not our Domain Name! The spelling is close but it's missing a "t". The domain is actually [butercupgame.com](http://butercupgame.com)

This looks to be a very targeted spear phishing attack as it was sent to only one employee (Chris).

Let's take a look at the email body and can see why this was such a convincing attack. The sender apparently had access to sensitive insider knowledge and hinted at quarterly results.

There is our attachment.

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# Root Cause Recap

## Data Sources

Threat Intelligence

Network  
Email, Proxy, DNS, and Web

Endpoint

## Threat Intel

We utilized threat intel to detect communication with known high risk indicators and kick off our investigation then worked backward through the kill chain toward a root cause.

Key to this investigative process is the ability to associate network communications with endpoint process data.

Attacker creates

Initial Compromise

Conduct Business



Remote control  
Steal data  
Persist in company  
Rent as botnet

This high value and very relevant ability to work a malware related investigation through to root cause translates into a very streamlined investigative process compared to the legacy SIEM based approach.



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- a tag 2

Interesting Fields

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- a app 2
- # bytes 3
- a clientip 1
- a CommandLine 2
- a Computer 1
- # date\_hour 3

sourcetype

3 Values, 100% of events

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Events with this field

Values

access\_combined

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Select the access\_combined sourcetype to investigate further.

We understand that the file was delivered via email and opened at the endpoint. Why do we see a reference to the file in the access\_combined (web server) logs?

Lets revisit the search for additional information on the 2<sup>nd</sup>\_qtr\_2014-report.pdf file.

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Interesting Fields: bytes, clientip, date\_hour, date\_mday, date\_minute, date\_month

The results show 54.211.114.134 has accessed this file from the web portal of buttergames.com.

There is also a known threat intel association with the source IP Address downloading (HTTP GET) the file.

## New Search

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All time ▾



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Time	Event
5/5/14 11:05:47.000 PM	54.211.114.134 - - [06/May/2014:00:05:47] "GET /product.screen?product_id=FL-FW-429-0200 HTTP/1.1" 200 "JSESSIONID=TEDDYR; JSESSIONID=SD9SL4FF4ADFF8" Mozilla/5.0 (compatible; MSIE 6.0; Windows NT 5.1; SV1; .NET CLR 2.0.50727; .NET CLR 3.0.4506.2152; .NET CLR 3.5.30729) AppleWebKit/534.36 (KHTML, like Gecko) Chrome/12.0.742.112 Safari/534.36" host = prod.portal.buttermcupgames.com   sourcetype = access_combined   src_ip = 54.211.114.134   threat_intel_source = cymru_http
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Click

Select the IP Address, left-click, then select “New search”. We would like to understand what else this IP Address has accessed in the environment.

That's an abnormally large number of requests sourced from a single IP Address in a ~90 minute window.

This looks like a scripted action given the constant high rate of requests over the below window.

Notice the Googlebot useragent string which is another attempt to avoid raising attention..

Scroll down the dashboard to examine other interesting fields to further investigate.

Scroll Down

The screenshot shows a Splunk search results page for the query "\* \"54.211.114.134\"". The results table has columns for Time, Event, and several other fields. The first few rows show requests from the IP address 54.211.114.134 at 11:05:47 PM on May 5, 2014. The third row specifically highlights a Googlebot request for a PDF file. A large green arrow on the right side of the page points downwards, indicating where to scroll to see more results or fields.

Time	Event
5/5/14 11:05:47.000 PM	54.211.114.134 - - [06/May/2014:00:05:47 -0400] "GET /tech/wp-content/uploads/2014/05/2nd_qtr_2014_report.pdf HTTP/1.1" 206 [prod.portal.buttercupgames.com] host = prod.portal.buttercupgames.com   source = /opt/splunk/Malware/etc/apps/zeus_demo/log/access_log   sourcetype = access_combined   src_ip = 54.211.114.134   threat_intel_source = cymru_http
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< Hide Fields

```
a _id 1  
# _id 1  
# date_hour 3  
# date_mday 2  
# date_minute 59  
a date_month 1  
# date_second 47  
a date_wday 2  
# date_year 1  
# date_zone 1  
a file 66  
a ident 1  
a index 2  
# linecount 1  
a method 2  
a punct 54  
a referer 1  
a req_time 100+  
a root 5  
a splunk_server 1  
# status 6  
# timeendpos 1  
# timestamppos 1  
a uri 95  
a uri_path 76  
a uri_query 35  
a user 1  
a useragent 1  
# ver 10  
a version 1
```

11 more fields

Extract New Fields

The requests from 52.211.114.134 are dominated by requests to the login page (wp-login.php). It's clearly not possible to attempt a login this many times in a short period of time – this is clearly a scripted brute force attack.

Top 10 Values	Count	%
/portal/wp-login.php	26,400	47.783%
/portal/wp-admin/images/wordpress-logo.svg	26,200	47.421%
/portal/wp-admin/admin-ajax.php	225	0.407%
/portal/wp-admin/load-scripts.php	225	0.407%
/portal/wp-admin/imgs/wordpress-logo.svg	150	0.271%
/portal/wp-admin/load-styles.php	150	0.271%
/tech/wp-content/uploads/2014/05/2nd_qtr_2014_report.pdf	75	0.136%
/portal/wp-admin/	50	0.09%
/portal/wp-admin/edit.php	50	0.09%
/portal/wp-admin/post.php	50	0.09%

The attacker is also accessing admin pages which may be an attempt to establish persistence via a backdoor into the web site.

www.google.com/bot.html)"  
zeus\_demo/log/access\_log sourcetype = access\_combined

After successfully gaining access to our website, the attacker downloaded the pdf file, weaponized it with the zeus malware, then delivered it to Chris Gilbert as a phishing email.

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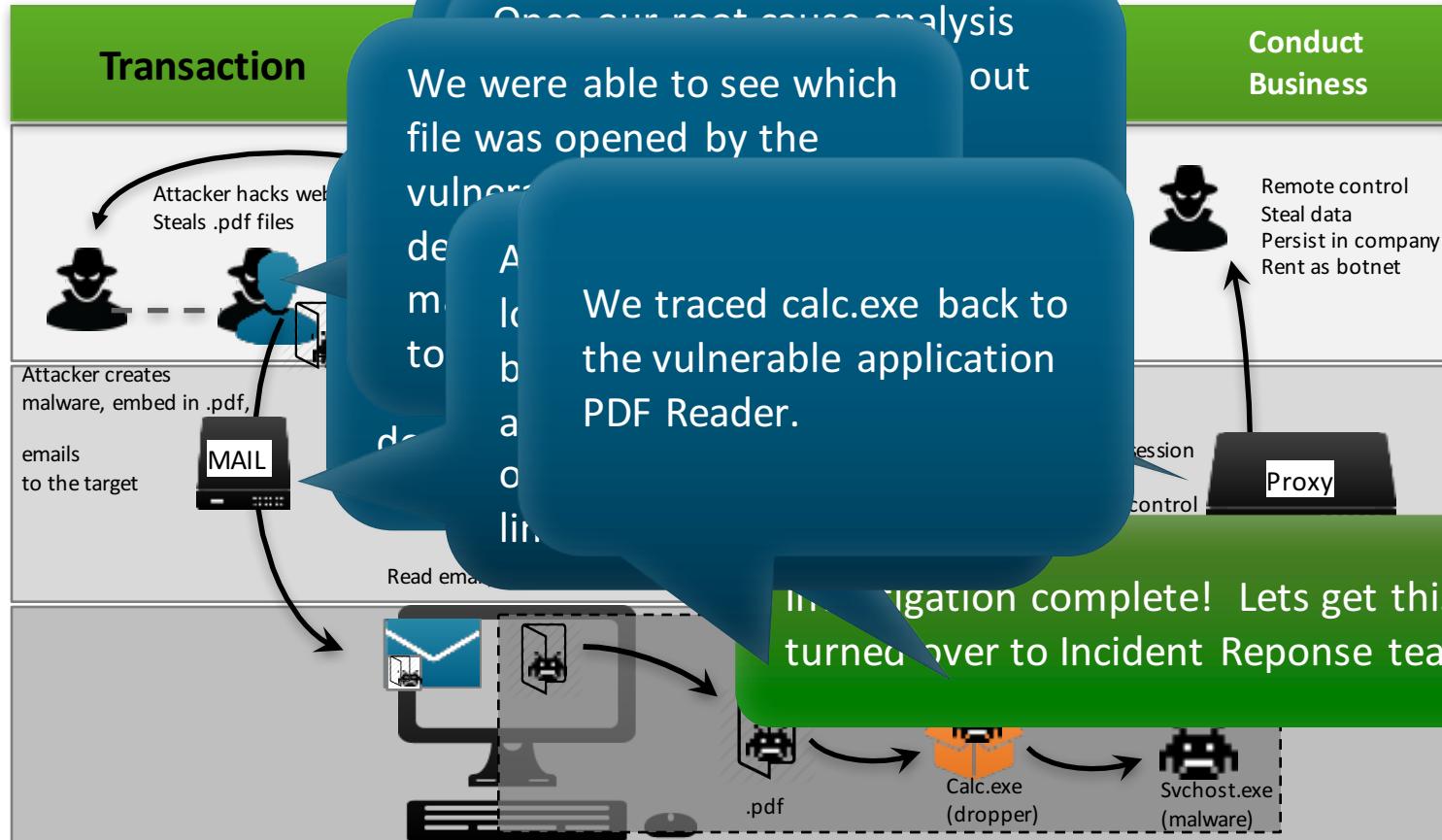
# Kill Chain Analysis Across Data Sources

## Data Sources

Threat Intelligence

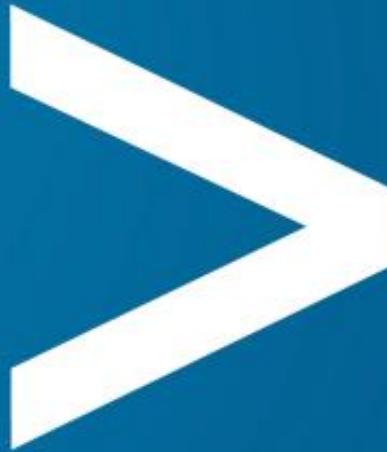
Network  
Email, Proxy,  
DNS, and Web

Endpoint



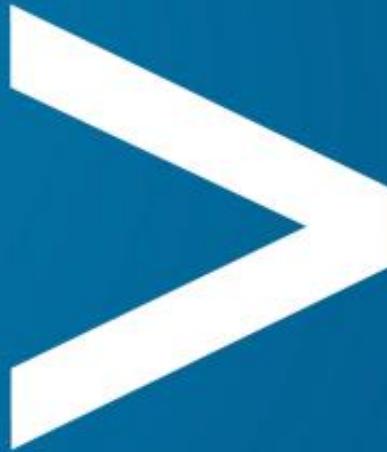
# Want to Follow Along?

- Download Splunk  
**6.4.2**[http://www.splunk.com/en\\_us/download-21.html](http://www.splunk.com/en_us/download-21.html)
- Download & Install the Machine Learning Toolkit  
<http://tiny.cc/splunkmlapp>



Break!

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**Items to Note**

**Other Items To Note**

**Description of what to click on**

**Click**

The dashboard displays several key metrics and event types:

- ACCESS NOTABLES:** Total Count 263 (+12)
- ENDPOINT NOTABLES:** Total Count 1k (-5)
- NETWORK NOTABLES:** Total Count 67 (+4)
- AUDIT NOTABLES:** Total Count 16 (-2)
- THREAT NOTABLES:** Total Count 43 (+6)

**Notable Events By Urgency:** A horizontal bar chart showing the count of events by urgency level (critical, high, medium, low, information, unknown) over the last hour.

**Notable Events Over Time:** A line chart showing the count of notable events over time from 12:00 AM Sun Aug 30 2015 to 6:00 PM.

**Top Notable Events:** A table listing the top notable events with their counts and sparkline visualizations.

rule_name	sparkline	count
Host With Old Infection Or Potential Re-Infection		425
Host With A Recurring Malware Infection		387
Excessive Failed Logins		92
High Or Critical Priority Host With Malware Detected		86
Host With Multiple Infections		62

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## Security Posture

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**ACCESS NOTABLES**  
 Total Count  
**263** +12

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 Total Count  
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 Total Count  
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**Editable**

Notable Events By Urgency

urgency	Count
unknown	~10
informational	~10
low	~10
medium	~10
high	~10
critical	~10

**Sparklines**

Notable Events Over Time

time	access	audit	endpoint	identity	network	threat
12:00 AM Sun Aug 30 2015	~10	~5	~5	~5	~5	~5
6:00 AM	~50	~5	~5	~5	~5	~5
12:00 PM	~50	~5	~5	~5	~5	~5
6:00 PM	~50	~5	~5	~5	~5	~5

**Key Security Indicators (build your own!)**

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Top Notable Event Sources

src	sparkline	correlation_search_count	security_domain_count	count
10.64.144.88		1	1	8
10.11.36.20		5	3	6
10.11.36.10		3	2	4
10.11.36.11		3	2	4
10.11.36.12		3	2	4

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Security Domains -> Endpoint -> Malware Center

Various ways to filter data

Malware-Specific KIs and Reports

Most Popular Signatures  
Across All Technologies

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Under Advanced Threat,  
select Risk Analysis

Risk Analysis | Splunk > FireEye Add-on for Splunk

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Risk Analysis

Source Risk Object Type Risk Object Last 24 hours Submit Edit Filterable Create Ad-Hoc Risk Entry

All system

DISTINCT MODIFIER SOURCES Source Count 21 0

DISTINCT RISK OBJECTS Object Count 444 -17

MEDIAN RISK SCORE Overall Median Risk extreme ↑ increasing extremely Currently is: 160

AGGREGATED SYSTEM RISK Total System Risk medium ↑ increasing extremely Currently is: 204k

Risk Modifiers Over Time

Risk assigned to system, user or other

Risk Score By Object

risk_object	risk_object_type	risk_score	source_count	count
127.0.0.1	system	5240	1	131
aseykoski@acmetech.com	user	3520	1	44
dmsys	user	3520	1	44
ACME-006	system	3440	4	43
htrapper@acmetech.com	user	3440	1	43
HOST-003	system	3400	5	43

Most Active Sources

source	risk_score	risk_objects	count
Endpoint - Recurring Malware Infection - Rule	84160	205	1052
Endpoint - Old Malware Infection - Rule	50960	123	637
Network - Unroutable Host Activity - Rule	17680	198	221
Identity - Activity from Expired User Identity - Rule	16320	6	204
Endpoint - High Or Critical Priority Host With Malware - Rule	14320	54	179
Access - Excessive Failed Logins - Rule	9000	57	150

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select Risk Analysis**

Risk Score By Object 5m ago

risk_object	risk_object_type	risk_score	source_count	count
aseykoski@acmetech.com	user	3520	1	44
dmsys	user	3520	1	44
htrapper@acmetech.com	user	3440	1	43
aseykoski	user	3360	1	42
Hax0r	user	1840	1	23
cargento	user	640	1	8
127.0.0.1	system	5240	1	131
ACME-006	system	3440		
HOST-003	system	3400		
ACME-003	system	3200		

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Most Active Sources 5m ago

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Access - Excessive Failed Logins - Rule	9000	57	150
Access - Default Account Usage - Rule	5680	6	142
Malicious Email - Rule	7840	51	98
File Deletion - Rule	7040	62	88
Behavior Detected - Rule	4000	50	50

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### Recent Risk Activity

Recent Risk Modifiers 5m ago

_time	risk_object	risk_object_type	source	description	risk_score
2015-07-06 11:02:22	127.0.0.1	system	Access - Default Account Usage - Rule	Discovers use of default accounts (such as admin, administrator, etc.). Default accounts have default passwords and are therefore commonly targeted by attackers using brute force attack tools.	40
2015-07-06 11:02:18	htrapper@acmetech.com	user	Identity - Activity from Expired User Identity - Rule	Alerts when an event is discovered from a user associated with identity that is now expired (that is, the end date of the identity has been passed).	80
2015-07-06 11:02:18	dmsys	user	Identity - Activity from Expired User Identity - Rule	Alerts when an event is discovered from a user associated with identity that is now expired (that is, the end date of the identity has been passed).	80
2015-07-06 11:02:18	aseykoski@acmetech.com	user	Identity - Activity from Expired User Identity - Rule	Alerts when an event is discovered from a user associated with identity that is now expired (that is, the end date of the identity has been passed).	80
2015-07-06 11:02:18	aseykoski	user	Identity - Activity from Expired User Identity - Rule	Alerts when an event is discovered from a user associated with identity that is now expired (that is, the end date of the identity has been passed).	80
2015-07-06 11:01:49	10.11.36.12	system	Access - Excessive Failed Logins - Rule	Detects excessive number of failed login attempts (this is likely a brute force attack)	60
2015-07-06 10:54:17	PROD-POS-006	system	Audit - Anomalous Audit Trail Activity Detected - Rule	Discovers anomalous activity such as the deletion of or clearing of log files. Attackers oftentimes clear the log files in order to hide their actions, therefore, this may indicate that the system has been compromised.	40
2015-07-06 10:54:06	ACME-006	system	Endpoint - High Or Critical Priority Host With Malware - Rule	Alerts when an infection is noted on a host with high or critical priority.	80
2015-07-06 10:45:09	10.11.36.47	system	Endpoint - Old Malware Infection - Rule	Alerts when a host with an old infection is discovered (likely a re-infection).	80
2015-07-06 10:45:09	10.11.36.40	system	Endpoint - Old Malware Infection - Rule	Alerts when a host with an old infection is discovered (likely a re-infection).	80

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(Scroll Down)

Under Advanced Threat,  
select Threat Activity

Threat Activity | Splunk > FireEye Add-on for Splunk >

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Threat Activity

Threat Group Threat Category Search Threat Match Value Last 24 hours Submit Advanced Filter...

Threat Matches Unique Count: 12k +12k Threat Collections Unique Count: 4 0 Threat Categories Unique Count: 5 0 Threat Sources Unique Count: 15 +4 Threat Activity Total Count: 36k +35k

Threat Activity Over Time

Most active threat source

Most Active Threat Collections

threat_collection	search	sparkline	dc(artifacts)	count
ip_intel	Email Address Matches Network Resolution Matches Source And Destination Matches		564	35541
file_intel	File Hash Matches File Name Matches		22	63
certificate_intel	Certificate Common Name Matches Certificate Organization Matches Certificate Serial Matches		4	7

Most Active Threat Sources

source_id	source_path	source_type	count
emerging_threats_in_blacklist	/Hour/onplink/ots/apps/SA...	CSV	1
		CSV	1
		CSV	1
		CSV	1

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ip_intel	Email Address Matches Network Resolution Matches Source And Destination Matches		564	35541	emerging_threats_ip_blocklist	/four/splunk/etc/apps/SA-ThreatIntel/local/data/threat_intel/emerging_threats_ip_blocklist.csv
file_intel	File Hash Matches File Name Matches		22	63	iblocklist_logmein	/four/splunk/etc/apps/SA-ThreatIntel/local/data/threat_intel/iblocklist_logmein.csv
certificate_intel	Certificate Common Name Matches Certificate Organization Matches Certificate Serial Matches Certificate Unit Matches Email Address Matches		4	7	iblocklist_spyware	/four/splunk/etc/apps/SA-ThreatIntel/local/data/threat_intel/iblocklist_spyware.csv
process_intel	Process Matches		1	1	bad_ips	/four/splunk/etc/apps/SA-zeus-demo/lookups/bad_ips.csv
					sans	/four/splunk/etc/apps/SA-ThreatIntel/local/data/threat_intel/sans.csv
					mandiant:package-190593d6-1861-4cfefb12-c016fce1e240	/four/splunk/etc/apps/DA-ESS-ThreatIntel/default/data/threat_intel/Appendix_G_IOCs_No_OpenIOC.xml
					iblocklist_web_attackers	/four/splunk/etc/apps/SA-ThreatIntel/local/data/threat_intel/iblocklist_web_attackers.csv
					certificates	/four/splunk/etc/apps/SA-ThreatIntel/local/data/threat_intel/certificates.xml
						certificates.csv
						certificates.csv
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Under Advanced Threat,  
select Threat Activity

Specifics about recent threat matches

Threat Activity Details									
_time	threat_match_field	threat_match_value	filter	sourcetype	src	dest	threat_collection	threat_group	threat_category
2015-7-6 11:45:00	dest	116.130.232.192		stream:http	46.22.61.32	116.130.232.192	ip_intel	emerging_threats_ip_blocklist	threatlist
2015-7-6 11:45:00	dest	116.154.114.169		stream:http	22.173.51.112	116.154.114.169	ip_intel	emerging_threats_ip_blocklist	threatlist
2015-7-6 11:45:00	dest	119.232.20.125		stream:http	249.62.211.72	119.232.20.125	ip_intel	emerging_threats_ip_blocklist	threatlist
2015-7-6 11:45:00	dest	25.28.54.208		stream:http	188.170.103.69	25.28.54.208	ip_intel	iblocklist_logmein	threatlist
2015-7-6 11:45:00	src	116.190.110.117		stream:http	116.190.110.117	216.88.184.58	ip_intel	emerging_threats_ip_blocklist	threatlist
2015-7-6 11:45:00	src	152.147.135.107		stream:http	152.147.135.107	144.147.31.191	ip_intel	emerging_threats_ip_blocklist	threatlist
2015-7-6 11:45:00	src	25.128.19.236		stream:http	25.128.19.236	189.218.8.187	ip_intel	iblocklist_logmein	threatlist
2015-7-6 11:45:00	src	25.187.178.36		stream:http	25.187.178.36	68.186.233.221	ip_intel	iblocklist_logmein	threatlist
2015-7-6 11:45:00	src	25.206.155.229		stream:http	25.206.155.229	51.210.248.78	ip_intel	iblocklist_logmein	threatlist
2015-7-6 11:45:00	src	25.5.39.36		stream:http	25.5.39.36	214.8.105.241	ip_intel	iblocklist_logmein	threatlist

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Threat Activity | Splunk > FireEye Add-on for Splunk >

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Threat Activity

Threat Group Threat Category Search

Last 24 hours Submit Advanced Filter...

Threat Matches Unique Count 12k +12k

Threat Collections Unique Count 4 0

Threat Categories Unique Count 5 0

Threat Sources Unique Count 15 +4

Threat Intel Total 3k +35k

Click To add threat intel go to:  
Configure -> Data Enrichment ->  
Threat Intelligence Downloads

Threat Activity Over Time

count time

12:00 PM Sun Jul 5 2015 4:00 PM 8:00 PM 12:00 AM Mon Jul 6 4:00 AM 8:00 AM 5m ago

certificate\_intel file\_intel ip\_intel process\_intel

Most Active Threat Collections

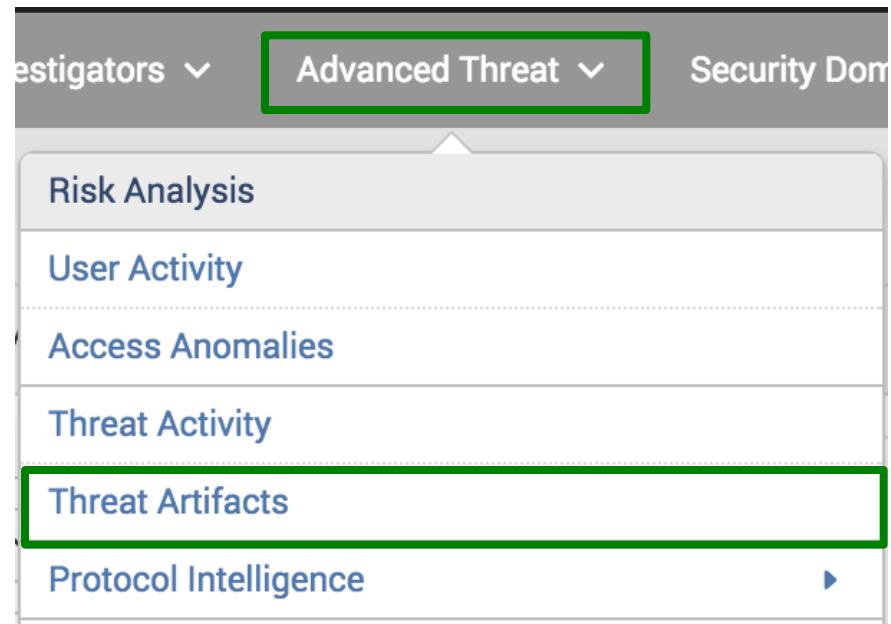
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Most Active Threat Sources

source_id	source_path	source_type	count
emerging_threats_ip_blocklist	/four/splunk/etc/apps/SA-ThreatIntelligence/local/data/threat_intel/emerging_threats_ip_blocklist.csv	csv	18706
iblocklist_logmein	/four/splunk/etc/apps/SA-ThreatIntelligence/local/data/threat_intel/iblocklist_logmein.csv	csv	16120
iblocklist_spyware	/four/splunk/etc/apps/SA-ThreatIntelligence/local/data/threat_intel/iblocklist_spyware.csv	csv	376
bad_ips	/four/splunk/etc/apps/SA-zeus-demo/lookups/bad_ips.csv	csv	150

https://54.198.26.106/en-US/manager/SplunkEnterpriseSecuritySuite/data/inputs/threatlist

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Click “Threat Artifacts”  
Under “Advanced Threat”

Click

Under Advanced Threat,  
select Threat Artifacts

The screenshot shows the Splunk Enterprise Security interface with the 'Threat Artifacts' page selected. At the top, there is a search bar and a navigation bar with tabs like 'Threat Overview', 'Network', 'Endpoint', 'Certificate', and 'Email'. Below the search bar, there are filters for 'Threat Category' (set to 'All'), 'Threat Group' (set to 'All'), 'Malware Alias', 'Intel Source ID', and 'Intel Source Path'. A 'Submit' button is located to the right of these filters.

Three callout boxes highlight specific sections:

- A dark blue callout box labeled 'Artifact Categories – click different tabs...' points to the tabs at the top of the page.
- A dark blue callout box labeled 'STIX feed' points to a table titled 'STIX feed' which contains data from a CSV file.
- A dark blue callout box labeled 'Custom feed' points to a table titled 'Custom feed' which contains data from a CSV file.

The main content area displays two tables:

- STIX feed:** A table with columns: source\_id, source\_path, source\_type, threat\_group, threat\_category, malware\_alias, and count. The data includes entries like 'fireeye\_stix-b7b16e67-4292-46a3-ba64-60c1a491723d' (source\_type: stix, threat\_group: F (and 6 more), threat\_category: APT (and 2 more), count: 503) and 'bad\_ip' (source\_type: csv, threat\_group: bad\_ip, threat\_category: malicious, count: 1001).
- Custom feed:** A table with columns: threat\_collection, source\_type, threat\_group, threat\_category, ip, domain, url, http, total, and threat\_group. The data includes entries like 'file\_intel' (source\_type: stix, threat\_group: undefined, threat\_category: undefined, total: 194) and 'process\_intel' (source\_type: stix, threat\_group: undefined, threat\_category: undefined, total: 15).

At the bottom of the page, there is a footer with the text 'splunk > listen to your data'.

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Risk Analysis

User Activity

Access Anomalies

Threat Activity

Threat Artifacts

Protocol Intelligence ▶

HTTP Category Analysis

HTTP User Agent Analysis

New Domain Analysis

Traffic Size Analysis

URL Length Analysis

Protocol Center

DNS Activity

DNS Search

SSL Activity

SSL Search

Email Activity

Email Search

## Asset Investigator

192.168.56.102

priority: high  
dns: cgilbert-DC3A297.buttercupgames.com  
owner: chris.gilbert@buttercupgames.com  
long: -122.390978

should\_timesync: true  
bunit: Sales  
city: San Francisco  
pci\_domain: N/A

nt\_host: cgilbert-DC3A297  
lat: 37.782955  
category: Laptop  
should\_update: true

ip: 192.168.56.102  
is\_expected: true  
requires\_av: true  
country: USA

Asset Investigator, enter  
“192.168.56.102”

### Configurable Swimlanes

Edit

All Authentication

All Changes

Threat List Activity

Exec File Activity

Malware Attacks

IDS Attacks

Notable Events

Risk Modifiers

Today ▾

19:30 20:00 20:30 21:00 21:30 22:00

Search returned no results

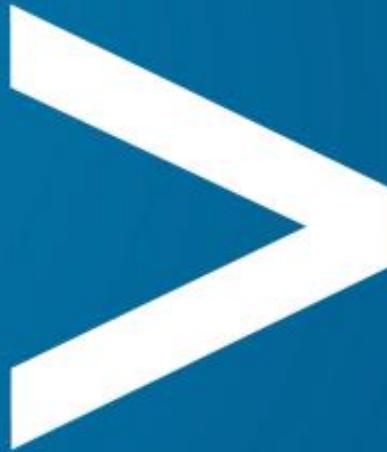
Darker=more events

Change to  
“Today” if needed

Data from asset framework

All happened around same time

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# Data Science & Machine Learning In Security

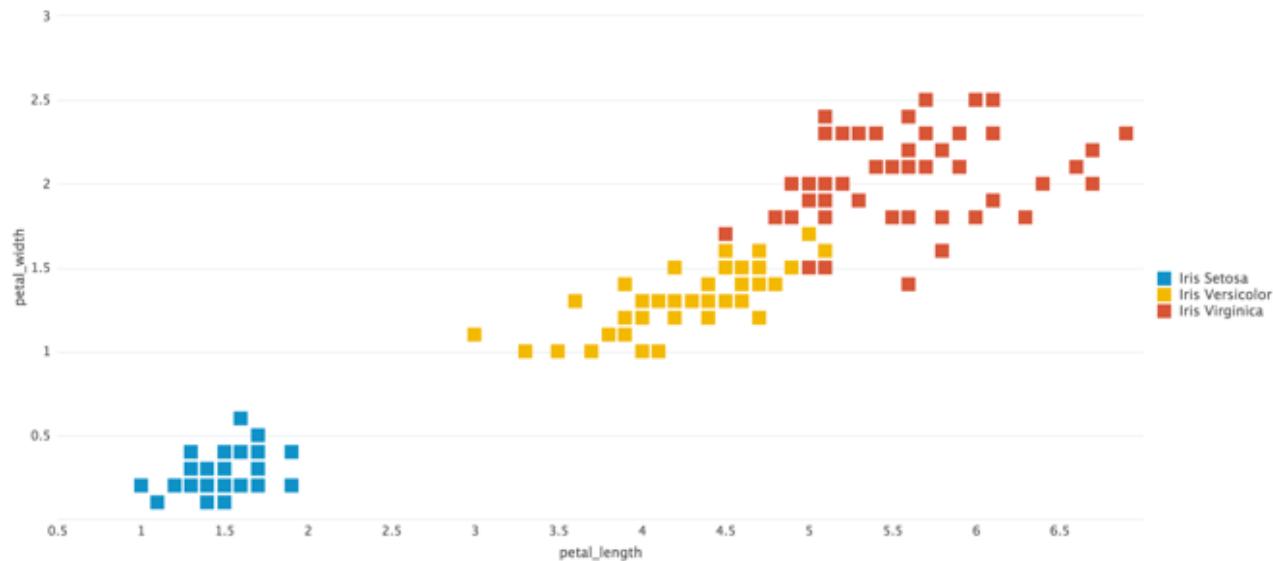
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Disclaimer: I am not a data scientist



# Types of Machine Learning

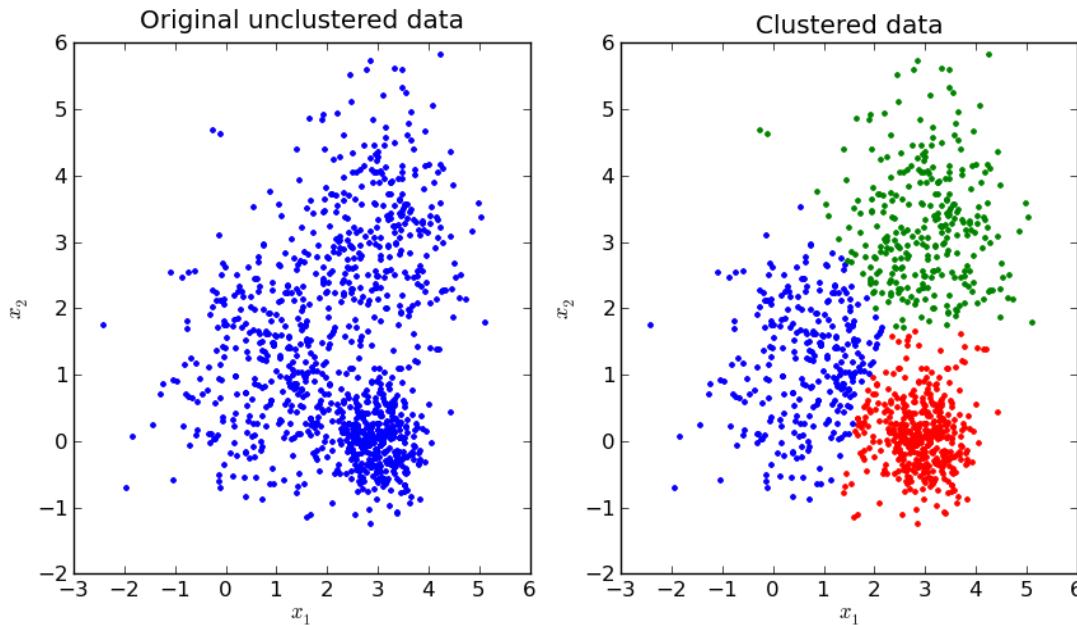
**Supervised Learning:** generalizing from labeled data



# Supervised Machine Learning

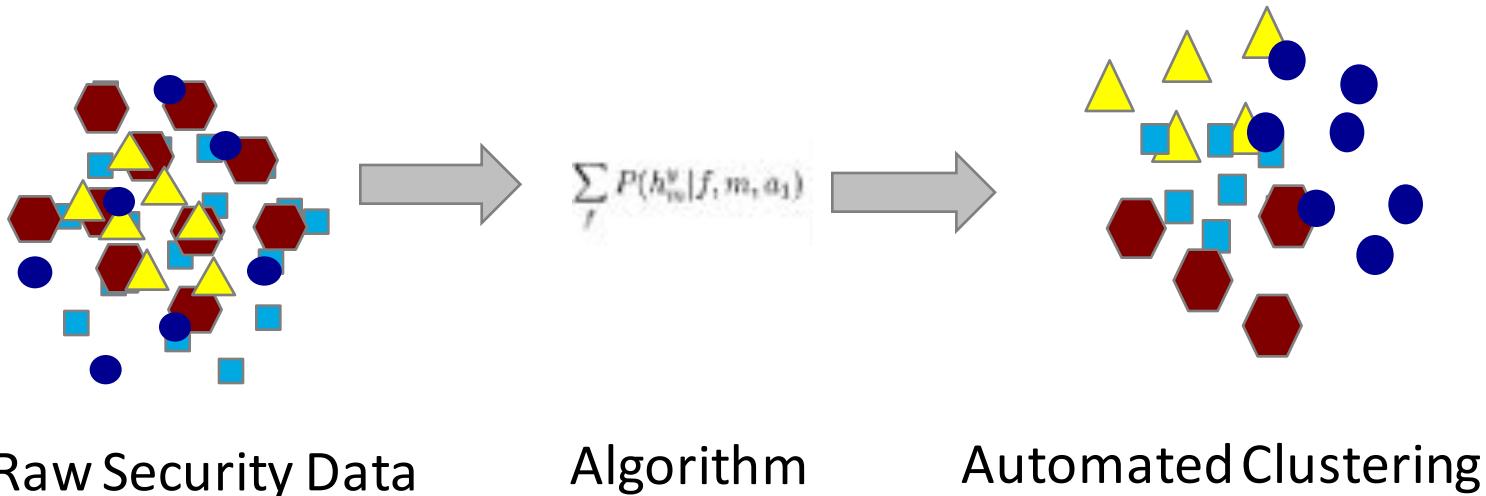
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jjeyd2u37an30.com	6192	5.05	0	1	0	0	Malicious
cdn4s.steelhousemedia.com	107	3	0	0	0	0	Benign
log.tagcade.com	111	2	0	1	0	0	Benign
go.vidprocess.com	170	2	0	0	0	0	Benign
statse.webtrendslive.com	310	2	0	1	0	0	Benign
cdn4s.steelhousemedia.com	107	1	0	0	0	0	Benign
log.tagcade.com	111	1	0	1	0	0	Benign

## Unsupervised Learning: generalizing from unlabeled data



# Unsupervised Machine Learning

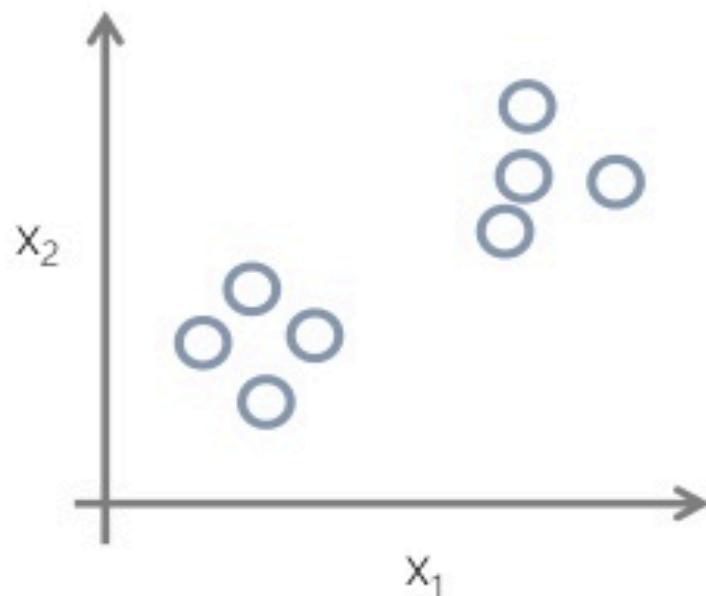
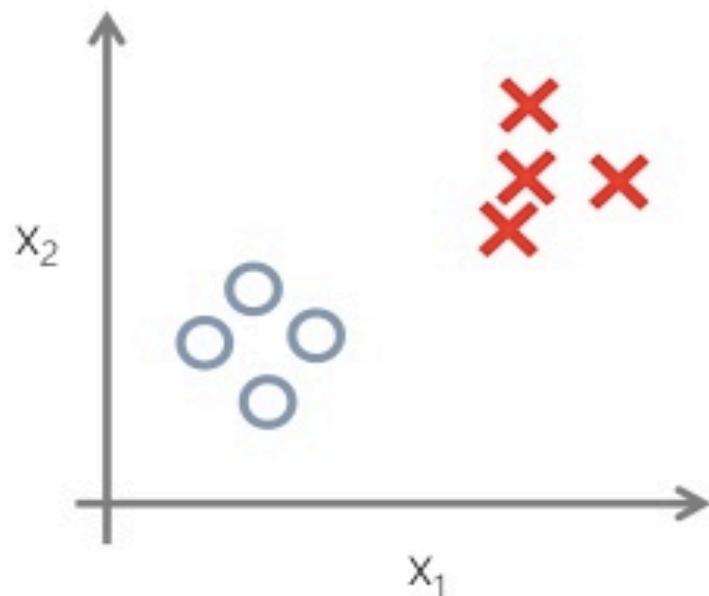
- No tuning
- Programmatically finds trends
- UBA is primarily unsupervised
- Rigorously tested for fit



# Supervised vs. Unsupervised

Supervised Learning

Unsupervised Learning



# ML Toolkit & Showcase

- Splunk Supported framework for building ML Apps
  - Get it for free: <http://tiny.cc/splunkmlapp>
- Leverages **Python for Scientific Computing** (PSC) add-on:
  - Open-source Python data science ecosystem
  - NumPy, SciPy, scikit-learn, pandas, statsmodels
- **Showcase use cases:** Predict Hard Drive Failure, Server Power Consumption, Application Usage, Customer Churn & more
- **Standard algorithms** out of the box:
  - Supervised: **Logistic Regression, SVM, Linear Regression, Random Forest, etc.**
  - Unsupervised: **KMeans, DBSCAN, Spectral Clustering, PCA, KernelPCA, etc.**
- Implement one of 300+ algorithms by editing Python scripts





# Machine Learning Toolkit Demo

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# Splunk for Analytics and Data Science

This course, delivered over three virtual days, covers implementing analytics and data science projects using Splunk's statistics, machine learning, built-in and custom visualization capabilities.

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## Upcoming Classes

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### Course Topics

- Analytics Framework
- Exploratory Data Analysis
- Machine Learning
- Market Segmentation
- Transactional Analysis
- Anomaly Detection
- Estimation and Prediction
- Classification
- Data Visualization

### Course Prerequisites

- Using Splunk
- Searching and Reporting with Splunk
- Creating Splunk Knowledge Objects
- Advanced Searching and Reporting with Splunk
- *OR equivalent Splunk experience*

# Splunk UBA

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# Splunk UBA Use Cases

## INSIDER THREATS



### ACCOUNT TAKEOVER

- Privileged account compromise
- Data exfiltration



### LATERAL MOVEMENT

- Pass-the-hash kill chain
- Privilege escalation



### SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY

- Misuse of credentials
- Geo-location anomalies

## EXTERNAL THREATS



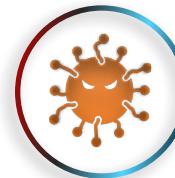
### MALWARE ATTACKS

- Hidden malware activity



### BOTNET, COMMAND & CONTROL

- Malware beaconing
- Data leakage

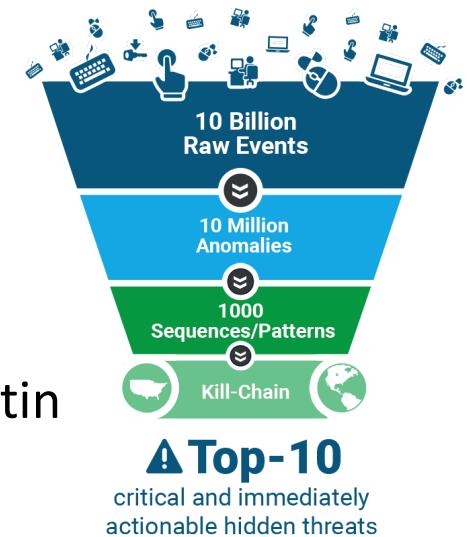


### USER & ENTITY BEHAVIOR ANALYTICS

- Suspicious behavior by accounts or devices

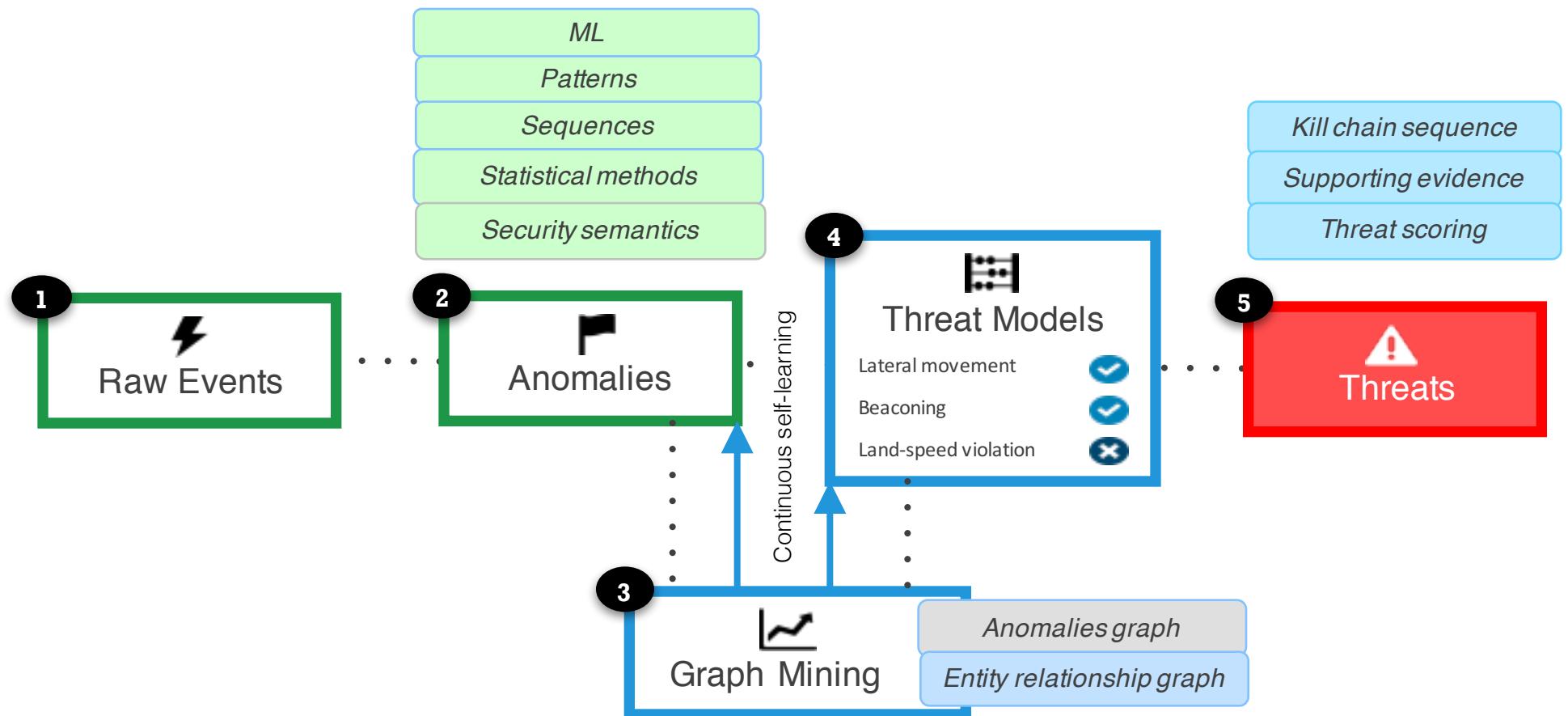
# Splunk User Behavior Analytics (UBA)

- ~100% of breaches involve valid credentials (Mandiant Report)
- Need to understand normal & anomalous behaviors for ALL users
- UBA detects Advanced Cyberattacks and Malicious Insider Threats
- Lots of ML under the hood:
  - Behavior Baseling & Modeling
  - Anomaly Detection (30+ models)
  - Advanced Threat Detection
- E.g., Data Exfil Threat:
  - “Saw this strange login & data transferfor user kwestin at 3am in China...”
  - Surface threat to SOC Analysts



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# Workflow



# Splunk UBA Demo

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# Security Workshops

- Security Readiness Assessments
- Splunk UBA Data Science Workshop
- Enterprise Security Benchmark Assessment

# Security Workshop Survey

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/8BCWHSF>