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Detecting and Profiling Hidden Threats Using Deception and Splunk

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Agenda

- ▶ Hidden threats
- ▶ Introduction to deception and use cases
- ▶ Triage of deceptive alerts with security events in Splunk
- ▶ Profiling threats: Demo

Hidden Threats

- ▶ Adversaries move within the network to find valuable or vulnerable assets
 - ▶ Perimeter-based controls can't detect the threats that have already infiltrated and are hiding within the enterprise network
 - ▶ Adversaries are using “living off the land” tactics  makes it difficult for Endpoint detection tools to detect them



How to Defend?

1. Slowdown the
Attacker

2. Speed up the
Defender



Deception



- ▶ Deception needs to blend with the environment
- ▶ Multiple types of Deception
- ▶ Deception needs to dynamic, morph and adapt over time

Deceptive Security - Use Cases

- ▶ Detect Lateral Movement in the Corporate Network
 - ▶ Detect Network Scans, Ransomware
 - ▶ Detect advanced threats that are targeting specific verticals
e.g., SWIFT, ICS

Deceptive Security - Use Cases

- ▶ Get visibility of threats in unmanaged networks, encrypted traffic, IOT devices
 - ▶ Generate actionable threat intelligence with high fidelity alerts
 - ▶ Need only a few resources to deploy another security layer

Deception Types



LURES



DECOYS



BREADCRUMBS

Decoys

- ▶ Interaction Types - Low, Medium, High
 - ▶ Services - SSH, Telnet, SMB, FTP, ...
 - ▶ Workstations
 - ▶ Databases
 - ▶ Servers
 - ▶ Routers, Switches
 - ▶ ...



Breadcrumbs



Extends deception to production devices

- ▶ Credentials - Shares, Servers
 - ▶ In-Memory hashes
 - ▶ Files
 - ▶ Registry entries
 - ▶ Browser Cookies
 - ▶ ...

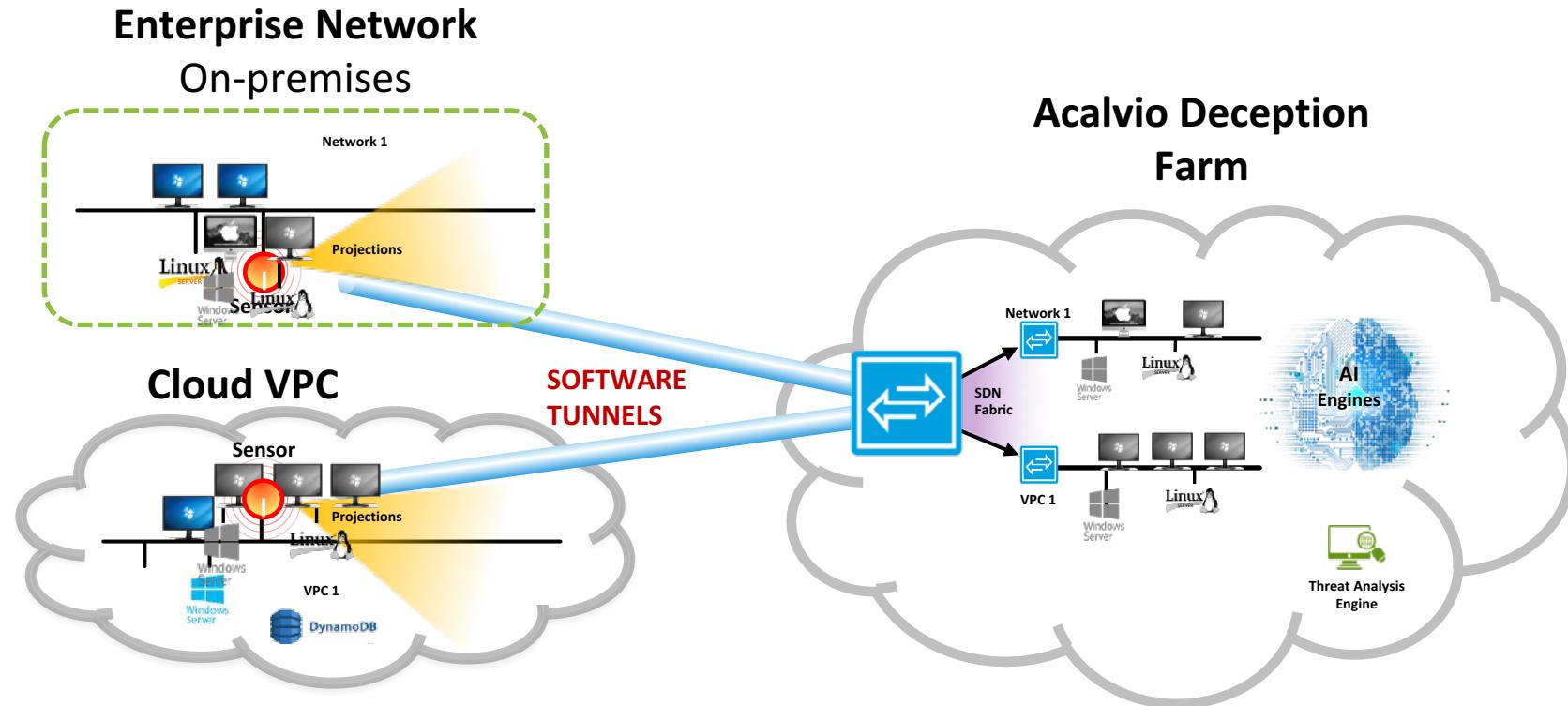
Lures & Baits

Makes deceptions more attractive

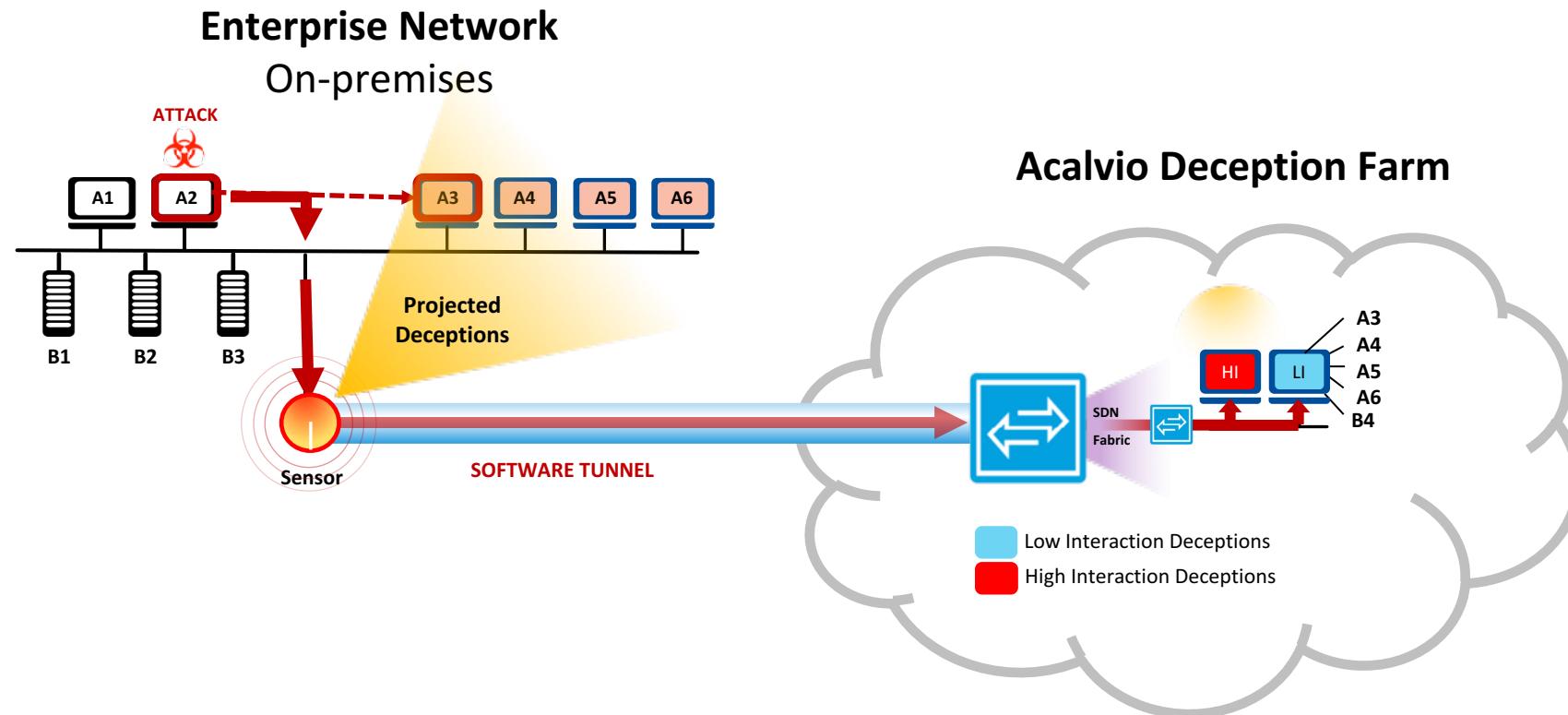
- ▶ Vulnerable Shares
 - ▶ Network Printer
 - ▶ Vulnerable Webserver
 - ▶ PACS DICOM Server
 - ▶ Contents of breadcrumbs and decoys (ex: files, user account, share, database, address book)
 - ▶ ...



Deception Farms



Fluid Deception



Threat Profiling



3. Triage with Deception Alerts

1. Customise Deception
 - Customise decoys to blend
 - Determine Deception Strategy

2. Deception Platform

Deploy Deceptions

Demo

Threat Profiling



Key Takeaways

1. Deception provides an ability to detect hidden threats
2. Deception needs to be customized and dynamic
3. Triage deception alerts with network, endpoint logs in Splunk to generate actionable internal threat intelligence