

BLUE TEAMS

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BLUE TEAM

- **Defensive Security**
- **Infrastructure protection**
- **Damage Control**
- **Incident Response(IR)**
- **Operational Security**
- **Threat Hunters**
- **Digital Forensics**



DEFINITION

*"A **blue team** is a group of individuals who perform an analysis of **information systems** to ensure security, identify security flaws, verify the effectiveness of each security measure, and to make certain all security measures will continue to be effective after implementation" - Wikipedia*

Advantage of the attacker



Attacker...

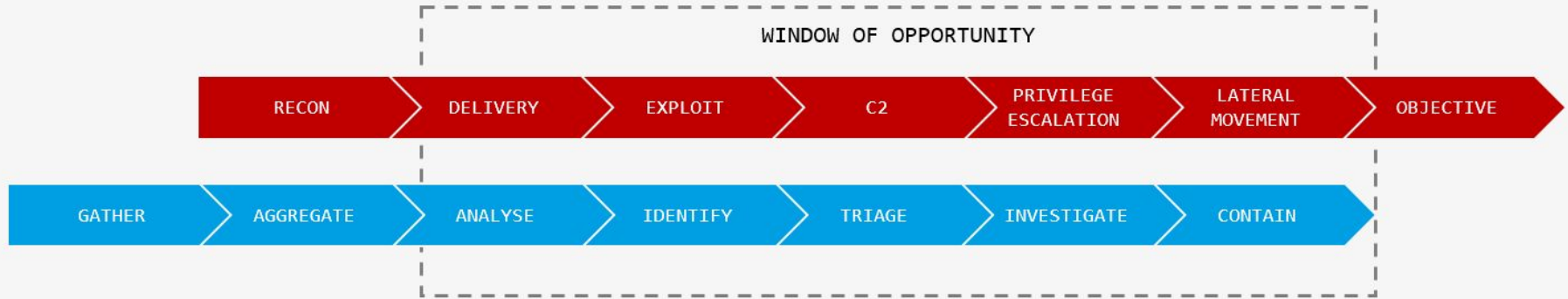
- ... must succeed once!
- ... can choose the weakest spot
- ... can leverage zero-days
- ... can play dirty



Defender...

- ... must get it right all the time
- ... must defend all places
- ... can only defend against known attacks
- ... needs to play by the rules

BLUE TEAM - Incident workflow



THE INCIDENT RESPONSE PLAN

1. Preparation
2. Detection & Analysis
3. Containment, Eradication, Recovery
4. Post-Incident Review
5. Update the plan !



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PHASE 1

PREPARATION

1 - PREPARATION

Condensed steps to prep and create a plan

1. Identify and prioritize your assets
2. Identify your potential risks
3. Establish procedures
4. Assemble a response team
5. Train your employees

1 - IDENTIFY AND PRIORITIZE YOUR ASSETS

Identifying the 'crown jewels'.

What would:

- cost the company most financially
- what would create the biggest disruption and
- cause the biggest reputational damage.



2 - IDENTIFY YOUR POTENTIAL RISKS

See Lesson 1 - White Teams about Risk assessment

3 - ESTABLISH PROCEDURES

Lists & checklists

- Forensic analysis checklists (customized for all critical systems)
- Emergency contact communications checklist
- System backup and recovery checklists (for all OSes in use, including databases)
- "Jumpbag" checklists
- Security policy review checklist (post-incident)

🔗 <https://www.sans.org/reading-room/whitepapers/incident/incident-handlers-handbook-33901>

4 - ASSEMBLE RESPONSE TEAM

Multidisciplinary & clear about their role

Not only (IT-)Technical people! Think about communication and processes

5 - TRAIN YOUR EMPLOYEES

Awareness & culture are often overlooked



THE INCIDENT RESPONSE PLAN

PHASE 2

DETECTION & ANALYSIS

2 - DETECTION

NETWORK INTRUSION

DETECTION SYSTEM (NIDS)

passively monitor the traffic on a network.

- Signature-based detection
- Statistical anomaly-based detection
- Stateful protocol analysis detection

HOST INTRUSION

DETECTION SYSTEM (HIDS)

monitoring all or parts of the dynamic behavior and the state of a computer system. Similar to AV

- Disc/process activity
- RAM
- ...

2 - DETECTION



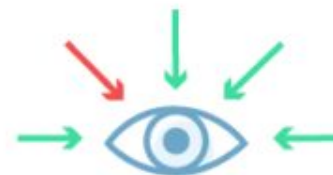
Network Intrusion
Detection



Host Intrusion
Detection



Signature-based
Detection



Anomaly-Based
Detection

2 - DETECTION

A better solution is to use a device that can immediately detect and stop an attack. An Intrusion Prevention System (IPS) performs this function.

~ Endpoint Protection Systems - "AV on steroids"

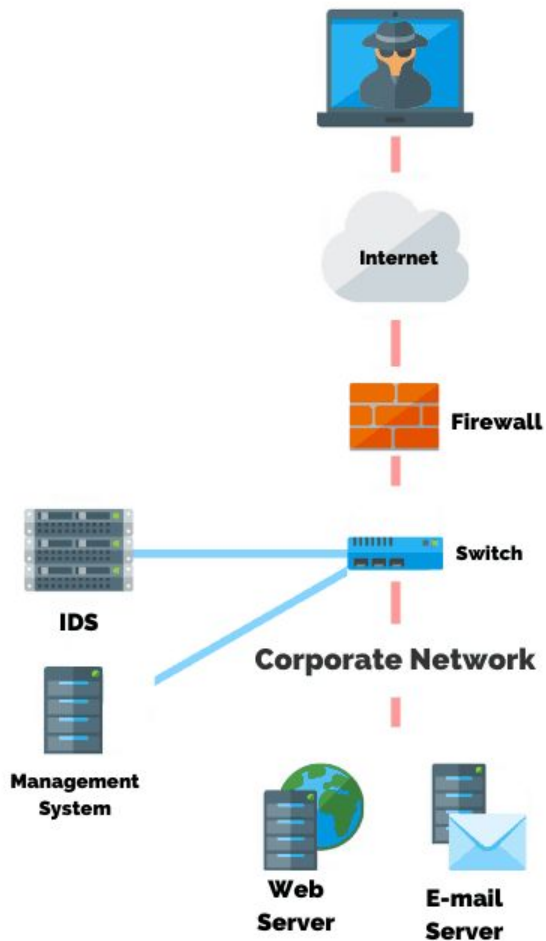
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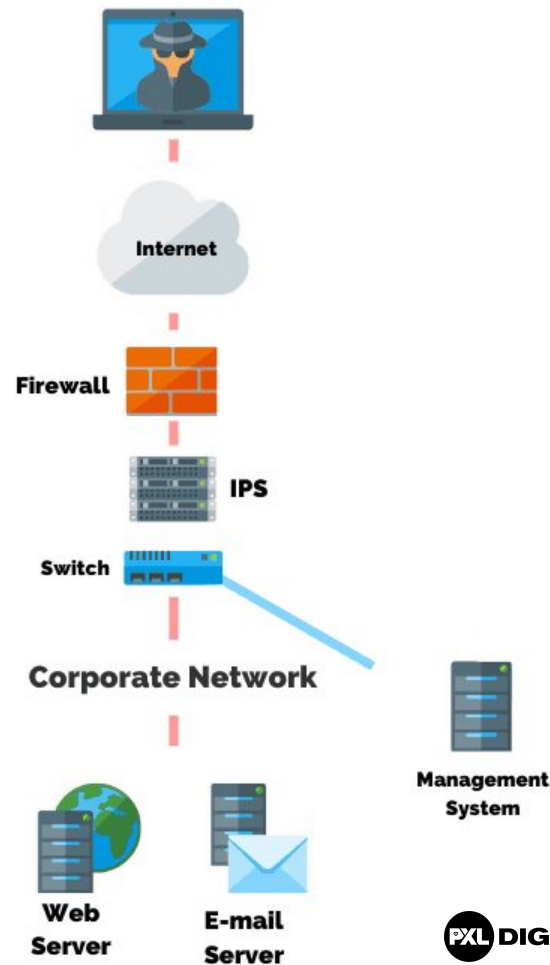
PREVENTION SYSTEM (HIPS)

Intrusion Detection System (IDS)



VS

Intrusion Prevention System (IPS)



2 - DETECTION

Tool Examples:

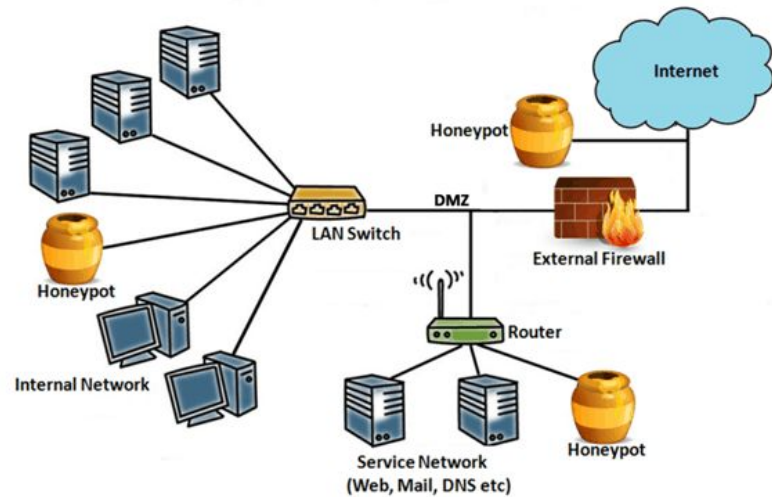
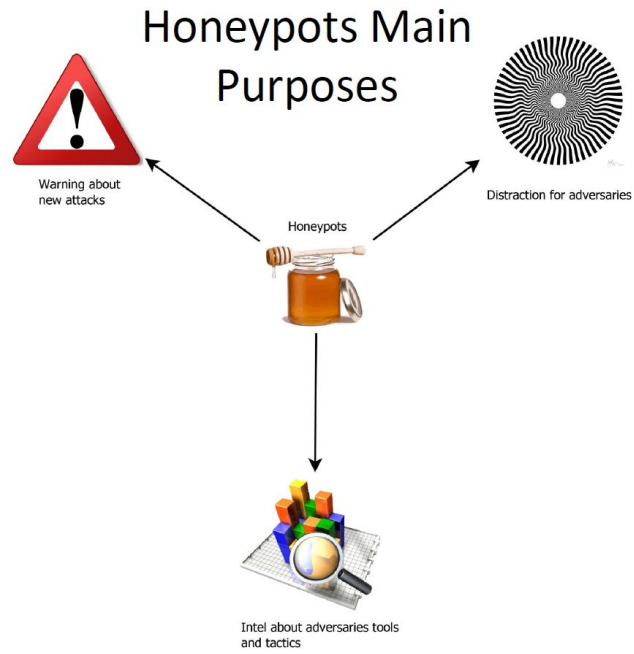
NIDS



HIDS



2 - DETECTION (Honeypot)



Types of Honeypot

Low-Interaction

- Emulate attractive services such as FTP and SMB)
- Focuses on collecting probes from attackers
- Can't genuinely be compromised, it's merely an emulation
- Easier to identify it as a honeypot

High-Interaction

- Adhere to behavioural norms
- May constitute a "honeynet"
- Attackers can interact with it like a normal machine...
- ...but it collects forensic data in a central repository
- Harder to identify as a honeypot



2 - DETECTION

“Supertools”

Combining it all - Aggregate data and correlate “With AI and Blockchain”



PLURALSIGHT VIDEOS



PLURALSIGHT

Pluralsight video: [link](#)

Relevant : Incident Detection and Response: The Big Picture

Pluralsight video: [link](#)

Relevant : Operations and Incident Response for CompTIA Security+

Pluralsight video: [link](#)

Relevant : Assessing Red Team Post Exploitation Activity

Pluralsight video: [link](#)

Relevant : Ethical Hacking: Evading IDS, Firewalls, and Honeypots

