

Security Chaos Engineering

TIC 4302 - Information Security Practicum II

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[Update: Back to work!] Google Calendar is down, so forget about your next meeting and go to the beach instead

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Science & Technology

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6 days ago



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San Francisco, July 2 (IANS) Adding to the chain of app outages happening frequently, Twitter's dashboard TweetDeck went down for sometime in Europe and America before it was restored later.

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Facebook's image outage reveals how the company's AI tags your photos



Taylor Swift
Jun 18

'Oh wow, the AI just tagged my profile picture as basic'

By James Vincent | Jul 3, 2019, 2:16pm EDT

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Apple iCloud services recover from nationwide outage

Google suffers another Outage as Google Cloud servers in the us-east1 region are cut off

By Amrata Joshi - July 3, 2019 - 9:55 am 200 0

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Do you manage a

We are creating a snapshot
industry, to keep developers
businesses at the forefront c

Cloudflare suffers another major outage

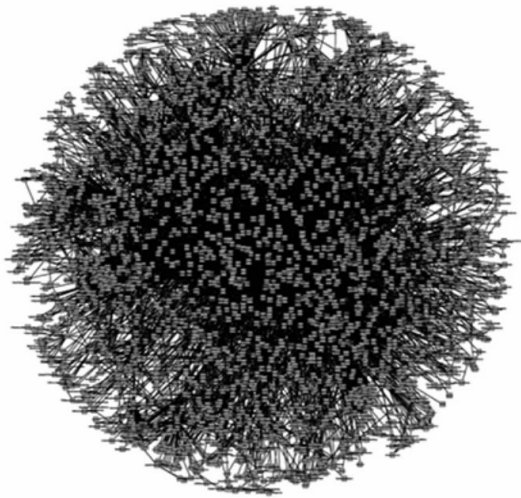
By Mike Moore 7 days ago Internet

Third major outage in a matter of weeks

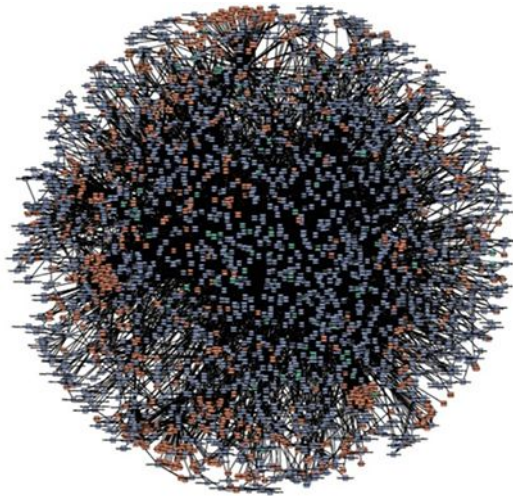


Security Breach is "costly" and "obvious" Problem but why is happening more so often?

Our systems have evolved beyond human ability to mentally model their behavior.



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Software Only Increases in Complexity

More Abstract



Scripting / interpreted languages

Perl, Python, Shell, Java

High / middle level languages

C, C++

Assembly language

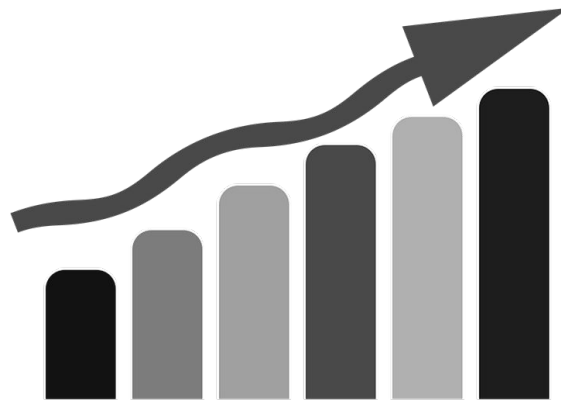
Intel X86, etc (first layer of human-readable code)

Machine code

Hexidecimal representations of binary code read by the operating system

Binary code

Binary code read by hardware - not human-readable





Complex?

Continuous Delivery

Distributed
Systems

Blue/Green
Deployments

Containers

DevOps

Infracode

Immutable
Infrastructure

Automation Pipelines

Continuous
Integration

Cloud Computing

CI/CD

Service Mesh

API

Auto Canaries

Circuit Breaker Patterns



Security?

Mostly
Monolithic

Prevention
focused

Defense in
Depth

Expert Systems

Poorly Aligned

Requires
Domain
Knowledge

Stateful in nature

Adversary
Focused

DevSecOps not
widely adopted

*Security incidents are not
effective measures of detection
because at that point it's
already too late*



NOT
Sorry

*No System is inherently Secure by Default, its
Humans that make them that way*

*People Operate Differently
when they expect things to fail*



Chaos Engineering

“Chaos Engineering is the discipline of experimenting on a distributed system in order to build confidence in the system’s ability to withstand turbulent conditions”



*Developing a **Learning Culture** around Failure*

- Safety as part of security
- Building safety margin into systems
- Replace blame culture with learning culture
- Telemetry, experimentation, and instrumentation

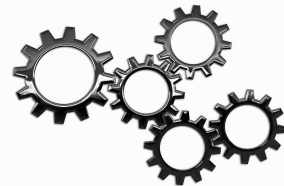


Chaos Monkey Story



NETFLIX

- During Business Hours
- Born out of Netflix Cloud Transformation
- Put well defined problems in front of engineers.
- Terminate VMs on Random VPC Instances



Chaos Engineering Operational Models

- Organization-Wide Chaos Engineering Team
- Provide a Chaos Engineering Solution for Teams to Consume
- Central Team runs periodic Chaos Experiments as a Service
- Provide SREs with Chaos Toolsets

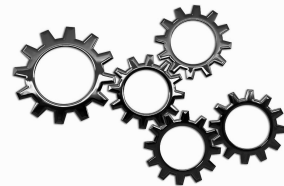
“At Netflix Chaos Engineering was always meant to be a tools practice for SREs”

- Casey Rosenthal



Security Chaos Engineering is...

“The discipline of instrumentation, identification, and remediation of failure within security controls through proactive experimentation to build confidence in the system's ability to defend against malicious conditions in production.”



Security Chaos Engineering includes...

- Continuous Security Verification
- Proactively Manage & Measure
- Reduce Uncertainty by Building Confidence
- Build Confidence in What Actually Works



Security Chaos Engineering: Is NOT

- Red Teaming
- Penetration Testing
- Adversary Based
- Focused on Attacks
- The process of creating the experiment and sharing the learnings is the highest-value of Chaos Engineering
- **Chaos Engineering Goal:**
Share Team Mental Models is of High Importance



Use Cases

- Incident Response
- Solutions Architecture
- Security Control Validation
- Security Observability
- Continuous Verification
- Compliance Monitoring



ChaoSlingr

An Open Source Tool

ChaoSlingr Product Features

- ChatOps Integration
- Configuration-as-Code
- Example Code & Open Framework
- Serverless App in AWS
- 100% Native AWS
- Configurable Operational Mode & Frequency
- Opt-In | Opt-Out Model





Hypothesis: If someone accidentally or maliciously introduced a misconfigured port then we would immediately detect, block, and alert on the event.



Firewall?



Config
Mgmt?



Log
data?



Alert
SOC?



IR
Triage



Wait...



Misconfigured
Port Injection

Result: Hypothesis disproved. Firewall did not detect or block the change on all instances. Standard Port AAA security policy out of sync on the Portal Team instances. Port change did not trigger an alert and log data indicated successful change audit.

However we unexpectedly learned the configuration mgmt tool caught change and alerted the SoC.





More Experiment Examples

- Software Secret Clear Text Disclosure
- Permission collision in Shared IAM Role Policy
- Disabled Service Event Logging
- Introduce Latency on Security Controls
- API Gateway Shutdown

- Internet exposed Kubernetes API
- Unauthorized Bad Container Repo
- Unencrypted S3 Bucket
- Disable MFA
- Bad AWS Automated Block Rule

*“Resilience is the story of the outage
that never happened.”*

- John Allspaw



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