

# Establish a Foothold in a Host



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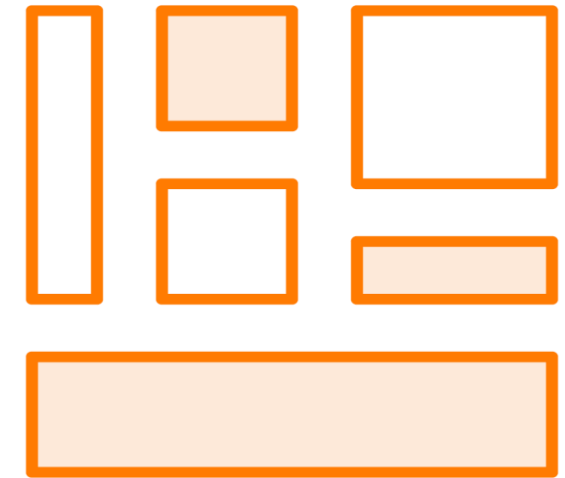
# Maintain Presence Inside the Host



**Presence**



**Undetected**



**Gather**

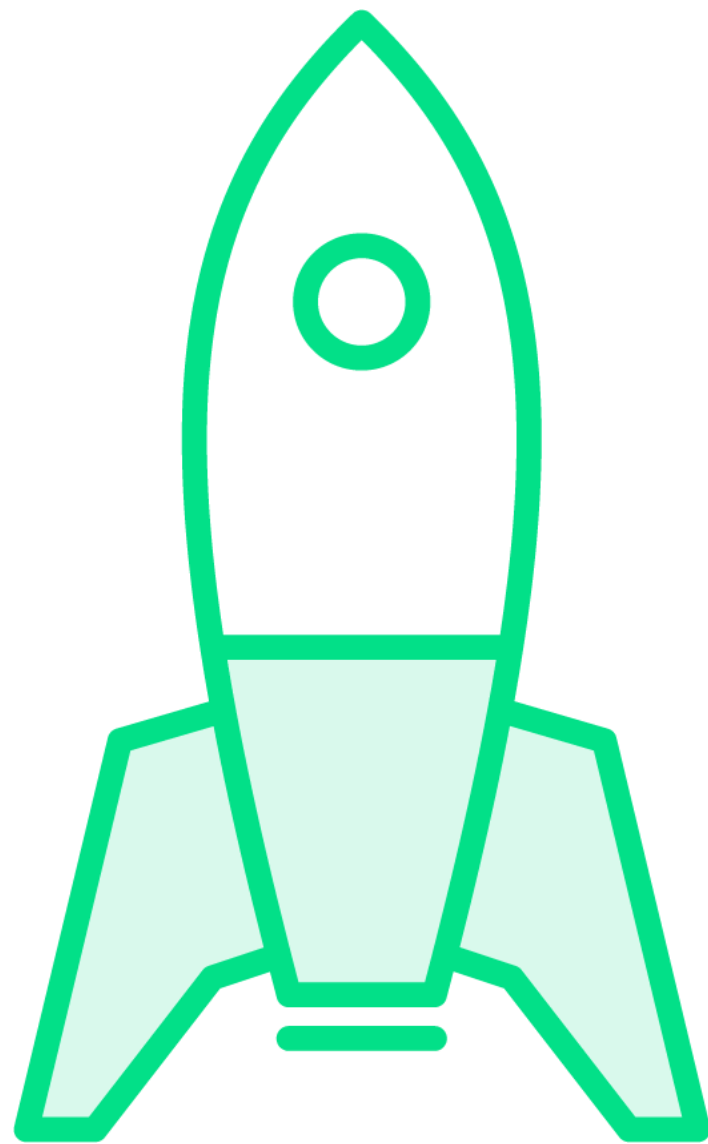


# How to Maintain Presence

**Persistence is key**

**Using backdoors or malware**





## **Escalate privileges**

### **Malicious activities start:**

- Data exfiltration
- Lateral movement

### **Risk on attacker:**

- Might be detected
- Tricky process



# Sudoers File

**Privilege  
configuration**

**Elevates privileges**

**Can be useful but  
with risk**

**Write access is  
dangerous**

**NOPASSWD poses a  
threat**



# Set User Id

**SUID, the special permission**

**Runs with owner's privileges**

**Elevates privileges if the owner is root**

**Not properly secured**

**Input manipulation**



# Bash Makes You Able

**Gained access**

**Elevate privileges**

