

# Updates from the MITRE ATT&CK® Team

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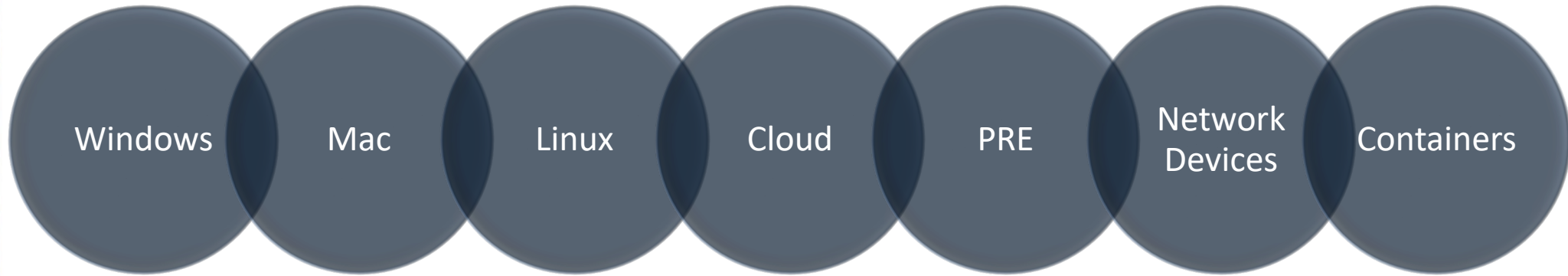
# ATT&CK 2021

April 29, 2021  
Release v9

October 2021  
Release v10



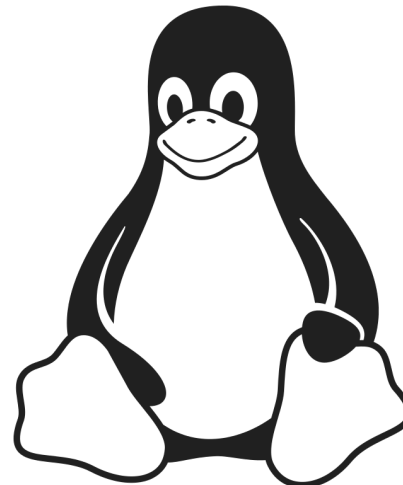
# ATT&CK for Enterprise



- A period of stability
  - No changes as big as PRE or subs on our roadmap
- Work on backlog for October

# ATT&CK for Enterprise (Mac/Linux)

- Ongoing effort to improve and expand coverage
  - Much less focus historically than Windows techniques
- Several macOS updates in our **April** release
  - More than 50% updated, more in October
- Linux updates targeted for **October** release



# ATT&CK for Enterprise (Data Sources)

## Hijack Execution Flow: COR\_PROFILER

- Was a list of text strings
- No details beyond the name
- No descriptions behind them

ID: T1574.012

Sub-technique of: T1574

Tactics: Persistence, Privilege Escalation,  
Defense Evasion

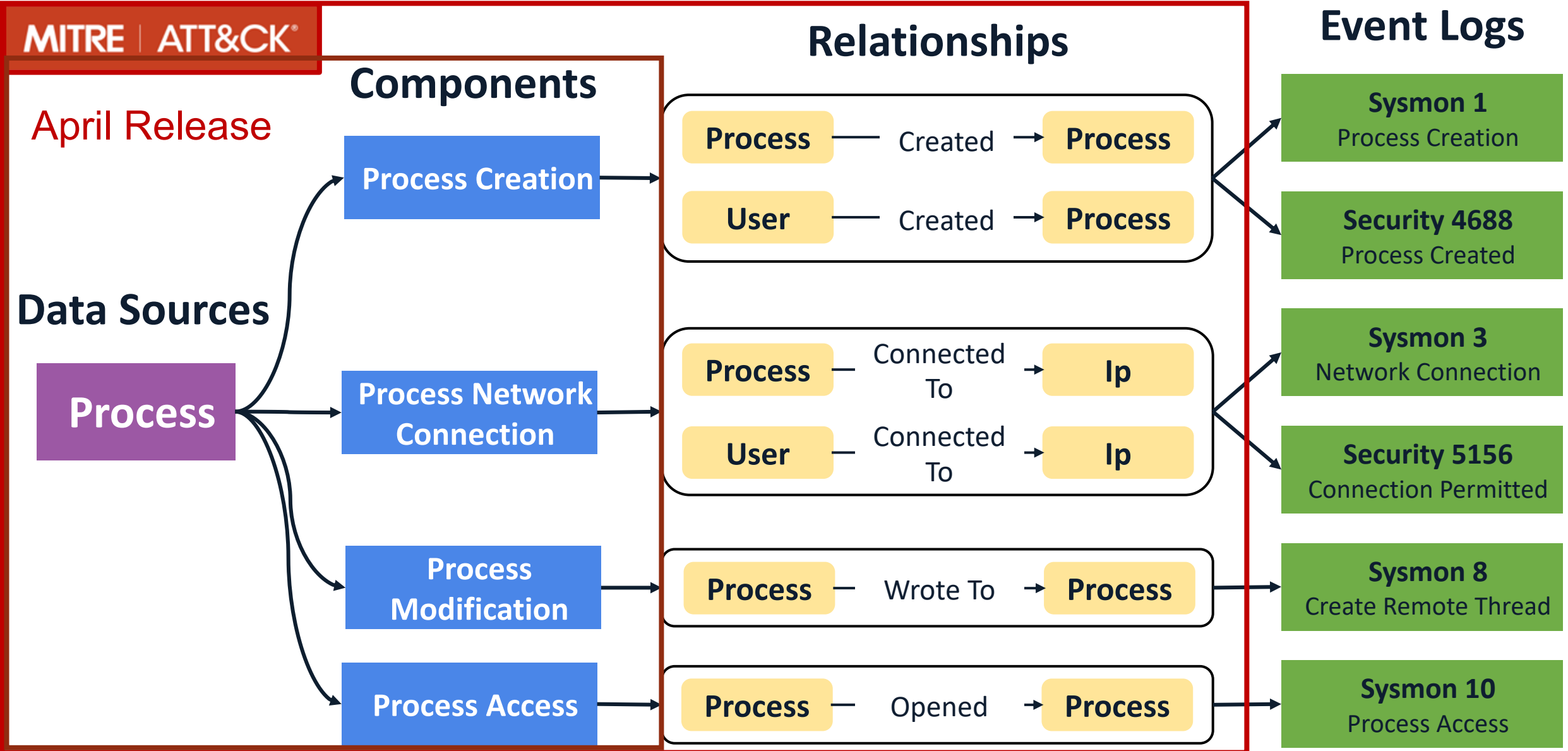
Platforms: Windows

Permissions Required: Administrator, User

Data Sources: File monitoring, Process  
command-line parameters, Process monitoring,  
Windows Registry

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# Adding metadata to ATT&CK data sources



# Data Sources for ATT&CK v9

- Data sources list/metadata in GitHub

<https://github.com/mitre-attack/attack-datasources>

```
- name: Active Directory
definition: Information associated with the Active Directory service or objects
           (Such as a user, a group, or a workstation) and activity around them.
collection_layers:
- host
- cloud
platforms:
- Windows
- Azure AD
contributors:
- ATT&CK
- CTID
data_components:
- name: active directory object creation
  description: An active directory object was created.
  type: activity
  relationships:
  - source_data_element: user
    relationship: created
    target_data_element: ad object
```

# Data Sources in ATT&CK v9

- No objects yet (pushed to October)
- Updating all data sources to new format
  - Data Source: Component

ID: T1482

Sub-techniques: No sub-techniques

① Tactic: Discovery

① Platforms: Windows

① Permissions Required: User

① Data Sources: **Command**: Command Execution, **Process**: OS API Execution, **Process**: Process Creation, **Script**: Script Execution



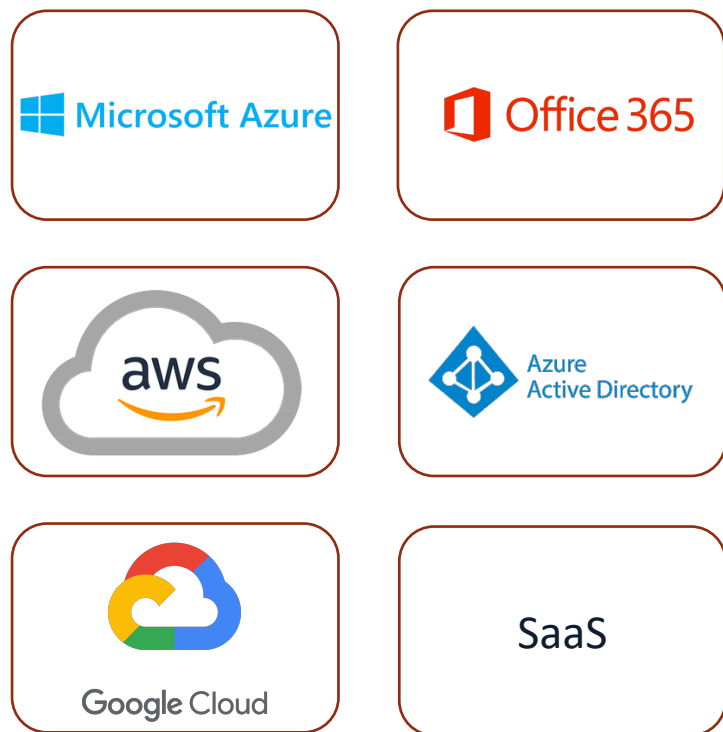
# Data Sources as an Object

- Slated for Enterprise in October ATT&CK release
- Should flow to other parts of ATT&CK over time
- Will dramatically improve ATT&CK data sources

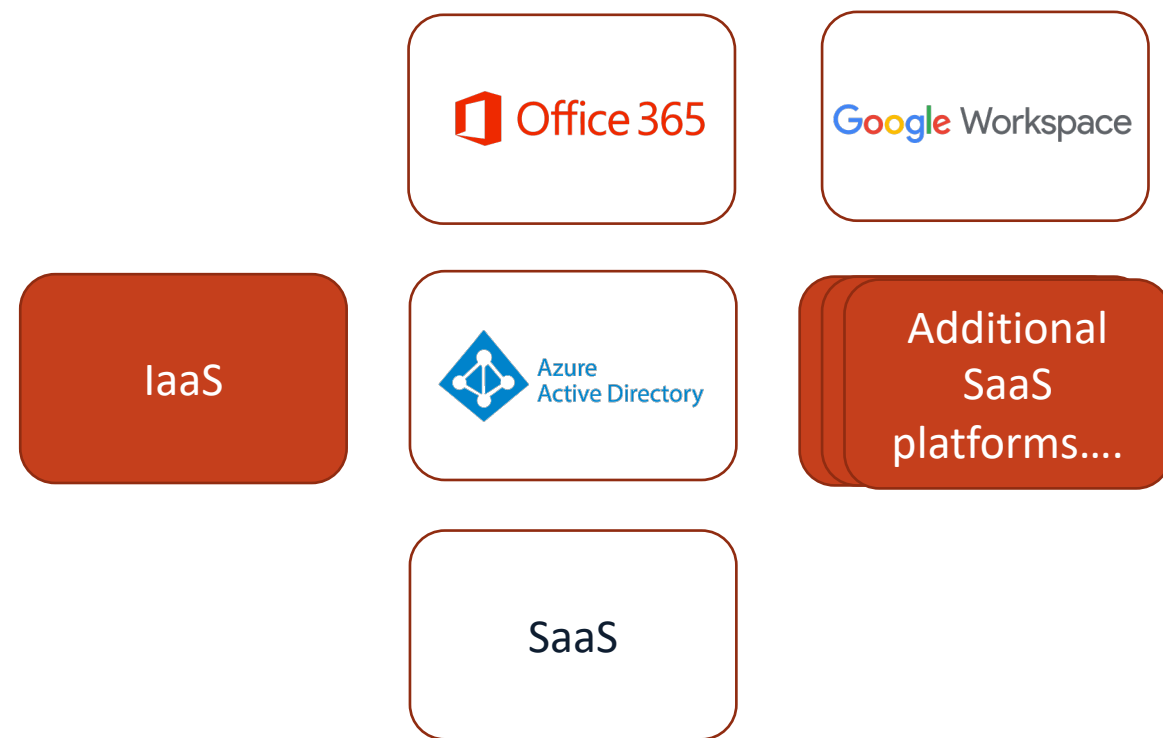
Field	Data Type	Description
<b>Name</b>	String	The name of the data source based on the main data elements from the recommended telemetry.
<b>Definition</b>	String	A general description of the data source, including all the data elements and their relationships.
<b>Collection Layers</b>	List	A description of data collection locations. This is a key element to start identifying the main physical sources of data.
<b>Platforms</b>	List	The operating system or application where data can be collected within an environment.
<b>Data Components</b>	List of Dictionaries	Group(s) of relationships identified among data elements that define a data source. This information also includes the relationships hence the list of dictionaries.
<b>Contributors</b>	List	Name(s) of the contributor(s) that defined or improved the ATT&CK data source.
<b>References</b>	List	Citation of sources leveraged, or sources that may contribute to an enhanced understanding of a data source.

# ATT&CK for Enterprise (Cloud)

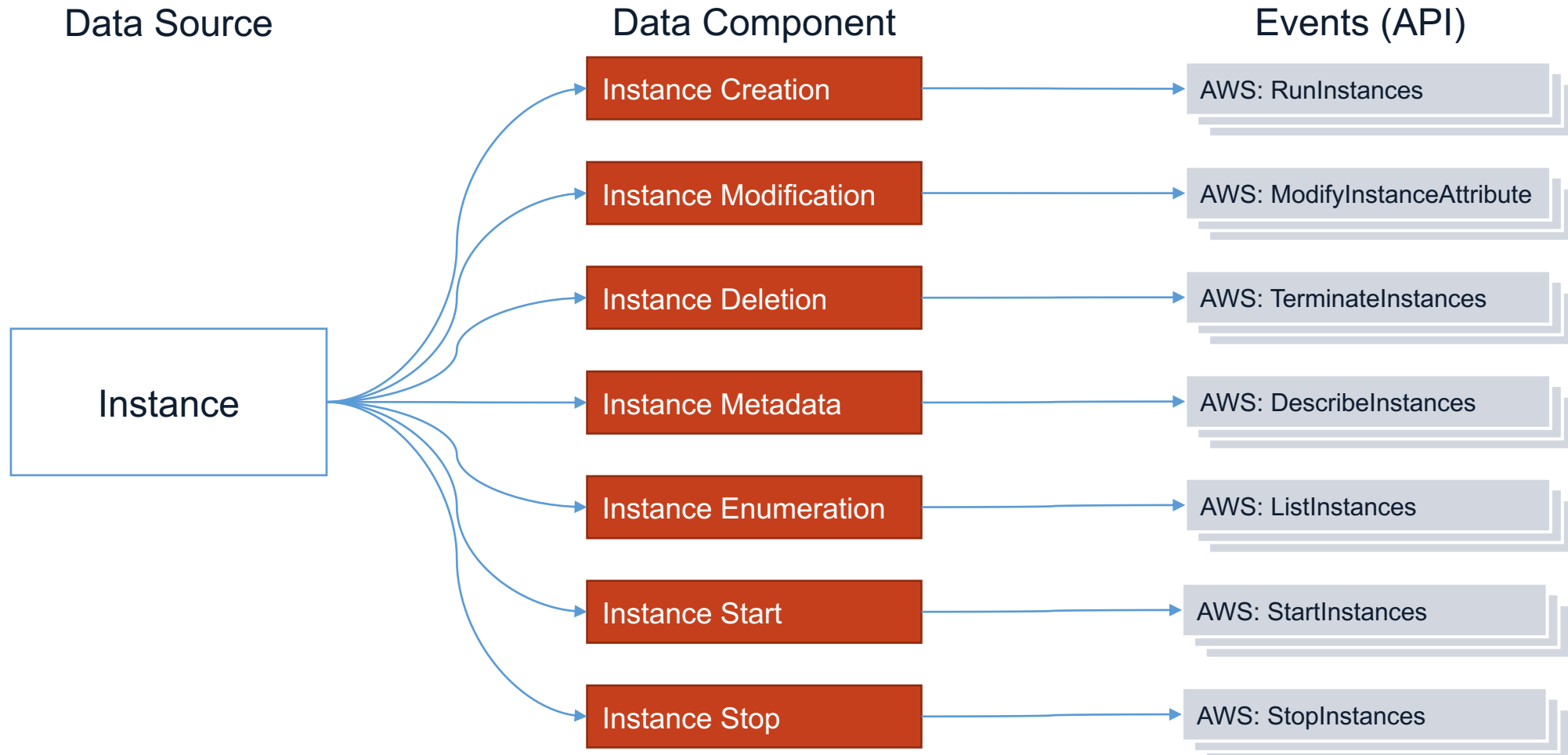
## ATT&CK v8



## ATT&CK v9



# Cloud Example Data Source



# ATT&CK for Enterprise (Containers)

Initial Access	Execution	Persistence	Privilege Escalation	Defense Evasion	Credential Access	Discovery	Lateral Movement	Impact
Using Cloud credentials	Exec into container	Backdoor container	Privileged container	Clear container logs	List K8S secrets	Access the K8S API server	Access cloud resources	Data Destruction
Compromised images in registry	bash/cmd inside container	Writable hostPath mount	Cluster-admin binding	Delete K8S events	Mount service principal	Access Kubelet API	Container service account	Resource Hijacking
Kubeconfig file	New container	Kubernetes CronJob	hostPath mount	Pod / container name similarity	Access container service account	Network mapping	Cluster internal networking	Denial of service
Application vulnerability	Application exploit (RCE)		Access cloud resources	Connect from Proxy server	Applications credentials in configuration files	Access Kubernetes dashboard	Applications credentials in configuration files	
Exposed Dashboard	SSH server running inside container					Instance Metadata API	Writable volume mounts on the host	
							Access Kubernetes dashboard	
							Access tiller endpoint	

Microsoft's ATT&CK-like "Threat Matrix for Kubernetes"



# ATT&CK for Containers in v9

## Containers Matrix

Below are the tactics and techniques representing the MITRE ATT&CK® Matrix for Enterprise covering techniques against container technologies. The Matrix contains information for the Containers platform.

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show sub-techniques

hide sub-techniques

help

Initial Access 3 techniques	Execution 4 techniques	Persistence 4 techniques	Privilege Escalation 4 techniques	Defense Evasion 6 techniques	Credential Access 2 techniques	Discovery 2 techniques	Impact 3 techniques
Exploit Public-Facing Application	Container Administration Command	External Remote Services	Escape to Host	Build Image on Host	Brute Force (3)	Container and Resource Discovery	Endpoint Denial of Service
External Remote Services	Deploy Container	Implant Internal Image	Exploitation for Privilege Escalation	Deploy Container	Password Guessing	Network Service Scanning	Network Denial of Service
Valid Accounts (2)	Scheduled Task/Job (1)	Scheduled Task/Job (1)	Scheduled Task/Job (1)	Impair Defenses (1)	Password Spraying		Resource Hijacking
Default Accounts	Container Orchestration Job	Container Orchestration Job	Container Orchestration Job	Disable or Modify Tools	Credential Stuffing		
Local Accounts	User Execution (1)	Valid Accounts (2)	Valid Accounts (2)	Indicator Removal on Host	Unsecured Credentials (2)		
	Malicious Image	Default Accounts	Default Accounts	Masquerading (1)	Credentials In Files		
		Local Accounts	Local Accounts	Match Legitimate Name or Location	Container API		
				Valid Accounts (2)			
				Default Accounts			
				Local Accounts			

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# ATT&CK for Mobile & ICS

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Enterprise ATT&CK  
ICS ATT&CK

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- Working towards feature equity with Enterprise
- **ICS** – STIX release timed with Enterprise
  - Cross Domain Groups in October
- **Mobile** – Full release timed with Enterprise
  - Working on sub-techniques

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