

A day in the life of an  
incident responder



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# Intro

- ✓ what's like to do IR
- ✓ how your forensic skills might help you in IR
- ✓ “Forensic-O-Meter”
- ✓ ask anytime



# Summary



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- Intro.
- What is IR
- Typical day
- Case Work.
- Ad-hoc/ Non Case Work
- Pros vs Cons .
- Outro

# NIST Cyber Security Framework



What is IR?

# How SIEM and SOC Work Together:



What is IR?

SOC? SIEM? 24/7? IR?

# L3 position



Event → Security Event → Incident

IR Commander; IR Eng.; Mas-Com; Inc-Com;

SIEM showcase



What is IR?

# Typical day



- Comms (email, messaging) ☺
  - update on cases/ ad-hoc jobs
  - new cases/ ad-hoc jobs
  - news
- Case management (SIEM, case-mgmt, paging) ☺
  - update on running cases
  - new cases
- News ([twitter](#), [feedly](#), [talkback](#)) ☺
  - Why news? more on hunting
- To Do ☺
- Acquire access/ PAM ☺
  - depends on case/ ad-hoc jobs acquire access
- Work on cases ☺
- Ad-hoc/ non case work ☺

# Case work

- Non-IR/ SOC case
  - technical advice for L1, L2, ISO (win, lin, log analysis)
- IR
  - IR Workflow: Preparation → Detection & Analysis (undo)  
→ Containment 😊, Eradication 😊, Recovery 😊 → Lesson learned

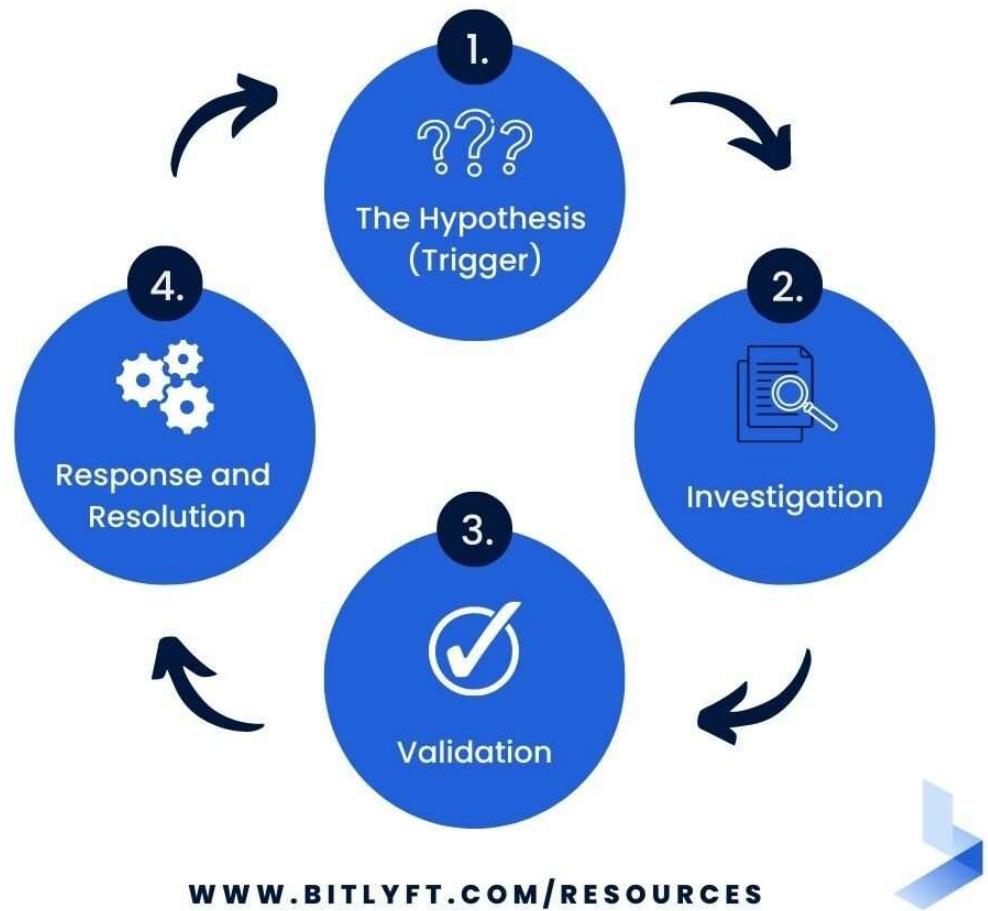
# Non Case Work: Improvements

- Detection Eng.
  - New application/ log 😊 (log analysis)
  - Improvement of current use cases 😊 (win, lin, cloud, log analysis)
- Knowledge Base
  - Update KB, create new articles ☺😊 (win, lin, cloud, log analysis, DF knowledge)
- Process Improvement

# Non Case Work: Hunting 😊

CTI/ other sources → hypothesis  
→ hunts

## 4 STEPS OF **CYBER THREAT HUNTING**



# Non Case Work: Personal Projects

- L3 projects
  - collection script (<https://aldosimon.com/improving-sentinel-live-response-collection>)
  - IR capability Matrix (WIP)

# Pros vs cons

Pros	Cons
Fun stuff	On calls
New tech	Stress
Meet people	
Learn new stuff	

# Outro

## Credits:

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