

# BRO BEFRIENDS SURICATA

## SURICATA AND BRO FIGHTING MALWARE TOGETHER

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# WHOAMI

Part of the team doing enterprise information security

We don't do product security

We monitor our infrastructure

We respond to security investigations and incidents

We help developers design and implement security controls

We build tools & services to keep users secure

"A human wireshark". A threat. Management.

## NSM IN MOZILLA

9 Offices

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3 Continents

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1 Datacenter

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X AWS

Around 20 sensors and who knows how many workers :-)

From 2012. Netoptics, now Arista.

# MOZILLA CONTRIBUTIONS TO BRO IDS

PR. Tons of PR.

Largest (problematic) installation ever. AUS?

Heka-Lua scripts for parsing logs

Tons of bug reports (SSL, hello Bugzilla)

76 scripts - 4200 LoC - OpenSource

\$\$\$\$ 200 000

Myricom plugin (+Seth)

Ansible playbooks - OpenSource

**WE HAVE A SECRET  
I WILL SHARE A SECRET  
IS SHARED SECRET STILL A SECRET?**

# BRO IS NOT THE ONLY IDS WE USE!!

We use Suricata too



Actually, a whole mob



## BTW - WHAT IS AN IDS?

An intrusion detection system (IDS) is a device or software application that monitors network or system activities for malicious activities or policy violations and produces reports to a management station.

## KEYWORDS

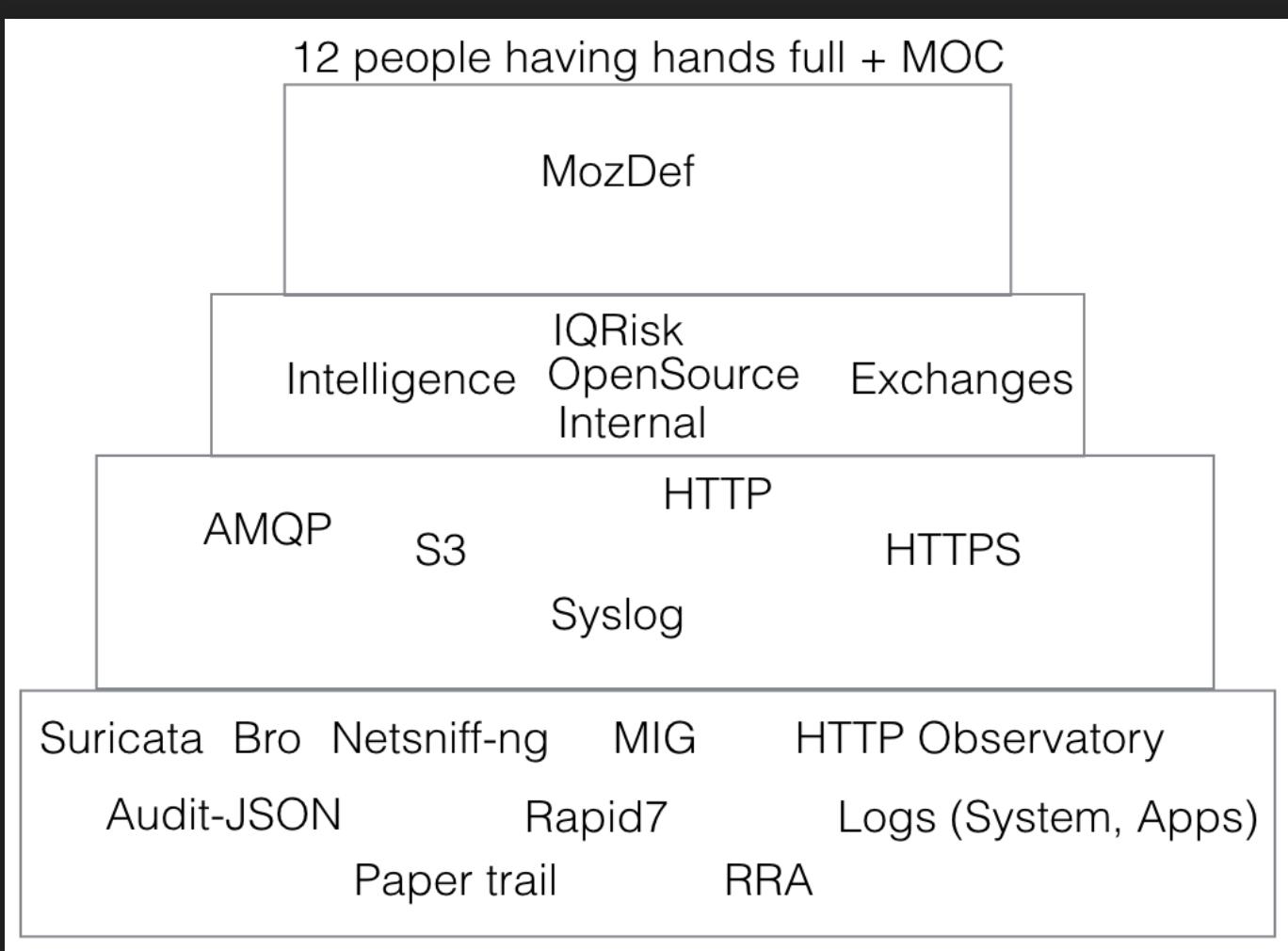
malicious activity <-- known indicators

policy violations <-- known rules

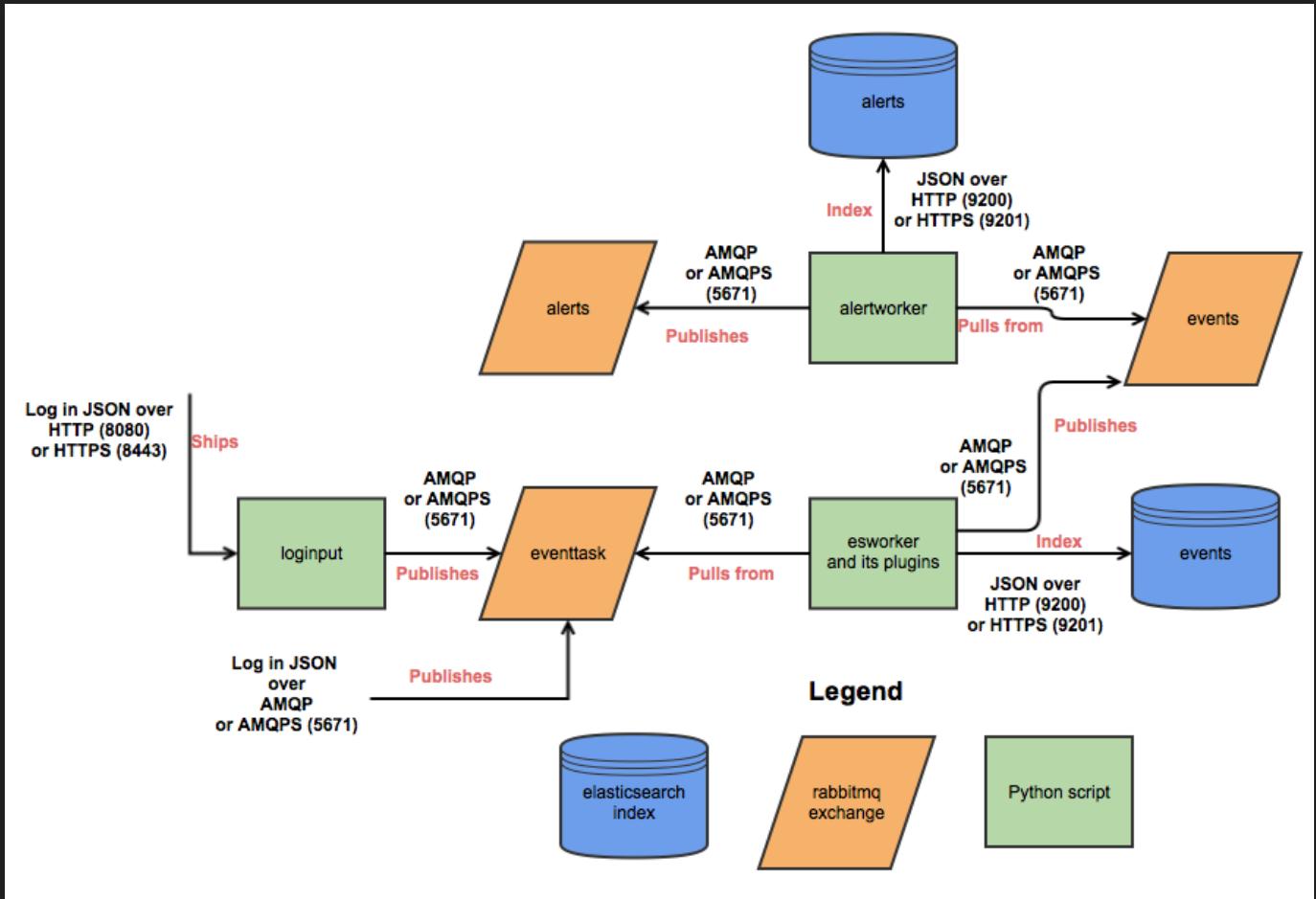
Missing? 'anomalies' <-- unknown

No perfect tool for the job

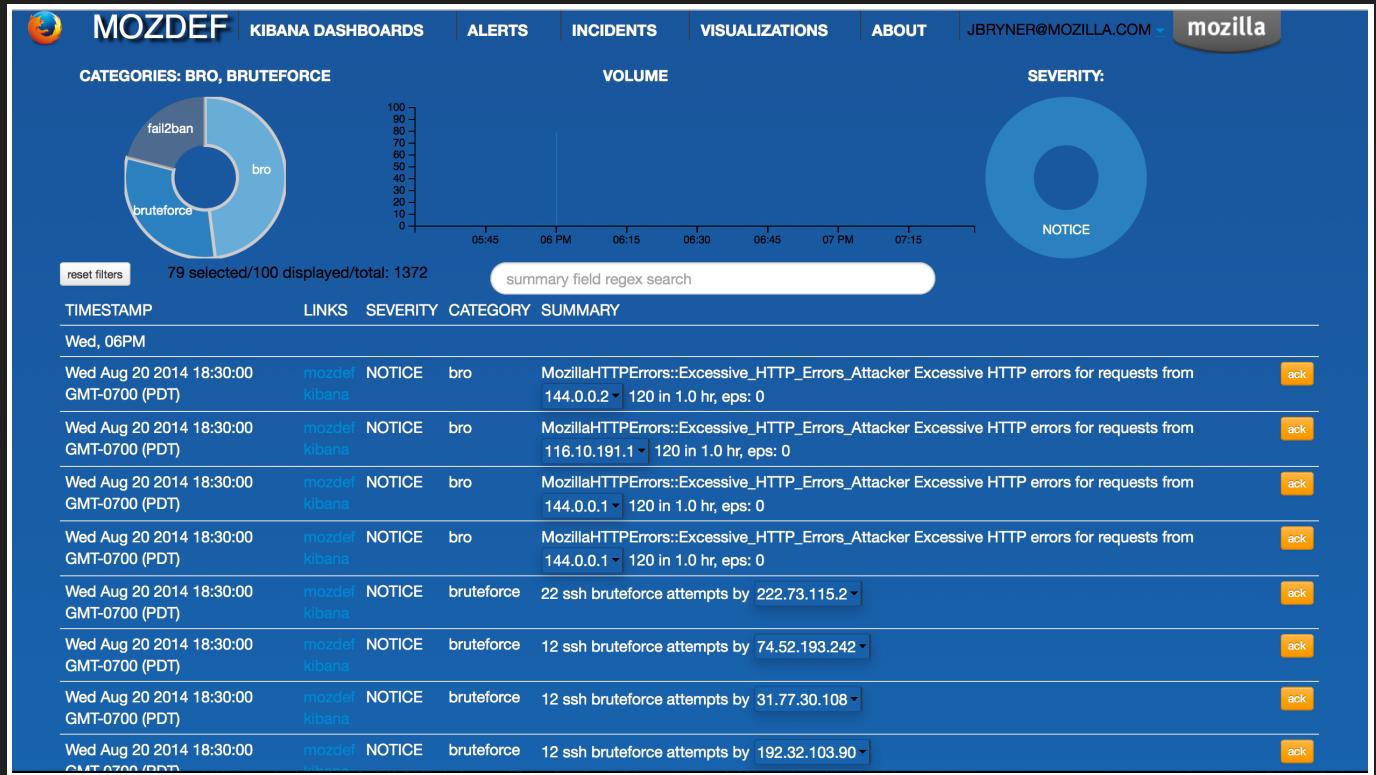
NSA? FSB? Ransomware and old Java? Risk managent FTW!!



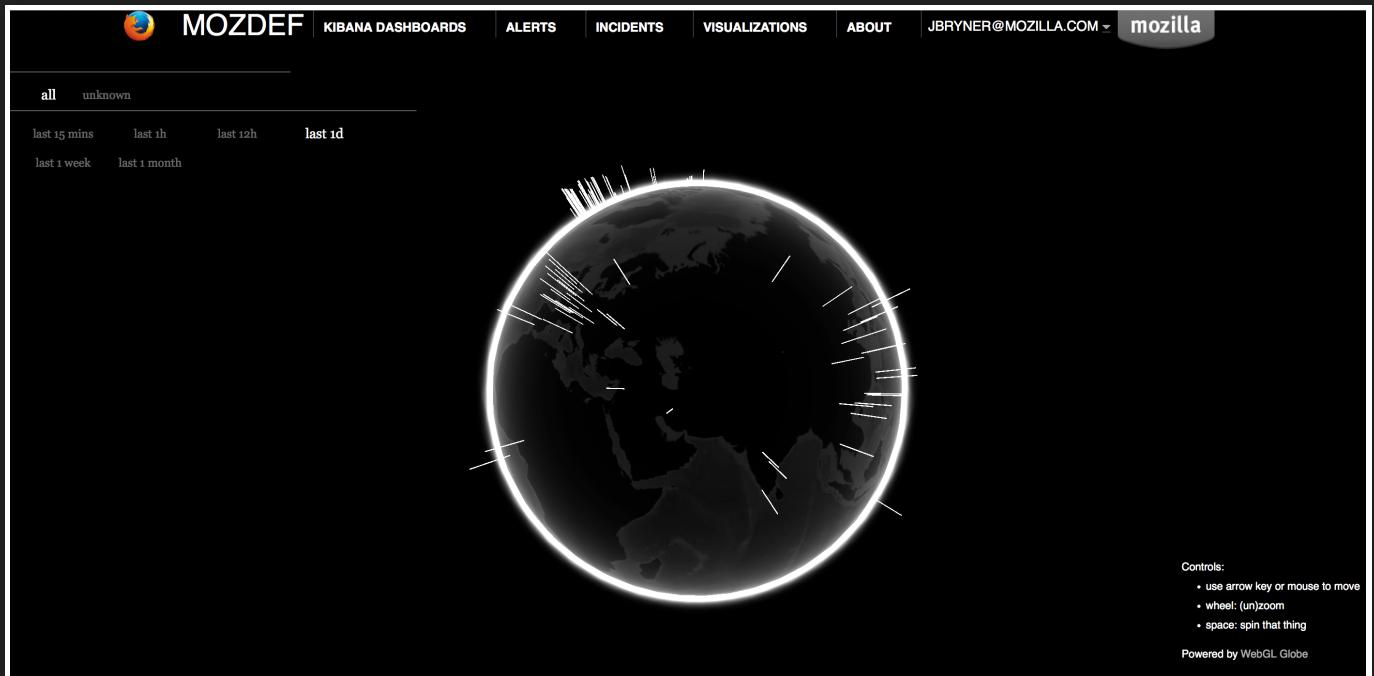
# CAN'T GET ENOUGH



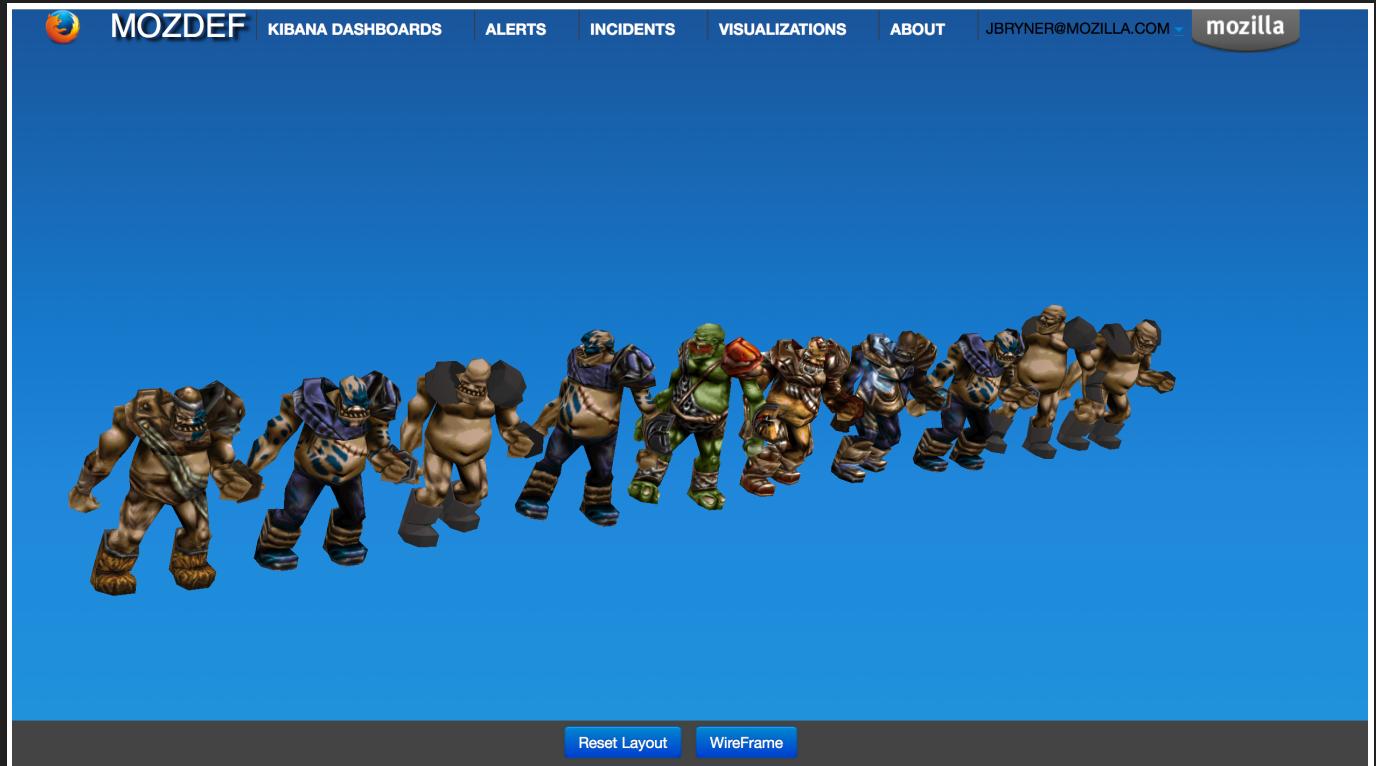
# SPEAKING ABOUT TOOLS



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```
{  
  "category": "execve",  
  "processid": "0",  
  "receivedtimestamp": "2014-03-01T15:22:54.457658+00:00",  
  "severity": "INFO",  
  "utctimestamp": "2014-03-01T15:22:54+00:00",  
  "tags": ["audisp-json", "2.0.0", "audit"],  
  "timestamp": "2014-03-01T15:22:54+00:00",  
  "hostname": "admin1a.private.scl3.mozilla.com",  
  "mozdefhostname": "mozdef2.private.scl3.mozilla.com",  
  "summary": "Execve: nmap 63.245.214.53 -p22 -Pn",  
  "processname": "audisp-json",  
  "details": {  
    "fsuid": "3407",  
    "tty": "(none)",  
  },  
}
```

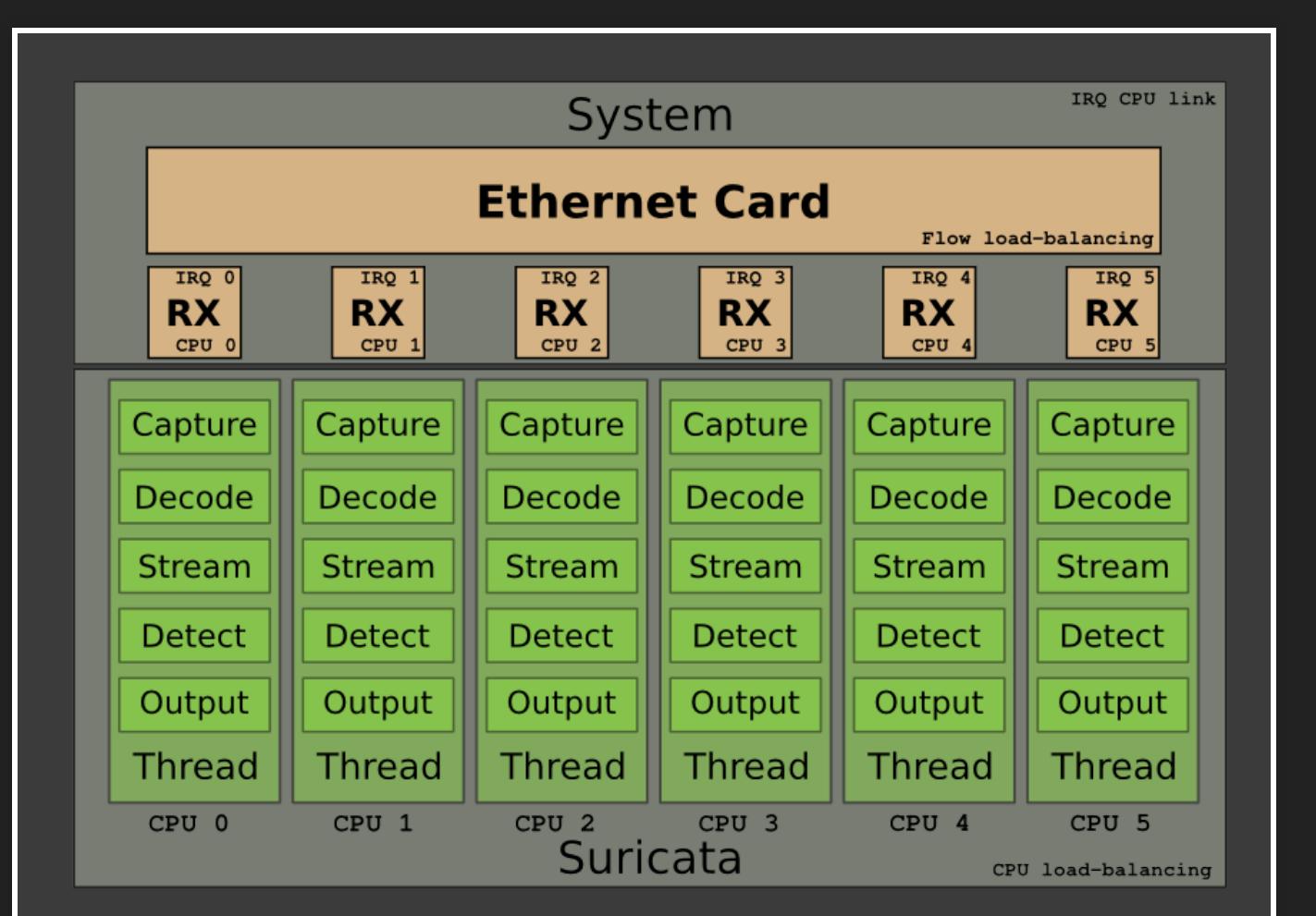
## BASIC IDS FUNCTIONALITY

Stream reconstruction

Protocol level analysis

Pattern recognition

Decompressing content (HTTP)



# SURICATA IN 2016

IDS and IPS (nfq)

Multi threading

Protocol identification (port independent)

File identification and extraction, hash calculation

Deep TLS analysis

Application layer logs (in JSON)

Lua scripting

```
alert http $HOME_NET any -> $EXTERNAL_NET  
any (msg:"ET CURRENT_EVENTS Unknown  
Malicious Second Stage Download URI Struct  
Sept 15 2015"; flow:established,to_server;  
urilen:>46; content:".php?id="; http_uri;  
fast_pattern:only; content:"&rnd=";  
http_uri; pcre:"/\.\php\?id=[0-9A-F]  
{32,&rnd=\d+\$/U"; content:!Referer|3a|";  
http_header; classtype:trojan-activity;  
sid:2021787; rev:2; )
```

**LOOK MUM - NO PORTS!!**

```
alert http $EXTERNAL_NET any -> $HOME_NET
any (msg:"ET CURRENT_EVENTS Cryptowall
docs campaign Sept 2015 encrypted binary
(1)"; flow:established,to_client;
file_data; content:"|23 31 f9 4f 62 57 73
67|"; within:8;
flowbits:set,et.exploitkitlanding;
classtype:trojan-activity; sid:2021778;
rev:2;)
```

**MATCHING FILE\_DATA LIKE A B^HPRO**

# EVENT LOGS

```
{  
    "timestamp": "2009-11-24T21:27:09.534255",  
    "event_type": "alert",  
    "src_ip": "192.168.2.7",  
    "src_port": 1041,  
    "dest_ip": "x.x.250.50",  
    "dest_port": 80,  
    "proto": "TCP",  
    "alert": {  
        "action": "allowed",  
        "gid": 1,  
        "signature_id": 2001999,  
        "rev": 9,  
        "signature": "ET MALWARE BTGrab.com Spyware Downloading Ads"  
        "category": "A Network Trojan was detected",  
    },  
}
```

# LUA IS COOL. AND RICH, TOO.

```
--[[  
Detection for CVE-2016-0056 expects DOCX  
  
This lua script can be run standalone and verbosely on a Flash file.  
echo "run()" | luajit -i script name docx file  
  
Francis Trudeau  
With no help from Darien even though he loves LUA.  
--]]  
  
require("zip")  
  
function init (args)  
    local needs = {}  
    needs["http.response_body"] = tostring(true)
```

```
alert http $EXTERNAL_NET any -> $HOME_NET any (msg:"ET LUAJIT MS Off
```

## CUSTOM HEADER MISSING?

Adding new protocol level fields - C code changes

Something invisible from Lua - C code changes

New input like Myricom/Netmap - C code changes

Sometimes add on functionality presents challenges

```
module MozillaHTTPHeaders;

export {

    redef record Intel:::Info += {
        ## True client IP address added by our ZLBs
        cluster_client_ip: string &log &optional;
    };

    redef record Intel:::Seen += {
        ## Log value of the X-CLUSTER-CLIENT-IP
        ## True client IP address added by our ZLBs
        cluster_client_ip: string &log &optional;
    };

    redef record HTTP:::Info += {
```

## I JUST COULD NOT RESIST

	Bro	Suricata
Intel Framework	Extend it - custom fields	Hardcoded fields
Logs	Rich, easy to extend	Hardcoded
Scripting	Bro IS scripting	Lua - hardcoded but powerful

## ON THE OTHER HAND

	Bro	Suricata
Care and feed	Lots	Just runs
Performance	A few Gbit/sec 20 000 rules	10? 20? 40Gbit/sec?

# WHAT ARE WE HUNTING FOR?

With Suricata. And Why.

Can I do it with Bro?

CnC - insane detection capabilities, tons of rules

```
2016-07-15T17:57:58+0000 CT7wYb3MaOc2KNL6P
10.252.28.186 60158 70.38.27.158 80 1 GET
support.pckeeper.com /ping.html - PCKAV
(1.1.1049.0) 6.2.9200.0 x64 0 6 200 OK --
(empty) -- - - - FHii7k1cPGiCRJdDvk -- -
1.1
```

Where can we send this function? Nowhere. It stays here.

## Interesting User-Agents

```
alert http any any any -> any any
  (msg:"SURICATA NetSession in
http_user_agent"; content:"NetSession";
http_user_agent; sid:2500024; rev:1;)
```

Where can we send this function?

```
event http_header(c: connection, is_orig:
  bool, name: string, value: string)
```

## Interesting DNS queries

```
alert udp any any -> any 53 (msg:"SURICATA DNS Query to a Suspicious
```

```
alert http any any -> any any (msg:"SURICATA HTTP Request to a Suspicio
```

```
alert tls $EXTERNAL_NET any -> $HOME_NET any (msg:"ET INFO SUSPICIOUS  
<p></p>
```

Where can we send this function?

```
event http_header(c: connection, is_orig:  
    bool, name: string, value: string)  
  
    event dns_*_reply()  
  
ssl_extension_server_name(c: connection,  
    is_orig: bool, names: string_vec)
```

## SSL\_\* FUNCTIONS LET US FINGERPRINT AND MATCH ON PARTS OF SSL HANDSHAKE

## Spoofed SSL certificates

```
alert tls any any -> any any (msg:"SURICATA SSL Gmail certificate no:
```

```
alert tls any any -> any any (msg:"SURICATA SSL Google certificate no:
```

Where can we send this function?

```
event log_ssl(rec: SSL::Info)
```

Or somewhere else. Ask Johanna ;-)

## Private and public keys in clear

```
alert http any any -> any any (msg:"SURICATA FILE plaintext PEM RSA ]
```

```
alert http any any -> any any (msg:"SURICATA FILE plaintext OpenSSH ]
```

Where can we send this function?

Nowhere. It stays there.

## Known cleartext malicious communication - think DFIR

```
alert udp any any -> any 53,1024 (msg:"example_message"; flow:to_ser...
```

Where can we send this function?

Nowhere. It stays there.

## Protocol anomalies

```
alert tcp any any -> any 80 (msg:"SURICATA non-HTTP on TCP port 80";
```

```
alert tcp any any -> any 53 (msg:"SURICATA non-DNS-TCP on TCP port 53";
```

### Two kinds of rules

X on non-X port

not-X on X-port

Where can we send this function?

DPD, maybe?

```
event protocol_confirmation(c: connection, atype: Analyzer::Tag, aid:
```

```
event protocolViolation(c: connection, atype: Analyzer::Tag, aid: c
```

# IS THIS A FALSE POSITIVE?

Screenshot of a web-based Elasticsearch search interface showing log entries from Suricata. The interface includes a top navigation bar with tabs like 'Kibana 3 - Suricata', 'Kibana 3 - Suricata', 'ET Intelligence - attach2.m...', and 'attach2.m...'. Below the navigation is a toolbar with icons for 'Most Visited', 'Feeds', 'Bugzilla', 'Email', 'Calendar', 'Trelio', 'NSM status', 'Travel', and 'Money'.

The main area is titled 'Suricata' and contains a 'QUERY' input field with the value '10.252.28.186'. There are sections for 'FILTERING' and 'EVENTS'.

**EVENTS**

**Term**

- ET POLICY PE EXE or DLL Windows file download
- ETPRO MALWARE Win32/PoKeper PUP Activity
- ET MALWARE Win32/InstallCore Install Activity 1
- ET INFO EXE - Served Attached HTTP
- ETPRO MALWARE Win32/InstallCore Install Activity 2
- ET TROJAN Antivirus.exe Download Likely FalseAV Install
- ET MALWARE Possible FalseAV Binary Downloaded
- ET INFO Executable Retrieved With Minimal HTTP Headers - Potential Second Stage Download
- ET INFO EXE !IsDebuggerPresent !Used In Malware Anti-Debugging

**Missing field**

**Other values**

**EVENTS**

**Fields**

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	details.signature	details.signature_id	details.sourceipaddress	details.sourceport	details.destinationipaddress	details.destinationport	utctimestamp	hostname
<input type="checkbox"/> _id	ET INFO Executable Retrieved With Min...	200039	104.25.243.6	80	10.252.28.186	5943	2016-07-15T17:02:15+00:00	nam1-mtv2
<input type="checkbox"/> _index	ET POLICY PE EXE or DLL Windows file ...	2000419	104.25.243.6	80	10.252.28.186	5943	2016-07-15T17:02:15+00:00	nam1-mtv2
<input type="checkbox"/> _score	ET POLICY PE EXE or DLL Windows file ...	2000419	205.83.215.170	80	10.252.28.186	5943	2016-07-15T17:02:15+00:00	nam1-mtv2
<input type="checkbox"/> category	ET POLICY PE EXE or DLL Windows file ...	2000419	205.83.215.170	80	10.252.28.186	5942	2016-07-15T17:02:02+00:00	nam1-mtv2
<input type="checkbox"/> details.category	ET POLICY PE EXE or DLL Windows file ...	2000419	205.83.215.170	80	10.252.28.186	5942	2016-07-15T17:02:02+00:00	nam1-mtv2
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> details.destinationipaddress	ET POLICY PE EXE or DLL Windows file ...	2000419	54.231.49.96	80	10.252.28.186	5943	2016-07-15T17:02:15+00:00	nam1-mtv2
<input type="checkbox"/> details.destinationipgeolocation	ET POLICY PE EXE or DLL Windows file ...	2000419	174.36.6.108	80	10.252.28.186	5945	2016-07-15T17:02:15+00:00	nam1-mtv2
<input type="checkbox"/> details.destinationipgeolocation.id	ET PRO MALWARE Win32/PoKeper PUP Act...	2813905	10.252.28.186	58439	23.22.88.216	80	2016-07-15T17:39:56+00:00	nam1-mtv2
<input type="checkbox"/> details.destinationipgeolocation.name	ETPRO MALWARE Win32/PoKeper PUP Act...	2813905	10.252.28.186	58439	23.22.88.216	80	2016-07-15T17:39:56+00:00	nam1-mtv2
<input type="checkbox"/> details.destinationipgeolocation.type	ET POLICY PE EXE or DLL Windows file ...	2000419	54.210.191.0	80	10.252.28.186	59430	2016-07-15T17:39:55+00:00	nam1-mtv2
<input type="checkbox"/> details.destinationipgeolocation.url	ET POLICY PE EXE or DLL Windows file ...	2012753	54.210.191.0	80	10.252.28.186	59430	2016-07-15T17:39:55+00:00	nam1-mtv2
<input type="checkbox"/> details.destinationipgeolocation.username	ET MALWARE Possible FalseAV Binary Dow...	2015744	54.210.191.0	80	10.252.28.186	59430	2016-07-15T17:39:55+00:00	nam1-mtv2
<input type="checkbox"/> details.destinationipgeolocation.ip	ET TROJAN Antivirus.exe Download Like...	2013867	54.210.191.0	80	10.252.28.186	59430	2016-07-15T17:39:55+00:00	nam1-mtv2
<input type="checkbox"/> details.destinationipgeolocation.location	ET INFO EXE - Served Attached HTTP	2014020	54.210.191.0	80	10.252.28.186	59430	2016-07-15T17:39:55+00:00	nam1-mtv2
<input type="checkbox"/> details.destinationipgeolocation.state	ET MALWARE Win32/InstallCore Instal...	2022607	10.252.28.186	58415	50.112.115.181	80	2016-07-15T17:39:47+00:00	nam1-mtv2
<input type="checkbox"/> details.destinationipgeolocation.timezone	ET MALWARE Win32/InstallCore Instal...	2022607	10.252.28.186	58415	50.112.115.181	80	2016-07-15T17:39:47+00:00	nam1-mtv2
<input type="checkbox"/> details.destinationipgeolocation.tz	ETPRO MALWARE Win32/InstallCore Inst...	2820186	10.252.28.186	58378	54.213.173.59	80	2016-07-15T17:39:27+00:00	nam1-mtv2
<input type="checkbox"/> details.destinationipgeolocation.tz_offset	ET POLICY PE EXE or DLL Windows file ...	2000419	54.148.183.210	80	10.252.28.186	58333	2016-07-15T17:38:46+00:00	nam1-mtv2
<input type="checkbox"/> details.destinationipgeolocation.tz_name	ET INFO EXE - Served Attached HTTP	2014020	54.148.183.210	80	10.252.28.186	58333	2016-07-15T17:38:46+00:00	nam1-mtv2

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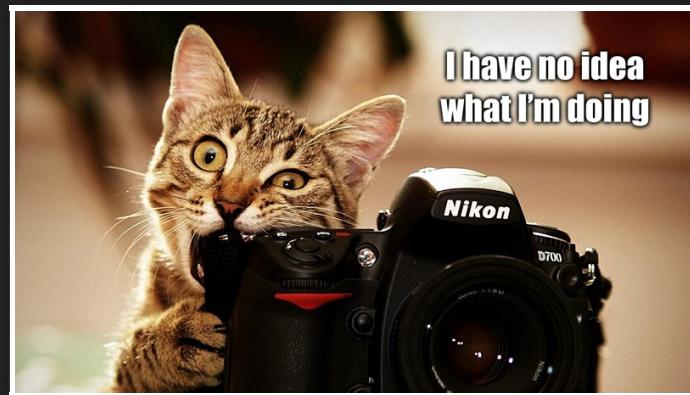
# IS THIS A FALSE POSITIVE?

```
ET INFO Executable Retrieved With Minimal HTTP Headers - Potential S...
ET POLICY PE EXE or DLL Windows file download
ET POLICY PE EXE or DLL Windows file download
ET POLICY PE EXE or DLL Windows file download
ET POLICY PE EXE or DLL Windows file download
ET POLICY PE EXE or DLL Windows file download
ET POLICY PE EXE or DLL Windows file download
ETPOLY MALWARE Win32/PCKeeper PUP Activity
ETPRO MALWARE Win32/PCKeeper PUP Activity
ET POLICY PE EXE or DLL Windows file download
ET MALWARE Possible FakeAV Binary Download
ET TROJAN AntiVirus exe Download Likely FakeAV Install
ET INFO EXE IsDebuggerPresent (Used in Malware Anti-Debugging)
ET INFO EXE - Served Attached HTTP
ET MALWARE Win32/InstallCore Initial Install Activity 1
```

Likely a true positive. Likely is not enough.

Trust matters.

# WHAT IF YOU DON'T KNOW?



False or True positive?

Who that is? IP -> MAC -> User

# CONN.LOG - DNS.LOG - HTTP.LOG - SSL.LOG - X509.LOG - RADIUS.LOG - DHCP.LOG

2016-07-15T17:39:54+0000	C4uKjW65TBDF4szi5	10.252.28.186	5843	
2016-07-15T17:39:56+0000	Cg4wDIyAY57iEt8h8	10.252.28.186	5843	
2016-07-15T17:39:56+0000	Cg4wDIyAY57iEt8h8	10.252.28.186	5843	
2016-07-15T17:39:59+0000	CM2Vh1chCZvJXiaM8	10.252.28.186	5846	
2016-07-15T17:39:59+0000	CM2Vh1chCZvJXiaM8	10.252.28.186	5846	
2016-07-15T17:39:59+0000	CM2Vh1chCZvJXiaM8	10.252.28.186	5846	
2016-07-15T17:39:59+0000	CM2Vh1chCZvJXiaM8	10.252.28.186	5846	
2016-07-15T17:40:00+0000	CM2Vh1chCZvJXiaM8	10.252.28.186	5846	
2016-07-15T17:40:00+0000	CM2Vh1chCZvJXiaM8	10.252.28.186	5846	
2016-07-15T17:40:00+0000	CM2Vh1chCZvJXiaM8	10.252.28.186	5846	
2016-07-15T17:40:00+0000	CM2Vh1chCZvJXiaM8	10.252.28.186	5846	
2016-07-15T17:40:00+0000	CM2Vh1chCZvJXiaM8	10.252.28.186	5846	
2016-07-15T17:40:01+0000	CM2Vh1chCZvJXiaM8	10.252.28.186	5846	
2016-07-15T17:40:01+0000	CM2Vh1chCZvJXiaM8	10.252.28.186	5846	

Infection confirmed End User Services unleashed

## THE POWER OF CONTEXT

XCodeGhost detected. Multiple rules triggered. IP from a guest network. Anonymous to me. Isolated office. What if Mozillian?

ETPRO	2	ET TROJAN	2	ET TROJAN	2	ET TROJ
TROJAN		XcodeGhost		XcodeGhost		XCodeG
XCodeGhost		CnC M2		CnC		DNS
Beacon				Checkin		Lookup

```
bro@nsm1-mtv2:/nsm/bro/logs$ zcat 2016-08-22/dns.* | bro-cut id.orig
(...)
1 10.252.35.219    init.icloud-analysis.com      5.79.71.205,5.79.71.22
2 10.252.35.219    g1.163.com    123.58.176.66,123.58.176.65,123.58.179
2 10.252.35.219    music.163.com   103.251.128.85,103.251.128.86
```

```
10.252.35.219    POST     init.icloud-analysis.com      /      -      %E7%BD%9
10.252.35.219    POST     init.icloud-analysis.com      /      -      %E7%BD%9
```

## WHO ARE YOU?

HTTP logs - User Agent iPhone; iPhone OS 9.3.4;  
zh-Hans\_US

HTTP / SSL / DNS logs - multiple Mandarin apps

DHCP logs - user visits MTV2 irregularly

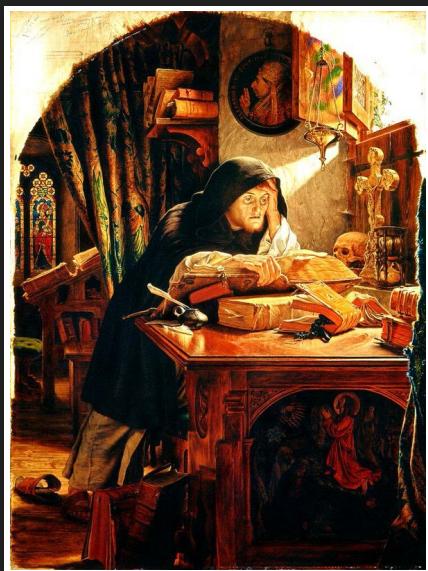
Opportunistic connections to the Guest WiFi. Little to no traffic.

Badging system logs!!

# TUNNING

Developer looking at production logs after a regression with downtime. Oil canvas, circa 1580

Overheard: looks like Michal



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