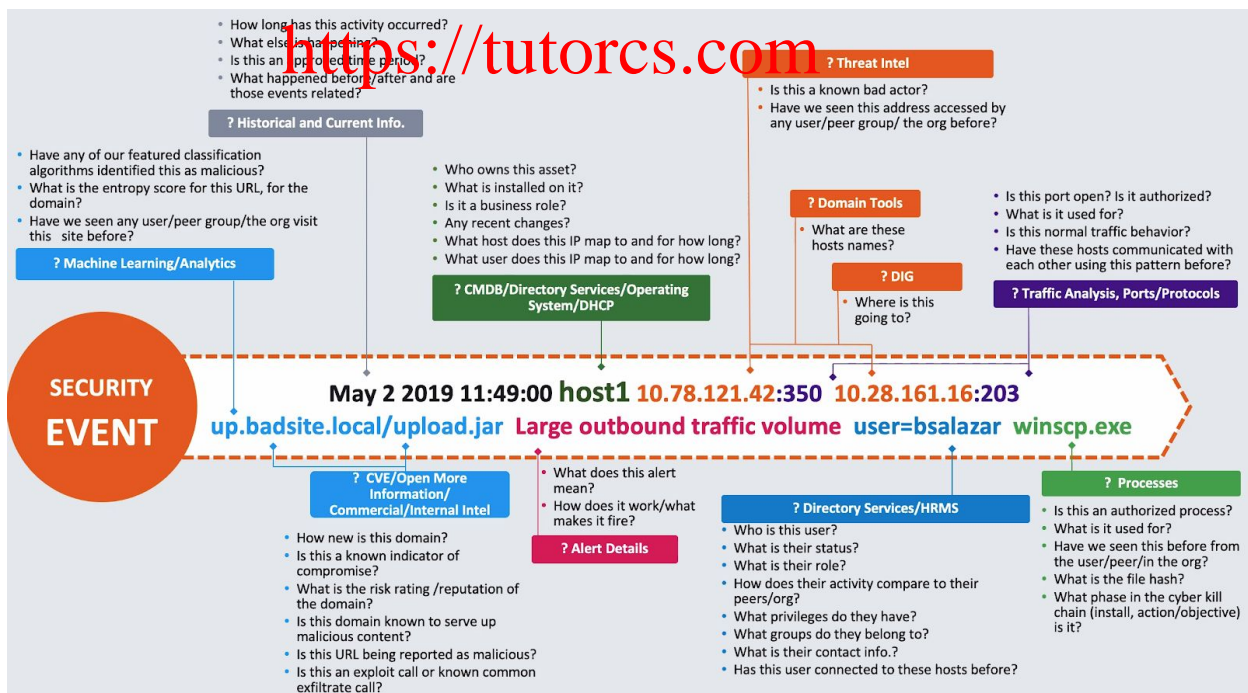
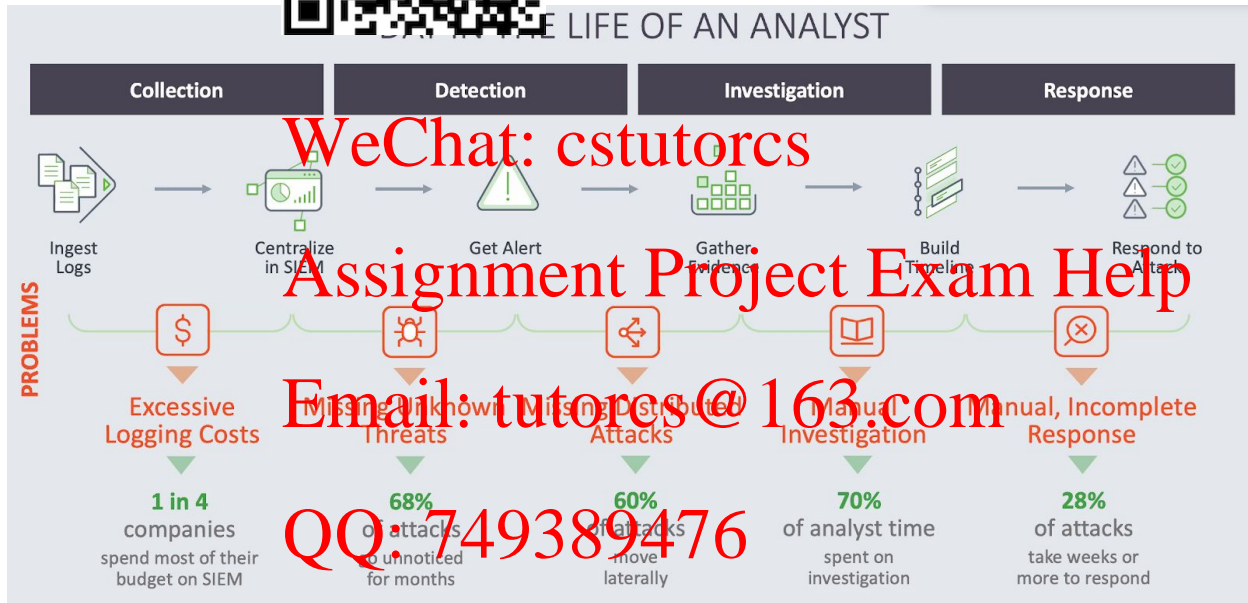


# COMP 6448 - Week 8

## Security Engineering Masterclass

### Life of an analyst:

- Excessive logging: Companies spend their budget on SIEM
- Lots of threats: Not noticed for months.
- 60% of attacks: Not noticed for months.
- Analysts spend 70% of time: Doing manual investigation on attacks.



### SIEM Capabilities:

- Collection:
  - Gather log information
- Operation

- Compliance
- Investigations
- Analysis
  - Gather different log sources and analyse

#### Entity Behaviour Analysis

- Baseline typical normal activity.
- E.g. looking at activity, file activity.

#### Looking for anomalies

- Look for abnormal country
- E.g. It might be normal to interact with Chinese or Russian entities if from marketing.
- Look for sessions, not events

#### Typical anomalies and alerts:

- Suspicious logon. E.g. suspicious logon from abnormal country, strange time of day or network.
- Abnormal amounts of data uploaded
- Security alerts from symantec
- First account management activity.
- Abnormal file access for group
- Abnormal VPN location.

#### Advanced Analytics:

- Advanced analytics engines take infrastructure, activity and security logs with contextual data to create a smart timeline.
- Contextual info: e.g. who their manager and coworkers are.
- Logs → Events → Sessions → Models → Rules
  - Events are normalized from logs. Extracting user/host info, alert ID, IP addresses etc
  - Events are stitched into a daily session
  - Sessions are modelled for baselining users/entities
  - Rules:
    - E.g. Black and white rules: is this website malicious?
    - Anomalous behaviour.
- Sessions:
  - Can start with an event: e.g. logon, vpn access, entering the building (ID cards)
  - Finishes at the end of the day or four hours of inactivity, or vpn logout.
- Models:
  - Can take around 4-6 weeks
  - Three types:
    - Numerical
      - Gamma distribution
      - E.g. amount of email sent on a daily basis
    - Time of week: Numerical clusters to time
      - E.g. login times
    - Categorical: for string data



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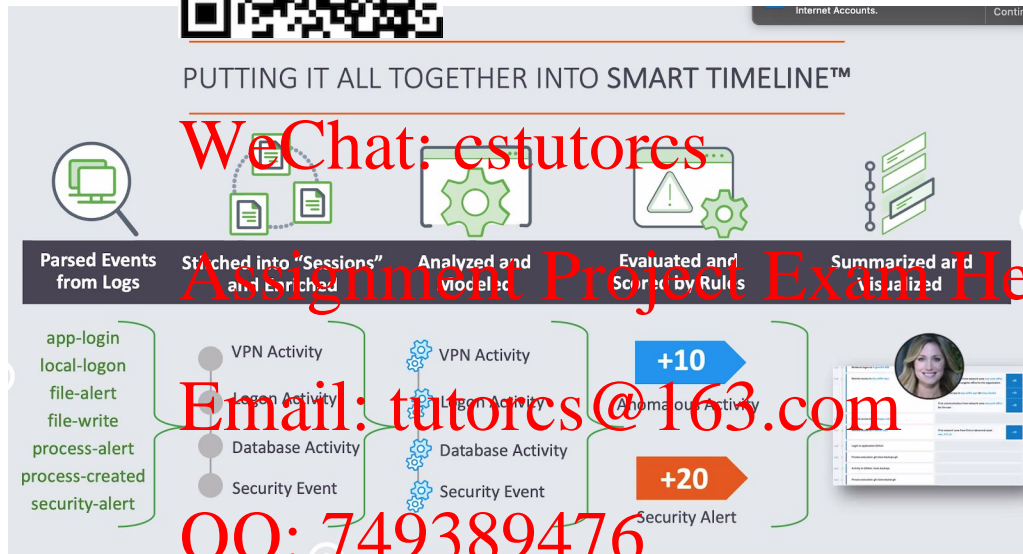
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- E.g. collecting data for countries from which a user connects to vpn
- Models can be represented visually with histograms.
- Rules are not triggered until a confidence level is given to that model.
- Risk scores:
  - Gather data to trigger anomalies and apply an anchor score. Use data source (e.g. bayesian scoring). The bayesian allows the AI to adapt to anomalies.
- Smart timeline
  - Computed a smart timeline.



### Models and Frameworks:

- ATTack is useful because:
  - It provides common vocab
  - Red team testing
  - Labelling intel
  - Team testing and assessment
- Mitre:
  - ATT&CK: Tactics, techniques and common knowledge

### Mitre Tactic Steps:

