Kinetic Cyber for the Win

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Image Reference: https://rmisc.org/

"Knowledge is power."

- Sir Francis Bacon

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Feel free to view/listen/grab my previous presentation/articles here: https://github.com/cyberguy514



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Setting the Scene...

Like Bowman, but not much better



https://www.newyorker.com/tech/annals-of-technology/cyber-war-comesto-the-suburbs

This is a kinetic cyber DEMO, so no indictments today

Department of Justice

Office of Public Affairs

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Thursday, March 24, 2016

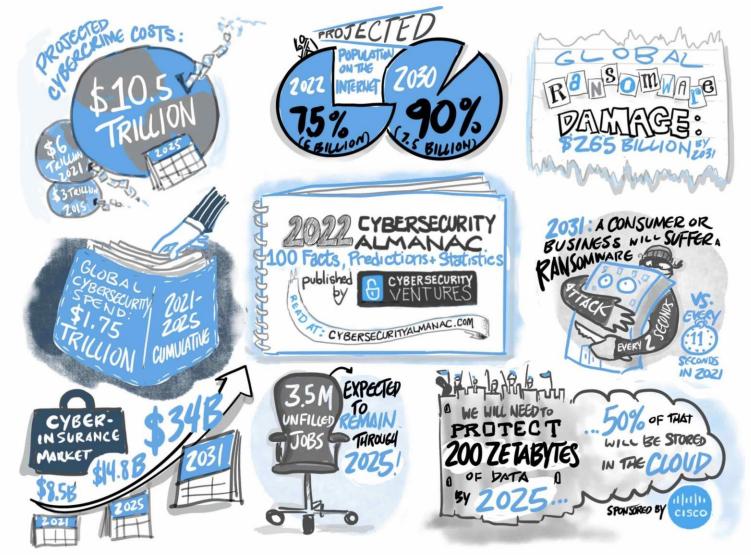
Seven Iranians Working for Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps-Affiliated Entities Charged for Conducting Coordinated Campaign of Cyber Attacks Against U.S. Financial Sector

One Defendant Also Charged with Obtaining <mark>Unauthorized Access into Control Systems of a New York

Dam</mark>

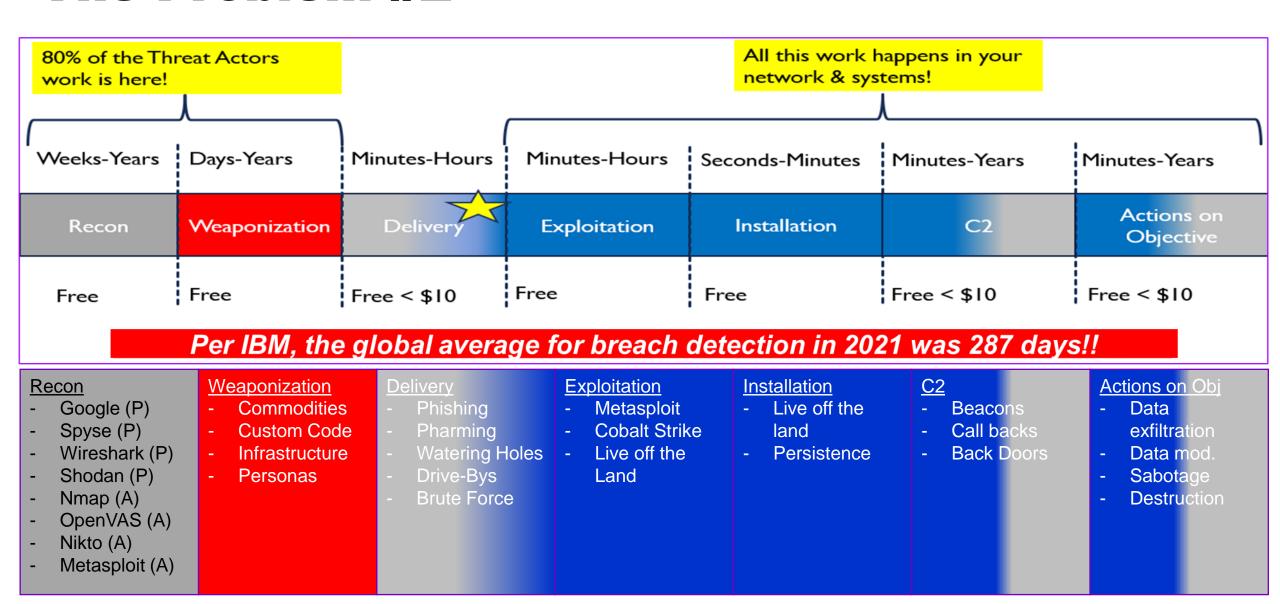
https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/seven-iranians-working-islamic-revolutionary-guard-corps-affiliated-entities-charged

The Problem #1



https://cybersecurityventures.com/cybersecurity-almanac-2022/

The Problem #2



A Word About Models: Threat Actors Do NOT Follow Them

1

Cyber Kill Chain

REDUNAISEANCE
Harvesting email addresses, conference information, etc.

Coupling exploit with backdoor into deliverable payload

Delivering weaponized bundle to the victim via email, web, USB, etc.

Exploiting a vulnerability to execute code on victim's system

Installing malware on the asset

RUMAND EXPLOITED Command channel for remote manipulation of victim

ADTIONS DN 05/820TIVES

With 'Hands on Keyboard' access,

https://www.lockheedmartin.com/en-us/capabilities/cyber/cyber-kill-chain.html

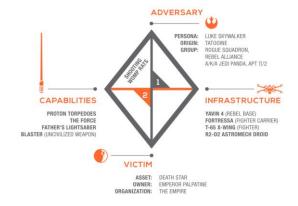
2 MITRE ATT&CK



https://attack.mitre.org/

3 Diamond Model

THREATCONNECT INCIDENT 19770525F: BATTLE OF YAVIN (EVENT: DEATH STAR DESTRUCTION)



SOCIO-POLITICAL AXIS
MOTIVE: IDEOLOGICAL; REVENGE
INTENT: POLITICAL UPHEAVAL



https://threatconnect.com/blog/diamondmodel-threat-intelligence-star-wars/

Attacker Process



1) Reconnaissance



3) Gaining Access



5) Covering Tracks

2) Scanning and Enumeration



4) Maintaining Access



Why Kinetic Cyber



Education to create "light bulb" moments!



Safely **demo** the risks to systems, including OT, IOT, SCADA, ICS

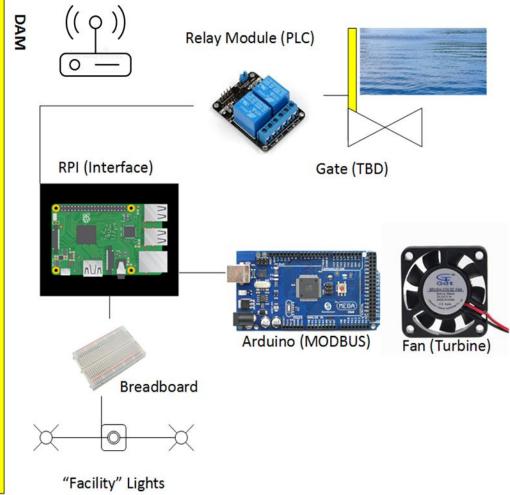


Help justify budgets for **people**, process, and technology



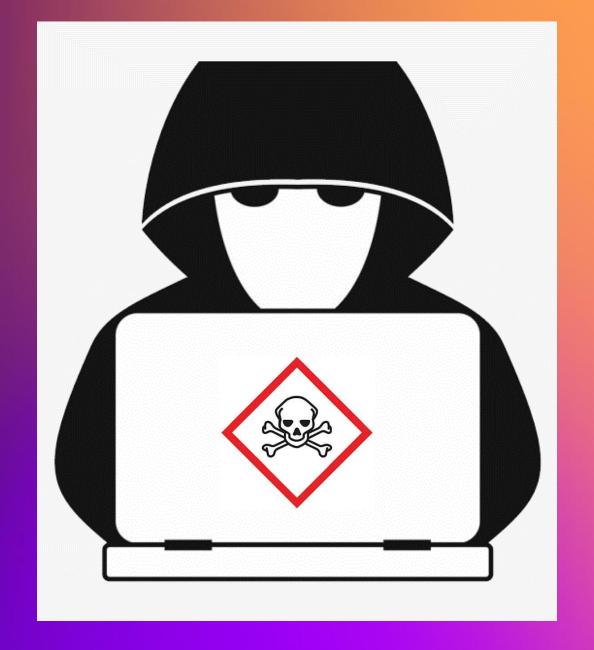
Back to Our Story: Beaver Dam





Let's Get Hacking

You have permission!



Reconnaissance

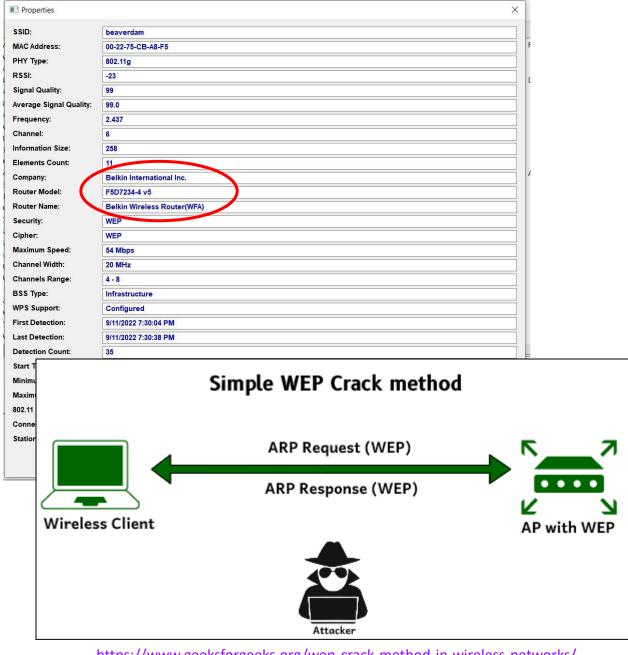
War Driving

Passive Radio Frequency (RF) Sniffing

WEP Cracking

And the password is...

vH3oN8ZFOVvn



https://www.geeksforgeeks.org/wep-crack-method-in-wireless-networks/

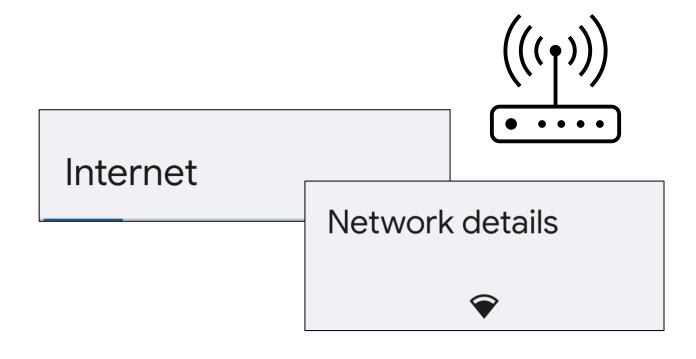
Scanning and Enumeration

Wireless Access Point (WAP)

What is my IP space?

Nikto

Poor coded portal/app





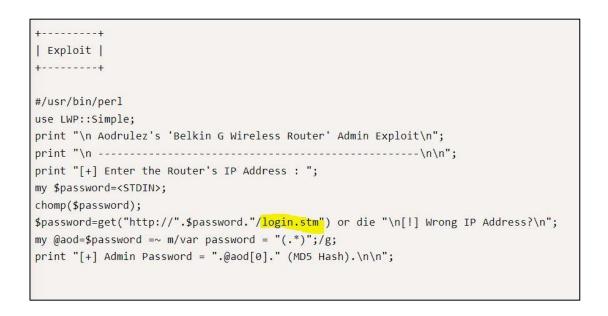
Gaining Access

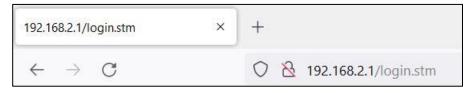
View Source

Cyber Chef

And the Admin password is...

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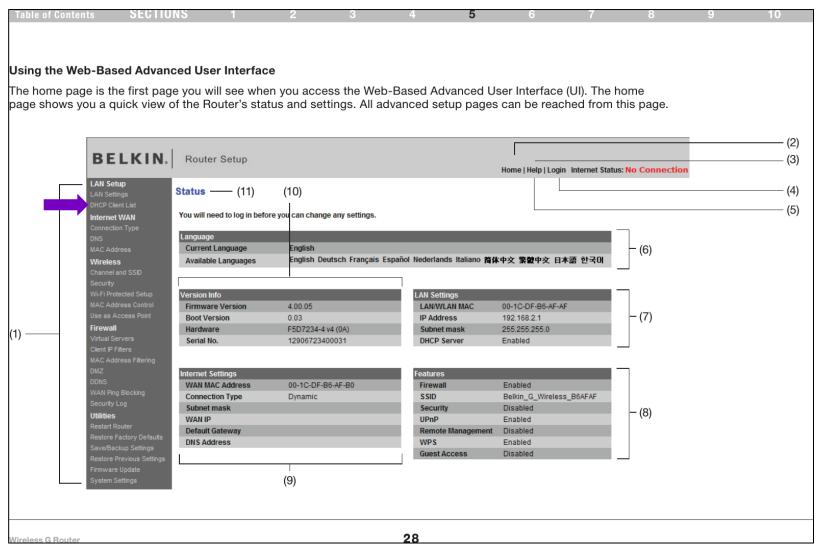




Gaining Access

Admin Portal Data Gathering

192.168.2.X



Scanning and Enumeration #2

What does the system 192.168.2.X do?

NMAP –A

Results...

No encryption/login, so visit the page!

Backend – vulnerable SSH, web-server



Beaver Dam Controller

CLICK for: Facility Lights	
CLICK for: Dam Systems	

Beaver Dam Systems Page



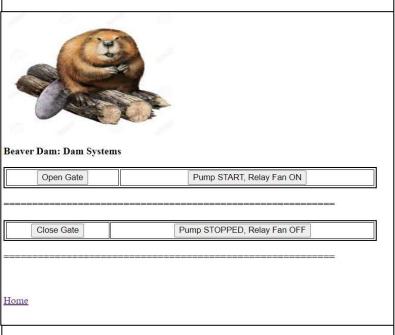
Beaver Dam: Facility Lights

Lights On (Exterior #1)	Lights On (Exterior #2)
Lights On (Systems Room)	Lights On (Tools Room)
Lights On (Pump Room)	Reserved (Future Lights)

Lights Off (Exterior #1)	Lights Off (Exterior #2)
Lights Off (Systems Room)	Lights Off (Tools Room)
Lights Off (Pump Room)	Reserved (Future Lights)

TURN OFF ALL LIGHTS

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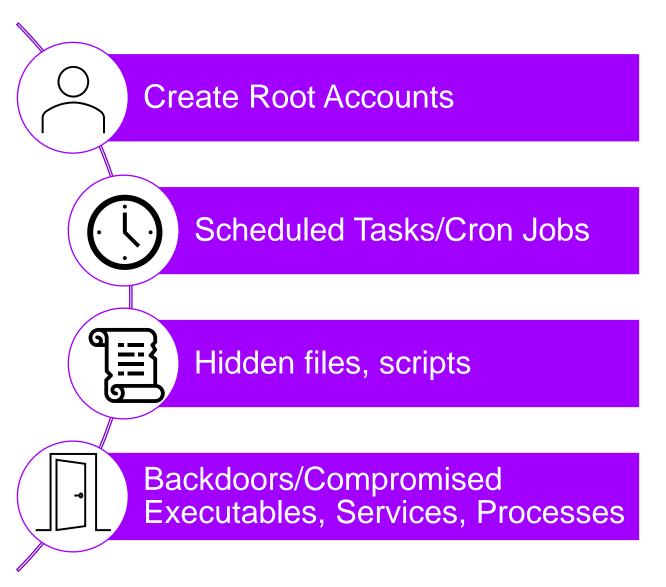
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1 <HTML>
3 <img src="beaver" height="200" width="275" alt="Power Skull">
5 <P><B>Beaver Dam: Dam Systems</B></P>
7 
10 <A HREF=gateopen.php><button>Open Gate </button></A>
11 <A HREF=fanon.php><button>Pump START, Relay Fan ON </button></A>
12 
13 
14
15 <P>========</P>
17 
20 <A HREF=gateclose.php><button>Close Gate </button></A>
21 <A HREF=fanoff.php><button>Pump STOPPED, Relay Fan OFF </button></A>
22 
23 
25 <P>=======</P>
27
28 <BR>
30 <P><A HREF=index.html>Home</P>
31 </HTML>
```

Maintaining Access

WAP – nothing to do

Beaver Dam Systems Page – nothing to do

Beaver Dam Backend – setup second root-level account that looks like legitimate system account



Covering Tracks

WAP – logs? maybe?

Beaver Dam Systems Page – see below

Beaver Dam Backend – all related logs in /var/log (better yet, open the gate, start the pump clear the logs and then power off the system so it is not recoverable!!)

```
jasons — ubuntu@ip-172-31-11-241: /var/log — ssh — 80×24
ubuntu@ip-172-31-11-241:~$
ubuntu@ip-172-31-11-241:~$ cd /var/log
ubuntu@ip-172-31-11-241:/var/log$ ls
alternatives.log
                       btmp.1
                                       dpkg.log.8.gz
                                                        news
alternatives.log.1
                       cloud-init.log
                                       dpkg.log.9.gz
                                                        puppet
alternatives.log.2.gz ConsoleKit
                                       fontconfig.log
                                                       rsyslog-stats
alternatives.log.3.gz datasync
                                       fsck
                                                        syslog
alternatives.log.4.gz
                      dist-upgrade
                                       kern.log
                                                        syslog.1
alternatives.log.5.gz
                                       kern.log.1
                                                        syslog.2.gz
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                                       kern.log.2.gz
alternatives.log.6.gz
                       dmesq.0
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alternatives.log.7.gz
                                       kern.log.3.gz
                       dmesg.1.gz
                                                        syslog.4.gz
alternatives.log.8.gz
                                       kern.log.4.gz
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                                                       syslog.5.gz
apache2
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                                       landscape
                                                        syslog.6.gz
apport.log
                       dmesa.4.az
                                       lastlog
                                                        syslog.7.gz
apport.log.1
                       dpkg.log
                                       mail.err
                                                        sysstat
                       dpkg.log.1
                                       mail.err.1
                                                        tomcat6
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                                                       ufw.log
auth.log.2.gz
                       dpkg.log.3.gz
                                       mail.log
                                                        unattended-upgrades
auth.log.3.gz
                       dpkg.log.4.gz
                                       mail.log.1
                                                        upstart
                                       mail.log.2.gz
auth.log.4.gz
                       dpkg.log.5.gz
                                                       wtmp
boot.log
                       dpkg.log.6.gz
                                       mail.log.3.gz
                                                        wtmp.1
btmp
                       dpkg.log.7.gz
                                       mail.log.4.gz
ubuntu@ip-172-31-11-241:/var/log$
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https://www.loggly.com/ultimate-guide/linux-logging-basics/

What do you choose?

It's okay, they're only Lego people...



https://www.lego.com/en-us/product/fun-in-the-park-city-people-pack-60134

Lessons Learned

1

Online = Hackable

2

Remote/Isolated = Hackable

3

Old Assets = Hackable







Thanks and Q&A!



Connections:

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