



Active Web Application Defense

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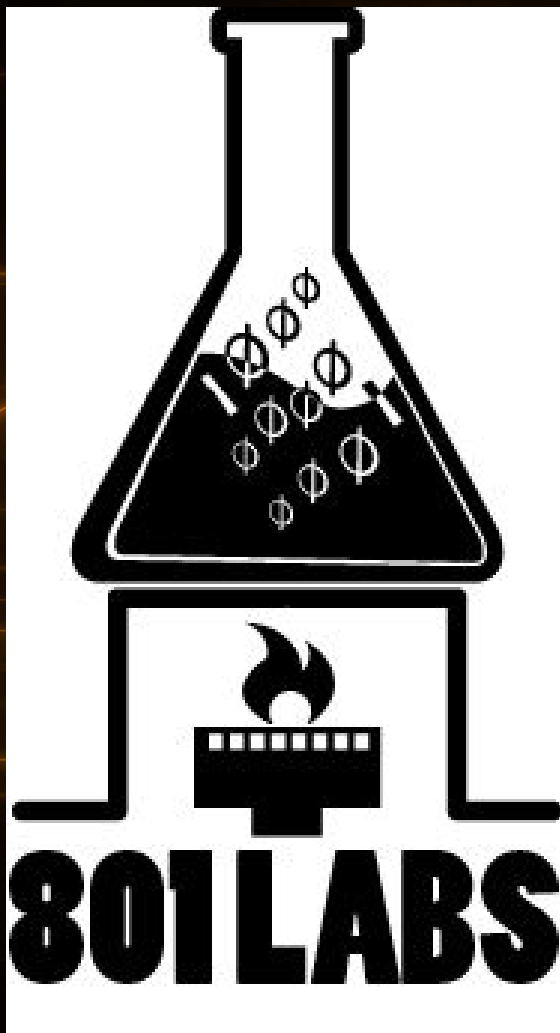
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<https://www.bsideslsc.org/2017.html>

Prerequisite

- **Familiarity with Linux, Apache, MySQL, PHP (LAMP).**
 - Linux Operating Systems CLI
 - Apache Server Config
 - Understanding of ModSecurity
 - <http://obscuritysystems.com/slides/modsecurity.pdf>
 - Understanding of HTTP POST and GET
 - http://www.w3schools.com/tags/ref_httpmethods.asp
 - Understanding of ELK stack and/or other log monitoring tools.
 - <http://www.slideshare.net/prajalkulkarni/attack-monitoring-using-elasticsearch-logstash-and-kibana>

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What is Counter Hacking?

- Counterintelligence

- Activities designed to prevent or thwart intelligence gathering, and sabotage by enemy or other foreign entity.

- Counter Hacking

- Activities designed to prevent or thwart the actions of actors who seek to compromise digital systems that can involve malicious computer techniques other than just blocking or ignoring attackers. - My Definition



I Know You're Listening/ Digital Image xkcd./ 11/19/2016
<https://xkcd.com/525>

Counter Hacking Debate

- Should we Counter Hack and attack the attackers?
- Is Counter Hacking Legal?
- Do we get a return on investment on Counter Hacking?
- What do we gain by attacking back?
- What do we lose?



So?

This Presentation is the “how” not the “why”.

This presentation is about how you can go about fighting back not weather or not you should.

You should carefully consider what your doing before implementing or following any of technical demonstrations I am going to cover.



Scenario



So what do we do about something weird going on in our environment ?

How do we go about catching people that are poking around looking to cause trouble?

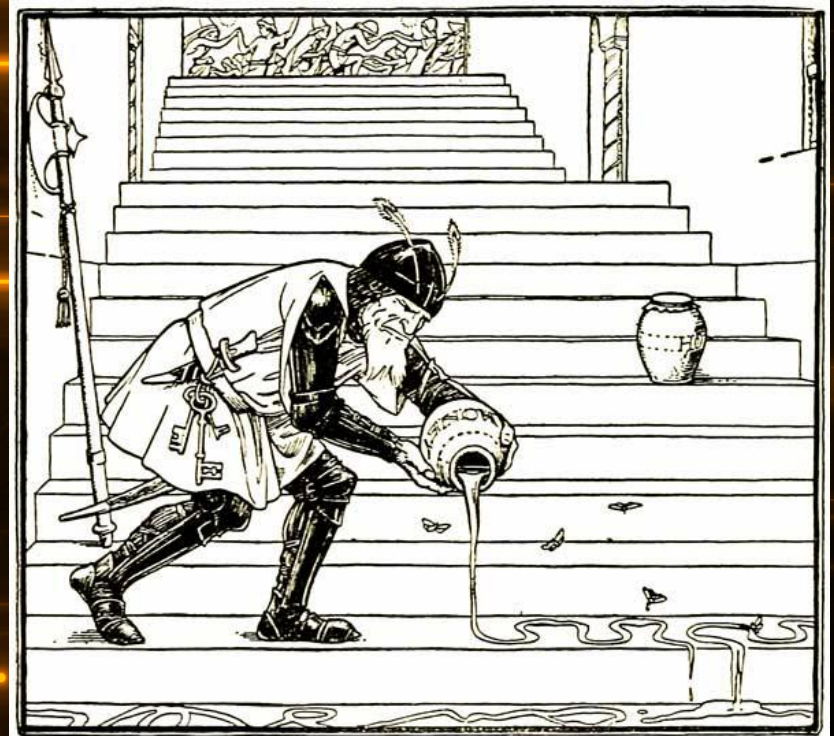
What if our Intrusion Detection System (IDS) misses the attack?

What is a Honey Pot?

Honey Pots are fake servers or systems setup to gather information about an attacker's methods and techniques.

<https://www.sans.org/security-resources/ifaq/what-is-a-honeypot/1/9>

<http://tywkiwdbi.blogspot.com.es/2011/09/soldier-lays-honey-trap.html>



The Soldier Lays a Honey Trap

Detection Honeypot

- Are used to detect threats.
- Complement IDS systems.
- Can help detect false negatives.
- Can detect new or unknown attacks.
- Can provided a clean environment for Incident Response



Research Honeypot

- Adds value by providing a platform from which you can collect information about the threats seeking to gain access to your system.
- The lessons learned from a research honeypot can be applied to improve intrusion prevention.



STEP BACK PLEASE

we're trying to fix this

VERY DEMOTIVATIONAL .com

Honey Pot Pros

- Decrease the rate of false positives, which often plague network IDS.
- Low false positives, high success.
- Able to confuse attackers.
- Help train your security team.
- Understand the intruder's intentions by observing his interactions.



Honey Pot Cons

They don't add value to prevention.

They do not block attacks.

If done incorrectly they can lead to a compromise of data and systems in your organization.



Active Defense



<http://weheartit.com/entry/group/40000111>

Environment Setup

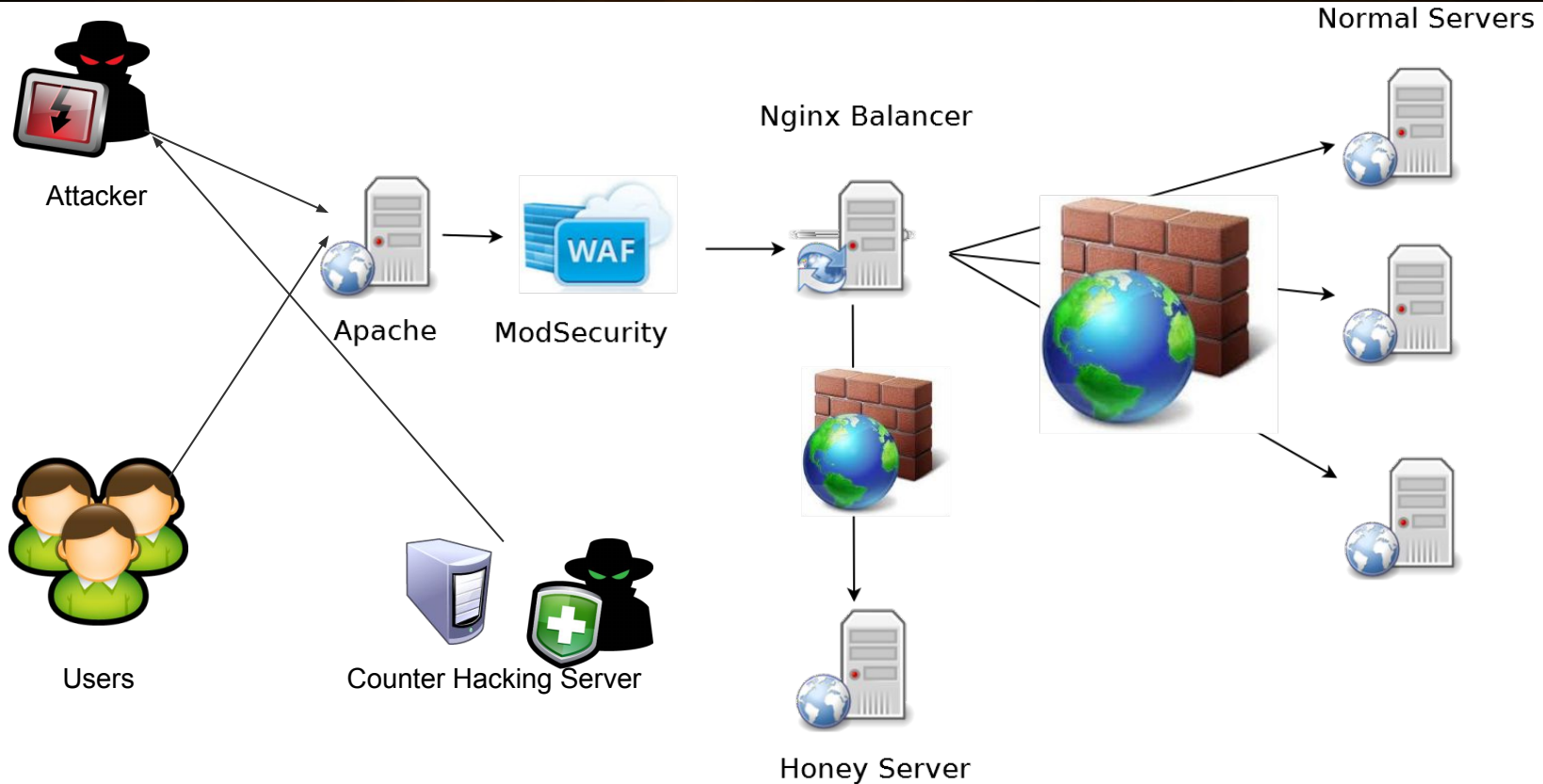


Monitoring and Detection

- Setup ELK or another monitoring engine for the purpose of logging malicious actions.
- Setup ModSecurity to detect and redirect traffic before it hits your web application.
- Setup Reverse Proxy to redirect “Clowns” to honey load balancer.
- Setup Nginx to handle proxy conditions.



Diagram



Apache Reverse Proxy Setup

```
<VirtualHost *:80>
```

```
    ServerName mysite  
    ProxyRequests Off  
    ProxyVia Off
```

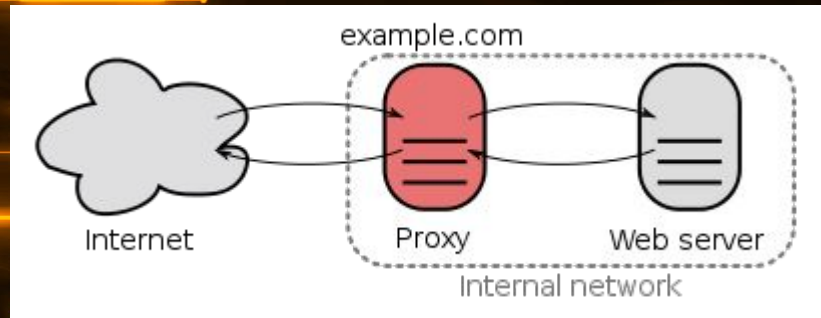
```
<Proxy *>
```

```
    Order deny,allow  
    Allow from all
```

```
</Proxy>
```

```
ProxyPreserveHost off  
ProxyPass / http://localhost:8080/  
ProxyPassReverse / http://localhost:8080/
```

```
</VirtualHost>
```



Nginx Load Balancer

```
upstream webservers{  
    server 192.168.1.1;  
    server 192.168.1.2;  
    server 192.168.1.3;  
}
```

```
upstream honeypot {  
    server 192.168.1.6;  
}
```

```
server {  
    access_log logs/access.log;  
    error_log logs/error.log;  
    index    index.html;  
    listen   *:80 default;  
  
    root     /usr/local/nginx/html;  
  
    server_name example.com www.example.com;  
  
    location / {  
        proxy_pass http://webservers;  
        if ($http_user_agent ~ Honey) {  
            proxy_pass http://honeypot;  
        }  
    }  
}
```

Fail2ban Centos Iptables Setup

```
yum install fail2ban
yum install fail2ban-systemd
systemctl mask firewalld
systemctl enable iptables
systemctl enable ip6tables
systemctl stop firewalld
systemctl start iptables
systemctl start ip6tables
service fail2ban restart
```

```
vim /etc/fail2ban/jail.d/00-firewalld.conf
```

```
[DEFAULT]
```

```
#banaction = firewallcmd-ipset
```

```
banaction = iptables-multiport
```

```
vim /etc/fail2ban/jail.conf
```

```
[DEFAULT]
```

```
bantime = 3600
```

```
banaction = iptables-multiport
```

```
#how you know its working
```

```
iptables -S
```

```
-P INPUT ACCEPT
```

```
-P FORWARD ACCEPT
```

```
-P OUTPUT ACCEPT
```

```
-N f2b-sshd
```

```
-A f2b-sshd -j RETURN
```

Honey



- Honey Systems

- Computer systems for the sole purpose of monitoring or catching malicious actors.

- Honey Token

- Data in table that if it's accessed we know something is going on.

- Honey Tables

- Tables in a database that if we see access attempts we know we have a malicious actor.

- Honey Domains

- Sites that are setup to monitor malicious actors.

- Honey Urls

- Urls we know normal users will never use and only malicious actors will hit.

- Honey Files

- Files we want malicious actors to find.

- Honey Port

- Ports we want malicious actors to try and scan or connect to.

Honey Domains

<http://tools.kali.org/information-gathering/fierce>



Some maybe all

list.somedomain.com

Images1.somedomain.com

club.somedomain.com

business.somedomain.com

update.somedomain.com

fw.somedomain.com

Honey Ports

```
/etc/fail2ban/action.d/iptables-honeyports.local
```

```
[INCLUDES]
```

```
before = common.conf
```

```
[Definition]
```

```
_daemon = kernel
```

```
failregex = ^%(__prefix_line)s.*HONEYPORT:
```

```
.*SRC=<HOST>
```

```
ignoreregex =
```

```
/etc/fail2ban/action.d/iptables-honeyports.local
```

```
[Definition]
```

```
actionstart = iptables -A INPUT -p tcp --syn -m multiport  
-i <honeydev> --dports <honeyports> -j LOG --log-prefix
```

```
"HONEYPORT: "
```

```
actionstop = iptables -D INPUT -p tcp --syn -m multiport  
-i <honeydev> --dports <honeyports> -j LOG --log-prefix
```

```
"HONEYPORT: "
```

```
actioncheck =
```

```
actionban =
```

```
actionunban =
```

```
[Init]
```

```
honeyports = 21,8080,9090,3066,
```

```
honeydev = enp0s8
```

Honey Port Denied

```
iptables -I INPUT -p tcp --dport 22 -i eth0 -m state --state NEW -m recent \
--set
```

```
iptables -I INPUT -p tcp --dport 22 -i eth0 -m state --state NEW -m recent \
--update --seconds 60 --hitcount 3 -j DROP
```

https://debian-administration.org/article/187/Using_iptables_to_rate-limit_incoming_connections

Rate Limiting

#Limit NEW traffic on port 80

```
iptables -A INPUT -s 1.1.1.1/32 -p tcp --dport 80 -m state --state NEW -m limit  
--limit 30/minute --limit-burst 200 -j ACCEPT
```

#Second rule – Limit established traffic

```
iptables -A INPUT -s 1.1.1.1/32 -m state --state RELATED,ESTABLISHED -m limit  
--limit 50/second --limit-burst 50 -j ACCEPT
```

User Agent Strings Blocking

```
#Apache blocking
```

```
#module allows you to set internal environment  
variables according to whether different aspects of  
the request match regular expressions you specify
```

```
SetEnvIfNoCase User-Agent "^Wget" denied
```

```
<Directory "/var/www">
```

```
    Order Allow,Deny
```

```
    Allow from all
```

```
    Deny from env=denied
```

```
</Directory>
```

```
#modsecurity
```

```
SecDefaultAction
```

```
phase:2,pass,status:403,log,auditlog
```

```
SecRule REQUEST_HEADERS:User-Agent  
"!Wget" "phase:2,deny,msg:'get user agent  
denied"
```

<https://techblog.willshouse.com/2012/01/03/most-common-user-agents/>

```
#Dynamic Logging
```

```
LogFormat "%a %{User-agent}i" useragent
```

```
CustomLog /var/log/httpd/useragents.log useragent
```

Useragent String & FAIL2BAN

```
vim /etc/fail2ban/jail.conf
```

```
[apache-bad-user-agent]
enabled = true
port    = 80,443
protocol = tcp
filter  = baduseragent
maxretry = 1
bantime = 86400
logpath = /var/log/httpd/useragent.log
```

```
/etc/fail2ban/jail.conf
```

```
[apache-bad-user-agent]
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```


Protect Against Brute Force

```
# Block further login attempts after 3 failed attempts
```

```
<LocationMatch ^/login>
```

```
# Initialize IP collection with user's IP address
```

```
SecAction "initcol:ip=%{REMOTE_ADDR},pass,nolog"
```

```
# Detect failed login attempts
```

```
SecRule RESPONSE_BODY "Username does not exist" "phase:4,pass,setvar:  
ip.failed_logins=+1,expirevar:ip.failed_logins=60"
```

```
# Block subsequent login attempts
```

```
SecRule IP:FAILED_LOGINS "@gt 3" deny
```

```
</Location>
```

ModRewrite Traps

```
RewriteMap badlist txt:~/bad_useragent_list
```

```
RewriteCond %{HTTP_USER_AGENT} .* [NC]
```

```
RewriteCond ${badlist:%1|white} ^black$ [NC]
```

```
RewriteRule (.*?) "/itsatrap.php" [L]
```

https://perishablepress.com/eight-ways-to-blacklist-with-apaches-mod_rewrite/

http://httpd.apache.org/docs/current/mod/mod_rewrite.html

<http://serverfault.com/questions/251988/blocking-apache-access-via-user-agent-string>

PHP Trap Code

```
<?PHP #random error code
$rand = rand(1,3);
if($rand == 1 ){
    http_response_code(404);
}
if($rand == 2){
    http_response_code(403);
}
if($rand == 3){
    http_response_code(501);
}
```

Honey Url

61.x.x.236 - - [13/Mar/2016:16:43:16 -0400] "GET //phpmyadmin/scripts/setup.php HTTP/1.1" 301 184 "-" "-"
61.x.x.236 - - [13/Mar/2016:16:43:17 -0400] "GET //phpmyadmin1/scripts/setup.php HTTP/1.1" 301 184 "-" "-"
189.x.x.102 - - [12/Mar/2016:16:15:12 -0500] "HEAD http://192.64.80.52:80/PMA2015/ HTTP/1.1" 301 0 "-" "Mozilla/5.0
Jorgee"
183.x.x.26 - - [14/Feb/2016:01:37:16 -0500] "POST /doLogin.do HTTP/1.1" 301 184 "-" "Mozilla/5.0" POST /loginUI.action
183.x.x.187 - - [08/Jan/2016:18:51:43 -0500] "GET /mail/auth/login HTTP/1.1" 301 184 "-" "Mozilla/5.0 (Macintosh; Intel Mac
OS X 10_9_4) AppleWebKit/537.36 (KHTML, like Gecko)
61.x.x.236 - - [13/Mar/2016:16:48:25 -0400] "GET //web/scripts/setup.php HTTP/1.1" 301 184 "-" "-"
92.x.x.134 - - [15/Feb/2016:01:36:39 -0500] "GET /scripts/moadmin.php HTTP/1.1" 301 184
"http://www.obscuritysystems.com/scripts/moadmin.php" "Mozilla/4.0 (compatible; MSIE 6.0; Windows NT 5.1; Q312461)"

<http://www.skepticism.us/2015/05/new-malware-user-agent-value-jorgee/>

ModSecurity Redirect Blocking

SecFilterSelective REMOTE_ADDR "!192.168.1.2" chain

SecFilterSelective REQUEST_URI "/wp-login.php"

log,deny,redirect:http://www.somewhere.com/nologin.html

robots.txt

<https://www.dc801.org/robots.txt>

Disallow:

User-agent: *

Disallow: /admin

Disallow: /passwords

Disallow: /sensitive



HTTrack

Httptrack is a program that copies websites.

It will download the internet if you let it.

`httrack <URL of the site> [options] URL Filter -O <location to write copy>`

`httrack http://www.mycopysite.com -O /tmp/mycopy`

<https://www.httrack.com/html/fcguide.html>

<http://null-byte.wonderhowto.com/how-to/hack-like-pro-clone-any-website-using-httrack-0152420/>

Honey Token Detection MySQL

```
#!/bin/bash
```

```
honey_token=$(grep "ABCDEF" /var/lib/mysql/queries.log | wc -l)
```

```
if [ "$honey_token" -gt 1 ]
```

```
then
```

```
    logger "Honey Token Alert ABCDEF"
```

```
    mail -s "Honey Token Alert ABCDEF" you@somesite.com <<< "Alert Honey Token"
```

```
fi
```

MySQL Setup

[mysqld]

general-log
general-log-file=queries.log
log-output=file

<https://mariadb.com/kb/en/mariadb/general-query-log/>

Named pipes

mkfifo the_pipe
reader_command < the_pipe &
writer_command > the_pipe

<http://dba.stackexchange.com/questions/3552/how-do-i-output-mysql-logs-to-syslog/5106#5106>

<http://lists.mysql.com/mysql/191664>

<http://dba.stackexchange.com/questions/3552/how-do-i-output-mysql-logs-to-syslog/3571#3571>

Honey Table Detection

Same as a honey token but contains data we know attackers want.

Assuming that your system is compromised. Think as if you're a hacker trying to steal data. What would you try pulling down first?

Create tables that look attractive so that hackers try and dump data.

Such as A_PAN A_SSN A_USERNAMES.

The reason we are using A at the beginning of the table names is due to the fact most SQL injection tools start in alphabetical order when probing to determine database names.

ModSecurity Honey Token Detection

```
SecRule RESPONSE_BODY "@rx honeytoken" \n\n"phase:4,log,pass,t:none,msg:'Honey token detected'"
```

Honey File

```
#!/bin/bash
```

```
while true; do
```

```
    inotifywait -q -e access /root/systempasswords.txt
```

```
    mail -s "Honey Token Alert systempassword.txt" you@somesite.com <<< "Alert Honey Token"
```

```
    logger "Honey file has been read"
```

```
done
```

```
#https://linux.die.net/man/1/inotifywait
```

Honey Docs

A honey file might contain instructions for using a “Admin portal” that contains username and passwords used as honey tokens.

The document would be placed in a folder such as <https://mysecuresite.com/test/>

Decloaking Engine

<http://decloak.net/> is dead :(

The Decloaking Engine was a tool designed by HD Moore, the father of the Metasploit platform, to de-anonymize Tor users.



Counter Hacking

BeEF



BeEF is short for The Browser Exploitation Framework. It is a penetration testing tool that focuses on the web browser.

<https://github.com/beefproject/beef/wiki>

<http://beefproject.com/>

What can Beef do?

Auto pawn

<https://github.com/beefproject/beef/wiki/Metasploit>

Network Discovery

<https://github.com/beefproject/beef/wiki/Network-Discovery>

Information Gathering

<https://github.com/beefproject/beef/wiki/Information-Gathering>

Social Engineering

<https://github.com/beefproject/beef/wiki/Social-Engineering>

BeEF Part 2

Geolocation

<https://github.com/beefproject/beef/wiki/Geolocation>

Persistence

<https://github.com/beefproject/beef/wiki/Persistence>

Social Engineer Toolkit

<https://www.trustedsec.com/social-engineer-toolkit/>

https://github.com/trustedsec/social-engineer-toolkit/raw/master/readme/User_Manual.pdf

Spear-Phishing Attack Vector

Java Applet Attack Vector



Malicious Word Documents

Metasploit has a couple of built in methods you can use to infect Word and Excel documents with malicious Metasploit payloads.

<https://www.offensive-security.com/metasploit-unleashed/vbscript-infection-methods/>

Whats Next?

How can I hide system monitoring from attackers when a system is compromised?

Defensive rootkit to hide system monitoring from hackers.

Send logging packets to random ip addresses to be picked up by IDS systems.

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