IT-Security (ITS) B1

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Today’s agenda

Intrusion detection defined

Intrusion detection in theory

Intrusion detection in practice

Signature detection, anomaly detection, log analysis

Next time: Malware + Forensics

Intrusion Detection defined

Overall security goals

Prevent as much as possible with *best practices* such as secure coding, whitelisting, patching, secure configurations and more

Anticipate breaches and **build to contain** with defence in depth, segmentation, least privilege, etc.

Detect and **respond** when things go wrong

Learn and **repeat**

Intrusion Detection process / key activities

Intrusion Detection is the process of monitoring and analyzing system events, to identify and report such intrusions

Threat Assessment
How are we exposed (as a company, our business processes, and underlying IT)?

Visibility
What is the right level of insight we need in our systems and applications to detect intrusions?

Data Collection
How do we collect data to support our visibility needs?

Data Analysis
How do we analyse the data for signs of intrusions?

Incident Response
What do we do when we discover an attack?

Intrusions defined

What is an **intrusion**? Or, when does it go from being an **event** to something more.

An intrusion or incident is an event on a host or network that violates security policy, or is an imminent threat to put a system in an unauthorized state.

Not all **intrusion attempts** are successful, not all **intrusions** lead to **compromise.** The criticality of an intrusion/incident depends, on the stage in which it was discovered (anything non-targeted before Initial Access is borderline relevant), on the systems affected, the accounts compromised, the type of adversary, their motivation, and more.

Is this an incident?

[**] IIS vti_inf access attempt [**]

10/10-22-10:17:13 63.209.91.31:4791 -> 84.2.3.13:80

TCP TTL:116 TOS:0x0 ID:6075 DF

***PA* Seq:0x1CB4699 Ack:0x2AE6F9 Win:0x217C

← **IDS alert**

[Mon Oct 10 10:17:13 2022] [error] [client 63.209.91.31]

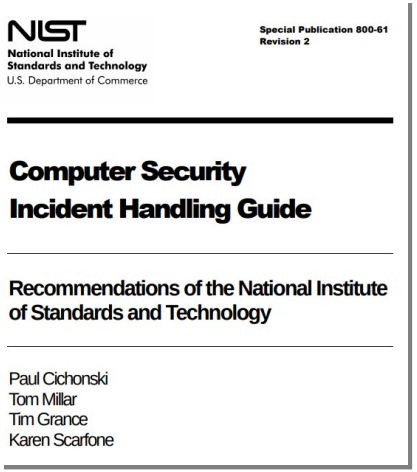
File does not exist: /usr/local/apache/htdocs/_vti_inf.html

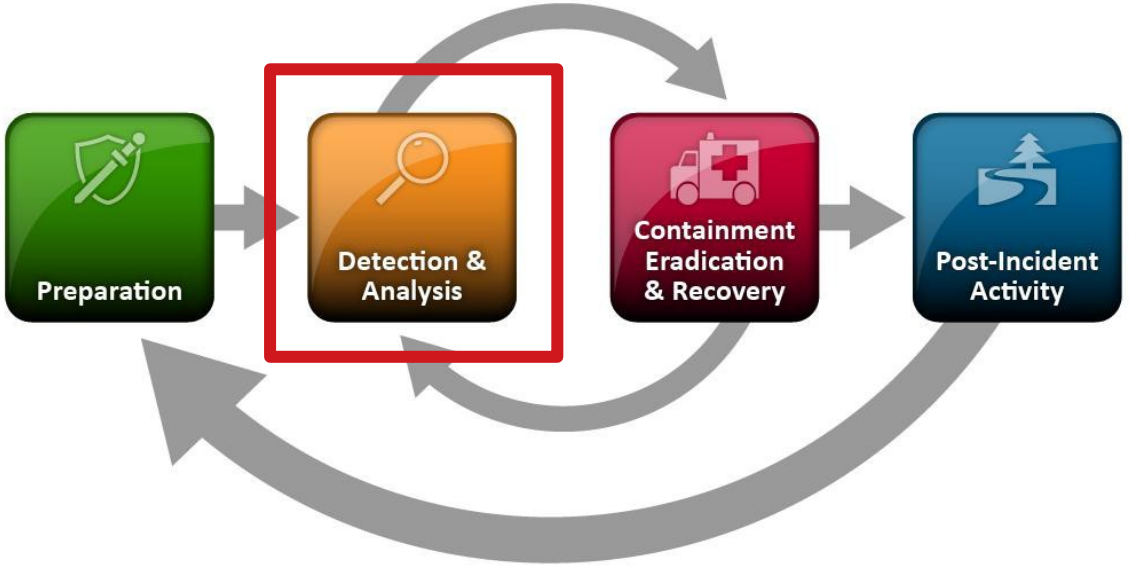
[Mon Oct 10 10:17:14 2022] [error] [client 63.209.91.31]

File does not exist: /usr/local/apache/htdocs/_vti_bin/shtml.exe/_vti_rpc

← **Web server log**

NIST Security Incident Handling process





Intrusions by the numbers

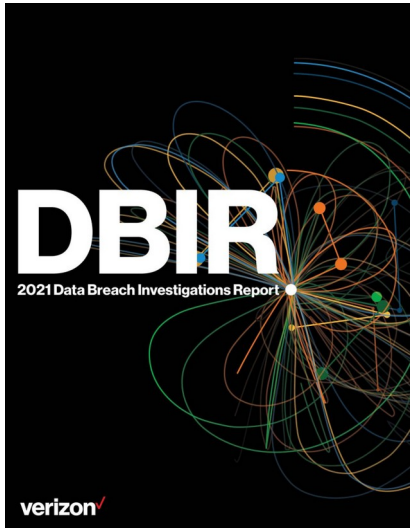
If or when?

“There are two kinds of companies.

There are those who've been hacked and those who don't know they've been hacked.”

Former FBI Director, James Comey

Overall trends in Intrusion Detection



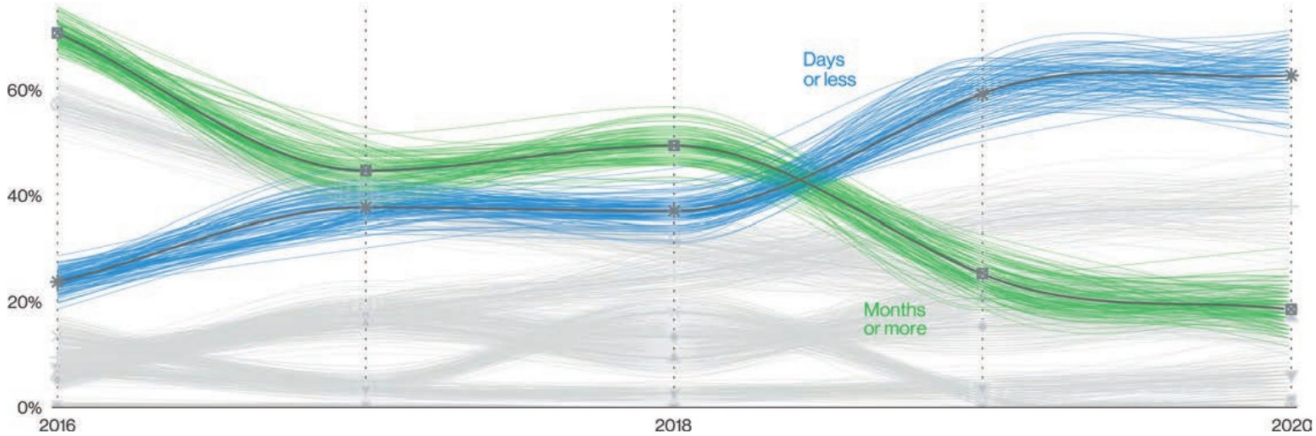
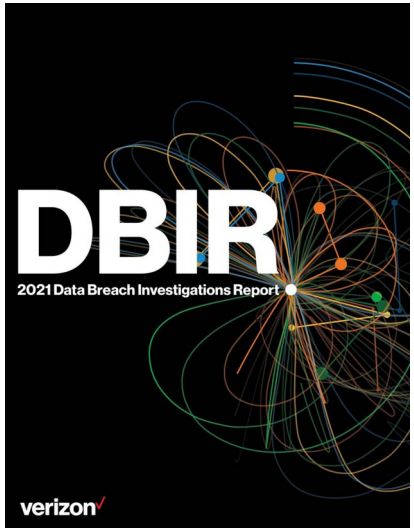


Figure 39. Discovery over time in breaches

Overall trends in Intrusion Detection



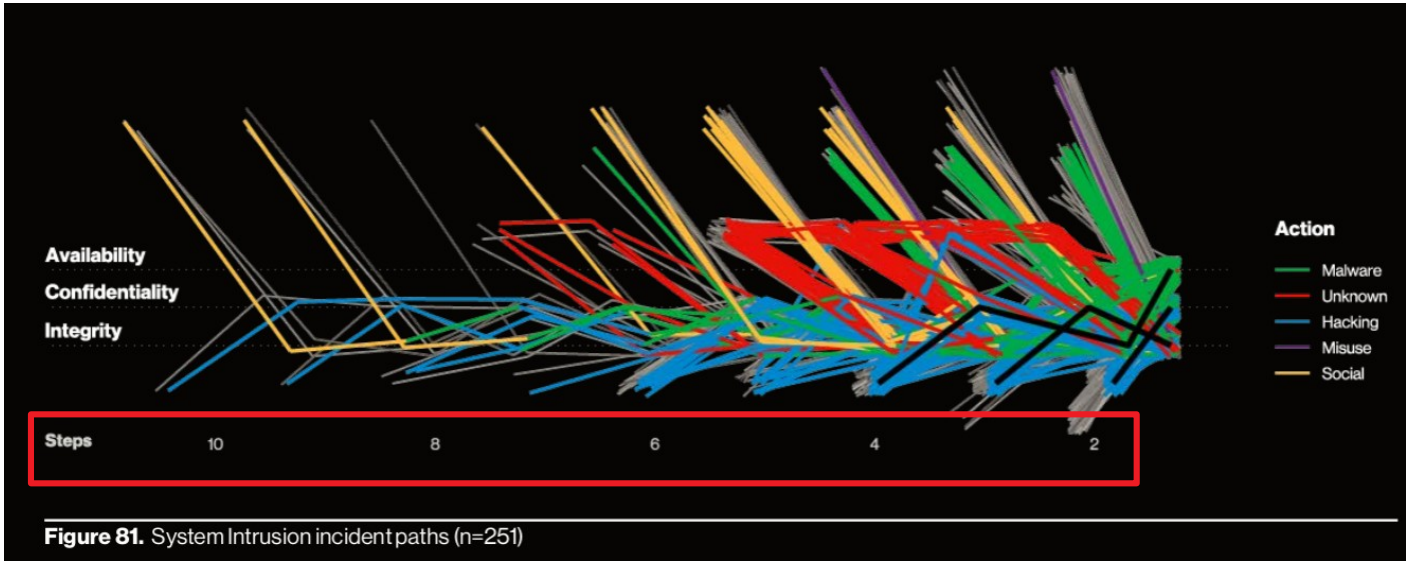


Figure 81. System Intrusion incident paths (n=251)

Intrusion Detection in Theory

True/false positive/negative

We have **events**, **sensors**, **HIDS** and **NIDS**: the **intrusion detection problem** is to determine whether an event is from a distribution of events of intruder behavior, or from a legitimate user distribution.

	intrusion	no intrusion
alarm raised	True Positive (TP) intrusion detected	False Positive (FP) false alarm
no alarm raised	False Negative (FN) intrusion missed	True Negative (TN) normal operation

False positive rate	$FPR = \frac{FP}{(FP+TN)}$
True negative rate	$TNR = 1 - FPR$
False negative rate	$FNR = 1 - TPR$
True positive rate	$TPR = \frac{TP}{(TP+FN)}$
Alarm precision	$AP = \frac{TP}{(TP+FP)}$

Figure 11.1: IDS event outcomes (left) and metrics (right). FP and FN (yellow) are the classification errors. TPR is also called the *detection rate*.

Intrusion detection: approaches

IDS approach	Alarm when...	Pros, cons, notes
signature-based (expert defines malicious patterns)	events match known-bad patterns	signatures built from known attacks; fast, accurate (fewer false positives); detects only already-known attacks
specification-based (expert defines allowed actions)	events deviate from per-application specifications of legitimate actions	manually developed spec of allowed; can detect new attacks; no alarm on newly seen allowed event; specs are protocol- or program-specific
anomaly-based (learning-based profile of normal)	events deviate from profiles of normal	need training period to build profiles; can detect new attacks; false alarms (abnormal may be benign); accuracy depends on features profiled

Table 11.1: IDS methodologies. Signature-based approaches use expert-built patterns (manual denylists). Specification approaches use expert-built specs (manual allowlists). Anomaly approaches define "normal" behavior from training data (empirical allowlists).

Intrusion Detection in Practice

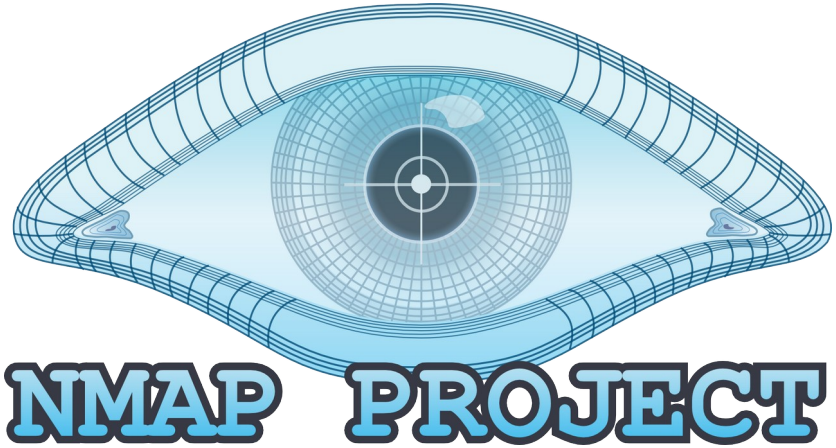
Nmap

Snort

Bro/Zeek

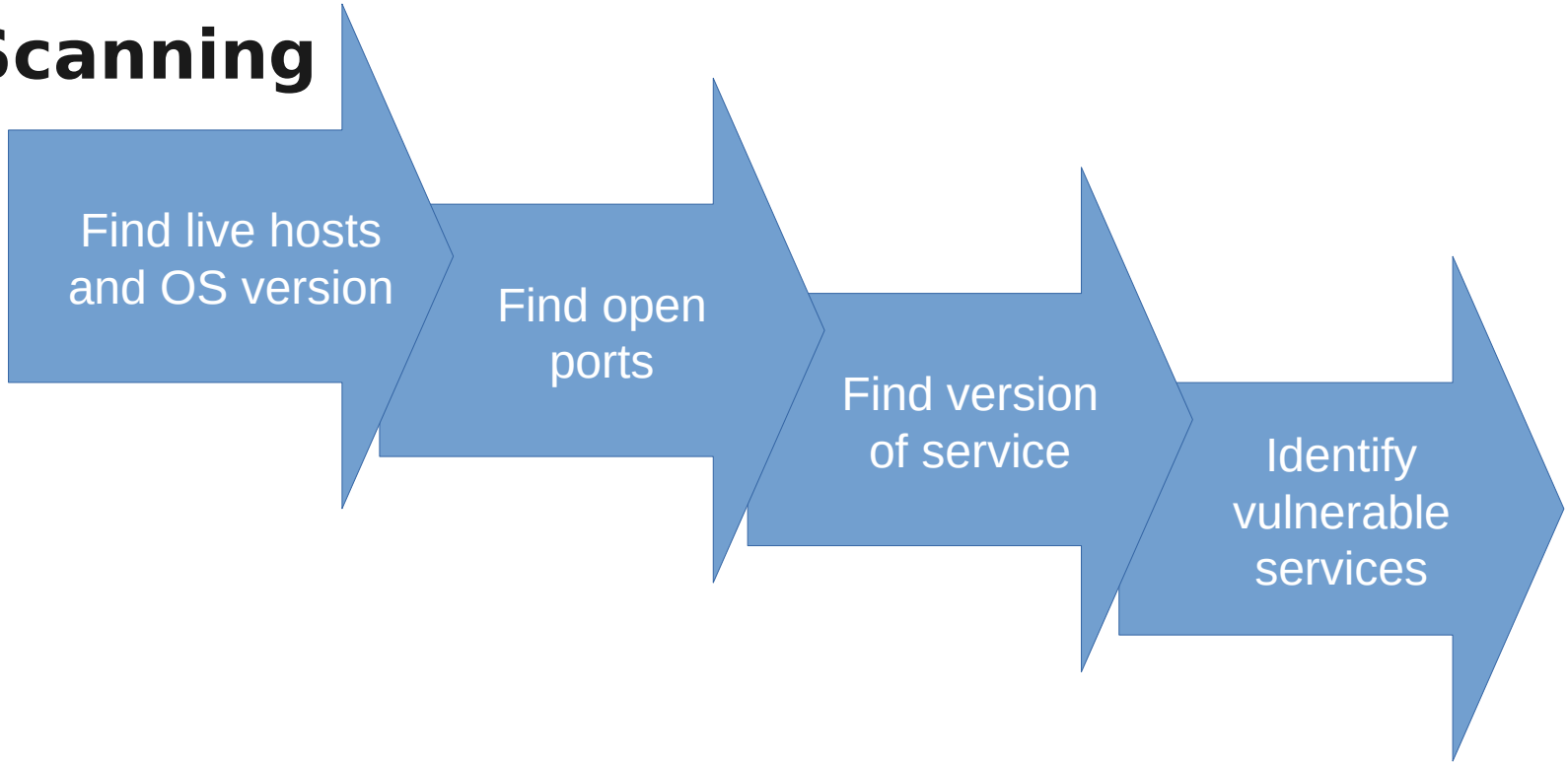
Scanning

nmap
-sS (TCP SYN)
-sT (TCP connect)

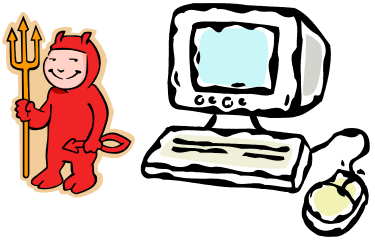


nmap 127.0.0.1
nmap –sT 127.0.0.1
nmap –sT –O 127.0.0.1
nmap –sV –p 80,443 127.0.0.1
nmap –sV –script=vulnscan 127.0.0.1

Scanning

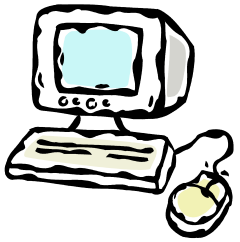

Find live hosts and OS version
Find open ports
Find version of service
Identify vulnerable services

Scanning

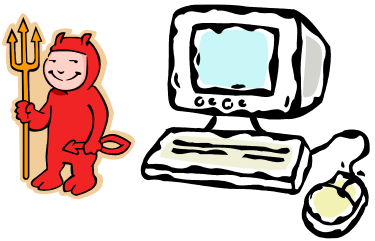


Echo request

Echo reply



Port scanning

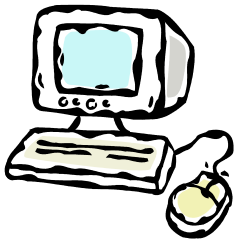


SYN

SYN,ACK

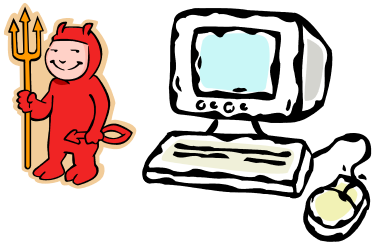
ACK

DATA



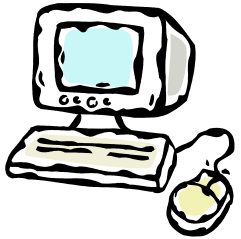
TCP

Port open!

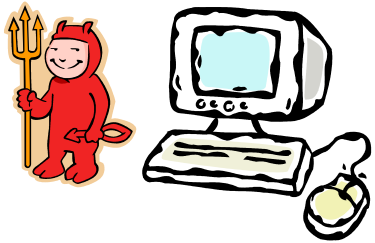


SYN

SYN-ACK



Port closed!



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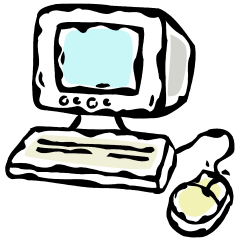
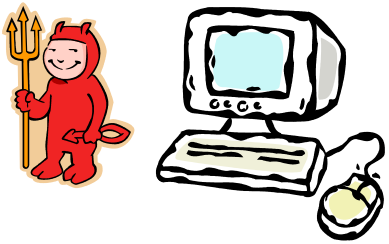
RST-ACK



Blocked by firewall?



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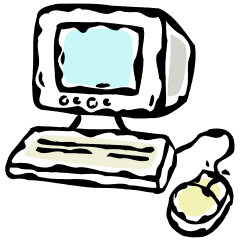
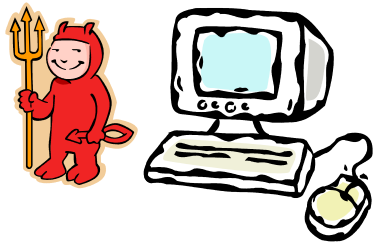


UDP

Port open!



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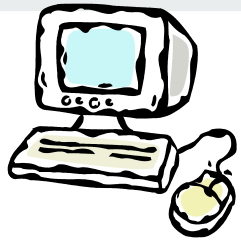
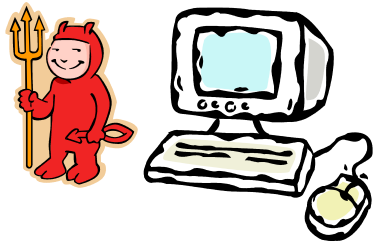
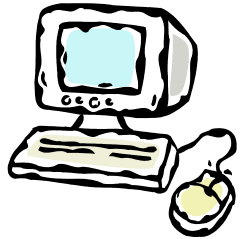


Port closed (blocked by firewall?)!

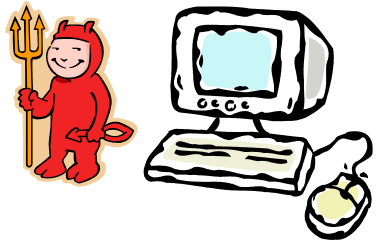


UDP

ICMP port unreachable



Port closed or blocked by firewall or port open but expecting specific data?



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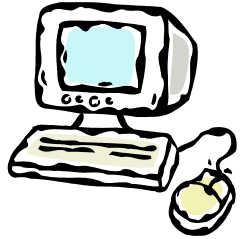


Snort

```
# Snort rule to detect the packet used to exploit a vulnerability in CVS.

alert tcp $EXTERNAL_NET any -> 130.225.254.12 2401 (msg:"CVS server
heap overflow attempt"; flow:to_server,established; content:"|45 6e 74 72 79
20 43 43 43 43 43 43 43 43 43 2f 43 43|"; offset:0; depth:20; dsize: >512;
threshold: type limit, track by_dst, count 1, seconds 60 ; sid:1000000; rev:1;
classtype:attempted-admin;)
```

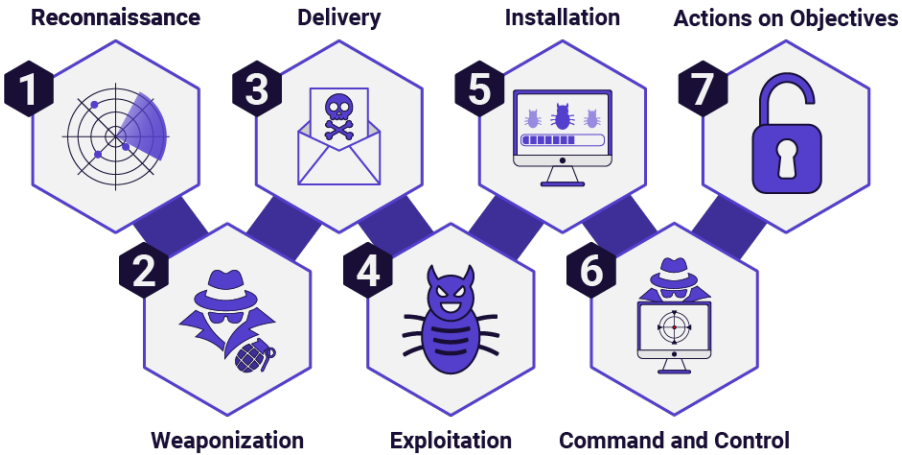
Example: Files sent over the network

Intrusion Detection in Even More Practice

Where should we focus?

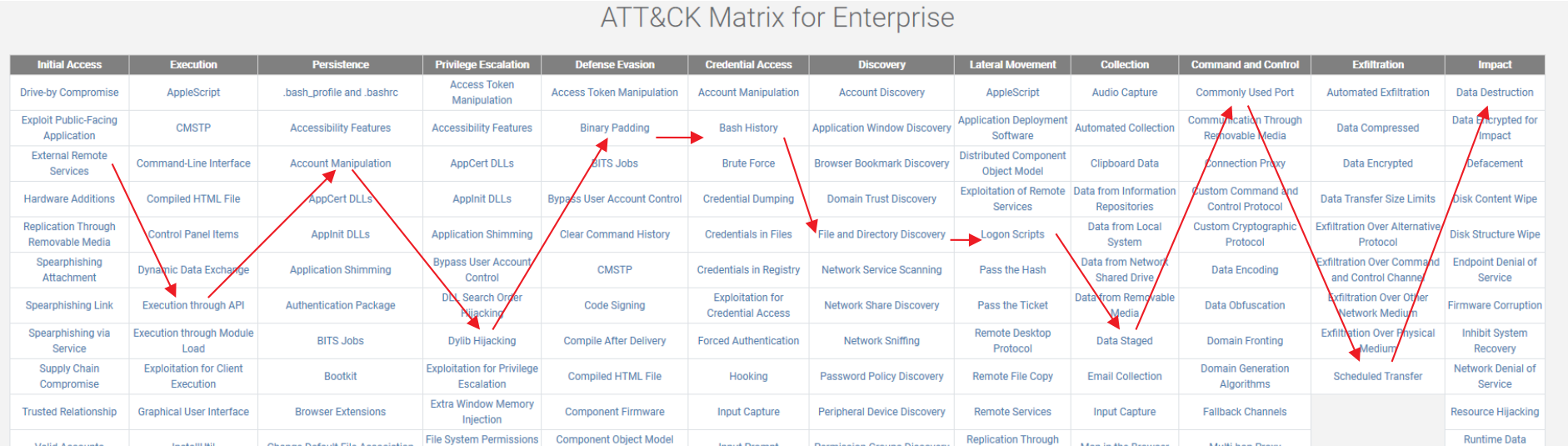
Visibility

Q: What is the right level of insight we need in our systems and applications to detect intrusions?
A: Study how hackers actually hack: The **Cyber Kill Chain**:



MITRE ATT&CK

The Cyber Kill Chain is a good resource, but somewhat high-level. **MITRE ATT&CK** to the rescue:



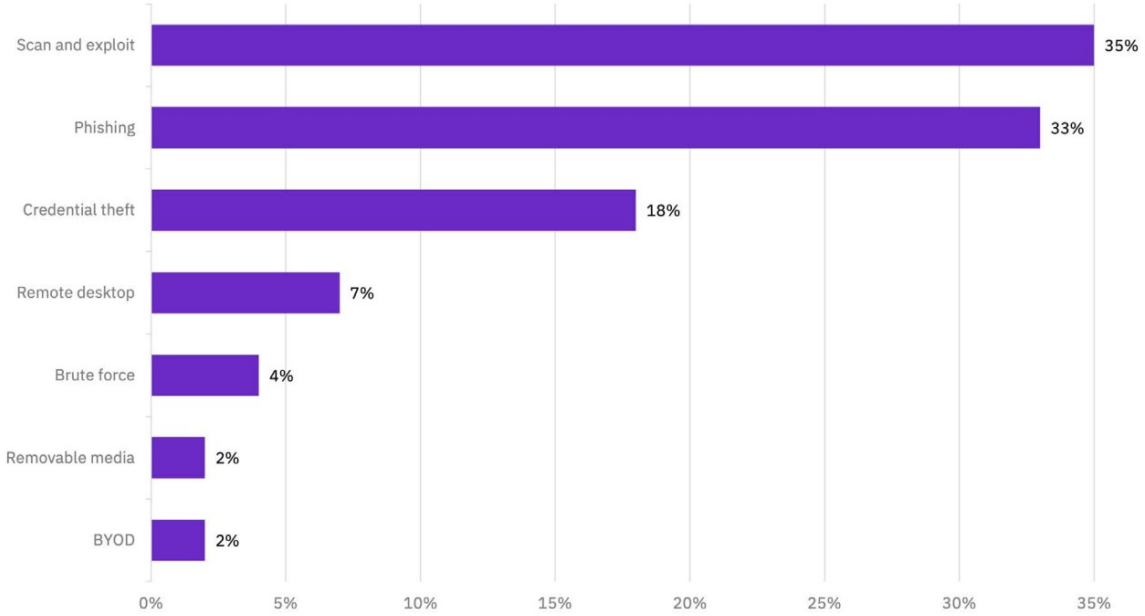
Which ATT&CK Techniques to focus on?

All?

Or, **some**? And if so, then **which**?

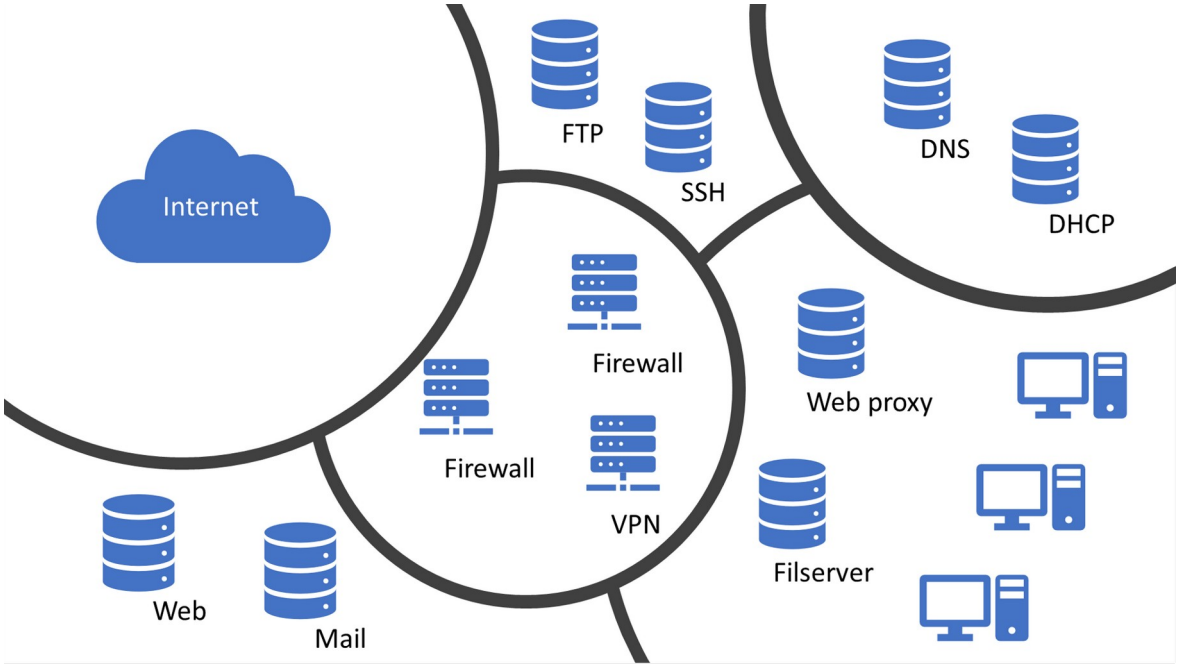
Look at the evidence, i.e. **tecniques observed in the wild** – either by ourself or reported in freely available information aka **(open source) threat intelligence**.

For example, in their 2021 X-Force Threat Intelligence Index, IBM notes their observations on the Initial Access tactic:

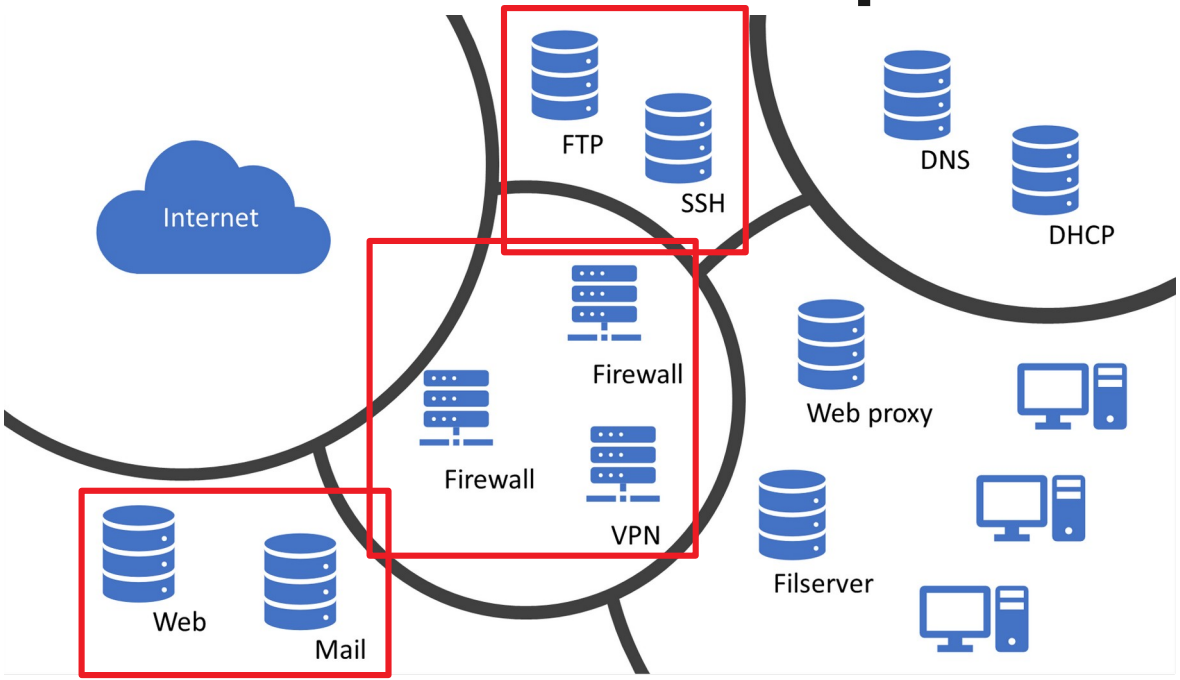


Visibility

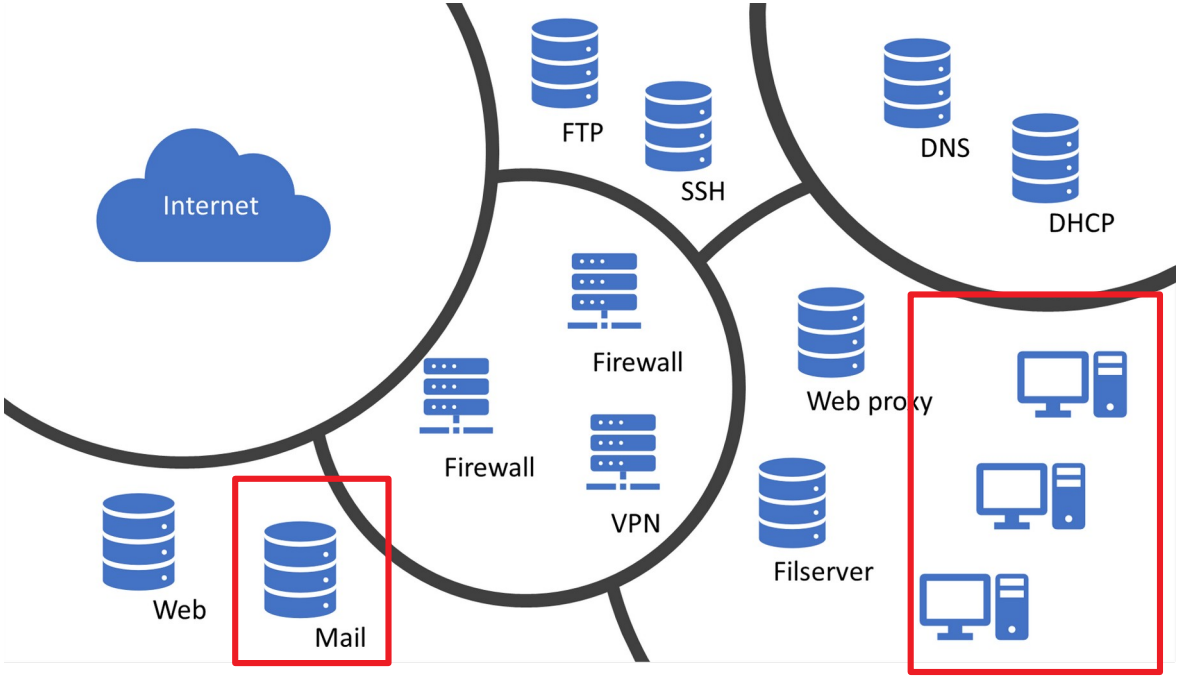
Possible data sources, include:



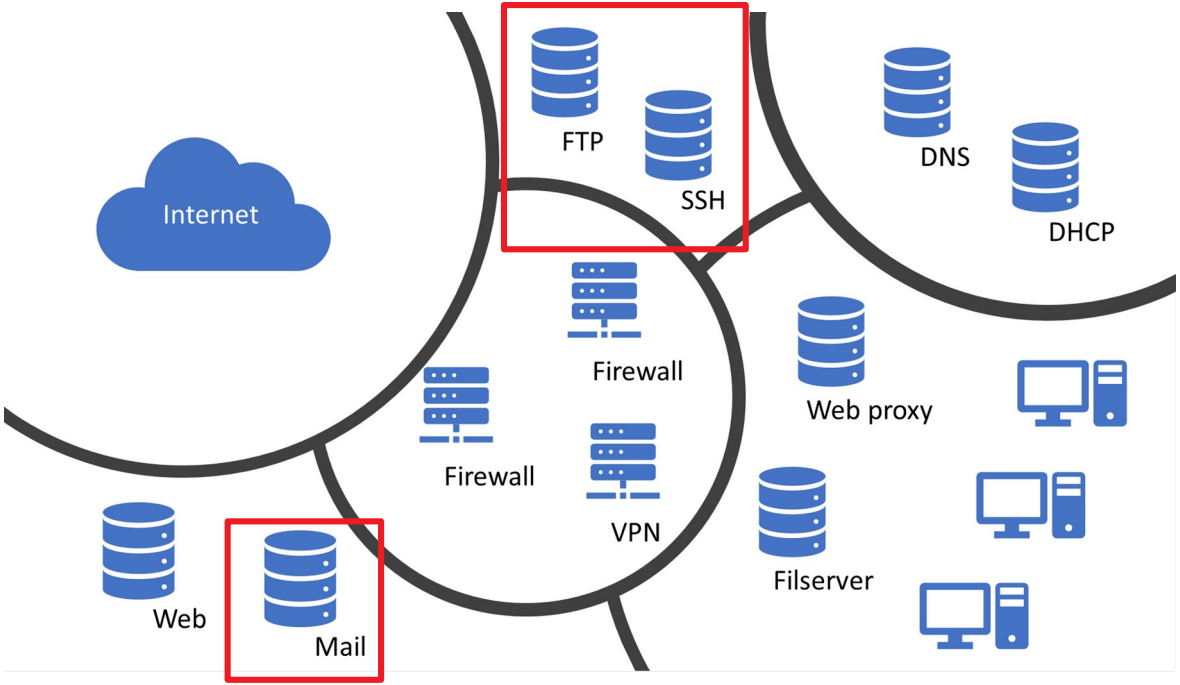
Initial Access: Scan and exploit



Initial Access: Phishing



Initial Access: Credential theft



Example mail server log

```
2022-10-10T11:29:49.0000000Z,user@company.com,UserLoggedIn,[Details]
2022-10-10T11:31:34.0000000Z,user@company.com,UserLoggedIn,[Details]
2022-10-10T11:31:42.0000000Z,user@company.com,FilePreviewed,[Details]
2022-10-10T11:31:45.0000000Z,user@company.com,UserLoggedIn,[Details]
2022-10-10T11:31:47.0000000Z,user@company.com,UserLoggedIn,[Details]
2022-10-10T11:32:44.0000000Z,user@company.com,UserLoggedIn,[Details]
2022-10-10T11:32:54.0000000Z,user@company.com,UserLoggedIn,[Details]
2022-10-10T11:42:30.0000000Z,user@company.com,Set-Mailbox,[Details]
2022-10-10T11:49:33.0000000Z,user@company.com,New-InboxRule,[Details]
2022-10-10T11:55:24.0000000Z,user@company.com,UserLoggedIn,[Details]
```

Example web server log

```
[Oct 1 12:47:57 2022] 87.118.116.103:46928 [200]: /pressroom.php
[Oct 1 12:47:57 2022] 87.118.116.103:46930 [404]: /favicon.ico - No such file or directory
[Oct 1 12:47:57 2022] Notice:  Undefined index: tag in /tmp/php/pressroom.php on line 17
[Oct 1 12:48:05 2022] 87.118.116.103:46932 [200]: /pressroom.php?tag=news
[Oct 1 12:48:14 2022] 87.118.116.103:46934 [200]: /pressroom.php?tag=events
[Oct 1 12:48:14 2022] 87.118.116.103:46936 [200]: /pressroom.php?tag=research
[Oct 1 12:48:18 2022] 87.118.116.103:46938 [200]: /pressroom.php?tag=foo
[Oct 1 12:48:18 2022] Notice:  Non-existent tag requested: foo
[Oct 1 12:48:55 2022] 87.118.116.103:46946 [200]: /pressroom.php?tag=error.log
[Oct 1 12:49:10 2022] 87.118.116.103:46950 [200]: /pressroom.php?tag=../../etc/passwd
```

CVE-2021-41773 Apache path traversal

critical: Path traversal and file disclosure vulnerability in Apache HTTP Server 2.4.49 (CVE-2021-41773)

A flaw was found in a change made to path normalization in Apache HTTP Server 2.4.49. An attacker could use a path traversal attack to map URLs to files outside the directories configured by Alias-like directives.

If files outside of these directories are not protected by the usual default configuration "require all denied", these requests can succeed. If CGI scripts are also enabled for these aliased pathes, this could allow for remote code execution.

This issue is known to be exploited in the wild.

This issue only affects Apache 2.4.49 and not earlier versions.

Acknowledgements: This issue was reported by Ash Daulton along with the cPanel Security Team

Reported to security team	2021-09-29
fixed by r1893775 in 2.4.x	2021-10-01
Update 2.4.50 released	2021-10-04
Affects	2.4.49

```
$hostname/cgi-bin/.%2e/%2e%2e/%2e%2e/etc/passwd
```

Example DNS log

```
30-09-2022 01:29:55 UDP Rcv 10.232.65.43    Q (3)www(7)gstatic(3)com(0)
30-09-2022 01:29:55 UDP Snd 10.232.65.43  R Q (3)www(7)gstatic(3)com(0)
30-09-2022 01:29:55 UDP Rcv 10.201.120.30   Q (5)login(4)live(3)com(0)
30-09-2022 01:29:55 UDP Snd 10.201.120.30 R Q (5)login(4)live(3)com(0)
30-09-2022 01:29:55 UDP Rcv 10.230.20.106   Q (2)gg(6)google(3)com(0)
30-09-2022 01:29:55 UDP Snd 10.230.20.106 R Q (2)gg(6)google(3)com(0)
30-09-2022 01:29:55 UDP Rcv 10.201.100.45   Q (4)pool(3)ntp(3)org(0)
30-09-2022 01:29:55 UDP Snd 10.201.100.45 R Q (4)pool(3)ntp(3)org(0)
30-09-2022 01:29:55 UDP Rcv 10.201.100.65   Q (5)yahoo(3)com(0)
30-09-2022 01:29:55 UDP Snd 10.201.100.65 R Q (5)yahoo(3)com(0)
```

Example DHCP log

```
10,2022/09/09,08:30:01,Assign,10.201.22.101,WS10012A,8c164566564e
10,2022/09/09,08:33:12,Assign,10.201.22.108,WS10022A,8c1645665a4b,
10,2022/09/09,08:33:55,Assign,10.201.22.109,WS10052A,8c164566779e,
10,2022/09/09,08:34:01,Assign,10.201.22.110,WS10044A,8c164566464c,
11,2022/09/09,08:34:32,Renew,10.201.22.122,VM10081A,005056c00001,
10,2022/09/09,08:34:34,Assign,10.201.22.130,WS10012A,8c16456651aa
11,2022/09/09,08:35:45,Renew,10.201.22.133,VM10110A,005056cee001,
10,2022/09/09,08:35:53,Assign,10.201.22.134,WS10072A,8c16456ab1a4b,
12,2022/09/09,08:37:01,Release,10.201.22.110,WS10048A,8c16456694c,
10,2022/09/09,08:37:10,Assign,10.201.22.110,WS10097A,8c164561239e,
```

Example firewall log

```
Mar  1 11:28:47 Built inbound UDP id 4253 from 192.38.84.35/7179 to 130.226.237.14/53
Mar  1 11:28:47 Teardown TCP id 4198 duration 0:00:00 bytes 7194 TCP FINs from in
Mar  1 11:28:47 Deny TCP from 10.150.96.249/54735 to 130.226.237.153/4433 flags RST ACK
Mar  1 11:28:47 Built inbound UDP id 4254 from 192.38.84.42/61918 to 130.226.237.14/53
Mar  1 11:28:47 Built inbound UDP id 4257 from 10.202.55.102/64651 to 130.226.237.14/53
Mar  1 11:28:47 Built outbound UDP id 4259 from 130.226.142.7/53 to 130.226.237.14/20238
Mar  1 11:28:47 Built inbound UDP id 4258 from 10.202.55.21/53921 to 130.226.237.14/53
Mar  1 11:28:47 Built outbound UDP id 4255 from 130.226.237.173/53 to 130.226.237.14/27800
Mar  1 11:28:47 Teardown TCP id 4210 duration 0:00:00 bytes 0 TCP FINs
Mar  1 11:28:47 Built inbound id 4260 TCP from 10.209.100.121/62921 to 130.226.237.153/4433
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Example firewall log

```
Jun 4 14:23:01 src=192.168.30.143 dst=46.30.215.95 tcp spt=42449 dpt=80 len=60 syn [Details]
Jun 4 14:23:01 src=46.30.215.95 dst=192.168.30.143 tcp spt=80 dpt=42449 len=60 ack syn [Details]
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Example Windows server Security Log

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Indicators of compromise in Intrusion Detection

Indicators of compromise (IOCs)

Technical characteristics that identify a known threat, attacker methodology, or other evidence of compromise, e.g.:

C2 domains

IPs used in attack

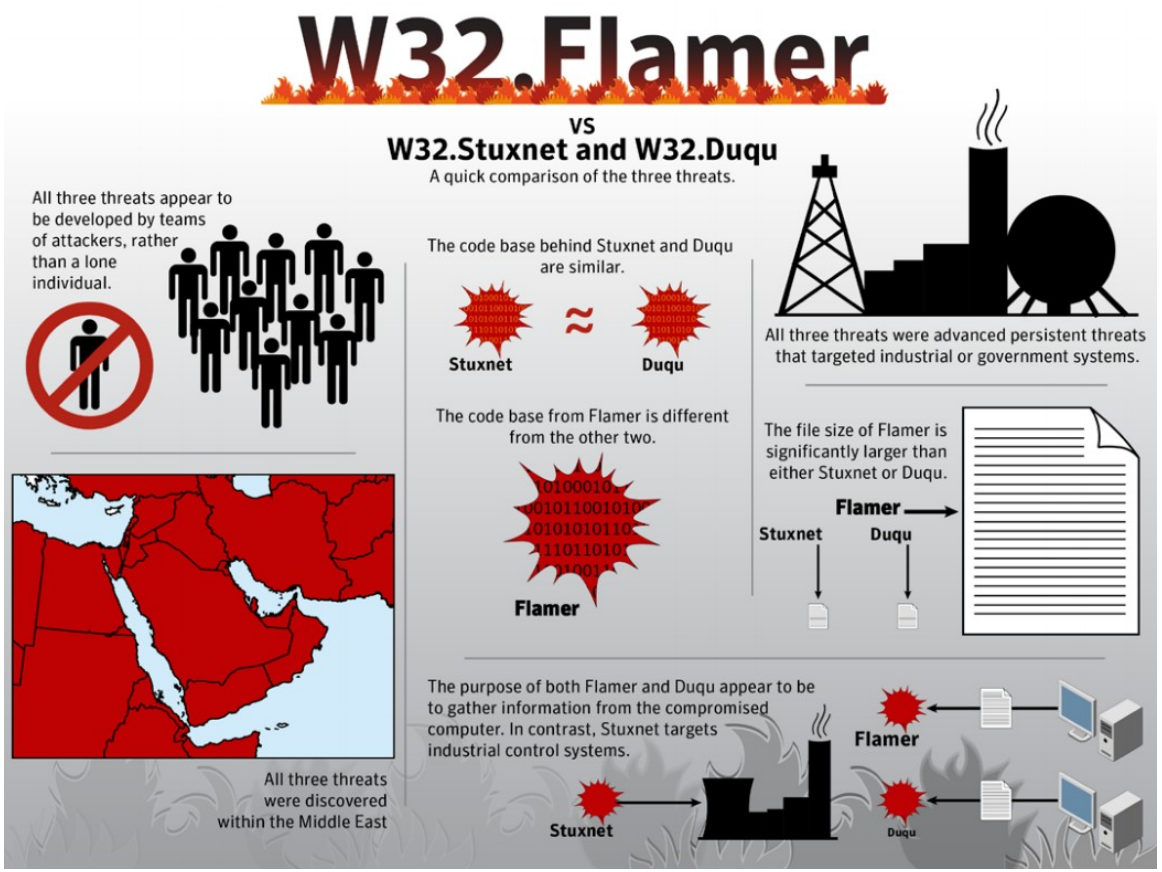
Special GET requests

Malware file system locations

Malware hashes

Memory artifacts

Duqu IOCs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VS
W32.Stuxnet and W32.Duqu
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The code base behind Stuxnet and Duqu are similar.
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Duqu
All three threats were advanced persistent threats that targeted industrial or government systems.
The code base from Flamer is different from the other two.
Flamer
The file size of Flamer is significantly larger than either Stuxnet or Duqu.
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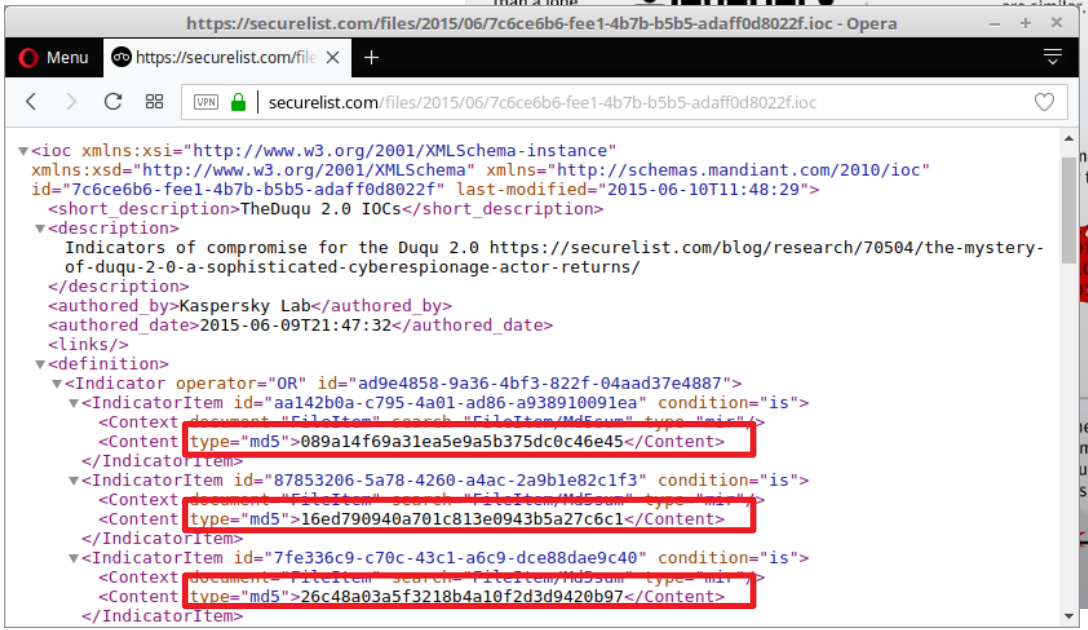
Stuxnet
Duqu
All three threats were discovered within the Middle East
The purpose of both Flamer and Duqu appear to be to gather information from the compromised computer. In contrast, Stuxnet targets industrial control systems.
Flamer
Stuxnet
Duqu

Duqu IOCs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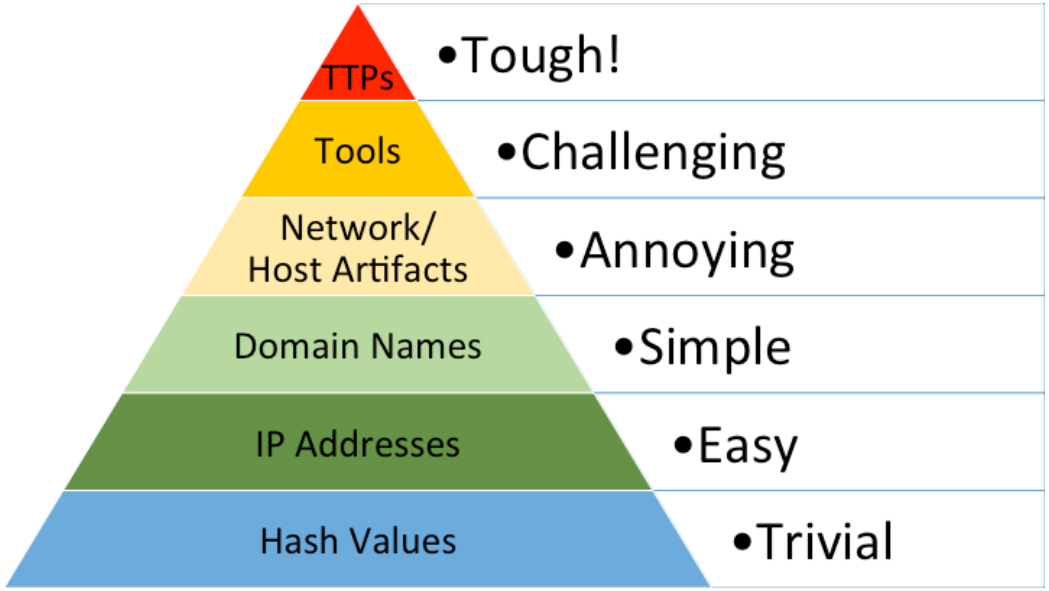

IOC (hash) strategy

Collect IOC file hashes

For each host in my network:

Calculate file hashes

Match against IOC list

Problems:

What if attacker updates the malware?

What if we get a match = IOC fidelity

Refined approach

Same as before but in stead of all files, calculate only for executables that **autostart**

Plus: Look for new entries or hosts with entries unlike most, i.e. **anomalies** instead of IOCs only