# Attack Infrastructure for the Modern Red Team

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### Who Are We?

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**NSA Playset** 

Principle Infra Monkey

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C# Malware is <3

Also a Principle Infra Monkey

**RED TEAM!!!** 





# Agenda

- What is a Red Team
- Requirements for Red Team Infrastructure
- Deep dive of Infrastructure
- DEMO, DEMO, DEMO, DEMO
- Show me the source, Luke!
- Future Work
- Closing

# Introduction to Red Teaming

Alternative Analysis & Threat Emulation/Attack Modeling

Acts as a sparring partner for your defensive teams, commonly referred to as blue, to increase their efficacy.

Operation types include: Overt, Covert, and Clandestine

# Why Infrastructure Tho?

## Roll early, roll often

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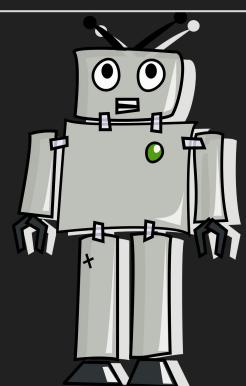
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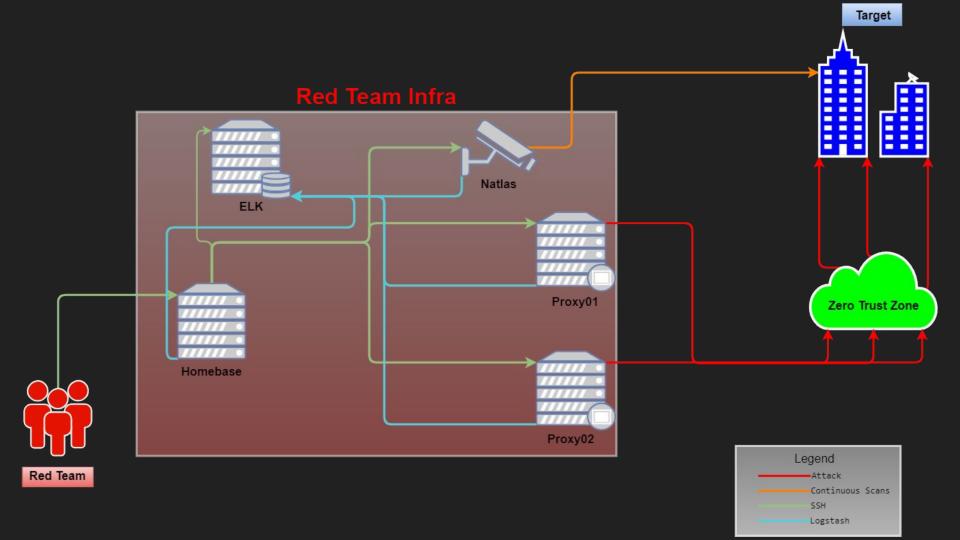
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- Self Contained
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- Auditable
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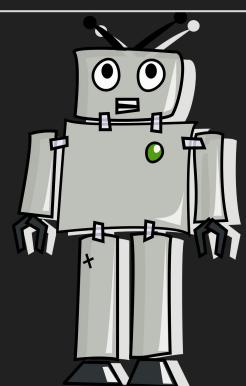


# Infrastructure Deep Dive



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# **Network Fabric Security**

SSH to homebase only through corp OUTBOUND IP

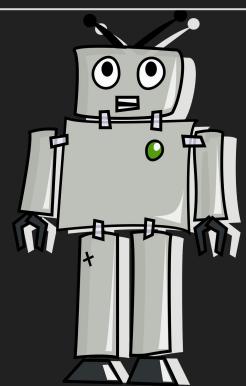
Proxies for inbound C2

- HTTP
- HTTPS
- SSH (if needed, not by default)
- DNS (if needed, not by default)
- 4444 / 2222 (if needed, not by default)

Open Internal fabric routes everything

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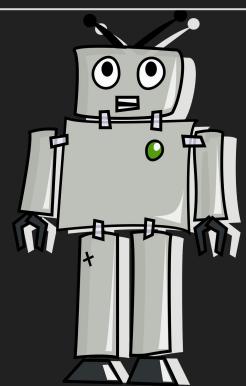
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#### Variety of tooling used

- Terraform
- Vagrant
- Puppet
- Lots of git-fu

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#### **Self-Contained Access Control**

Red Team-SSH repo and SSH keypairs

Role based access control via tags

- Redteam
- Infra
- Core
- Volunteer

#### Example json

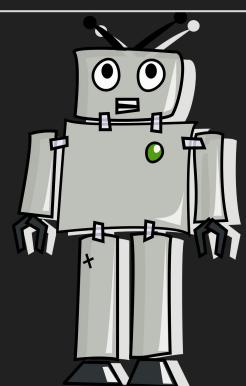
```
"users" : [
        "uid" : 6001.
        "name" : "Some Name 1",
        "username" : "somename1".
        "authorized_keys" : "BASE64 GARBAGE",
            "shell" : "/bin/bash",
            "tags" : [
        "volunteer" ,
        "redteam"
        "uid" : 6002,
        "name" : "Some Name 2",
        "username": "somename2",
        "authorized keys" : "BASE64 GARBAGE"
            "shell" : "/bin/bash",
            "tags" : [
        "core",
        "redteam"
```

https://github.com/redteaminfra/redteam-ssh

```
Host homebase-#{vpcname}
    #{hostname}
     #{proxycommand}
     User <SSH USER>
    IdentityFile ~/.ssh/id_rsa
     #Uncomment AddressFamily if you have WSL errors to force ipv4
     #AddressFamily inet
     LocalForward 50050 127.0.0.1:50050
    LocalForward 5000 #{subnet}.14:80
     LocalForward 9001 127.0.0.1:9001
     ##Change 59xx to your VNC Port and uncomment this forward. Your UID is found in sshKeys users.json
     #Your port number is (5900 + (UID - 6000) + 1)
     #LocalForward 5901 127.0.0.1:59xx
Host proxy01-#{vpcname}
    Proxycommand ssh homebase-#{vpcname} nc -q0 %h.infra.us %p
    User <SSH_USER>
Host proxy02-#{vpcname}
    Proxycommand ssh homebase-#{vpcname} nc -q0 %h.infra.us %p
    User <SSH USER>
Host elk-#{vpcname}
    Proxycommand ssh homebase-#{vpcname} nc -q0 %h.infra.us %p
    User <SSH USER>
     LocalForward 5601 #{subnet}.13:5601
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## Modular, Flexible, Buzzwordable

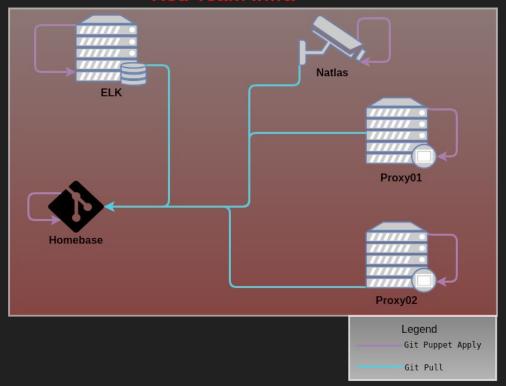
A suite of Puppet Modules are provided that you can plug-and-play in your instance deployments!

```
{ modules } master > ls
             gitpuppet
backflips
                                   hostsexternal
                                                    loot
                                                                 natlasserver
                                                                               tinyproxy
cobaltstrike gitserver
                                   hostsinternal
                                                    modrewrite
                                                                               touch
             homebasetools
                                   hostsinternalhb
                                                    mollyguard
dante
                                                                               unattendedupgrades
                                                    monitoring
elk
             homebasetoolsubuntu irc
                                                                               volunteerssh
                                                                 proxytools
                                                    natlasagent
etherpad
              hosts
                                   logstashconfig
                                                                               vama
```

https://github.com/redteaminfra/redteam-infra/tree/master/puppet

## **#OPSEC**

#### **Red Team Infra**



#### Cobalt Strike

Windows shop heavy, but provisions everything you need to host a teamserver!

Supported by proxies with the mod\_rewrite module, you can quickly spin up engagements and testing playgrounds!

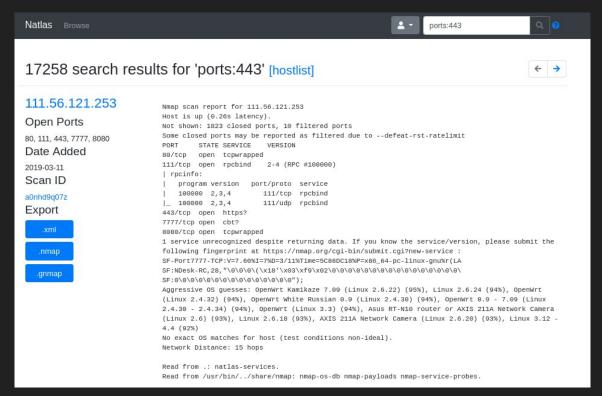
# Cobalt Strike with mod\_rewrite

https://github.com/redteaminfra/redteam-infra/tree/master/puppet/modules/modrewrite

# Others C2s?

Easy to add via Pull Request!

#### Natlas



#### https://github.com/natlas/natlas

# Natlas Deployment

Automated as two puppet modules

- Natlasagent
- Natlasserver

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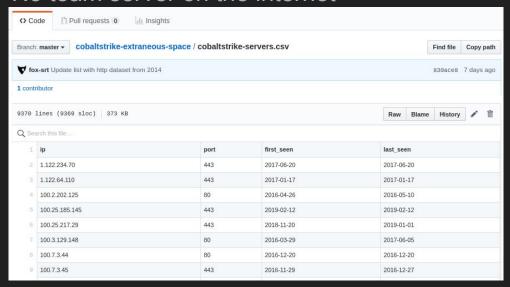
No C2 on the internet freely available!

Strong OUTBOUND and INBOUND restrictions on homebase

No TLS termination in Zero Trust Zones

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#### No team server on the internet



- <a href="https://blog.fox-it.com/2019/02/26/identifying-cobalt-strike-team-servers-in-the-wild/">https://blog.fox-it.com/2019/02/26/identifying-cobalt-strike-team-servers-in-the-wild/</a>
- <a href="https://blog.cobaltstrike.com/2019/02/19/cobalt-strike-team-server-population-study/">https://blog.cobaltstrike.com/2019/02/19/cobalt-strike-team-server-population-study/</a>
- https://engineering.salesforce.com/tls-fingerprinting-with-ja3-and-ja3s-247362855967

#### How did you find these team servers?

Here are the common techniques to identify Cobalt Strike team servers on the internet:

1) The Cobalt Strike product ships with a default SSL certificate for HTTPS communication. This self-signed certificate has no place in a live operation, but it's still used in many Cobalt Strike deployments. One technique to find Cobalt Strike Beacon controllers is to search for the SHA-256 hash of Cobalt Strike's default certificates:



- 2) Cobalt Strike's DNS server (when it's enabled) will respond to any request it receives with the bogon IP 0.0.0.0. A search for DNS servers that respond to an arbitrary DNS request with this answer will find Cobalt Strike systems. It will also find non-Cobalt Strike systems as well. It's a noisy indicator.
- Search for systems with port 50050 open. This is the controller for Cobalt Strike's team server.
- 4) Another technique is to look for 404 Not Found root page with empty content and a text/plain Content-Type. This is the default response of Cobalt Strike without a redirector or content explicitly hosted at /.

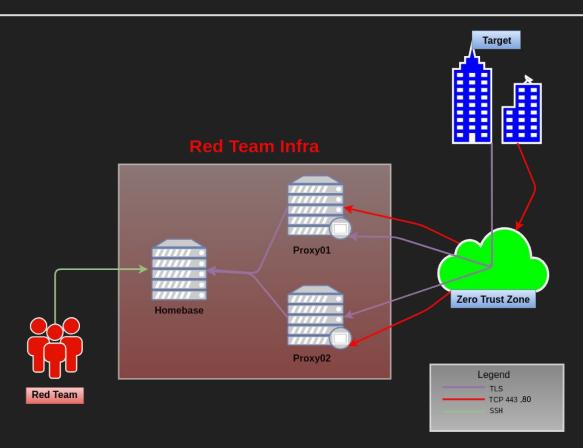
#### Zero Trust Zones

Assume breach of all hosts used outside of Red Team Infra

<u>External/sketch</u> provides a very simple set of provision scripts for zero-trust reflector proxies.

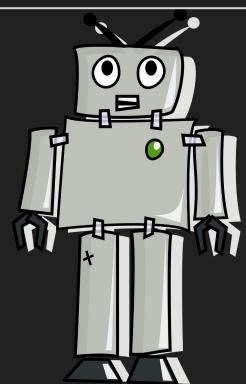
ssh user@sketch bash -c "echo <BASE64 GARBAGE>|base64 -d|bash"

# **TLS Termination**



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# Auditable via Telemetry

All done via the ELK instance

All boxes send telemetry data to it via logstash

Several opsec safe alerts are present in the monitoring module

- C2Dead
- C2Compromised

# Agility



- > be me
- > blueteam finds C2 domain
- > oh\$#!!.gif
- > need to roll to new C2
- > go go go

MFW tested in staging and rolled to prod in 15m

# This My Life Now

- 1. Terraform apply
- 2. hack; hack; hack
- 3. git add; git commit
- 4. git push homebase-xxx:/var/lib/git/infra
- 5. ????
- 6. git push origin master
- 7. Profit!!



# Open Source

https://github.com/redteaminfra

https://github.com/redteaminfra/redteam-infra

https://github.com/redteaminfra/redteam-ssh

https://github.com/redteaminfra/redteam-infra/issues



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# Training and How To!?!?

There are training docs in the repo and hopefully enough README.md's!

https://github.com/redteaminfra/redteam-infra/tree/master/documentation

#### **Future Work**

We want to support all the Clouds!

Closing some issues with puppet deployment

Closing more issues

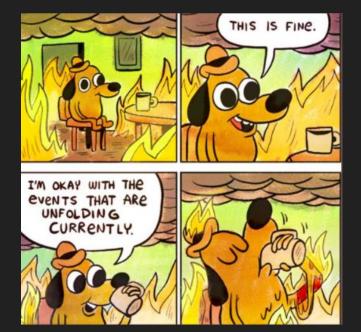
And more issues

Issues

Blog Post incoming!!!!

# Closing Remarks

# Learn it, love it, live it.



#### Thank Yous and References

dade for supporting <a href="https://github.com/natlas/natlas">https://github.com/natlas/natlas</a>

Toby Kohlenberg for helping us to define original architecture goals and Red Teaming

 Red teaming probably isn't for you https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P4zIUQQo6Hg

Adam Luvshis for the Aggressor scripts

Chris Hawke for monitoring with elastalert

All the people we asked questions and yap yap'd with about infra

Our staring point - https://github.com/bluscreenofjeff/Red-Team-Infrastructure-Wiki

# EOF