

TECH Track

Threat Hunting with Azure Sentinel

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Agenda

- Security primer
- What is Threat Hunting?
- Azure Security overview
- Azure Sentinel
- Alerting
- Hunting
- Integrations
- Takeaways

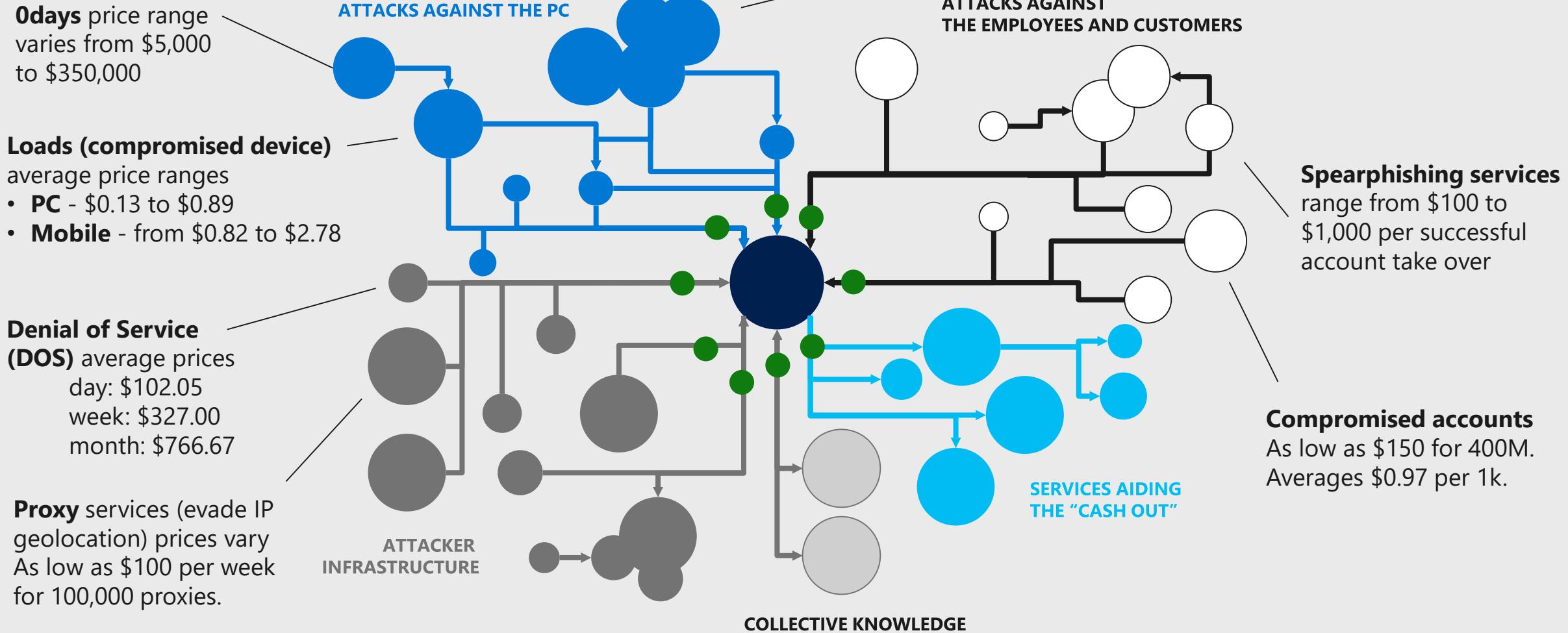
Security Primer

Identity is the new perimeter

Most common attacks:

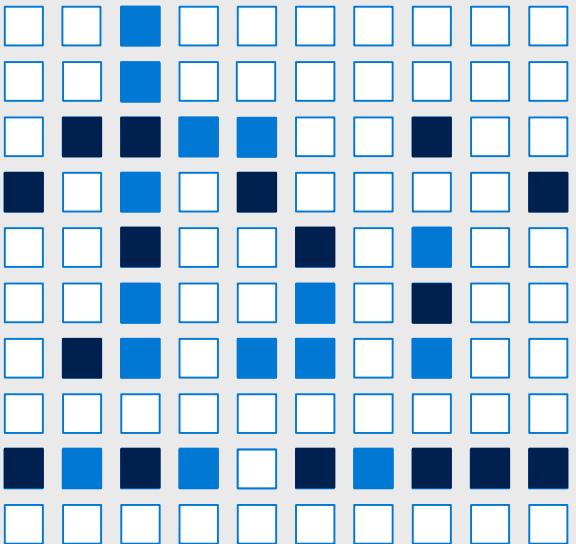
- Phishing 44%
 - Malware 31%
 - Social Engineering 27%
- > Human based attacks > 71% of attacks

Yes, attack services are inexpensive

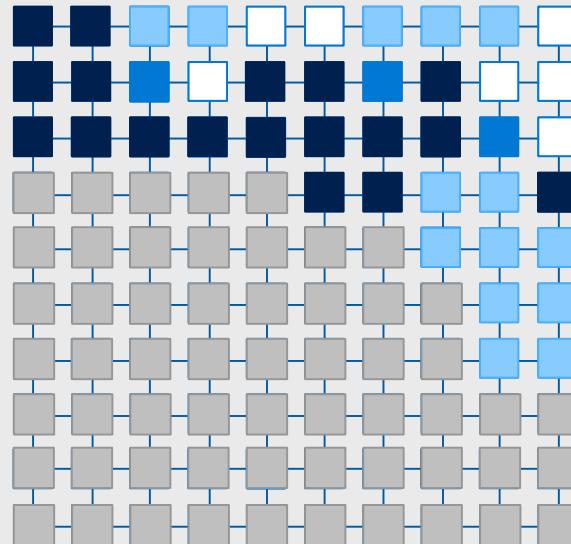


Security Advantages of Cloud Era

TRADITIONAL APPROACH



CLOUD-ENABLED SECURITY



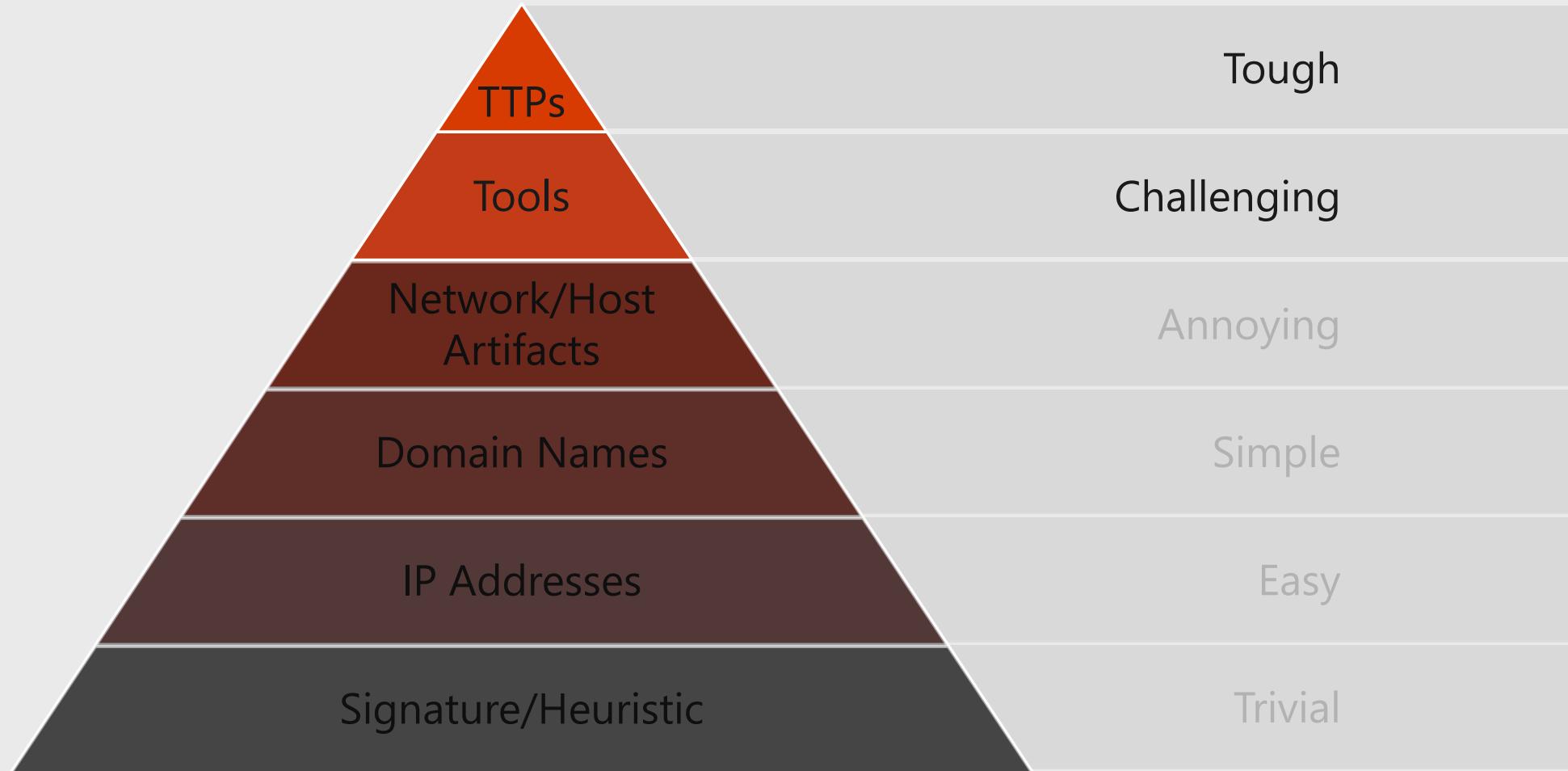
Security is a challenging and under-resourced function

- Satisfied responsibility
- Unmet responsibility
- Partially met responsibility
- Cloud Provider responsibility
(Trust but verify)

Cloud Technology enables security to:

- Shift commodity responsibilities to provider and re-allocate your resources
- Leverage cloud-based security capabilities for more effectiveness
- Use Cloud intelligence improve detection/response/time

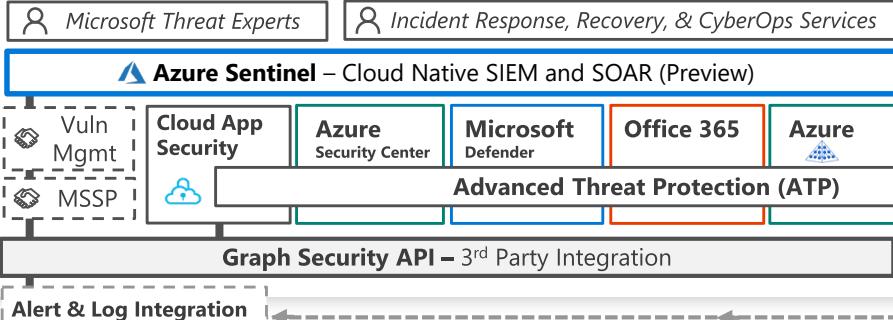
Pyramid of Pain



What is Threat Hunting?

- Blue Team Tactic
 - Basically proactive incident response
 - Technical, network and system related
 - Detect threats that are not detected by classic security tools
 - Continuous planned process
 - Analytics of IOCs
- > Data is key for threat hunting!

Security Operations Center (SOC)



Cybersecurity Reference Architecture

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2. Hover for Description
3. Click for more information

Roadmaps and Guidance

1. [Securing Privileged Access](#)
2. [Office 365 Security](#)
3. [Rapid Cyberattacks \(Wannacrypt/Petya\)](#)

Software as a Service

Office 365

- Secure Score
- Customer Lockbox

Dynamics 365



Identity & Access

Azure Active Directory

Information Protection

Conditional Access – Identity Perimeter Management

Cloud App Security

Azure Information Protection (AIP)

- Discover
- Classify
- Protect
- Monitor

Hold Your Own Key (HYOK)

AIP Scanner



Office 365

- Data Loss Protection
- Data Governance
- eDiscovery

Azure SQL Threat Detection

SQL Encryption & Data Masking

Azure SQL Info Protection

Microsoft Defender ATP

Azure AD Identity Protection

- Leaked cred protection
- Behavioral Analytics

Azure AD PIM

Multi-Factor Authentication

Azure AD B2B

Azure AD B2C

Hello for Business

MIM PAM

Azure ATP

Active Directory

ESAE Admin Forest



Clients

Unmanaged & Mobile Devices



Intune MDM/MAM

Managed Clients



System Center Configuration Manager

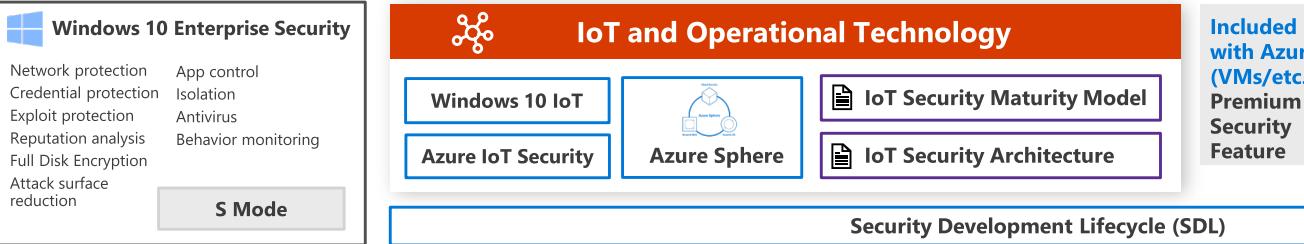
Microsoft Defender ATP



Windows 10 Enterprise Security

- Network protection
- Credential protection
- Exploit protection
- Reputation analysis
- Full Disk Encryption
- Attack surface reduction
- App control
- Isolation
- Antivirus
- Behavior monitoring

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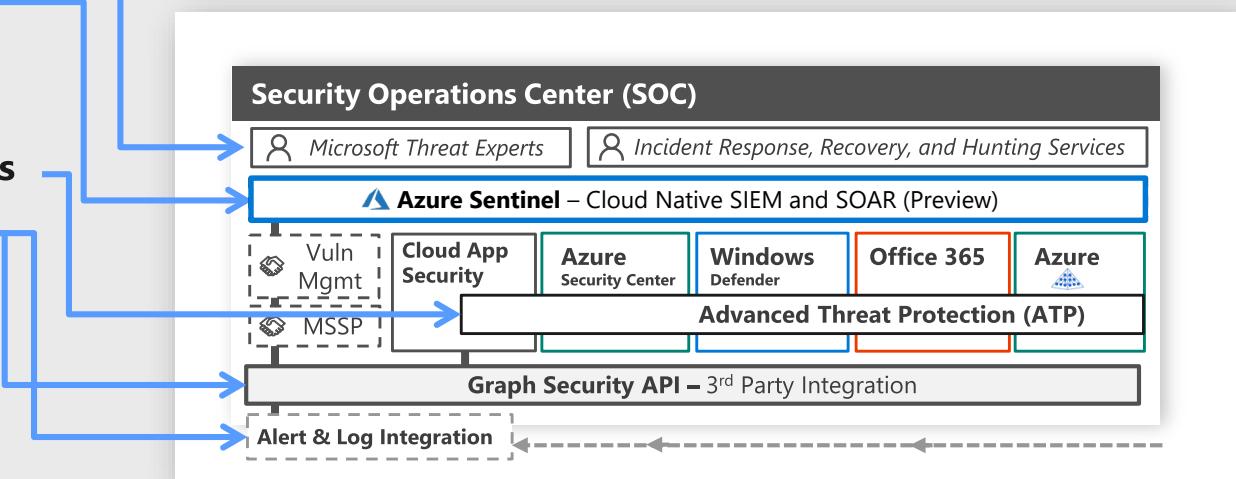
Security Operations Center (SOC)

CHALLENGES

- Legacy model results in **wasted security expertise**
 - **Analyst Overload** - too many false positives
 - **Poor Investigation Workflow**
 - **Manual integration** for tools and threat intelligence
 - Constantly evaluating products
- **Limited experience and toolsets** for securing hybrid architecture and Platform as a Service
- **Critical Risks** - Privilege management and security hygiene critical for cloud workloads

MICROSOFT PLATFORM

- ✓ **Incident Response and Recovery, hunting for adversaries**
- ✓ Cloud-native SIEM+SOAR
- ✓ **Integrated investigation experience**
- ✓ **Integrate existing SOC tools**
- ✓ Intelligent Security Graph



Azure Sentinel

- Cloud native Security Information and Event Management – SIEM
- Security Orchestration Automation Response - SOAR
- Currently in public preview
- Based on Log Analytics data
- ML based integration
- External service integrations

Features

- Dashboarding (Workbooks)
- Analytics
- Incidents
- Automation
- Behavior Analytics
- Investigation
 - Investigation graph
- Hunting
 - Hunting queries
 - Correlations

Azure Sentinel vs. Azure Security Center

| Topic | Sentinel | ASC |
|------------------|---|---|
| Targets | Hybrid focused (SIEM, SOAR) | Cloud focused (CSPM, CWPP) |
| Alerting | Alerting integrated | No alerting capabilities |
| Dashboarding | Dashboarding integrated | No dashboarding capabilities |
| Threat Hunting | Threat hunting based on LA queries | No threat hunting capabilities |
| Recommendations | No built-in recommendations | Azure based recommendations |
| Compliance | No built-in compliance features | Policy and regulatory based compliance |
| Advance Defenses | No defense features built-in (SIEM) | Adaptive application control, JIT, etc. |
| Automation | Playbooks (Logic Apps) based automation | No integrated automation |
| Integration | Yes | Few and they will be deprecated |
| Pricing | Priced with Log Analytics Namespace | Priced per instance (always all subscription instances) |

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Dashboards/Workbooks

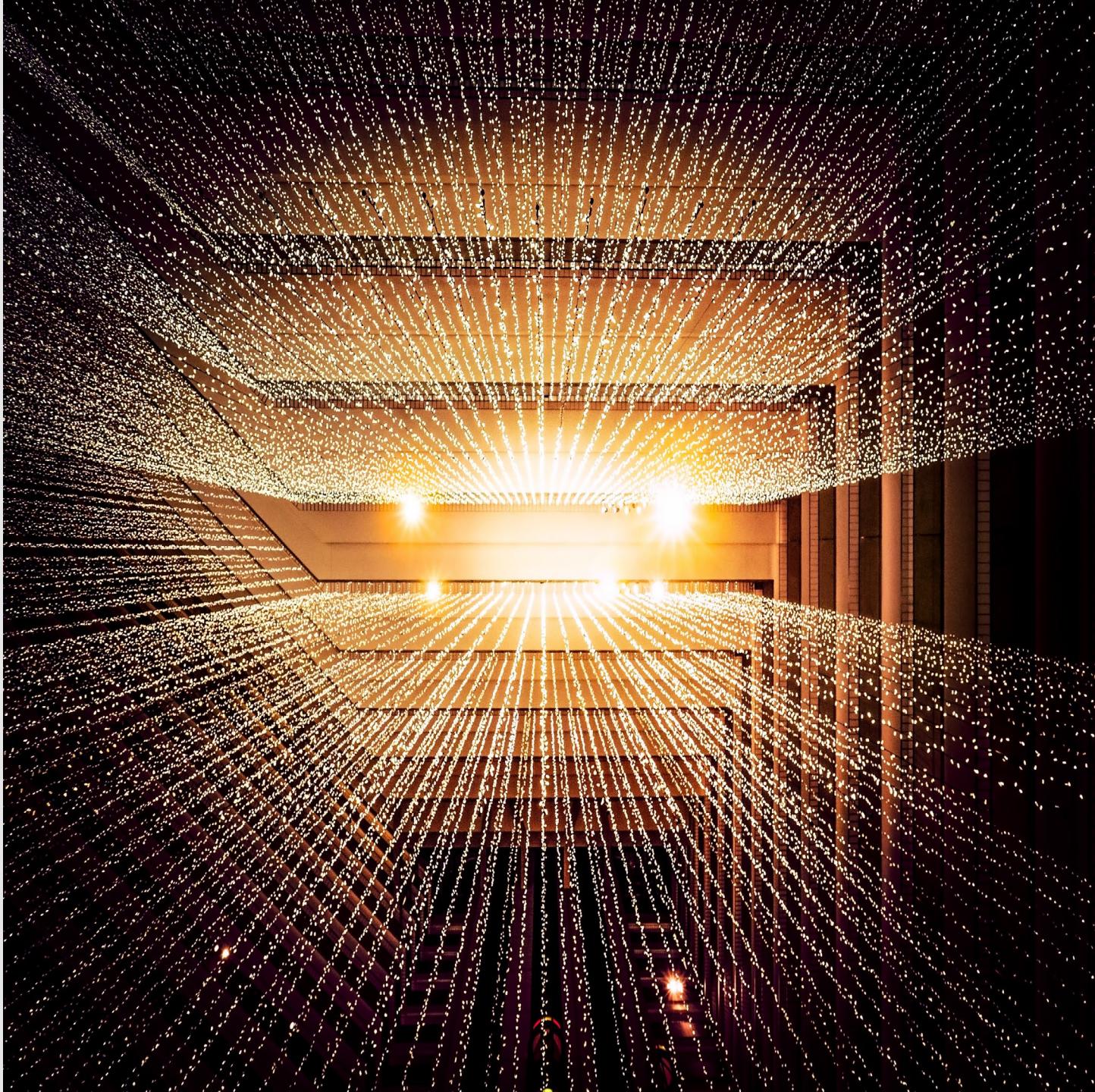


Alerting

- Sentinel Analytics based alerts
- Azure Sentinel Incident Management
- Logic Apps incident automation
- Investigation graph

DEMO

Brute-force attack



Hunting

- Kusto based hunting queries
- Classified by MITRE ATT&CK

Sources for Hunting:

- Azure Sentinel Repo (<https://github.com/Azure/Azure-Sentinel>)
- Sigma rules (<https://github.com/Neo23x0/sigma>)
- <https://attack.mitre.org/>
- <https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/kusto/query/>



PLAN



ENTER



TRAVERSE



EXECUTE MISSION

A. Enter and Navigate

Any employee opens attack email
→ Access to most/all corporate data



2a

Workstation compromised,
threat actor gathers credentials



3a

Threat Actors use stolen credentials to move laterally



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Threat Actor targets employee(s)
via phishing campaign

Common Attacks

B. Device Compromise

Targeted employee opens attack email
→ Access to same data as employee



2b

Employee B opens infected
email (Mobile or PC).
Attacker disables antivirus



3bc

Compromised
credentials/ device used
to access cloud service /
enterprise environment

C. Remote Credential Harvesting

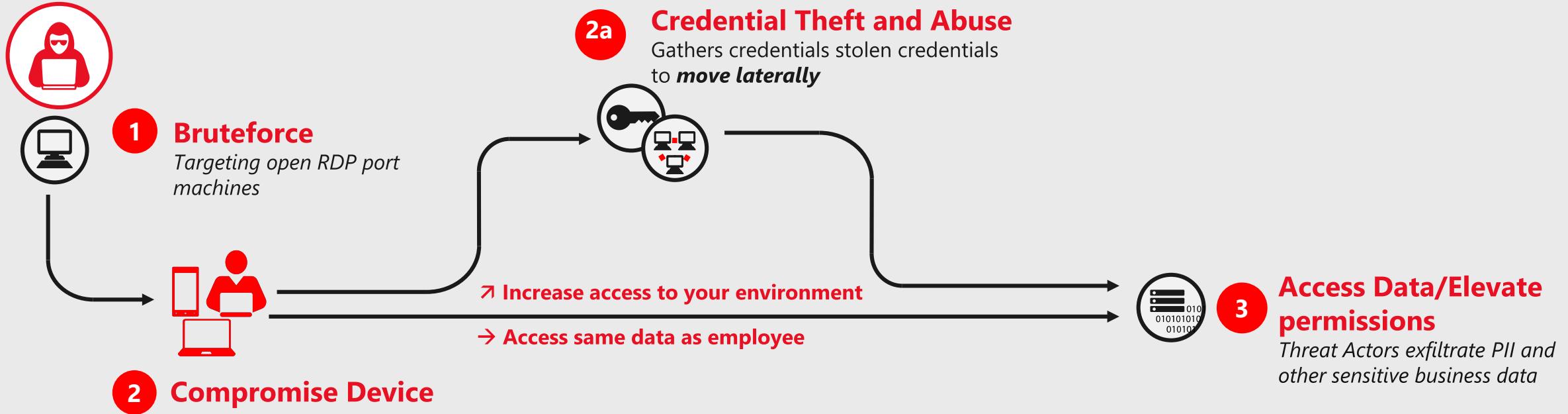
Targeted employee(s) enter credentials in website
→ Access to same data as employee(s)



2c

Credentials harvested
when employee logs
into fake website

Demo attack chain



Used tools on C2 server:

- Ubuntu based
- Covenant (.NET based command and control framework)
- Offensive PowerShell scripts
- Metasploit

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PowerShell execution



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Privilege escalation



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Persistence



Current Integrations

AWS

Azure AD

Azure AD Identity
Protection

Azure Activity

Azure ATP

Azure Information
Protection

Azure Security Center

Barracuda

Check Point

Cisco ASA

Common Event Format
(CEF)

CyberArk (Preview)

DNS (Preview)

F5

Fortinet

MCAS

MDATP (Preview)

WAF

Office 365

Palo Alto Networks
Security Events

Symantec ICDx

Syslog

Threat Intelligence
Platforms

Windows Firewall

Takeaways

Hackers don't give a shit:



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New Zealand's Hacker con - Wellington

- About your project's scope
- It's managed by a third party
- It's a legacy system
- It's "too critical to patch"
- About your outage windows
- About your budget
- You've always done it that way
- About your Go-Live Date
- It's only a pilot/proof of concept
- About Non-Disclosure Agreements
- It wasn't a requirement in the contract
- It's an internal system
- It's really hard to change
- It's due for replacement
- You're not sure how to fix it
- It's handled in the Cloud
- About your Risk Register entry
- The vendor doesn't support that configuration
- It's an interim solution
- It's [insert standard here] compliant
- It's encrypted on disk
- The cost benefit doesn't stack up
- "Nobody else could figure that out"
- You can't explain the risk to "The Business"
- You've got other priorities
- About your faith in the competence of your internal users
- You don't have a business justification
- You can't show Return on Investment
- You contracted out that risk

Questions