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An open-source adventure in the cloud, containers, and incident response

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Agenda – 120 minute workshop

Intro / Why OSS? (5-minutes)

Anatomy of a Healthy Security Operation (5-minutes)

Security Simulation Scenario Review (5-minutes)

Exploration and Alert Authoring (7-minutes)

Investigation (7-minutes)

Workshop Section 1



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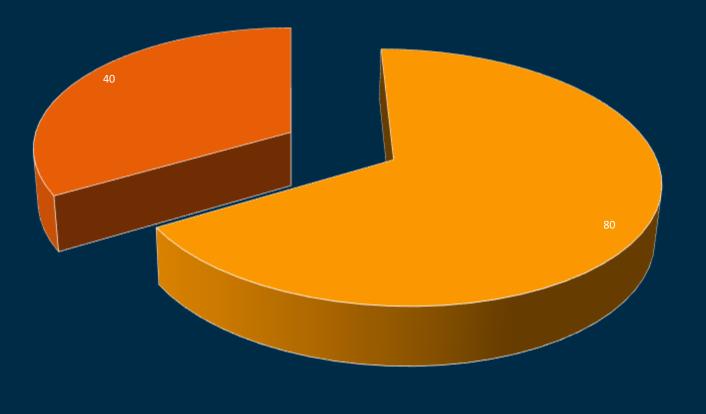
Responding to your findings aka Incident Response (10-minutes)

Workshop Section 2

Wrap up / Retrospective (2-minutes)



A workshop unlike any other





■ Hands On ■ Talking

Introduction / Why OSS



Workshop Introduction

What are we going to do?

Play through a security simulation in teams of two.

Use tools that Mozilla is releasing to the public in order to detect and respond to threats.

How are we going to do it?

Lecture format followed by open Q&A / Lab Time at intervals.

Ask questions! Everything is in scope so ask! (You have 4 facilitators)

What are our goals?

Learn to tell stories using a SIEM and your sleuthing skills to get to the truth!

Ultimately try to remove the threat from your environment.

Have an awesome time practicing the act of incident response:

"Doing your best job on your worst day."



Why Open Source



Keep the web a global public resource open and accessible to all.



For us, open means transparent, as in open source – you're not locked in to what the original creator did.

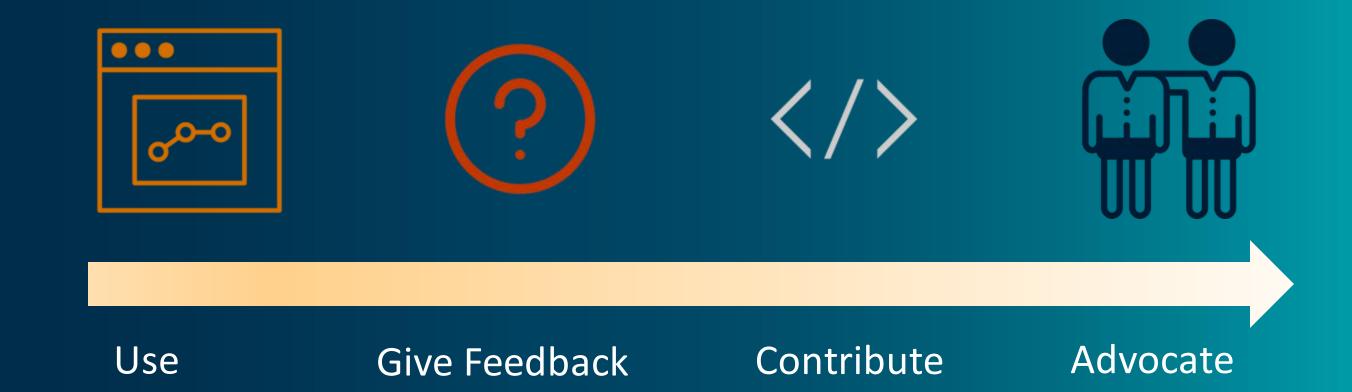
And in our case "open" also means distributed decision making.

> Mitchell Baker Chair, Mozilla



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Contribution is not just CODE!



Different Types of Participation

We don't compete on security.

Dan Kaminsky



Anatomy of a Healthy Security Operation



The make of the security team

There's no wrong way to "do security" – except not doing it.

- Embedded security engineers
- Dedicated security operations team
- Distributed security (engineers that also do security)
- ...the model needs to work for your business



Scope

Focus on the threat management and incident response

Intelligence gathering

Proactive defense

Incident handling

Tying it all together





So what's a SIEM?

SIEM: Security Information Event Management

- Log records (event data)
- Alerts
- Event data correlation
- Incident management
- Reports, dashboards, compliance
- OIC storage (indicators of compromise)

Mozilla Enterprise Defense Platform is an open-source SIEM

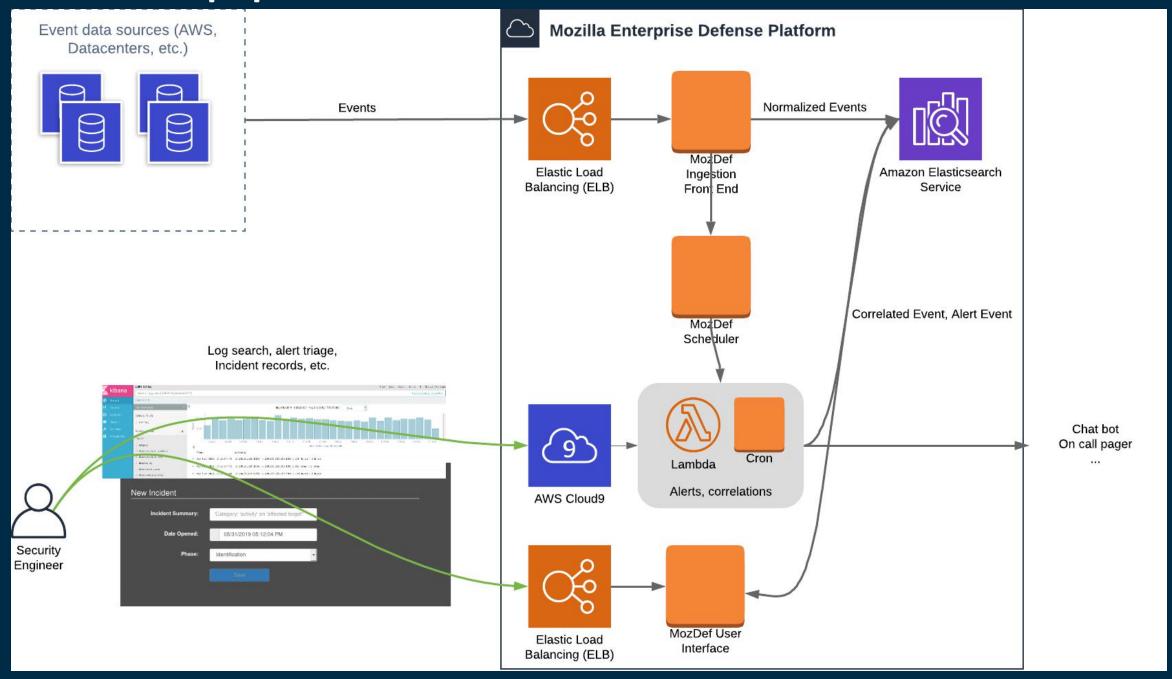


Some things you'll want from your SIEM

- Know what you have (instances, accounts, data ==> logs)
- Understand your business (what's most at risk?)
- Be able to respond when there's a problem
- Understand your weaknesses (most common incident type)



Typical event pipeline





A note on Normalized Event Data

Event data comes from various sources in various formats

For alerting and correlation to be as easy and reliable as possible, typical data fields need to be normalized, e.g.:

Original event format

lp: 1.2.3.4

User: banzai



Normalized event

sourcelpAddress: 1.2.3.4

details.username: banzai



See https://mozdef.readthedocs.io/en/latest/usage.html for details about the Mozilla Enterprise Defense Platform normalized event format



Typical incident workflow

A few months ago you wrote an alert matching on a Lambda function talking to a specific set of known-bad IP addresses...

- 1. Identification / Open incident / Assemble team
- 2. Containment
- 3. Eradication
- 4. Recovery
- 5. Lesson learned
- 6. Close the incident

Record all actions as you progress

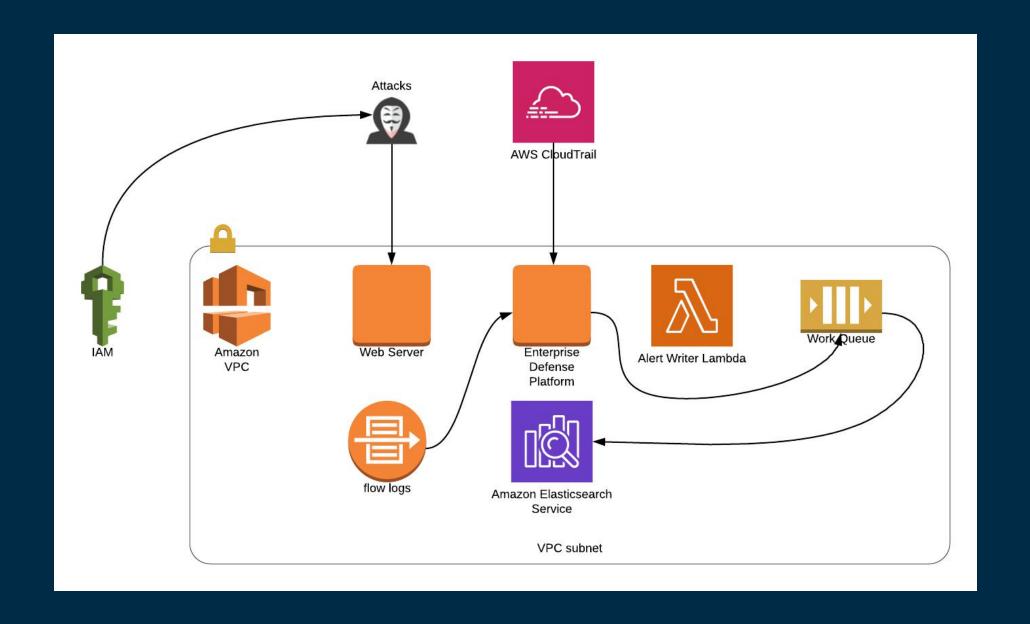


Security Simulation Overview



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Simulation Environment





Expected IOCs – Use the tools to find them

Excessive Describe for a Production Service

SSH Traffic from the Outside

New S3 bucket suddenly made public

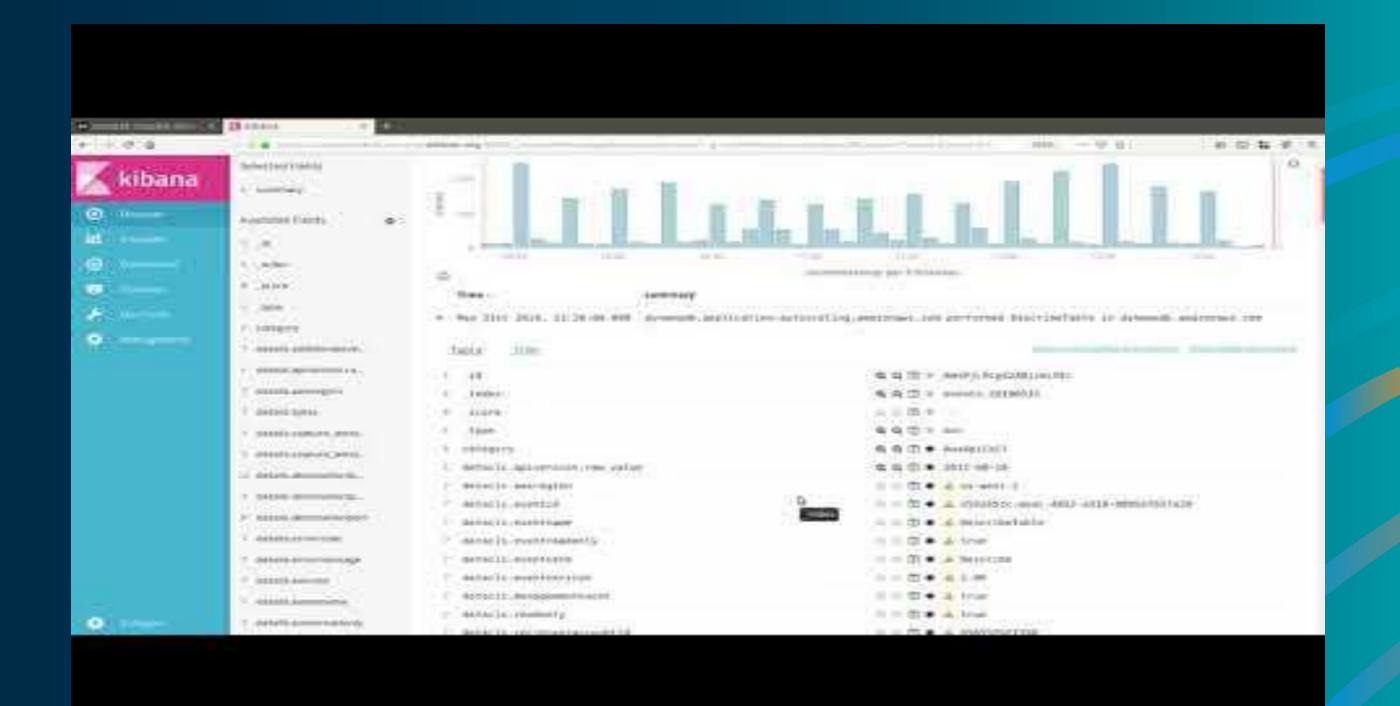
API calls from two or more IPs for the same principle

We will provide full solutions at the end of the workshop!



Exploring your environment with Kibana







Mozdef Event Structure: Overview

```
"category": "AwsApiCall",
       "processid": "8113",
       "receivedtimestamp": "2019-05-31T12:58:55.651911+00:00",
       "severity": "INFO",
       "utctimestamp": "2019-05-31T12:52:44+00:00",
 6
       "processname": "uwsgi",
       "timestamp": "2019-05-31T12:52:44+00:00",
 8
      "hostname": "iam.amazonaws.com",
 9
       "mozdefhostname": "mozdef6.private.mdc1.mozilla.com",
10
       "summary": "203.0.113.177 performed CreateAccessKey in iam.amazonaws.com",
11
       "source": "cloudtrail",
       "details": {},
      "plugins": [
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      "lower keys",
15
         "cloudtrail",
16
        "ipFixup",
17
         "geoip"
18
19
       "type": "cloudtrail",
20
21
       "tags": []
22
```



Mozdef Event Structure: Details

```
"country name": "United States",
                                                              27
       "eventversion": "1.05",
                                                                        "postal code": "14217",
                                                              28
       "eventid": "99f5e75f-938a-44d5-8ce7-de22386de59a",
                                                                        "longitude": -78.8769,
                                                              29
       "responseelements": {
                                                                        "country code": "US",
                                                              30
         "accesskey": {
                                                              31
                                                                        "latitude": 42.9719,
           "status": "Active",
                                                                        "continent": "NA"
           "username": "johndoe",
                                                              33
                                                                      "useridentity": {
           "createdate": "May 31, 2019 12:52:44 PM",
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           "accesskeyid": "AKIATOEMIJ2CVIWLR2GX"
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       "eventverb": "Create",
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       "requestparameters": {
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         "username": "johndoe"
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                                                                        "type": "IAMUser",
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         "time zone": "America/New York",
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         "dma code": 514,
                                                              52
         "metro code": "Buffalo, NY",
26
```



Authoring Alerts



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Two types of alerts. No waiting.



Why alert?

- You can't respond if you can't detect.
- There are lots of patterns / IOCs

IOC: Indicator of Compromise





Alert Type 1: Simple Alerts

Respond to the presence of an event that contains an action.

Example: Someone made a specific api call. `iam:CreateUser`

```
# How many minutes back in time would you like to search?
search query = SearchQuery(minutes=15)
# What would you like to search for?
search query.add must([
    TermMatch('source', 'cloudtrail'),
    TermMatch('details.eventname', "CreateUser")
self.filtersManual(search query)
self.searchEventsSimple()
self.walkEvents()
```

Alert Type 2: Aggregation Alert

- Respond to the presence of multiple events across a sliding window
- Example: Someone did n of x things over x services in a time series.

```
# Create a query to look back the last 20 minutes
search query = SearchQuery(minutes=20)
# Add search terms to our query
search query.add must([
   TermMatch('source', 'cloudtrail'),
    TermMatch('details.eventverb', 'Describe'),
    ExistsMatch('details.source')
])
self.filtersManual(search query)
# We aggregate on details.hostname which is the AWS service name
self.searchEventsAggregated('details.source', samplesLimit=2)
self.walkAggregations(threshold=50)
```

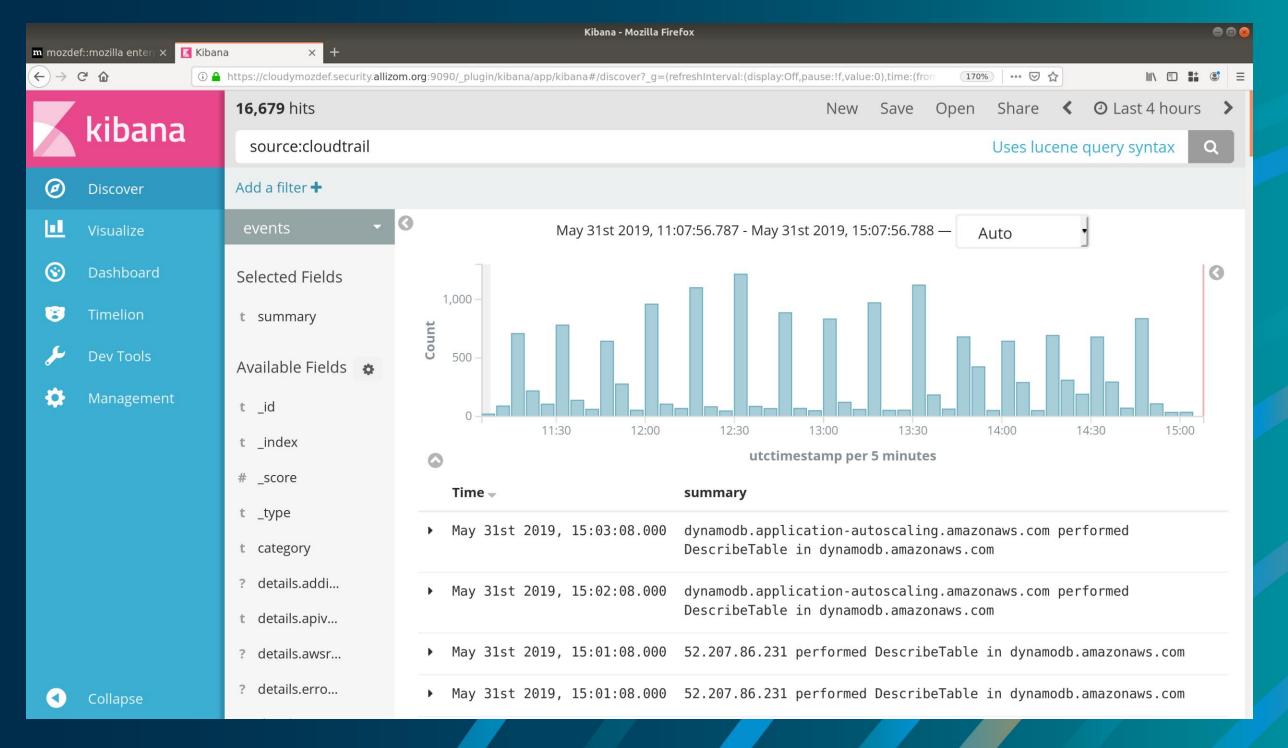


Live Show Cloud9 IDE for Alerts



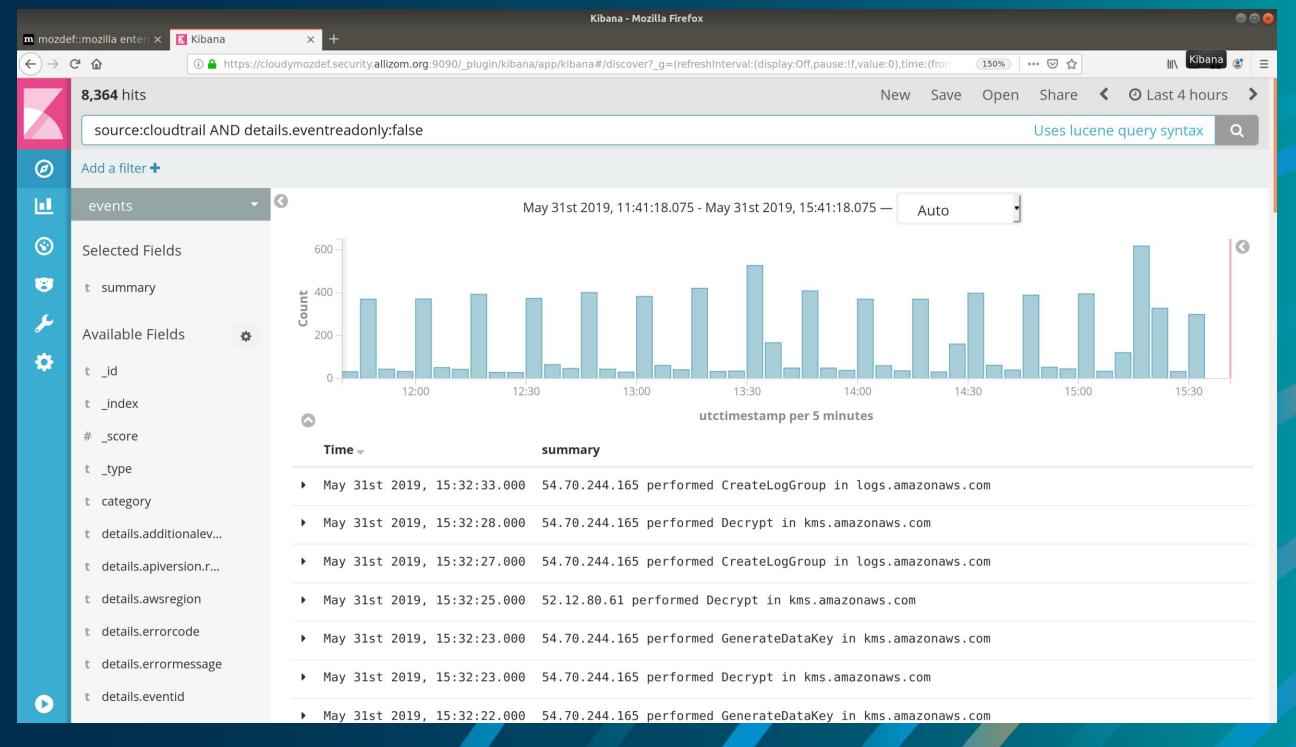
Investigating with Kibana





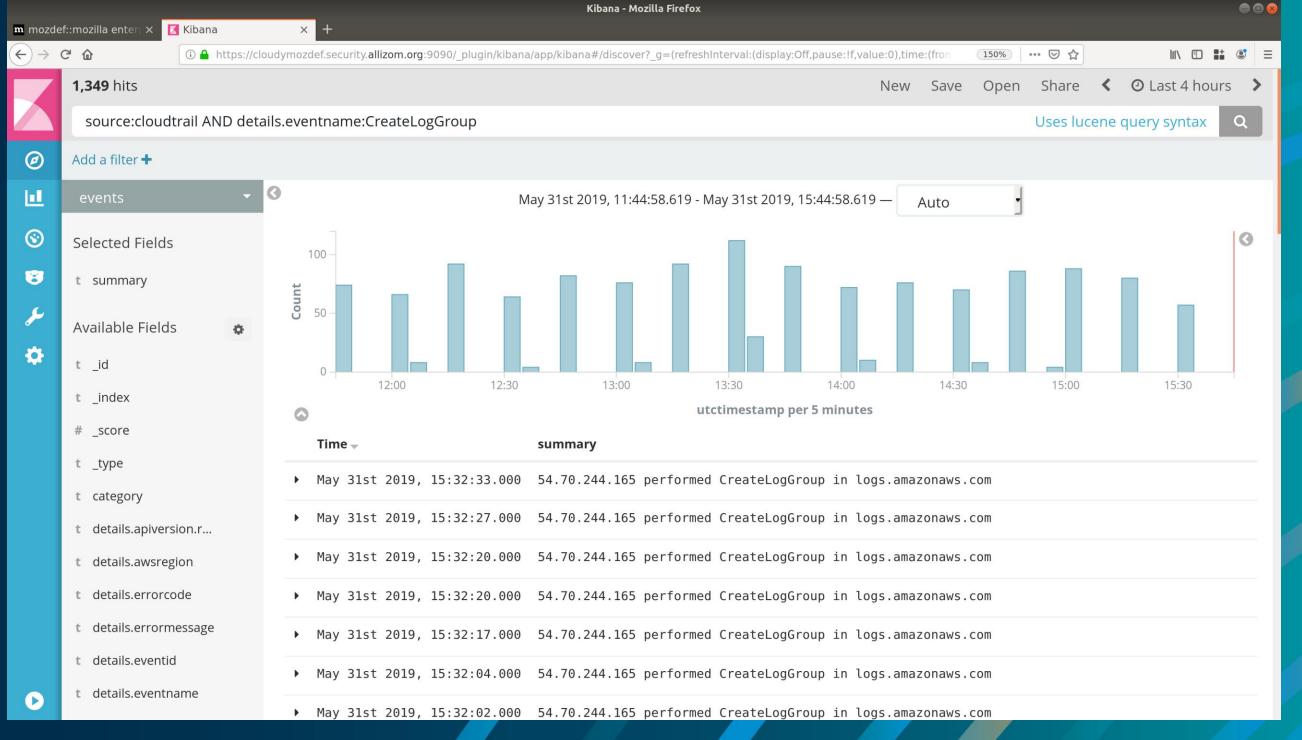


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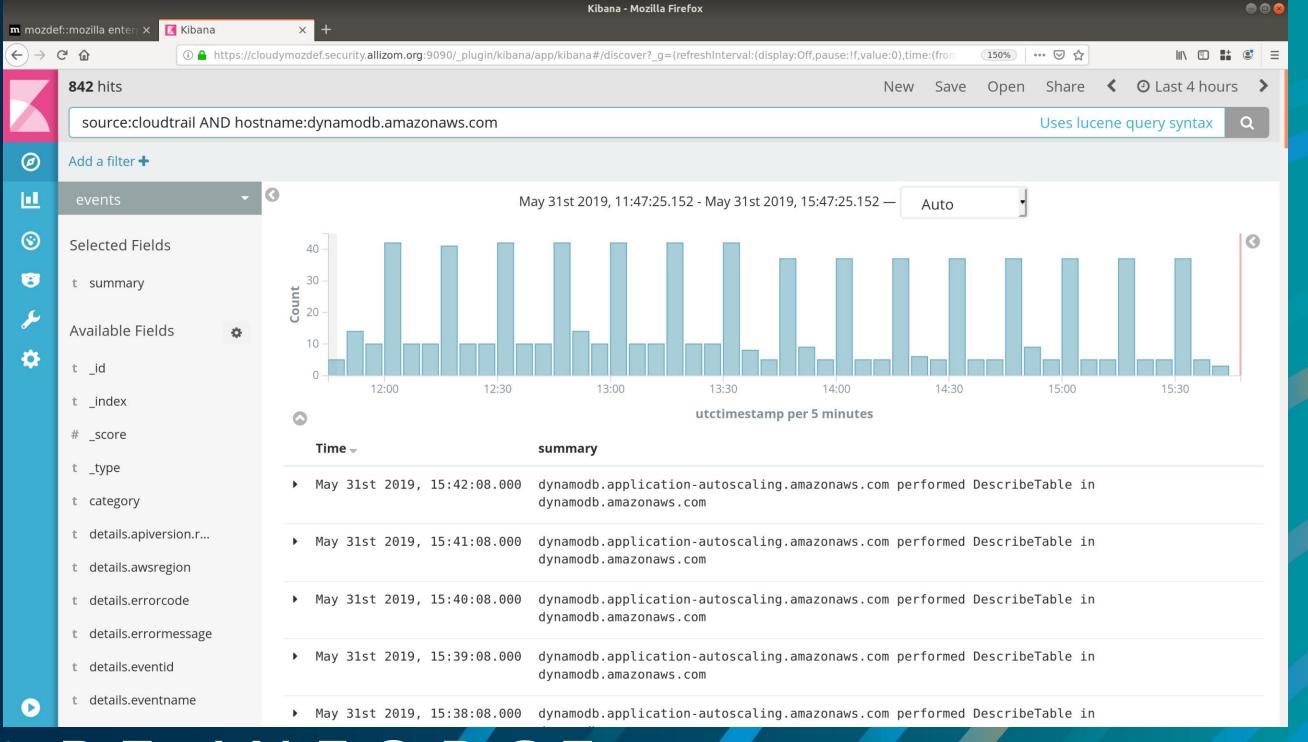




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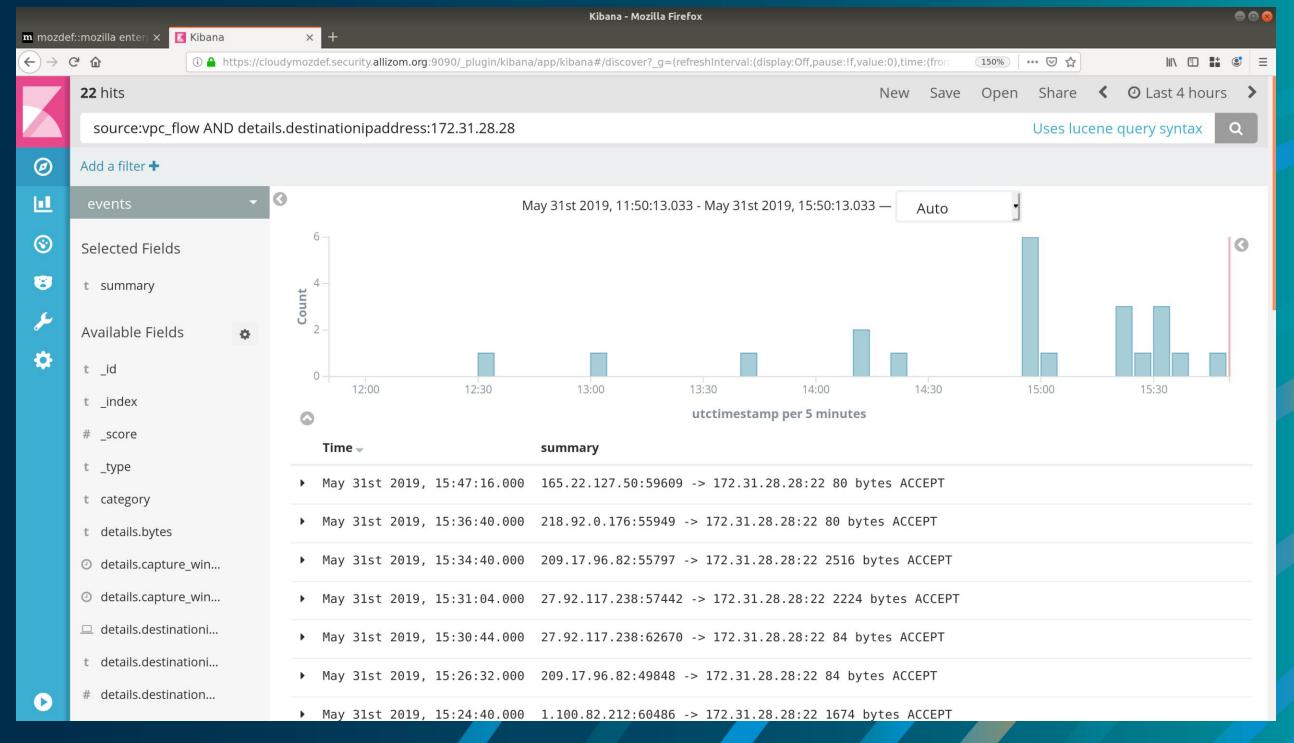








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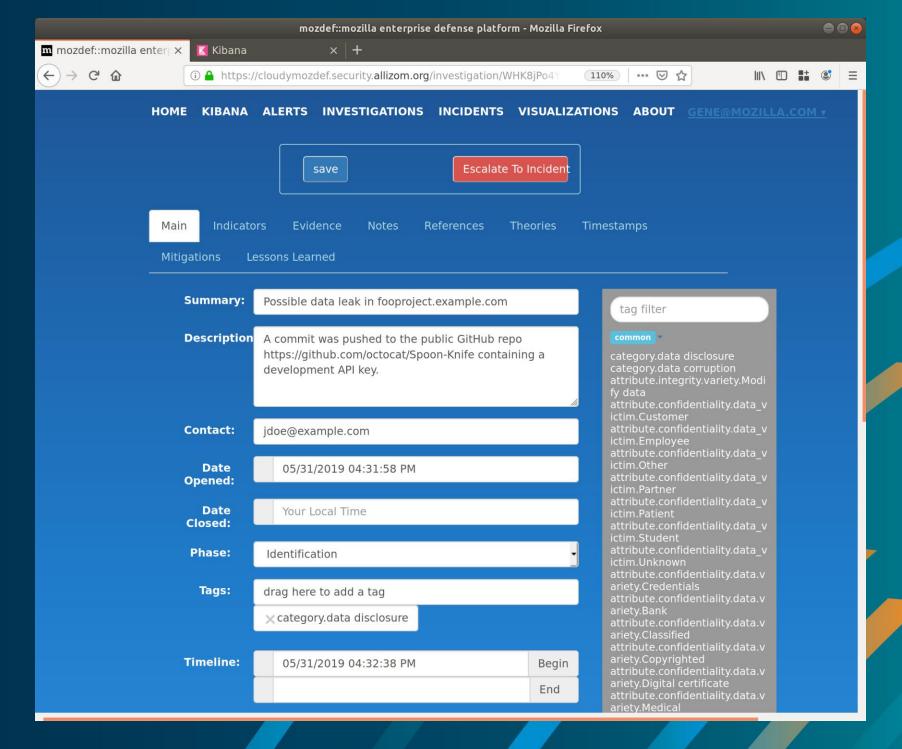


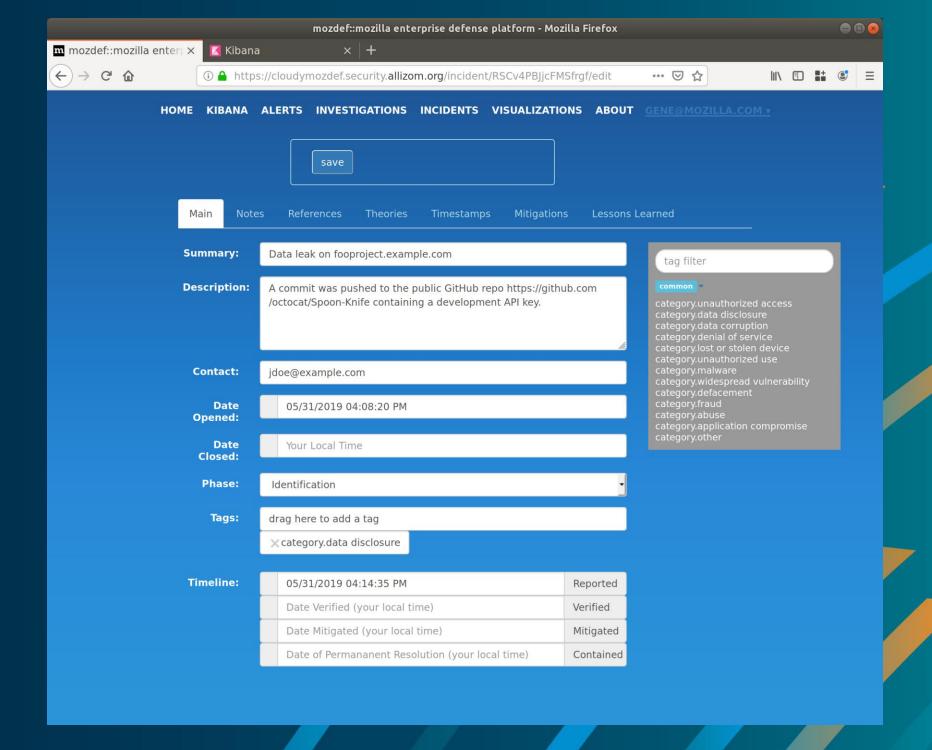
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Initial Investigation

- Gather data based on the initial indicator you received
 - IP Address, AWS IAM username, time period, AWS service
- Determine who the responsible actor is
 - What IP / IAM User / IAM Role is acting
 - Is this benign
- Escalate from Investigation to Incident







Incident Response with Kibana

- Determine what the attacker has done by tracking their actions in events
- Identify what actions need to be taken as a result to contain the breach
- Use data in Kibana to determine the systems that need to be addressed to eradicate the threat



"Doing your best on your worst day."

Responding to a Threat aka Incident Response



High-Level Playbook





Responding to Findings: Remediation





Responding to Findings: Automation Example



- Lambda Function:
 - Removes instance from current Security
 Group(s) and adds to one with all ingress and
 egress blocked
 - Snapshots EBS volume(s)
 - Alerts Security Team
- SSM Document:
 - Forensics can begin
 - Network Capture
 - Memory Dump
 - Process review
 - Internal Tools









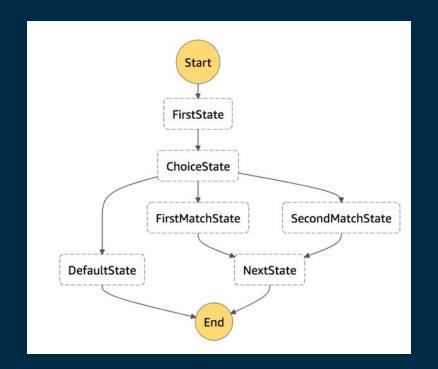


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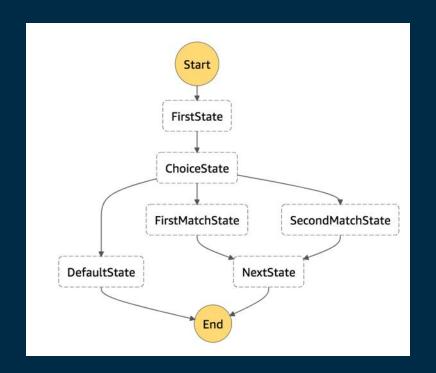


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```
"schemaVersion": "2.0",
"accountId": "0123456789",
"region": "us-west-2",
"partition": "aws",
"id": "[GUID]",
"arn": "arn:aws:guardduty:us-west-2:01234567890:detector/[GUID]/finding/[FindingGUID]",
"type": "CryptoCurrency:EC2/BitcoinTool.B!DNS",
"resource": {
"resourceType": "Instance",
"instanceDetails": {
  "instanceId": "i-99999999",
  "instanceType": "p2.xlarge",
  "launchTime": "2017-12-20T23
  "platform": null,
                               Finding: ["type"]= "CryptoCurrency:EC2/BitcoinTool.B!DNS"
  "productCodes": [
                               Instance:
                                                    ["instanceDetails"]["instanceId"] = "i-99999999"
    "productCodeId": "Generated
    "productCodeType": "Generate
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Problem description

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This finding informs you that an EC2 instance in your AWS environment is querying a domain name that is associated with Bitco in-related activity. Bitcoin is a worldwide cryptocurrency and digital payment system. Besides being created as a reward for Bitcoin mining, bitcoin can be exchanged for other currencies, products, and services. Unless you use this EC2 instance to mine or manage cryptocurrency or your EC2 instance is involved in blockchain activity, your EC2 instance might be compromised.

Data to gather for troubleshooting

Account User ID, Role or Profile that was accessed Instance ID, Subnet ID, VPC ID Connectivity to other systems Review of CloudTrail and VPC Flows to and around the specified instance.

Steps to troubleshoot and fix

- 1. Notify IR Team On call.
- 2. Run Automate instance quarantine
- 3. Role credentials associated with the above identity
- 4. Snapshot instance and VPC Flow logs to forensics account
- 5. Validate that new ASG created instance is working correctly

Urgency category

Critical

Escalation path:

Unable to fix, escalate to these individuals or gro

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Items to Code:

- Cloud Watch Filter to trap a finding from GuardDuty, with: ["type"]= "CryptoCurrency:EC2/BitcoinTool.B!DNS"
- 2. Step Functions Start
 - a. SNS Fires to notify Ops of an issue
 - b. Lambda Function is fired to run SSM
 - Finished and a Lambda Function is fired to quarantine the instance
 - c. Lambda Function is fired to Snap Shot the instance
 - d. Step Function checks responses
- Lambda is fired to Stop and destroy the instance.



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1. Actual Coding to occur later in the talk.



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- Utilize git-secrets
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The loss of corporate resources that were unencrypted.

- Encrypt hard Drives going forward
- Limit account activities of humans for threat detection
- Limit account access of people in production and test environment

Members of the Postmortem Team:

Developers

Operations

Security Operations

Management?

Leadership Level?



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Aws_labs repos. https://github.com/awslabs



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