



The Industrial Revolution of Lateral Movement

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Agenda

- Intro
 - The Financially Motivated Hacker
 - Improving Business Process through Innovation
- Industrialization of the Lateral Movement phase
 - GoFetch! Release
 - Open Source Lateral Movement Automation Tool
 - DEMO
- Implications of Lateral Movement Industrialization
 - For Attackers: Dropping cost, increased velocity
 - For Defenders: Make Lateral Movement Hard Again
- Outro
 - Summary + Recommendations



Intro

The Many Faces of Hacking

Hacktivism



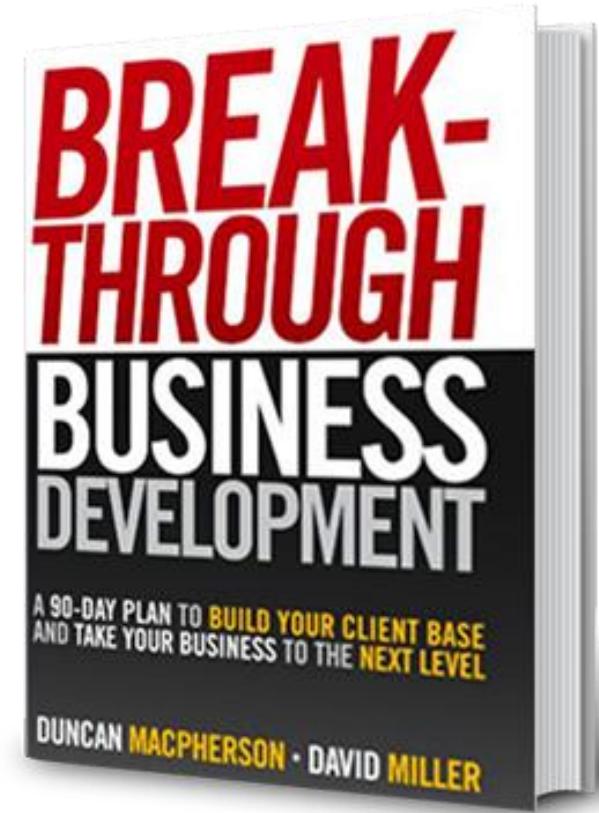
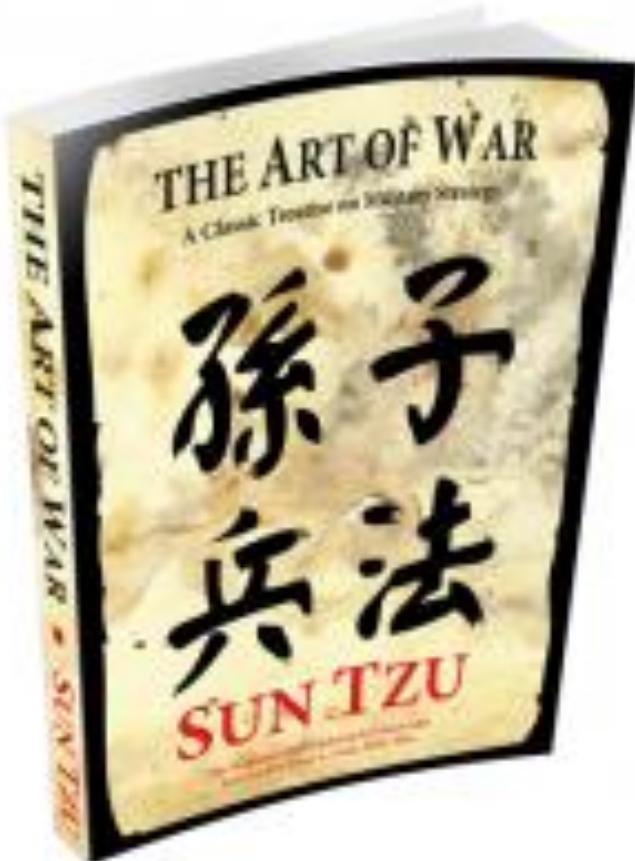
Nation State



Financial



The Hacker CEO: Inspiration



The Hacker CEO Mission: Growth & Efficiency



For CEOs today, it's all about achieving growth and efficiency through innovation. It's not about product innovation so much anymore as about innovating business models. process, culture and management.

— *Ginni Rometty* —

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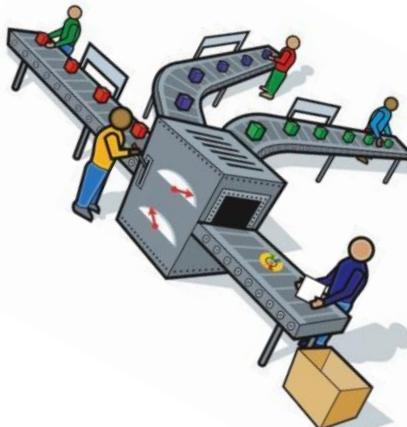
The Business Process: The Cyber Value-Chain

- Cyber attacks proliferated from Nation state actors to Cyber Crime
 - Cyber Kill-Chain → Cyber Value-Chain
- The Value-Chain: Raw material → Product
- In the Cyber case:
 - Raw Material: Target details
 - Product: Data

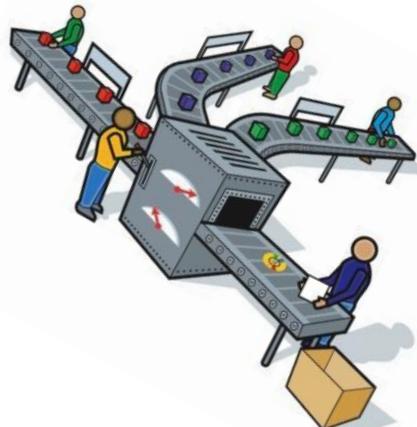


Business Process Innovation: Specialization

Penetration



Domination



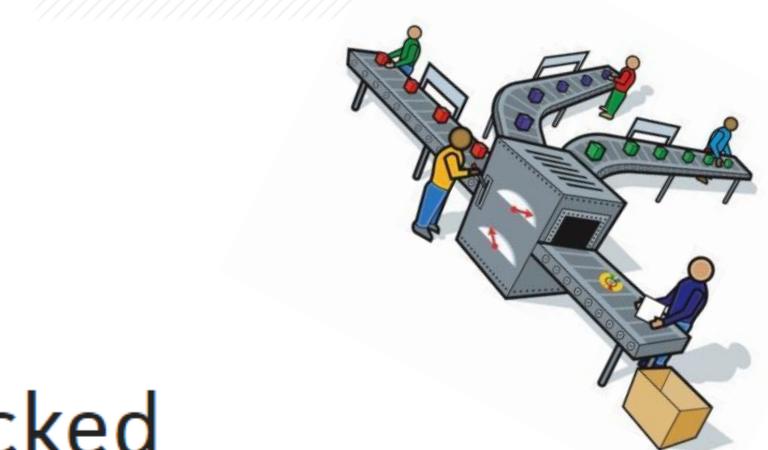
Actions on Data



Business Process Innovation: Automation

- The Penetration Value Chain is already highly automated
- Web application vulnerability abuse example:
 - Web vulnerability scanner
 - SQLmap
 - WebShell
- Very easy → create surplus
- Surplus creates marketplaces

Penetration



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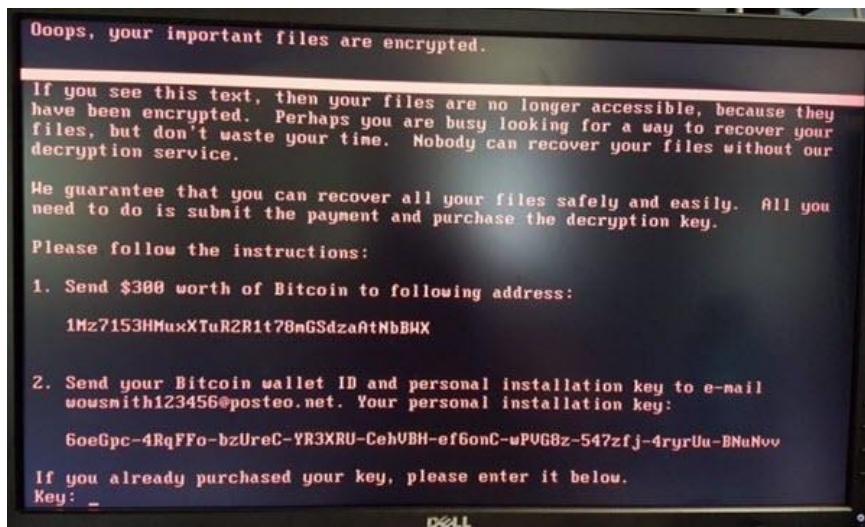
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Business Model Innovation: Ransomware

- Data Monetization is hard
 - Hard to understand what's interesting
 - Hard to find buyers
- Ransomware!
 - The victim is the buyer
 - Victim finds THEIR data interesting
 - Fast, Ubiquitous, Automatic

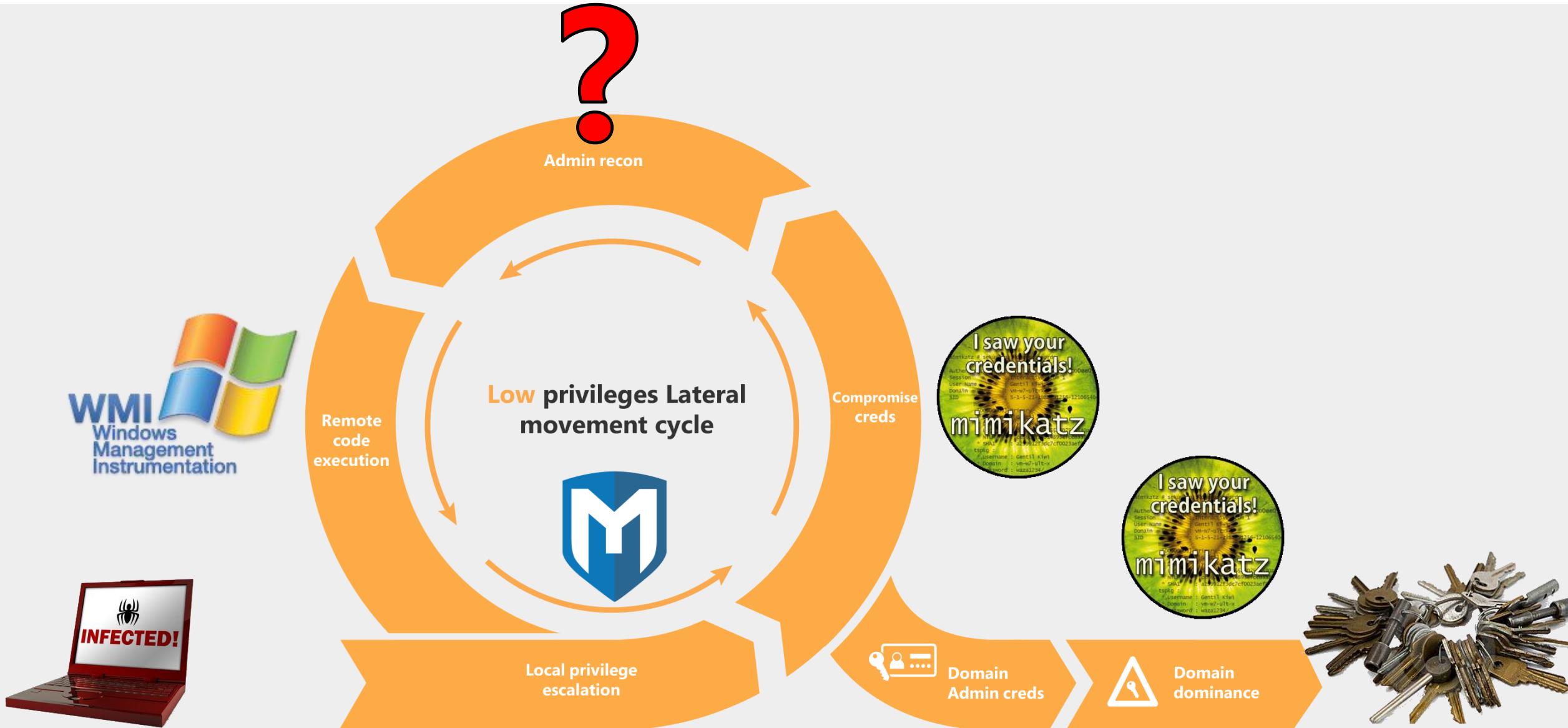
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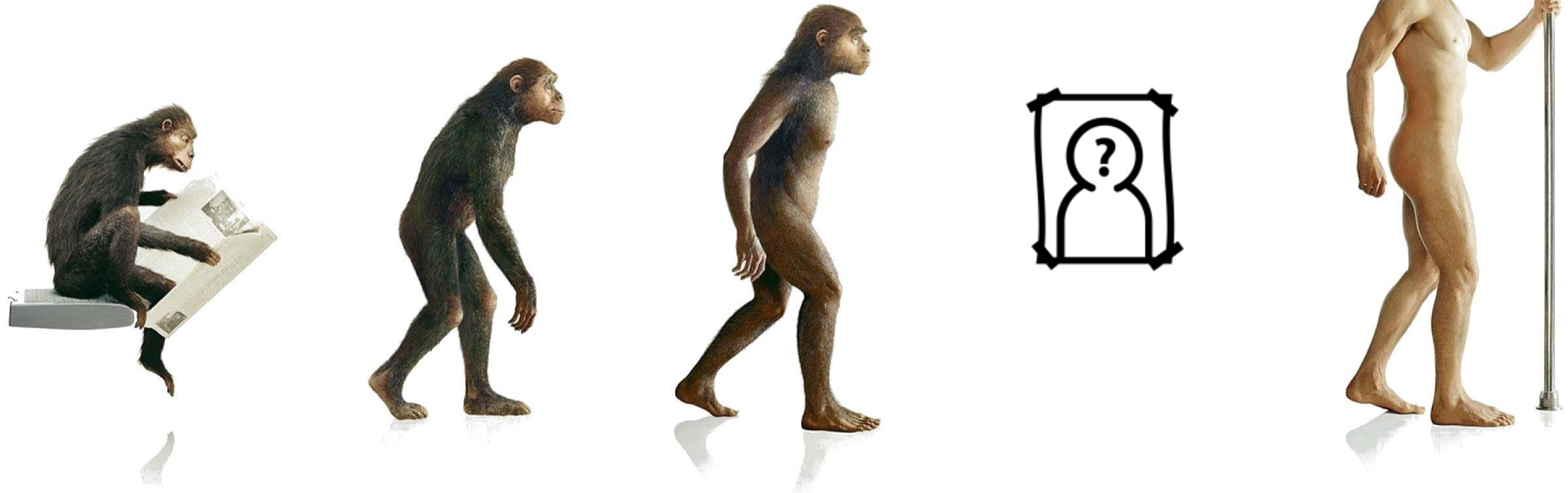
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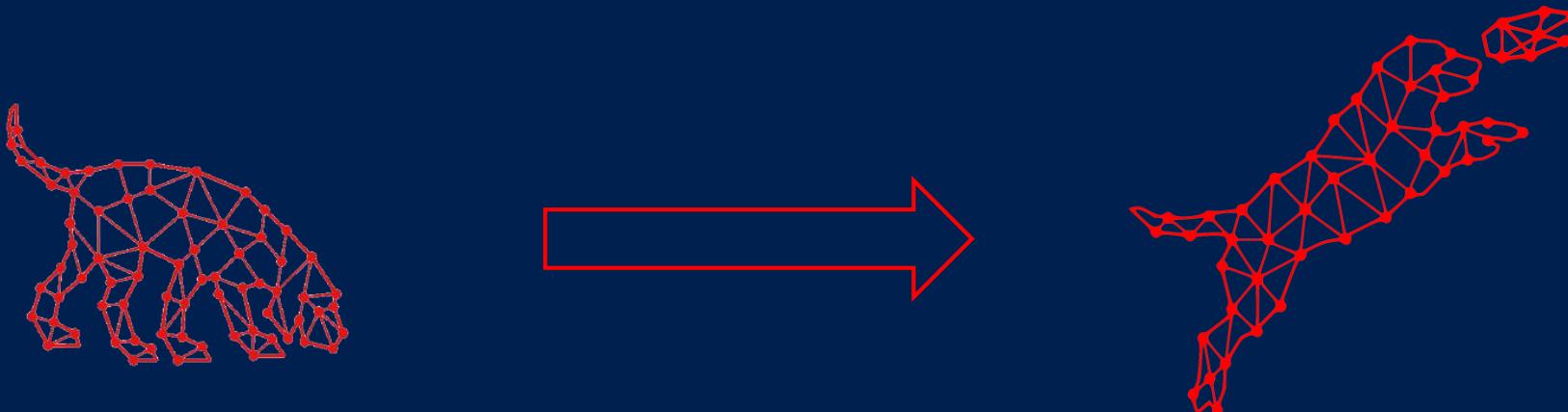
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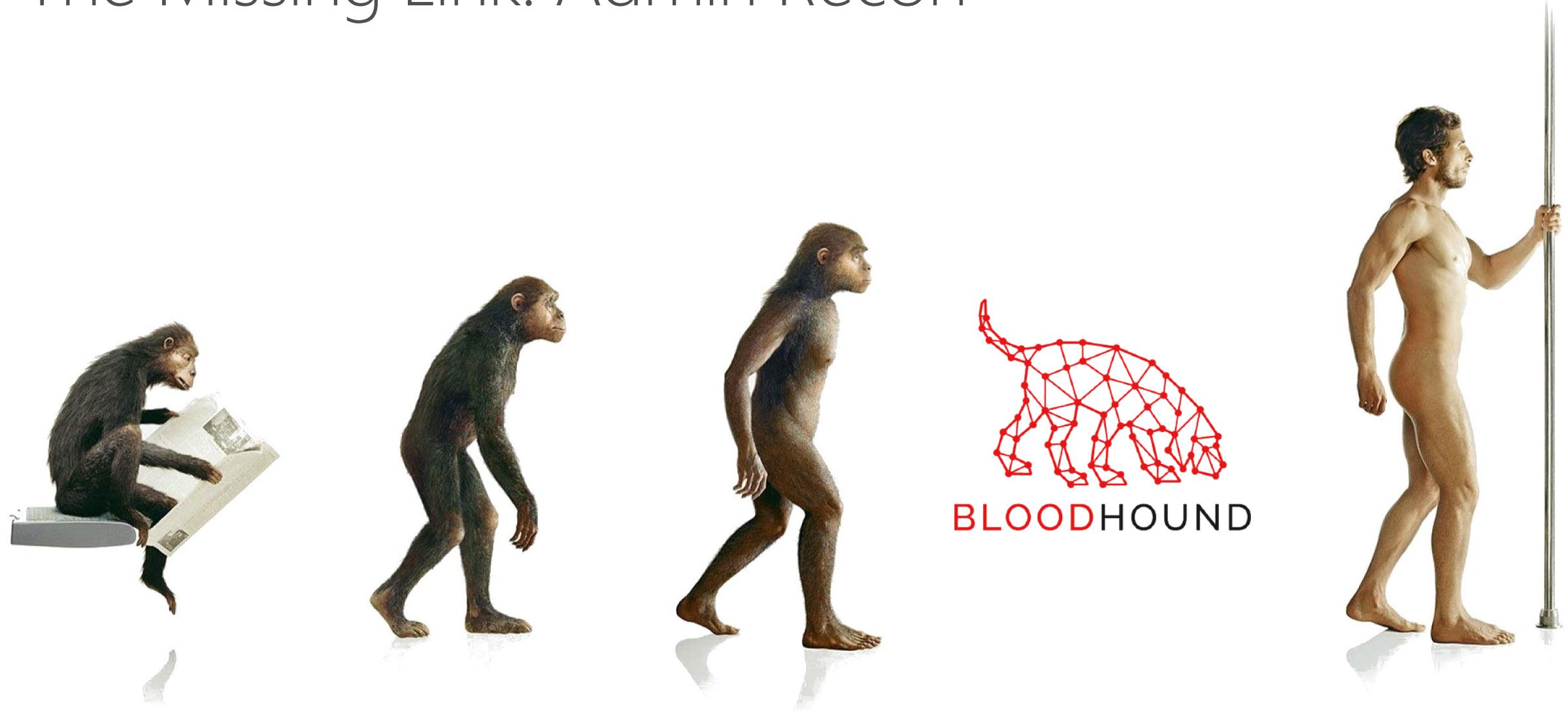
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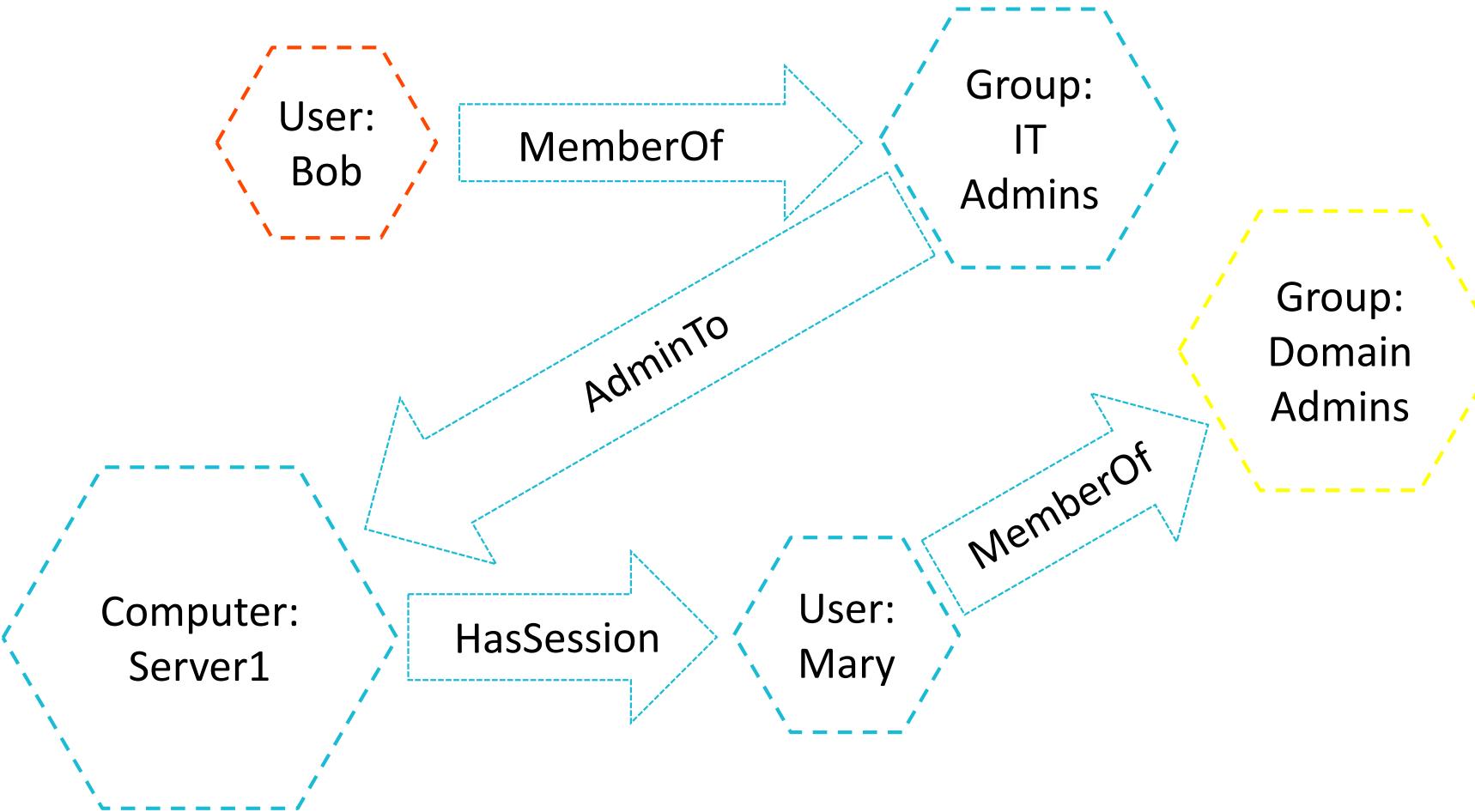
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BloodHound In a Slide

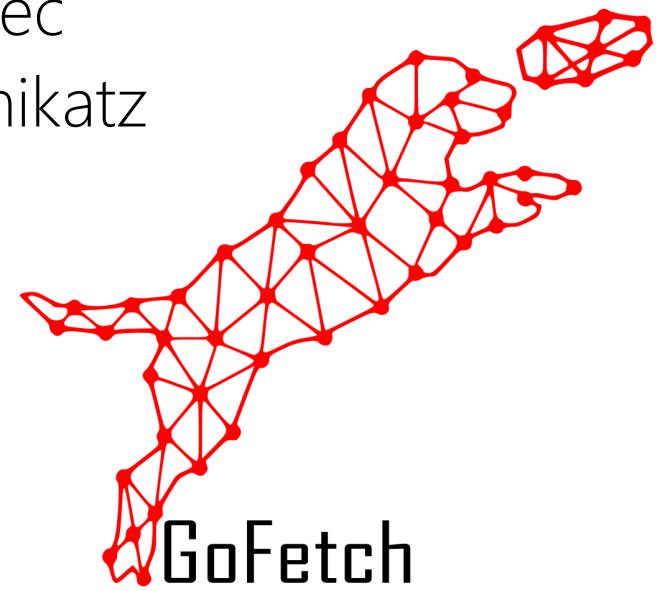


Attack Value-Chain



Invoke-GoFetch

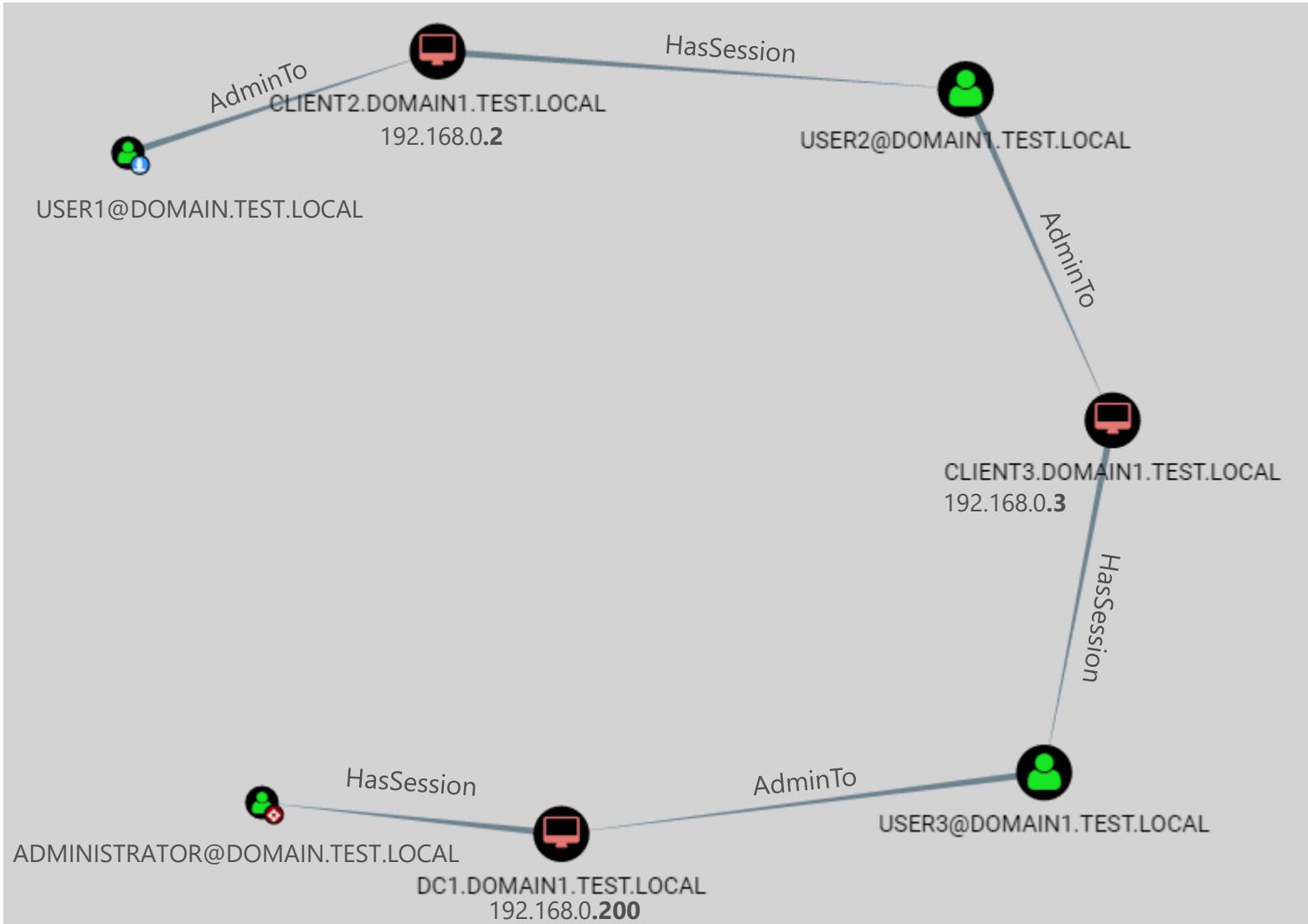
- Targeted Lateral Movement by a pre-determined path
 - Input:
 - Requested Network Path (e.g. BloodHound's output)
 - Payload to be run on the machines (optional)
 - Outputs
 - Credentials along the path
- Open Source! Coded in PowerShell
- Remote code execution method: PowerSploit's Invoke-PsExec
- Compromise creds: A variation of PowerSploit's Invoke-mimikatz
- Configurable payload
 - None (Just harvest creds)
 - Generic reverse shell: Empire, Cobalt Strike, Metasploit...
 - Other executables

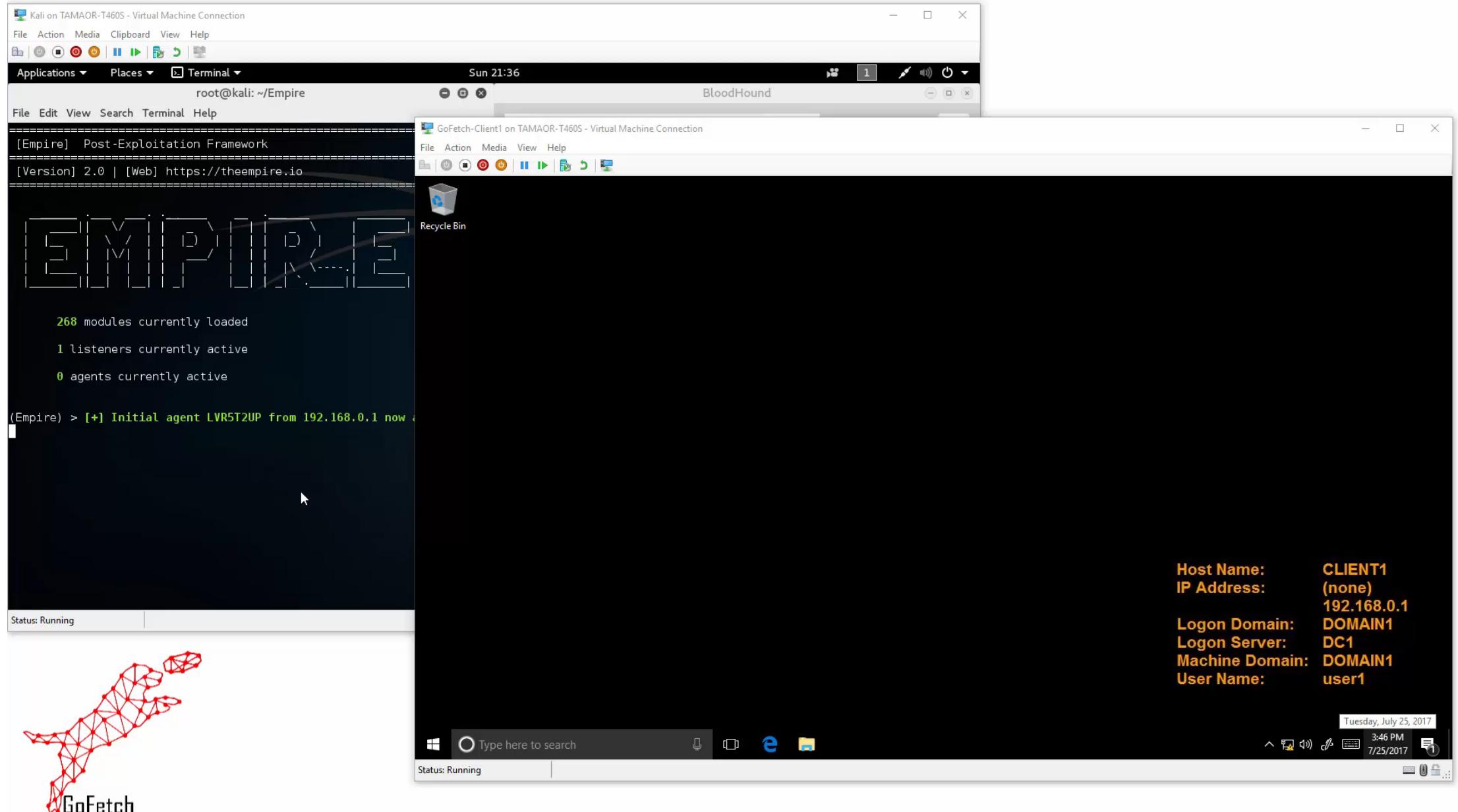


2017: Summer of Lateral Movement Automation



DEMO SETUP





Invoke-GoFetch Lateral Movement

- Targeted expansion means less machines are touched
 - Stealthier
 - Faster
- No C2 connectivity needed
 - Fire and Forget: Expansion logic (next target) is transmitted to the edges
 - Less communication -> stealthier

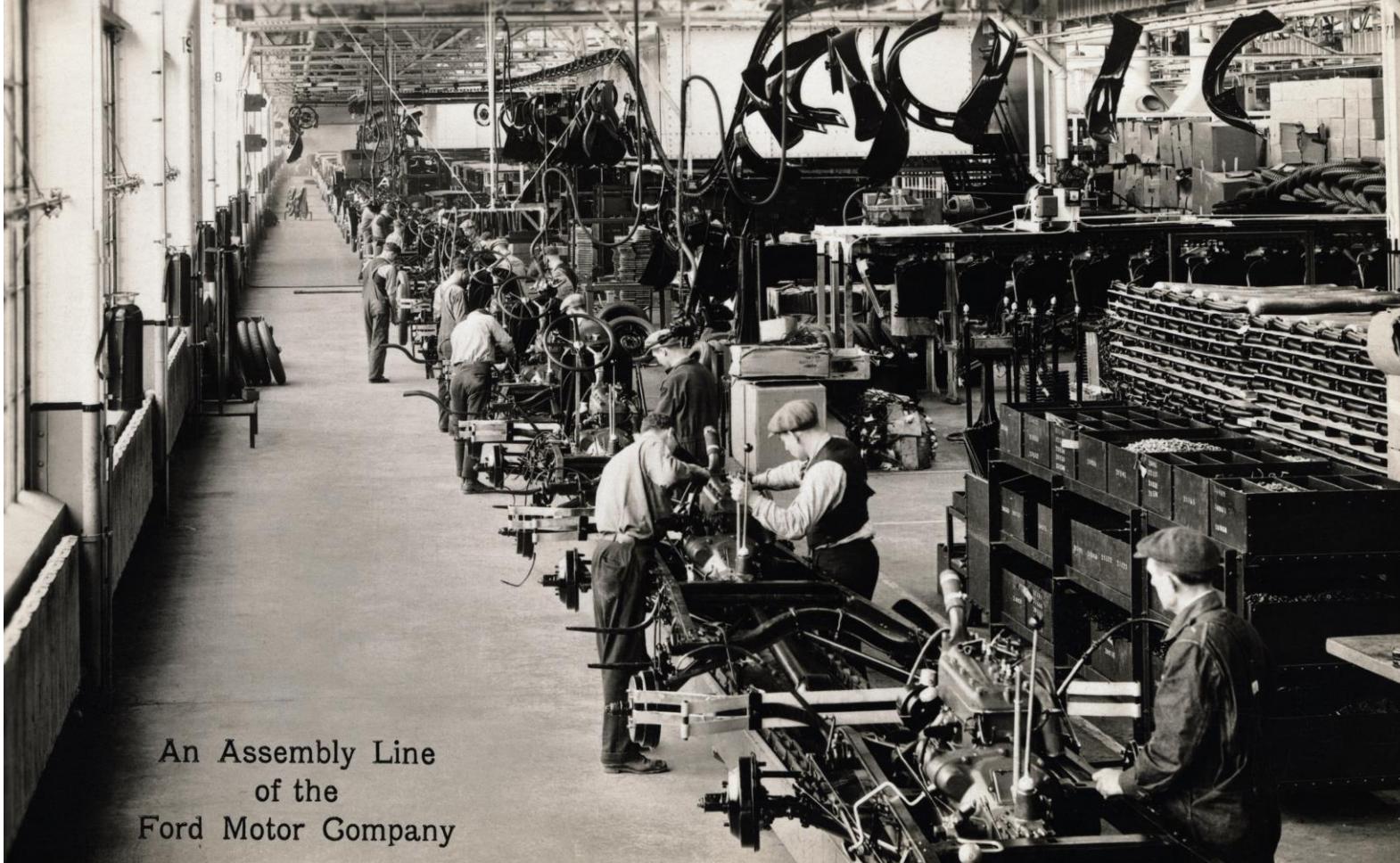
Future Work

- Add more Remote Code Execution methods
 - WMI, WinRM, AtExec,...
- More Compromise Identity methods
 - Migrate to process, Impersonation
- Make it File-less
- Add as an extension to Post-exploitation Platforms:
 - Metasploit, Empire, Cobalt-Strike,...
- Support ACL traversal (Bloodhound 1.3)
- Please contribute!
 - <https://github.com/GoFetchAD/GoFetch>



Industrial Revolution

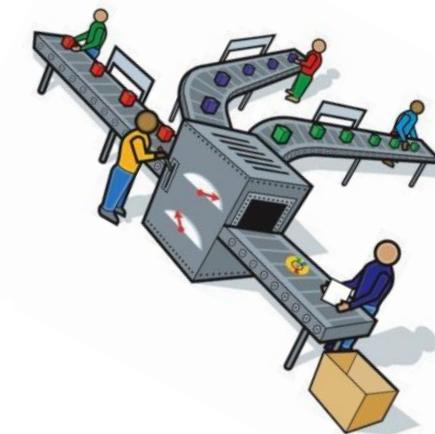
Mass Production



Mass Production of Lateral Movement

- The product is “Domain Domination”
- Fully automated, no manual labor, results:
 - Cheaper: Cost is negligent
 - Faster: Domain Dominance within minutes
- Results:
 - Many more potential victims
 - Surplus will create marketplaces

Domination



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Defense Reactions to Industrialization

FIGHT



FLIGHT oohhaha!



FREEZE



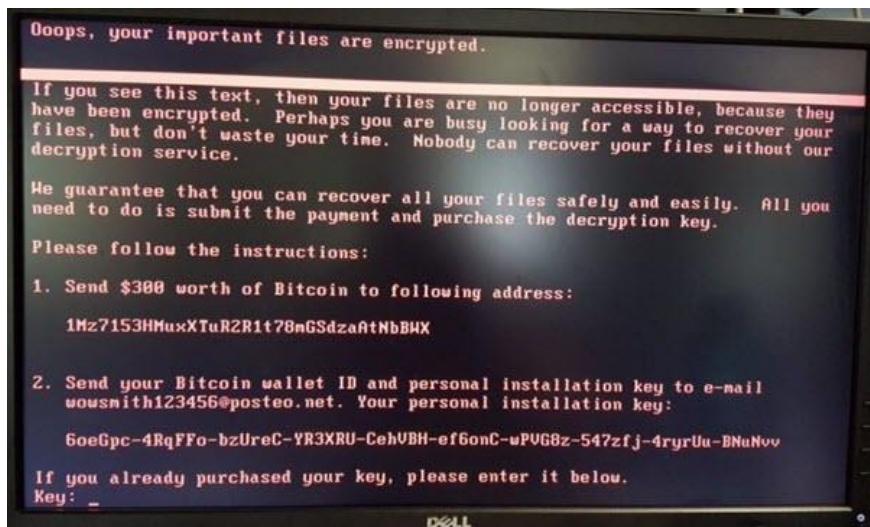
Defense Reactions: Freeze

- “We will just continue to do what we always did”
- Hunt manually, have manual Incident Response etc.



Defense Reaction: Flight

- “Lateral Movement battle is lost”
- Concentrate on protecting the data itself
 - Encryption
 - Data access monitoring
 - Exfiltration protection, DLP
- What about attacks on data availability
 - Ransomware, wipers



Actions on Data



Defense Reactions: Fight!



Make Lateral Movement Hard (=Expensive) Again!



Fight: Reduce Attack Surface

- Make Reconnaissance (Attack graph generation) hard again
 - Harden information gathering APIs
 - Tools (Created by MicrosoftATA researcher, Itai Grady)
 - SMARi10 - <https://gallery.technet.microsoft.com/SAMRi10-Hardening-Remote-48d94b5b>
 - NetCease - <https://gallery.technet.microsoft.com/Net-Cease-Blocking-Net-1e8dc5b>
- Make finding path hard again
 - Reduce the number of Domain Admins / highly privileged accounts
 - Less targets → longer paths
 - Reduce the attack graph's connectivity degree to break paths
 - Network segmentation
 - Multifactor authentication

Fight: Attack the Automation

- Automation detection
 - Automatically monitor access patterns
 - Who connects to what, when
 - Detect abnormal rapid path traversal
 - Create fake shortest paths in advance
 - Honey-pots
 - Honey-Tokens
- Automation mitigation
 - Automation traps & baits: deception along the rapid path traversal
 - Adaptive Authentication: Dynamically enforce Multifactor Authentication along the rapid path traversal

Outro

Take Aways

- (Some) Attackers are financially motivated
- Therefore they strive for efficiency
- Lateral movement can, and therefore will, be automated
 - Use GoFetch! on your network to understand the implications
- Manual defense procedures will become obsolete
- Fighting Lateral Movement Industrialization
 - Reduce attack surface
 - Detect automation
 - Use GoFetch! on your network to make sure your defenses are relevant



Questions?

