

The Art of Detection

Using Splunk Enterprise Security

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organizations great and small.

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- ▶ Contributor to ES roadmap
- ▶ Preparing for a Successful ES Engagement:
 - <https://www.splunk.com/blog/2016/10/24/preparing-for-a-successful-enterprise-security-ps-engagement.html>

<p>User Watchlist</p> <p>8 Installs</p>	<p>CentralOps Whois Technology Add-On</p> <p>30 Installs</p>	<p>JSON Tools</p> <p>45 Installs</p>	<p>ASN Lookup Generator</p> <p>23 Installs</p>
<p>Auditd Linux Auditd</p> <p>365 Installs</p>	<p>Set Operations Technology Add-On</p> <p>4 Installs</p>	<p>IP Format Conversion Scripted</p> <p>9 Installs</p>	<p>Linux Secure Technology Add-On</p> <p>55 Installs</p>
<p>VirusTotal Workflow Actions for Splunk</p> <p>60 Installs</p>	<p>The Security Playbook</p> <p>Hosted Externally</p>	<p>SetOps</p> <p>0 Installs</p>	<p>sudo technology add-on</p> <p>43 Installs</p>
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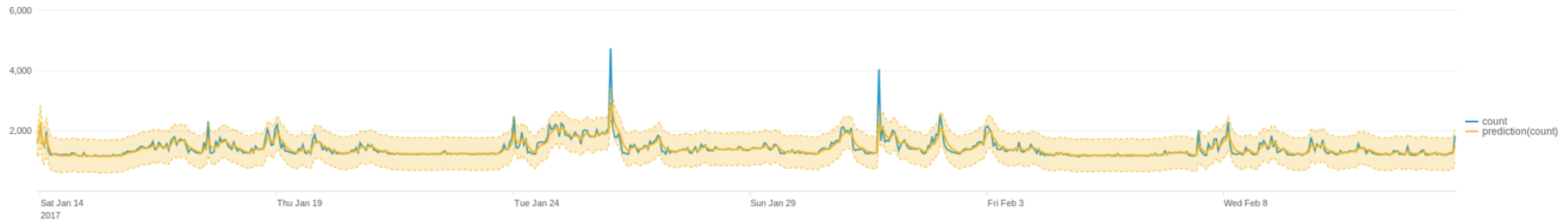
Overview

1. Operational Security at Red Hat
2. A New Triage Paradigm
3. Correlation Search Development Process
4. Extensions and Customizations
5. Case Study



redhat. Operational Security

- ▶ Leading Open Source vendor
- ▶ Global team of 14 people, dealing with various aspects of corporate security
- ▶ Splunk customer since v4.1
- ▶ TB+ license
- ▶ Needed tool to support workflow and whole incident management lifecycle
- ▶ Cost & risk of developing/maintaining our own tool was considered greater than ES
- ▶ Implemented ES at end of last year



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Enterprise Security is just a framework upon which to *build* a world-class security operation



A New Triage Paradigm

Our strategy to address alert fatigue and find what really matters.

What Makes An Alert Actionable?

One or more of these?

- ▶ High Confidence?
- ▶ A Realised Threat?
- ▶ Must Be Rectified By Human?
- ▶ Substantial Evidence?

A diver is silhouetted against a bright blue light source in a cave. The water is filled with floating lines of code, creating a digital atmosphere. The scene is dimly lit, with the primary light coming from the cave opening in the background.

Intrinsically Actionable

Alert Fatigue

Root Cause

- ▶ We falsely think we can detect "badness"
- ▶ Our detection mechanisms are bias towards early stages of the kill-chain where there's greater entropy and lower fidelity
- ▶ The hidden problem is that due to our assumption we're not actually detecting the genuinely bad things that present a real risk to organisation

Solution

- ▶ Change-based correlation searches
- ▶ Risk-based incident detection
- ▶ Auto-close notables (no analyst triage required)
- ▶ Triage high-risk *objects*, prioritised by urgency (object priority x aggregated risk)

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Alert Fatigue

Result

- ▶ Abstract rather than concrete approach to operational security allows unknown threats to be detected
- ▶ Analysts can concentrate on hunting and prioritise their triage time
- ▶ Analysts triage less than 6 *objects* in a shift (often none)
- ▶ Changes the notion of what constitutes a false-positive

Requirements/Assumptions

- ▶ Bad actor *changes* something in order to achieve their *actions on objective*
- ▶ Sufficient data across attack surface ingested and normalised
- ▶ Identity and asset prioritisation
- ▶ Team of creative analysts
- ▶ Suite of correlation searches

Alert Fatigue

FAQ

- ▶ Q: Why bother raising notables if they're not triaged?
 - A: To summarise and retain evidence
 - A: Provide the means for higher-order correlation searches that perform meta-analysis of trends and anomalies across notables

- ▶ Q: If not triaging notables, which dashboards are used first for triage:
 - A: "Security Posture" & "Risk Analysis"

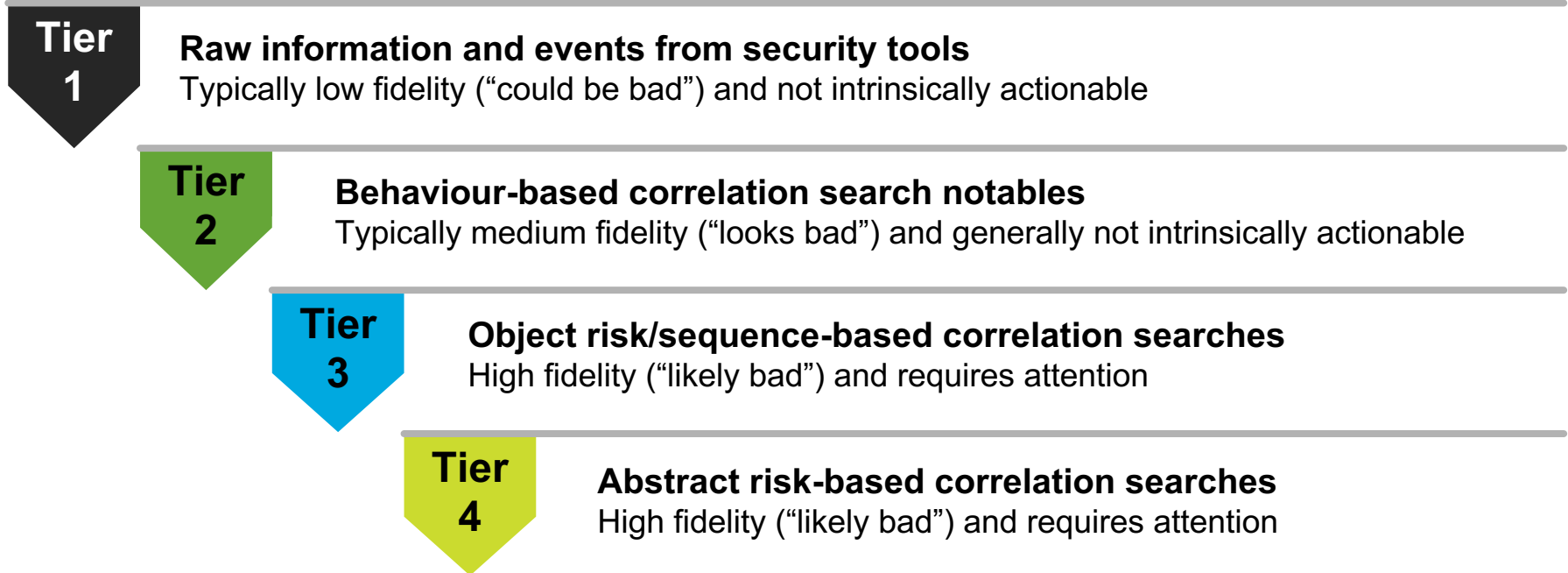
- ▶ Q: Why stop triaging notables raised by high-fidelity correlation searches?
 - A: If they are *intrinsically actionable*, then they should be triaged by an analyst

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Security Event Tiering



Correlation Search Development Process

1st: The Idea

How we produce a behaviour of interest

- ▶ What is the org concerned about?
- ▶ What does it look like?

2nd: The Source

How we prepare the data into the form required

- ▶ Scope and Abstraction
- ▶ Period and Acceleration
- ▶ Cleaning, Checking and Filtering
- ▶ Enrichment and Modelling

3rd: The Metric

How we measure the behaviour of interest

- ▶ Signatures and Blacklists
- ▶ Statistics and Bounds
- ▶ Set Operations
- ▶ State Machines

4th: The Conditions

How do we determine when the behaviour is of interest

- ▶ Simple Threshold / Predicate
- ▶ Dynamic Threshold / Predicate
- ▶ Multi-Stage Conditionals
- ▶ Sequences

5th: The Triage

How to interpret and action an event

- ▶ Fields and Documentation
- ▶ Analysis and Enrichment
- ▶ Actions and Remediation
- ▶ Fidelity and Refinement



Extensions and Customizations

Developing a SIEM to meet the needs of your team.

Enrichment

Internal

- ▶ Network Sessions (DHCP lease, VPN session)
- ▶ User Endpoints (learnt devices)
- ▶ pDNS (derived from DNS logs / wire data)
- ▶ Notable Comment Key-Value Extraction
- ▶ Internal Subnets
- ▶ User Watchlist
(<https://splunkbase.splunk.com/app/3591/>)
- ▶ Notable Macro

External

- ▶ Autonomous System Lookup
(<https://splunkbase.splunk.com/app/3531/>)
- ▶ In-line Whois (<https://splunkbase.splunk.com/app/3506/>)
- ▶ pDNS (<https://splunkbase.splunk.com/app/3050/>)
- ▶ Democracy Index

Additional Fields	Value
Destination IP Address	144.208.72.0
Destination IP Subnet	144.208.72.0/21
Destination MAC Address	08:00:27:1608:00:00
Domain	www.bostonmobilenotary.com
File Hash	5e993cd82ea7dccb6b25ff40214419faa9a2ccd8
File Name	6d.doc
Historical Classification	none
HTTP Method	GET
Office	Boston
Signature	ET CURRENT_EVENTS_Malicious Redirect 8x8 script tag
Source ASN	54641
Source ASN Subnet	144.208.72.0/21
Source Autonomous System	InMotion Hosting, Inc.
Source IP Address	144.208.78.50
URI	http://www.bostonmobilenotary.com/6D.html
User Agent	Mozilla/5.0 (X11; Fedora; Linux x86_64) AppleWebKit/537.36 (KHTML, like Gecko) Chrome/60.0.3112.78 Safari/537.36
UTC	2017-08-07 18:30:16 UTC

Enrichment

Network Sessions and BYOD Devices

Attribution of network activity to a specific user/device

Network Sessions lookup:

- ▶ Source: VPN session / DHCP lease start events
- ▶ KVStore Collection-based temporal lookup
- ▶ “Appended” by scheduled search run every few minutes
- ▶ Another scheduled search periodically prunes old sessions from the lookup to ensure size doesn't grow indefinitely
- ▶ Fields: start, src_mac, src_ip, user, nt_host, assigned_ip

Check carefully your events aren't lying to you.

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Enrichment

Network Sessions and BYOD Devices

Attribution of device to a specific user

User Endpoints lookup:

- ▶ Source: Auth events with src_ip
- ▶ KVStore Collection-based lookup
- ▶ “Appended” by scheduled search run periodically
- ▶ Uses Network Sessions lookup to determine MAC address
- ▶ Fields: key(network_session_src_mac), os_type, nt_host, user, updated

Automatically learns about devices, when last used and who owns them.

ES asset source with asset priority mirroring the user that owns the device.

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Enrichment

Notable Comment-derived Dynamic Enrichment

- ▶ The fields in notables are fixed* but analysts find information during triage
- ▶ We want to be able to add field values dynamically so they can be pivoted upon and to ensure the investment of analyst time in triaging notables is most effectively reused
- ▶ If we associate a notable with a user, it can then appear in their swimlane
- ▶ Free-form prose with Key-Value pairs according to CIM-based taxonomy.

Edit Events

Status: Closed

Cause: Malfunction/Misconfiguration

Urgency: Informational

Owner: Douglas Brown

[Assign to me](#)

Comment*

The associate user="[dgbrown](#)" from [src_mac="50:7b:9d:gc:57:e1"](#) with user_agent="Mozilla/5.0 (Windows)" performed http_method="GET" of url="http://domain.example/bad/resource"

Cancel Save changes

Enrichment

Dynamic Notable Enrichment

SA-ThreatIntelligence/local/macros.conf:

```
[notable_by_id(1)]
definition = `get_notable_index` \
```

```
| `get_event_id` \
```

```
| search event_id="$sevent_id$" \
```

```
| ... \
```

```
| lookup user_watchlist _key AS user OUTPUT start AS watchlist_start, end AS watchlist_end, reason AS watchlist_reason,
comment AS watchlist_comment, creator AS watchlist_creator \
```

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| eval watchlist=if(isnotnull(watchlist_start),if(watchlist_start<_time AND watchlist_end>_time,watchlist_reason + ": " +
if(isnull(watchlist_comment),"no comment",watchlist_comment) + " (" + watchlist_creator + ")", "On watchlist either before or
after this notable"),null())
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This macro is used by **all ES'** notable dashboards, etc.

Example of custom commands appended to macro to add arbitrary and *dynamic* notable enrichment

Customizations

E-mail Workflow Action

- ▶ Workflow actions are just links
- ▶ We can use url encoded mailto: links with tokens
- ▶ Each workflow action is then an e-mail template that auto populates
- ▶ Approach allows us to PGP sign e-mails

User	[REDACTED]
User Agent	Mozilla/5.0 (Macintosh; Intel Mac OS X 10_12_6) AppleWebKit/537.36 (KHTML, like Gecko) Chrome/60.0.3112.90 Safari/537.36
UTC	2017-08-09 00:16:41 UTC
Watchlist	Inappropriate Usage: [REDACTED]
Event Details:	
event_id	F7308477-6C1E-4EAF-8247-C1130EDE7F26@@@notable@@@ed18013d9bd09d09284a322c0009fba7
event_hash	ed18013d9bd09d09284a322c0009fba7
eventtype	modnotable_results
	notable

- Generic E-mail
- Google [REDACTED]
- Identity Center
- Identity Investigator
- Notable Event Search
- Malware Search
- E-mail Associate about Malware**
- Open [REDACTED]'s ora chart details

Customizations

Risk Object Value

- ▶ Provides means to sort notable table and search across notables
- ▶ Use eval in correlation searches to add “risk_object_value” field to notables
- ▶ Add “Table Attribute” via “Incident Review Settings” dashboard

The screenshot shows the Splunk Enterprise Security interface. The top navigation bar includes 'splunk>' and 'App: Enterprise Security'. Below it are tabs for 'Security Posture', 'Triage', 'My Investigations', 'Glass Tables', 'Security Intelligence', 'Security Domains', and 'Audit'. The 'Triage' tab is active.

The main content area is titled 'Triage' and contains a search form with the following fields:

- Urgency:** A vertical stack of colored buttons: CRITICAL (0), HIGH (0), MEDIUM (0), LOW (0), and INFO (1).
- Status:** Buttons for 'x Unassigned', 'x New', 'x In Progress', and 'x Pending'.
- Owner:** Buttons for 'x unassigned' and 'x Douglas Brown'.
- Security Domain:** A button for 'x All'.
- Tag:** An empty text input field.
- Name:** An empty text input field.
- Search:** An empty text input field.
- Time:** A dropdown menu set to 'Last 7 days'.
- Submit:** A green button.

Below the search form, there are links: 'Edit Selected | Edit All 1 Matching Events | Add Selected to Investigation'.

The search results table is as follows:

i	Time	Security Domain	Risk Object	Title
>	8/9/17 10:16:41.000 AM	Network	10.64.168.80	ET CURRENT_EVENTS Possible Apple

The 'Risk Object' column value '10.64.168.80' is circled in red in the original image.

e.g. ... | eval risk_object_value=if(like(src_ip,"10.%"),src_ip,dest_ip)

Customizations

Custom Identity and Asset Information

- ▶ Inability to add arbitrary identity/asset information is a common complaint
- ▶ Create a csv lookup and apply to [default] stanza in props.conf
 - LOOKUP-zd_identities_supplementary = identities_supplementary user

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a user_last 1
a user_managedBy 1
a user_nick 1
# user_phone 1
# user_phone2 1
a user_priority 1
a user_role 1
# user_startDate 1
a user_watchlist 1
a user_work_city 1
a user_work_country 1

```

⊕ Extract New Fields

user_role ×

1 Value, 100% of events Selected

Reports

[Top values](#)
[Top values by time](#)
[Rare values](#)

[Events with this field](#)

Values

Values	Count	%
Information Security Analyst	2	100%

Whois

Domain or IP

kernel.org

Field	Value
admin_city	San Francisco
admin_country	US
admin_fax_ext	Admin Email: admin@linux-foundation.org
admin_name	Jim Zemlin
admin_organization	The Linux Foundation
admin_phone	+1.4157239709
admin_phone_ext	Admin Fax: +1.9712582363
admin_postal_code	94129
admin_street	1 Letterman Drive, Building D, Suite D4700 Suite 102
creation_date	1997-03-07T05:00:00Z
dnssec	unsigned
domain_name	KERNEL.ORG
name_server	NS11.CONSTELLIX.COM NS21.CONSTELLIX.COM NS31.CONSTELLIX.COM NS41.CONSTELLIX.NET NS51.CONSTELLIX.NET NS61.CONSTELLIX.NET
registrant_city	San Francisco
registrant_country	US
registrant_fax_ext	Registrant Email: admin@linux-foundation.org
registrant_name	Jim Zemlin
registrant_organization	The Linux Foundation

https://splunkbase.splunk.com/app/3506/

i	Time	Event
3/6/17	1:40:00.000 PM	...

Event Actions

Type	Field	Value
Selected	host	...
	source	...
	sourcetype	...
Event	admin_fax_ext	Admin Email:zhupengxiang@yulong.com
	answer	...
	index	...
	info_max_time	...
	info_min_time	...
	info_search_time	...
	linecount	...
	query	www.51coolpad.com
	registrant_fax_ext	Registrant Email:zhupengxiang@yulong.com
	registry_admin_id	Admin Name:Xi an CoolPad Telecommunication Scientific
	registry_registrant_id	Registrant Name:Yulong Computer Telecommunication Scientific
	registry_tech_id	Tech Name:Xi an CoolPad Telecommunication Scientific
	resolved_domain	www.51coolpad.com
	src_ip	...
	src_ip_subnet	...
	src_mac	...
	tech_fax_ext	Tech Email:zhupengxiang@yulong.com
	updated	1488772976
	url_of_the_icann_whois_data_problem_reporting_system	http://wdprs.internic.net/

User Watchlist Editor

<https://splunkbase.splunk.com/app/3591/>

- ▶ Provides interface to add/edit/remove watchlist users and meta-data
- ▶ Able to be integrated with ES Identity sources:

```
...
| lookup user_watchlist_key AS identity OUTPUT end AS watchlist_end
| eval watchlist=if(isnotnull(watchlist_end),if(watchlist_end>now(),"true",null()),null())
| fields - watchlist_end
```

User Watchlist Editor

Use this dashboard to add/update and remove users from the watchlist. To view (not search) all entries, enter a wildcard in the 'User' field, but be careful not to select the 'Delete' action with a wildcard in the User field, as this will delete all the watchlist entries.

Edit

Export ▾

...

User	Start and End Time	Reference	Reason	Comment	Action
*	Custom time ▾	none	Investigation	none	Add/Update

Submit [Hide Filters](#)

Entries

user	creator	editor	created	updated	start	end	reference	reason	comment
alice	dbrown	dbrown	2017-05-17 10:42:07	2017-05-17 10:42:07	2017-05-17 10:42:06	2017-08-17 10:42:07	INC0001	Investigation	Please see incident for details.
bob	dbrown	dbrown	2017-05-17 10:44:01	2017-05-17 10:44:01	2017-05-17 10:44:00	2017-06-17 10:44:01	INC0002	Compromised Asset	00:fc:1d:6e:f0:12

Description: A Snort alert has been raised from sensor [Notable/Actionable/Signatures](#). Please see Next Steps for triage process.

Additional Fields	Value	Action
Destination ASN	14061	▼
Destination ASN Subnet	67.205.128.0/18	▼
Destination Autonomous System	Digital Ocean, Inc.	▼
Destination IP Address	67.205.185.140	▼
Domain	apple.com-cyber-security-analysis.site	▼
Historical Classification	none	▼
HTTP Method	GET	▼
MAC Address User	gln	▼
MAC Address Operating System	Macintosh	▼
Office	Seoul	▼
Signature Name	ET CURRENT_EVENTS Possible Apple Phishing Domain Mar 14	▼
Signature	ET CURRENT_EVENTS Possible Apple Phishing Domain Mar 14	▼
Source IP Address	Fused (IT) Office MAC (South Korea) [SEL, TEL, HTTP] [Office] [etc]	▼
Source IP Subnet	Fused (IT) Office MAC (South Korea) [SEL, TEL, HTTP] [Office] [etc]	▼
Source MAC Address	Trusted (IT) APAC: APAC IP Space	▼
URI	Trusted (IT) Worldwide Trusted Network	▼
URI	http://apple.com-cyber-security-analysis.site/en/index.php?_jsess=4fe9977f7eb1ce0ba86f7e8de54fa5c&os=OS X 10.12&app=MacKeeper&voluumdata=BASE64[REDACTED]	▼
User	gln	▼
User Agent	Mozilla/5.0 (Macintosh; Intel Mac OS X 10_12_6) AppleWebKit/537.36 (KHTML, like Gecko) Chrome/60.0.3112.90 Safari/537.36	▼
UTC	2017-08-09 00:16:41 UTC	▼
Watchlist	Inappropriate Usage: Personal (Advised) [ET, ET, etc] [etc] [etc]	▼

Correlation Search: [Network - 00002.001-DEV-GEN-INV: Snort alert - Rule](#)

History:

2017 Aug 9 2:18:42 pm Douglas Brown

E-mailed the associate to check if MacKeeper is installed.

[Previous >](#)

[View all review activity for this Notable Event](#)

Contributing Events:
[View bro events for \[REDACTED\]](#)

Adaptive Responses: [O](#)

Response	Mode	Time	User	Status
Notable	saved	2017-08-09T10:15:11+1000	admin	✓ success
Risk Analysis	saved	2017-08-09T10:15:11+1000	admin	✓ success

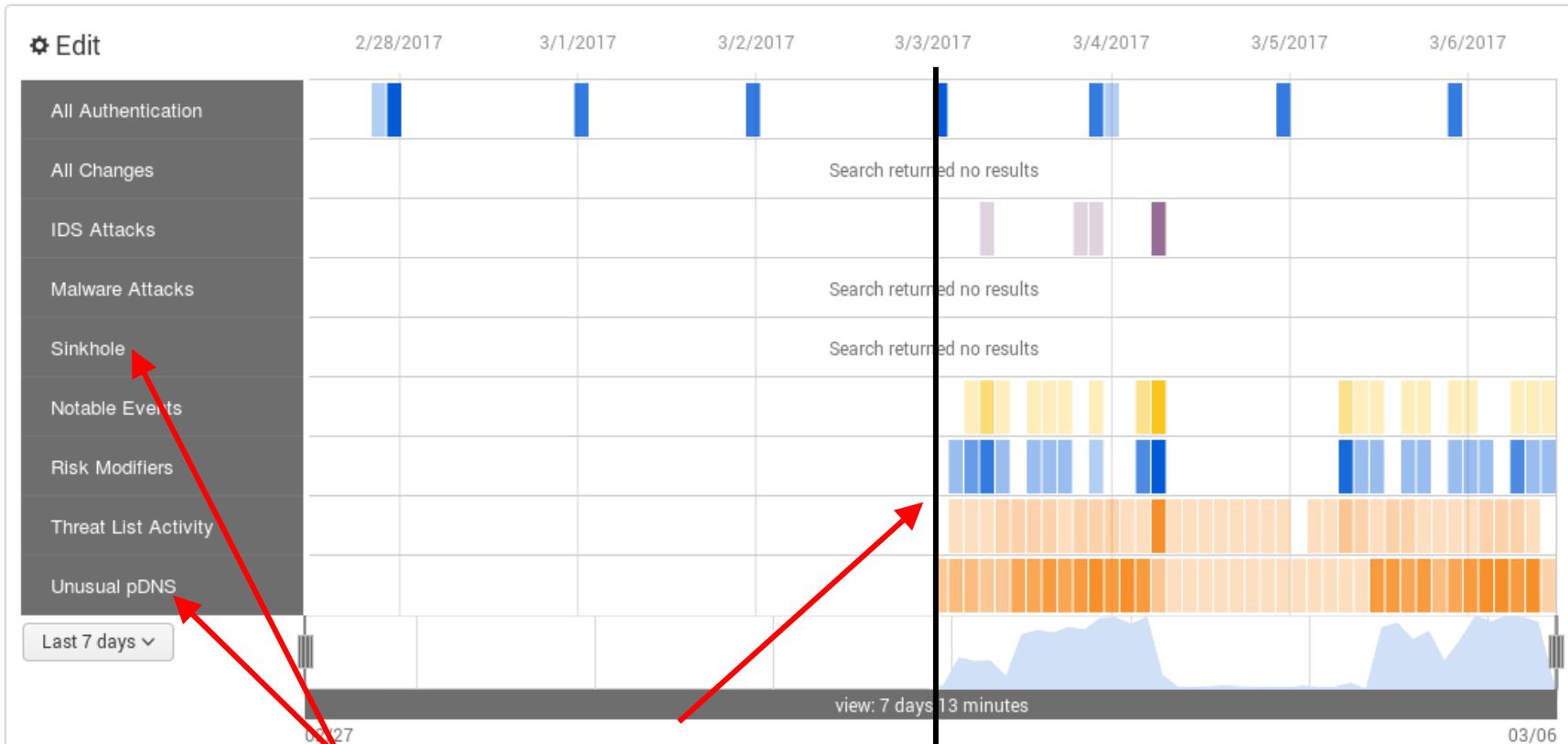
[View Adaptive Response Invocations](#)

Next Steps:

Short-based IDS Notable Triage Process:

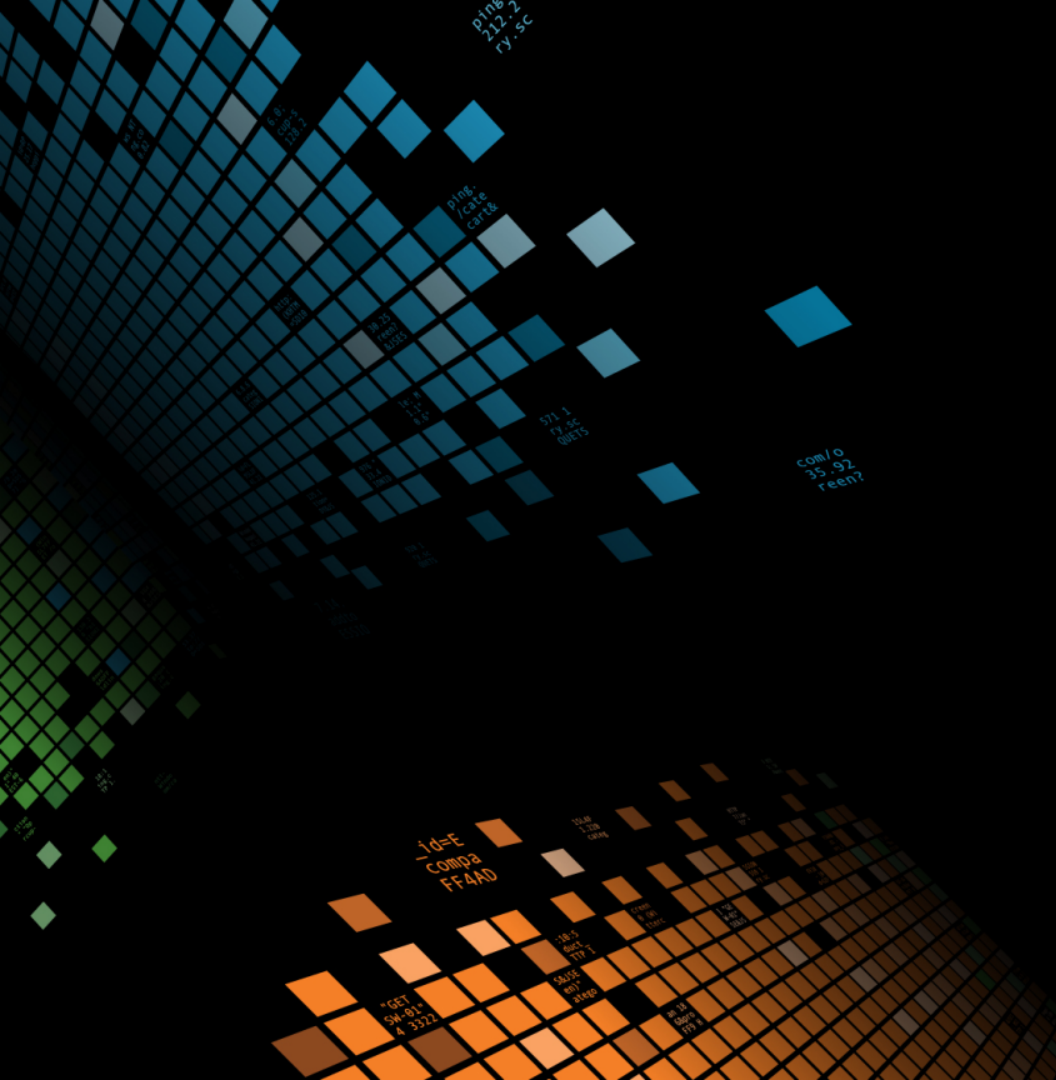
1. Assign notable to yourself with 'In Progress' status
2. Look at name of signature and Risk Object. Close notable with rationale if clearly a duplicate or False-Positive/Benign
3. Open Asset Investigator for Risk Object
4. Attempt to determine user in Authentication swimlane (if not already in notable) and add to notable with user="name" key-value pair. If still unknown, consult [our internal database page \(https://mgc.nessus.com/lookup/lookup\)](#)
5. Look back at least 7 days in Asset Investigator for concerning activity in the swim lanes
6. If satisfied, close notable with rationale, otherwise, open bro drill-down search
7. If bro shows a user agent and/or domains associated with notable, add comment to notable with user_agent="dodgeware 1.0" and domain="www.badness.co.uk" (multiple key="value" pairs is fine, just be sure to use keys from specification: [https://mgc.nessus.com/lookup/lookup](#) with double quotes)
8. If satisfied, close notable with rationale, otherwise, use VirusTotal, pDNS and Whois pivots on indicator
8. If satisfied, close notable with rationale, otherwise, consider pivoting on indicator to Moloch and adding 'uncomfortable' tag to event_hash before contacting associate by pivoting on user to e-mail template
9. Add comment to notable indicating the associate has been contacted, and put state into 'Pending'
10. Close notable once consultation with associate has completed.

User and Asset Investigator Dashboards



Change in behaviour

Custom swimlanes

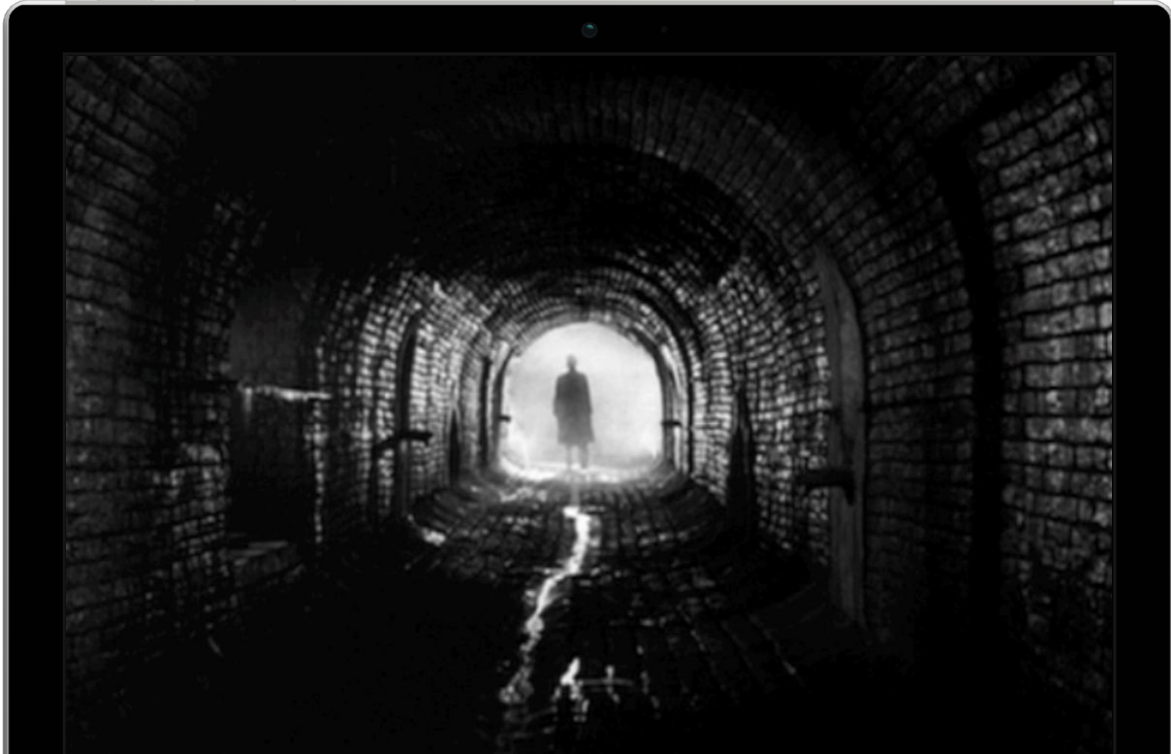


Case Study

Third Man Correlation Search

Third Man Correlation Search

<https://splunkbase.splunk.com/app/2830/>



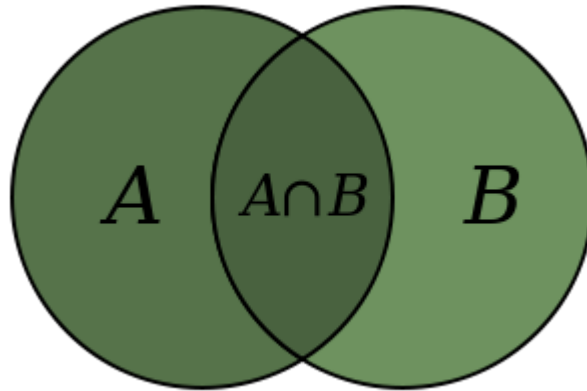
1st: The Idea

- ▶ No 2FA?
- ▶ Can we detect the use of phished credentials?
- ▶ Humans are predictable ∴ changes in pattern can be detected?

Third Man Correlation Search

3rd: The Metric

- ▶ Set Operations Technology Add-On: <https://splunkbase.splunk.com/app/3516/>
- ▶ “unique_vectors” metric produced by *distinctfields* custom search command

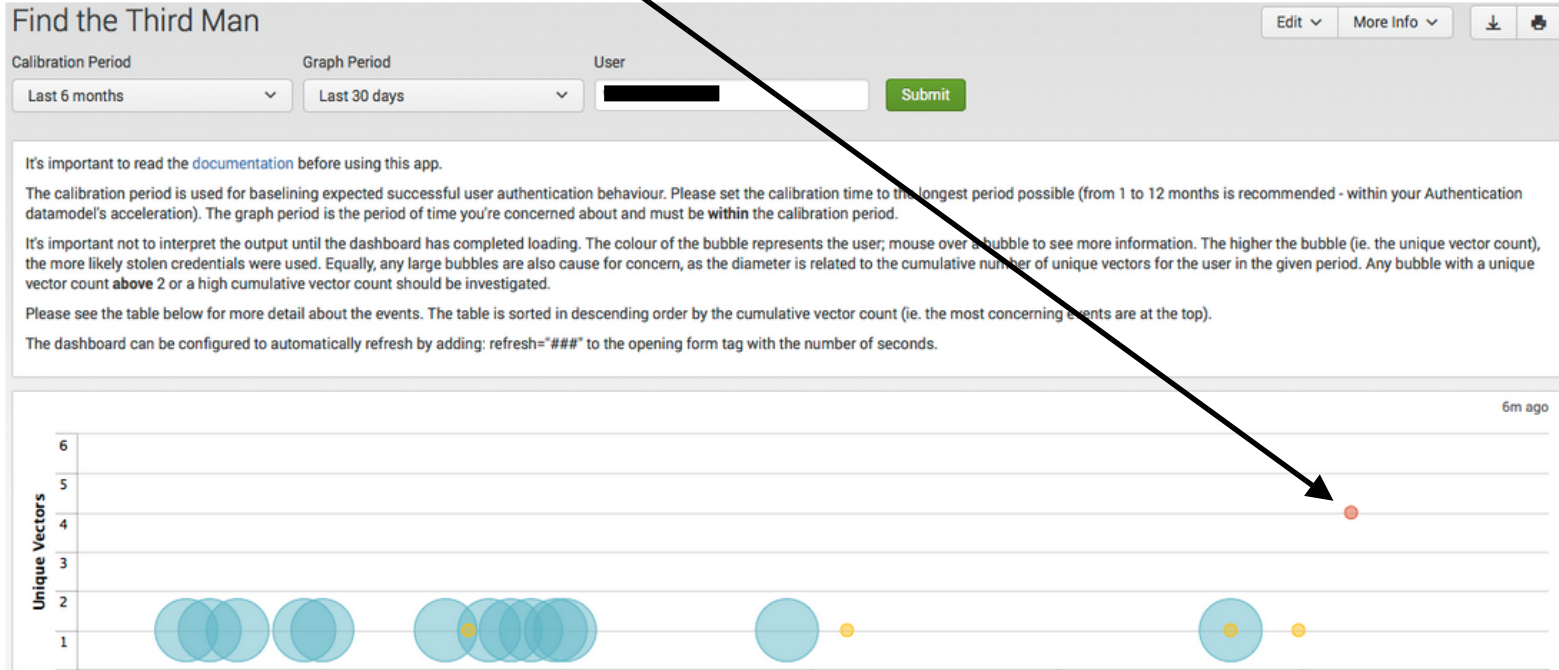


* Diagram used for illustrative purposes only - does not represent a distinct set.

Third Man Correlation Search

4th: The Conditions

- ▶ ... | where unique_vectors>2



Third Man Correlation Search

5th: The Triage

Fields and Documentation

- ▶ user, src_ip, src_as, dest, app, unique_vectors, unique_vector_count

Analysis and Enrichment

- ▶ Drilldown search to table of user's authentication activity

Actions and Remediation

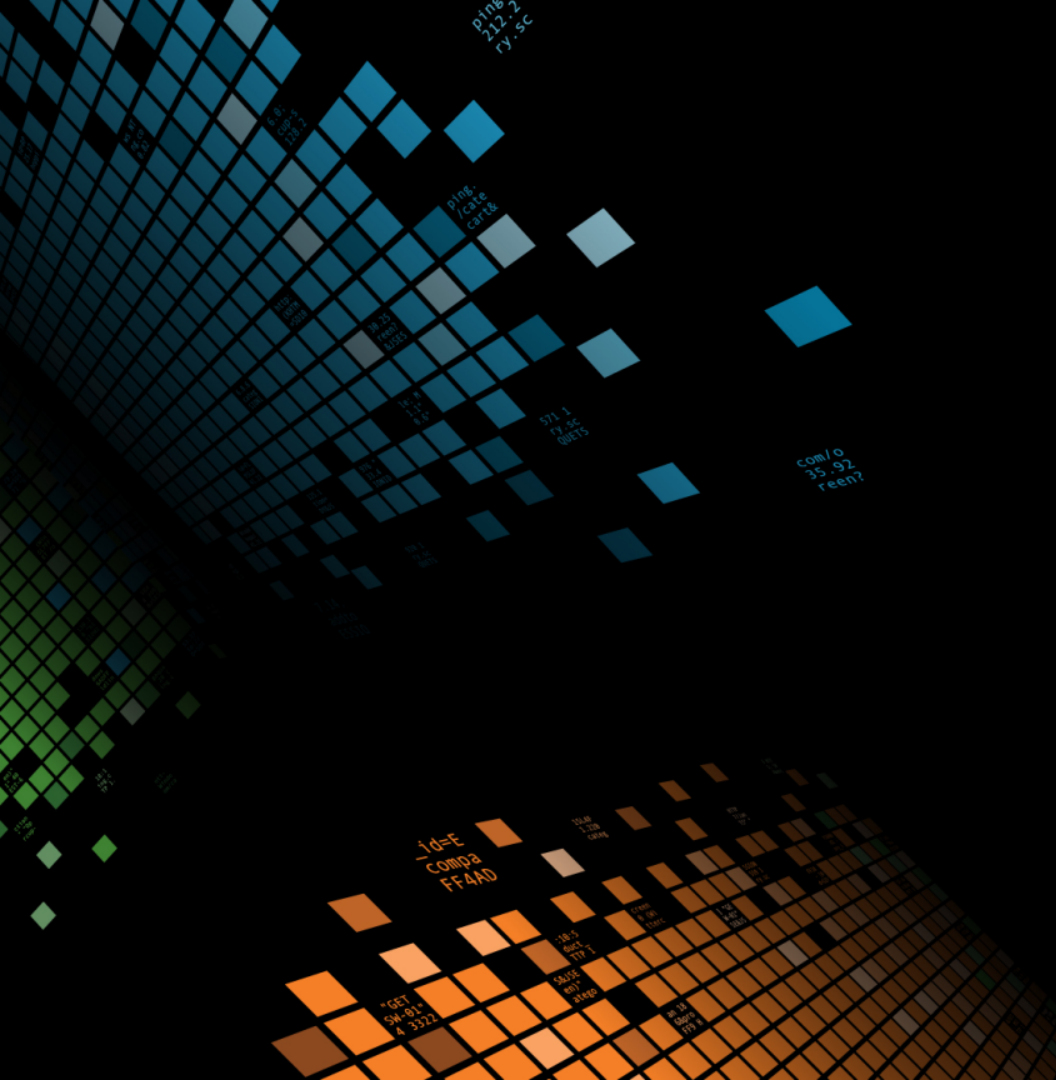
- ▶ Raise notable
- ▶ Aggregate risk - scaled dynamically in-line by number of *unique vectors*
- ▶ Place user on watchlist? (<https://splunkbase.splunk.com/app/3591/>)

Fidelity and Refinement

- ▶ Check for apps or other vector values to filter out
- ▶ Check CIM normalisation for inconsistencies
- ▶ Consider extending earliest time to improve fidelity

Key Takeaways

1. How to build your SIEM with ES
2. “intrinsically actionable”
3. Changes in behaviour are key
4. Risk-centric view to incident detection
5. How to develop detection techniques



Q&A

Thank You

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Bonus Material

UTC field in all events/notables

- ▶ You may have noticed the 'utc' field in the screenshots
- ▶ Geographically distributed security teams have to speak a common time
- ▶ This is especially important when extracting evidence
 - ... | table _time utc index source sourcetype host _raw

props.conf:

[default]

```

EVAL-utc = strftime(_time - (60 * 60 * tonumber(substr(strftime(_time,"%z"),2,2))) + (60 *
tonumber(substr(strftime(_time,"%z"),4,2))), "%Y-%m-%d %H:%M:%S UTC")

```

Bonus Material

_raw search in Incident Review dashboard

- ▶ Much of the information in notables is not searchable without knowing fieldnames
- ▶ One solution is to “recreate” _raw to include *all* the enrichment fields
- ▶ JSON Tools app (<https://splunkbase.splunk.com/app/3540/>)
- ▶ In the *notable_by_id(1)* macro, add:
 - ... | mkjson
 - Must be before the \$event_id\$ search command but after enrichment

Triage

The screenshot shows the Splunk Triage dashboard. On the left, there is a 'Urgency' filter with a legend: CRITICAL (0), HIGH (0), MEDIUM (0), LOW (0), and INFO (1). Below this is a search interface with fields for Status (set to 'All'), Owner (set to 'All'), Security Domain (set to 'All'), and Time (set to 'Last 30 days'). The Search field contains the text 'apple.com-cyber-security-analysis.site'. A 'Submit' button is at the bottom of the search interface. An arrow points from the text below to the Search field.

On the right, a search results view shows a single event: '1 event (7/10/17 12:00:00.000 AM to 8/9/17 8:59:48.000 PM)'. Below this is a 'Format Timeline' view showing a bar chart with a single green bar representing the event on July 15, 2017. The timeline spans from Sat Jul 15 2017 to Sat Aug 5.

Notable search now works like core Splunk search.