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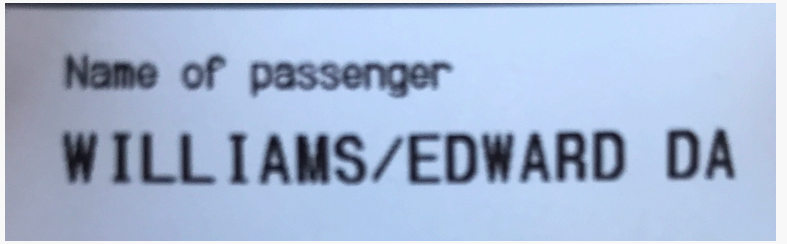
Pi$$ing off an APT

Edward Williams

#whoami




```
LON-SP-ZMG8WL:tmp root# ./whoami.sh
Name: Ed Williams
Position: SpiderLabs Director, EMEA
Previously: Principal Security Consultant
Other: Crest Fellow
Interesting facts:       Welsh
                         Father of twins
                         Have taken part in a bollywood film
LON-SP-ZMG8WL:tmp root#
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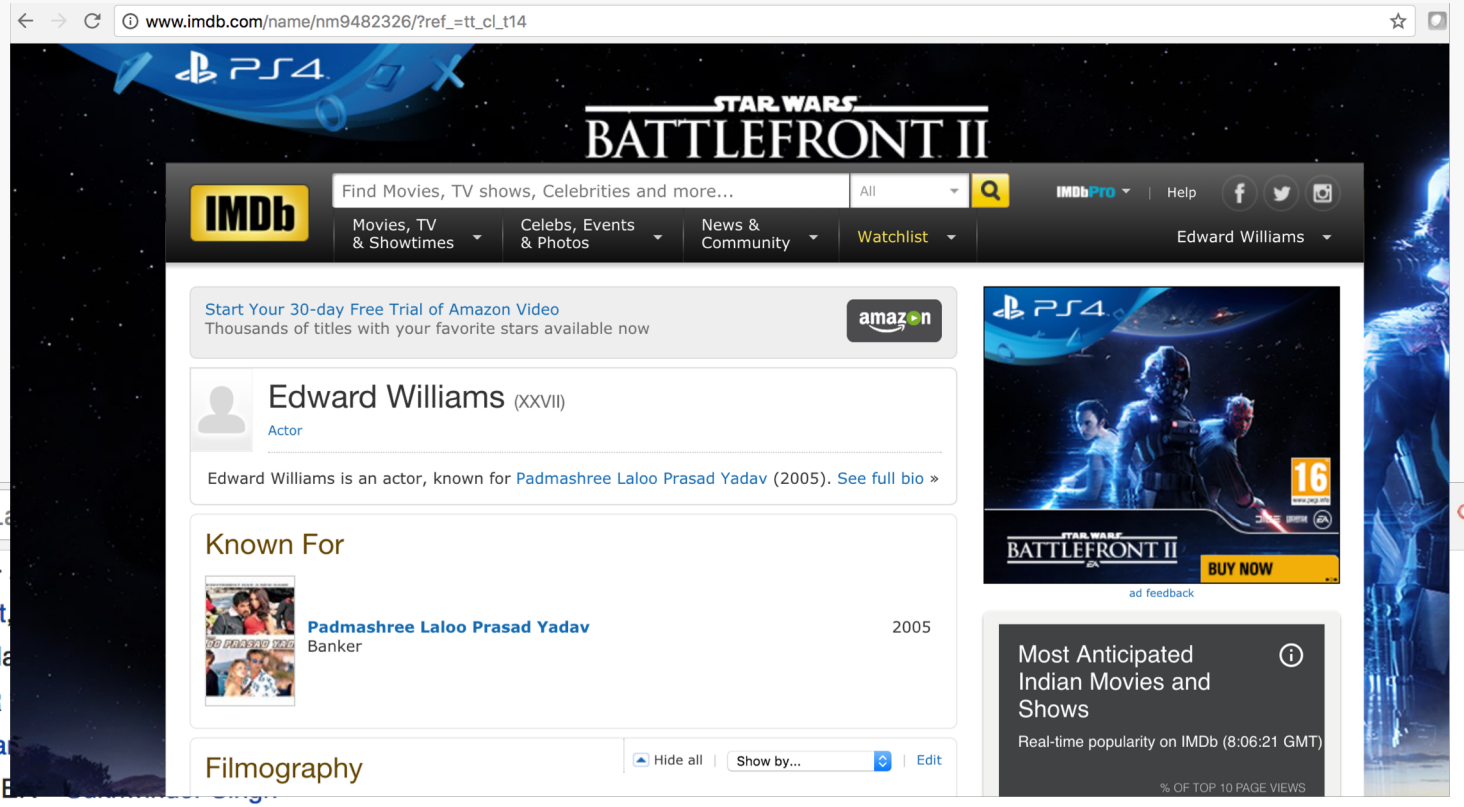
My Film Career



Secure | https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Padmashree_La

1. Aaoonga Nahin Peeche Peeche -
2. Chidiya Chidiya - Vaishali Samant,
3. Chidiya Chidiya (Fadooo Mix) - Ma
4. Deewana - MUSIC AND SINGER
5. Jadoo (Female) - Sunidhi Chauhar
6. Jadoo (Male) -MUSIC AND SINGE
7. Kabhi To Rooth Ja - Shaan**MUSIC NITIN RAIKAR.
8. Padmashree Laloo Prasad Yadav MUSIC** - Nitin Raikwar, SINGERS** Vinod Rathod, K. K.

Reception [edit]

It was screened at the 2005 Global Indian Film Awards held in Dubai. Rediff.com's film critic called the picture "an insult to cinema".[1]

References [edit]

1. ^ "Padmashree is an insult to cinema!". Rediff.com. 28 January 2005. Archived from the original on 30 January 2005. Retrieved 17 April 2017.

The ~enemy


Red Teams Blog @redtea... · 3h
Act, don't react.
Sun Tzu @SunTzuCyber
"The enemy does not check your risk register prior to attacking." - Sun Tzu, The Art of Cyber War
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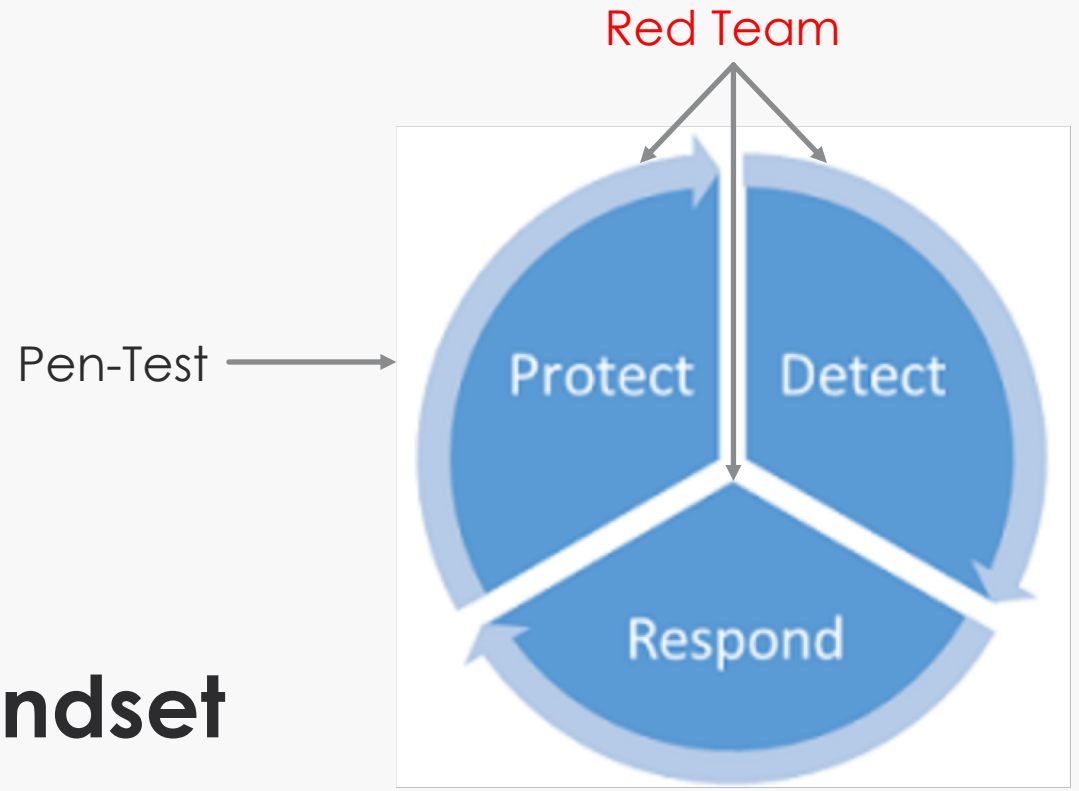
Hackers
don't give a shit:
KIWICON III
28TH & 29TH NOVEMBER 2009
New Zealand's Hacker con - Wellington
About your project's scope
It's managed by a third party
It's a legacy system
It's "too critical to patch"
About your outage windows
About your budget
You've always done it that way
About your Go-Live Date
It's only a pilot/proof of concept
About Non-Disclosure Agreements
It wasn't a requirement in the contract
It's an internal system
It's really hard to change
It's due for replacement
You're not sure how to fx it
It's handled in the Cloud
About your Risk Register entry
The vendor doesn't support that conf guration
It's an interim solution
It's [insert standard here] compliant
It's encrypted on disk
The cost benef t doesn't stack up
"Nobody else could f gure that out"
You can't explain the risk to "The Business"
You've got other priorities
About your faith in the competence of your internal users
You don't have a business justif cation
You can't show Return on Investment
You contracted out that risk

Red Teaming / Attack Simulation

Red team != Pen Test

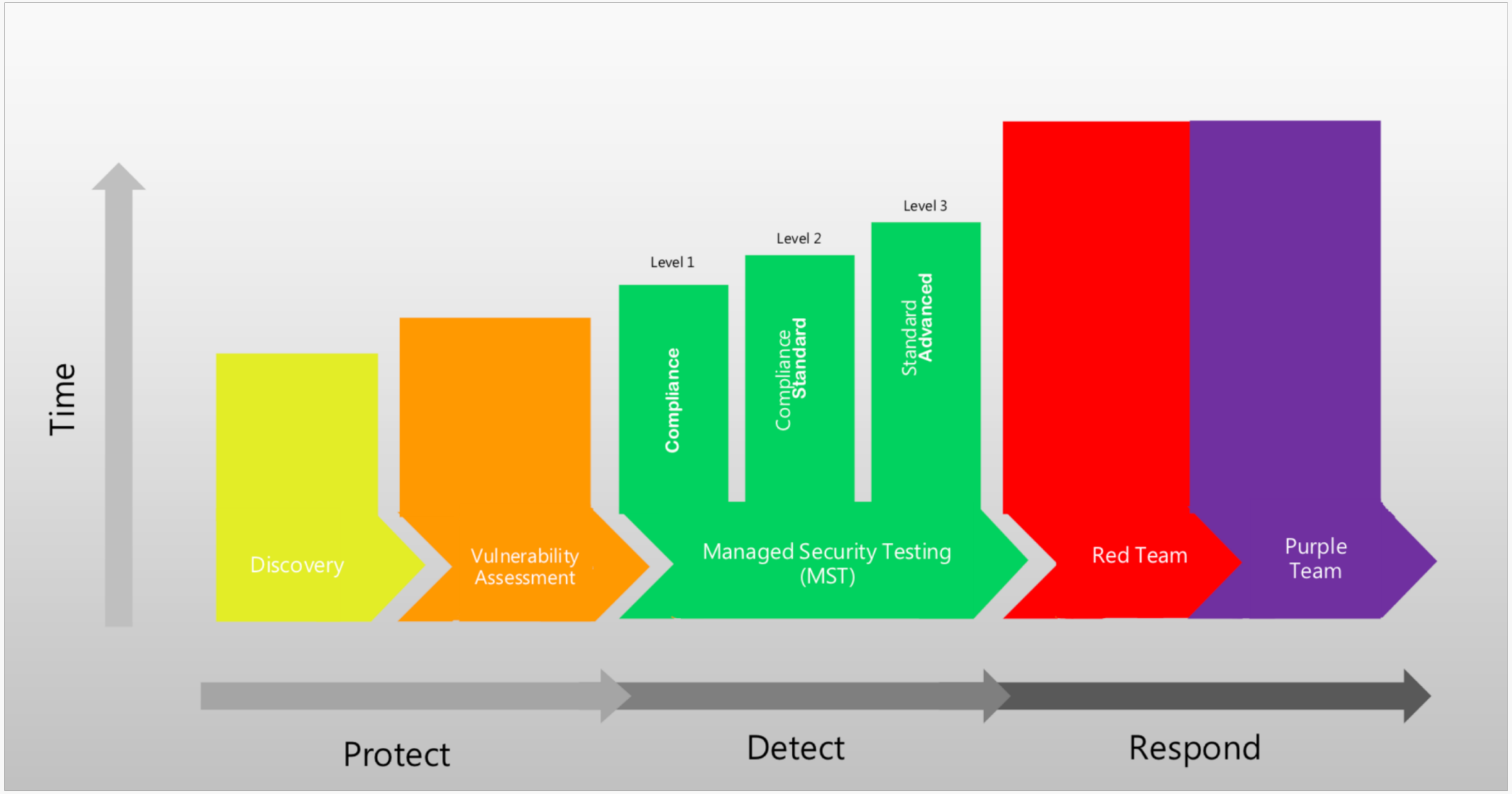


Red Team different mindset

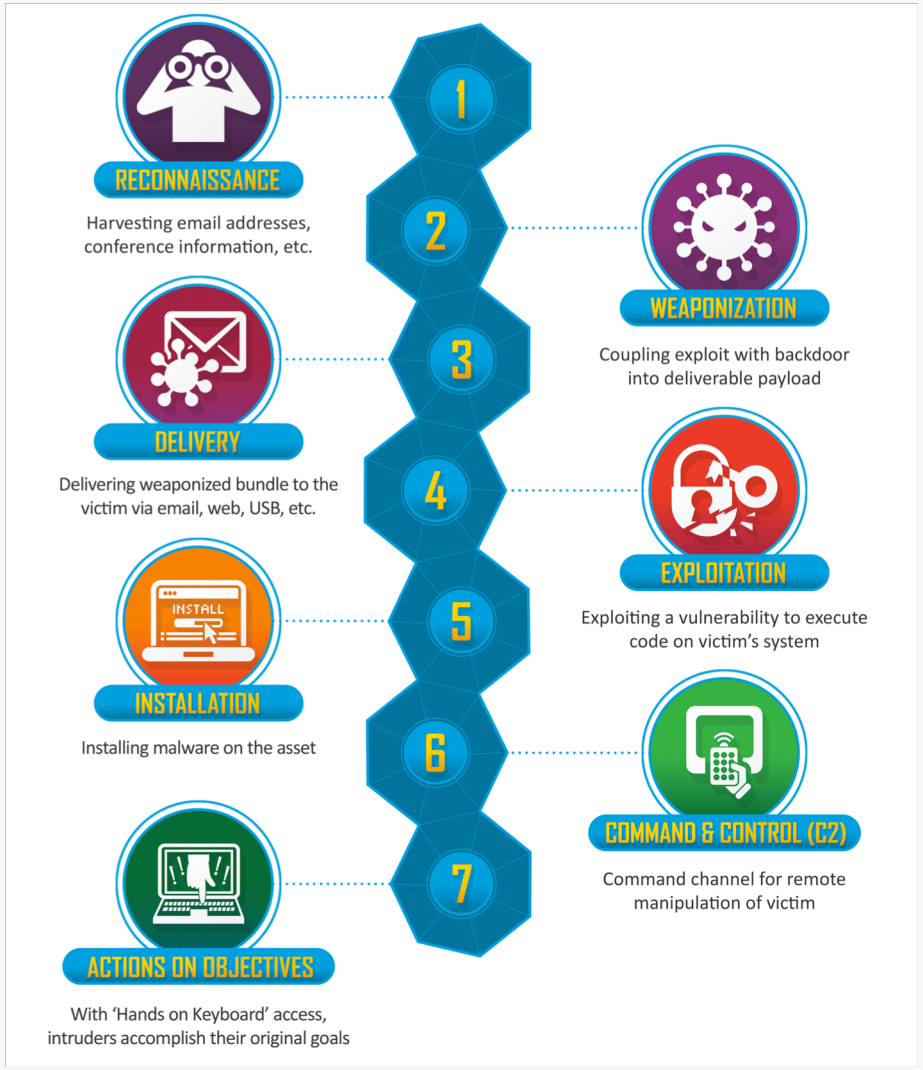
Don't do mass scanning…the bad guys don't

Slow and Steady to achieve goal

When to red team?



Cyber Kill Chain



https://www.lockheedmartin.com/us/what-we-do/aerospace-defense/cyber/cyber-kill-chain.html

Observation 1

“A big, expensive shiny box isn't going to make you more secure.”

You need more…

You need the basics..

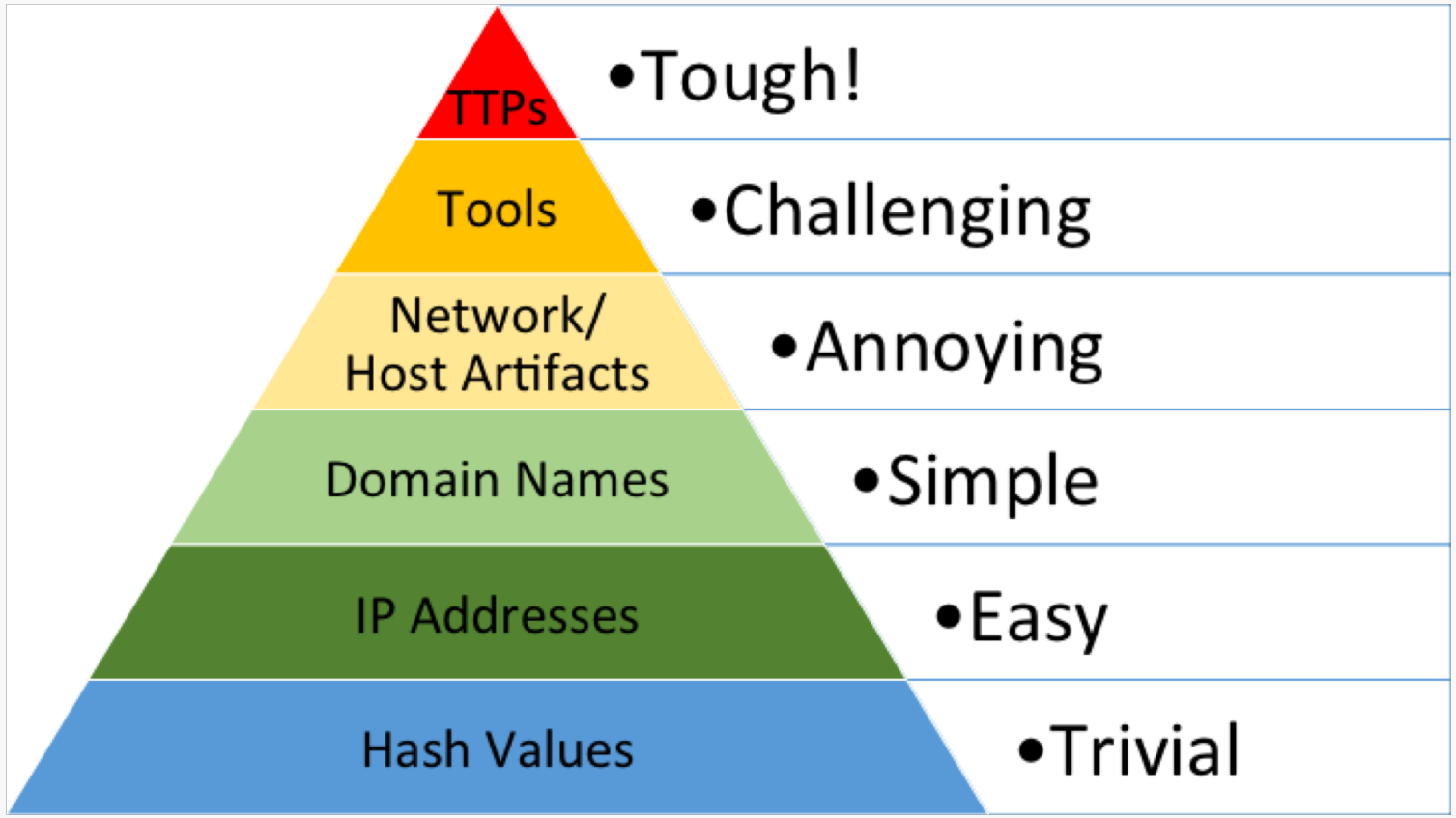
…and you need layers!

Observation 2

“it’s not 0-days that cause APTs to succeed, it’s poor Operational Security (OpSec) and technical debt.”

Name	Description	Status	Startup Type	Log On As
SQL Server (SPIDE…	Provides st…	Started	Automatic	THOR\Administrator

How do we ‘actually’ pi$$ off an APT?

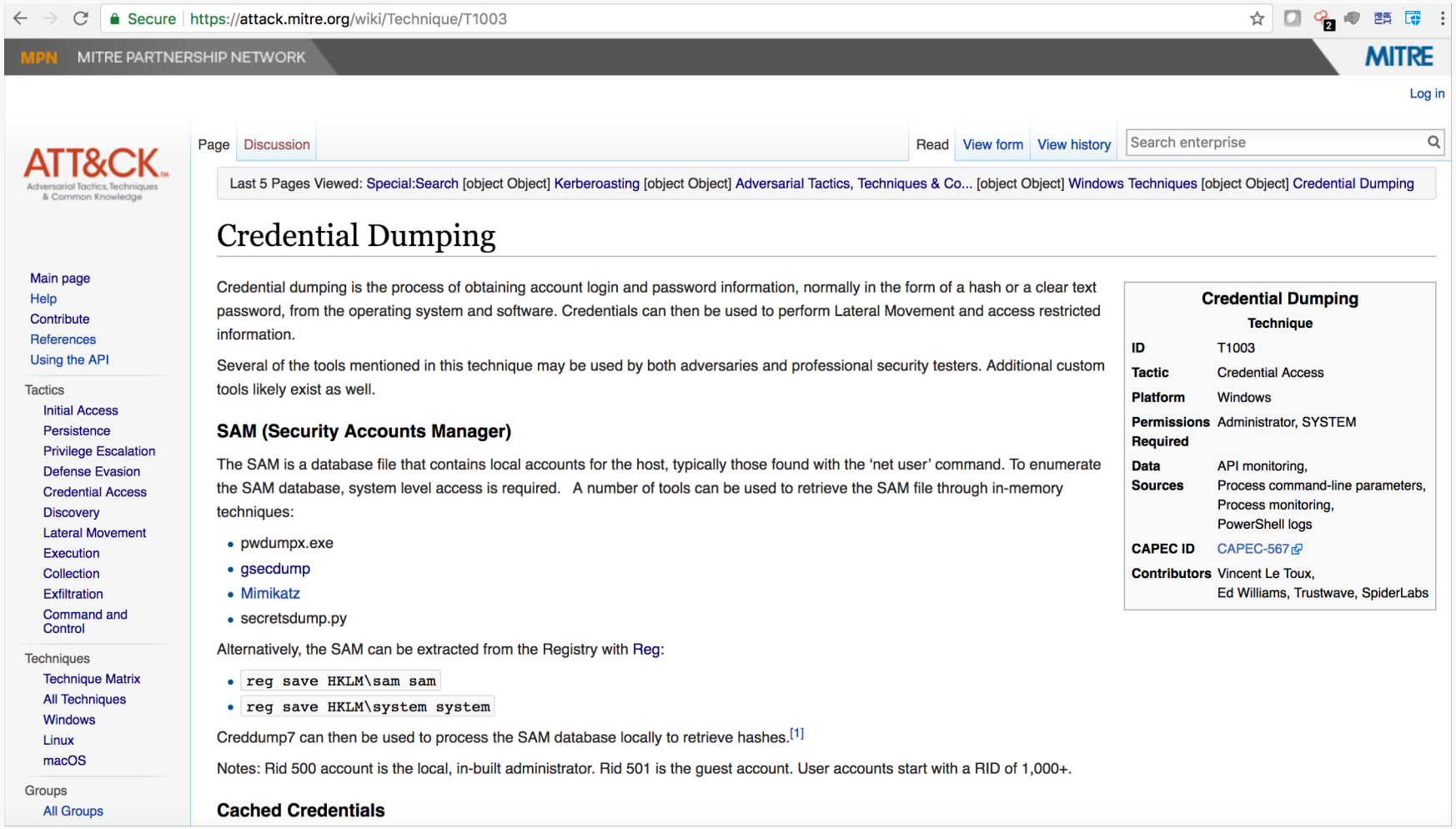


Strategical / behaviors

Tactical

http://detect-respond.blogspot.co.uk/2013/03/the-pyramid-of-pain.html

ATT&CK Mitre



https://attack.mitre.org/wiki/Main_Page

Reduce External Visibility

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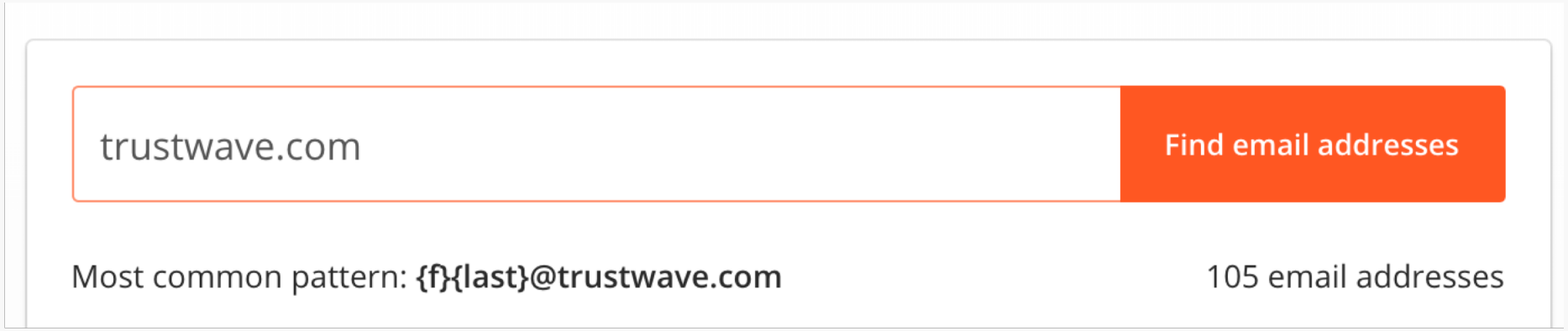
E-Mail harvesting / format

Social Media all the things



Subdomain Discovery…uat/test…vpn…lync etc etc

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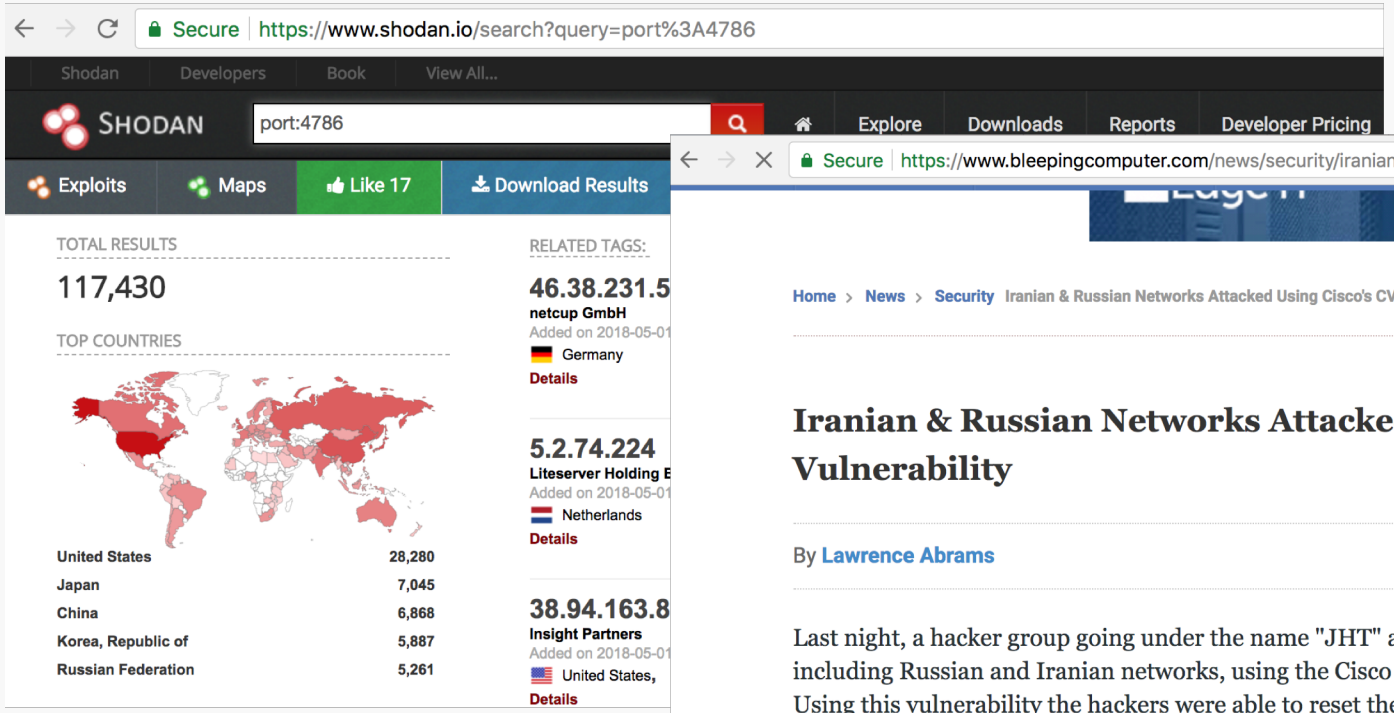

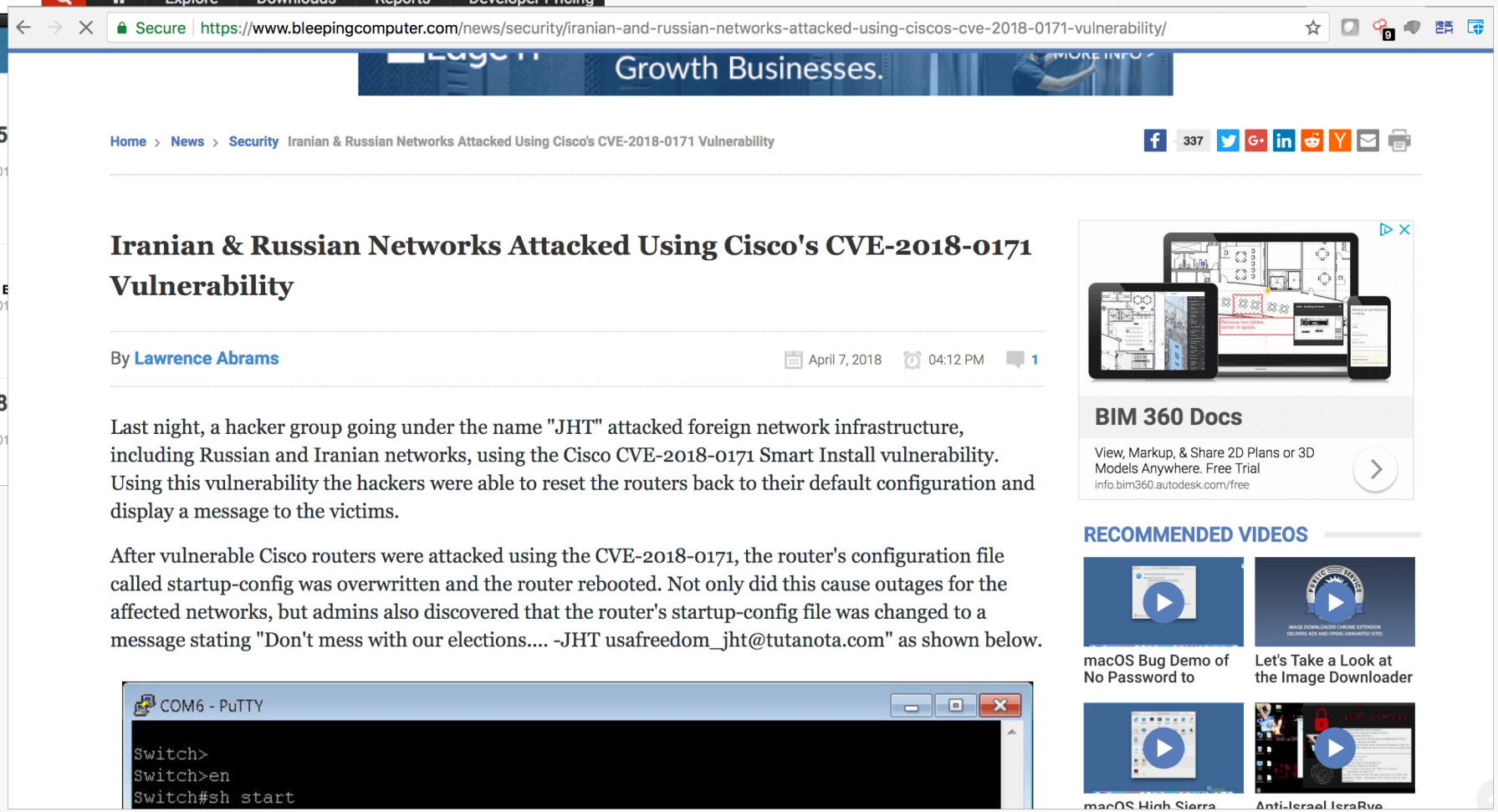

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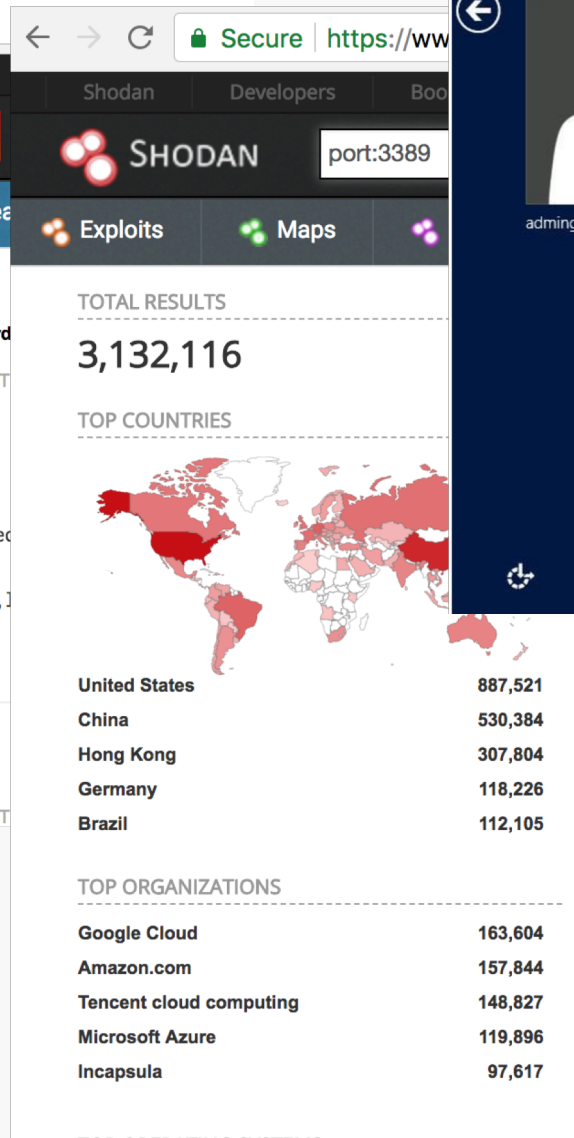

Determine Cloud Services

DNS (MX & TXT records)

`*.mail.protection.outlook.com`

`ms=ms*` O365 domain tenant in TXT record

`google-site-verification=*` Gsuite TXT record

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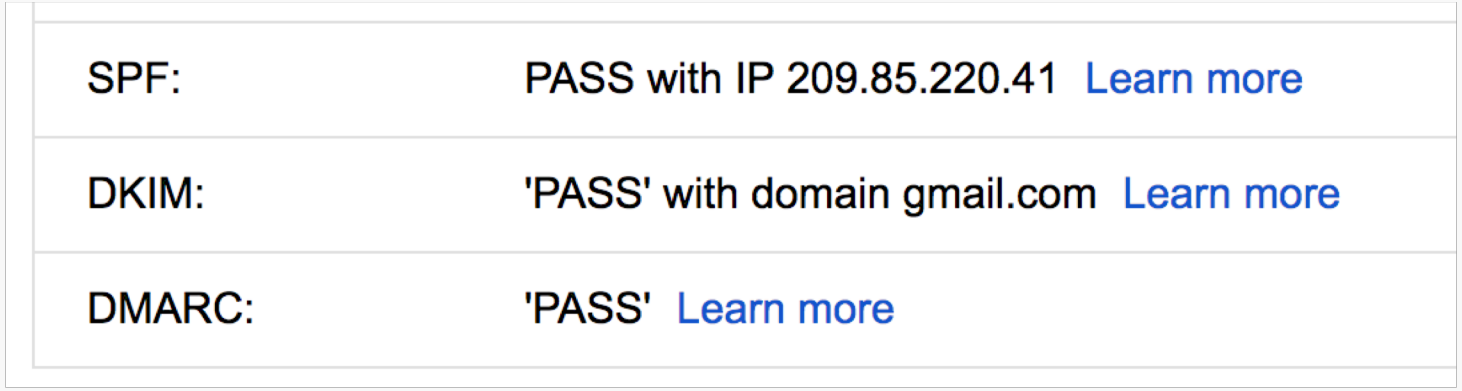
Anti-Spoofing

Sender Policy Framework (SPF)

DomainKeys Identified Mail (DKIM)

Domain-based Message Authentication, Reporting and Conformance (DMARC)



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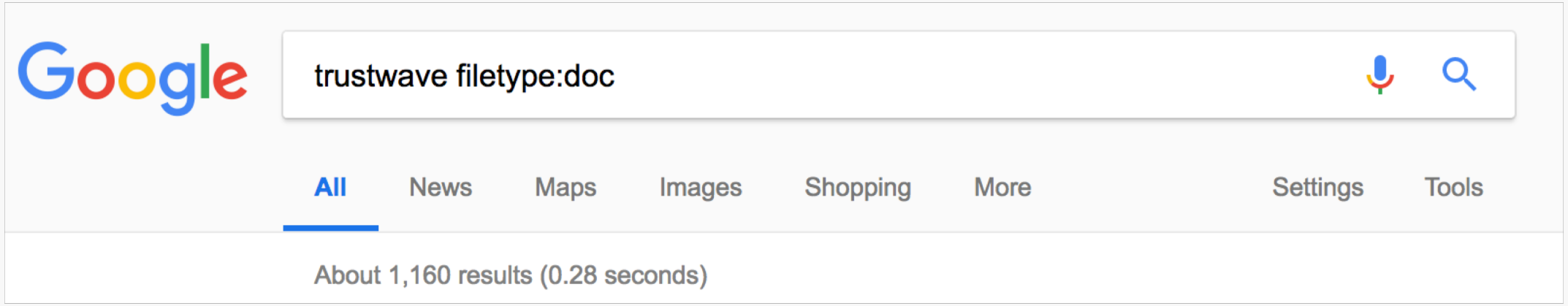
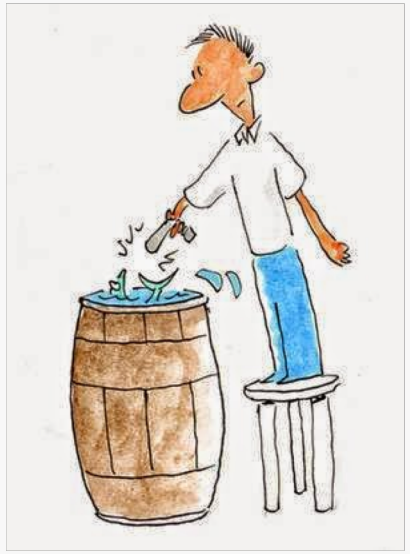


Getting in…

Phishing



Macros – still very popular and successful!

https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/report/weekly-threat-report-21st-september-2018

Report

Weekly Threat Report 21st September 2018

Created: 21 Sep 2018
Updated: 21 Sep 2018

This report is drawn from recent open source reporting.

Microsoft Office Macros, most popular method of malware delivery

Cyber criminals continue to utilise weaponised macros in Microsoft Office documents to deliver malware. In a recent report from Cofense, it was noted that the exploitation of Microsoft Office macros comprised 45% of all deliveries. A separate report showed that a further 37% exploited the Microsoft Office Memory Corruption Vulnerability (CVE-2017-11882).

Getting in…

Phishing

HTA via HTML (*.html files that contain an encrypted HTA file. the key is fetched and the HTA is decrypted dynamically within the browser and pushed directly to the user.)

OLE (Object Linking & Embedding)

DDE (Dynamic Data Exchange)

Getting in…cont'd

- Smishing (very popular)
- Social Media Phishing (also, very popular)
- Watering hole / Phishing
  - Third Party Exploits (N-day - CVE-2018-4877 - Flash)
  - Browsers (user agent - CVE-2018-8174)
  - Login Portal Clone (e.g. O365)

Getting in…password spraying

Technical Details

Traditional tactics, techniques, and procedures (TTPs) for conducting the password-spray attacks are as follows:

- Using social engineering tactics to perform online research (i.e., Google search, LinkedIn, etc.) to identify target organizations and specific user accounts for initial password spray
- Using easy-to-guess passwords (e.g., “Winter2018”, “Password123!”) and publicly available tools, execute a password spray attack against targeted accounts by utilizing the identified SSO or web-based application and federated authentication method
- Leveraging the initial group of compromised accounts, downloading the Global Address List (GAL) from a target’s email client, and performing a larger password spray against legitimate accounts
- Using the compromised access, attempting to expand laterally (e.g., via Remote Desktop Protocol) within the network, and performing mass data exfiltration using File Transfer Protocol tools such as FileZilla

https://www.us-cert.gov/ncas/alerts/TA18-086A?t=1&cn=ZmxleGlibGVfcmVjcw%3D%3D&refsrc=email&iid=53f6697a57384c138ec81a1c59db5f2a&uid=729139915951218688&nid=244+272699400

Stopping - Getting in…

Microsoft et al offers:

- Anti-Phishing
- Mailbox Intelligence (safe-links etc)
- Smart / IP Lockout
- Banned passwords – Checks passwords against a known list

The reality, these aren't enabled in most cases and cant stop 100% of threats!

These technologies aren't perfect though…

Sending from a high reputation domain

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html lang="en">
<head>

</head>
<body>
Normally, a malicious <a href="https://bit.do/ee9mr">link</a> is blocked.
</body>
</html>
```

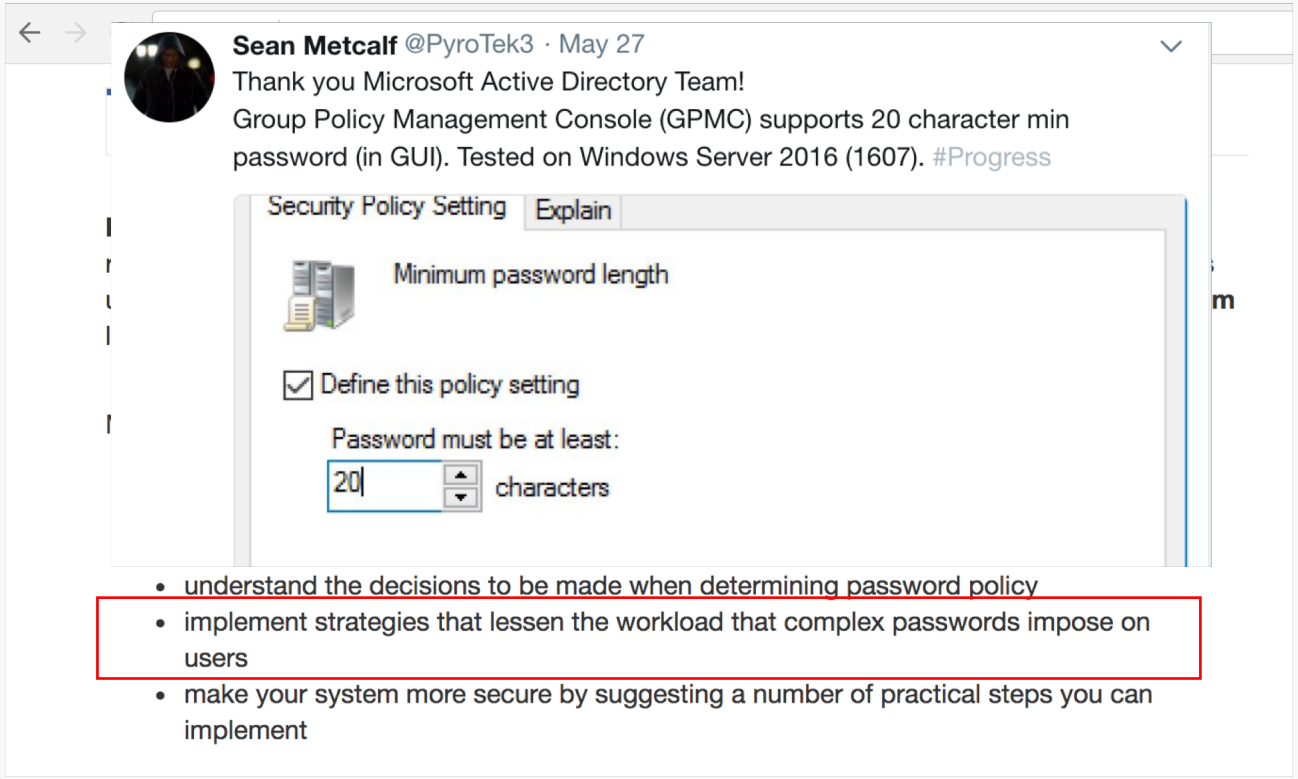
```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
<head>
    <base href="https://bit.do">
</head>
<body>
But by splitting the URL, the <a href="ee9mr"> link</a> gets through.
</body>
</html>
```

https://www.securityweek.com/phishers-use-new-method-bypass-office-365-safe-links

What really starts to pi$$ them off…

Robust Passwords - **Special Publication 800-63-3: Digital Authentication Guidelines (NIST, 2017)**

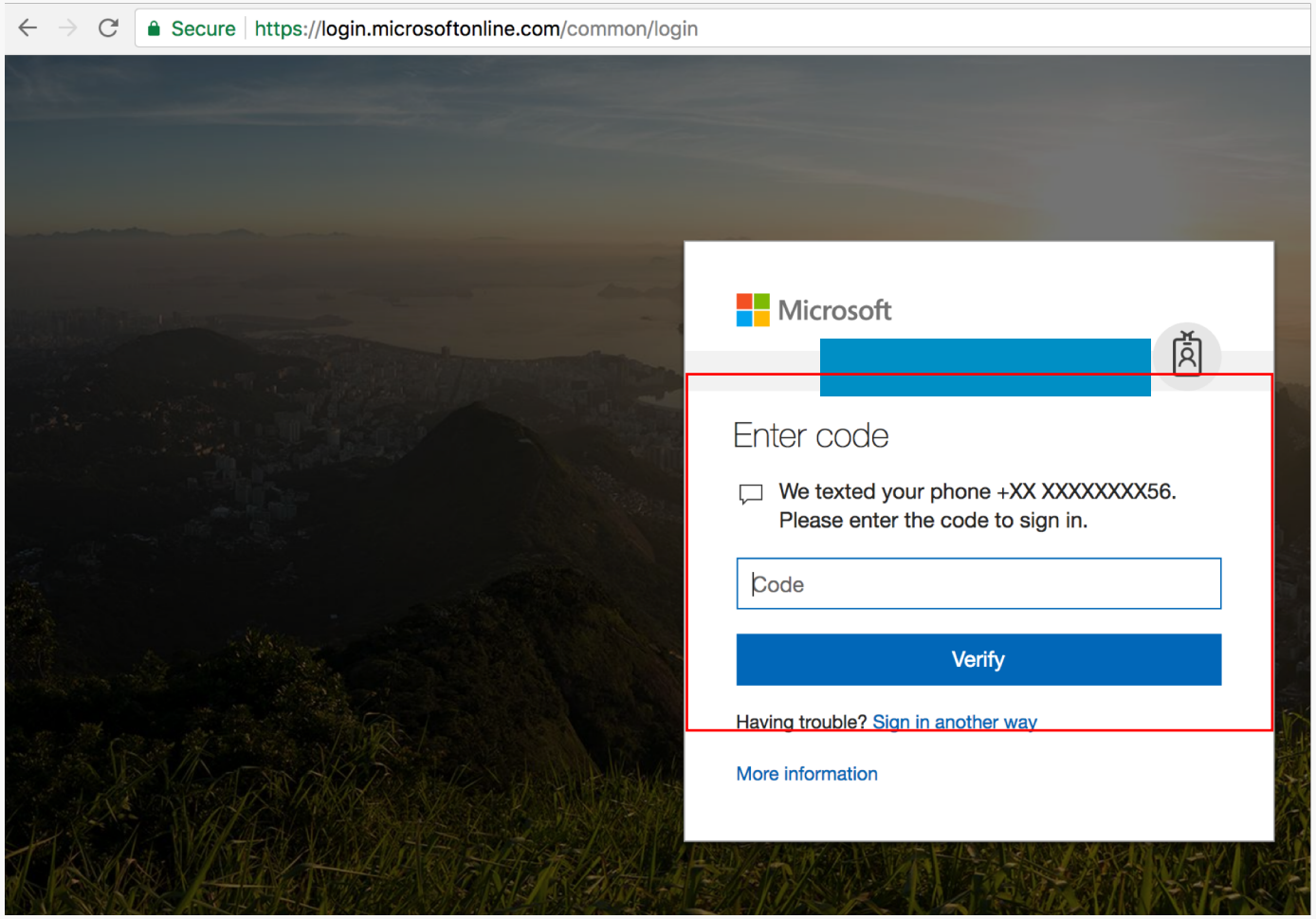
- 8 character min* (>64 max)
- Dictionary to disallow common passwords
- Allow all printing characters (inc. space)
- Throttling (100 attempts in 30-day period)
- No requirement for password expiration

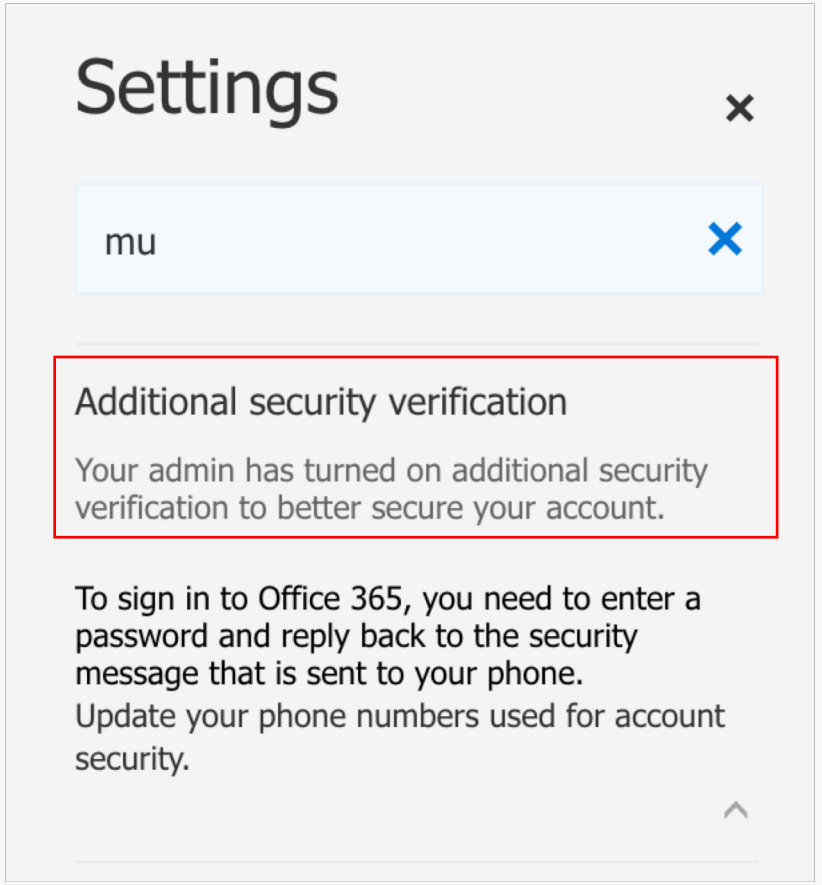


- *doesn't differentiate between admin and non-admin user

Frustrating++

2FA





SMS Hell!


SMS two-factor


Secure https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b0b42tlv
iPlayer Radio
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Schedules
Podcasts
My Radio
BBC RADIO 4
Money Box
LISTEN
On Now : The Life Scientific
John Taylor on being an inventor
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TSB customers hit by 'SIM swappers'
How can you avoid SIM swap fraud happening to you? TSB customers have contacted Money Box after their mobile phones were targeted by criminals. The fraud involves an identity thief posing as their victim in…
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See all episodes from Money Box

Exchange Web Services (EWS)

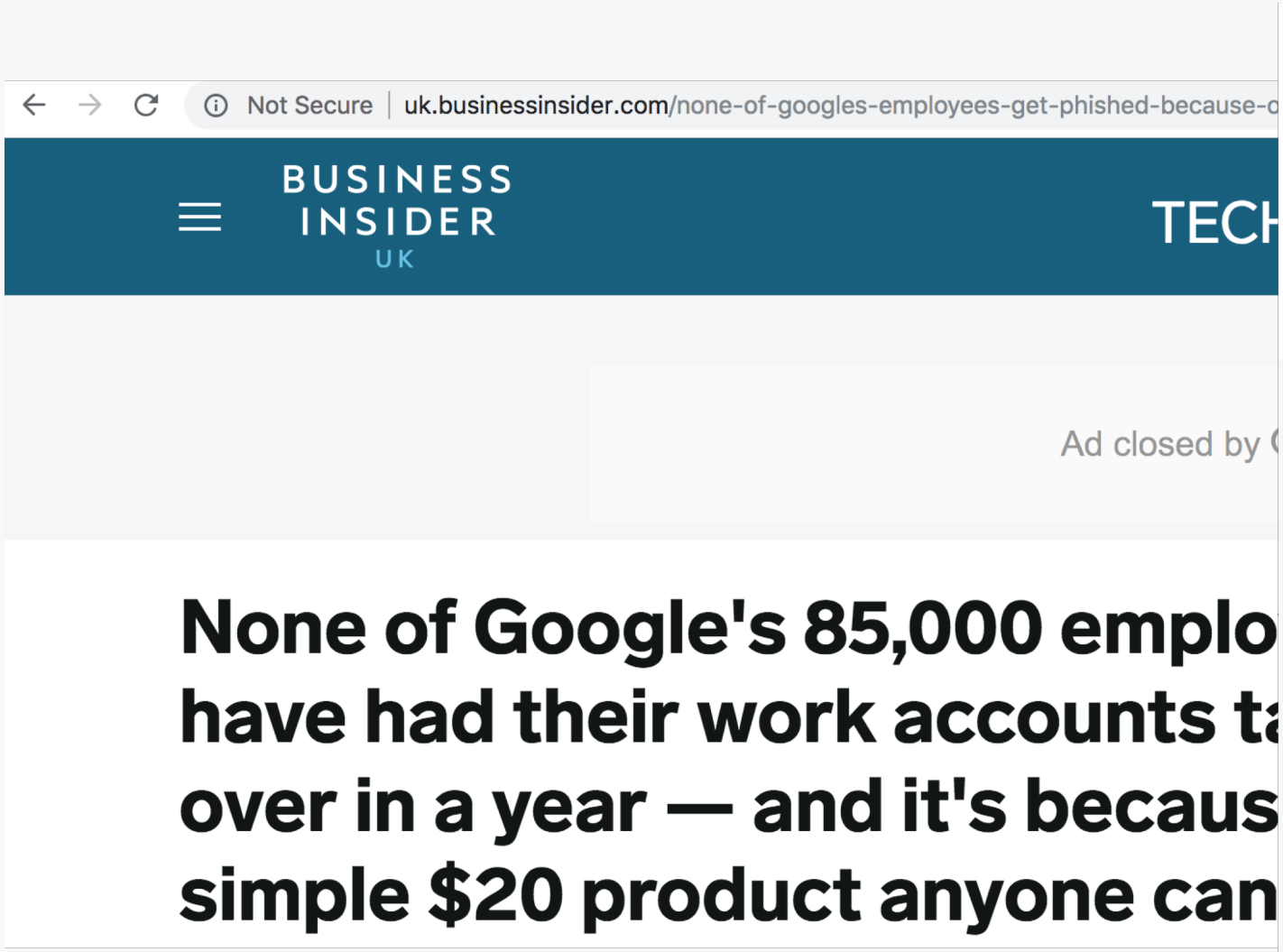
The O365 portal may require ~2FA

EWS doesn't always

The default URL for EWS is:

https://<*mail.server*>/ews/exchange.asmx

Proper 2FA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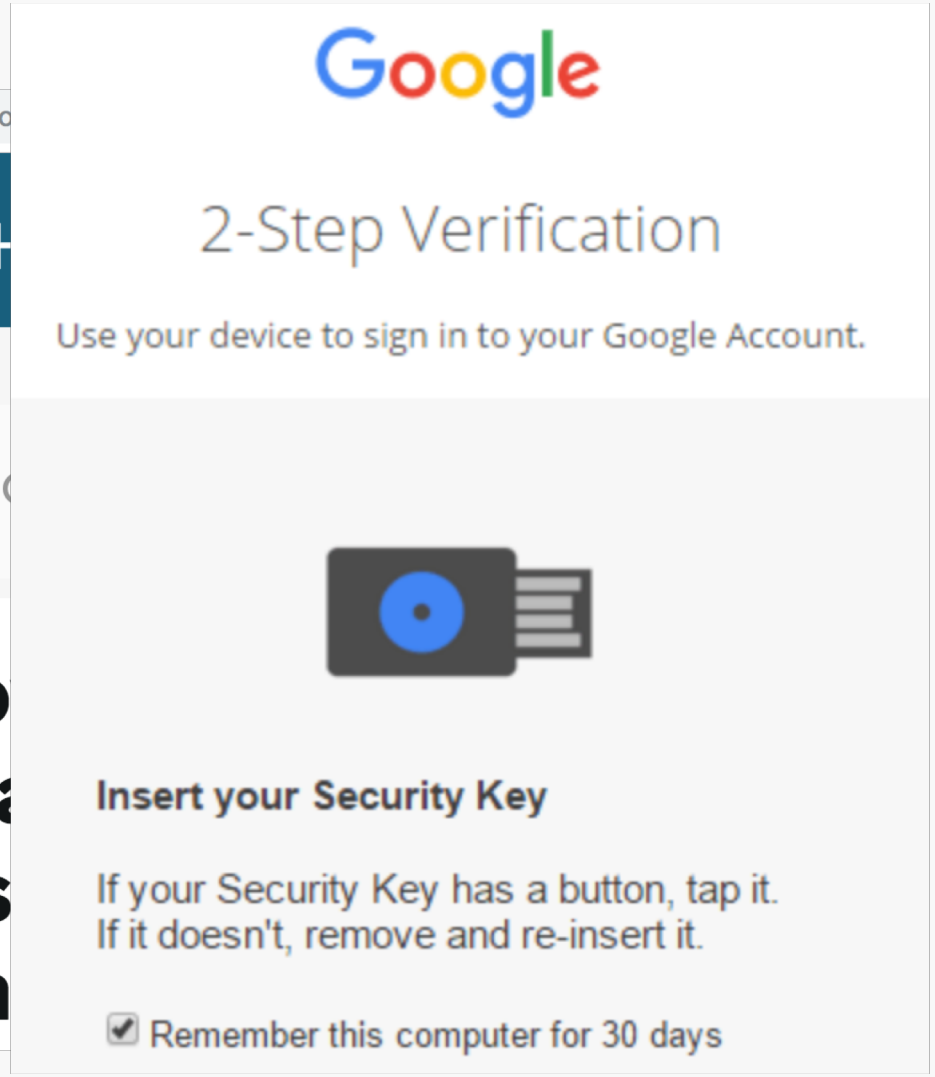
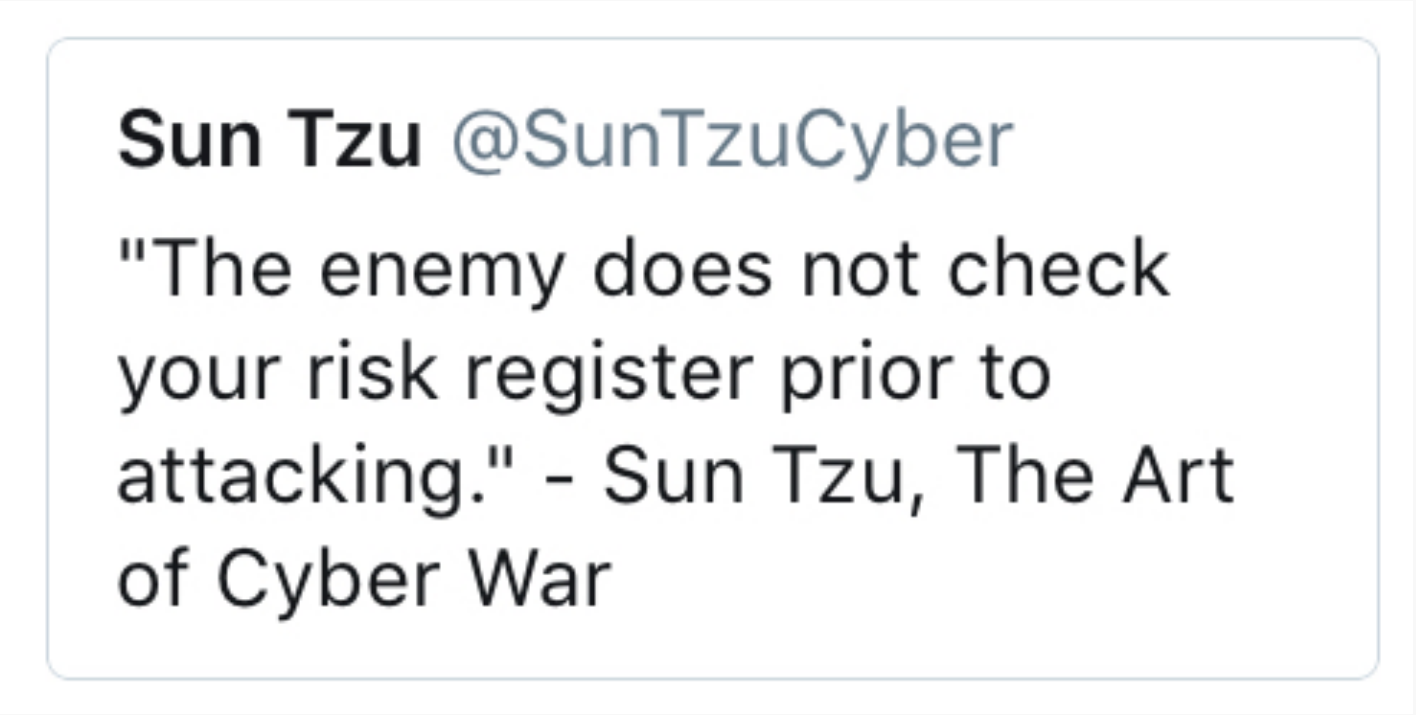

Google
2-Step Verification
Use your device to sign in to your Google Account.
Insert your Security Key
If your Security Key has a button, tap it.
If it doesn't, remove and re-insert it.
Remember this computer for 30 days

Remove technical debt



This can be difficult in large, complex environments.

Assume breach

“Defenders think in lists and attackers think in graphs” John Lambert (MSTIC)

Take a domain controller for example. Bob admins the DC from a workstation. If that workstation is not protected as much as the domain controller, the DC can be compromised.

The EUD is the battleground

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Once a foothold is gained, one of two things is likely to happen:

- **Situational Awarness / Enumerate creds (Password Spray etc.)**
- **Enumerate local host & network**

The EUD is the battleground…Windows version

Harden the EUD & reduce situational awareness:

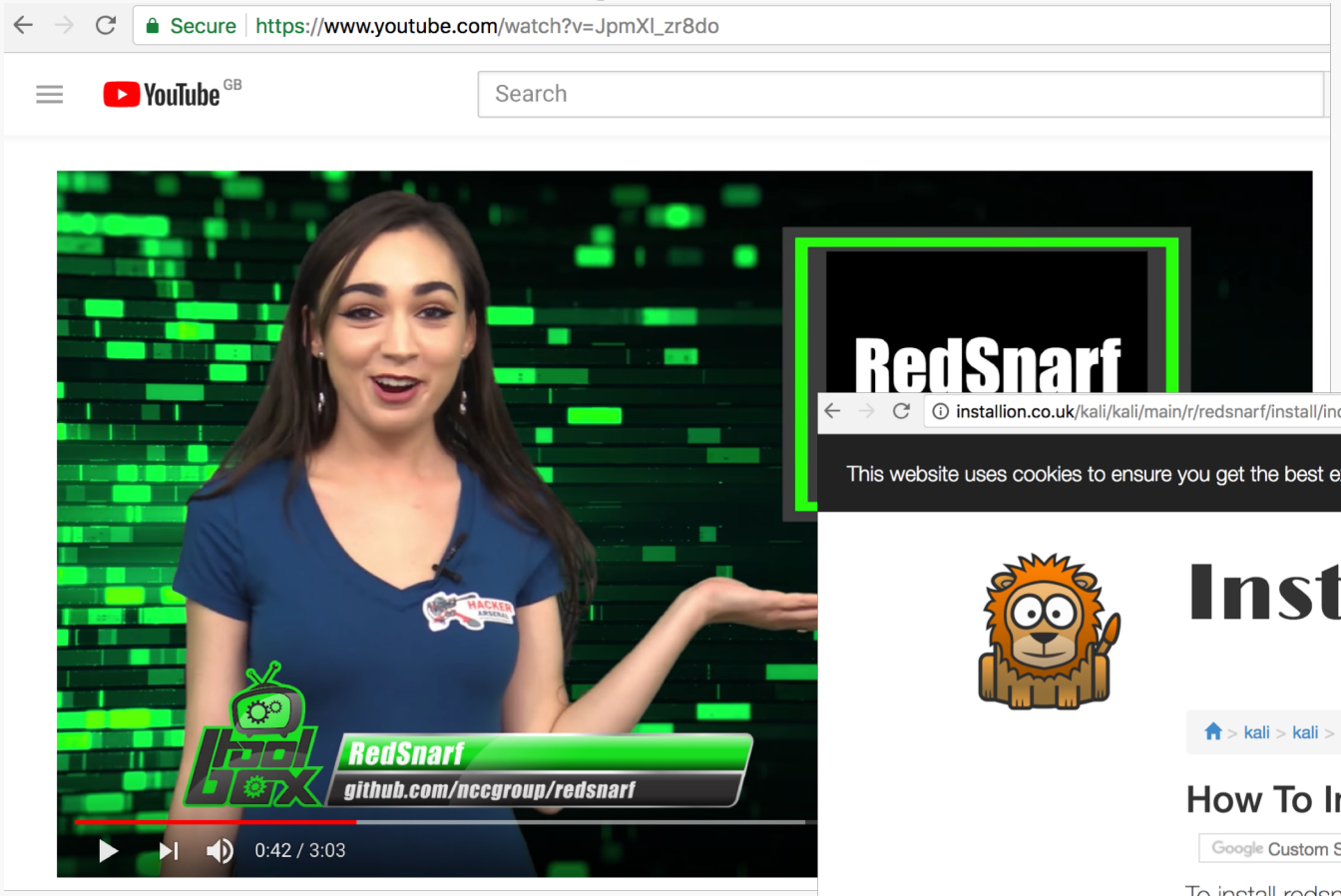
LAPS

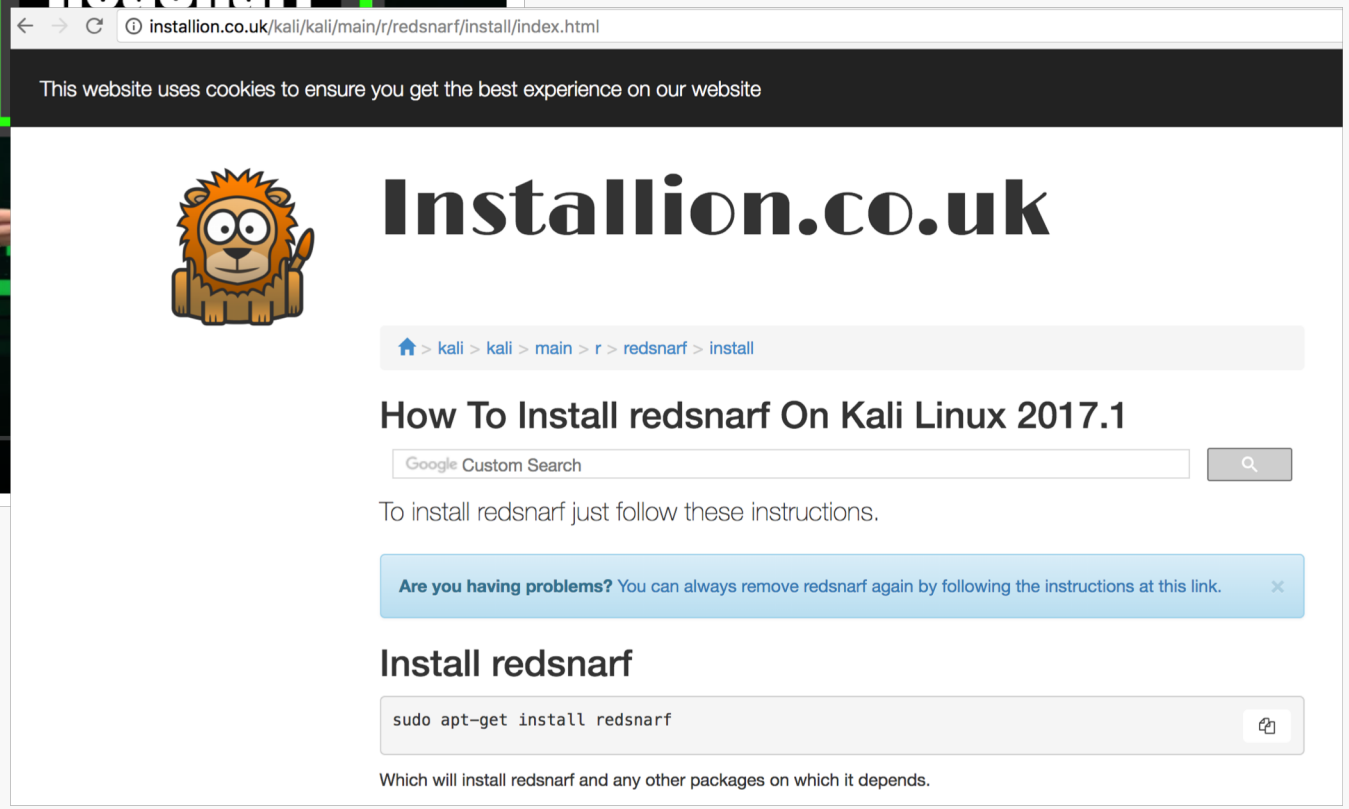
White listing / App locker

Host based firewall

Logging (PS v5) / SYSMON

I wrote a thing...post exploitation





Authenticated Users

SPN Hunting / kerberoasting

"any domain user that has a arbitrary service principal name set can have a TGS for that SPN requested by "any" user in the domain, allowing for the offline cracking of the service account plaintext password!"

https://www.harmj0y.net/blog/powershell/kerberoasting-without-mimikatz/

```
root@kali:/opt/redsnarf# ./redsnarf.py -H ip=10.0.0.50 -u noprivs -p Password1 -d ecorp.local -uS y

                                                                  redsnarf.ff0000@gmail.com
                                                                              @redsnarf


E D Williams - NCCGroup
R Davy - NCCGroup

[+]Trying to get SPN's from DC
[+]Looks like a Domain Controller
[+]Found GetUserSPNs.py installed
[+]Found pyasn1-0.1.8 installed
[+]Configuration OK...
[+]Note - to crack the extracted hashes with JtR, JtR Jumbo Patch is needed
[+]which can be cloned from https://github.com/magnumripper/JohnTheRipper.git
[-]SPN's output to /tmp/10.0.0.50/spns.txt
root@kali:/opt/redsnarf# cat /tmp/10.0.0.50/spns.txt
$krb5tgs$23$*svc_mssql$ECORP.LOCAL$MSSQLSvc/dc1-win2k8.ecorp.local*$3c0252ee440c12779dac2ac388ce78f9$cf3
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https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jJgPTBgD52U

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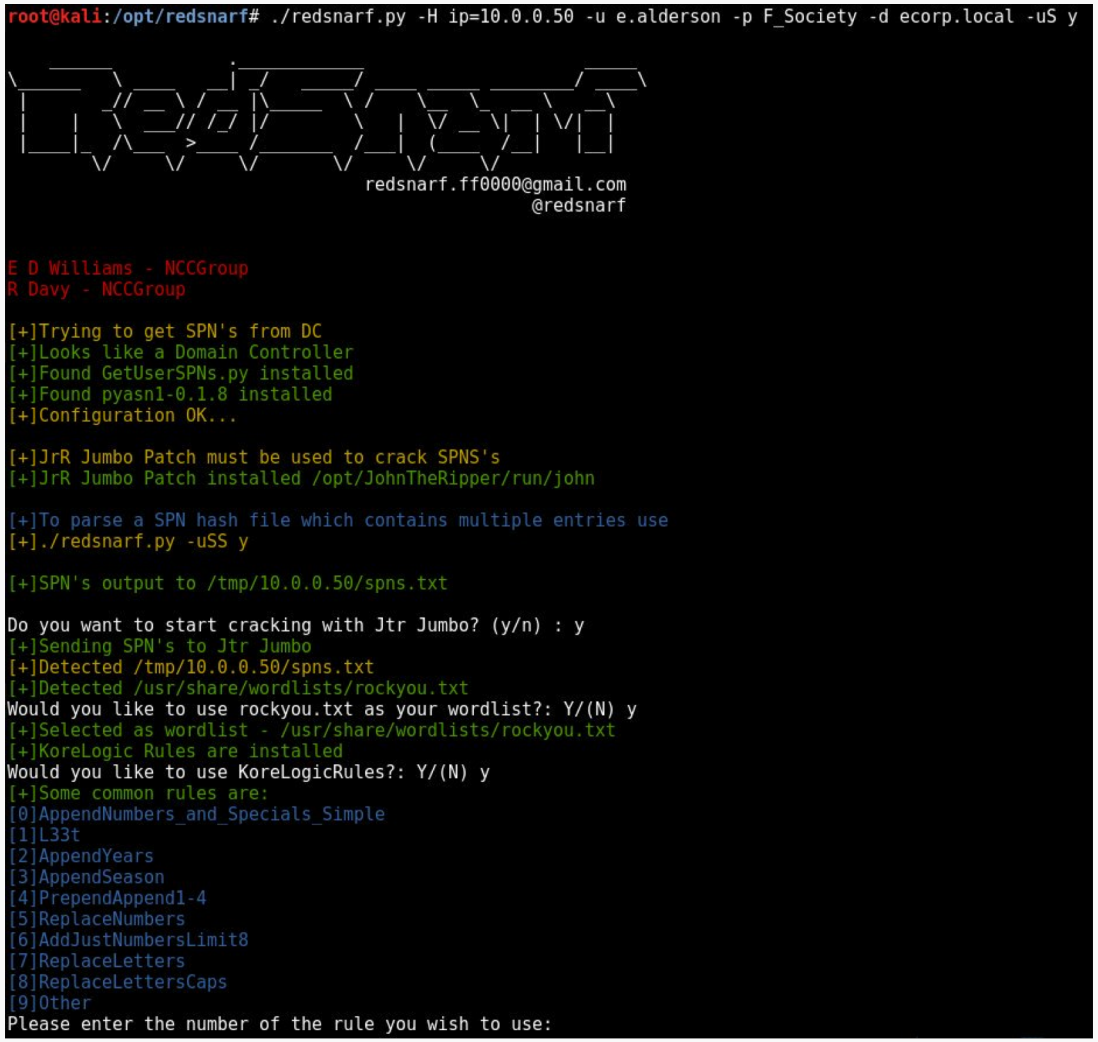

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Living off the land

Red Teams are less likely to upload tools / malware; use in-built tools

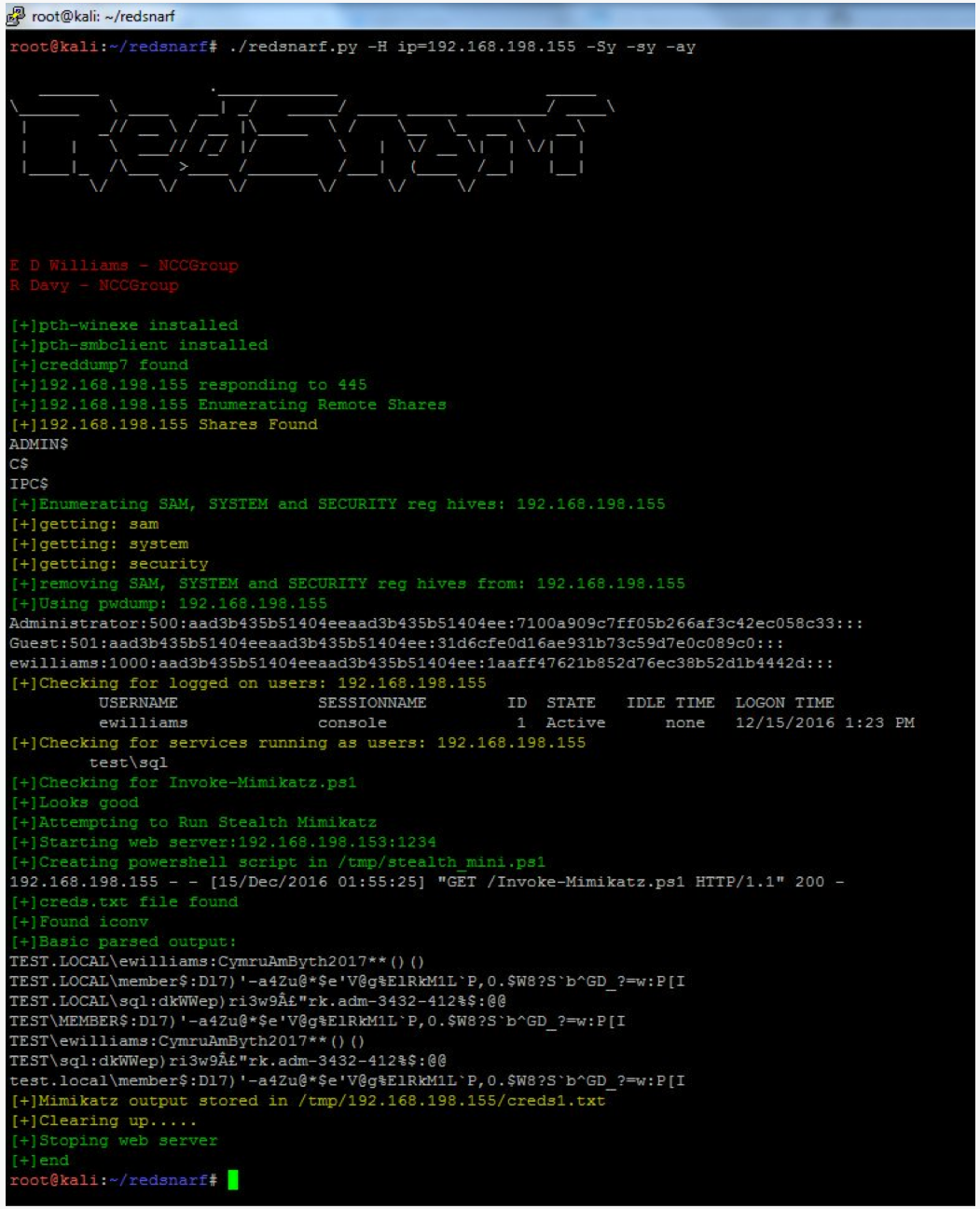
Living off the land

Alternatively, the SAM can be extracted from the Registry with Reg:

- `reg save HKLM\sam sam`
- `reg save HKLM\system system`

Creddump7 can then be used to process the SAM database locally to retrieve hashes.[1]

Notes: Rid 500 account is the local, in-built administrator. Rid 501 is the guest account. User accounts start with a RID of 1,000+.



EVENT IDs FTW!

Red Teaming isn't only about protection, to catch the red team, you'll need to detect and respond.

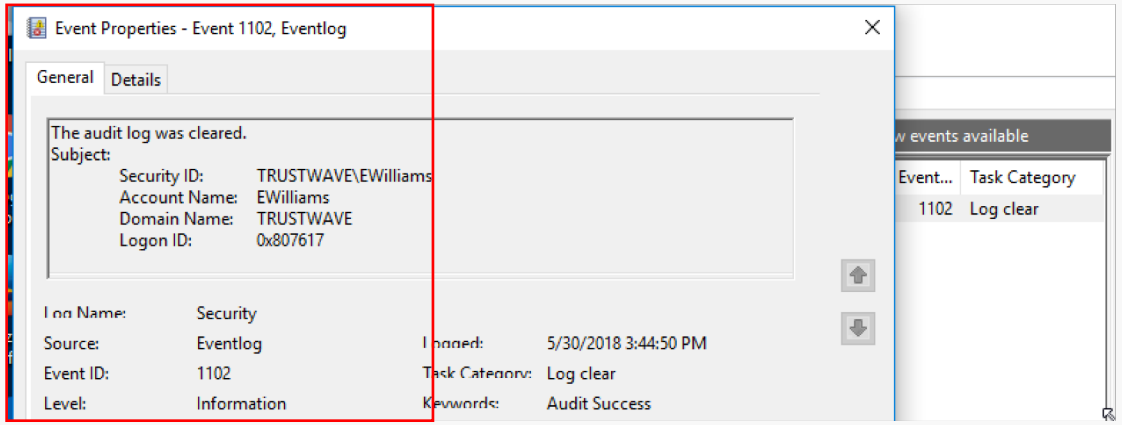
EVENT IDs FTW (Targeted Monitoring)!

Secure | https://www.us-cert.gov/ncas/alerts/TA18-074A

Cleanup and Cover Tracks

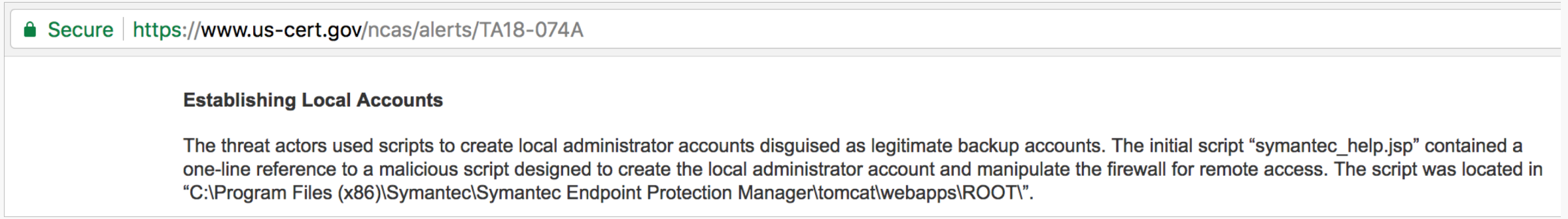
In multiple instances, the threat actors created new accounts on the staging targets to perform cleanup operations. The accounts created were used to clear the following Windows event logs: System, Security, Terminal Services, Remote Services, and Audit. The threat actors also removed applications they installed while they were in the network along with any logs produced. For example, the Fortinet client installed at one commercial facility was deleted along with the logs that were produced from its use. Finally, data generated by other accounts used on the systems accessed were deleted.

Threat actors cleaned up intended target networks through deleting created screenshots and specific registry keys. Through forensic analysis, DHS determined that the threat actors deleted the registry key associated with terminal server client that tracks connections made to remote systems. The threat actors also deleted all batch scripts, output text documents and any tools they brought into the environment such as “scr.exe”.



Security logs being cleared (1102)

EVENT IDs FTW (Targeted Monitoring)!



Local group changes (4732 & 4733)

local account creation (4720 & 4726)

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Lateral account movement

Application crashes (EMET 1 and 2)

Service Installation (7045)

Secure | https://www.us-cert.gov/ncas/alerts/TA18-074A

In at least two instances, the threat actors used batch scripts labeled “pss.bat” and “psc.bat” to run the PsExec tool. Additionally, the threat actors would rename the tool PsExec to “ps.exe”.

1. The batch script (“pss.bat” or “psc.bat”) is executed with domain administrator credentials.
2. The directory “out” is created in the user’s %AppData% folder.
3. PsExec is used to execute “scr.exe” across the network and to collect screenshots of systems in “ip.txt”.
4. The screenshot’s filename is labeled based on the computer name of the host and stored in the target’s C:\Windows\Temp directory with a “.jpg” extension.
5. The screenshot is then copied over to the newly created “out” directory of the system where the batch script was executed.
6. In one instance, DHS observed an “out.zip” file created.

EVENT IDs FTW (Targeted Monitoring)!

Password spraying against SMB on a Domain Controller results in event ID 4625 "logon failure" being logged on the DC.

What if we don't use SMB?

https://www.trimarcsecurity.com/single-post/2018/05/06/Trimarc-Research-Detecting-Password-Spraying-with-Security-Event-Auditing

EVENT IDs FTW (Targeted Monitoring)!

When using LDAP, no 4625 events are logged.

Kerberos logging needs to be enabled to log event ID 4771 (Failure code - 0x18, bad password)

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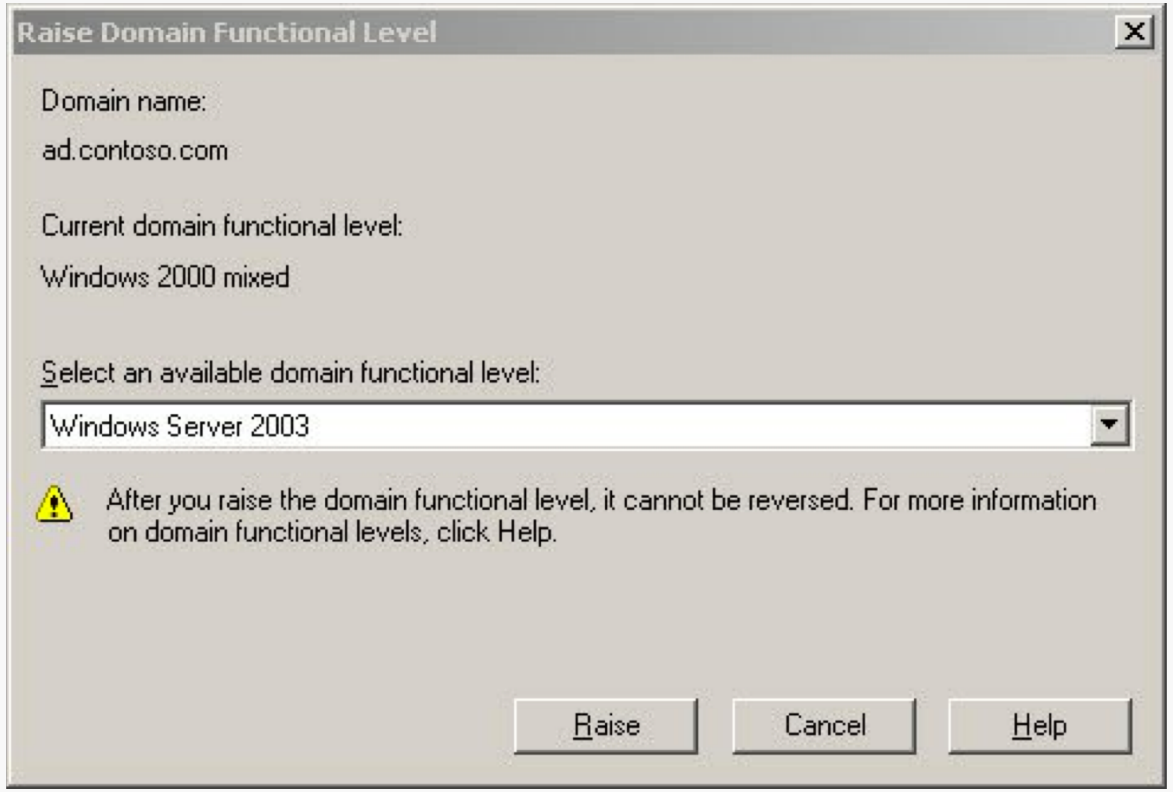
Blue Teamers – high level

Understand your network

Understand how data flows around your network

Concentrate on TTPs & Behaviors

Raise your domain functional level



Blue Teamers – detailed

Windows 2008R2:

- Fine grained password polices
- Last Interactive Logon Information

Windows 2012R2:

- DC-side protections for Protected Users
- Authentication Policies

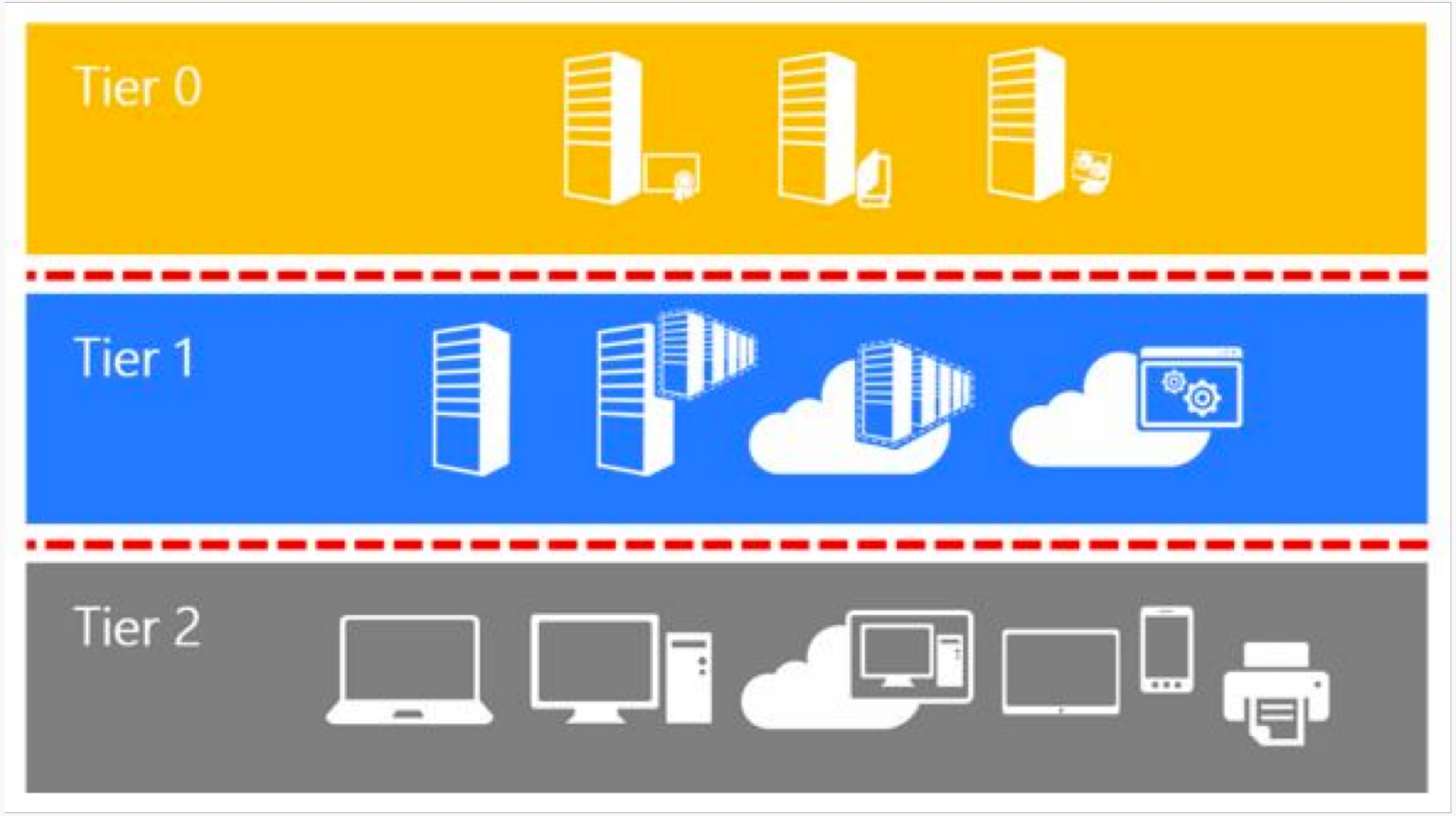
Blue Teamers – detailed

Privileged Access workstations (PAWs) – "provide a dedicated operating system for sensitive tasks that is protected from Internet attacks and threat vectors."

Or

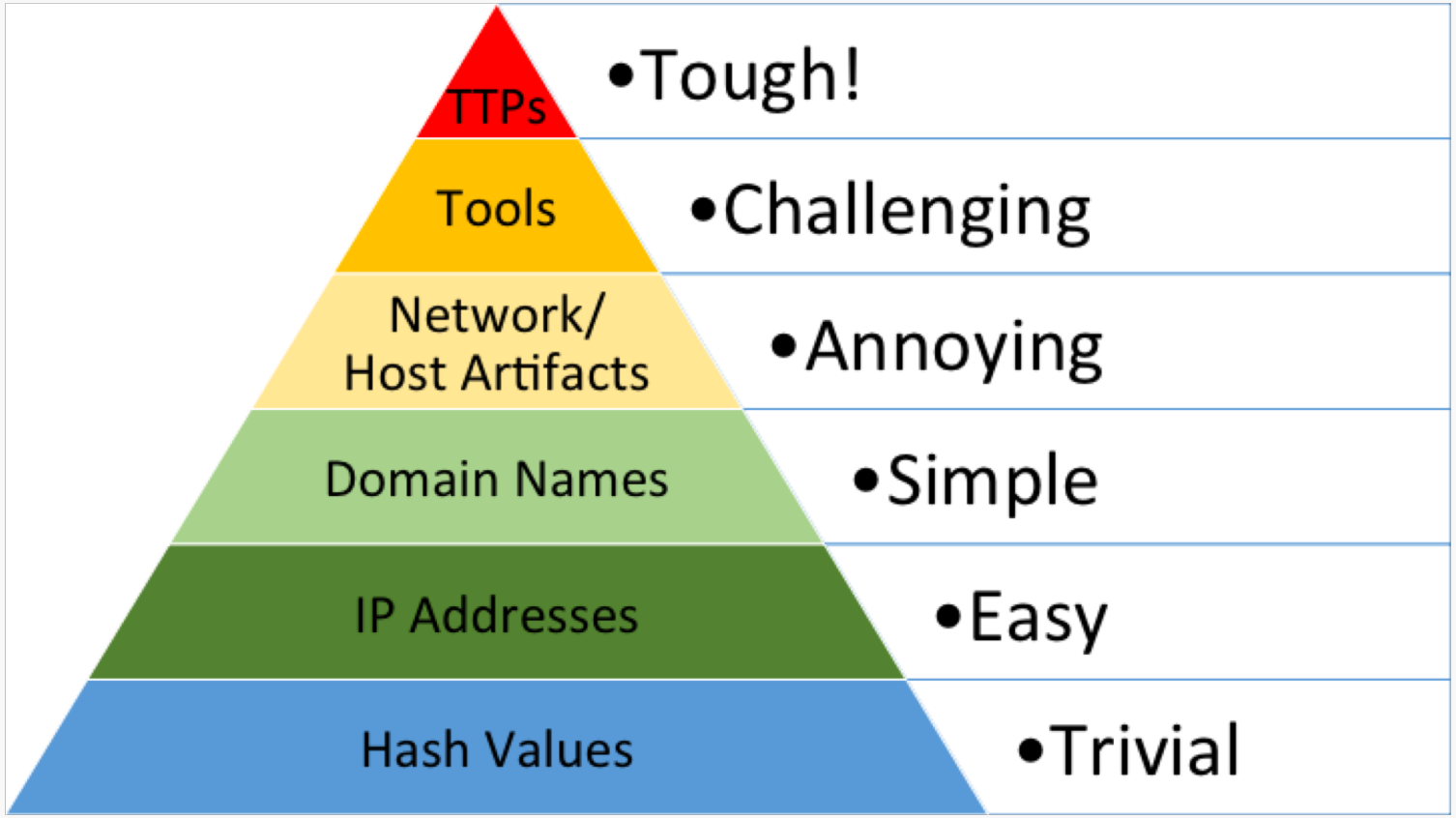
Stop doing domain admin / subscription admin / root on standard workstations

“Red Forest - Enhanced Security Administrative Environment”



https://social.technet.microsoft.com/wiki/contents/articles/37509.what-is-active-directory-red-forest-design.aspx

How do we ‘actually’ pi$$ off an APT...again!?



Strategical / behaviors

Tactical

http://detect-respond.blogspot.co.uk/2013/03/the-pyramid-of-pain.html

Conclusion

Get the basics done…even though they are really hard to do across everything

Layers, make sure one thing doesn't blow everything up

Visibility and reaction are key

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