

The Threats Are Changing, So Are We.

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- Five years as CIO in private industry
- Thirty years at the European Commission
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 - Internal and external audit
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Context

- Internet of Everything
 - Increased dependency
 - Everything connected
- Vulnerability Expanding
 - Inherently fragile
 - Frequently misconfigured, often unpatchable
- Agile Adversaries
 - Determined
 - Industrialized
 - Stealthy







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Threats

Proliferation of Adversaries

More Impact

Proliferation of Techniques

Adversaries: Proliferation

- State-sponsored actors: more of the same and some more
 - Established players not afraid of being called out
 - New kids on the block copycatting established players
- Criminal groups
 - Streamlining operations
 - Specialization
 - Copycatting state-sponsored actors
- More dramatic (potential) impact





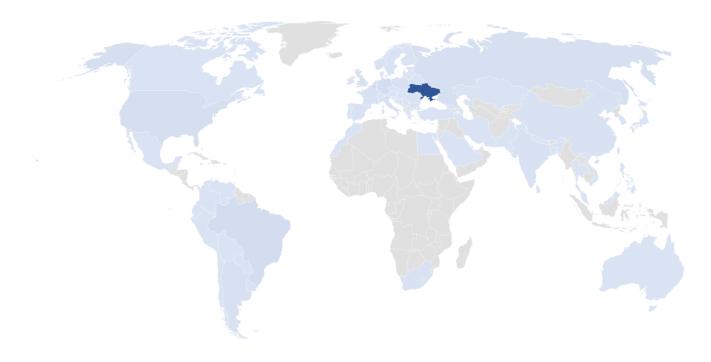


(Not)Petya



- Initial infection using legitimate software
- Spreading using a leaked NSA tool
- Destructive intent: no way to decrypt
- "Targeted"
- Massive collateral damage

Geographic distribution of Petya encounters



10% of all computers in UA destroyed 3 billion € collateral damage

Maersk/APM



- 17 container terminals disrupted for weeks
- Loading and unloading impossible
- Truck chaos
- Reinstallation of 40.000 computers
- Saved by power cut in Ghana...
- More than 300mio€ financial impact

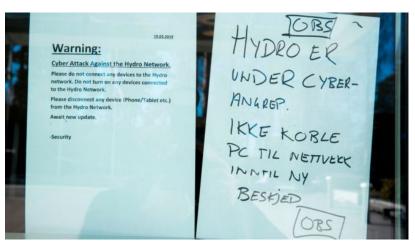
Big Game Hunting

Asco closure after cyber-attack to last another week

Saturday, 22 June 2019



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Eurofins Scientific: Forensic services firm paid ransom after cyber-attack

By Danny Shaw Home affairs correspondent

() 5 July 2019











Intermediate Questions

- Has your company been facing this type of problem?
- Does your company have a cyber insurance in place?
- Would your company pay ransom?
- Is this a Board issue in your company?
- How confident are you in your organisation's backup?

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Techniques: Proliferation

- Leaked superweapons
- Blending in
- Broader surface

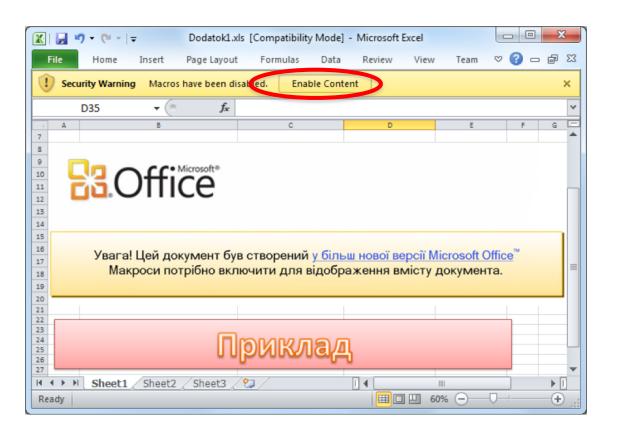
Leakage of Superweapons

- Espionage & law enforcement tools
 - Three letter agencies
 - Hacking Team
 - NSO
- Penetration and vulnerability testing tools
 - Mimikatz
 - Cobalt Strike
 - Metasploit
 - Bloodhound

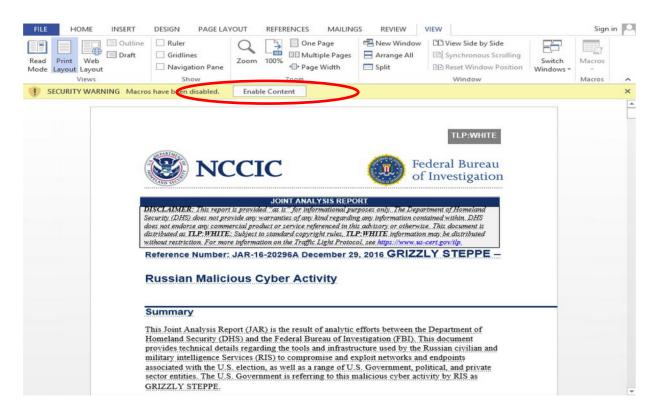
Blending In

- Mails appearing as originating from a trusted origin
 - Typo squatting
 - Spoofed
 - Compromised
- Credible content
- Stealthy infection and lateral movements
 - Using legitimate credentials, replicating legitimate behavior
 - Abusing legitimate C&C infrastructure
 - Using legitimate tools (PowerShell, WMI, RDP)
 - Living off the land / file-less

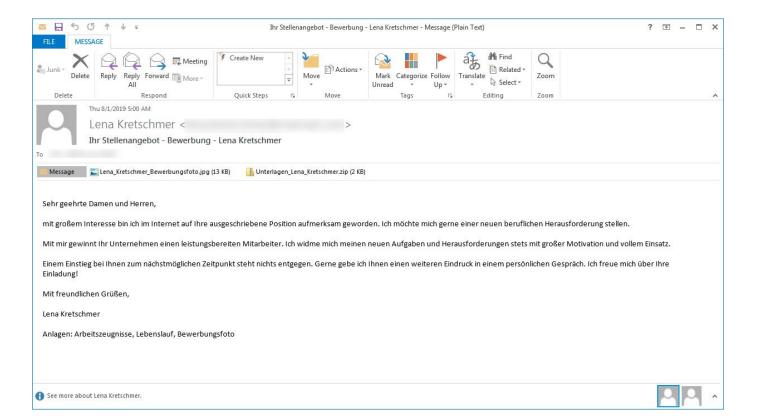
Powershell



Targeting Us!



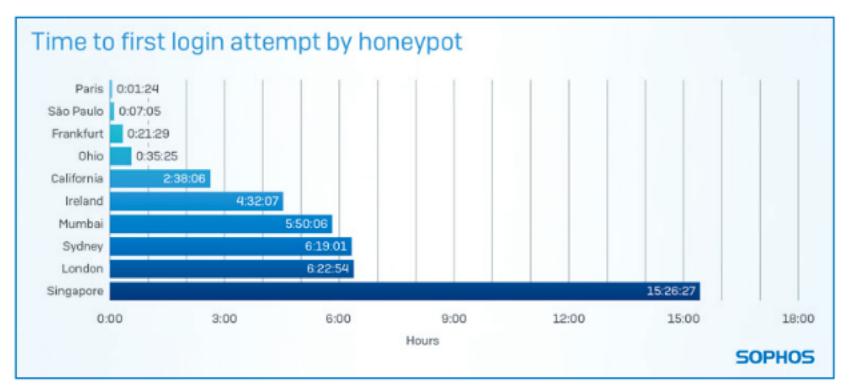
Credible



Broader Surface

- CMS/wiki/webservers
- Cloud, VMs
- Routers, switches
- Control systems, IOT
- Processors, firmware
- Credentials

Your RDP Open?



Your IOT Open?



Corporate IoT – a path to intrusion

Security Research & Defense / By MSRC Team / August 5, 2019 / Black Hat, IoT, MSTIC, STRONTIUM, Supply chain, Threat intelligence

Your Network Open?

Cisco Blogs



Cisco Blog > Security



Security

New Forensic Investigation Procedures for First Responder Guides



Lou Ronnau August 30, 2019 - 1 Comment

Your Credentials Open?

C:\Users\John\Desktop>laZagne.exe browsers
The LaZagne Project ! BANG BANG !
Internet Explorer passwords
Password found !!! Username: zapata@yahoo.com Password: Zapata_Vive! Site: https://www.facebook.com/
Firefox passwords
Password found !!! Website: https://accounts.google.com Username: zapata@gmail.com Password: LaLuchaSigue!
Password found !!! Website: https://www.facebook.com Username: che.guevara@gmail.com Password: hasta_siempre!
[+] 3 passwords have been found. For more information launch it again with the —v option
elapsed time = 0.120000123978

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Prepare

- Prevent, detect, respond is not enough
- Gain visibility → ZEEK ☺
- Offline backups of your crown jewels
 - > AD, configs, gold images, clients, orders...
- Manual fall backs / resilience
- Incident response plan BCP
- Insurance / Legal support

Typical APT

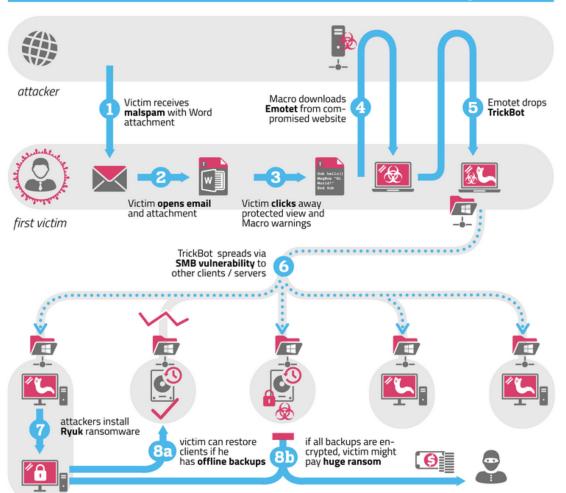
- Find a weak entry point
- Scan the internal infrastructure
- Escalate privileges
- Move laterally
- Obtain keys to the Kingdom(s)
- Establish persistence (golden ticket, routers, bios, legit credentials)

Detonate

Return when you are kicked out

EMOTET ATTACK FLOW





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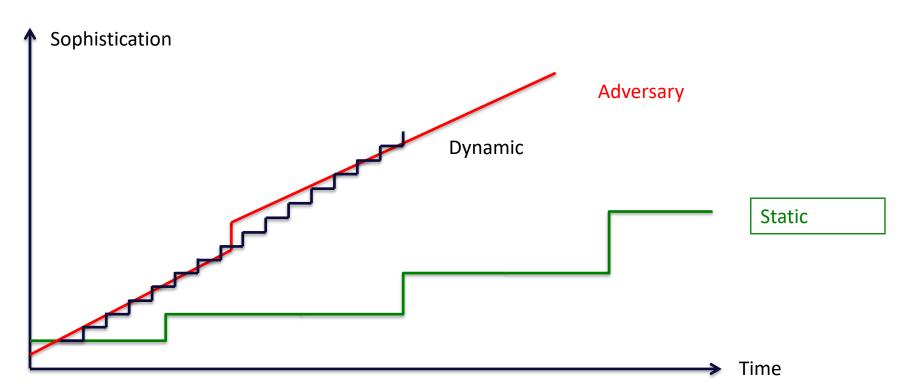
Adapt

- Prevent, detect, respond are not static
- APT, the new normal
- Don't contain too quickly, assume lateral movement
- Internal reconnaissance can be noisy -> ZEEK ☺

Move from Respond into Detect

Track your adversaries and adapt your approaches

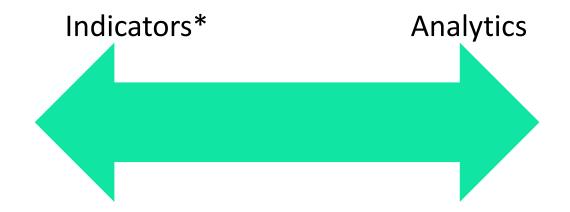
Gap



Gaps In Prevention/Detection



Analytics Instead of Indicators

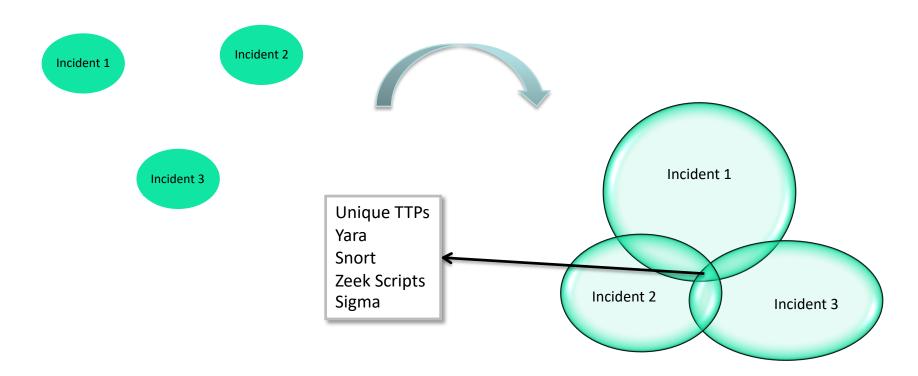


Detect known bad
Artifact-driven
Fewer false positives
More atomic
Higher quantity

Detect suspicious events
Behavior-driven
More false positives
Broader
Lower quantity
Longer lifetime

^{*}good, fresh, indicators are useful too

TTPs are more stable



Analytics in SIGMA



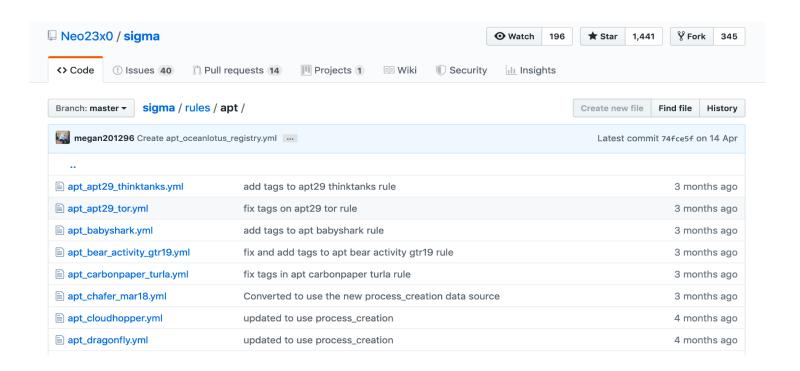
https://github.com/Neo23x0/sigma

Sample SIGMA Rule

title: Renamed PowerShell status: experimental description: Detects the execution of a renamed PowerShell often used by attackers or malware references: - https://twitter.com/christophetd/status/1164506034720952320 author: Florian Roth date: 2019/08/22 tags: - car.2013-05-009 logsource: product: windows service: sysmon detection: selection: Description: Windows PowerShell Company: Microsoft Corporation filter: lmage: '*\powershell.exe' condition: selection and not filter falsepositives: - Unknown

level: critical

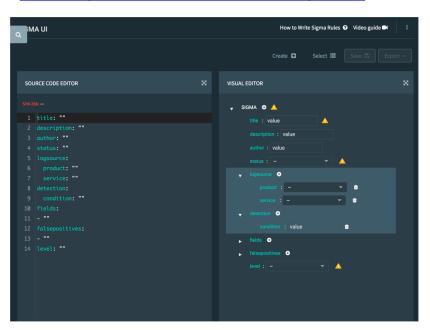
SIGMA Rules



SIGMA Tools

SIGMA Editor

https://github.com/socprime/SigmaUI

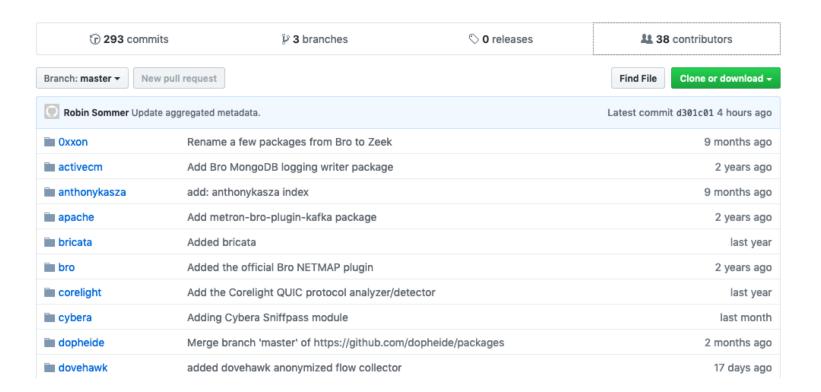


Atomic Threat Coverage

https://github.com/krakow2600/atomic-threat-coverage



Zeek Packages



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- Prevent, detect, respond are can inspire others
- Provide feedback and contribute analytics to the Community
- Crowdsource behavioral detection libraries
- Sharing TTPs/SIGMA/ZEEK rules is easier than sharing IOCs
- It's also more useful
 - More context
 - More stable in time
- Defense: Proliferation

EU ATT&CK User Community

- Mailing list -> opt in ? -> email to info@circl.lu
- User conference in Brussels 18-19 May 2020

Workshop - EU ATT&CK Community

Next workshop - event for EU ATT&CK Community

Conclusion

The Threats Are Changing

- And So Are We:
 - Preparing
 - Adapting
 - Contributing

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Thank You

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