

ATT&CKing the Castle

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Introductions



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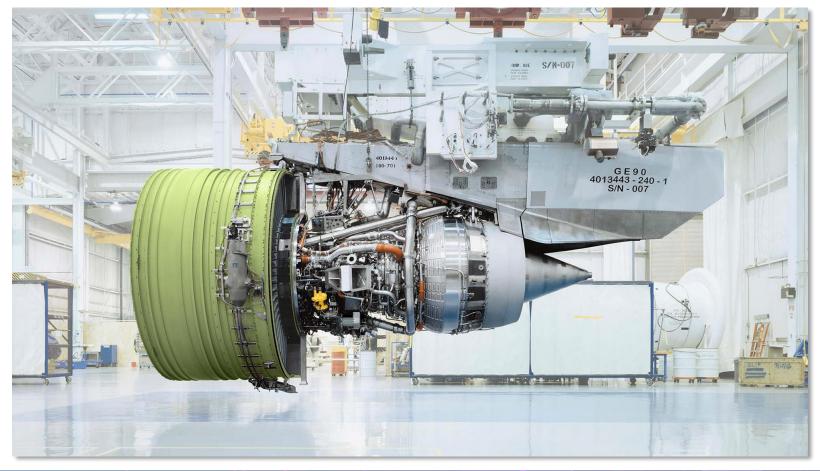


Discussion topics

- Frameworks (Kill Chain, Pyramid of Pain, Mitre ATT&CK™, TIAMAT)
- Extracting ICS indicators for behavioral detection
- Scenarios developed from ATT&CK[™] behaviors
- Detection & confidence
- Q&A

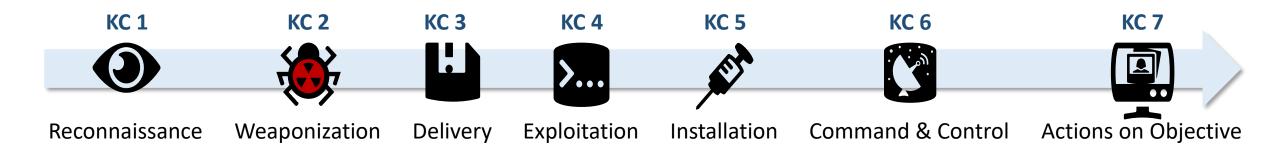


Frameworks



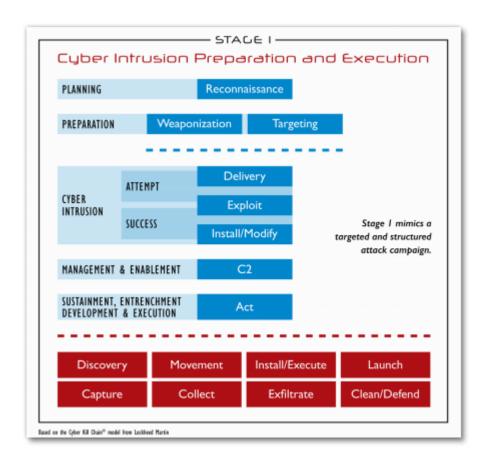


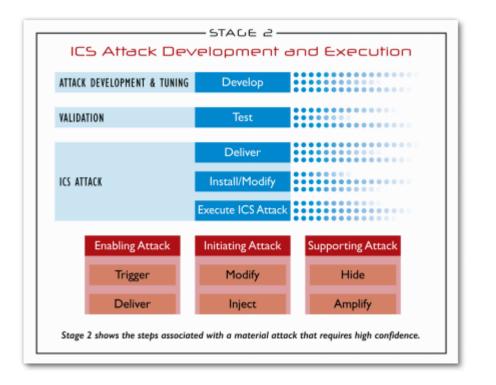
Lockheed Martin Kill ChainTM





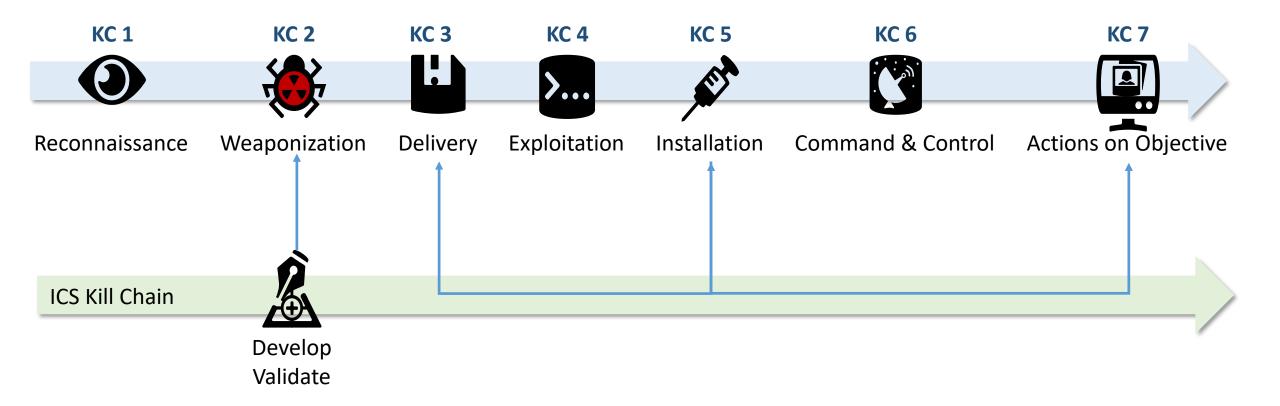
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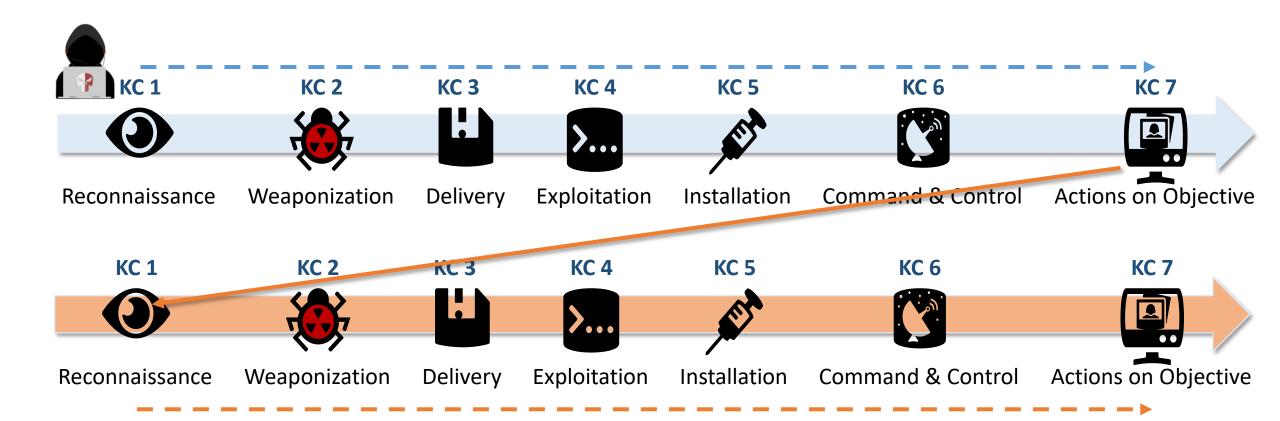
Kill Chain integration





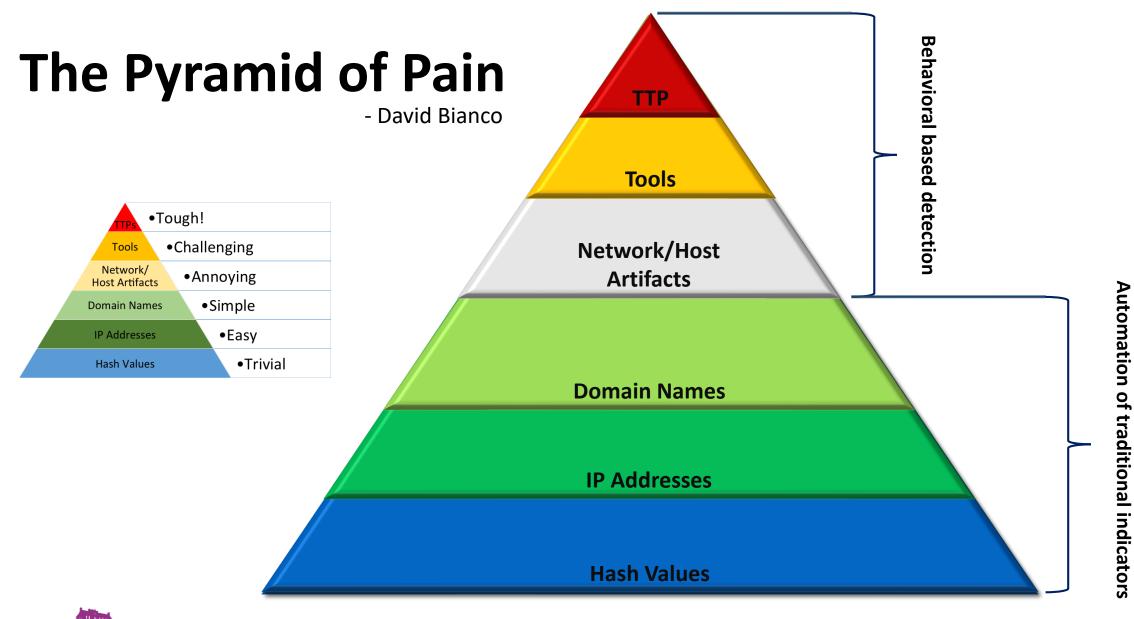
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Multi-Environment







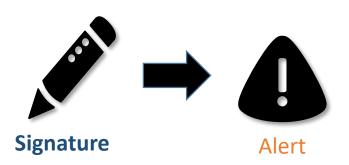


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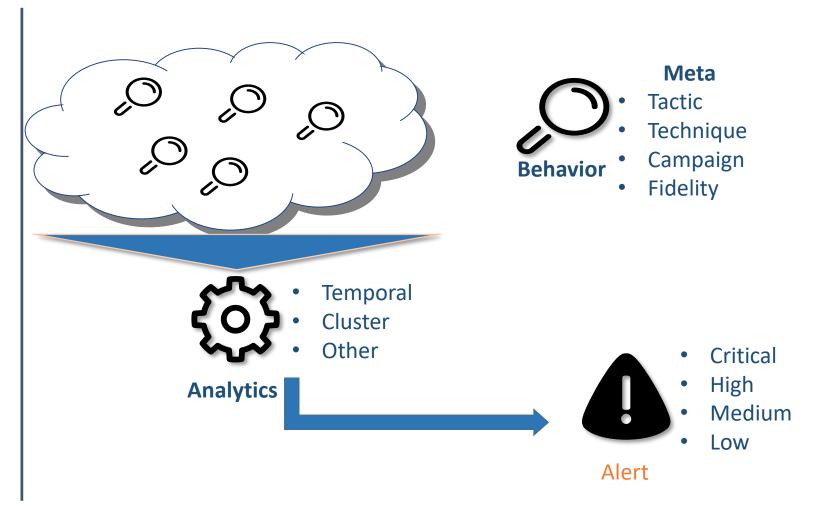




Leveraging behaviors



- Critical
- High
- Medium
- Low





Detection Strategies

- Atomic Indicators of Compromise-based
- Static
 - Signatures are specific for one indicator
 - Does not apply for other samples across the same malware family or actor
 - Quick deployment
 - Analyst fatigue
 - Loses fidelity over time

- Behavior-based
- Dynamic
 - Signatures are indicator independent
 - Focuses on observable malicious actions
 - Detects across multiple malware families, and across Cybercrime and APT actors
 - Fidelity over longer time





ATT&CK™ Framework

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

Indicator Removal from

(Reference 3)





User Execution

Netsh Helper DLL

Mitre ICS ATT&CK™





Physical Impact

Block Command Message

Block Reporting Message DoS Service

Exploitation for Denial of Service

Masquerading Modify Command Message

> Modify Control Logic **Modify Parameter**

Modify Reporting Settings

Modify Tag Module Firmware

Spoof Command Message

Spoof Reporting Message

Persistence	Privilege Escalation	Defense Evasion	Operator Evasion	Credential Access
External Remote Services	Exploitation for Privilege Escalation	Alternate Modes of Operation	Block Reporting Message	Brute Force
Modify Control Logic	Valid Accounts	Exploitation for Defense Evasion	Block Serial Comm Port	Credential Dumpin
Module Firmware		File Deletion	Modify Control Logic	Default Credentials
System Firmware		Masquerading	Modify HMI/Historian Reporting	Network Sniffing
Valid Accounts		Modify Event Log	Modify I/O Image	
	-	Modify System Settings	Modify Parameter	
		Rootkit	Modify Physical Device Display	
			Modify Reporting Message	
			Modify Reporting Settings	
			Modify Tag	
			Rootkit	
			Spoof Reporting Message	

Credential Access	Discovery	Lateral Movement	Execution	Command and Control	Compromise Integrity
Brute Force	Control Device Discovery	Default Credentials	Alternate Modes of Operation	Commonly Used Port	Alternate Modes of Operation
Credential Dumping	Control Process	External Remote Services	Command-Line Interface	Connection Proxy	Block Serial Comm Port
Default Credentials	I/O Module Enumeration	Modify Control Logic	Execution through API		Device Shutdown
Network Sniffing	Location Identification	Valid Accounts	Graphical User Interface		DoS Service
	Network Connection Enumeration		Man in the Middle		Modify Control Logic
	Network Service Scanning		Modify Control Logic		System Firmware
	Network Sniffing		Modify System Settings	'	
	Remote System Discovery		Scripting		
	Role Identification				
	Serial Connection Enumeration				
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Operator Evasion

How can we fool the operator into thinking everything is OK How can we fool the operator to take the wrong action

Compromise Integrity

How can we make changes to cause future physical impacts

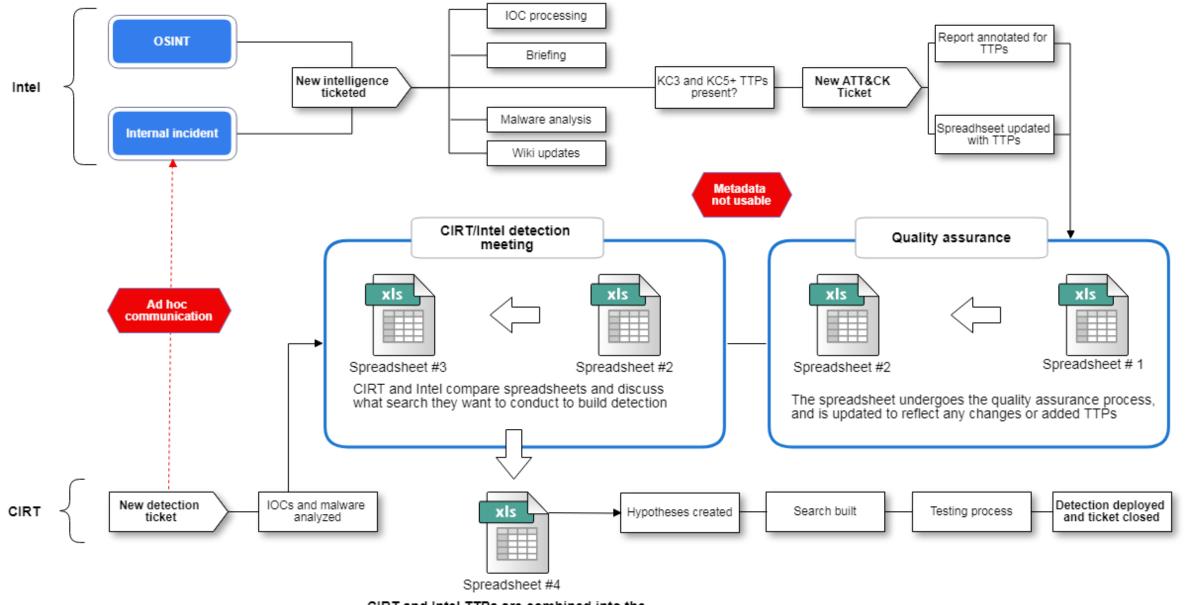
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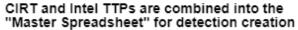
How can we stop/degrade the process How can we cause catastrophic failure

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TIAMAT

Supremely strong and powerful 5-headed draconic goddess

A goddess in ancient Mesopotamian mythology.

Queen and mother of evil dragons

Named as one of the greatest villains in D&D history in Dragon #359, the magazine's final print issue.

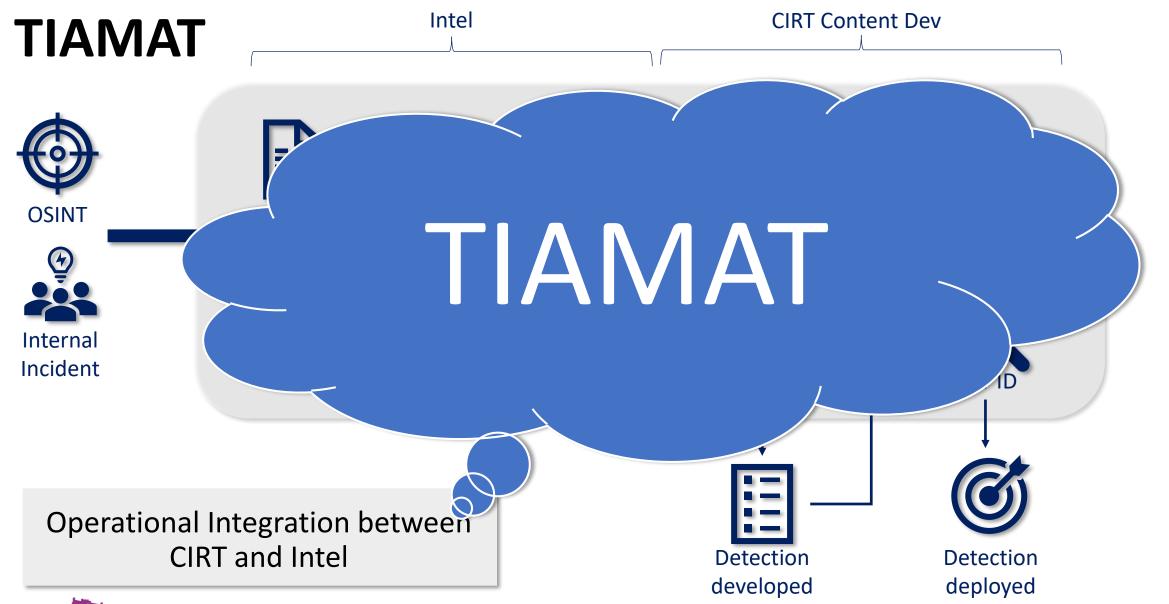






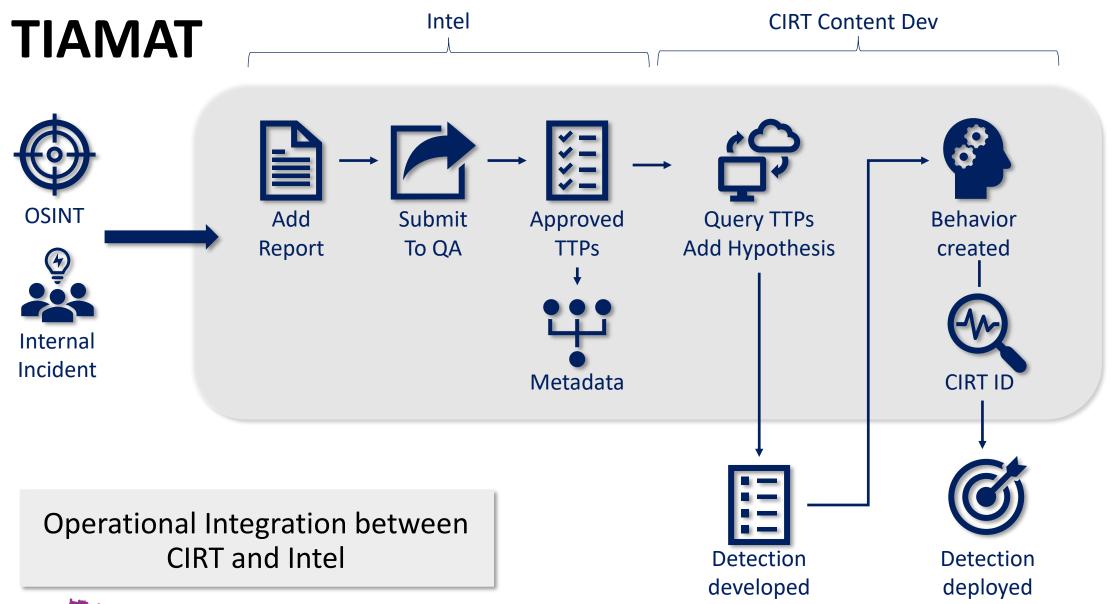








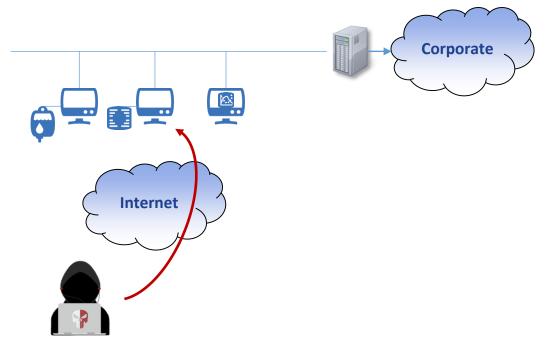




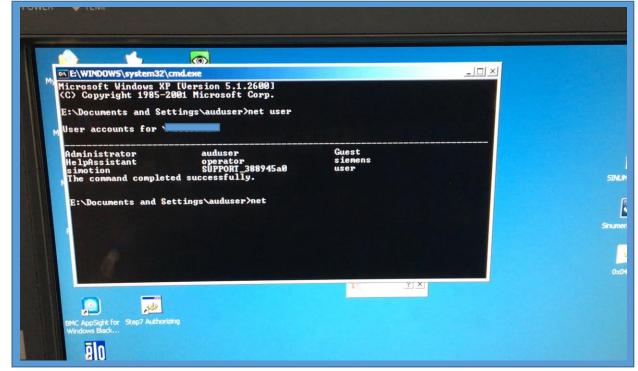




Multi-Stage Kill Chain



We must focus on the behaviors in the environment



Indicators & Scenarios





Extracting ICS indicators

Behavioral detection from internal incidents

- Establish a timeline of events with brief narrative
- Perform root cause analysis
- Align significant events to the Lockheed martin cyber kill chain
- Map the events to the appropriate tactic and technique
- Document the kill chain levels, tactics and techniques
- Evaluate detection opportunities





Extracting ICS indicators *key events*

```
250 21:31: Connection received from XXX.XXX.XXX
251 VNC connection required no username and 'password'
252
253 21:31: Autoruns created and persistence established
254 HKCU\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Run for "lsasso" Logon, 38062JEN\auduser
255 "Logon", 38062JEN\auduser, documents and settings\auduser\application data\lsasso.exe"
256 "E:\Documents and Settings\auduser\Application Data\lsasso.exe"
257 E:\Documents and Settings\auduser\Start Menu\Programs\Startup"WordPad.exe,enabled,
258 "Logon", 38062JEN\auduser \documents and settings\auduser\start menu\programs\startup\wordpad.exe
259 Documents and Settings\auduser\Start Menu\Programs\Startup\WordPad.exe
260
261 21:32: File Execution
262 Documents and Settings\auduser\Application Data\lsasso.exe
263 Documents and Settings\auduser\Start Menu\Programs\Startup\WordPad.exe
264 Modification for persistence:
        Documents and Settings\auduser\Start Menu\Programs\Startup\WordPad.exe
265
266
267 13:33: Hands on keyboard (from video)
268
        Net User
        Net View
269
       Verified .net framework version
270
271
        Attempts ftp session
272
273 15:00: Shutdown of the HMI
   HKLM\SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\Control\Windows
275 Windows, ShutdownTime, REG BINARY, fffffffc4fffffff6401b501effffffd201
```





Initial Connection

Cyber Kill Chain Level	ICS-ATT&CK Tactic	ICS-ATT&CK Technique
KC6	Discovery	Control Device Discovery
KC6	Credential Access	Default Credentials
Cyber Kill Chain Level	Enterprise-ATT&CK Tactic	Enterprise-ATT&CK Technique
KC3	Initial Access	Trusted Relationship

Actor: Unknown

Tools: N/A

Execution Notes: IPv4: xxx.xxx.xxx

Patterns & Trends: Public facing modem with VNC connection required

no username and 'password'





File Execution

Cyber Kill Chain Level	Enterprise-ATT&CK Tactic	Enterprise-ATT&CK Technique
KC5	Execution	Scripting

Actor: Unknown

Tools: Isasso.exe, malicious WordPad.exe

Execution Notes:

Documents and Settings\auduser\Application Data\lsasso.exe

Documents and Settings\auduser\Start Menu\Programs\Startup\WordPad.exe

Patterns & Trends: Isasso.exe & a malicious version of WordPad.exe launched via script





Establish Persistence

Cyber Kill Chain Level	Enterprise-ATT&CK Tactic	Enterprise-ATT&CK Technique
KC5	Persistence	Registry Run Keys / Startup Folder
KC5	Execution	Scripting

Actor: Unknown

Tools: Isasso.exe, malicious WordPad.exe

Execution Notes: HKCU\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Run for "lsasso" Logon, 38062JEN\auduser "Logon", 38062JEN\auduser, documents and settings\auduser\application data\lsasso.exe" "E:\Documents and Settings\auduser\Application Data\lsasso.exe"

Patterns & Trends: Autoruns created and persistence established





.NET Framework version checking

Cyber Kill Chain Level	Enterprise-ATT&CK Tactic	Enterprise-ATT&CK Technique
KC6	Discovery	System Information Discovery

Actor: Unknown

Tools: N/A

Execution Notes: N/A

Patterns & Trends: video shows attacker checking the .NET Framework version through the control panel





Hands on Keyboard

Cyber Kill Chain Level	Enterprise-ATT&CK Tactic	Enterprise-ATT&CK Technique
KC6	Discovery	System Owner/User Discovery
KC6	Discovery	Network Share Discovery
Cyber Kill Chain Level	ICS-ATT&CK Tactic	ICS-ATT&CK Technique
KC5	Execution	Command-line Interface

Actor: Unknown

Tools: N/A

Execution Notes:

Net User Net View

Patterns & Trends: video shows attacker running 'Net' commands via windows cmd.exe





System Shutdown

Cyber Kill Chain Level	ICS-ATT&CK Tactic	ICS-ATT&CK Technique
KC7	Compromise Integrity	Device Shutdown
KC7	Physical Impact	Denial of Service

Actor: Unknown

Tools: N/A

Execution Notes:

HKLM\SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\Control\Windows

Patterns & Trends: Shutdown of milling machine controller





Extracting ICS indicators

Behavioral detection from external reports – Industroyer

a particular data element in the device. Figure 6 illustrates a 101 payload configuration file with two defined IOA ranges, 10-15 and 20-25.



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KC5 - Execution -

Enterprise

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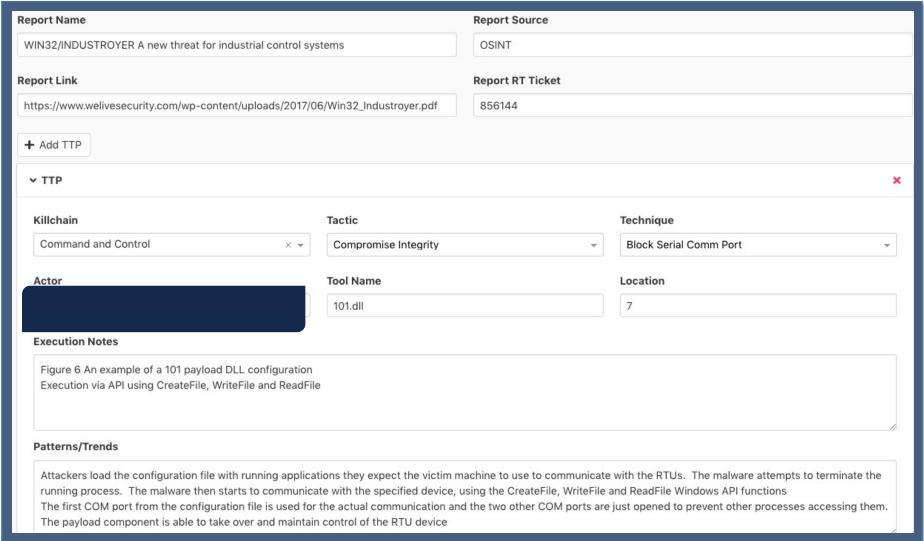
Detection & Confidence







Entering ATT&CK data into TIAMAT







Content Development

Behavior-based signatures

```
ATT&CK - Compromise Integrity - Information Object Address terminated, followed by API initiated communications {} config.json README.md
```

```
"type":
"active": true,
"search_type": "ics_attack"
"save_search_name": "ICS_ATTCK - Compromise Integrity - Information Object Address terminated,
blocking COM port traffic, .dll file referencing .ini file followed by API calls"
"description": "looks for termination of Information Object Addresses, blocking COM ports,
and control of RTII via API functions CreateFile, WriteFile, ReadFile "
"source": "http:
"author": {
},
"campaigns": [
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Visual map of behavior-based coverage (sample)

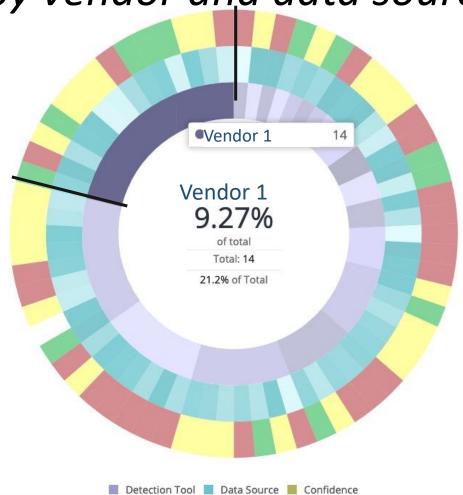
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History	Module Load	Create Account	Data Encoding	8	Data from Network Shared Drive	Credential Access	Exfiltration Over Other	Pass the Ticket	DLL Search Order Hijacking
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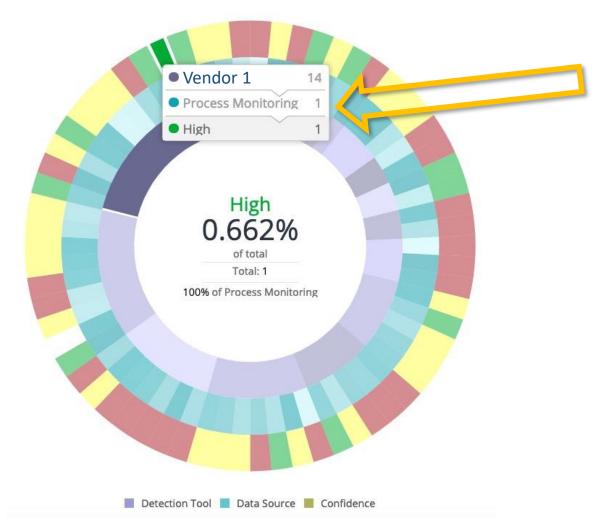




Detection confidence (sample)

by vendor and data source









Technique Prioritization (sample) by detection platform and data source

TTP		Detection Platform	Data Sources	Number of Signatures	Detection Confidence
Rundll32		Vendor 1	File Monitoring	10	3
1	Meta		Binary File Metadata	0	1
			Process command-line		
			parameters	8	3
Associated Tools	8		Process monitoring	12	2
Associated Actors	15				
Reports	20	Vendor 2	File Monitoring	0	1
Internal Incidents	2		Binary File Metadata	2	2
			Process command-line		
Detection Priority	Medium		parameters	8	1
			Process monitoring	0	1
		Vendor 3	Expandable	25	3
		Vendor 4	Expandable	0	1
		Vendor 5	Expandable	10	2
		Vendor 6	Expandable	19	2





Lessons learned and take-aways

- Common Frameworks ensure consistency in response
- Leadership buy-in and patience
- Operational Ready
- Enforce rigor
- Automate first
- Operationalizing the ATT&CK™ framework allows for threat prioritization
- Intelligence Driven Defense increased GE's signature fidelity by 124%





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