

Engineering Solutions for Security Investigations and Monitoring (Arming Security Investigators)

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Figure 40. Timespan of events by percent of breaches

	Seconds	Minutes	Hours	Days	Weeks	Months	Years	
Initial Attack to Initial Compromise				•		•		
	10%	75%	12%	2%	0%	1%	0%	
Initial Compromise to Data Exfiltration								
	8%	38%	14%	25%	8%	8%	0%	
Initial Compromise to Discovery			•				•	
	0%	0%	2%	13%	29%	54%+	2%	
Discovery to Containment/Restoration		•					•	
	0%	1%	9%	32%	38%	17%	4%	

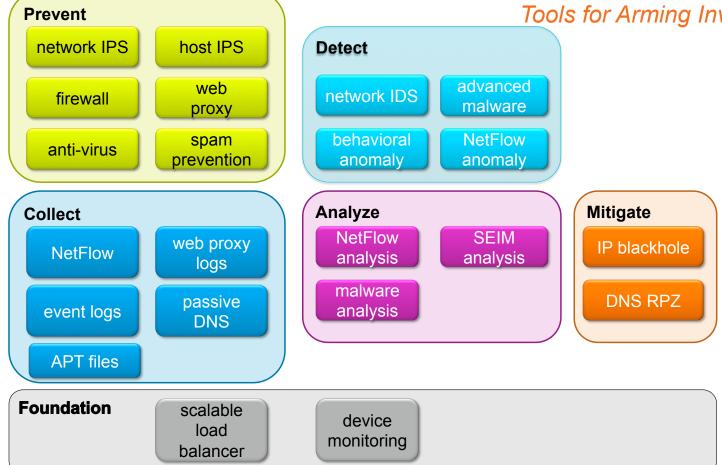
Source: 2012 Verizon Data Breach Investigations Report

A Call to Arms The Threat is Evolving

	2000	2005	2011	Next
Industry Posture	Unprotected desktops	Unmanaged desktops	Proliferating device types	Cloud-connected ecosystem
Malware	Worms	Rapidly changing and proliferating	Sophisticated	Beyond Windows
Network Behavior	Disruptive	Compromised hosts remotely controlled	Opaquely compromised hosts exfiltrate sensitive data	Hidden in e-mail and social networking
Threat Depth	Annoyance	Individual host	Sensitive infrastructure	Embedded
Industry Response	Deploy AV	1) Deploy HIPS 2) Detect botnets via IDS	1) Detect via reputation 2) Automate prevention 3) Detect via behavior	 Augment detection with intel Detect via precursors Diversify intelligence and methods

Functional Model

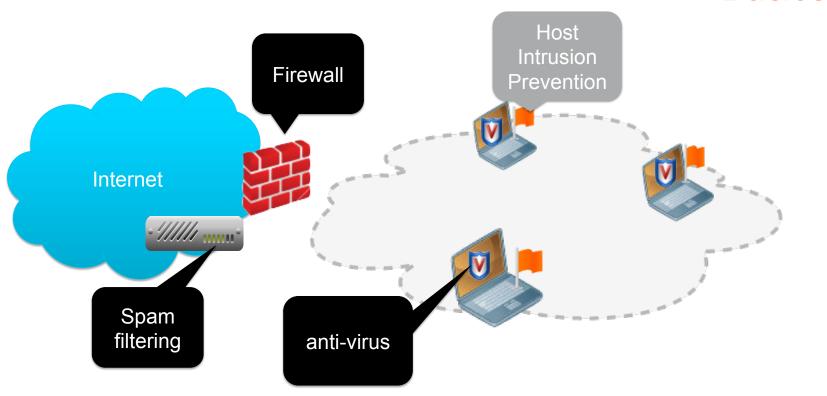
Tools for Arming Investigators



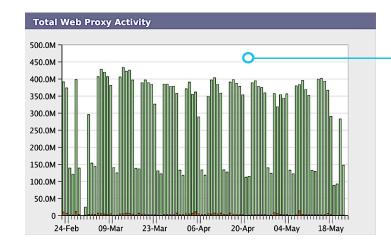
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Incident Prevention

Basics





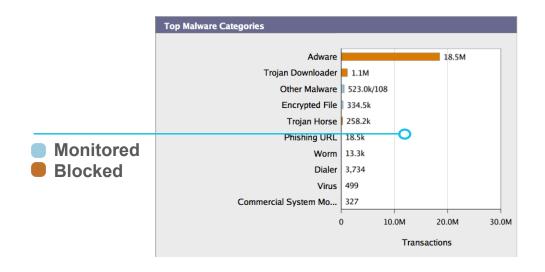


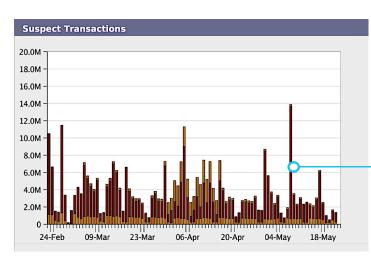
Incident Prevention: Web Proxy

■ 1.3% **Suspect** Transactions

■ 98.7% Clean Transactions

WSA 90 Day Stats

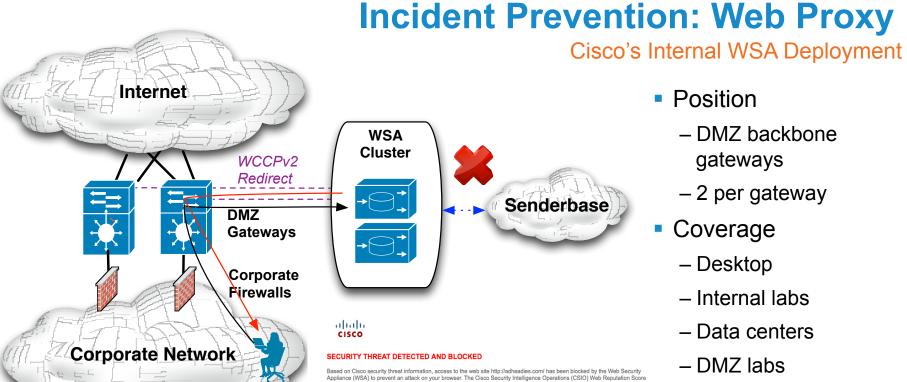




■ 70.6% Blocked by **Web Reputation**

15.5% Detected by Anti-Malware

13.3% Blocked by URL Category

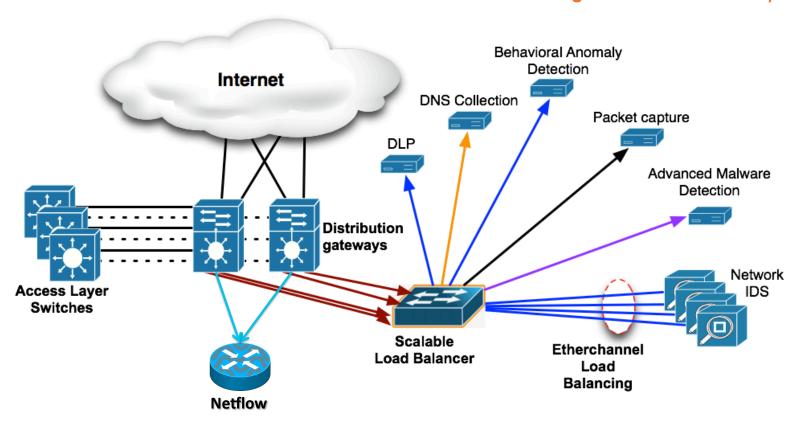


for this site indicates that it is associated with malware/spyware, and poses a security threat to your computer or the corporate

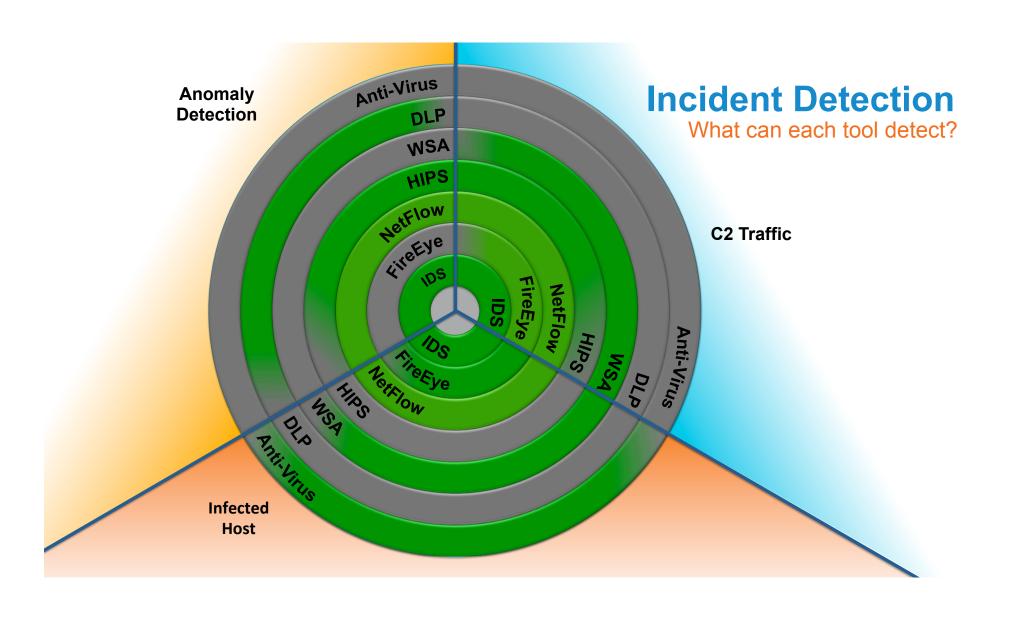
- DMZ backbone gateways
- 2 per gateway
- Coverage
 - Desktop
 - Internal labs
 - Data centers
 - DMZ labs
 - Remote access
- Model: S670

Incident Detection

Egress Detection Topology

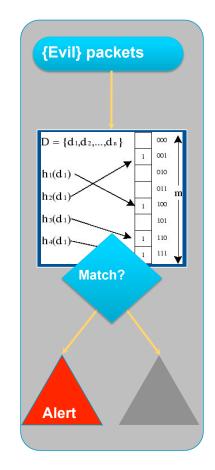






Incident Detection: Network IDS

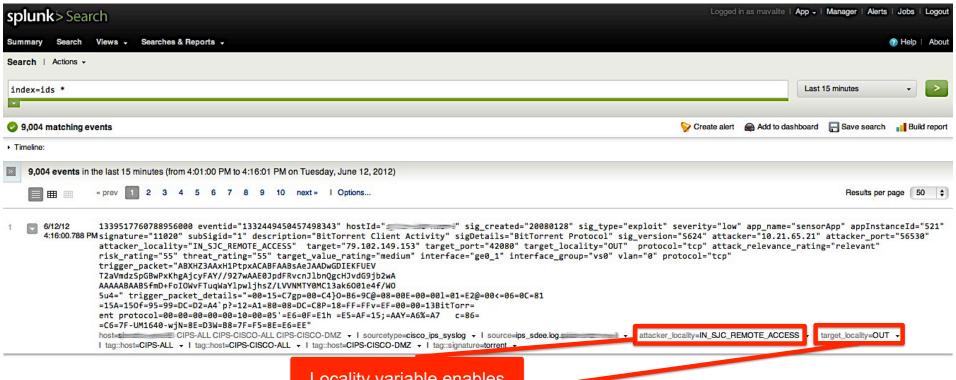
How it Works



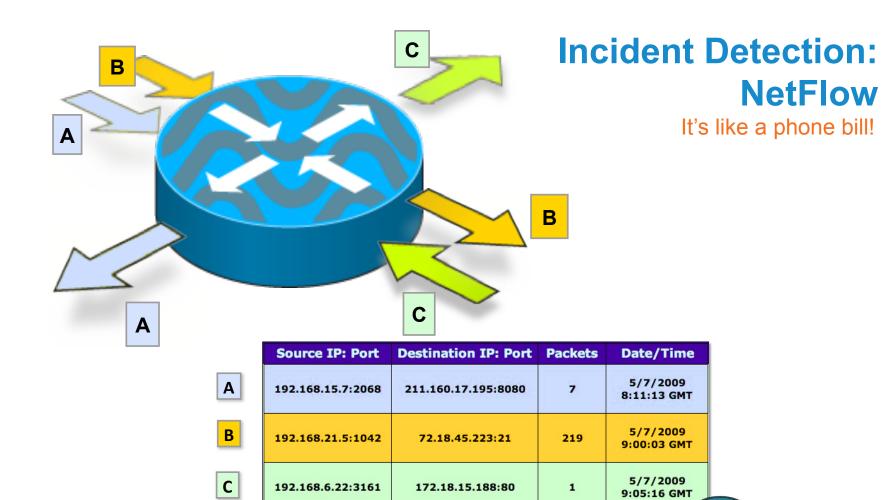


Incident Detection: Network IDS

Tuning Variables



Locality variable enables context tags in IDS alerts



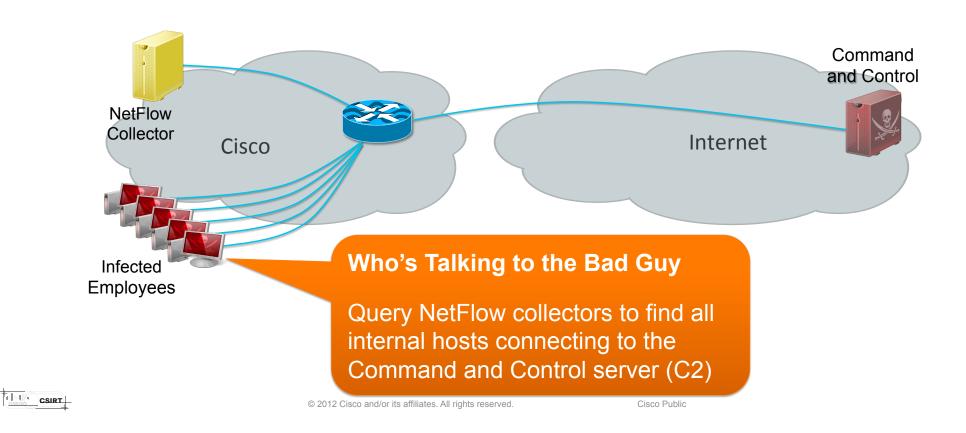
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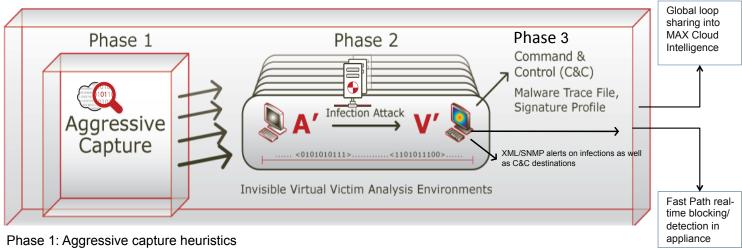
Incident Detection: NetFlow

NetFlow Case Scenario - Botnet



Incident Detection: Advanced Malware

FireEye: Detecting compromised hosts



- Deploys out-of-band/passive or inline
- Multi-protocol capture of HTML, files (e.g. PDF), & EXEs
- Maximizes capture of potential zero-day attacks

Phase 2: Virtual machine analysis

- Confirmation of malicious attacks
- Removal of false positives

Phase 3: Detect or Block Call Back (CnC)

Stop data and asset theft



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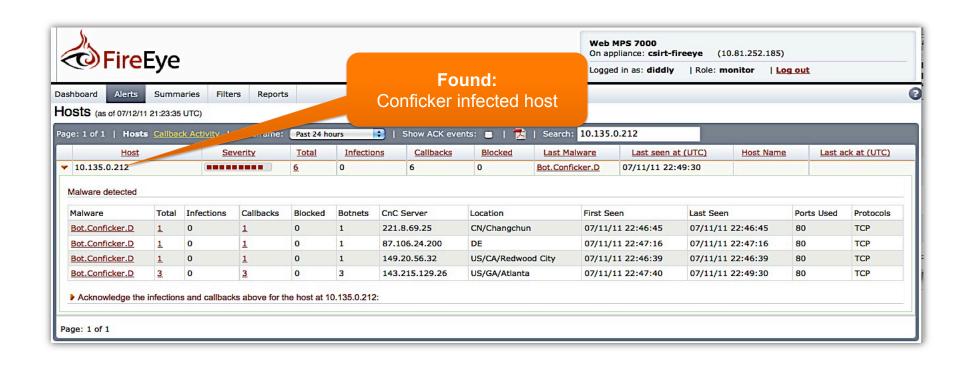
Incident Detection: Advanced Malware

FireEye: Topology DMZ BBs Filtered SPAN Web Malware 💫 DMZ Protection (System Syslog splunk> DATACENTER - (d) **Message Core** Central Management System BCC'd Email Email Malware Exchange Protection System © 2012 Cisco and/or its affiliates. All rights reserved. Cisco Public



Incident Detection: Advanced Malware

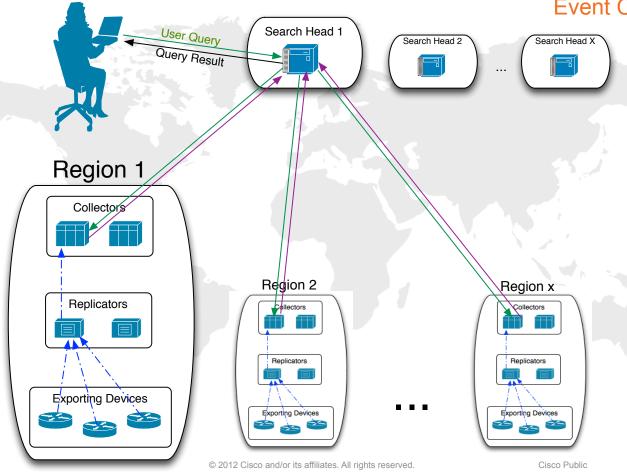
FireEye Example Incident



Incident Detection Operational Use of Intel **Native Intel Commercial Intel** Detect a|a|bDAMBALLA CISCO DAMBALLA **T** Cisco SIO FireEye FireEye **Prevent** NETWITNESS WSA NETWITNESS Collaborative Intel - ////// ,,,,,,,,, file -splunk> collect Collect & Analyze

Collect: Architecture

Event Collection Overview



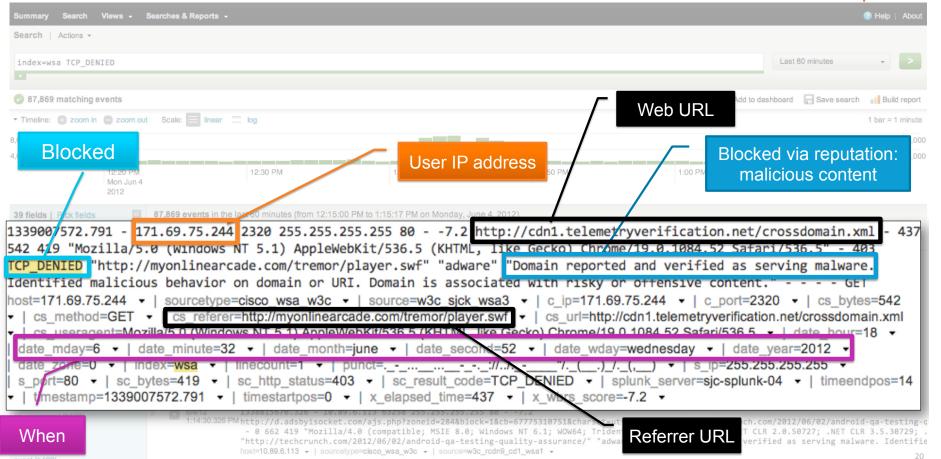
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	1	Collect:Event Logs
Event Type	Source	Events Types of Events to Collect
Attribution	DHCP server	IP assignments to machine, MAC address
	VPN server	IP assignments to user, WAN address
	NAT gateway	IP assignment translation to RFC 1918
	802.1x auth	IP assignment to user, MAC address
System activity	Server or device syslog	 Authentication/authorization Services starting/stopping Config changes Security events (Tripwire, etc.)
Web proxy logs	Web proxies	Web malware downloads, C2 check-ins
Spam filter logs	Spam filter (ESA, etc.)	Malicious URLs, malicious attachments
Web server logs	Web servers	Access logs, Error logs



Collect: WSA

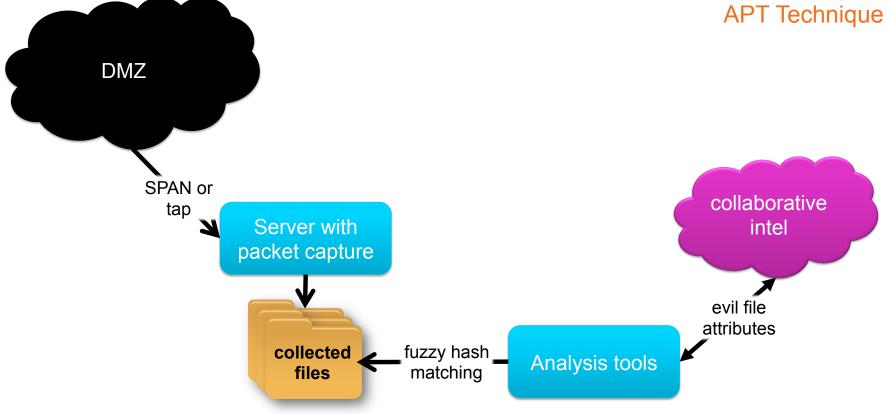
Collection into Splunk

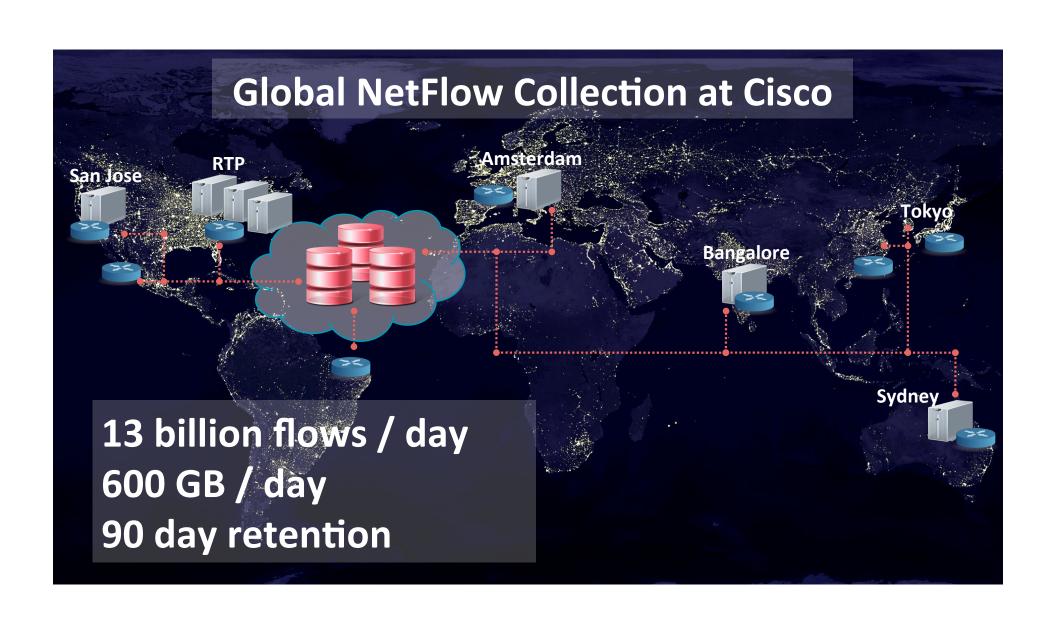


Collect: DNS How Queries Work

[diddly@kujo-prod02 ~]\$ /dns/questions/searchqname xianshield.orgmax-results=20					
ts	src	dst	qname	qtype	
2012-06-12 15:32:18.204666+00:00	10.150.32.162	64.102.6.247	xianshield.org	A	
2012-06-12 15:32:18.205428+00:00	2001:420:210d:0:20f:20ff:fe96:ffb9	2001:500:40::1	xianshield.org	A	
2012-06-12 15:32:19.005644+00:00	2001:420:210d:0:20f:20ff:fe96:ffb9	2001:500:c::1	xianshield.org	A	
2012-06-12 15:32:19.209020+00:00	10.150.32.162	64.102.6.247	xianshield.org	A	
2012-06-12 15:32:19.806379+00:00	2001:420:210d:0:20f:20ff:fe96:ffb9	2001:500:e::1	xianshield.org	A	
2012-06-12 15:32:20.606738+00:00	64.102.6.173	199.249.120.1	xianshield.org	A	
2012-06-12 15:32:20.666796+00:00	64.102.6.173	217.160.83.147	xianshield.org	A	
2012-06-12 15:32:20.606136+00:00	64.102.6.173	199.249.120.1	xianshield.org	A	
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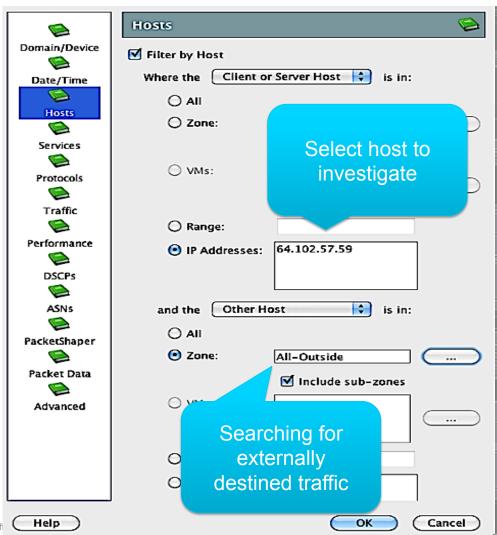
Collect: Files APT Technique





Analyze: NetFlow

Lancope – Flow Query

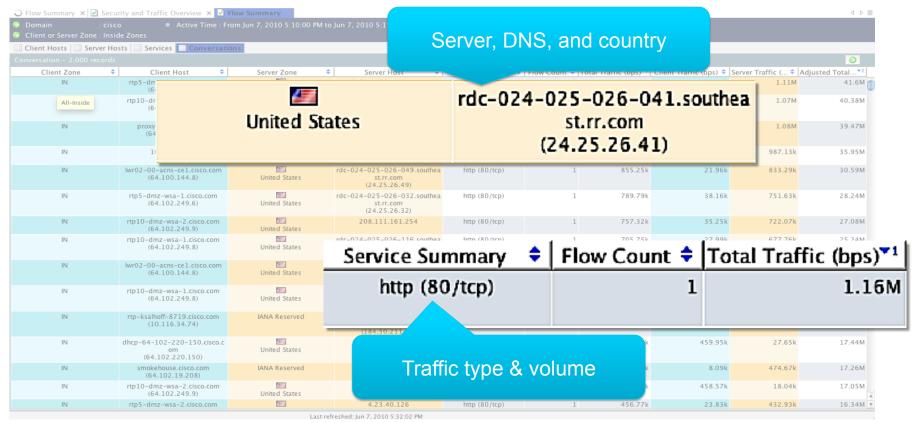


CSIRT

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Analyze: NetFlow

Lancope – Flow Query Results



Analyze: Splunk

Power of Scripting

Searches CSA for outgoing tcp/80 connections and uses those IPs to find corresponding WSA logs

Analyze: Playbooks

Playbook Reports

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Objective:

Report the top 10 IP's that continuously make HTTP request to sites with web reputation scores of -8.0 or less.

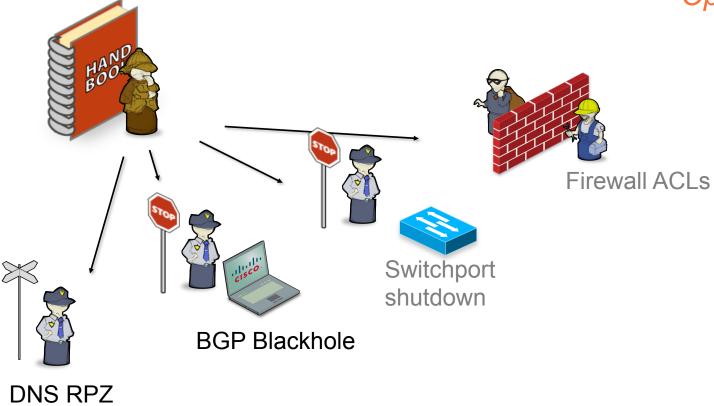
Working:

index="wsa" AND x_wbrs_score <= -8.0 AND TCP_DENIED AND NOT (tag=acns) AND earliest=-24h | stats count by c_ip | sort -count limit=10 | rename c_ip as "Source IP", count as "# of TCP_DENIED to WBRS < -8.0"

An email will be sent to csirt-xxxxxxx@cisco.com

Analysis: The generated report is high fidelity - about 90% of the results have been found to be infected with either malware or adware and need to be submitted to the malware remediation process. If a DC host is found, those hosts will be escalated to the on-duty investigator.

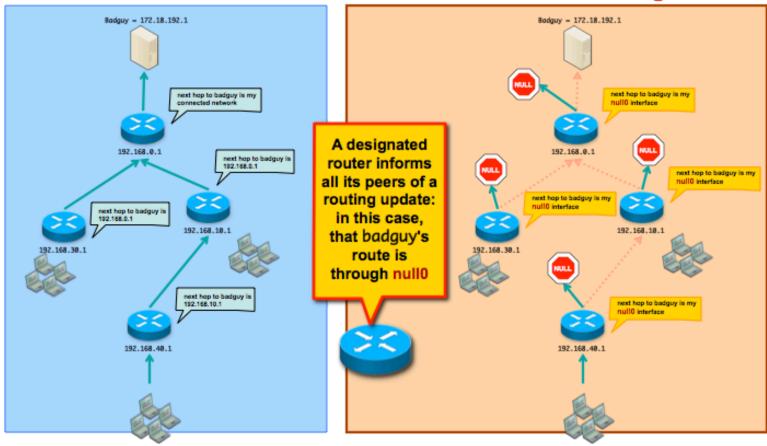
Mitigate Options



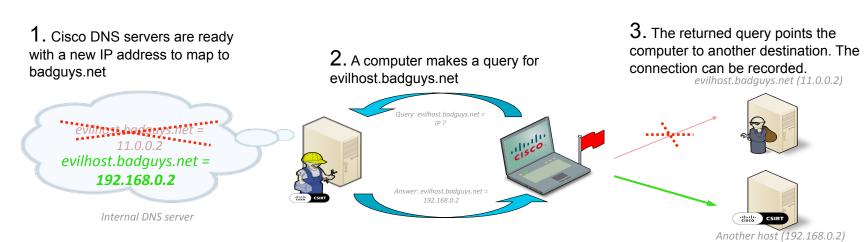


Mitigate
BGP Blackhole

Normal With Null-routing



Mitigate: Poison DNS



- Relies on advance information about predetermined DNS requests
- Leverage internal DNS servers
- CSIRT's partnership with DNS administrators makes this possible
- IDS still detects the resolver queries to uncontrolled DNS servers
- New method: DNS Resource Policy Zones

Mitigate: DNS Resource Policy Zones (RPZs)

Examples

• If *rpz.badguy.com* is a response policy zone and *badguy.com* is a name to be blacked out:

```
badguy.com.rpz.mycompany.com CNAME .
```

If badguy.com/A should be redirected:

```
badguy.com A 198.168.7.77
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If badguy.com is to appear empty:

```
badguy.com.rpz.mycompany.com CNAME *.
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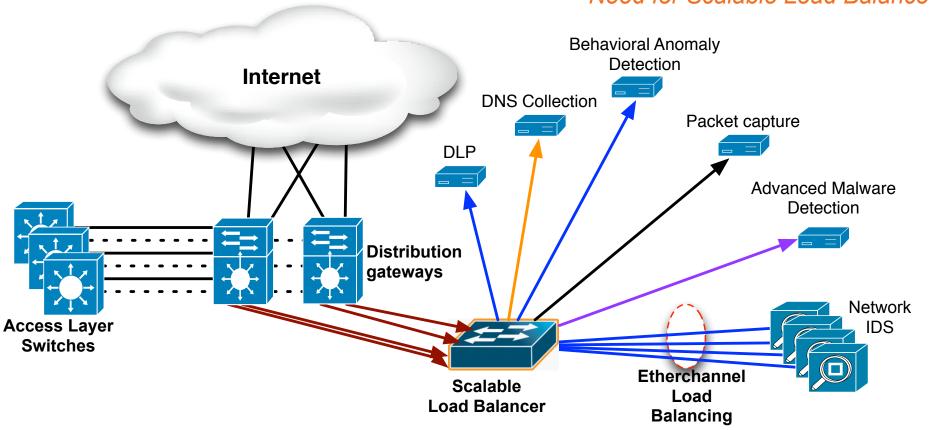
• If A RRs in 192.168.1.0/24 are to be replaced with a local walled garden address:

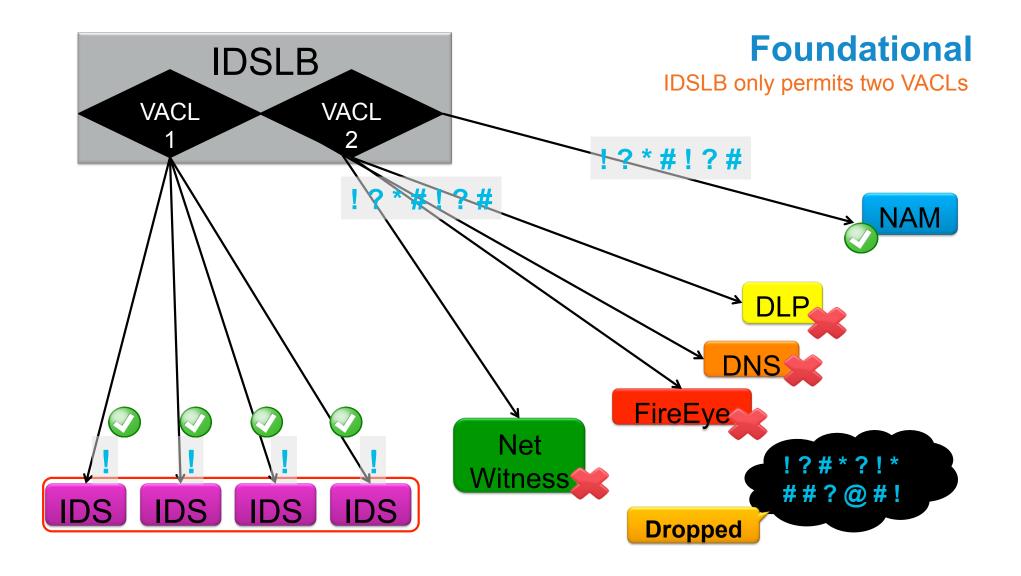
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24.0.1.168.192.rpz-ip.rpz.badguys.com A 192.168.7.77
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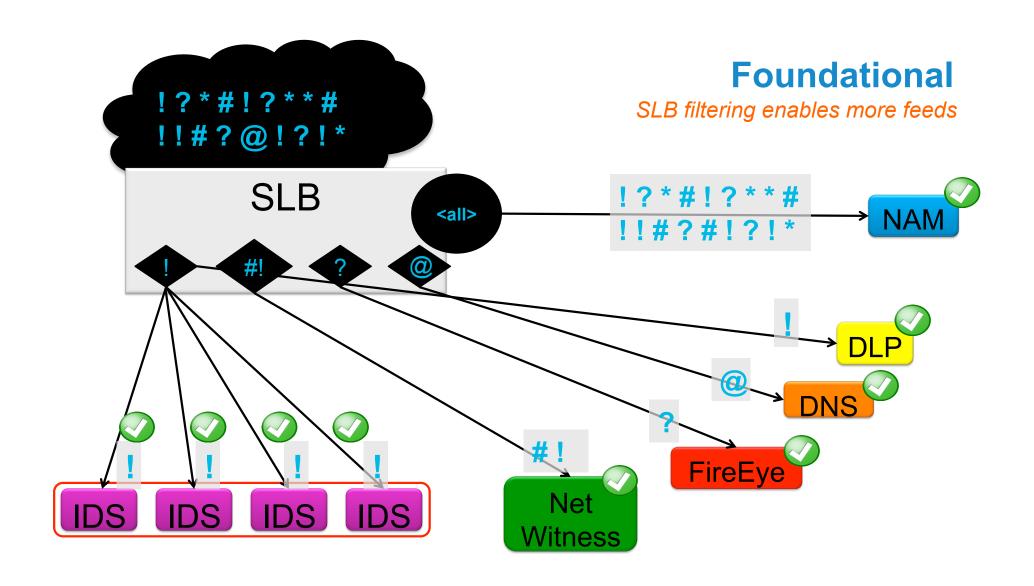
Reference: http://ftp.isc.org/isc/dnsrpz/isc-tn-2010-1.txt

Foundational: Topological Overview

Need for Scalable Load Balancer







Foundational

Monitoring Tools

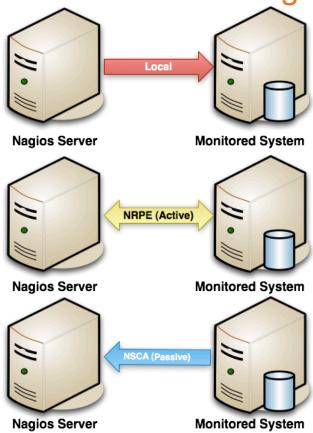


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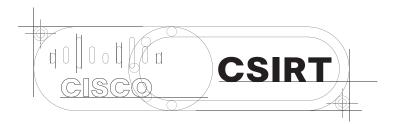
Foundational

How Nagios Works

- Server local checks
 - HTTP(S)
 - Ping
 - SNMP
 - Telnet/SSH
 - And more...
- Remote checks
 - NRPE (active)
 - Server triggers check
 - NSCA (passive)
 - Client reports results to server



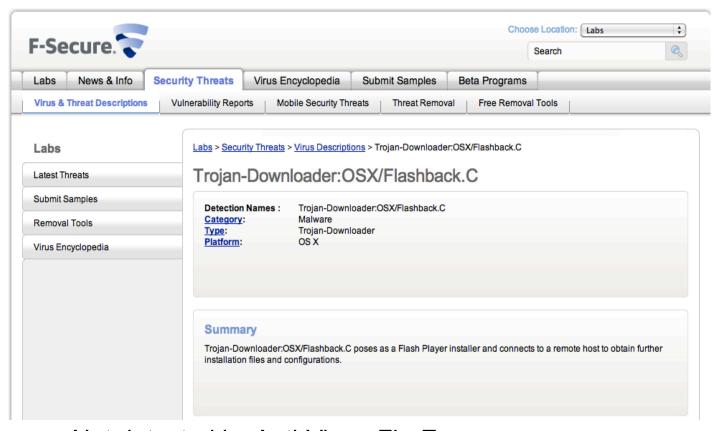




Example Incident

Mac OSX Flashback Trojan



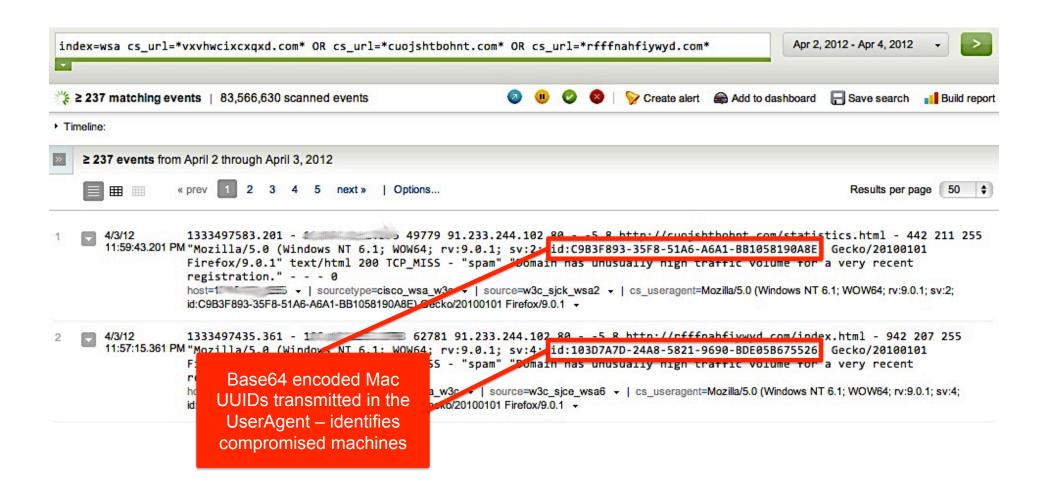


- Not detected by Anti-Virus, FireEye, or WSA
- Drive-by attacks against CVE-2021-0507





Search external intelligence for domains, URLs, or IPs used by flashback



Investigative Approach

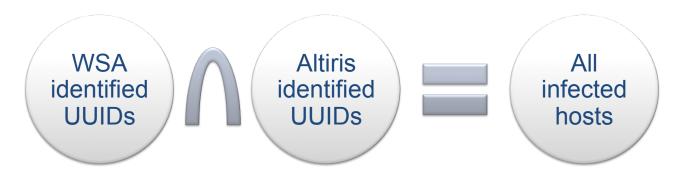
What you could do...

```
index=wsa
cs_url="http://ASDFUH982HDODJC.COM*"; OR cs_url="http://95.215.63.38*"; OR
cs_url="http://godofwar3.rr.nu*"; OR cs_url="http://ironmanvideo.rr.nu*"; OR
cs_url="http://killaoftime.rr.nu*"; OR cs_url="http://
gangstasparadise.rr.nu*"; OR cs_url="http://mystreamvideo.rr.nu*"; OR
cs_url="http://bestustreamtv.rr.nu*"; OR cs_url="http://ustreambesttv.rr.nu*";
OR cs_url="http://ustreamtvonline.rr.nu*"; OR cs_url="http://ustream-
tv.rr.nu*"; OR cs_url="http://ustream.rr.nu*"; OR cs_url="http://
johncartermovie2012.com*"; OR cs_url="http://bodyrocks.rr.nu*"; OR
s_ip=95.215.63.38 OR cs_url="http://31.31.79.87*"; ....
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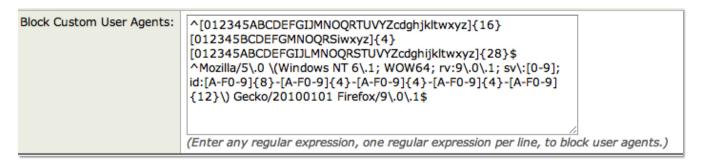
- "Whack-a-mole" technique
- Inefficient and un-manageable

Remediation

Identify all infections:



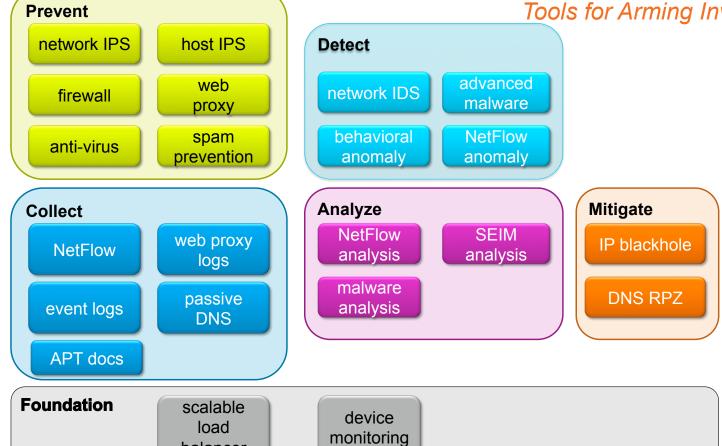
Prevent further infections via WSA:



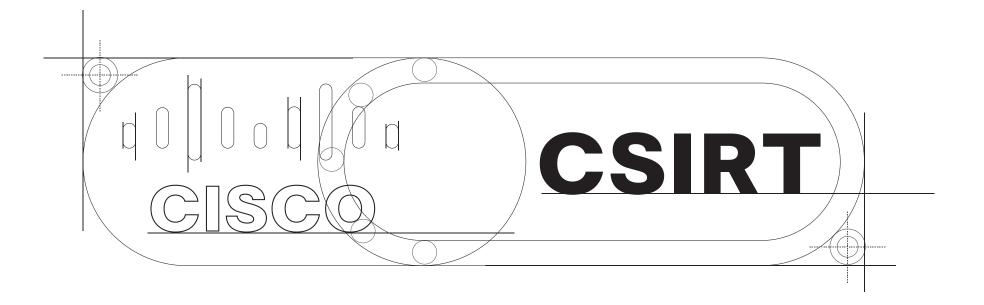


Functional Model

Tools for Arming Investigators



balancer



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