

“Just another day on the Internet”

Today’s Threat Landscape

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THREAT INTELLIGENCE



Collection, processing, and storing of adversary and organizational data



Provide context to threat indicator data to produce assessments relevant to the organization



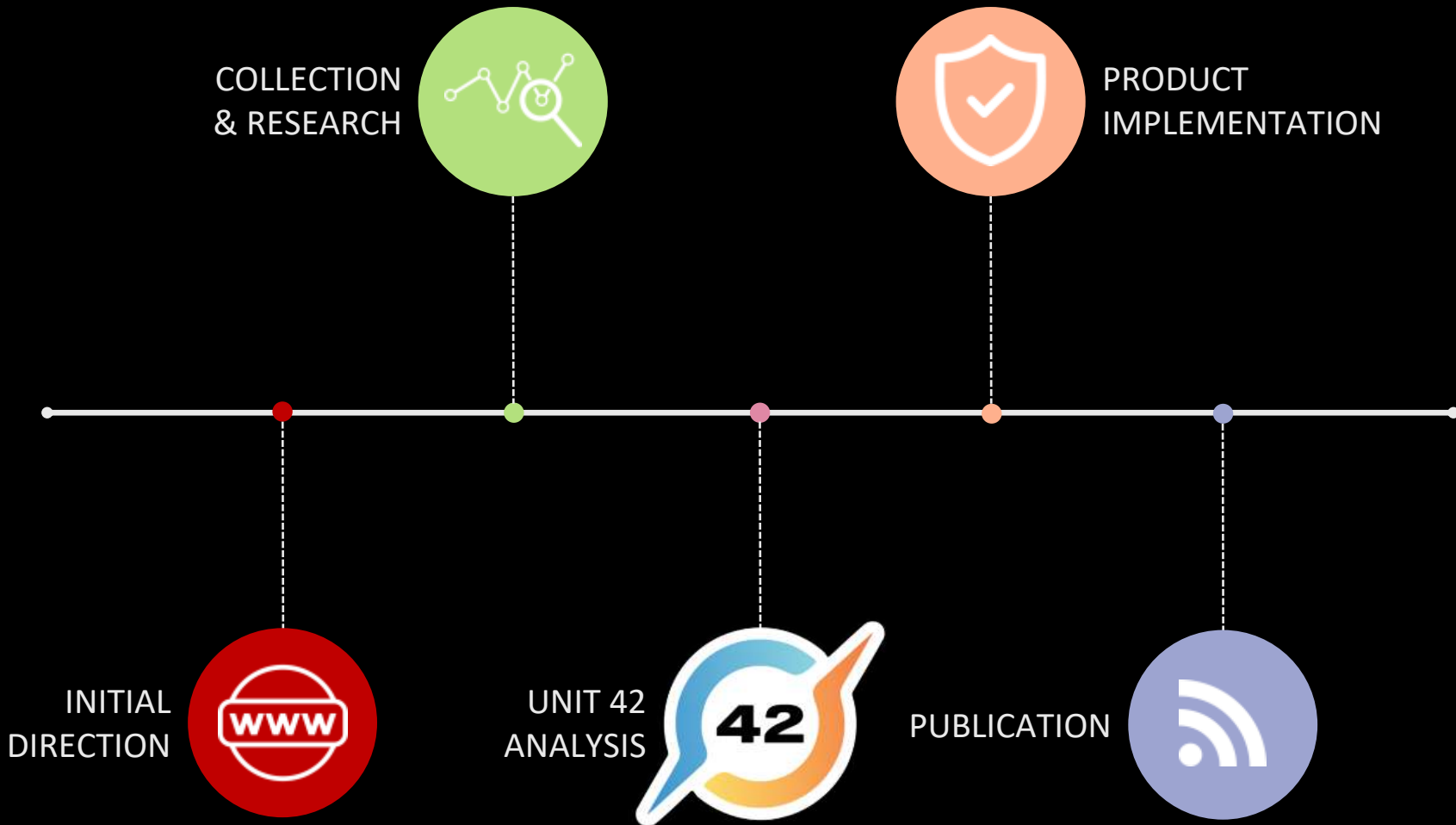
Understand the adversary



Understand our own
environment



Better assess and
mitigate risk



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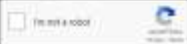
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YOU ARE A TARGET

ANYONE CAN POTENTIALLY BE A TARGET DEPENDING ON MOTIVATION AND MISSION



WHO IS THE ADVERSARY?

WHAT ARE THEIR MOTIVATIONS?



TRENDS

HOW IS THIS THREAT DEVELOPING?

CNN BUSINESS LIVE TV

Twitter says high-profile hack was the result of a phishing attack

By Brian Fung, CNN Business
Updated 9:35 PM ET, Thu July 30, 2020

NOW PLAYING
Hack on famous Twitter accounts raises national security concerns
CNN

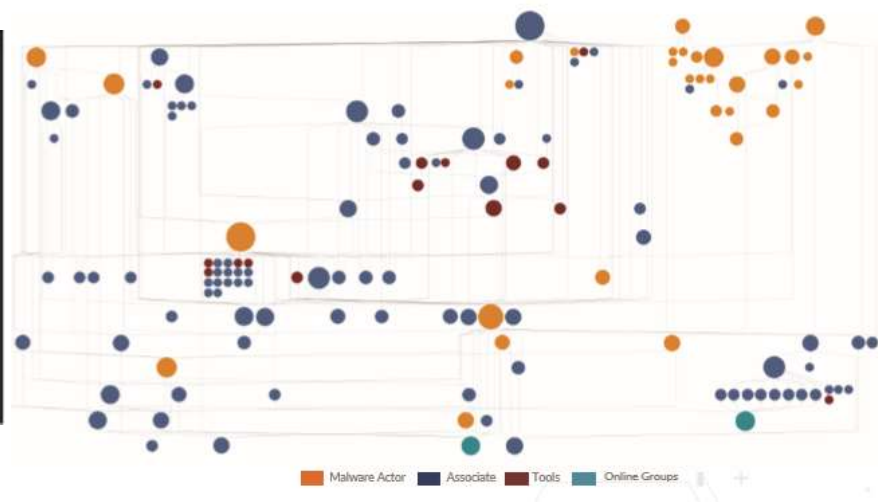
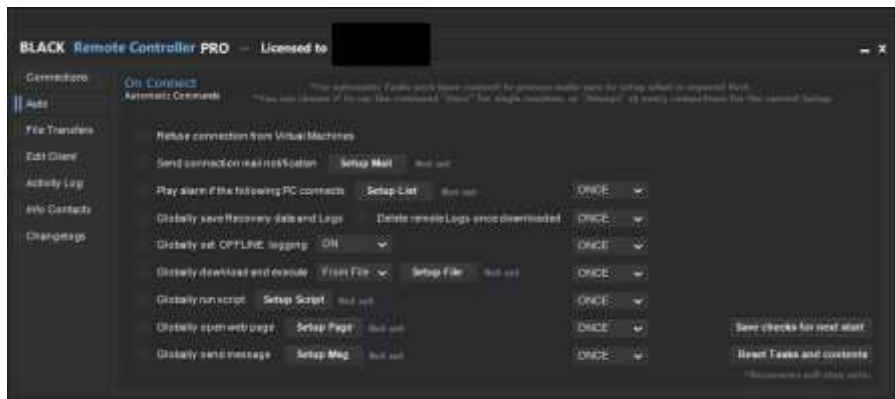
The video player shows a screenshot of a Twitter profile for Joe Biden. The profile header includes the text "BUILD BACK BETTER BID-14". Below the profile picture, there is a tweet from Joe Biden that reads: "The world is better, and it's up to every Donald Trump to be the worst possible person to lead us through a global health crisis." The video player interface includes a play button, a progress bar at the bottom showing 00:11 / 03:41, and a volume icon. On the right side of the player, there is a "CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC" section with a table of statistics:

GLOBALLY	
TOTAL CASES	DEATHS
13,670,822	586,423

IN THE UNITED STATES	
TOTAL CASES	DEATHS
3,549,451	138,072

Below the table, it says "SOURCE: JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY". There is also a "TONIGHT ON CNN" section with a "CORONAVIRUS FACTS AND FEARS" graphic and a "NEW TONIGHT" banner at the bottom of the video frame that reads "NATIONAL SECURITY CONCERNS AS FAMOUS TWITTER ACCOUNTS HACKED".

SOCIAL ENGINEERING IS KING
HUMANS CURIOSITY IS THE MOST AVAILABLE VULNERABILITY



WHAT KEEPS ME AWAKE AT NIGHT?

(OR IN A JOB!)



THE NATION STATE ADVERSARY

ASSYMETRIC WARFARE

Treasury Sanctions North Korean State-Sponsored Malicious Cyber Groups



September 13, 2019

WASHINGTON – Today, the U.S. Department of the Treasury’s Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) announced sanctions targeting three North Korean state-sponsored malicious cyber groups responsible for North Korea’s malicious cyber activity on critical infrastructure. Today’s actions identify North Korean hacking groups commonly known within the global cyber security private industry as “Lazarus Group,” “Bluenoroff,” and “Andariel” as agencies, instrumentalities, or controlled entities of the Government of North Korea pursuant to Executive Order (E.O.) 13722, based on their relationship to the Reconnaissance General Bureau (RGB). Lazarus Group, Bluenoroff, and Andariel are controlled by the U.S.- and United Nations (UN)-designated RGB, which is North Korea’s primary intelligence bureau.

“Treasury is taking action against North Korean hacking groups that have been perpetrating cyber attacks to support illicit weapon and missile programs,” said Sigal Mandelker, Treasury Under Secretary for Terrorism and Financial Intelligence. “We will continue to enforce existing U.S. and UN sanctions against North Korea and work with the international community to improve cybersecurity of financial networks.”

MALICIOUS CYBER ACTIVITY BY LAZARUS GROUP, BLUENOROFF, AND ANDARIEL

- DPRK
 - Lazarus Group
 - Bluenoroff
 - Andariel
- Sony Pictures Entertainment
- Wan(n)acry(ptor)
- SWIFT attacks
- Targeted financial / disruption / espionage attacks



THE FINANCIALLY-MOTIVATED ACTOR

HOW CAN THEY MAKE A BUCK FROM YOU?



CRYPTOCURRENCY MINING

RISK/REWARD & ROI

07/28/2020 00:47:12

Support



Here are the list of recommendations to avoid such a things in future:

- Turn off local passwords
- Force end of administrators sessions
- In group policy set up wdigest value to "0", If the UseLogonCredential value is set to 0, WDigest will not store credentials in memory.
 - Update passwords every month !
- Check the granted privileges for users, to make them maximum reduced privileges and access only to exact applications.
 - In most cases there would enough standard windows software like an Applocker.
 - Approve to run only necessaries applications ONLY.
- Don't count on the Anti-Virus, there is no one AV that really helps, they can be useful only in long-term infections, if hackers for some reasons didn't attack in short time.
 - Install Endpoint Detection and Response security (EDR) and teach the IT-admin to work with it.
- For huge companies we suggest at least 3 system administrators working 24 hours, maximum 4 admins working 3 shifts for 8 hours per day, that would be enough.

Set up at 07.14.11.1

Two months ago, Lockbit partnered with Maze ransomware's operators to create an extortion cartel that allows them to share the same data leak platform during their operations and to exchange tactics and intelligence.

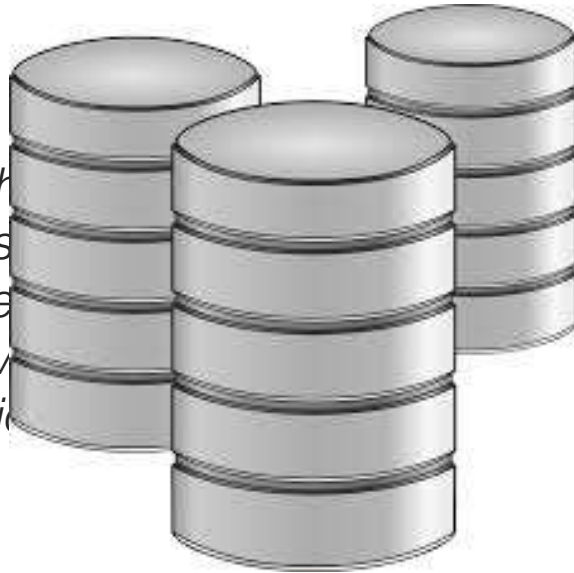
Maze later told BleepingComputer that other ransomware groups might join this collaborative effort to generate ransom payments.

RANSOMWARE

IT'S WHAT I'D DO

- IBM X-Force on Iran:

- *... "they observed the usernames and passwords. They didn't see any evidence of authentication, how they were able to bypass two-factor authentication; secured with any second factor. They moved on to the next one on their list."*



DATA

...IS MONEY



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THE HACKTIVIST

STEPPING BEYOND GRAFFITI

Technology

New Zealand stock exchange halted by cyber-attack

3 hours ago

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Amazon
many v The New Zealand stock exchange was knocked offline two days in a row due to a cyber-attack.

Distribu
by flood NZX said it had first been hit by a distributed denial of service (DDoS) attack from abroad, on Tuesday.

Amazon The exchange said the attack had "impacted NZX network connectivity" and it had decided to halt trading in cash markets just before 16:00 local time.

That is
normal Trading halted briefly for a second time, on Wednesday, but was back up and running before the end of the day.



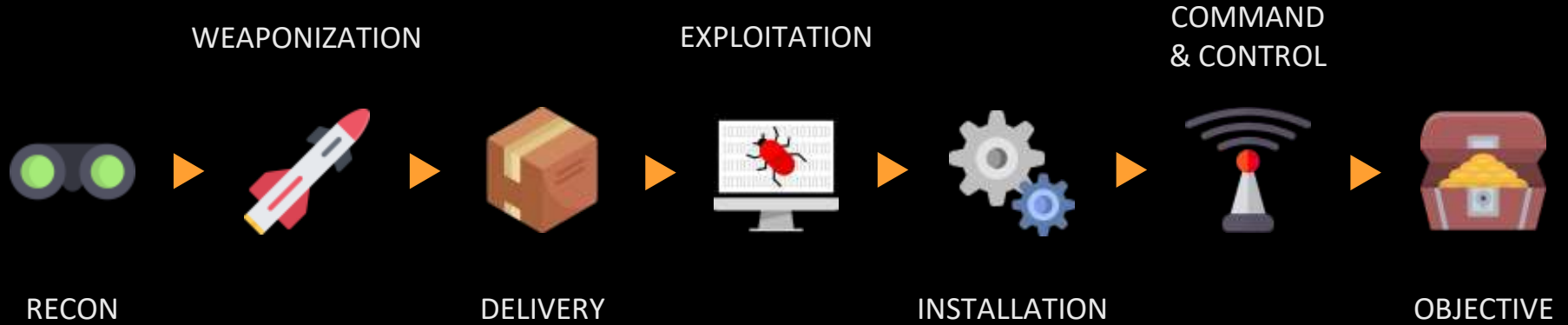
COMMODITY MALWARE

ENABLING THE LEAST-SOPHISTICATED CYBERCRIMINAL



RESPONSE

ATTACK LIFE CYCLE



ATT&CK Matrix for Enterprise

The full ATT&CK Matrix below includes techniques spanning Windows, Mac, and Linux platforms on a base.

<u>Persistence</u>	<u>Privilege Escalation</u>	<u>Defense Evasion</u>	<u>Credential Access</u>	<u>Discovery</u>	<u>Lateral Movement</u>
.bash_profile and .bashrc	Access Token Manipulation	Access Token Manipulation	Account Manipulation	Account Discovery	AppleScript
Accessibility Features	Accessibility Features	Binary Padding	Bash History	Application Window Discovery	Application Deployment Software
AppCert DLLs	AppCert DLLs	Bypass User Account Control	Brute Force	File and Directory Discovery	Distributed Component Object Model
AppInit DLLs	AppInit DLLs	Clear Command History	Credential Dumping	Network Service Scanning	Exploitation of Vulnerability
Application Shimming	Application Shimming	Code Signing	Credentials in Files	Network Share Discovery	Logon Scripts
Authentication	Bypass User	Component	Exploitation of	Peripheral	Pass the

LOOKING AT THREATS DIFFERENTLY
 UNDERSTANDING THE WHOLE THREAT, NOT JUST PIECES



WE
ARE
THE



CYBER
THREAT
ALLIANCE





AN EXISTENTIAL THREAT

THE WORST COULD VERY WELL HAPPEN



SONY PICTURES ENTERTAINMENT

ALREADY FORGOT THIS LESSON?



DEEP DOWN YOU WANT THE BEST

INFORMATION SECURITY IS NOT OPTIONAL

RISK MATCHED WITH APPROPRIATE COUNTERMEASURE



HOW WOULD YOU ATTACK YOU?

HOW WOULD YOU STOP IT?

'Just another day on the internet'

Leading security researcher Troy Hunt told the BBC the company appeared to handle the breach well.

“In many ways, this is just another day on the internet: a large online asset suffers a data breach and millions of usernames and passwords get leaked,” he said.

“JUST ANOTHER DAY ON THE INTERNET”

WHAT IS YOUR ROLE IN IT?

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