

### FireEye iSIGHT Intelligence

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### Some false things you may have heard around...

 "APT is just Advanced Malware, and you need Advanced Malware Protection"

Stop trying to Detect when you can Prevent

# • "Our APT solution offers Remediation"



### The real problem is the hacker, not the malware





### What happens after Malware ?



- Expand Access and obtain valid credentials
  - Credentials stolen by keyboard logging
  - Credentials stolen by network sniffing
  - Encrypted Credentials stolen from disk and brute forced
- Strengthen foothold
  - Lateral movement using OS Tools
  - Further internal reconnaissance
  - Non malware based backdoors
  - Multiple backdoor fail-safes



### APT29 – ONE OF THE MOST ADVANCED CYBERGROUPS

### **Russian Threat Groups**

- FireEye monitors various Russian threat groups for example:
  - APT28
  - APT29
- The groups frequently design innovative ways to cover their tracks
- APT29 has been particularly active throughout 2015
  - new downloaders, payloads, and targets



### **APT29: Sponsored by the Russian Gov**

- Probable Russian threat actor supporting nation state missions
  - Espionage versus strategic European-related targets
  - interest in Russia-Ukraine issues
  - Work hours align with the UTC +3 time zone (Moscow, St. Petersburg)
  - Operations ceased on Russian holidays
- Disciplined focus on operational security
  - Almost exclusive use of compromised servers, legitimate services, and similar
  - Anti forensics
- Aggressive and advanced skills
  - Targeting both intelligence targets and defenders alike
  - Monitor remediation efforts
  - Rapid tool development cycle to support new deployments



#### 2015 Toolset

Initial Compromise	Maintain Presence
COZYCAR SWIFTKICK / MINIDIONIS	SEADADDY SAYWHAT QUEENPIECE HAMMERTOSS Powershell



### **Generic Spearphishing**

- 2014 early 2015 Campaign used generic lures / decoys
  - "You've got a fax"
  - "Office Monkeys"
- Lure site very relevant
  - Compromised legitimate / prominent sites to deliver "fax"
    - International issues and diplomacy sites
    - European stock exchange
    - US state and local government
    - Prominent US university

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- July'2015 campaign showed much more-targeted / topical lures...some generic

### **APT29's HAMMERTOSS – Advanced persistent threat**

- Backdoor detected in early 2015
- Designed to make it difficult for security professionals to detect and characterize the extent of APT29's activity.
- Multiple layers of obfuscation
- Mimicking the behavior of legitimate users:
  - Usage of commonly visited websites: Twitter, GitHub, and cloud storage services



### **FireEye Threat Intelligence Sources**



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### **Using Cyber Threat Intelligence to Enhance Security**

- What is Intelligence?
- Why is Cyber Threat Intelligence important?
- Leveraging Cyber Threat Intelligence
  - Enhance security technologies
  - Streamline processes
  - Improve security programs
- iSIGHT Offerings
- Case study
- Questions



# WHAT IS INTELLIGENCE?





### **Cyber Threat Intelligence - Definition**

- Intelligence is information that has been collected, processed and disseminated with the purpose of:
  - Reducing the degree of uncertainty about an adversary, potential adversary, situation or threat, which may be experienced by decision makers.
  - So they can make informed, reasoned, and timely decisions.



### **Cyber Threat Intelligence - Definition**

Not to be confused with:

"Information is unprocessed data of every description that may be used in the production of intelligence. It is normally collected by individual sensors, systems or capabilities."



### **The Intelligence Cycle – Simple Version**







### **FireEye iSIGHT** 200+ intelligence Professionals, 29 Languages, 18 Countries



### **Cyber Threat Intelligence Production**

Formal Process Yields Rich, Contextual Threat Intelligence





### **Cyber Threat Intelligence Process**

#### **Collection - Global Intelligence Gathering**



# WHY IS CYBER THREAT INTELLIGENCE IMPORTANT?





### **Cyber Threat Joins the Risk List**



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## How Can Cyber Threat Intelligence Help?

- 1. Be Proactive
- 2. Shrink the Problem
- 3. Improve Prioritization
- 4. Enhance Executive Communications
- 5. Connect Security With Business

### FORRESTER

### Actionable Intelligence is:

- Accurate
- Aligned with your intelligence requirements
- Integrated
- Predictive
- Relevant
- Tailored
- Timely

#### **Rick Holland**

Blog: Actionable Intelligence, Meet Terry Tate, Office Linebacker Published: 11 February 2014



# LEVERAGING CYBER THREAT INTELLIGENCE





### Leveraging CTI to "Shrink the Problem"



Impact of Context Rich Cyber Threat Intelligence

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### **Benefit to Multiple Intelligence Consumers**



### **Actionable Threat Intelligence**

#### ACROSS THE INFRASTRUCTURE





### Intelligence-Led Security – From the Outside In



### Cyber Threat Intelligence

Indicators/IOCs Context Malicious Files Motivation/Intent (hashes/signatures) Actors Cyber Crime (Money) **Bad Domain** Attribution Espionage Bad IP Address (Information) Targets Hacktivism **Phishing Lures** Campaigns (Influence) Destruction **Registry Settings** TTPs, Methods/Playbooks (Kinetic Impact)

### **Relevant to the Organisation**

#### Report to the CEO, version 1

Last month we:

- Reviewed 1,452,134 log entries
- Detected 423,132 viruses
- Blocked 2,028,43 connections
- Closed 3,095 incident tickets

### Report to the CEO, version 2

Last month we detected and blocked two cybercrime attacks linked to a criminal organization in Eastern Europe that has been targeting POS systems at mid-sized retailers. Our actions:

• Prevented the theft of 10 million customer credit card numbers

• Avoided \$78 million in lost revenue and the costs that would have been incurred for notifying customers of the data breach, cleaning up infected systems, and paying regulatory fines and legal fees.

### **Information v Cyber Threat Intelligence**



### **Aims of Cyber Threat Intelligence**

- Enable proactive, risk-based resource allocation
- Shrink the problem
- Improve prioritization
- Enhance executive communications
- Connect security with business







# CASE STUDIES





### **Cyber Threat Intelligence in Action**



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### **Cyber Threat Intelligence in Action**

2009

### 2013 2014



#### September 3, 2014

- iSIGHT Partners labs discovers zero-day vulnerability
- Immediately notified targeted parties and clients across government and private sector domains

#### September 5, 2014

- Began working with Microsoft
- · Provided technical analysis of vulnerability and malware used in exploit
- Coordinated tracking of campaign
  - Monitoring for broader targeting and victimization
  - Monitoring for broader use of zero-day exploit in the wild



### Cyber Threat Intelligence in Action

- And it continues...
  - 18 Nov 15, Sandworm Team tied to broader operation targeting ICS Networks using BlackEnergy
  - 25 Nov 15, US academic research and development community targeted with repurposed Sandworm Team exploit
  - 30 Mar 15, Changes to BlackEnergy demonstrate EU focus
  - 12 Jun 15, BlackEnergy 3 malware used by Sandworm Team is capable of leveraging RPC over SMB<sup>1</sup> for both local and remote connections.
  - 30 Dec 15, Cyber Espionage activity in Ukraine resembles sandworm team and nation-wide power outages in Ukraine caused by cyber attacks.
  - 24 Jan 16, Spear phishing targeting Ukrainian energy sector distributed GCat Malware; May indicate sandworm team operators are shifting tools
  - 29 Feb 16 and 17 Apr 16, Sandworm Team campaign leveraged searchable sensitive documents to target Ukrainian energies Boryspil Airport prior to destructive attacks



# Questions

### iSIGHT Partners The Cyber Threat Intelligence Experts





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