Cyber Security Collaboration

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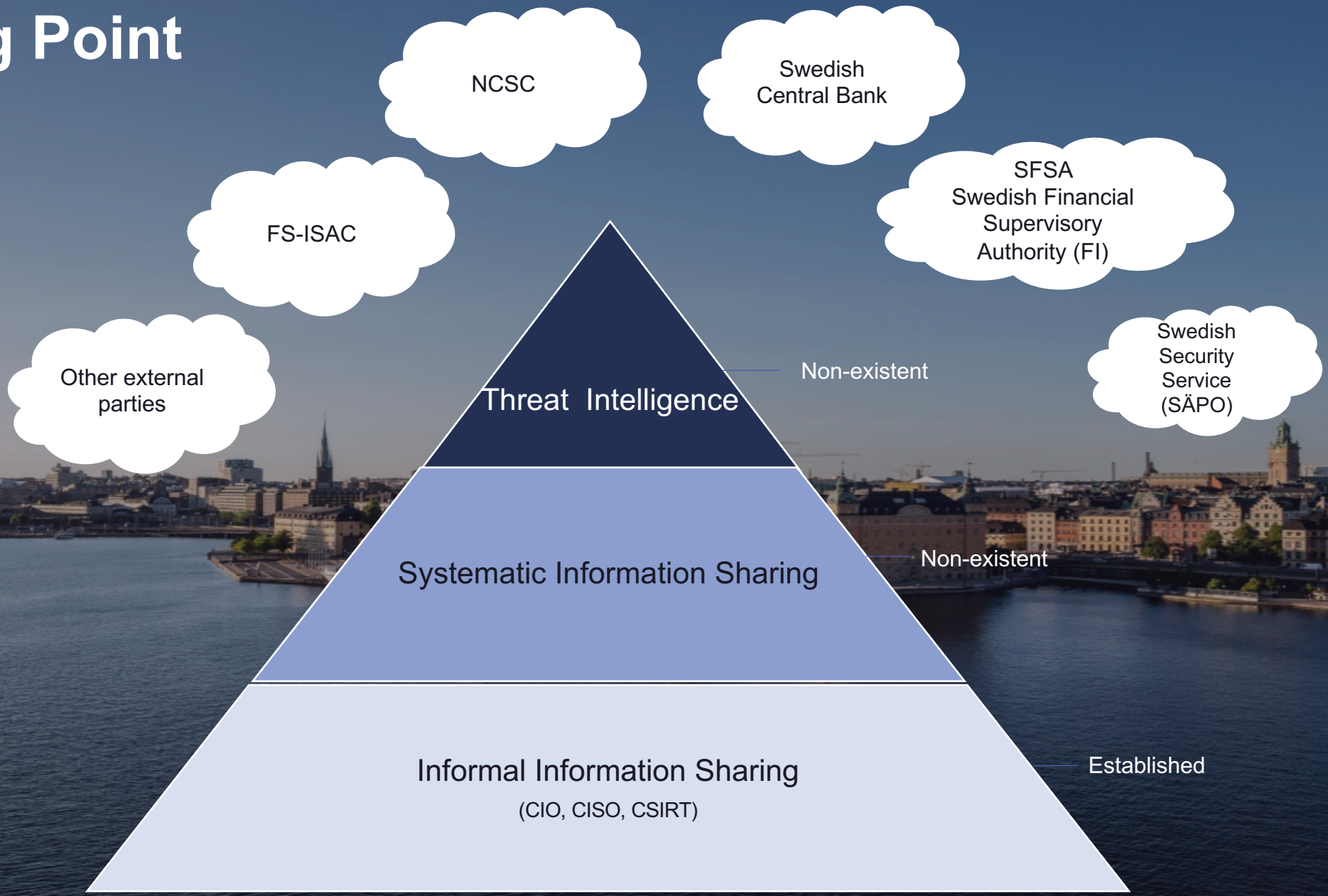
Starting Point



Governance

- Bi-weekly meetings (physical)
- Lead of each area distributed between SEB, Swedbank & Handelsbanken
- The leaders for each area are members of the operative management team

Collaboration public – private sector

National Cyber Security Centre
(SE-NCSC)

2021, SE-NCSC established by FRA, Försvarsmakten, MSB and Säkerhetspolisen, in close collaboration with PTS, FMV and Polismyndigheten

2022, finance pilot

SE-NCSC and the financial sector

1/7 New head, FRA; improves governance

Working Groups within the Cyber Security Collaboration

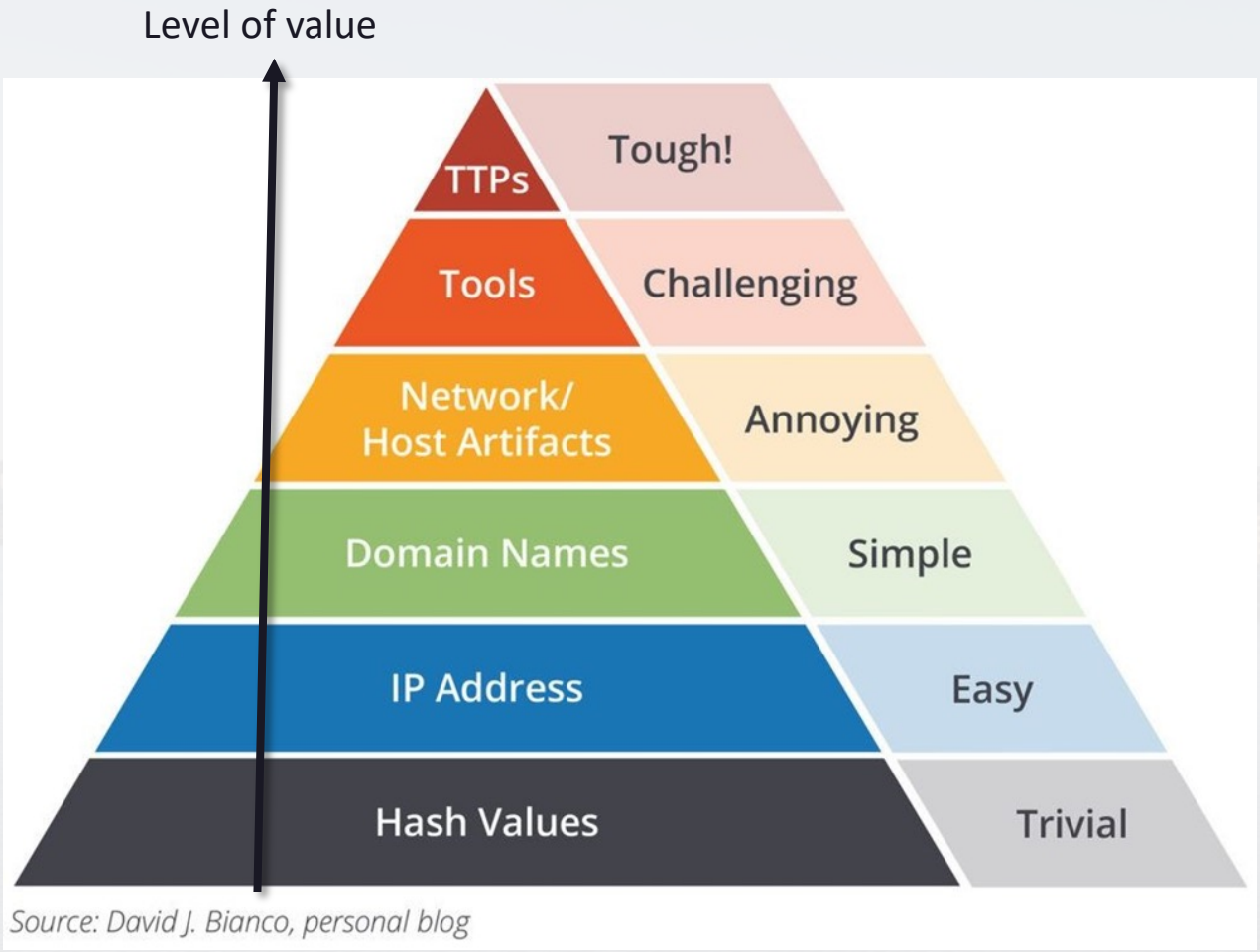
OPERATIVE MANAGEMENT TEAM	• Transfer from project to line organization • Update of collaboration agreement • NCSC
THREAT INTELLIGENCE	• Formalize Threat Intel meetings within the sector • POC Information Sharing Platform (MISP) • Heatmap based on MITRE
CYBER CAPABILITIES & 3D PARTY RISK	• Future Management System for the financial sector (ISMS) • 3d party security requirements • Secure Coding • DDoS and Ransomware Whitepaper
PERSONEL & PHYSICAL SECURITY	• Insider Threat
AWARNESS & COMPETENCE	• Define Communication Plan • Joint security awareness activities with external inspirational speakers, employees in all 3 banks are invited

Collaboration with **MITRE ATT&CK** –
A method for threat- and data-driven prioritization of Cyber defence in the Swedish finance sector.

The challenge – Information sharing on threats between public and private sectors

The solution – Pivoting from talking about threats actors to instead focusing on their tactics and techniques

Why not just share IOC:s?



”The Pyramid of Pain”

The tool – A common and known framework

ATT&CK®

https://attack.mitre.org/

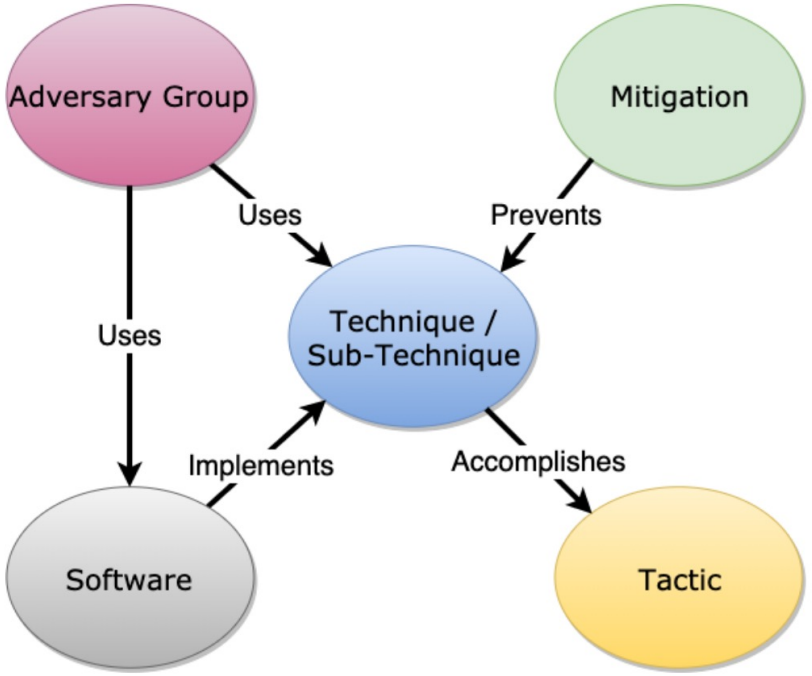


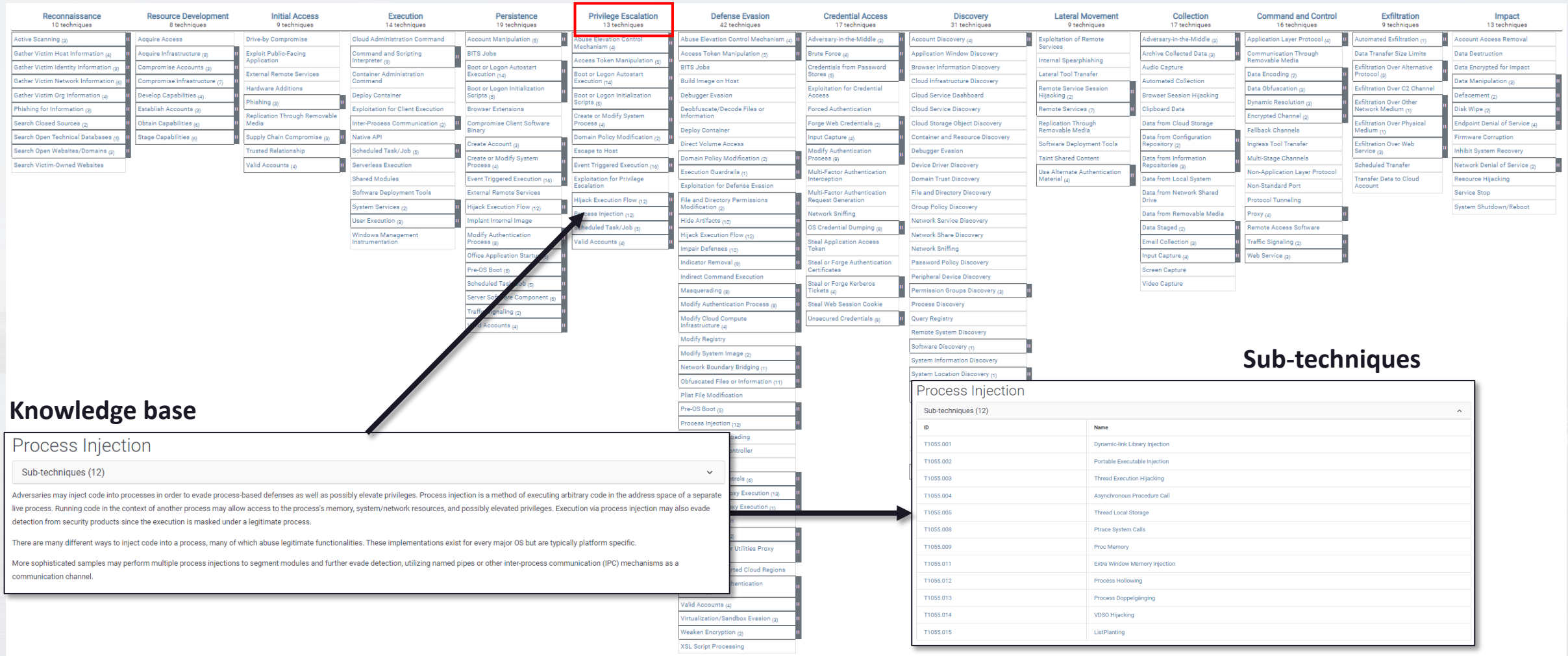
Figure 3. ATT&CK Model Relationships

The tool – A common and known framework

(MITRE killchain) **TACTICS,** <u>What</u> the attacker needs to achieve its objective

TECHNIQUES

<u>How</u> the attacker can achieve to accomplish a tactic


Reconnaissance
10 techniques
Active Scanning (3)
Gather Victim Host Information (4)
Gather Victim Identity Information (3)
Gather Victim Network Information (6)
Gather Victim Org Information (4)
Phishing for Information (3)
Search Closed Sources (2)
Search Open Technical Databases (5)
Search Open Websites/Domains (3)
Search Victim-Owned Websites
Resource Development
8 techniques
Acquire Access
Acquire Infrastructure (8)
Compromise Accounts (3)
Compromise Infrastructure (7)
Develop Capabilities (4)
Establish Accounts (3)
Obtain Capabilities (6)
Stage Capabilities (6)
Initial Access
9 techniques
Drive-by Compromise
Exploit Public-Facing Application
External Remote Services
Hardware Additions
Phishing (3)
Replication Through Removable Media
Supply Chain Compromise (3)
Trusted Relationship
Valid Accounts (4)
Execution
14 techniques
Cloud Administration Command
Command and Scripting Interpreter (9)
Container Administration Command
Deploy Container
Exploitation for Client Execution
Inter-Process Communication (3)
Native API
Scheduled Task/Job (5)
Serverless Execution
Shared Modules
Software Deployment Tools
System Services (2)
User Execution (3)
Windows Management Instrumentation
Persistence
19 techniques
Account Manipulation (5)
BITS Jobs
Boot or Logon Autostart Execution (14)
Boot or Logon Initialization Scripts (5)
Browser Extensions
Compromise Client Software Binary
Create Account (3)
Create or Modify System Process (4)
Event Triggered Execution (16)
External Remote Services
Hijack Execution Flow (12)
Implant Internal Image
Modify Authentication Process (8)
Office Application Startup
Pre-OS Boot (5)
Scheduled Task/Job (5)
Server Software Component (5)
Traffic Signaling (2)
Valid Accounts (4)
Privilege Escalation
13 techniques
Abuse Elevation Control Mechanism (4)
Access Token Manipulation (5)
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Domain Policy Modification (2)
Escape to Host
Event Triggered Execution (16)
Exploitation for Privilege Escalation
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Process Injection (12)
Scheduled Task/Job (5)
Valid Accounts (4)
Defense Evasion
42 techniques
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BITS Jobs
Build Image on Host
Debugger Evasion
Deobfuscate/Decode Files or Information
Deploy Container
Direct Volume Access
Domain Policy Modification (2)
Execution Guardrails (1)
Exploitation for Defense Evasion
File and Directory Permissions Modification (2)
Hide Artifacts (10)
Hijack Execution Flow (12)
Impair Defenses (10)
Indicator Removal (9)
Indirect Command Execution
Masquerading (8)
Modify Authentication Process (8)
Modify Cloud Compute Infrastructure (4)
Modify Registry
Modify System Image (2)
Network Boundary Bridging (1)
Obfuscated Files or Information (11)
Plist File Modification
Pre-OS Boot (5)
Process Injection (12)
Valid Accounts (4)
Virtualization/Sandbox Evasion (3)
Weaken Encryption (2)
XSL Script Processing
Credential Access
17 techniques
Adversary-in-the-Middle (3)
Brute Force (4)
Credentials from Password Stores (5)
Exploitation for Credential Access
Forced Authentication
Forge Web Credentials (2)
Input Capture (4)
Modify Authentication Process (8)
Multi-Factor Authentication Interception
Multi-Factor Authentication Request Generation
Network Sniffing
OS Credential Dumping (8)
Steal Application Access Token
Steal or Forge Authentication Certificates
Steal or Forge Kerberos Tickets (4)
Steal Web Session Cookie
Unsecured Credentials (8)
Discovery
31 techniques
Account Discovery (4)
Application Window Discovery
Browser Information Discovery
Cloud Infrastructure Discovery
Cloud Service Dashboard
Cloud Service Discovery
Cloud Storage Object Discovery
Container and Resource Discovery
Debugger Evasion
Device Driver Discovery
Domain Trust Discovery
File and Directory Discovery
Group Policy Discovery
Network Service Discovery
Network Share Discovery
Network Sniffing
Password Policy Discovery
Peripheral Device Discovery
Permission Groups Discovery (3)
Process Discovery
Query Registry
Remote System Discovery
Software Discovery (1)
System Information Discovery
System Location Discovery (1)
Lateral Movement
9 techniques
Exploitation of Remote Services
Internal Spearphishing
Lateral Tool Transfer
Remote Service Session Hijacking (2)
Remote Services (7)
Replication Through Removable Media
Software Deployment Tools
Taint Shared Content
Use Alternate Authentication Material (4)
Collection
17 techniques
Adversary-in-the-Middle (3)
Archive Collected Data (3)
Audio Capture
Automated Collection
Browser Session Hijacking
Clipboard Data
Data from Cloud Storage
Data from Configuration Repository (2)
Data from Information Repositories (3)
Data from Local System
Data from Network Shared Drive
Data from Removable Media
Data Staged (2)
Email Collection (3)
Input Capture (4)
Screen Capture
Video Capture
Command and Control
16 techniques
Application Layer Protocol (4)
Communication Through Removable Media
Data Encoding (2)
Data Obfuscation (3)
Dynamic Resolution (3)
Encrypted Channel (2)
Fallback Channels
Ingress Tool Transfer
Multi-Stage Channels
Non-Application Layer Protocol
Non-Standard Port
Protocol Tunneling
Proxy (4)
Remote Access Software
Traffic Signaling (2)
Web Service (3)
Exfiltration
9 techniques
Automated Exfiltration (1)
Data Transfer Size Limits
Exfiltration Over Alternative Protocol (3)
Exfiltration Over C2 Channel
Exfiltration Over Other Network Medium (1)
Exfiltration Over Physical Medium (1)
Exfiltration Over Web Service (3)
Scheduled Transfer
Transfer Data to Cloud Account
Impact
13 techniques
Account Access Removal
Data Destruction
Data Encrypted for Impact
Data Manipulation (3)
Defacement (2)
Disk Wipe (2)
Endpoint Denial of Service (4)
Firmware Corruption
Inhibit System Recovery
Network Denial of Service (2)
Resource Hijacking
Service Stop
System Shutdown/Reboot
Knowledge base
Process Injection
Sub-techniques (12)
Adversaries may inject code into processes in order to evade process-based defenses as well as possibly elevate privileges. Process injection is a method of executing arbitrary code in the address space of a separate live process. Running code in the context of another process may allow access to the process's memory, system/network resources, and possibly elevated privileges. Execution via process injection may also evade detection from security products since the execution is masked under a legitimate process.
There are many different ways to inject code into a process, many of which abuse legitimate functionalities. These implementations exist for every major OS but are typically platform specific.
More sophisticated samples may perform multiple process injections to segment modules and further evade detection, utilizing named pipes or other inter-process communication (IPC) mechanisms as a communication channel.
Sub-techniques
Process Injection
Sub-techniques (12)
ID
Name
T1055.001
Dynamic-link Library Injection
T1055.002
Portable Executable Injection
T1055.003
Thread Execution Hijacking
T1055.004
Asynchronous Procedure Call
T1055.005
Thread Local Storage
T1055.008
Ptrace System Calls
T1055.009
Proc Memory
T1055.011
Extra Window Memory Injection
T1055.012
Process Hollowing
T1055.013
Process Doppelgänging
T1055.014
VDSO Hijacking
T1055.015
ListPlanting

Mitigations and Detections

Mitigations

ID	Mitigation	Description
M1040	Behavior Prevention on Endpoint	Some endpoint security solutions can be configured to block some types of process injection based on common sequences of behavior that occur during the injection process. For example, on Windows 10, Attack Surface Reduction (ASR) rules may prevent Office applications from code injection. [71]
M1026	Privileged Account Management	Utilize Yama (ex: /proc/sys/kernel/yama/ptrace_scope) to mitigate ptrace based process injection by restricting the use of ptrace to privileged users only. Other mitigation controls involve the deployment of security kernel modules that provide advanced access control and process restrictions such as SELinux, grsecurity, and AppArmor.

Detection

ID	Data Source	Data Component	Detects
DS0022	File	File Metadata	Monitor for contextual data about a file, which may include information such as name, the content (ex: signature, headers, or data/media), user/ower, permissions, etc.
		File Modification	Monitor for changes made to files that may inject code into processes in order to evade process-based defenses as well as possibly elevate privileges.
DS0011	Module	Module Load	Monitor DLL/PE file events, specifically creation of these binary files as well as the loading of DLLs into processes. Look for DLLs that are not recognized or not normally loaded into a process.
DS0009	Process	OS API Execution	Monitoring Windows API calls indicative of the various types of code injection may generate a significant amount of data and may not be directly useful for defense unless collected under specific circumstances for known bad sequences of calls, since benign use of API functions may be common and difficult to distinguish from malicious behavior. Windows API calls such as `CreateRemoteThread`, `SuspendThread`/`SetThreadContext`/`ResumeThread`, `QueueUserAPC`/`NtQueueApcThread`, and those that can be used to modify memory within another process, such as `VirtualAllocEx`/`WriteProcessMemory`, may be used for this technique.[72] Monitoring for Linux specific calls such as the ptrace system call should not generate large amounts of data due to their specialized nature, and can be a very effective method to detect some of the common process injection methods.[73] [74] [75] [76]
		Process Access	Monitor for processes being viewed that may inject code into processes in order to evade process-based defenses as well as possibly elevate privileges.
		Process Metadata	Monitor for process memory inconsistencies, such as checking memory ranges against a known copy of the legitimate module.[77]
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Valid Accounts (4)
Virtualization/Sandbox Evasion (3)
Weaken Encryption (2)
XSL Script Processing

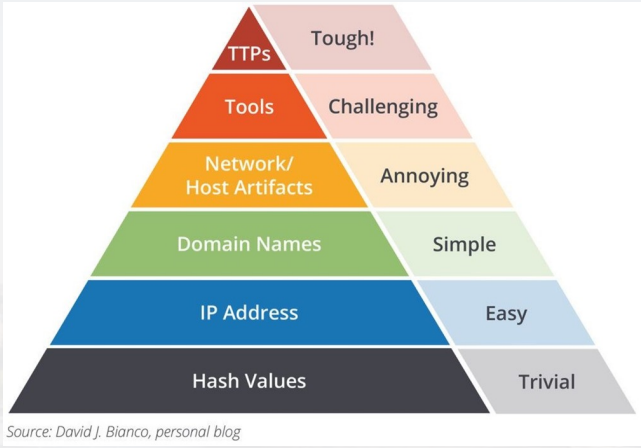
T1055.008	Ptrace System Calls
T1055.009	Proc Memory
T1055.011	Extra Window Memory Injection
T1055.012	Process Hollowing
T1055.013	Process Doppelgänging
T1055.014	VDSO Hijacking
T1055.015	ListPlanting

The process

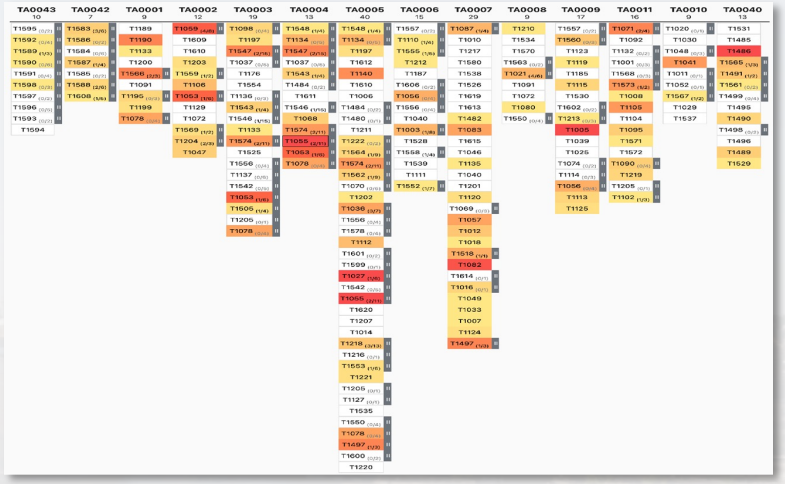
Step 1 – Establish a joint threat model

Intermediate product–
list of threat actors

Step 2 – Fusion of Threat actor (TA) with TTPs in their activities



Step 3 – Create a heatmap of frequency of TA use of TTPs



INPUT

ANALYTICAL PROCESS

OUTPUT

The Result – 15 top reported Techniques from TA list

ATT&CK	Technique	Tactic
T1190	Exploit Public-Facing Application	Initial Access
T1566.001	Phishing: Spearphishing Attachment	Initial Access
T1078	Valid Accounts	Defense Evasion, Persistence, Privilege Escalation, Initial Access
T1059	Command and Scripting Interpreter	Execution
T1204	User Execution	Execution
T1574	Hijack Execution Flow	Persistence, Privilege Escalation, Defense Evasion
T1027	Obfuscated Files or Information	Defense Evasion
T1082	System Information Discovery	Discovery
T1497	Virtualization/Sandbox Evasion	Defense Evasion, Discovery
T1036	Masquerading	Defense Evasion
T1070	Indicator Removal	Defense Evasion
T1005	Data from Local System	Collection
T1071	Application Layer Protocol	Command and Control
T1105	Ingress Tool Transfer	Command and Control
T1489	Service Stop	Impact
T1486	Data Encrypted for impact	Impact

What made this work?

Joint efforts around a known recognized framework – **bring something familiar into a new setting**

Diverse group, with members that have worked in both public and private sectors – **bridges and shared understanding**

Don’t letting the perfect be enemy of the good