Decoding Cyber and IT Security Vulnerabilities in the Era of Big Data

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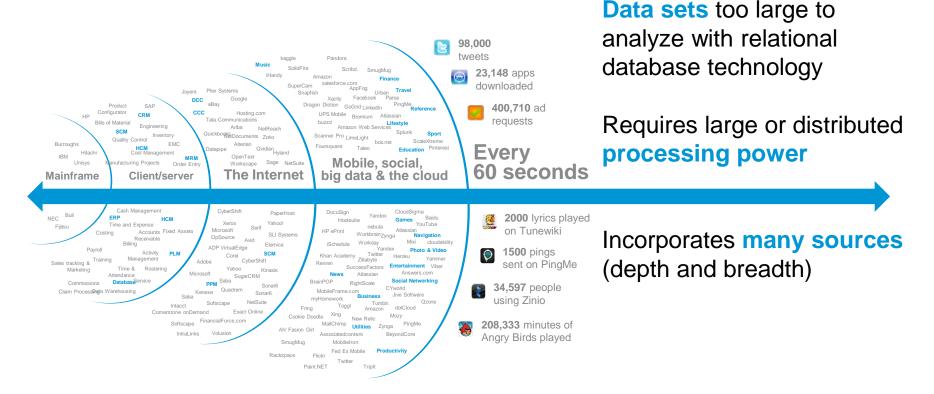
Topics

- The Human Factor
- The Challenges Faced
- What Data Analytics Offers
- Exploitable Vulnerabilities
- Converting Analytics into Actionable Results
- Conclusion





What is big data?





Growing Persistent Threat Vectors

- > Hackers,
- > Crackers,
- > Criminals,
- Hacktavists,
- Idealists,
- > Terrorists,
- > Thieves,
- Disgruntled Employees,
- > Spies,
- Social Engineers
- Nation States
- People in general.....!





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Why Is This So Hard?

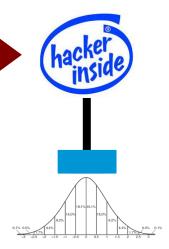
Bad guys know how to stay inside the bell curve.

Known: Easier to detect

- Matches a signature
- Goes to a bad place
- Works in the clear
- Unauthorized Use
- Outside of baseline
- Within monitored infrastructure

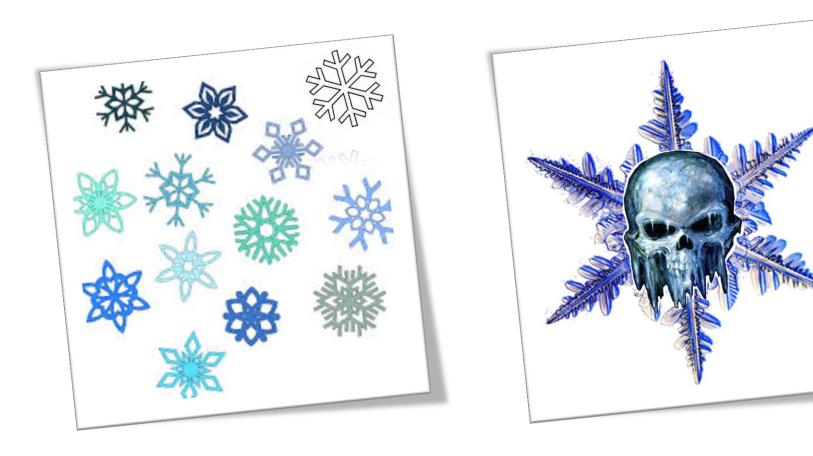
Unknown: Harder to detect

- New behavior
- Goes to an approved place
- Works encrypted
- Authorized Use
- Inside of baseline
- Outside monitored infrastructure





Haystacks, Needles and Snow Flakes





UK is the No. 1 target for Advanced Persistent Threat cyber attacks

A report published by leading security specialist Firefly has discovered that the UK is the number one target for Advanced Persistent Threats. Taking data from the first half of 2014 the report looked at the cyber threat landscape across Europe, the Middle East and Asia (EMEA).



They're in there! Let's find them.



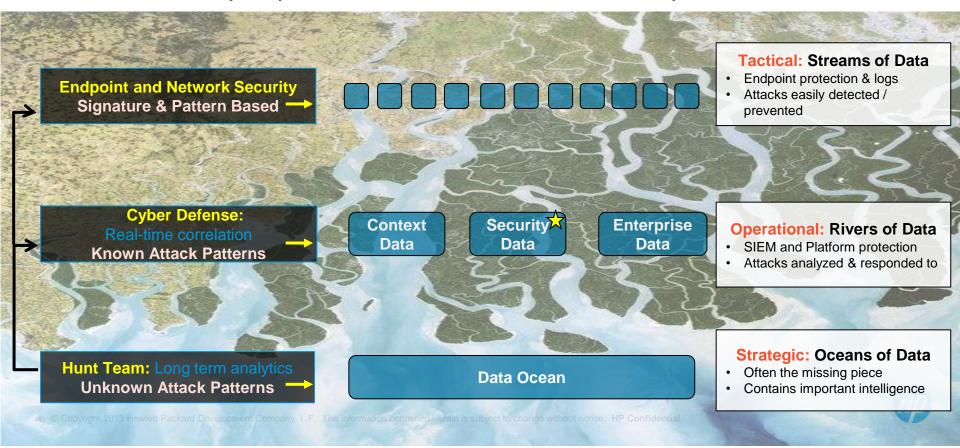
What Stopped Us From This Kind Of Analysis?





The Geography Of Security Detection Has Changed

Data flows in many ways - where should we catch and analyze it?



Visualization Of Big Data – Affinity Group

This example reveals a command and control infrastructure

Business Statement

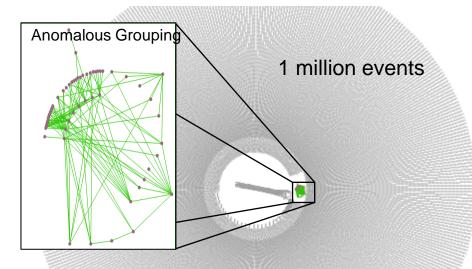
• Find command and control infrastructure in your enterprise

Analytics Statement

- Identify affinity groups
- Investigate anomalous groupings

Findings from Visualization

Hierarchical, highly-resilient C&C infrastructure





Visualization Of Big Data – Scatterplot

This example reveals a low and slow scan

Business Statement

 Find sophisticated port scan activity (distributed, randomized)

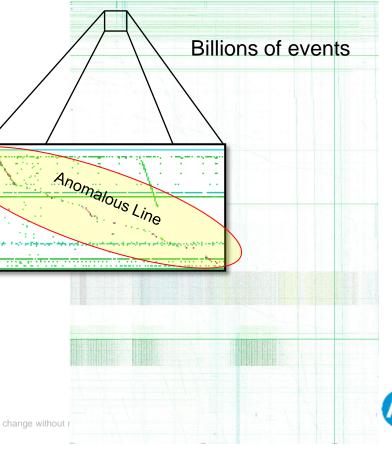
Analytics Statement

 Plot multiple months of data on one scatterplot

Findings from Visualization

• Single multi-week scan from distributed, internal sources indicates advanced attacker





Visualization Of Big Data – Anomaly Chart

This example reveals inappropriate communication (bottom 10 phenomenon)

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Graph filtered from billions of events

Anomalous Line

Business Statement

 Find servers talking to suspicious hosts outside the network

Analytics Statement

 Plot all suspicious successful communications and review

Findings from Visualization

- A host communicated w/ suspicious external website
- Unique in that no other host in the environment has ever talked to this external website



Applying big data to security challenges

Incorporate Unstructured data

Enhance security monitoring to develop improved intelligence capability

Use Cases

Email monitoring, social network monitoring, behavioral analysis

Security Operations

Leverage big data analytics for investigation, research, and real-time alerting





Information security challenges

Primary Challenges

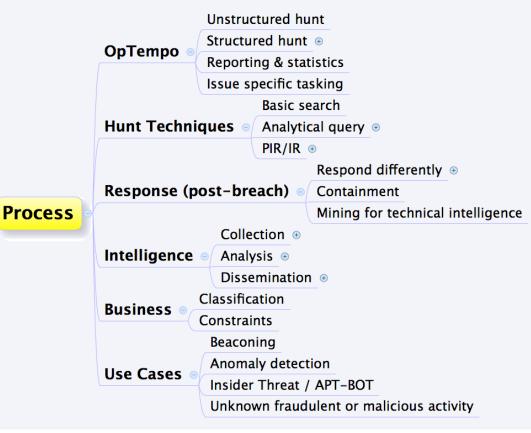


Nature & Motivation of Attacks (Fame \rightarrow fortune, market adversary)





Hunt Team - The Way To Operationalize Analytics







Your Hunt Team Needs A 2-Sided Skill Set

Roles and Personas

Security Specialist:

- The "go to" person to get to the bottom of any major security incidents and would be responsible for actively hunting for indicators of breach
- This person understand and researched hyper-current attacker tactics, techniques and procedures

Data Scientist:

Security

- Knowledgeable to run specialized queries. Tasked to regularly find interesting anomalies or affinities in the data to review with the security specialist.
- This person optimizes tooling/searches, finding patterns that can increase risk probability factors and finding common patterns in attacks.





Social media monitoring for insider threats

Kobalt Systems not what it used to be"

★★★★★ Current Presales Engineer in Washington, DC – Reviewed Feb 11, 2013

Pros – The company is full of smart people and excellent technology. The benefits are very good and so are the perks (snacks, drinks, happy hour, etc.).

Cons – Excessively political. The ability to get something completed is based on who you know in the company. The training program is inadequate to successfully prepare one to be successful. I'm a presales engineer in the east and have been neglected by my management. I am strongly considering working for a competitor.

Advice to Senior Management – Focus more on people development and less on politics. Too often people are promoted based on personal relationships and not industry expertise.



Social media monitoring for insider threats

😡 Active Channel: Presales Engineers - Recent Activity

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 14 Feb 2013 05:54:00 PST

 End Time:
 14 Feb 2013 07:55:00 PST

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Inline Filter: No Filter

Radar

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Conclusions

- Big Data Analytics coming to a SOC near you!
- Will enhance (but not replace) SIEM technology
- Will be leveraged for network, user, and fraud monitoring
- Will become more real time and predictive

• Will increase need to hire resources trained in data analytics & discovery

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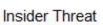


Universal Log Management



Advanced Persistent Threat







Application & Transaction Monitoring





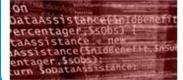
Data Privacy & Data Loss Monitoring



Software Security Assurance (SSA)



Perimeter & Network Security



Compliance & Risk Management





Thank you!

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