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Cyber Threat Intelligence

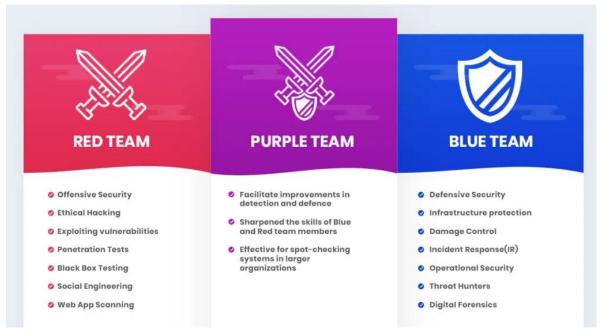


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- Blue teams defend an organization from attacks and simulate incident response teams by following company policies and using existing resources
- Red teams simulate or actually conduct pentesting and threat hunting attacks to test the effectiveness of an organization's security — sometimes including physical security, social engineering, and other non-ITrelated methods
- Purple teams blend both roles as a mixed team or as a team that simply facilitates collaboration and communication between the blue and red teams

Surface Web vs Deep Web vs Dark Web

Importance of Understanding the Differences Between Surface Web vs Deep Web vs Dark Web



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Data Leak vs Data Breach

Data Leak is when sensitive data is unknowingly exposed to the public

Data Breach is an event caused by a cyberattack



Indicators of Compromise (IoCs)

Indicators of compromise (IoCs) are the clues, artifact, and pieces of forensic data found on the network or operating system of an organization that indicate a potential intrusion or malicious activity in the organization's infrastructure.

IoCs are not intelligence, although they do act as a good source of information regarding the threats that serve as data points in the intelligence process.

Security professionals need to perform continuous monitoring of IoCs to effectively and efficiently detect and respond to evolving cyber threats.

Categories of indicators of Compromise (IoCs)



Email Indicators

Are used to send malicious data to target organization or individual.

Examples include the sender's email address, email subject, and attachments or link.



Network Indicators

Are useful for command and control, malware, malware delivery, identifying the operating system, and other task.

Examples include URLs, domain names, and IP addresses.



Host-Based Indicators

Are found by performing an analysis of the infected system within the organizational network.

Examples include filenames, file hashes, registry keys, DLLs, and mutex.



Behavioral Indicators

Are used to identify specific behavior related to malicious activities.

Examples of behavioral indicators include document executing PowerShell script, and remote command execution.

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IoCs Lifecycle Analyze Data Extract loCs Collection **Identify**



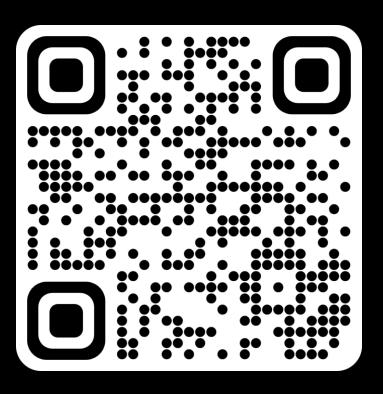
Identify Affected System

Deploy IoCs



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Information gathering in cyber threat intelligence

One of the main activities of cyber threat intelligence is represented by the **collection** and analysis of data and information, which can typically take place at the OSINT level but also at the CLOSINT level.



- OSINT, acronym for Open Source Intelligence, refers to the process of collecting information from open sources and in the public domain, after screening for reliability and reliability;
- CLOSINT, an acronym for Close Source Intelligence, refers to the process of gathering information from closed sources, not accessible to the public.

Types of Threat Intelligence Gathering: HUMINT

Human Intelligence (HUMINT) is one of the many disciplines of information-gathering, one of the oldest ones. It relies on people, so it requires almost no technological product. The collection of information can be in the form of questioning people, but also in the form of espionage.



Types of Threat Intelligence Gathering: GEOINT / IMINT

Geospatial Intelligence (GEOINT) and Imagery Intelligence (IMINT), help you keep track of any satellite system's activity, and check for vulnerabilities as well.

GEOINT is the type of information-gathering discipline that evaluates geospatial information related to activities happening on the earth. Sources like satellites, maps, signals, and even IMINT sources help you get GEOINT information.



Types of Threat Intelligence Gathering: MASINT

Measurement and Signature Intelligence (MASINT) is a discipline more focused on industrial activities. It is information gathered from sensors that record signatures of set targets.

Different electro-optical sources, radars, acoustic sensors, and similar, are examples of how MASINT can be collected. MASINT also leverages data used from IMINT and SIGINT as well.

The collected information using MASINT describes characteristics of events like nuclear explosions. It also finds obscure features of weapon systems. As you can understand, military services are the ones that leverage this type of information-gathering discipline more than other services.



Types of Threat Intelligence Gathering: SOCMINT

Social Media Intelligence (SOCMINT) is information gathered from different social networking sites. This discipline falls under OSINT because it is mainly open-source information.

SOCMINT is very helpful for getting information about a company, its employees, potential partners, and being on track with their activities. Not just that, organizations can also track discussions that threat actors do about them, and be aware in case any of these discussions intends reputational damage.

Possible sources where you can gather SOCMINT information are all social networking sites that most of us use every day.



Types of Threat Intelligence Gathering: COMINT

Communication Intelligence (COMINT), is used to obtain information regarding the sender, receiver, location, time, duration, and similar other data from an interception of foreign communication. Airwaves, cable, fiber optics, and other mediums are examples of COMINT sources.



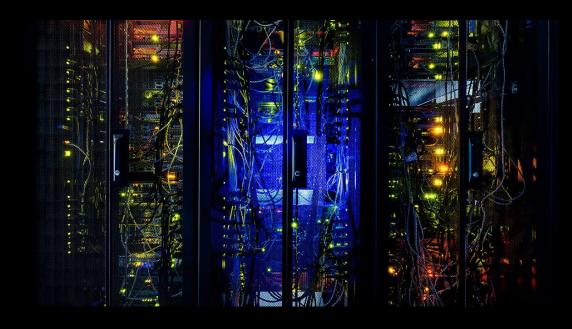
Types of Threat Intelligence Gathering

TECHINT

Technical Intelligence (TECHINT), helps you to obtain better knowledge regarding adversary technical capabilities. It gives you the option to develop technological advantage and effective countermeasures.

Adversary equipment is the main source for gathering TECHINT. And this is why this discipline is highly effective.

Other sources can be satellites, technical research papers, and even human contact. Since the information comes directly from the adversary, it is extremely useful to neutralize the adversary's technological advantages.



Types of Threat Intelligence Gathering

FININT

Financial Intelligence (FININT) helps organizations obtain information about the adversary's monetary transactions.

Possible sources for gathering this kind of information are, of course, banks, SWIFT, and usually the Financial Intelligence Unit (FIU).

Information gathered from FININT helps your company predict the adversary's intentions and know its financial sources.



Cyber security threat intelligence is often broken down into four subcategories:

Strategic

Intelligence explains threats for a nontechnical audience



Tactical

Intelligence describes threat conditions for technical audience



Technical

Intelligence focuses on specific threat techniques



Operational

Intelligence details hacker information and intent





It aims to identify potential cyber attacks and their consequences in order to communicate them to a non-technical public, as in the case of decision makers who do not have in-depth skills in the field of cybersecurity, nor do they actually deal with these tasks in the company but are decisive in allocating the necessary funds so that the security activities are carried out in the best way.





The focus of the tactical component lies in detecting the behaviors, techniques and procedures that cybercriminals adopt to shape their deadly threats. The target audience in this case is made up of those who operate at the forefront of IT security, with specific technical skills, to protect systems and data from IT attacks.



The technical approach of threat intelligence focuses above all on the possible indicators of a cyber attack, with particular attention to what are called social engineering attacks, which aim to exploit the ignorance and carelessness of employees to obtain confidential information and data sensitive, such as login credentials for financial services, as well as proceeding with actual identity theft. A classic example is all the activity that revolves around phishing and all its sub-variants.

Operational

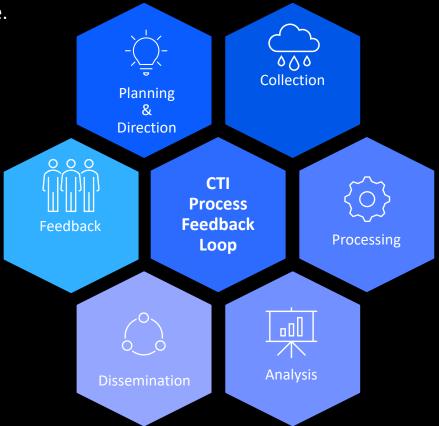


Another type of threat intelligence derives from a distinctly operational approach, capable of making extensive use of data science. First of all, it is essential to acquire data from a wide variety of sources.

The importance of threat intelligence in today's world can hardly be overlooked. The following

are the phases of the threat intelligence lifecycle.

- 1. Planning & Direction
- 2. Collection
- 3. Processing
- 4. Analysis
- 5. Dissemination
- 6. Feedback



1. Planning & Direction



This phase focuses on setting goals for the threat intelligence program. This includes:

- Understand which aspects of the organization need to be protected and possibly prioritize them.
- Identify what type of threat intelligence the organization needs to protect its assets and respond to threats.
- Understand the impact of a data breach on your organization.

2. Collection



This phase concerns the aggregation of data to support the objectives and goals set in Phase 1. Data quantity and quality are both crucial to avoiding not catching serious threatening events or being misled by false positives. At this stage, organizations need to identify their data sources, which includes:

- Metadata from internal networks and security devices
- Threats to data feeds from credible cybersecurity organizations
- Talks with updated stakeholders
- New open source sites and blogs

3. Processing $\{\circ\}$



All collected data needs to be converted into a format that the organization can use. Different methods of data collection require different processing tools. For example, data from interviews with people may need to be verified and cross-referenced with other data.

4. Analysis



Once the analysis operations have been completed, the key recommendations and conclusions must be disseminated among the main stakeholders within the company. Within the company, different teams will have different needs. For effective distribution, it is important to understand what kind of intelligence different audiences need, in what format and how often.

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Feedback from stakeholders will help improve the threat intelligence program and ensure that it reflects the demands and goals of each group.

The term "life cycle" emphasizes that threat intelligence is not a linear and univocal process. On the contrary, it is a circular and repetitive process that organizations use for constant improvement.

Benefits of Cyber Threat Intelligence



Correctly applied, threat intelligence provides you the chance to proactively allay your most unrelenting threats, instead of just responding to attacks or a stream of incoming alerts. This occurs by comprehending your cyber risk and raising effectiveness and confidence in your security processes.

Here are some key benefits of threat intelligence:

- 1. Comprehending Your Cyber Risk
- 2. Performing Efficient Security Operations
- 3. Other Important Benefits:



- Identify leaked credentials.
- Prioritize vulnerability remediation.
- Monitor for mentions of your brand online.
- Uncover emerging threats.
- Track hacktivist activity in your industry.
- Study threat actor tactics, techniques, and procedures (TTPs).

How TI is performed



Commercial Tools



Open-Source Tools



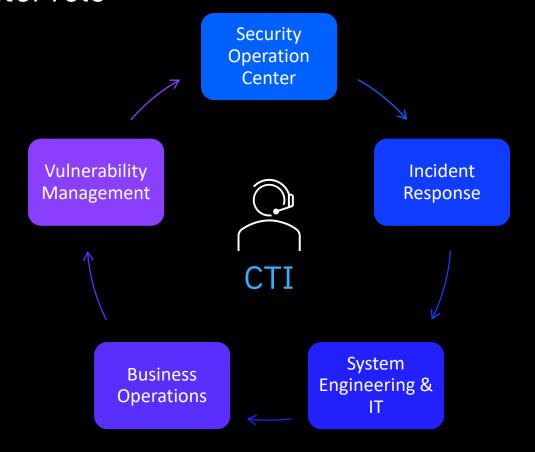
Community Platforms



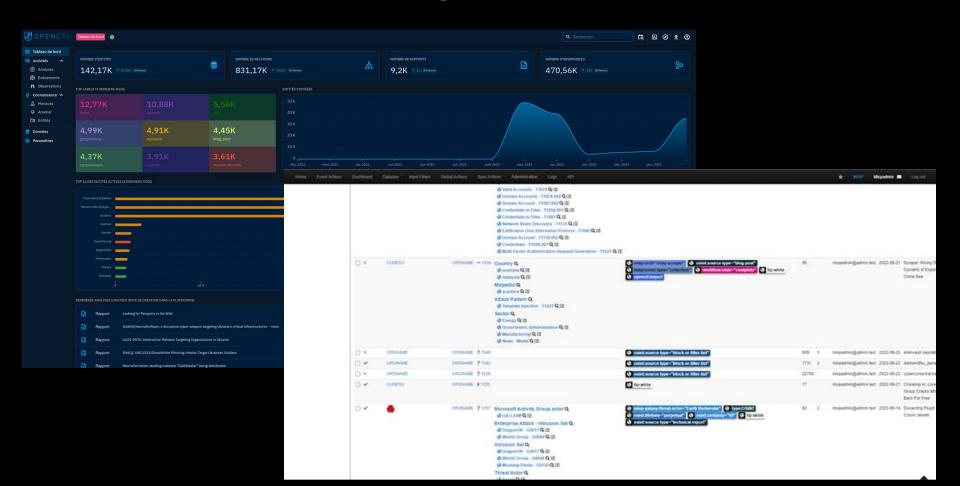
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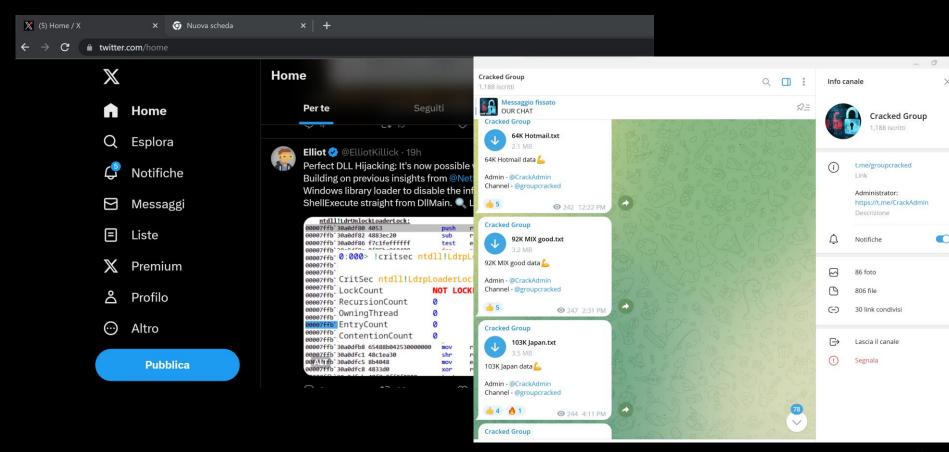
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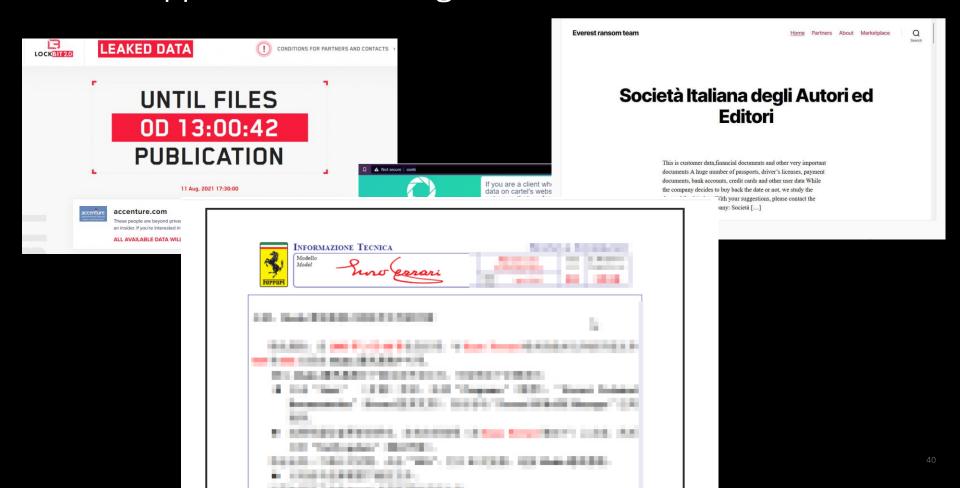
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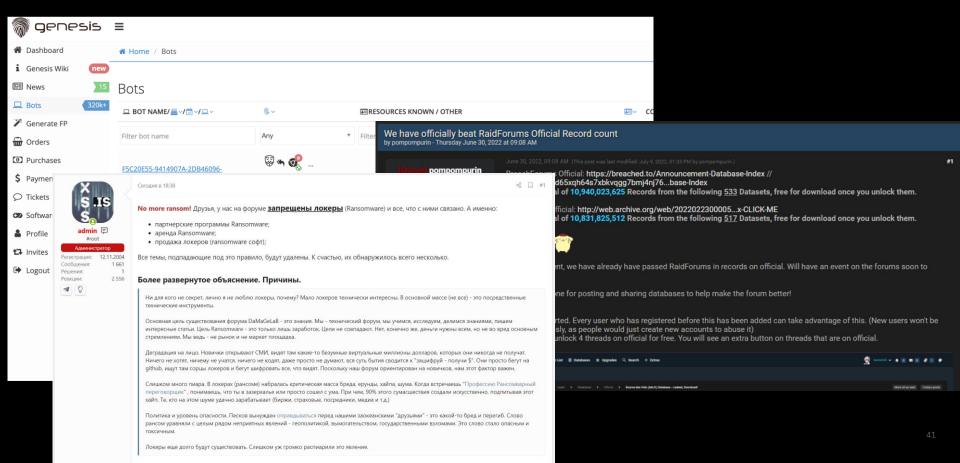
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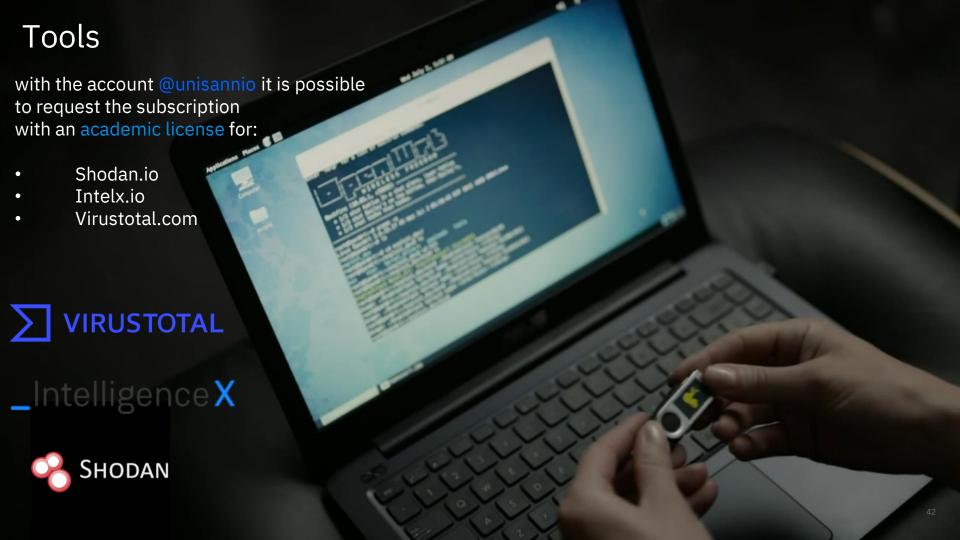


Tool to support Threat Intelligence – Ransomware Monitor

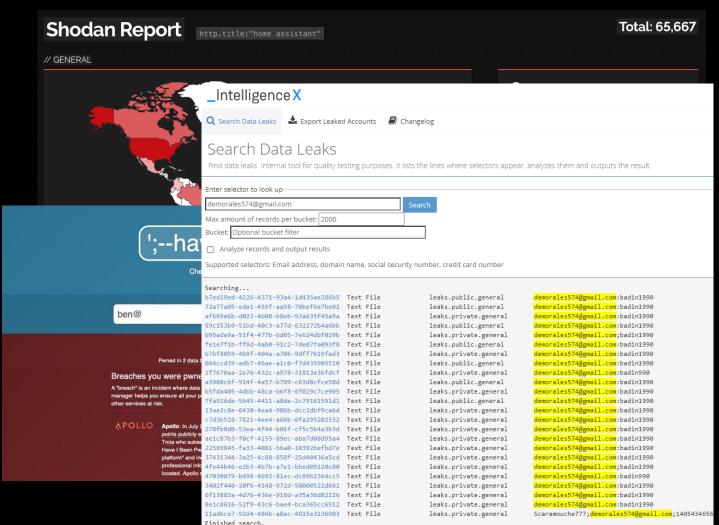


Tool to support Threat Intelligence – Dark Market





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- Haveibeenpwned
- IntelX



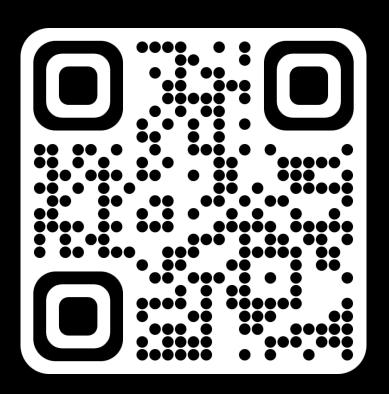
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Question and Answer



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