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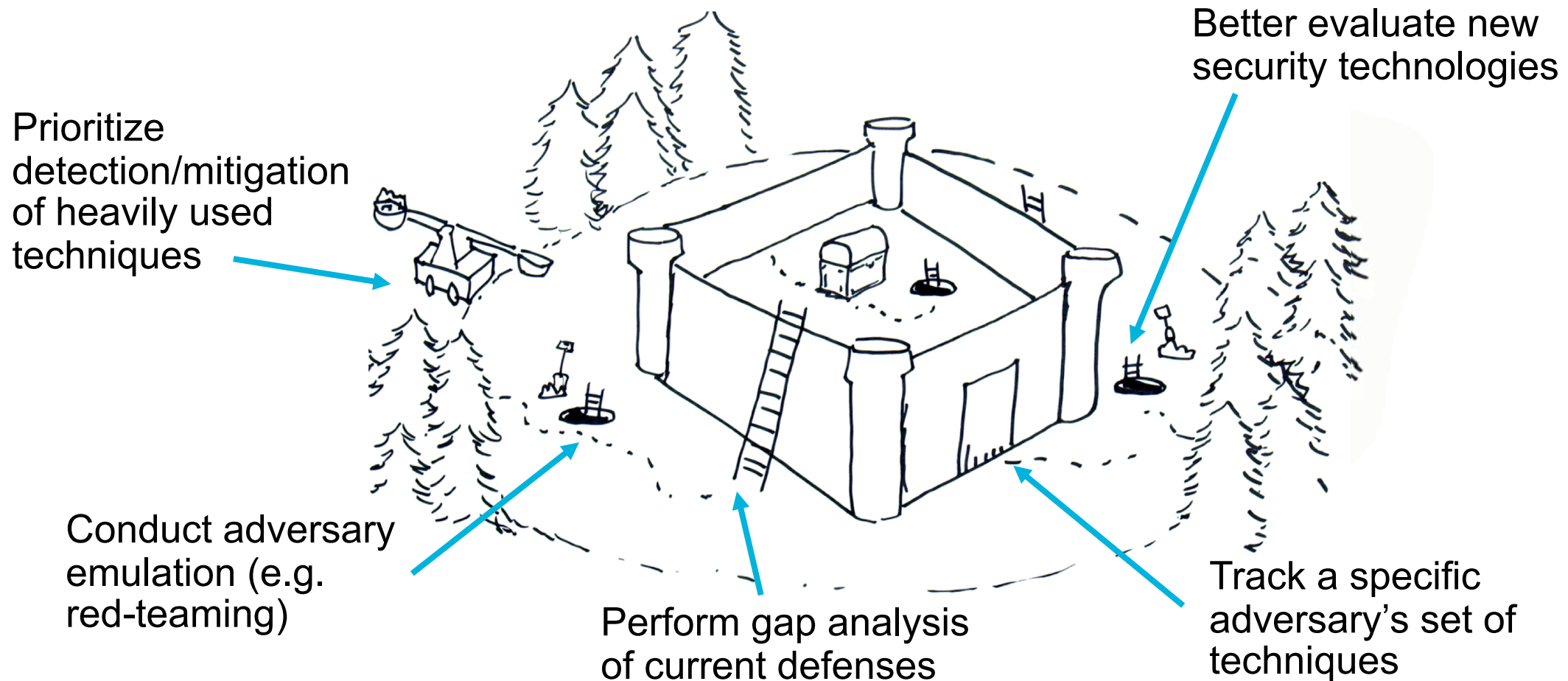
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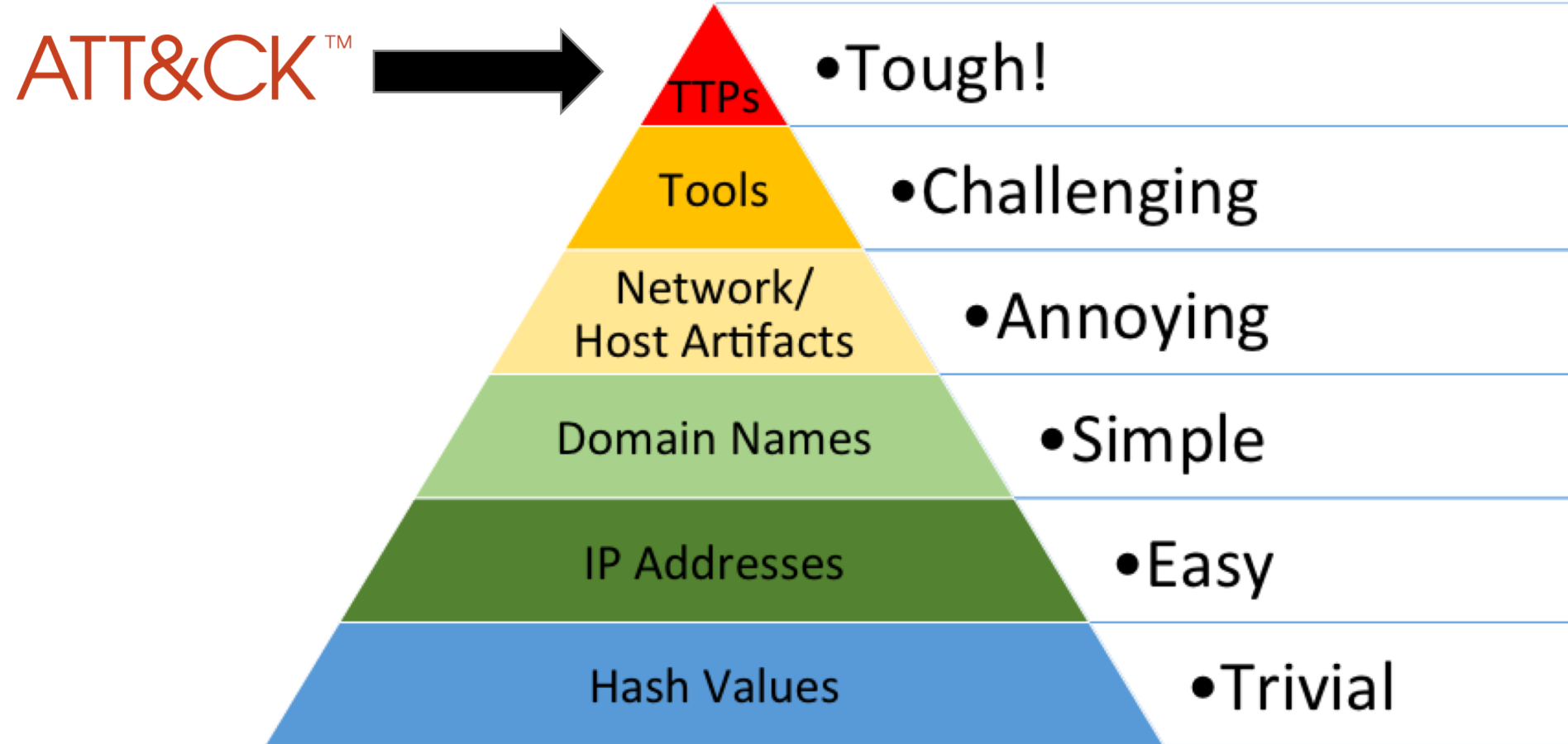
Cybersecurity should be *threat-informed*

Knowledge of my adversary can help me...



Bianco's Pyramid of ^{adversary} Pain

Difficulty/cost for the adversary to modify their attacks



Source: David Bianco
<https://detect-respond.blogspot.com/2013/03/the-pyramid-of-pain.html>

ATT&CK™

ATT&CK™ is a globally-accessible knowledge base of adversary tactics and techniques, developed by MITRE based on real-world observations of adversaries' operations.

ATT&CK™ is increasingly being used by the community as a common way to describe adversary behavior.

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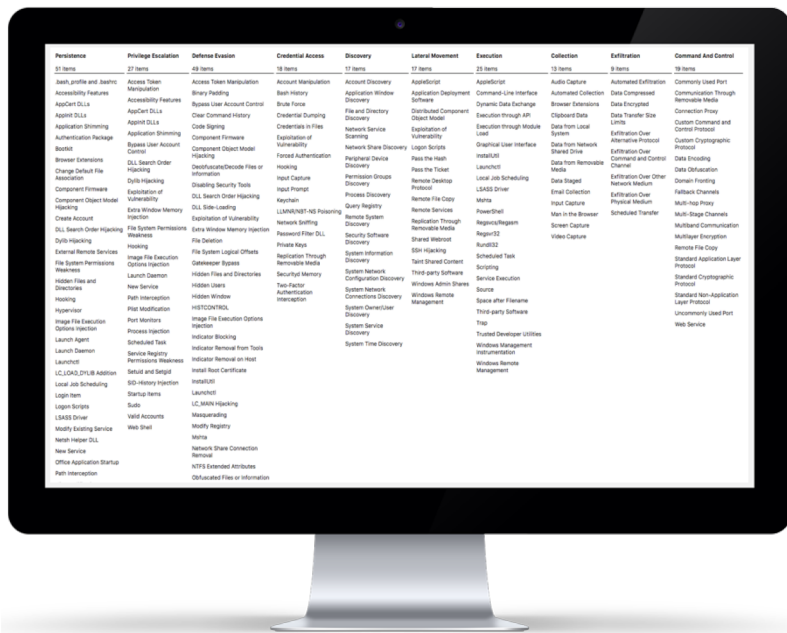
Persistence	Privilege Escalation	Defense Evasion	Credential Access	Discovery	Lateral Movement	Execution	Collection	Exfiltration	Command & Control
DLL Search Order Hijacking			Brute Force	Account Discovery	Windows Remote Management		Audio Capture	Automated Exfiltration	Commonly Used Port
Legitimate Credentials			Credential Dumping	Application Window Discovery	Third-party Software		Automated Collection	Data Compressed	Communication Through Removable Media
Accessibility Features		Binary Padding			Clipboard Data	Data Encrypted	Connection Proxy		
Appinit DLLs		Code Signing	Application Deployment Software	Command-Line Execution through API				Data Staged	Data Transfer Size Limits
Local Port Monitor		Component Firmware	File and Directory Discovery	Exploitation of Vulnerability	Execution through Module Load	Data from Local System	Exfiltration Over Alternative Protocol	Custom Command and Control Protocol	
New Service		DLL Side-Loading				Local Network Configuration Discovery			Graphical User Interface
Path Interception		Disabling Security Tools	Input Capture	Logon Scripts	Pass the Hash	Data from Removable Media	Exfiltration Over Command and Control Channel	Custom Cryptographic Protocol	
Scheduled Task		File Deletion	Network Sniffing	Pass the Ticket	MSBuild				
File System Permissions Weakness		File System Logical Offsets	Two-Factor Authentication Interception	Local Network Connections Discovery	Remote Desktop Protocol	PowerShell	Email Collection	Exfiltration Over Other Network Medium	Data Encoding
Service Registry Permissions Weakness				Indicator Blocking	Network Service Scanning	Remote File Copy			Process Hollowing
Web Shell		Exploitation of Vulnerability			Remote Services	Regsvcs/Regasm	Screen Capture	Exfiltration Over Physical Medium	Multi-Stage Channels
Authentication Package	Bypass User Account Control			Replication Through Removable Media	Regsvr32	Video Capture	Scheduled Transfer		Multiband Communication
Bootkit	DLL Injection			Permission Groups Discovery	Shared Webroot	Scheduled Task		Multilayer Encryption	
Component Object Model Hijacking	Component Object Model Hijacking			Process Discovery	Taint Shared Content	Scripting		Remote File Copy	
Basic Input/Output System	Indicator Removal from Tools			Query Registry	Windows Admin Shares	Service Execution		Standard Application Layer Protocol	
Change Default File Association	Indicator Removal on Host			Remote System Discovery		Windows Management Instrumentation		Standard Cryptographic Protocol	
Component Firmware	Install Root Certificate			Security Software Discovery				Standard Non-Application Layer Protocol	
External Remote Services	InstallUtil			System Information Discovery				Uncommonly Used Port	
Hypervisor	Masquerading			System Owner/User Discovery				Web Service	
Logon Scripts	Modify Registry			System Service Discovery					
Modify Existing Service	MSBuild			System Time Discovery					
Netsh Helper DLL	Network Share Removal								
Redundant Access	NTFS Extended Attributes								
Registry Run Keys / Start Folder	Obfuscated Files or Information								
Security Support Provider	Process Hollowing								
Shortcut Modification	Redundant Access								
Windows Management Instrumentation Event Subscription	Regsvcs/Regasm								
Winlogon Helper DLL	Regsvr32								
	Rootkit								
	Rundll32								
	Scripting								
	Software Packing								
	Timestamp								

Tactic: Adversary's technical goal
Technique: How adversary achieves the goal

Example of Technique: New Service

- **Description:** When operating systems boot up, they can start programs or applications called services that perform background system functions. ... Adversaries may install a new service which will be executed at startup by directly modifying the registry or by using tools.
- **Platform:** Windows
- **Permissions required:** Administrator, SYSTEM
- **Effective permissions:** SYSTEM
- **Detection:**
 - Monitor service creation through changes in the Registry and common utilities using command-line invocation
 - Tools such as Sysinternals Autoruns may be used to detect system changes that could be attempts at persistence
 - Monitor processes and command-line arguments for actions that could create services
- **Mitigation:**
 - Limit privileges of user accounts and remediate [Privilege Escalation](#) vectors
 - Identify and block unnecessary system utilities or potentially malicious software that may be used to create services
- **Data Sources:** Windows Registry, process monitoring, command-line parameters
- **Examples:** *Carbanak, Lazarus Group, TinyZBot, Duqu, CozyCar, CosmicDuke, hcdLoader, ...*

ATT&CK Spans Multiple Technology Domains



Enterprise: Windows, Linux, Mac



Mobile: Android, iOS



PRE-ATT&CK: left of exploit behaviors

Key use cases...

- **Guide threat hunting campaigns**
- **Emulate adversaries to measure defenses against relevant threats**
- **Leverage *threat intelligence* to prioritize technique detection**
- **Remediate gaps by mapping solutions back to ATT&CK techniques**



ATT&CK can help you...

Develop Analytics

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processes = search Process:Create
reg = filter processes where (exe == "reg.exe" and parent_exe == "cmd.exe")
cmd = filter processes where (exe == "cmd.exe" and parent_exe != "explorer.exe")
reg_and_cmd = join (reg, cmd) where (reg.ppid == cmd.ppid and reg.hostname == cmd.hostname)
output reg_and_cmd

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See The Threat

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Assess Your Defenses

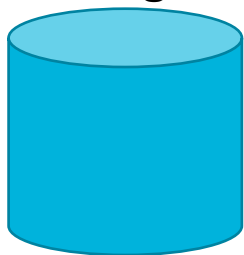
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Emulate Adversaries

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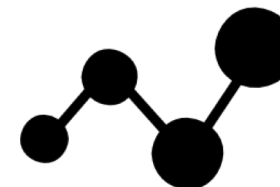
Some ATT&CK Resources

Public ATT&CK Knowledge Base



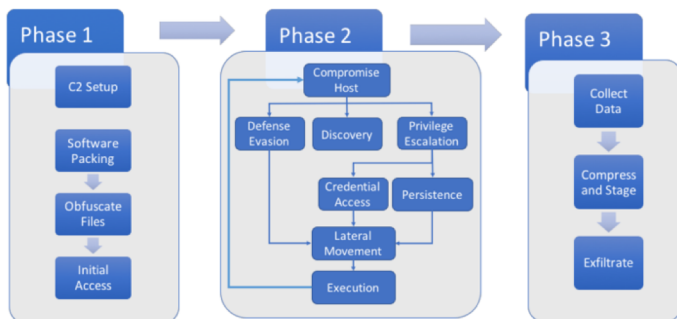
Automated Adversary Emulation (Caldera)

Automated Blue Team Investigations (Cascade)

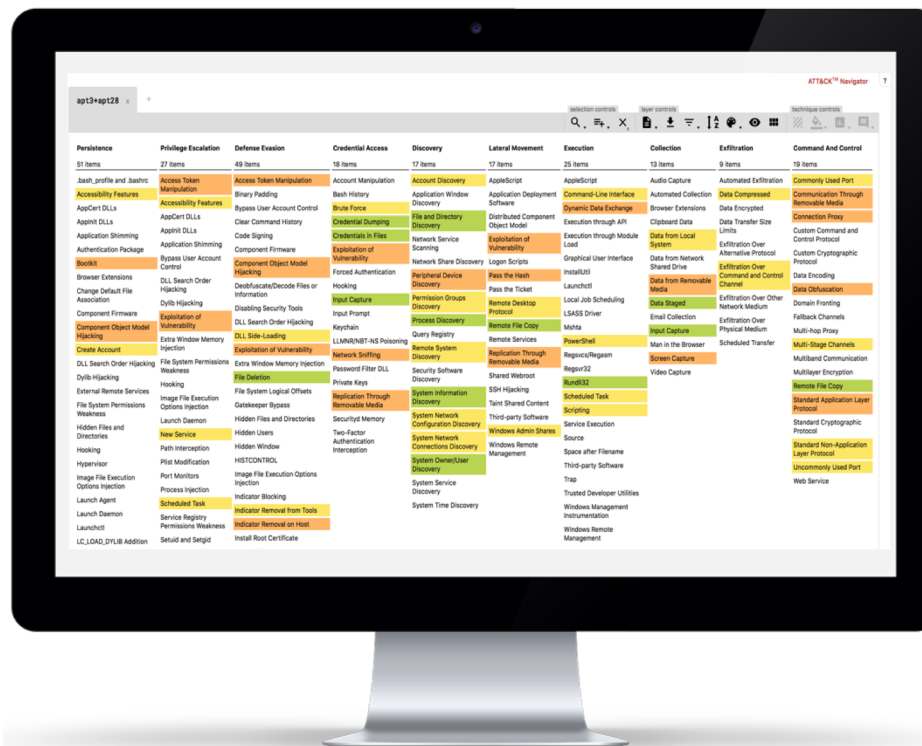


Adversary Emulation Plans

APT 3 Emulation Plan



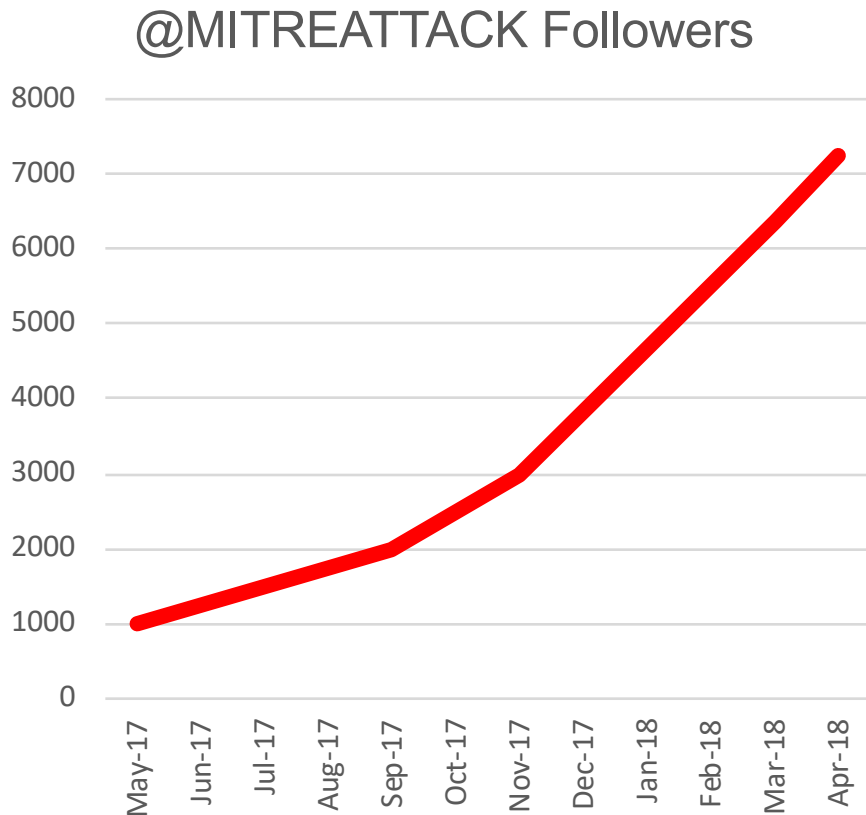
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ATT&CK Navigator visualization tool



ATT&CK: A Growing Community



- **Endgame** - links to ATT&CK within the Endgame platform.
- **Tripwire** – aligns reporting against ATT&CK
- **Cobalt Strike** - ATT&CK [reporting](#)
- **Palo Alto Networks** - ATT&CK-based adversary [playbook viewer](#)
- **AttackIQ** - organization of scenarios and tests to ATT&CK.
- **Red Canary** - [Atomic Red Team](#) use of ATT&CK
- **CERT Australia** – aligns threat reporting for CIKR to ATT&CK
- And many more...

What's next for ATT&CK?



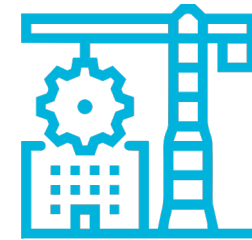
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technology
domains (where
appropriate)**



**Continue to expand
the ATT&CK
community**



**Open up the
development
and governance
of ATT&CK**



**Invest in additional
infrastructure to
make ATT&CK
easier to use**

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