

Aviation Cyber Threat Landscape

ICAO NACC/SAM Seminar

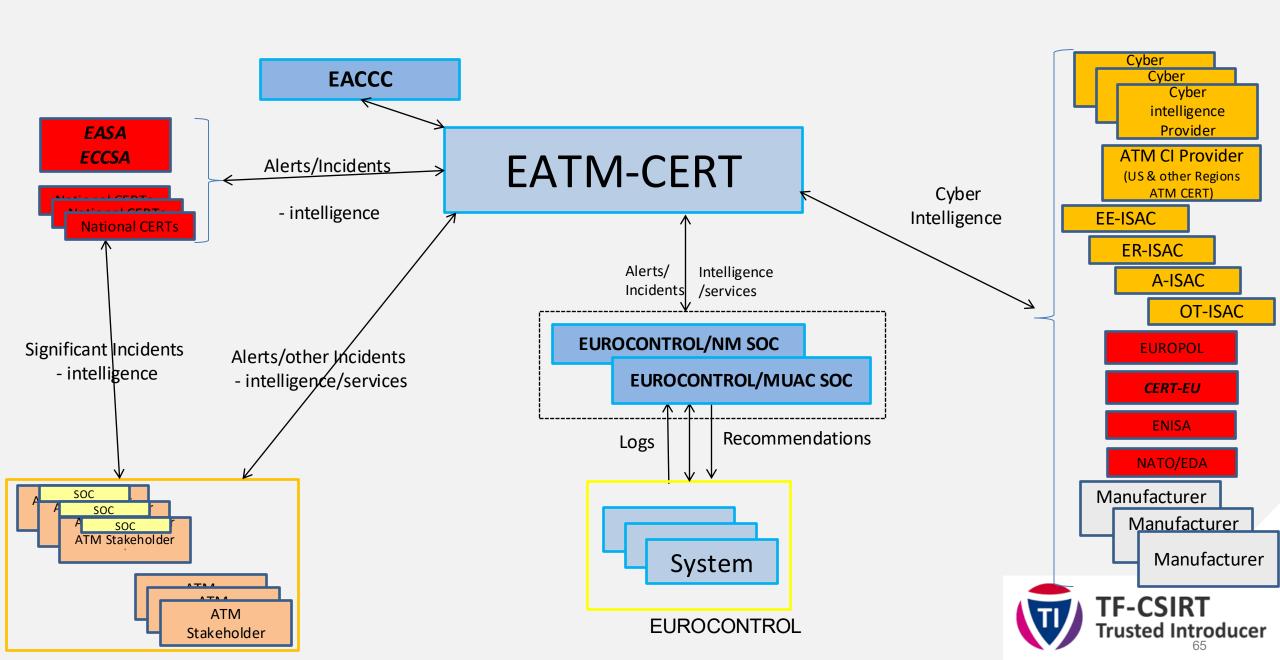
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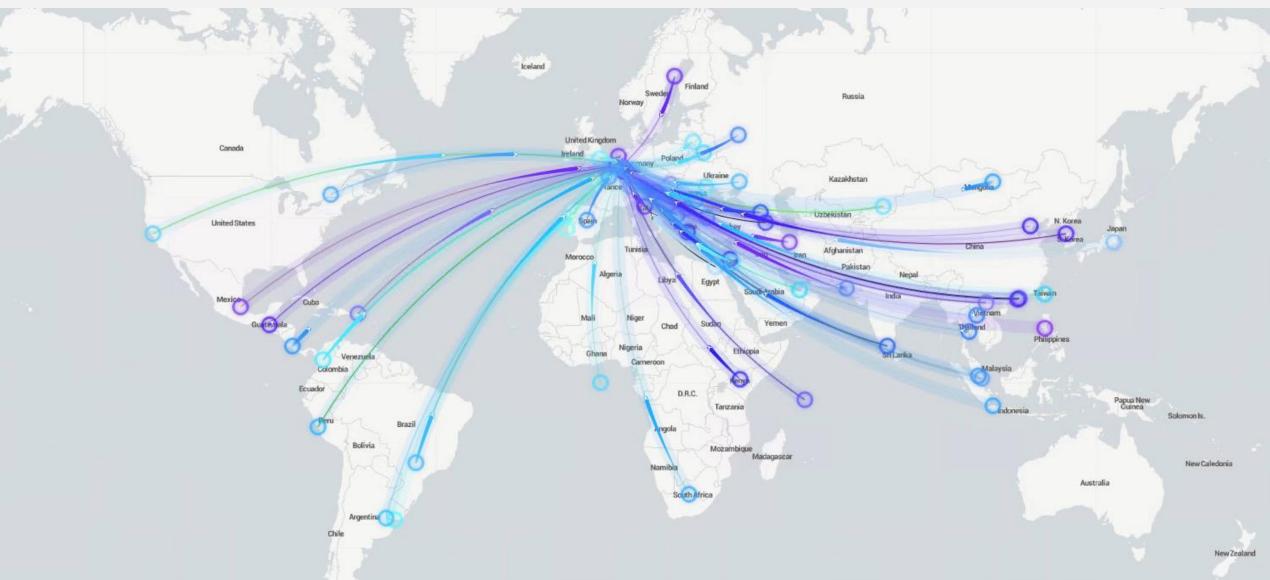
Regional sectorial CERT: combine cyber and domain expertise



EATM-CERT services

- Penetration test (EUROCONTROL services & products + Aviation stakeholders)
- Bank transfer scams via email
- Credentials leaks detection
- 4. Sensitive info leaks detection
- 5. Cyber Threat Intelligence (CTI) and feeds for aviation
 - Weekly briefing
 - 2. Quarterly cyber threat landscape report for senior management
 - 3. Annual report "cyber in aviation"
 - 4. TLP:CLEAR CTI tools raising awareness Cyber events map
 - 5. Alerts: MISP cyber info sharing platform & email
- 6. Support to incident response / Artefacts analysis
- 7. Vulnerability scanning of Aviation Stakeholders
- 8. Training exercises (table-top & technical) EATM-CERT CTF, Room42
- 9. Phishing awareness campaigns
- 10. Test of Anti-DDOS solutions









The report is TLP:GREEN











Dataset - Year 2023

6.320 incidents/events

- EUROCONTROL/EATM-CERT services
- Aviation stakeholders
- Publicly reported events (90)

2024: collection phase completed by end of March

- Equivalent number of input
- Analysis on-going





Airport 19% Airspace user 60%

Figure 1: 2023 Attack surface

6.320 events – worldwide aviation

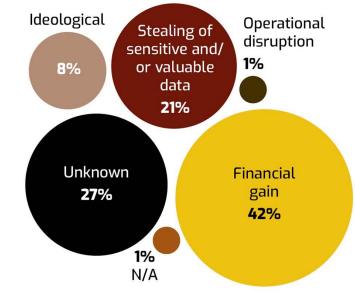


Figure 2: Threat actor motivation

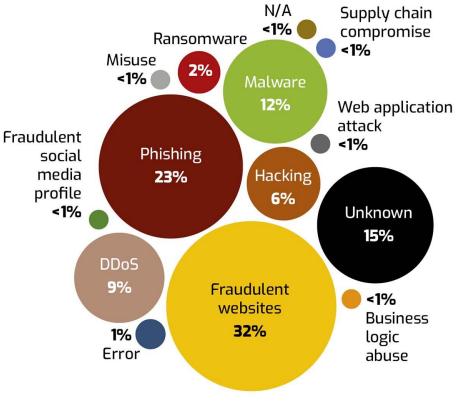
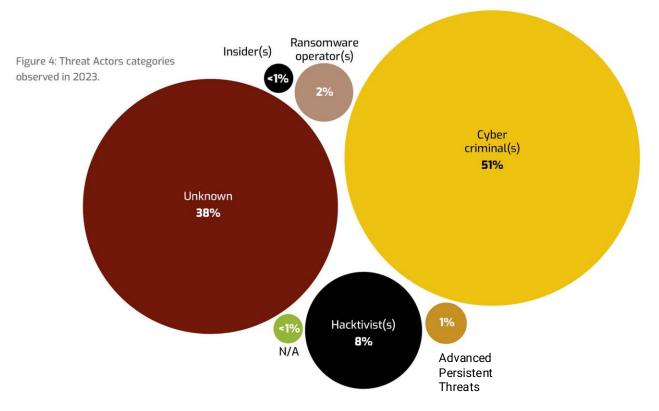
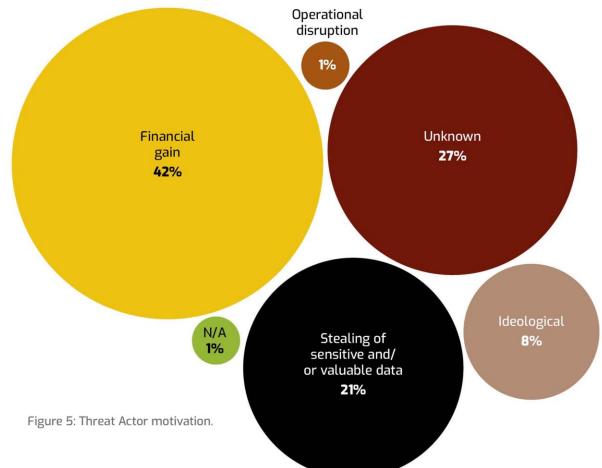


Figure 3: 2023 Adversaries Threat Vector





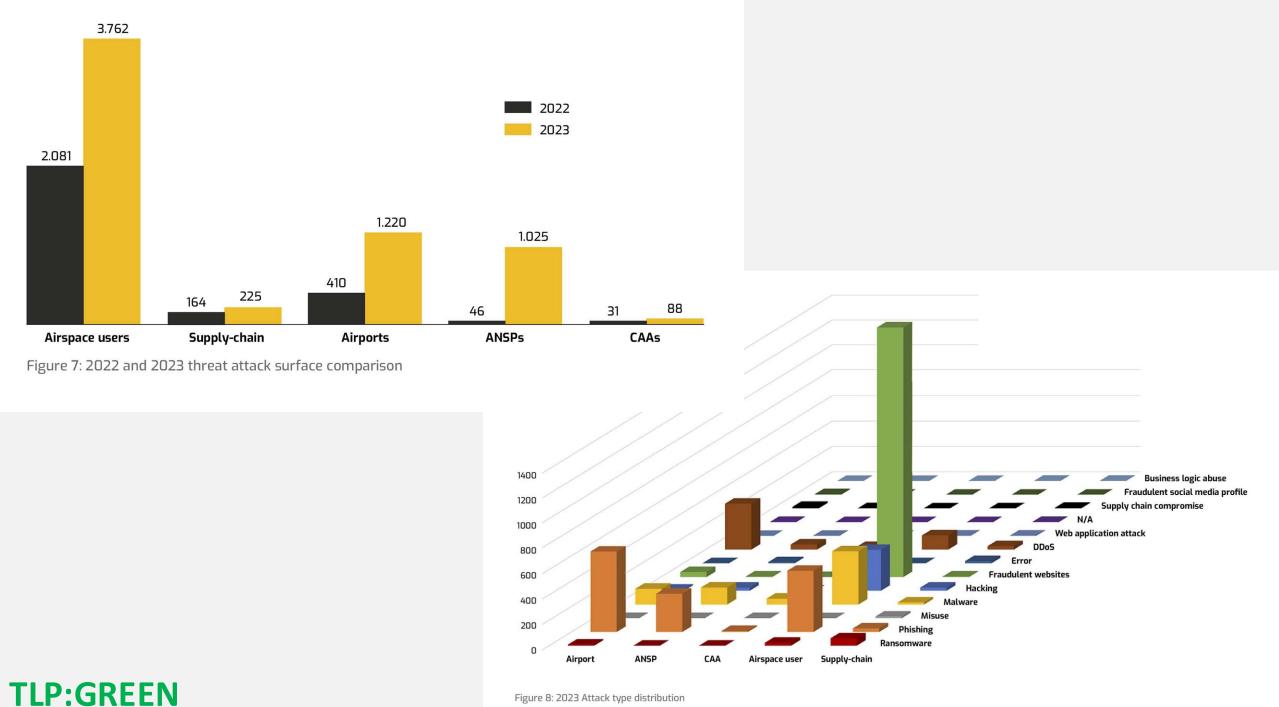


Figure 8: 2023 Attack type distribution

Motivation and Cost to Compromise

Cybercrime

Malware Products			Compromised Hosts		
Account Stealer		\$ 32 - \$ 324	Asia	1000	\$ 20
Bank Trojan		\$ 1,273 - \$ 3,956	NA/EU 1000 Mix 1000		\$ 200 - \$ 270 \$ 35
Basic Malware Kit Advanced Malware Kit		\$ 323 \$ 97 /month \$ 258 /year	Handpicked Stolen Data Products Credit Card US Credit Card EU / Asia		\$
		\$ 450 /week \$ 1,800 /month			\$ 4 - 8 \$ 12 - 18
Custom Kit		\$ 323 - \$ 8,075	Credit Card ± 57 Asia		\$ 19- 28
Malware vs AV checks		\$ 20	US Fullz (ID, SSN, address,)		\$ 25
Zero-day money back guarantee		+10%		EU Fullz (ID, SSN, address,)	
Command & Control Rental			Bank Account + credentials (\$70k+)		\$ 20 - 300
Bulletproof VPN Bulletproof hosting Bulletproof domains/fast flux Custom C&C		\$ 25 /month \$ 50 /month \$ 50 /month \$ 1000 -	Professional Services		
			Doxing / Targ	eting 1 person	\$ 25 - 1000
			Fake bank site		\$ 81 - 1000
DDOS Services			File Cracking	zip, xls,	\$ 45
DDOS kit rental	1 month 6 months 1 year	\$ 81 \$ 161 \$ 258	•	Personal email Corporate email Website	\$ 47 \$ 81 \$ 100 - \$ 300
DDOS service / day	1 GB 10 GB	\$ 16 \$ 161	Coordinator / remote support		\$ 50 / hour
	DNS server	-	Zero Day exploit		\$ 500 - 250,000



Cybersecurity in Ae Source: RAND, Forbes, Verizon, TrendMicro

Ransomware on aviation

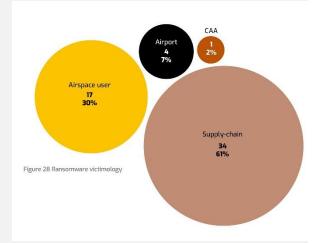
2024: ~42

2023: 108

2022: 97

2021: 119

Mostly Supply Chain



Main initial vectors:

- Spearphishing
- Stolen credentials

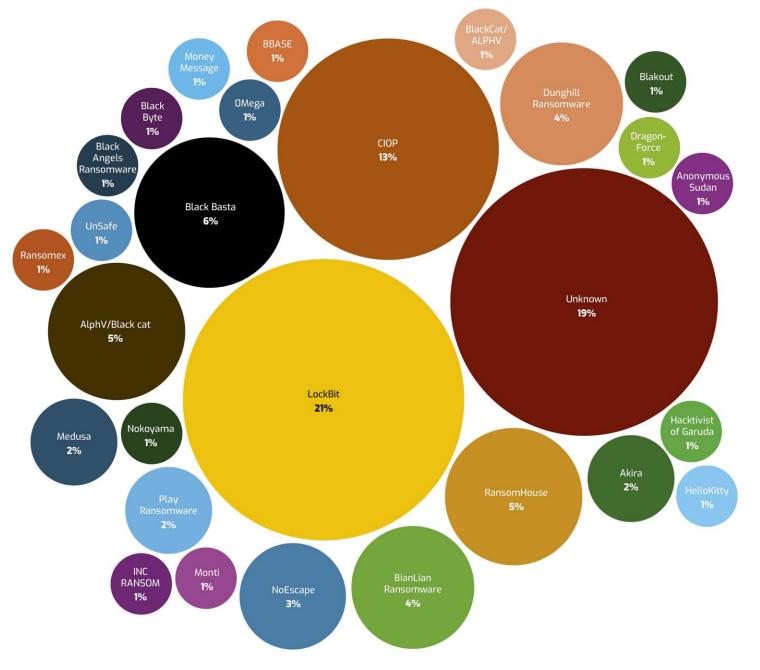
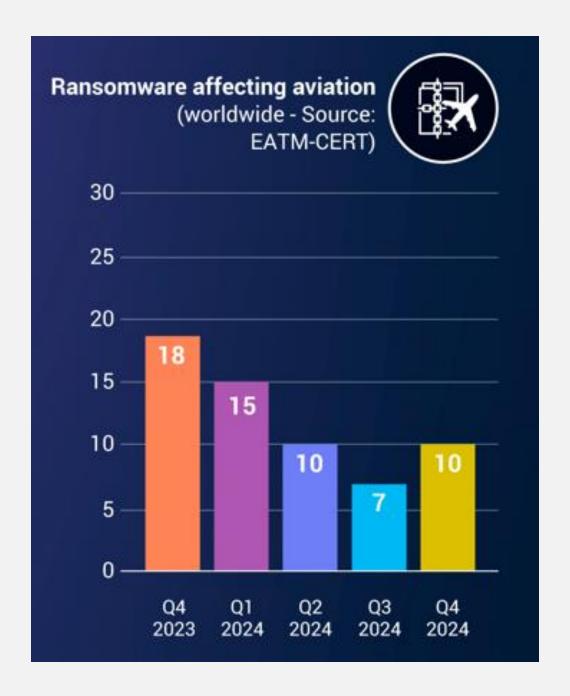


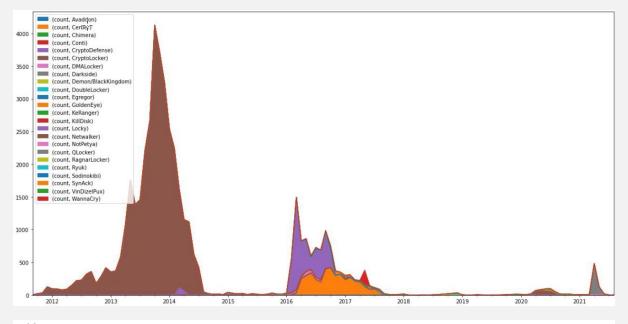
Figure 6: Ransomware groups in 2023

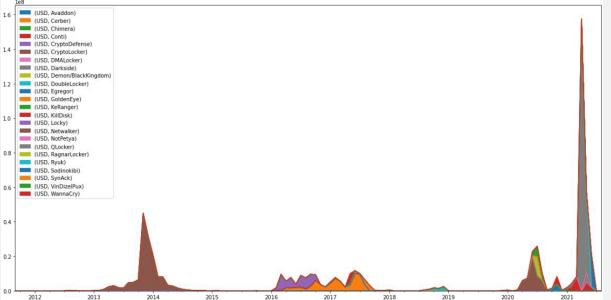




Ransomware (all sectors)

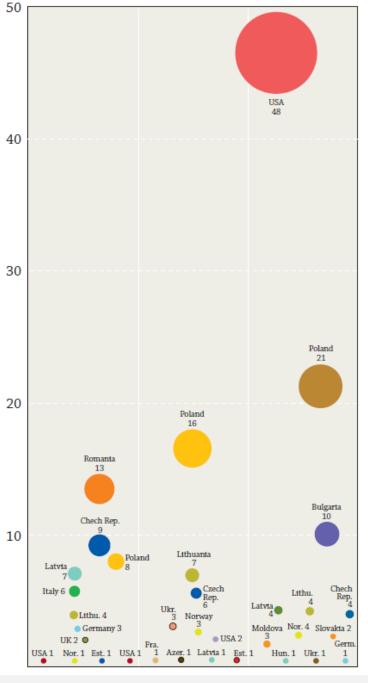
Number of ransoms paid monthly (source Eireann LEVERETT – Waratah)





Amount of money earned monthly (source Eireann LEVERETT – Waratah))





Number of DDoS attacks on aviation in:

• 2021: few (~10s)

• 2022: 318

• 2023: 528 (64% on airports)

• 2024: ~500

Surge of DDoS attacks associated to conflicts/wars.

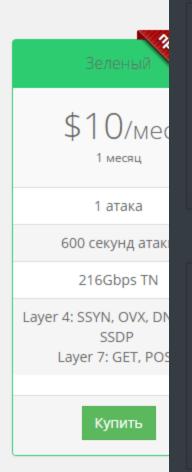


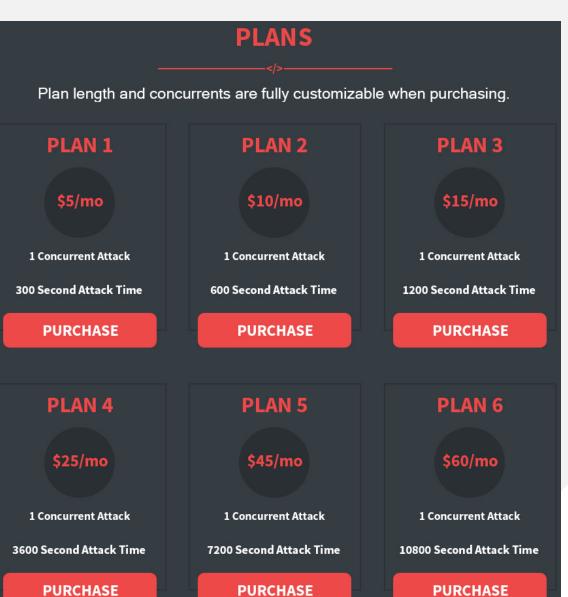
DDoS as a Service



\$3/д 1 день 1 атака 120 секунд атаки 216Gbps TN Layer 4: SSYN, OVX, DNS, NTP SSDP Layer 7: GET, POST Купить







Aviation MITRE ATT&CK Heatmap

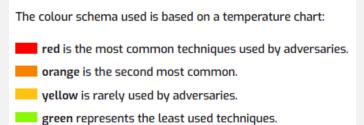
6.320 events +

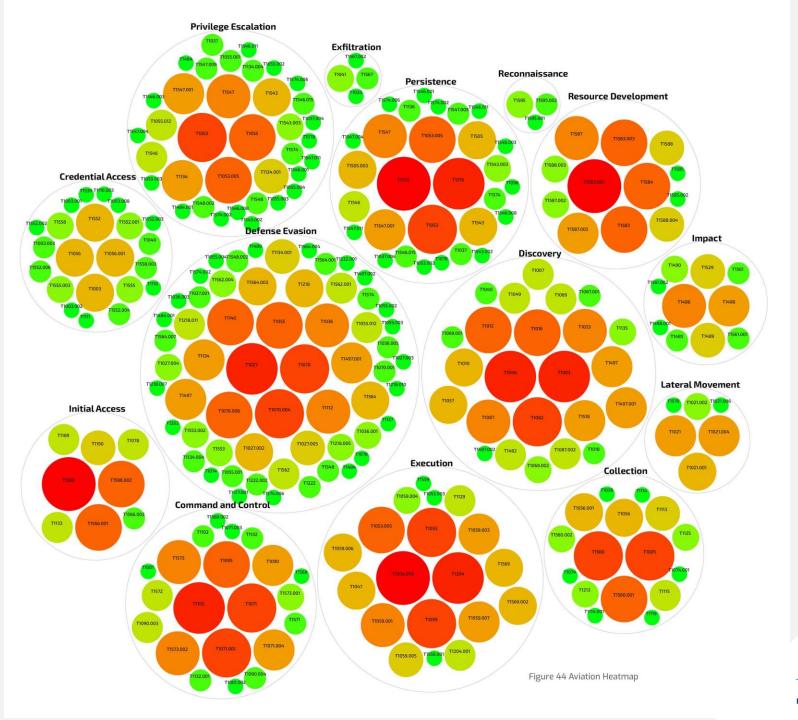
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APT15	APT41	Ke3chang	UNC2565			
APT18	Axiom	LazyScripter	UNC2589			
APT2	Chimera	Leafminer	UNC3318			
APT27	Cleaver	Leviathan	UNC3810			
APT28	Conference Crew	Molerats	UNC4214			
APT29	Dragonfly	MuddyWater	UNC4697			
APT3	Equation	Roaming Tiger	UNC4705			
APT33	FIN6	TA2541	UNC4713			
APT35	FIN7	Tropic Trooper	UNC4841			
APT37	FIN11	UNC1543	UNC5111			
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Table 1: APT groups attacking aviation



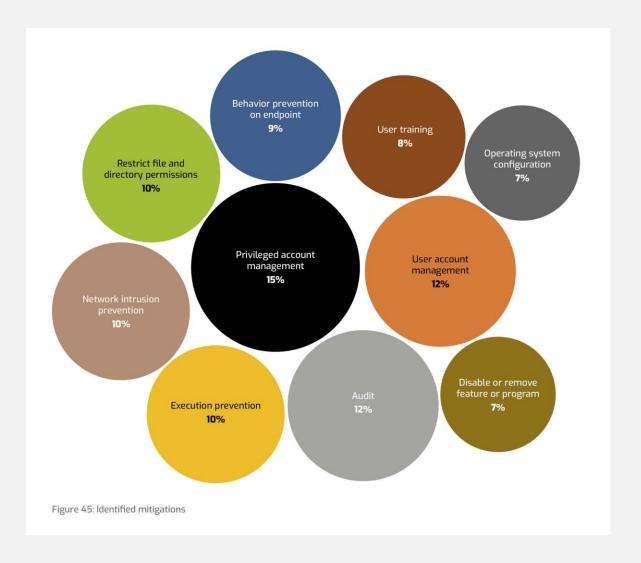
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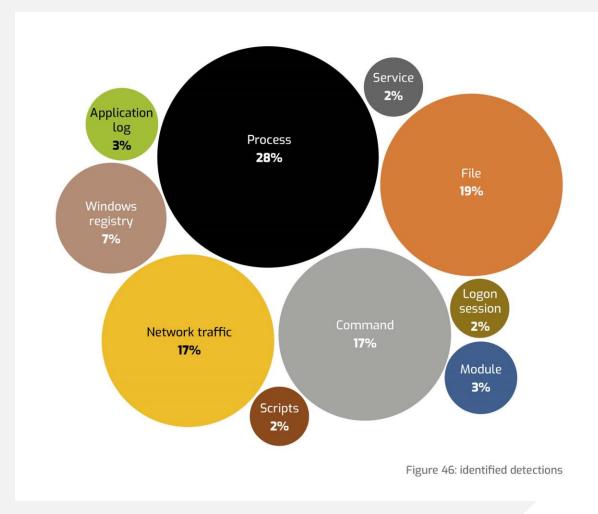






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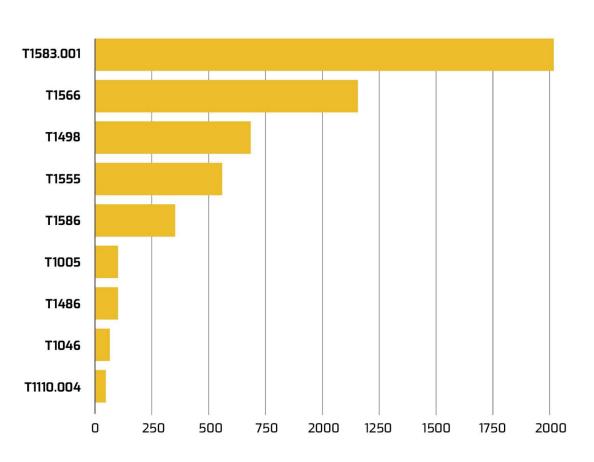


Figure 47: Top 10 techniques used by adversaries

Compromise Infrastructure: Domains (T1583.001)

Phishing (T1566)

Network Denial of Service (T1498)

Credentials from Password Stores (T1555)

Compromise Accounts (T1586)

Exploitation for Credential Access (T1212)

Valid Accounts (T1078)

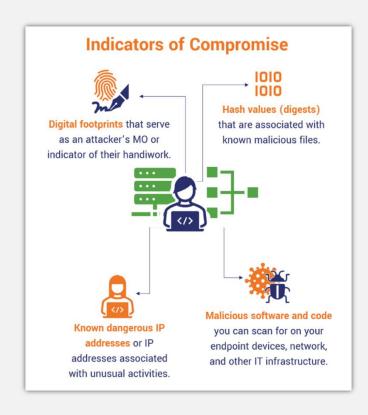
Command and Scripting Interpreter: PowerShell (T1059.001)

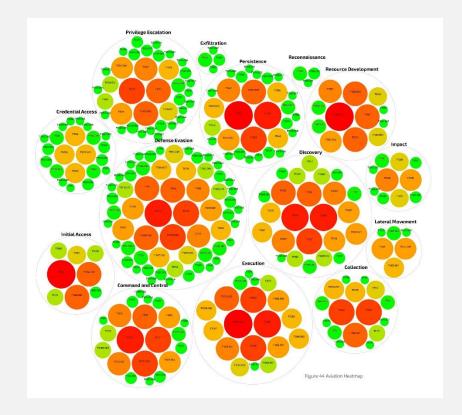
Account Manipulation (T1098)

Windows Management Instrumentation (T1047)



From IOCs driven to TTPs driven SOC









Thank you!

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