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Modern SOC and cyber attacks on  
critical infrastructure

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**"Hold the door!"**

Hodor

**Once a target,  
always a target...!**

Over the past few years, cybersecurity has been moved from no effective education strategy to the mainstream area. Thus it is no time to rest. We must keep our eyes to the gate to protect our technological infrastructures.

**Our purpose at the OFFSEC is to help Iran be a safer place to connect online.**

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- [ Lessons from Attacks ] -

# Sophisticated State Actor

Australia on Monday (Feb 18) said Cyber Security Centre officials "have also worked with **global anti-virus companies** to ensure Australia's friends and allies have the capacity to detect this malicious activity,"

- Many APT attackers know the network better than system admins
- Once inside the network, attackers generally don't need 0-days



-[ Lessons from Attacks ]-

# Sophisticated State Actor

- The APT attacks condition and Iranian organizations as their targets  
Example of Attack



An organization with 10,000 endpoints is estimated to see more than **660 attempted** cyber attacks per day. according to report footprint (totaling approximately 15,000,000 global endpoints), this means there are, on average, **1 million attempted cyber attacks per day**. (carbon black)

“Both **Russia** and **China** have used cyber operations in a bid to influence democratic votes.”



- [ EDR ] -

## Stop the Bad Actor

Don't Forget " **EDR tool isn't going to replace your AV solution** "



-[ Farewell Tour 2019 ]-

## Stop the Bad Guys

IRAN'S INFRASTRUCTURE UNDER ASSAULT

- Attackers rarely need 0-days
- Endpoint monitoring to detect lateral movement is more important than "stopping 0-days"



If you know the enemy and know yourself, you need not fear the result of a hundred battles.

-[ critical infrastructure ]-

# Cyber Security Needs more Security Vision

The Role of Human Error in Successful Cyber  
Attacks

"90 % of all cyber crime stems from some type of  
human error" (But in Iran? .... : | )

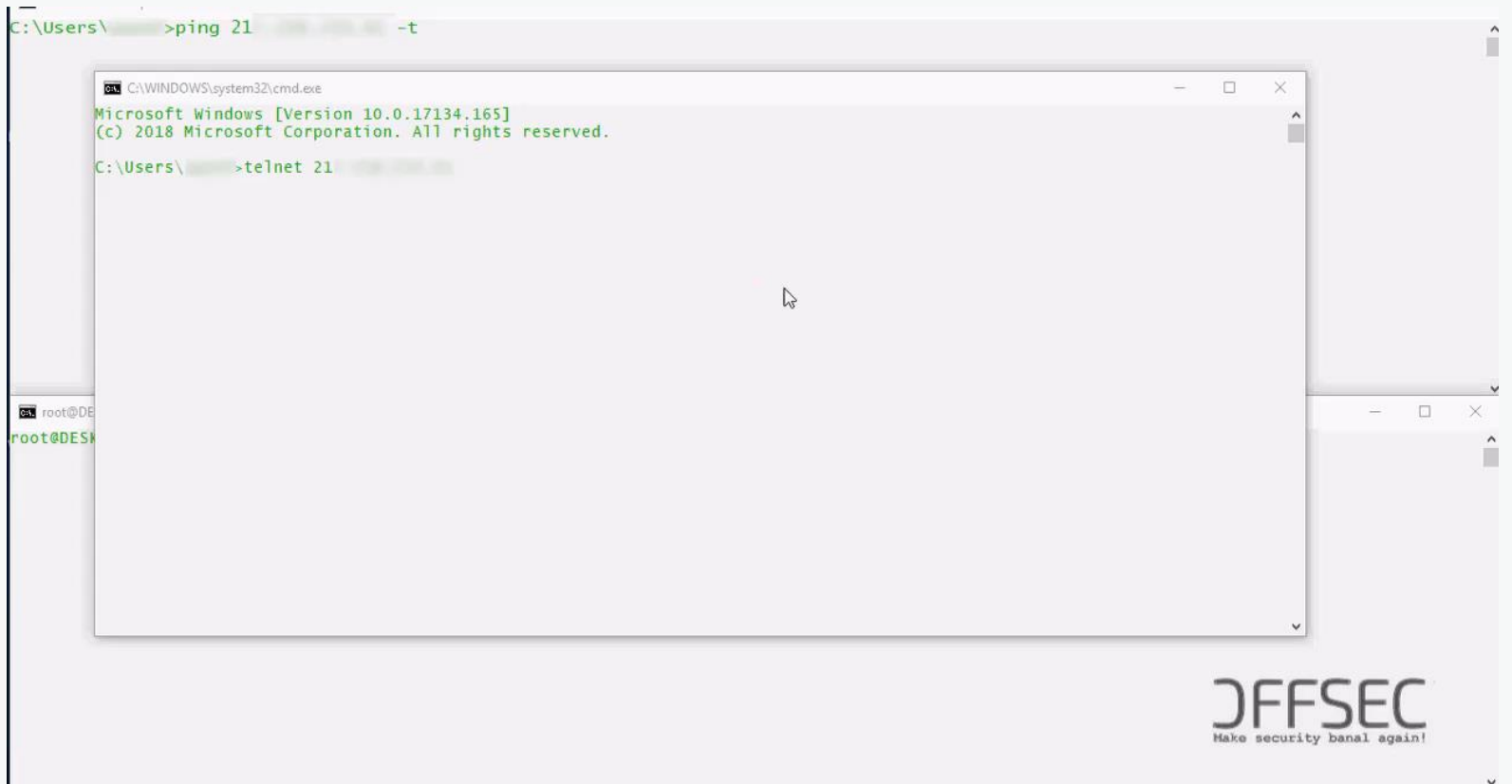
- demo about a successful infrastructure attack
- Benefits of Structure Asset Management framework
- Some Security Control on Internet-facing Assets





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I've recently found a 0day vulnerability on Cisco devices (in this case, a video of a vulnerable governmental IP)



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## Cyber Security Needs more Security Vision

- Our infrastructure is more vulnerable than ever
- consider using automated solutions
- perform periodic (monthly) validation vulnerability scans.

why is it necessary to use the automated patch management?



- [ critical infrastructure ] -

## The Art of Human Error in Cyber Attacks

- Less awareness into sub-points
- The 'people' factor is often ignored, yet it is a critical element in building a strong defense

let's see how an attacker can use  
"lack of awareness " of the Network Administrator  
and gain access from the Monitoring system and  
find the Network Topology



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No matter how good your security program is, you always need to make sure you have situational awareness.



Refrence : [twitter.com/MalwareJake](https://twitter.com/MalwareJake)

-[ critical infrastructure ]-

## Cyber Security Needs more Security Vision

let's see how an attacker can bypass ILO authentication

[+] Target is VULNERABLE!  
[+] Account name: User Account Username: Administrator  
[+] Account name: User Account Username: admins  
[+] Account name: User Account Username: mohammadi  
[+] Account name: User Account Username: OAtmp-Administrator-5C73B234  
[+] Account name: User Account Username: Admin

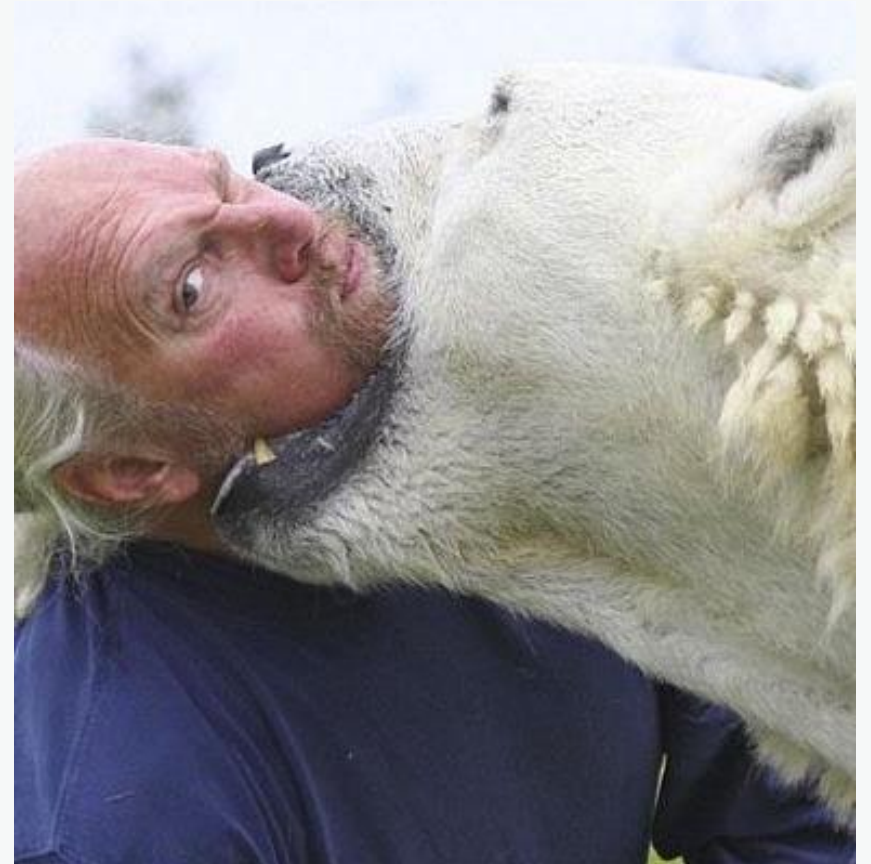
- some important ILOs of Tehran universities are vulnerable
- Information Technology Company (ITC)
- and you can easily find the next target and its exploit



- [ critical infrastructure ] -

## Strategies and Roadmaps (Successful Experience)

- Patched Infrastructure Could've Easily Reduced Losses
- Gaining Network Visibility
- Providing free tools and resources for governmental organizations (use development strategy)
- Develop a Vulnerability Assessment Plan
- Provide a comprehensive Security Training to all Staff



- [ Log Management ] -

# Log Management

Effective Log Management

## Logging

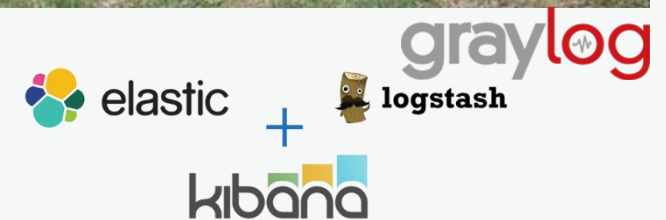
- Collect information from different sources
- reliable factor
- Encryption
- Agent vs Agentless?

## Management

- effective archiving system
- Log Retention Policy (outside of the log management)

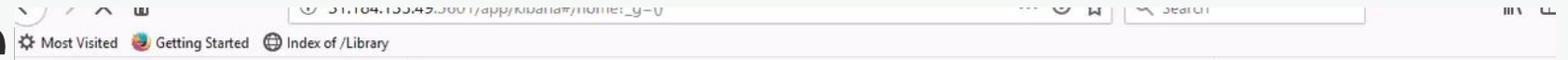


what are 3 ways of a successful implementation of Log management strategy?



- [ Log Management ] -

# Log Manageme



A common mistake in the implementation of log management



- [ Log Management ] -

I'm using Splunk to show you "PowerShell is more than PowerShell.exe", But you don't have to use this product

# Log Management

## PowerShell as an Attack Platform

- PowerSploit
- EmpireProject
- RsRecon
- Powershell-C2

The screenshot shows a Splunk search interface with the following details:

- Search query: `sourcetype="WinEventLog:Microsoft-Windows-Sysmon/Operational"`
- Results: 70 events matched, No Event Sampling.
- Timeline visualization: A bar chart showing event frequency over time, with a scale of 1 second per column.
- Table view: A table with columns for Time and Event. Two event entries are visible, both dated 05/03/2019 at 12:38:40.000. The event details include LogName, SourceName, EventCode=3, and EventType=4. The source is identified as WinEventLog:Microsoft-Windows-Sysmon/Operational.
- Fields list: A sidebar on the left shows selected fields (host, source, sourcetype) and interesting fields (ComputerName, DestinationHostname, DestinationIp, DestinationIsIpv6, DestinationPort, DestinationPortName, EventCode).

<https://github.com/PowerShellMafia/PowerSploit>

9936/en-GB/app/search/search?q=search%20sourcetype%3D%22WinEventLog%3AMicrosoft-Windows-Sysmon%2FOperati...

splunk>enterprise App: Search & Reporting Administrator Messages Settings Activity Help Find

Search Datasets Reports Alerts Dashboards Search & Reporting

### New Search

sourcetype="WinEventLog:Microsoft-Windows-Sysmon/Operational" powershell

8 of 8 events matched No Event Sampling

Events (8) Patterns Statistics Visualization

Format Timeline - Zoom Out + Zoom to Selection x Deselect 1 second per color

List Format 20 Per Page

	i	Time	Event
>		05/03/2019 12:53:13.000	... 18 lines omitted ... ProcessId: 9148 Image: C:\Program Files\SplunkUniversalForwarder\bin\splunk-powershell.exe FileVersion: ? ... 3 lines omitted ... CommandLine: "C:\Program Files\SplunkUniversalForwarder\bin\splunk-powershell.exe" --ps2 CurrentDirectory: C:\WINDOWS\system32\

SELECTED FIELDS  
a host 1  
a source 1  
a sourcetype 1

INTERESTING FIELDS  
a CommandLine 2

Who needs customized malware?

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PS C:\>
PS C:\>
PS C:\>
PS C:\>
PS C:\> .\spooof.ps1
PS C:\> .\spooof.ps1
PS C:\> .\spooof.ps1
PS C:\>

```

splunk>enterprise App: Search ... Administrator Messages Settings Activity Help Find

Search Datasets Reports Alerts Dashboards Search & Reporting

### New Search

Save As Close

sourcetype="WinEventLog:Microsoft-Windows-Sysmon/Operational" powershell All time (real-time) [Search]

2 of 2 events matched No Event Sampling Job [Pause] [Stop] [Refresh] [Download] Smart Mode

Events (2) Patterns Statistics Visualization

Format Timeline Zoom Out Zoom to Selection Deselect 10 milliseconds per column

List Format 20 Per Page

< Hide Fields	All Fields	i	Time	Event
SELECTED FIELDS		>	05/03/2019 13:51:14.000	... 18 lines omitted ... ProcessId: 7460 Image: C:\Program Files\SplunkUniversalForwarder\bin\splunk-powershell.exe FileVersion: ? ... 3 lines omitted ... CommandLine: "C:\Program Files\SplunkUniversalForwarder\bin\splunk-powershell.exe" --ps?

INTERESTING FIELDS

```
Select Windows PowerShell
PS C:\> .\Sample-Project.ps1_
```

demo of real-time detection of a malicious PowerShell behavior

## Recommendation....

JPCERTCC GitHub · SysmonSearch Wiki

<https://github.com/JPCERTCC/SysmonSearch/wiki>

The case study was conducted in the following environment:

Sysmon  
ElasticSearch  
Kibana  
Winlogbeat

### Windows Commands Abused by Attackers

In Windows OS, various commands (hereafter “Windows commands”) are installed by default. However, what is actually used by general users is just a small part of it. On the other hand, JPCERT/CC has observed that attackers intruding into a network also use Windows commands in order to collect information and/or to spread malware infection within the network. What is worth noting here is the gap between those Windows commands used by general users and by attackers. If there is a huge difference, it would be possible to detect or limit the attackers’ behavior by monitoring/controlling the Windows command execution.  
<https://blogs.jpcert.or.jp/en/2016/01/windows-commands-abused-by-attackers.html>



Ranking	Command	Times executed
1	tasklist	155
2	ver	95
3	ipconfig	76
4	systeminfo	40
5	net time	31
6	netstat	27
7	whoami	22
8	net start	16
9	qprocess	15
10	query	14

When the organization stands up a threat hunting program, but you don't have a SIEM, EDR, or even basic net flow. Then the boss says "why don't you just threat hunt with wireshark?"

Reference : [twitter.com/MalwareJake](https://twitter.com/MalwareJake)





پذیرنده گرامی

با سلام و احترام

به استحضار میرساند شرکت [REDACTED]

اینترنتی خود افزوده است.

ضمناً مستندات مربوطه (صفحه ۱۱) به پیوست ارائه میگردد.

با سپاس فراوان

2 Attachments



- [ Data Breach ] -

# What We Can Do



com> 9:03 PM (9 minutes ago) ☆ ↶ ⋮

پذیرنده گرامی

با سلام و احترام

به استحضار می رساند ، فایل اکسل ارسالی ضمیمه ایمیل با موض

ارسال شده است . لذا خواهشمند است ضمن نادیده گرفتن و عدم انتشار ، نسبت به حذف آن

اقدام فرمائید .

با سپاس فراوان

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LL_BACK_URL		WEBSITE	MAIL	BRANCH	CUSTOMER_NAME
09	09	32	021-	1160	شرکت کارگزاری مفید -emofid.c@am
09	09	60	021-	1544	نای وجود به -epay.bankmellat.ir
09	09	38	021-	1000	شرکت کارگزاری آگاه -tp://www.agah.co
09	09	76	021-	1123	نوابیمانی زاگرس -www.zagrosairlines.com
09	09	34	021-	1762	بیمه کارآفرین -ww.karafarin-insu
09	09	52	021-	1333	شبهه ای تلفی 02@y-ww.talfighehon
09	09	99	021-	1155	سفر ریل آسیا -tp://www.safirrail
09	09	81	021-	1921	کارگزاری مبین -://www.mobinsb
09	09	67	021-	1670	خت اقساط -eshop.bankmellat
09	09	46	021-	1000	رق رفاه دانشگاه -http://www.swf
09	09	02	021-	1000	م تی ان ایرنسل -://www.mtniran
09	09	85	05	70	بال آسمان کبیر -p://www.rahhbal
09	09	02	041-	1396	آسمان پرواز ایتراپی -tp://www.apitour
09	09	73	021-	1681	مرکز رزروسیون اینترنتی ایرسا -http://iat
09	09	21	011-	1064	انرژی شمال -/www.energys
09	09	13	076-	969	محراب سیرکیش -://www.mehrabsee
09	09	02	021	22	جمهوری اسلامی -://www.iranair
09	09	84	021-	1256	ت پارس نیوشا -://www.newshanik
09	09	00	021-	715	بیمه ملتگه -ww.mellatinsur
09	09	02	021-	1325	شبکه بادران -p://www.baadraa
09	09	65	021-	1009	شرکت قنوس -/www.irancon
09	09	90	021-	1607	رکت بیمه آسیا -://sa.bimehas
09	09	10	021-	1442	ل سرمایه گذاری -http://www.iaf
09	09	22	02	76	مان پرستار -tp://www.apk724
09	09	91	021-	1487	شرکت رجا -tp://ticket2

- [ Data Breach ] -

## What We Can Do

- solution or process that **identifies confidential data**, tracks that data as it moves through and out of the enterprise and **prevents unauthorized disclosure** of data by creating and enforcing disclosure policies



sample of a Governmental Data Leakage

- [ Data Breach ] -

## What We Can Do

DLP primarily focuses on the following channels for preventing data loss:

- Endpoints
- Data in Motion
- Data at Rest

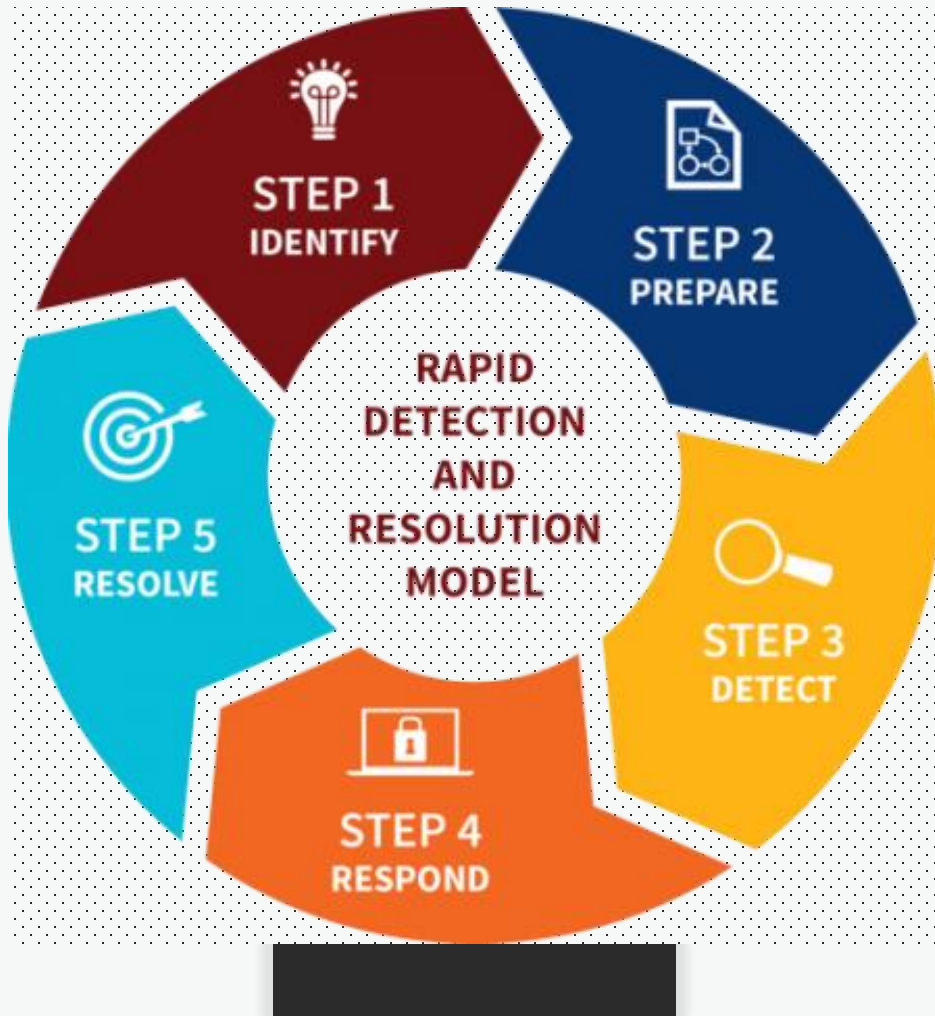


sample of a Governmental Data Leakage



- [ DLP strategies ] -

# Data Loss Prevention



DLP utilizes a combination of advanced technologies to accurately detect confidential data —whether it's at rest or in motion – and includes a variety of out-of-the-box policies (HIPAA, GDPR, PCI DSS, etc.) to help enable compliance with lower effort.

1. Vector Machine Learning (VML)
2. Sensitive Image Recognition (SIR)
3. Exact Data Matching (EDM)
4. Indexed Document Matching (IDM)
5. Described Content Matching (DCM)
6. Data Classification

let's see how a DLP solution can prevent data leakage (in 2 minutes)

The screenshot displays the Symantec Data Loss Prevention (DLP) console interface. The browser address bar shows the URL: [https://192.168.1.181/ProtectManager/GetReport.do?reportID=2901&value\(sta](https://192.168.1.181/ProtectManager/GetReport.do?reportID=2901&value(sta). The navigation menu includes Home, Incidents, Manage, and System. The user is logged in as Administrator.

**Policy Summary**

Endpoint

Total	High	Med	Low	Info	Matches
119	119	0	0	0	331

**Incidents - All**

Endpoint

Jan 4, 2018 to Today

Incident	Matches
temp3.docx	5
منع استفاده از برخی از سیستم عامل ها.docx	5
New Microsoft Word Document.docx	5
New Microsoft Word Document.docx	5
http://clients1.google.com/ocsp	1
.....docx	4
http://clients1.google.com/ocsp	1
27.docx	8
28.docx	8
9A375E0F.xlsx	22

**Incident Status Summary**

Endpoint

New (100%)

Total	High	Med	Low	Info	Matches
119	119	0	0	0	331

**Highest Offenders**

Endpoint

User Name	All	High	Matches
[Redacted]	74	74	225
[Redacted]	41	41	98
[Redacted]	4	4	8

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Make security banal again!

- [ SOAR in 2019 ] -

## The rule's about SOAR

- Security Orchestration, Automation and Response (SOAR)
  - What exactly is SOAR?
  - Why you need ?
- Gartner has defined three logical groups for the different values of a SOAR solution (Ahlm, 2018):
  1. Create a better investigative platform
  2. Enhance SIEM management
  3. Optimize security team and program management



common set of challenges



increasing number of security tools



Feeling Overwhelmed

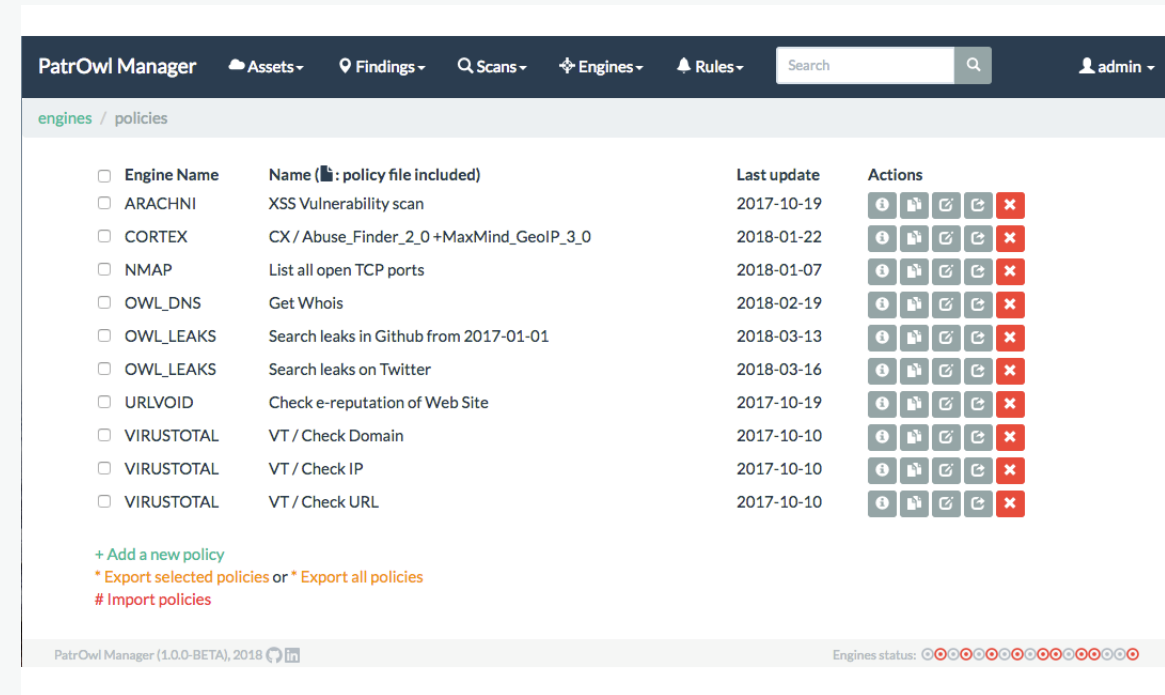


Competitive Analysis

- [ SOAR in 2019 ] -

# The rule's about SOAR

- Path to Automated Security Operation
  1. Purchasing a pre-configured offering
  2. Building out your own from "Scratch" , But how?



A useful roadmap for SOAR?



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Resource :

<https://www.symantec.com>

<https://www.gartner.com/en>

