Cyber Security, Threat Hunting and Defense Challenge in Taiwan Academic Network

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Agenda

- About NCHC and TWCSIRT
- ISAC, CERT and SOC Framework
- Cyber Threat Hunting
- T.I.P design and development
- Case Study
  - Anti-DDoS in Academic Network
  - Malware Knowledge Database
  - Cyber Defense Exercise

About NCHC and TWCSIRT

Vision and Mission for NCHC

Become a World-Class Supercomputing and Big Data Center

Enable Scientific Discoveries and Technical Innovation through prospective computing technology and platform

NCHC Milestones

A Member of NARLabs
National Center for High-performance Computing

1991
Taiwan’s first National level supercomputer Center

1993
Hsinchu Headquarters

2003
NPO under NARLabs

2004
TWAREN Services 10G

2005
Tainan Office

2008
Taichung Office

2011
177 TF Windrider super-computer

2016
100G Network Backbone

2017
1.33 PF
Peta scale HPC

2018
Start deploying AI Platform


Hsin Chu Headquarters


Taichung Office


Tainan Office

Certifications
- ✓ ISO 9001:2015
- ✓ ISO 27001:2013
- ✓ CSA STAR Level 2 Gold Award
- ✓ BS 10012

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Hardware - whole system

- 252 nodes / 9072 CPU cores /2016 GPUs
- 193.5 TB memory
- 10 PB storage
- EDR InfiniBand 100 Gbps
- 1.2 PUE (Warm Water Cooling)

Software Environment

- Slurm / Kubernetes
- Nvidia NGC Docker
- Ceph
- Spectrum Scale (GPFS)
- CentOS

Hardware - single node

- Intel Xeon Gold CPU x 2
- Nvidia Tesla V100 w/32GB x 8
- 768 GB memory
- 240 GB SSD + 4TB NVMe

AI Framework

- Tensorflow
- Caffé / Caffé 2
- PyTorch / Torch
- ……and more

Caffe2
PYTORCH
torch

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About TWCSIRT

- TWCSIRT Hosted by NCHC from 2014
- Since 2015 March become the Full Member in FIRST
- Join G-ISAC become the Full Member in Taiwan
- Locate in NCHC Tainan Business Unit.
- Vision and Mission
  - Handling information security incident in TWAREN (NCHC) and TANet (MOE)
  - Advanced information security research and framework development

TWCSIRT 臺灣電腦安全事件應變中心
Taiwan Computer Security Incident Response Team

About IRCON

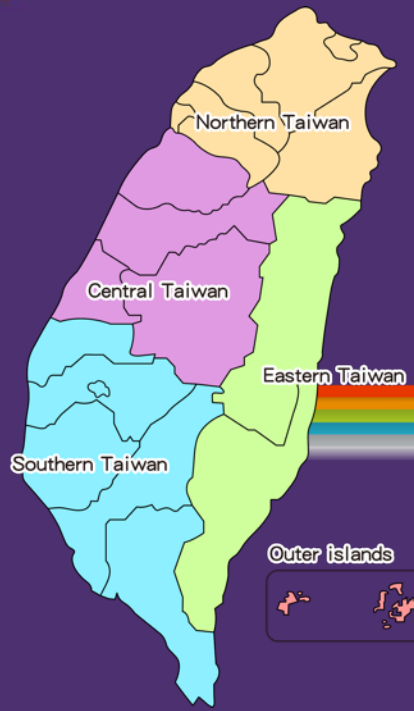
- Issue analysis and information sharing to put cyber threats in control
- Establish TWCSIRT (Taiwan Computer Security Incident Response Team) to keep up with the international security organizations
- NCHC Host Taiwan Computer Security Incident Response Conference (IRCON) since 2015
- International Collaborations
  - TWCSIRT is the official member of the cyber security organization FIRST
  - Connect major organizations, CERT and CSIRT, for international cyber defense
  - Work with industry for information sharing and technology development

Our Security Operation Center

- Operation: 7*24*365
- Scope:
  - NARLabs, National Applied Research Laboratories
    - 8 National Research Center
  - TWAREN, Taiwan Advanced Research & Education Network
    - 95 University
  - TANet, Taiwan Academic Network
    - 4000+ Schools
- Three-Tier Operation
  - 1st Line: 24 Operator
  - 2nd Line: 10 Engineer
  - 3rd Line: 3 Researcher

Cyber Threat Intelligence

Development Next Generation Network



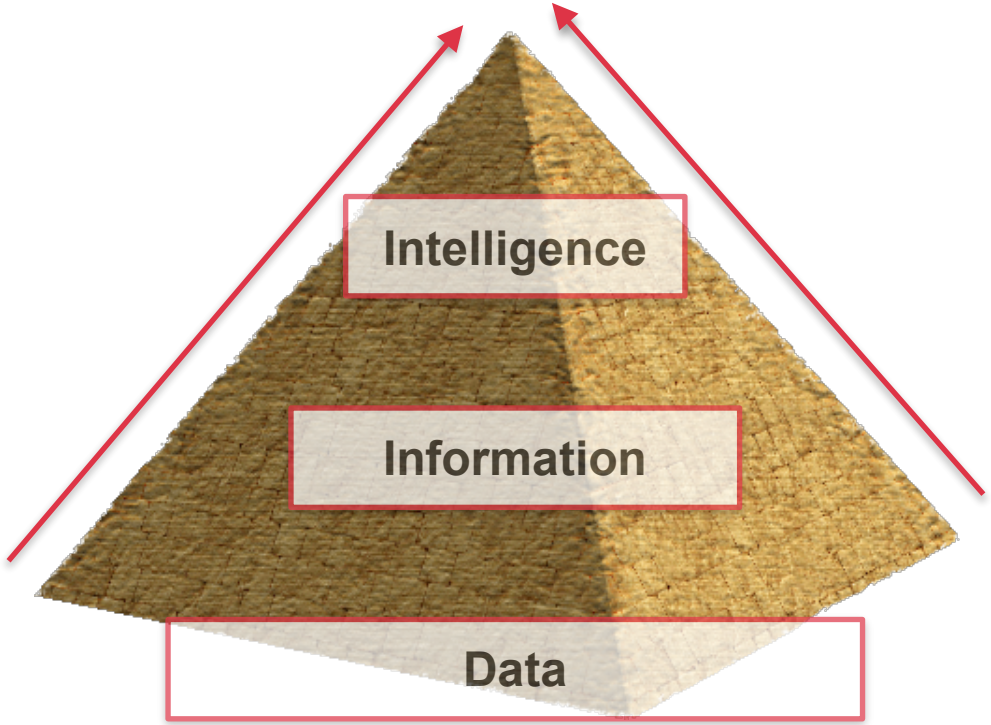
TANet & TWAREN

Challenges

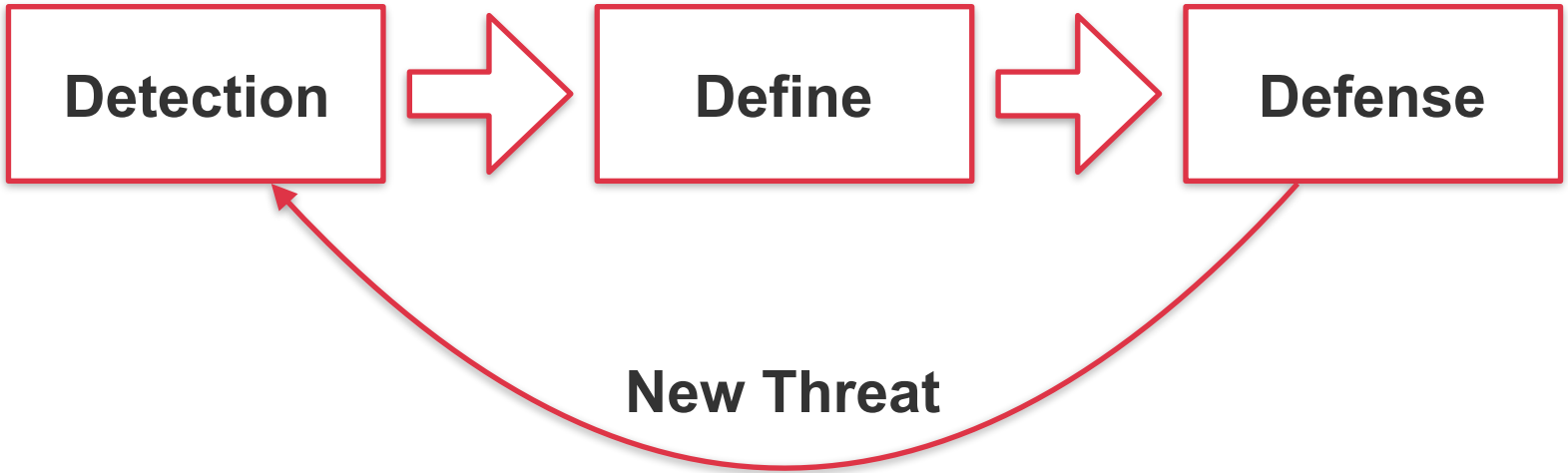
- New Network Topology
- Bandwidth Upgrade 100Gbps
- Single Infrastructure and Multi Networking
- Continuous Operation
- Limited Budget

Threat Intelligence

- Attack
- Aggregation
- Analysis
- Action
- Automatic



Eco System



Threat Intelligence Platform

WWW

OWL | CDX | SP-ISAC | TWCSIRT | TIP Dashboard

MARS

Taiwan Malware Analysis Net 臺灣惡意程式分析網 TWMAN

Cuckoo Sandbox | Enterprise

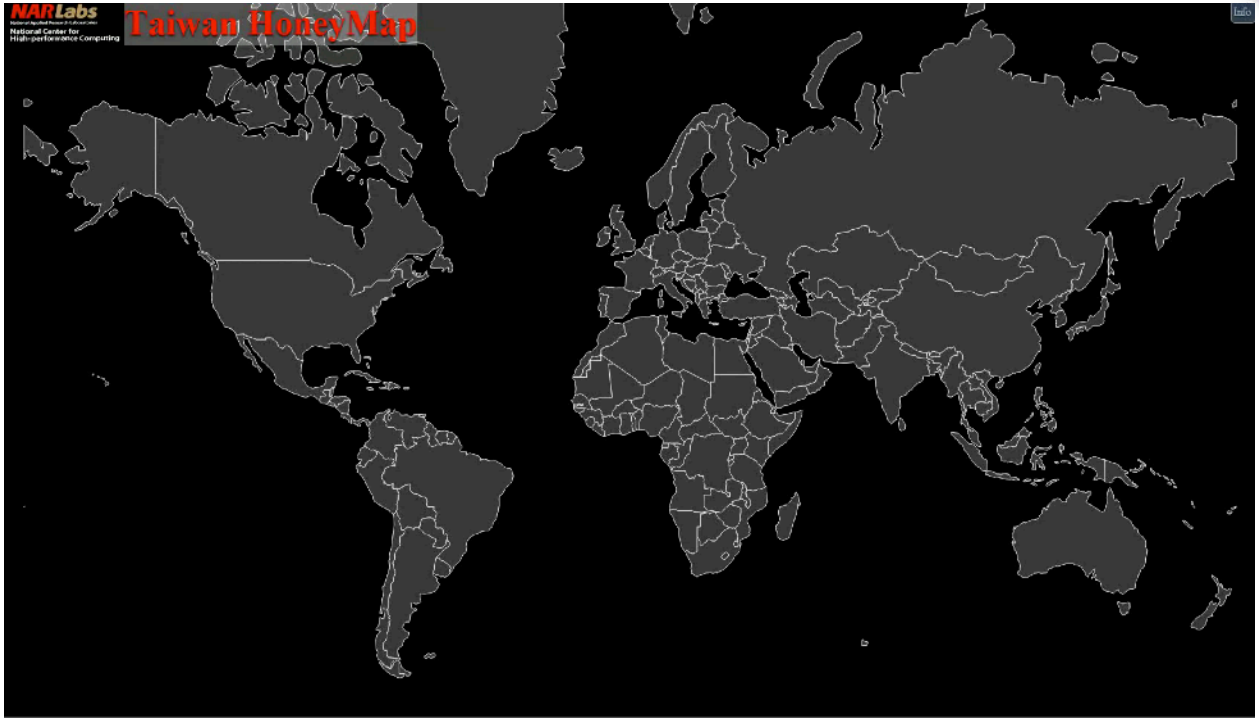
Monogo DB | SQL DB | Files

T.I.P.

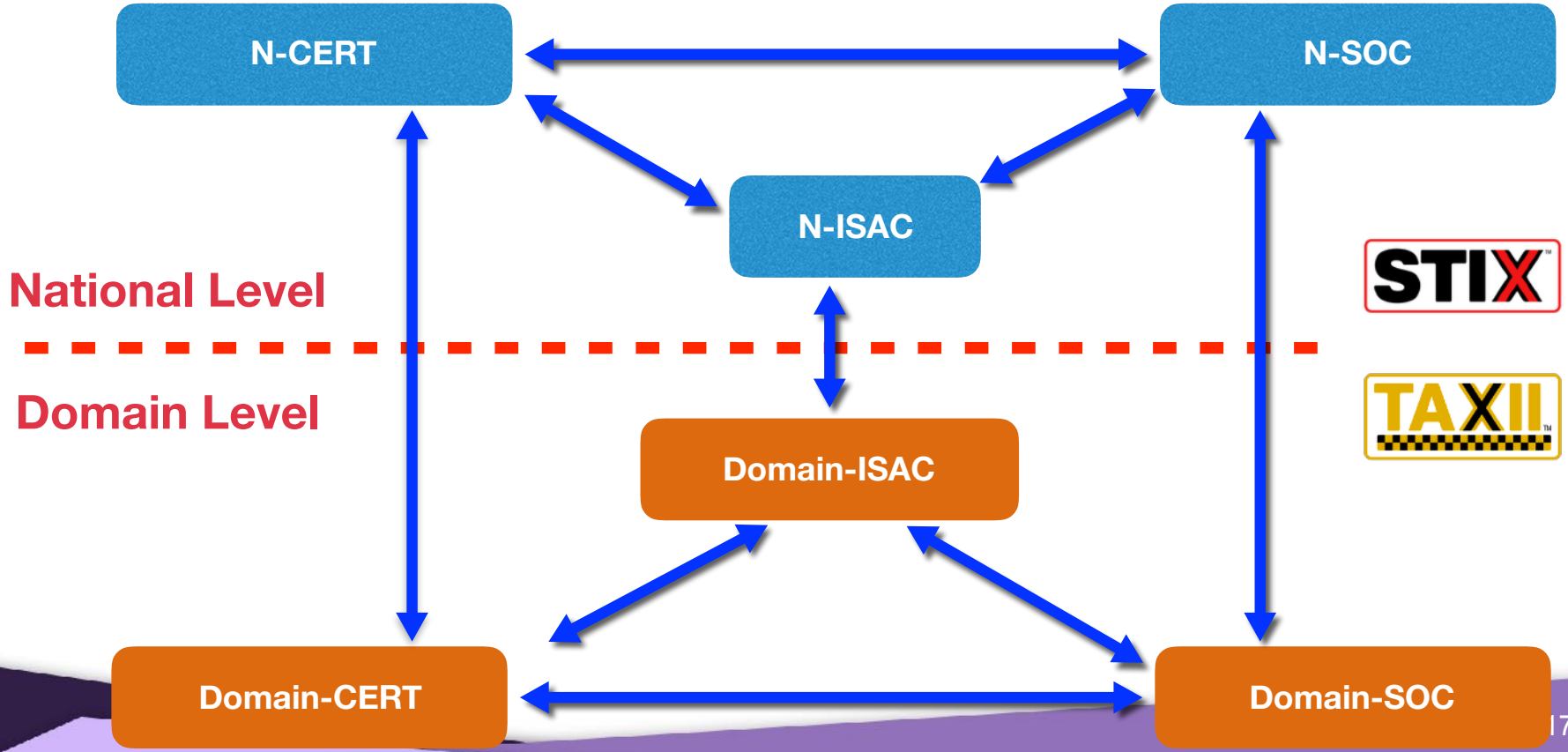
Search Engines | Vulnerability DB | Malware | Threat | Passive DNS | Bad Domain Track System | Other

HoneyMap

- **Data Source**
  - Large Scale Honeypot / Honeynet in TANet and TWARE
  - Use 6000+ IPv4 address
- **Finding**
  - Commander & Controller (C2) Serve
  - Malware sample
  - Multi-Layer malware behaviors

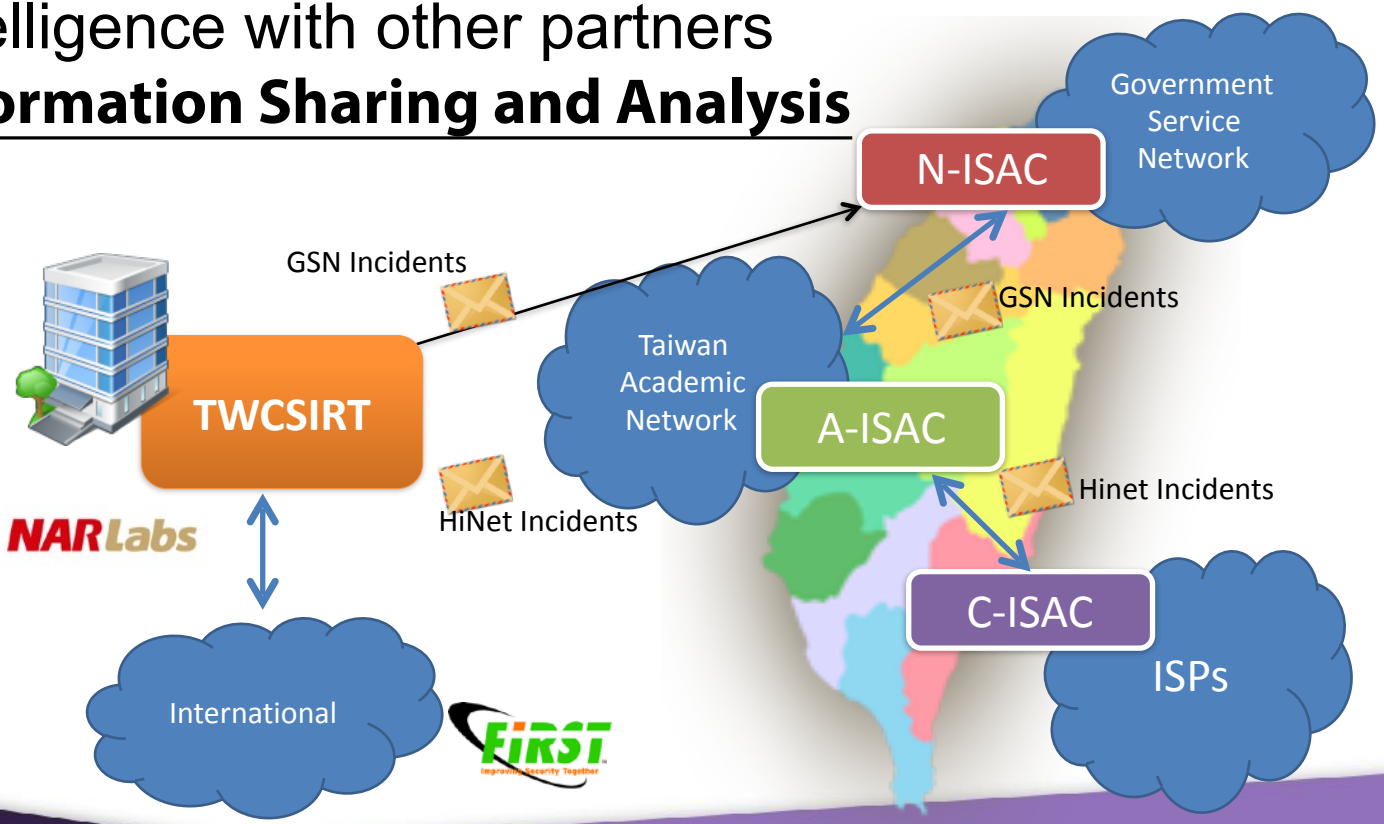


On going: ISAC、CERT、SOC



Information Sharing and Analysis

Sharing intelligence with other partners through **Information Sharing and Analysis Centers** .



Thinking

- How is addressing the issue of information sharing?

Data --> Information --> Intelligence

The Problem

- Attacks are becoming incredibly sophisticated.
- Know what happened is one thing.
- Knowing what to look for to see if it is happening to you - is key.
- ISAC's have had limited success
- ISAC model is segmented by vertical (Financial, Energy, etc.)
  - View across the sectors is critical to protecting companies
  - ISACs do not allow for a Cloud Segment

The Problem

- ISAC Model requires sending sensitive data to a trusted third party.
  - Company identity is know
  - Snowden incident has made sharing with trusted third parties undesirable
- Need is clear - a trusted method of sharing is required
  - Company identity is quick and simple
  - Incident data submission is quick and simple
  - Rapid analysis of data including correlation with other reports and open source data
  - Alerts sent in minutes, not days/weeks
  - Ability to anonymously discuss attacks with others and share solutions

FIRST

- FIRST is the global Forum of Incident Response and Security Teams
- FIRST is the premier organization and recognized global leader in incident response. Membership in FIRST enables incident response teams to more effectively respond to security incidents reactive as well as proactive.
- FIRST brings together a variety of computer security incident response teams from government, commercial, and educational organizations. FIRST aims to foster cooperation and coordination in incident prevention, to stimulate rapid reaction to incidents, and to promote information sharing among members and the community at large.

https://first.org/

VirusTotal

- VirusTotal is a website created by the Spanish security company Hispasec Sistemas. Launched in June 2004, it was acquired by Google Inc. in September 2012
- VirusTotal aggregates many antivirus products and online scan engines to check for viruses that the user's own antivirus may have missed, or to verify against any false positives
- File、URL Analysis
- Threat and Risk

Case Study:

DDoS, Distributed Denial-of-Service

DDoS Attack IP Top 10

IP	Count	Protocol
140.128.173.213	14	UDP
210.60.208.166	14	UDP
210.59.63.250	11	UDP
192.192.100.2	10	UDP, ICMP, DNS_AMP, memcached_AMP
163.26.255.254	8	UDP
140.138.179.195	7	UDP, DNS_AMP, CLDAP_AMP
210.60.208.167	6	UDP
163.32.74.1	5	UDP, DNS_AMP, CLDAP_AMP
210.60.233.247	5	UDP, ICMP, CLDAP_AMP
120.115.60.54	4	UDP, ICMP, NTP_AMP, CLDAP_AMP

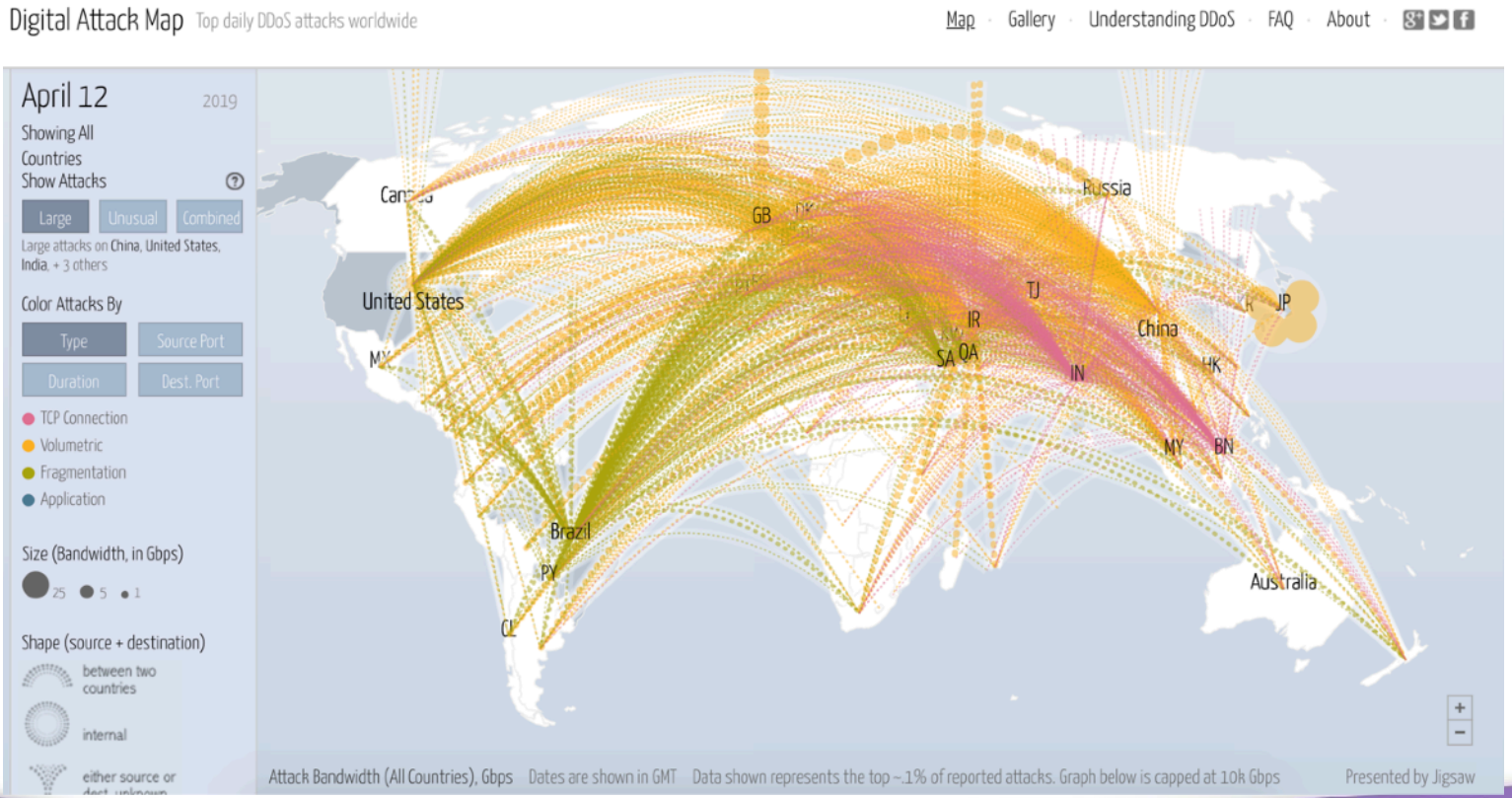
Data Range: 2019 April

DDoS Attack Protocol

Protocol	Count
TCP RST	403
UDP	180
IP Fragmentation	45
CLDAP Amplification	36
TCP SYN	18
ICMP	16
DNS Amplification	15
memcached Amplification	11
NTP Amplification	6

Data Range: 2019 April

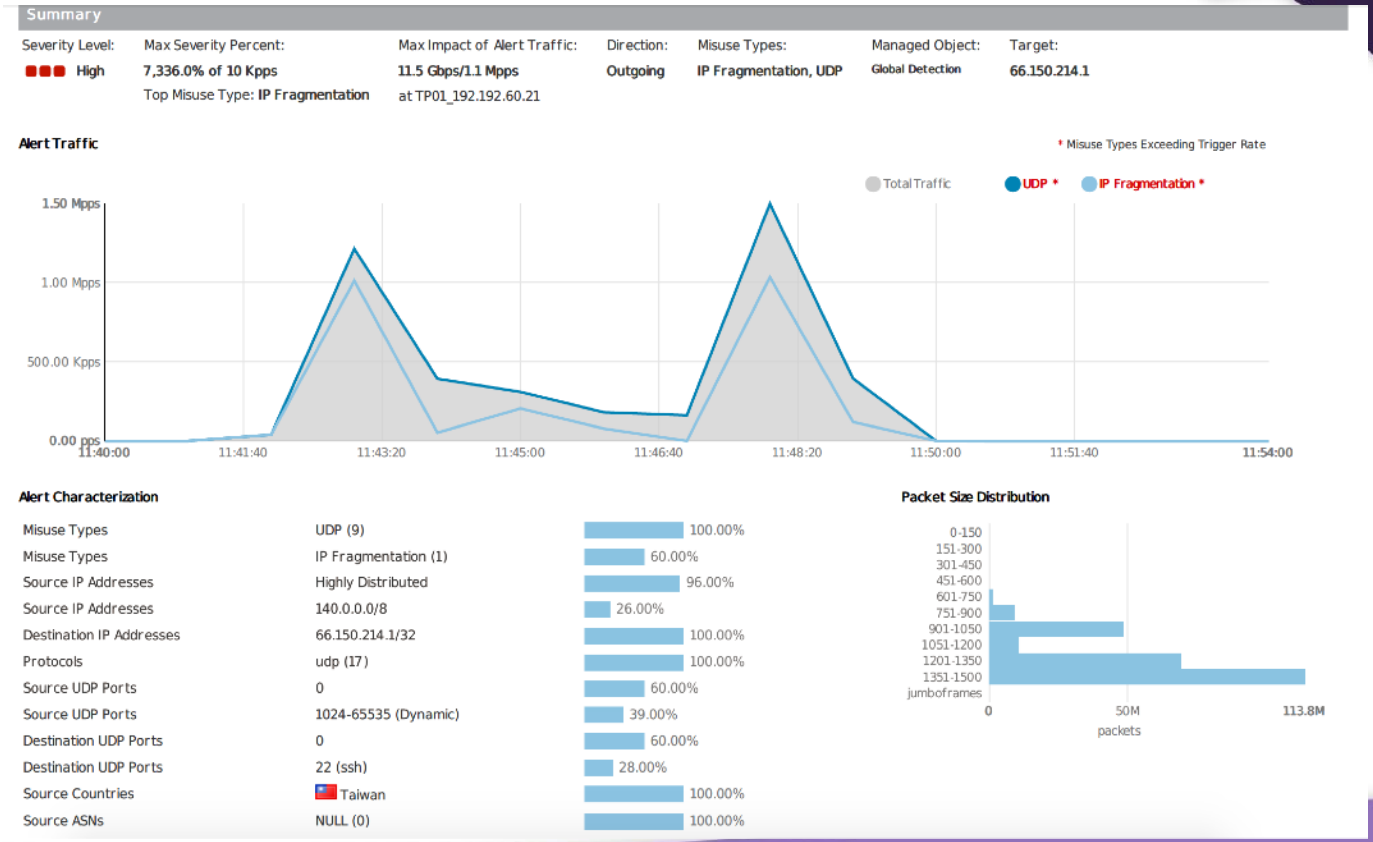
Digital Attack Map



http://www.digitalattackmap.com/

DDoS Incident and Action

- Collection Netflow and learning baseline
- Normal vs. Abnormal
- Find attack model
- Do action in TMS to remove DDoS traffic
- Create incident ticket to ISAC system



Hybrid Attack:SQL-Inject

Case Study:

Malware KB

owl.nchc.org.tw

Example: Mirai

- Mirai (Japanese: 未來, lit. 'future') is a malware that turns networked devices running Linux into remotely controlled "bots" that can be used as part of a botnet in large-scale network attacks. It primarily targets online consumer devices such as IP cameras and home routers.
- Mirai was used, alongside BASHLITE, in the DDoS attack on 20 September 2016 on the Krebs on Securitysite which reached **620 Gbit/s**. Ars Technica also reported a **1 Tbit/s** attack on French web host OVH. On 21 October 2016 multiple major DDoS attacks in DNS services of DNS service provider Dyn occurred using Mirai malware installed on a large number of IoT devices, resulting in the inaccessibility of several high-profile websites such as GitHub, Twitter, Reddit, Netflix, Airbnb and many others. The attribution of the Dyn attack to the Mirai botnet was originally reported by Level 3 Communications.

source: wikipedia

Mirai Infections

- Average Volume :
  - 100,000 - 200,000 IPv4 addresses per day
- Update Frequency : Daily
  - for the previous day generation at 12:00 (UTC time)
  - provided as a gzip-encoded text file in CSV format

#	Field Name	Data Type	Description
1	ip	IPv4 address	Botnet IPs
2	time	datetime	Time when Datafeed Generate

Mirai Infections

- Sample Data
  - 179.182.231.78,2019-05-09 23:59:59
  - 181.110.164.140,2019-05-09 23:59:59
  - 114.32.245.21,2019-05-09 23:59:59
  - 197.59.251.0,2019-05-09 23:59:59
  - 197.53.124.140,2019-05-09 23:59:59
  - 183.193.234.190,2019-05-09 23:59:59
  - 197.39.200.103,2019-05-09 23:59:59
  - 5.139.58.158,2019-05-09 23:59:59
  - 201.95.65.79,2019-05-09 23:59:59
  - 156.210.142.162,2019-05-09 23:59:59
  - 42.227.192.58,2019-05-09 23:59:59

Mirai Infections

- 114.32.245.21,TW,,TAIPEI,3462

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kid60216@Hanhans-MBP:~$ nmap 114.32.245.21
Starting Nmap 7.70 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2019-05-07 00:02 CST
Nmap scan report for 114-32-245-21.HINET-IP.hinet.net (114.32.245.21)
Host is up (0.038s latency).
Not shown: 997 closed ports
PORT     STATE    SERVICE
53/tcp   open     domain
80/tcp   open     http
1720/tcp filtered h323q931
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Reporter	Date	Comment	Categories
✔ gbetsis	02 May 2019	Telnet Server BruteForce Attack	Brute-Force
RoboSOC	29 Apr 2019	Honeypot attack, port: 23, PTR: 114-32-245-21.HINET-IP.hinet.net.	Hacking
✔ Anonymous	26 Apr 2019	port 23	Port Scan
✔ aerobeta.li	02 Feb 2019	Caught in portsentry honeypot	Brute-Force SSH

Malware Knowledge Base in Taiwan

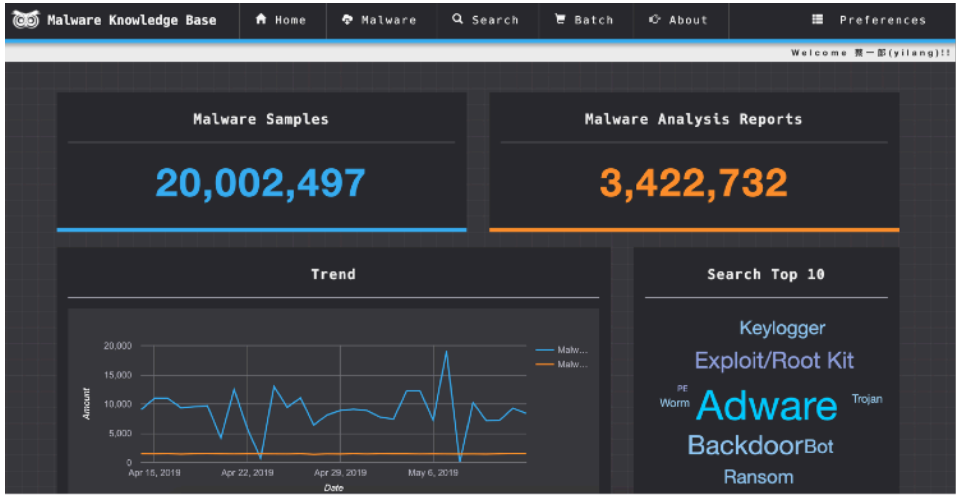
Malware Knowledge Base, hosted by the National Center for High-performance Computing, is a malware analysis platform that observes and records system behaviors conducted by analysis objects in a controlled environment with various types of dynamic analysis tools.

The mission of Malware Knowledge Base is to strengthen malware research and promote security innovations in both academia and industry.

By providing malware-related resources, Malware Knowledge Base can contribute to security research and make the Internet a safer place.

Malware Knowledge Base

- Build the behavior analysis of the network threat and malware
- Only malware behavior database in Taiwan
  - Collect 20+ M malware samples
  - Provide malware samples, analysis reports, and search functions
- Build entrapment platform to detect attacks
  - 6,000+ entrapment systems
  - Collect about 65GB/day data
- Around the clock cyber security defense
  - 7*24*365 security operation center(SOC)
  - Average 15,000/mo. security issues
  - Hold active/passive detect system
  - Self developed information feedback mechanism, enhance cyber security defense



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Malware KB: PE-x86-64

PE-x86-64

MD5	File Type	File Size	VirusTotal Result	Malware Classification	Download
010c5bd52bd0dd180f253e91504e0360	PE-x86-64	47.63KB	44/58	Analyzing...	
010eb7e0cdd2274a70fb077b2d076040	PE-x86-64	808.47KB	35/56	Analyzing...	
011e6e5419a5dc5592885105c3c36c40	PE-x86-64	569.00KB	37/56	Analyzing...	
012ab504fff47089a70429d91b127e30	PE-x86-64	250.74KB	39/56	Analyzing...	
012c5fa1cfc6d8b3058de502b152d9f0	PE-x86-64	1.19MB	21/56	Analyzing...	
012d816f8c47c7df863aa19c3d04d440	PE-x86-64	215.50KB	30/56	Analyzing...	
012eada38aa8224d46885619e7981840	PE-x86-64	336.00KB	22/56	Analyzing...	
012fce9784f909dd617ddf8c8d82cd40	PE-x86-64	344.77KB	24/57	Analyzing...	
0130a4356cbd68661b0d22f3ec8f1720	PE-x86-64	45.08KB	37/56	Analyzing...	
0130aa9d4f93c878a234ee3dac05eef0	PE-x86-64	640.00KB	33/56	Analyzing...	

Malware KB: Exploit/Root Kit

Exploit/Root Kit

MD5	File Type	File Size	VirusTotal Result	Malware Classification	Download
00002ea6006dc18391db9f697220c9c0	Others	2.77KB	44/54	Exploit/Root Kit Trojan Worm	
00003b51da52cd7c74cb09814fa8d630	Others	53.00KB	35/57	Exploit/Root Kit Trojan	
0000a2856da2186fff227a440b05f190	Others	46.79KB	46/56	Exploit/Root Kit Trojan Worm	
0000b9d2f15bd4ea6f632a8122130e30	Others	2.43KB	46/55	Backdoor Exploit/Root Kit Trojan Worm	
010c524d93a6498fe353bc7251cb34d0	Others	690.00Bytes	24/54	Exploit/Root Kit Trojan Worm	
010e138c1e508ccf704b1f58b96185c0	Others	1.68KB	47/56	Backdoor Exploit/Root Kit Trojan Worm	
010e212a396950538db3c3c2003d8940	Others	68.00KB	40/55	Exploit/Root Kit	
0111cc4bc1bb360d1f74b81be519c780	Others	515.00Bytes	37/55	Exploit/Root Kit Trojan Worm	
01126600c2c6083a37e48500d14da2f0	Others	13.92KB	43/57	Backdoor Exploit/Root Kit Trojan Worm	
011478aeeb82cb6014a30dc18b7c6220	Others	27.27KB	40/57	Backdoor Exploit/Root Kit Trojan	

Case Study:

Cyber Defense eXercise

cdx.nchc.org.tw

Cyber Defense eXercise

- **Training**
  - Cloud-based training and challenge platform for cyber security
  - Start and Setup training course environment in 90 seconds
  - On-Demond to chose different template for learning
  - Over 150+ vulnerability virtual machine
  - Design and Deployment very easy
  - Full time services for on-line learning
- **Challenge**
  - CTF and King of the Hill
  - Cross multi-domain to setup the environment
    - Red Team Testing
    - Blue Team Defense
    - Internet of Things
    - Cyber Physics System for Industry IoT

CDX Website v1

最新消息

日期	訊息
2019-03-28	[問卷調查] 為使CDX可持續提供營運並改善功能，誠摯盼望您能協助進行滿意度調查(網址：https://s.yam.com/ejjrW)，您提供的資料僅作總體改善建議與學術研究之用，絕不單獨揭露個別意見與資訊，敬請您寬心填答，謝謝！！
2019-02-01	[活動快訊] 國網中心將於iThome Cybersec 2019辦理「Cyber Defense Exercise - 網頁攻防實務」課程，活動免費誠摯邀請您一同參與，詳細內容請參考：https://cyber.ithome.com.tw/session-page/5270
2018-11-26	[活動快訊] 國網中心預定12/11下午13:00~16:30於新竹本部，舉辦科技部SP-ISAC資訊安全竹科研討會(報名網址：https://nchc-cdx.kktix.cc/events/spisac20181211)，活動免費誠摯邀請您一同參與。
2018-11-07	[平台維護] 為提升網路服務之品質，平台將於本週四(11/08)進行網路設備韌體更新作業，預計停機時間為18:00起至20:00止，作業期間將造成對外服務連線中斷或不穩定，造成不便敬請見諒。
2018-11-01	[活動快訊] 國網中心預定於2018年11月16日(五)，於大同大學Cyberspace2018研討會舉辦IoT Security WorkShop課程，活動免費誠摯邀請您一同參與，報名網址：https://nchc-cdx.kktix.cc/events/iot-security-2018。

https://cdx.nchc.org.tw/

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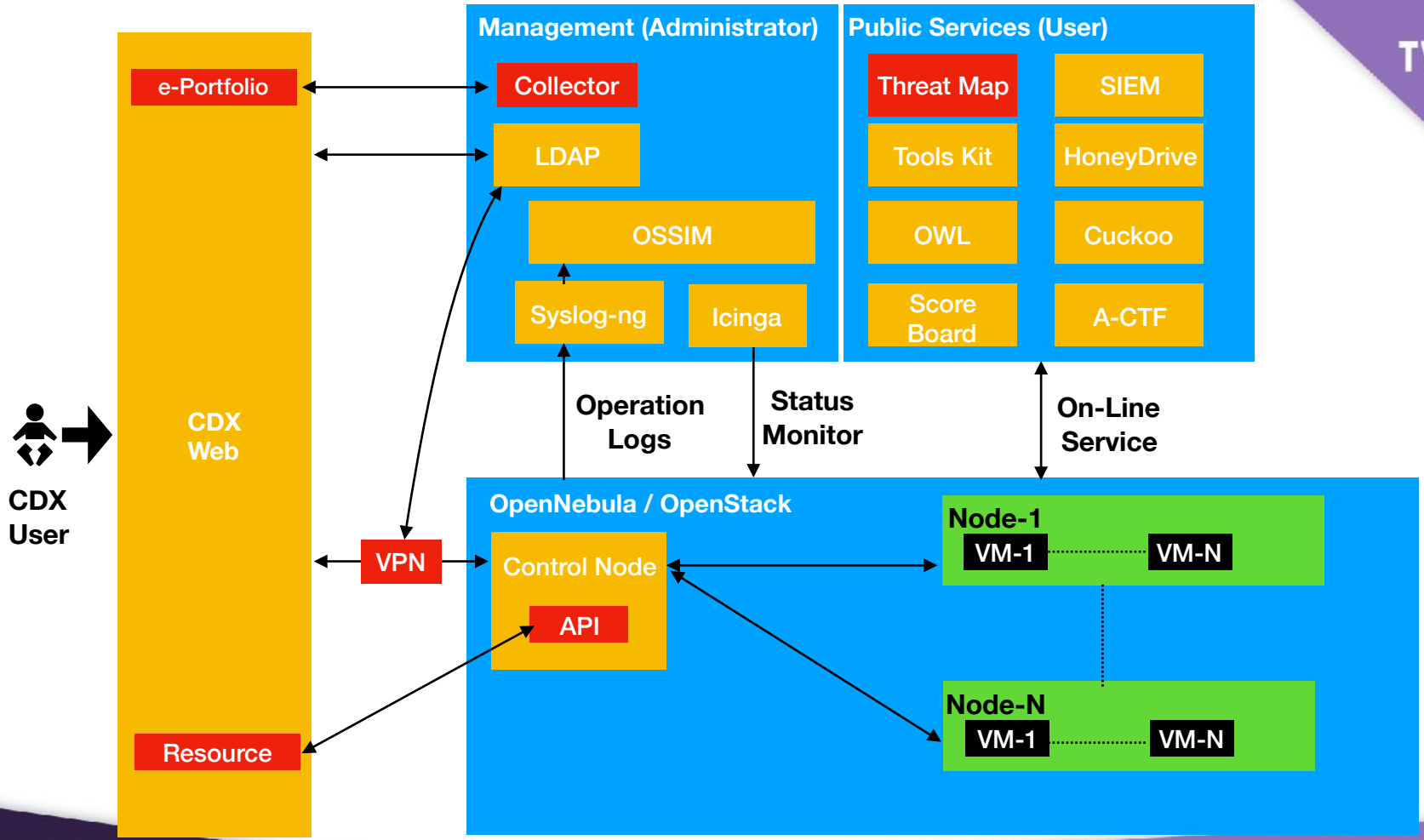
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Public Services (User)
e-Portfolio
Collector
LDAP
OSSIM
Syslog-ng
Icinga
Threat Map
SIEM
Tools Kit
HoneyDrive
OWL
Cuckoo
Score Board
A-CTF
CDX Web
CDX User
Operation Logs
Status Monitor
On-Line Service
OpenNebula / OpenStack
VPN
Control Node
API
Node-1
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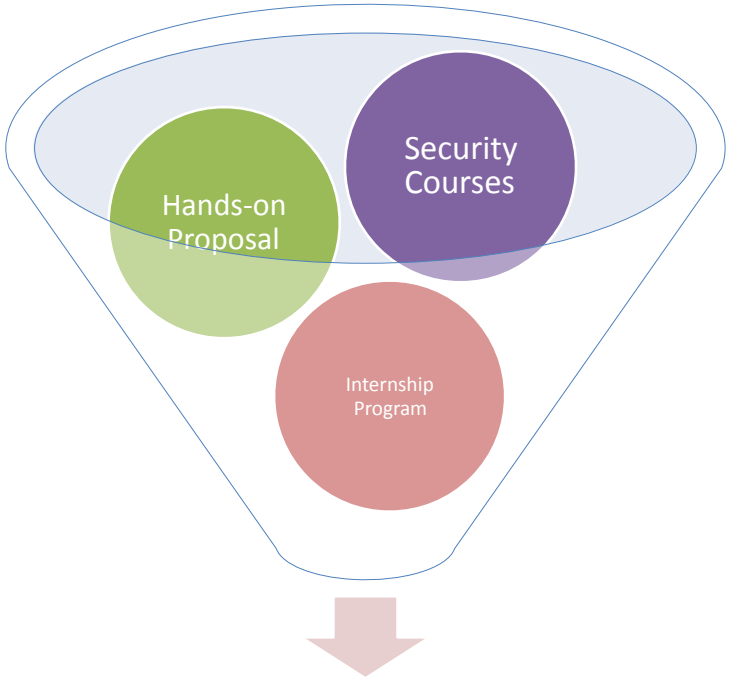
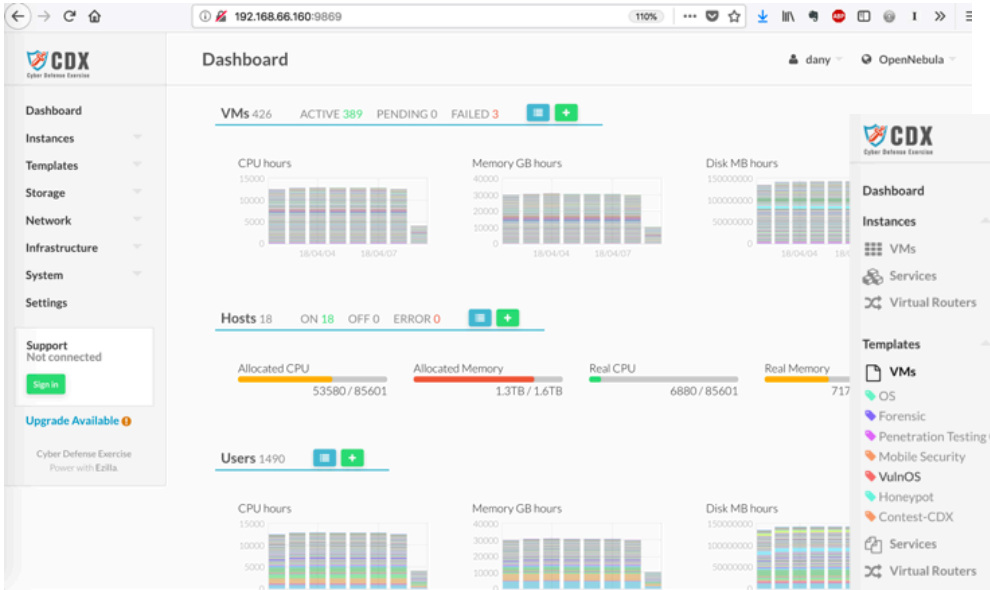
Resource

InfoSec Education Program

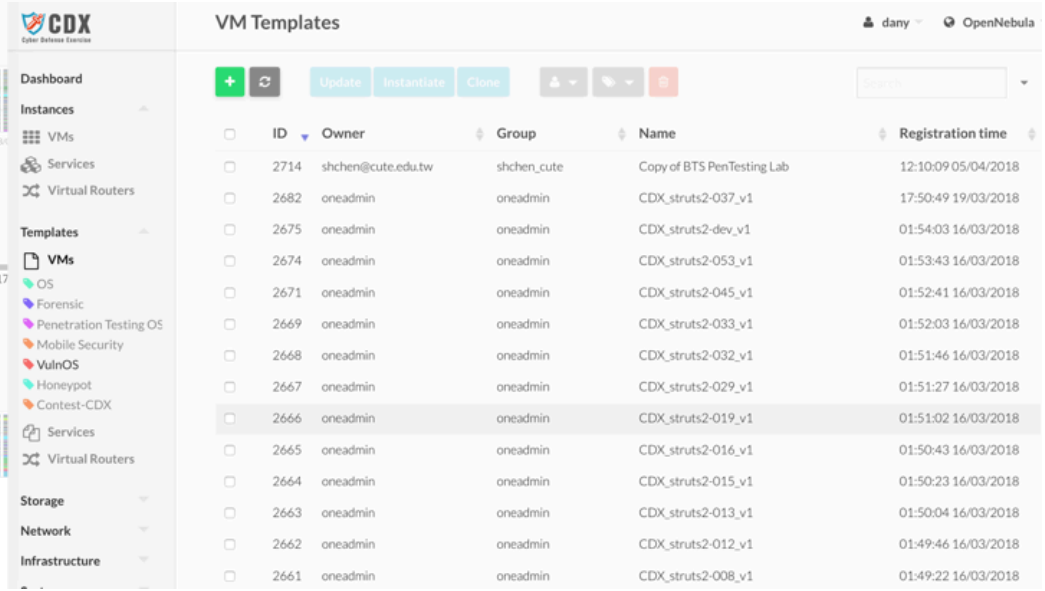
- Working with academic institutes, regional network centers and universities to provide opportunities for students to learn information security skills and get involved with security projects.



Management / Operation



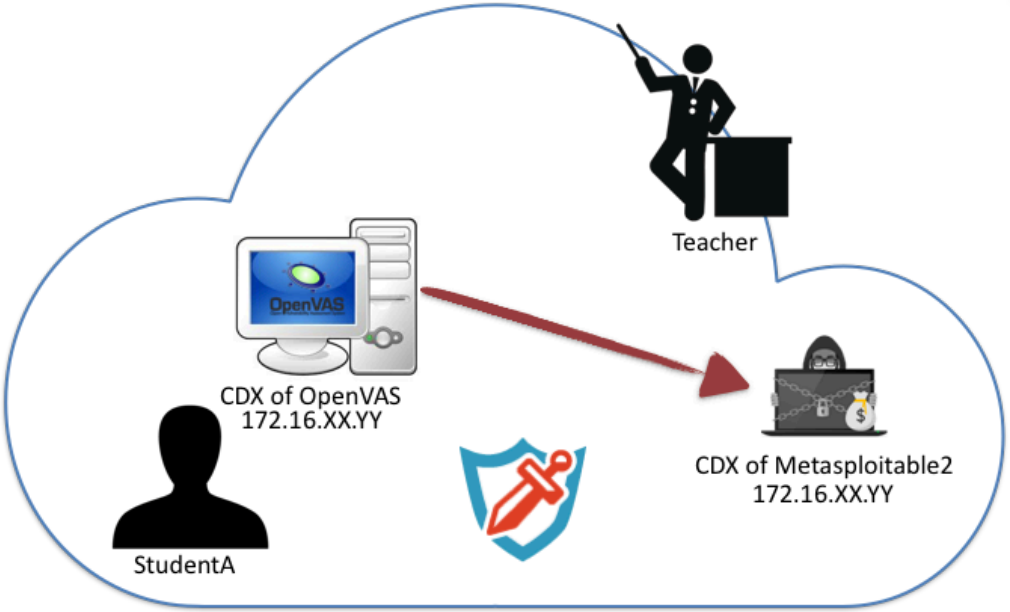
System Dashboard



VM Templates

Training Course-Vulnerability Scan

- Step 1: Open Tools VM and Target VM
- Step 2: Login Tools VM to learning OpenVAS
- Step 3:Waiting the scan result
- Step 4:Reading report and do some action for the risk



Conclusions

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- Next generation application based on more and more network bandwidth
- How to remove DDoS attack from network operation is the key issue in the future
- Cybersecurity Intelligence sharing and exchange
- Co-work with the other operation center to exchange and sharing information
- Analysis and Handling malware behavior
- Collect and Analysis CDX training and challenge data
- Use AI Computing power for cyber security intelligence analysis

Thank you
for your attention!

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