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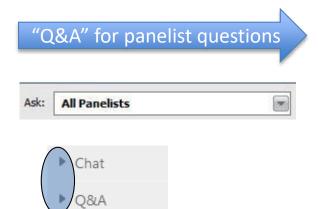
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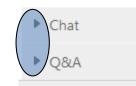
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Introductions

Personal Background

20+ years IT and security experience

- Security leadership: The University of Arizona, University of Wisconsin – Whitewater, SunGard Data Systems / Ellucian
- IT leadership positions: University of Wisconsin Madison, Central Michigan University

Education and Certifications

- Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from Central Michigan University
- Masters Certificate in Project Management from University of Wisconsin – Madison
- Certified Information Security Manager (CISM)
- Project Management Professional (PMP)

Joined FireEye in 2016

- Strategist helping customer executives achieve effective and resilient cybersecurity
- Focus on education, healthcare, and public sector customers

FireEye: Unique visibility across attack lifecycle

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Adversary Intelligence

Deploying global researchers with local knowledge

- 23 countries
- 30+ languages
- 150+ analysts & researchers

Victim Intelligence

Responding to the most significant breaches

- 13+ years investigative expertise
- 200+ of the Fortune 500
- 26 countries with consultants

More than **40% of R1 institutions** are FireEye customers

Machine Intelligence

Generating attack telemetry globally

- 15,000+ network sensors
- Millions of endpoints and email mailboxes
- 56 countries
- Performing tens of millions of malware detonations per hour

Campaign Intelligence

Witnessing attacks as they unfold

- 5 Security Operations Centers
- 99 million+ events ingested
- 21 million+ alerts validated with intel
- 30,000+ incidents dispositioned

Frequently consulted for cybersecurity insights



March 07, 2017

FIN7 spearphishing campaign targets SEC filings

FireEye researchers spotted a spear phishing campaign targeting United States Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) filings at

various organizations.

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"This stuff is cool, and I'm sure most would rather plug the holes, but don't fool vourself, its a setback for counterterrorism," commented John Hultquist, threat intelligence manager for the cybersecurity firm FireEye (FEYE, +0.53%).

SOUTH KOREA SUSPECTS HACK CAME FROM CHINA John Hultquist | Director of Cyber Espionage Analysis, FireEye

Policy Changes

by Nafeesa Syeed February 24, 2017, 2:26 PM EST

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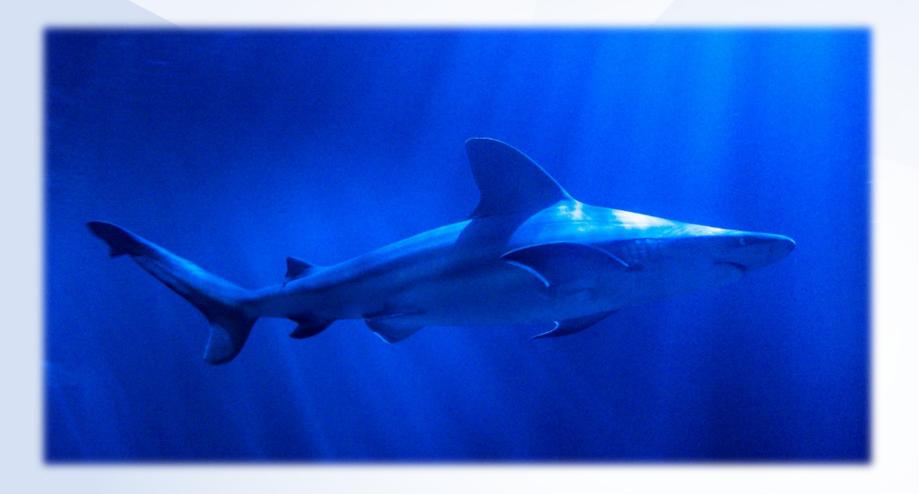
WikiLeaks Dumps Thousands of Files on Alleged CIA Hacking Tools

Why are we talking about sharks?

No, not another phishing talk...



Some threats capture the imagination



Others are easily overlooked



Why swim with sharks?



- People have many different goals:
 - Adventure
 - Photography
 - Science research



Why run technology infrastructure?



- You have many different goals:
 - Back office / ERP
 - Student learning
 - Research
 - Etc.



Another underlying shared goal...



- Shark divers and tech leaders have different goals
- For IT leaders:
 - Confidentiality
 - Integrity
 - Availability

How do you stay safe?





Master technical skills

Understand threat landscape

Master technical skills

Learn the basics



STAY SAFE! MASTER TECH SKILLS

 Make sure your IT and security personnel have access to training

Get the right gear



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 Make sure your team has the tools, budget, and management support needed

Practice! Use and maintain your gear



STAY SAFE! MASTER TECH SKILLS

 Tabletop exercises, red team / purple team, capture the flag events

Plan appropriately





 Know your broader business goals, but also make sure safety is planned from the start

Continuously improve





 Apply lessons learned from practice and real world scenarios

Understand threat landscape

Know what you're up against



Operational threats



STAY SAFE! UNDERSTAND THREATS

 Equipment failure, personnel turnover, and other factors can impact safety performance

Environmental threats



STAY SAFE! UNDERSTAND THREATS

 Geopolitical and regulator factors can impact your risk

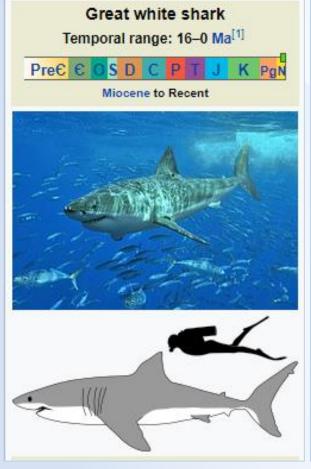
Active threats



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 External (or internal) attacks require additional precautions

Threat intelligence provides context



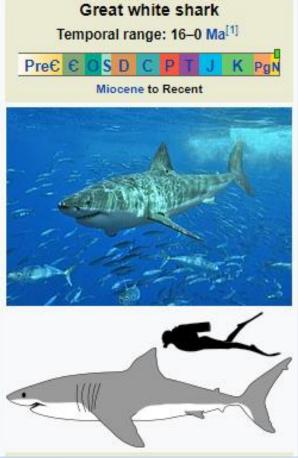
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Synonyms

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The great white shark is one of only four kinds of shark that have been involved in a significant number of fatal unprovoked attacks on humans.



Put advanced attacks in context



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- There is a human at the keyboard
- Performing highly tailored and customized attacks
- Targeted at YOU



Professional, organized, well funded

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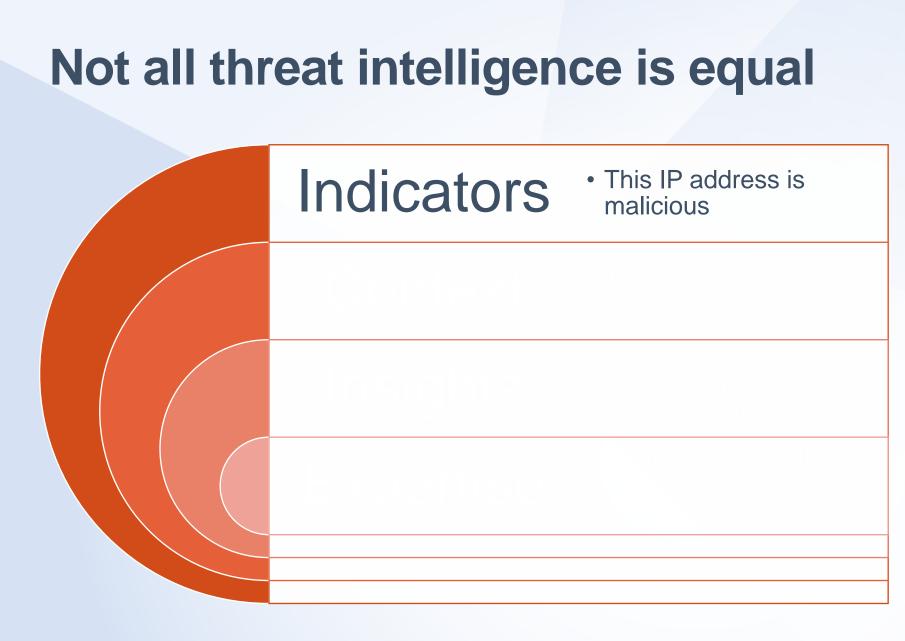
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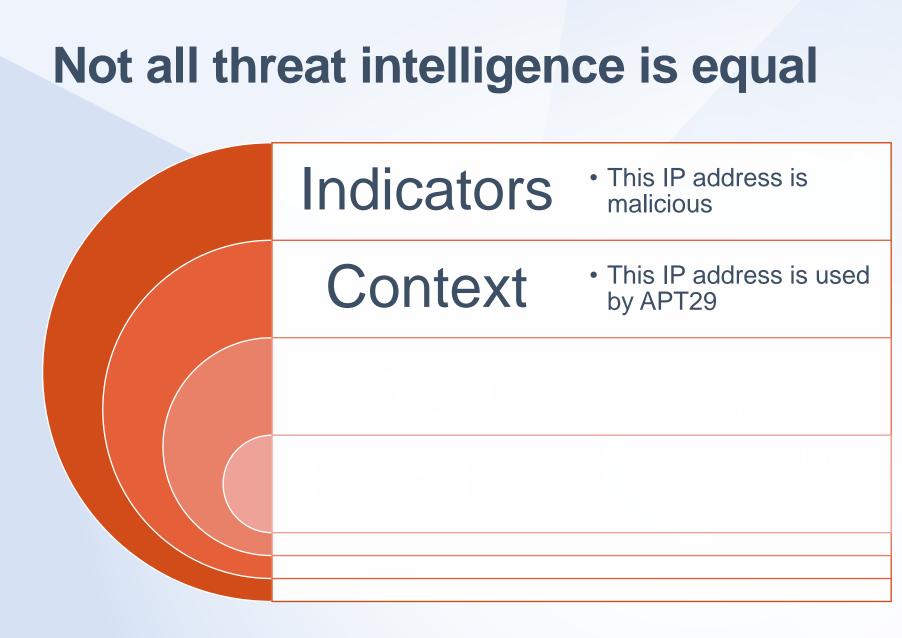


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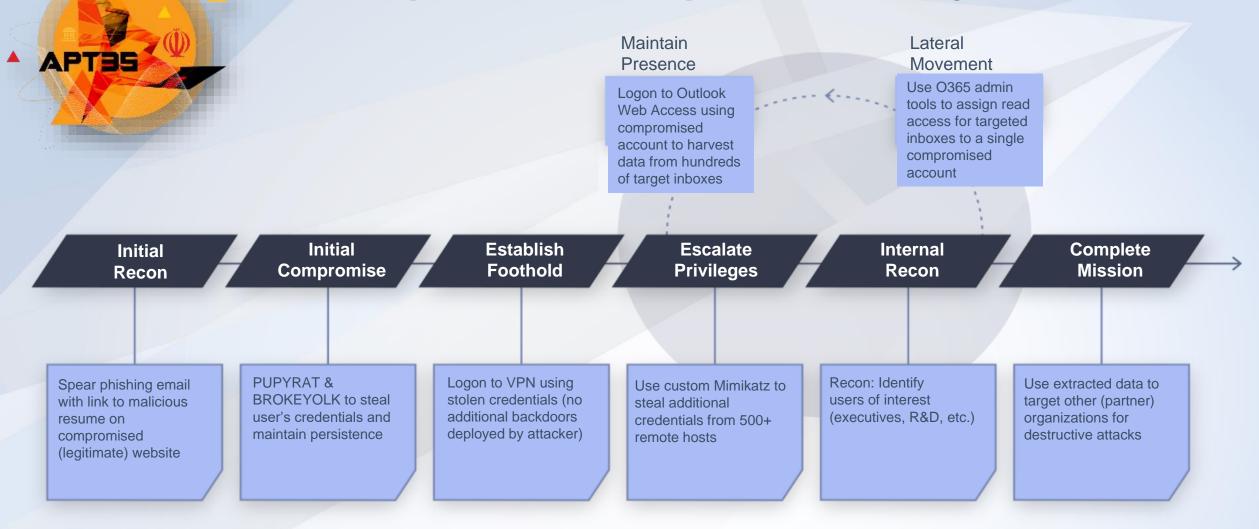
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APT35 (Newscaster) Case Study*



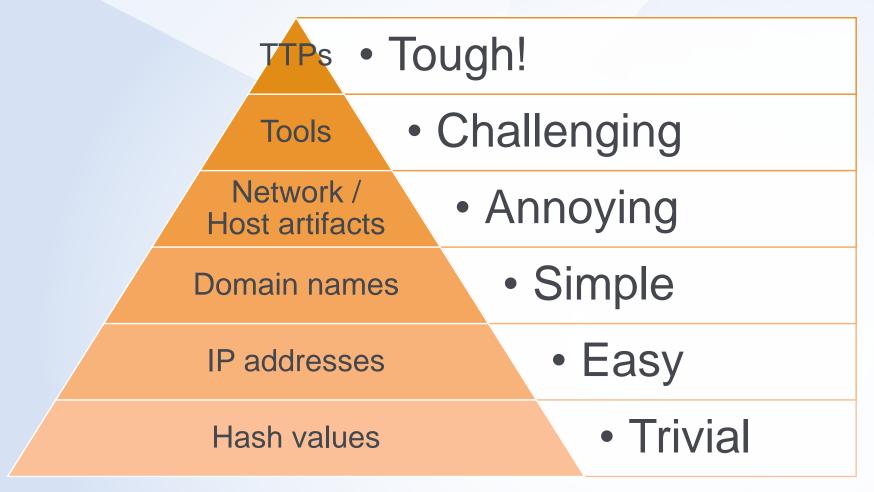
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Multiple opportunities to stop an attack Maintain Lateral APT35 Presence **Movement** Initial **Establish** Escalate Internal Complete Initial Recon Compromise Foothold **Privileges** Recon Mission 2 \searrow

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Make attackers work harder



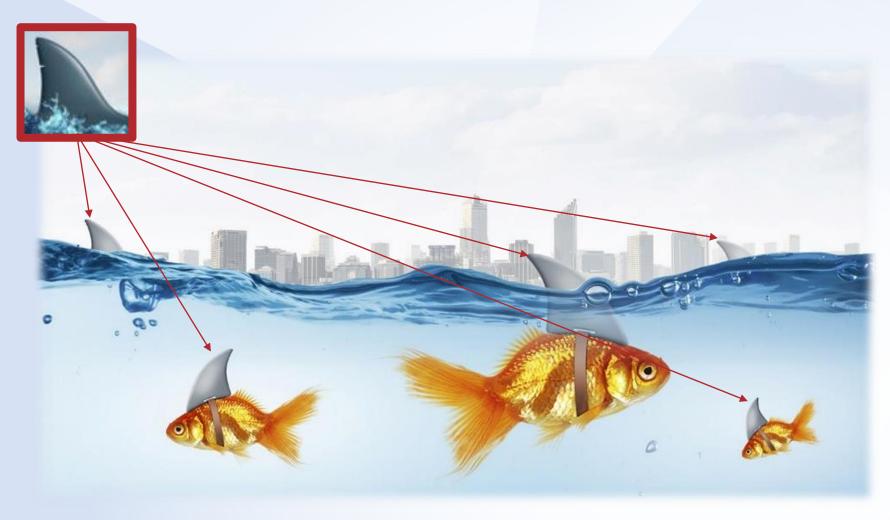
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Threat Intelligence vs Machine Learning

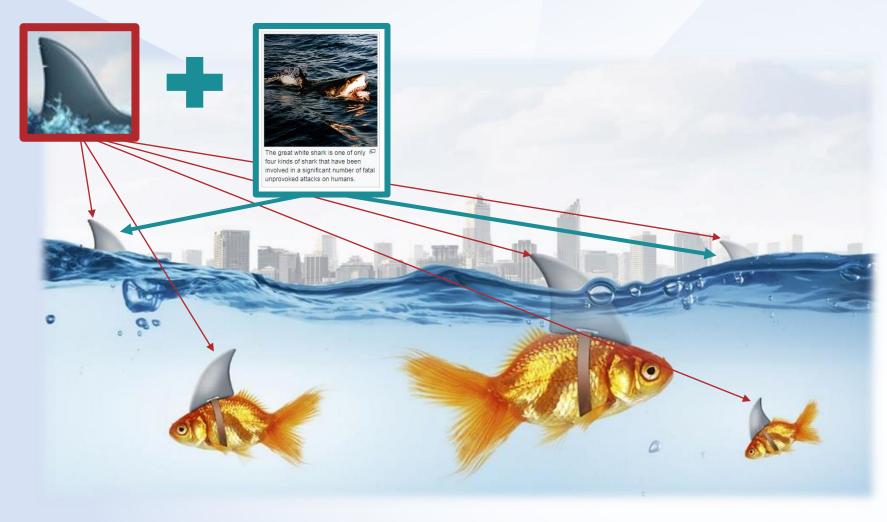
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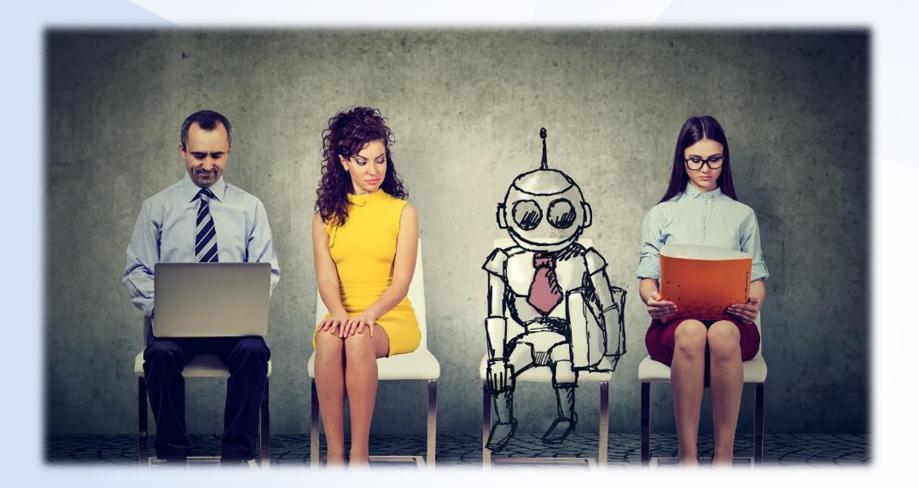
Challenges to ML detection



Better intelligence improves ML



What about "autonomous Al" solutions?



Applying intelligence to your cybersecurity program



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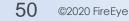
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Expertise

 Do you have timely information to update your strategies to defend against new threats?



Focus on people and processes





Embrace the journey...



Questions?

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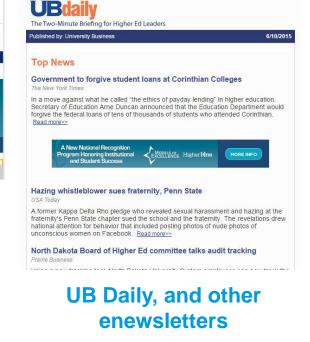
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