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18 Security Analisten Started in june 2010



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Who do we work for









- Citizens and companies
- Customers within the service
- Customers outside the service



IT - Facts and Figures



24 Petabyte storage



1.600 applications



2000 Physical21.500 Virtual



30 million LoC



3 locations



> 50.000 mobile devices



43.000 notebooks/pc



> 300 apps

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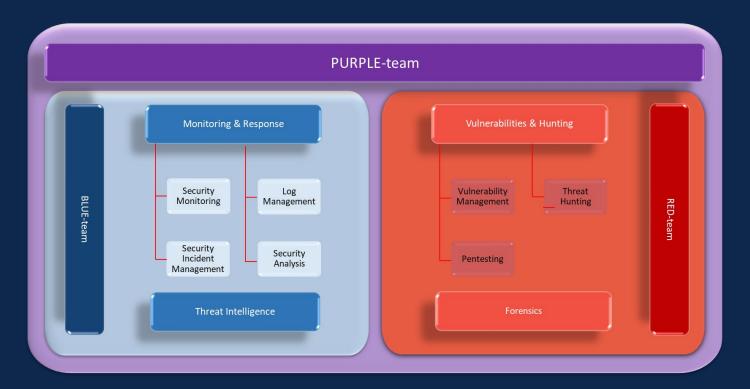


Definition Security Operations Center

"A Security Operation Center (SOC) is a centralized function within an organization employing people, processes, and technology to continuously monitor and improve an organization's security posture while preventing, detecting, analyzing, and responding to cybersecurity incidents."



Main processes SOC





Monitoring & Response

The SOC deals with Security Monitoring, examples of which are:

- Unauthorized account creation in the domain "Belastingdienst"
- Use of honey token account

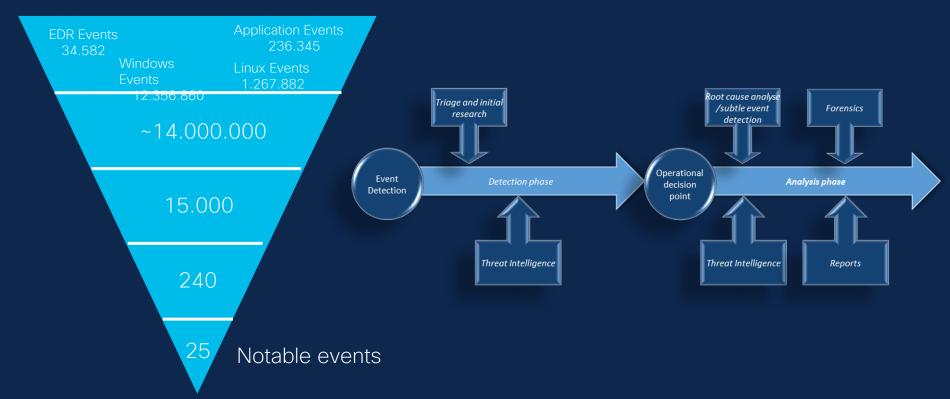
Examples not covered by security monitoring:

- An unexpected restart
- Unexpected restoration of a backup
- Availability of an application
- Abnormalities in behavior

Note: Availability lies with Operations Bridge



Challenge: from events to incidents





Monitoring & Response - Use-cases

What is a SOC use-case?

"Methodology used by the SOC team to identify and organize technical and organizational requirements for detection and response to specific threats"

From 3 billion events to 24 notable events......



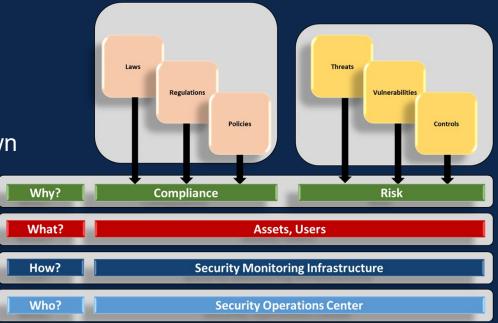


MAGMA Use-case Framework

The MaGMa Use Case Framework (UCF) is a framework and tool for use case management and administration on security monitoring

Now: Use-case: bottom-up

Future: Risks/Compliance: top-down



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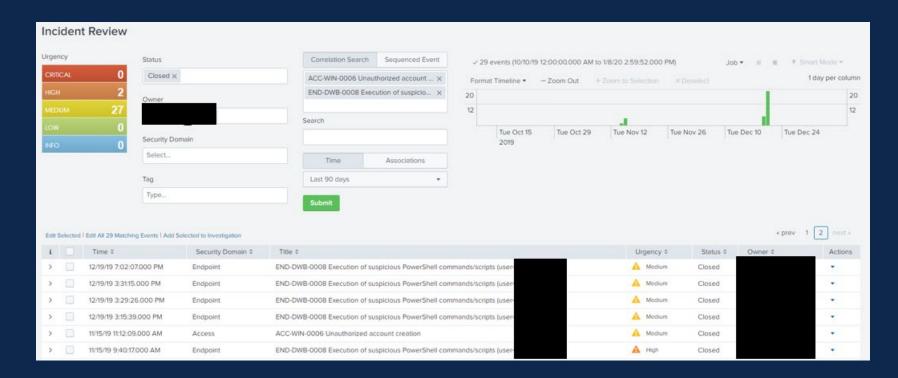


Monitoring & Response - Use-case Examples

- Inside to inside:
 - Unauthorized creation of users
 - Use of "honey token accounts"
- Outside to inside:
 - DDoS detection
 - Inbound malware
 - Hacking attempts, exploiting vulnerabilities, Coordinated Vulnerability Disclosure
- Inside to outside:
 - Detection of network traffic to botnets, malware workstations
- Outside to outside:
 - Reports citizens phishing/smishing



Security Incident and Event Management System





Outside to inside: DDoS detection/mitigation

Rulebase & Screening	Rulebase Q 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	Screening	Amplification Type	Src IP session Limits	Dest IP session Limits
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96 % IP's from other Country's	92 % IPs from other Country's	0 % IP's from other Country's	TCP/53169 (2%) #1 Attack NON UDP		
Russia(25%) #1 Non NL Country	United States(25%) #1 Non NL Country	Russia #1 Non NL Country	Russia #1 Non NL Country	#1 Non NL Country	Australia #1 Non NL Country



Outside to Inside - DDoS exercises

Twice a year

- Volume-based DDoS test
- Applicative DDoS test





Anti-DDoS Coalition

No More DDoS

















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Outside to Inside - External Mail

Totals 2020



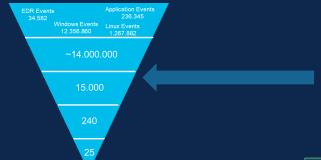
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Clean Messages	14.663.156	26,79%
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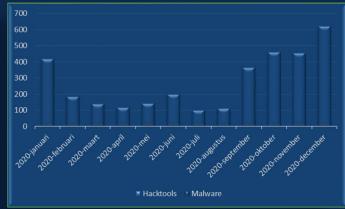


Inside to outside/inside - Malware workstations



Totals 2020

- Malware 5799
- Hacktools 29





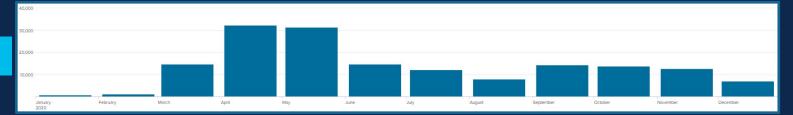


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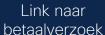


2020











Link shortener

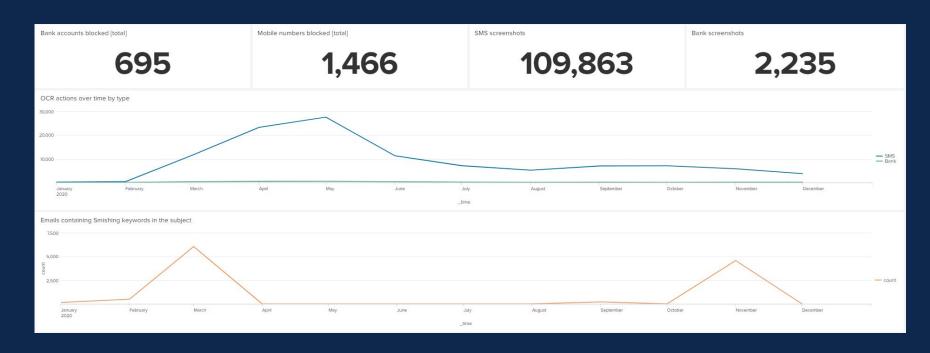


E-mail phishing



Fake websites







Ik heb helaas dit bedrag overgemaakt!

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Verstuurd vanaf mijn iPhone

Begin doorgestuurd bericht:

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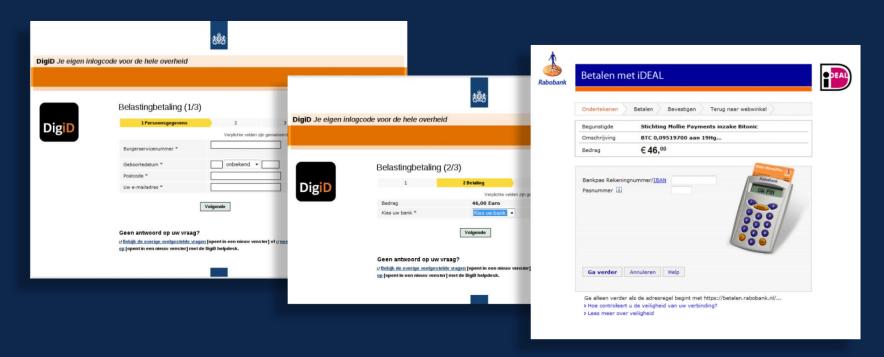
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Antwoord aan: belastingaangifte@belastingdienst.nl



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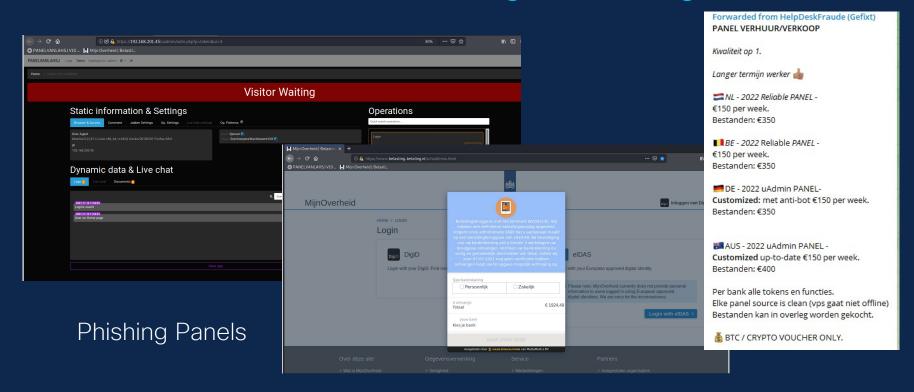
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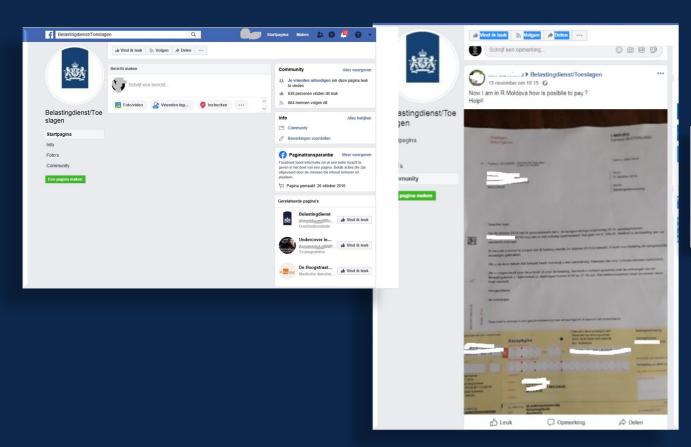
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Outside to outside: Fake social media pages





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Partnerships



- National Response Network
 - Goal: The National Response Network (NRN) is a collaborative effort with the goal of strengthening the joint response to cybersecurity incidents.
- J-SOC, operational cooperation between SOCs within the Dutch National Government
- o-IRT-o, public-private partnership between SOC/CERT within the Netherlands
- NCSC liaison consultation, PPS at tactical level
- ISACs, including the RijksISAC.
- Splunk ISAC with Norway, Denmark, Netherlands and the UK
- Dutch antiDDoS Coalition



Ask me anything

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No pincode, no SSN, no password (you know it already, it's welcome01)



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09:00 - 10:00	Opening Keynote Sadie Creese (Professor Cybersecurity @ Oxford University)					
	Main stage (Zilversmederij 300 seats)	Breakout room 1 (Penningzaal 80 seats)	Breakout room 2 (Depot 80 seats)	Breakout room 3 (Stempelkamer 60 seats)	Breakout room 4 (Schatkamer 30 seats)	
10:00 - 10:15	Break - switch to main stream					
	Threat Intell	Threat Intel	Post Quantum Security	Threat Intel	Al	
10:15 - 10:45	Threat Intel update from Talos - Martin Lee (Talos Threat intelligence organization)	No More Leaks Project - Felix Nijpels (Dutch Police)	The Impact of Quantum on security - a general outlook - Sam Samuel (Cisco)	Threat managemen at the Dutch Railway - Dimitri van Zantvliet Rozemeijer (Chief Cyber Dutch Railway)	Get ready for the Al attack bot - Richard de Vries (Tata Steel)	
10:45 - 11:00			Break - switch to main stream			
11:00 - 11:30	Detection and Response	SOAR	Post Quantum Security	Detection and Response	Detection and Response / Al	
	Day in life at the Dutch Tax Office SOC - Karl Lovink (Belastingdienst)	Stay Ahead of the Game: Automate your Threat Hunting Workflows - Christopher van der Made (Cisco)	Quantum hurdles: an optimistic view of post- quantum security - Sander Dorigo (Fox Crypto)	What Cyber can learn from Biology? - Koen Hokke (KPN)	Unsupervised Anomaly-Based Network Intrusion Detection Using Auto Encoders for Practical Use - Julik Keijer (Northwave)	
11:30 - 11:45			Break - switch to main stream			
	Detection and Response	Detection and Response	DevSecOps/ Detection and Response	DevSecOps		
11:45 - 12:15	Compliancy vs security. Pentesting is dead - Edwin van Andel (ZeroCopter)	Incident Response without compromise. How to prepare for the worst day of your career with dice! - Wouter Hindriks (Avit)	Threat Modelling: it's not just for developers - Timothy Wadhwa-Brown (Cisco)	Changed responsibilities in modern software development environments - Martin Knobloch (Microfocus)	How to break a data center? Fred Streefland (Secior)	
12:15 - 13:00	LUNCH					
13:00 - 13:45	Panel Discussion with Liesbeth Holterman (host CVNL) Koen Sandbrink (NCSC), Jochem Smit (Northwave), Oscar Koeroo (Min Ezk), Jan Heijdra (Cisco)					
13:45 - 14:00			Break - switch to main stream			
	Threat intel / Detection and Response	Threat Intel	Detection and Response	DevSecOps		
14:00 - 14:30	CERT in Ukraine exeperience sharing by Andrii Bezverkhyi (SOCPrime)	This is why you will fail: Most successful attack scenarios and their defenses - Tijme Gommers (Northwave)	Risk-based Auth & ZTA - Frank Michaud (Cisco)	Creating clarity and unity in security standards and guidelines - OpenCRE.org - Rob van der Veer (Software Improvement Group)	(Placeholder) WICCA Breakout (with Wendy joining)	
14:30 - 14:45	5 Break - switch to main stream					
	Detection and Response	Detection and Response	Detection and Response	Threat Intel	Detection and Response / Al	
14:45 - 15:15	Advanced Attacker Automation: Botnet capabilities and techniques used to evade your defences - David Warburton (F5)	Security Maturity: from XDR to SIEM - Gilles van Heijst (Orange Cyber Defense)	Improving Business Security by implementing Security.txt - Julius Offers (Digital Trust Center)	Tackling the challenge of translating threat intelligence into actual action - Raymond Bierens (Connect2Trust)	Fostering emerging technologies in cybersecurity, to reinforce our strategic autonomy Christian van der Woude (Dcypher)	
15:15 - 16:00			Closing Keynote - Wendy Nather			