

Application of the MITRE Attack Framework

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Course Description and Goals

Course Description: The MITRE Attack Framework is a globally accessible knowledge base of tactics and techniques provided from real-world observations. Using the attack framework, a security consultant or blue team member can formulate a strategy for reducing risk in both the Public and Private Sectors.

During this course we will move through the 12 areas of the MITRE Attack Framework and discuss how security professionals should use the matrix to assist them in overlaying solutions or controls to address current threats.

Since the methods of attack change regularly this course is going to focus on examples for several of the attack types in each section and applicable mitigation tactics. These principles can then be applied across the entire framework whether you are looking at adding a security solution to your current stack or are doing research on known attack vectors for academic purposes.

Prerequisites:

- Basic technical terminology understanding
- Basic terminology in association with controls
- Basic terminology in association with risk reduction

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Course Goals: By the end of the course, students should be able to:

Understand Initial Access Attack Vectors Such As:

- Drive-by Compromise
- Spear phishing Link
- Supply Chain Compromise
- Trusted Relationship

Course Resources

The Site for the Framework is here: <https://attack.mitre.org/>

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Course Outline

Module 1 | Introduction

- Lesson 1.1: What is the MITRE Attack Framework?
- Lesson 1.2: Where is the MITER Attack Framework Being Used?
- Lesson 1.3: Site Navigation and Review

Module 2 | Initial Access

- Lesson 2.1: What is Initial Access
- Lesson 2.2: External Remote Services
- Lesson 2.3: Spear Phishing Link
- Lesson 2.4: Supply Chain Compromise
- Lesson 2.5: Trusted Relationship
- Lesson 2.6: Valid Accounts
- Lesson 2.7: Case Study: Initial Access
- Lesson 2.8: Summary

Module 3 | Execution

- Lesson 3.1: What is Execution
- Lesson 3.2: Command Line Interface
- Lesson 3.3: Execution through API
- Lesson 3.4: Control Panel Items
- Lesson 3.5: PowerShell
- Lesson 3.6: Scripting
- Lesson 3.7: User Execution
- Lesson 3.8: Case Study: Execution
- Lesson 3.9: Summary

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Module 4 | Persistence

- Lesson 4.1: What is Persistence
- Lesson 4.2: Accessibility Features
- Lesson 4.3: Bootkit
- Lesson 4.4: Browser Extension
- Lesson 4.5: Component Firmware
- Lesson 4.6: Create Account
- Lesson 4.7: Hooking
- Lesson 4.8: New Service
- Lesson 4.9: Case Study: Persistence
- Lesson 4.10: Summary

Module 5 | Privilege Escalation

- 5.1 What is Privilege Escalation
- 5.2 Access Token Manipulation
- 5.3 Elevated Execution with Prompt
- 5.4 Exploitation for Privilege Escalation
- 5.5 File System Permission Weakness
- 5.6 Scheduled Task
- 5.7 Sudo
- 5.8 Web Shell
- 5.9 Case Study: Privilege Escalation
- 5.10 Summary

Module 6 | Defense Evasion

- Lesson 6.1: What is Defense Evasion
- Lesson 6.2: Clear Command History
- Lesson 6.3: Compile After Delivery
- Lesson 6.4: Disabling Security Tools
- Lesson 6.5: Hidden Files and Directories
- Lesson 6.6: Hidden Users

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Lesson 6.7: Hidden Window
Lesson 6.8: Process Hollowing
Lesson 6.9: Software Packing
Lesson 6.10: Case Study: Defense Evasion
Lesson 6.11: Summary

Module 7 | Credential Access

Lesson 7.1: What is Credential Access
Lesson 7.2: Bash History
Lesson 7.3: Brute Force
Lesson 7.4: Credential Dumping
Lesson 7.5: Credentials in Files
Lesson 7.6: Keychain
Lesson 7.7: Network Sniffing
Lesson 7.8: Steal Web Session Cookie
Lesson 7.9: Case Study: Credential Access
Lesson 7.10: Summary

Module 8 | Discovery

Lesson 8.1: What is Discovery
Lesson 8.2: Account Discovery
Lesson 8.3: Browser Bookmark Discovery
Lesson 8.4: Network Service Scanning
Lesson 8.5: Password Policy Discovery
Lesson 8.6: Query Registry
Lesson 8.7: Software Discovery
Lesson 8.8: System Owner/User Discovery
Lesson 8.9: Case Study: Discovery
Lesson 8.10: Summary

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Module 9 | Lateral Movement

- Lesson 9.1: What is Lateral Movement
- Lesson 9.2: Application Deployment Software
- Lesson 9.3: Exploitation of Remote Services
- Lesson 9.4: Internal Spear Phishing
- Lesson 9.5: Logon Scripts
- Lesson 9.6: Pass the Hash
- Lesson 9.7: SSH Hijacking
- Lesson 9.8: Case Study: Lateral Movement
- Lesson 9.9: Summary

Module 10 | Collection

- Lesson 10.1: What is Collection
- Lesson 10.2: Audio Capture
- Lesson 10.3: Clipboard Data
- Lesson 10.4: Data from Local System
- Lesson 10.5: Data from Removable Media
- Lesson 10.6: Email Collection
- Lesson 10.7: Man in the Browser
- Lesson 10.8: Case Study: Collection
- Lesson 10.9: Summary

Module 11 | Command and Control

- Lesson 11.1: What is Command and Control
- Lesson 11.2: Commonly Used Port
- Lesson 11.3: Custom Command and Control Protocol
- Lesson 11.4: Data Encoding
- Lesson 11.5: Fallback Channels
- Lesson 11.6: Multi-hop Proxy
- Lesson 11.7: Remote Access Tools
- Lesson 11.8: Uncommonly Used Port

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Lesson 11.9: Case Study: Command and Control

Lesson 11.10: Summary

Module 12 | Exfiltration

Lesson 12.1: What is Exfiltration

Lesson 12.2: Automated Exfiltration

Lesson 12.3: Data Compressed

Lesson 12.4: Data Transfer Size Limits

Lesson 12.5: Exfiltration Over Alternative Protocol

Lesson 12.6: Scheduled Transfer

Lesson 12.7: Case Study: Exfiltration

Lesson 12.8: Summary

Module 13 | Impact

Lesson 13.1: What is Impact

Lesson 13.2: Account Access Removal

Lesson 13.3: Defacement

Lesson 13.4: Disk Content Wipe

Lesson 13.5: Firmware Corruption

Lesson 13.6: Service Stop

Lesson 13.7: System Shutdown/Reboot

Lesson 13.8: Case Study: Impact

Lesson 13.9: Summary

Module 14 | Conclusion

Lesson 14.1: Course Summary

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