

# **Data Science for Cybersecurity Risk**



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### **Experience**

- SAS Institute Data Scientist (cyber/fraud/security)
- Deloitte Mgr. Analytics (fraud/fin.crime/cyber)
- Nyenrode University Lecturer Analytics
- SARK7 Analytics Owner / Consultant (risk/finance)
- Genentech Inc. / Roche (biotech) Principal Analyst / Sr. Manager
- Atradius (insurance) Senior R&D Engineer
- CFSI (credit collateralization) CIO / Head of IT

### Academic

- PhD (ABD)
- MBA (OneMBA)
- MA Financial Management
- Certificate Finance



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- GD IT Management
- MA Computer & **Communications** Technology



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### YouTube

- Introduction to Advanced Analytics
- Introduction to Cognitive Analytics
- TedX RSM: Data Analytics



# AGENDA

Data Science for Cybersecurity Risk

•Why?

# Cybersecurity risk management

- Challenges
- Data-driven approach
- Data Science (DS)
- DS for cybersecurity risk
  - Focused examples
  - Learnings from the field
  - Risk management solutions



### **Multidisciplinary Merge**

Challenges bringing common interests together

DOMAIN	FOCUS	CHALLENGE
Cybersecurity	Protect network infrastructure and resources	Many unknown- unknowns
Risk Management	Identify probability and impact to control risks/opportunities	Uncertainty gap in cybersecurity domain (avoid, reduce, share, or retain risks?)
Data Science	Application of a range of methods to extract insights from data	Clarifying best practices to support cyber risk management

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# Cybersecurity Risk Management





### **Cyber Incidents: Likelihood and Impact**



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### Anatomy of a Sophisticated Attack: Target retailer POS breach (2013) Hybrid social engineering multi-layered, multi-phased attack



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### Deep-incursion: STUXNET (Duqu/Flame) (2010)

### State-sponsored sophisticated multi-phased worm attack





Stuxnet enters a system via a USB stick and proceeds to infect all machines running Microsoft Windows. By brandishing a digital certificate that seems to show that it comes from a reliable company, the worm is able to evade automated-detection systems.



### 2. search

Stuxnet then checks whether a given machine is part of the targeted industrial control system made by Siemens. Such systems are deployed in Iran to run high-speed centrifuges that help to enrich nuclear fuel.

### 3. update

If the system isn't a target, Stuxnet does nothing; if it is, the worm attempts to access the Internet and download a more recent version of itself.



#### 4. compromise

The worm then compromises the target system's logic controllers, exploiting "zero day" vulnerabilities-software weaknesses that haven't been identified by security experts.



#### 5. control

In the beginning, Stuxnet spies on the operations of the targeted system. Then it uses the information it has gathered to take control of the centrifuges, making them spin themselves to failure.



### 6. deceive and destroy

Meanwhile, it provides false feedback to outside controllers, ensuring that they won't know what's going wrong until it's too late to do anything about it.



### SOURCE: IEEE Spectrum http://spectrum.ieee.org/telecom/security/the-real-story-of-stuxnet

# DISTRIBUTE, WHOLESALE, RESELLERS.....

"There's a lot of talk about nations trying to attack us, but we are in a situation where we are vulnerable to an army of 14-year-olds who have two weeks' training"

- Roel Schouwenberg
  - Senior Researcher, Kaspersky Lab

http://spectrum.ieee.org/telecom/security/the-real-story-of-stuxnet





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# NOTICE OF EXTORTION

Your business, , has been targeted for extortion. The selection process is random, and was not triggered by any event under your control.

Should you fail to pay the one-time monetary tribute, by the deadline provided below, your business will be severely and irreparably damaged. The following methods are commonly employed in cases of non-compliance:

		Anonymous Reports of:	
	<ul> <li>Negative Online Reviews</li> <li>BBB Complaints</li> <li>Harassing Telephone Calls</li> <li>Fraudulent Delivery Orders</li> <li>Telephone Denial-of-Service</li> </ul>	Health Code Violations     OSHA Violations     Criminal Tax Evasion     Money Laundering     Illegal Drug Sales	
	Bomb Threats	<ul> <li>Marijuana Grow Operations</li> </ul>	
	Vandalism	<ul> <li>Methamphetamine Production</li> </ul>	
•	Mercury contamination	<ul> <li>Terrorist Training Activi</li> </ul>	

The tribute price is only One Bitcoin (1 BTC), but must be paid by August 15, 2014. Payment is to be made to the Bitcoin Wallet Address listed below.

If payment is not received, our team will begin taking the actions listed above. Once engagement has begun, it can only be stopped for a tribute of Three Bitcoin (3 BTC). Because many of the actions we take are catastrophic and irreversible, is it advised to pay the tribute before the deadline is reached.





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### **Impact from Cyber Incidents**

### **TANGIBLE**

- Destruction of infrastructure
- Incident handling costs
- Lost customers / clientele
- Legal judgements
- Regulatory fines
- Rectification of vulnerabilities



### **INTANGIBLE**

- Loss of trust (customers, partners)
- Impact on strategic market position and share price
- Damage to reputation & brand
- Impact to credit rating



# **Reactive militarization...**

### **Competitive 'digital innovation' pressures**



Source: Gartner. 2015. Agenda Overview for Banking and Investment Services.

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## Expanding digital offerings:

- Increasing access
- Complexity of systems
- Greater volumes of data

# Proliferation of devices:

- BYOD
- VMs / containers
- IoT / smart devices
- ICS SCADA



### **In Search of:** Targeted, Relevant, Actionable Alerts...





# Data-Driven Cyber Risk Mangement



### Many data sources... increasing data volume



*Source* Cyber Security Solutions, 2014.

### **Cyber Data Types and Monthly Volumes**





### **Simply Complex**

Identifying targeted anomalies amongst and ocean of noise...



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# **Data Science for Cybersecurity**



## **Data Science => Uncertainty Reduction**



#### SOURCE

Partnering for Cyber Resilience: Towards the Quantification of Cyber Threats

WEF report in collaboration with Deloitte:

http://www3.weforum.org/docs/WEFUSA\_QuantificationofCyberThreats\_Report2015.pdf

# **Data Science => Measurement**



Advancing Cyber Resilience Principles and Tools for Boards http://www3.weforum.org/docs/IP/2017/Adv\_Cyber\_Resilience\_Principles-Tools.pdf

## **Optimizing Accessibility Versus Exposure**

Invest to point of optimality



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https://www.sas.com/en\_us/whitepapers/ponemon-howsecurity-analytics-improves-cybersecurity-defenses-108679.html

### Level of difficulty in reducing false alerts\*



\* Survey of 621 global IT security practitioners

# **Poll Question 1**

1. At what stage are you in deploying a cybersecurity analytics program?

- a) Not planning
- b) Planning in next 3 to 12 months
- c) Planning in next 12 to 24 months
- d) Implementation underway
- e) Have completed





# At what stage are you in your security analytics program?



#### SOURCE

Security Brief Magazine. (2016). "Analyze This! Who's Implementing Security Analytics Now?" Available at <u>https://www.sas.com/en\_th/whitepapers/analyze-this-108217.html</u>



# **Overview Data Science**





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### **Historical View**



VALUE



VALUE



VALUE



# Data Science for Cybersecurity Risk Analysis



# **Poll Question 2**

# 2. What is the most important objective for applying cybersecurity analytics?

- a) Detect events in progress
- b) Determine root cause of past events (forensics)
- c) Provide advanced warning of potential internal threats and attackers
- d) Prioritize alerts, security threats, and vulnerabilities
- e) Provide advanced warning about potential external threats and attackers



https://www.sas.com/en\_us/whitepapers/ponemon-how-security-

analytics-improves-cybersecurity-defenses-108679.html



When Seconds Count: How Security Analytics Improves Cybersecurity Defenses

# Most important objectives for a cybersecurity analytics solution\*



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### **Enterprise Cyber Security Data Science**



### **Cyber Data Science Lifecycle**





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### Data Science for Cybersecurity Supports Core Uncertainty Reduction



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### Linking and Managing 'Big' Cyber Data





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### What data sources are available within your organization, should a security analytics program happen?



### **Data Science: Multiple Analytics Methods**



### **Statistical Methods: Network Discovery**



### MEASURES

- Centrality
- Eigenvector
- Density
- Reach
- Strength
- Recopricity



# **Machine Learning**

### **Discovering Patterns**

### Unsupervised machine learning

- You have a dataset, but little idea concerning the patterns and categories
- *-Example*: your have a large set of Net Flow data, but do not know patterns

### **Detection / Prediction**

### Supervised machine learning

- You have a baseline: a dataset with examples of what you are attempting to predict or classify (random forests, boosted trees)
- *Example*: known examples of cyber attacks based on Net Flow data



Cluster Analysis



### **Unsupervised Machine Learning (identifying patterns)**





# Not All Users are Alike...



### **Patterns in Complexity: Cluster Analysis**



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### Learnings from the Field: User Patterns

### Pareto Principle

- 80/20% pattern in network-usage (user hours online)
  - Outliers: multiple devices 24 hours online
  - High correlation (80-90%) between hours online and propensity to align with multiple usage patterns...
- Pattern has been observed across multiple samples



## **Supervised Machine Learning (Predictive)**



# **Attack Pattern for Prediction**

### Signature pattern for identified INFECTED DEVICE



#### Web Proxy Host Scanning

Web Proxy Destination Port Scanning

**Application Server Host Scanning** 

Devices on the network that are anomalously scanning for external devices via the Web Proxy server Devices on the network that are anomalously scanning for external devices via the Web Proxy server Devices on the network that are anomalously scanning for devices hosting an http or application server

# Summary Conclusion







When Seconds Count: How Security Analytics Improves Cybersecurity Defenses

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### Challenges preventing successful use of cybersecurity analytics\*



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### Cyberanalytics context

CHALLENGES		→ APPROACH	
Су	ber detection is challenged by	Cybersecurity analytics	
	high volumes of structured and <b>unstructured</b> data	operation at <b>big data scale</b> at <b>high velocity</b>	
	<b>disconnected</b> data sources of <b>variable quality</b>	<b>assess, extract, transform,</b> and <b>aggregate</b> data	
	high <b>false positive</b> alerts with rule-based approaches	unsupervised machine learning identifies hidden patterns	
?	lack of <b>statistical baselines</b> to establish <b>validity</b>	effective statistical <b>diagnostics</b> for model <b>validation</b>	
X	slow and <b>manual</b> investigation processes (needles in the haystack)	supply hunters with <b>targeted alerts</b> based on demonstrable statistical anomalies	- <u>`</u>

### **Analytics Lifecycle**



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### **Analytics Lifecycle**

### **Building and Deploying Advanced Analytics**





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