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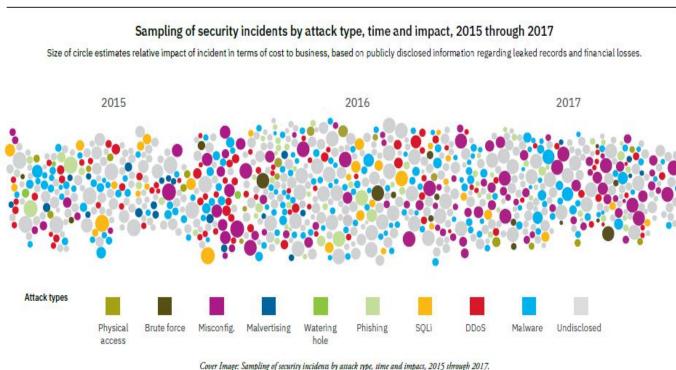




Do you think that a global cyber attack is a reality or is it fiction?

Incidents of Attacks by type

- More than 75% of attacks use vulnerabilities created by misconfiguration and poor integration of the system and cyber defense tools.
- IEC has developed deep expertise in the architecture of the domain, and of its cyber protection shield, to fill in the integration and configuration gaps.



The Human Factor in Cyber Security



Human Factor - Chain of Cyber Defence



You become the major vulnerability

Threat Actors





Payment Screens







"you are hacked.

All information is encrypted.

Make contact to get the release code"

Management Dilemma

- We are here a group of managers
- We are facing a management decision.
- On the one hand any minute our business is losing a lot of money, and may be brought to collapse.
- On the other hand we pay the ransom, save our company, but we support the cyber-terror

In situation like this how would you act?

Cyber Protection Concept – Main Challenges

- 1. To create fully secured environments against attack vectors
- 2. Minimum disruption to operations
- 3. Minimum costs



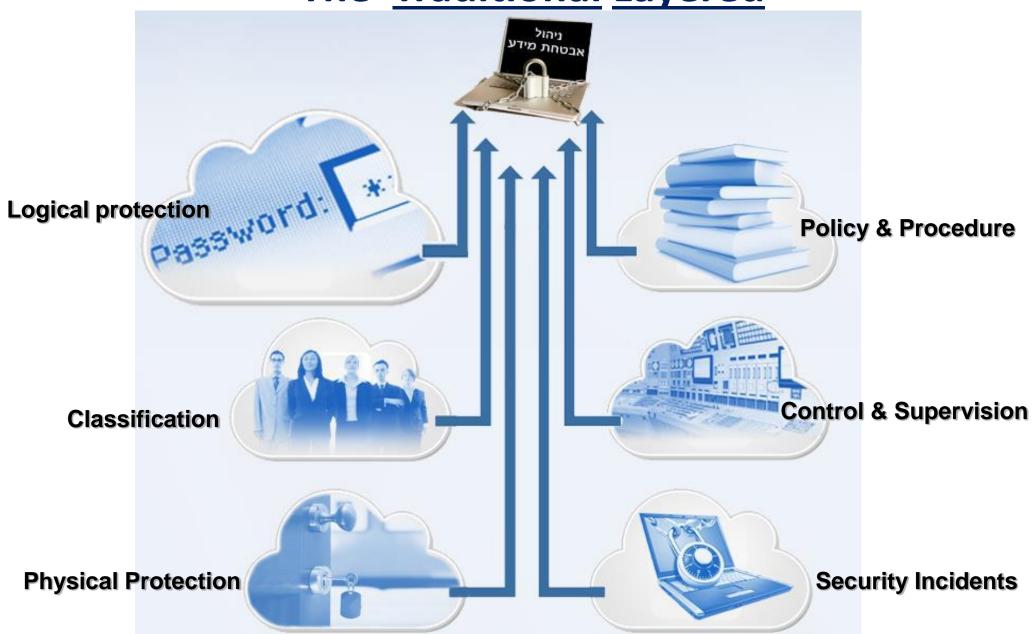
Cyber Protection Concept – Multi-Layered Approach

- The best defense against targeted attacks is a multi-layered approach, combining:
- 1. <u>Traditional</u> build a "wall" that hackers can't penetrate: FW, anti-virus, patch management, intrusion detection, whitelisting strategy, etc.
- 2. <u>Proactive</u> don't wait for an attack, go out and find it outside your organization.
- 3. Holistic Management

Cyber Protection Concept – The <u>Traditional Layered</u>

- 1. Total Monitoring and Control of:
 - > Critical systems, Ancillary, Auxiliary
 - Users-administrative and operational systems......
- 2. Analysis of all suspicious attempts
- 3. Procedures and Contingency Plans for Routine and Emergency Situations
- 4. Recruitment and Qualifications of skilled teams
- 5. Research and Renovation

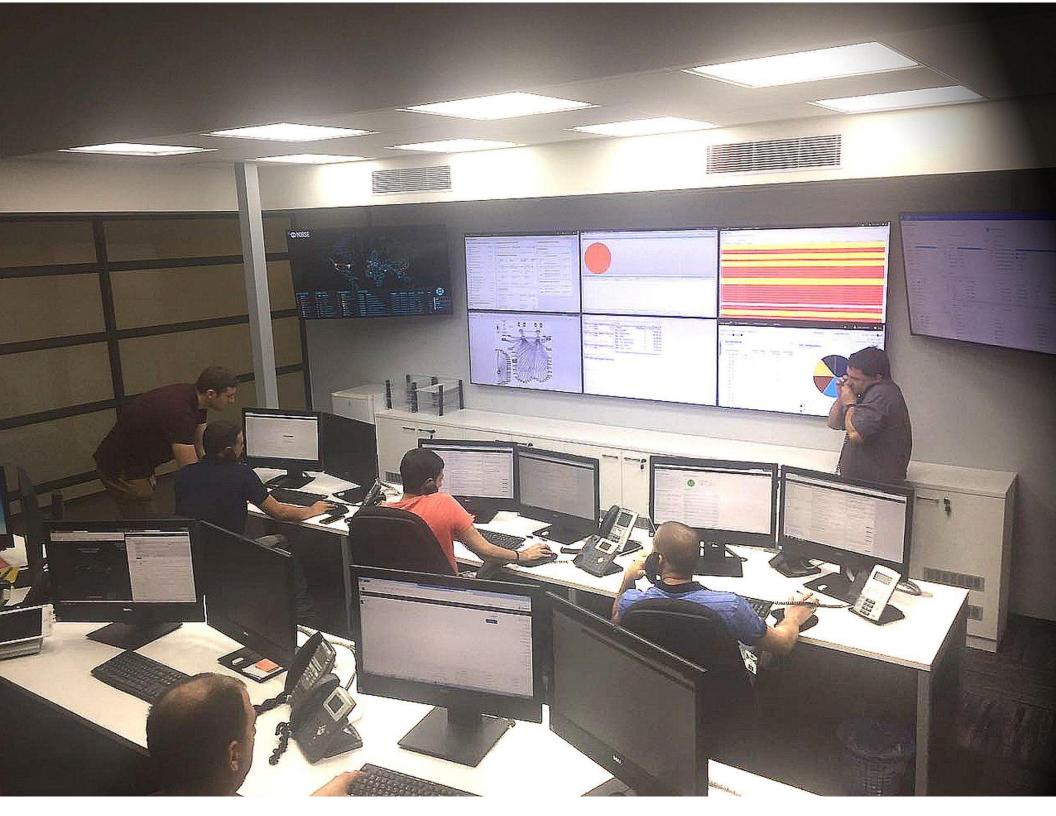
Cyber Protection Concept – The <u>Traditional Layered</u>



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Security Operations Center (SOC)

- Our innovative model of cyber-security protection services, is operated from a sophisticated Security **Operating Center (SOC).**
- It is manned by security experts, analysts and architects 24/7, ready to respond to any threat.
- The SOC utilizes advanced tools to detect cyber-attacks, including alert mechanisms, detection tools and comprehensive reports, providing the team of security experts an up-to-date status and allowing rapid response to threats.

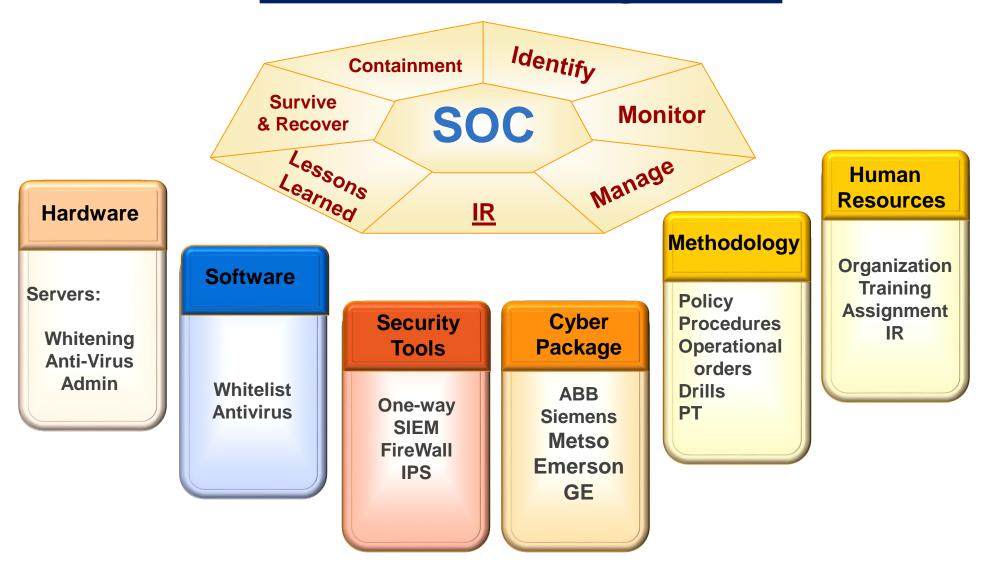




Cyber Protection Concept – The Proactive Layered

- 1. Looking at Web resources/reports for indicators of suspicious/malicious attacks
- 2. Gathering Threat Intelligence from Social media and "hacktivism" campaigns
- 3. Utilizing the Common Vulnerabilities and Exposures (CVE)

Multi-Layered Approach - Holistic Management



Cyber Referent / Administrator

- 1. Responsible for Cyber one at each IEC site
- 2. Operates and maintains on-site Cyber tools
- 3. Develops local controls and scripts
- 4. Local Point of Contact for all Cyber related issues
- 5. Reports to and participates in organization forum

Multi-Layered Approach - Holistic Management



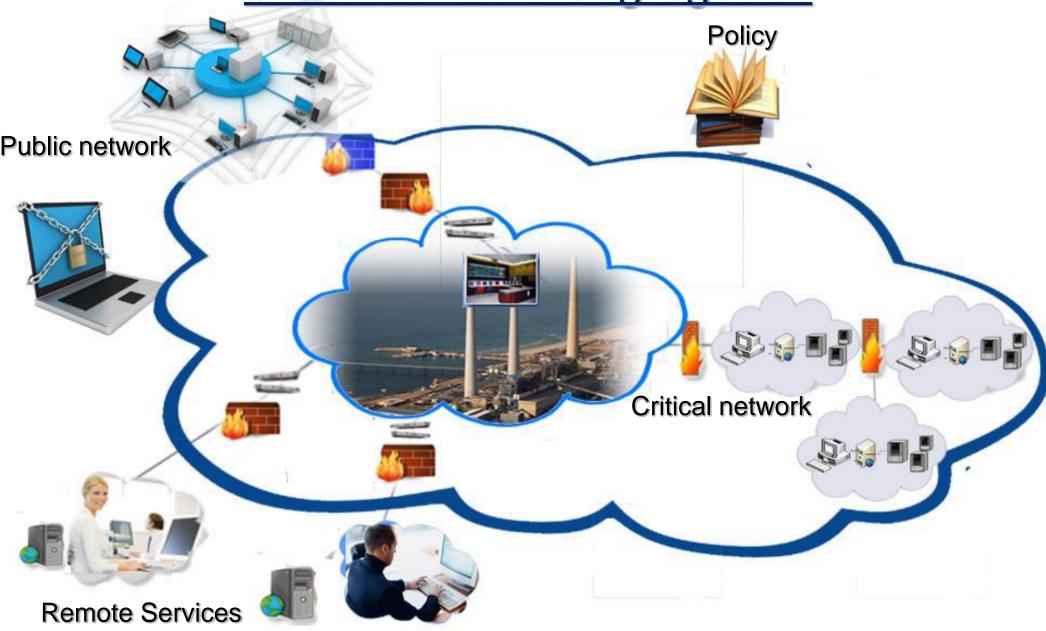
Cyber Security Concept for

National Electrical Infrastructure Systems

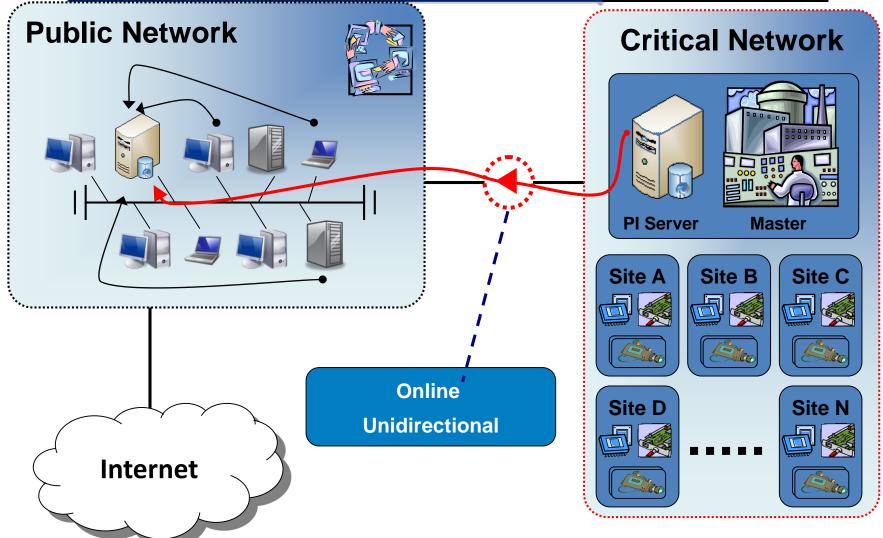
Top 10 - Cyber Recommendations

Review

#1 - Networks Segregation

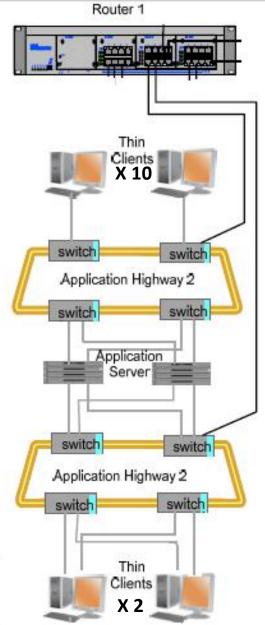


2 One-way data flow (Data Diode)

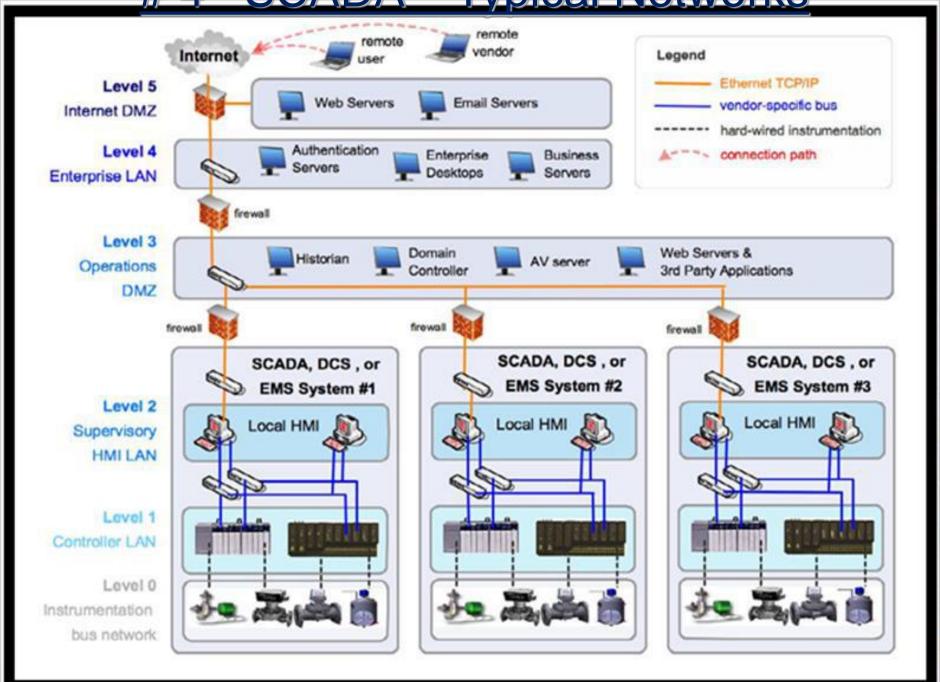


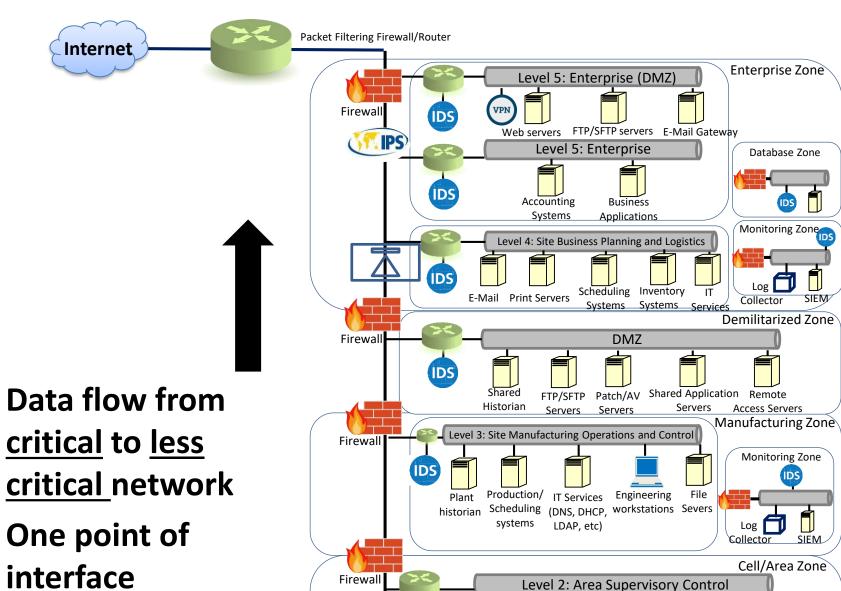
- Data flow from <u>critical</u> to <u>less critical</u> network is allowed only via one way device
- 2. One point of interface

#3 Redundancy



4 SCADA - Typical Networks





IDS

IDS

Control Room Workstations

PLC

Sensors

Alarms/Alert Systems

Level 1: Basic Control

DCS

Level 0: Process

Actuators

HMI

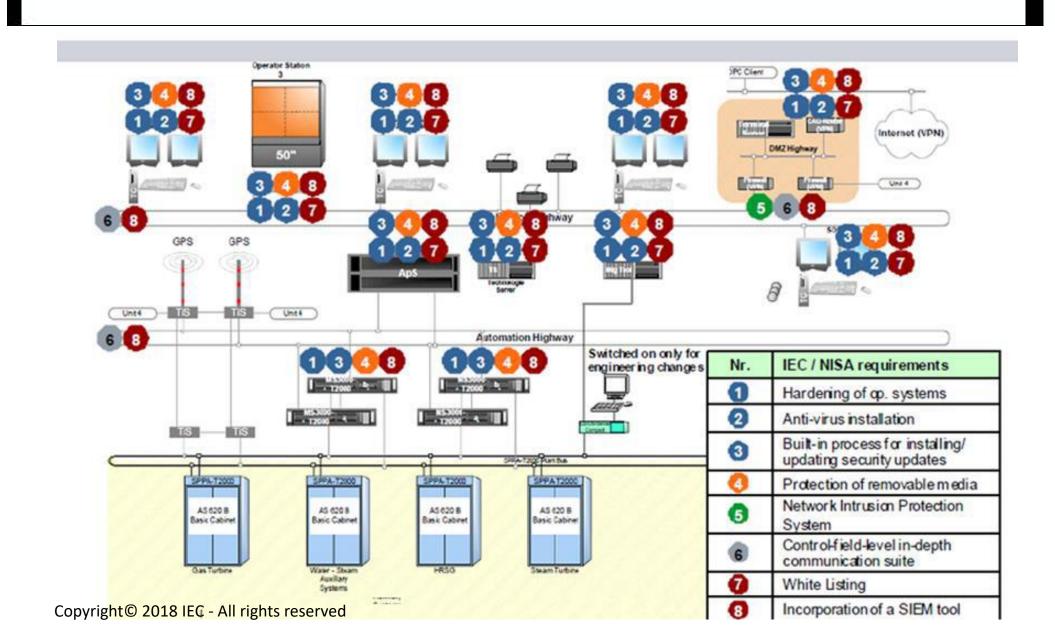
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valves

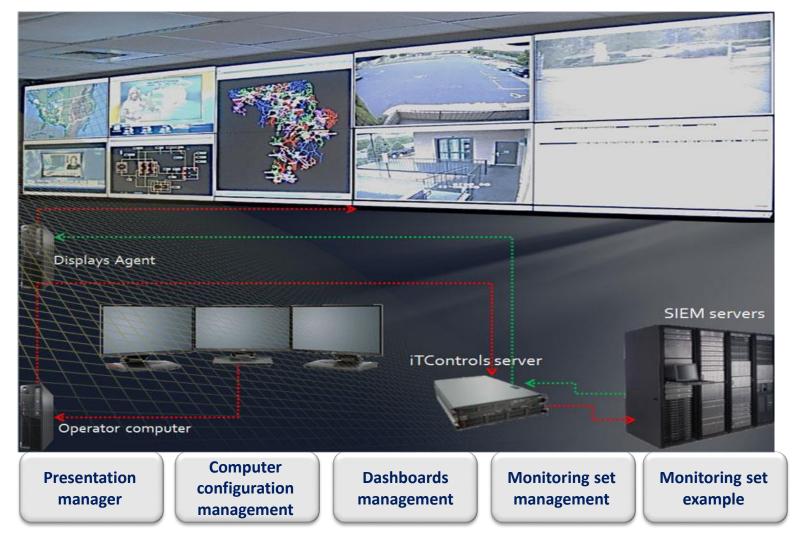
One point of interface

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Top 10 - Cyber Recommendations # 5 – Cyber Protection Package



#6 - Security Operations Center (SOC)



- 1. Real time alerts
- 2. Working in SOC requires a lot of skills and expertise.
- 3. The operator can benefit from a "graphical representation"

Top 10 - Cyber Recommendations #7 - Incidence Response

1. Preparation

- Planning is everything
- Management support
- Policy review
- Law enforcement interaction
- Tracking
- Identify team
- Use information from users
- Checklists, procedures, other tools

2. Identification

- Alert
- Analyzers
- Minimize false positives
- Source of alert
- Primary Handler
- Checklists for first responders
 - Date, time, description
 - first sign, patterns

3. Containment

- Isolating the issue
- Document what is or will be done
- Making Backups
- Do not make things worse

4. Eradication

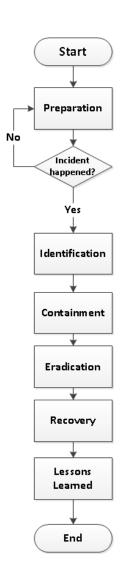
- Fix before putting back online
- Identify attack vector
- Potential for repeat compromise
- Perform cleanups
 - IP changes
 - Scans, integrity checks..

5. Recovery

- Do not restore compromised code
- Validate
- System owner makes the call on full operation
- Monitor

6. Lessons Learned

- Gather all related info and facts
- Have on site handler submit draft executive summary
- Outside, non-technical points of view



Top 10 - Cyber Recommendations # 8 - Awareness - Training & Drills









Lack of awareness in one part of the organization constitutes a threat to all

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Top 10 - Cyber Recommendations # 9 - Defense StrategySteering Committees

Corporate Steering Committee

Senior Executive Vice President **Assistant general for critical infrastructure**

NCA

Information systems & communication Div.

Information technology security

Power & Energy Group

Critical systems security

Central security Div.

Physical security,
Classification, vendors

Customers Group

Customers,
Transmission
&
Substations,
Districts

Top 10 - Cyber Recommendations # 10 - Intelligence

- 1. Web resources/reports for indicators of suspicious/malicious attacks
- 2. Threat Intelligence Provider Social media monitoring, "hacktivism" campaigns
- 3. CVE Common Vulnerabilities and Exposures





Conclusions



Adapt or become extinct!



