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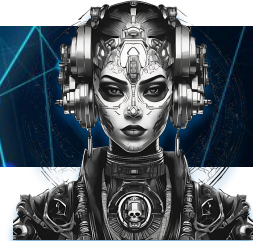


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SIEMENS

Siemens
(2006-2007)



IBM

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Facebook
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Uber
(2016-2018)



Airbnb
(2018-2019)



BitMEX
(2019-2021)

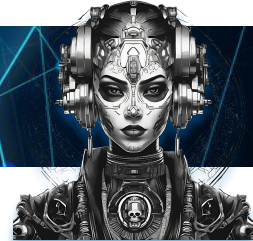


JMP Security
(2021-now)





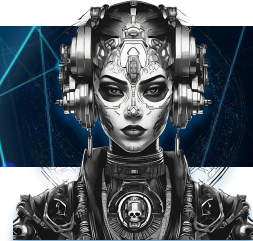
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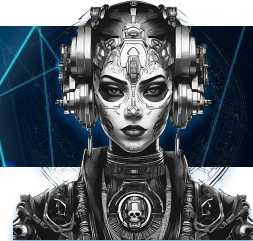
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Agenda

- Desmitificando APTs
 - > Definición, fases y ejemplos
- CCDC: Collegiate Cyber Defense Competition
 - > Experiencia personal y APTs
- Stanza
 - > Liberación de implante y C2
- Preguntas



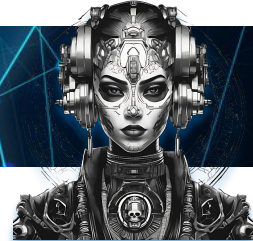
¿Qué es un APT?

- **A**dvanced **P**ersistent **T**hreat

→ *“Ataque cibernético prolongado y dirigido, muchas veces respaldado por estados-nación o grupos organizados”*

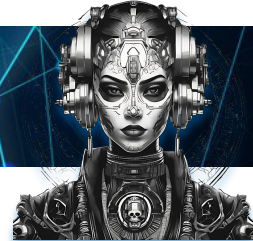


ChatGPT



Características de un APT

- Uso de técnicas **sofisticadas**, a menudo con herramientas no públicas hechas a medida
- Mantienen el acceso durante un **largo periodo de tiempo**, sin ser detectados
- Buscan robar información, dinero, espiar o causar algún tipo de **daño**

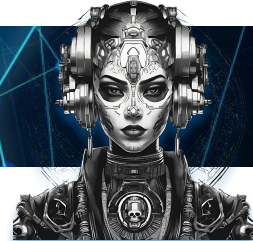


Ciclo de vida de un APT

- Infiltración Inicial y Establecimiento
 - > Reconocimiento, Entrega, Persistencia
- Expansión y Control
 - > Privesc, Movimiento lateral, C2
- Ejecución y Evasión
 - > Exfiltración, Borrado de huellas, Latencia

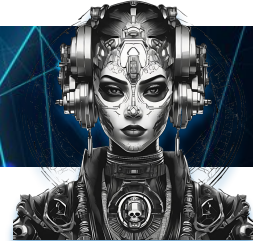


https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Advanced_persistent_threat



Clasificación de APTs

- Por **país**
 - > China, Rusia, Irán, Corea del Norte, USA, Israel...
- Por **nombre**
 - > Red Apollo, Elfin Team, Lazarus, Fancy Bear, Equation Group...
- Por **numeración**
 - > APT[1-30], APT3[3-5], APT3[7-8]...



Clasificación de APTs

- Por APT-SIG (**Security Interest Group**)

- > Mandiant

- > CrowdStrike

- <https://attack.mitre.org/groups/>

- > MITRE

- <https://www.crowdstrike.com/adversaries/>

- > Kaspersky

- > FireEye

- <https://apt.securelist.com/>

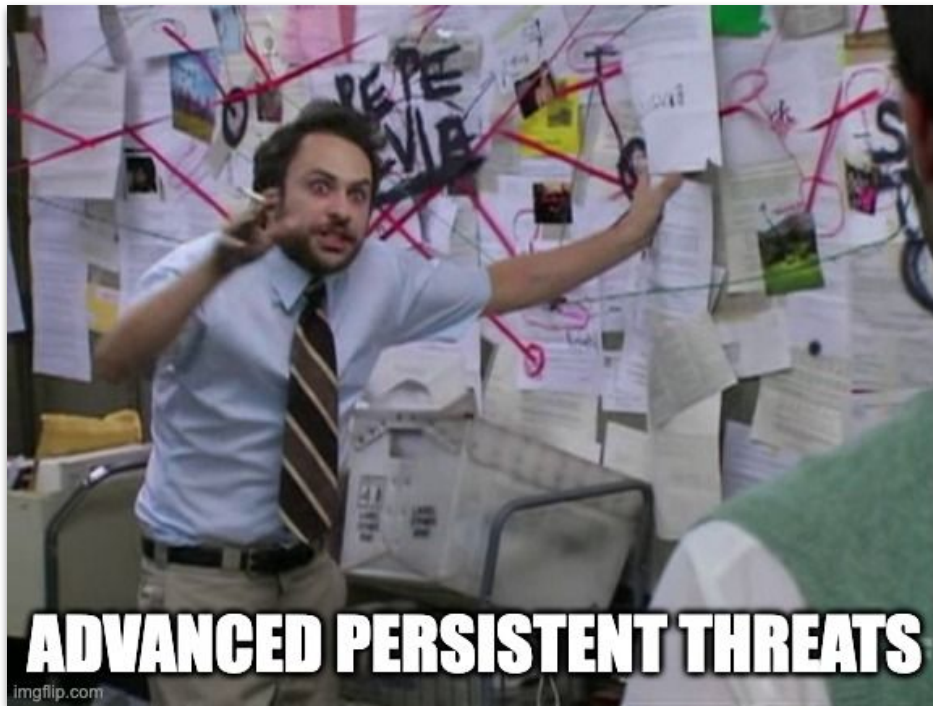
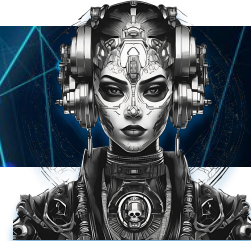
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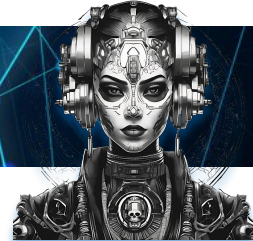
- <https://cloud.google.com/security/resources/insights/apt-groups>

- > ...

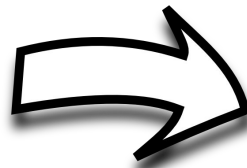


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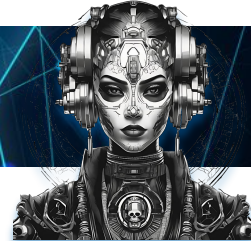


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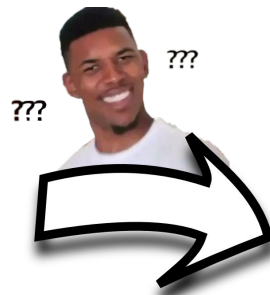




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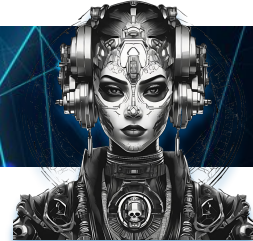


Entrenamiento contra APTs?





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Collegiate Cyber Defense Competition

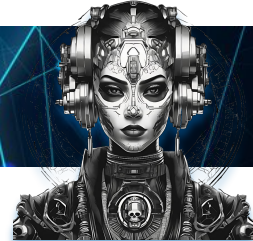
- *Campeonato de Ciberdefensa Universitaria*
 - > Estudiantes tienen que **defender** una red empresarial realista bajo ataque (2 días)
 - > Rondas clasificatorias regionales y finales nacionales
 - > Sponsors institucionales y privados



<https://www.nationalccdc.org/>



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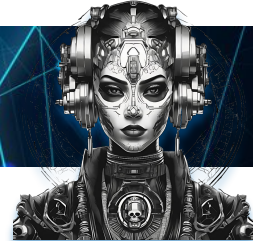
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Collegiate Cyber Defense Competition

- *Campeonato de Ciberdefensa Universitaria*
 - 10 **Blue** Teams de 8-10 estudiantes
 - Cada **Blue** Team tiene 2 personas del **Red** Team
 - Windows / Linux
 - Se realiza durante 2 días, limitado a 8 horas
 - Se corta el acceso a los participantes



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CCDC: Equipos

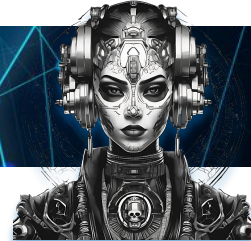
- **Blue** Teams (Defensa)
- **Red** Team (Ataque, APT)
- **Black** Team (Infra)
- **White / Gold / Orange** (Operaciones)



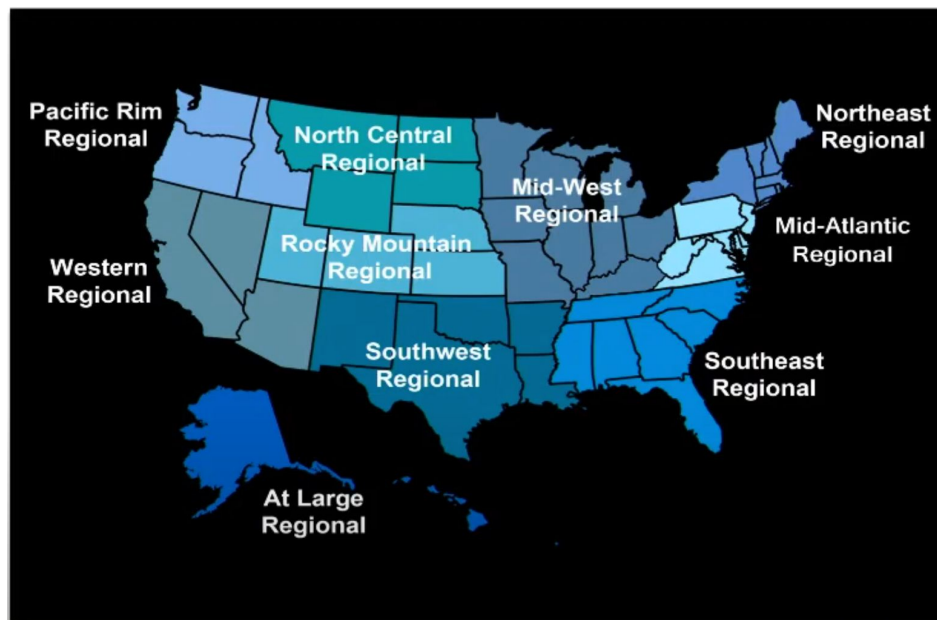
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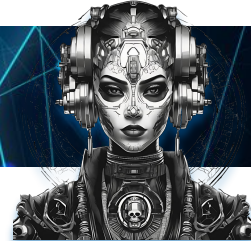


CCDC: Clasificadoras Regionales





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CCDC: Finales Nacionales

2025

National Collegiate Cyber Defense Competition



NATIONAL COLLEGIATE
CYBER DEFENSE COMPETITION

in partnership with:

NIGHTWING



AT LARGE REGION CHAMPION



MID-ATLANTIC REGION CHAMPION



MID-WEST REGION CHAMPION



NORTHEAST REGION CHAMPION



PACIFIC RIM REGION CHAMPION

ROCKY MTN REGION CHAMPION



SOUTHEAST REGION CHAMPION



SOUTHWEST REGION CHAMPION



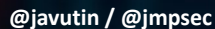
WESTERN REGION CHAMPION



WILDCARD CHAMPION

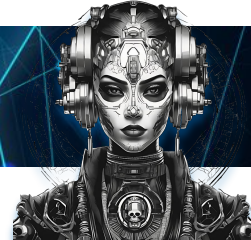




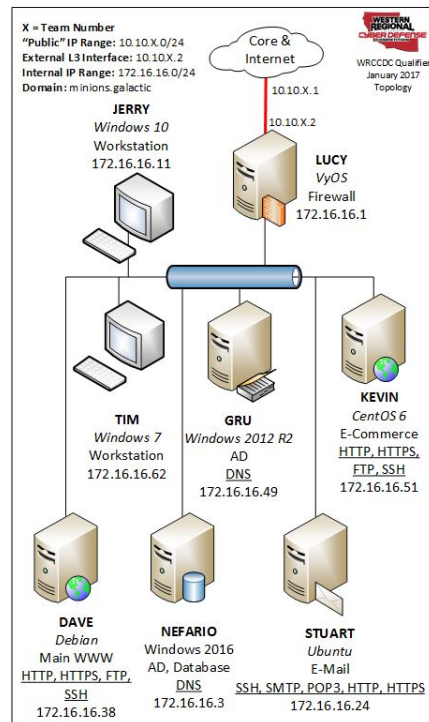
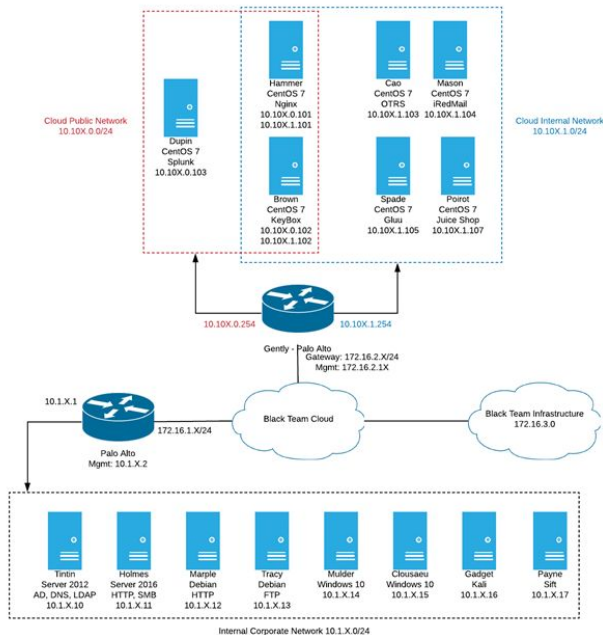




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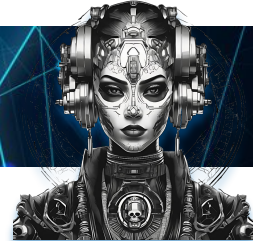


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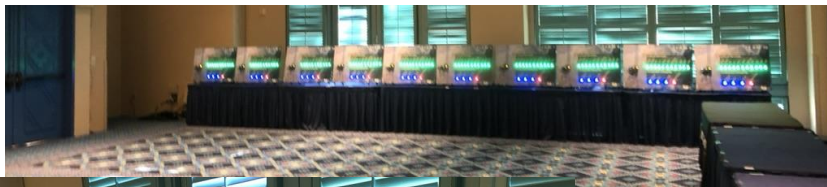


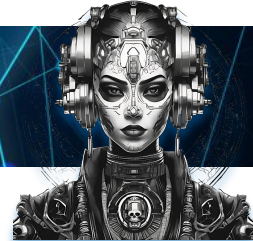


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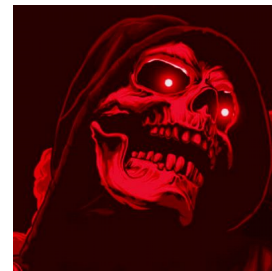
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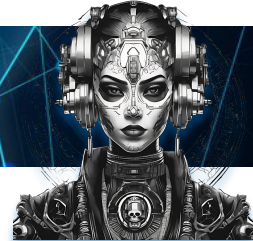




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- Regionales (**Voluntarios**) y Nacionales (**Selección**)
 - > Profesionales de Seguridad Ofensiva
 - > Profesionales de Seguridad
 - > Profesionales++





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- Regionales (**Voluntarios**) y Nacionales (**Selección**)

--> Profesionales de Seguridad Ofensiva

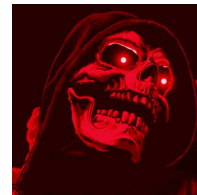
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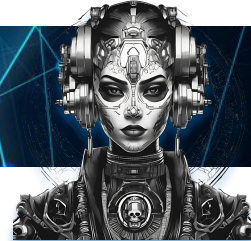
WRCCDC: 2014-2018

**NCCDC: 2017-2020,
2025!**





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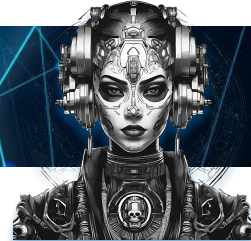


There will be 10 teams in this year's NCCDC with the following subnets:

Team 1 - 10.10.10.X, 172.16.10.X
Team 2 - 10.20.20.X, 172.16.20.X
Team 3 - 10.30.30.X, 172.16.30.X
Team 4 - 10.40.40.X, 172.16.40.X
Team 5 - 10.50.50.X, 172.16.50.X
Team 6 - 10.60.60.X, 172.16.60.X
Team 7 - 10.70.70.X, 172.16.70.X
Team 8 - 10.80.80.X, 172.16.80.X
Team 9 - 10.90.90.X, 172.16.90.X
Team 10 - 10.100.100.X, 172.16.100.X

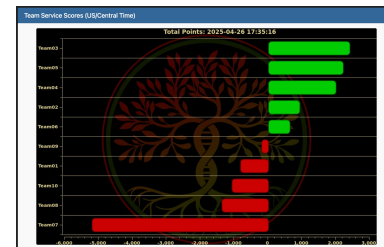


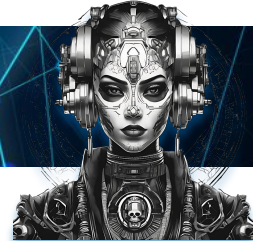
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blog-http - Windows - 172.16.X0.125 - Port 80
ceres-ssh2 - Linux - 10.X0.X0.26 - Port 22
doli-http - Linux - 172.16.X0.105 - Port 80
emr-http - Linux - 172.16.X0.120 - Port 80
fin-http - Linux - 10.X0.X0.18 - Port 80
galaA-http - Linux - 172.16.X0.115 - Port 80
galax-http - Linux - 172.16.X0.115 - Port 8080
ganyem-ssh2 - Linux - 10.X0.X0.21 - Port 22
gemini-pop3 - Linux - 10.X0.X0.6 - Port 110
gemini-smtp - Linux - 10.X0.X0.6 - Port 25
hrm-http - Linux - 10.X0.X0.12 - Port 80
labs-http - Linux - 172.16.X0.135 - Port 80
polar-ssh2 - Linux - 172.16.X0.115 - Port 22
rigel-ftp - Linux - 10.X0.X0.27 - Port 21
rigel-ssh2 - Linux - 10.X0.X0.27 - Port 22
sable-ssh2 - Linux - 172.16.X0.140 - Port 22
shop-http - Linux - 10.X0.X0.24 - Port 80
sirius-dns - Windows - 10.X0.X0.5 - Port 53
supp-http - Windows - 10.X0.X0.33 - Port 80
tools-http - Linux - 172.16.X0.110 - 80
tools-Mhttp - Linux - 172.16.X0.110 - 9090
www-http - Linux - 10.X0.X0.9 - Port 80
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CCDC: Reglas y Puntuación

- T0 - Día 1
 - > Comienzo de la competición (**Blue** / **Red**)
 - > Momento de más importancia para Red Team
- Sistema de puntuación
 - > + Servicios críticos, Incident Response, Inserts, Otros
 - > - Servicios críticos, Red Team Reports y Flags
- Reglas muy estrictas!



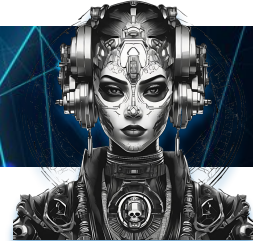


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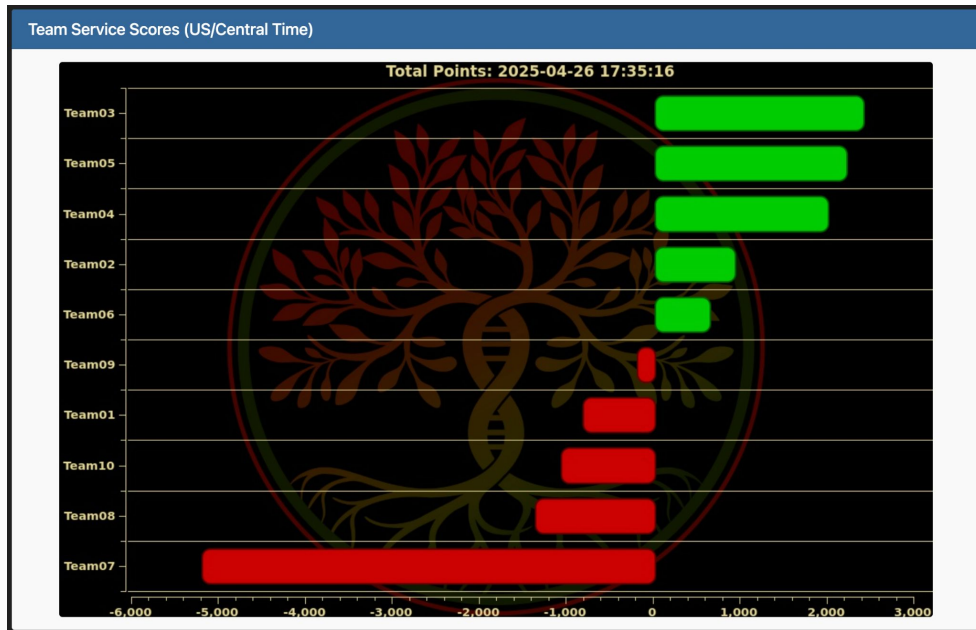
- Día 1 = Calma
 - > Reconocimiento, Infiltración, Persistencia...
 - > Movimiento Lateral, **Latencia**, Preparación
- Día 2 = Kaos
 - > Ejecución, Exfiltración, **Destrucción**
- Lo que nunca te dejan hacer en un Red Team!



Blue
Team

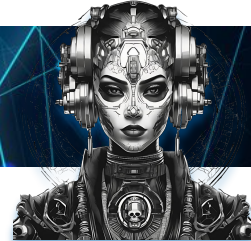


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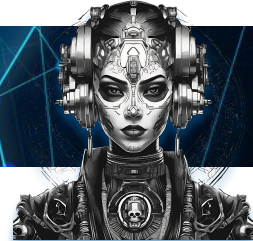
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Service Status (US/Central Time)



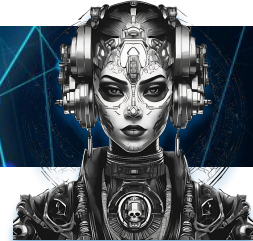
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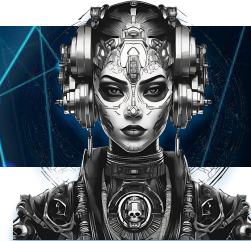
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Red Team actions include:

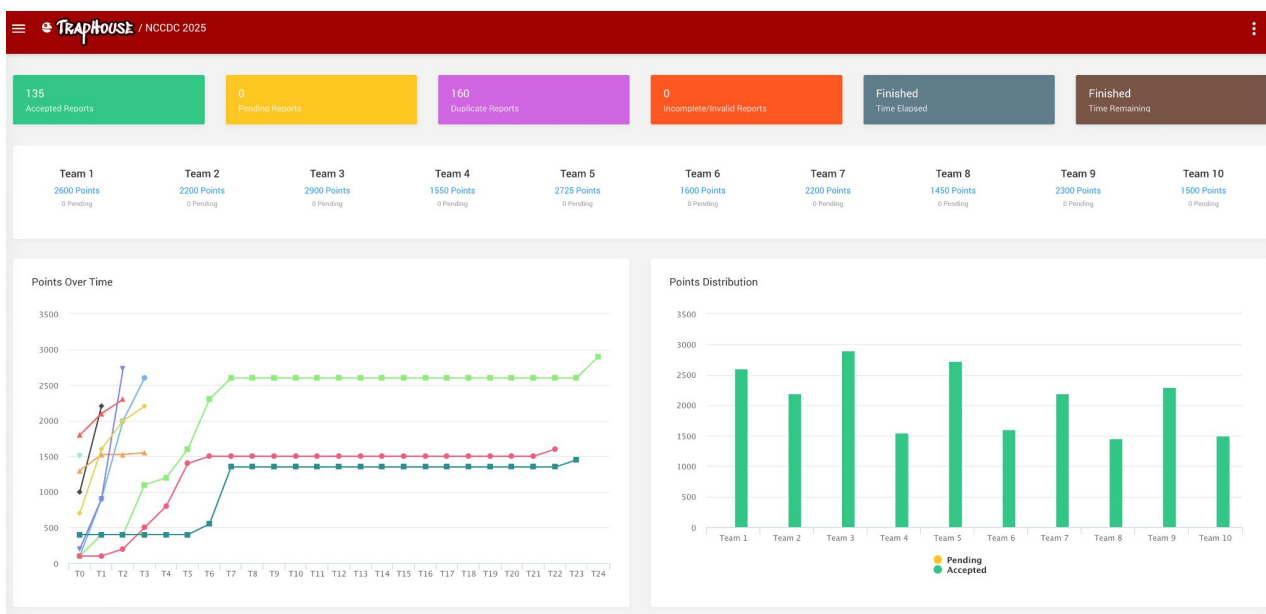
- Obtaining root/administrator level access to a team system: -100 points
- Obtaining user level access to a team system (shell access, non anonymous access to an FTP service, or equivalent): -25 points
- Recovery of userids and passwords from a team system (encrypted or unencrypted): -50 points
- Recovery of one or more sensitive files or pieces of information from a team system (configuration files, corporate data, etc.): -25 points
- Recovery of customer credit card numbers: -50 points
- Recovery of personally identifiable customer information (name, address, and credit card number): -200 points

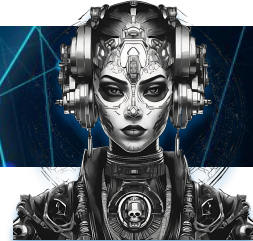


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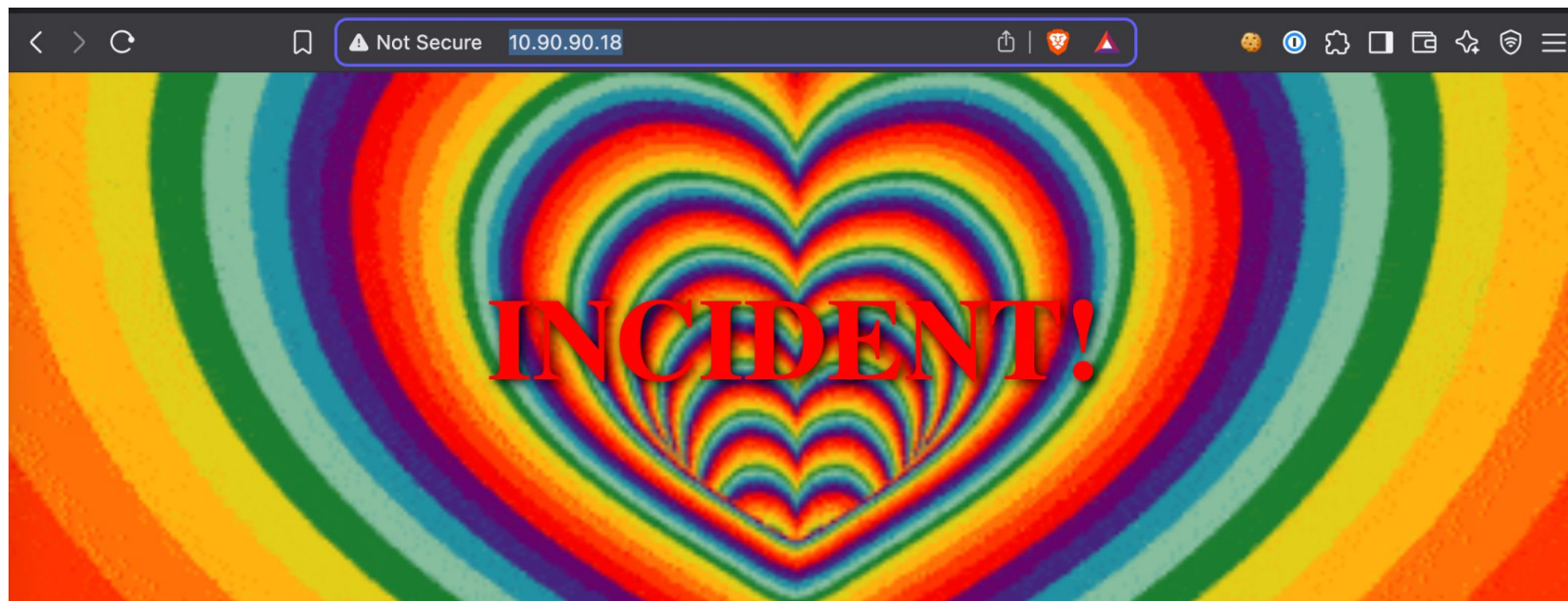


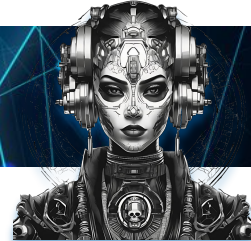
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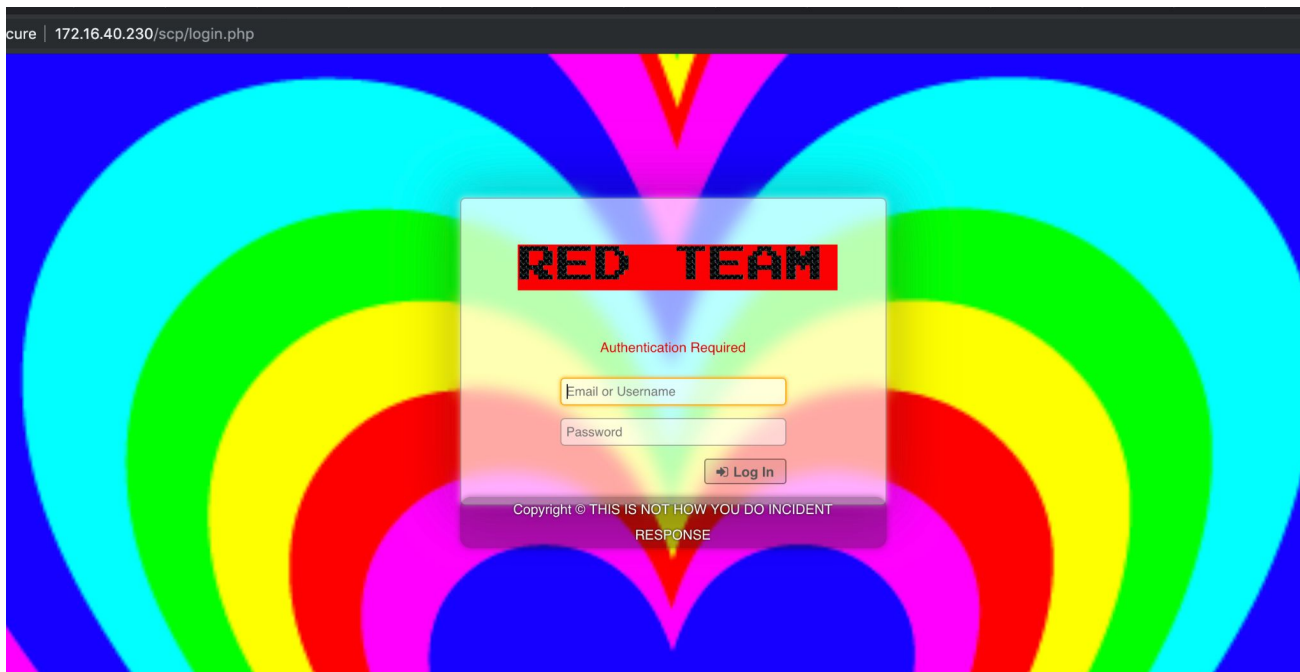


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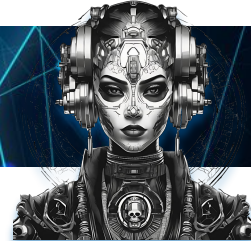


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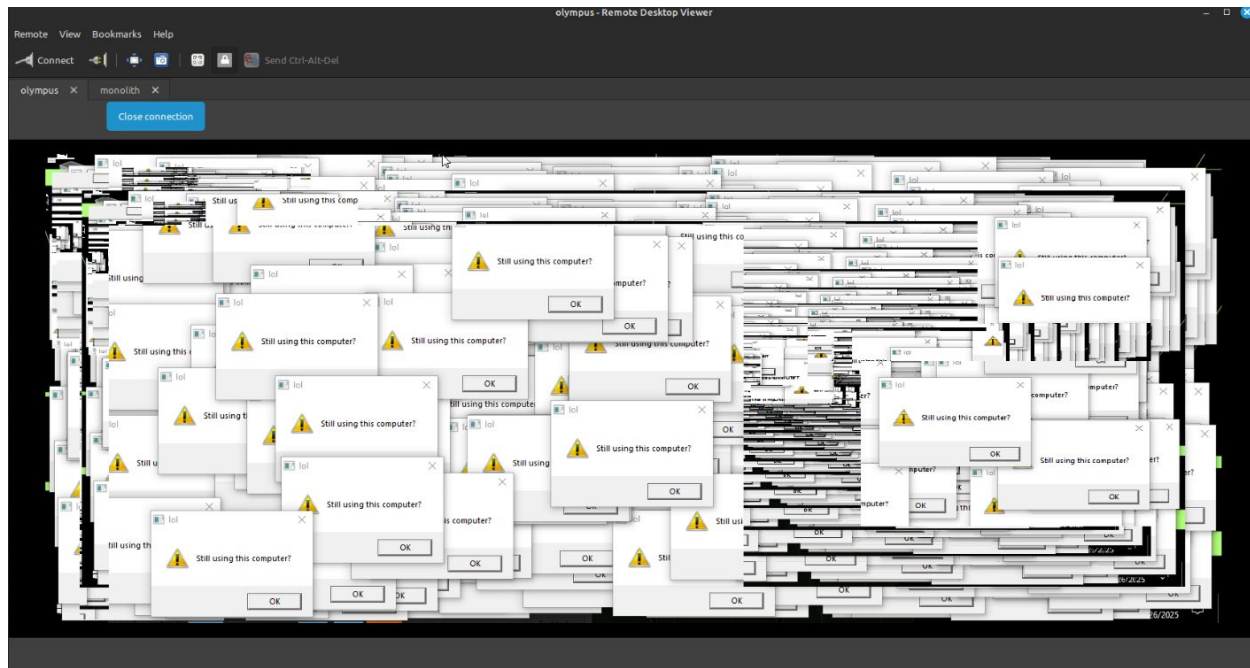


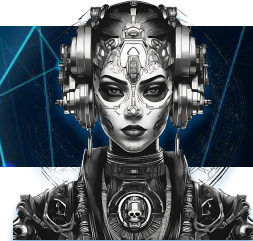


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[team9] javuto 4/26/25, 19:02

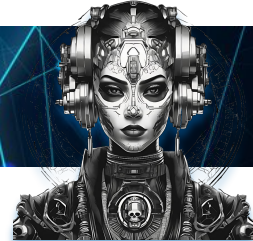
I think we are good

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total shells : 476
total time   : 4m4.321279017s (1.320655562s/shell avg)
total output : 13 kB
ok           : 185
ko           : 291 ( 291 connect / 0 exec )
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100

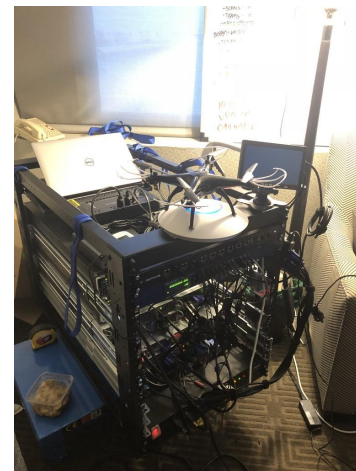
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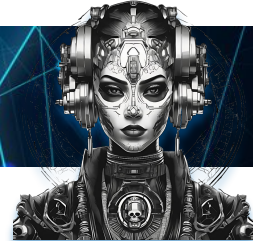




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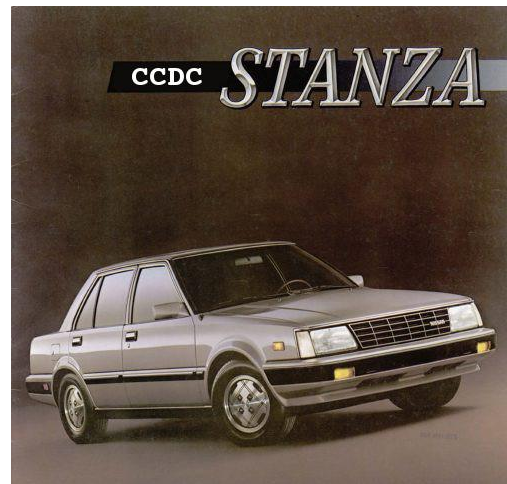
- Herramientas Públicas
 - > Metasploit, sliver, realm, Cobalt Strike, Mimikatz...
- Herramientas Privadas
 - > [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED]...



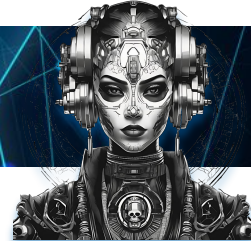


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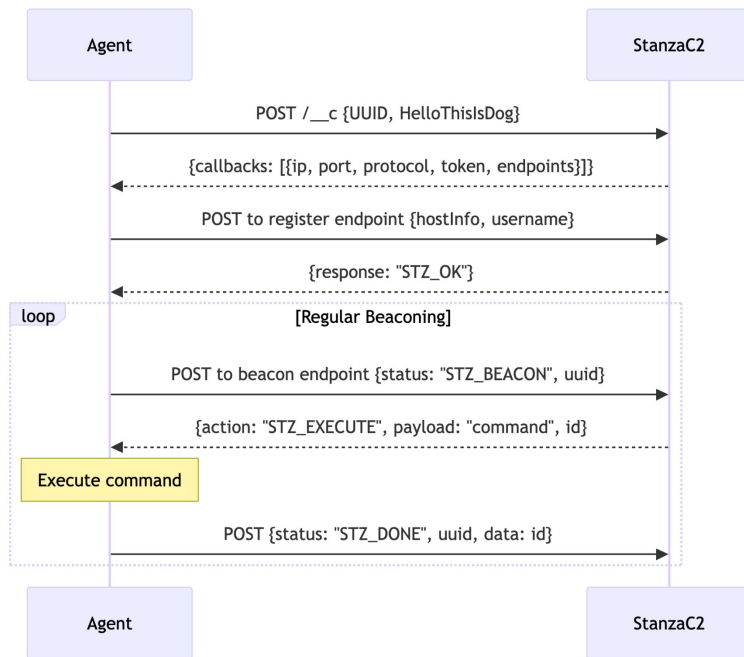
- Nuevo implante y C2: **Stanza**
 - Implante multiplataforma (go)
 - Soporte multiprotocolo: HTTP(S), TCP, UDP
 - Diseñado para resistencia e invisibilidad
 - Mínimas dependencias externas

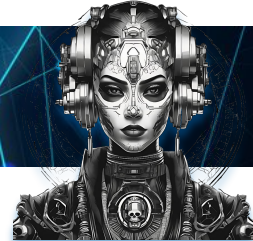


<https://github.com/jmpsec/stanza-c2>

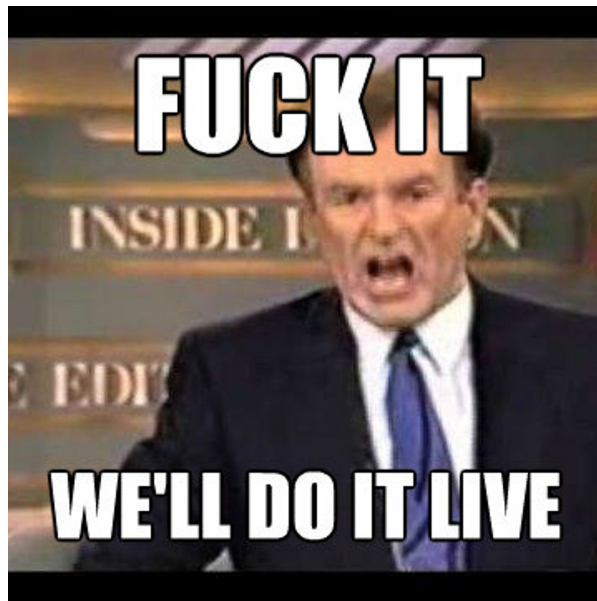


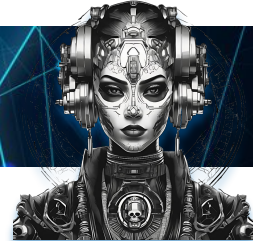
CCDC Red Team Toolkit: Stanza





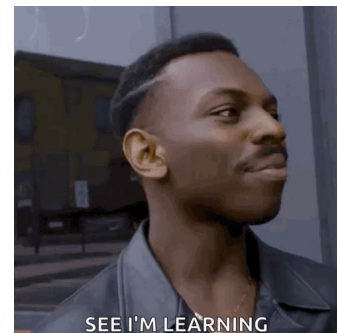
CCDC Red Team Toolkit: Stanza demo

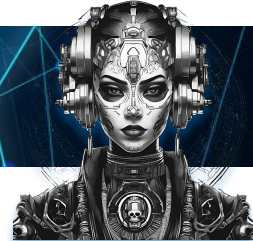




Conclusiones

- Los APT representan una amenaza **real, sofisticada** y **persistente**, que requiere preparación técnica y mental.
- CCDC ofrece un entorno práctico realista para simular este tipo de ataques y poner a prueba las habilidades de defensa.
- No es solo cuestión de tecnología, también de trabajo en equipo, toma de decisiones bajo presión y comunicación.





¿Preguntas?





Confesiones y anécdotas de un ex-APT



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