

# Research @ Pentera

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Pentera's Annual Customer Summit



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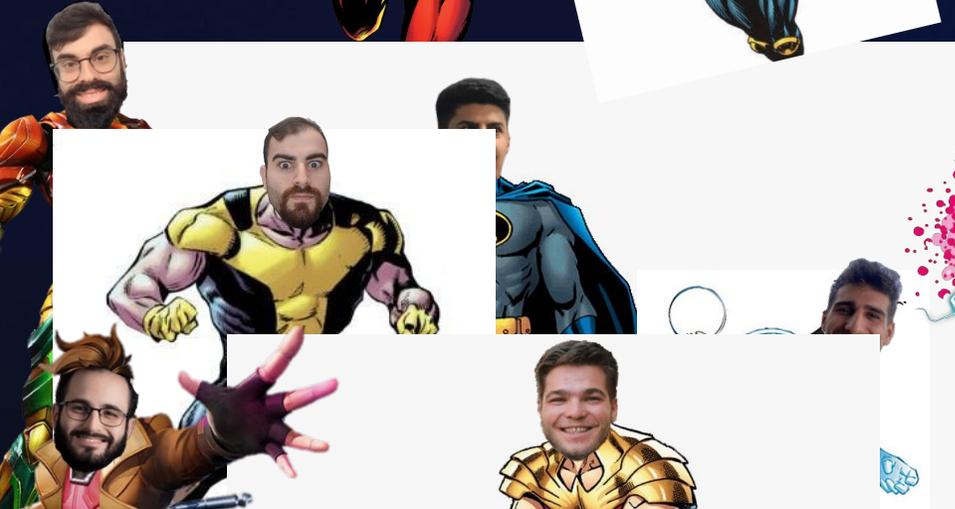
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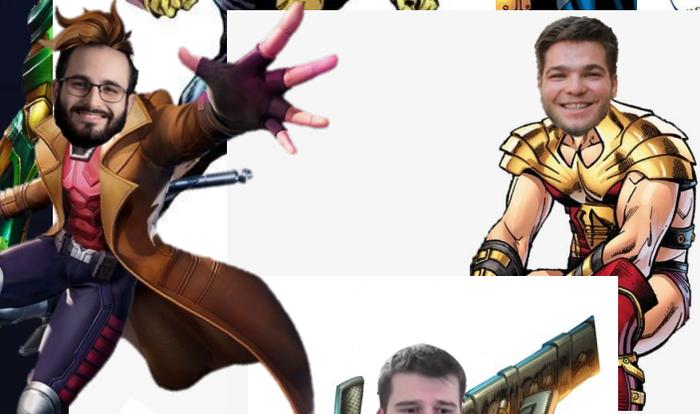
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C:\Window  
m32\whoarewe.exe



Experienced Cyber  
Researchers  
Veterans of Elite Cyber  
Units  
Practitioners



Take control of your  
security validation:

Engage,  
Interact,  
and Influence!



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# Agenda

- Mission Statement
- Year in a Glimpse
- Next Year: Exciting Horizons Ahead
- Summary

# Mission Statement



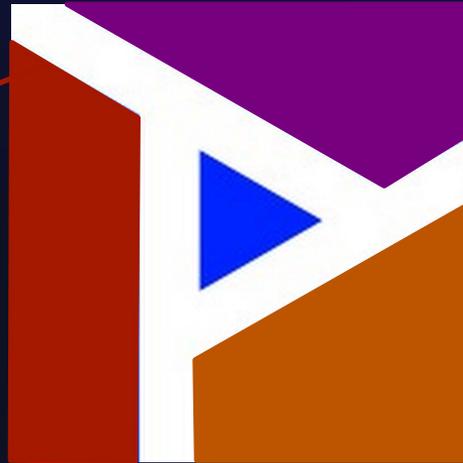
“**Continuously** deliver new and advanced attack capabilities to the platform to **ensure comprehensive security validation**”

How we do it  
**Continuously**

How we  
**Ensure comprehensive  
security validation**

# How we Ensure comprehensive security validation

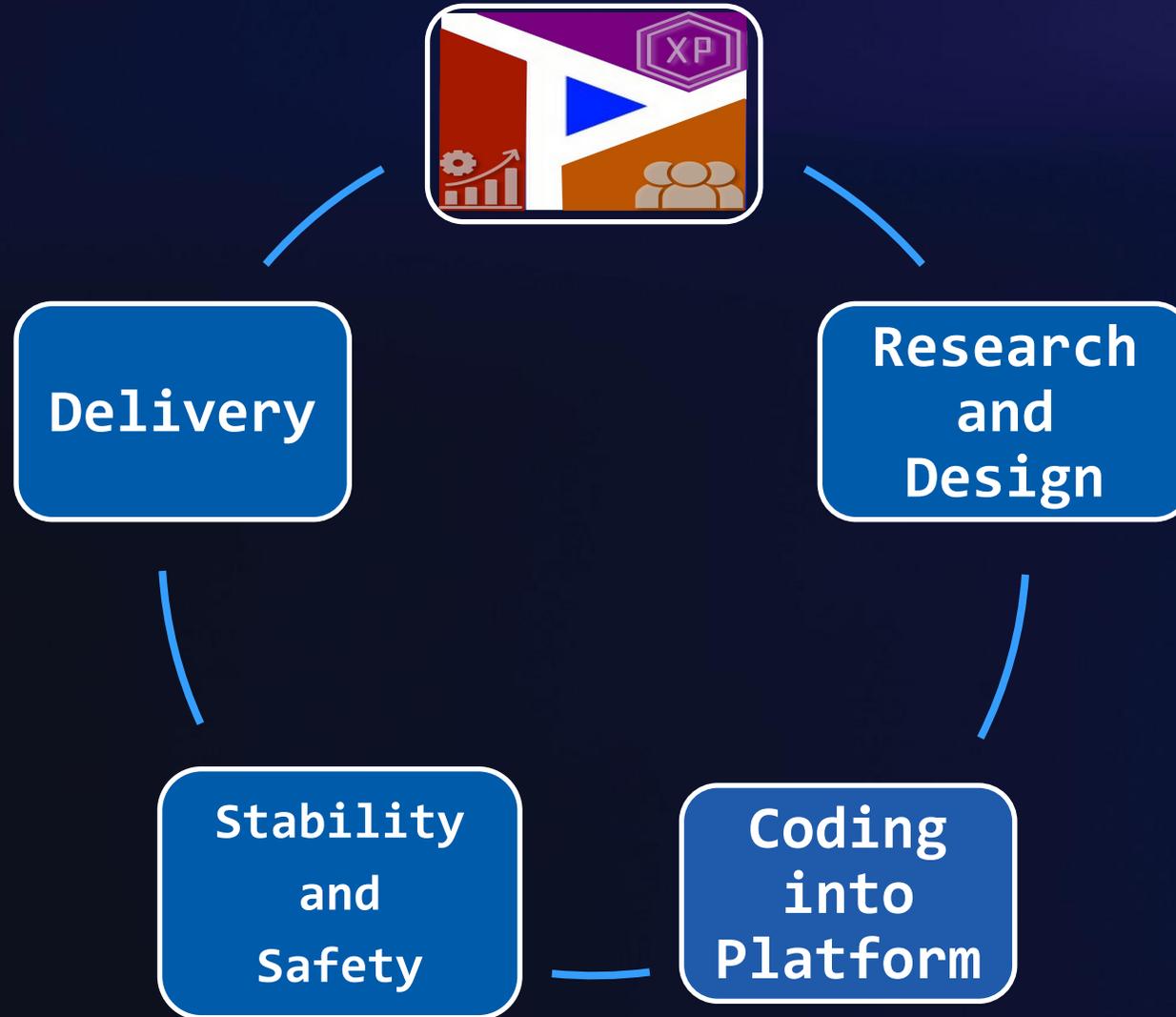
Customers



Experience

Community

# How we do it Continuously



# Year in a Glimpse





20 Researchers



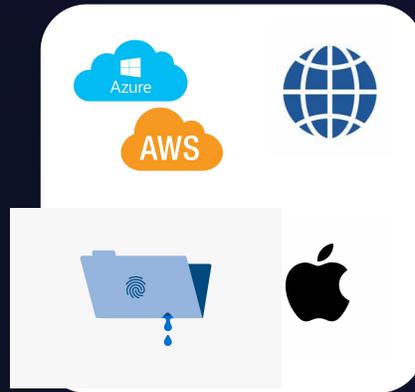
425 TTPs & Exploits



700%  Exploitation  
350%  MITRE Coverage



Introduced OWASP



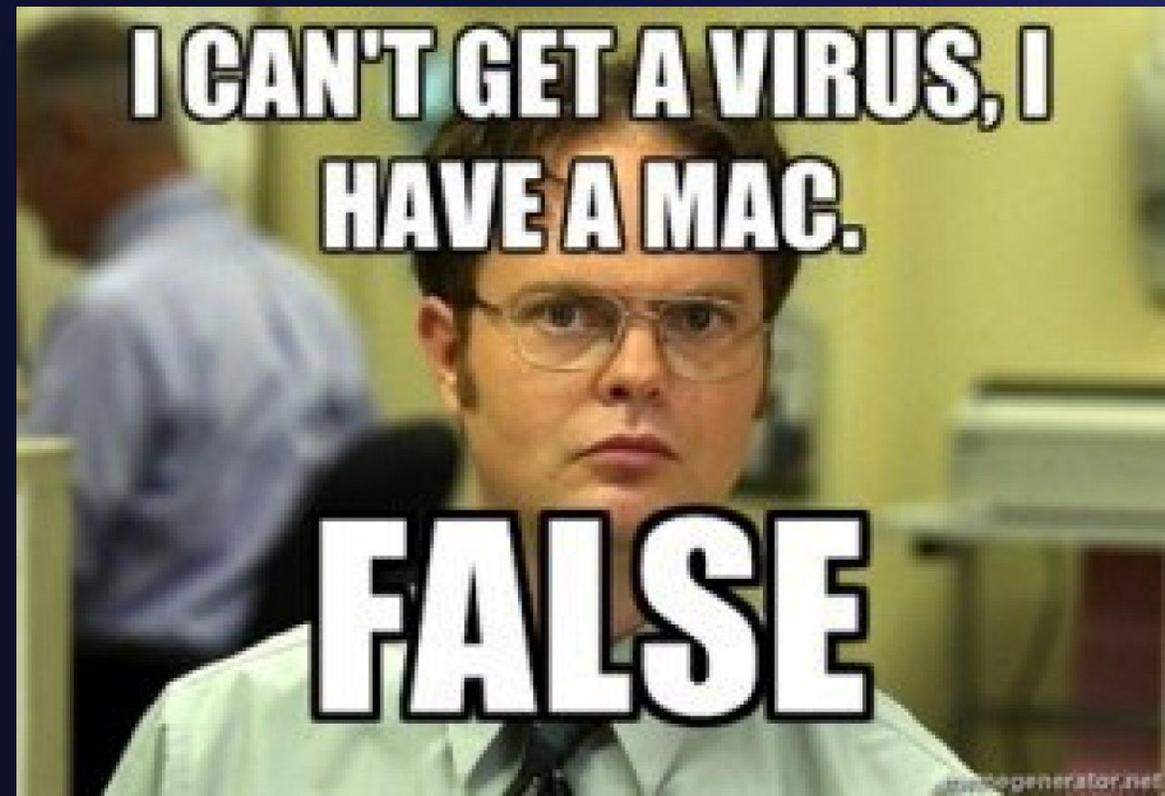
New Domains



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## MacOS Attack Surface

- MacOS users often perceive a false sense of security
- Growing macOS usage
- BYOD policy == Shadow IT



### 8 Discovered Devices



(0) Critical (0) High (0) Medium (8) Low

3 Windows Workstation	0 Windows Server	0 Windows	2 Linux	3 Mac Workstation	0 Network Devices	0 Other
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Linux  
10.0.10.2

macOS  
10.0.10.22

Win10  
LAPTOP-A22G0...  
10.0.10.24

2 Actions

macOS  
10.0.10.25

Win11  
YOTAMM-RND-LT  
10.0.10.26

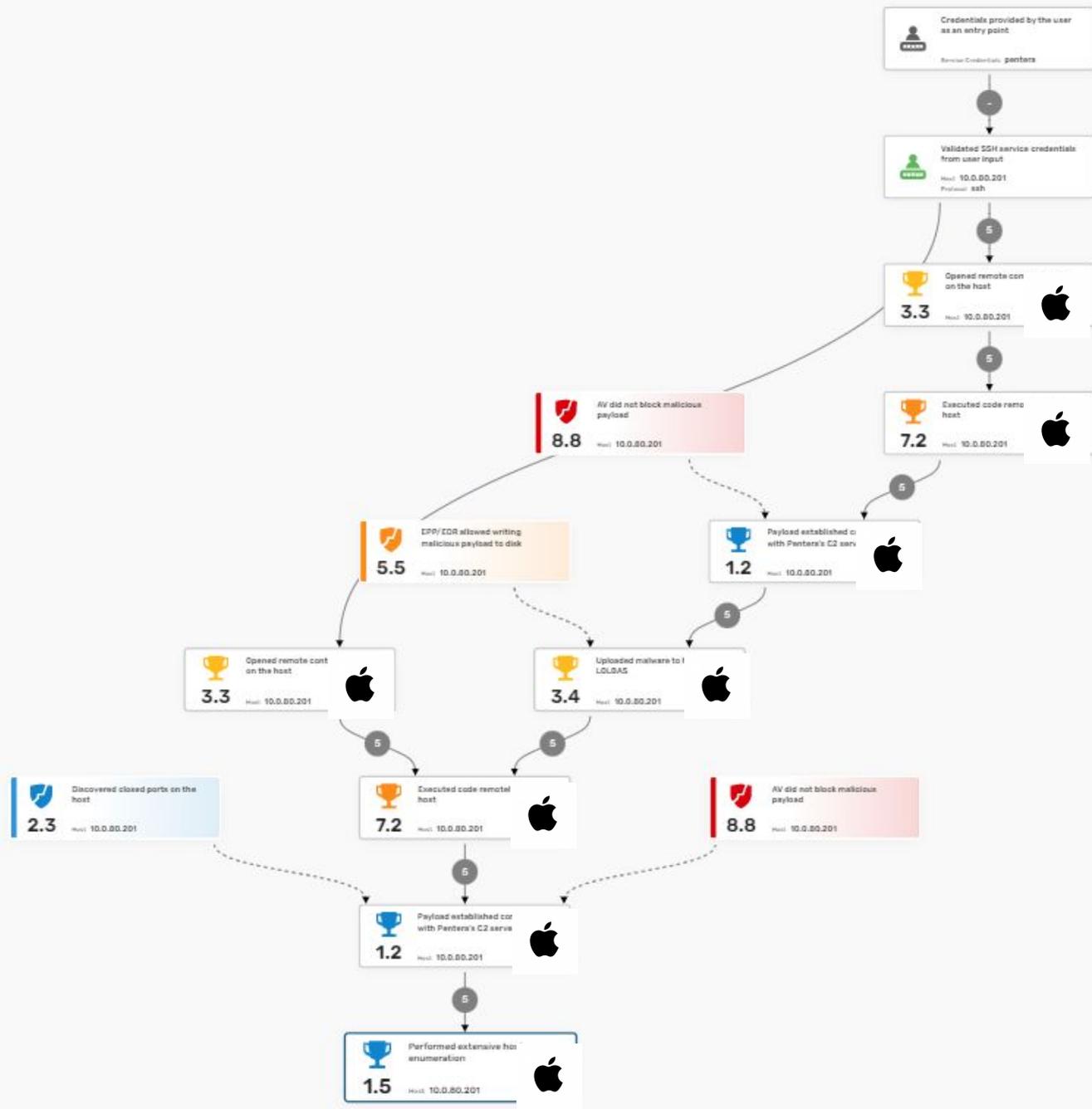
2 Actions

macOS  
10.0.10.29

Linux  
10.0.10.30

Win10  
LAPTOP-31M2P...  
10.0.10.35

2 Actions



### Details

1.5 Performed extensive host enumeration

### Parameters

IP: 10.0.80.201

### Results

- Local Account (2)
- Network Interface (1)
- Physical Data (1)
- Installed Program (271)

### Details

Time: Apr 24, 2023 12:56  
 IPv4: 10.0.80.201  
 OS: macOS Monterey  
 Vendor: Apple  
 MITRE Technique(s): Data from Local System (T1005), Process Discovery (T1057), Application Layer Protocol (T1071), Web Protocols (T1071.001), File Transfer Protocols (T1071.002), Non-Application Layer Protocol (T1095), Ingress Tool Transfer (T1105), System Services (T1569), Service Execution (T1569.002), Exfiltration Over Alternative Protocol (T1048), Exfiltration Over Unencrypted Non-C2 Protocol (T1048.003), Indicator Removal (T1070), File Deletion (T1070.004)

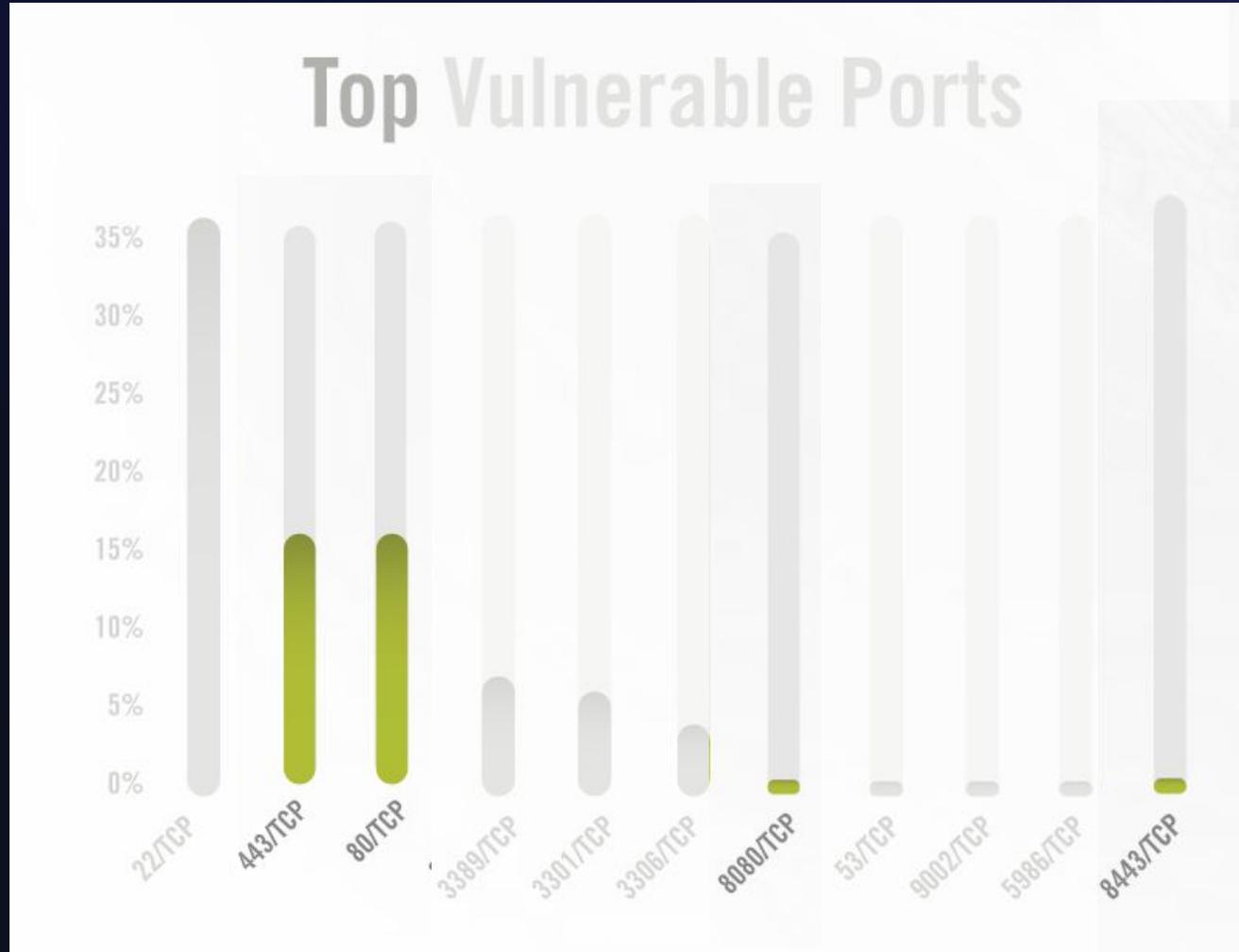
### Related Actions

- OsaScriptInvokerLolbas
- Execution of a command over SSH
- Deleted malware's payload
- Established connection with remote malware
- Host profiling
- Injected malware to host
- MacOSHSTRecon
- CurlLolbas

# HTTP/HTTPS Attack Surface



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Data protection



Access control



Compliance



Secure communications

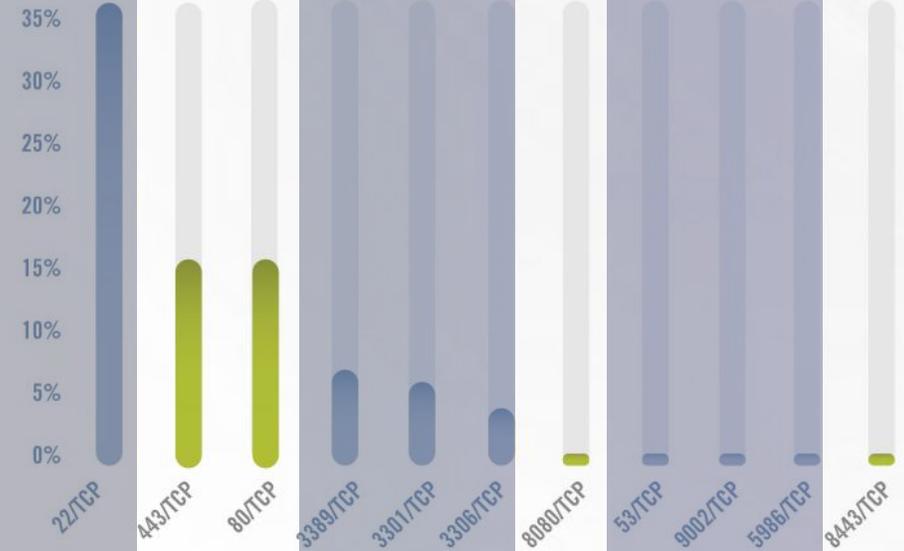


Application Security



Secure APIs

## Top Vulnerable Ports



Cracking / Attack node(s) status ●

**42 Achievements**

Search Achievements

Score	Description	Count
9.2	Accessed sensitive system file	1
9.1	Apache ShenYu Admin Unauth Access	1
8.3	Harvested AWS credentials from host	2
7.5	Unauthenticated Airflow Instance	1
7.0	Extracted user hash from host	14
6.4	Detected Java deserializable object	2
6.4	Manipulated SQL database	4
6.4	Detected ASP.NET deserializable object	1
5.3	Accessed local file on web server	1
5.3	Executed PHP file hosted on a remote server	1
5.3	Uploaded file to web server	1
5.3	Discovered directory listing	1
5.0	Apache Airflow Configuration Exposure	1
4.6	Injected XSS payload	5
3.6	Triggered XML External Entity	2
2.5	Server Status Disclosure	1
1.0	Enumerated web services	2
1.0	Apache Detection	1

**20 Vulnerabilities**

Current Activity

Severity	Count
Critical	11
High	1
Medium	5
Low	3

42 Achievements

Severity	Count
Critical	5
High	26
Medium	8
Low	3

**2 Discovered Devices**

Progress: 50% (Critical) / 50% (Low)

OS	Count
Windows Workstation	0
Windows Server	1
Windows	0
Linux	1
Network Devices	0
Other	0

Win2012R...  
DXCH16.sho.shi  
10.0.10.68

Linux  
linux.241.mayfl...  
192.168.32.241

9.2 Accessed sensitive system file 1

9.1 Apache ShenYu Admin Unauth Access 1

8.3 Harvested AWS credentials from host 2

7.5 Unauthenticated Airflow Instance 1

4.6 Injected XSS payload 5

3.6 Triggered XML External Entity 2

2.5 Server Status Disclosure 1

1.0 Enumerated web services 2

1.0 Apache Detection 1

7.0 Extracted user hash from host 14

6.4 Detected Java deserializable object 2

6.4 Manipulated SQL database 4

6.4 Detected ASP.NET deserializable object 1

5.3 Accessed local file on web server 1

5.3 Executed PHP file hosted on a remote server 1

5.3 Uploaded file to web server 1

5.3 Discovered directory listing 1

5.0 Apache Airflow Configuration Exposure 1



Severity	Name	Count	Tested Payloads	Exploits	OWASP Top 10	CWE	Remediation
9.9	Java Insecure Deserialization	2	4	4	A08:2021 - Software and Data Integrity Failures	CWE-502	<a href="#">More Info</a>
9.9	ASP.NET Insecure Deserialization	1	99	1	A08:2021 - Software and Data Integrity Failures	CWE-502	<a href="#">More Info</a>
9.8	SQL Injection	2	1272	6	A03:2021 - Injection	CWE-89	<a href="#">More Info</a>
9.0	Remote File Inclusion (RFI)	1	317				
8.1	Local File Inclusion (LFI)	1	2				
8.1	Unvalidated HTTP PUT Request	1	154				
8.0	XML External Entity (XXE)	2	2				
5.3	Directory Listing	1	73				
4.6	Reflected Cross-Site Scripting (XSS)	5	432				



OWASP Top 10	Risk	Vulnerabilities	Tested Payloads	Exploits	Attack Vectors	CWE	Result
A05:2021 - Security Misconfiguration	● Critical	2	2	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>XML External Entity (XXE)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CWE-20</li> <li>CWE-811</li> </ul>	Vulnerable
A01:2021 - Broken Access Control	● Critical	4	547	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Directory Listing</li> <li>Unvalidated HTTP PUT Request</li> <li>Local File Inclusion (LFI)</li> <li>Remote File Inclusion (RFI)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CWE-548</li> <li>CWE-749</li> <li>CWE-98</li> <li>CWE-801</li> </ul>	Vulnerable
A03:2021 - Injection	● Critical	7	1704	11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SQL Injection</li> <li>Reflected Cross-Site Scripting (XSS)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CWE-89</li> <li>CWE-400</li> <li>CWE-20</li> <li>CWE-502</li> <li>CWE-79</li> </ul>	Vulnerable
A08:2021 - Software and Data Integrity Failures	● Critical	3	103	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Java Insecure Deserialization</li> <li>ASP.NET Insecure Deserialization</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CWE-502</li> <li>CWE-400</li> <li>CWE-20</li> </ul>	Vulnerable
A06:2021 - Vulnerable and Outdated Components	● N/A	0	0	0		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CWE-502</li> <li>CWE-400</li> <li>CWE-20</li> </ul>	Not vulnerable

# Outcomes of Customer Engagement

**ORACLE**  
WEBLOGIC SERVER

Windows icon | Linux icon

0.0 Got domain name  
Domain: pentera

0.0 Discovered and enumerated a...  
Host: 199.203.240.17, Port: 90...

0.0 Enriched services of host  
Service: 199.203.240.17:9002/...

7.2 Oracle WebLogic Authentico...  
Service: 199.203.240.17:9002/...

7.2 Gained access to Oracle Webl...  
Service: 199.203.240.17:9002/...

9.8 Oracle WebLogic RCE (CVE-202...  
Service: 199.203.240.17:9002/...

6 ACHIEVEMENTS | 28 VULNERABILITIES

8.5	Server present a certificate signed with a weak MD5...	1
8.5	Server present a certificate signed with a weak MD4...	1
3.5	Lack of security headers	1
1.5	Server present a certificate signed with DSA with SH...	1
1.5	Server present a certificate signed with ECDSA with...	1
0.0	Server	

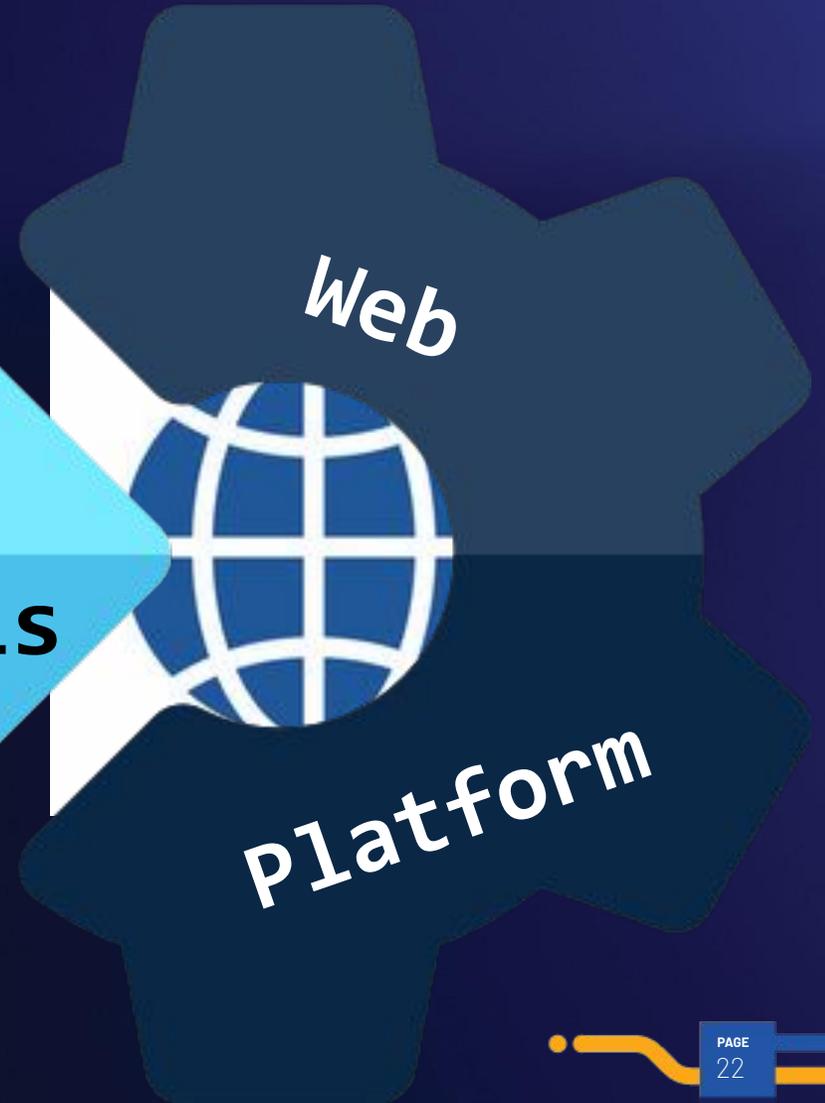
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ers ciphers with 3DES  
ers low security level cip  
s no security headers  
CVE-2016-0800, CVE-20  
VE-2011-3389)  
(CVE-2014-3566)  
-2013-2566, CVE-2015-28  
es not offer Forward Secre  
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ers anonymous NULL cipher  
ers obsolete CBC ciphers  
-2014-0224)

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# HTTP/HTTPS Attack Surface





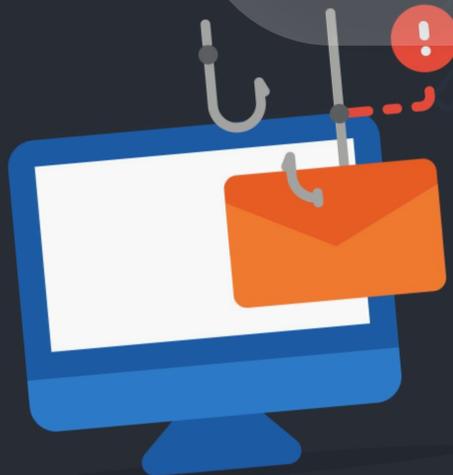
# Next Year: Exciting Horizons Ahead



# Email Attack Delivery

91% of Cyber Attacks  
Start with an Email

(Source: Security Middle East Magazine)



# Why Emails Pose an Ongoing Pain?

## Human Factor



## Accessibility



## Increased Attack Surface



Email security

checklist  
Employee



Awareness  
EDR Controls



Segmentation



Spam filtering



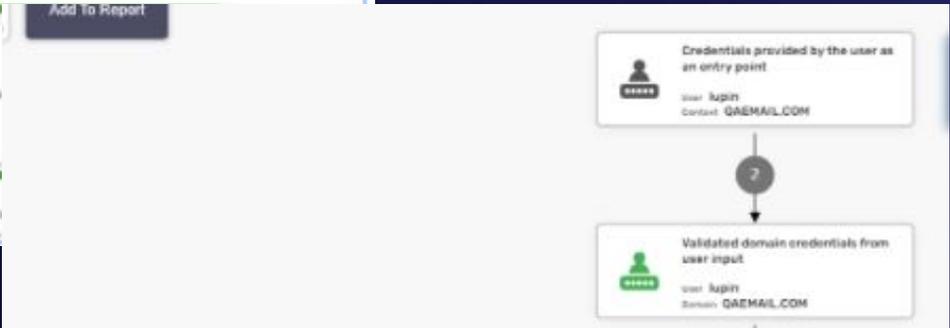
Incident Response  
Protocols



### Targeted Testing

Use predefined testing scenarios to easily perform targeted penetration tests or build your own targeted scenarios using the advanced options

	Suggested Frequency	Suggested Duration
<b>Ransomware Emulation</b> Execute end-to-end attack flows of the most notorious ransomware campaigns to validate AV & EDR tools deployed in your network.	Monthly	2-4 Hours for fast encryption 6-8 Hours for slow encryption
<b>Email Attack Surface Testing</b> <span style="color: blue; font-weight: bold;">NEW</span> Send out malicious emails from an internal user to emulate an email attack originating from a compromised user.	Monthly	72 hours
<b>Web Attack Surface Testing</b>	Weekly	All domain Small IP



Oversee all malicious emails sent during testing and track their status.

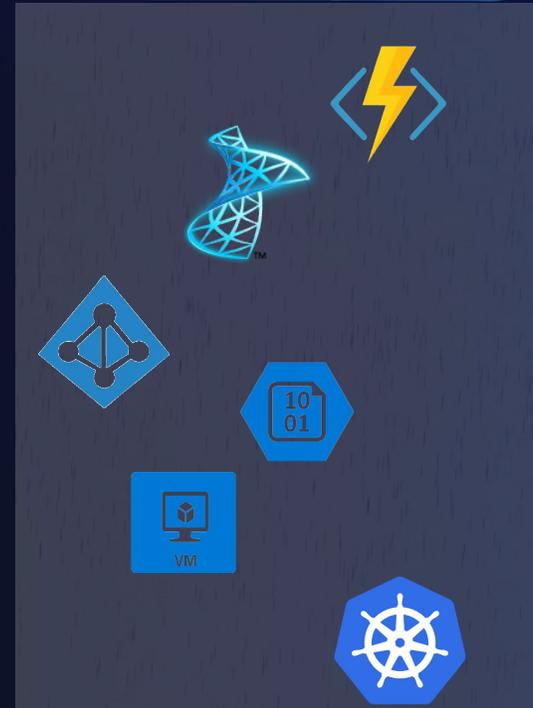
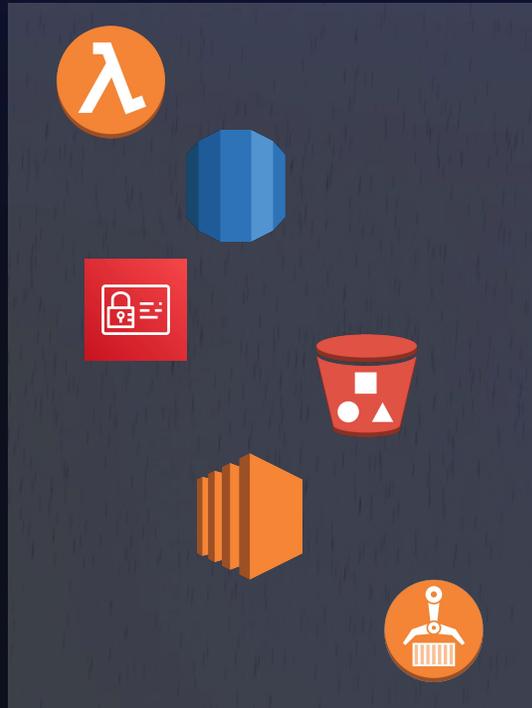
Sender	Recipient Email	Attachment Type	Attachment Name	Payload	Malicious File Execution	Host IP
Lupin@qaemail.com	Luna@qaemail.com	docx	gift card details	HTTP Probe	Not Completed	N/A
Lupin@qaemail.com	Black@qaemail.com	docx	gift card details	HTTP Probe	Not Completed	N/A
Lupin@qaemail.com	snape@qaemail.com	docx	gift card details	HTTP Probe	Not Completed	N/A
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Lupin@qaemail.com	Administrator@qaemail.com	docx	gift card details	HTTP Probe	Not Completed	N/A
Lupin@qaemail.com	dumbledore@qaemail.com	docx	gift card details	HTTP Probe	Completed	172.21.95.201
Lupin@qaemail.com	Tanya@qaemail.com	docx	gift card details	HTTP Probe	Not Completed	N/A

mailbox  
 @qaemail.com  
 mail from an  
 internal  
 email.com  
 qaemail.com

- ✓ Email security checklist
- ✓ Employee Awareness
- ✓ EDR Controls
- ✓ Segmentation
- ✓ Spam filtering
- ✓ Incident Response Protocols



# Cloud Services (“Cloud Only”)



# amazon

# Microsoft

Serverless Computing



Rationale DB



Identity Management



Storage



Computing

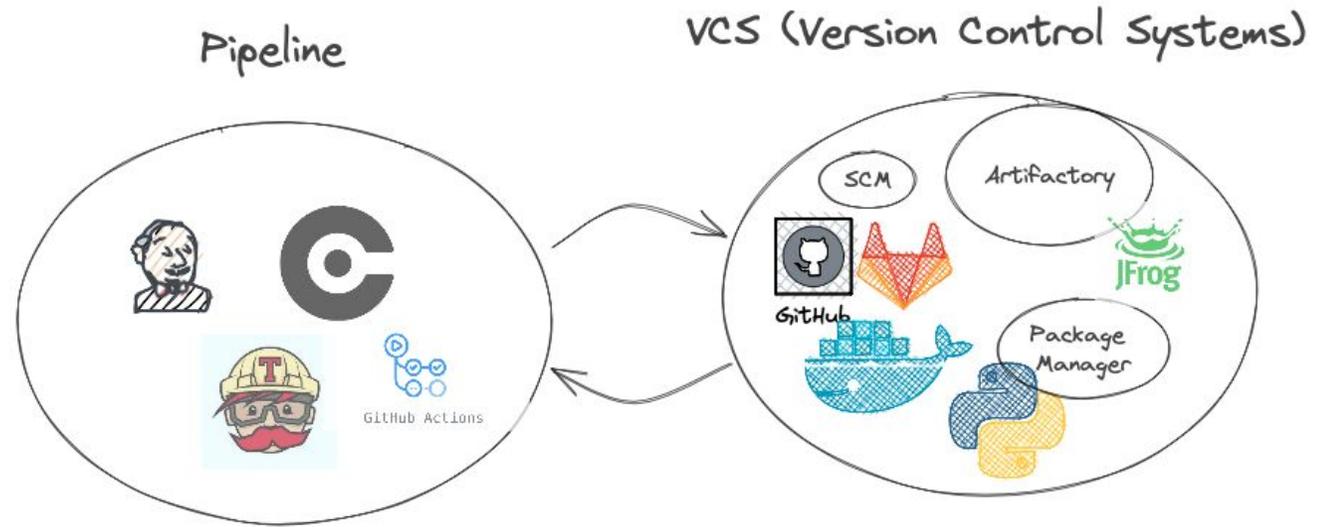


Containerized Environments

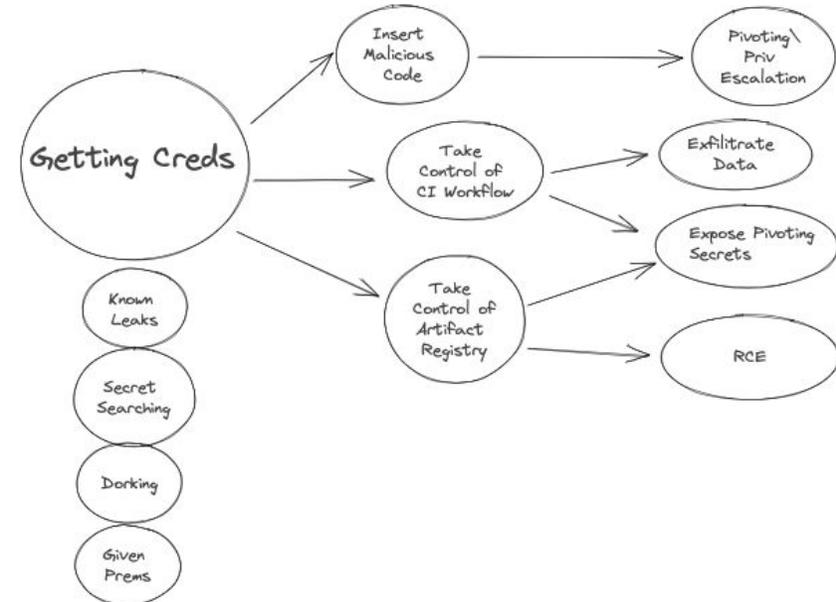
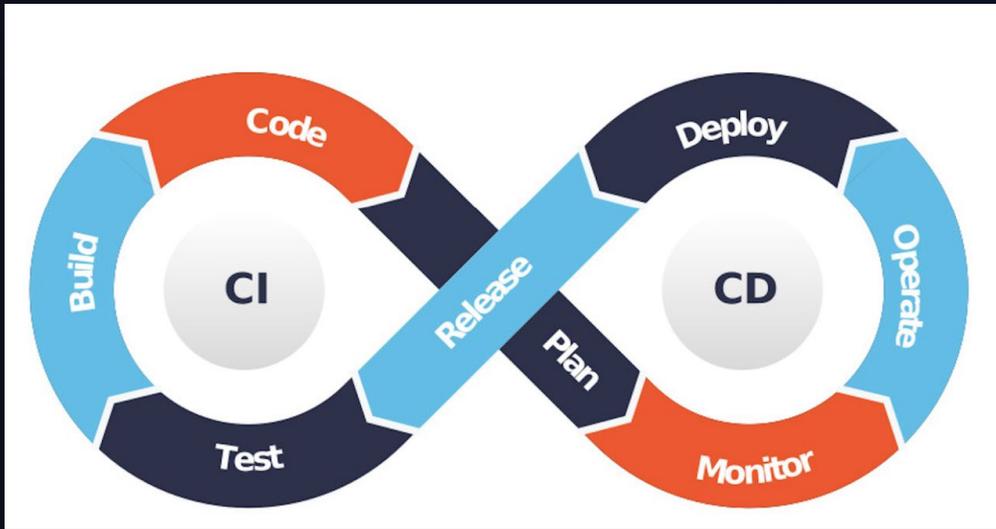


AWS ECR





# CI/CD Pipelines



# What About Ransomware?

RANSOMWARE is Alive and Kicking!



LINUX

RANSOMWARE

## Summary

- We're committed to delivering comprehensive cyber validation, leveraging top-tier talent
- Over the past year, we've significantly expanded our capabilities, ventured into new domains, and launched the "Pentera Labs" knowledge base
- We're just getting started!
- **Engage** with us **and become more secure!**

Thank You!