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Honeypots



Fooling Hackers with Sweet Deception



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InfoSec Certifications

- Practical Network Penetration Tester (PNPT)
- Certified Information Systems Security Professional (CISSP)
- CompTIA Security+
- Certified Ethical Hacker (C|EH)
- EC-Council Certified Security Analyst (ECSA)
- CMMC Register Practitioner (CMMC-RP)
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Agenda

- Current challenges
- Attacker weaknesses
- Exploration of honeypots
- Adding honeypots to the threat landscape
- Demonstration
- Deployment Strategy
- Question & Answer

Traditional security methods are good but...

- Can bring a false sense of security.
- Rely on the relative strength of the chosen technology.
- Depend on the experience of implementer.
- Require correlation from multiple sources.
- Need expertise from a seasoned incident responder.
- Alerts for false positives are common and create fatigue.
- There may still be “false negatives”.

Honey-combing through the details

You have to know everything about everything!

- There are limited resources (time, money, people).
- The skillset demands are high.
- Working in an environment that is in constant flux.
- Vulnerabilities and risks are an everyday occurrence.
- Threats are constantly evolving.
- Even if you have all the information, you still might not know.

Incident prevention is hard!!!
Incident detection is hard!!!

A “buzzing” need for an “if all else fails” approach

Average time to identify and report a breach is 9 months/277 days (IBM)

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BY WOODROW HARTZOG AND DANIEL J. SOLOVE APRIL 13, 2022 • 5:50 AM

The Washington Post
This article was published more than 4 years ago

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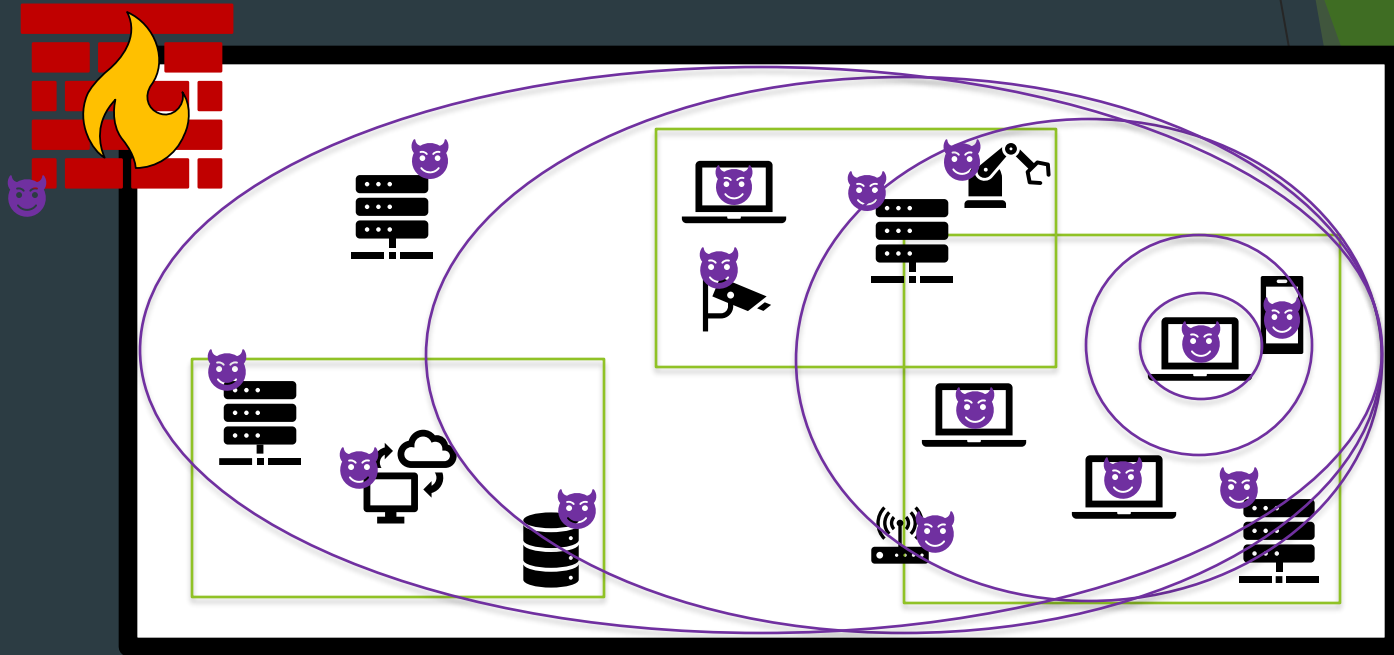
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It's not all roses for the attacker - they must:

1. Determine their position.
2. Find weaknesses.
3. Exploit weaknesses.
4. Find sensitive data.
5. Exfiltrate data.
6. Maintain persistence.
7. Remain stealthy.

Attackers look for the paths of least resistance;

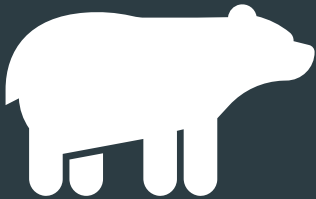
While trying to avoid detection and prevention tools;

Move as quickly as possible to improve their position.

Can we sweeten the pot?

- Is there a way to have earlier threat detection?
- Is there a method to see what an attacker is trying to do?
- Is there a way improve the quality of alerts?
- Is there a way to deceive \ misdirect?
- Is there a way to record actions of an attacker?
- Do you have methods to detect indications of a “malicious insider”?
- Are there a solutions which requires minimal upkeep?
- Can we increase the overall likelihood of detection?

Can we lead the bear to honey?

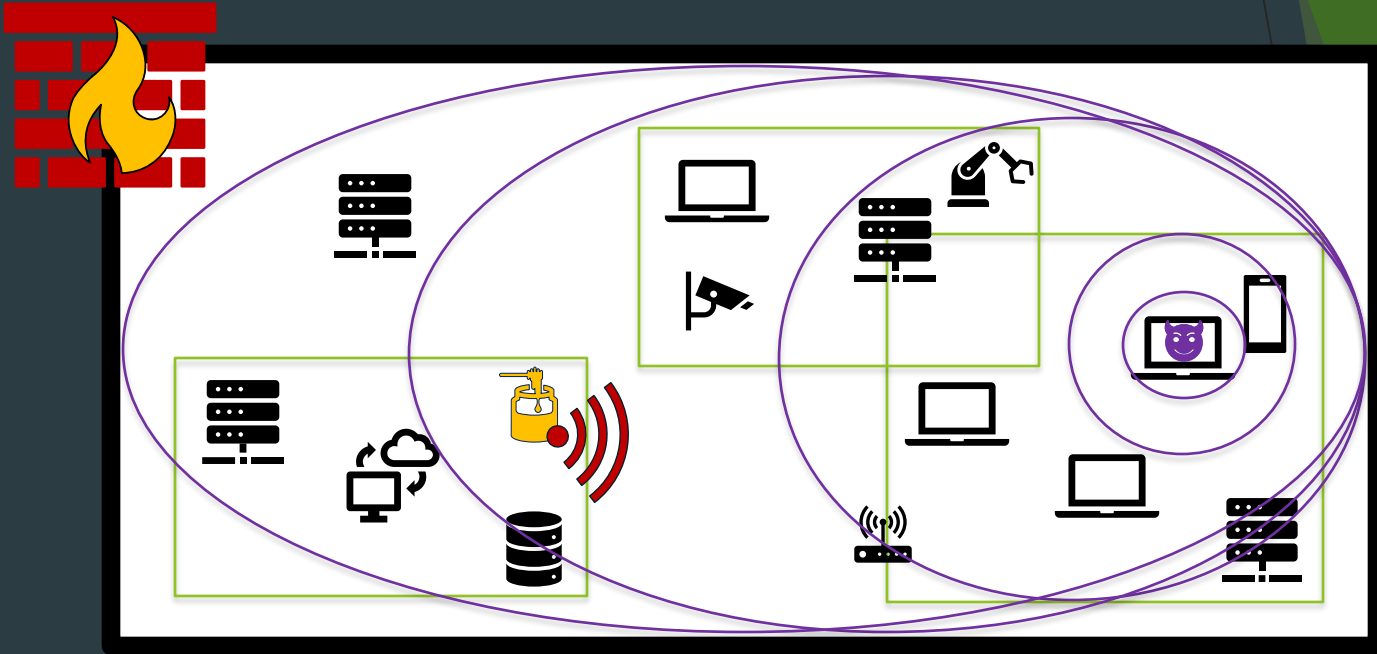


What is a honeypot?

- Decoy asset.
- Emulates a “real-world” organizational asset.
- Designed to attract, lure, and deceive attackers.
- Concept in Clifford Stoll’s book “The Cuckoo’s Egg” (1989).
- The HoneyNet Project (1999) formalized the concept.
- Placed within a system.
- Where a users would not typically interact with the device.
- Designed to attract, lure, and deceive attackers.

Why are honeypots the bee's knees?

- Increases detection capabilities.
- Low overhead and upkeep, if done correctly.
- Quality threat detection.
- Provide active attack intelligence.
- Improve \ enhance incident response and detection capabilities.
- Create a deception \ misdirection ability.
- Provide forensic logging for analysis.
- Indicates insider threats.
- An “if all else fails” complimenting security measure.



All things honey

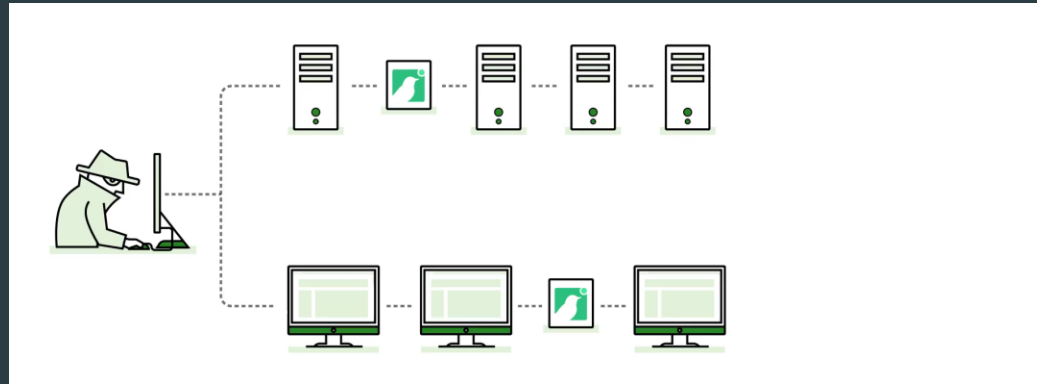
- Accounts
- Firewalls and networks
- Spam traps
- Tokens
 - Files
 - Folders
 - DNS Records
 - Authentication keys
 - QR Codes
- Emails

Harvesting honey

- Books
 - Clifford Stoll's book "The Cuckoo's Egg" (1989)
 - Intrusion Detection Honey Pots: Detection through Deception by Chris Sanders
- Choose your own confection
 - Opensource vs. Commercial
 - Opensource
 - Build your own - Belt and suspenders \ higher barrier to entry
 - HoneyNet Project (non-profit) <https://www.honeynet.org>
 - HoneyPot List - <https://github.com/parallax/awesome-honeypots>
 - Commercial
 - Buy a device - Drop in and go \ higher costs

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Live Demo



Deception-in-Depth

- Drop ‘em in your zones.
- Mix and match different honey “things”.
- Make them believable \ attractive.
- Limit or prevent ability for general user interactivity.
- Inventory and track placement.
- Provide clarity in alert messaging.
- Determine severity handling.
- Ensure ongoing alerting and effectiveness testing.



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