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# Lie. Cheat. Deceive. How to Practice the Art of Deception at Machine Speed



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# Why continue to do things the way we always have?

### #RSAC

- Imagine:
  - Within every aspect of our lives there are rules, legal and moral guidelines that must be followed
  - These tell us what actions are permissible, what responses are appropriate, in short every element of our behaviour
  - Sport clearly illustrate this
    - Football, sorry Soccer 11 people per team, rules govern the time they play, how they play, where they play, each role has it's own set of behavioural rules
  - Do you really have to follow a set of rules for Cybersecurity?







### **USA vs Scotland Match?**









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### So How Do Attackers See Us?

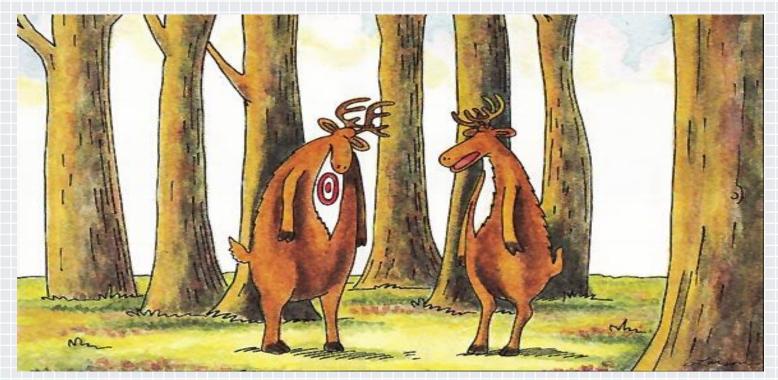
- We are bloated, slow, overworked, underpaid, stressed
  - We are guided by the wrong people
    - Users: "it's too complicated and it doesn't have a fruit logo on it"
    - Auditor: "Get someone else to do it, and have you documented it?"
    - Procurement: "Choose the lowest bidder"
    - Board: "I don't understand, why are we doing it?"
- Attackers see us as static, easy to locate, easy to invade, always up, and there's plenty of people on the inside to rely on for help ©







### In short, we look like this...







#### #RSAC

### **Home Field Advantage?**

- Over 5000 years of warfare "the defender" has always had the presumed advantage in any fight
  - Required a ratio of 4:1 for the attacker to be "assured" of victory over the defender
    - The defender picks the battlefield
    - The defender can typically move faster
    - The defender begins with forces that are optimally deployed to take advantage of the terrain
  - In cyber, this advantage should be even more pronounced
    - The defender can control what the attacker sees
    - The defender can dictate what they have access to
    - The defender can stop the attack simply by disconnecting
- Why did we give up the natural advantages we have in defending our networks and applications?







### **The Wrong Mind-set?**

- We start with a mindset of losing:
  - The attacker only needs 1 vulnerability while the defender has to defend everything
  - The attacker has infinite time and infinite resources
- We forget that the attacker has to do "abnormal" things
  - Create unusual traffic
  - Create failures
- Why don't we catch them in time?







### Practice the Art of Deception to Better Defend

- Be less predictable, Be faster, Be more aggressive
  - Lie
  - Cheat
  - Deceive

### Change the Game.







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 Attackers falsify browser headers, spoof IP addresses, use other peoples machines in order to present a false front

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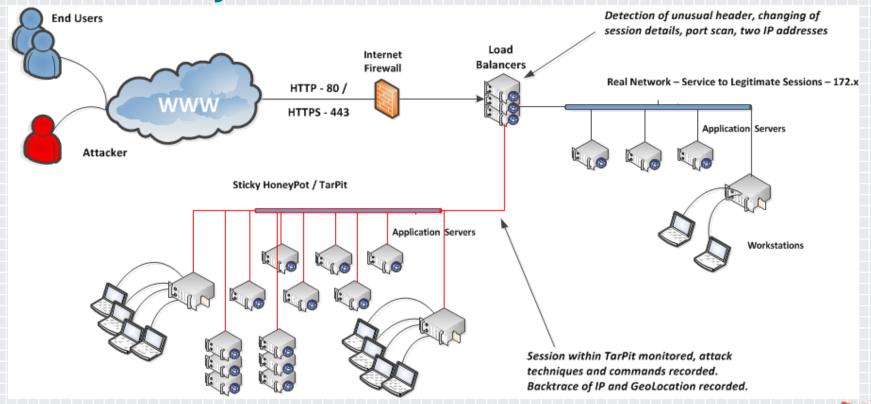
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### Lie - So Why Should We?







### Cheat - There's A Whole Army Against You

- Botnet armies give them superior power
  - Zeus EuroGrabber Stole \$47million from 30,000 customers through mobile devices
  - ZeroAccess Botnet Network globally an estimated 1,000,000 devices
    - Mining bitcoin and other banking credentials, its estimated it generates \$100,000 per day for its operators

#### **ZeroAccess Botnet Network (Europe)**



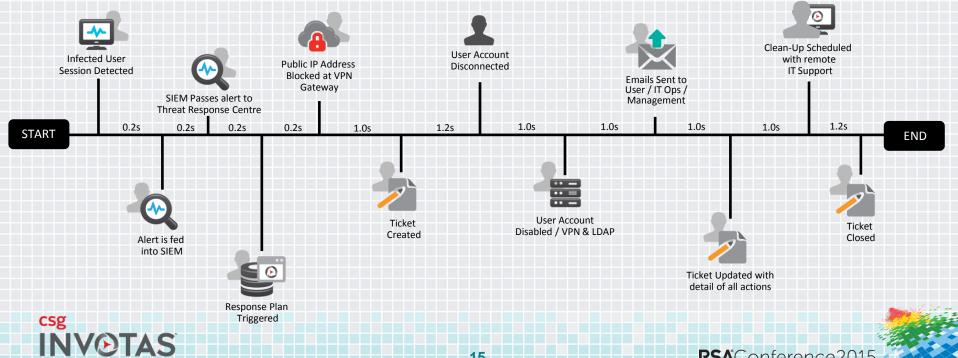
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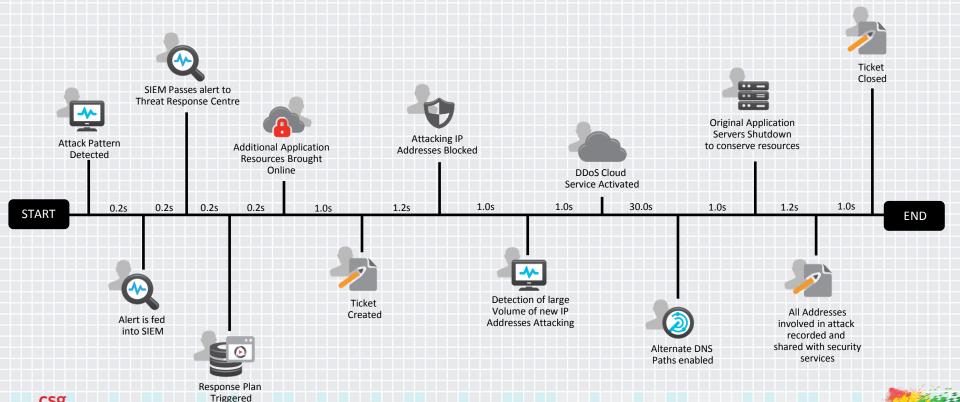
### **Cheat – Multiply Forces, Coordinate Response**

Automate defensive capabilities internally, so you now have an army of analysts battling for you:





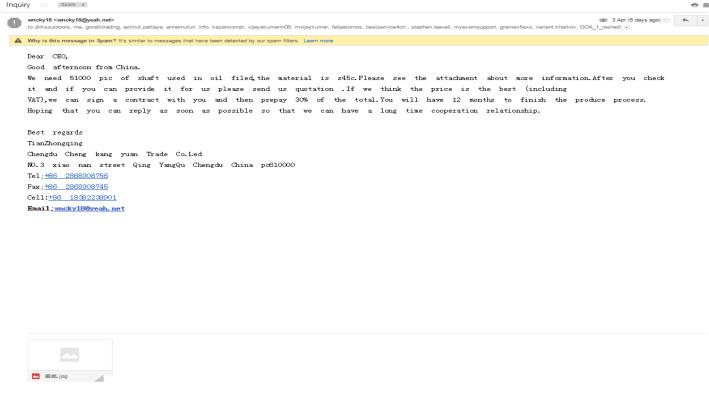
### **Cheat – Fight Fire with Fire**







### Deceive - Spear Phishing Attack (Infiltration)







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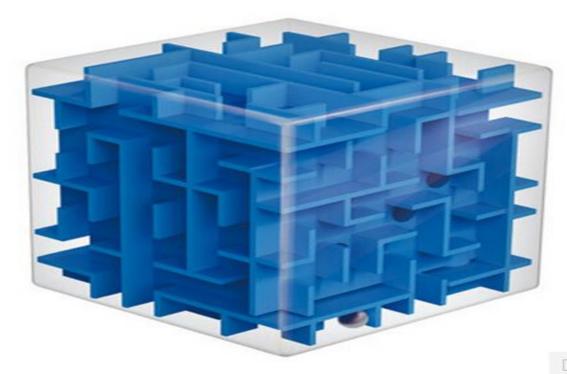


Ever Played when there is no winning cup?





### Deceive - Today's 3 Cup: Maze

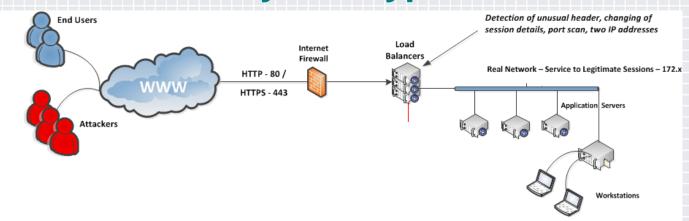








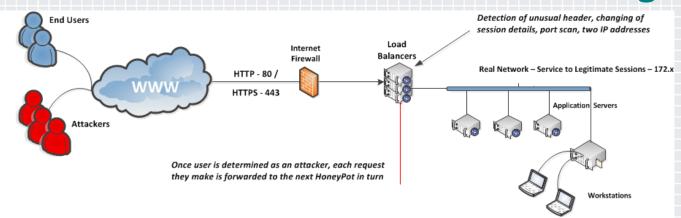
### **Deceive – Three Way Honeypot**







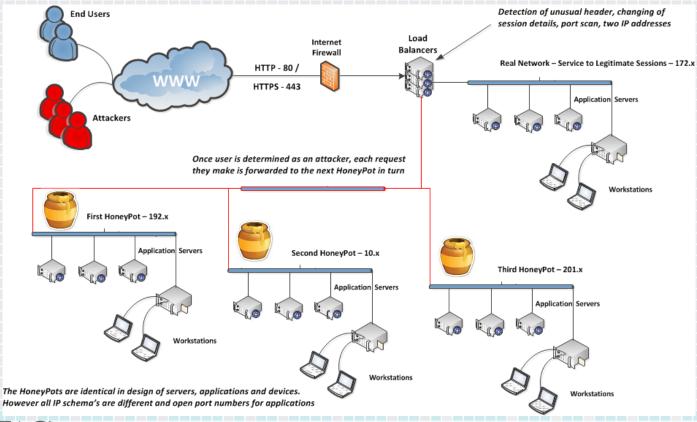
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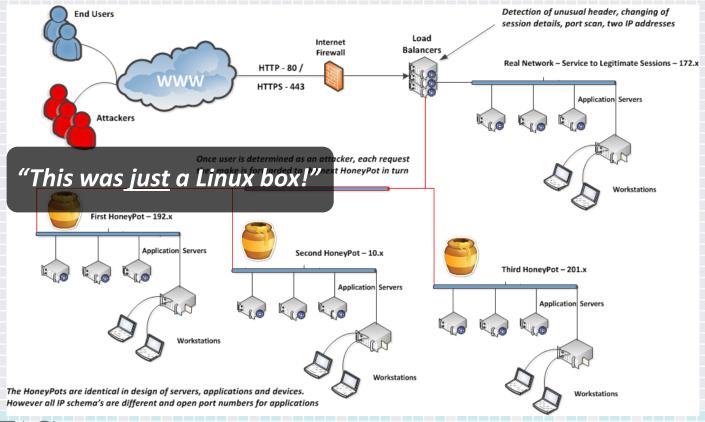




### Deceive - Change the Battle Field

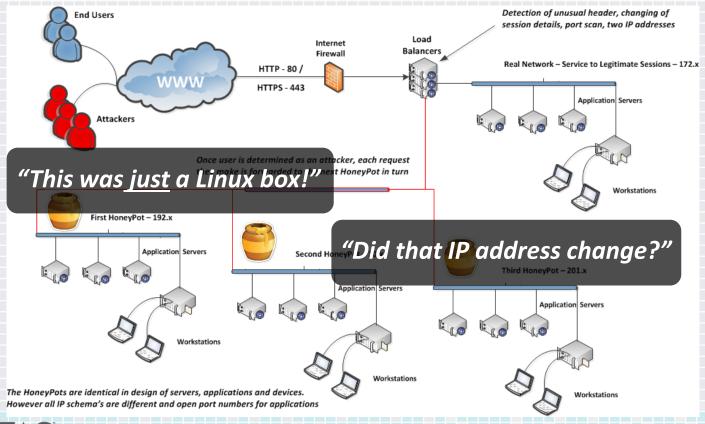






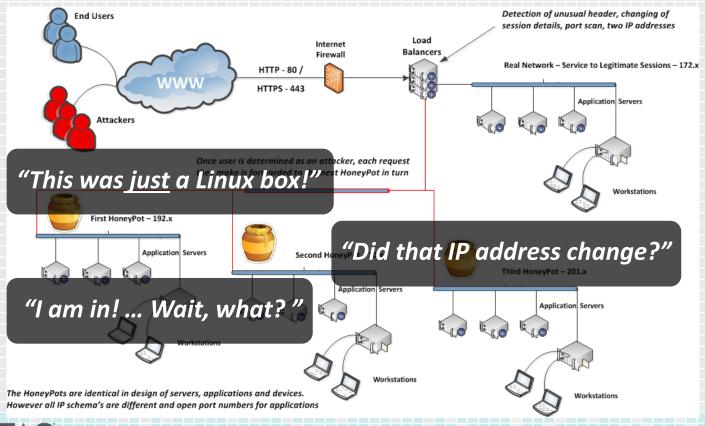




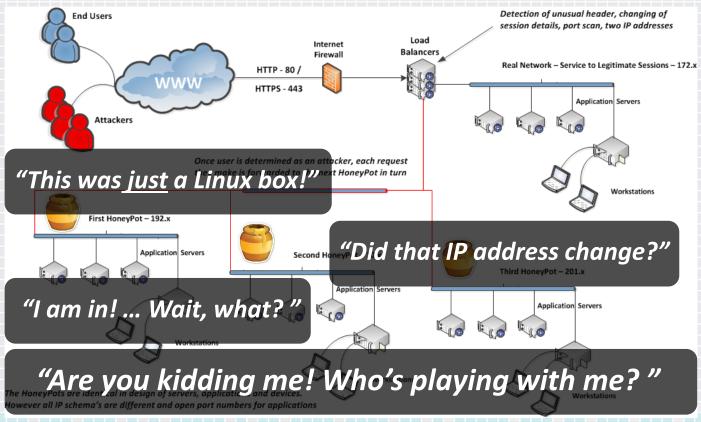














### **Break the Rules**

#### Don't

- Become An Economical Target
- Be predictable
- Be passive
- Be transparent
- Constrain Your Team

#### Do

- Multiple forces through automation
- Switch network conditions
- Pre-approve Mitigation Actions
- Encode asset names
- Lead a team strategy







### **Apply**

- What's a Single Simple Action that you can change next week?
  - Design your team strategy
  - Research automation capabilities
- In the next three months, what can you do?
  - Encode names for critical assets
  - Plan network changes
  - Identify and pre-approve known, frequent mitigations



