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# Bridging the Divide between Security and Operations Teams

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Challenge today's security thinking

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## **The Great Divide**







# **Major Constraints on Ops and Security Teams**







## **Attack-Defend Cycle (OODA Loop)**







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## Most breaches exploit known vulnerabilities



More than 80% of attacks target **known vulnerabilities** 



79% of vulnerabilities have patches available on day of disclosure





# **Security**

Close Vulnerabilities 193 days to patch known vulnerabilities

# **Operations**

Reduce downtime 80% of downtime due to misconfigurations

#### #RSAC

#### **Laws of Vulnerabilities**

- Half-Life time interval for reducing occurrence of a vulnerability by half
- Prevalence turnover rate of vulnerabilities in the "Top 20" list
- Persistence total lifespan of vulnerabilities
- Exploitation time interval between an exploit announcement and the first attack

https://community.qualys.com/blogs/laws-of-vulnerabilities



### Half-Life

◆ 29.5 Days







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#### **Prevalence**

 8 critical vulnerabilities retained a constant presence in the Top 20

- Exploit Kits continuously target the same applications:
  - Java Runtime Environment
  - Adobe Flash
  - Adobe Reader
  - Internet Explorer



#### Persistence



#### Stabilize at 5-10%





## **Exploit Kits Increase Successful Attacks**

Linux

Windows 98

Windows ME

Windows NT 4

- Average < 10 days</li>
- Critical < 48 hours</li>
- Exploit kits offer money back guarantees

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Windows XP SP2	1211	200	16.52%	Firefox v3.6.3	7400	361	4.88%
Other	2185	26	1.19%	MSIE v7.0	1840	298	16.2%
Windows 7	3832	12	0.31%	Firefox v3.0.19	641	152	23.71%
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#### **SecOps Integration**

If <trigger> then <action>

Vulnerability & Compliance Scanning

Automated Remediation

SecOps integration

Vulnerability Information Matched vulnerabilities and patches



#### **Security Teams Portal**

#### - results 64.39.106.242 (xp-sp2, XP-SP2) Microsoft Windows Server Service Could Allow Remote Code Execution (MS08-067) Witnesser EOL/Obsolete Operating System: Microsoft Windows XP Detected NetBIOS Shared Folder List Available 3 3 Microsoft Windows Remote Information Disclosure (MS05-007) ICMP Based TCP Reset Denial of Service Vulnerability **ICMP** Timestamp Request Potential Vulnerabilities (3) ► Information Gathered (17) + Windows 2000 Service Pauli

## **Risk from the Security Team's Standpoint**

64.39.106.243 (2k-sp4-oe501, 2K-SP4-OE501)



OOB Remediation for Managed Servers



#### **The SecOps Portal**

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#### Summary Patch Remediation Config Remediation

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Remediations Jobs	Jobs Completed	Jobs Successful	Jobs Failed	Jobs Pending	Servers Remediated



#### Results

# **Morningstar Case Study**

- Decreased configuration compliance audit cycle from 2 months to 5 days
- Reduced audit and patch time by 97%
- Reduced compliance audit time from 5 days to 12 minutes per system
- Provided 100% SOX compliance



# **State of Michigan Case Study**

Heartbleed – vulnerability in OpenSSL

Needed to quickly patch servers spread across the State

 Connected VM and Patch Management solutions to remediate Heartbleed in record time



# **Advantages of Bridging the Divide**

- Significant decrease in configuration audit cycles
- Significant reduction in approval and patch deployment time frames
- Reduce audit remediation from months to hours
- Enhanced ability to report/communicate meaningful information to business stakeholders



# **Bridging the Divide**

- Arm the security and Ops teams with the right tools for the job
- Communicate vertically and horizontally within your Organization
  - Essential to remove fear, uncertainty, and doubt
  - Embed security staff within key operational functions e.g., CAB



# **Bridging the Divide (Cont)**

- Orchestrate/automate infrastructure security
  - Continuously enforce controls/changes
  - Validate changes through logs/audit trail
- Perform continuous compliance monitoring
  - All systems all the time
- Automate remediation based on key triggers/risks
  - If <trigger> then <action>



# **Bridging the Divide (Cont)**

- Measure the security and Ops teams' performance by the half-life results & treatment of the persistence law
  - Include results in HR performance reviews / bonuses

 Integrate VM/CM solution with patch & configuration management systems, asset inventory systems, ticketing systems, configuration systems (BMC BladeLogic / Chef / Puppet), and reporting systems



# **Bridging the Divide (Cont)**

Focus patching efforts on those things that will hurt you most

 Select a VM/CM solution with strong APIs, integration, and that limits resources spent on system administration

#### Learn to speak the language of the Ops team



# **Apply What You Have Learned Today**

#### Next week you should:

 Review the process by which vulnerabilities and misconfigurations are identified and delivered to your operations teams for action/remediation

#### In the first three months following this presentation you should:

- Identify opportunities to integrate threat and vulnerability systems with key
  operational systems (ticketing, CMDB, GRC, patch and configuration management)
- In cooperation with Ops, define a core set of "if-then" rules that will automatically trigger remediation

#### Within six months you should:

- Define a set of agreed upon remediation metrics appropriate for different governance layers and begin tracking those metrics
- Automate 20% of your vulnerability and configuration management workflow

