

“ IF YOU KNOW THE **ENEMY**
AND KNOW **YOURSELF**,
YOU DO **NOT** NEED TO **FEAR**
THE **RESULT** OF A
HUNDERED BATTLES. ”

~ Sun Tzu | The Art of War

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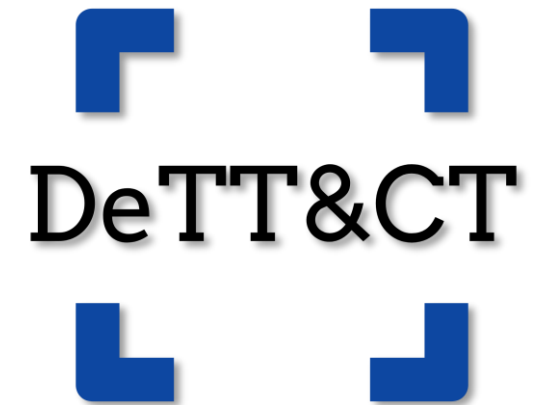
Security Technology and Procedures
Microsoft Sentinel and Defender
MITRE ATT&CK Gap Analysis



Hybrid Brothers
(<https://hybridbrothers.com>)



MITRE Frameworks



The Frameworks

ATT&CK, DEFEND, DeTT&CT

MITRE Frameworks - MITRE ATT&CK

- Knowledge base of adversary tactics and techniques based on real-world observations.
- Use cases
 - Adversary emulations
 - Read and purple teaming
 - Detection development
 - Defensive gap analysis
 - SOC maturity assessment
 - Cyber Threat Intelligence
- Biannual update releases (mostly in October and April)
- Three domains
 - Enterprise
 - Mobile
 - ICS



MITRE Frameworks - DeTT&CT

- Score and compare log source quality, visibility coverage, detection coverage and threat hunting behaviors
- Administering done via GUI
- Conversions done via Python
- Dettectinator used for SOC automation tooling

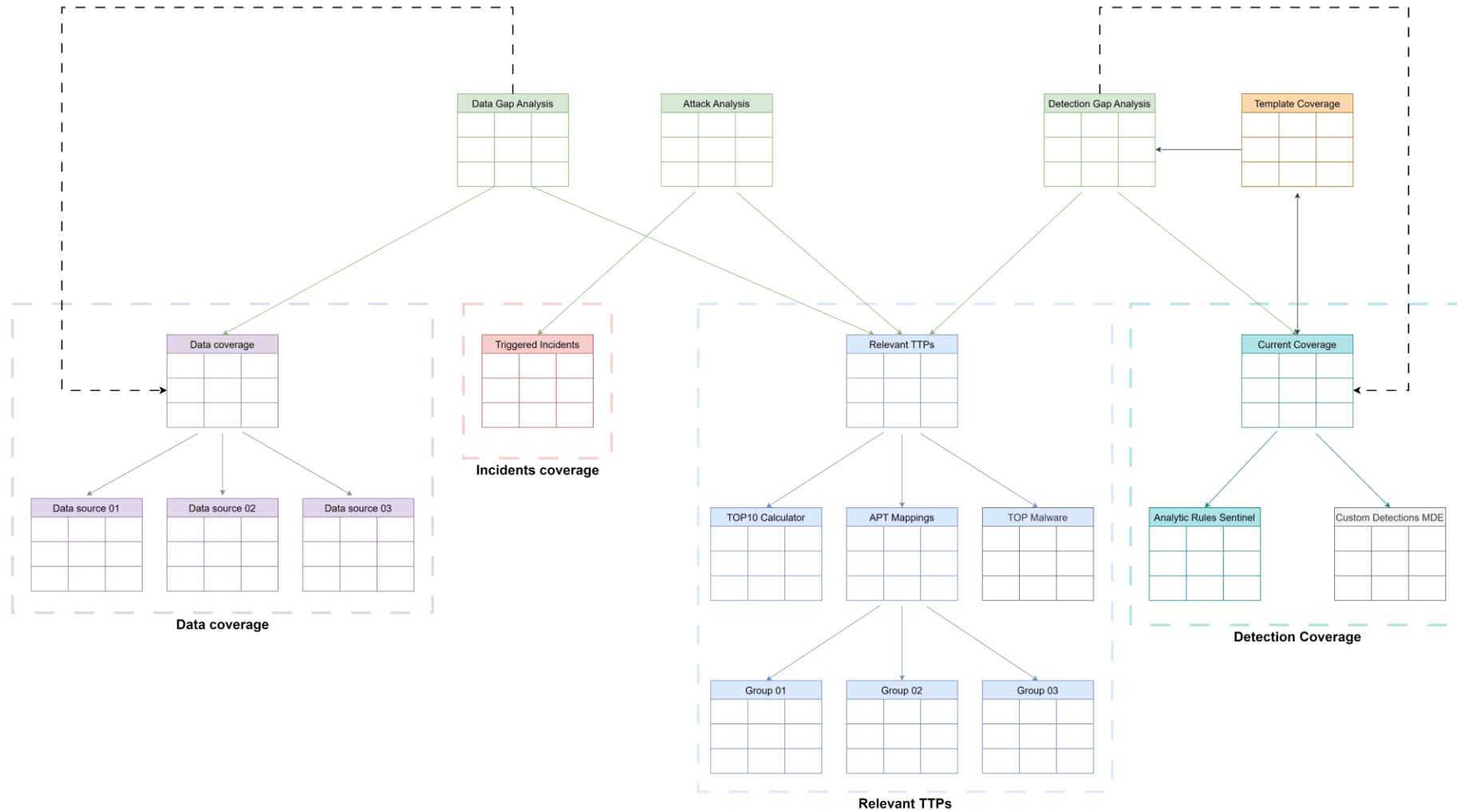
MITRE Frameworks - MITRE D3FEND

- Knowledge graph of Cyber Security countermeasure techniques, with relationships to offensive/adversary techniques in ATT&CK
- Use cases
 - Identify product differences and detection gaps relative to desired functionality
 - Suggest potential testing scope for defensive techniques in terms of relevant offensive techniques
- Still in Beta, stable release expected in 2024

Performing assessments

Data gap analysis, attack analysis, detection gap analysis

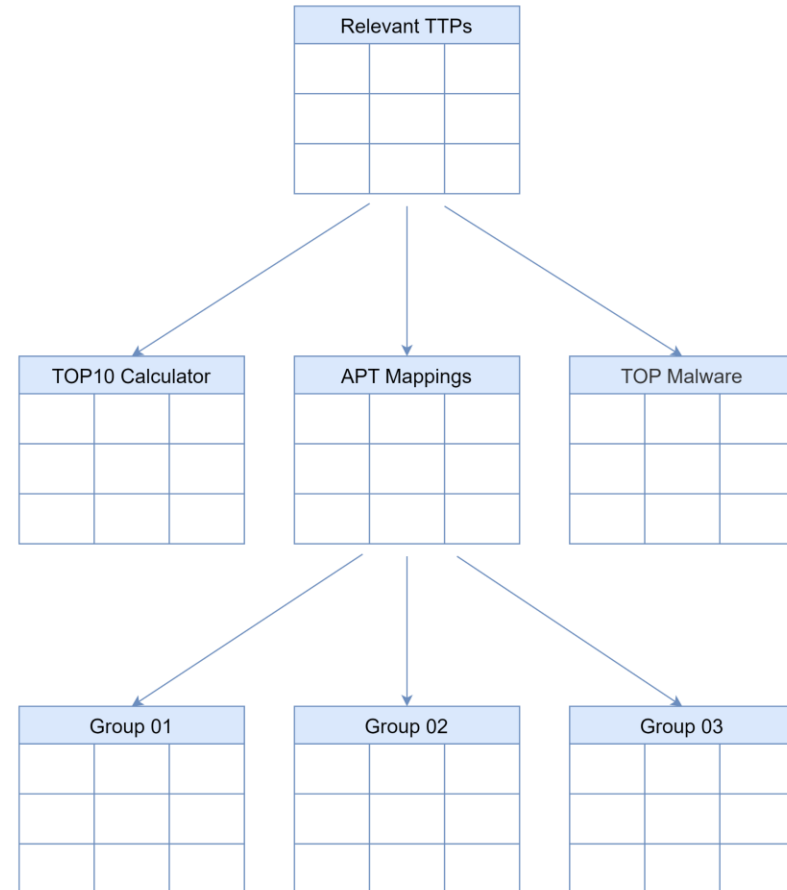
The assessment



Knowing your enemy

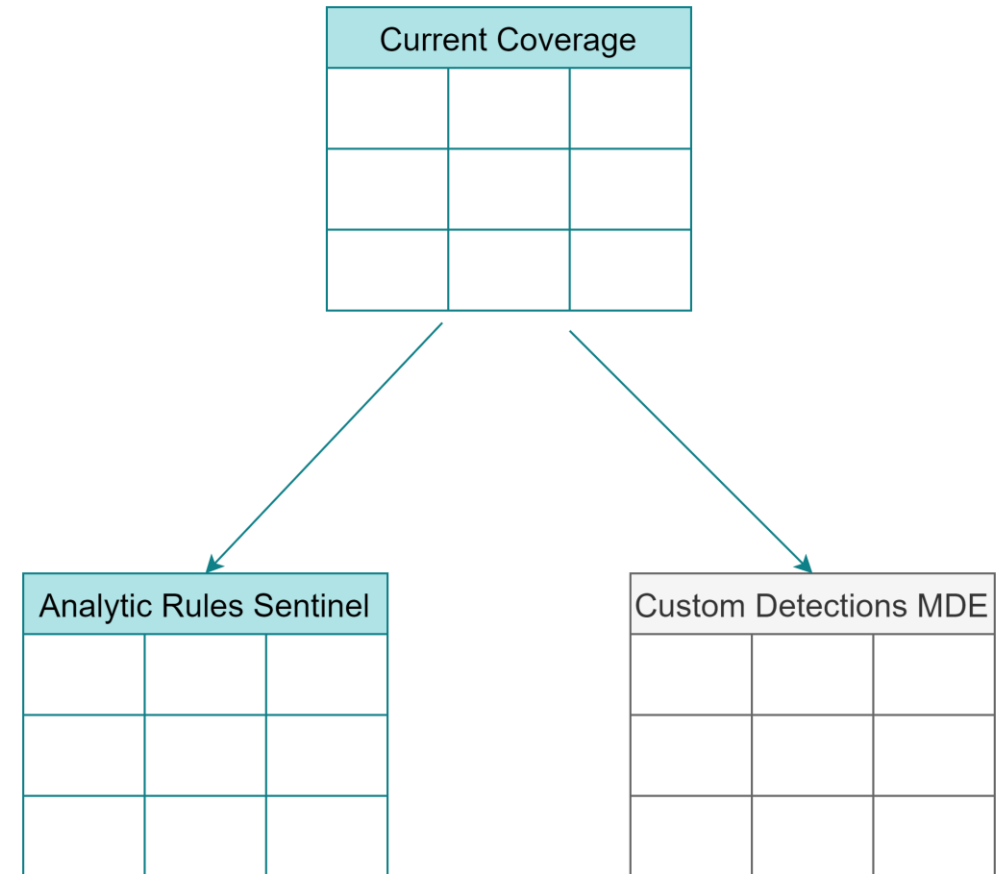
- TOP 10 most exploited techniques, based on your environment
- APT mappings for your industry
- Most used malware and tools

Demo



Detection coverage – Assessment types

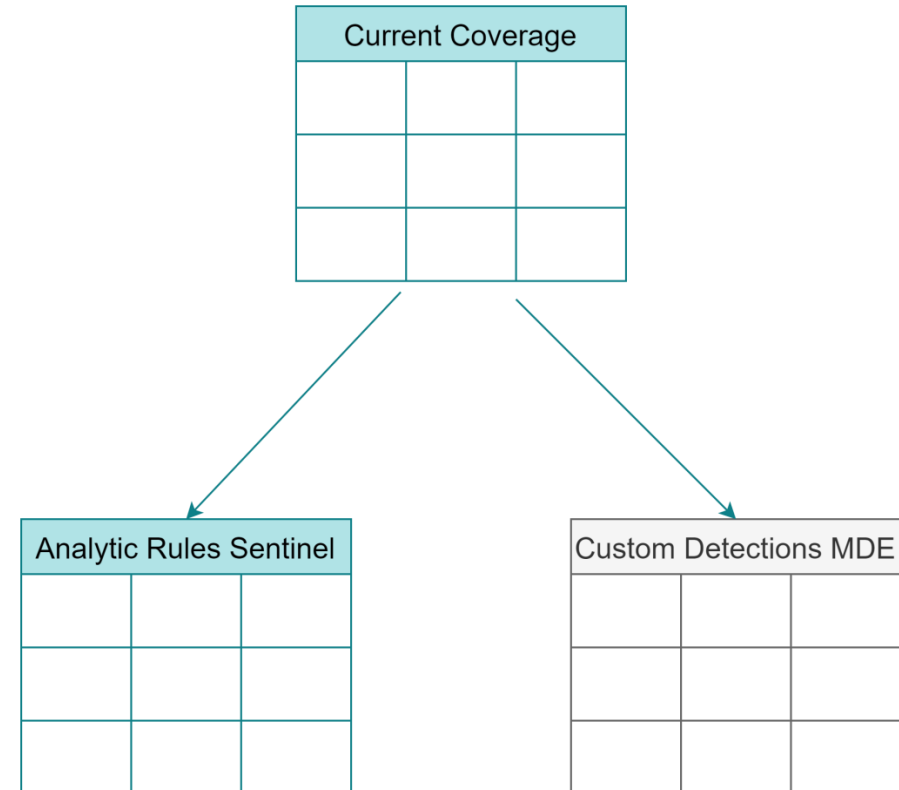
- Hands-on
 - Small-scoped
 - Pinpoint accuracy
 - Analytic rule refinement
 - Time consuming
- Hands-off
 - Broad strokes of coverage
 - Fast turnaround
 - High-level architecture and engineering
 - Going further, we talk about Hands-off assessments



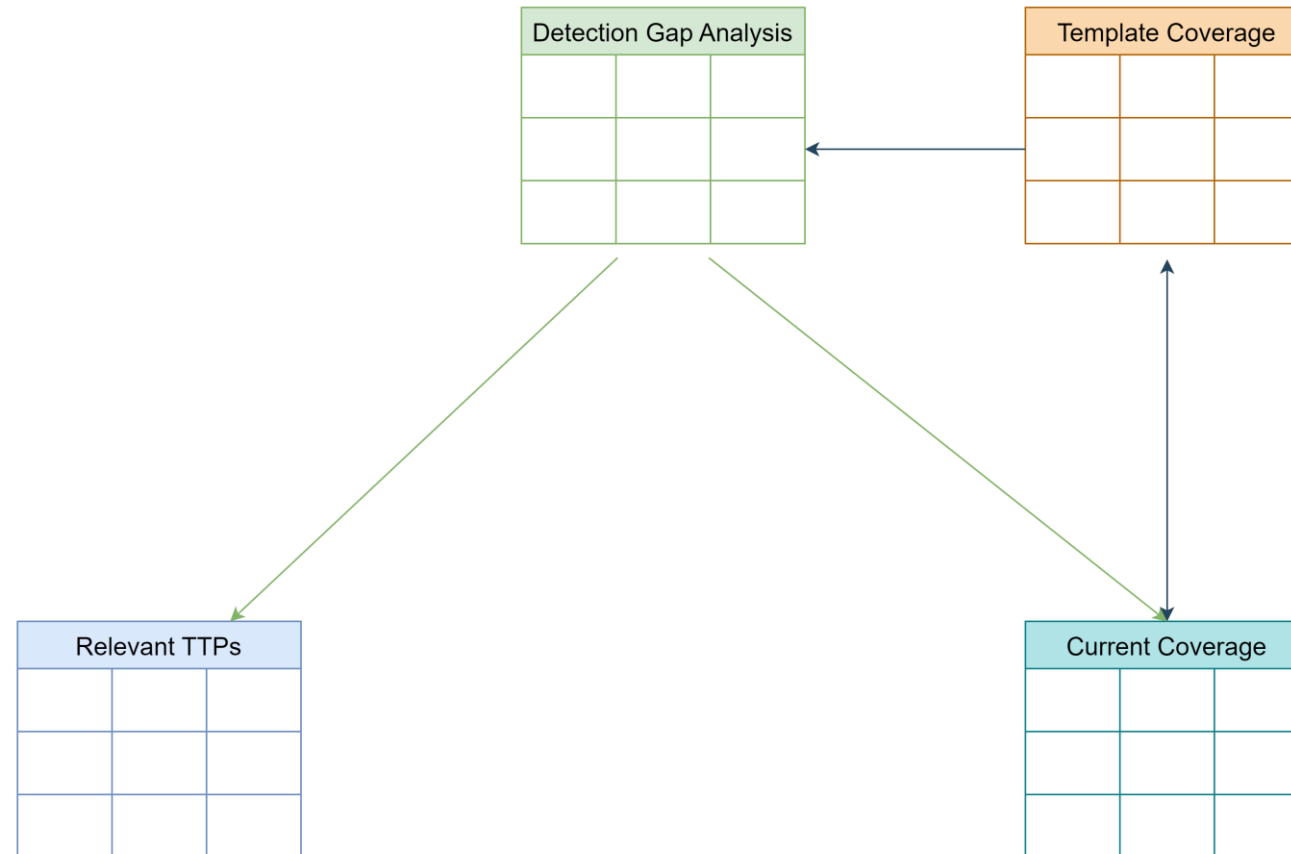
Detection coverage – Tools

- Analytic and Incidents Mapping project (HybridBrothers)
 - To ATT&CK
 - Score calculation based on sum
- Dettectinator
 - To DETT&CT
 - Score based on confidence level

Demo

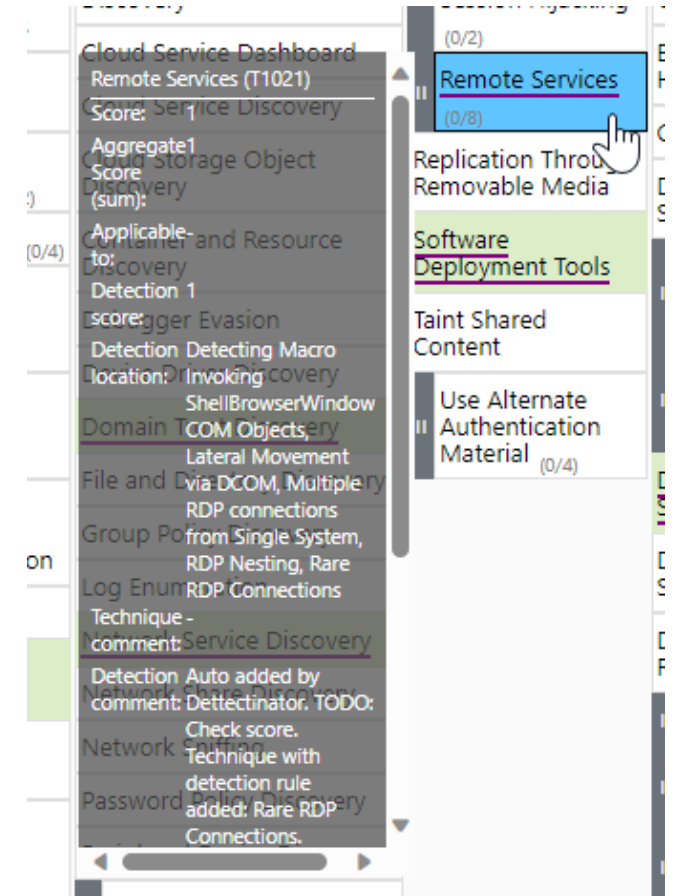


Detection Gap Analysis – Demo



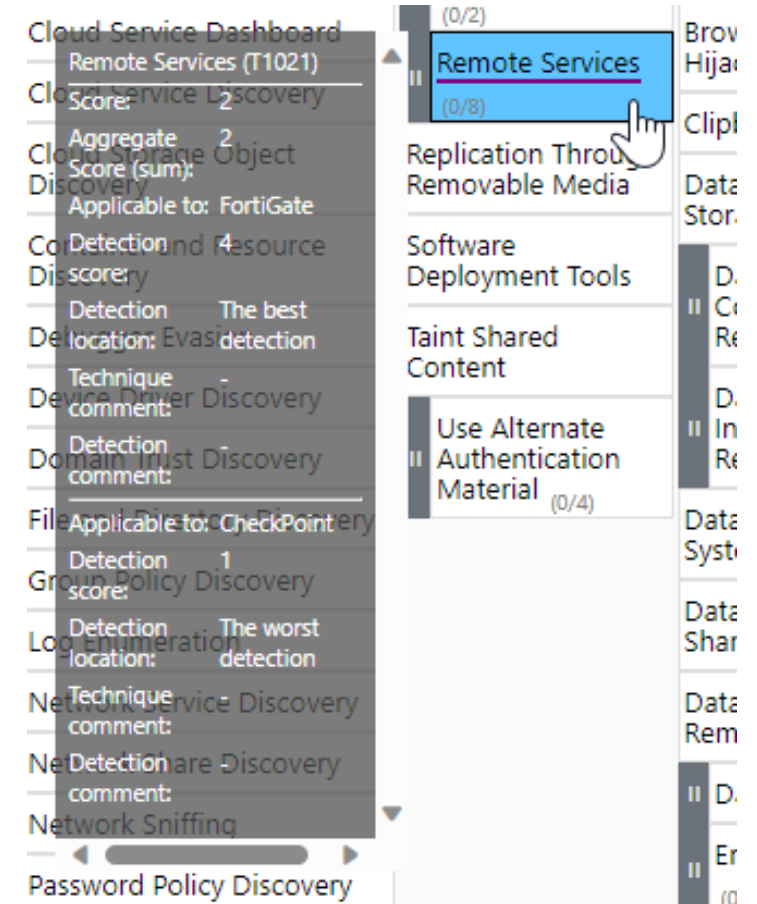
Detection Gap Analysis – Missing Parts

- Missing Data Source context
 - Good Remote Service detections for FortiGate
 - Bad Remote Service detections for CheckPoint
- Score does not represent accurate average of different data source detections



Detection Gap Analysis – Missing Parts Fix

- Using the applicable_to field for data source mapping
 - FortiGate has a score of 4
 - CheckPoint has a score of 1
- Total detection coverage score is an average of both
- Data source aware detection mapping
→ Provide important context

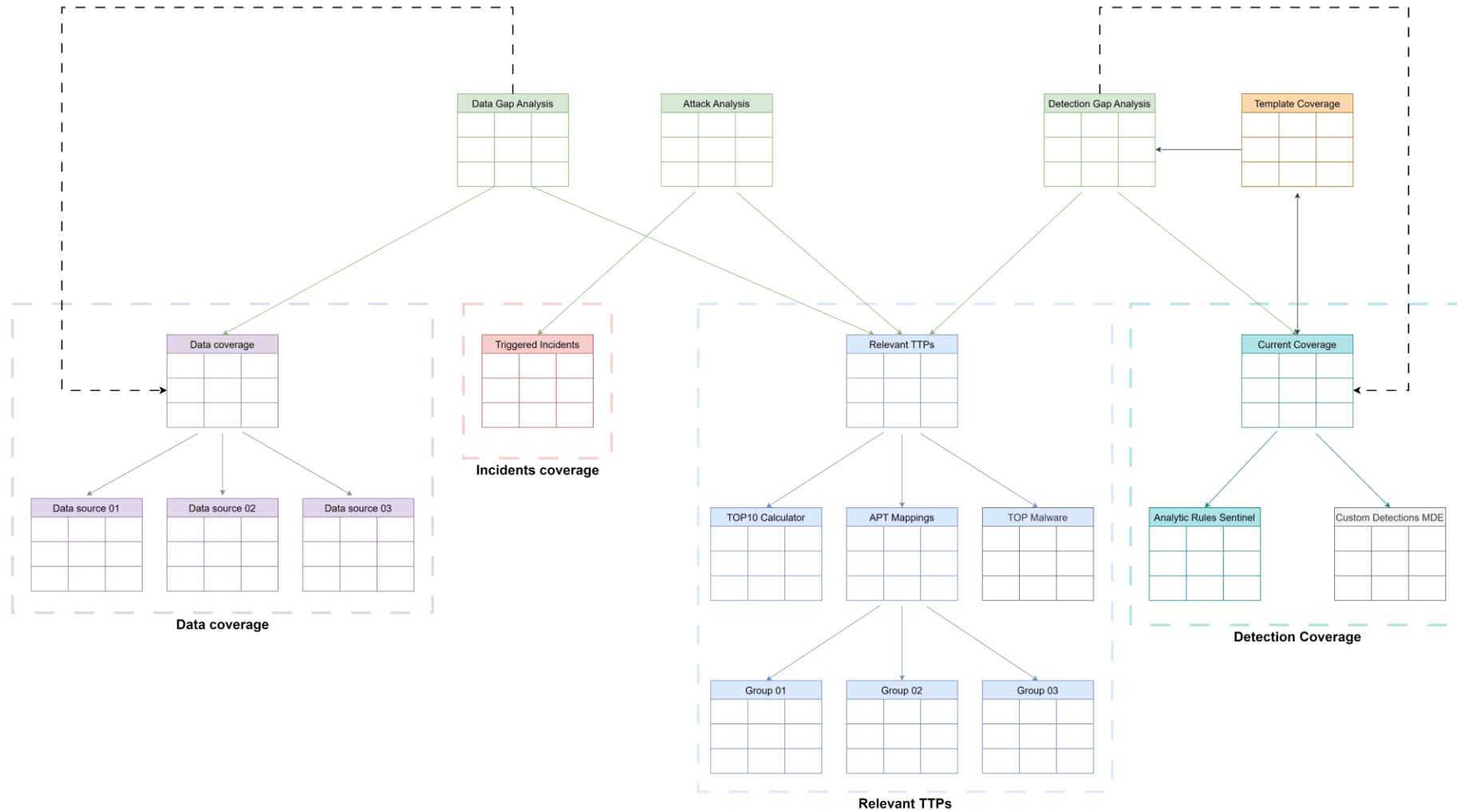


Detection Gap Analysis – Missing Parts Fix

- Using Sentinel to automate this fix
 - Mapping the connectorId of Sentinel to applicable_to of Dettect
- Building a custom plugin on Dettectinator
- Only manual task, is to assign the correct scores

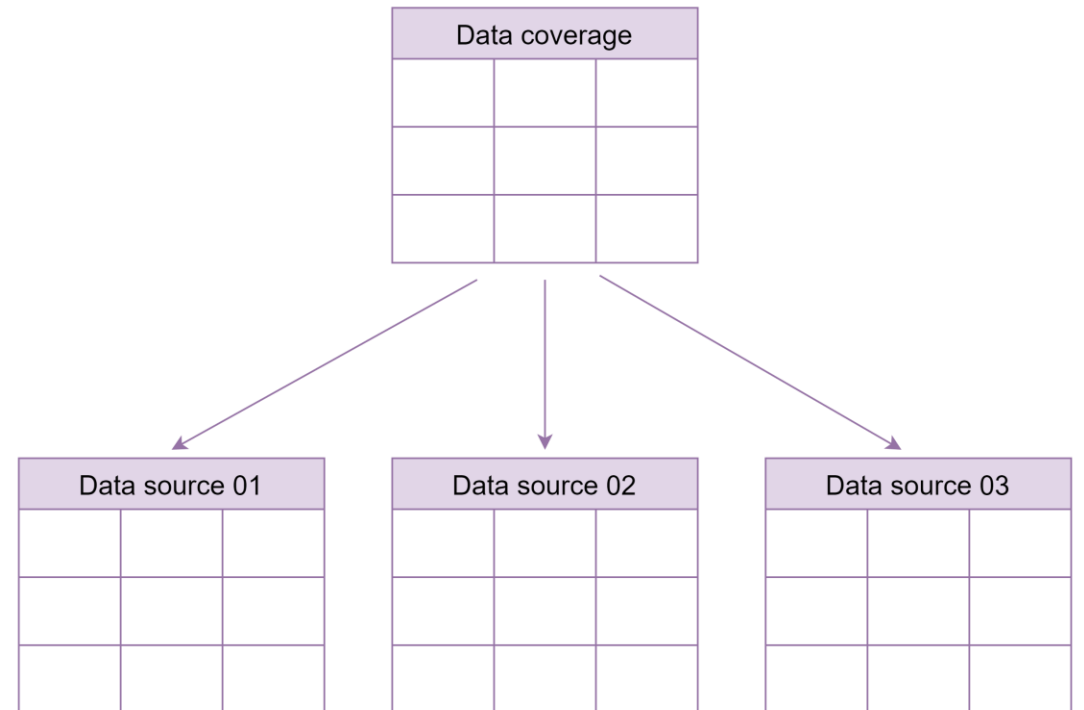
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      "SquidProxy_CL"
    ]
  },
  {
    "connectorId": "Zscaler",
    "dataTypes": [
      "CommonSecurityLog"
    ]
  }
],
"alertRulesCreatedByTemplateCount": 0,
```


The assessment

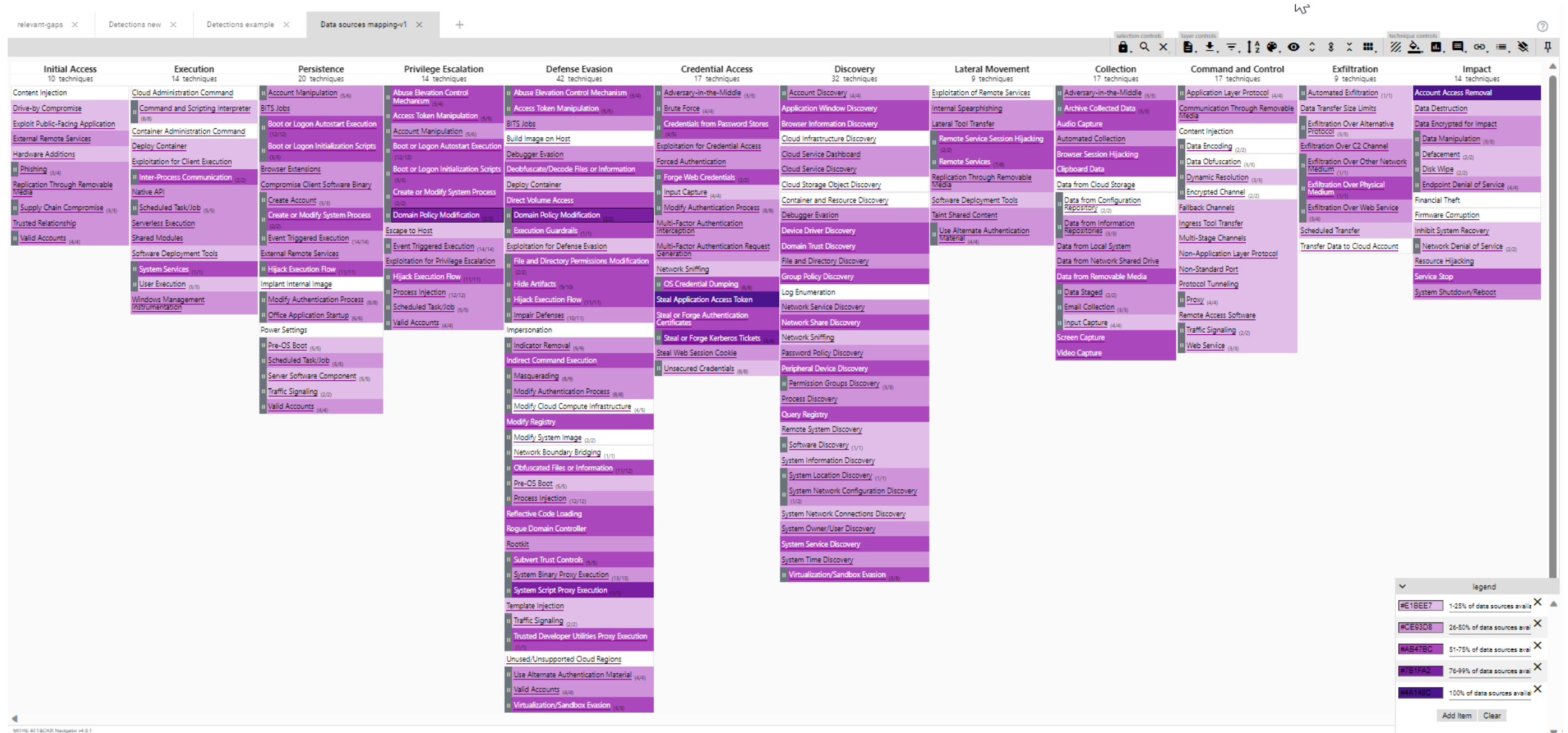


Data coverage

- Two flavors
 - Mapping Data Sources to techniques
 - Mapping Data Events to techniques
- Both very extensive, although less frequent
- Dett&ct framework

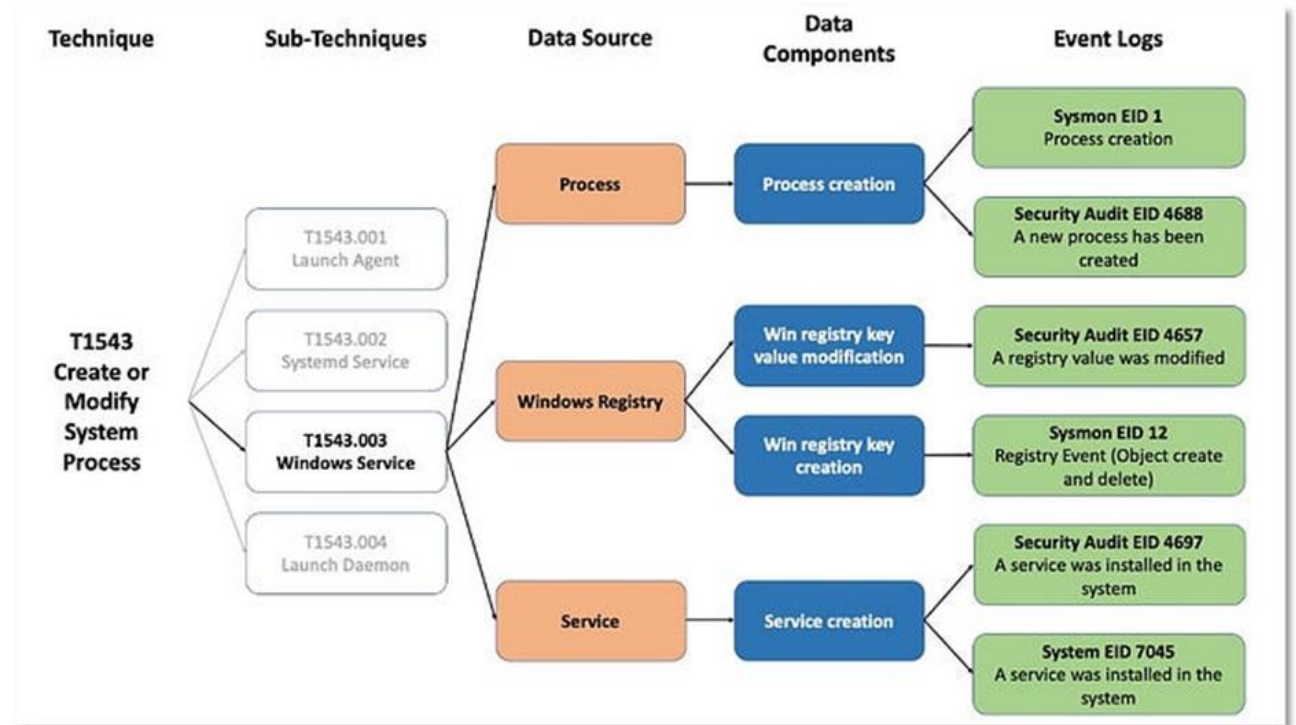


Data coverage – Data source mapping demo

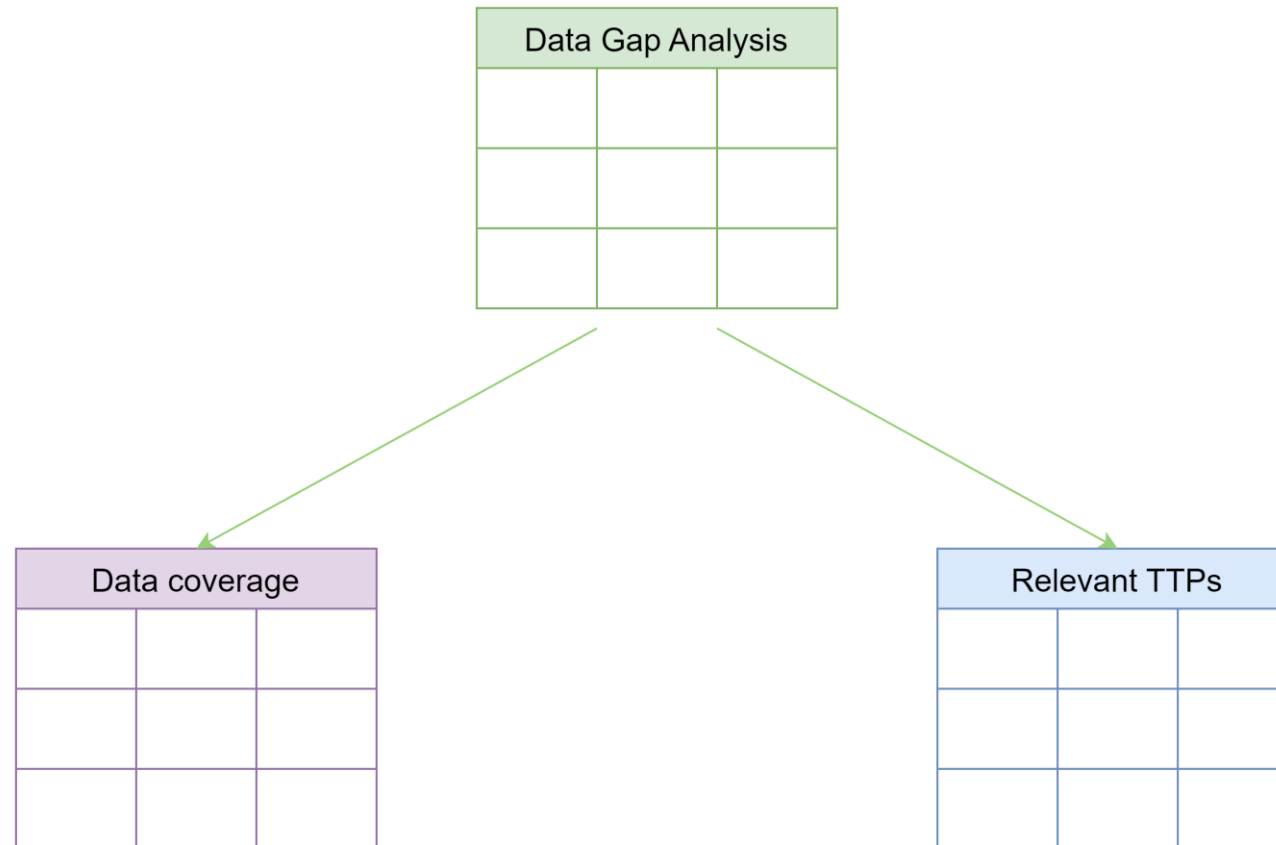


Data coverage – Data event mapping

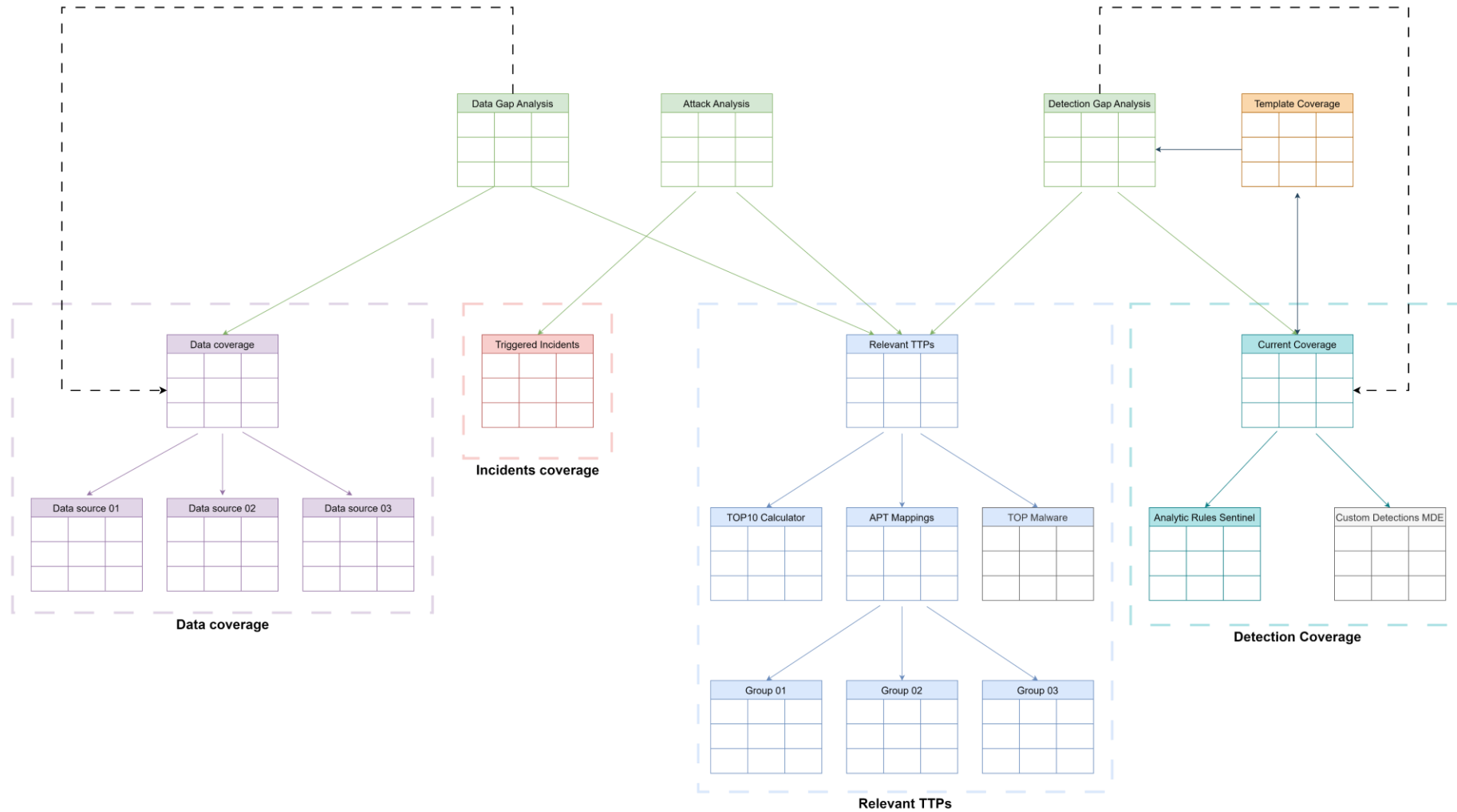
- Open-source tools exists
- OSSIM model
- MDE, Windows Events, and Sysmon to ATT&CK
- Example



Detection Gap Analysis – Demo



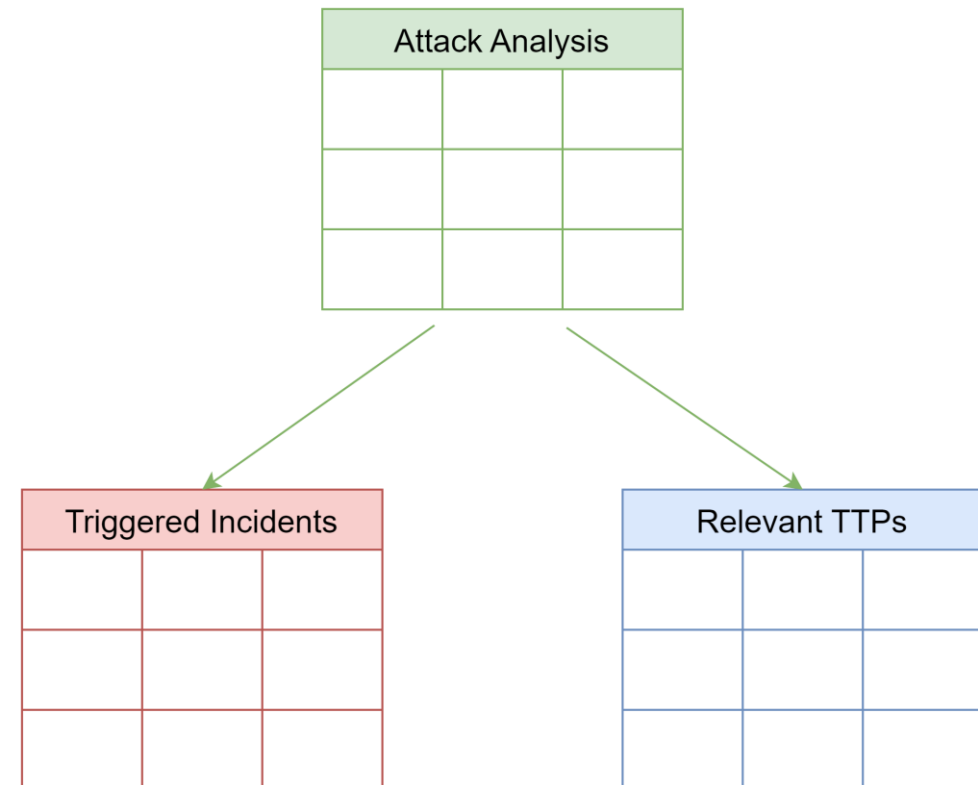
The assessment



Incident mapping

- Analytic and Incidents Mapping project (HybridBrothers)
 - To ATT&CK
 - Score calculation based on sum

```
Please select the provider filter for the incidents
└─ 1: MS Defender for Identity
└─ 2: Defender for Cloud
└─ 3: MS Sentinel
└─ 4: MS 365 Defender
└─ 5: MS Defender for Cloud Apps
└─ 6: MS Defender for Endpoint
└─ 7: MS Defender for Office 365
└─ 8: MS Defender for IoT
└─ 9: All from Defender suite
└─ 10: All
: 10
```



Microsoft MITRE support

Limits and challenges

Microsoft Sentinel MITRE support

- No sub-technique support
 - Hands-on assessment hard to perform
- Limited ATT&CK version support
 - As of now ATT&CK v13 (v14 is out)
 - Docs even say ATT&CK v11

```
"version": "1.1.0",  
"tactics": [  
  "CommandAndControl",  
  "DefenseEvasion",  
  "Execution",  
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],  
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  "T1071",  
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At least one resource deployment operation failed. Please list deployment operations for details. Please see https://aka.ms/SentinelDeployment. [Error: The technique 'T1059.001' is invalid. The expected format is 'T####', where '#' represents a digit.] (Code: 400)
```

```
Status Message: At least one resource deployment operation failed. Please list deployment operations for details. Please see https://aka.ms/SentinelDeployment. [Error: Invalid data model. [Error: No valid tactic corresponding to the technique T1654 was provided in the tactics field.] (Code: 400)]
```

MDE custom detections MITRE support

- Sub-technique support
 - Sub-technique lost when enumerated via Sentinel
- Limited ATT&CK version support
 - As of now ATT&CK v13 (v14 is out)

- ☐ T1071: Application Layer Protocol
- ☐ T1573.002: Asymmetric Cryptography
- ☐ T1102.002: Bidirectional Communication
- ☐ T1043: Commonly Used Port
- ☐ T1092: Communication Through Removable Media
- ☐ T1071.004: DNS
- ☐ T1568.003: DNS Calculation
- ☐ T1132: Data Encoding
- ☐ T1001: Data Obfuscation
- ☐ T1102.001: Dead Drop Resolver
- ☐ T1090.004: Domain Fronting
- ☐ T1568.002: Domain Generation Algorithms
- ☐ T1568: Dynamic Resolution
- ☐ T1573: Encrypted Channel
- ☐ T1090.002: External Proxy
- ☐ T1008: Fallback Channels
- ☐ T1568.001: Fast Flux DNS
- ☐ T1071.002: File Transfer Protocols
- ☐ T1105: Ingress Tool Transfer
- ☐ T1090.001: Internal Proxy
- ☐ T1001.001: Junk Data
- ☐ T1071.003: Mail Protocols
- ☐ T1104: Multi-Stage Channels
- ☐ T1090.003: Multi-hop Proxy
- ☐ T1026: Multiband Communication

Defender for Identity MITRE support

- Alert name with MITRE mappings available in MS Learn
 - [Security alerts - Microsoft Defender for Identity | Microsoft Learn](#)
- Tactic, Technique, and Sub-Technique support → Hands-on assessments

Suspected overpass-the-hash attack (Kerberos) (external ID 2002)

Previous name: Unusual Kerberos protocol implementation (potential overpass-the-hash attack)

Severity: Medium

Description:

Attackers use tools that implement various protocols such as Kerberos and SMB in non-standard ways. While Microsoft Windows accepts this type of network traffic without warnings, Defender for Identity is able to recognize potential malicious intent. The behavior is indicative of techniques such as over-pass-the-hash, Brute Force, and advanced ransomware exploits such as WannaCry, are used.

Learning period:

None

MITRE:

Primary MITRE tactic	Lateral Movement (TA0008) ⓘ
MITRE attack technique	Exploitation of Remote Services (T1210) ⓘ, Use Alternate Authentication Material (T1550) ⓘ
MITRE attack sub-technique	Pass the Has (T1550.002) ⓘ, Pass the Ticket (T1550.003) ⓘ

Defender for Cloud Apps MITRE support

- Alert name with MITRE mappings available in MS Learn
 - [How to investigate anomaly detection alerts - Microsoft Defender for Cloud Apps | Microsoft Learn](#)
- Only Tactic support → Hands-off assessments

MITRE ATT&CK

To explain and make it easier to map the relationship between Defender for Cloud Apps alerts and the familiar MITRE ATT&CK Matrix, we've categorized the alerts by their corresponding MITRE ATT&CK tactic. This additional reference makes it easier to understand the suspected attacks technique potentially in use when a Defender for Cloud Apps alert is triggered.

This guide provides information about investigating and remediating Defender for Cloud Apps alerts in the following categories.

- ✓ Initial Access
- ✓ Execution
- ✓ Persistence
- ✓ Privilege Escalation
- ✓ Credential Access
- ✓ Collection
- ✓ Exfiltration
- ✓ Impact

Defender for Endpoint MITRE support

- No Documentation
- Work arounds
 - Mapping incidents
 - BAS – Breach and Attack simulation
 - Caldera / Atomic Red Team
 - AttackIQ Evaluations
 - MS Azure Security control mapping [Microsoft Azure Security Control Mappings to MITRE ATT&CK® \(center-for-threat-informed-defense.github.io\)](https://github.com/center-for-threat-informed-defense/mappings-to-mitre-att&ck)



📁 .github/workflows	docs(README): Add GCP description provided by Tiffany	last year
📁 docs	feat(mappings): set up build and README for GCP mappings	last year
📁 images	Allow mappings to subtechniques	last year
📁 mappings	Merge pull request #171 from hashcat3/patch-2	last year
📁 tools	Fix typo in GCP description	last year
📄 .gitignore	Add support for visualizing multiple platforms.	2 years ago
📄 DEVELOPERS.md	Allow mappings to subtechniques	last year
📄 LICENSE	Resetting history in preparation for publication	2 years ago
📄 README.md	Update README.md for grammatical consistency	last year
📄 mappings.css	Allow mappings to subtechniques	last year
📄 mappings.js	Allow mappings to subtechniques	last year

Azure Stack MITRE Support

- MS Azure Security control mapping [Microsoft Azure Security Control Mappings to MITRE ATT&CK® \(center-for-threat-defense.github.io\)](https://center-for-threat-defense.github.io)
 - A little outdated
 - Not always complete

- Controls
 - 1. Adaptive Application Controls
 - 2. Advanced Threat Protection for Azure SQL Database
 - 3. Alerts for Azure Cosmos DB
 - 4. Alerts for DNS
 - 5. Alerts for Windows Machines
 - 6. Azure AD Identity Protection
 - 7. Azure AD Identity Secure Score
 - 8. Azure AD Multi-Factor Authentication
 - 9. Azure AD Password Policy
 - 10. Azure AD Privileged Identity Management
 - 11. Azure Active Directory Password Protection
 - 12. Azure Alerts for Network Layer
 - 13. Azure Automation Update Management
 - 14. Azure Backup
 - 15. Azure DDoS Protection Standard
 - 16. Azure DNS Alias Records
 - 17. Azure DNS Analytics
 - 18. Azure Dedicated HSM
 - 19. Azure Defender for App Service
 - 20. Azure Defender for Container Registries
 - 21. Azure Defender for Key Vault
 - 22. Azure Defender for Kubernetes
 - 23. Azure Defender for Resource Manager
 - 24. Azure Defender for Storage
 - 25. Azure Firewall
 - 26. Azure Key Vault
 - 27. Azure Network Traffic Analytics
 - 28. Azure Policy
 - 29. Azure Private Link
 - 30. Azure Security Center Recommendations
 - 31. Azure Sentinel
 - 32. Azure VPN Gateway
 - 33. Azure Web Application Firewall
 - 34. Cloud App Security Policies
 - 35. Conditional Access
 - 36. Continuous Access Evaluation
 - 37. Docker Host Hardening
 - 38. File Integrity Monitoring
 - 39. Integrated Vulnerability Scanner Powered by Qualys
 - 40. Just-in-Time VM Access
 - 41. Linux auditd alerts and Log Analytics agent integration
 - 42. Managed identities for Azure resources
 - 43. Microsoft Antimalware for Azure
 - 44. Microsoft Defender for Identity
 - 45. Network Security Groups

How do I improve

Detective and preventive controls

Improving

1. Map your relevant TTPs
2. Create data and detection mappings
3. Perform data and detection gap analysis
4. Add data sources for important missing techniques
5. Create detections for weakly covered techniques

Improving using DEFEND

DEFEND™

A knowledge graph of cybersecurity countermeasures

0.13.0-BETA-1

ATT&CK Lookup

Search D3FEND's 618 Artifacts

D3FEND Lookup

Model				Harden				Detect								Isolate		Deceive		Evict			Restore																				
Asset Inventory	Network Mapping	Operational Activity Mapping	System Mapping	Application Hardening	Credential Hardening	Message Hardening	Platform Hardening	File Analysis	Identifier Analysis	Message Analysis	Network Traffic Analysis	Platform Monitoring	Process Analysis	User Behavior Analysis	Execution Isolation	Network Isolation	Decoy Environment	Decoy Object	Credential Eviction	File Eviction	Process Eviction	Restore Access	Restore Object																				
Asset Vulnerability Enumeration	Logical Link Mapping	Access Modeling	Data Exchange Mapping	Application Configuration Hardening	Biometric Authentication	Message Authentication	Bootloader Authentication	Dynamic Analysis	Homoglyph Detection	Sender MTA Reputation Analysis	Administrative Network Activity Analysis	File Integrity Monitoring	Database Query String Analysis	Authentication Event Thresholding	Executable Allowlisting	Broadcast Domain Isolation	Connected Honeynet	Decoy File	Account Locking	File Removal	Process Suspension	Restore Network Access	Reissue Credential																				
Configuration Inventory	Active Logical Link Mapping	Operational Dependency Mapping	Service Dependency Mapping	Dead Code Elimination	Certificate-based Authentication	Message Encryption	Disk Encryption	Emulated File Analysis	Identifier Activity Analysis	Sender Reputation Analysis	Byte Sequence Emulation	Firmware Behavior Analysis	File Access Pattern Analysis	Authorization Event Thresholding	Executable Denylisting	DNS Allowlisting	Integrated Honeynet	Decoy Network Resource	Authentication Cache Invalidation	Email Removal	Process Termination	Restore User Account Access	Restore Configuration																				
Data Inventory		Operational Risk Assessment	System Dependency Mapping	Exception Handler Pointer Validation	Certificate Pinning	Transfer Agent Authentication	Driver Load Integrity Checking	File Content Analysis	Identifier Reputation Analysis		Certificate Analysis	Firmware Embedded Monitoring Code	Indirect Branch Call Analysis	Credential Compromise Scope Analysis	Hardware-based Process Isolation	DNS Denylisting	Standalone Honeynet	Decoy Persona	Credential Revoking	Decoy Public Release	Decoy Session Token	Decoy User Credential	Unlink Account	Restore Database																			
Hardware Component Inventory	Passive Logical Link Mapping	Organization Mapping	System Vulnerability Assessment	Pointer Authentication	Credential Rotation	Local File Permissions	File Encryption	File Content Rules	Domain Name Reputation Analysis	Active Certificate Analysis	Firmware Verification	Process Code Segment Verification	Domain Account Monitoring	IO Port Restriction	Forward Resolution Domain Denylisting	Kernel-based Process Isolation	Hierarchical Domain Denylisting	Decoy Token	Decoy User Credential				Decoy User Credential	Decoy User Credential	Decoy User Credential	Decoy User Credential	Restore Disk Image																
Network Node Inventory	Network Traffic Policy Mapping				Process Segment Execution Prevention		Credential Transmission Scoping	Domain Trust Policy	RF Shielding											Software Update	IP Reputation Analysis	File Hash Reputation Analysis					Peripheral Firmware Verification	Process Self-Modification Detection	Job Function Access Pattern Analysis	Mandatory Access Control	Homoglyph Denylisting	Reverse Resolution IP Denylisting	Encrypted Tunnels	Network Traffic Filtering	Inbound Traffic Filtering	Email Filtering	Outbound Traffic Filtering						
Software Inventory	Physical Link Mapping				Segment Address Offset Randomization		Multi-factor Authentication	One-time Password	Strong Password Policy											System Configuration Permissions	System Configuration Permissions	URL Reputation Analysis					Connection Attempt Analysis	Operating System Monitoring	Endpoint Health Beacon	Script Execution Analysis	Session Duration Analysis	System Call Filtering	Forward Resolution IP Denylisting	Reverse Resolution IP Denylisting	Encrypted Tunnels	Network Traffic Filtering	Inbound Traffic Filtering	Email Filtering	Outbound Traffic Filtering				
	Active Physical Link Mapping				Stack Frame Canary Validation		One-time Password	Strong Password Policy	System Configuration Permissions											System Configuration Permissions	URL Reputation Analysis	URL Analysis					DNS Traffic Analysis	Endpoint Health Beacon	Input Device Analysis	Memory Boundary Tracking	System Call Analysis	User Geolocation Logon Pattern Analysis	File Creation Analysis	Web Session Activity Analysis	System File Analysis	Service Binary Verification	System Init Config Analysis						

Improving using DEFEND

References

All User Manual

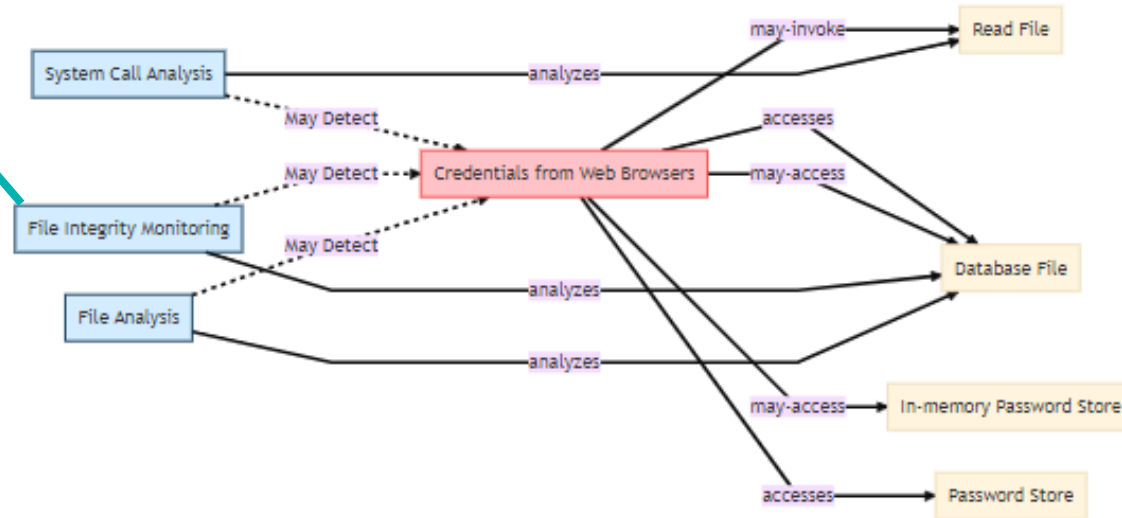
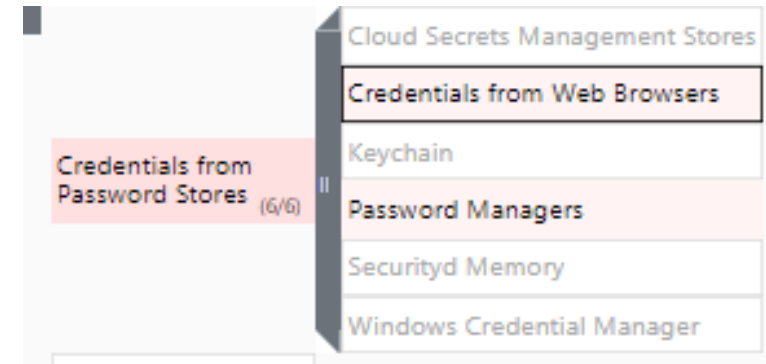
The following references were used to develop the *File Integrity Monitoring* knowledge-base article.
(Note: the consideration of references does not imply specific functionality exists in an offering.)

File Integrity Monitoring in Microsoft Defender for Cloud

Reference Type: User Manual Organization: Microsoft
Source: <https://learn.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/defender-for-cloud/file-integrity-monitoring-overview>

Reference - Tripwire

Reference Type: User Manual
Source: <https://linux.die.net/man/8/tripwire>



Improving using ATT&CK

- [Credentials from Password Stores: Credentials from Web Browsers, Sub-technique T1555.003 - Enterprise | MITRE ATT&CK®](#)

Mitigations

ID	Mitigation	Description
M1027	Password Policies	Organizations may consider weighing the risk of storing credentials in web browsers. If web browser credential disclosure is a significant concern, technical controls, policy, and user training may be used to prevent storage of credentials in web browsers.

Detection

ID	Data Source	Data Component	Detects
DS0017	Command	Command Execution	Monitor executed commands and arguments that may acquire credentials from web browsers by reading files specific to the target browser. ^[1]
DS0022	File	File Access	Identify web browser files that contain credentials such as Google Chrome's Login Data database file: <code>AppData\Local\Google\Chrome\User Data\Default\Login Data</code> . Monitor file read events of web browser files that contain credentials, especially when the reading process is unrelated to the subject web browser.
DS0009	Process	OS API Execution	Monitor for API calls that may acquire credentials from web browsers by reading files specific to the target browser. ^[1]
		Process Access	Monitor process execution logs to include PowerShell Transcription focusing on those that perform a combination of behaviors including reading web browser process memory, utilizing regular expressions, and those that contain numerous keywords for common web applications (Gmail, Twitter, Office365, etc.).

Improving using BAS tool documentation

- [atomic-red-team/atomics/T1555/T1555.md at master · redcanaryco/atomic-red-team \(github.com\)](https://github.com/redcanaryco/atomic-red-team/blob/master/atomics/T1555/T1555.md)

Description from ATT&CK

Adversaries may search for common password storage locations to obtain user credentials. Passwords are stored in several places on a system, depending on the operating system or application holding the credentials. There are also specific applications and services that store passwords to make them easier for users to manage and maintain, such as password managers and cloud secrets vaults. Once credentials are obtained, they can be used to perform lateral movement and access restricted information.

Atomic Tests

- [Atomic Test #1 - Extract Windows Credential Manager via VBA](#)
- [Atomic Test #2 - Dump credentials from Windows Credential Manager With PowerShell \[windows Credentials\]](#)
- [Atomic Test #3 - Dump credentials from Windows Credential Manager With PowerShell \[web Credentials\]](#)
- [Atomic Test #4 - Enumerate credentials from Windows Credential Manager using vaultcmd.exe \[Windows Credentials\]](#)
- [Atomic Test #5 - Enumerate credentials from Windows Credential Manager using vaultcmd.exe \[Web Credentials\]](#)
- [Atomic Test #6 - WinPwn - Loot local Credentials - lazagne](#)
- [Atomic Test #7 - WinPwn - Loot local Credentials - Wifi Credentials](#)
- [Atomic Test #8 - WinPwn - Loot local Credentials - Decrypt Teamviewer Passwords](#)

Pitfalls

Learn from my mistakes, so you don't have to

Pitfalls



Limiting yourself to the
Matrix



Trying to achieve 100%
coverage



Shouting "Bingo" when
you have one technique



Not taking data source
context into account

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